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Alumnus selected to serve as interim president

James Evans
Editor in Chief

While the search for a permanent president continues, the Tennessee Board of Regents has named an interim president.

R. Eugene Smith - previously the vice president for Business and Finance at The University of Memphis since



Smith

1971 - has been named the interim president of MTSU.

Smith will take the position Sept. 1 and will serve until a permanent president is chosen. During the next month, Smith will be working closely to leaving President James E. Walker,



Walker

who will take his new post as president of Southern Illinois University Oct. 1.

Charles Manning, chancellor of TBR - which governs both MTSU and Memphis - said Smith has a unique blend of administrative

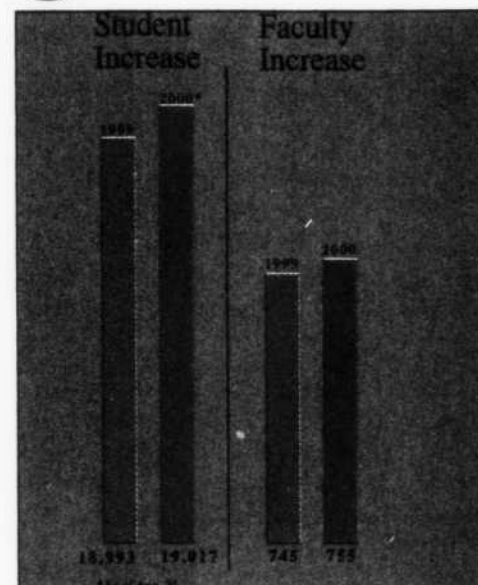
leadership and knowledge of MTSU and the TBR system which makes him qualified to maintain the progress of the university.

Smith was born just outside of Murfreesboro in Walter Hill and attended elementary and high school in Lebanon. In 1957 he graduated from

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Pushing the limits

University looking for creative ways to handle enrollment strains



James Evans
Editor in Chief

Students returning to MTSU may have noticed that the sidewalks are a little more crowded and that the classrooms seem a little fuller.

This is due, in part, to the high attendance rate which is common during the first few weeks of school. Still, the rest of the congestion can be attributed to the increase in enrollment, and the shortage of full-time faculty.

The latest figure from the university puts enrollment at 19,017 students — approximately a two percent increase from last fall. Only about 10 full-time faculty have been hired, which has left the university struggling to meet the needs of the growing student body.

Barbara Haskew, vice president for Academic Affairs, estimates that the university is understaffed somewhere between 60 to 70 faculty. However, Haskew added that even if "some magic happened" and the university would have been able to hire all the needed faculty, there wouldn't be enough space for all of them.

"All of our classrooms are engaged during the day and through the evening," Haskew said.

To combat the shortage of professors and classroom space, university officials are looking at alternative ways to offer additional classes for students, Haskew said.

The use of adjunct professors is one way the university is stretching its resources. There are also plans to encourage students to take online courses, even if the students are local. This way, Haskew said, the university can offer more courses without tying up classroom space.

MTSU's current enrollment makes it the second largest university in Tennessee behind the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Traditionally, the University of Memphis beats MTSU in enrollment, but classes didn't start there until today.

As of Friday, the enrollment at Memphis was approximately 18,800 students. Philip Batty in the Institutional Research office at Memphis said that figure is projected to jump after today because of late registration.

"We expect to be well above 20,000," Batty said.

The official census count for state institutions won't be final until Sept. 2. After that, the official school sizes will be determined. ♦

