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## SGA allocates more money

**SAM GANNON**  
News Editor

The Student Government Association has allocated more than \$4,835 to two student organizations, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said.

The Flag Raiders, the winners of Campus Recreation's flag football competition, and We Need A Radio (WNAR) were given money in a special meeting of the allocation committee.

The committee decided to meet again after SGA President Shawn Burgess, House Speaker Toby Gilley, and Senate Speaker Larry Beaty asked for the meeting.

The Flag Raiders were given \$2,422 to travel to New Orleans in December for a national flag football tournament.

The Flag Raiders won Campus Recreation's tournament, which consisted of 65 flag football teams, said Glenn Hanley, head of Campus Recreation.

The team, from the open A league, won the tournament in 1990 and 1991. Both years it went undefeated.

Last year the team went to New Orleans, winning one of three games. "We were beaten by

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## MTSU forgets SC

**TONY J. ARNOLD**  
Sports Editor

After months of exploration, Middle Tennessee has decided that the Ohio Valley Conference is the place to be.

Beginning in March, the university raised questions as to the commitment of the OVC. It spurned such actions as the organization of a committee by President James Walker to evaluate the situation.

The committee looked into the matter this summer before recommending that MTSU explore the Southern Conference. However, late last week the Southern Conference announced that it is not looking to expand at the present time.

"They have informed us they do not wish to expand," Walker said. "Maybe in a couple of years, they will look again."

"They emphasized that it is nothing personal, but they just don't want to expand right now."

The news thrilled OVC Commissioner Dan Beebe.

"I'm extremely pleased at Dr. Walker's decision to stay in the conference," Beebe said. "Of course, I think it is the most beneficial for the conference for MTSU to remain in it, and I also think it is to the university's benefit to remain in the most homogeneous conference in the nation."

With Middle staying in the

OVC, it also means that the threat of Eastern Kentucky being forced to leave if the Raiders did is no longer vital. If both had left, the OVC would have been dealt a severe blow.

Middle has now committed to the OVC for future growth.

"Dan Beebe has made a commitment to upgrading the OVC, which includes post season basketball tournament with more possible revenue," Walker said. "MTSU is committed to the OVC in terms of upgrading its standards and quality of play we perceive to be at the Southern Conference level."

At that level, OVC

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## Duke loses race

(AP) Democrat Edwin Edwards resoundingly defeated former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke yesterday, reclaiming the governorship he had lost in disgrace.

The election riveted national attention on Louisiana, where many voters saw the contest as a tragic choice between a racist and a rogue.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting (3,876 or 3,927), Edwards had 1,061,233 votes, or 61 percent, to Duke's 681,278 votes, or 39 percent.

Duke, a Republican state representative, was repudiated by most state and national GOP leaders, including President Bush, because of his white supremacist background. In addition to leading the Klan, he at one time publicly embraced Nazi ideology.

Edwards, claiming victory before jubilant supporters at his headquarters, declared: "Tonight,

Louisiana became first, first to turn back the merchant of hate, the master of deceit.

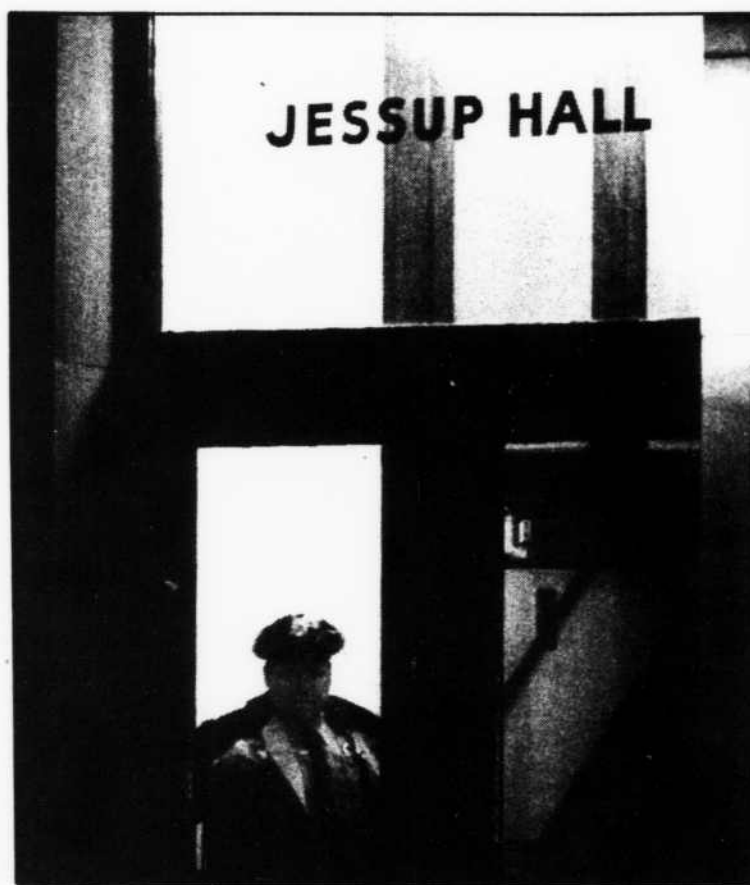
"Tonight is the first night of our journey to decency, to honesty, to fairness, to justice, to respect, to honor, and to hard work..."

"I will make our people proud of our state, proud of our governor," said Edwards, who will be serving an unprecedented fourth term. His first three terms were marked with scandal, including his trial on federal corruption charges. He was acquitted.

Duke conceded with a call for his supporters to pray for Edwards.

"We lost, but the message goes out loud and clear across Louisiana and this whole country," he told disappointed but cheering campaign workers at his Baton Rouge headquarters. "...We

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Michael Williams/Photographer

WHAT'S GOING ON? A police officer looks out of Jessup Hall, one of the Iowa buildings where the shootings took place.

## Iowa incident not unrelated

(CPS) - A Nov. 1 killing spree on the University of Iowa campus that left six dead echoes other, rare instances of violence by disgruntled students toward their professors.

While there have been only a handful of such cases over the past 15 years, officials say they illustrate the tensions that pervade graduate schools.

There are 35,000 doctoral candidates in the U.S. today, and each will take approximately 7.8 years to complete their programs. Officials say the complex, competitive research environment requires a more sensitive relationship between students and faculty advisers.

"The pressure cooker has intruded upon the university," said Michael Clay Smith, professor of criminal justice at

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College students have right to fight racial intolerance in today's society.

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Holcomb plays while Campbell and Dunson run wild in 31-3 victory.



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Southern Mississippi University and author of "Coping with Crime on Campus."

"Doctoral students particularly are under pressure. Professors are under tremendous pressure to pass students through programs. It is increasingly difficult to uphold standards," Smith said.

Others said the stress of getting a graduate degree was not necessarily to blame.

"I'm not sure that it is the nature of the dissertation, with its stresses and rigors, that causes an incident of this nature," said Thomas Linney, vice president and director of government relations at the National Association of Graduate Schools.

"My guess is every one of us in our field has encountered

troubled individuals. The question of when he goes over the line and resorts to violence is unpredictable."

No one, not even those closest to him, had any idea of the depth of the private rage carried by Gang Lu, a 28-year-old Chinese student whose quiet manner belied a deadly ambition that would destroy him - and five others he believed stood in his way.

Lu, upset because he failed to receive an academic award, went from building to building on the Iowa campus shooting victims with a .38-caliber revolver that he purchased this past summer. Lu then turned the gun on himself. The dead were Robert Alan Smith, 45, associate professor of physics; Dwight R. Nicholson, 44, professor of physics and chairman of the physics

department; Linshua Shan, 26, research investigator; T. Anne Cleary, 56, associate vice president for academic affairs.

In serious condition at an Iowa City hospital was Miya Sonya Rodolpho-Sioson, 23, an honor student who was working in a temporary position in the office of academic affairs.

The killings have bewildered and grieved the university community.

"We cannot make sense of this; we are out of our depth," said Hunter Rawlings, president of the 28,000-student university.

Lu was angry that he had not been nominated for the Spriestersbach Dissertation Prize to recognize excellence in doctoral research. The prize went to the slain Shan.

Shaken students, many who have classes in the buildings where the murders took place, sought grief counselors who set up temporary offices throughout the campus. A campus-wide memorial service was held nearly a week after the shooting.

"He was not a danger to himself or anyone else. What happened was completely out of character. Something must have happened to cause him to snap," said Lu's roommate of three years, Glen Mitchell.

Lu's violence was not the first of its kind, though.

In 1976, a British doctoral

student at Florida State University, upon learning that he had failed a crucial oral examination, gunned down his chemistry professor, Dr. James Fisher, and then killed himself.

Two years later, Karel de Leeuw, a popular Stanford University mathematics professor, was beaten to death with a hammer by Theodore Streleski, a doctoral student. Streleski, who who had spent nineteen years on his doctorate, was released after serving seven years and three weeks in prison. He never expressed remorse for the killing.

