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Housing renovation cost rises to \$45 million

☐ Susan McMahan/staff

Housing renovations costing \$45 million—an increase from the original estimate of \$37 million—will force an additional debt to be incurred by students choosing to live in the dorms.

"Clearly, there will be some price increase in doing this work," said Debra Sells, director of housing and residential life. "The question is, how •much of an increase?"

Sells said she believes that students are willing to pay a higher cost to help improve the buildings.

"Obviously, if we need \$45 million in repairs and we house 3,400 students the cost per student is exorbitant," Sells said, adding she wants to maintain a "fair and reasonable" balance for renovating the dorms and not imposing too much debt on students.

However, dorm residents would see some cost increases without the renovations because the price of outilities, minimum wage for student workers, cost of replacing broken equipment and supplies also are increasing, Sells said.

This is the first time work of this magnitude has ever been done to MTSU's dorms, although Sells said she thinks some work has been done on a the renovations. "much smaller-scale."

The renovation project was estimated at \$37 million, but is now expected to cost about \$45 million, according to Sells.

The housing department is planning to issue bonds totalling \$7

million to fund the first "chunk" of repairs next summer.

What those first repairs will be has not been decided yet. Sells will ask members of the university administration to make help decision.

Housing is an

auxiliary agency of the university, which means it is University, for example, recently funded only by the money it receives from students. Burke said the agency doesn't get money from the state and MTSU is not making a "huge profit" in

"I knew [the cost] would be large, and \$45 plus million was large," said Tom Burke, dean of student life.

According to Burke, the university will have to borrow money to pay for

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"We have to borrow money over a 20-year period," said Burke. "We have no way to pay back \$45 million."

Many of the dorms at MTSU, all of which are over 25 years old, and other residence halls at universities across the country were built as a result of

federal money given universities around the late 1960s and now requiring major renovations because

Sells said that Florida State

completed \$40 million in renovations on their residence halls and Vanderbilt University also spent a "huge amount" on renovations in recent years.

Debra Sells,

director of housing

According to Sharon Buchanan, associate director of housing at Vanderbilt, the renovations began in May 1986 and were completed in 1993.

The renovations cost \$30.2 million

Sells said she is not sure when all the work will be completed at MTSU. The work will probably begin next summer when the dorms are not in as much demand.

The first renovations will probably cost \$500,000 to \$1 million, which Sells said "just scratches the surface."

Sells said she will discuss priority needs with Stephen Rick, project architect, before taking the matter to Campus Planning. As much work as possible will be done every summer, but Sells said she is not convinced all the work can be completed during the summer months.

"We really only have two or two and a half good, solid months," Sells said. "If we can't do it in the summer, when can we do it?"

Burke said that summer provides MTSU with a "very narrow window of opportunity" to complete the renovations.

Some of the work is involved and may not be completed in the summer, Sells said. One of the residence halls may have to be shut down to complete the renovations.

This will be a "double whammy" for the university because they lose and covered 348,000 square feet of money by not allowing students to live

in the building and having to pay for the work being done on the building, Burke said.

At a meeting last Tuesdaybetween Sells; Rick; Tom Burke, dean of student life; Patti Miller, director of campus planning and Richard Smith, associate director of housing- the group went back and added some additional costs to their previous total.

Part of the added cost is that Rick, of the firm Street Dixon Rick in Nashville, double checked the costs of items needed for the project with an allowance for inflation and added costs for items that were not estimated

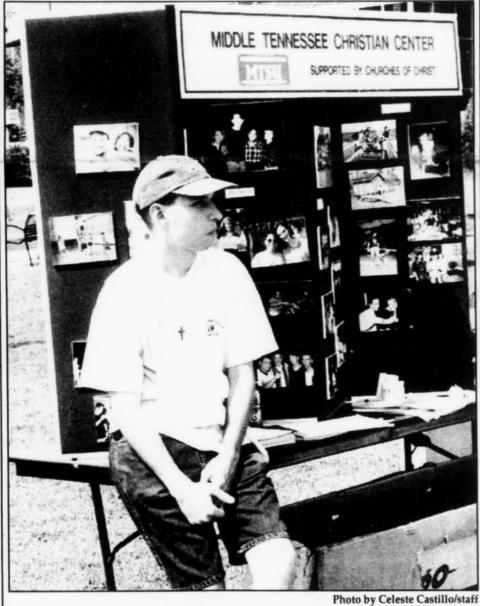
Another reason for the added cost is that ventilation systems for Abernathy and Ezell Hall were not included, Sells said.

Rick met with people in charge of maintenance for the dorms to find out what kind of problems the dorms had that could not be seen. Many dorms had water lines failing and leaks had been reported in all dorms.

Rick is examining what needs to be done to prepare the dorms to last for the next 20 years. Sells said the dorms "all have issues" and none are

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Looking for company



James Baker, a sophomore computer science major, works a booth for the Middle Tennessee Christian Center last week on the lawn in front of the KUC.

Popular Music Center acquires new collection from record executive

David Sutherland/staff

More than 400 cartons of LPs, 16inch electrical transcriptions, reissues, and tapes were recently purchased by Paul Wells, director for the Center of Popular Music.

"We now have about 125,000 sound recordings," Wells said, explaining the new acquisition is the collection of Brad McCuen, a former music industry executive.

The Center for Popular Music contains an archive of music history dating back as far as the 1720s

The McCuen collection includes a range of music from the 30s to the 50s, though a majority of the recordings are jazz. Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, and Louis Armstrong are among the artists in the collection. There's also a large amount of rock 'n' roll 45s, according to audio specialist Bruce Nemerov.

Since McCuen was on the business end of the industry, the collection also includes old books and ledgers, trade papers, recorded phone conversations and even a few outtakes from recording sessions.

In 1962, McCuen was a producer for RCA Victor and Camden.

"He would bring a tape recorder to session and let it run," Wells said.

Some of the sound recordings include his sessions. Outtakes, background chatter and behind-thescenes talk is expected to be found in the collection.

The large collection has yet to be sorted, and doing so is going to take quite a while. "It's going to be a multi-year project," Nemerov said.

One problem that arises with going through such a massive collection is space. The lack of shelf space and storage areas will hinder the process.

The Center's collection is available for anyone wishing to do research on the history of popular music. Sheet music, press releases, and sound recordings are also available. The Center contains an archive of music history dating back as far as the

As the McCuen collection is sorted and stored in the Center's archives, it also will be available for research.

Middle Tennessee enrolls largest ever number of disabled students this semester

☐ Sara Salyer/staff

Disabled student enrollment at Middle Tennessee State University has reached an all-time high this fall.

There are nearly 700 students associated with Disabled Students Services this semester as compared to only 115 in 1985. John Harris, director of Disabled Student Services, said only 60 to 70 percent of disabled students are taking advantage of the services his office provides.

"We want to help any student who could benefit from our services. Harris said.

He believes some students feel they have to do everything on their own to be truly successful, but he would like to help anyone who needs it. SGA President Ryan Durham, who has cerebral palsy, said Harris is a prime mover in helping him get

"Mr. Harris challenges you to get involved first, then to make a difference," Durham said. Durham was a keynote speaker at the International Convention of Beta Theta Phi, was picked last year to in their tours. This type of publicity

carry the Olympic Torch, and will be helps their office grow, he said. the state's student representative on the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The disabled students who are freshmen or transfer students entering MTSU for the first time this fall are in a unique group. In the past few years, this group has consisted of about 30 to 40 people— this semester there are 89.

Some of the reasons for this dramatic increase, according to Harris, are the recruiting strategies now being used. MTSU is recruiting disabled students across the state to inform them of the benefits the school has to offer, Harris said. There has been a great effort recently to attract disabled students with high academic qualities.

The Disabled Student Services office is in the process of developing scholarships for disabled students. Harris said he hopes to have an Alumni Chapter organized to deal strictly with disabled student scholarships.

Harris said the admissions office has been doing a good job of including the Disabled Students Services office

MTSU has a number of disabled students who have won numerous awards in academics.

Christy McDonough, a blind student from Lebanon, was the first disabled student to be awarded a Presidential Scholarship. She scored a 29 on her ACT and earned a 3.0 grade point average in high school. Heather Freeman

Lawrenceburg received a music scholarship. Freeman plays the piano, organ, French horn and violin. She is also blind. The one student Harris believes

his office is most proud of is Jim Shannon, a senior computer science

"Shannon has overcome the most," Harris said.

Shannon suffered a traumatic brain injury and faces several physical challenges. He lives in an apartment in family housing and has many people trained to assist him. Harris and Shannon's parents selected the helpers, some of whom are students with varying majors. Other assistants are from the community.

ITSU holds Founder's Day party

☐ Shawn Whitsell/staff

A reception in honor of MTSU's 86th Founders Day was held on Thursday, Sept. 11. Founders Day is the birthday of a university. It's the anniversary of the day university came into existence. This event is celebrated , by colleges universities all over the country.

MTSU's Founders Day reception was a great success. There were pictures and other forms of information displayed. There was instrumental music provided by a pianist which set the mood for the occasion while students, alumni and staff ate, drank and socialized.

The institution known today as Middle Tennessee State University with its various degrees and large number of students was once a small school for educating teachers.

