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.5 caught for threatening phone calls to Lambda

By Kris Wetzel/staff

Five students have been identified for the threatening and harassing phone calls made to the Lambda information line, according to Assistant Dean of Students Rodney Bennett.

Lambda is a campus organization that offers support for gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

Bennett is not currently releasing the names of the students. The names will not become public record unless formal charges are filed.

The students were caught last Thursday by the combined efforts of Campus Police and the Telecommunications Office. Once Campus Police had determined that the phone calls to the Lambda phone line were made from a room in a residence hall, they notified the students who lived in that room to come to the station where statements were taken.

Bennett said that one student immediately reported to his office after delivering a statement to Campus Police. After the first student took the initiative, the rest of the students made their statements

and visited Bennett's office.

"I did not get the impression that they had any intention to follow through [with the threats] or hurt anyone," Bennett said. "I don't think they thought they would get caught. It was just a very stupid, inappropriate prank."

"If they had followed up on the [threat], then I might have expelled them," Bennett continued. "I do have the power to do that."

Bennett said he has not decided how the students will be disciplined, but they will be required to issue an anonymous apology to Lambda. The students will also write an Impact Statement to the university and the Lambda organization in which they consider how their behavior affects the climate of the university.

"The Impact Statement gives students the opportunity to think about the impact their behavior can have on society," Bennett said.

"It is my impression that the students are very sorry for what they did."

"My approach will be educative. The students need to learn that everyone on campus is not like each other, and that's okay. We need to

work on accepting diversity."

Lambda President Jeff Hendricks said Lambda agreed to the disciplinary actions taken by the university. They do not intend to press charges.

"The university is going to punish them anyway under university and housing policies," Hendricks said. "We are not going to go the extra step to take them to court."

"We are being the nice guys about this," Hendricks continued. "They harassed us. If we took them to court, they would be prosecuted under a felony, which would follow them around for the rest of their lives."

"We want everyone to know that we are nice people."

According to Hendricks, the two people who called the Lambda information line were friends of the students who lived in the residence room. They will receive the harshest punishment. The registered residents of the room will receive punishment because housing policy dictates that residents are responsible for what occurs in their rooms. The fifth person did not participate in the calls,

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Student activity fee committee doles out dollars

Annual process nets \$53,000
for organizations across campus

By Heather Hybarger/staff

The Student Activity Fee Committee has allocated more than \$53,000 to various student organizations for Fall 1995.

These are SGA activity fee dollars which is separate from other activity fees. The semester cost to students is \$4.

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breakdown of fee dollars.

According to SGA president Shane McFarland, student organizations requesting funds must first submit an application to the Committee. The organization's president or finance chairman will then schedule an appointment to speak in front of the committee, asking for funds and answering any questions the committee might have regarding the use of the requested funds.

The committee decides on the allocations based on a set of criteria established by the committee. These criteria are determined by the committee at the beginning of the semester, and although they are not recorded, they are followed throughout the semester. For instance, the Committee does not allocate funds for computers or airfare.

SGA receives priority in the allocation of funds because SGA activities are intended to benefit the entire student body.

The money is then disbursed to organizations through reimbursement. The organizations must bring receipts showing expenses and will then be reimbursed according to their allocation.

The Committee is made up of six students, two faculty and one administrator. Chairing the committee is Gail Stephens, Associate Dean of Students. All votes on allocations require a quorum of four students, and Stephens does not vote on the allocations.

"The individuals [on the committee] put in a lot of hard work," Stephens said. "It's a thankless task. One of the student members commented that 'I am depressed every time I leave here,' meaning that we are unable to fund everything that is requested."

Stephens stressed that the list of allocations does not reflect what the student organizations asked for, only what the committee allotted them.

The Committee is currently attempting to revise the application and guidelines to quicken the allocation process. By removing the meetings with student organization officials from the process, organizations will be able to receive their funds earlier in the semester for which they applied.

Stephens added that five percent of the money to be allocated is reserved for emergency expenses. More than \$1,000 allotted to SGA for Totem Bowl expenses was returned to the emergency fund due to lack of participation in Totem Bowl activities. ●



By Brian G. Miller/staff

A royal affair

President Walker congratulates Amy Craig on becoming one of the Homecoming Queen's Court at the Queen's Tea on Monday. Other members of the Court are Mary Katherine Gilbert, Becky Holm, Allison Johnson and Cherron M. Lewis.

\$10,000 raised for slain student

By Kris Wetzel/staff

A benefit at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport raised approximately \$10,000 for the family of former aerospace student Lloyd D. "Buck" Clapp, according to Cindy Boron, secretary of Aerospace Department.

Organized by aerospace faculty and students, the benefit consists of a Fly-In lunch, entertainment by country musicians Darryl and Don Ellis, and an auction of items donated by country music

artists. Boron said she estimated that 500 people attended the benefit.

The majority of the \$10,000 was raised through an auction that sold the donated items of country music artists and businesses. David Gehlin, Clapp's co-worker, donated a guitar autographed by Glen Campbell, which sold for \$2,100. Alan Jackson, Pam Tillis, Vince Gill and Billy Ray Cyrus also donated personal

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Marching band lost 39 since first of year

By Mark Blevins/staff

Thirty-nine students have left the MTSU marching band since the semester began, not 18 as was reported Monday in *Sidelines*.

Music Department Chairman John Bingham originally said that only 18 students have left the band. Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie said yesterday the number who have left the band is 39.

Bingham said he had originally looked in the wrong place for the class records on the campus VAX system. The computer system has recently gone through a major overhaul, according to Gillespie.

Last week, Bingham called the attrition of 18 students common, but with the correct information, he said the rate is alarming.

"I don't know if [the correct number] will change anything we'll do in the next two weeks, but it will certainly be an important factor when we review this season," Bingham said.

"It's simply a matter of taking it one step at a time, and right now we've got to fulfill our obligations and then look back at ways we can improve."

Bingham said that he has already met with band leaders with hopes of solving some of the problems. He said the problems have developed out of a conflict of expectations and lack of communication between band staff and students.

The conflict of expectations comes from the band students learning more shows, or routines, than they traditionally learn, Bingham said. The new Director of the Marching Band George Megaw is used to directing marching bands with more shows than they have in the repertoire now, he said. This is the conflict of expectations, Bingham said.

Solving that conflict is a matter of communication and creating a sense of student ownership of the songs and shows they perform, Bingham said.

"I think it's going to be important to have students stay involved in the planning stages for next year," Bingham said. "I think that's going to be very important—to build in that sense of ownership by students."

If Megaw is director next year, it will be the first time in three years that a band director has worked in the band for more than one year.

Bingham said the most frequent comment he has heard from students in problem-solving meetings is that change within the band is happening more quickly than students can adopt. Students have said they are not "sold" on the new ideas, Bingham said.

Bingham said he is frustrated because the students "are doing such a great job" but don't recognize it.

"I have been just extremely pleased with what the students have been doing," Bingham said.

"Things are happening," Bingham said. "Things are being done."

The Music Department is presently under a university audit. Results of the audit will not be released until it is complete. The audit is related, in part, to university money the band obtained for a two-day trip to the Georgia Southern game in September.

Dean of Liberal Arts John McDaniel said last week that \$2,860 of the total \$6,860 requisitioned for student meal allotments on the trip was not given to students.

McDaniel said the new Director of Bands Pat Root and Megaw probably didn't understand university policies and were trying to "find" extra money for band expenses. ●

Preparation for 1998 huge task for Fowler

By Warren Wakeland/staff

MTSU's decision to move its football program to Division I-A in 1998 means the Athletic Department has to make a lot happen in a short period of time to ensure the success of the move.

MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler said the school will not officially apply to the NCAA for reclassification until June 1, 1998. However, the process to put the necessary changes in place must begin immediately in order to be eligible for reclassification by the application date.

Building the Stadium
In order to be eligible for the move, MTSU must meet certain requirements established by the NCAA. One of these requirements is a stadium that seats at least 30,000 people. This means MTSU must expand the size of its current stadium by more than double its current capacity of approximately 15,000 seats.

MTSU received approval from the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) in June to implement a \$65 increase in the student activity fee, which will pay for the expansion of Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium, built in 1933, to 35,000 seats. The university expects to gross more than \$2 million per year from this fee.

The increase, which was implemented without a vote of the MTSU student body, has come under fire from many at the university who feel students were not given ample voice in the process.

TBR board member F. Evans Harvill wrote in an October letter to *Sidelines*, "I assure you that I would, under no circumstances, have voted

for that sizable an increase in student fees...had I not been assured that the students had been involved and given an opportunity to express their feelings, and that such expression was overwhelmingly favorable."

Subsequent to a petition drive that netted more than 600 signatures, a referendum vote was scheduled to allow students a voice in the issue. Harvill said if given a certified tally of the vote, he would bring the issue up for discussion at the December TBR meeting at Vol State Community College in Gallatin.

The non-binding vote held Oct. 24-25 showed 57 percent of the student body voted for the fee increase. More than 2,100 students

voted in the referendum.

"I'll still bring those numbers to the board, but that's a mighty small vote," Harvill said after receiving the vote tally.

MTSU President James E. Walker said two weeks before the referendum that he does not believe TBR will withdraw approval without an overwhelming majority vote against the increase.

"If the fee increase is overturned, then [the move to I-A] is a dead issue," Walker said before the referendum.

Another possibility to help fund the expansion stems from the recent decision by Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist to allocate more than \$80 million in state funds for construction of a new downtown Nashville stadium to house the Houston Oilers, should they decide to relocate their franchise in the Music City.

The Tennessee State Legislature has mandated that Tennessee State

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University (TSU) will be allowed to use the stadium as their home field, thereby breaking a long-standing legislative tradition about state funding of university athletic facilities.

State Rep. John Bragg (D-Murfreesboro), chairman of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee which handles state money, has stated that he believes MTSU should receive at least partial state funding for the expansion if TSU is allowed to use the downtown stadium.

Walker echoed those feelings.

"I think if TSU plays in that stadium and there are state funds in that stadium, we're going to ask for some relief to help us with our stadium," he said.

"We would say, 'If [the legislature] is going to put X amount into this stadium, maybe that's equivalent to \$12-\$15 million in our stadium.' Maybe then we can cut the cost [for students] back to \$25-\$30 and the state would put in some money to help with the remainder."

Raising the Money

In order for MTSU to be able to afford the move, a great deal of fundraising must be done to supplement the extra costs the Athletic Department will experience.

According to Fowler, the 1995 budget for MTSU's Athletic Department is \$3.4 million. By 1997, the last year of I-A football, the budget should reach \$3.6 million. He estimates the budget for 1998 will be around \$4.5 million.

The budget for football this year is \$1.05 million, with almost half of that amount going to scholarships. The estimated first-year budget for I-A football is slightly more than \$2 million, and the gross revenue for the first year is estimated at \$2.5 million, or \$1.5 million more than what MTSU football brings in as a I-AA program. Fowler said the 1998 numbers should grow due to inflation.

The state of Tennessee appropriates \$1.8 million at the beginning of its fiscal year for each four-year university in the state to be used for athletics, according to Blue Raider Athletic Association (BRAA) president Wayne Rollins.

Rollins said BRAA is responsible for making up the difference between the total budget and the financing supplied by the state. In 1994, BRAA raised \$1.4 million of the total \$3.2 million budget for athletics.

By 1998, BRAA must find a way to raise \$950,000—the

difference between the estimated 1997 and 1998 budgets—in extra money. Fowler said the athletic department will need to run its athletic programs, including I-A football. For BRAA, this will mean raising a total of more than \$2.7 million per year.

Rollins knows BRAA will have to be more creative in its fundraising in order to meet the goals.

