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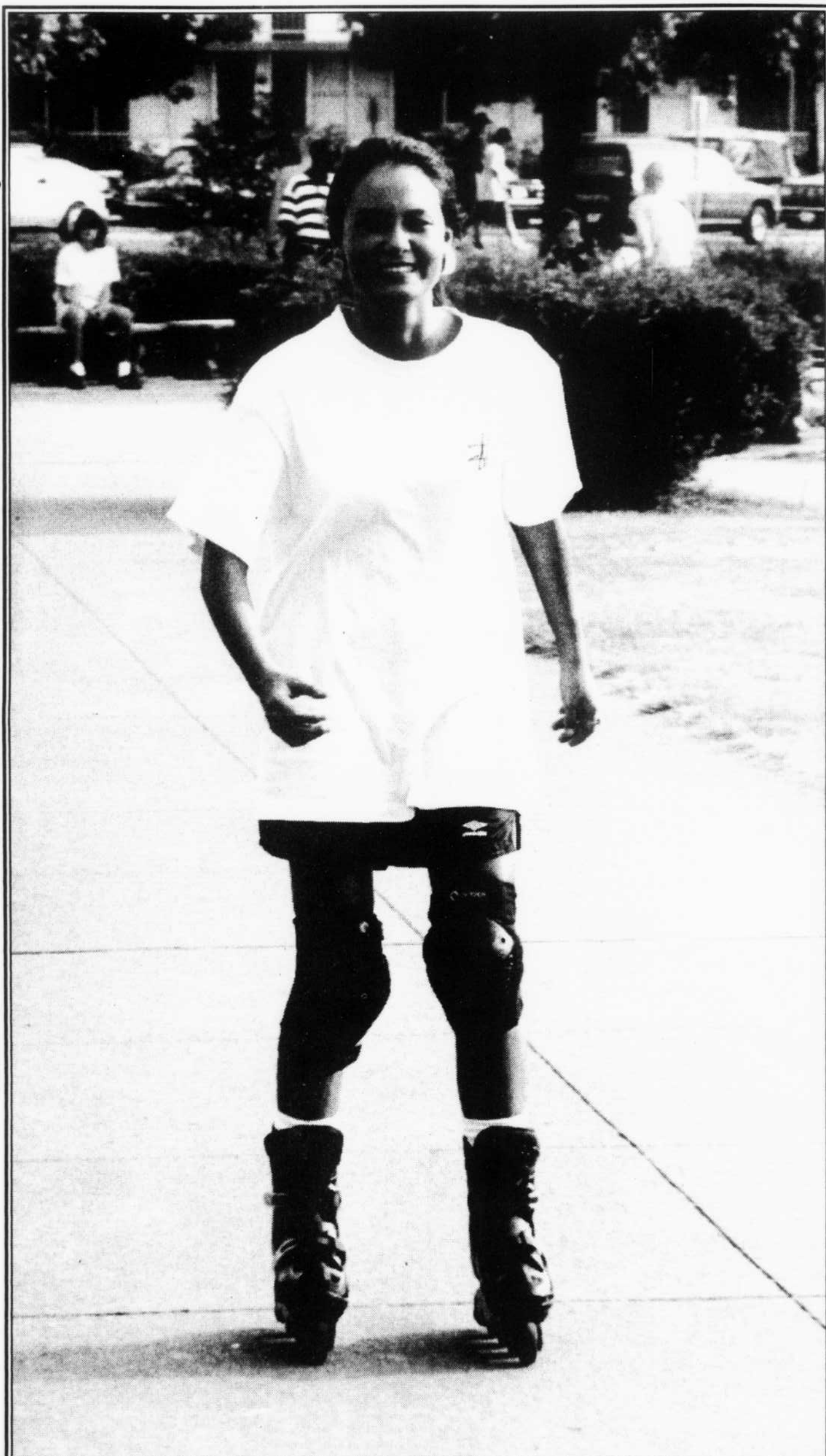
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Skate to the Music

Freshman Dorothy Cope, pre-veterinary major, skates during Friday's Music on the Knoll.

SGA approves budget, appoints officers

By Amy Carpenter/staff

The House of Representatives met last Wednesday to approve the SGA budget and appoint officers for the 1995-96 school year.

SGA President Shane McFarland presented the budget to the House for approval. In order to go into effect, the budget must be approved by both the Senate and the House. After a quick explanation of the budget, it was approved.

Bill Meehan and Lana Farrell were approved to represent the graduate students. Graduate student senators are usually elected in SGA elections held in the

spring. However, the appointments were made because no one ran for these spots during the spring.

McFarland also asked for three to four House members to work with the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce. SGA joined the Chamber this fall to get more involved with the community.

"It would be a great experience and a great way for the students of MTSU to get involved with the community," McFarland said.

Speaker of the House Jamie Groce then called for nominations from the floor for House officers. Randell Broad was approved by acclamation to assume the position of Speaker Pro Temp. Mike Kelly

was appointed Parliamentarian and Beth Coleman was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. Gina Wellman was appointed Secretary.

"I want to try to roll the legislation through as smoothly and as soon as possible," Groce said of his wishes for the House.

The Election Commission was in need of four members for the committee. Five members of the House filled out applications and Groce will appoint four of the five to the committee. The committee is responsible for the candidate interview on Oct. 9, as well as the ballot counting on the last night of

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MTSU United Way drive kicks off

By Dustin Schrimpsheer/staff

The squeeze is on.

The kick-off event for the 1995 MTSU United Way "The squeeze is On" campaign will be held in the Alumni Center on Thur., Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. All full-time MTSU employees are invited to attend.

The United Way is an umbrella organization over many other social service organizations who receive funds either exclusively or partially from the United Way.

The 31 Rutherford County United Way agencies have been invited to have an informational display at the campaign opening. The event will be developed around a carnival theme.

Free food and lemonade will be available. MTSU employees can have lunch and find out about the different agencies within Rutherford County.

Graduate of MTSU Social Work Program and Director of Murfreesboro Senior Citizens program Sue O'Brien will speak at the kick-off meeting.

What exactly is the "squeeze?" According to Robert Rucker, co-chairperson for the United Way campaign this year, the "squeeze" is to get funding for much needed social programs.

Lately more funds became necessary due to changing social needs.

Rucker says that in recent years people feel more free to ask for help. This, coupled with increasing costs of maintaining current programs puts a "squeeze" on funds.

The increasing number of women entering the work force also presents an increased need for child care services, Rucker said.

Escalating domestic violence and increased numbers of women leaving abusive family situations require additional family services and victim counseling services.

As a land grant college, MTSU is obligated to provide instruction, research, and public services for the region.

Helping to raise money for United Way programs gives MTSU an opportunity to fulfill one of its

responsibilities.

Many of the Rutherford County United Way agencies serve as sights for practicum courses in sociology, social work, psychology and mass communications for MTSU students.

Within MTSU campus, project HELP addresses the needs of developmentally delayed children. This provides valuable laboratory experience for Education majors.

Any campus employees interested in learning more about project HELP should call for a meeting and a tour of the facilities.

MTSU faculty already has a great deal of involvement in the United Way.

MTSU President, Dr. James E. Walker, is on the board of directors for Rutherford County United Way.

Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance is the president-elect for Rutherford County United Way.

MTSU Administrator Linney Moore who assists in organizing Rutherford County United Way Programs, is part of the United Way's Loaned Executive program. This program allows local businesses to act more closely with the United Way.

The co-chairs for this year's campaign are Trush Domengeaux from the Art Department, and Robert Rucker from the Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work Department.

Time and efforts for this campaign have been donated by Martha Milsap, publications and graphic arts; Wayne Williams, ARA food services; Quida Plaisance, assisting with material distribution and general planning; Frances Rich, vice president of student affairs office; Marrie Curk, alumni director; Dot Harrison, director of public relations; and Keith Jenkins, university cabinet maker and building services.

Although this event is open exclusively to MTSU staff, any student interested in professional social work may attend a student social work forum at the JUB in the Hazelwood dining room on Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to noon or on Sept. 13 from noon to 1 p.m. ●

No Title IX problems with I-A ball: Turnham

By Joel Frey/staff

University officials do not anticipate negative repercussions stemming from MTSU's move to Division I-A football with regards to women's athletics and Title IX legislation.

Former MTSU volleyball coach Diane Turnham, who now works as an administrator in the athletic department under director Lee Fowler, said the upgrade to I-A football does not necessarily mandate a Title IX investigation from the Office of Civil Rights (OCR).

Title IX legislation is designed to prevent discriminatory practices from emerging between men's and women's athletic programs.

Turnham said key advances are being made in women's athletics at MTSU which will hopefully prevent inquiries concerning discrimination between the men's and women's programs.

Specifically, Turnham noted the addition of women's soccer at the I-A level beginning play in December 1996 and across the board increases to budgets in

women's athletics over the next five years.

"Women's soccer will be officially incorporated into the athletic program Oct. 1, 1995 and we are currently advertising for a head coach's position," Turnham said. "This addition alone should take care of any concerns people might have relating to the football program and Title IX."

MTSU's last inquiry from the OCR occurred two years ago and was then followed up ensuring the resignation of the OCR official who conducted the initial investigation.

In that particular analysis of the MTSU athletic department, the OCR raised questions concerning travel budgets and accommodations between certain men's and women's teams, equal practice times, as well as differences in locker room settings.

Once the OCR completed its proceedings and outlined its conclusions to the athletic department, the university was given a timetable in which it was to comply with the findings of the OCR. ●

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MTSU 1995 United Way Campaign

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Fun Flicks will make participants a star

By Martha Stroud/staff

The MTSU Fine Arts Committee is sponsoring Fun Flicks Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the KUC Lounge.

"Fun Flicks is an interactive video that allows students to lip-sync to their favorite song against a selected backdrop," said assistant director for Fine Arts Mimi Johnson.

Fun Flicks was purchased by the Fine Arts Committee for the day from the Kramer Agency, located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The agency is sending representatives to handle the video equipment for Fun Flicks.

Students can choose from any of the songs provided or they can bring a song of their

own. Song styles available include Country, Rock and Roll, Christian, Contemporary, and Rap.

Students may also choose from one of 20 backdrops, including soaring over the city; a gun fight in the Old West; riding on a carpet; riding on a motorcycle; a country road and the ocean.

A wardrobe is available if students wish to wear costumes in their videos.

"It is a fun time for students," said committee chairperson David Webber. "It lets them take a break from studying and be silly."

Students can make as many videos as they want at a cost of \$3 per video. Multiple videos will not be made for each member of a group.

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Mimi Johnson
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SGA: Organizational Fair to boost student involvement

fall elections, Oct. 25.

The final business for the meeting was the Organizational Fair, to be held Sept. 21 on the Knoll. The fair is designed to give campus organizations an opportunity to get more students involved on campus. The deadline for signing up for the fair is Sept. 10.

The next meeting will be Sept. 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the KUC Theater.

Need to get the word out? We're here for you. Campus Capsule:

Campus Capsule

The Student Government Association is holding an organizational fair on the knoll behind the KUC on Thursday, September 21 from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved. Call Jaime Groce at 898-2464 for more information.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. hosts a cookout and discussion beginning at 6:15 every Wednesday evening and luncheons every Monday at noon. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

Student Organization updates deadline for student organizations is 4:30 p.m. on September 21, 1995. Applications may be picked up at the mandatory student organization meeting.

Applications for **student activity fee requests** must be turned in to KUC 122 no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 25, 1995. Applications and student activity fee guidelines are available in the KUC 112.