On Sept. 11, 1911, Middle Tennessee Normal School opened. It had 247 students and only offered a two-year degree. The first university president was Robert Lee Jones.

MTSU has a lot of great history and a strong foundation. There are many memories that linger in the hearts and minds of some of the school's alumni. One such alumni, Representative John Bragg, recalled his days as a student back in 1940. He was the editor of "Sidelines" for two years. He referred to "Sidelines" as being a tabloid back then. He was a walk on player in baseball and golf and served as president of the student body. He remembered living on



Photo by Celeste Castillo/staff

Gail Crips and Catherine Burnette, both of the math department, look at a display at the Founder's Day reception held in the Alumni Center last Thursday afternoon.

campus and how much smaller it was then. He also got a good laugh when he thought of himself living on campus with his family living just a few blocks away.

Current President James E. Walker, who has headed the university for six of its 86 years, said he is very proud of the rich history of the school. He also stated that he is looking forward to many more great things here at MTSU.

Middle Tennessee University has grown from being a school of only 247 students to being the large university of 18,366 that we see today. It is the oldest and largest public university in Middle Tennessee. Nearly 60,000 students have graduated from MTSU and 90 percent of them were born and raised in Tennessee. Most of them have remained here in Tennessee after finishing their educations.



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One of the changes that Rick suggested was to add computer data wiring to all of the rooms. The wiring will allow students living in the dorms to access the university's

computer system.

completely

bathrooms.

Dorms

continued from page 1 in worse shape than the others.

Some of the suggested

renovations include replacing

all the windows in some of the

buildings, making buildings more accessible for disabled students, renovating lounges,

replacing roofs on some of the buildings, repairing fire

escapes, replacing some air

conditioning systems and

rebuilding

According to Rick, there are exterior problems with some of the dorms including tuck pointing brick work, which is when mortar is falling out and cracking and has to be replaced with new mortar. Some of the brick work is in bad shape and caulking needs to be added to

some of the buildings. There are also some structural problems that need to be completed including a stairway at Nicks Hall. Rick said the stairway collapsed years ago and was quickly rebuilt and there is now some concrete deterioration.

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MTSU will never "catch-up" with the work, Sells said, because new things will happen and require more money and

time to be spent repairing

"I'm not sure it's realistic to believe we'll catch up," Sells said. "Just when you get caught up, something else will happen."

In addition to the renovation of the old dorms, housing is about to begin construction of a new "gardenstyle apartment" dorm to be completed for use in fall of

The money to finance the new project, which will be located in a current horse field close to the Recreation Center, will be paid by costs the future residents will have to pay.

The dorm will cost more to live in than the older buildings because Sells said it wasn't fair for students to pay higher prices for a building they wouldn't get to use.

"I didn't want us to raise [fees for current dorm residents] a lot to pay for the new building," Sells said. "Money from the old dorms will for the most part go to old

for more

To have information placed in the On Campus section, come by JUB room 308 and fill out a form located on the table by the door. Information must be submitted in person. The deadline for Monday's edition is Thusday at 5 p.m. and the deadline for Thursday's edition is Monday at 5 p.m. A new form must be filled out for each edition or the information will not be run.

Sept. 15-16

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity is sponsoring interest meetings 5-6 p.m. in the Suntrust Meeting Room, BAS room N127. Any men and women with a major or minor in business is invited to attend. For more information contact Lexy Lichtenberg at 890-7712.

Sept. 18

MTSU students and staff are invited to attend a free teleconference on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome from noon until 2 p.m. in room 107 of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. No reservations are required.

Golden Key National Honor Society will have a brief business meeting in KUC 318 at 5:30 p.m. A representative from Nations Bank will speak "Etiquette in the Workplace" at 6 p.m. Casual business attire is suggested. Call Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116 for further information.

Sept. 20

Alpha Delta Pi will be sponsoring the second annual 3 on 3 Sand Volleyball Tournament. Registration begins at 10 a.m. in the Rec Center. The cost is \$45 per team due on or before Sept. 18 or \$50 on the day of tournament. The event benefits Ronald McDonald House of Nashville. For more information, contact Tristan Gordon at 896-0536.

September

The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council would like to welcome all new A Graduate Record Exam freshmen to MTSU. We hope that your transition from high school to college has been good so far. We would also like to invite you to join us for rush. Fraternity rush begins on

September 10 and lasts until September 19.

The Japan Center of Tennessee in cooperation with the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center will sponsor a Japanese Doll Exhibit at 401 S. Jackson Street, Tullahoma, Tennessee. The exhibit will be held during the month of September 1997. Museum hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Evenings and weekends by appointment. \$2 donation appreciated. For more information please call The Japan Center of Tennessee at (615) 898-2229 or Tullahoma Fine Arts Center at (615) 455-

The SGA Court of Traffic Appeals is accepting applications for court justices, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, court clerks and court reporters. Apply in person in KUC 208. The deadline to apply is Sept. 17 at p.m. For 4:40 information, call Beaumont at 898-2464.

LDSSA is holding Institute Classes every Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Peck Hall 105 and every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Smyrna Chapel. For more information, call Sid Sandstrom at 355-0558 or check out the LDSSA home page at www.mtsu.edu//~ldssa

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold a CRU meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Mass Comm 104. For more information, call 867-3054 or 848-6741.

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MTSU hosts economic conference

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This year's Economic Outlook Conference featured discussions of national economic issues, observations of the past year and predictions for the future by a variety of economists and business

"In the last four quarters, the economy has grown by four said economic forecaster Donald Ratajczak during the event. "We're almost to the point of a sustainable economic growth."

Ratajczak's predictions are both good and bad. He said one out of every 100 households will file bankruptcy in the next year. He also predicts that, since the housing system has been aggressive, rental rates will begin to drop.

"Capitol spending is leading the [U.S.] economy," Ratajczak said. According to his figures, capitol spending is up 12 percent from the previous fiscal year. Although this is good for the economy, it cannot continue indefinitely, he said. The economist said a consumer-led economy has the tendency to lead to a bottleneck in production.

"You're taxing your resources," he said, adding that increased consumer spending leads to the consumption of

Inflation is decreasing, but it is not gone, Ratajczak said. Some economists, he added, have indicated a possibility of deflation of the economy, based on a few areas of the economy, such as the increasing use and

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development of technology.

For the economic future, Ratajczak estimates a 2.5 percent growth for the next fiscal year. He also said a decreasing labor force is causing a slowdown of labor markets. Trucking, maintenand

other labor markets are slowing down, he said using

the recent

UPS strike

example. "There

some places that can't even get five truckers," he said.

Conversely, the skilled labor market is at an increased pace, he said.

"Placement [for graduate students] is easier this year at higher salaries than any time in the 1990s."

The long-term economic future appears to be slowing down, Ratajczak said. He said he believes that the nation's economy could continue to into the next expand millennium.

We were close to balancing the budget in 1998," he said.

The late enactment of the balanced budget bill and the upcoming shift in power in Washington D.C., according to Ratajczak, "snatches defeat from the jaws of victory.'

Ratajczak also offered his opinion on the stock market, saying that operating profits grew 16 percent and interest rates fell slightly. However, he

predicts that interest rates will begin to rise soon.

"September statistical month for stock prices to fall," he said, speaking of overpricing.

But he was optimist for the market around the close of the

century. "I think ECONOMIC OUTLOOK CONFERENCE there's a good shot of a 10,000 Dow by the end of the year 2000." During

h conference, two panels

of economists discussed current issues and remarks were made by Rick Elam, dean of College of Business, and Provost Vice President Barbara Haskew.

The first panel discussed the outlook for new business startup and small business financing. That panel included: Eugene Osekowsky, senior business specialist for MTSU Columbia Community College Small Business Development Centers; Phil Duncan, assistant director of economic development in the SBA district office in Nashville; and Jim Bryant, senior vice president Bank Murfreesboro.

Osekowsky, who provides business expertise to many small businesses, said he thinks the region is perfect for starting a new business. "We're a day's drive away from over 75 percent of the nation."

Duncan said his agency has given over \$140 million in small

business loans throughout Middle Tennessee.

Bryant gave examples of different ways capital can be raised by equity sources. He personal assets, mortgages, borrowing from friends and family, and even contacting loyal customers are good ways to raise capital. He also said if there is a need to take out a small business loan, the September issue of "Entrepreneur " has a typical presentation for the lending institution.

The second panel discussed the question: "If the economy is so good, why is there a budget crisis?"

Stan Chervin of the Tennessee Department of Revenue; Albert DePrince, Economics and Finance professor at MTSU; and Harry Green of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations served on that panel.

Chervin said 16 percent of Tennessee's economy is "go nowhere" revenue from gasoline, tobacco and other types of taxes. Sales taxes bring in 62 percent of the state's revenue. He said the tax base is not wide enough with these sources of income.

Green added that with the special programs sponsored by the state, there is not enough revenue to support the state expenditures.

DePrince said even though it appears that state funds are handled inappropriately, Tennessee is in the top five percent of the best fiscally managed states in the nation.

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Student Organizations

The Last MANDATORY orientation sessions for student organizations will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1997 from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. and again from 4:30 P.M. until 5:30 P.M. in the KUC room 322.