More recently, in 1989, an enraged student, Jens Peter Hansen, shot and killed Dr. Arthur Kimura, a pathology professor at the University of Florida, when he was told his work was not up to the school's doctoral standard. Hansen was found guilty of first-degree murder.

Smith said the recent cases have heightened tensions among faculty members.

I have had several different professors around the country express to me their fear for their personal safety as a result of an adverse decision made about a graduate student," said Smith. Just a week before the UI slayings, a colleague from another Southern campus had called the criminal justice professor, expressing concern about an angry student.

"Every graduate dean knows about this stuff. He may not want to admit it about his own (graduate school)," Smith said.

Jim Archer, director of the counseling center at the University of Florida, says that often graduate students are wrapped up with being academically successful and don't handle failure well.

"Some doctoral students do not get personal support, and at times is unclear as to his status," said Archer, who says he works to improve faculty and student communication so that students get proper feedback as they go through a program.

"I try to suggest that faculty maintain as good relationship with doctoral students, that they try to notice any extreme stress and not try to provide help themselves, but suggest a counselor...and that they give students feedback as often as possible."

The ideal situation for a doctoral student, says Archer, is for the professor to act as mentor and provide support. "While you can't prevent occasional situations of very disturbed students, there are things you can do about stress."

Extreme cases of pressure that build to a shooting or suicide are difficult to anticipate, officials say.

"People are more aware of violence on campus, which can make you think there is an increase. I think (this behavior) is linked to the economy," said Robert Cave, director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Campus Violence at Towson State University in Maryland.

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## Duke

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have to begin to heal the liberal welfare system that is causing crime and drugs...

"Right doesn't win every battle, but right always triumphs in the end," he said.

Speaking of his future in politics, Duke, whose term in the Legislature expires this year, said, "I have no plans - no plans to run for any other office. But I have to say 'at this time.'" There has been speculation he might run for Congress, the Senate, or challenge Bush in some GOP presidential primaries next year.

Hailing Duke's defeat, Republican National Committee Chairman Clayton Yeutter said in Washington that the voters of Louisiana "with one pull of the lever, today struck a mighty blow against racism, bigotry and hatred."

"...While we at the Republican National Committee do not celebrate a victory for the Democrats," Yeutter said in a statement, "we do happily accept the voters of Louisiana's decision to push away David Duke, whose ruse did not succeed."

Edwards captured majorities of the vote in areas where Duke had to do well, including parishes

- Louisiana's equivalent of counties - taken by Duke in the October 19 primary. In the largest parishes, Orleans and East Baton Rouge, Edwards swamped Duke.

Duke had called East Baton Rouge a pivotal parish and said he had to at least split the vote. With 162 of 243 precincts reporting, Edwards had 58,840 to 32,018 for Duke.

Duke also lost his home parish of Jefferson. In majority-black Orleans parish, which includes the city of New Orleans, Edwards had 41,087 votes in partial returns to Duke's 5,336.

Duke was doing well in the rural parishes of north Louisiana, which was expected. But two-thirds of the state's population was in south Louisiana.

Both Duke and Edwards had tried to convince voters they had reformed, abandoned their past and atoned for earlier indiscretions.

The campaign, with its explosive racial and political implications, drew attention around the world - and sent ripples of fear throughout the nation, especially among blacks, Jews and Republicans.

Bush and other national political leaders of both parties denounced Duke, as did Louisiana's business, labor and

political establishment. But some political experts, gauging the disenchantment of Louisiana's voters, said those denunciations only helped Duke's cause.

Pre-election polls showed Edwards leading, and Duke began a last-minute attack renewing old accusations that Edwards sold jobs in previous administrations. Edwards said the payments were campaign contributions legal at the time.

For a state with a long history of bizarre gubernatorial candidates, from a deranged hillbilly to a low-budget movie star to a renowned dictator, this race of ex-Klansman vs. ex-power broker was as colorful and controversial as any.

## Campus Capsule

The Christian Music Society will present Richard Headen from the artists and repertoire department of Reunion Records to speak at 8 p.m. Nov. 19 in room 150 of the Mass Communications building. Reunion Records is the label that houses Michael W. Smith, and all MTSU students are invited. For information, contact Drew Christenson at 895-4258.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) would like to announce that their next meeting will be at 4 p.m. Nov. 26 in Peck Hall room 313. The guest speaker will be Margaret Napier who will speak

on office politics and the role of women. Ms. Napier is the V.P. for Human Resource at CPS, Corp.

The Student Government Association has scheduled its next joint session meeting at 6 p.m. Nov. 26 in the Learning Resource Center, Multi-Media Room. All Senate and House Members are required to attend.

The Division of Continuing Studies at Middle Tennessee State University is offering several classes during the month of November. Please call 898-2462 if you have any questions or need more information.

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three games. "We were beaten by Southeast Louisiana, but they won the whole thing," coach and quarterback Chris Hughes said.

Hughes mailed the entrance fee Friday. The team of 10 will compete from Dec. 27 until Jan. 1. "Everybody's rearing to go," Hughes said.

WNAR received the \$2,413 it requested. It listed on its request that most of the money will be going to purchase equipment, Cantrell said.

Microphone holders, microphones, a compact disc player, a tape cassette deck, two video technical distributor amplifiers, and a dual equalizer make up most of the technical equipment needed.

# Sidelines

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**BOSOM BUDDIES:** Mary Lisa Bailess and Wendy Solomon perform in "The Great Nebula in Orion," part of the one-act plays starting tomorrow night at the Arena Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building (Story on page 8).

## New phone service in place

**NICOLE SIKORA**  
News Writer

The new telephone services available to students are an all-around convenience, according to Telephone Services Operations Manager Dianna Reeves.

The features were introduced to students in residence halls for the first time this fall. Included in the package are call waiting, data privacy, call transfer, three-way calling, last number redial and an additional jack for an answering machine, computer modem, or extra telephone.

Conversion to the new system also has allowed students to bring their own telephone devices.

In the past the university provided students with telephones.

"In both that short and long term, it was expensive to continue to provide the telephones to students," Reeves said. "The initial outlay was more than what the cost will be in the future. But we feel that it was a wise investment because we were increasing to some degree the service we were providing students while maintaining the cost."

The old phones were given to the Housing Department for emergency use, and others were temporary loaned to students experiencing problems with their own phones.

"I thought we would have a large number of problems. But almost everyone brought their phones," said Director of Housing Ivan Shewmake.

Most of the problems that have arisen have resulted from students not understanding or

reading instructions concerning the operation of the features.

"The housing staff had a briefing meeting about how to use the phone system," Shewmake said. "They had a lot of calls at first from people needing to be shown how to use the features. However, they didn't mind doing it."

Some students still expressed confusion about the new system. "It took my roommate and I about a week to figure out we had call waiting," said Missy Stimmitt, a sophomore majoring in finance. "Every time the phone beeped, we had no idea what it was."

One feature that seems to baffle students is three-way calling. "I can't work three-way calling," sophomore Jabbar Troutman said. "I can only work call waiting."

Despite a bit of confusion, the students are pleased with the new system.

"I like the new services a lot better than the old system," said Danny Kurr, a junior majoring in business management.

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## Campus study results will be released soon

**SAM GANNON**  
News Editor

University officials soon will know some of the reasons why students do not stay on campus during the weekend.

Harold Smith, head of Student Programming and the committee to study why students are not staying on campus, said more than 6,000 students completed questionnaires Oct. 29 and 30 as part of a study to find out why students do not stay on campus more.

"We are looking for the truth," Smith said. "It is taking the computers a little while to tabulate the answers. We should know soon though."

The questionnaire was made

up of 65 questions that are computer-scannable. One more question was given for students to write out an answer.

"It's going to take a little while," Smith said.

The answers are being cross-compared with other questions and being put into various demographic categories. The information will be examined carefully, Smith said.

Information gained from the study will be the starting point for the committee to make recommendations to President James Walker.

Smith's committee will be meeting Thursday to discuss ways of getting students to stay on campus.

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# SGA resolutions against budget cuts

**KIM SHEPPARD**  
SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association has approved resolutions expressing displeasure about budget cuts and the funding inequalities between the Tennessee Board of Regents System and the University of Tennessee System.

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) had 74.6 percent of student enrollment in Tennessee post-secondary schools in 1991 and the University of Tennessee System had 25.4 percent in 1991. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) allocated the TBR system only 57.3 percent of the funds available while the UT system received 42.7 percent of the funds available.

"We feel that it should be based on the student enrollment," SGA President Shawn Burgess said. The SGA has requested that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission preview its allocation policies that would fund each system according to the percentage of students enrolled in that system.

"Hopefully we will make them aware that there are 15,000 students who oppose budget cuts," Burgess said. "The SGA will send the resolutions to the

governor, the TBR, and the General Assembly sometime next week."

The SGA approved a resolution that opposes any more budget cuts proposed by THEC. The '91-'92 higher education budgets were reduced by 10 percent. Any more budget cuts would hinder MTSU and the higher education system from their goals of serving the students.

The MTSU Office of Handicapped Students will change its name to The Center for Student With Disabilities.

The resolution to change the name was approved at the Joint Session meeting Tuesday.

