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## Tax laws change for GTAs

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
Staff Writer

Federal tax laws passed in 1986 will force graduate teaching assistants to pay income tax on money they receive as salaries and tuition waivers, officials said.

However, MTSU authorities said they are now assessing options to ease the burden on the GTAs — with the best option currently being to pay them a flat salary and not give GTAs free tuition, Jerry Tunstill, vice-president for business and finance, said.

"We are trying to figure out a solution so it won't be so hard on them," Mary Martin, graduate school dean, said. "We're trying to find anything which will make it more palatable."

A difference in viewpoint previously accounted for the lag in enforcement of the 1986 tax laws, Tunstill said.

"We were considering tuition remission as a scholarship which was non-taxable," Tunstill said, adding the IRS pointed out that the waiver was a payment for services.

"They were right, because we don't pay them unless they work," Tunstill said. "So we couldn't argue that point."

"We're hiring the graduate assistants to perform a service and are paying them part by salary and part by tuition remission," Tunstill said. "What we are going to do about it, we don't know yet."

Tunstill said if the waivers are still granted, most graduate assistants would have 20 percent taken from their checks.

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Michael Johnson/Staff

Firefighters respond to a call at Nottingham Apartments Tuesday. Four apartments in this student-oriented complex.

## 'Lost' time gets student help

By TARI E. STEJSKAL  
Special to Sidelines

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is the second in a series of articles dealing with alcohol and drug use by students. Alcohol Awareness Week will be celebrated Oct. 30-Nov. 4

She came to consciousness in a dark, smoke-filled bar. Desperately glancing around the strange place for a familiar face — just one — she panicked and furiously grabbed one of the many guys crammed into the bleak bar and asked him where she was. His disbelieving, condescending answer was: "You're kidding...you've been putting on one hell of a show all night...I never knew girls were this wild up in Tennessee."

Kim (not her real name), then an 18-year-old MTSU freshman, was in Mobile, Ala. Drunk, scared and confused, she headed to the bar and ordered her umpteenth beer.

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## Tuesday blaze, fire and smoke wreak havoc

By GARY BUCHANAN  
Lifestyles Editor

A maintenance worker soldering a copper pipe apparently started an Tuesday morning blaze that resulted in the destruction of four apartments in the Nottingham apartment complex on Greenland Drive.

Firefighters received the call at 9:08 a.m., and the fire was under control at 9:42 a.m., according to Murfreesboro Fire Department spokesman Billy Vinson.

Vinson said that the blaze required extra trucks for assistance.

"It was a large fire, we had more engine companies than we would normally for a one-alarm fire," Vinson said. "On the scene we had four pumpers and two aerials."

The fire restarted again Tuesday evening, according to Assistant Fire Chief James Fite, but that more damage was done.

Fire Chief David Baxter said that the cause of the morning fire is under investigation. "Inspectors are checking into the cause of the fire. A possible cause is a maintenance man working on the plumbing with a torch," Baxter said.

A Nottingham employee said that the worker was soldering a copper pipe in the bathroom of apartment D-17, when a spark hit the insulation in the wall, causing the fire. The employee said that the maintenance man had taken several precautions, such as dampening the insulation and pushing it away from the torch, but that a spark must have flown up and ignited it.

No action has been taken against the maintenance worker.

The result was damage to 13 three-bedroom apartments, with four of those a complete loss. "A total of four units were lost," said Baxter. "Two upstairs apartments were totaled by fire, and two downstairs apartments were water damaged." Baxter added that the "D" complex burned in 1979, totalling 13 units.

One of the upstairs apartments was occupied by two members of the MTSU women's volleyball team, according to volleyball coach Jim Luna.

Melissa Arms, a student assistant coach, and Cindy Snyder, a senior on the team, were two residents of the apartment. Luna arrived at the scene and described everything as "a complete loss." "Luckily, nobody was hurt, you can always replace clothes," Luna added.

The fire left about 50-70 students and residents with an uncertain future on where to live.

Jennifer Noe, Teresa Rogers, and Dawn Nickens lived in apartment D-15, directly below the blaze. Their apartment was destroyed by water damage, and the ceiling in the bathroom and den area caved in. They are now unsure of what they are going to do.

"Much of my clothes were ruined by the smoke and water, as were my bed, books, and my pictures," Noe said. "The things that weren't ruined will probably smell like smoke for a while."

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## Spring '89 enrollment figures up

By LUCAS JOHNSON, II  
Staff Writer

Undergraduate applications at MTSU for the spring semester have made a gradual increase of 7.35 percent from last year, along with graduate applications up 12.5 percent.

According to Rick Parrent, director of admissions, increase in enrollment is due to the "attractiveness that MTSU is generating."

"A second factor," said Parrent, "would be the unique academic classes that MTSU offers, not only to day enrolled students, but to night enrolled students as well."

Parrent also named as other important factors: the success of the recent Family Day, the announcement of athletic ball games on WMOT, MTSU's Public Relations Channel, and the work of the newsprint media.

"In a recent poll taken by the university," he said, "people who knew about MTSU were pleased by what they knew. Those people who didn't know anything about the university wanted to learn about it, and more."

He expects applications to continue to pick up as the year continues.

"The fact that MTSU has a lower tuition than many other universities is one major factor," said Parrent.

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# Suggestion to end Faculty Senate meetings sparks debate, instigates procedure change

By DEANNA KALAS  
Staff Writer

A motion to discontinue Faculty Senate meetings was rejected by the Senate Monday after a discussion during which one member said the meetings were "a waste of time."

Senate member Grady Butler agreed, saying "the faculty senate is like a lost child wandering in the wilderness." He also said no results came out of the meetings and that the senate is a non-entity.

Jan Hayes, former president of the senate, and senate member Stephen Lewis both disagreed. Hayes said she felt comfortable with the committee structure and did not want to get away from regular meetings. "I've never left a meeting feeling like I've gained zero," Lewis said. "We've got heaven on earth here, compared to some

other schools."

Senate member Jeanette Heritage made a motion to continue faculty senate meetings; however, she suggested a list of information be sent to members in the mail a few days ahead of time. The motion was seconded, and approved by all members.

Senators also discussed assistance to disabled students and the use of tape recorders during class discussions at the meeting.