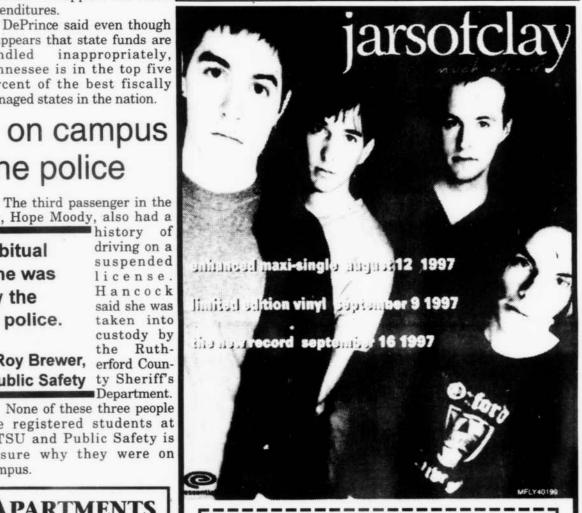
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Public Safety officer stops car on campus with three people wanted by the police

Patti Fosbinder/staff

Public Safety officer Kristin Hancock stopped a car in front of the Wiser-Patton Science Building Thursday for running a stop sign only to discover all three people in the car were wanted by police for other

The driver of the jeep, gers, Malin-Michael Thomas Lynn, Jr. was da Stacey,' driving on a revoked license.

"He's a habitual offender," Lt. Roy Brewer said, "so he was arrested by the Murfreesboro

The passengers were asked for their driver licenses to see if

they could drive Lynn's car, but Hancock checked police records war-

rants. "The Smyrna po-

lice had a warrant out for one of the passansaid."It was

came for her.

for passing a worthless check." So Stacey was taken to the Public Safety office and held there until the Smyrna police

car, Hope Moody, also had a history of driving on a He was a habitual suspended license

offender, so he was arrested by the Murfreesboro police.

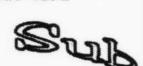
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MTSU Public Safety ty Sheriff's Department. None of these three people

are registered students at MTSU and Public Safety is unsure why they were on campus.

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Viewpoint

Housing situation in need of repair

Over 20 years have passed since the university last built a dorm to house its many students who choose campus as a place to live.

Today the dorms are in an ongoing state of decay and residents continuously complain about the decrepid state many of the dorms are in. Reports of roach infestation and horrid living conditions are common topics of campus residents.

The currently updated housing audit calls for renovations that will reach close to \$50 million. Of course like many other much needed projects at MTSU, funding is necessary, but where will it come from?

How is it that the university let the dorms get in such bad shape? Is there no such thing as preventative maintenance? It seems sort of fishy that any time a new project comes to the attention of the university funds are always found, but necessities such as housing take low priority.

If the administration were forced to live in these outdated, decaying, roach-infested buildings, they would be jumping through hoops in order to fund remodeling.

Over \$2 million in interest alone was made by the university on the money donated to build the new horse coliseum. This money could have been designated to help in housing renovations, but instead apparently has been used to establish scholarships. What good does a scholarship do if the recipient has no place to live?

The Foundation and Development office, campus planning, director of housing, dean of student life, and President Walker need to review their priorities. New construction is happening all over this campus, while our campus residents continue to live in below-standard housing.

What does this say for the university? With students coming from all over the state, out-of -state and even foreign lands, you would think that assuring them a decent place to live would be top priority.

The situation worsens when you take into account that while the renovations are being made, students will have even less on-campus housing choices. Many of these students depend on the dorm as a place to live. What will happen to potential MTSU students when they discover that there is no campus housing, or that the existing housing is in such a state of decay that no one wants to live there. This situation alone could in essence cause them to attend another university.

If MTSU is to continue to grow, something should take place to improve campus living. If not, many students may not be able to attend because the dorm is their only choice for housing.

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Was my car stolen ... or was it towed?

Patti Fosbinder

copy editor



My first day as a transfer student at MTSU I applied for a position at "Sidelines." Ever since I joined the staff I have been hearing about many things, but mostly about the conflict between the Parking Authority and the Appeals Court. I couldn't figure out why so many people had complaints about the Parking Authority. Then came Black Wednesday.

I had failed a test in chemistry that morning, then went to the "Sidelines" office to help with the Thursday newspaper. I left around five to go get some dinner before my 7:30 p.m. class so I could park a little closer to that building. I walked from the JUB across campus to the parking area near Health Services. I looked for my car where I remembered parking it and couldn't find it.

The sun came out and was glaring off windshields all around me, so I dug in my backpack and found my prescription sunglasses. When I took them out of the case I heard the distinct sound of plastic on concrete. I picked my lens off the ground and put it back in the case and prepared myself for a serious headache.

After an hour of searching I went back to the KUC, got myself a Coke and sat down to think. There were only three possibilities: 1) my car was stolen; 2) I forgot where I parked; or 3) the Parking Authority had towed it away.

So I figured I'd go on to my

night class and worry about it later. After all, I had a legal parking pass and was parked in a legal parking space. So if the problem was my memory, there would be fewer cars to search through later. And if it had been stolen, I hoped the thieves had time to get it clean out of town and set it on fire because that car had already been stolen twice. Both times it was taken out for a joyride that cost my insurance company and me \$4,000

and I didn't want to go through that

But when class was over and I was back out in the parking area I still couldn't find it. A public safety officer was sitting in his car nearby, so I approached him and told him I couldn't find my car and I was afraid it might have been stolen.

"It couldn't have been stolen," he told me, then invited me to get in the car. "It's probably been towed away.'

"Why?" I asked.

"Did you have a permit to park in that area?" he asked me.

"I have a temporary parking permit," I explained. "I had lost mine before classes even began. When I went back for another, they said they'd have to wait until everything was in the computers before they could give a new one to me. So they gave me a temporary."

I told him I had parked in an area listed on my temporary and between two other cars. He called in to dispatch and asked if the records of which cars had been towed away were there. They eventually found them and, sure enough, there was a white Dodge Shadow which had been towed away because the temporary parking tag had been altered.

Altered?

The officer took me in to the Public Safety building and showed me what it said. I told him I would never alter my temporary when I had paid for a permanent already. He said he was not part of the Parking Authority. I apologized for taking my anger out on him and thanked him for his help and he was kind enough to show me on the map. The towing company was just up the road. Just up the road from the Stones River Battlefield, that is.

And I'm supposed to walk

I called my sister in Joelton, Tennessee, and she drove down while I paced and fumed and fought tears of frustration in front of the Public Safety office for nearly an hour. It was time I had set aside for studying for a biology test on Thursday, but

When my sister and I turned the wrong way on the Old Nashville Highway, we called the towing company on the cellular phone only to find out it was closed.

"We'll come and help you, but you'll have to pay \$20 extra for us to open up for you," they said.

"They can charge me the extra \$20," I told my sister, "because MTSU is going to pay for this."

So we turned around and went back for my car. When I paid for it, I was directed to the back lot. There I found a parking ticket tucked under my windshield wiper. I also found the Campus Parking people had slipped one of those thin metal sheets into my door to unlock it.

The next day I pulled up before the Parking Authority building trying keep control of my anger. I was heading for the building when I realized I had left the receipt from the towing company and the parking ticket. "Forget your license plate

number?" a gentleman in the parking lot asked me. "No," I said. "I forgot the

towing bill that this Parking Authority is going to have to pay for." I got my papers and went in

and told the staff what had happened in a pleasant but firm voice. They asked someone in the back room what had been altered on the parking permit. That's when the gentleman from the parking lot came in with my temporary permit.

"They said this seven had been changed to an eight," he said, pointing to the date on the parking permit. Why would I do that?" I

asked.

They went into a story about so many people ripping off the university by rigging these temporary permits so they don't have to pay for a permanent

"But I have already paid for a permanent one," I said. "Why would I rig a temporary?"

They admitted that didn't make much sense. And since the person who was placed in charge of the Parking Authority received that honor while she was on vacation, those in the office finally decided the university would pay me back for my towing fee.

"Great," I said. "Now can I get a replacement for my permanent tag?"

I received service with a smile. I was even offered a cup of

Got a gripe? Let us hear about it.



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Poor actions lead to worse reactions

Brandon Jones

staff writer



The way that Americans react to social issues reminds me of the time my grandmother fed valium to her cat.

In order to quiet and calm him down for a road trip, my grandmother gave Fluffy (the cat's real name) two tablets of her prescription valium. Fluffy was so calmed that he stayed unconscious for two days and has been fairly mellow ever since.

It would be safe to say, in this situation, that the reaction to the problem did nothing but cause a more serious problem. Surely my grandmother would have preferred Fluffy awake and yowling in the back seat than lying in a catatonic state for 48 hours. If she had just dismissed his noise, he would have eventually stopped.

When certain humans make noise about social issues, however, we react by giving noise in return, and so most social issues melt into shouting matches that are rarely resolved.

Look at this paper, "Sidelines." The debate over homosexuality has been hammered over and over again in this paper, issue after issue, for as long as I've been going to school here. It's obviously a source of controversy at this school. A controversy in which everyone wants to share their opinions.