Picnic events unfold

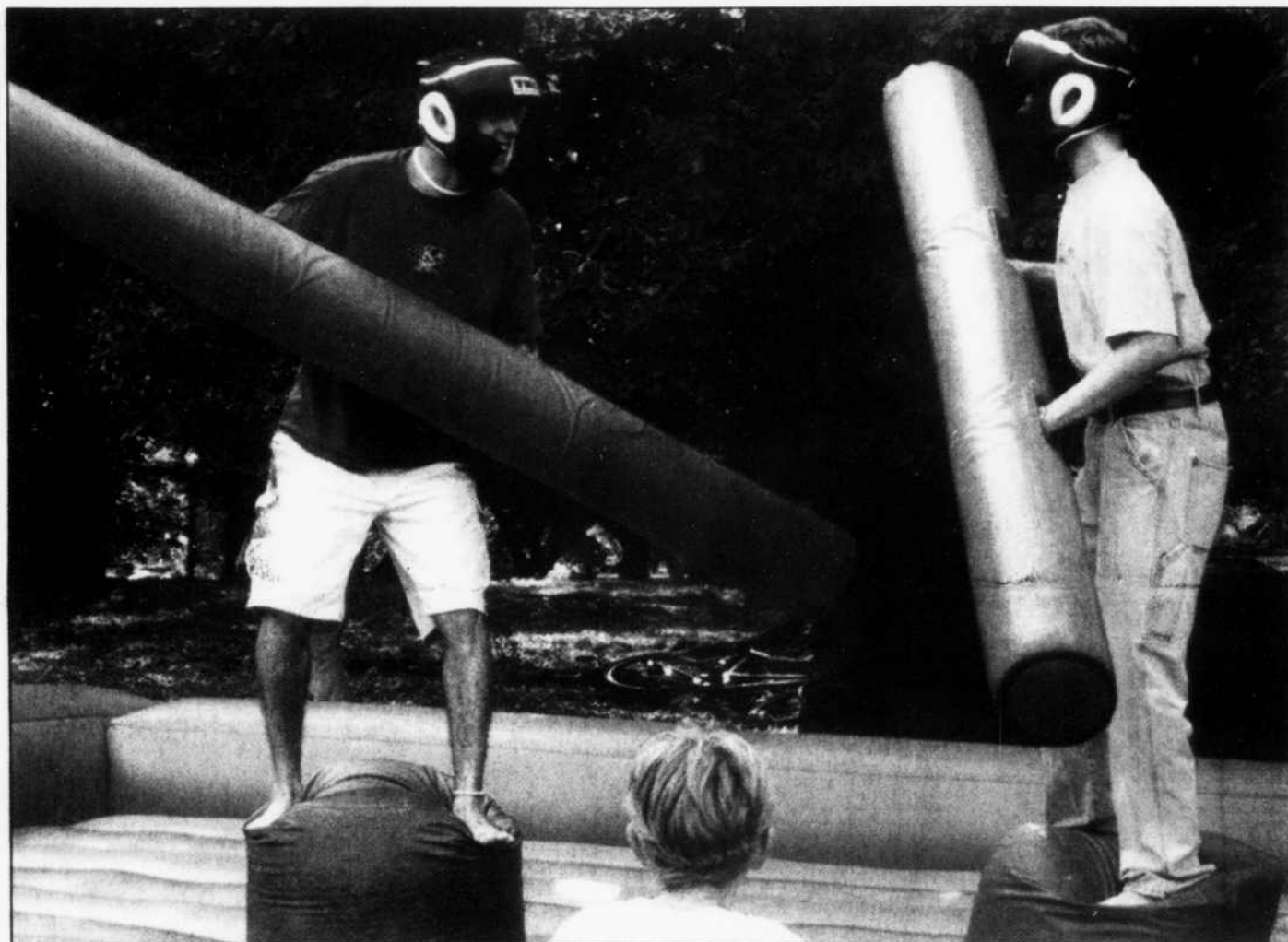


Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

Students anticipate the first fall as they get ready to joust at the President's Picnic last Monday.

SGA tackles fall semester goals

Mary Anna Brown
SGA Beat Reporter

The Student Government Association (SGA) has been making plans all summer for the upcoming fall semester including adding two new senate positions, brainstorming ideas to spur student unity and creating events and activities that will bring tradition back to MTSU.

These plans began with a complete restructuring of KUC 208, the SGA headquarters.

"The primary focus over the summer was to get the office in shape for next year," SGA President John Marshall said. "We added six workstations to better carry out legislation and to make SGA more organized and efficient for students."

SGA Senate representatives has approved the appointment of two new positions, public relations director and student involvement director.

Sophomore Sarah Elder was named the public relations director and will be responsible for handling all marketing and advertising for the SGA.

Senior Brian Gillespie was named the student involvement director and will coordinate and oversee all SGA sponsored events.

Four new committees have been established this fall to aid in SGA business.

"Verbal agreements have been made at recent Senate

meetings and we feel as though the four committees can execute some of the plans SGA has made," Speaker of the Senate Josh Pounders said. "Our com-

mittee whose purpose is to aid in the procedures inside the SGA.

This entails the impeach-

changes to the SGA Constitution," Marshall said. "The Constitution of the SGA was drafted in 1938 and although it has provided a firm backbone for our SGA structure, portions of it have become slightly irrelevant for the best interest of students at MTSU today."

"We are only living up to 60 percent of our full potential and minor changes will increase the student voice at MTSU."

Student unity and voice are the prime focus of this year's SGA.