"I don't think we can get it all from the membership," Rollins said. "It will come from working out strategies with the development office. We're going to have to think about getting corporate sponsorships, no doubt about that."

"We're going to do what we have to do."

Fowler said one way to help BRAA fund the move is to schedule road games against high-ranked I-A opponents. The opponents can guarantee paydays to MTSU of \$250,000 or more for traveling to their school to play a game. The checks received go through BRAA.

In recent years, MTSU has scheduled road dates against Nebraska, Florida State and Hawaii to reap these financial rewards. MTSU will travel to College Station, Tex. Nov. 18 to face Texas A&M, for which Fowler said the university will receive \$250,000.

While he does not like the idea of MTSU losing to these teams, Fowler does like the financial windfalls the program receives.

"We're estimating that each year we'll collect around \$750,000 [for three high-profile I-A games] to bump up the revenue," he said. "There's a possibility of upsets, but the odds are you're going to lose those three games. We don't want to do too much of that because you don't want to have a 3-7 or 1-10 record."

Drawing the Fans

In order to achieve NCAA attendance guidelines, Fowler realizes more marketing must be done in the Murfreesboro community and Middle Tennessee region. Average attendance over the last two years has been estimated by the Athletic Department at 9,000 to 10,000 people per game, far below the NCAA limit of 17,000 fans per game.

"There are 1.4 million people aged 18-65 within a two-hour drive of Murfreesboro," Fowler said. "We've got 40,000 alumni within a two-hour drive and 12,000 in Davidson County."

"We're going to branch out and get Columbia, Shelbyville, McMinnville, Tullahoma and Nashville satellite BRAA groups and fundraising groups started. They're definitely our marketplace."

MTSU has retained the Nashville public relations firm of Dye, Van Mol and Lawrence (DVL), the largest firm in the Southeast, to make recommendations as to how the school can better market itself to the Middle Tennessee region.

"Right now, we're putting together a design for an athletic fundraising brochure for them," according to DVL account executive Tom Robinson. "We're just trying to provide a little support."

Robinson would not speculate on any further involvement from DVL, saying it is too early in the process to tell if it will be necessary.

Perhaps most important to reaching the attendance guidelines is finding a way to better attract the student population—more than 17,400 for the fall semester—to the games.

According to the MTSU Office of Institutional Research, more than 95 percent of the student body is classified as holding residency in the state of Tennessee and more than 6,000 students are classified as "non-traditional," or older than age 23. Most of these students either do not attend the games or are unable to attend afternoon games due to work commitments.

"I really think that we've got to put something out there that students perceive as being important," Fowler said. "I think the perception of going I-A will make students change their schedule because it will be important to be there."

Fowler thinks the scheduling of night games this year against Tennessee State, Murray State and Alabama-Birmingham has enticed more students to attend. The Sept. 2 Tennessee State game was a sellout. Attendance at the Oct. 21 Southeast Missouri State game, played at 2 p.m., was 7,000.

"We're going to start scheduling all our home games at night next year so we can get more students to the games."

Fowler also knows that providing attractions students will want to stay on campus to see is just as important as providing I-A football.

"If we put Hootie and the Blowfish out there, we'll fill the stadium," he said.

In order to play at the I-A level, MTSU must meet these structural, financial and attendance guidelines. Fowler and Walker believe doing this will allow the school to become more popular in the community and to athletes wanting to play I-A football, which will make the program and the university more successful. ●

HARASS: Lambda not pressing charges

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but he will receive disciplinary action because he stayed in the room while the calls were made.

The death threat and three harassing calls were recorded on Lambda's information line

in the early hours of Oct. 13, according to Michael Grantham, chairman of the Uniform Equality Committee (UEC), a committee affiliated with Lambda.

Grantham turned the calls over to Vice-President of

Student Affairs Robert LaLance who appointed Bennett to head the investigation. Bennett's position deals with the disciplinary action against students who violate the student code. ●

Campus Capsule

Wesley Foundation Weekly Events

Nov. 3- 8:00 p.m. Decorating for Homecoming
Nov. 4- 7:30 p.m. Prepare bus for Homecoming Parade

MTSU ROTC department will assist in the following Homecoming activities: parade line-up, viewing stand set up, color guard, cannon with crew and homecoming queen saber arch for the football game. Brigadier General (Retired) Noah D. Daniel will be inducted into the MTSU Military Science Hall of Fame. The military ball queen will be Miss Lisa Parks escorted by Cadet Captain Donald Woodworth.

MTSU College Democrats will be joining students from Kentucky and Illinois to work on the KY governor's campaign in Bowling Green. We will be leaving on the afternoon of Nov. 3 and returning Nov. 5. Hotel and meals will be paid for by the University of KY Young Democrats. Call Mary at 904-7126 for more information.

Phi Beta Lambda will be sponsoring a Hayride, Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m. Questions or RSVP by calling Penny Hunter-Davis at 896-0072 or Taylor Thompson at 898-3709.

Phi Sigma Pi will hold their weekly meeting Nov. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the choral hall of Saunders Fine Arts. If anyone is interested in buying T-shirts bring cash or check to meeting. Short sleeve (L, XL)-\$6.50; (XXL)-\$7.50. Long sleeve (L, XL)-\$8; (XXL)-\$9. Shirts will be available for pick-up at the following meeting, Nov. 12.

Gamma Beta Phi will be meeting Nov. 6 and 7, at 5:00 p.m. in room 221 of the LRC.

Sigma Tau Delta will hold its next meeting Tuesday Nov. 7 at the Red Rose Cafe at 6:00 p.m. to "whenever." We will be discussing Twain's 'The Man Who Corrupted Hadleyburg' and socializing. Members, guests, and all interested people are welcome. Call 646-4527 for more information.

Phi Beta Lambda will be meeting in the Midgett Business Building Room 303 on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 5:00 p.m. The guest speakers will be Garrett Harper and David Hill from the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. Do you need to know who the biggest employers in Nashville are or what salaries to expect? They can answer your questions. ALL BUSINESS MAJORS WELCOME! OPEN THE DOOR TO YOUR FUTURE!

NOTICE: All December 1995 Graduating Seniors- All undergraduate seniors expecting to graduate in December are required to take the ACT-COMP as a condition of graduation as outlined in university policies. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: Nov. 7, 8, 9. On these dates, students may choose from three different times each day: 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. This is a timed test and you will be expected to stay for the entire time. The test takes about two and one-half hours. This announcement does not apply to students obtaining graduate or associate degrees. If there are questions regarding the test, please contact Ruth Watson, MTSU Box 514. For more information call 898-2854.

The Miss Middle Tennessee State University Scholarship Pageant Committee will hold a general interest meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 p.m. in KUC Room 314. The meeting will cover the procedures and responsibilities of competing in the pageant. The Miss MTSU pageant is the preliminary pageant of the Miss Tennessee/Miss America Scholarship Pageant system.

Alpha Delta Mu has established a scholarship in the social work department this semester. Applications can be obtained from the social work office before deadline of Nov. 10. Criteria are also posted with the application.

Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a Career Placement Orientation entitled "Your Job Search" Nov. 14 at Noon in the KUC room 324. Learn about Placement Services, Resume Expert, Campus Interviews, and Employment Opportunities.

Phi Beta Lambda is selling paper pumpkins for \$1.00 for the March of Dimes. The pumpkins will be displayed on a wall in the KOM. Donations of \$3.00 or more will receive a paper pumpkin and a March of Dimes pin. There will be a table set up on the 1st floor of the KUC by the bookstore on the following days: Nov. 20-21 and Nov. 29-30. Come by and give a donation to the March of Dimes.

Honors Student Association Friday Night Flings begin not-so-promptly at 5:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 108. Two movies are shown on the first and third Fridays. On the second Friday, special interest workshops are held. The fourth Friday features roundtable discussions to explore the opinions of students and faculty on various issues of debate. All events are open to HSA members and one guest per member. Come find out what you've been missing!

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.

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.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship has weekly meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in KUC room 312. Call Trista at 898-3256 or Chris Ward at 898-3244.

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SAE placed on probation

By Mark Blevins/staff

MTSU's Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity chapter was placed on probation this month for violations related to students pledging to be in the fraternity.

The probation came after parents of some pledges called university officials complaining about some of the things their sons were required to do, according to Director of Greek Life Vic Felts.

Felts said yesterday that no evidence of physical or mental abuse of pledges was found during the university investigation, but that the accumulation of "smaller" offenses necessitated the probation.

"When there were several things, we felt it important to address it," Felts said.

According to Felts, those offenses included:

- pledges being required to do things that brothers were not required to do (like clean the fraternity house);
- pledges not being allowed to do things that brothers were allowed to do (like walk

through the front door);

- underage drinking;
- inappropriate risk management; and
- keeping the pledges at the fraternity house for pledge activities for an "excessive amount of time."

SAE President Michael Tallent said yesterday that SAE has responded, realized that some of the activities were inappropriate and is taking steps to make sure the situation is corrected.

The chapter is on probation through the spring semester of 1997 and must meet seven sanctions that came with the probation, Felts said. Those sanctions are:

- submit a detailed outline of the SAE pledge program each semester;
- before SAE pledges begin the pledging process, they must meet with Felts to discuss purposes of a pledge program and fraternities, and to discuss what is appropriate and inappropriate in a pledge situation;
- sponsor a convocation in the fall of 1996 for all fraternities

that focuses on pledging, hazing and appropriate behavior in a pledge situation;

- remain on social probation for the rest of the semester (no parties, mixers, etc.);
- current pledges meet with Felts to discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior (which has already been done);
- initiate pledges this semester rather than next to eliminate in chance of similar instance happening this semester; and
- remain on probation through spring of 1997.

"All of the sanctions, I think, are positive," Felts said adding that they were not meant to be punitive.

Felts said MTSU chapters may be breaking similar violations of policy.

"I think every chapter at this campus needs to know there are national policies in regards to pledging, in regards to alcohol and risk management," Felts said.

"I would encourage [fraternities and sorority chapters] to learn their national policies if they don't know them." ●



Carl E. Lambert/staff

Bicycle Wasteland

Family Housing is collecting unclaimed bicycles across campus to be donated to the Brushy Mountain State Prison where they will be refurbished and redistributed to needy children for Christmas, pending the approval of by the university legal office. Family Housing began collecting the bikes after they sent out letters informing every Housing resident to put issued stickers on the bicycles to signify ownership. Many of the collected bikes have been abandoned.

Multi-Cultural Affairs offers advocacy for minority students

Henry Foster to come to campus Nov. 16

By James Neal/staff

The MTSU Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs specializes in serving minority students, but does not turn anyone away based on race.

"We are here to serve all students," said Ralph Metcalf, director of the Multi-Cultural Affairs office.

The office offers a wide range of services for students, including advising, offering guidance to students in academic and social issues, and acting as an advocate for them with administrative problems.

"If a student is not eligible for a Pell Grant but they need financial aid to remain in school," Metcalf said, "we'll go

over and talk with the financial aid office and see if we can work up some type of payment plan, or find some type of scholarship they might be eligible for."

The office sponsors activities that relate to minority groups, such as ethnic celebrations. They sponsor "fireside chats" where alumni of primarily ethnic background come and speak to students about what they can expect after college.

Multi-Cultural Affairs is bringing former Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster to speak on campus Nov. 16. He will speak about the health problems facing American youth, focusing on teen pregnancy and the use of tobacco among children. Foster will speak in the

Tennessee Room of the JUB at 7 p.m.

Metcalf said his office and the African-American Student Association are organizing a student leadership conference for Nov. 10-11. The conference's goal is to get minority student groups more actively involved in campus activities. A reception will be held Friday evening and a half-day workshop will be held Saturday morning.

In the past Multi-Cultural Affairs has helped organize Black History Month and have had religious conferences for students with diverse religious backgrounds.