Opinions, though, get redundant. With an issue like homosexuality, opinions are either for it or against it, with very little room for gray area between. After so many printed debates on the editorial page, it becomes a matter of time before everything has already been said. Yet we keep the debate going, and keep

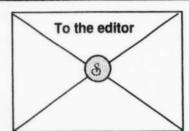
agitating the issue further.
With the recent story, "Graffiti an 'attack' on LAMBDA," the debate has once again begun to rise into a fervor because some narrow-minded, inbred morons scrawled antihomosexual epithets on the sidewalks and "Sidelines" put it on the front page. Whoever wrote those slurs did so to illicit a response from the homosexual community LAMBDA. By placing the story on the front page, "Sidelines" inadvertently aided them.

Maybe it would have been better to either bury the story or not do the story at all. After all, hatred and stupidity are certainly nothing new. By printing the story, it gives the authors of the hate speech a credibility they do not deserve.

LAMBDA members obviously upset by this, and reasonably so. However, to ask for a university response or to respond to the epithets at all is to play the bigots' game by their rules. They want to see that they struck nerves. They want a response. Why acknowledge primitive thinking like that with a response?

Like giving valium to a noisy cat, the reaction does nothing but precipitate the problem. A couple of bigots scribbling on a sidewalk deserves no attention. Now that they have received it, however, they have been validated and the university has a controversy on its hands.

Homosexuality, unfortunately, will always be a controversy that we cannot leave alone. Because we cannot, perhaps we do nothing but worsen the situation. Maybe we, as a society, should look at this issue with more perspective and quit hammering it to death.



From the Mailbox

Mayer shouldn't defend chalking

To the editor:

Gregg Mayer, in his most recent article, defends last bigoted intimidating chalkings against gay, lesbian, and bisexual people on the grounds of free speech. The point of free speech is to encourage open and responsible discussion of pressing issues. When Lambda hosted its "Homosexuality and Culture" symposium a few semesters back, we invited an opponent to our position, Dr. Kim Sokoya, to express his opinions as a panelist. He did so honestly, openly, and forthrightly. While Lambda disagrees with his opinions, we recognize and vigorously defend his right to have and express his position. Anonymous sidewalk chalkings do not equal the responsible expression of opinion, nor are they designed to foster a healthy, multi-sided dialogue. Instead, they contribute to a climate of intimidation and harassment of a singled-out segment of the campus population, for which the university is ultimately responsible.

With such freedom come responsibilities. A freedom which is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution along with the freedom of speech is the freedom of press. Thanks to our founding fathers, our nation's press is free to print news stories and opinion, even if they are controversial or antiestablishment. However, with this freedom comes the responsibility for mainstream press to report news accurately, objectively, and completely, and "Sidelines" is not exempt from this responsibility. I saw no mention of the other chalk drawings, which included sayings such as "Faggots=Maggots" and "Leave our campus fags" in Gregg Mayer's front page story. This a significant deletion, as it attempts to present the chalkings as merely anti-Lamda rhetoric. There is a difference in expressing an opinion against a specific student organization (which by all means falls under the free category), speech and anonymously chalking bigoted and hateful messages to a segment of the campus population. If Mayer wishes to become a respected journalist, he should strive to live up to the responsibility of reporting all relevant information-not that which he picks and chooses to "sensationalize" an incident and present it from a biased perspective.

An important point that Mayer is overlooking in his reasoning is that rights may conflict. With these chalkings, the one person's freedom of expression is infringing upon the personal liberties of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual campus population. Any time rights conflict, we have this to determine: Who will lose more by having their rights restricted— the student(s) who choose to chalk the sidewalks with anonymous, irresponsible, and intimidating slogans, or the students who wish to go about their business at their university free of harassment?

Allie Sultan President, MTSU Lambda

Mayer recalls only certain facts

To the editor:

I am responding to a most disheartening article written by Gregg Mayer in the "Sidelines," in which he attempted to ask forgiveness for placing the story about hate speech (written in chalk Lambda Homosexuals) on the front page of the "Sidelines." Why does he feel the need to retract his actions? I found this article to be almost humorous. Mayer conveniently recalls only the facts that support his argument. The chalk writings were not just "Lambda go

away!" There was more that Mayer fails to mention. The speech on the ground was hate speech. It was not meant to express free opinion, but to arouse fear and hatred. But, I really feel no need to turn this into a debate on Free Speech. I am comfortable with my sexuality and can discuss this subject openly without hiding behind the Constitution. I just find it sad and frightening that attitudes like those expressed in chalk are defended by the managing editor of the paper. Are there those that truly believe thought like this is OK? The Bible teaches us to do unto others. I do not feel that attitudes like this should be defended if we are to ever become a society of equals. Therefore, I am dismayed that Mayer would defend the chalk writings. Did he really feel the need to apologize for an error in his judgement, or is this case just special.? I certainly hope that in keeping with Mayer's apparent need to apologize for the things like this, that in the future he will keep us all abreast of any headlines or articles that he feels a bit unsure about or is having a little trouble with. Funny though, Newschannel 5 found it unnecessary to retract their story covering the chalkings. But then again they deal in news, not OPINION.

Sincerely, Michael Burke

Officials handled graffiti the right way

To the editor:

I am writing in response to a letter in last week's Sidelines which addressed the issue of Homosexuality and the way it is viewed on MTSU campus, the "Bible Belt," and the United States in general.

First, this "attack" which was referred to was in fact not an "attack" or "malevolent action." It was however someone stating their personal opinion, "Lambdas go away." A personal freedom, which is protected by Constitution of the United States of America. It gives any citizen, man or woman, the right to do or say whatever he or she feels, as long as it doesn't infringe on the personal liberties of any other citizen.

The reason, in opinion, MTSU officials have handled this situation the way they have is because, they, like any other governing body in this country, have to abide by our aforementioned Constitution. A document which, I might add, gives citizens governed under it the right to also live homosexual lifestyles.

Secondly, I agree with the statement "...the hatred directed toward homosexuals is a choice," however, I cannot agree with the statement, "homosexuality is not a

choice." Just as people who feel anger over any particular including issue, homosexuality, choose to fuel their anger, until it becomes blind hatred, which can in turn lead some of those individuals to choose to commit "hate crimes" such as "gay bashings." People who find within themselves attractions to the same sex choose to nurture these feelings until they finally also choose to act on them.

Our actions are always a choice, even when we choose to have sexual relations with someone of the same sex. You see, even though I felt overpoweringly compelled to write this letter, I didn't have

to do it. I chose to.

God was also mentioned in this letter. "God does not condone violence or hatred against any group of people." That statement is only partially true, if the God referred to is the same God as mentioned in the Bible. Jesus, the son of God, violently

overturned the tables of money changers in a temple of God and on more than one occasion verbally assaulted individuals such as Satan and one of his own disciples when he said, "Get thee behind me Satan."

As to the remainder of the statement concerning God not condoning hatred, I fully agree, God does not condone hatred of any kind. God says we should "love our neighbor." He's talking about every neighbor we have, especially the ones we, as human beings, would choose to look down upon or even hate.

Although, we as citizens should be especially wary of anger and hatred in this particular area. If the right of this person who wrote "Lambda Go Away," or any persons to express him or herself were taken away or taken action against, it would open the door for all personal liberties to be taken away, even the right to be gay.

By the way, people can't choose what race they are, and freedom of religion is just as much a part of our Constitution as the freedom of expression.

Let me close by saying to all who read this: we should not fear people who choose to say openly how they feel, or hate those who choose to live a lifestyle which isn't considered "normal" to the majority of the population.

We should however, be grateful we live in a country where it is not only OK, but it is also our God given right.

God bless America Doug Stubblefield.

Princess Diana's tragedy a stage?

To the editor:

On Saturday, Aug. 30, a nation mourned over the loss of their princess. Princess Diana was killed in a Mercedes Benz in Paris car crash. She, as well as her new beau Dodie and the driver died. Or did they?

I feel that maybe the whole accident was staged. Why would the Princess stage her own death? The accident occurred two days after her divorce from Prince Charles was finalized. She had finally found true love with an American millionaire. Dodie and her diary of goodwill was over with for the year. The Princess said in a press release that after she had finished her diary she was going to leave the public eye for good. Perhaps this is how she decided to leave the public

eye.

Her divorce was finally over. What if in the divorce decree there was a clause stating that the Princess has one week to stage her own death? What would be a better place than Paris? Make it look like she was in a horrible wreck and it was the paparazzi's fault.

I watched the funeral procession and it was stated that her body would not be on view for the public to pay their last respects. Also, the Queen was the only one to be present at the autopsy. That to me is a little fishy.

Her sons, William and Harry, did not seem upset through the whole ordeal. Did they know that they would be able to see their mother? Was there a clause in the divorce decree that she would stay out of view of the public, but would be able to see her sons whenever she wanted in private?

I hope that she staged her death because she was a wonderful individual. Regardless of whether or not she's dead, the world will miss their Princess. I bid a sad farewell to the people's Princess, Lady Diana.

Rebecca Reed

Cartoon encourages Greek stereotypes

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the cartoon that was published on Sept. 4.