"Our biggest concern is to make sure we are listening to student concerns," Marshall said. "We have plans to schedule a student constituency day this fall where we, the SGA representatives, will listen, talk and spend time with students in order to get feedback in a positive manner."

Traditionally, MTSU has been referred to as a "suitcase college," but SGA is working to make MTSU more than just an academic institution.

"MTSU is very diverse and we want to build a unity that will last for years to come," Marshall said. "We want students and faculty to consider MTSU as their home."

"This can be accomplished with school spirit, pride, and participation from everyone."

Currently, freshman are

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Fall Election Dates

August 28

Packets for Homecoming Queen and Freshman Senators are available in the SGA office

September 11

Homecoming Queen and Freshman Senator packets due in the SGA office by 4 p.m.

September 25-27

Homecoming Queen and Freshman Senator elections held

mittee format was modeled after the University of Georgia's Senate committee."

Junior Emmy Hickman is heading up the Academic Affairs committee which will work for the best academic environment at MTSU, facilitate learning for the student body and give students the flexibility to use the many resources at MTSU.

Junior Jamie Burns will be in charge of the external affairs committee, devoted to the development of SGA public relations.

The committee will be making contact with the various media facilities on campus and will organize and administer the SGA's community service projects.

Sophomore Ginny Barton is

ment proceedings of senators and the Senate's procedures of reviewing the constitutionality of proposed bills, amendments and resolutions.

Junior Susan Wilson is in charge of the student life committee which will consider matters dealing with non-academic and co-curricular items and issues and may include matters dealing with school spirit and traditions.

At the end of last semester, a senate presented referendum to make amendments to the Constitution of the SGA was void based on a vote by the student body in favor of maintaining the SGA House of Representatives.

"This fall we intend to appoint a constitutional review committee to recommend

Plus or minus? Profs to pick

By Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum
Staff Writer

Professors can grade students' work with the basic A, B, C, D or F, but as of this fall, professors may also employ a more specific plus/minus evaluation plan.

Most of the university's colleges have already approved the new plan — leaving it as administrators suggested — an option for professors who wish to differentiate between B+ and B- students.

"They don't all just get a B this way," said Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. "It does allow professors to more finally grade."

Some MTSU peer universities already use a plus/minus program.

"We're not out there on a limb," Haskew said. The University of Tennessee system also uses plus/minus grading. "We are hoping it will work and work well."

The Student Government Association does not endorse the plan on grounds that it was approved too quickly with limited student input, said John Marshall, SGA president.

Professors of the College of Mass Communication are to continue using the basic grading system until spring. How the plus/minus plan will affect candidacy has raised questions. Students' access to Mass Comm

classes beyond some basic courses requires students qualify for candidacy, which includes a minimum 2.5 GPA.

"We're going to talk a lot about it this fall — whether or not it affects candidacy," said Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Mass Communication.

The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences faculty and administrators are still discussing their position on the plan.

For the colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences, Business and Liberal Arts, the decision is up to the professor.

"Every professor is to announce in his classes or in his syllabus which plan he will use," Haskew said.

The system allows professors to assign a grade of A, B+, B, B-, C+ and so on. There will be no option of A+ or A-.

Previously, the university allowed the grade A-, but not A+. Some honors students approached the administration arguing that if an A+ were not a possible grade, A- should not be an option either, Haskew explained. After consideration by the administration and faculty senate, the mark of A- was eliminated.

Students who wish to comment on the new grading system should contact the Student Government Association, which Haskew will be working with regarding student reaction on this issue. ♦

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Assistant News Editor

Volunteers needed for helpline

Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee needs new volunteers. Help is needed to answer Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with families of newborns and to

assist with childcare during parenting classes. Training for volunteers begins Sat. October 7. Anyone interested should contact Jennifer Watson at 868-4468, extension 12. ♦

Presidents ball scholarship awarded

MTSU's President's Ball Scholarship has been awarded. The \$2,000 scholarship which is funded through a \$40,000 endowment, has been awarded to Caron Lovvorn of Shelbyville and Nichole Jo Maraschiello of La Vergne.

This year's President's Ball will be held at the Nashville Renaissance Hotel on Sept. 30. The annual black-tie event has raised more than \$75,000 for the President's Ball Scholarship Fund. ♦

MTSU professor to work at Olympic Games

Bill Whitehall, an associate professor in the HPERS department, will be going to the Olympic Games in Sydney to act as a massage therapist for athletes there.