John Harris of Handicapped Student Services told senators how his office can play a role in assisting both handicapped students and faculty. Harris said that many times a class will have a test, yet the professor does not know where to put the handicapped student in order to give him or her the test. He suggested that tests be sent to his office, where they will be kept secure

until given to the student. Harris also said some students need and will be provided with a reader and/or writer.

Harris also discussed students with learning disabilities.

"A learning disability is a difficult disability to deal with," he said. He explained that some students, because of the way they present themselves, may sound as if they are trying to get out of work when they tell professors they do not understand what is taught. Students

with learning disabilities must have written proof of disability from a psychologist.

Sondra Wilcox, president of the faculty senate, clarified MTSU policy concerning the use of tape recorders in classes. In response to an inquiry made to a senator from a student, Wilcox informed senators that the use of tape recorders is a matter of discretion for instructors, not university policy.

On Sept. 28 the faculty senate met with President

Sam Ingram to discuss the possibility of obtaining a ground-mounted satellite receiving dish for the school. The dish will cost an estimated \$10,000. Wilcox said Ingram seemed to support the idea.

This week Campus Security Chief Jack Drugmand and Jesse Warren, vice-president for administration, will be checking the university's campus lighting situation. It will be decided if more lights need to be added at certain locations.



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Nottingham relocated Noe and her two roommates to two one bedroom apartments on the grounds. "It's terrible, because we use one of the apartments to live in and one for storing all our damaged items," Noe said.

Rogers added that Nottingham officials informed her that they would not relocate them in a comparable three-bedroom apartment in the complex due to lack of available apartments.

Tammy Dot, manager of Nottingham apartments, and Charles Biter, representative of Continental Property Management, Inc., said that they have relocated several residents to hotels and other apartments on the grounds, and that they were in the process of cleaning smoke-damaged clothes.

"We are just trying to make a bad situation better for them," Biter said.

"Nottingham is doing the best they can, but it's not helping us any. We're crammed into this one-bedroom apartment and out a lot of money," Rogers said.

Noe said that she was told that it would take three months to restore their apartment, and that until then the outlook was not too bright. She was told that it would be several weeks before any housing could be made available. She wants to remain at Nottingham, because she is tired of the hassles of moving.

Rogers and Dickens, however, plan to move and are "never coming back." They said that they are scared of the thought of another fire.

The American Red Cross and fellow students were at the scene Tuesday to provide much needed assistance. Students shuffled from apartment to apartment helping residents move furniture and personal belongings away from the oncoming fire.

Chief Baxter and the residents credited the Red Cross for their assistance.

"They were out here most of the day and offered us food and a place to stay," Noe said. "They gave us a bag of essential items we would need for the next few days, too."

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The staff of *Collage* thanks all those who submitted work. Winners will be notified as to when to pick up their art and photography. Others may pick up their entries beginning today. All fiction and poetry entries will be returned through campus mail. The fall issue of *Collage* will be distributed on Election Day, November 8. Watch this space for details on *Collage* "In Person."





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Greg Cannon

## 'Undecided' freshman has concerns for environment, political prisoners

By TRACEY RIEDLE  
Staff Writer

Freshman Greg Cannon, 18, an undeclared major, embraces a variety of experiences in his first semester at MTSU.

A Murfreesboro native, Cannon said he has mixed feelings about the city's growth.

"It was like a dot that grew tentacles and started eating away at the land," Cannon said.

He said that especially around where he lives, the woods and fields have been replaced by housing complexes and industrial developments. Cannon said it concerns him when the environment starts hurting people.

He is taking 14 hours and enjoys his English, philosophy and geology courses. Cannon doesn't fool around when it comes to studying.

"Some people come to college to have fun. If you want to have a good time, go to Florida or Jamaica. Don't come to college and fail all your classes. Go on vacation," he said.

In his spare time, Cannon likes to practice guitar, draw sketches, and write.

"Music comes naturally to me, and I like writing and art."

An avid nature seeker, he also loves to go caving.

"It's like underground mountain climbing," he said. One

of his favorite spots is Snail Shell Cave, about 10 miles from Murfreesboro.

Cannon is a member of Amnesty International, an organization on campus that works for the release of prisoners of conscience across the world.

"It's a worthwhile cause, because Amnesty works. We're writing letters to governments and the magistrates of prisons. It works. People are released, because we install so much fear into these people."

Cannon said that he felt his rights were violated once when he was searched at a convenience market. He said he was searched because of his long hair.

Cannon wears an ankh on a sterling silver chain around his neck.

"It's the Egyptian symbol of eternal life. People will buy anything. I just wear it because it's neat."

Cannon also wears a quartz crystal on a chain, but he said he's not into new age spiritualism.

"I like the way the crystals look," he said.

"I try not to be too materialistic. Think about Hickory Hollow Mall. I mean, it's just this little blob in the middle of a valley. You know, everytime I go to Hickory Hollow, I wonder, 'What would this place look like in ruins?'"

## Funding on track for MC equipment

By LISA NEWTON  
News Editor

The purchase of more than \$4.6 million worth of equipment and furniture for the new Mass Communication building is on its way to legislative approval.

The money for the equipment has been approved by the State Board of Regents (SBR) and the next stop for approval is the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), according to Charles Pigg, director of campus planning and construction for MTSU.

The equipment is the top priority on this year's capital outlay document. This document is an annual five-year planning report that each SBR institution must submit. It names projects being recommended for funding in the next fiscal year.

If THEC approves the proposal, it then goes to the Department of Finance and Administration, where they have the responsibility to submit a budget to the governor.

If the department passes and submits the appropriations, the governor may then pass or reject the plan.

Should the governor pass the plan, it will be submitted to the Tennessee legislature for approval. They meet in January, 1989.

Three major components of the equipment list are as follows: television labs (4) and installation, \$2,685,000; recording studio A and installation, \$625,000; audio-visual systems for lecture halls/classroom and installation, \$590,000.

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Sigma Delta Chi members Tom Cribbs and Jeff Allen serve their third place chili to some of the 400 students and others who attended the annual chili cook-off.

#### GTAs from page 1

"But if we go on a pay plan many students may not have anything withheld," Tunstill said, explaining the amount withheld would vary from student to student depending upon their exemptions.