For more information on the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, stop by their office in KUC Room 124 or call 898-2987. ●

CLAPP: donated items raise money for Clapp family

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items for auction.

Snap-On Tools, Nashville Knights, Baker Aviation, Phillip's Bookstore, Blue Raider Bookstore and the Rhineman Auditorium furnished products for the auction.

Clapp died last Friday morning in St. Thomas Hospital after being stabbed in Washington, D.C., on a university field trip over Fall Break. Clapp was stabbed

twice during an alleged mugging Oct. 21 at Fourth and 1 Street after he got off the subway.

According to Steven Gossett, assistant professor of aerospace, Clapp managed to flag down a police officer who performed CPR until an ambulance could arrive on the scene. Clapp was admitted to D.C. General Hospital where open heart surgery was performed.

Clapp was later admitted to Georgetown University

Hospital before he was flown to St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

Clapp was a 40-year-old aerospace major who worked at a recreational vehicle sales and repair store in LaVergne. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Tiffany, 15, and Ashley, 9.

Contributions for the Clapp family are being accepted at the NationsBank on S. Lowry Street in LaVergne. ●

Correction

Last Thursday, *Sidelines* reported in the story "Fee Increase Passes" that six candidates were elected as freshman senators. There were originally seven candidates for freshman senator on the ballot, but two were disqualified at the last minute. Jason Charles was a write-in on the ballot, but he was not elected. Katie Davis, Chaka L. Russell, Tim Wilson, Joshua Abramson and Tinisha Buttrey were elected to the five freshman senator slots. We apologize for the mistake.

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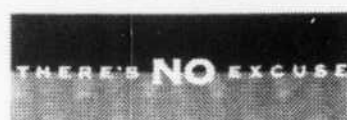
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Association of Recording Management Students	\$250	toward printing costs (newsletters, etc.)
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Beta Theta Pi	\$0	Information not present for decision making. Encouraged to reapply at a later date.
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College Democrats	\$0	committee funded no requests for expenses related to travel (gas, rental car, etc.)
College Republicans	\$300	for office supplies
Communication Disorders Club	\$0	not enough information supplied—you are encouraged to resubmit your application for the Spring semester.
Concerts	\$3,000	for fireworks
Dairy Science Club	\$432	for lodging and registration fees for up to 13 students
Delta Sigma Theta	\$0	committee funded no community service requests
Equestrian Team	\$1,050	\$800 for judging fees and up to \$250 for hauling, feeding, and bedding of horses
Erudite Emancipators	\$0	committee funded no requests for food services
Flying Raiders	\$2,320	\$75 for lodging per student and \$70 for registration fees per student up to 16 students
Gamma Beta Phi	\$0	committee funded no textbook scholarships
Gamma Iota Sigma	\$0	committee felt that you should ask department for funding brochures that are academic in nature
HPERS Club	\$540	to be used for \$25 per person for registration and \$20 per person for lodging up to 12 students
International Association of Jazz Educators	\$750	to be used to pay fee of jazz musician
International Television Association	\$240	\$40 to pay lodging at MTSU apartment and \$200 for certificates and plaques
Kappa Omicron Nu Honors Society	\$65	towards purchase of a bulletin board
Ladies of Omega	\$0	committee advises that you develop a specific criteria for awarding of any such scholarship and reapply in the spring
Lambda Association	\$300	for operating expenses
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NAACP	\$0	committee allocated no funds this semester for food or transportation
National Association of Environmental Professionals	\$1,125	\$75 per person for lodging up to 15 students
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Phi Beta Sigma	\$0	committee provided no specific Homecoming funding or food expenses
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Pi Kappa Alpha	\$0	committee provided no funding for visitation of memorial sites important only to organization—there is no broad application to the rest of MTSU students
Pi Sigma Epsilon	\$0	committee provided no funding of national dues for organizations
Pinnacle	\$0	representative did not keep hearing appointment; therefore, there was no explanation of request
Pre-Law Society	\$390	\$32.50 per student for lodging up to 12 students
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Raider Amateur Radio Club	\$0	committee provided no funding for equipment
Raider Assistance Project	\$240	for registration fees for up to four students
Raider Racquetball	\$650	\$200 for lodging and \$450 for registration for up to 15 students
Right to Life Group	\$500	up to \$50 per student for lodging up to 10 students
Rugby Club	\$1,850	\$30 per jersey up to 15 jerseys, \$250 lodging at Huntsville game, \$450 union dues, \$200 for first aid kit, and \$500 for safety fence
Scuba Club	\$960	\$60 per student for lodging expenses for up to 16 students
SGA	\$9,512	\$2,752 for TISL expenses, \$6,338 for Homecoming expenses, and \$422.32 for copy machine expenses
Sigma Delta Sigma	\$500	towards camping trip expenses for students
Sigma Gamma Rho	\$500	towards Dr. Foster's honorarium—no food or travel expenses may be paid from this fund
Sigma Nu	\$0	committee provided no funding for visitation of memorial sites important only to organization—there is no broad application to the rest of MTSU students
Sigma Phi Epsilon	\$858	\$540 for lodging expenses, \$318 registration fees to cover cost of national conference
Social Work Forum	\$125	for membership drive and newsletters
Society of International Affairs	\$1,566	\$1,171 for lodging expenses and \$495 for delegation fees
Society of Physics Students	\$450	for Van de Graaf
Society of Professional Journalists	\$540	for registration and lodging for national convention
Student Advisory Committee (Human Sciences)	\$65	towards purchase of bulletin board
Student Council for Exceptional Children	\$925	\$92.50 per student for registration fees for up to 10 students
Students for Environmental Action	\$500	\$50 per student for 10 students to cover expenses of registration and lodging
United Greek Council	\$567	\$300 toward speaker fees, registration for five students at leadership conference (\$125); and \$42 total for lodging expenses
Volleyball Club	\$2,000	\$1,400 for Collegiate Club tournament expenses and \$600 for registration for USAVB
Wesley Foundation	\$50	fundraiser expenses
WMTS	\$2,120	\$720 for membership subscriptions, \$300 for costs notifying organizations about play lists, \$200 for office supplies, \$500 for production.
Women's Soccer Club	\$0	committee denied funding as group is now a NCAA-sanctioned sport

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New honor organization bridges curriculum

By Lee Murphy

Phi Sigma Pi, a co-educational national honor fraternity, held an informational meeting on campus for prospective charter members Monday night.

Phi Sigma Pi identified MTSU as a potential chapter last May based upon organizational criteria, including caliber of students and geographic locale.

MTSU is the first Tennessee chapter of the national fraternity, based in Lancaster, Pa. MTSU officially activated its Beta Psi Chapter with an induction ceremony Sunday, Oct. 8.

Some 150 students attended the informational meeting held at the KUC upon receiving letters of invitation from Phi Sigma Pi to become charter members. Representatives from the national office presented a general overview and video, and MTSU students participated in a question and answer session.

The fraternity is based upon a "tripod," which encompasses "scholarship, leadership and fellowship." In

addition to academic excellence, the organization focuses on community service and promotes the development of professionalism.

On-site visits to each chapter are conducted annually by the national office; however, new chapters receive monthly visits during their initial membership. To be eligible for membership, the undergraduate student must possess an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 and have completed between 12 and 90 credit hours.

Founded in 1916, Phi Sigma Pi currently has 53 chapters throughout the United States, primarily in the Eastern region. "We are a national brotherhood from Maine to Georgia, North

Carolina to North Dakota," said Betsy Robinson, Director of Expansion for Phi Sigma Pi.

The fraternity prides itself on being very active, according

to Robinson. From weekly chapter meetings to recreational and social events, Phi Sigma Pi encourages a balanced program. Other activities include seminars, parties, fundraisers, educational projects and an annual fall convention and awards banquet. The banquet enables chapters from across the country to meet fellow brothers and sisters.

MTSU will receive its induction plaque at the next annual banquet to be held Nov. 17-19 in Norfolk, Va. "[The MTSU chapter] is a brand new organization on

campus, and it's an exciting time and wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the honor in becoming a charter member," Robinson stated. "You're going to make it what you want it to be, and you're going to have a lot of fun with it."

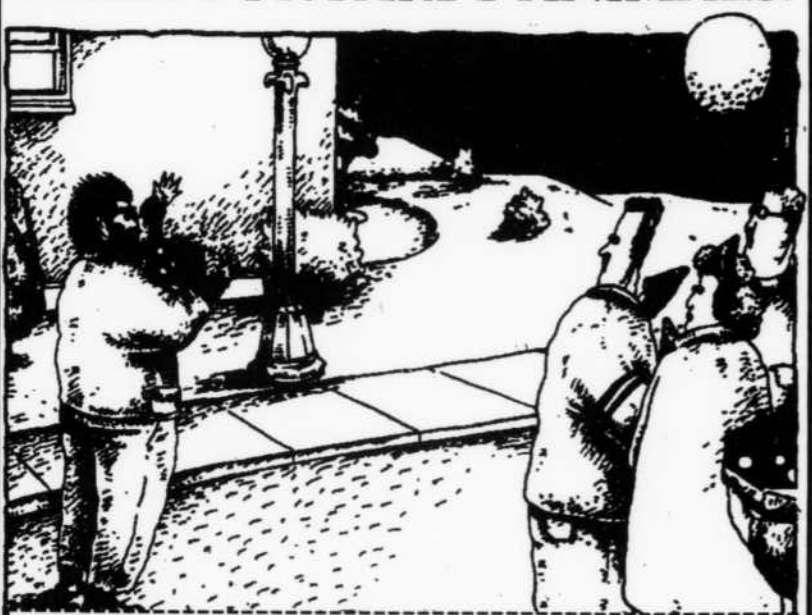
Christine Blanck, Executive Director of Phi Sigma Pi, spoke about the organizational structure of the national office.

"We want the opportunity to get to know all of you," she said. Although the national office provides guidelines and support, "your chapter is going to be what you make it," she said.

MTSU joins the ranks of other chapters within Phi Sigma Pi, including the University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, Syracuse University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Virginia Tech University and University of Georgia.

Anyone requesting further information on Phi Sigma Pi should call the national office at (717) 299-4710. ●

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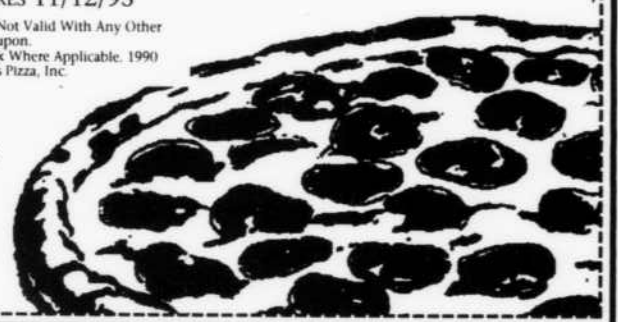
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Summer internship in London firm available for Recording Industry major

By Sonya Ewing/staff

Recording Industry (RI) majors will be able to experience the music world on an international basis, courtesy of American Airlines.

American is sponsoring one MTSU RI student to fly round-trip to London for a summer internship at a record label and the opportunity to study at West Lothian College in Scotland.

The American Airlines International Recording Industry Fellowship gives students the opportunity to work at some major record labels, such as Virgin Records, with each label determining the length of the internship. It is a non-paid internship and the intern must provide their own housing. Many college dormitories throughout London welcome interns and exchange students.

Entertainment attorney Deborah Wagon from the Law Offices of John Mason is responsible for developing the scholarship. She spent a month this past summer working in one of London's music law firms.

American Airlines managing director Michael Dye and former managing director Art Victorine

immediately agreed to the program after her scholarship proposal was submitted in May.