MTSU will substitute the term "disability" and the term "individual with a disability" instead of "handicapped" or "handicapped individual." Many individuals with disabilities, and organizations representing them think stereotypes, patronizing attitudes, and other emotional connotations are associated with the term handicapped.

The SGA approved a resolution requesting that the university hire a grant officer or person who can get more revenues for MTSU, which has been unable to get significant revenues and needs someone to get more grants on the federal level.

A committee of administrators and students will be formed to determine restrictions on academic requirements to get into MTSU. It also will determine if students must have a required grade point average to get into a certain field of major.

Each semester new freshmen who decide to live on campus are required to buy a 15-meal plan that exceeds the cost of \$400. The SGA has approved a resolution to make it optional if a student wants to purchase the 15-meal plan or not. Some freshmen have chosen to live off campus in the past because the 15-meal plan.

Sandwich machines will be installed on the lower level of Peck Hall, the second floor of Kirksey Old Main and other places on campus for students who do not have time to eat a meal. The Murfreesboro Vending Machine Company will provide the sandwich machines to the university for no extra costs.

A stop sign will be installed at the intersection of Second Avenue and B Street to remove the confusion of who has the right-of-way. Cars at the stop sign on Second Avenue have low visibility because of the cars parked in front of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. It is also a high traffic area for pedestrians, and the SGA thinks it would be in the best interest to make it a four-way stop.

## News Briefs

### "Trade You An Einstein, For A Curie"

Einstein, Oppenheimer and the rest of the world's greatest thinkers would have loved this- scientist trading cards.

At the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology, scientists are receiving the same treatment as professional baseball players.

A new series of trading cards features a photograph of a faculty member on the front with a synopsis of his or her specialty on the flip side.

The school hopes the cards become collectibles. Orders for the cards (no bubble gum included) have already come from several parents who say they want them for their children.

### Students Undeterred In Pursuit Of Sex

According to a recent study by the Kinsey Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University, students these days are anything but starved for sex.

Yep, the study shows- stop the presses!- that most students on college campuses are having lots of sex these days.

A survey of 651 undergraduate men and women showed that 81 percent of the men and 75 percent of the women were not virgins; that the average age for both sexes' first sexual experience was 17, and that students spend an average of two nights a week with their sexual partners.

The study also showed that 50 percent of the men and 36 percent of the women had sex with someone they just met and that, on average, students had two one-night stands in 1990.

### Schools Promote Organ Donor Campaign

Want to donate your kidney, liver or heart?

If you attend Howard University, North Carolina A & T, Prairie view A&M or Southern University, you may soon have the chance.

The four historically black universities are working with Dow's Chemical's Take Initiative Program on Transplantation to make black students more aware of a shortage of organ donors.

As part of the campaign, student organizations are distributing information about the need of donors. The information shows that blacks have the highest rates of high blood pressure and kidney failure among racial groups and that they receive fewer transplants.

## Attention Creative Minds! *Collage* is now accepting entries for the Spring 1992 edition

If you would like to share your creative work with the university, we may be able to use it in our next issue.

Written entries will be limited to 5 per person and should be accompanied by a title page (name should appear on title page only). Written entries should also be a copy for they **will not be returned.**

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# Opinions

## Consensus

### 'Duke movement' gives lesson, duty to all Americans

David Duke lost Louisiana's race for the governor's office Saturday — that's the good news. The bad news is that the ex-Klan leader won almost 40 percent of the vote from the record high number of people who turned out.

David Duke, as a symbol, is not a fluke that just appeared in Louisiana — it is a national trend of racial intolerance in America. Whites are burning crosses in Iowa and as close as in Springfield, TN, blacks and Jews are fighting in a New York neighborhood and just this summer a riot wrecked a Hispanic area in Washington, D.C.

It's an unfortunate, but historically, a common phenomenon. When times get tough, people begin looking for targets of their frustration. Groups point the finger of guilt at one another, and we are divided along racial lines, creating an unfortunate and dangerous situation for everyone.

America is known as the "Great Melting Pot" in which people from all backgrounds converge and form a new, common culture. Perhaps what we should really strive to be is the "Great Stir-Fry" in which we all maintain our ethnic and cultural heritage and values, and become tolerant and respectful of one another. This is the message our society needs.

As college students, we have an obligation to fight racial intolerance. Because universities are considered a model for multi-culturalism in action, we have to set an example for society to show that it can work. When we get out of school, we have to carry this lesson with us to our communities and instill the spirit of racial and ethnical tolerance.

It's as true today as it was from the beginning — united we stand, divided we fall.



## Letters to the Editor

### Students should get fair shot at Murphy Center concerts

To the Editor:

Many students have had a chance to participate in surveys as an attempt by the administration to obtain student needs. One question that appears is - Would quality concerts make you stay on the weekend? The answers were yes, no, or maybe. The answer that should have been on there was if I could get a ticket.

I am a junior at MTSU (I came fall 1989) and this fall we have had the three biggest names: ZZ Top, Garth Brooks, and The Judds. The only problem is that students don't have a fair chance to buy a ticket. When the ticket office allows each person to buy 10 tickets and The Judds have already reserved close to all floor seats for the country music singers, this leaves no tickets for the average students; the students the concert is supposed to be entertaining and enriching their MTSU experience.

When a concert sells out in 17 minutes, every student does not get a fair chance to purchase a ticket. If the office of Student Affairs was so concerned with the quality of the MTSU student's life and trying to get them to participate in campus activities they would not allow everyone to purchase 10 tickets per person.

Instead, each person would have to show their ID and only be allowed to buy 2 tickets at the most. This way more people would have the opportunity to buy a ticket. Then, after that day, allow people from the community a chance to buy a ticket. The concerts at Murphy Center should be for the MTSU students.

I realize it cannot be helped when The Judds take such a large number of tickets for themselves. That's their fault. But when the MTSU student does not have a fair shot at getting a ticket, something needs to be changed.

I think if the administration wants to better student campus life, just offering a concert is not enough. I think an extra step should be taken so everyone has a chance to attend a concert.

Rebecca Barron  
MTSU Box 5849.

### Time to move ahead

Dear Editor,

Racism, sexism, and all of the other more base human qualities that create divisiveness abound in the world. And the people in power use these as tools to keep the status quo: the haves keep and the have-nots do without. The wealthy and the powerful know the buttons to push and the strings to pull, and we respond.

As long as the disenfranchised—the poor,

minorities, women—fight amongst ourselves, we haven't the energy or the resources to unite and work together for a just, egalitarian world.

What are the solutions? I wish I knew. Education, I think, is a start. Education, together with real acknowledgement of and dialogue about the problems, tensions, and hatreds in our society and an understanding of how they're being used to keep us where we are, is a step in the right direction. And then...movement forward, I hope.

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### More on the 'name game'

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter by SGA president Shawn Burgess, specifically in regard to the issue of the school's name change.

In light of the fact that this school has a student population more than double that of TSU and Tennessee Tech and that this school has one of the best athletic programs in the area, I agree with Burgess' opinion that the emphasis should be placed on

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## Letters

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the term "University" within the proposed name change. I believe that this school is an exceptional institution and deserves to be recognized by the name "University of Middle Tennessee."

However, I am personally confused as to how Burgess and the SGA expect a name change to bring in more funding. He states that the name change would bring in "more research funding from private sources as well as public sources." Furthermore, the SGA president states that by changing MTSU to UMT, this would increase funding for "more buildings and facilities," and for the "additional highly qualified professors that would be attracted by the name change." I vaguely remember that the SGA originally stated that its decision had been based on a similar name change at a university in Texas.

I would like for Burgess and the SGA to make clear the facts used in making their decision to support the proposed name change. Did the university in Texas benefit from their name change? How would our name change bring more funding from private as well as public sources? How would the change from MTSU to UMT increase funding for buildings, facilities, and personnel salaries? I am sure that the other students would be interested in getting more facts instead of opinions.