Some administrators expressed hope, with reservations, that the total paid to the GTAs might rise a little with the new plan.

"There would be no loss (of money received), hopefully a little gain, but I don't know," Robert Corlew, vice-president for academic affairs, said.

As it stands now, a probable solution would be to add the money the GTAs receive from their stipends and tuition

waivers. This would become a flat salary to be paid over the entire semester.

However, everyone involved in the process emphasized nothing is finalized yet. Each university vice-president is looking at his or her respective graduate assistants and making recommendations on the salary to be paid.

But Tunstill said the discontinuance of the tuition waiver is the best solution available at this time.

"Barring some decision elsewhere which presents a solution which looks more attractive," the new pay plan will be implemented, Tunstill said.

## Chili-chomping crowd chows big on cowboy fare and rock 'n' roll

#### From Staff Reports

More than 400 people paid tribute to the spirit of the cowboys as they gathered on a dirt floor to sample the food of the west and listen to Walk the West during Wednesday night's "Ocktoberfeast" Chili Cook-Off.

Walk the West entertained the chili-chomping crowd while a multitude of chefs fed them. ASB President Harry Hosey called the event, part of the week's homecoming festivities, "better than I could have hoped for."

This was the second year for the cook-off, which was moved from Cannonsburgh to the Tennessee Livestock Pavilion. Despite the fact that alcohol was not allowed, since the pavilion is on campus, Hosey said the decision was a good one.

"The choice between Cannonsburgh and the pavilion was between beer and electricity," Hosey said. "We chose electricity."

Miller and Loughry, a local insurance firm, won first place. Their chili was based on a "secret recipe," according to Libby Jones, a bookkeeper with the firm.

"It's Granny Jones's secret recipe," Jones said. "It's been in the family for over 80 years."

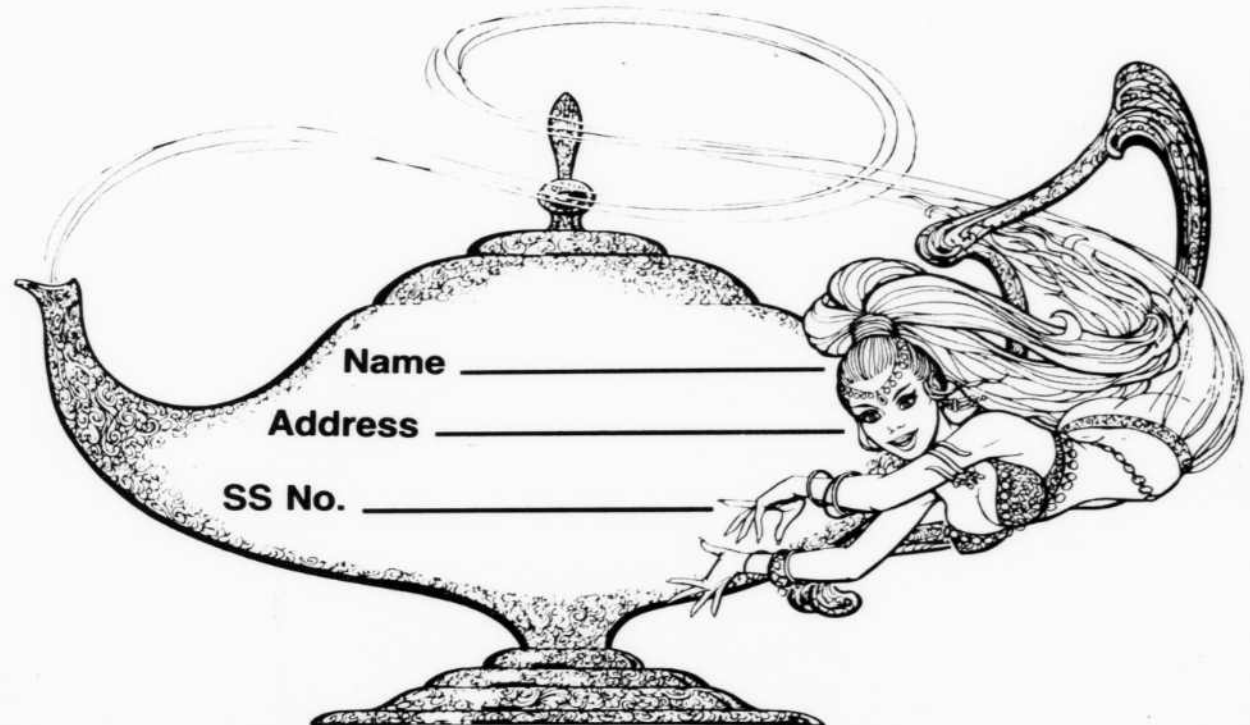
Second place went to the Campus Pub. While 26 on-campus groups entered the contest, only Sigma Chi made it to the finals with their third place blend of beef and beans.

The evenings other's food fest was the Sauerkraut Eating Contest, won by Jim Gannaway in the men's division and Stephanie Heath in the women's.

Local musicians Eleven 59 made a surprise appearance, opening for headliner Walk the West. The band's set was a last-minute development, with the members agreeing to play for free.

"We were very happy to have them," Hosey said. "Any time someone wants to help us like that we're grateful."

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# EDITORIAL

# Death an acquired trait

By DOUG STULTS  
Editorial Editor

If happiness is a warm gun, and, as we've all heard, a dead body in the fridge is worth two in the morgue, why do I feel so queasy whenever I squeeze off a few shots from my trusty .45?

I'm not quite sure, but I'm not alone.

Why, just the other night, as I slumped to my knees in exhaustion after a night of gunning down the homeless in Music City, a free-lance sniper buddy was relating his woes.

"Y' know, Boris, I'm just not getting the same thrill outta this game that I once did," Rotgut lamented, ramming his cleaning rod down the muzzle(s) of a sultry Saturday Night Special that must have arrived in a care package from Valhalla.

"I mean, it used to be when I planted a shot right *there* in the midst of some immigrant's spine, I just shuddered with ecstasy," he smiled, tapping out the tune to "The Rifleman" on the steel plate in his head.

"Oh yeah," I recollected in empathy, thinking about that time back in Peoria in '79 when I bumped off a flower girl using a grenade launcher made entirely of Lego blocks and plutonium.

