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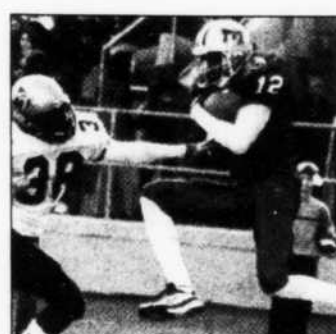
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## Heater sparks fire, concern in Corlew



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Kristina Hardin sifts through the ash of her heater that caught fire on the fourth floor of Corlew Hall.

By Leslie Carol Boehms  
Staff Writer

Wednesday morning at approximately 1:30 a.m., a heater caught fire in the room of freshman Kristina Hardin, who lives on the fourth floor of Corlew Hall.

This alarm in particular signaled the third time the Murfreesboro Fire Department has been called to campus in less than two weeks.

"Basically her air conditioning unit caught some paper on fire," said Kim Cabany, a resident assistant on the second floor of Corlew. "One of the male residents, along with the help of a male RA, got a fire extinguisher and helped put out the flames."

According to Cabany, all of the residents of the dorm were evacuated.

John Agee, the sixth floor Corlew Resident Assistant, helped extinguish the flames.

"I was actually in bed at the time, and I went through my floor to make sure of all my guys were out," said Agee.

"They all wanted to know if it was a drill."

"As I was going down the stairs, there was smoke coming out of the fourth floor. It was from Room 414 toward the end of the hallway. The male resident was in there shooting the heater with a fire extinguisher," he said. "I had him get out, and I grabbed the extinguisher and finished it off and got the students off the floor."

According to Rutherford County Assistant Fire Chief Jerry McCullough, the fire was found in the heater but was already extinguished upon arrival.

Cabany stated that there have been many complaints this semester about the sparking of the heating and air units in Corlew.

The units are attached to the ground, and if anything is stacked on them, it causes a potential hazard to the residents.

All of the residents were reverted to the Cummings lobby so that no one would have to be out in the cold.

"I've been an RA here a long time, and it was the best fire situation I've ever seen handled," said Agee. "Everybody was out of the building and across the street, in no time. It was quickly taken care of. The residents were back in the building in about 20 minutes."

The resident is now moving into a room on the third floor of Corlew. She was, however, not available for comments.

## Kentucky students finally get their due

By Shawn Whitsell  
Opinions Editor

At the end of last month, 30 of the 77 Kentucky students awaiting scholarship funds were finally awarded the money they had earned while in high school.

High school students from Kentucky have the opportunity to earn the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship, which is based on grade point average and ACT scores. However, students who attended colleges outside Kentucky were denied funding.

The award later extended to Kentucky high school students who participated in the Academic Common Market, a program that allows out-of-state college students to pay in-state tuition simply because their major isn't offered in their home state.

Although other states honored the new scholarship clause, the state of Tennessee opted not to sign the contract to grant the students their money because of the wording of the contract.

The initial contract contained the phrase "under Kentucky law" and according to Barbara Haskew, a Tennessee school can not sign an agreement under another state's law.

After negotiations, a revision of the contract was made, found acceptable by the state of Tennessee, signed and sent overnight to Kentucky.

According to Financial Aid Director David Hutton, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority responded in less than 30 days, which is standard time for donors to send in funds, and the students were awarded their money.

"The good news is the students have received their money," Hutton said. "I believe the money came in at the end of October. We placed it on their account and sent them an e-mail to let them know their money was here."

According to Hutton, the Financial Aid office received "a little over \$10,000" to disperse among 30 students, with amounts ranging from \$190 to \$750.

Hutton said that this particular problem has never occurred in the past or since this incident and considers the matter to be somewhat typical for new things.

"Anytime there's something new, sometimes there are problems on the front end. Once the contract is signed, that's pretty much the end of the problem," he said.

"We'll get another roster in the spring and once we verify enrollment, they're [KHEAA] supposed to send us a check within 30 days," he added.

Hutton said it took a little while for the scholarship recipients to receive their money because of the unresolved legal matters, however the students were given the option of taking out a short-term loan until their funds were available.

Hutton said he doesn't foresee this particular scholarship being a problem in the future and added that the students were very helpful in the process.



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## Debates examine problems with guns, possible solutions

By Wayne Green  
Staff Reporter

For the last week, MTSU has been holding highly volatile debates on the controversial issues surrounding the gun ban in America.

The event began Nov. 8, and was highlighted with the guest appearance of Ted Nugent. The last debate of the series will be held tonight in Tucker Theater at 8 p.m.

For the public policy debate held Nov. 13, there were three men on

stage including Andrew Butler, the moderator, and John Lott, a senior research scholar at Yale Law School and the former chief economist at the U.S. Sentencing Commission during 1988 and 1989.

Franklin Zimring — author of numerous articles including "Understanding Crime and Gun Control" — was the other participant, and he serves on the National Academy of Science Panel on Juvenile and on the federal expert panel of public safety.

Each participant had 10 minutes in the opening statements, two minutes rebut time and 3 minutes for closings.

Both men had strong arguments for their opinions.

There was a coin flip before the meeting, and Lott proceeded first. His view was that the ownership of guns was not a totally bad situation, and guns can help protect lives.

Lott mentioned that there are

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Nugent

## Alleged stabber faces charges, academic suspension



Photo by Turner Hutchens | Staff  
Police arrest alleged assailant Shannon Reed.

By Jason Cox  
Crime Reporter

Alleged assailants involved in the knife fight outside the Keathley University Center last month are now facing suspension and assault charges.

Shannon Reed has been suspended from MTSU and will face assault charges in Rutherford County court on January 8, 2001.

She is currently free on \$10,000 bond.

According to a memo from David Hays, associate vice president of Student Affairs, Reed may not return to MTSU until the spring of 2003.

She will pay financial restitution to the victim, Dawn Harrington, for medical expenses not covered by medical insurance.

Also, if and when she returns to MTSU, she will be under disciplinary probation for the duration of her enrollment.

Cameo Bobo, who was charged with

disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after attempting to assault Reed while she was in police custody, plead guilty to disorderly conduct in Rutherford County court.

Reed and Bobo were arrested Oct. 26 after Reed attacked Harrington with a knife in front of the KUC.

Bobo then attacked Reed as she was being arrested.

Harrington was taken to the hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries and released.



# Native American film series tells true story of America

By Erin Edgemon  
Staff Writer

The MTSU Anthropology Society, along with MTSU Fine Arts are sponsoring the film series "500 Nations."

Hosted by Kevin Costner, "500 Nations" is an acclaimed mini-series that tells the true story of America. The films, created by Jack Leustig, are compiled from archival firsthand accounts and location filming.

It uses virtual-reality recreations and artistic cinematography to unfold

the human history of North America through Native American eyes.

"This series is the most honest representation of Native Americans that we have seen," said Georgia Dennis, treasurer of Anthropology Society and the promotions coordinator for Student Programming. "It is very real."

Every year, the Anthropology Society shows films sponsored by student activity fees that the organization receives from the university.

The society decided to show this particular series because they felt that

Native American history needed to be told.

"It is an important series for people to see in order to learn about Native American history," said Bruce Burton, president of the Anthropology Society.

The first film, "The Ancestors," explores three early cultures of North America.

The second film "Mexico" tells of the Toltecs and the empire of the Aztecs in the Valley of Mexico through the impact of the Hernando Cortez invasion.

The third film, "Invasion of the Coast," tells of the Arctic and the Northwest passage to the Pilgrims at Plymouth and the Indian Wars in 1675.

The fourth film, "Clash of Cultures," is a tapestry of heroics and tragedy from Hispaniola to the Mississippi Valley as the nations face muskets and disease.

The four films that remain in the series are "Cauldron of War," "Removal," "Roads Across the Plains" and "Attack on Culture." These films

take the viewer through the American Revolution, tales of the "civilized tribes," the War of 1812, the Spanish missions and the Indian Wars.

The first four films in the series were shown November 7 and 14. The remainder of the series will be shown on November 21 and 28 at 4:00 p.m. in KUC, Room 318. It is free and open to the public.

After the series is over, the videos will be donated to the Learning Resource Center, where the films can be checked out by students. ♦

## Campuses across country affected by election fever

By Kevin Orland and  
Rebecca Mader  
The Marquette Tribune  
(Marquette U.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - Something was amiss when Northern Illinois University student Matt Stacionis went to a DeKalb, Ill., bar Tuesday night.

Instead of the normal chitchat about sports and school, all of the bar's patrons were watching vote totals roll in and talking like they were in a political science class.

"I've never seen an entire crowd of people captivated around one thing like this," Stacionis said.

Students from colleges and

universities around the United States, who gathered this weekend here for a college media conference, said this election has undoubtedly made their campuses more politically aware.

But will the awareness last?

Stacionis thinks so.

"I think this election could have been the turning point in getting young voters interested in participating in the American democracy," Stacionis said.

Other students, like Joe Creamer, are not as sure. Creamer, 21, is a senior at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island.

Creamer said most of the 4,000 students on his campus were politically apathetic before

this election and that students only cared about issues that affected them directly.

He said more students paid attention to stories about registration in the campus newspaper than they did to the paper's election coverage.

But after Election Day everyone seemed to know what went on the night before.

He thinks the way Nader influenced the election will keep students interested in future elections.

Amanda Jones, 19, a sophomore at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, said the interest there will probably taper off, but Supreme Court appointments and city elections will

keep students interested in politics for some time to come.

"I think students as a demographic will be more interested and will be getting more attention," Jones said.