"I felt [that] the students didn't have the opportunity to

"The overall purpose is to increase the number of working professionals within the Nashville music community that have international experience."

Deborah Wagon
Developer of the AA
International Recording
Industry Fellowship

learn about music communication on a large scale," said Wagon, who is also an RI professor at MTSU. The intern will "basically get a world view of the music industry as opposed to just looking at it from a United States perspective."

Applications will be accepted from December through the end of March. They will be reviewed by the

MTSU Department of Recording Industry and American Airlines, and the selection will be made in April.

The applicant must have completed the required co-curriculum courses in the Recording Industry department as well as the international recording industry course.

Judging will be based on academic performance (grade standing), actual experience in the field, and how well the applicant describes what they intend to learn and how they will utilize this experience when they return to the United States.

Wagon said she hopes the student will gain insight on how the recording industry operates from an international standpoint and what American music would sell in London. According to Wagon, the Country Music Association of London is interested in getting involved as well as promoters and radio.

"The overall purpose is to increase the number of working professionals within the Nashville music community that have international experience," Wagon said. ●

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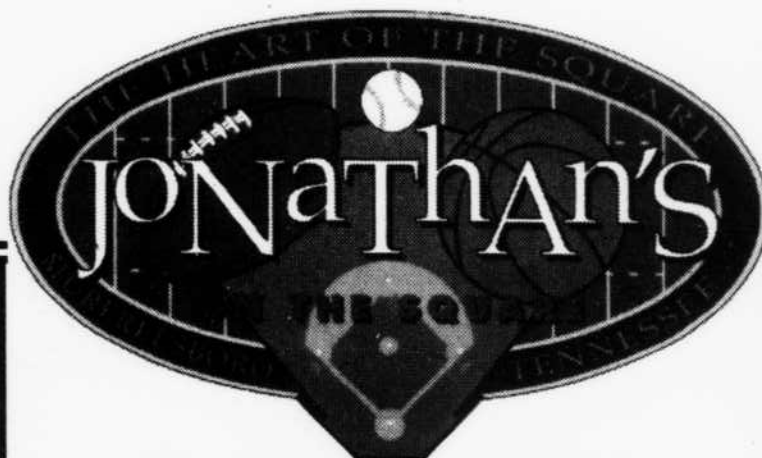
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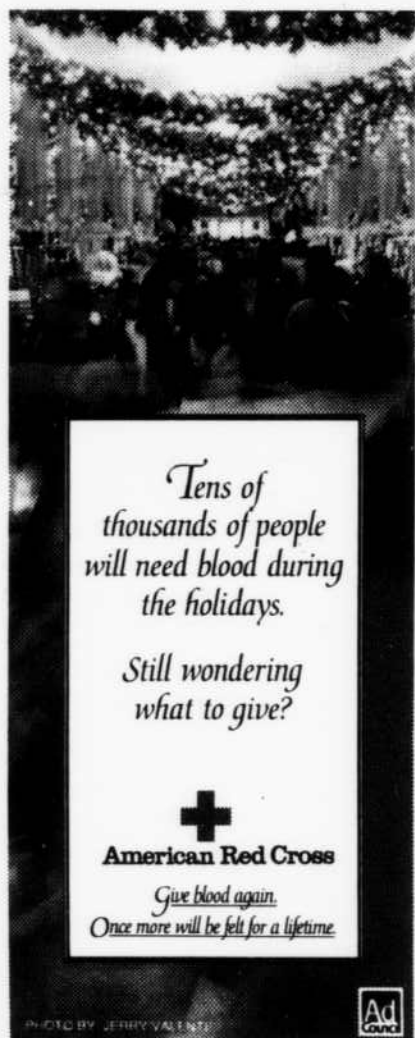
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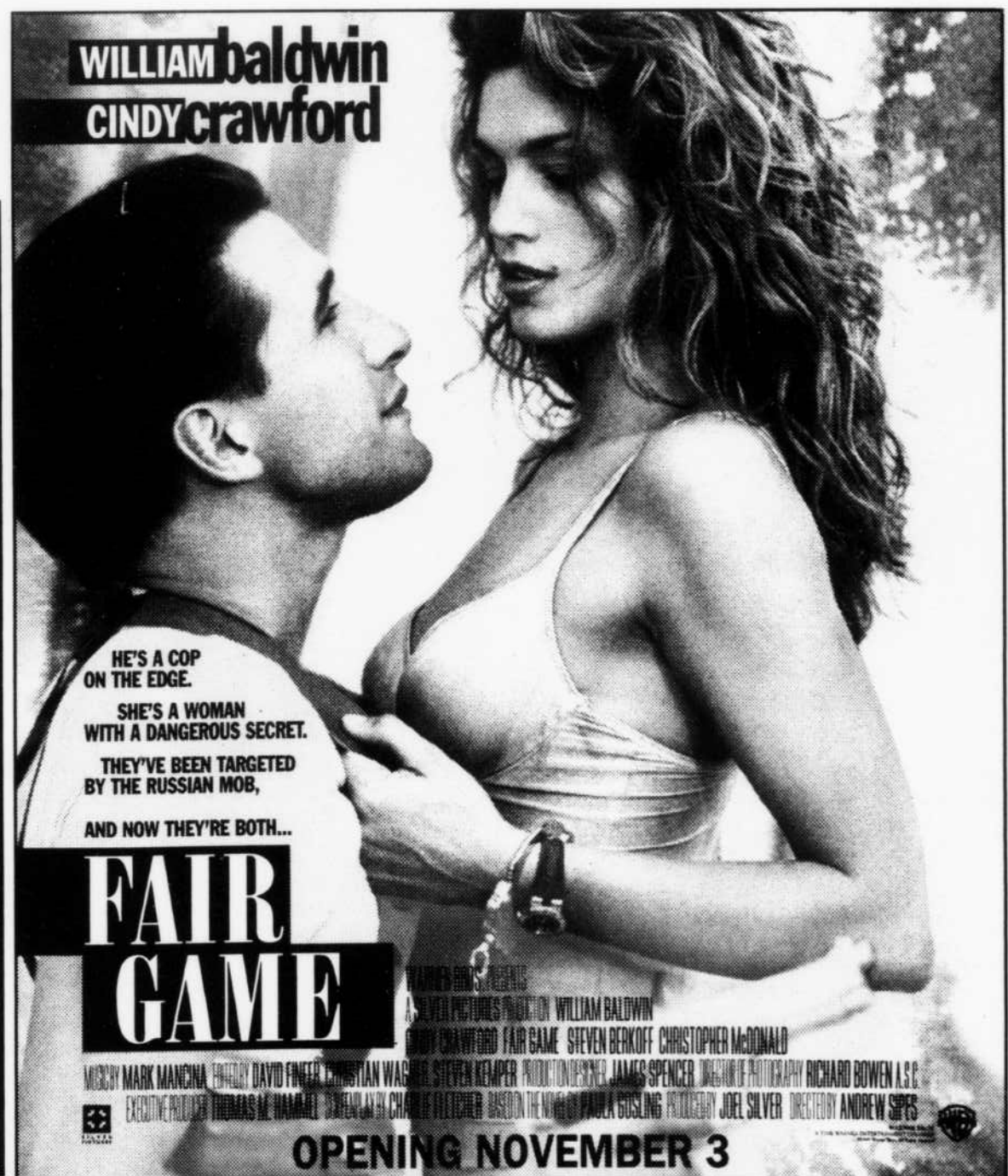
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Music student addresses her concerns for department

After three semesters of turmoil, I feel compelled to voice my concerns about the many problems plaguing the MTSU Music Department, specifically the band program.

Problems have existed for quite a while. Little has been done to correct these problems. Hence, the Department is filled with animosity, distrust, fear, confusion, and sadness.

Since August 1995, 38 people have quit the marching band. This is significant. In the past two years I have marched, no one has ever quit in the section I play in (mellophone). This year not only did I quit, but four others also left our ranks. More alarming than this is the turnover ratio from last year's marching band. Out of approximately 145 members, approximately 51 returned to march the 1995 season!!! This means about 65 percent of our former band members chose not to return this year. In my opinion most left because of the actions of [Director of Bands] Patricia Root and [Music Department Chairman] Dr. John Bingham.

Specifically, Marching Band is a one-hour course which meets MWF 3 - 5 p.m. For years it has met from 3:15 - 5 p.m. to allow students to change clothes, get their instrument,

etc. This year band started at 3 p.m. and earlier consistently even after students were told class roll would not be taken until 3:15. Also band rarely ends on time. When I spoke to Pat Root and [Marching Band Director] George Megaw about this concern, their response was that announcements would start at 5 p.m. and that any student could leave at that time. Yet, no announcement was made concerning this. That other faculty member is permitted such freedom of creating their own class times! Clearly by starting early and ending late, the administration reveals its lack of respect for a student's time. The time factor seems petty, but when added onto the many other problems it creates havoc.

Pat Root says, "I just think they're having a normal reaction to bigtime changes over the last four years." Change is NOT the problem. The way we have been and are being treated is. Class guidelines are ambiguous and appear to be altered or deleted depending on the student. Having been under many band directors and orchestra conductors, I have no problem with someone who treats me fairly and who is competent. Many students including

myself feel that certain opportunities have not been available to them either because they have "spoken up" or simply because they are not liked. Just because you do not like someone, you have no cause to deny any student the same opportunities that are available to another.

MTSU is supposed to develop strong citizens who contribute positively to this country. Instead (in the Music Department) they are being taught to fear authority and to hide their principles in order to complete their study.

Intimidation is a way students have been silenced. Students are afraid to come forward about any transgression in the department for fear of harassment or having their scholarship revoked. Money is a serious matter to any college student,

and if one feels they may lose a major part of their "income" via scholarship then they will not speak up. What kind of message does this send? MTSU is supposed to develop strong citizens who contribute positively to this country. Instead (in the Music Department) they are being taught to fear authority and to hide their principles in order to complete their study.

Some will say that students have not gone "through the proper channels" to voice their concerns and attempt to solve many problems. I have met with Patricia Root, George Megaw, Dr. Bingham, and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs Bob Jones. In early September, I met with Jones and expressed my concerns about suspicious money situations, personal treatment, and education standards. He assured me that he would look into the matter and get back with me. It is now November, and I am still waiting. My mother wrote a letter to the Dean of Liberal Arts John McDaniel in early October requesting he investigate specific problems with the band. He replied that he would "personally look into Emily's particular situation." In

a subsequent conversation with her, Dean McDaniel asked for my phone number in order to contact me and schedule an appointment. Again, I am still waiting. These are examples of why students have not gone "through the channels." We simply have no trust or faith in the administration.

I feel that none of the problems I have addressed and the many more which exist in the Department and band program will resolve until everyone involved meets together and realizes a common goal. I believe this goal should be MUSIC. The MTSU Music Department and band program have strayed far away from music and somehow must find a way back to it.

I implore the administration to act upon concerns voiced by myself and other. Please listen to the students. There have been many wrongs committed. Apologies are deserved and needed. Hopefully then the healing for all can begin.

Emily McFarlen Jr., Music Education

Letters to the Editor

UEC Clause can't protect from private action

To the Editor,

"Middle Tennessee State University, in its educational programs and activities involving students and employees, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or age. Furthermore, the University does not discriminate against veterans or individuals with disabilities," reads the clause at the front of my MTSU catalog. In the past few weeks our attention has been drawn to this string of words.

If we take it at its face value there is the possibility that some will be discriminated against. For example, I see no mention of those who have hazel eyes. Shall I be the target of discrimination? I suppose it is a possibility. Though I have had no discriminative experiences thus far in my academic journey, the clause does not say anything about eye color.

Yet, if I were to seriously ask for the addition of eye color to the clause I would be laughed at by the majority of students. Why? There is simply no need for it. If, by some remote chance, a professor began giving preferential treatment to those with brown eyes the reaction would be swift. The professor would most likely be fired, and the clause would then have cause to be amended.