Whitehall is a certified athletic trainer, as well as a licensed massage therapist. He worked in 1996 at the Atlanta Olympic Games as the program manager

for athlete care.

Whitehall had initially applied to serve as an athletic trainer for the Sydney Olympics, but was not eligible because he is not a licensed physiotherapist in Australia. But White was encouraged to apply as a massage therapist in the Olympic Village for the 2000 Sydney competition. ♦

Center's name changes

The Training and Professional Development Center at MTSU has changed its name to the Work Performance Center, according to officials in the university's Department of Continuing Studies and Public Service.

The center's mission is to

provide training, consulting and professional development programs to help business, industry and government remain competitive in a global economy. The center tries to aid area businesses in determining and meeting workforce performance needs. ♦

Cadets complete camp

Fifteen cadets from MTSU recently graduated from the 2000 Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Camp in Fort Lewis, Wash.

The 31-day camp, developed by the U.S. Army Cadet Command, is designed to

develop leadership, teamwork and military skills and knowledge.

Approximately 75 percent of all officers in the U.S. Army graduate from the ROTC program. ♦

Airport neighborhood debriefing held today

An "Airport Neighborhood Debriefing" will be held today. Statements will be issued concerning the airplane crash that occurred on July 4 near Dover Court in Murfreesboro.

Representatives from several agencies will participate in the debriefing, including the Federal Aviation Administration,

Murfreesboro Airport Commission, the Murfreesboro Police, the Murfreesboro Fire Department and the Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services.

The debriefing will be held at the City of Murfreesboro Sports Com, located at 2310 Memorial Boulevard. ♦

"Ba rum pa pum, pum..."



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Members of Island Wave steel drum band entertain students with sounds of calypso, reggae, pop and soca at the President's Picnic Aug. 21.



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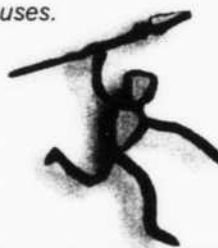
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SGA: New plans underway to promote "school spirit, pride and participation"

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encouraged to enroll in University 101, a course designed to teach students the basic fundamentals of college and aids in adjustment to college life.

"SGA is working to require all freshman to enroll in University 101 and add a new segment to the class that focuses directly on MTSU history," Marshall said. "For the most part, I don't think students are knowledgeable of the history of the University or the people who paved the way for our school."

SGA has been working closely with Robert Glenn, vice president of Student Affairs, to increase student pride for MTSU. Glenn and the SGA have jointly budgeted for Raider blue t-shirts which were given away to each freshman who went through Customs this summer.

"Dr. Glenn is really motivated and supportive of all endeavors to make student life better," Marshall said. "He shares the same goals and objectives as we do in SGA. He knows it all starts with the freshmen."

SGA has also been supporting Glenn's "Raider Rallies," pre-game pep rallies to be held

in the Murphy Center parking lot with live bands and tailgating.

The student section has been moved to the fifty-yard line in the hopes that students will be encouraged to attend more games.

"Dr. Glenn is doing his best to promote student pride and instill MTSU tradition in students," Marshall said. "The athletic department has also been listening to the request that we have presented them."

SGA has coordinated a major landscaping project to further beautify MTSU campus and an upcoming "Make A Difference Day" will invite students to aid in the project by donating their time to actually help landscape University grounds.

SGA also intends to present legislation to limit the freedom solicitors have on campus.

"It seems like I can't walk outside now without someone chasing me down and waving a credit card application or a magazine pamphlet in my face," Marshall said. "As a student, I don't want to give out my personal information any more than the next guy. We require better etiquette from solicitors."

SGA is providing easier

access to MTSU students by utilizing the various media housed on campus including the MTSU homepage and Channel 10.

"Channel 10 is allowing SGA to host an SGA segment on each news show and one full SGA time slot once a month," Pounders said. "This will help students to stay informed and will further promote all SGA activities."

Pounders has recently been in contact with The University of Tennessee at Knoxville President Eric Beaty and is working to organize a winter conference in Nashville with the Tennessee Board of Regents concerning the security of more money for higher education.

"This is our chance to plant the seeds that produce top yield and make us all proud alumni," Pounders said. "But we have to remember that there is no quick fix for apathy."

Any legislation to be presented at upcoming Senate and House meetings must be submitted five working days before the intended meeting by 4 p.m. on the specified dates.

To contact SGA representatives, visit KUC 208, call 898-2464 or get more information at sga.mtsu.edu. ♦

Interim: Search for permanent president continues until spring semester

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MTSU, and in 1997, he was awarded the university's Distinguished Alumnus Award for Professional Achievement.