Fred Latham  
Box 8413

### A message of love

Dear Editor,

I am distressed to see white backlash come to the force again in the advent of David Duke's gubernatorial campaign in Louisiana or Klan rallies in

Springfield. However, I am more distressed when it rears its ugly head upon our lovely campus. I am, of course, referring to Mr. Jarrard's letter in the November 4, 1991 *Sidelines*. First, in regard to Forrest, he is a controversial figure and his actions and legacy are much-disputed. Since this is the case, it is best that as the school administration in its wisdom has so decreed, that the plaque of Forrest stay down. You know, Mr. Jarrard, that some people consider Nat Turner a hero, too. Yet, would not a shrine in his honor upon campus offend you? Now, put yourself in your brother's place and realize that a shrine to Forrest is as offensive to him as a shrine to Turner would be for you. And this is not what is meant by "political correctness." The correct term is human kindness and respect for the feelings of others. Respect is the cornerstone of society, and the decency of any society is gauged by the esteem in which the majority countenances the opinions of the minority. A society in which minorities have no voice is not a true democracy. And, what, I ask you, is the benefit of tradition, although it be deemed sacred, in the light of a new revelation? Just as Jesus replaced the Law with Love, we can gain a new understanding of and appreciation for our fellow men and women in the light of new revelations which can only be brought about through an awareness and utilization of a multi-cultural society. Every man, woman and child, regardless the color of their skin, their creeds, or the condition that they are in, has voice. They have a song and a message which can only be weighed and cherished in direct proportion to the willingness and open-mindedness

of their audience to hear, bear and share. Did not Jesus say, "Consider the lilies of the field. . . how much more precious than these are you to me?" I am reminded, Mr. Jarrard, of the words of the venerable sage, Lao Tzu, who wrote: "It is the hard and the unyielding that is the discipline of death." No, Mr. Jarrard, we do not need to replace Mr. Forrest to the heights from which he has fallen. Nor do we need to belittle those whose religious, philosophical or political perspectives differ from ours. Surely in this age of enlightenment, you are aware that just because a man doesn't share our views doesn't necessarily imply he's the Devil. Religion, philosophy or the politics from which these derive, are matters of the heart, and who, Mr. Jarrard, is fit among us to judge the character of another's heart? My Bible plainly tells me that this honor is reserved for God and God alone. "Judge not, lest ye be judged." No, Mr. Jarrard, we do not need the "force" and the "aggressive resistance" you so rashly counseled in your 11/4 epistle. What we need, Mr. Jarrard, is love and understanding. If a man is to love his neighbor as he loves himself, then, sir, I pity you. If you have so little love for your neighbor, I can only take it to mean that you have precious little love for yourself. Take the time to love yourself, Mr. Jarrard, and then perhaps one day you will wake up to see what the rest of us have known all along. There's a whole, wide world of beautiful and loveable people out here, billions of us. We are Black, we are White, we are Yellow, we are Red, and we are Brown. Men, women, and children; we are of all doctrines and religions, and we come from all nations. We

each have our own opinions and our right to them. Our opinions are infinite since consciousness is infinite, and our truths are pluralistic since truth assumes many shapes and forms, no one less valid than the other. We respect one another not because it's "politically correct," but because it's personally and morally correct. Each one of us is precious in the sight of the God, for we are all His/Her/Its children, and every one of us is unique in our godliness. Take the face of every person on this planet and put them together, sir, and you will have the face of God. Lay down the saber, Mr. Jarrard and join hands with the Family of Man.

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# Features



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**WINE ANYONE?:** Wendy Solomon (left) and Mary Lisa Bailess practice for their upcoming roles in "The Great Nebula in Orion," which will be presented by the Buchanan players of MTSU on Tuesday. The plays will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Arena Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

## Buchanan Players present two short, vibrant plays

The Buchanan Players of MTSU are back on stage to present two one-act plays starting tomorrow night, Tuesday, November 19, 8:00 p.m. at the Arena Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building (enter through the main door across from the ROTC building).

"The Collection," written by Harold Pinter and directed by Christie Sutton, opens up the evening. Harold Pinter is known for writing plays using understatement, small talk and even silence to convey a character's thoughts, and "The Collection" is no exception. Ms. Sutton has led her actors beyond the superficial, obvious dialogue into a deep sub-plot of sarcasm and anger. What happens when a man believes he knows something that he can use to gain power over someone? Does he make sure that he has all of his facts correct? Or does he not care about the truth as long as what he believes serves his purpose? These are the issues presented in this evening's first play.

Crosby Hunt plays Harry Kane, an older man who found a younger man, Bill Lloyd, in the slums and helped him become a success. Bill Lloyd (played by Bill Williams) is confronted by James Horn (played by Tim

### GARRY ESTEP Play Review

Davis) and accused of sleeping with his wife, Stella Horn (Lee Ann Myers), or so she says. Or did she? While you are watching this scenario develop, ask yourself at least one question: What happens to the relationships between people once doubt or insecurity are introduced. Is it worth the "power trip" to start this type of deterioration?

Tim Davis does a superb job playing the husband. I especially liked the variety in his facial expressions and vocal inflections. Bill Williams, who stepped in just a week ago, is doing a phenomenal job, especially with the undertones of his character (I don't want to give too much away) which makes you wonder about his relationship with Harry Kane. Crosby Hunt gives you a great portrayal of an older man, especially the condescending attitude and the inevitable impatience with a young man. Lee Ann Myers is a mixture of nervous guilt and apathy as the wife. Everyone is so believable it's frightening.

After a fifteen minute intermission to resent the stage, we are treated to "The Great Nebula in Orion," written by

Lanford Wilson and directed by Derek Whittaker.

"The Great Nebula in Orion" is a play which addresses the deeper layers of feelings we have about our own success. Two college friends, Carrie and Louise, get together and try to catch up after six years of not seeing each other. Both are successful in their own way, but are they truly happy deep down inside? Or is their wonder about what the other's success feels like? (The grass is always greener...) And what about the insecurity of whether the people who are important to us feel proud of our success or not?

Wendy Solomon plays a very vibrant, very cosmopolitan Louise, a successful career woman in New York. Mary Lisa Bailess, as Carrie, is a typical wealthy housewife. Both are constantly speaking directly to the audience, sharing the undertones of what they say with us, you know, the things they *really* wanted to say to each other. Both actresses are good, with the sarcastic said of their character, but they also show us the insecure, uncomfortable side of the encounter. All in all, a very believable scenario.

I would like to mention that

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## Non-traditional students travel long road to MTSU

Finding My Way

*Two roads diverged in a wood,  
and I—I took the one  
less traveled by, And it has made  
all the difference.*

Robert Frost

Non-traditional. That's the category to which I find myself relegated in the world of higher education.

It's a fitting category for me since I've never pursued anything in life in the traditional fashion. Whether it's been an instinctive aversion to the unwritten but generally accepted rules of behavior, or a somewhat conscious act of personal rebellion, the "normal" heavily traveled path toward anything has never appealed to me.

Typically for me, I find that I'm not even a traditional non-traditional student. Though the category includes every student over 23 years of age or who has been out of school for two years, the vast majority of non-traditional students also juggle home, family, and job responsibilities. I am self-supporting, so my duties at home involve nothing more than paying my rent and feeding my cat. I work on campus in a job that allows me to put my studies first. As a result, I feel no particular bond with the group of which I am a part, but my pursuit of an education has been decidedly non-traditional.

## Sidelines' guru gives advice

Dear Kim,

I'm going out with a very sweet guy. I want to spend the rest of my life with him. The trouble is I'm growing more and more obsessed with my music teacher, and I think he's just as attracted to me. What can I do?

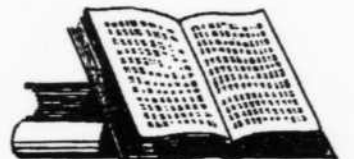
Noteably Confused

Dear Noteably!

Maybe you need to re-evaluate your relationship with the guy you plan on spending forever with. If you want him for all eternity, you should not be having this problem. The two of you should sit down and discuss your relationship. Is something missing? My guess is that it is or you wouldn't have an obsession for the music man! Teacher-Student relationships are touchy, so be careful! Be mature and level-headed in your decision.

### LYNNE HATLER Special to Sidelines

Upon graduation from high school at the age of 17, I was no more ready to seriously embark upon a college education than I had been at age 10. This revelation came clearly to me late in my senior year. Exactly what I was ready for was not so clear, but I knew it was not college — not yet. So, I floundered a bit then jumped out of the nest on my own (with a parent attached to each arm in protest of my



decision) and found my way into the real world.

Over the next few years I supported myself through a series of jobs — everything from taking inventory of a 86,000 acre Wildlife Management Area with a forestry crew at Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, to custom framing to floristry. And I learned. A lot. Exposure to the real world taught me about people and about survival. Most importantly, I learned that wonderful things were not going to fall into my lap and that I alone was responsible for my own happiness.

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### KIM'S COUNSEL

Above all else, do what is right for you!

Dear Kim,

Like many other girls, I came here a few months ago with a boyfriend back at home. I really care about him and don't want to lose him, but I never see him anymore. Five guys have asked me out since I got here. I like my boyfriend more than any of them, but while all my friends are double-dating and going to clubs, I sit alone in my room. What should I do?