The College Republicans is having general interest meetings on Tuesday, September 12 and on Wednesday, September 27. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the KUC 314. Mae Beavers will be speaking at the September 12 meeting. Call Brian Lewis at 890-6478 for more information.

The Placement and Student Employment Center is hosting a Career Placement Orientation workshop titled "Your Job Search". The workshop will begin at 3 p.m. on September 6 and 7; and at 11 a.m. on September 8, 26, 27, 28. All workshops will be held in KUC room 322. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about placement services, how to write a resume, campus interviews, and employment opportunities. Call the director, Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more information.

The Student Affairs Technology Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 14 in the KUC 210. Thank you for your cooperation in rescheduling this meeting.

MTSU Speech Clinic is sponsoring ongoing speech testing and therapy clinics in Boutwell Dramatic Arts room 232. MTSU students who need speech testing or therapy services should call the clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.

The first lecture in the **Honors Lecture Series** "An American Checkup" will be Monday, September 11. The lecture "Where in the World Are We" will be given by Management and Marketing professor Veronica Horton. All lectures are in Peck Hall 107 and begin at 3:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

The Student Government Association would like to remind everyone to voice your opinion, pro or con, on the \$65 activity fee increase for the proposed stadium. The following are names and numbers of politicians who can get things changed.

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Governor Don Sundquist
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741-3818
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The Voices of Praise Gospel Choir will have weekly rehearsals on Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning September 11 at the Baptist Student Center. Contact Latresa McCamoll at 898-3989. Come join us!

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship has weekly meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in KUC room 312. Call Trista at 898-3256 or Chris Ward at 898-3244. Interservice Christian Fellowship will be meeting Tuesday, September 12 for fellowship and worship.

MTSU Right to Life group will meet Tuesday, September 12 at 6 p.m. in Peck Hall room 319. Contact Ginger Kendall at 890-9434.

The Wesley Foundation will be holding auditions for "Oklahoma" on September 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. No prepared material is needed, but it is important to attend both nights.

The Wesley Foundation sponsors ongoing activities every week. On Wednesdays lunch begins at 11:15 a.m.; Koinania at 7 p.m. and Wesley Singers rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Gamma Beta Phi will be meeting on September 11 and 12 at 4:30 p.m. in the KUC theater. Check your mailboxes for newsletters or contact Kirsten Betak for more information at 896-1924.

The Student Leadership Conference will be September 15 and 16. Interested students must register by stopping by KUC 122 to fill out registration materials. Registration is required to attend.

MTSU LAMBDA is a gay, lesbian, and bisexual student group. It meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Communications Building room 104. All are welcome. For more information call Jason at 780-2293.

The International Television Association is hosting with the Dean's office a Mass Comm Kickoff on September 13 from 4-6:00 p.m. in the Mass Comm building. Everyone is invited to get information from the mass communications clubs. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call Heather DeVany at 385-3652.

MTSU Placement and Student Employment is hosting a Career Day on Tuesday, September 19 from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. around the track area of Murphy Center. Over 100 employers and graduate schools will send representatives to campus to provide career information for students and will have exhibits and handouts to assist in career planning. Rosters of participating organizations will be available at the registration tables.

The Christian Music Society will meet Thursday, September 14 at 6 p.m. in Mass Comm room 150. If you desire to make Christ known through music, come join us! For more information, contact Joyce Reed at 848-0448.

The Erudite Emancipators, a student service organization committed to multicultural awareness and harmony, invites interested students to our first open meeting on Friday, September 15 at 1 p.m. in Peck Hall room 311. Regular meetings will be on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Please come with open arms and open minds. Contact Inez Chopfield at 898-4312 or 898-2655.

The MTSU student chapter of the **National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP)** will hold its first official meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 5 p.m. in the KUC grill. This meeting is open to all members, past and present, and all other interested parties. Questions or comments call Naullain Kendrick at 898-3582 or e-mail at envicood@frank.mtsu.edu

The Wesley Foundation activities for the week are: Monday, September 11 at 6 p.m. Munch Bunch; Tuesday Supper at 5:30 p.m. and Roller Skating Afterglow at 7 p.m.; Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. Esprit auditions; Friday 15, "Friends" marathon; Saturday 16, Service Project in Manchester; Sunday 17, University Workshop at 8 p.m.

Negro Airmen International is trying to establish a charter on the MTSU campus. This organization is for aerospace students of every emphasis. Khary Bates would like to invite interested students to the 1995 Smyrna Air Show on Friday, September 15. The air show and Blue Angel Team will hold its practice demonstration for Navy personnel and charity groups free of charge. It will not be shown to the general public but, I have been authorized by my superiors to escort prospective members of Negro Airmen International to go on Friday. This would be a great opportunity to see a great air show and find out more about the Negro Airmen International. Contact Khary Bates at 895-9021 for more information.

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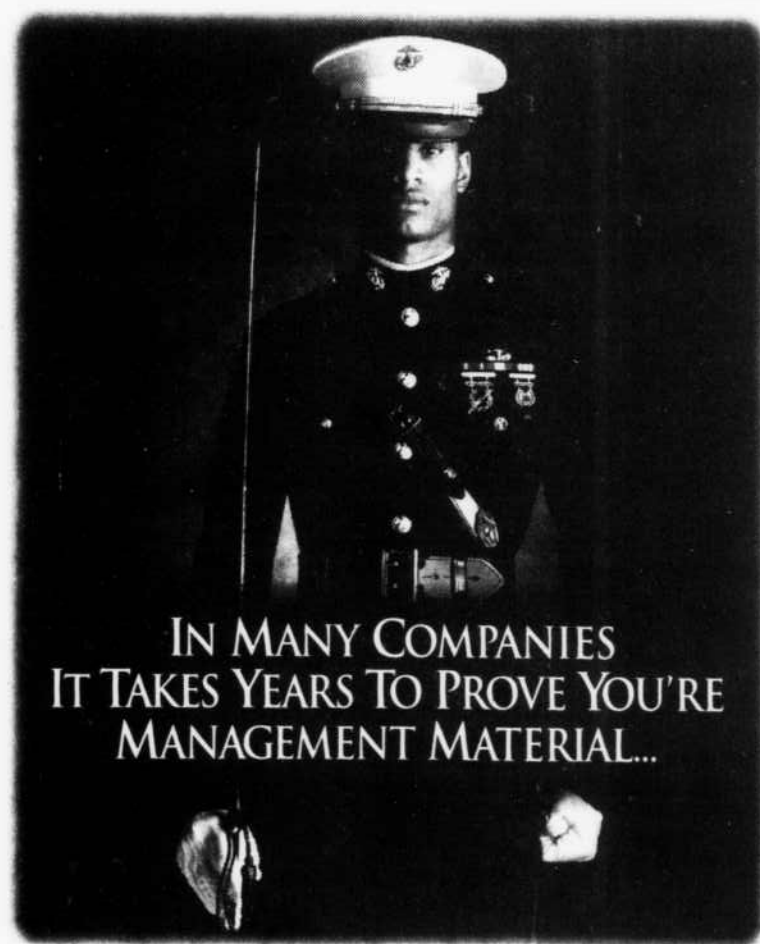
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Colleges back educational promises with guarantees

By College Press Service

No major purchase should be made without some guarantee of the product. So why should a college degree—one of the largest purchases one will make in their lifetime—be any different?

Now at some universities, it isn't. Many colleges are beginning to offer degrees with some type of guarantee. These pledges cover everything from completion time to cost to effectiveness in attaining employment. A few even offer potential employers warranties on their graduates' competence.

For students worried about getting required courses when they need them, universities now offer a money-back promise: earn your bachelor's degree in four years or tuition is free for any course needed after that.

The University of Iowa became the first Big Ten school to offer this guarantee this fall. "It's definitely been successful," confirms a UI Admissions spokesperson, who reports 52 percent of incoming freshmen have signed up so far.

Indiana University in Bloomington will begin offering a four-year graduation guarantee called GRADPACT to incoming freshmen in 1996. To insure GRADPACT's success, Indiana's undergraduates will have access to a computerized course catalog and an online transcript of completed courses.

"GRADPACT requires us to be articulate and rational about our academic programs," says Dr. Don Gray, and

English professor who headed the GRADPACT study. "It tells our students, if you want to get through efficiently, we will help you."

Meanwhile, several private colleges are calling attention to their ability to graduate students on time by also offering graduation guarantees.

Eileen Townsend, a spokeswoman for Dominican University, says, "What definitely is a trend are institutions... taking a very hard look at how they educate their students, at their founding mission, and where they want to go into the next century."

Tim McDonough, Vice President of public relations for the NAICU

College north of San Francisco, says California students facing overcrowded classrooms in public universities find such guarantees attractive.

"It is difficult to complete a traditional four-year degree in four years in University of California schools," she says. "Smaller, private schools, however, are able to help students complete their degrees on time and not face the cost of that fifth or sixth year."

Doyle Minden, a spokesman for the University of Pacific in Stockton, Calif., agrees.

"It becomes a matter of economics," says Minden. "You can get through a private school in four years or state in six. This evens out the costs, making it just as expensive to go to a state school as a private school."

At private colleges, where cost of tuition usually is a bigger issue, guarantees also are being offered for tuition rates. Students are being promised either tuition freezes or increase limits during their four years. Defiance College in Ohio, Tulane University in New Orleans, Mills College in California, Rice University in Texas and Drake University in Iowa are just a few schools making this commitment.

"When you come in as a freshman, you know what you'll be paying for your senior year," says Al Cabbage, Drake University's director of marketing.

New students arriving at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY, this fall will be offered an unbelievable guarantee—tuition reimbursement if they fail to find a job six months after graduation.

Under the "Fisher Commitment," students receive more than \$400 a month (up to \$5,000) if they don't find employment. Students who sign up for the program as freshmen must maintain a 2.75 grade point average and participate in selected campus activities, internships and career advising.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma state offers an educational warranty to prospective employers. They promise that junior college graduates can



Carl E. Lambert/staff

Crusaders for a cleaner campus

Ann Hendrix passes out trash bags containing a campaign hat to kick off the "It's in Your Hands, Don't Drop It" cleaner campus campaign.

perform certain skills, but if they can't Oklahoma will provide up to nine credit hours of additional training at no charge. By 1997, Oklahoma plans to include all state universities in this plan. Texas also has a similar program for some of their community colleges.

And the business school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham also is backing up its 1995 graduates with a guarantee. If any of their employers are unhappy with them during the first year after graduation, the school

will pick up the tab for any retraining that is necessary.

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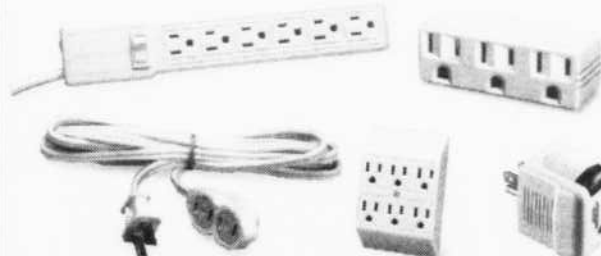
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By College Press Service

Not long ago, completing an undergraduate degree in four years was taken for granted. But now at many universities, students are lucky if they graduate in five years.

"How can you graduate in four years when the classes you need fill up three days before you even get to register?" asks Jon Burgess, who graduated from Western Illinois University after five years and one semester. "Even if you have the money, you can't take the classes you need. Whose fault is that?"

Due to shrinking budgets and increased enrollments, many universities—particularly large public institutions—face shortages of classroom space and staff.