St. Mary's has an active political science department, and the campus has always been politically active, Jones said. She estimated that 1,000 of the university's 4,000 students registered to vote.

The student government was active in transporting students to the polls and hosting debates around campus, and some professors even let their classes out early to go vote.

This activity was also heightened by the fact that the state's

governor, George W. Bush, was one of the candidates.

"Either people really like him or really hate him — there's no in-between," Jones said.

In the battleground state of Florida, though governed by Bush's younger brother, Jeb, Florida State University senior Cathy Heller said the campus political environment was still divided.

Once known as the "Berkeley of the South," FSU was politically charged, Heller said.

Heller, who is editor of the FSU student newspaper, said its election coverage played a major part in that. She said the election was considered top priority for each edition and was woven in

through each section of the paper.

Jenni Pearson, 21, a junior at the University of California-Santa Barbara, also said her campus has always been politically active.

Because the campus is on a peninsula, all of the 20,000 students live on one square mile of land. This population density has made the campus a campaign target for politicians in the area and thus has kept the campus politically aware.

"Our campus can basically turn an entire election at the state level," Pearson said.

Pearson said her campus is

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# WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Associate News Editor

## Israeli helicopters attack Palestinian leader

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli helicopters rocketed four targets associated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement before dawn Thursday, a day after a bloody Palestinian "independence day" took eight Palestinian lives.

The army said it hit Fatah headquarters in the West Bank towns of Salfit, Tulkarm and Hebron, as well as an armory in Jericho. Palestinian security officials confirmed the attack in Salfit, and said two men living in neighboring houses were injured — one seriously.

The helicopter attacks — described by the army as "preemptive" — were apparently Prime Minister Ehud Barak's promised retaliation for drive-by shootings in the West Bank and Gaza on Monday that killed four Israelis, two civilians and two soldiers.

Wednesday was the 12th anniversary of a symbolic declaration of independence made by Arafat while he was in exile. All over the West Bank and Gaza, Palestinians marched to mark the day, and many of the processions turned into clashes with Israeli forces. As young Palestinians threw rocks and firebombs at Israeli forces, others aimed rifle fire at the Israelis.

Israeli soldiers killed eight Palestinians Wednesday, and another died of injuries received earlier. Since the fighting erupted Sept. 28, 219 people have been killed, the vast majority young Palestinians.

Despite the highest one-day toll since Oct. 20, Israeli and Palestinian leaders talked tentatively about peace, though the prospect seemed dim. ♦

## Bush holds narrow lead over Gore in Florida recount

Florida (AP) — After a week of suspense, a fistful of lawsuits and thousands of ballots counted, counted again, then recounted by hand, George W. Bush clings to a tenuous 300-vote lead over Al Gore in Florida's decisive presidential election. But the outcome remains uncertain in a struggle still careening through the courts and open to additional canvassing.

"This is a pretty intense process," Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said Tuesday, his state at the center of a post-election battle unlike any other. "I hope this will be resolved."

Of the counties where the Gore campaign has sought complete hand recounts, officials in Volusia County had completed them as of Tuesday night; Democratic party officials said they went to court seeking to force a recount in

Broward County; and Miami-Dade voted Tuesday night not to honor the request, although officials said the Gore campaign hoped to overturn that refusal, as well. Palm Beach County officials stood ready to launch a full manual recount. ♦

## Clinton assures world leaders that post-election U.S. is stable

BANDAR SERI BAGAWAN, Brunei (AP) — Half a world away from the unsettled struggle for the White House, President Clinton told Russian President Vladimir Putin and other foreign leaders Wednesday that "there's nothing to worry about" in the overtime contest to choose his successor.

He said there is plenty of time for the American system to work, and it will, to determine whether Vice President Al Gore, his chosen successor, or Republican Gov. George W. Bush was elected 43rd president in the disputed election Nov. 7.

"I think other leaders should have the same reaction the American people have," Clinton told reporters in the lobby of a lavish Brunei guest house, with Putin at his side. "I think they're pretty relaxed about it and we'll let the process play out." ♦

## Security Council tells Lebanon to move troops south

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council has told Lebanon it must abide by international law and take control of southern Lebanese territory vacated by Israel earlier this year. In a statement to the media Tuesday, council members said Lebanon risks renewed conflict unless the government moves troops and administrators to the border to replace the guerrilla group Hezbollah. ♦

## Rescuers in Austria recover bodies as cable car crash is probed

KAPRUN, Austria (AP) — Rescuers high in the Austrian Alps worked through the night and into Wednesday, struggling to pull the last bodies from the melted remains of the cable car that caught



Griffith

## Melanie Griffith seeks help for prescription addiction

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Melanie Griffith has entered a hospital for treatment of a drug problem stemming from her use of a prescribed medication. "My doctor has referred me to the Daniel Freeman Hospital to step down from the prescribed medication that I have been taking for a neck injury," Griffith, 43, said in a statement released Tuesday through her publicists. "I appreciate everyone's concern and I'm sure that you will respect my and my family's privacy," Griffith said.

The actress, who is married to actor Antonio Banderas, gave no details of the neck injury, the type of medication or how long she had been using it. ♦

## Ewing beats his former team as Supersonics trump Knicks, 96-75

SEATTLE (AP) — Patrick Ewing's new team got the victory — a decisive one.

Gary Payton had 25 points and 13 assists Tuesday night to lead the Seattle Supersonics to a 96-75 victory over Ewing's former team, the New York Knicks. The Sonics, off to a 3-6 start, got 10 points and nine rebounds from Ewing, who played 31 minutes.

Ewing passed Charles Barkley with 23,760 career points to move into 13th place on the NBA's all-time scoring list. ♦

## Ebola death toll rises to 113

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — The death toll in Uganda's Ebola outbreak has risen to 113 after three more people died in the last two days, but no new cases have been reported, a health official said Wednesday.

The three deaths occurred in Gulu, 225 miles north of Kampala, where the outbreak was first confirmed on Oct. 14, said Sam Okware, head of a national task force set up to deal with the epidemic.

Authorities had hoped to contain the disease in Gulu. In the last two weeks, cases have been confirmed in two districts hundreds of miles from the town.

Four people died of the virus in Mbarara, 175 miles southwest of Kampala, since Nov. 2. ♦

fire in a mountain tunnel, killing 156 people.

Fighting stormy weather and heavy winds, rescue teams and the Austrian army had managed to free 128 bodies and fly them out by Tuesday night.

The cause of the worst accident on record linked to mountain sports remained unclear four days after the car burst into flames while taking skiers to the slopes on Kitzsteinhorn mountain.

Christian Tisch, a police forensic technician, said police found an oily substance that appeared to have dripped from the car on the ramp leading into the tunnel.

The car stopped some 600 yards inside. Tisch said the material was being chemically analyzed and it appeared to be similar in consistency to lubricants. ♦

## Religious leaders reject same-sex marriage in declaration

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of national religious leaders rejected same-sex marriage in a first-of-its-kind "Christian Declaration on Marriage" issued Tuesday at the U.S. Catholic bishops' fall conference.

The declaration calls for "a stronger commitment to this holy union" and "practical ministries and influence for reversing the course of our culture." The declaration defines marriage as "a holy union of one man and one woman." ♦

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## Film festival brings porn to U. Hawaii

By Starr Wedemeyer  
Ka Leo O Hawaii (U. Hawaii)

(U-WIRE) HONOLULU - When people think of porn on campus, they might think of boys huddled around a TV in the dorms watching a rented video.

This past Friday, however, a pornographic movie was shown to a capacity crowd in the University of Hawaii Ballroom by the Hawaii International Film Festival.

"3-D Disco Dolls in Hot Skin," a 1978 pornographic film, with a new twist of 3-Dimension, was shown to the crowd.

Another pornographic movie made its way onto campus: "Lies," a 1999 Korean film that follows a high school girl and a 38-year-old married man and their sado-masochistic obsessions.

Some might wonder how the HIFF got authorization to show these movies. However, there are no rules prohibiting pornographic films on campus.

According to Anderson Le, administrator, associate programmer and education coordinator of the festival, there were no objections when the films were scheduled to show on campus.

Dr. Victor Kobayashi from the Outreach College was involved in helping the festival show films at UH. He was not, however, involved in the selection of the films shown.

A Film Selection Committee selected the movies to be shown on campus by the festival.

"There is no barrier on campus to show explicit films," Kobayashi said.

UH has an "academic freedom" to show these kinds of films, he added.

In the past, movies that could be considered pornographic have been shown at UH, and no one "raised a fuss," Kobayashi said.

This is the first year that the festival showed pornographic films.

"It is a part of our 'At the Fringe' section," Le said.

The festival has shown documentaries on pornography in the past, Le said. Last year, the documentary "Wadd: The Life & Times of John C. Holmes," was very popular at the festival. However, people were let down by it.

"People were expecting porn, but it was a straightforward, serious documentary and a lot of people were disappointed," Le said.

Because of the feedback from last year's festival audience, they decided to show the 3-D version of "Disco Dolls in Hot Skin" starring Holmes.

"It's all in good fun," Le said.

The festival showed "3-D Disco Dolls in Hot Skin" at the Dole Cannery as well as UH. Both shows were sold out.

Le said that everyone at the cannery show had a good time watching a "cheesy '70s movie."

A UH student who wished to remain anonymous went to the "3-D Disco Dolls in Hot Skin" on campus. He said the film was "definitely a porn — 100 percent."

He said that the ballroom was overcrowded. They even brought in extra chairs and encouraged the audience to "get closer."

"I don't think there were many UH students — about 25 — but I'm not sure," he said.

The general reaction to the film by the audience was more funny than serious. People were acting immature during the movie, making comments and mocking it, he said.