"Gene Smith is an outstanding leader who has served TBR well for almost 40 years," Manning said. "He was born in Middle Tennessee, is a Distinguished Alumnus of MTSU and knows the region well."

"The leadership team at MTSU is strong and capable, and Gene will work well with

this team to keep the university moving during this interim period," Manning said.

Smith said he has no intentions to seek the permanent position, which is one of the major attributes Manning said he was looking for in an interim president.

Smith is expected to remain interim president for approximately one year. What Smith is planning to do after MTSU is unknown, said Tom Tozer, director of media relations for the university. It is also unknown who - if anyone - will

take Smith's position in Memphis during his absence.

Smith's appointment came after the announcement that none of the university's four vice presidents were interested in the position.

It has been rumored that Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs for the university, may be interested in the permanent presidential position. Still, Tozer said there has been no official announcement on Haskew's intent. ♦

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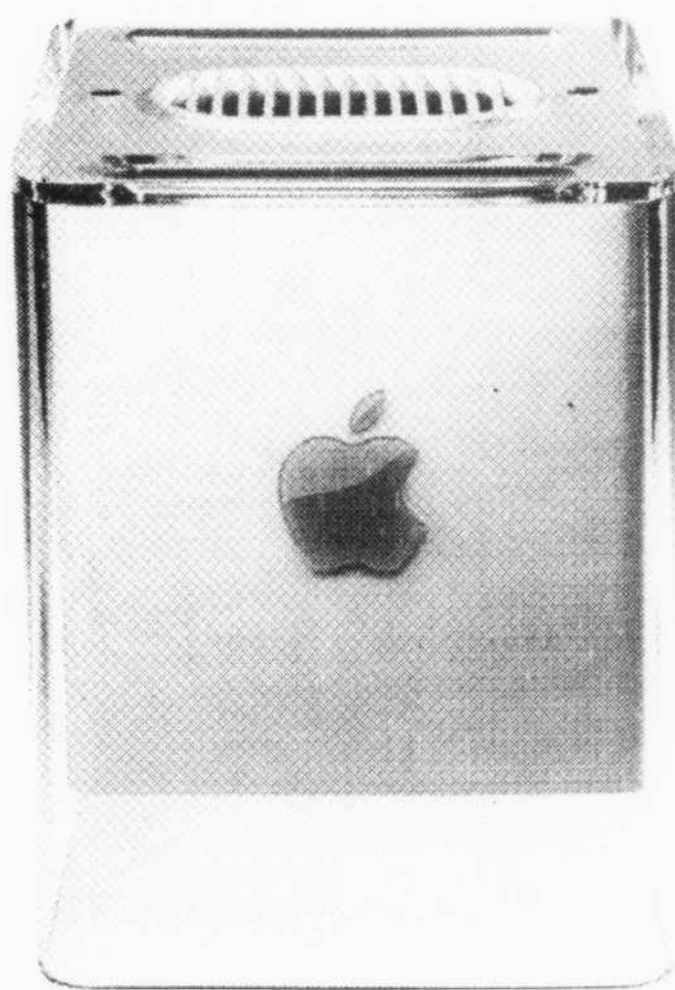
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Monday, August 28, 2000

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From the staff

Attendance policy insults students' intelligence

You would think we wouldn't need to be baby-sat in college.

Yet with MTSU's attendance policy, we are constantly monitored by our "grown-up" professors and punished for our "bad" behavior.

Some professors, in fact most of them, respect students enough to dutifully mention MTSU's attendance policy on their syllabus, as required, and nothing more. They understand that students are adults, capable of making their own decisions and judgments.

Not everyone has to go to every class to make the grade. In fact, some students are intelligent or lucky enough not to have to go to any classes. And the ones that aren't they smart and skip anyway — that get their end when they turn in blank exams.

Yet under some professors, a student could skip one class a week, still make an A, and yet have their grade dropped to a B because they missed more than an allotted number

of classes.

We pay to attend this university. Some professors use that as an excuse to have such stringent attendance policies — if we're paying to be here, we should be here. All the time.

But most of us are not paying to attend class. We are paying for our ultimate goal — to get a degree. We want to do whatever we need to do, and nothing more, to make whatever grade we deem necessary to get to where we are going in life.

Professors are admitting their arrogance with these attendance policies. They are basically stating that unless we hang on to their every word, we could not possibly achieve a decent grade in their classes. If we can, and do, get an A without their assistance, we hurt their fragile egos and must be punished.