However, if a student came to me and said I was going to hell because I did not have the same eye color as him, would that be cause to amend? What if a different student came to me and said that if he caught me showing my eyes again he would kill me? That would most certainly be

cause to inform the authorities of this individual's actions, but would it be enough to demand the clause be amended?

Look at what the clause states. It states that the university will not discriminate in its educational programs or its activities involving students or employees, not that it will make sure no student discriminates against another. That is beyond the scope of the clause. It is in regard only to the university as a whole, not the individual.

Several students and organizations have come forward asking that another demographic factor be added to the clause, a demographic factor centered around an issue which is much larger than eye color. I look at the university as a whole and see no instances of discrimination. I look at individuals attending the university and see several instances of discrimination. I ask where is the need for this addition?

Some have said that we should change it so we can become a "world class" university. If this is true, then let's go the entire distance. Let's say that we shall not discriminate on the basis of any demographic factor. Nothing can be more "all inclusive" than that.

If the clause is changed we should not just "protect" a few more, we should include everyone. Of course, it may not be necessary to change it at all.

Sincerely,

Scott Link
RA/TV major

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UEC chair responds to letter about sexual orientation

To the Editor,

In response to Kim Sokoya's letter to the editor (*Sidelines* 10-30), I'd like to extend my appreciation to Professor Sokoya for addressing the need for "a healthy and reasoned debate" on the issues of the policy enhancement at MTSU.

First, I want to commend Professor Sokoya for putting together the October 24 meeting of the MTSU Christian Faculty and Staff Fellowship. I left the meeting with an appreciation for the struggles faced by all faiths.

I was also enlightened to the painful role that other people's fears and prejudices play in creating anxiety for our Christian faculty and staff.

In regards to Sokoya's Oct. 30 letter to the editor, a few things that generate "healthy and reasoned debate" are researched statements. Lambda meetings are open to all people and we do maintain a website for those without time to make it to our meetings.

Sokoya raises a number of issues that indeed should be addressed. One concern raised was Sokoya's idea that it is a "stretch for the UEC to consider homosexuals a minority group that deserves a protected status just like women and racial minorities."

This statement is unresearched and it should be pointed out that the "protected status" of women and minorities to a great degree involves issues of Affirmative Action policies. The UEC resolution specifically states that the policy change

"incorporate a specific exemption from the University's Affirmative Action Policies."

We should also be reminded that everyone "deserves" equal rights by merit of being part of the "rainbow people of god," as Desmond Tu Tu calls all of us.

Rauch's presented idea that the LGB (lesbian/gay/bisexual) community "does not meet the standard criteria for oppressed minority" is irrelevant in light of the UEC request to merely end discrimination. It is also irrelevant in the face of violence and harassment toward any individual merely on the basis of sexual orientation, a term that includes heterosexuals as much as anyone else.

Another point made by Sokoya that the UEC's National Support are made up of "gay and lesbian organizations" is also unresearched. Of the 20 National Academic Organizations the UEC cites as official backers of this policy enhancement, none of them fit this category. This list is available to everyone on reserve in the library as well as the Lambda website.

Sokoya also states that "Race is not behavioral; sexuality, though distinct from sexual activity, is profoundly linked to a settled pattern of behavior."

Another pattern of behavior that I find profound is RELIGION. It is most certainly not genetic, as is race or sex, yet if we follow Sokoya's argument, he will have denied religion the right of a "protected status." I believe that religion deserves this protection because

people are consistently discriminated against for their religious choice.

Sokoya goes on to ask if the nondiscrimination policy enhancement request of the UEC can be "construed as an attempt to give credence to all forms of sexuality or sexual activity?"

The answer would be an obvious NO. The protection of religion does not currently allow the sacrifice of humans or the use of illegal narcotics for ritual purposes.

The addition of sexual orientation into our campus nondiscrimination policy will no more protect criminal activity than would the protection of religion. It is the right thing to do.

I agree with Sokoya on a couple of things. He is right to say, "It is our collective responsibilities to treat one another with decency" and that the LGB community should "disengage from the strategy of viewing themselves as an oppressed minority."

These are the keys to the successful empowerment of everyone of us, despite any of our differences. Rising above oppression has been the reason for the visibility of what makes us all similar. We are all people.

The UEC welcomes the opportunity to inform everyone of the issues involved with the policy enhancement. Our website is located at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda> or on the MTSU Homepage under "student organizations."

Michael Grantham
Sr., Psychology
UEC Chair

Voter turnout high enough to end activity fee issue: SGA Prez

To the Editor,

I want to thank each student who came out and voted in last week's election. When you came and voted you showed that you cared about where MTSU is going in the future. You showed that you cared about the other students at this university.

In a time when a 10 percent voter turnout is good enough to elect a United States President, we had 12 percent of the students vote last week. This is the most we have ever had in a Fall election and the largest

voter turnout in any election in three years. Contrary to comments by Mr. Harvill at the TBR, I feel we actually got a true representation of the students. An improvement of over 100 percent from last semester's vote I feel warrants that respect.

I want to commend those who argued their point of the activity fee in a dignified manner. Most everyone can learn something from some of the things that were said during this ordeal.

The activity fee controversy is over! As one SGA senator was

quoted, "The activity fee is a dead issue." I completely agree. There are many more important things happening on this ever-changing campus. We all should be focusing our efforts to more worthwhile endeavors. I look forward to continuing my work to make this a better campus for all.

Sincerely,

Shane McFarland
SGA President

Politics invades the World Wide Web

The Internet

Race for nation's top job moves into cyber-space



Joe Legge

This time next year we will be casting our vote for the next President of the United States. Candidates will stop at nothing to come across as knowledgeable, current men of the people. The 1996 class is attempting to prove that they are modern men using a host of new websites.

It's funny to actually find that some Republicans pushing for strict reform of the Internet are embracing this medium to further their presidential campaigns. The net has seen every thing from former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander holding an online chat session, to Bob Dole Interactive. For some reason the words "interactive" and "Dole" strike me as amusing.

Anyhow, we begin our political journey with incumbent President Bill Clinton. Being the country's leader must make him special since the top Democrat has two websites. The first is an official Presidential site (<http://www.whitehouse.gov>) while the other presents a grassroots effort (<http://www.av.qnet.com/~yes>). The official site offers a tour of the White House and other general information on the First and Second families. The grassroots site displays links to "Politically Cool Sites," information on the campaign, attacks on the Republican party, and links to additional Democratic pages.

The Democratic National Committee (<http://www.democrats.org>) is also available with information on the Democratic convention, means to save Medicare, and information on how to join the party. DNC also features *RealAudio* with the President.

On the other end is the Republican National Committee (<http://www.rnc.org>). The San Diego experts that assembled the website claim that they learned from the Democrats' mistakes. Notable features here include a *RealAudio* broadcast of a television show (in audio only), information on the upcoming GOP convention, and a gift shop for all your stocking stuffer needs.

The leading republican Presidential candidate at this point is Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (<http://www.dole96.com>). His site is extremely creative and could possibly be the best of all political figures on the net. Dole on the web offers an interactive map of the US, showing the progress of the Dole campaign in each state. In addition, Dole Interactive, a feature mentioned previously, offers trivia, screen savers, pictures, opportunities to design campaign posters, and even send personalized Dole postcards. The GOP candidate is also the first political figure to try fund-raising on the net.

On a lighter note is the Sole Sight of the 1996 Presidential Campaign (<http://www.infi.net/jmshoe>). Find out who is nipping at whose heels, and what shoe size the candidates sport, not to mention interesting sidebars on shoe styles.

With most if not all of the 1996 class online searching for votes, you can only wonder how long it will be before we can vote, via the Internet, from our own homes. ●

Note: Joe Legge's Internet column runs every Thursday in Sidelines.

No Parking

Campus ticket writers take their jobs seriously

By Joey Butler/staff

It's happened to everyone. You're in a hurry. You can't find a parking space, so you pull into a spot that you know you don't have a permit for and hope for the best. Of course, when you return, there's a little yellow envelope tucked neatly beneath your windshield wiper.

Like an evil tooth fairy, an MTSU ticket writer has paid you a visit. But they didn't leave any money.

The ticket writers rank in popularity just below the person who approves tuition raises.

"When I come back from class and find a ticket on my windshield, I'd like to leave a little note on their windshields, too," said English major Faye Wilson.

"It's just another way for the school to make money," said Junior Information Systems major Andrew Gibbs. "Paying meters when you just have to check your mail is wrong."

But are the ticket writers getting a bad rap? Are they gleefully littering our cars with expensive citations, or just doing their jobs?

That wasn't so easy to find out.

You see, ticket writers are masters at concealing themselves, presumably springing from nowhere to mark their prey and fade



Brian G. Miller/staff

back into obscurity. Well, maybe that's a little extreme, but they are pretty scarce.

After an hour of walking through campus parking lots, not one ticketer was spotted.

The Parking and Transportation office was little help in this area. A request for the ticketers' routes was denied. Such information could only be disclosed with the permission of manager Gary Hunter, who was conveniently out of town. This information didn't seem like the type to be highly guarded, but perhaps they were protecting the ticketers

from angry parking violators seeking revenge. Oh well, back to the lots.

More searching uncovered - at long last - a ticket writer. But the ticketer refused to comment for the newspaper. Was it this difficult for Woodward and Bernstein? Are the ticketers a Mason-like secret society, shrouding themselves in a veil of mystique? If so, the two ticketers we managed to corner will be stripped of their yellow envelopes upon publication of this story.

Shelly Hunter, a sophomore English major,

immediately dispelled the myth that ticketers are an evil breed who thrive on dealing out citations.

"It's just a job, and it's kind of boring," Hunter said, but noted that citing parking violators doesn't make her feel guilty.

Terra Stephens shares Hunter's sentiments. Stephens has only been a ticketer for one week, but already takes her job very seriously.

"It's what I do for a living," Stephens said. "People ask, 'Are you the mean ticket writer?' and I

"People ask, 'Are you the mean ticket writer?' and I say, 'That's me!'"

Terra Stephens
Ticket writer

say, "That's me!"

Like Hunter, Stephens feels little remorse for illegal parkers.

"Some people just take advantage of open spaces. But if you're parked wrong, you're going to get a ticket," Stephens said.

Have either of them ever experienced the wrath of a violator first-hand?

It happened to Stephens on her first day, when a group of male students yelled at her not to give them tickets.

Hunter actually had a woman throw a ticket back in her face, but for the most part, both claim the job is pretty uneventful.

"I like it to be boring," said Hunter.

Both take their job responsibilities seriously and have no problem writing tickets if someone is illegally parked. And no - they don't derive any sadistic pleasure from it.

And as for my theory that the ticket writers are ninjas lurking in the bushes, well... I'm wrong. But you know how the media is - we see conspiracies in everything. ●

The way we were

Alumnus finds a lot has changed at MTSU since 1965

By Brenda D. Warren

Memories play tricks on me. So, when I tell you that 1965 at MTSU was lovelier than 1995 is, maybe I'm under the spell of nostalgia.

So much has changed in 30 years. Physical changes that have forever marred the beauty and simplicity of 1965's campus.

Then, an old brick building, one fourth the size of Peck Hall, sat between Cope Administration and Kirksey Old Main. Called the "English building," its underground first floor was dark and warm like a womb. My lantern in that darkness was Mr. Ramon DeShazo, my freshman English teacher. Holding my term paper before class, he praised me. "There's one thing I can say about Miss Durham. She's consistent. Consistently wrong." He wanted to be sure I'd always remember him. I have.