Some people did not find it as entertaining as the rest of the crowd, however.

"A few people walked out," he said.

The only real complaint from the audience was the 3-D glasses that they received at the door.

"The glasses didn't really work," he said.

"Four to five places were in 3-D." ♦

## Election: Students 'disgusted'

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generally liberal and most students support Vice President Al Gore, but the most vocal ones supported Nader. She credits much of the increased attention to politics to groups that urged protesting the IMF and the Democratic National Convention. Other campus rallies and debates held UC-Santa Barbara to have one of the highest voter turnout rates in the country.

But Pearson also said the election might have left some

students disenchanted with the United States' election procedures.

"There's a lot of disgust right now that the winner of the popular vote might not win the election," Pearson said.

Though political discord casts a cloud over the Sunshine State, Heller said nevertheless the story unfolding is one that won't soon be forgotten.

"I think Nixon's impeachment will be a couple of pages in the nation's history book," Heller said. "This will be a chapter." ♦

## Guns: Not all are a problem

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more long guns — such as rifles and shotguns — than handguns, which are usually considered to be responsible for more violent crimes.

Not all guns are the problem, Lott said, and he emphasized that owning a gun is not necessarily a bad thing. Handguns, he continued, are the weapons more often used in crimes.

Lott also felt that police should play a much stronger role in the community, and by doing so, would help lower the rate of gun-related crimes.

On the other hand, Zimring's argument was that there should be tougher control laws on all types of guns.

All debates were full of relevant experts.

On November 8, National Rifle Association member Ted Nugent shared his views on "personal freedom;" Zed Nelson related to the issue of gun ownership and control on the 9th; Lott and Zimring led their debate on public policies concerning guns on the 13th; there was a discussion on Nov. 14th on the U.S. Constitution with two legal professionals offering contrasting views; and the debate on law enforcement was held the 15th.

Tonight's debate will feature Eric Gorovitz, director of Policy for the Million Mom March.

It will be held tonight in Tucker Theater at 8 p.m. ♦

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From the staff

## University needs to do its part in protecting dorms

Yesterday morning, the third fire in less than two weeks broke out on campus. While one of these fires was caused by a student's disobedience of the rules (the ignition of a candle in a dorm room), the other two were caused by technical problems with appliances.

One was caused by a dryer that caught fire while running, and in yesterday's fire, a heating unit ignited when coming in contact with a piece of paper.

Neither of these fires were caused by students' direct actions, but instead by the condition of the two appliances. So why should students bother to follow the multitude of rules meant to protect them (or more accurately protect the insurance on the buildings) if the university won't do its part to do the same?

In the shape the dorms are in now, students are lucky one hasn't burned to the ground yet. Archaic machinery and questionable wiring are just a couple of the many possible problems that could rear their ugly

heads in these buildings.

It's no wonder that many students don't put much thought into bringing items such as extension cords, candles and hotplates into their dorm rooms. With their air conditioning and heating units sparking on a regular basis, not to mention the recent rash of fires on campus, they probably feel their lives are already in danger.

If MTSU is truly concerned with the safety of its housing residents, then it must take action to update the dorms. Yes, it will cost money, and no, we don't seem to have any right at the moment, but for students' sake, an effort must be made.

But students must do their part as well. It simply isn't safe to have any of the items that are currently not allowed in the dorms. No, it isn't fair or convenient, but neither is death.

In the meantime, don't put anything on top of your heater, and air dry as much of your laundry as possible.

## Christmas break isn't close enough

Frankly  
My Dear



David  
Sargent  
Staff  
Columnist

Ahhh, the holiday season. A time of joy, a time to be with family, a time of giving, and a time of other stuff. It starts out with Halloween candy and leads right in to the mother of all feasts, Thanksgiving.

This is the day when relatives from all over the country fly in from god knows where, usually Florida or Hoboken, New Jersey, so they can "share" in the family feeling of the season.

Old folks, man, they eat that stuff up.

Of course, what it means for the college population is that we have to find a ride to and from the airport and find enough clean clothes for the journey. Of course, if you live close to MTSU, then you can just load all your clothes into your trunk and monopolize your parents' washer and dryer for the weekend.

The thing is that this could be a good thing except for the fact that just when we get settled into vacation mode, we find ourselves right back in our own beds covered in layers of dirty clothes that we had been "meaning to get to" before we left for the brief visit.

But I'm not going to lie. There's something about the whole experience that holds a special place in my heart. It just screams hassle, that's all.

And it's kind of a tease, too. Because man, I love being home. There's nothing I like better than a Maryland fall/winter. But when you go home for a few days and think to yourself about how close you are to over a month (or in MTSU's case, four weeks) away from school and the use of

any sort of real brain power, and then you realize that you have three more weeks of class and finals out the wazzoo, it kind of bums you out.

And what a vegetarian's nightmare, too. We only have one and a half vegetarians in my immediate family, but I know plenty. Before my sisters got "educated" and learned about the "horrors of the meat packing industry" or something silly like that, Thanksgiving supper was a cinch. It only took like four days to cook for. But now it takes months to find the vegetarian complement to turkey, dressing and stuffing.

You would not believe how few stores carry vegetarian turkeys. I mean, they look at you like you're some kind of freak. I just don't get it.

I feel so bad for them. They just don't understand the satisfaction of chopping into a dead animal whose head was chopped off by a mechanical clever, and body parts were separated by precision stainless-steel machines who have never heard of Tony, the turkey, and really don't care about his wife and 17 kids. That is sadly, I tell you.

Besides the food you eat to "make up" for all those missed meals at college, there are plenty other positive aspects to the trip. Like the...uh...and the...ummm...well I'm pretty sure there's a bunch of things that I just can't remember right now.

It think the key to a successful Thanksgiving visit is to visualize the experience like a Thanksgiving without the formal attire and open bar. Plus, as long as you get to go out with your friends at least one those nights, if not all of them, then it usually ends up being all right, and you can call it a normal, stressless weekend.

Just tell your Uncle Joe that it really isn't funny anymore when he secretly makes all of the kids drinks with an "Irish" twist. ♦

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## Letters to the Editor

### Everyone should come to support football team

Okay, I've about had it with our student population and the city of Murfreesboro. I will cut to the chase. Students and the residents of Murfreesboro should be EXTREMELY embarrassed of the amount of spirit (or lack thereof) given to our football team this past Saturday. Do people not realize that we have the #18 offense in all of I-A football (yes, that includes the same classification of UT and Florida)? Do we not realize that our running back (Dwone Hicks) is 10th in the nation in rushing and #2 nationwide in scoring? How about this...that two of our receivers are in the top 50?

Okay, if that doesn't get you, we are above Vanderbilt, Kentucky and Memphis in the BCS rankings. People...wake up! After the first three home games, I was led to believe that the attendance was getting better. This Saturday proved me wrong.

The people of Murfreesboro need to know that MTSU has helped build this town, and students need to figure out just what school they enrolled at.

So what do rabid MT fans such as myself do as we see people strut along this campus wearing other schools' apparel? How am I supposed to react when I hear some people make road trips or simply sit at home to watch another school play?

Well, first of all, I am sick and tired of you people. Stop avoiding the tradition that is being built. Instead, become a part of it.

It's YOUR school for crying out loud...You know, the name that will be at the top of your

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to [stups@mtsu.edu](mailto:stups@mtsu.edu). Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

diploma!!! This whole crap about, "I'm a diehard UT (or any team for that matter) fan" is rubbish. My dad was a UT grad. I grew up in a brown house with orange doors. All my life, UT topped me until I came to MT. I attended sporting events and after several games, I was hooked. A big difference between these two schools is tradition...something they have established and something we are trying so hard to build. So this excuse that you have grown up cheering for another team is bull. Put up or hit I-40 and stay put. You people are what are holding this school's pride back.

John Cook

### No one would leave NYU, Boston U. for MTSU in name of school spirit

I am writing in response to Jason Cox's column [last] Wednesday, in which he was making an issue of my saying the MTSU football team sucks. Mr. Cox!, who would leave NYU or Boston University for MTSU? No one would. If they did leave, they either have family problems or cannot afford it.

I am tired of everyone's pretentious reasoning on this campus. Jason, please remember this, MTSU is a state school. It is a good state school, but nothing more.

You can claim what you want, but everyone knows the reality of MTSU. Do you forget where you attend?

Please take this into consideration before you make remarks that have no validity, as you forge it.

Thankfully, some of us are grounded in our thoughts and opinions!

AJ Miner

### Women have right to be selfish with their bodies

I am writing this letter in response to Luke Anderson's rather sexist letter [Monday, Nov. 6].

As a female, I would just like to get it out into the open that I am very pro-choice, and I do not plan on having kids until I can support them. That done, let me also say that Mr. Anderson's letter is a hypocritical piece of horse...well, you can finish the rest.

He states that if you change biological factors, males would have to become females, as if that is a bad thing. Maybe then they would understand. As a woman, I am apparently expected to give up my career, my body and my life just because some guy, like Mr. Anderson, apparently wants a kid.

I may be selfish, but I have never seen a guy want to go through nine months of torture, plus sacrificing anything he had going for him, just to take care of a child he may or may not even want. Yet I am expected to do the same?!

Moreover, Mr. Anderson, if you really want a child that bad, adopt one yourself. That way, you can give up your life to take care of it — I am sure your wife would support you.

After all, I am not rejecting the body God gave me — I am just keeping it as mine, and no one else's.

Jessica Reed

## Our modern society calls for computerized voting method

By Jay McGinnis  
Special Contributor

In the strongest nation of the free world in a time of exponential technological discoveries, it seems that a presidential election for the United States of America is tough enough to keep the country on hold.