That often means students can take five or six years to collect the requirements for a four-year degree—all while paying extra tuition and delaying entry into the job market. For universities, the crunch becomes even greater when incoming students overlap those who should have previously graduated.

Universities and state

governments are responding by trying new strategies—including everything from streamlining graduation requirements to offering students incentives for graduating on time.

One such incentive is a money-back guarantee: graduate in four years or classes after that are free.

Participants must take a full course load, work closely with advisors, declare a major early and maintain a C grade average. Then, if a student cannot get into any required classes, the school foots the bill for those courses.

This summer, the University of Iowa became the first Big 10 school to offer such a program, and 52 percent of incoming freshmen signed up. To make the plan work, UI increased freshmen advising and is implementing outreach programs to high schools to better prepare students for the university experience.

Other colleges testing the guarantee are Missouri's

Westminster College, Indiana's DePauw University and California State University-Dominguez Hills.

When students complete degrees on time, it not only saves them money but reduces costs to taxpayers, say legislators. Graduation delays

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Staff Director for the Florida Senate Ways and Means Committee

each in-state student per year.

"We are very concerned over the length of time it is taking students to graduate," said John Andrew Smith, staff director for the Florida Senate Ways and Means Committee. "Only 18 percent of all Florida students finish in four years; 42 percent graduate in five years; and it approaches the 10-year mark before it reaches 50 percent."

Graduation rates in Arizona, Colorado, Texas and other states are similarly bleak.

Smith said one way to trim

graduation time is to streamline university requirements. According to Smith, Florida students average 23 extra non-degree hours. "If we eliminate those extra 23 hours, you are talking about allowing space for 17,000 additional students."

Last spring, Florida passed Senate Bill 2330, which focuses on cutting surplus hours in two areas. The bill requires universities to standardize entrance requirements for students transferring from community colleges.

"Often students need additional courses to get into university programs," explained Smith. "For example, a student with an A.A. degree might suddenly find they need another nine hours of courses before they can be accepted into a business program at the university."

Secondly, the state said degree requirements should not exceed 120 hours. Smith said certain departments had increased requirements up to 140 hours. In 1994, the average major at the University of Florida required 128 hours.

Some states, however, want to penalize students who take more classes than they need. In Arizona, legislators recently proposed making in-state students pay out-of-state tuition for course hours exceeding those needed to graduate. Currently, the annual tuition rates are \$5,000 higher for out-of-state students. Bill supporters hoped this would discourage so-called "career students"—those perpetually in school. The bill was defeated for the second time during this past session, but the message from legislators is clear, and Arizona educators appear to be listening.

While graduation delays often are caused by changed majors or dropped classes, students say legislators also must realize other circumstances are to blame, too. For example, cuts in financial aid have forced more students to work while going to school, causing them to take fewer hours per semester.

"There are a lot of factors involved in getting out in four years, like work, money and getting all your classes," says Burgess. ●

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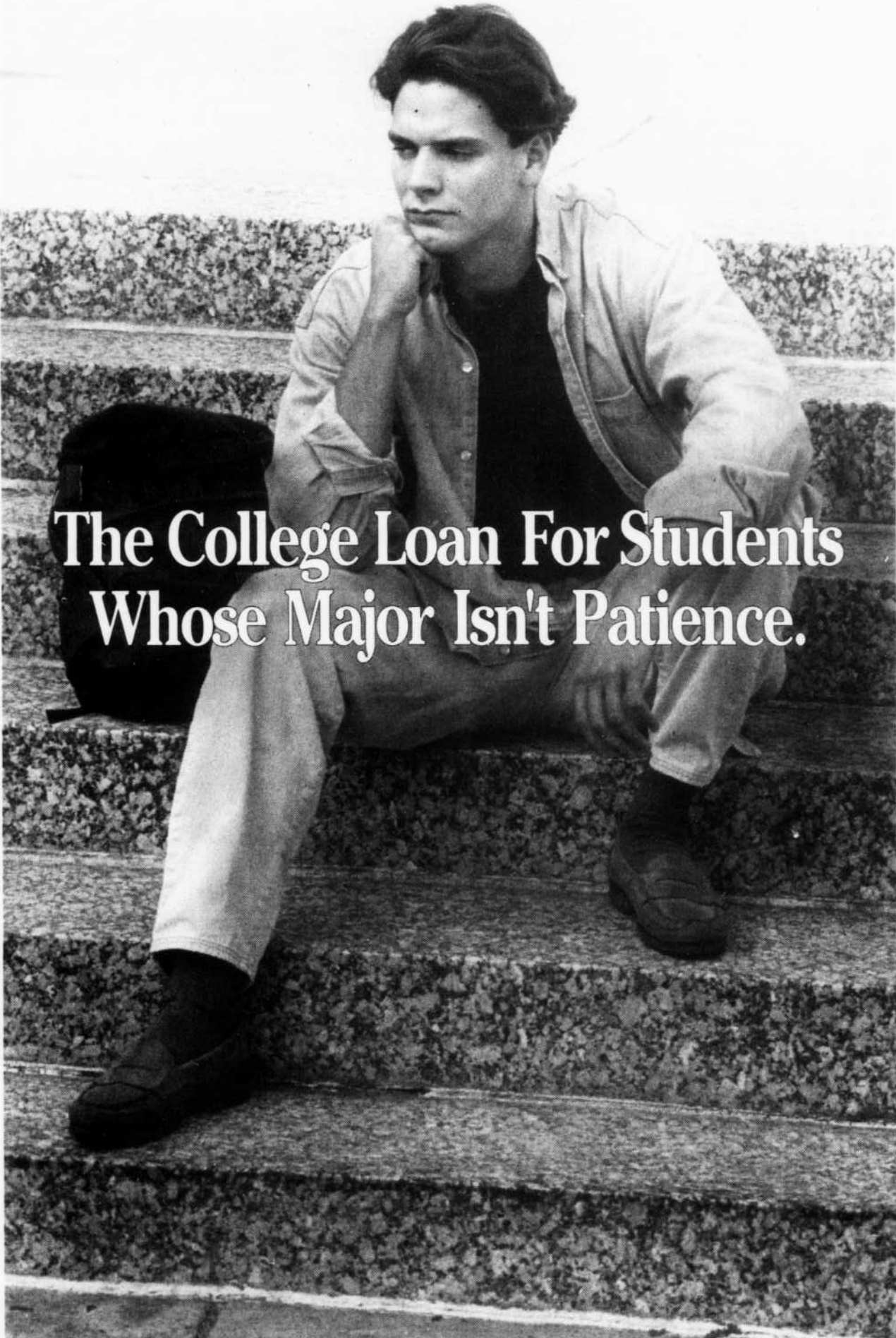
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By College Press Service

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"College students often are the first to embrace new technologies and create many of the most interesting and groundbreaking websites," said Michele Klingensmith, business manager for Vivarin.

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Georgia Tech campus benefits from Olympics

By College Press Service

ATLANTA—Regardless of whether Georgia Tech students attend the 1996 Olympics or not, they stand to benefit from the games in more ways than one.

As the 12,000 or so students head back to school, they're noticing a number of changes on campus already. And since the GT campus will serve as the Olympic Village next summer—home to more than 14,000 coaches and participants—the changes in campus are hardly cosmetic.

When the 1996 Olympic games are just a memory, the Atlanta campus will have:

—Seven new top-of-the-line residence halls with room for 2,700 students. The new facilities will include private bathrooms, air-conditioning and kitchen facilities—complete with a dishwasher, refrigerator and sink—for every two rooms, plus cable and computer hook-ups. Although less than 50 percent

of GT students now live on campus, school officials expect numbers to rise to 75 percent once the 1996 school year begins.

—A \$17.5 million aquatic center, which will host the numerous Olympic swimming and diving competitions. The new facility, completed in August, features an Olympic-size competition pool, an Olympic-size diving pool and a water polo pool. It also has seating for more than 14,000 spectators. The school's swimming and diving teams will be using the new facility this year.

—A renovated basketball facility, which will house the Olympic boxing matches. When the \$10 million project is complete, the 39-year-old Alexander Memorial Coliseum will have a lowered court for improved sightlines, air-conditioning, new locker rooms and bathrooms, improved concession stands and 12 new corporate skyboxes. The seating capacity will stay at

UC-Davis lab workers injured in accident

By College Press Service

DAVIS, Calif.—A group of graduate students and laboratory technicians at University of California-Davis were taken to the hospital after a science experiment foul-up released hazardous fumes into their working area.

Less than one month after the threat of a brucellosis outbreak on campus, officials at the University of California-Davis once again had to deal with a minor health emergency when six nutrition students and two technicians who were working in a department laboratory in Meyer Hall were taken to Sutter Davis Hospital for tests.

According to Julie McNeal, UC-Davis' director of environmental health and safety, the mishap occurred when a student tried to dissolve a non-water-soluble chemical in water. When the chemical did not dissolve, the student placed the substance,

phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride, on a hot plate to break it down. As the chemical became heated, it released a harmful gas into the air.

Almost immediately, the students and techs working in the lab began to feel nauseous and quickly cleared the floor before heading to campus health services.

In addition to nausea, the released gas can cause watery eyes, throat problems, vomiting and diarrhea.

Although a 24-year-old female student was admitted to the hospital for tests, the remaining students and lab workers were treated and released.

McNeal says that the problems occurred because the graduate students were not following the proper safety procedures. After an investigation, the university will decide on any appropriate punishment, which could range from re-training to suspension. ●

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Multi-Cultural Affairs serves as 'landmark' for students Office attempts to keep students focused

By Corrie Cron/staff

"Hey, Ms. Murray, what's goin' on?"
"Not much," (turning to another student).
"Could you go down to print services and get some more envelopes?"

As that student leaves, another walks in. "Hey, how y'all been? Is Mr. Metcalf in?"

This office is always busy. Everyone who passes the door, it seems, stops by Multi-Cultural Affairs just to say "hi."

For many students, the office really has become a familiar "landmark," as Director Ralph Metcalf puts it, and a point of reference for those who find college life somewhat daunting.

Metcalf says the office, first and foremost, provides a service to help students get answers. He says he wants students to think, "If I go to this office, my question will be answered." That's what we try to create . . . and I think we've done well in that respect."

Another service the office is known for is the Mentoring program which pairs first-year African-American students with a professor or an upper-class student. The program is designed help students overcome obstacles that can be discouraging to staying in school.

"As the university has grown and since admissions has aggressively recruited students of different cultural backgrounds, we've increased our numbers," Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. John Hays says. However, he concedes, it defeats the purpose if many are dropping out of school.

"The biggest thrill you see is mentees achieving and staying in school," Graduate Assistant Colby Biggers says. He admits that retention-keeping students in school-is the department's biggest challenge.

"So many problems occur, so many realize that their not ready for college," he says. "We try to keep them focused."

Keeping students focused can be difficult. The average age for a Middle Tennessee State University student is 25 or 26. There is housing



Todd Sorum/staff

Sherrie Murray, secretary of Multi-Cultural Affairs, hands Reggie Glimps a facility reservation form as Natash Mayfield, a senior Biology major, waits patiently in the background.

space for only about 3,000 out of almost 18,000 students, creating a large commuter population. Added to all that, many students work outside of school. All of these elements are "negative influences on retention," Dr. Hays says.

One of the activities in combating such problems is the President's Pizza Party on September 12. All freshman African-American students are invited to the Tennessee Room of the JUB where they will break into groups with faculty members who will help "troubleshoot" some challenges they may be facing.