"And how 'bout that rush of adrenalin you get when your last armor-piercing bullet *just does* make it through some ficky-fick's bulletproof vest?" Rotgut snickered, spreading ground glass on his toast and crunching away.

After showering a passel of schoolkids with the hot lead spouting from the barrel of my tried n' true AK-47, I paused for a moment to beat my chest. "ARRRRR! Now

that gets me off!"

In the distance a drug dealer dressed up like Bill Boner shuffled up the sidewalk.

"Watch this," Rotgut spat, placing a shot right in the ignorant pedestrian's chest. The victim staggered back 10 feet, pulled a smoking copy of the 1988 *Gun Digest* from his pocket and limped for cover.

"Why that little ..." Rotgut swore, igniting a molotov cocktail out of frustration.

"Wait, there he goes!" I exclaimed in glee, doing the look-see, point-and-jab with my index finger, gesturing at the aforementioned vagrant.

Rotgut got off a good one, a sinking shot that had "severe abdominal injury" written all over it. But, miraculously, the little bugger in the street jerked a year's worth of scorched *Guns and Ammo* magazines from his waistband and tumbled to apparent safety.

"This'll cheer you up," I sang, after our carbomb successfully detonated in a Yellow, now black, Cab sitting charred beside a No Parking sign below. Teach 'em right.

But the thrill was gone. No gleam in his eyes, Rotgut didn't even flinch when our supervisor fired a warning volley through my scalp.

"How y'all doing?" he inquired, slipping up behind us. He had that please-ask-me-my-worries look plastered all over his friggin' mug, so Rotgut and I were careful to play mute, taking turns nailing skatepunkers with exploding bullets.

"Well, I'll tell you what's wrong," the boss volunteered at last, making the mistake of brushing against our backs.

Thus provoked, Rotgut slid a bundle of slugs in the attacker's ribcage. Next he used his bayonet like an out-doorsman filleting perch, flailing the boss's skin from his bones. An NRA card tumbled from the remains.

At the sight of it, Rotgut, a hale and hearty man who had impaled Turkish hash peddlers in Pakistan, broke down in sobs.

"What?!" I screamed, the report from my Smith & Wesson-sideswipe reverberating around mid-Nashville.

"It's the NRA that's got me all hot and bothered," Rotgut confessed. He stopped for a moment to shoot flaming arrows at propane tanks.

"I mean, look, you've heard all the statistics. In 1980 11,522 people died from wounds inflicted with handguns in the U.S. Only 139 people were killed with handguns in Australia, Great Britain, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland and Japan combined. All of those countries have gun control laws."



## Quayle an environmentalist? Hah!

By LUCY MOGENSEN-VERMILLION  
Staff Columnist

[For the five of you (half of my readership, I know) who were swift enough to catch the misspelling in my last column in the importance of spelling things correctly — congratulations! All I can say is, sometimes I think we knead a likshunery up hear at Sidlines! And you may take that as literally or as figuratively as you like.]

It has amazed me that in the backwash of the political rapnel (try that for a metaphor!) after the vice-presidential debate that I haven't heard one word about a statement made by the distinguished Senator Quayle. I've come to the conclusion that one of three possibilities must be the case. Either I imagined I heard him say it, or I'm the only one who heard him say it, or what he said must be true.

While Senator Quayle was busy defending the current administration's record on ecology, I'm certain I heard him announce that our government is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars studying the effects of carbon dioxide

on the ozone layer of our atmosphere!

My first response was to laugh. Surely, I thought, the good senator is confused. Perhaps he said CO<sub>2</sub> when he meant SO<sub>2</sub>. Perhaps he has confused the hole in the ozone layer (caused by the use of chlorofluorocarbons) with the so-called "greenhouse effect" — the gradual buildup of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere caused by among other things, the rapid defoliation of our planet in the last 150 years. Maybe the senator has confused both of those problems with acid rain, I thought. I was more amazed that no one seemed to notice this at all.

So I began to think (a dangerous entertainment). What if our government really is spending this kind of money studying the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> on the ozone layer? Is this the kind of smart spending Bush is talking about? Maybe someone who knows more than I do about the expenditure in question or about the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> on the ozone layer can set my mind at ease — because if this is true and it's as inane as I think it is, shouldn't we doing something about it?

"Yeah, yeah, sure," I consoled him. "But that's only because we were on assignment in Zaire that year. Give me a year in London, boy, and I'd ..."

"You'd win awards, I know," Rotgut frowned, leaping for shelter as landmines were tripped up and down Broadway, braining people with fragments for miles around.

Later, after we sat around a campfire in Smyrna acting out our favorite scenes from "Faces of Death," Rotgut and myself killed hitchhikers all the way to Murfreesboro.

Lying in ambush outside the KOM on the MTSU campus, we spotted our first patrolman.

Luckily, our black dashikis were reversible. Within moments we were dressed in overalls, spewing Red Man on each other's boots.

"What are you holding that rifle for?" the officer demanded, obviously suspicious.

"Hunting," I coolly replied. "Just hunting." The cop looked us up and down. He walked away, then right back again.

"You sure y'all are just farmers?" he queried. Rotgut spit tobacco all over his body. Satisfied, the cop strode off.

"That's the thing about these rifles," I complained, reloading my .22 after bagging a trio of computer science majors trying to cross over to Peck Hall. "They're too big to tuck in your hightops."

"I hate to say this," Rotgut said, "but I'm kinda starting to like that. Seems that these folks jabbering about the National Rifle Act are on to something."

Rotgut continued. "Everybody has the right to own a rifle for hunting, and if you stretch it, protection. Handguns, though, that's a different matter."

"Look, you bleeding heart quack," I lectured, pulling four Beretta pistols from my shorts. "There's too many handguns around to ban the things."

"Yeah," he agreed. "How 'bout, though, if we stopped production now, not only of handguns, but of bullets."

"Pretty soon, they'll be black market bullets. What then?"

"I didn't say you could stop it entirely. I'm just saying that the anti-handgun lobbyists are right when they say we could really cut down on the murder and mayhem."

"Why, that's not such a bad idea," I said, pretending to reflect while I placed a loaded revolver at the base of Rotgut's skull and pulled the trigger. Felt better about myself immediately.