In my opinion, publishing this cartoon was a poor

decision. What happened to the student at LSU who died from alcohol poisoning was a tragedy. This cartoon shows the same stereotypes of the Greek system will never die. Particularly disturbing to me was the fact that in the background of this cartoon was a sign that read, "Frat Rush Week." First of all, the term "frat" is degrading to many fraternity members on this campus, including myself. Do homosexuals appreciate being called "homos?" Probably not. Also, in case you weren't aware, rush is a strictly alcohol-free event at Middle Tennessee State. By publishing this, the impression that is given is obviously that rush, which is the time period in which we recruit our new members, is nothing more than a drunkfest. Perhaps you should have an understanding of what you are printing before you send it to press.

Most importantly, this cartoon is in my opinion tasteless. How do you think the family of this young man as well as his fraternity feel about this incident? It is no secret that there are many people on this campus who are anti-Greek. That's fine. You are entitled to your opinion. However, there is no reason to take shots at us in the midst of a tragedy such as this. People who are not in fraternities die of alcohol poisoning everyday, but you do not try to insult the friends that they associate

I also find it ironic that this cartoon appeared directly below an article asking students to "use discretion when writing graffiti on the sidewalks." Shouldn't this same discretion be used by our campus newspaper? I find it sad that the same paper that rushes to defend one campus organization can hurt 12 campus organizations on the same page.

Sincerely, Greg Atwood College of Liberal Arts

Professor 'sic' of terrible spellers

To the editor:

We reside on a campus where various groups are vilified via chalked sidewalks and posted advertisements. We also seem to be plagued by "letters to the editor" replete with misspellings, poor grammar and intolerance. The following are direct quotes from the "Sidelines" of Sept. 4:

1. "The church had for a long time was probably doing the students a favor, at the very least. As the very worst, they were getting more fed up..."

2. I ginuinely (sic) get tired of people throwing in our faces..."

3. Christians have the same basic rights as any other Americans (NOT Homosexual-American, African-American, Female-American, etc.)..."

4. We are writing in response to your rescent (sic) editorial titled..."

5. "The Honors Program, rather than keep people down and separate them, provides..."

6. "The parking area is private property and if the church decides to close it off, its there (sic) choice..." (Doesn't the "its" deserve a sic too?) "I know the parking situation is bad, doesn't take a genious to notice that." (How about a sic for genious?)

7. "Also Chad, I don't know which church you've been to, but I haven't seen one that openly accepts gays and lesbians. Even to go as far as to say that 'heaven's gates awate (sic) them'. I don't know who your (sic) trying to fool..."

I suggest that the author of #s 6-7 attend a service at Edgehill United Methodist or any number of other churches in Nashville (or is that Gommorrah?) to expand his perhaps small realm of experience.

Further, if there are any who feel that writing of the kind quoted above lends credibility to the authors' arguments, I must quote once again (from the author of #5 above): "There is a definite trend in America today to 'dumb down' education."



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This is more than a

hobby, though. It's more

like a labor of love

Rob "Rantin" Campbell



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A touch of the Irish charms The 'Boro

□ Christi Underdown/staff

Piercing the mundane smokiness of The 'Boro with musical Celtic strains, The Secret Commonwealth took to the stage seemingly surrounded by a mysterious golden aura last Thursday.

In the band's 10-minute warm-up, the various members, in their own worlds, played from blues to folk to a creative mix of both. Campbell, worried about his band's sound, asked them to do three sound checks, including their trademark song "If the Sea Was Made of Ale," dedicated to the Sherlock Holmes Pub in Nashville. After the crowd of followers in one corner sang every word of the song the rest of the people in the room began to realize that this was indeed an

audience
participation
kind of band.
Throughout the
rest of the
evening, they
gave encouraging
yells, requested
songs and threw
an occasional
"Argh" into the
sea songs.

Daves, who introduced all the songs, played with the audience, responded to every comment and even encouraged them

As the whole is the sum of its parts, the members' individual talents give the band their unique sound. Eric Torstenson plays the accordion, does some vocals and seems to have a bottomless bag of flutes from which he pulls his various wind instruments. Jack Hunter Daves described his specialties as "vocals, tin whistle, bodhran [a type of percussion instrument], banjo and screaming." Laura Joseph, a former vocal performance major who is learning the triangle and guitar, does the band's female leads with Danielle Johnsen, who is also learning how to play the tin whistle and sometimes backs the band with tambourine. Troy Guinn and Rob "Rantin" Campbell have a menagerie of instruments which they share. In the corner, one can see at least six different guitars, mandolins and

Secret Commonwealth began four years ago as an idea for entertainment at a St. Patrick's Day party, planned by Daves and Guinn.

"It was more like everyone was coming over to try to destroy my apartment," Daves said. One night while he and Guinn were rehearsing for the party, Campbell joined in.

"Rob just sort of barged in on the gig," said Daves. "He got out his guitar and started playing 'Whiskey In a Jar' and Troy was out of a job."

After the successful party, they starting playing gigs at a Murfreesboro coffeehouse called Chameleon Cafe.

"Jack took to stage like a natural," said Guinn.

"I was really scared," Daves said.
"For the first year, I couldn't even sing the first song."

Soon Torstenson approached them about adding a new member.

"We were trying to figure out what we were needing," Campbell said. "We never thought of an accordion."

"The accordion added so much emotion," Daves said. "It was totally off the cuff."

It was at the Chameleon Cafe that Johnsen and Joseph got introduced to the three founding members.

"I was taking voice lessons and I wanted to sing with someone," Joseph said. "I went to see them and I was really inspired."

She asked them if she could sing after they finished. They agreed.

"I sang a ballad that I been working on at school, 'When the Wind Shakes the Barley'," she said. "I totally screwed up."

Apparently, Daves disagreed. He invited her to rehearse with them.

"It was amazing that she was too shy to talk to the band, but not too shy to sing in front of a bunch of strangers," he said.

Johnsen joined the group soon

"Some of the material really needed a female perspective,"

Johnsen said.

The female members of the group joined officially at the same time, on St. Patrick's Day about a year after the band formed. They had been to a few rehearsals when the band got

"We didn't know we were going to sing [that night] until the last minute," Joseph said. "We were petrified."

Although some members are more vocal than others, they still insist that they have no leader. Daves is a 35-year-old published writer of short stories, one of which was published in "Borderlands." Johnsen, a social work major at MTSU just turned 31 years old on Sept. 12. Guinn is a 31-year-old English major. Joseph, an undeclared major and music industry minor is the youngest member at 21 years old.

"I'm the young'un of the band," she said, laughing.

Torstenson, a computer science major, is a close second at 27. Campbell, a 34-year-old graduate of Mississippi State University, is working in finance.

"Yes, I do have real job," he said.

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In the spirit of faeries, The Secret Commonwealth acquired the talents of the above
troll. "I quit my job at Rock City for The Secret Commonwealth," the sign says.

"This is more than a hobby, though. It's more like a labor of love." Campbell also admitted that out of

his 10-year band experiences, he has enjoyed this the most. The Secret Commonwealth was named after a 1691 book written by a

named after a 1691 book written by a Scot named Robert Kirk, a minister who claimed to have knowledge of the world of fae, or faeries. The story goes that there was a

The story goes that there was a hill behind Kirk's parish, explained Daves. Kirk's body was found behind it a few days after the book was published. The village people said that the body they found was only a double made by the faeries and Kirk was really taken into the fae.

"I always thought it was a great name," said Daves. "It has a good feel to it, but you often have to say it twice."

All the members agreed that it is hard to label the type of music that they do. They described it with phrases like "Celtic mixed with rock;" "throwing in a bit of everything;" "a less traditional kind of Celtic;" and "Celtic music with an edge." Of all their songs, 20 percent or more are entirely original or original arrangements of old songs.

Because of their wide variety of non-traditional (or "wacko" as one member said) music, they have played at places ranging from drag shows to Renaissance festivals to weddings.

When asked about influences, the band listed such Celtic bands as Cappercaillie, Altan and Old Blind Dogs, for whom they opened about a year ago at Michaelango's.

Torstenson cited the accordion player "Silly Wizard" Phil Cunningham as a personal idol.

The music began about 9:30 p.m. with The Jump Gypsies, who were opening for Secret Commonwealth for the second time. The Secret Commonwealth began took the stage at 11 p.m.

"You can get up and cut the rug," he said, before beginning the humorous song "Knickers of Corduroy." Then looking at the floor, he commented, "We don't have a rug, but wing it."

During the same song, he began his own yells in between his sections of tin whistling.

The group's fondness for Halloween, Daves' favorite holiday, showed itself in songs like "Scarecrow Walkin'" and "Sambain Feis," which translated means "Halloween Fires." In the spirit of holidays, one of the audience was celebrating her birthday. The band dedicated "The

Sea Road Home," a Christmas song, to her.

"We don't really like our birthday song, so if you don't mind we're going to sing you a Christmas song," explained Joseph.

Because Joseph and Johnsen only perform on about 80 percent of the songs, the male portion of the band took the opportunity to take over the stage in some songs, such as "Swallowtail Jig," which started and ended with Torstenson's accordian.