The whole process of an undetermined outcome is a major threat to our country and the security thereof. There seems to be no excuse why there should not be a quick, speedy election process. With the Internet taking over today's world, it's more likely that you would be able to buy a yellow sweater with a built-in turtleneck easier than you could elect a president.

I mean, why is there not an online vote in the year 2000? Even if there was not an online vote, doesn't it make sense to count all the votes via machine? The thought of hand counting in the first place seems primitive enough as it is, and to have confusion in the "butterfly" ballot only delays time with humans counting the votes again and again.

The election of our president is probably one of the most important issues of our country, and our government needs to step up to the justified technology that will take us to a speedy conclusion. The government obviously did not plan for such event, and now there is a race between the Republicans to close the

ballots and collect their victory, while the Democrats have found a loophole in their loss and are riding it for all that it is worth.

Their latest efforts have been to criticize the "butterfly" ballot, a misleading piece of paper that has thrown a curve into the line of democracy. To be honest, the butterfly ballot is NOT that confusing - there is an arrow pointing to the choice that you wish; it doesn't get any clearer than that. The truth is, if the ballot is too confusing for you, then you shouldn't be allowed to vote. I've never seen a clearer answer selection sheet in my life.

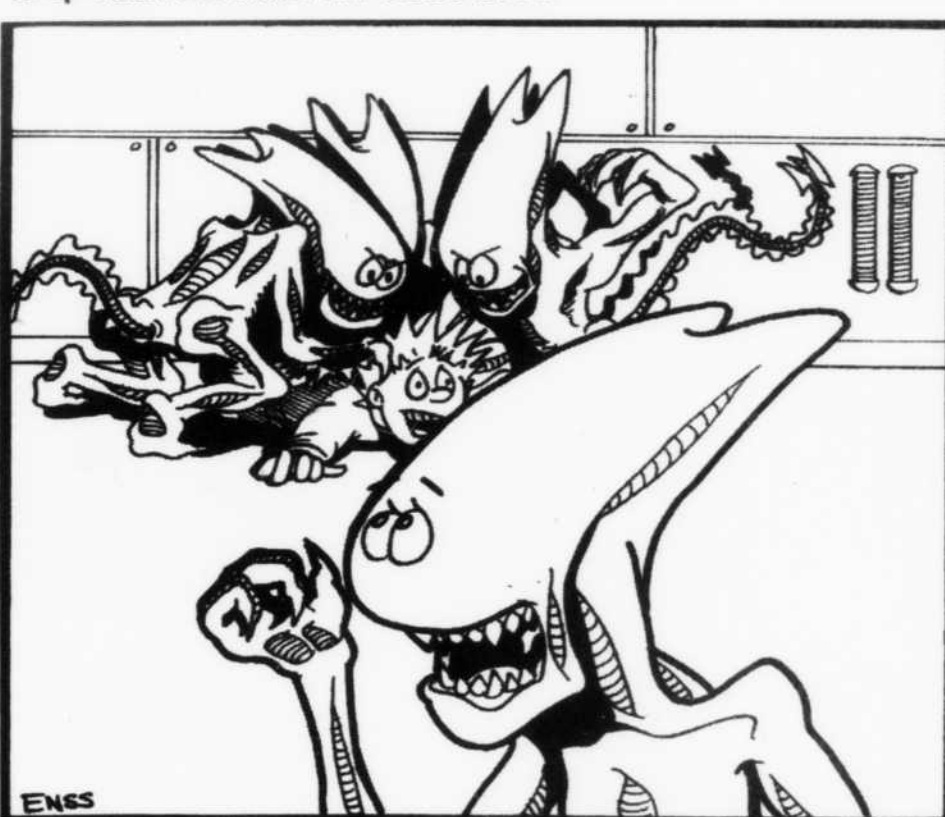
I'm sure the Democrats have played this issue up to what it is now...confused voters. It seems the whole process of success is being guided by political confusion, confusion that is already present, and confusion that is instilled by savvy lawyers in Washington.

This comes back to my whole argument on technology; there would be no errors if the entire process was machine-controlled. Maybe America is not ready for an online vote, but the hand counting has got to go.

Our country is the strongest nation in the world, but that does not mean forever.

With vulnerabilities in our systems, history can always repeat itself and leave us hanging with a lost legacy that will leave rust on our capitol as it did with the omnipotent Roman culture. ♦

NEWHERE IN THE SKY



"Geez, Bob, what the heck is wrong with you?  
Get over here and have a bite of this guy!"  
"I . . . I don't want any more of that lifestyle.  
I'm a vegetarian now, and I . . . I think  
of them as pets."



## TRAPPED IN HELL

### STUDENT DIRECTOR 'WATCHES OVER' HIS CAST MEMBERS

By Sara Jane Vaughn  
Staff Writer

Writers write, nurses nurse, preachers preach, teachers teach and dreamers dream.

And Keith Dixon, theatre major graduating in May, is currently fulfilling a long-time desire to direct *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me*, by Irish playwright, Frank McGuinness, as his final senior project.

As part of the theatre program, students are required, on top of their many other projects, to complete a senior project. And this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, everyone will have the chance to see a student-directed, student-designed and student-produced full-length play in the Studio Theatre of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

Time and time again, theatre majors are asked by somewhat puzzled people, "What exactly are you gonna do with a theatre degree?" And time and time again, theatre majors passionately reply, "The same thing that I'm doing now."

Besides going to class, theatre people are constantly involved in a creative project. Whether it be performing, teaching, designing or directing, on campus or off campus, in town or out of town, their creative minds can't stop.

Once a person gets theatre in their bloodstream, there is no turning back.

"I saw this play done on Broadway seven years ago and the emotional intensity has stuck with me," said Dixon. The play is set in a basement somewhere near or in Beirut, Lebanon during the late '80s/early '90s. Just about the time of the TWA terrorist hijacking and hostage taking.

The play is a psychological drama about how three men "struggle to maintain their dignity, their sanity and their health in the face of imprisonment and death," said Dixon.

When the play opens, the audience will understand that the men have been in their situation for awhile, possibly beaten or tortured through ruthless interrogations. "Just imagine being chained to a wall for days and nights, months at a time and having no contact with the outside world," said Dixon. "The rehearsal process has been emotionally challenging because of the material."

Because this is a project, Dixon was able to hand pick the cast and production team. The three main and only characters include: John Swader as Adam, an American doctor; Rob Shumate as Edward, an Irish journalist and Daniel Bond as Michael, a British professor.

And because Dixon has had the opportunity to work with his actors and designers on previous shows, "I knew that they could capture the feel of the play that I was going for," he said.

The play is an emotional roller coaster, and the cast does an excellent job portraying the levels. Within minutes of the show opening, the audience has bonded with the men. And a sense of loss creeps in, because these characters are based loosely on real life situations.

"I want the audience to feel for these men the way that they have learned to feel for each other," said Dixon. The set, lighting and costumes are essential for getting the point across.

"I see theatre as telling a story, and as a director, I am allowed to tell the story in my own way," said Dixon. "The intensity of it brought me to tears," said Katie Masseri, stage assistant, who watched a dress



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Senior Rob Shumate (Edward, an Irish journalist) contemplates waking junior Daniel Bond (Michael, an English literature professor) up from his slumber on the cold prison floor.

rehearsal earlier in the week.

The hand-picked production team includes: Paul Collins, assistant director; Amy Moyers, stage manager; Melissa Goldhamer, costume designer; Tonya Goldsberry, set designer and Kevin Clark, lighting designer.

Entirely produced by the Fraternity of Alpha Psi Omega, Theatre Honors Fraternity, which Dixon is an active member, the show has been a grand undertaking of many talented people.

"Theatre is a collaboration process and this is really what this has been about," said Dixon.

"This is the first time that I have ever worked with a design team and so it's been a learning process as well, I've learned how to better communicate with designers and actors and that's the educational part of theatre."

"Amy Moyers [stage manager, who recently served as SM for *The Lower Depths*] has been a Godsend, she's kept me organized, which is of

utmost importance when dealing with so many people," said Dixon.

Clark, lighting designer, agreed to work with Dixon on this project "because it would give me the opportunity to design a show as an undergraduate student," he said.

"Keith has been really cool, he's been positive about my ideas...and if not, he hasn't been afraid to come and talk to me about it so we could work the problem out together," said Clark.

"It's been a lot of fun to work with Keith, he's been very open and relaxed," said Goldhamer, costume designer. "It's been really cool, because we were sponsored by APO, Keith actually gave me my own budget," she added. This enabled Goldhamer to shop and price material on her own instead of pulling things out of the closet.

To raise money for the production, APO spon-

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## Service key to golden returns

Golden Key National Honor Society reaches out to community

By Samahria McKinney  
Staff Writer

The Golden Key National Honor Society participated in the National Make a Difference Day Campaign.

The project came from the headquarters of GKNHS in Atlanta, Ga. and they made it a nation-wide project. The two charities that the GKNHS chose to assist were the local Salvation Army and the West Main Mission.

The Salvation Army was in dire need for towels, since they give a clean towel to every person who comes to the shelter. The GKNHS successfully collected enough towels to donate to the Salvation Army.

The West Main Mission distributes free food boxes, clothing, toys and household items to anyone who comes to the kitchen and show that they are in need. They also prepare daily meals for the people who are homeless.

This was the first time this chapter of the GKNHS participated in this campaign. "There was not a huge turn out by members or donors, however the participation and effort was good," Jenny Crouch, the GKNHS advisor said.