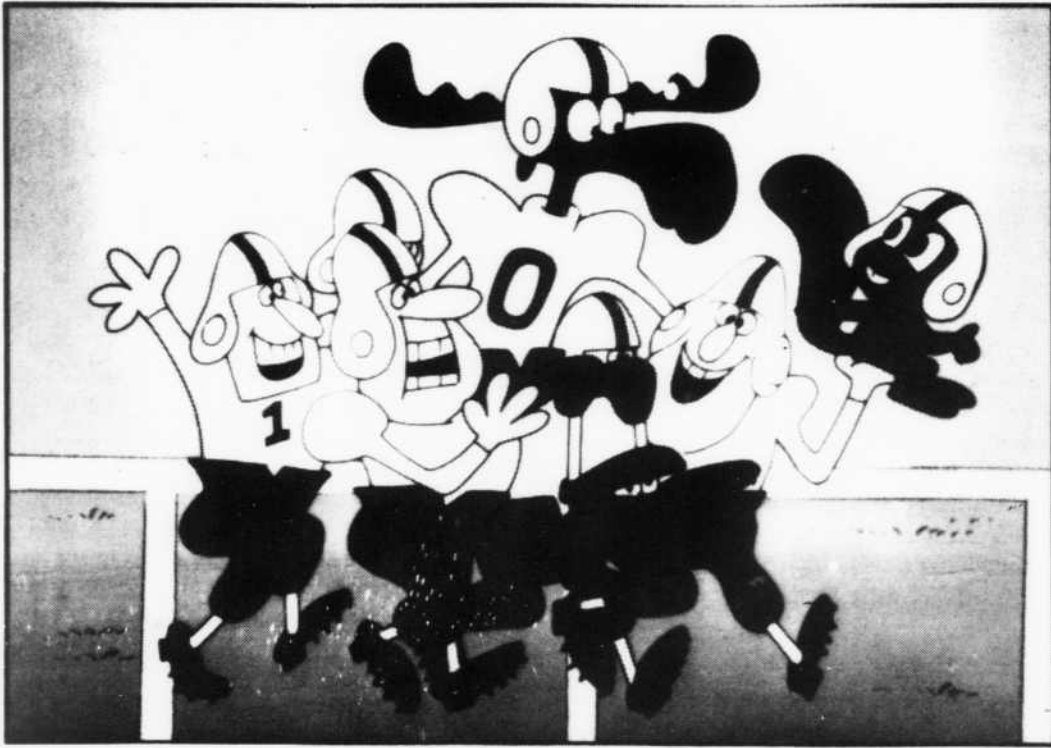
Boy Blues

Dear Boy Blues,

Long distance relationships are tough ones! If the two of you

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**BULLWINKLE FANS GO NUTS:** People everywhere are glad to see Rocky and Bullwinkle's new tape coming out soon. Watch your local video store for kid classics.

## Rocky and Bullwinkle are back on the little screen

As we rejoin our heroes, they're still dominating video sales charts across the land. And now, in the — "ta-da" — nick of time, Buena Vista Home Video is introducing a *CLASSIC STUFF* Holiday Promotion and, of supreme importance, two brand new volumes of *THE ADVENTURES OF ROCKY & BULLWINKLE*. A new collector's six-pack of Volumes 1-6 will be available, priced at a mere \$77.94 (SRP) and a great opportunity for those who haven't caught Moosemania yet. The two new volumes "Whistler's Moose" (Vol. 7) and "Norman

Moosewell" (Vol. 8), continue the now legendary *CLASSIC STUFF* theme and are priced at a downright cheap \$12.99 each. All of this is blew off store shelves across this great land on November 15.

The new volumes of *THE ADVENTURES OF ROCKY & BULLWINKLE* feature two of the rarest and most famous (hey, they're all famous) sagas created by the late, great Jay Ward. "Whistler's Moose" (Vol. 7) features "Moosylvania/Moosylvania Saved," the series of episodes that ended Rocky & Bullwinkle's original television

run. The "Moosylvania for Statehood" campaign, during which, the story goes, he purchased an island off Maine and lobbied for state status from the United States. "Norman Moosewell" (Vol. 8) features "Wossamotta U.," an hilarious spoof on college football (Hey Sports Fans!).

After 2 million cassettes sold — a record launch for a cartoon series on video, Buena Vista Home Video research, and there is a lot of it, shows that *THE ADVENTURES OF ROCKY & BULLWINKLE* has strong appeal to both parents and non-parents

ages 25-54. According to the research, more single adults bought this than any other cartoon series. As well, parents who loved it as kids have introduced it to their own children, making it very popular with kids who had never seen it before. Over 95% of those kids who watched Rocky & Bullwinkle said they liked it and wanted more, leading to its prominence on the kid vid charts.

Further research numbers show that 77% of consumers who purchased at least one videocassette of *THE ADVENTURES OF ROCKY & BULLWINKLE* said they would

buy more. In fact, 94% said they would purchase the entire collection. To support this momentous event, and the next Rocky & Bullwinkle chapter in video history, Buena Vista Home Video is backing *THE ADVENTURES OF ROCKY & BULLWINKLE* with holiday-themed advertising and point-of-purchase materials. In case you didn't know, the first round of key art, P.O.P. and advertising for *CLASSIC STUFF* (Video), was honored with several national awards for excellence and creativity, so be sure to look for more of the same.



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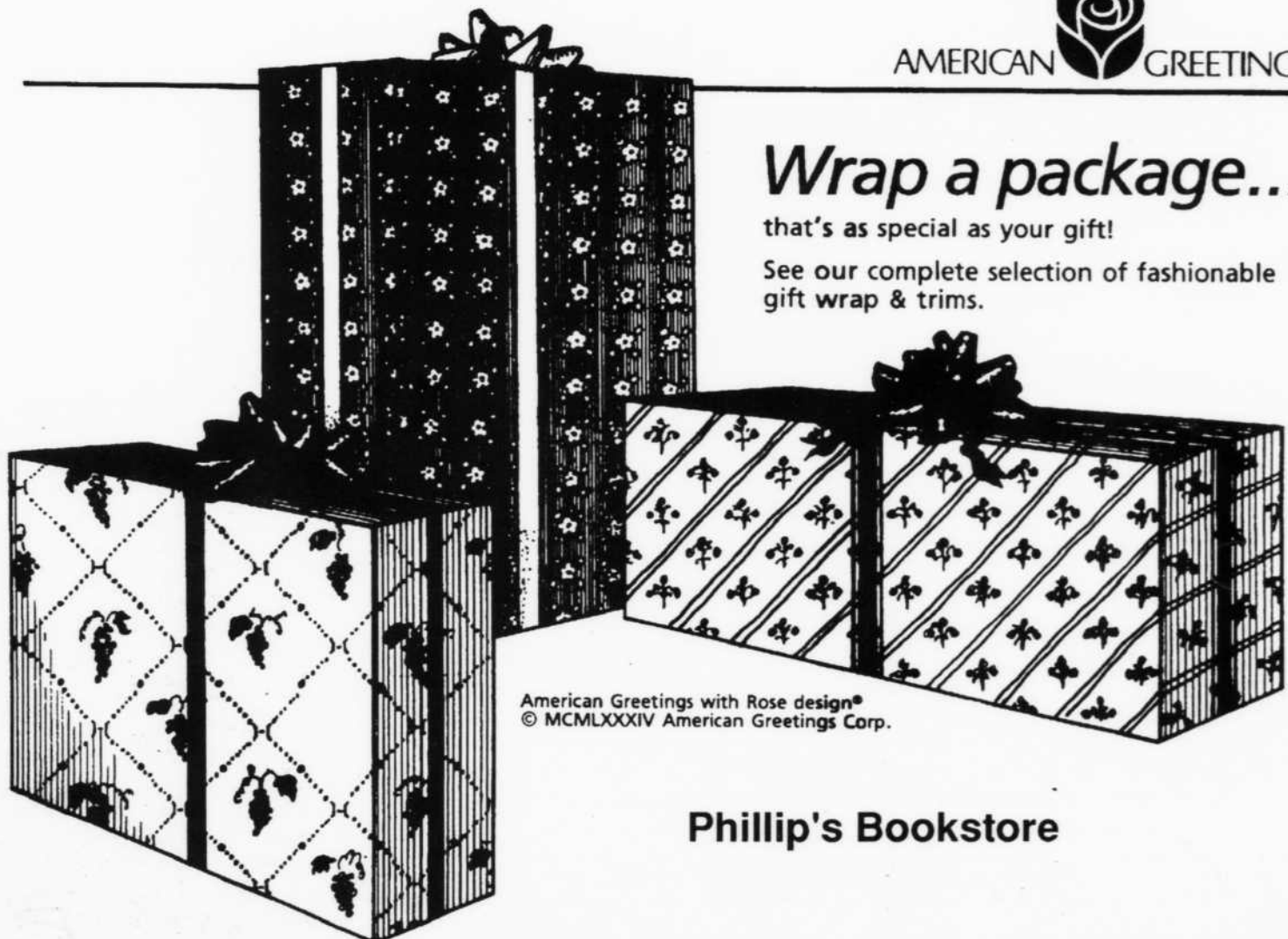


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# Kim

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really love each other, your relationship will hold strong. Naturally, you are flattered to be asked out by other guys, but does your sweetheart know about this? Don't feel that you have to date just because your buddies are doing it! There are plenty of singles on campus! A girl's night out is just what you may need! Be yourself and have fun!

Dear Kim,

This guy has asked me out for two years, and I'm just not attracted to him. He's been dating other girls, but he still follows me around. He's a nice guy and I don't want to hurt him. I've tried telling him how I feel, but he won't listen to me. What should I do?

Shadow Boxing

Dear Shadow,

Sooner or later this chump

will get your hint! Continue to tell him kindly that you just aren't interested. Let him know you value your friendship with him and don't want romantic feelings to get in the way. Because he is dating other girls, maybe he will soon find someone special! (Help him look!) If the kind approach doesn't work, you may need to be blunt with him. It may hurt him, but in the long run, you'll both be better off.