Other services the department provides are education workshops and career counseling. The department has also created a parents guide to aid parents of college students, and encourages involvement with a leadership handbook and a leadership retreat.

Although the department has been serving students for many years, it hasn't always been

under the title of Multi-Cultural Affairs. Until a few years ago, it was the Office of Minority Affairs. However, the name seemed to deter other racial groups from taking advantage of the services the office provided.

"Other non-majority students didn't feel they had a place to go," Metcalf explains. He points out that the office is for all MTSU students. "We don't serve just black students or minority students," he says.

The office also provides opportunities for students to get involved as volunteers. Biggers says there is always a need for volunteers since mentees can use more than one mentor. Interested students should contact Ralph Metcalf, Colby Biggers or Secretary Sherrie Murray at Multi-Cultural Affairs at ext. 2987.

"It's not an easy job," Biggers says. "But in the end it will pay off." ●

Diet 7-Up is not just for gasoline anymore

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Jason Young

My mother is great. I really do love her a bunch, but she has this thing about timing that amazes me. Example: My parents took me to an Italian restaurant for my birthday and on the way to the

restaurant my loving mother informed me that she was worried about my fat intake.

I really appreciate my mother's concern for me, but that was like telling a guy that there was an obnoxious zit on his forehead right before picking up a super model for a night on the town.

After my lunch with the family, I started to consider my own state of health. I tried to put on my pants without holding my breath and found the source of the pain that made me feel like I was slowly being cut into two pieces: my pants had shrunk!

In order to compensate for the reduction in my pant size, I decided to (gasp) attempt to curve my eating habits. I have done this before and usually wind up starving myself for a couple of hours then consuming an entire box of Little Debbie snack cakes. Not this time. Not since I discovered the secret to successful dieting. That one secret is, simply, Diet 7-Up. Well, okay it may not be the missing link to a slender waist line but it makes me feel better.

The reason I am so hyped about Diet 7-Up is the fact that it doesn't taste like Gasoline anymore (don't ask how I know gas tastes bad).

Seriously, the other night I was in my dieting state of mind when the time came to purchase a carbonated beverage from our illustrious vending machines here on campus. I remembered the last time I purchased a Diet 7-Up and it tasted like regular 7-Up with a secret chemical that had been added to make it taste horrible. This particular night the machine was out of Diet Pepsi and there was no way I could "let myself go" and take in all the sugar a regular 7-Up. So, I opted for a Diet 7-Up.

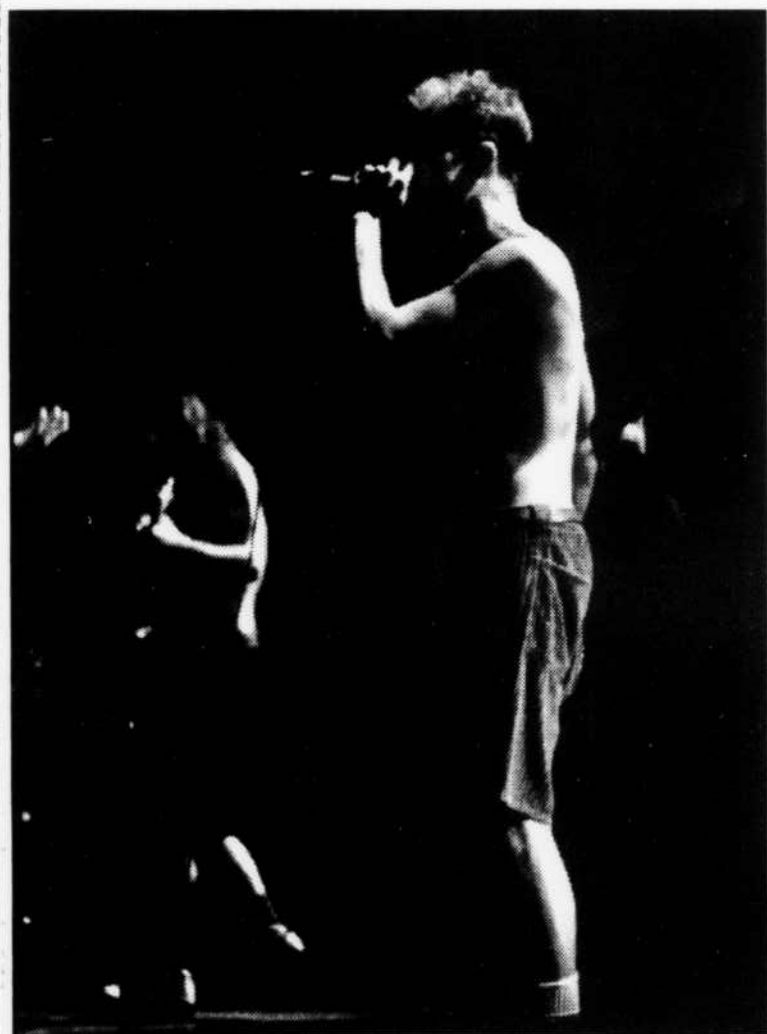
Pinching my nose as I consumed the beverage, I noticed that it tasted pretty darn good. I mentioned the great new taste to Kris Wetzel, our wonderful news editor, and the conversation went like this:

Me: Kris, this Diet Sprite tastes great!
Wetzel: You're drinking a Diet 7-Up, Jason.
Me: Oh, this Diet 7-Up tastes great!
Wetzel: (Continues typing)
Me: Kris?
Wetzel: (Continues typing)

Now that I have seen the wonderful leaps and bounds made in the dieter's world, I am sure I can drop those extra pounds that keep bending the metal/plastic swivel chairs located all over campus. I'm serious, there is a chair in the Mass Communications building that looks really bad. It's like someone said, "Hey, this chair looks like it is in pain, I think I'll do some jumping jacks on it!" Thanks to my wonderful mother and Diet "Try this drink it really isn't jet fuel" 7-Up, I will be able to sit in any chair without hesitation.

But what about those people who can't find proper seating due to weight problems? Diet 7-Up probably can't solve everyone's weight problem and I don't see reinforced steal chairs as a reasonable answer. No, this problem is of a personal nature, much like the smell of a person's feet after walking around campus wearing leather shoes on hot and humid day without any socks. A personal problem like a zit in the middle of a certain young man's forehead before he goes to pick up a super model for a night on the town. A personal problem like the amount of fat a young man eats at an Italian restaurant on his birthday. ●

New 311 at best when played loudly Rockers play aggressively without aggression



Brian G. Miller/staff

Lead vocalist of 311, Nick Hexum, at 328 Performance Hall in Nashville last Wednesday.

By Jason Young/staff

"We decided to call our new release 311 because we feel it's the best example of who we are as a band and how we've evolved into a whole," says 311 lead vocalist Nick Hexum.

311 has covered a lot of territory since their inception: the band played their first gig opening for Fugazi in 1990, has put out one album per year since 1993 and tours almost nonstop, selling out clubs and theaters nationwide thanks to a massive grassroots fanbase they've cultivated over the years.

For their work, it can be said that 311 have created a solid record that comes at listeners with power. The band plays with a ferocity that is reminiscent of early Red Hot Chili Peppers. The Omaha-raised, Los Angeles-based quintet joined forces with producer/mixer Ron St. Germain (Soundgarden, Living Colour) on this disk.

The music is tight and aggressive, but these guys are not following the "aggression = anger" mentality. "We're not an angst-ridden band," Hexum declared. "Our shows are intense and hard-hitting, but it's a festive vibe. The overall feeling is one of celebration."

"Our first record was titled MUSIC (1993)," Hexum said. "Simply put, our goal was to take rap and make it musical. We called the second one GRASSROOTS (1994) mainly because we wanted to grow up slowly, the right way, from the ground level up."

On the latest release the lyrics are performed in a rap style, but the music, aside

from an occasional record scratch, is a hard hitting eclectic mix of reggae, rock, funk and rap. In other words: No Sampling.

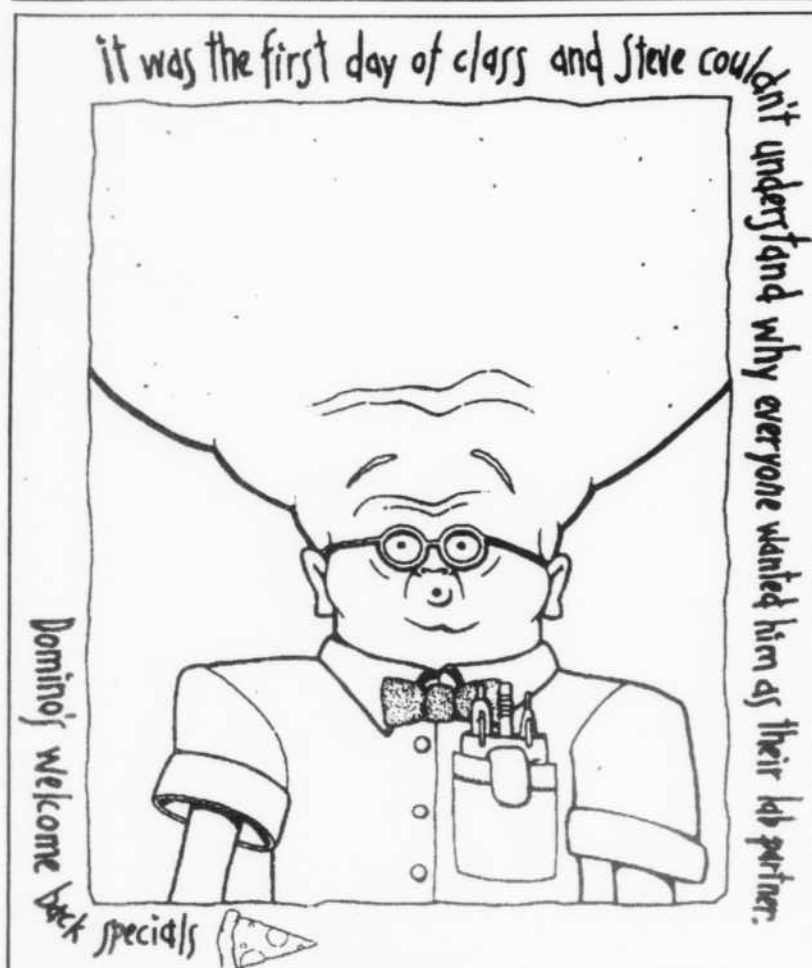
The first single from the disk, "Don't Stay Home," is brought to the video screen by director Mark Kohr and was filmed on location in Long Island. The band also has a single, "Outside," that is featured on the New Line Cinema Soundtrack for National Lampoon's film "Senior Trip."

The band members admit freely that their present hometown of Los Angeles- where they have lived since 1992- has also become an important facet of 311's musical identity. Not surprising, since the band is often tied-in with the surf/skate/snowboard scene, a culture that is closely associated with the California lifestyle. Nevertheless, 311 seem to draw their fanbase from many different walks of life. "Our audience is pretty much a bunch of people just like ourselves; meaning they don't fit into any specific category," Hexum says. "You can find a little bit of everything at our shows."

Speaking of the live shows, if you missed 311 Wednesday at 328 Performance Hall, or feel like a reason to take a rode trip to Knoxville, they will be playing at the Electric Ballroom tonight.

For the effort put into this disk, it is worth an open minded listen. It debuted on Billboard's Top 200 at #56 and Album Network's Alternative Retail debuts 311 at #17.

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Sound reasoning: record reviews

By Keith Harrison/
College Press Service

These two soundtracks are as different in approach and content as the films that spawned them-yet both hit the mark more often than they miss.