The mighty legend of poetry, Robert Burns, was honored in the performance of his tune, "To the Weavers Gin Ye Go."

"This a warning to all the maidens to stay away from those weavers," explained Daves. "We all know how naughty those weavers are."

When the band went into "San Antonio" and Torstenson began to sing in Spanish, the crowd was a little confused. By the time the song ended and one woman had started dancing in front of the stage, the crowd began to realize they could expect more surprises in the soon future.

The band got their own surprise before the song "Whiskey in the Jar" when Daves introduced Campbell as "the terrible tartan terror" and a cry of "We're going plaid, boys. We're going plaid," spread across the room.

Later, in evident show of appreciation for their fans, Daves announced that the band was trying to learn a war song for "those guys over there," and gestured to where the majority of the shouts had come during the night.

"Follow Me to Carlo" is about the Irish defeat of Queen Elizabeth's army, Guinn said proudly.

The band ended their first set with an Irish song, "The British Army," which they usually do not play at the Sherlock Holmes, an English pub.

"They're nice to us," one member said, "so we don't play this song there."

Yet another surprise arose when the theme from a 1969 science fiction film called "Green Slime" was used to open the second set.

The few "rolling r's" and true enthusiasm the group displayed made the audience easily forget that they were in a Murfreesboro bar and convinced them that they were enjoying good local music all about love, war and drinking across the ocean in an Irish pub.

As regular sets, the band plays the last Saturday of every month at the Sherlock Holmes Pub and every second Thursday at The 'Boro. They have been working with Sebastian's On the Square to establish a Tuesday

They will be playing at Sebastian's this Tuesday, Sept. 16, starting about 9:30 p.m. On Sept. 27, they will be back at home at the Sherlock Holmes Pub, beginning about 8:30 p.m.

The band played at the 1st Annual Heart of Tennessee Scottish Festival and plan to repeat themselves on Oct. 4 for the 2nd Annual. In addition to their daytime performance, they will be at The Boro that same night.

In October, "the ultimate procrastinating band," as they referred to themselves, will be going into the studio to independently produce their first album.

Dead man's family sues fiancee for U-M tickets

□ David Ashenfelter/CPS

Relatives of a deceased Detroit businessman went to court Thursday to recover his prized possessions. Not his office equipment.

Not his money. His two season tickets to University of Michigan football

"The value of the property decreases with each passing Saturday," Brian Nickoloff, son-in-law of Donald Blaul Sr., said in a request for court orders to force Blaul's fiancee to return the tickets.

Nickoloff, a Chicago-area physician and personal representative of Blaul's estate, which filed the lawsuit, said Joann Small of Livonia refused repeated requests to give up the tickets. He said the tickets were mailed to her home, where Blaul lived during his illness.

It was not immediately clear
Thursday whether Wayne County
Circuit Judge Cynthia Stephens
would handle the request in time for
the Wolverines' season opener in Ann
Arbor on Saturday against the
University of Colorado Buffalos.

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Blaul, 69, the owner of now-defunct Midwest Graphics in Detroit, died of cancer in Livonia on July 3. Although he didn't graduate from U-M, he was a Wolverine fan.

Small said she was shocked that the estate was suing her to recover the 14 tickets worth \$32 each. "It's a disappointing set of

circumstances, and I'm sorry it's come to this," she said. Small, a secretary, said she met

Blaul several years ago through a
Detroit travel club. He proposed to her
last New Year's Eve.
"Following his cancer surgery in

April, he came to my home and I cared

for him until 11 days before he died," said Small.

"He promised me the tickets," she said. "They were a gift. He always encouraged me to stand up for what was rightfully mine."

She said she attended games with him last year. She plans to attend Saturday's game with a girlfriend "and have the best time I can."

She said the seats aren't particularly good. They're located near the end zone midway up the stadium.

"They aren't real prime seats, but they were his favorite seats," Small said. "When he bought them, the seller told him it was Fielding Yost's favorite section." Yost was former U-M football coach and athletic director.

Nickoloff declined to comment Thursday to discuss the lawsuit: "It's a very serious and highly personal matter that is very painful to the family."

Music on the Knoll



Wally Pleasant plays guitar Friday on the KUC Knoll.

William Jenmistali

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Cross Country Meet

Freshman Eric Kiauka once again paced the men's cross country team Saturday. Kiauka placed 12th at the UTC Invitational at Fox Bend with a time of 20:59 in the four-mile race.

"He ran a very solid race," coach Dean Haves said.

Kiauka finished right behind the 1995 Ohio Valley Conference champion Jason McKinney of Murray State in what could very well have been the toughest field this season. Jason Carpenter placed 28th and Kyle Brown finished 33rd to round out the Raiders top finishers in the field of 51 competitors.

The Raiders finished 5th as a team while Western Kentucky won, followed by host UTC.

On the women's side UTC ran away with the event placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th individually.

Kapreia Kirk's 14th place finish in 1,500 meters lead the Raiders with a time of 19:13. It was the first time Kirk ever entered a race of that distance.

"She was a little apprehensive about what she should do," Hayes said. "She did pretty good; she was a little better in the first half of the race.'

Jennifer Cunningham's time of 21:28 was good for 35th.

Minitriathalon

The MTSU Recreation Center is sponsoring a minitriathalon Saturday. Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

The 300-yard swim, 7-mile bike 'ride and 2-mile run may be done solo or in teams of 2, 3 or 5 students. Registration is \$10 for students and \$15 non-students. Everyone participating will receive a free t-shirt and snacks at the finish line.

For more information contact the Rec Center at 898-2104.

Flag Football

Today is the last day to register for the MTSU Campus Recreation Flag Football League.

A captains meeting for all registered teams will be held tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. at the Rec Center with the first games beginning Wednesday.

For more information contact the Rec Center at 898-2104.

Full Moon Canoe

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Full Moon Canoe on the Stones River on Wednesday.

The cost of the event is \$8 for students and \$12 for non-students. For more information contact the Rec Center at 898-2401.

Softball Tryouts

The Lady Raider softball team will be holding tryouts for their upcoming season which begins Feb. 21, 1998, against Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

Interested women may contact head coach Karen Green at 898-5018.

Football Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the Blue Raiders home opener against Murray State are now on sale at the Athletic Ticket Center located in the Murphy Center as well as at the Keathley University Center Box Office.

The Blue Raiders kick off their home schedule at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. This year's homecoming game is scheduled for Oct. 4 against Jacksonville State. Home games are also scheduled for Oct. 25 and Nov. 8.

Anyone with a current Student ID will be admitted free to all home games. Tickets are regularly priced at \$12, but anyone presenting a valid Student ID may purchase a guest ticket for \$6.

Blue Raider Schedule

Volleyball TSU @ MTSU Tue., Sept 16 at 7 p.m. Soccer MTSU @ Jacksonville State Wed., Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m.



Please fax any information on sports and recreational activities to Sidelines at 904-8487.

Seniors back on volleyball court

David Landry staff

The 1997 volleyball season looks promising for not only the Lady Raiders but also two returning seniors group

Nidza Castillo and Jaemi Clayton lot are the two seniors who are expected to lead the team and set more records as the offense begins to take shape.

Castillo, a setter for the Lady Castillo Raiders, sat out the entire '96 season after having two lower back surgeries. Clayton, also a setter, recently had off- According season knee surgery.

This season, however, both said women they are in excellent condition and their trip to excited about once again contributing to the team.

"Both are outstanding setters, great servers and are great in all aspects of their game," head coach Lisa Kissee

In '96, Clayton was the runner-up in the Ohio Valley Conference with 11.16 assists per game. Since Kissee switched Raiders to a 5-1 rotation, Clayton has seen better defense.

Since making the switch, Castillo, especially, has been instrumental on the court with her new-found confidence on both sides of the game.

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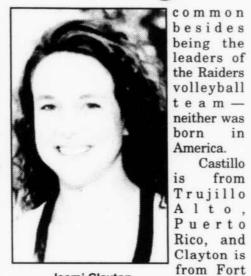
summer was very beneficialin building the team's continuity.

Nidza Castillo

"Italy was a time for the old and new members to click," Clayton said.

In Italy, the Raiders faired well against three women's teams and one men's. However, with a sharp sense of humor Castillo and Clayton said they thought Italy was awesome and beautiful, but what intrigued them most were all the mopeds.

Castillo and Clayton have more in



Jaemi Clayton

Columbia.

"Everyone in Puerto Rico starts playing volleyball in kindergarten, and this is when I first learned how to play," said Castillo.

After becoming one of the top players in Trujillo Alto, Castillo was urged by friends to play volleyball in the United States.

In Clayton's case, she was one of the first players Kissee recruited when she came to MTSU in the spring of '95.

She transferred from Eastern Arizona Junior College after only beginning to compete in volleyball in the 10th grade.

As a senior, Castillo has adopted well to the different playing style in the States

"The defensive part of the game is different between the two countries," Castillo explained.

Clayton believes that volleyball in British Columbia and the United States is pretty much the same game

After this final season, Clayton does not plan to pursue a career in professional volleyball. To the contrary, Castillo said that she will retire from the game unless she goes back to Puerto Rico where she would play professionally.