Dear Kim,

Up to a week ago, I had the perfect roommate. We'd walk to class together, and go to movies. Then she told me her brother liked me and begged me to go out with him. I did, and now we're dating regularly. I spend as much time with her as I used to, but she doesn't act like she wants to be there. I told her I'd stop dating her brother if it meant losing her friendship, but she told me not to stop. But she's still pouting. What do I do?

# Sibling Survival 101

Dear Survival 101,

It sounds to me like your roommate is behaving like a child! If she's a true blue buddy, she'll grow up when you gently tell her how you feel. Let her not forget that she was the matchmaker by getting you and her brother together. Don't stop dating her brother just because she's being this way. I have a feeling that once you discuss with her how you feel, she'll understand. Set aside special time to spend with your roommate. Let her know you care and I guarantee you'll get positive results!

# Road

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After eight years of learning on my own I began to feel stale. I was not getting the mental workout necessary to maintain a sharp mind. I was ready for college.

Financially and personally I

still could not quit work and plunge into full-time schooling, so I eased into college on a part-time basis, keeping my full-time position with the florist. For four years I commuted to school two mornings a week, picking up an average of six hours a semester. This decidedly slow process that would drive most people to madness proved to be ideal for me. The small community college atmosphere gave me a chance to find my footing and gain confidence in my abilities. I emerged from community college older, wiser and ready for a full-time university effort.

So here I am, 30 years old, a junior journalism student at MTSU, working my way through the wonderful world of higher education. And it's terrific! I have a sense of control. I know exactly why I am here and I am making it happen for myself. I know that I am learning more and performing better than I ever could have at 17.

I feel a sense of

accomplishment with every class I complete. I'm like a kid in a candy store each time a new class schedule comes out. From my college experience I know I will leave with more than just a degree and I know that it's because I waited until I was ready to begin.

For me, the road less traveled had indeed made all the difference.

# Players

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the set, by Michael Sniderman, pays good attention to detail and works quite well for both plays. Lights, by D. Tracy Smith and Mark Saltalamachia, are quite effective and the costumes by Tara McBay are very appropriate (especially the seventies dress in "The Great Nebula").

The play runs Tuesday through Saturday nights (November 19 to 23) at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon (November 24) at 2:00. There is limited seating available, so you need to make a reservation (there is usually a waiting list) even though the play is free to currently enrolled students with a valid ID. Call 898-2716 for reservations or further information.

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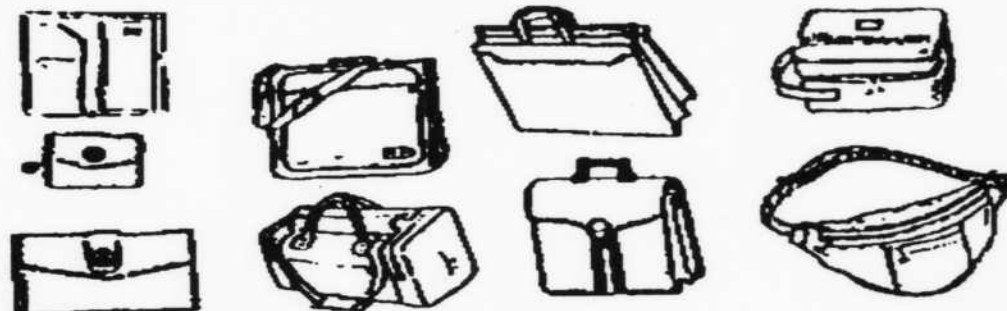
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# Sports

## Raiders 'run' all over Eagles

*Dunson, Campbell help carry Raiders closer to playoff berth*

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's road to the playoffs just got shorter.

With the help of a 31-3 win over Morehead State Saturday, the 7-3 Blue Raiders need only a win next week at arch rival Tennessee Tech to advance to round one.

"This is what we call sudden death," Walter Dunson said. "It's a game of character and we knew we had to win and we did. Now we've got to win next week. I think we're the best team in the league right now, we have so many weapons."

Dunson was a big part in Saturday's victory but he had to take the backseat in the beginning for two more Big Blue Standouts.

Quarterback Kelly Holcomb injured a hamstring in last week's loss at Cincinnati. He was not expected to play Saturday although, when kickoff time arrived, Holcomb was under his center taking the snaps.

"During the first part of the week I was hurting a little," Holcomb admitted. "By midweek, I felt better and I told them I thought I could play. Then today, there was no doubt that I thought I'd start."

Therefore, Holcomb started and the Raiders simply ran over Morehead.

"We came out and ran the ball down their throat," Holcomb described to perfection.

From the opening drive, it was apparent that the Raiders were the dominant team.

Less than two minutes into the game, Holcomb handed the ball off to Joe Campbell for the first time and the senior tailback ran into the history books.

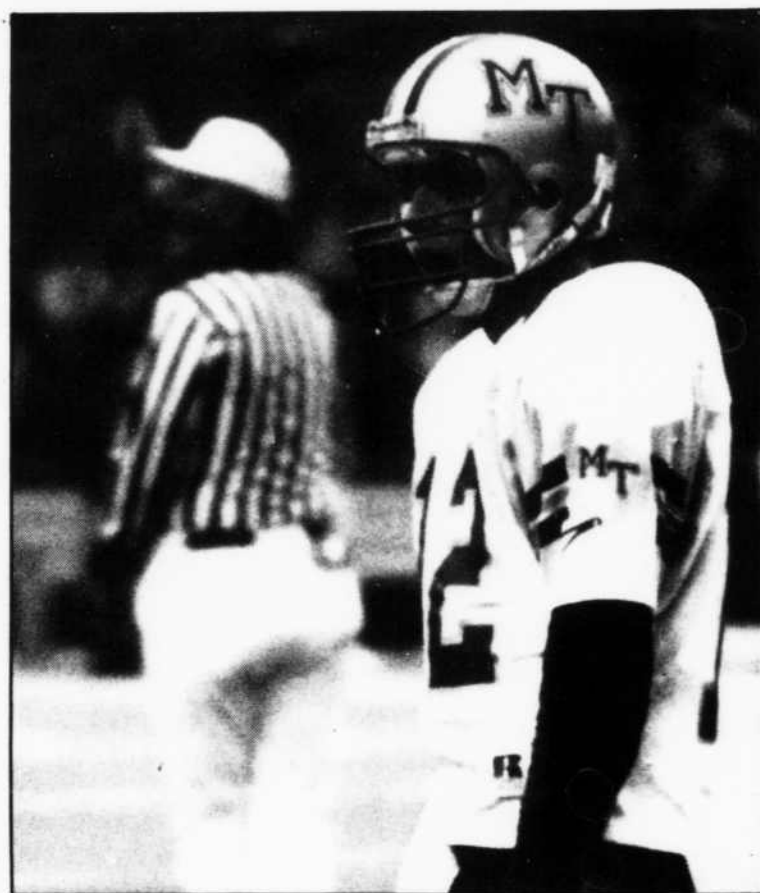
In a matter of seconds and 62 yards, Campbell was in the endzone with the career rushing record and his second straight 1,000 yard season.

"Joe is a good player, there is no question about that," Raider head coach Boots Donnelly said. "But he has the type of days he has because of the people who block for him."

The Raiders second score was just as dramatic.

Campbell took the pitch and headed for the right sideline where he saw a line of defenders prompting him to turn around and head the opposite direction. While cutting across the field, the ball bobbled from Campbell's grasp but the tailback found the hold and a hole as he scampered in from

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Tony Arnold/Photographer

**HOLCOMB IN ACTION:** Raider quarterback Kelly Holcomb looks to the sidelines Saturday for a play. Holcomb, who injured a hamstring last Saturday, started the contest.

## Hammer Time!

*Campbell nails down record*

SCOTT HASSLER  
Sports Writer

The day Joe Campbell has been waiting for finally arrived Saturday.

The senior tailback rushed for 150 yards in the Raiders 31-3 victory over Morehead State University. More importantly, Joe became the all-time MTSU rusher with 3,812 yards. Campbell also gained 1,000 yards in a season for the second time in his career. He has 1,022 yards this season.

For Campbell, the record had special meaning.

"I never expected anything like this to happen. When I came to MTSU I just wanted to contribute, I guess the record hasn't really set in yet."

It was only a matter of time Saturday though as Campbell's record breaking run came on a 62-yard touchdown scamper which was his first carry of the game.

"We were just trying to get the first down," Campbell said, "the offensive line did a great job

and a hole opened up. I just turned on the speed after that."