The movie "Clueless" is a happy-go-lucky romp, a big, splashy star vehicle for Alicia Silverstone that is designed with summer fun as priority number one. The soundtrack follows suit: Jam-packed with alternative music's superstars (as oxymoronic as that term should be), this disc shimmers with bright pop and winking irony. Those looking to save the world with a song need not apply; the goal here is serious fun, and for the most part it works.

On a disc filled with relatively new bands and artist, it's the music-biz veterans in Cracker who deliver the standout track. Bandleader David Lowery wipes that smirk off his face long enough to bang out a driving cover of Flamin' Groovies' "Shake Some Action."

But the guys in Cracker aren't the only folks playing other people's music on this disc. Four of the 14 songs are covers, which exposes one of those funny rules about remaining "pure" in the alternative rock world.

Contributing a song to a popular movie's soundtrack might cost your band some hipster brownie points, so it's best to keep your tongue planted firmly in cheek and cover an old song-preferably a goofy old song-so everyone knows that your sense of irony remains intact. Hence, the usually snarling Muffs play cute with "Kids in America," a fine guilty pleasure that was first served up by the long-forgotten Kim Wilde.

Unfortunately, the other two covers don't fare as well. World Party checks in with an utterly redundant take on Mott the Hopples' "All the Young Dudes." And Counting Crows' acoustic version of the Psychedelic Furs' "The Ghost in You" (from a '93 radio concert) suffers from melodramatic vocals.

But there's plenty of other fun stuff here, particularly Velocity Girl's dreamy "My Forgotten Favorite," rapper Coolio's "Rollin' With My Homies," and a remixed version of Luscious Jackson's vibrant "Here." A rare dud from the Beastie Boys and an attack of terminal chirpiness from the annoying Supergrass mar the proceedings a bit, but overall this disc provides a solid collection of today's alternative pop.

While the "Clueless" film and soundtrack are all sunshine and light, the makers of "Kids" have a different goal in mind. This film purports to give a provocative look at the dangers of real teen life, so it should come as no surprise that its soundtrack is as dark and edgy as the "Clueless" disc is radio friendly. And in place of the parade of hot acts featured on "Clueless," the "Kids" disc is practically a one-man effort, with Sebadoh's Lou Barlow guiding nine of the 13 tracks.

Performing in Sebadoh and two side projects, called Folk Implosion and Deluxx Folk Implosion, Barlow turns out some eerie, hypnotic, and thoroughly captivating music. "Daddy Never Understood" careens along like "Goo"-era Sonic Youth, complete with screeching guitar effects. "Nothing Gonna Stop," meanwhile, settles into a

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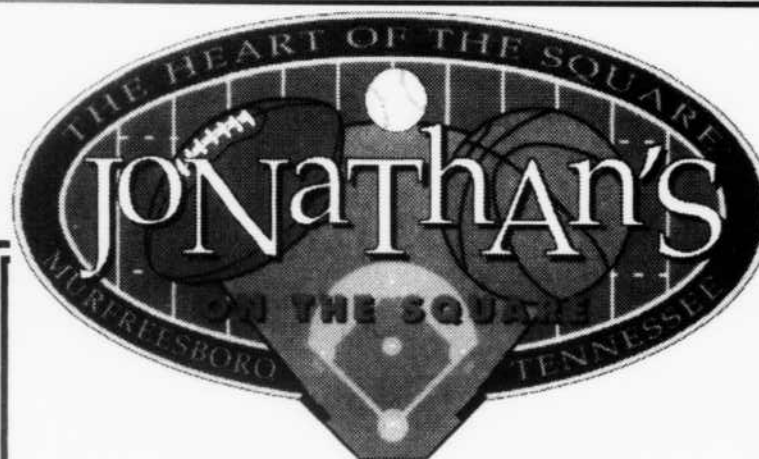
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Money 101: Before leasing a new car, read the fine print

By Christy Heady/
College Press Service

The automobile industry is after you. Touting "low monthly payments with little to no money down," car dealers are aiming to make a bundle off of the younger generation with their proposed low-cost leasing programs.

The idea of turning in your car to get a new one every two or three years has caught on in a big way. Only, if you don't do your homework, you could get taken for a ride.

Leasing a car today may appear to be the cheapest way to get behind the wheel, but it's loaded with mathematical schemes you may not understand. In the past, leasing was something the corporate big wigs did, but now you're the key customer. So how popular has leasing become? Today 27 out of every 100 new car deals is a lease, up from 3 out of 100 in 1985. In 1994, leases expired on 2.5 million vehicles in the United States.

Why the big growth? Automobile prices are going up. The average car cost last year was \$18,200 and not many people can afford to plunk down a wad of dough on a new car-especially when that person is saving to pay tuition, room and board. So it seems to be cheaper to get into a leased vehicle.

You have a couple of choices when the lease expires:

- You can walk away from the car and owe nothing. That's called a "closed-end lease;" however, in some states, this type of leasing arrangement is illegal.

- You can buy the car when the lease expires and have lower monthly payments, but you may end up paying more for the car than if you were to have bought it.

How? Let's say your dealer figures out how much your car will be worth at the end of the lease, perhaps in three or four years. That's called the residual value or buyout price. Only some car dealers calculate the buyout price based on two or three years' use instead of four or five, which ultimately benefits the dealer. The reason: A car can depreciate up to 10 percent the moment you drive it off the lot and then another 20 percent two or three years down the road. The younger the car, the higher the buyout price. If you get a five-year lease and the dealer has figured the value after two years, you'll have to pay more than you should to buy the car when the lease expires.

If you need a new set of wheels, you'll find out you have more options to choose from today than your parents ever did. Since you'll buy many cars in your lifetime, you need to know how much you really are paying. ●

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trance-inducing groove, with distorted vocals rising out of a murky mix.

The few tracks that don't feature Barlow maintain the disc's offbeat, scruffy edge. Daniel Johnston's "Casper" wheezes along in the fine punky pop tradition of the Modern Lovers, while a throbbing bass line gives menace to Lo-Down's rap "Mad Fright Night."

For music fans seeking an alternative to what passes for alternative rock these days, the "Kids" soundtrack is a good place to start. ●

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Ripken's milestone, Caray save baseball

Before last Wednesday I was having a difficult time generating any sense of nostalgia from America's National Pastime.

Considering the strike of a year ago, the nasty finger-pointing from

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Joel Frey

individuals on both sides of the issue, and that baseball fans everywhere were cheated out of a World Series, admittedly, the game I followed with such zeal as a youngster was losing its appeal.

(It did not help much either that my favorite

team resides in Detroit)

Anyhow, personal problems aside, I could not even remember the last time I had actually sat down in front of the TV and viewed an entire game.

Then came last Wednesday.

In case any of you are still recovering from an ill-fated happy hour from some local bar, Baltimore Oriole shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr. played in his 2,131st consecutive game, surpassing the iron-man mark established by New York Yankee legend Lou Gehrig.

Indeed it was a magical moment; and one which the sport desperately needed to help repair its fallen image in the eye of the public.

I mean, who in their right mind did not get a sudden rush of excitement when Ripken slammed a fourth inning solo home run into the Baltimore sky on the night he was breaking one of baseball's most impressive records?

Since Ripken's accomplishment, my fervor for the game somewhat restored, I've tried to place new light on an issue concerning the game which has outright annoyed me.

Until Wednesday, I was not at all excited about pennant races that did not exist, in either league, unless you were concentrating on the trials and tribulations of slightly better than average teams like the Royal, Mariners, Rockies, Astros, and oh did I forget the Brewers and Phillies?

Unlike every other professional sport, baseball used to be pure in that every game in the regular season was critical towards post-season play. In other words, there were no points for second place.

Now, in a vain effort to make TV revenue (that will not exist a month from now when no one tunes into watch the Braves or Indians pummel one of the lucky losers into submission), baseball has found it necessary to add a new round of play-offs.

Before Wednesday night this really irritated me.

Now I suddenly find myself a fan of the Chicago Cubs.

Why the Cubs?

Well, as far as I am concerned if there has to be a sacrificial lamb in the National League race, a couple of the games might as well be played at Wrigley Field with a sloshed Harry Caray doing play-by-play for WGN Radio.

Although it won't be me, it will give me a bit of satisfaction knowing some lucky college student will be skipping an afternoon class in order to sit in the right field bleachers, soaking in the rays, desperately seeking the beer guy, while at the same time getting to see Mark Grace slap a double down the line.

To me that is baseball pure and simple and I don't think it's done better anywhere than at Wrigley. Go Cubbies!

What about the AL? Who cares? If there isn't a post-season game to be played in Detroit on the corner of Michigan and Trumbull Ave., I'll just hope for a tie and another chance to hear Caray sing "Take me out to the Ballgame." ●

Raider rally falls short in 34-26 Georgia Dome loss

By TONY ARNOLD/staff

Sometimes it's better to be good than lucky. Other times it's better to be lucky than good. Saturday afternoon in Atlanta, Georgia Southern was just enough of both as the Eagles held off a furious rally by MTSU to capture a 34-26 win in the Eagle Classic held in the Georgia Dome.

"It was your typical Georgia Southern, Middle Tennessee football game," commented Eagle mentor Tim Stowers. "I told our kids that any time these two teams get together, it'll go down to the last snap."

And as GSU slot back Dexter Dawson commented "he (Stowers) could be a fortune teller" as indeed the game went to the final snap. However, at the half, it was the least thing any one of the 9,529 fans expected. According to MTSU coach Boots Donnelly, it was perhaps his most embarrassing moment as a coach as his troops left the field shell-shocked and behind 34-3.

"It was probably as an embarrassing half of football as I've ever seen in my 17 years at Middle Tennessee State," Donnelly said. "We were awful. I would have been disappointed if we hadn't come back and made a game of it."

Middle trailed only 7-3 mid-way through the first quarter and was seemingly holding its own. The Raiders young defense was maintaining Georgia Southern's potent wish-bone attack but in the waning moments, it looked like a baptism by fire.

Within the reaming 6:50 of the half, Georgia Southern seemingly got every break and made the most of every opportunity. MTSU meanwhile seemed helpless and stunned while giving up 27 points.

"To win games you need to get some breaks and it seemed we couldn't get any," admitted Donnelly. "But we also didn't execute and we had our opportunities, but instead we gave up some big plays."

It started with a 63-yard pass from Charles Bostic to Andra Rogers.

On the following play of MTSU's possession, Shelby Parker's pass ricocheted off of Demetric Mostiller and a GSU defender into the hands of Brancis Williams. Five plays later, Dawson sprinted into the end zone from 2-yards out.

Parker was intercepted again on the next possession and the third touchdown of the quarter for the Eagles was set up after Chad Holmes was vying for the end zone when an MTSU tackle sent the ball flying. An MTSU defender decided to try and scoop the ball up instead of falling on it and a bad bounce left the ball at the 2-yard line where Bostic took it in on the following play.

And the lucky bounces weren't done yet for on the ensuing kickoff, the ball was unintentionally kicked right at an MTSU lineman where it landed right back in the Eagles hands with seconds remaining. As the clock expired Kenny Robinson released a hail-mary pass that found its way through several Raider defensive backs and into the hands of Marlow Warthen for a touchdown.

"You don't see that play work very often but it's something we've practiced for hours and it paid off," Stowers commented.

Donnelly, on the other hand was less enthused.