Jones Hall, not quite so big and not an office building, housed women in 1965. In its lobby it had real furniture, heavy wooden desks, oak end tables and gigantic glass lamps with shades. I'd come home from class and sink up to my waist in its warm, red naugahyde sofa. Now, in the dorm lobbies there's modular furniture. Their cold, stiff fabric and boxy sameness repel me, reminding me more of an institution than home.

Food in the JUB in 1965 was real, like Sunday dinner at mama's. Now, so much of the food's like Beavis and Butt-Head - tasty, yet empty calories.

In Jones Hall, three girls and



The 1964 MTSC cheerleaders smile for the camera.

I slept in bunk beds in one big room. There, innocence watched and listened to a woman of experience. Long-legged, high-hipped, bleached-blond Cynthia told us (and anyone who'd listen) her sexual accomplishments. Proud of her one-night stands, Cyn (the nickname she appropriately preferred) shared with Libby, Annette and me the details of many such nights. Covered mouths and rolled eyes was all the appreciation she got from us.

Linda Cibus and I met in 1965 while living in Jones Hall. Catholic, Linda invited me, heathen, to attend Mass with her. Linda's friend Joe brought his friend, Robert.

Joe asked Linda for a date, and Robert asked me. The closer the time came for the date, the colder my feet got.

"I don't want to go out with Robert," I confided to Linda.

"I'll go with him," Linda said, quick as lightning.

And so began their life together. They spent countless hours in the lobby of Jones Hall, and all that time together resulted in 25 years of marriage and two children.

At our last reunion we talked of 1965 at MTSU.

"Just think, no more young couples in the lobby of Jones," Linda said, a far away look in her eyes.

"Too bad it had to become an office building," said Robert. "We owe our lives together to that dorm. And, of course, to Brenda!"

From my third floor window in Jones, I remember seeing the grassy, open land that lay between Fine Arts and Dramatic Arts. Bands marched there, artists sketched there, and couples, like Linda and Robert, cooed and wiggled their toes in the grass there. Pulled from my destination, I once stopped there to rub a bay tree's shiny leaf between my fingers. A hundred times I walked through it, and each time its openness revived me. Now, a building fills that space.

I wonder if 1995 at MTSU will be lovelier than 2025? Thirty years from now will there be green, open space, cool grass to wiggle toes in, one shiny leaf to touch? ●

Homecoming Happenings: What's going on this week

This week is Homecoming on the campus of MTSU. For many students, this week is time to party. For other students, this week is like any other. If you want to get a full look at the weeks festivities, dig down in the *Sidelines* bin and pick up the Homecoming Preview that ran in Monday's edition. If you happen to be at a location that isn't close to the paper bin, we gotcha covered. Here is a little run down of the events that you can still enjoy:

Thursday, November 2

Fourth Annual History Majors Career Options Workshop with Alumni, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Alumni Center, 898-2639

Beach Party and Canned Food Drive, 4 p.m.-11 p.m., Sun deck and Parking Lot of Recreation Center including:

Professional Volleyball Demonstration and 3-on-3 Tournament, 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

Steel Band, 6 p.m.

Rock Climber, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Body building Demonstration and Clinic, 7 p.m.

Star Struck Video, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Kayaker Demonstration and Clinic, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Movie in Pool, 9 p.m.-11 p.m.

Friday, November 3

Special Olympics Bowling, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Murfreesboro Bowling Lanes, sponsored by Disabled Student Services

Fight Song Competition, 4 p.m., Keathley University Center Courtyard and Knoll

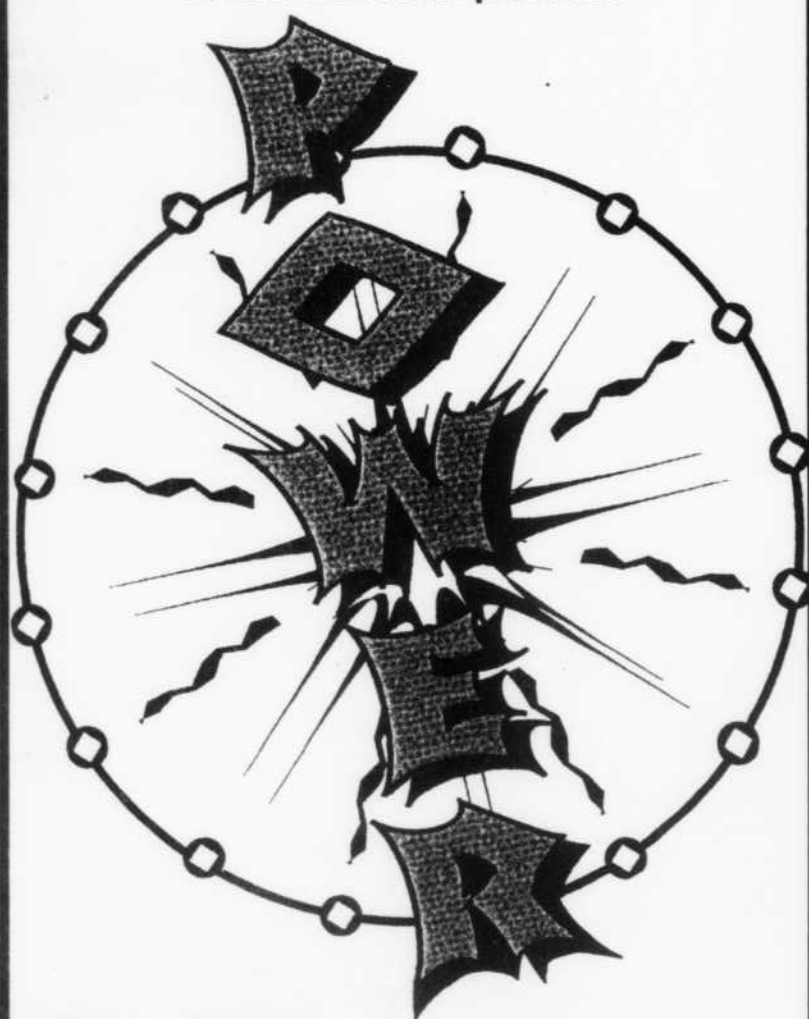
Pep Rally, 5 p.m., Keathley University Center Courtyard and Knoll

Alumni Association Board Dinner honoring Past Presidents, 6 p.m., Alumni Center, by invitation

Step Show, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Tucker Theater, sponsored by Offices of Multicultural Affairs and Greek Life

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MTSU Concerts presents



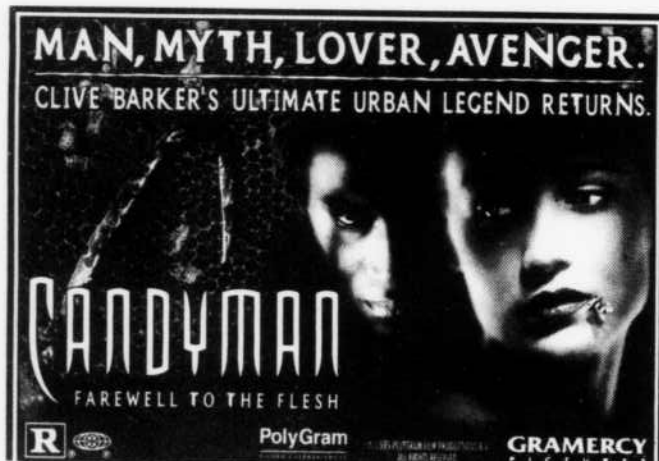
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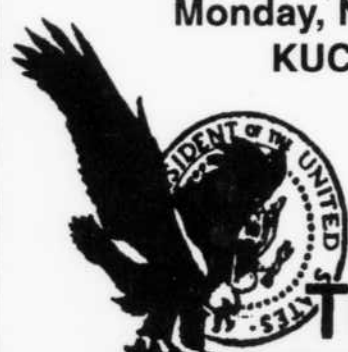


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Wright Music Building, Music
Alumni Reception, 9:30 p.m.,
Garden Plaza Hotel

Saturday, November 4

**Alumni Continental
Breakfast** 8 a.m., Alumni
Center Front Porch
Homecoming Parade 9 a.m.,
Greenland Drive Parking Lot
to Courthouse Square
**Greek Alumni Parade
Party**, 9 a.m., President's
Lawn
Alumni Class Receptions
Honoring Classes of 1990,
1980, 1970, 1960, 1950, 1940,
1930, 9:30 a.m., Alumni Center
Tent
**Computer Science Alumni
Reunion**, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,
Hazlewood Dining Room of
James Union Building, Kory
Green Wells, 898-0063
**Military Science Hall of
Fame Induction of Brig.
Gen. Noah Daniel ('59)**, 10
a.m., James Union Building
steps
Alumni Band Day, Alumni
Band included in parade
**Agribusiness and
Agriscience Open House
Reception**, 10 a.m.-11:30
a.m., Stark Agribusiness and
Agriscience Center
**Nursing Department
Reception** honoring Ann
Tenpenny on her
retirement, 10 a.m., Cason-

Kennedy Nursing Building
**Aerospace Reception and
Tour**, 10 a.m., Lanier AWS
Laboratory and Flight
Operations Building at
Murfreesboro Airport
**Homecoming Barbecue
Luncheon** 11:45 a.m.-1:15
p.m., Alumni Center, \$6.00
**Greek Alumni Tailgate
Party**, Greenland Drive
Parking Lot
Homecoming Game MTSU
vs. UT- Martin, 2 p.m.
Crowning of Homecoming
Queen at half-time
**Post-Game Alumni
Reception** Hosted by Young
Alumni Council, Alumni
Center
**Recreation Center Grand
Opening Tours**, before and
after the game
Alumni T-Club Dinner 6
p.m., Tennessee Room, \$20,
Jimmy Jackson, 893-2460. To
be inducted into Blue Raider
Hall of Fame: John Hambrick
(38), G.E. McCormack ('58),
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**Post-Game Aerospace
Barbecue Dinner**,
Sportsman Club on Manson
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Entertainment Extra!

What to do in the area this weekend and beyond

Today

The MTSU Theatre presents *Candyman* (R), tonight at 6:30 and 9 p.m. \$2 per person. This is the last night *Candyman* will be showing.

The Boro presents Redstone. **Mainstreet** Presents Heart Shaped Box (a Nirvana tribute band), and Thundergrapes. Jonathan's presents 3-D. 10 p.m., \$3.

Squeezers presents Aggie Coloured Karma, 9:30 p.m., \$3. **Zanies** presents Steve Goodie & Special Guest, 8:30 p.m., \$7. **Conrads** presents Karaoke Night/Ladies Night. **The Bunganut Pig** presents Lindy Gravelle.

Friday

The Boro presents Uncle Daddy, Staring at the Sun, & Old Man Friday. **Squeezers** presents Obscene Gestures. 9:30 p.m., \$3. **Comedy on the Square** presents Tim Northern & Friends. 8 & 10 p.m. shows, \$7, 18 and over to enter. **The Bunganut Pig** presents Jimmy Markum & the Jukes. **Zanies** presents Steve Goodie & Special Guest, 8 & 10 p.m. shows, \$10. **Lady Raider Volleyball** Vs. Murray State. Murphy Center, free.

Saturday

MTSU Football Vs. UT Martin. 2 p.m., Horace Jones Field. **The Boro** presents The Habaneros, Thicket Grove, & Chilhowee. **Jonathan's** presents the San Raphael Band, 10 p.m., \$3. **Squeezers** presents The Holdouts, 9:30 p.m. **The Bunganut Pig** presents The Bunganuts. **Comedy on the Square** presents Tim Northern & Friends. 8 & 10 p.m. shows, \$7, 18 and over to enter. **Zanies** presents Steve Goodie & Special Guest, 8 & 10 p.m., \$10.