Wasn't a minute later that Carl Rowan stopped me dead in my tracks with a plastic handgun he had snuck thru the metal detector at the Nashville Airport.

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# Letters to the Editor

## MTSU becoming "Fag U" or not?

To the Editor:

In recent issues of the *Nashville Banner* and *Sidelines* we have read some disturbing articles stating that homosexuals are beginning to organize on campus.

Little resistance is being met by the group while they are beginning to organize efforts. The articles seem to imply that being gay is okay at MTSU. We, as well as several other students we have talked to, are against such an organization. The act defies both the laws of nature and of God.

MTSU's reputation as a good, decent and *normal* educational institution is being tarnished. Many younger friends we are trying to persuade to attend MTSU are now turned off and refer to the school as "Fag U." This label is neither appreciated nor deserved.

Another item that bothers us is two MTSU clergymen seemingly support this organization. MTSU Presbyterian Student Fellowship Minister David Robinson and Wesley Foundation Minister Bill Campbell were both quoted in the *Banner* as saying they support such a group.

The Bible clearly states that homosexuality is not an accepted practice, as evidenced by; Leviticus 18:22; "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind; it is an abomination." Simply translated into layman's terms by a Bible supplement, *The Book*, this means, "Homosexuality is absolutely forbidden, for it is an enormous sin."

Romans 1:26-27; "For the cause of God gave them up vile affections; for even their women did change their natural use into that which is against nature. And likewise also the men, leaving their natural use for women, burned their lust one toward another; now with men working that which is unseemingly; and receiving in themselves that recompense for the error that was meet."

Translated by *The Book* this means, "That is why God let go of them and let them do all these evil things, so that

even their women turned against God's natural plan for them and indulged in sex with each other. And the men instead of having a normal sex relationship with women, burned with lust for each other, men doing shameful things with other men and, as a result, getting paid with their souls the penalty they so richly deserved."

It's time people stood up and voiced an opinion against this action. We know our opinion will not have an impact without the backing of others who feel the same way. Fellow heterosexual students; please, speak now or forever hold your "PIECE!"

Keith Hopkins, Box 4644  
Troy Cashion, General Delivery  
Derek Vincion, Box 7253

## Lambda okay, sex laws not

To the Editor:

Brian Conley's column of October 10 is right on the mark. It doesn't matter how unpopular a group or their ideas are, no one in this country has the right to stop them. I do, however, wonder about his analogy about a group formed to shoot all children under five.

Such a group would be held as different by Mr. Conley, I assume, because they support an act which is a violation of law. If that is the case, he may need to rethink his Lambda statement. The acts enjoyed by homosexuals are considered felonious according to state law. For point of interest, those similar acts enjoyed by heterosexuals are just as illegal.

President Ingram should not be put in a position of choosing whether or not to support an organization that caters to not-yet-convicted felons. The U.S. Supreme Court held last year that states have the right to enforce such laws. What we students and citizens of Tennessee need to

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do is get the government out of the bedrooms of consenting adults. Then President Ingram can make his decision.

We heterosexuals are in as much jeopardy from Big Brother as the gays.

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# GO BIG BLUE

# SPORTS

## Raiders face Eagles for Homecoming

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY  
Sports Editor

It's homecoming!

Blue Raider fans will have an outstanding football game to view on Saturday as MTSU plays Morehead State in the second half of the football season.

The Blue Raiders have been the national leader in Division I-AA leader in pass defense in recent weeks, currently giving up an average of only 67 yards per game through the air.

The Raiders are coming off an easy game against Mississippi Valley State when they ran off a season-high 40 points against State's three.

Nevertheless, Morehead's outstanding quarterback, Chris Swartz, has got to be ranked among

the most impressive passers in I-AA football after a 32 of 51 completions last week, for 286 yards.

The 6-3, 195-pound sophomore also had three touchdowns in last week's loss to Murray State 29-22.

"That figure might not be genuinely indicative of what sort of pass defense we have," says MTSU Head Coach Boots Donnelly. "Some of the teams we've played haven't thrown all that much."

The Eagles bring a 1-5 overall record into Saturday's game with an OVC mark of 0-1 with their loss to Murray State last week. The Raiders are 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the OVC.

Donnelly is looking upon an unstable, young offensive unit that continues to change weekly. Donnelly has changed the first and

second teams on the offensive line with increasing success.

"Some consistency in our offense would be nice," said Donnelly. "It's not a bad situation. We expected to have some ups-and-downs when we started the season with such a young offensive line, but with six games behind us, we ought to show a little more maturity on that side of the ball then we've had."

Blue Raider's offense is currently ranked sixth in the OVC gaining only 238.8 yards per game.

"We have the right people at the right positions," said Donnelly. "But they're all pretty equal on the line. One plays well one week and then slacks off. But somebody always comes forward."

Kicking problems have

transformed into a daily practice duel for the starting place-kick position. Last week, Donnelly went with freshman Matt Crews instead of Nashville junior Joe Lisle. Donnelly seemed to like the arrangement.

"I was pleased to see Crews' success," said Donnelly. "Now, he feels he has accomplished something for his own benefit."

Donnelly had no comment on who would get the starting job for this week's homecoming game.

• MTSU tied a national record with its four blocked punts against Mississippi Valley. The four blocked kicks led to a total of 23 Blue Raider points. The record tied both a Division I-A and Division I-AA mark.

• MTSU moved into the number 12 ranking climbing from their former spot at 16th.



Raider's defensive-end Kilby Bins was credited with one of the national record four blocked punts last week.



Frank Conley/Staff

Morehead State Eagles will try to revenge last year's 3-7 loss to the Raiders. The Eagles will be without head coach Bill Baldrige who underwent double by-pass surgery a few weeks ago. Game time is set for 1:30 p.m.

## Basketball begins Saturday

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY  
Sports Editor

The 1988-89 MTSU Basketball season is literally days away. It will begin October 15 at 12:01 a.m.

At one minute after midnight, the men's basketball team will officially begin their basketball season with Midnight Madness. During the night, there

will be dunking contests, 3-point shooting contest and an autograph session, in addition to a blue-and-white intersquad scrimmage.

"It'll be a fun sort of thing," said MTSU Head Coach Bruce Stewart, starting his fifth season as with the Blue Raiders.