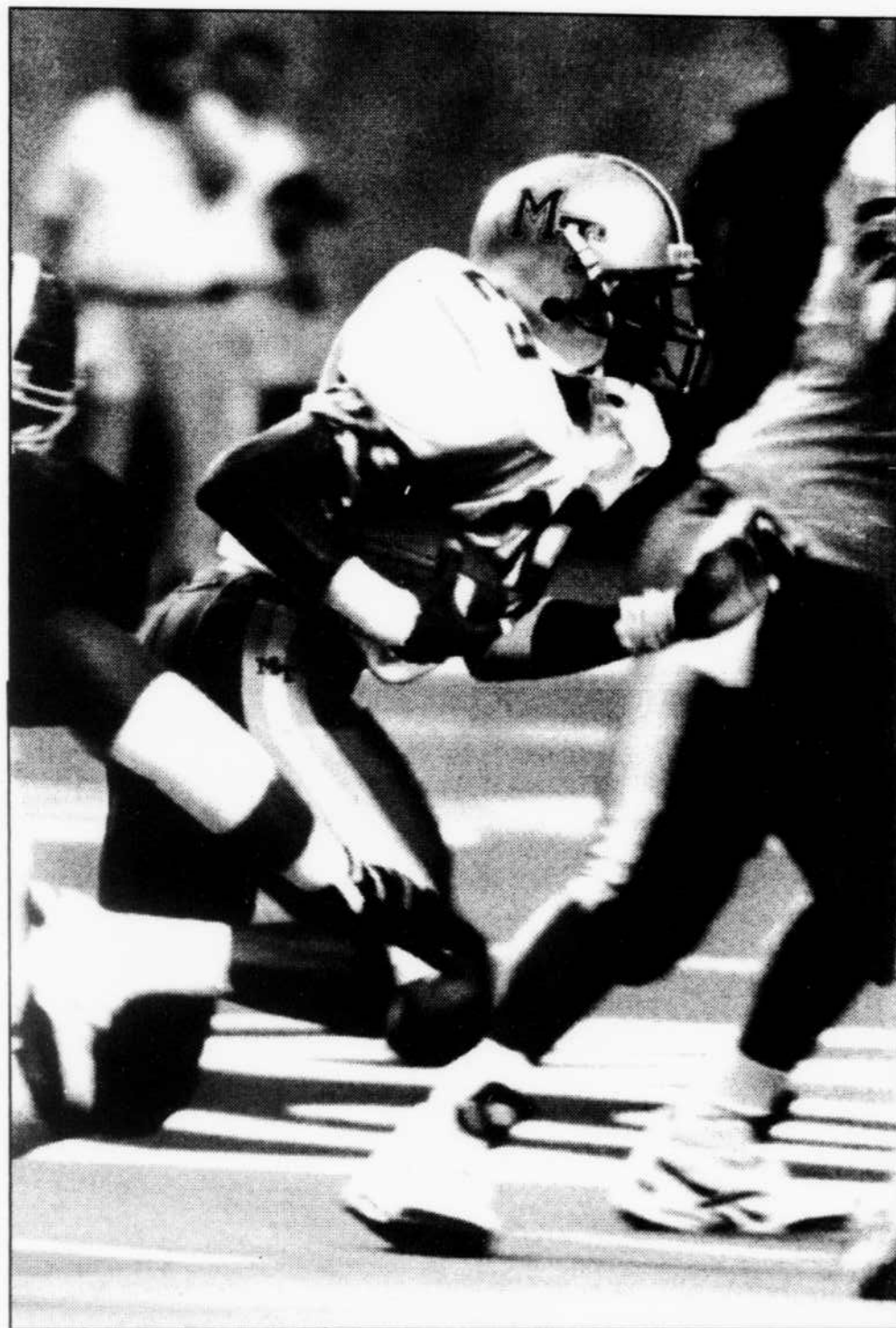
"There is no reason for that play to work. They get in behind our secondary and take it right in."

The second half, however, saw a new and improved MTSU team. Jonathan Quinn took over the reigns for Parker and mounted a tremendous comeback while the defense sucked it up and held Georgia Southern scoreless.

Quinn tossed touchdown passes of 26, 67, and 42 yards to Mostiller, ran in a two point conversion and passed for another to bring the Raiders within eight with 4:25 remaining.

"This game certainly gave me a great boost of confidence," Quinn said. "I was real hard on myself after the Tennessee State game because I hadn't played as well as I can."

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Brian G. Miller/staff

Looking for daylight

Senior tailback Brigham Lyons goes for positive yardage against Georgia Southern Saturday at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The Raiders were behind by 31 points at the half, and were one play away from a potential tying touchdown at the end of the game.

Lady Raiders keep perfect record intact with victory at Kent Invitational tourney

By BRANDY NICHOLE LAND/staff

The Lady Raider volleyball team increased its winning streak to seven consecutive matches this weekend at the Kent Invitational in Ohio.

The tournament championship brought the team's consecutive games winning streak to 20.

Middle's first opponent of the tournament, Towson State, did not put up much of a fight as the Lady Raiders won handily, 15-5, 15-4, and 15-7.

Sophomore Yanira Santiago had 20 kills and Junior setter Nidza Castillo had a total of 36 assists for the match. Tanya Maltes also played well, contributing a total of 23 digs to the winning effort.

On Saturday, the Lady Raiders

swept Robert Morris College by scores of 15-2, 15-10, and 15-2.

Once again, Santiago was one of the key players with 7 kills and 8 digs. Castillo continued to play well also, adding 27 assists, while Deb Anderson recorded 7 kills of her own.

The final game of the tournament was between MTSU and host team Kent State University, and once again the Lady Raiders blew away their opponent with wins of 15-10, 15-4, and 15-8.

Santiago remained dependable with 13 kills, while Castillo had 25 assists and 6 service aces in the championship match.

Santiago's 40 kills in the nine games of the invitational were good enough to earn her the Most Valuable Player award for the tournament.

"Yanira raises her personal level of play as the opponent increases theirs," said Lady Raider head coach Lisa Kissee.

Five members of the Lady Raider team were named to the all-tournament team. Nidza Castillo, Tanya Maltes, and Yanira Santiago were honored for their weekend performances, as were junior middle Susan Bishop and junior Deb Anderson.

Despite the impressive individual performances the Lady Raiders recorded over the weekend, coach Kissee contends that the team's successful performance is still a team effort.

"It takes everyone for all of this to happen and that is why we are doing so well," Kissee said.

The team will compete in their toughest challenge of the season this weekend as they travel to New Orleans to take part in the Tulane Invitational. MTSU will face Tulane, Nicholls State, Alabama, and Central Florida in the two-day tournament.

The Lady Raiders begin this season's Ohio Valley Conference competition September 22 and 23 when they will travel to face Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State University, respectively.

The next home match for the squad will be September 29 when they will host UT-Martin. All home matches are held at Murphy Center, and admission is free with a student ID. ●

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

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	Vandy at Notre Dame			Tulsa at Texas A&M	
	Tenn. Tech at Samford			APSU vs. Western Ky.	
	Arkansas at Alabama			Colo. St. at Air Force	
	NC State at Florida St.			TSU at Fla. A&M	
	Michigan at Boston Coll.			Ga.Southern at Marshall	
	Oregon at UCLA			Columbia at Harvard	

Congratulations!

Oops! I accidentally put down this Saturday's Nebraska game last week, so everyone got a win for that one no matter who you picked.

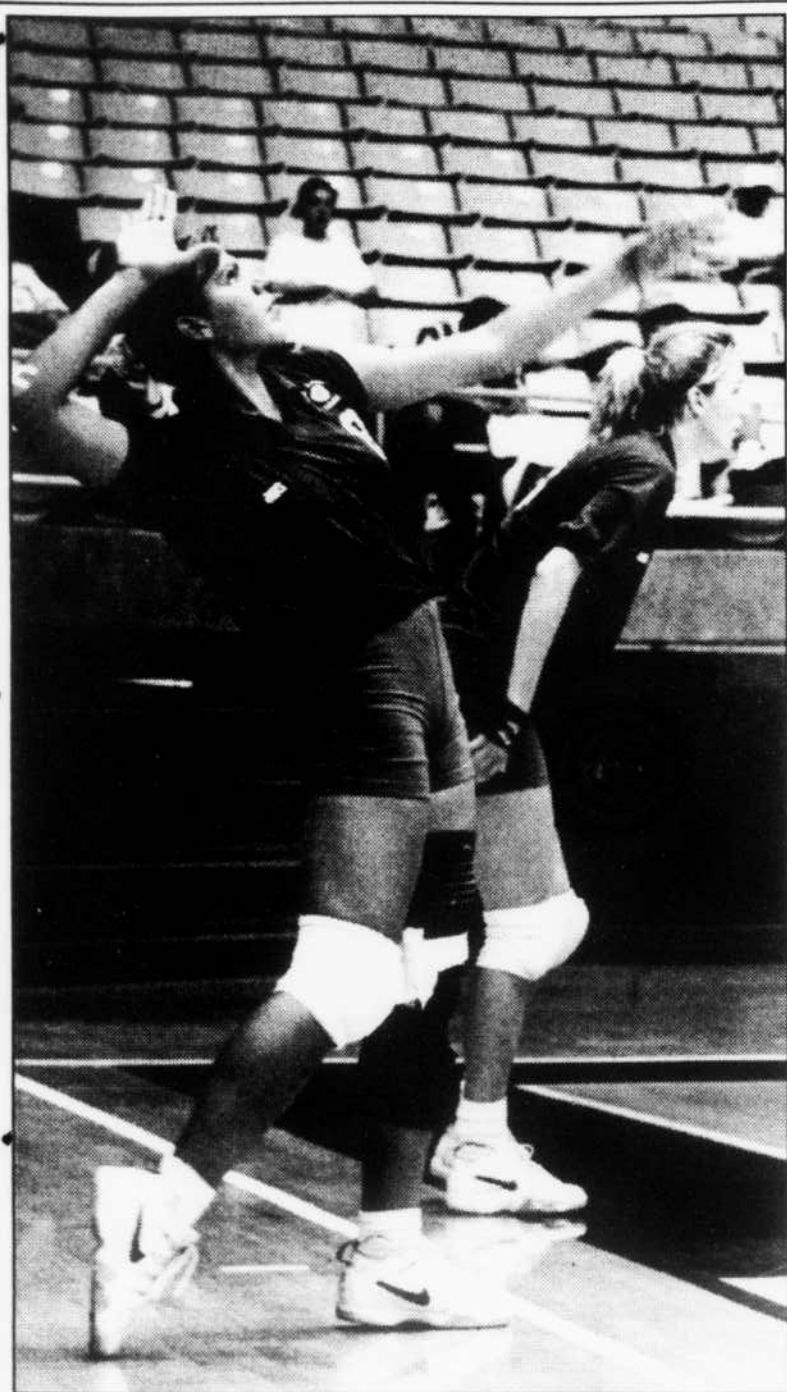
Mark Owens and Lee Eaton tied for the number one spot for week one.

Remember, the winner will be the person with the best overall record at the end of the season, so be sure to send in your entry every week.

TOP PICKERS	W - L
Mark Owens	15-1
Lee Eaton	15-1

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Todd Sorum/staff

Going for the ace

Sophomore Yanira Santiago was named the most valuable player of this weekend's Kent Invitational volleyball tournament. The Lady Raider outside hitter had 40 kills for the tournament.

O'Meara gets second 1995 win in Canadian Open playoff

By HARRY ATKINS/
Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) — Hard-charging Mark O'Meara played mistake-free golf in a stirring match with his friend Bob Lohr, winning the Canadian Open when Lohr bogeyed the first playoff hole Sunday.