Presently, Castillo has a 3.8 G.P.A. and is majoring in wellness and fitness with a minor in management. Clayton is majoring in business administration with a minor in economics and finance.

With the Raider's first home match tomorrow night, Castillo and Clayton encourage everyone to come and support the Lady Raiders as they take on Tennessee State University at 7 p.m. in the Murphy Center.

Football team comes up short for the second week

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Tn.-Chattanooga 33 Middle Tenn. 24

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) -Freddie Patrick ran for two touchdowns, including one to seal the game, as Tennessee-Chattanooga beat Middle Tennessee 33-24 Saturday.

Patrick's 11-yard run late in the fourth quarter came after Middle Tennessee (0-2) had pulled to 27-24. Patrick had a four-yard scoring run in the second quarter as the Mocs built a

Quarterback Brian Hampton completed 11 of 21 passes for 227 yards and no interceptions for Tennessee-Chattanooga (2-0).

Carlos Locklyn ran for 78 yards (Ray kick), 11:32 and one touchdown and Frahn D'Anjou ran for 61 yards and one touchdown for the Mocs.

Middle Tennessee's Jonathan Quinn completed 25 of 46 passes for 290 yards and one touchdown.

With the score 27-17 early in the fourth quarter, Middle Tennessee missed a scoring opportunity when the Mocs' Ed Jones stripped the ball from Middle Tennessee's LaBrian McGill on the Chattanooga 2-yardline. The Mocs' Quasey Vinson picked up the ball and ran 61 yards.

Solecio Sanford returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown for Middle Tennessee in the third quarter that made the score 20-17. First Quarter

Tn-Chattanooga-D'Anjou 4 run Markus Ford/staff

(Vick kick), 7:09 Second Quarter

Tn-Chattanooga-FG Vick 29, Tn-Chattanooga-Patrick 4 run

(Vick kick), 4:17 Middle Tenn-Davis 10 pass

from Quinn (Ray kick), :42 Tn-Chattanooga-FG Kielblock

Third Quarter Middle Tenn-FG Ray 37, 10:12

Middle Tenn-Sanford 85 punt return (Ray kick), 7:45 Tenn-Chattanooga—Locklyn 7

run (Vick kick), 5:27 Fourth Quarter

Middle Tenn-Green 19 run

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Young golf team is led by sophomore

This year the Blue Raiders golf team has reason to celebrate.

Returning sophomore Brett

Alexander, who has been golfing for 10 years, is expected to lead the golf team to victory this upcoming season. "Last year, Brett had a

tremendous year," coach Johnny Moore said. "Even though he is only a sophomore, we still expect him to step up and lead this team.' Alexander led the nation in eagles

last year. However, he is the first person to tell you that he is not about individual recognition. "It is exciting to have led the

nation in eagles last year, but that does not really matter to me," said the humble sophomore. "Everyone on this team sacrifices, it is just an extra bonus when you personally do well."

Coming from a family that devotes their time to playing golf together, Alexander has learned the meaning of team concept. Even though his sister plays tennis, his parents still spend a lot of time playing in golf tournaments

"My parents love to golf, and they are always encouraging me to do better," explained Brett. "My parents have taught me a lot, but I have learned a tremendous amount while being down here at MTSU."

Alexander said that after growing up in Richland, Missouri, he originally chose MTSU because of its warm

With his physical size it didn't

Bigger sizes, bigger waists

Matt Clark / staff

Stay Fit Jennie Treadway



Paul Gobael serves a ball in the men's championship round of MTSU's 11th

annual Pro-Am Tennis Tournament at the Murphy Center Courts Saturday.

Jumbo, extra-large, Biggie, Supersize, King-size and the Big Gulp. And you wonder why 55 million Americans are overweight? I'm a big fan of the candy bar and

have a hard time passing up the King size Butterfinger. I love cherryflavored slushies, but the Big Gulp tends to freeze my brain. Do I settle for the smaller serving and feel unfulfilled, or do I buy the size I want and surrender my body to the enormous amounts of fat, calories and sugar?

Millions of people suffer through this daily decision. Many fast food restaurants, such as Wendy's and McDonald's, offer special deals to purchase the bigger sizes, whether it be a special price value or a plastic cup to keep with your giant coke. Too easily, we are lured in to the idea of saving money with a Biggie Fry or Super-sizing our meal because we get more for our dollar. When price is a factor, the thought of nutritional value, or lack of, is overlooked.

food hamburger weighed around three or four ounces with about 350 calories. Today, a regular burger can weigh twice that, not to mention the extra fat and 400 calories you eat in a Whopper, Big Mac or even a simple double cheeseburger. As long as we keep buying them, the restaurants will keep making them.

The soda companies must think we are thirstier than we were years ago. The Big Slam and 40-ounce sodas not only give us frequent trips to the bathroom, but can offer over 500 calories of chemical additives and sugar. Although calorie-free diet sodas are tempting to the weight-conscious, the drink offers no nutritional value.

It seems obvious why many Americans have a weight problem. Although exercise is essential to every lifestyle, the traditional diet has grown from a simple three-meals-a-day course to snacking, fast foods, delivered meals, bigger desserts and a 60-ounce Mountain Dew in between. It is clear why a 30-minute aerobic session doesn't take off the extra pounds as expected. We must work harder to compensate for our increased

Maybe this explains why serving sizes on packaged foods, soup cans,

Two decades ago, the typical fast and pre-made meals seem so small. Americans are used to getting more than their share at restaurants, so eating exactly three-fourths of a cup of cereal seems like a bite. Who doesn't just pour their cereal in the bowl in random amounts and leave enough room for milk? Who counts out exactly 8 potato chips? And who carries around a scale to measure the weight their strawberry frozen yogurt and sprinkles? Does anyone eat exactly a one-third cup of popcorn?

We have the habit of eating handfuls of snacks and accepting the serving size ice cream parlors hand us. We rarely leave our plates half-full or stop when we are satisfied. Too often, we have dessert because we feel we are supposed to, since it comes naturally after a meal. We eat french fries with burgers and oil-filled croutons on our salads and we don't give it a second thought.

When we think about serving size, one might assume a serving size of bread is simply eating bread with a meal. If you eat your burger or chicken on a bun, then that is one serving from the bread and grains group. Not so. One slice of regular sliced bread is considered one serving towards the recommended 6-11 a day. A

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College football weekly roundup

a coaching staff.

Associated Press

Notre Dame's out. So is Colorado, Miami and Texas.

Midway through September, some of college football's glamour teams already find themselves out of national title contention.

While they try and rebound from Saturday's unexpected losses, this weekend could be even wackier, starting at the top with No. 4 Tennessee at No. 3 Florida and No. 7 Nebraska at No. Washington.

There's a top-notch undercard, too, with No. 5 Florida State at No. 16 Clemson, No. 12 Auburn at No. 10 LSU, No. 17 Michigan State at Notre Dame and Arizona at No. 9 Ohio State.

But most eyes will be on Huskers-Huskies and Vols-Gators

"They will be wild and ready for us," Washington wide receiver Jerome Parthon said of Nebraska, which had trouble putting away Central Florida 38-24.

The Huskies had no such problems, rolling past San Diego State 36-3.

"We didn't come out with the energy we needed to and the energy I know we will have next week," the Huskies' Brock Huard, who threw for 313 yards and four touchdowns, said.

When the Gators (2-0) and Vols (2-0) play in Gainesville, Fla., national title chances hang in the balance. Again. The past two years, the Gators beat Peyton

Manning & and ended up playing for the national championship, losing to Nebraska in '96 Fiesta Bowl

and beating

Florida State in the '97 Sugar Bowl.

"It has turned into a big game," Gators coach Steve Spurrier said. "Usually, the top two teams in a division create one of the most important games.

In other Top 25 games, it was: No. 1 Penn State 52. Temple 10: No. 5 Florida State 50, Maryland 7; No. 6 North Carolina 28, No. 21 Stanford 17; No. 8 Michigan 27, No. 15 Colorado 3; No. 9 Ohio State 44, Bowling Green 13; No. 10

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USC 21; No. 20 Kansas State 23, There's no question right Ohio U. now we're embarassed as 20; No. Colorado

State 35, Utah **Bob Davie** State 24; Notre Dame coach No. UCLA

66, Texas 3; and No. 25 Georgia 31, South Carolina 15.

On Thursday night, No. 11 Alabama beat Vanderbilt 20-0. After Saturday's games, no

coaches were mortified more than Bob Davie of Notre Dame and John Mackovic of Texas.

"There's no question right now we're embarrassed as a coaching staff and we're embarrassed as a football team," Davie said after Purdue outplayed the Irish in a 28-17

upset that dropped Notre Dame out of the Top 25. "But it certainly was no fluke."

After UCLA clobbered Texas — the Longhorns' second worst loss in 105 years of football - Mackovic said: "We didn't do anything like we know we can do ... and everyone's embarrassed. If that's all the better we are, we've missed the boat on everything."

No. 1 Penn State 52, Temple

At State College, Pa., Temple (1-2) took a 7-0 lead 43 seconds into the game before the Nittany Lions (2-0) scored the next 35 points.