"At the same time, maybe it will let our players

get some of the excitement of the new season out of their systems before we get down to some serious work."

MTSU has four starters returning from last year's squad that earned its way into the quarter-final round of the NIT.

They include senior guard Chris Rainey, senior forward-center Randy

Henry, sophomore forward Leslie Gregory and junior guard Gerald Harris.

In addition, Kerry Hammonds, will rejoin the squad after being sidelined with a stress fracture in his foot last year.

The first regular season home game is set for Nov. 28, when MTSU hosts Kenesaw college.

## Falcons player dies drug-related death

By Associated Press

David Croudip, captain of the Atlanta Falcons' special teams, died early yesterday, possibly from drugs.

A medical examiner said a preliminary examination indicates cocaine was in the system of the 29-year-old NFL cornerback.

Croudip was rushed to a hospital in the Atlanta suburb after suffering seizures at his home. An ambulance crew summoned by Croudip's wife found the football player suffering seizures. His heart failed while he was being taken to the hospital, where efforts to revive him failed, said Detective Larry Walton, of Gwinnett County.

"We have been told by witnesses that he had ingested a concoction or cocktail of some sort with cocaine and some liquid," said Gwinnett County coroner Randy Simpson.

The Gwinnett County medical examiner, Dr. Joseph Burton said an autopsy indicated cocaine and possibly another drug was in Croudip's system.

"It strongly suggests the man's (Croudip's) death is a drug-related death," said

Burton.

"We are extremely shocked and startled to hear that his death may have been drug-related," said Rankin Smith, Jr., president of the Falcons.

"He had never had any previous drug problems to our knowledge and had never tested positive in any NFL substance checks, which makes this news all the more surprising to those who knew David."

Croudip, Falcons' player since 1985, was a reserve cornerback and a leader on special teams. He played in Sunday's 33-0 loss to the Los Angeles Rams and had one tackle.

"We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of David," said Falcons Coach Marion Campbell. "David was a friend to all his teammates, and his death is a shock to the entire organization."

"I can't and won't believe it," said starting cornerback Scott Case, after hearing of the drug related death.

"We voted him special teams captain. That's a big honor. I can't really explain the feeling when I heard about it."



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She remembered nothing. She continued to drink until the owner finally asked her if she had a way home.

"All I remember about that conversation is that I told him I was from Murfreesboro, Tenn., and that I had no idea how I had gotten to Mobile," she said. "I only had \$20 on me, and I knew that I had really done it this time."

The blackouts weren't uncommon for Kim. But she had never "lost" more time than she did those two days in Alabama. She never found out how she got there and said she hopes she never finds out.

"I did a lot of things in my drinking days that I'm not too proud of," Kim said, "but since I've been sober I've learned how to forgive myself for the things I did drunk."

Kim came from a wealthy, respected Nashville family. She never drank more than "socially" before she entered



MTSU in fall 1984.

"I'm not sure how it happened, but sometime during that first year I crossed over that imaginary line between controlled drinking and out of control drinking," she said.

After the Alabama stunt, she knew it was time to do something about the drinking.

"I knew I needed help," Kim stresses. "I just never thought that I'd ever be able to stop drinking, and the thought of stopping scared me."

Kim called her parents when she sobered up the next morning. Still at the bar, she cried while trying to explain her predicament.

"That was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do," Kim said. "I felt hopelessly desperate and asked them

to 'please help me get home.'

Kim's parents arranged for the flight home, and when she arrived at the Nashville airport her parents and two counselors from a Nashville treatment center were there to meet her.

Kim's road to recovery began that day.

She was admitted into the treatment center where she spent the next 45 days learning how to stop drinking one day at a time.

"I was scared to death to leave (the treatment center)," Kim said. "I didn't yet trust myself enough to know that I wouldn't drink even after all I had put myself through with it and for it."

Although Kim's experience with alcohol abuse was brief, the consequences she suffered as a result of her drinking were severe during her first two semesters at MTSU.

"I was arrested once at Kroger for shoplifting," she said. "I tried to steal a bottle of cheap cologne, a pair of tweezers and a cat litter box which totalled \$11.63...I had more than \$60 on me at the time, too."

Drinking caused her to do things that were "out of character."

Not long after the shoplifting arrest, Kim was arrested for a DUI which also cost her the pizza-delivery job by which she earned her "partying" money. The one-time honor student also struggled to maintain passing grades.

Kim returned to MTSU after spending more than six months in an Eau Claire, Wis., halfway house following her stay at the treatment center.

"Returning to school after being away for a year was difficult," Kim said. "I knew that it would be a challenge to stay sober in a place where all I had were drunken memories."

But Kim used those memories to her advantage.

"Every time I got the urge to drink, or every time I tried to tell myself 'You're okay now...maybe you can drink like a normal person' I would make myself remember what it was really like," she explained. "Then I'd take myself to an



AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meeting either on campus or I'd drive to Nashville."

Kim hasn't had a drink since she got help in March 1984. She attributes her sobriety to keeping active in school, prayer and AA meetings.

IN MONDAY'S ISSUE: Missy's story.

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## LIFESTYLES

## 'The Godfathers' invade Mainstreet Saturday night

By GARY BUCHANAN  
Lifestyles Editor

Mainstreet will bring one of the top new acts to Murfreesboro on Saturday as they welcome "The Godfathers" to their stage.

Riding high on the success of their full length debut album, *Birth, School, Work, Death*, "The Godfathers" seem to be on the road to rock and roll stardom. And the road hasn't been a very long one.

The members of the group are: Peter Coyne, vocals; Kris Dollimore, lead guitar; Mike Gibson, guitar; Chris Coyne, bass; and George Mazur, drums.

"The Godfathers" formed in England in 1986, and issued a three-song, twelve-inch record, *Capo Di Tutti Capi*, on their own label, Corporate Image.

Chris Coyne explains that they recorded the record on their own label because they wanted total control over it. Peter Coyne adds, "We just wanted to have our own band, our own sound, our own look,

and make records that sound exclusively like *The Godfathers*.

The band hit the charts in May, 1986, when their second single, *Damnation*, made it to number six on the United Kingdom independent chart. They followed it up with *I Want Everything* b/w *Sun Arise* in September. The United States got their first taste of them at year-end, with a record documenting their first year, *Hit By Hit*.