Sunday

The Boro hosts a cookout & keg party, 99-cent burgers, \$5 open draft. **Squeezers** presentd Plad, 9:30 p.m. **Zanies** presents Steve Goodie & Special Guest, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

Monday

The Boro presents Mike Palmer. **Squeezers** presents NFL Beat the Clock. 25-cent draft beers 7-8 p.m., 50-cent beers 8-9 p.m., 75-cent beers 9-10 p.m., etc... **Conrads** presents Monday Night Football. **The Bunganut Pig** presents a surprise artist.

Tuesday

TUE: The Boro presents Spill Red. **Squeezers** presents Blind Draw (darts), dart throwing. Happy Hour all night long. **MTSU Volleyball** Vs. Tennessee Tech, Murphy center, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

WED: The Boro presents Highwater. **Squeezers** presents Aggie Coloured Karma, Ladies night. The Bunganut Pig presents Columbia Highway Bluegrass.

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Student Programming: 2551.
Campus Police: 2424.

If you would like to see your event listed in Sidelines' Entertainment Extra!, send e-mail to Brent Andrews at: Brent1@ix.netcom.com or call the Sidelines office at 898-2337. Any event that is open to the public or to MTSU students will be listed.

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Injuries hurt Moosemen at regional tournament

•Previously undefeated rugby club suffers first losses of season at Indiana tourney

By Brian Wargo

The MTSU rugby club suffered their first defeats of the season last weekend on the way to a fourth-place finish at the Mid-West regional tournament in Evansville, Indiana.

The Moosemen went into the tournament after playing Mississippi State, Tennessee and Vanderbilt the weekend before in the Mid-South tournament. According to rugby coach Robert Keith, the lack of time to recover from the Mid-South played a large role in MTSU's performance at the regional.

While the Mid-South tournament is always the weekend before the regional, the other teams competing in the Mid-West, Purdue, Southern Illinois, and Southern Indiana, found out in the spring that they would be participating in Evansville.

"We had to play three highly-rated teams the weekend before this tournament, and the other teams in the tournament came in fresh," Keith said.

MTSU entered the tournament with many of their starting lineup suffering from injuries. Key center player Mike Wallace suffered a broken wrist in the Mid-South, and several other players traveled with injuries. Also, poor playing conditions, such as the cold weather and a unkempt playing surface, were also said to have had an effect on Middle's already injured players.

"Our players came into this

tournament with a lot of pulled muscles, and the field did not help that much either," team captain Dace Chuck said. "I believe if we could have had a week off before the tournament we would have been in a lot of better shape."

Middle was defeated Saturday in their first game in the Mid-West by Purdue University, 28-24. The Moosemen built a 15-0 lead on Purdue early in the game, but just when everything seemed to be going in their favor Middle lost one of their key players, scrum-half Will Rogers, to a concussion.

The injury played heavily on the Moosemen, and they were defeated when Purdue was able to score in the closing minutes of the game.

The Moosemen played Southern Illinois on Sunday for a chance to finish third. Many of their players, however, were not able to play because of injuries sustained in the Purdue game. Because of the vacancies in their lineup Middle had to put together a team consisting of players from both the "A" and "B" teams, but once again the Moosemen fell short, losing to Southern Illinois 34-28.

The Moosemen have dedicated their season to friend and fellow player Joey Ladd, who passed away earlier this year. According to one player, Ladd's memory pushed MTSU's squad to play at the best of their ability.

"I know Joey would be proud," Kevin Scott said. "And he should be proud because he is still part of this team."

The 7-2 Moosemen will face Tennessee Tech for their next match November 11 in Cookeville. ●

Raider returns to the court after battling serious illness

By Joel Frey/staff

The fuzzy tennis ball hung effortlessly in the air for less than a second and suddenly was crushed into play.

With precision and grace, sophomore Anthony DeLuise ripped an elegant one-handed backhand down the line for a clean winner, walked towards the net and gave doubles partner Fred Niemeyer a quick high five.

A year and a half ago, DeLuise was not sure a common exchange at practice with his Blue Raider teammates, like this, would ever happen again.

As an 18-year-old from Melbourne, Australia coming to play tennis for MTSU two years ago, the last thought in DeLuise's mind was having to face a life threatening predicament.

However, after arriving in Murfreesboro in the spring of 1994, DeLuise developed unexplainable lapses of energy loss and weakness.

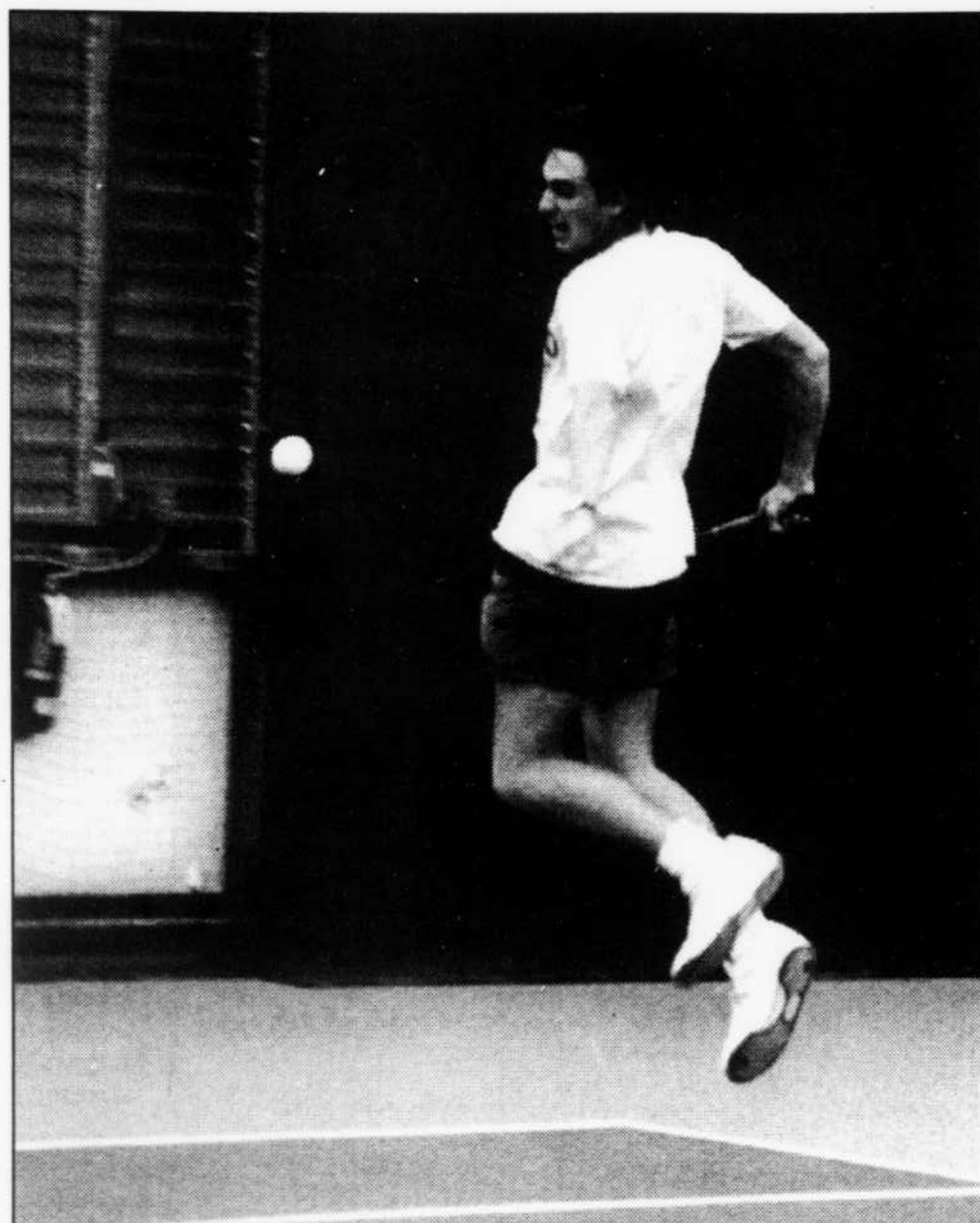
While on certain days he would feel fine and in great shape, on others it would be difficult for him just to get out of bed let alone make it to the tennis court.

"It was really an off and on problem when I first arrived here," DeLuise said. "My joints would get really sore for maybe a few days and then I would feel improvement and not worry about it."

For three months and 13 matches into his freshman campaign, DeLuise handled the mysterious problem while immediately being inserted into the Blue Raider line-up as the third seed.

Midway through the season, the team traveled to Irvine, Calif. to play in the Cal-Irvine Invitational.

Prior to leaving, DeLuise had been feeling well enough to make the trip and felt good about the prospect of playing some of the best collegians from across the country.



Brian G. Miller/staff

Blue Raider Anthony DeLuise faced a life-threatening injury, but recovered and returned to the upper echelons of college tennis.

Unknowning to DeLuise, he would not make it back to Murfreesboro.

Upon arriving in Irvine, the enigmatic problems he had been dealing with surfaced once again.

DeLuise watched MTSU's first

match from the sidelines and never made it out of bed for the second one.

It was at this point coach Dale Short decided it was time to take DeLuise to the hospital.

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Blue Raider secondary could face a challenge Saturday against Tennessee-Martin's west-coast style offense



Todd Sorum/staff

CRUNCH!!

Freshman outside linebacker Brian Chastain levels an Austin Peay ball carrier. The Raider defense is ranked second in the OVC in yards allowed per game.

By Ryan Lewis/staff

The Blue Raider football team returns to the friendly confines of Horace Jones Field this week to take on Ohio Valley Conference rival UT-Martin for homecoming.

The Skyhawks (4-4, 3-3), formerly known as the Pacers, have shed their other label of "patsy" in 1995 by offering a much tougher battle for their opponents than in past years. UTM is coming off a disappointing defeat at the hands of Southeast Missouri last week, 38-17.

MTSU (5-3, 4-2) enters the game after a much needed open date healed some injuries and renewed some spirit. The Blue Raiders will have extra incentive as they play their final home game of the '95 season in front of a homecoming crowd.

"We emphasize homecoming here," said MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly. "It's special for the seniors. It's special for the alumni. It's special because there's only one — one time a year."

MTSU's much-maligned secondary has shown some improvement over the past month. It will get its toughest test this Saturday afternoon against a pass-happy Skyhawk squad that employs the popular "West Coast" offense and averages just under 300 passing yards per game.

"They have thrown the ball, and thrown it effectively, against skilled secondary people," Donnelly said. "They have found a quarterback who throws it exceptionally well to some very skilled receivers. They have a chance to, as they say, 'turn the corner', and they definitely have the people to do it."

Junior quarterback Jeff McCrone has thrown for 1,788 yards and 14 touchdowns with just six interceptions. Junior H-back Nikki Jackson continues to be the offensive workhorse as he leads the OVC in receiving (54 catches for 389 yards),

and the team in rushing (58 carries for 354 yards and three scores).

Defensively, UTM allows 356.6 yards per game in total offense. The unit has been overwhelmed by injury with no less than seven of its starters missing action this year. Senior linebacker Craig Reynolds leads the team with 78 total tackles, and senior strong safety Preston Jones anchors the secondary with four interceptions.

"Defensively, with the exception of a couple of other teams we've gone against, they are as good as anyone else in the league," Donnelly said.

MTSU will be playing for the first time since demolishing Southeast Missouri, 42-0, October 21.

"Middle Tennessee is coming off an off week and played an outstanding game against Southeast," said UTM head coach Don McLeary.

"We are facing a very big challenge this week on their homecoming."

The Raiders average 171.5 yards rushing and 172.1 yards through the air. Senior tailback Brigham Lyons has rushed for 698 yards and seven touchdowns this season, including a 99-yard, two score performance versus SEMO.