It was the second PGA Tour victory of the season for the unflappable O'Meara, who shot a bogey-free, final-round 67 for 14-under-par 274 at Glen Abbey Golf Club in the suburbs of Toronto.

Lohr, who took a three-stroke lead into Sunday's fourth round, had three bogeys in his round of 70, but birdied three of the final four holes to force the playoff. Two of Lohr's bogeys came in a three-hole stretch of the five valley holes, where O'Meara charged into a three-stroke lead with five holes to play.

The playoff began on No. 18, a 508-yard, par-5. Lohr, using a fairway wood, hit his second

shot into the pond that guards the green. O'Meara, playing it safe, laid up and hit a wedge within 25 feet of the pin with his third shot.

Lohr's attempt to save par from about 28 feet curled below the cup. O'Meara then hit a nice lag putt and got down in two for the 10th triumph of his career which began in 1981.

Their closest pursuers included defending champion Nick Price, Hal Sutton, Bob Tway and Andrew Magee. But they might as well have been playing on another planet. All the action involved O'Meara and Lohr, whose lone tour victory came in the 1988 Disney Classic.

O'Meara, who won the Honda Classic in March, has a history of closing fast. He earned more than half of the \$214,070 he took home in 1994 during the final two months of the season. The \$234,000 winner's share of the \$1.3 million purse Sunday hiked his 1995 earnings to \$780,729. ●

Sampras tops Agassi to capture U.S. Open

By STEVE WILSTEIN/
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Knuckles bleeding, aces knifing through the whipping wind, Pete Sampras outlasted Andre Agassi to capture a third U.S. Open title Sunday and gain the No. 1 ranking in the esteem of his greatest rival, if not the rankings themselves.

Sampras spilled blood diving for a volley, rocked Agassi with 24 aces, and when they engaged in the most crucial baseline rallies beat the defending champion at his own game to win 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, two months after taking his third straight Wimbledon.

Right down to the end, when Sampras served his 142nd ace of the tournament at 120 mph, he put on brilliant show of his power, control and resilience under pressure that he dedicated to his absent and ailing coach, Tim Gullikson.

"That's for you, Timmy," Sampras said to the television camera, knowing Gullikson was watching back home in suburban Chicago. "Wish you were here."

One point, a magnificent rally of 22 shots that sent them both scurrying from side to side, made all the difference in the first set and, ultimately, the match.

A backhand crosscourt by Sampras ended that rally, broke Agassi and closed out a set in which Agassi had yielded only two points in his first four service games.

It was a game that showed both the best of Sampras and the worst of Agassi, with a little luck thrown in. Sampras reached his first break point with a forehand return that clipped the net cord and trickled over out of Agassi's reach. Agassi's service winner brought it back to deuce, but he went to break-point again when he clubbed an easy overhead 10 feet long.

Agassi thought he'd even it up again when he got Sampras running desperately in a baseline duel. Instead, it was Sampras who put away that

last shot of the longest rally, and Agassi who could only stare at it and hang his head.

Agassi, who came in with a 26-match winning streak, scrambled back in the third set, capitalizing on Sampras' suddenly more erratic serves and breaking him for the first time in the third game. When Agassi broke Sampras again to close the set, it seemed for a few moments that he might finally wear him down, push him all the way to a fifth and raise this final to the level of the hype that preceded it.

"I thought I'd sneak my way into the fifth," Agassi said, "and roll the dice a little bit. But it didn't happen."

The swirling wind on a cool afternoon made it harder for Agassi, who counts on the timing of his groundstrokes. For Sampras, his serves cut right through the wind, and his volleys reduced the chances of the wind tossing his shots around.

Sampras bunched his aces, dealing out three in one game in the second set, four in the sixth game of the fourth set. He had aces on three of his last five serves.

Agassi blamed his own weariness as much as the wind for the loss, though he gave Sampras full credit.

"It's been a long summer," Agassi said. "I had a couple of days off after Boris, which helped me. In the first set, I felt my legs. ... It was way too early in the match to feel that way. I was lacking a little strength. I guess you could say I didn't have pep in my step."

"It was tough conditions today. It didn't lend itself to great tennis. You couldn't do enough with the ball. I didn't come near his serve in that fourth set. The problem is I didn't make him feel the pressure."

Sampras and Agassi have won seven of the last nine Grand Slam championships, missing out only on the 1993 and 1994 French Opens. ●

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DOMED: defense steps up

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Well was perhaps an understatement for Quinn's play as he finished the night 16-for-29 for 275 yards with the three touchdown tosses and one interception. But the interception was costly.

With 2:55 remaining in the contest, the Blue Raider defense held true forcing a punt after two impressive fourth down stands on the half.

Quinn promptly marched his troops down field and had the Raiders eyeing the end zone at GSU's 11 with less than a minute remaining. One attempt to Mostiller nearly threaded the needle in the corner of the end zone, but GSU's defender was able to barely tip the ball and it fell incomplete.

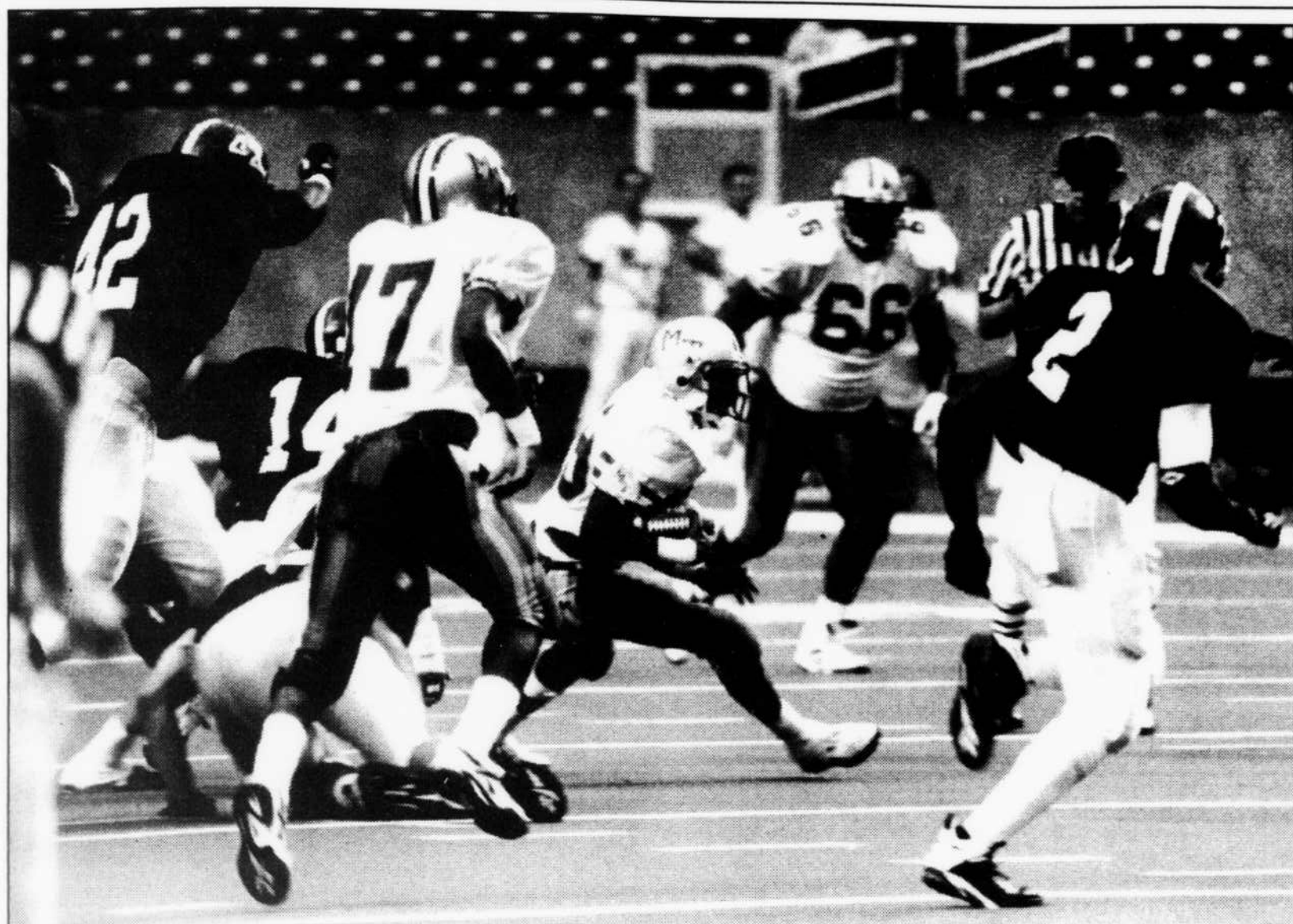
On the next snap, a deflected pass fell into the opposition's arms and the comeback fell short.

"That ball was deflected, but I still should have had it," said Mostiller. "That's football. It's a game of inches."

The Raiders tallied up 431 yards of offense to GSU's 432. MTSU fell to 1-1 on the season while Georgia Southern improved to 2-0.

"I'm not pleased in the least bit with our first half performance but all you can ask is to have a chance to win the game," Donnelly said. "We had a chance to win the game."

The Blue Raiders remain on the road next week as it takes its 1-0 OVC record to conference member Morehead State for a 6 p.m. kickoff. ●



Finding the holes

Brian G. Miller/staff

Blue Raider tailback Brigham Lyons cuts through the defense in Saturday's game versus Georgia Southern in Atlanta's Georgia Dome. Lyons had 13 carries for 57 yards in the Raiders' 34-26 loss. Middle will travel to Kentucky this weekend to face Ohio Valley Conference rivals Morehead State University.

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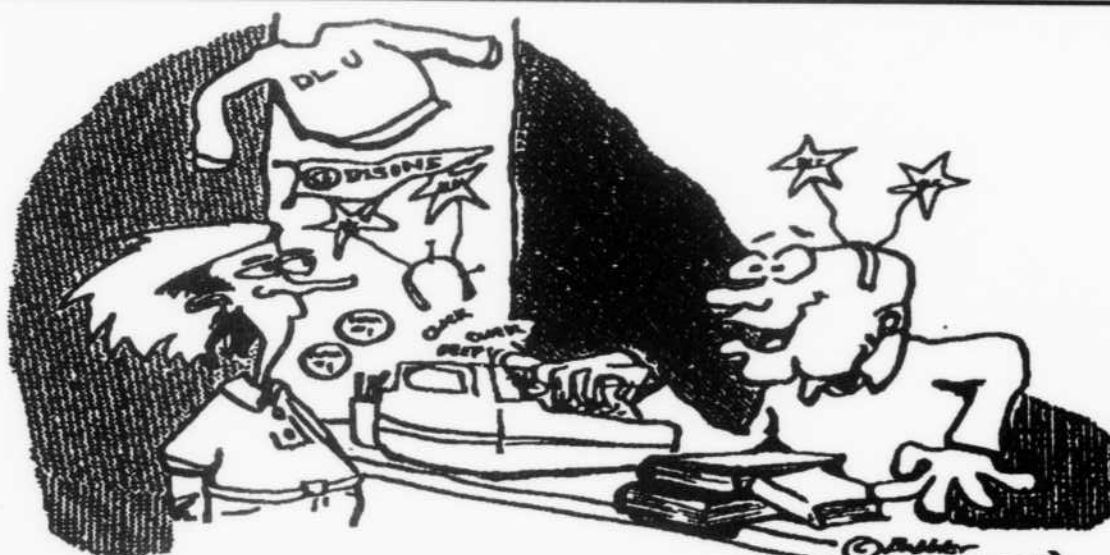
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Herbie the Husker to be replaced

By PAULA LEVIGNE and
TREVOR PARKS
College Press Service

LINCOLN, Neb.—His job was to excite fans on the sidelines, but the key to Herbie Husker's survival depended on whether he excited University of Nebraska fans in the stores.