Crouch was pleased with what they received and said she felt like they were able to help out people who were in need. Crouch also said that she found out how grateful the less fortunate can be to have things that we may view as being not so important.

The GKNHS placed boxes in the JUB by the Student Publications office, in the KUC by the main organization office and in the BAS lobby.

GKNHS participates in projects monthly. The next project will be sending Christmas cards and making Christmas gift packages for the residents of the veterans home. ♦

## One for the history books

Students find common bond in search for Jefferson Springs

By Courtney Huckabay  
Features Editor

Medicine men, the human fly, skinny dipping in the springs, getting arrested, first kisses and fourth of July celebrations all come together to create a children's novel.

All semester, the honors interdisciplinary studies class has worked diligently to put together a historical novel for middle school age children. It's based upon the now-extinct Jefferson Springs resort area.

Ron Kates, the instructor for the writing course, feels the novel is "progressing very nicely."

The majority of the writing has been done, there's just fine-tuning and editing to be done. Much of the time at the beginning was spent completing research on the former residents of Jefferson Springs and developing the three main characters of the novel: Bessie, Zeke and Levi.

Jeremy Floyd, a senior English/Philosophy major, thinks the novel has come a long way.

"At the beginning of the semester," he said, "we had really ambitious goals for what we would have done, which we realized eventually that we couldn't make. It's virtually impossible to expect to have a story finished and published in one semester, starting with no research. In reality, we've done better than I thought."

Five students will continue to work on the draft through next semester. Then the novel will be ready for pub-

lishing.

Sophomore English major Kirsten Boatwright is one of those five. She is looking forward to "putting it on the shelf and [saying she] was part of it" for a different reason than most students.

Boatwright decided to enroll in the class after her grandfather died, and along with him, all of his stories died too. She wanted to be part of something that would keep others' stories alive for years to come.

The class of 15 is split into three groups, each containing two writers, one editor, one fact-checker and one school liaison. Each group focused on developing one of the main characters. From those students interviewed, this seemed to be the most favored part of the creative process.

Boatwright benefited from "the ability to work with others and learning to let her writing go." Bouncing ideas off of the other groups was sometimes grueling and other times inspiring for her and other members of the class.

"It's been great to work with so many strangers who are at all levels of writing experience and then attempting to actually write with them," Boatwright said. "Most are willing to let go of their ideas if others have better ones, which works out really well. Our feedback is great."

Senior Casey Humphreys thinks that the organization of the class has helped the pace greatly. "When I enrolled I didn't know what I was getting into, but now it's really cool because we were this big group of

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strangers who are now friends through a common cause."

"The way Dr. Kates set it up really works well for the group," Humphreys said. "He put Jeremy and me together as writers and our ideas compliment each other. All the other groups are like this too. Once we have something written, it goes on to the editors and they serve as a great filtering process and feedback for us. All of our different voices work well together."

Kates was impressed with the fact that everyone in the class has done something significant to add. "Everyone has stepped up and done something remarkable. Like when Christina Keistler did all of the organizing for the festivities we had on Halloween."

"She took a lot of time working on that and doing all the extra things like buying groceries."

Kates said the process has been an adventure and that he wants the class to come away with a good, solid draft and feeling like they did everything they could.

"This class took the leap of faith required in writing something new and different. I knew this group was a good one to take to battle," Kates said.

Look for the published version sometime next semester and catch up on a piece of Tennessee history that you won't find in a textbook. ♦

"I wanted to kiss her, but I was so afraid. I thought of a hundred and fourteen ways as we stood there clutching each other, but I didn't dare to act on any of them. Bessie drew her head back for me and looked expectantly into my eyes. She was waiting, and she wanted me to kiss her. I knew it then. There were a million wild things flying around in my stomach. What a feeling. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry or run or crawl, but I did know I wanted to kiss her. Bad. So I took a deep breath, and she heard it too, and I swallowed real hard, and I carefully moved my lips down to meet hers. The touch was gentle and fine like that of velvet and roses. Her lips were fluttering butterflies on mine—soft, delicate, and sweet."

— An excerpt from the historical novel set in Jefferson Springs



# ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

To submit an On Campus announcement, come by the James Union Building, Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

## Nov. 16

Want to make a difference? Come sign up for Up 'Til Dawn, a fund-raiser benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The hospital has helped thousands of children since opening in 1962 and has made great advances in cancer treatment. St. Jude is non-profit and all treatment is free of charge. This and other fund-raisers help support the hospital's daily operating costs, which are approximately \$515,000. Help us continue in the search for a cure! Come to the interest meeting at 5 p.m. in KUC Room 324. Contact the Up 'Til Dawn office at 904-8270 for more information.

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-8416 for more information.

## Nov. 17

Student Orientation Assistant applications are due.

The President's office has now confirmed all appointments to the Student Publications Committee for the 2000-2001 school year. Appointees should plan to meet at 2 p.m. in the KUC Room 210 for an organizational meeting. If unable to attend, call 898-5812 or email to oplains@mtsu.edu.

The African American Student Association will present "Expressions," an open mic poetry slam at the Cyber Cafe at 5 p.m. If you're artist, you may come and display your artwork as well. For more information, contact Shawn Whitsell at 898-4121.

## Nov. 18

Continuing Studies and Public Service are sponsoring an LSAT exam preparation session from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. It is in the KOM Room 122 and costs \$249. The instructor is Harley F. Anton. Contact Continuing Studies at 898-2462 for more information.

Omega Psi Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are having a canned food drive

party at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house at 10:30 a.m. The party is free if you bring a canned item.

Want to lead water aerobics classes and have fun while getting paid? Come to the Campus Rec's water aerobics workshop from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It costs \$20 or \$5 for aquatic staff. Contact Karen Nikazy at 898-2104 for more information.

Attention Flag Football Teams! Come try your skills against other schools—men's, women's and co-rec teams to participate. Campus Rec is sponsoring an MTSU/TIRSA Flag Football Tournament at 9 a.m. on the Intramural Fields. Register early at Campus Recreation. Contact Chris at 898-2104 for more information.

## Nov. 19

Continuing Studies and Public Service are sponsoring an LSAT exam preparation session from 12:30-3:30 p.m.. It is in the KOM Room 122 and costs \$249. The instructor is Harley F. Anton. Contact Continuing Studies at 898-2462 for more information.

## Nov. 20

Bring a friend or come make one at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Concert at 6 p.m. Riley Armstrong is live in concert with Audio Adrenaline. The dinner is free and is located at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. at Faulkenberry Dr. (next to the Baptist Student Union.) Call 867-7370 or 893-1787 for more information.

## Nov. 28

Got game? Three on three basketball at Campus Recreation will let you know! Sign up Nov. 6-22 at the Rec. Center. Call Chris at 898-2104 for more information.

## Nov. 30

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic from 7-9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. Appointments to speak with the attorney can be made by calling the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-8416 for more information.

## Ongoing

Student Orientation Assistant applications are available in the KUC Room 122.

Applications for Student Activity Funds are available in the KUC, Room 130. The application deadline is Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. To be eligible for funds you must have attended one of the orientation sessions presented during the fall and be a registered organization. For further information call 898-5822.

MTSU Crime Stoppers program is currently looking for people interested in making a difference on campus by joining the Board of Directors. If you are a full-time student or employee and are interested you can call Sgt. Wright at 898-2424 for more information or you can pick up an application at the campus police dept. or in KUC, Room 303.

Chi Rho Lutheran Fellowship holds "Experiencing God Bible Studies" on Sunday nights. Any college students interested in a three month weekly bible study in order to grow into a personal relationship with God are welcome to attend every Sunday night from 7:45-9 p.m. at 811 E. Clark Blvd. Contact Jason Dail, pastor, at 904-0570 for more information.

Want to get rowdy for MTSU? Join the Rowdy Raiders. All students are welcome. We get painted up for the pep rallies and the home games. If you would like to join, please contact John Norrell at 898-5672 or stop by KUC, Room 212.

Raider Victory Ministries holds weekly bible studies. Call Andy Roller at 217-3132 or 479-5449 to find out about one of the weekly bible studies that would best fit your schedule. Times and locations vary.

Alpha, a practical introduction to the Christian faith, meets every Sunday from 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 315 E. Main St. There is no cost to the participant. For more information contact the church at 893-3780 or the Ministry Center at 904-7948.

Want to travel to places like California, Kansas, Florida and Illinois? Want to speak your mind and learn about interesting issues? Want to miss class on Fridays and have an excuse? Join the

MTSU Debate Team! The Debate Team meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the BDA, Room 220. Contact Drew or Ben at 898-2273 for more information.

Ever wonder what your dreams mean? Curious about how they can help you be happier and live a more fulfilling life? Learn to use art, drama and discussion for personal guidance and growth in The Dream Group sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center. The Dream Group meets every Monday at 10 a.m. in the BAS SunTrust Room. It is open to all women students. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring an Eating Disorders Support Group for women students struggling with over-eating, body image, anorexia or bulimia every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the CKNB, Room 124. Contact Mary Glantz for more information at 898-5725. All contacts are confidential.

The June Anderson Women's Center is holding a Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group for women students who are survivors of sexual abuse every Thursday at 3 p.m. in the CKNB, Room 124. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information. All contacts are confidential.

Campus Crusade for Christ, an inter-denominational campus ministry, invite all to attend their weekly meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC, Room 221. For more information contact Mike at 848-6741 or Eric at 896-2039.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomes all students to come to fellowship on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Football Game Day Room located between the stadium and athletic weight room, across from Murphy Center. There will be great speakers, bible studies, activities and friendship. Contact Rhonda Neitzel at 893-6109 for more information.