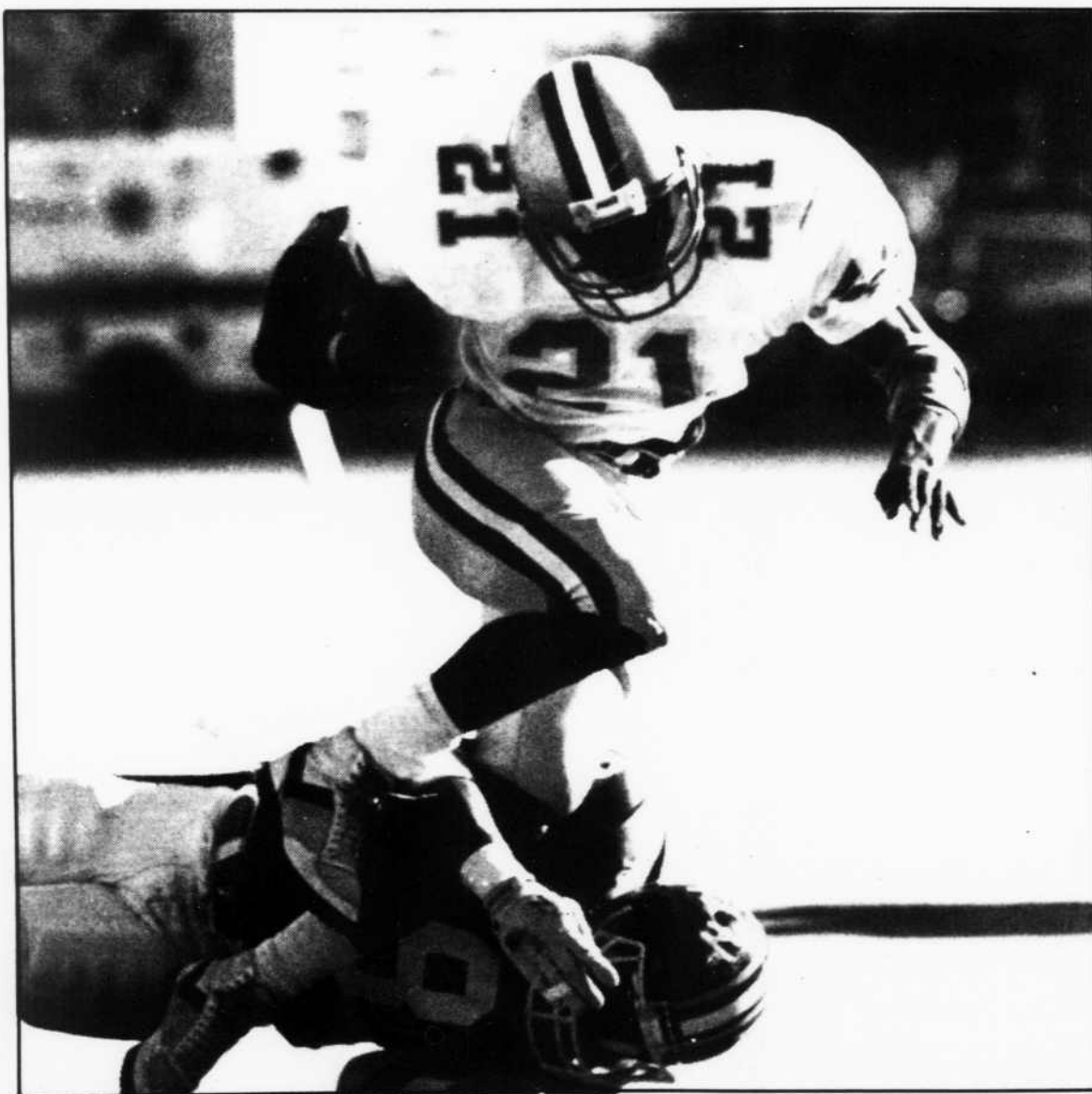
The run was impressive for Campbell whom easily outran the Morehead defenders to the endzone.

"Some people might say I don't work hard because I laugh and joke a lot," Campbell said, "what they don't realize is that I'll lift weights at 6:00 a.m. or do whatever it takes."

It didn't take much for Campbell to run over and through the Morehead defense. As coach Boots Donnelly said, "Joe sees stuff other running backs don't. He sees a seam and takes off. Joe runs hard and he'll run over people or run around them."

Perhaps one play that occurred in the first quarter could best summarize the running of Joe Campbell. Joe took a pitch from Raider quarterback Kelly Holcomb, saw that there was no room and reversed his direction. While bobbling the ball and avoiding tacklers, Campbell ran

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File Photo

**RECORD SETTER:** MTSU tailback Joe Campbell became the all-time leading rusher Saturday with a 150 yard performance.



## Raiders to travel to Nebraska in 1992

**TONY J. ARNOLD**  
Sports Editor

In 1991, the Blue Raider football team traveled to Florida State.

In 1992, they will make the journey westward to Lincoln Nebraska to play the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska, like Florida State, is one of the most respected programs in Division I-A.

The game will be the second of the season for the Raiders who will open the gridiron slate with Tennessee State. The Big Blue will also play Northern Illinois the fifth week of the season. NI is also a Division I-A school.

Home games for the '92 slate include encounters with UT-Chattanooga, Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State and Tennessee Tech.

The series with Georgia Southern will also resume in Statesboro during the ninth week of the season.

Southern was dropped this year so the Raiders could travel to Florida State and take on the Seminoles.

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Assistant Commissioner Jon Verner expects MTSU to be a leader to help the conference advance in stature, recognition and respect.

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heading," Verner said. "The problems that a number of people down there (MTSU) pointed out have been addressed and are being addressed."

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**TAYLOR FOR TWO:** Blue Raider guard Robert Taylor drives around a Hungarian opponent during the Raiders 87-64 win over Honved Thursday night. Taylor netted 21 points for the Big Blue. Taylor hit all four of his 3-point attempts during the contest.

## Record

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around the end and dashed to the endzone 36-yards for a touchdown.

As Campbell describes the play, "I took the pitch from Kelly (Holcomb) and saw that there wasn't any room because everybody was waiting for me. I figured I had nothing to lose so I turned around. Everything worked out and the field was open for a TD."

With running plays like that it is easy to see why Joe Campbell shattered the all-time rushing record. But Joe was quick to praise others for his accomplishments on the field.

"Records are meant to be broken, and someday somebody will break mine. I just want to thank God for giving me the ability, and I thank the offensive line for opening the holes."

Perhaps Campbell's greatest thanks were for his mom.

"My family has been great: my mom, my dad, my brother, especially my mom. She's been real supportive of me. If I fumble the ball six times, she just says 'Don't worry, the ball was slippery.' My family has been with me through good and bad."

As for the future of Joe

Campbell, it looks very promising. Scouts from all over the NFL and the Canadian football league have shown an interest in Joe.

"I'd like to give the pros a shot and show them what I can do. I don't have a preference on which league, I just want to get paid."

When one thinks of Joe Campbell, their thoughts could only be positive. The praise and admiration is well deserved and greatly earned. The legacy of Joe Campbell will live forever at MTSU no matter who's in the Raider backfield. As for those future running backs, Campbell has these words of advice, "Always praise the Lord for your ability, keep a level head, and work hard."

If the future resembles the past, Joe Campbell will be a success in whatever he does.

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36 yards.

From that point on, it was the Walter Dunson show.

After Lem Collins recovered a fumble at the Eagle 28, Dunson assumed the tailback position and eventually carried the ball in for a 6-yard score.

"I felt confident getting the ball," Dunson said. "I wanted to prove that when its time for the next man to move up (referring to the vacated position of Campbell next year) that I can come through."

The two teams traded field goals in the second quarter and Middle led at the half 24-3.

In the second half, the Raiders didn't sparkle offensively but they did have a few surprises.

Campbell, after rushing for 150 yards in the first half, watched from the sidelines due to a disciplinary problem and a touch of the flu.

Dunson took over and added the final touchdown but he also showed his versatility at the quarterback slot.

Late in the game, Donnelly removed Holcomb and put in Dunson. Actually, it was his second appearance as Holcomb was slightly injured in the opening half and Dunson filled in for a short time.

"I'm prepared for anything," Dunson said. "I have no set position on the team. I just play where I'm needed, when I'm needed."

By the days end, Dunson had amassed a 144 yards.

"Speed kills and it killed us," Morehead coach Cole Proctor said. "We knew we couldn't fall behind, but they have two great backs and you just hold your breath when they touch the ball."

But the ball has been touched and it is now the Raiders fans who hold their breath in anticipation of a playoff berth. The players have that felling according to defensive end Demetrius Smith who isn't concerned about being on the road.