This summer, UN athletic administrators announced their decision to replace the Herbie.

Chris Anderson, Director of Nebraska Sports Information, said the decision to replace Herbie was based on a survey of 900 season ticket holders and recruiting, marketing and public feedback.

Physical appearance, age, gender and racial issues made Herbie's popularity wane.

"People felt he was very outdated," Anderson said. "He was a misrepresentation of farming and agriculture."

Anderson said Herbie didn't sell, but representatives at local retail stores said sales showed otherwise.

Jim Cornell, general manager of Nebraska Bookstore, said Herbie sold on everything from coffee mugs to golf club covers.

After the announcement that Herbie's mascot days were over, Cornell said, sales at Nebraska Bookstore "shot through the roof."

"People are seeing them as collector's items," said Cornell of Herbie merchandise. "They'll still buy Herbie. He's still the mascot in the fan's eyes."

Nebraska fans, regardless whether they're nostalgic about Herbie, are encouraged to offer new mascot suggestions. Marketing Director Heidi Cuca said a committee was taking ideas from the public.

Cuca said the athletic department had an outline of what to look for in the new mascot.

"We're looking for something that's athletic; we're looking for something that's strong; we're looking for something that's powerful and can entertain," Cuca said. "We want something that will represent Nebraska well anywhere, whether it's New York City or Lexington, but we're kind of struggling."

Meanwhile, Herbie will continue to exist—off the field.

The department's research found Herbie appeals to children. He will greet people outside the stadium before football games and continue to be involved in youth activities, Papik said.

"Herbie's not dead." ●

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That does not compute

By Dave Barry/syndicated columnist

Welcome to Komputer Korner, the column designed for technological morons such as--no offense--you. We can safely assume that you're a "low-tech" individual, because you're reading this article in a newspaper, which is a primitive medium invented thousands of years ago by ancient Egyptians who wanted to be able to read Ann Landers.

If you were a modern, "high-tech" individual, you would not be getting your news this old-fashioned way. Instead, you'd simply go to your computer and "log on" via your "modem" to an "on-line service," which would instantaneously send you back an "electronic message" informing you that your account has been "suspended" because your 14-year-old son, "Robert," has been using it to "screw around." That's what happened to us here at Komputer Korner, which is why we still get our information from the newspaper. We especially enjoy reading articles about the national debt, because our son will have to pay it back.

But the point is that there is a Computer Revolution going on, and if you don't adapt to the changing climate, you will go the way of the dinosaurs, who became extinct almost overnight as a result of their inability to operate fax machines. This is similar to what is happening today, as the Information Age is rapidly turning us into a society that has two distinct and unequal classes of people: Those who own personal computers, and those who have several thousand extra dollars apiece. The choice is yours!

Of course, purchasing a computer can be confusing, which is why at this time we are going to answer your questions, using a question-and-answer format.

Q. What's the deal with Hugh Grant and Liz Hurley?

A. We mean your questions about computers.

Q. Oh. Which model of computer should I get?

A. The best computer for your specific needs is the one that will come on the market immediately after you actually purchase some other model. This is the key to computer ownership: There is always a newer, swoopier one coming out, and YOU NEED IT. That is why we here at Komputer Korner have owned a series of progressively advanced computer, including 286s, 386s and 486s.

Q. What do those numbers measure?

A. Our manhood.

W. What, specifically, should I look for when shopping for a computer?

A. You should look for a "Pentium" style

computer containing numerous "megs of RAM."

Q. What do these things mean?
A. Nobody has any idea, but everybody agrees that they are very desirable. You should stress them when dealing with the computer salesperson, so he or she will know that you are a knowledgeable consumer and not just some random idiot.

YOU: Is this a "Pentium" style computer?

SALESPERSON: Technically, that is a dehumidifier.

Q. Why do I need to purchase the very latest model of computer?

A. So you can run "Windows 95."

Q. What is that?

A. It is a hot new "software" item from the giant Microsoft Corp. that has the computer world so excited it is making cybervewee in its pants.

Q. Why is "Windows 95" such a big improvement over the old "Windows" software, which is currently being used on virtually every computer in the world and certain brands of toaster?

A. The problem with the old "Windows" software is that people, after years of intensive effort, are actually learning how to use it for some purpose other than playing electronic solitaire.

This means that some businesses are in serious danger of becoming productive and possibly competing with the giant Microsoft Corp. It was therefore necessary to come up with "Windows 95," which is actually nothing like the old "Windows," and which will therefore confuse everybody and cause the U.S. Economy to revert to the golden era wherein 93 percent of all business computing consisted of employees accidentally deleting each other's data.

Q. Are there some people whom you would like to mention in this column for no apparent reason?

A. Yes. They are Ken and Tita Ellis of Singapore.

Q. How does "E-mail" work?

A. It's very simple: Each person on the "Internet" has a unique E-mail "address" created by having a squirrel run across a computer keyboard, such as: "geekboogr2038rpm(!)rbi." When you wish to communicate with somebody, you simply put that person's address on your message, give the "send" command, and within seconds--no matter where in the world the addressee is--your message is being read by dozens of teenage "hackers," who are also using your VISA card number to purchase Hawaiian vacations. Don't try to stop them: They can also launch missiles.

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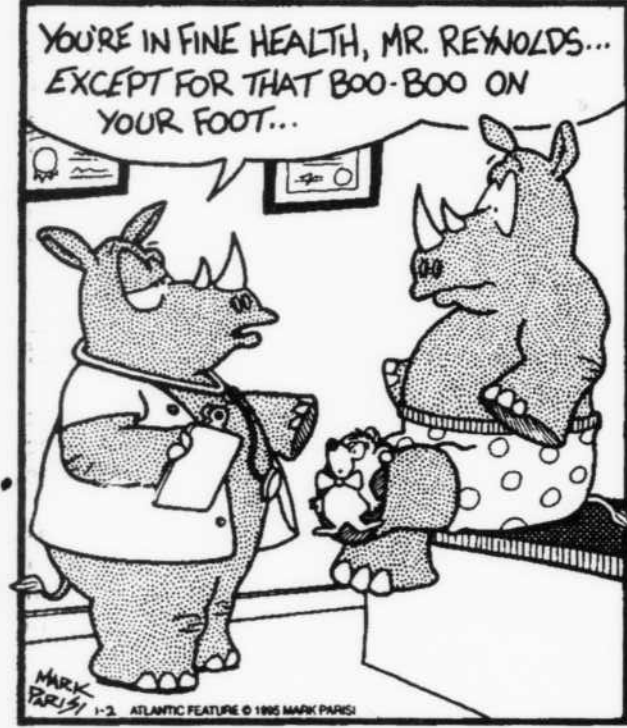
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Dave Barry

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

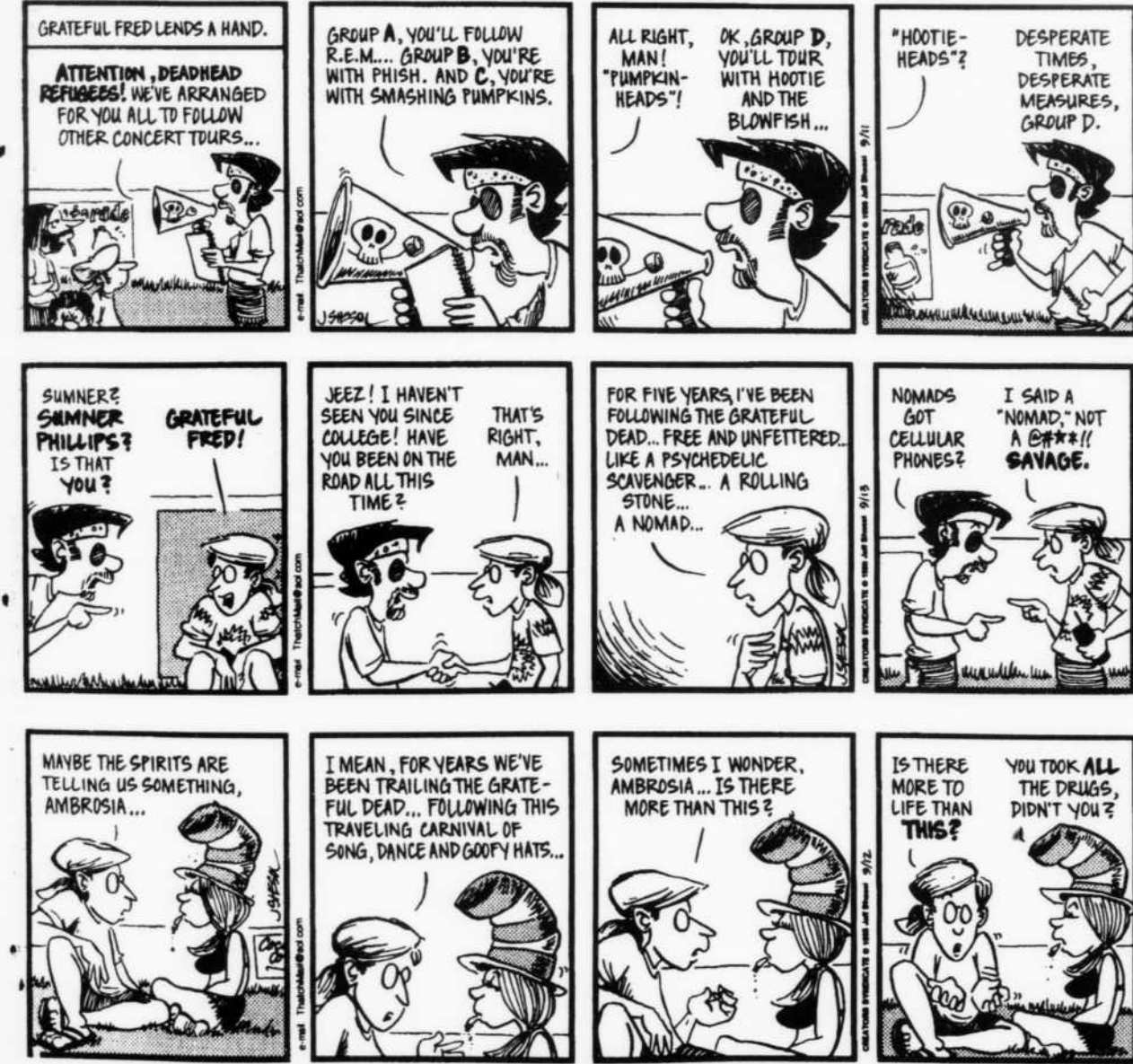


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Saturday

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8:30 a.m. Welcome
8:45 a.m. Icebreaker Activity
9:20 a.m. Determining your communication style- what is it and how can you work effectively with others who don't use the same style.
10:45 a.m. Speaking as a Leader -- What do you do with your voice? Do others take you seriously when you speak? Learn the correct way to project yourself when speaking
12:00 Luncheon
1:00 p.m. All work and No play makes Jack and Jill Dull. -- Life is more than just work. You must find time to take care of yourself and have some fun.
2:00 p.m. Writing a Personal Mission Statement
3:00 p.m. Conclusion

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