The open date has healed most of the nagging injuries on the Blue Raider squad and everyone should be ready to play in this week's game.

"What do we do against them and how well we do against them is going to be interesting," Donnelly said. "It's going to be the biggest challenge that we've had to this point, particularly with our defensive people. It's going to be imperative that we do something with the football. We're going to have to control it similar to what we did against Southeast Missouri."

MTSU leads the overall series with the recently-renamed Skyhawks, 15-7-1, after the Blue Raiders trounced UTM, 38-7, during last year's homecoming game. ●



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Golfers take fourth at Alabama tournament

By Rob Nunley/staff

The Blue Raider golf team lost a second-round lead, but held on to finish a very respectable fourth at the USA/Robert Trent Jones Invitational tournament held Monday and Tuesday in Alabama.

Coach Johnny Moore's squad finished the three-round par 72 tournament with a combined score of 900, 36 below par and 17 behind South Alabama, the host team for the tournament. Columbus College and Ole Miss finished second and third, respectively.

The Raiders finished the first round of play with a 294, two strokes behind first round leader Ole Miss.

Maine Brock led the Raiders' charge with a first round score of 70 (-2).

The Raiders finished 11 strokes ahead of the fifth place team, Troy State, who defeated them earlier this year at the Legends/Pepsi Invitational in Franklin.

"Beating Troy State is excellent for us," Moore said.

Middle took the overall lead after the second round of the tournament. The Raiders shot a 293 for round two, meaning they would be paired last for the final round.

This pairing proved to be detrimental for the Raiders, however, when after getting off to a good start a rainstorm came over the course late in the final round.

"Not to make excuses, but when

that rain hits if everyone else is finished and you're still out there, it makes a world of difference," Moore said. "It was all we could do to hold on to the club."

The Raiders had to settle for a third-round total of 313, and Brock once again led the way with a 74.

Brock finished the tournament tied for second overall with a 217. Other Raiders contributing to the total team scoring were: David Reed (71, 74, 80-225), Erick Paschal (78, 72, 80-230), David Head (77, 74, 80-231) and Brian Higgins (76, 79, 79-234).

"This was the best we've played all year," Moore said. "It finally came together this week against the strongest field we've played." ●

DeLUISE: European summer play helps comeback

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And it was during this hospital stay in California that Anthony DeLuise came ominously close to losing his life.

"It was real scary for a while mainly because no one could figure out exactly what was wrong with Anthony,"

Short said. "We were getting panicky trying to communicate with his parents in Australia and at the same time his temperature was shooting up over 105," he continued. "Needless to say, anxiety levels were high."

Short stayed with DeLuise until his father, a medical doctor in Australia, could come to the U.S. to help treat his son.

Eventually, DeLuise was diagnosed with reactive arthritis, an acute form of rheumatoid arthritis which affects the joints and muscles of the body.

DeLuise returned to Melbourne with his father where he would spend the greater part of the next five months in bed trying to recover from his illness not really knowing if he would be able to play competitive tennis again.

Fortunately, DeLuise has fully recovered from the eerie symptoms which plagued him that fateful spring.

And although it has been a long road back for DeLuise, it is safe to say he has returned—with fire in his eyes.

Following a red shirt season last year which DeLuise described as "dreadful, awful really," in his dry Australian accent, he, along with MTSU teammate David McNamara traveled abroad to Europe last summer playing in tournaments

attempting to refine their games.

However, in DeLuise's instance it was more of a case of assessing whether or not he was still capable of playing tennis at a high level rather than refining the smaller points of his game.

By the end of the summer, DeLuise had convinced himself, on the grass courts of England, that he was ready to make an asserted comeback to tennis at MTSU.

"I wasn't really sure what last summer was going to be like for me," DeLuise said. "Although I had some tough losses in France in the early part of the summer, towards the end, I was playing very well and felt my game returning to a point I was comfortable with."

DeLuise's run this fall has been nothing short of spectacular.

He won the first tournament he played in this fall at the Jackson Rotary.

Since then, he has made it to the finals of the Southern Intercollegiate, one of the most prestigious fall tournaments in the country, and, along with doubles partner Niemeyer, made a splash on the national collegiate tennis scene when the duo reached the semi-finals of the ITA All-American Championships in Austin, Tex.

Niemeyer described his partner not only as "an unbelievable tennis player

with great volleys," but also as someone who has "made it even more fun to be on the court."

Coach Short also applauded the efforts of DeLuise saying the success he has attained "could not have happened to a greater person who has had to deal with so much; the university should really be proud of a student-athlete like Anthony."

Despite such acclamations from his teammate and coach, DeLuise, in his laid back manner, shrugs it all off with little regard.

"It is really great to have success on the court and believe me I am quite pleased with my results and the team's as well," DeLuise said. "But I just see myself as one member of the team whose point counts just the same and I have to keep focused and not worry about the pressures of winning."

Ironically, on this day of practice DeLuise and Niemeyer lost a practice match to McNamara and Julius Robberts.

A setback to some, however, when one comes as close to death as DeLuise, one soon gains a new perspective on life.

And to Anthony DeLuise just getting out of bed in the morning and perhaps eating a bowl of cereal would be that perspective. ●

Blue Raider tennis teams send participants' to national indoor qualifying tournaments

By Joel Frey/staff

Players from both MTSU tennis teams will travel today to the Rolex National Indoor Qualifying tournaments.

Blue Raiders Anthony DeLuise, defending Region 3 champion Fred Niemeyer, Julius Robberts, David

McNamara and Marshall Brown will represent the 40th ranked Blue Raiders today at Vanderbilt.

Robberts, who won the top flight last weekend at the University of Kentucky, is looking forward to this opportunity.

"This will just give us a chance to show everyone just how good we are as a team," he said.

For the women, Coach David Thornton will take the tandem of Amy King and

Jennifer Bryans to Lexington, Ky. today.

"I am really enthusiastic about playing this weekend," Bryans said. "It is a real big opportunity for me."

Thornton said King and Bryans should gain experience this weekend.

"Jennifer and Amy both had an up and down weekend in Georgia, however I think they need to play in such an atmosphere in preparation for the spring season," Thornton said. ●

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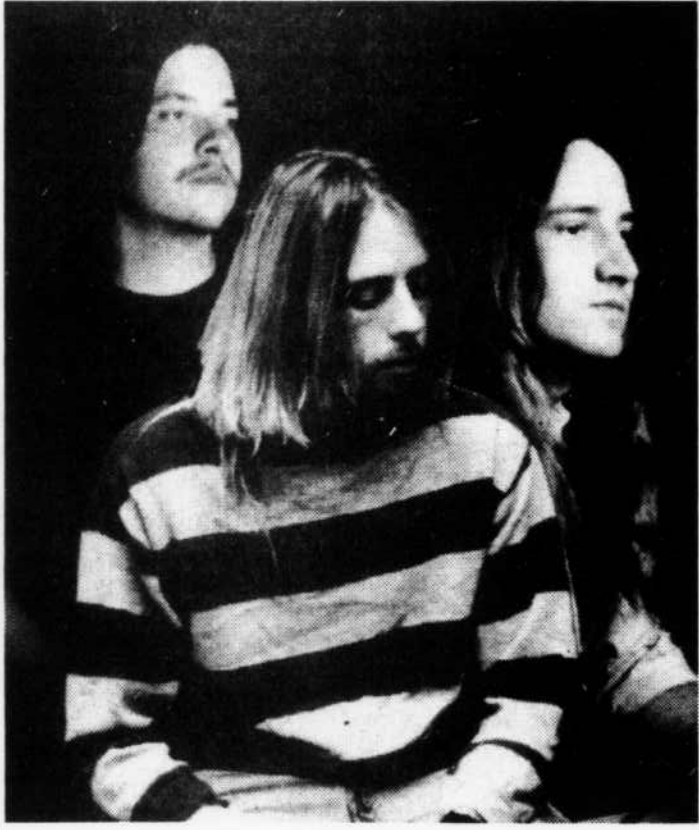


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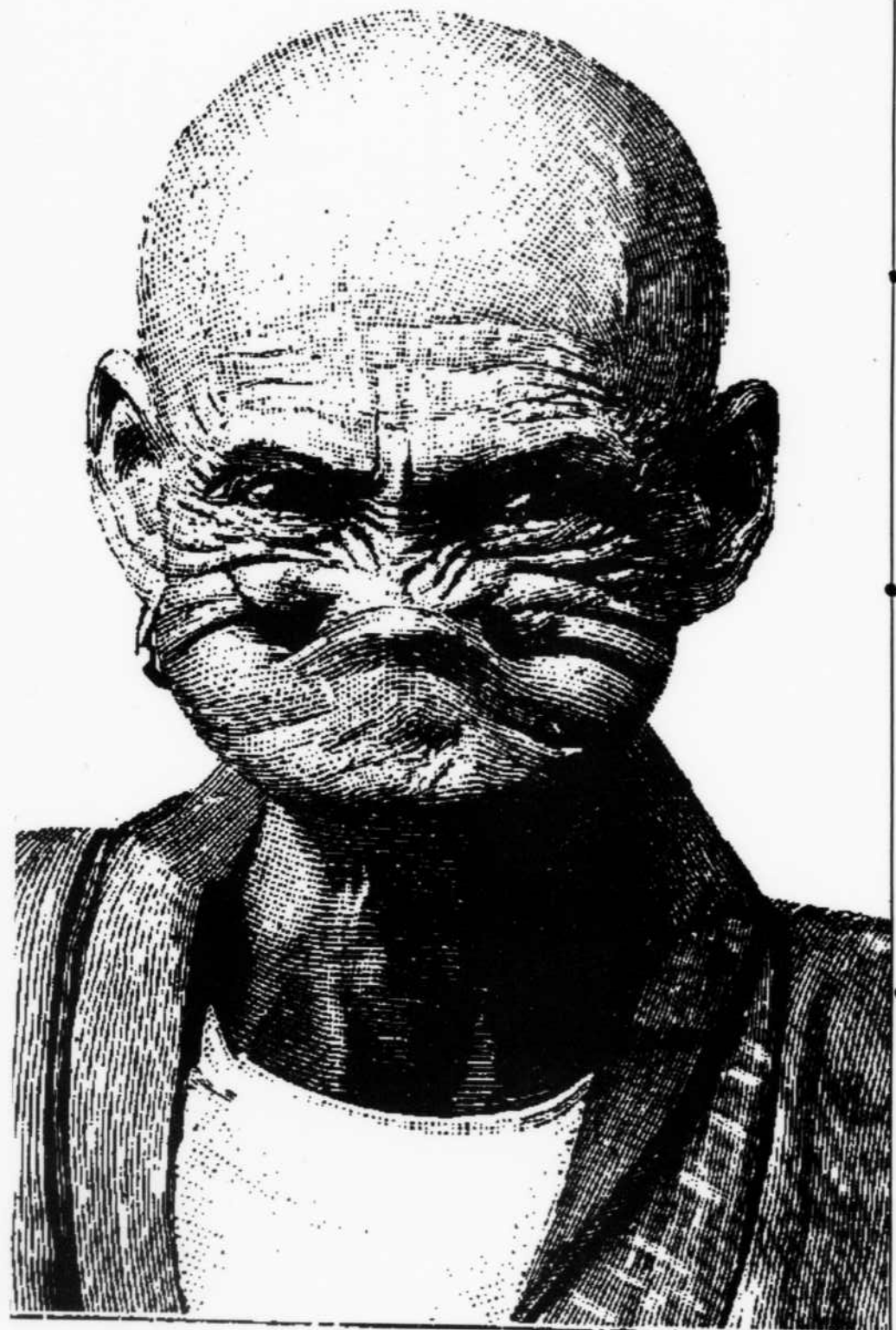
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