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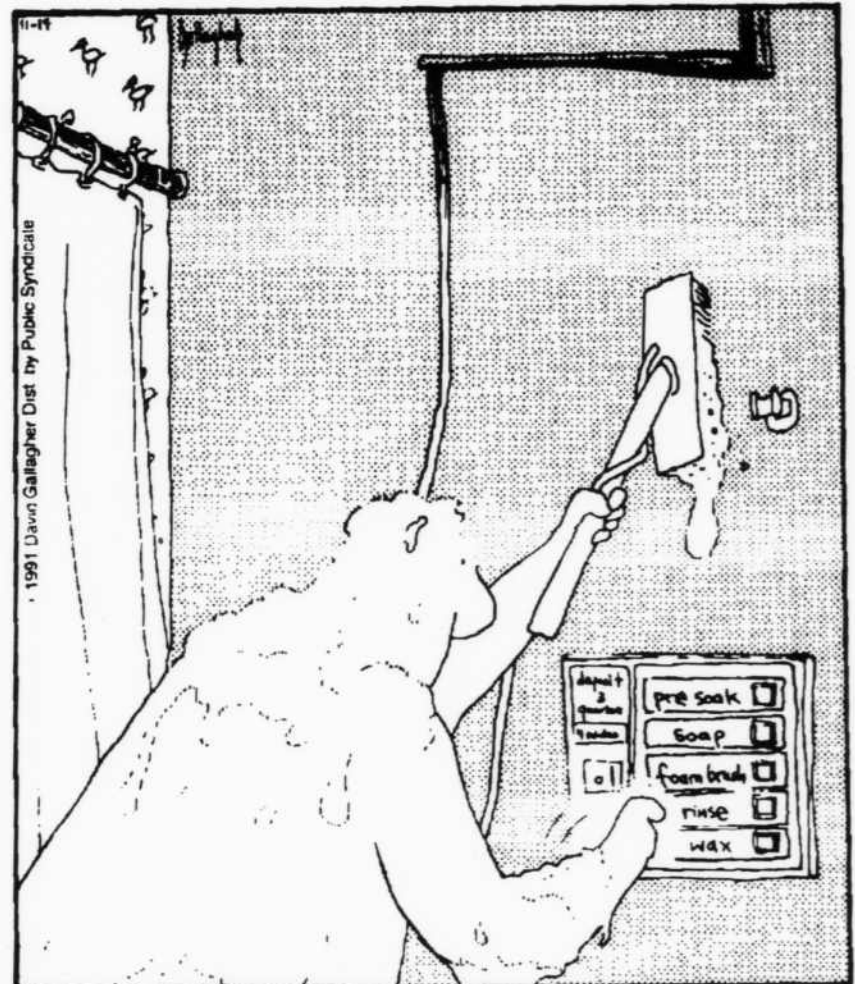
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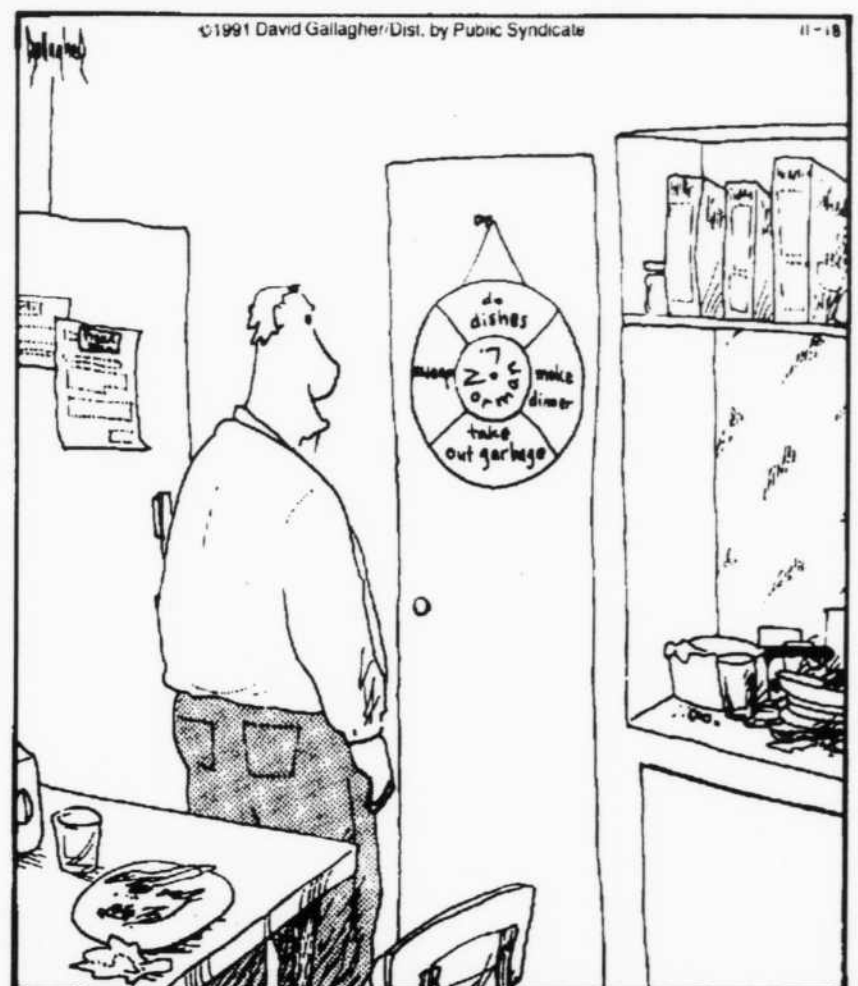


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With no quarters left, Karl quickly pushes the rinse button, leaving no time at all for the wax cycle.

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Turning the wheel for Monday, Norman once again finds he's on for all the chores.



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# SIDELINES

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## Could MTSU close down for the flu?

**SAM GANNON**  
News Editor

With Metro school closed down for the rest of the week because of the flu, many students are hoping that MTSU officials will take the same initiative — but don't hold your sneezes.

About 67,000 Metro school students are out of school in an unprecedented decision by Metro schools.

Vanderbilt, Belmont, David Lipscomb and Tennessee State universities have all reported increases in health problems and flu-related illnesses. But while many students here are beginning to show flu-like-symptoms, the situation is not bad enough to consider closing school, administrators say.

"I don't think it's a serious enough situation," Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president of Student Affairs, said Wednesday. "There are no indications as of now that we'll get out."

LaLance said that if evidence showed about 10 percent of the student body missing classes, then the administration would look toward an alternative.

"We're not at that level at this point in time," LaLance said.

Health Services had 137 students come in Monday which is a high number of cases for a day. Half were in for flu related reasons,

### **Waiting for survey returns much like 'Waiting for Godot'**

**SAM GANNON**  
News Editor

MTSU's Division of Student Affairs will hopefully begin evaluating results of its student surveys as soon as more documents come in.

Exactly 5,000 surveys were mailed out to students two weeks ago Tuesday, but only about 700 have been returned, said Dr. Robert LaLance Jr., vice president for Student Affairs.

"We've gotten close to 700. We hope to get 1,000," LaLance said Wednesday.

"Anytime you can get that kind of a sample from what you send out is pretty good," LaLance said.

The surveys were intended to get students' opinions on how well Student Affairs is doing its job, the vice president said.

The Student Affairs office is still getting

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LaLance said.

More than 161 students visited Health Services Tuesday, said Barbara Martin, director of Health Services.

"We don't know what we have yet," Martin said.

While the flu bug seems to be biting a bit early this year, this is the beginning of the flu season which normally peaks in February, said Richard Lassater, of the Tennessee Center for Communicable Diseases.

This area is now classified as a No. 2 area for the flu, Lassater said, indicating there are cases of the flu or flu-like illnesses in the area but still less than half of the cases investigated.

The center is currently running tests on samples from MTSU.

"We're sure that we'll come across some strand of the

flu," Lassater said.

And while there is still time, students are urged to get flu shots before the flu season really begins to hit hard.

The flu shot usually takes about two weeks for the vaccine to reach its full potential, Lassater said. He advised that shots should be taken as soon as possible.

Although MTSU's health center does not offer the flu shot, the Rutherford County Health Department is giving flu shots beginning Friday. Appointments can be made at the center by calling 898-7785 (if you're calling from on campus you must dial a 9 first). There is a \$7.39 charge for the shot, which is being rushed to Murfreesboro today from Nashville.

"We know there will be a steady flow of people coming in to get a shot," a spokeswoman for the health department said.

There were more than 200 shots administered Monday morning which was really more than they expected, the spokeswoman said.

How do you avoid getting the flu? Get a flu shot for starters. Stay away from people who have the flu.

If you have the flu, use tissues rather than handkerchiefs and dispose of them properly. Also, keep your hands as clean as possible. The flu is transferred most often through the hands, a health department advisory states.

### **Honors students to host dance**

The Honors Student Association is sponsoring an on-campus dance entitled "A Feast of Rock-and-Roll" Nov. 26 from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The dance will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building and will feature the music of disc jockey Pat Teeple. There will also be a dance contest with a \$30 gift certificate from Turtles Records going to the winning couple, according to honors director J. P. Montgomery.

The dance is only open to MTSU students, faculty and their guests.

There will be a cover charge of \$3.50 per person or \$5 per couple.

"I think this dance will demonstrate that honor students believe that all work and no play is a pretty sad situation," Montgomery said. "High-ability students like to rock-and-roll as much as anybody else and you're going to see some 'real moves' over there in the Tennessee Room."



Shelley Mays/Photographer

**RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY!** Students run for cover as the cold-and-flu season makes its first appearance at MTSU. Several area schools are suffering flu epidemics.

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Today is the Great American Smoke-out, so give your lungs a break; don't light up.

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Can MTSU's all-purpose footballer become an NFL million-dollar man?