Chafie Fields turned two reverses into TD runs of 43 and 47 yards and Mike McQueary was 10 of 19 for 158 yards and two TDs in three quarters. Curtis Enis added 81 yards and a TD on 16 carries. No. 2 Washington 36, San Diego State 3

At Seattle, Huard completed 16 of 26 passes for 313 yards and four TDs, including scoring strikes of 12 and 53 yards to Pathon, who had right catches for 182

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take long for the 6-foot-1 Alexander to realize that most people in Middle Tennessee thought he was a football player rather than a golfer.

"Yeah, it was funny because whenever I told my teachers I played sports, they thought I played football," said Alexander with a grin.

If last season is any indication of what the future may hold, professors and area golf fans will soon start to realize that Alexander is one of the best golfers recruited to play for the Raiders.

"He played extremely well last year," Moore said. "He is a very talented young man who hits the ball hard."

However, Alexander's main goal right now is to not only better his own golf techniques

but also contribute to the success of the team as well.

By playing in several amateur tournaments this summer, Alexander said he hopes that the everyday application of his skills will help to continue improving his game throughout the season.

"There is so much to learn about golfing," explained Alexander. "It seems to be that the older you get, the better you get. Through time, I hope to get my mental game on more than anything else."

According to Alexander, the mental part of the game has enough control over the outcome that it can either allow you to shoot well or shoot

Alexander hopes that the past tournaments and those that the team will participate in this season will help him become more mentally focused on the course.

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hamburger bun, depending on its size, can offer three to four of daily recommended servings.

Pastas are even more restricting. A serving size can be as small as one-fourth cup or as big as three-fourths cup. In that serving, you can still consume about 200-300 calories. Re-think a full plate of pasta and substitute half of it with a vegetable.

Restaurants keep their business by serving larger-thannormal size meals. Steak houses are known for their 16-ouncers, buttered baked potato and side salad, which can reach well over

1500 calories for one meal. When going out to eat, go with a friend and share. Split a large meaty meal or a plate of pasta. Go in on an ice cream sundae with two spoons. Drink water instead of soda when possible and forgo a whole

More often than not, your body just craves the taste, not the calories. If you feel you need a Reeses cup or Hershey's bar, eat one of the miniatures. You may realize it was your taste buds talking to you, not your stomach. Take a good look at the quantity of your meals. • Decide before eating what you really want. When you feel full, push your plate away, put down the sandwich or throw away the french fry box. There will be other meals to enjoy.



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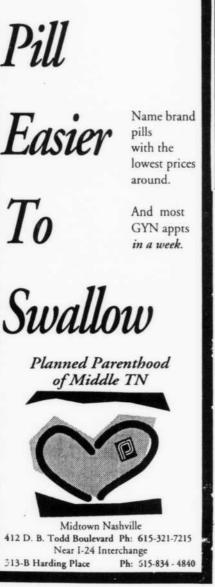
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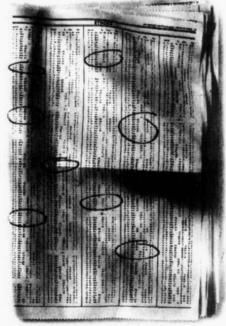
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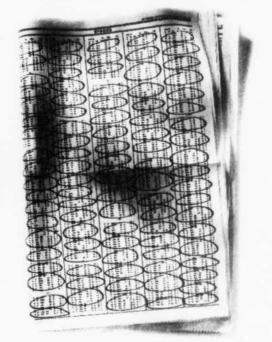
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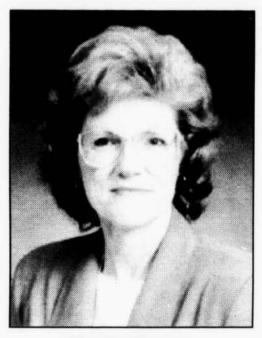
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The real world beckons and Career Day, sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University's and Placement Student Employment Center, will the introduction provide students need before answering that call.

A total of 132 institutions, including 119 employers and 13 graduate schools, will be present to meet with students on Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the track area of Murphy Center. This massive count has grown from last year's 112, making this year's selection of exhibits the most numerous in

the Career Day's sixteen years.

Not only will there be representatives from business, industry and governmental agencies; staffing companies wanting full-time, part-time and temporary employers will also be recruiting. Graduate schools



Martha Turner Director, Student Placement and **Employment**

ranging from law to medicine to general studies are represented, and resumes for internships will

be reviewed as well. (A complete list of the organizations at Career Day is located on page 4.)

No appointments are Students are necessary. welcome to walk-in at anytime.

"If they (students) are serious about finding a job or a position, they need to bring their resumes," said Martha Turner, director of the Placement and Student Employment Center. "But that certainly doesn't apply to everyone."

Turner also suggested, students just wear regular casual school clothes.

"Career clothes aren't really necessary," she said. "Seniors may or may not want to wear more professional attire. Just remember your appearance is very important and makes a lasting impression."

To help avoid confusion caused by the mass construction on campus and to help no one get lost, the Placement Center will try to post signs at both the Murphy Tunnel and the Greenland Drive entrance.

"Everyone is encouraged to attend if even for a short while," Turner said. "If they are serious in looking for information for their majors or campus planning, this is a great way to

The Placement Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. It provides a career resource library, resume writing and interview preparation workshops, on-campus interviews, resume referrals to employers and job referrals to students. It will also sponsor the Nurses' Career Day on Nov.

For more information about Career Day or any other services provided by the Placement Center please contact Keathley University Center Room 328 or call 898-2500.

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More graduates land better jobs: Turner

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The healthy economy of the past few years has led to more graduating seniors landing the jobs they want, according to placement officials at MTSU.

Martha Turner, director of the Placement and Student Employment Center, said results in the past have been promising for graduating seniors.

In the class of 1996, 43 percent of the seniors registered with the office got jobs within three months of graduation, according to Turner. Of those who graduated in December, 52 percent landed jobs.

"Probably 700 to 800 graduating seniors per year actually complete

registration," Turner said.

Turner advises students to register with the office, after they have completed 90 hours. The student opens a file that contains a current resume

employer faculty and recommendations.

These files provide a pool of possible employees from which companies can draw.

Turner said the office receives requests from employers throughout the Southeast.

"The economy is the force that drives it all," Turner said. "A good economy motivates employers to call."

Those employers are from almost every field, and Turner said that starting salaries in those fields are also indications of a good economy.

Graduates of nursing and marketing from fall 1996 could expect starting salaries as high as \$36,000 a year. Those in computer science were hired at starting salaries from \$32,000 to \$36,000, and information systems graduates started anywhere from \$32,000 to \$35,000.



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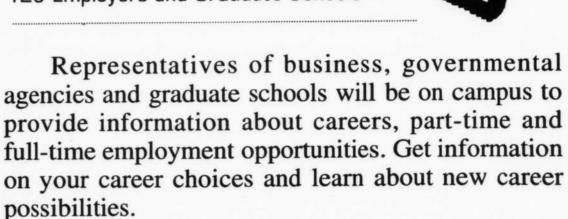
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The job market definitely changed over the years, she added.

How can new graduates get the edge needed to compete for the best jobs? As a start, the center will offer a career placement orientation titled "Your Job Search."

The workshop is designed to inform students about campus career services, the latest resume writing techniques and job

interview skills. Seniors and graduate students are encouraged to attend one of the three seminars scheduled for Oct. 7-9 in Keathley University Center Room 322.

Turner mentioned that the workshops are open and free for all students, not just seniors and graduates. Every student can

benefit from these meetings. These are excellent ways to learn more about the job market and prepare for summer job or internship interviews, she added.

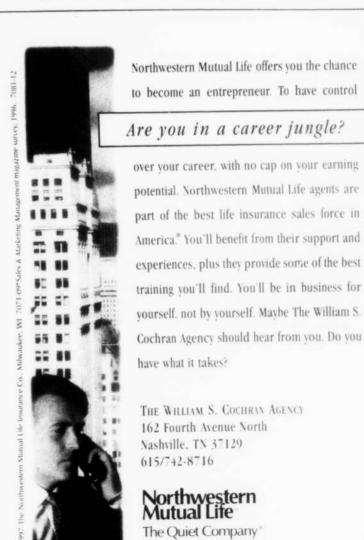
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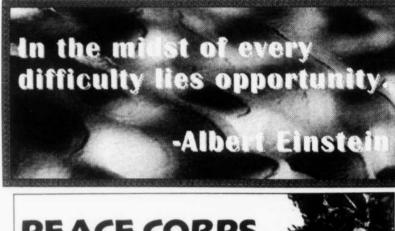
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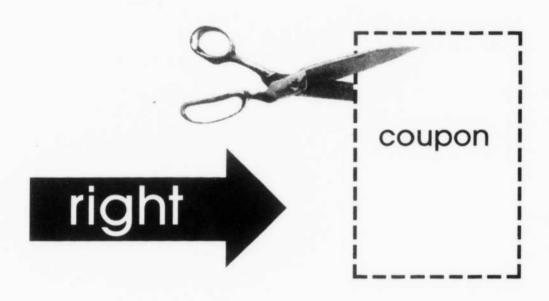
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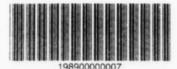


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