The African American Student Association will present an African dance class every Monday in the aerobic room of the Rec Center at 8 p.m. The class is free for members and \$2 per class for non-members. For more information, contact Shawn Whitsell at 898-4121.

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## Play: Dixon to direct *Zoo Story* in February

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Dixon recently directed *It Runs In The Family*, a British farce, by Ray Cooney, this past September at the Community Playhouse in Tullahoma.

Dixon has always thought that he would be interested in directing, but it was through

advanced directing taught by Deborah Anderson that he realized directing was where he wanted to put his energy.

As well as directing, Dixon also performs. He has been in several MTSU productions, including: *The Imaginary Invalid*, *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* and *A Raisin In The Sun*. And he also worked on *The Importance Of Being Earnest* at the Center for the Arts two years ago.

In February 2001, as part of MTSU's regular Theatre Season, Dixon will be directing *Zoo Story*, by Edward Albee.

"I love it, it's what I want to do," said Dixon. "I'd like to direct for a living."

his undergraduate work, his only pay being pats on the back and the satisfaction of entertaining patrons of the studio theatre. And soon, he will be off to graduate school to further his experience, knowledge and love of theatre and directing.

And without the many talented, creative and organized efforts of dedicated MTSU theatre students, *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me* could never happen. Writers write, nurses nurse, preachers preach, teachers teach and dreamers dream. And without the dreamers, there wouldn't be any of the rest. What will theatre majors do with a theatre degree? The answer is simple...catch their

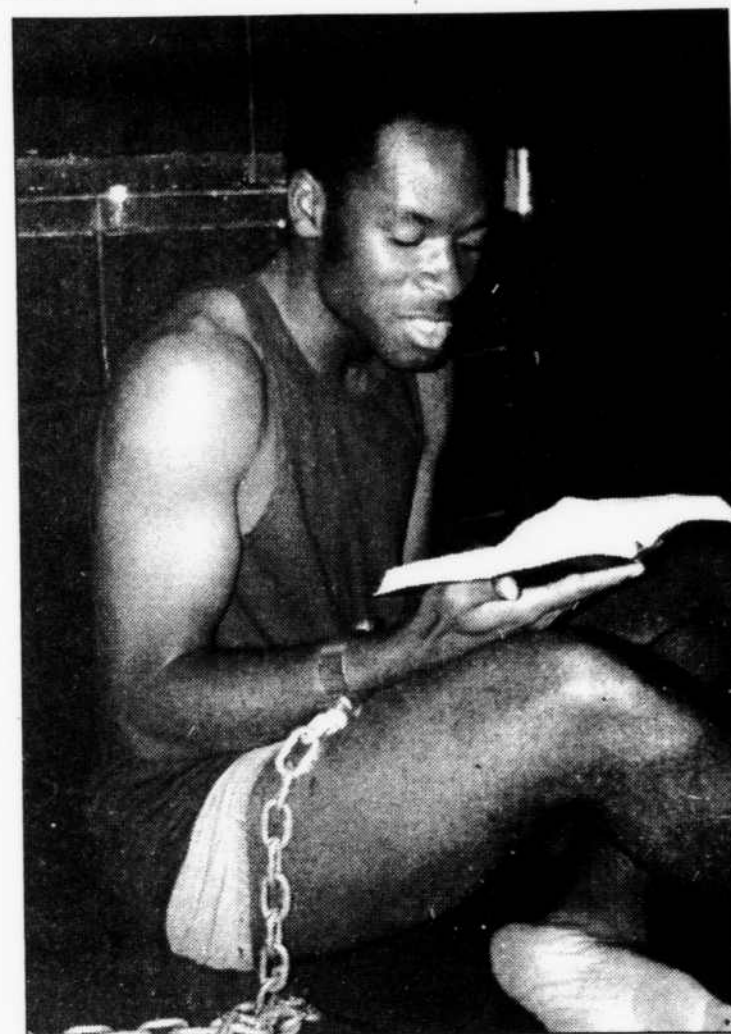


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Commentary  
By J.P. Plant  
Staff Writer

I learned a long time ago that you only get what you expect and nothing more out of kids. Well, the same can be true for adults as well.

When I was in elementary school I was in a children's choir. The director was from New York and had professional training. Most of the kids in the choir could carry a tune, but a lot of them struggled. Anyway, to make a long story short, my director got the very most and then some more out of us bratty kids because she expected nothing but the best.

The same type of expectation can be held for a football team. And, it appears that the same type of expectations held for me as a child are held accountable for the Blue Raiders football team.

Now I have been a long time Vanderbilt football supporter and have witnessed the many hard times. Vandy has gotten to a point to where they sometimes can com-

pete with teams of the likes of Alabama and Georgia, but when they come up short — they always do — they say, "well, the passing game looked good today" or something to that effect. They are too satisfied with just coming close that when they get down, they lose confidence.

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conceding to the fact that they got beat by a good football team.

McCollum expects the very best and nothing more out of his players. This is the type of attitude needed to make the difficult transition from Division I-AA to I-A. You can't just settle for a moral victory every time you come close to beating someone you not supposed to.

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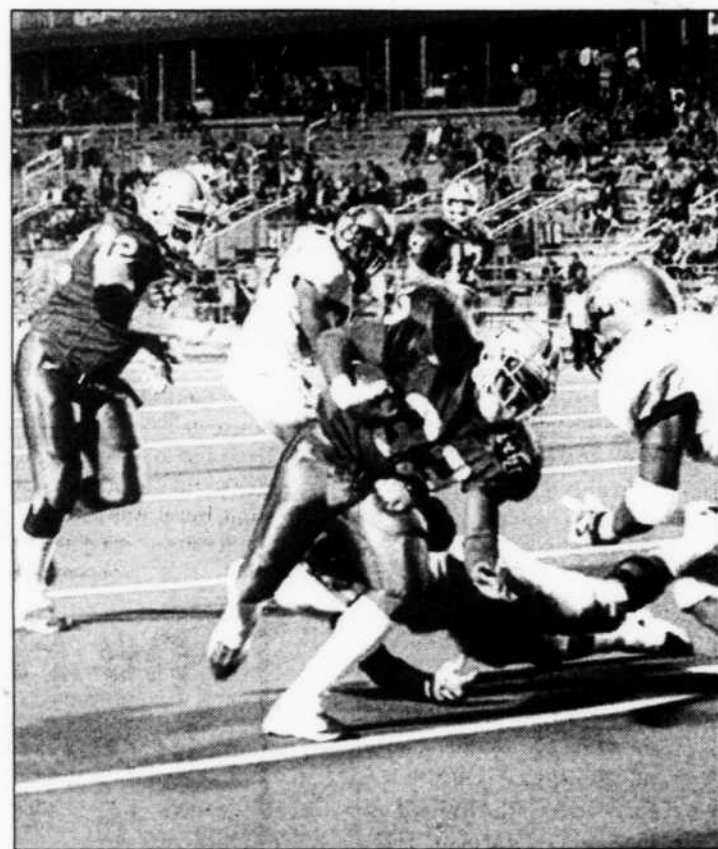


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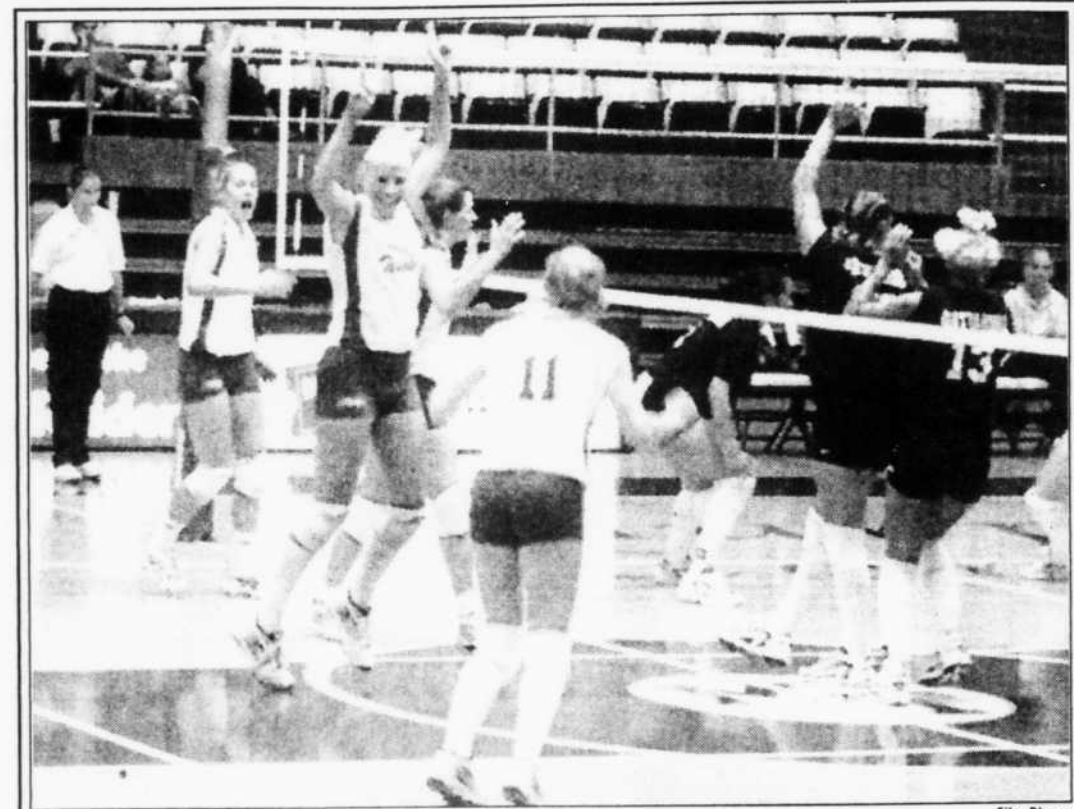
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The South Alabama Jaguars earned a win in the 16-team Chase Preseason National Invitational Tournament. The Jaguars defeated the Marquette Golden Eagles 67-54 in Milwaukee, Wis. in front of 6,184 people.