The popularity of the band kept growing in 1987, as they hit the road, touring throughout Britain and Europe. In Scandinavia, their popularity skyrocketed, as they headlined a two-day pop festival in Helsinki. The U.S. finally got to see *The Godfathers* as they made its foray into the states, playing selected clubs, which evoked acclaim from critics and fans alike. This led to the group being signed to Epic Records, and released *Birth, School, Work, Death* in the United Kingdom.

Their style of straightforward rock and roll prompted *Sounds*, a U.K. music magazine, to say, "The Godfathers are doing nothing novel here, (they) are just honing an ancient art to its most potent — slashing across the grooves like nothing has mattered since Keith Richard invented the electric guitar."

Their style, although difficult to nail down, is similar to the style of music of "The Cure." Make no mistake, though, *The Godfathers* are their own band. The title track off their album is rising up the charts and the album is on the top ten list in *Rolling Stone* magazine's college charts.

*The Godfathers* will entertain Mainstreet on Saturday evening, October 15, at 9:30 p.m. for an 18-and-above performance. "Barker's Mill" will be the opening act. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 the day of the show, and are available at all Ticketmaster locations and at Mainstreet.



"The Godfathers" (L-R) Kris Dollimore, George Mazur, Peter Coyne, Mike Gibson, Chris Coyne. The English group will play at Mainstreet on Saturday night.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The K.U.C. Cinema has their usual venue of fine fall entertainment. *Full Metal Jacket* (R), a Stanley Kubrick film, is playing this evening at 3:30, 6:00, and 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, October 16, a free alternative film showing is *King of Hearts*, a 1967 film chronicling a soldier sent into a small French town, only to find that it is occupied by inmates of an insane asylum. Showtime is at 7 p.m.

Amy Grant will be in concert at Murphy Center on Homecoming night in support of her new *Lead Me On* album. Showtime is at 8 p.m. For more information, call 898-2551.

*Antigone* continues its run at Tucker Theatre. Presented by the MTSU Theatre and directed by Maarten Reilingh, this play of passion, law, bravery and tyranny is presented through Saturday. The show begins at 8 p.m. each evening. For more information, call 898-2716.

## Court chosen

From Staff Reports

MTSU's homecoming Queen for 1988 will be announced at halftime of the Blue Raider-Morehead State football contest at Horace Jones Field Saturday.

The five-member Homecoming Court was announced at a "Queen's Tea" at the President's mansion.

The five finalists are:

- Melita Melson, a sophomore, sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi sorority.
- Jan Snell, a sophomore, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.
- Rita Stone, a senior, sponsored by United Students Association.
- Terri Page, a junior, sponsored by Kappa Alpha fraternity.
- Tricia Daugherty, a senior, sponsored by Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Stefanie Sorrell was the 1987 Homecoming Queen.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

The 1988 Homecoming Court, front row (l to r): 1987 Queen Stefanie Sorrell, candidates Terri Page, Tricia Dougherty, Melita Melson, Jan Snell and Rita Stone.

## Bocephus sweeps CMA's

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
Staff Writer

NASHVILLE — Following the footsteps of a living legend is not easy — especially if that legend is your father.

However, Hank Williams Jr. proved he is every bit as good as his daddy at the Country Music Association Awards show Monday night. Bocephus walked away with Album of the Year honors for "Born to Boogie" and won Entertainer of the Year, country music's highest honor, for the second consecutive year.

"Two in a row — whew!" Williams exclaimed when he accepted the honor. "It's just the greatest thing in the world. I just never would have figured that I would get this award twice in a row from you good people."

"All I can say is this is fantastic!"

A former outlaw in the country music establishment, Williams seemed just as thankful, if not more so, for the album award.

"I've done 56 albums over 25 years and I finally got an award for a musical accomplishment."

Williams won the Video of the Year award two years ago for "All My Rowdy Friends Have Settled Down." That category has since been cancelled.

Other big winners at the show were:

● Randy Travis, who repeated as male Vocalist of the Year.

"I didn't expect to win. It's a great surprise,"

the modest Travis said. "It's nice to know people in this business think enough of you to give you something like this."

"This feels as good as the first one."

● K.T. Oslin, who took Song of the Year for "80's Ladies," which has been called "an anthem for the baby boom generation" by United Press International. Oslin was also named Female Vocalist of the Year, but seemed to enjoy the song award more.

"I am thrilled to death to get this writing honor," said Oslin, who led all acts with five nominations. "This means a lot to me. It means I've got a brain and people recognize that."

● Ricky Van Shelton took the prestigious Horizon Award for the artist whose career has shown the most achievement the past year.

"I'm just going to set this on the mantle with the other three awards I received this year and be happy," Shelton said.

Other winners were: Highway 101 for Vocal Group of the Year; Kathy Mattea who snagged Single of the Year for "Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses;" The Judds for Vocal Duo of the Year; and Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris, won Vocal Event of the Year for their "Trio" album. In addition, Loretta Lynn and Roy Rogers were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

This is the first year the vocal event award has been given out.



# 'There's sort of a fellow feeling...



Carol Clark was one of approximately 20 students to walk out on an empty stage and audition for one of only 12 rolls in the production.

Photos and text  
by Michael Johnson

"Well, that's the lot...on with the play," Ben Goldman said, after introducing the characters and their roles in the drama.

## ...among characters in a tragedy'

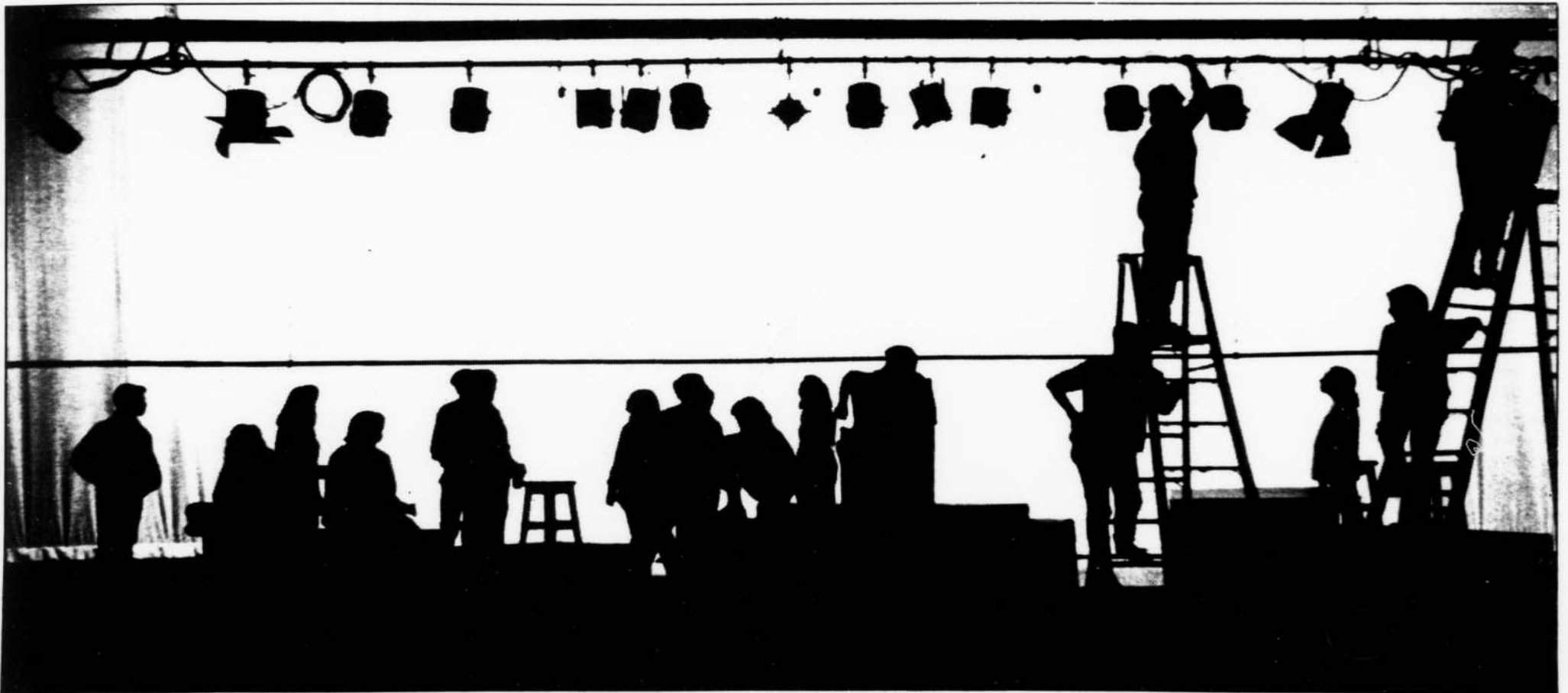
You have to have a good opening. The call went out for people to audition early in the semester. Approximately 20 students showed up over two nights to audition. Dr. Maarten Reilingh, after watching the auditions and the callbacks, announced his choices. He commented to everyone he had "an embarrassment of riches," which means that all those who auditioned were excellent.

Teamwork took the place of competition. Those who auditioned, as well as the cast members themselves, became part of the production crew.

While the actors develop their characters, they are also involved in the development of the costumes and set. Clearly, acting isn't the only requirement placed on the students!



Cast members assist each other, with the aid of the make-up crew, in applying theatrical make-up schemes.



The cast and crew of *Antigone* worked late into the night Sunday readjusting the lights and curtains, making sure that they would be ready for Wednesday night's opening.

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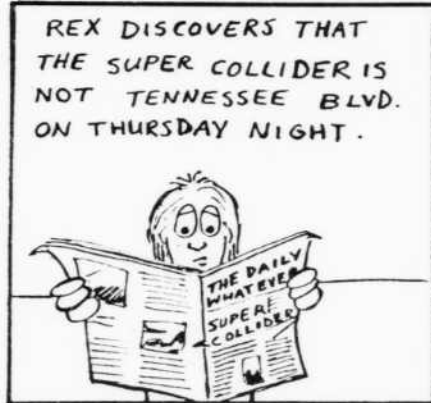
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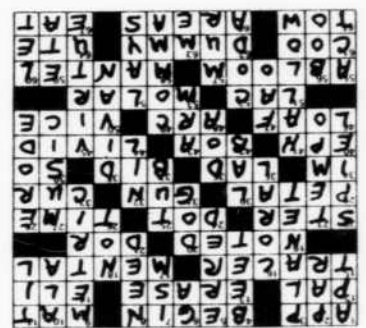


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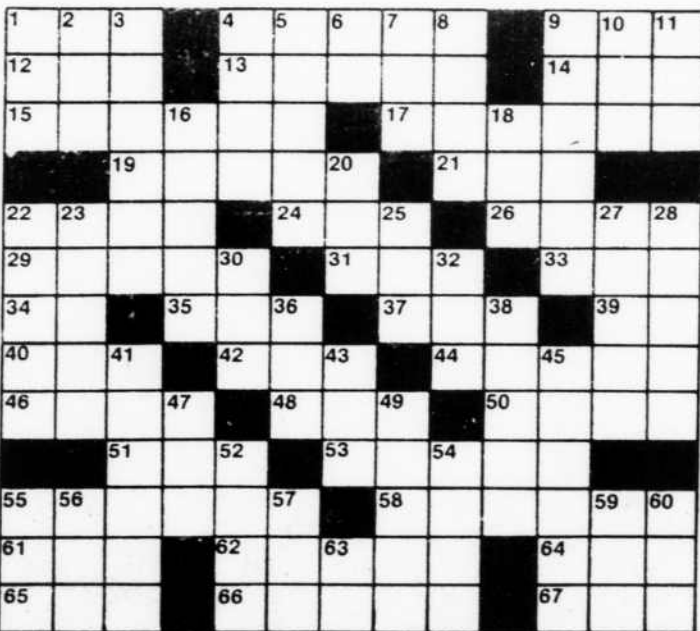
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42. Snake
44. Furious
46. Waste time
48. Circle
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55. With flowers
58. Shelf over fireplace
61. Sound of dove
62. Practical substitute
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65. Pull behind
66. Scopes
67. Dine

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16. Reefs
18. Never
20. Child's pet
22. Talk at length
23. Pace
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32. Nothing
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