The Jaguars road doesn't get any easier now that they are a member of the preseason "Elite 8." Their next opponents are the Indiana Hoosiers on Friday, a team that had to overcome the firing of legendary coach Bobby Knight earlier in the fall.

Western Kentucky freshman guard Golden Ingle was found innocent last week in Warren District Court on one charge of receiving stolen property.

The decisions ends the investigation that circled around Ingle's involvement in a Sept. 15 shoplifting incident involving two other Western Kentucky basketball players.

The incident earned Ingle a one game suspension by the NCAA.

Junior guard Derek Robinson and sophomore guard Raynardo Curry pled guilty to misdemeanor shoplifting in October and served a three-day jail sentence. They also received one game suspensions by the NCAA.

All three were arrested Sept. 15 outside the Greenwood Mall after a security mall found \$294 worth of stolen merchandise from Dillard's.

All three served their suspensions against exhibition opponents earlier this week.

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Middle Tennessee will be of just a few universities to offer a reward program for attending home events.

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For more information on Raider Rewards, contact Michael Jordan at 898-5322.◆

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# Raiders seek winning season



Photo by Robin Wallace | Staff

Junior Kendall Newson grabs one of his two touchdown receptions last Saturday. The Blue Raiders seek their first winning season since 1994.

By J.P. Plant  
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders head into their final game of the season with a chance at a winning record. It will be the last game in the career of 21 seniors.

The Rajin' Cajuns from Louisiana-Lafayette are a future Sun Belt opponent and are on the minds of the players from Middle.

Last year Louisiana-Lafayette put up 45 points on a young Blue Raider squad. This year, revenge is on the mind.

Despite being a 27-point favorite Saturday, coach Andy McCollum is quick to make sure his team doesn't overlook the Rajin' Cajuns.

McCollum said, "This week of work is the biggest that we've had since I've been here. We are going back to work and going back to fundamentals."

UL-Lafayette's offense is returning many of the skill players from last season's team. Running back Darren

Brister returns as their leading rusher. And receiver Desmond Williams is a threat in the open field.

They have great team speed that McCollum says could give them some problems.

Linebacker Travis Schwartz is a huge threat on defense. He intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown that sealed the win for the Ragin' Cajuns last season against Middle.

### When UL-Lafayette has the ball

Quarterback Derek Dyer is of a similar mold of South Florida's Marquel Blackwell. He likes to pass but will tuck and run at any time. Brister is a disciplined runner. He waits for the holes to open and then hits them with full speed.

McCollum said, "They will challenge us defensively."

### When MT has the ball

Junior quarterback Wes Counts is in a groove along with the rest of the

offense. Sophomore running back Dwone Hicks continues his record-setting year averaging well over one hundred yards per game.

Receivers Kendall Newson, Tyrone Calico, David Youell and Hansford Johnson have been consistently one of the best receiving cores in the country.

Five offensive linemen, including a tight end, will play their last game as a Blue Raider. Nine players on the defensive depth chart will say goodbye Saturday as well.

Despite losing 21 seniors, McCollum has a foundation for winning in place.

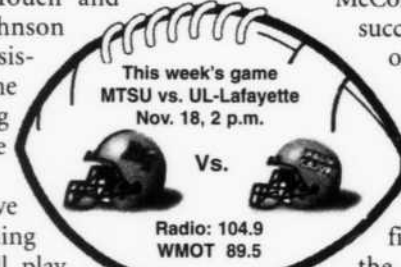
Young and old players alike have seen ample playing time this season. But the seniors have led the way McCollum says.

"What's special about this class is that we've gone through adversity and the toughest schedule in the history of the school," McCollum said of his senior class.

McCollum said the key to their success lately has been getting off to a good start. He also says they haven't turned the ball over which he is particularly proud of.

McCollum said in his closing remarks at his final press conference of the season Monday, "This team wants to win and they're hungry. They are excited and they feel good about what they're doing, but they know that they can't beat anybody if we're not as good as we can possibly be. They like playing football and you should if you're going to play."

The Blue Raiders are a huge favorite, and should send the 21 seniors out with a convincing win. Middle-62—ULL-13.◆



## Tip off with Raider Rally

Date: Friday, November 17  
Location: Murphy Center

### Schedule of events

5:00 - 5:30	FREE FOOD for students! (Compliments of Aramark, Paul Stewart.)
5:30	Lady Raiders vs TSU (Halftime - Meet Coach Randy Wiel and the Blue Raiders.) (Between Games - Meet Coach Stephany Smith and the Lady Raiders.)
7:30	Blue Raiders vs St. Francis

\*Tickets for the UT game at Gaylord Entertainment Center on December 15th are on sale now. The first 1,000 students can purchase a ticket at \$7.00, rather than the regular \$15.00. This ticket includes the Lady Raider vs Xavier game. Lady Raider tip-off is at 5:00pm and the Blue Raiders follow at 7:30pm.



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The Lady Raiders tip off at 5:30 and the Blue Raiders tip off at 7:30.

## Fall 2000 Basketball Schedules

Blue Raiders			Lady Raiders		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 17	University of St. Francis, IN	7:30 PM	Nov. 17	Tennessee State	5:30 PM
Nov. 20	at Tennessee State	7 PM	Nov. 21	Belmont	7 PM
Nov. 27	at Kansas	7 PM	Nov. 28	Alabama-Birmingham	7 PM
Dec. 2	at IUPUI	7:35 PM	Dec. 3	Austin Peay	3 PM
Dec. 4	at Rice	7:35 PM	Dec. 6	Ole Miss	7 PM
Dec. 9	Tennessee State	7 PM	Dec. 10	TennesseeTech	2 PM
Dec. 12	Central Florida	7 PM	Dec. 15	Xavier (GEC)	5 PM
Dec. 15	Tennessee (at GEC)	7:30 PM	Dec. 17	Lipscomb	3 PM
Dec. 18	Campbell	7 PM	Dec. 21-22	UCF Classic	
Dec. 21	Radford	7 PM	Dec. 21	UNC-Greensboro	2 PM
Dec. 28	at Arkansas-Little Rock	TBA	Dec. 22	UCF	4 PM
			Dec. 28	Arkansas-Little Rock	7 PM
			Dec. 30	Houston	2 PM



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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>■ Volleyball</b> Sun Belt Tournament TBA	<b>■ Women's Basketball</b> Lady Raiders vs. Tennessee St., Season Opener Murfreesboro, Tenn., 5:30 p.m.	<b>■ Football</b> Blue Raiders vs. Louisiana-Lafayette FINAL HOME GAME Murfreesboro, Tenn., 2 p.m.	<b>■ Volleyball</b> Sun Belt Tournament TBA
	<b>■ Men's Basketball</b> Blue Raiders vs. St. Francis, Ind. Season Opener Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7:30 p.m.	<b>■ Volleyball</b> Sun Belt Tournament TBA	<b>■ Football</b> The Andy McCollum Show, News Channel 5+ 10:35 p.m.
	<b>■ Volleyball</b> Sun Belt Tournament TBA		<b>■ Men's Basketball</b> Blue Raiders at Tennessee State Nashville, Tenn., 7 p.m.





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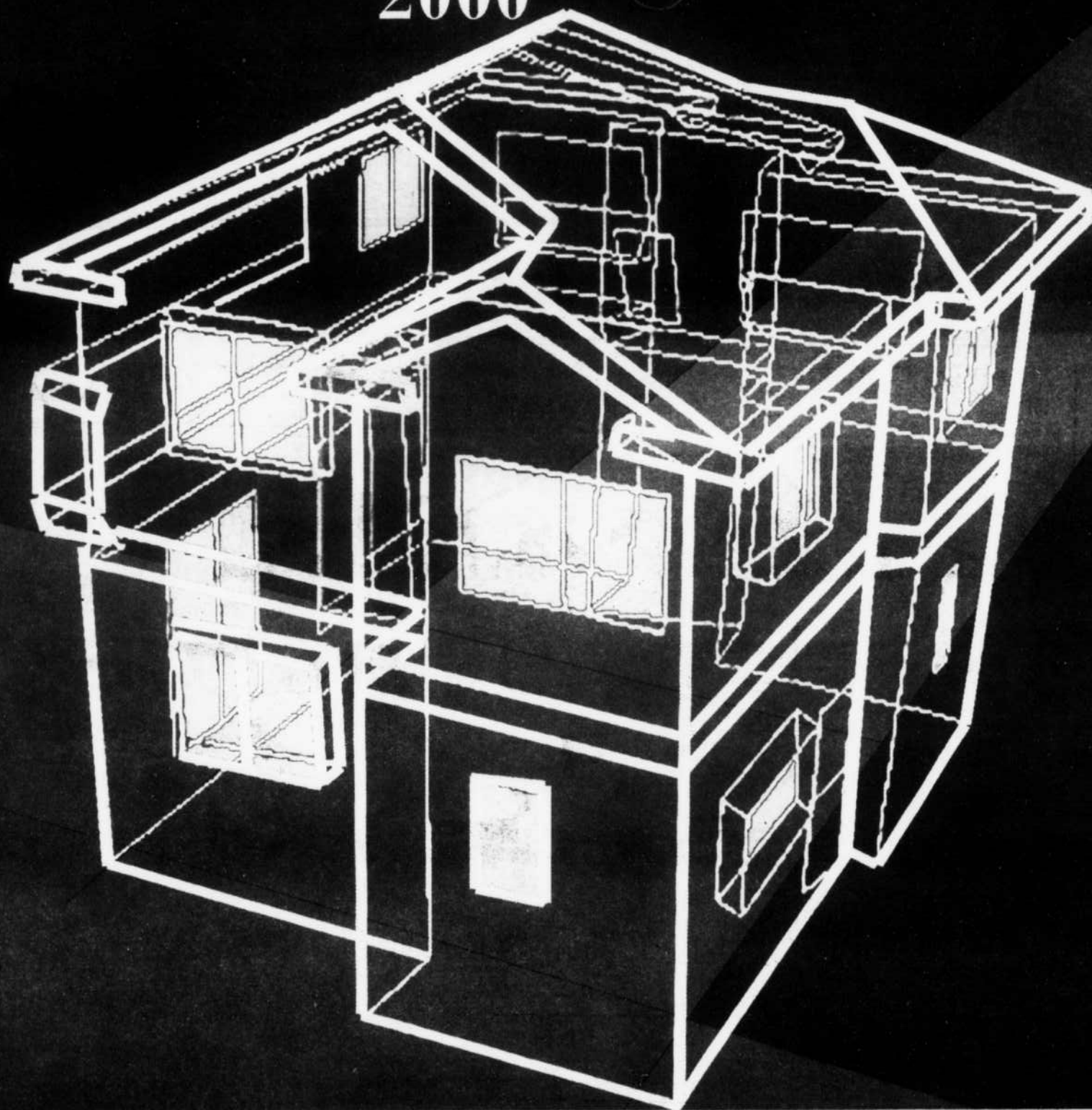
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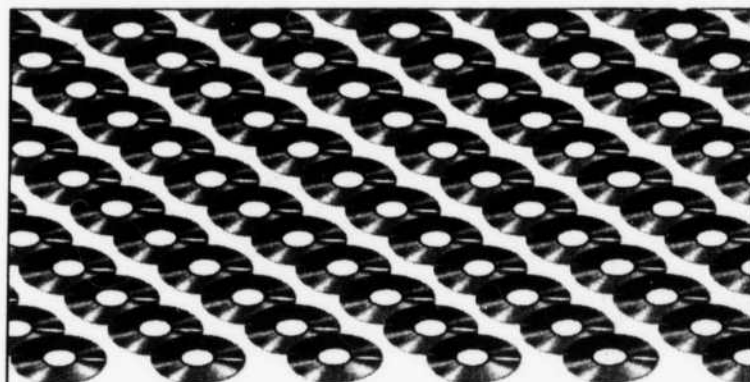
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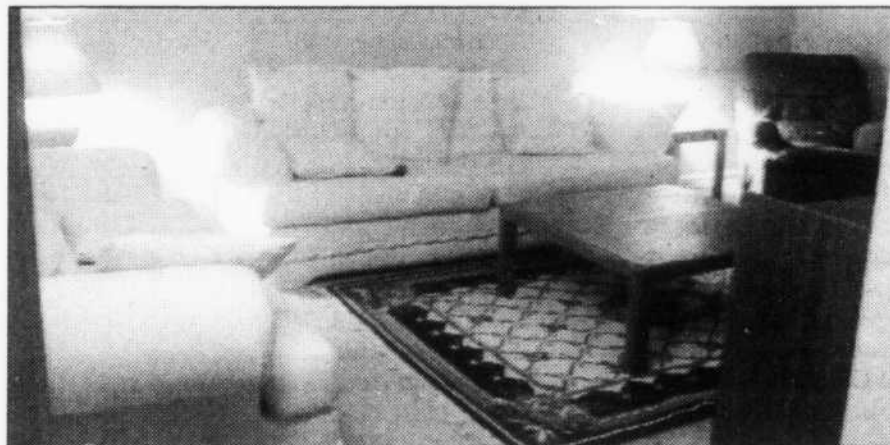


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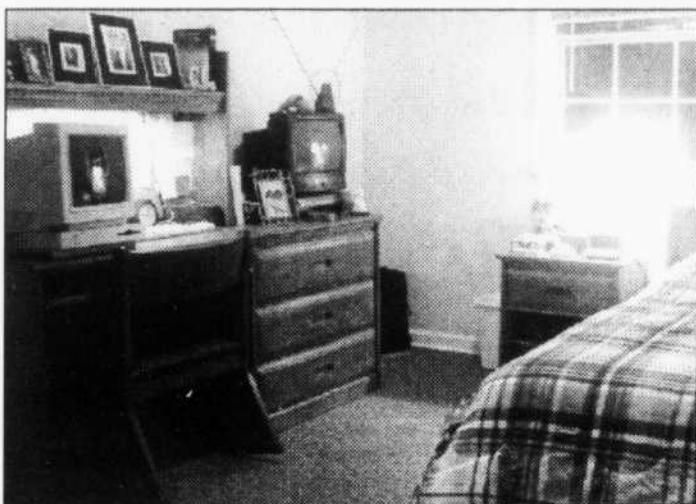


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(Right) The shared living room of sophomore Corinne Lankford in Scarlett Commons.



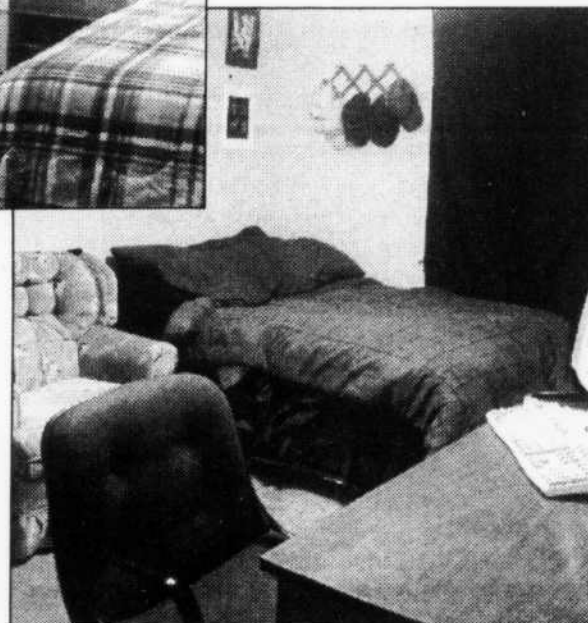
(Below) The living room of junior Pam Hudgens, who resides in the Colony House apartment complex.



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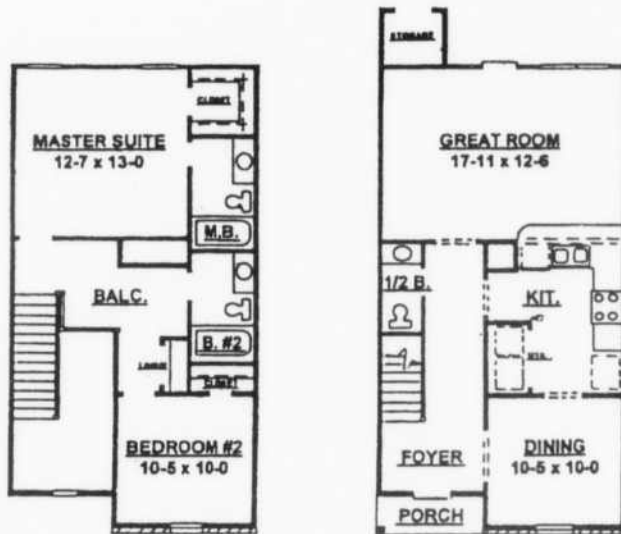
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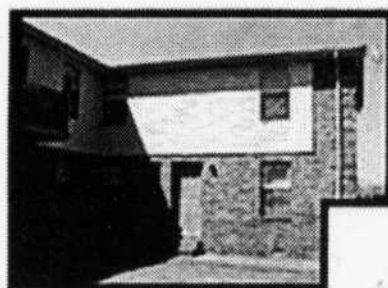
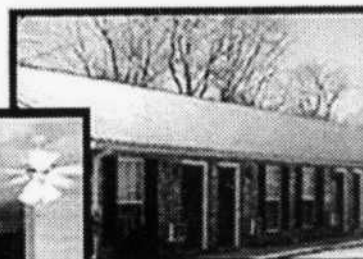
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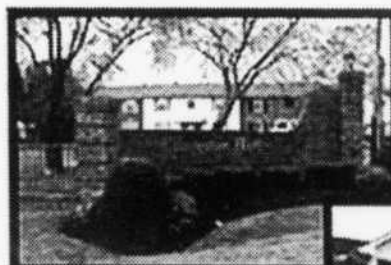


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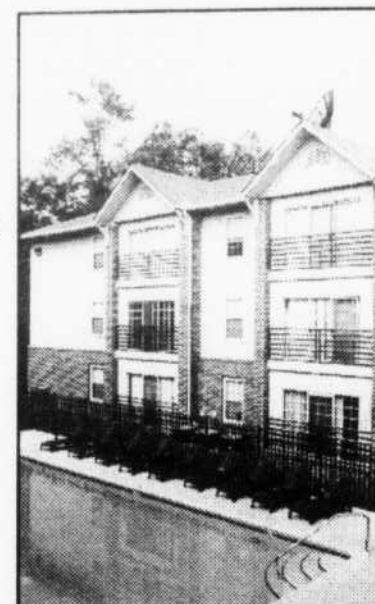
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