After all, we couldn't possibly deserve grades we earned unless we followed the rules of the household, no matter how absurd they may be.

Through My Eyes

Students, we want to hear from you



Shawn Whitsell
Opinions Editor

As the Fall 2000 *Sidelines* opinions editor, I strongly feel that it is my responsibility to create an opinions section that you, the MTSU community, feel a part of.

My vision for an opinions section is for it to be a forum for people of MTSU community to share ideas about the realities of this campus. Whether someone is discussing the tuition increase, the parking fee that even non-drivers have to pay or the usual parking hassles that we experience at the beginning of each year, I want students to feel like they have a

voice, an outlet to communicate their points-of-view to the greater MTSU community.

So, if there is something going on around here that you don't agree with (and believe me freshman and transfer students, MTSU will piss you off at some point during your time here), get your ass to a computer and write about it.

In doing so, I will almost guarantee that you will discover there are others who feel exactly the same way you do.

MTSU is a great university -- I can attest to that. I just entered my fourth year here, and I've seen a lot of positive changes. There are great things going on around here that we some-

times forget about when we're bitchin' about the negative things.

So, when the university does something to make you happy, let us know. We want to hear the good things too.

I strongly suggest that you submit some of your campus-related opinions to us, and if any of you would like to become regular columnist, come and see us in JUB, Room 308.

I look forward to hearing from you all, and I encourage you to become faithful readers of the opinions section because although we cannot guarantee change, we can guarantee that you'll be heard.

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Correction

The American Heart Association's Heart Walk, covered in the August 18 issue, will be held on the MTSU campus, not on Main Street. *Sidelines* apologizes for the error.

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Frankly My Dear

To park or not to park

ply divine idea to include parking fees as a "service" to the students.

Now, I'm not exactly sure why, but the likely reason is that it would save the students the trouble of shelling out the forty or so dollars in cash necessary to obtain a pass. Instead they would have it charged to their accounts, and it would most likely be paid off a few years down the road with the rest of our interest-accruing loans. Very logical.

Furthermore, they decided, it encourages everyone with an automobile from Nottingham Apartments to Lower Antioch, excuse me, L.A., to clog the campus with much-needed traffic and carbon monoxide (Mmmm, I can smell it now). I guess they figured it would also help out all those commuting bicyclists to be able to grab one of those prized spots in the library lot...Hold up! That's not right. Man, they pulled one on us again, huh folks?

But seriously people. The real reason was to increase contributions to the Elimination Of Convenient Commuter Parking Fund. The fund was enacted this year, but it has been in the works for some time. You can

check it out in all your gullibility at www.theadministratorswiththeir-whiteparkingpassesarelaughingat-us-now.com.

The problem with all this increased on-campus traffic is that a lot of the time it will end up being a better option to park at Wal-mart and walk.

It's true, because last week I measured the distance across campus from the Rec Center to Murphy Center with my handy-dandy 12-inch ruler, and it ends up being something like 16.38 miles.

For the trip you would obviously have to take into account food and water rations and maybe find shelter somewhere for the night. It's just not practical.

So, as you see, I am not all that airy in the attic. This minor bureaucratic slip-up has turned my 8:05 into a ticket to convenience. Yeah, I may have to get up all early n' stuff. I may have to drive to class with my eyes shut and run into walls down the halls towards Studio B.

But hey, at least I'll know everything's okay because I got a spot in the library lot. ■

Campaign Commentary

Conventions nothing more than infomercials

Kevin S. Latta
Staff Columnist

They were events that made even Ron Popeel's trademark infomercial pale in comparison.

Certainly the Pocket Fisherman is not as great a value as the carefully crafted home video detailing the life and times of Al Gore.

Brought to you by the same people who produced *Being John Malkovich*, the film shown as the delegates in the hall wiped away tears that accompanied the knowledge of the backbreaking chores that dominated Al Gore's childhood afternoons.

Would you expect to pay more for the fantastic Rotisserie Grill or a chance to see the WWF's "The Rock" addressing the delegates of the Republican Convention in his trademark third person dialect? "The Rock" says, "The Rock" talks like Bob Dole and doesn't wear knee-high black socks."

Just when the puffy eyes of the campaign operatives and strategists are down to slits from weeks of late-night strategy sessions, when the dog-and-pony show has visited every local show for a photo-op, when the agony of the primaries is a distant memory, the looming election an all-

consuming marathon and the sporadic adrenaline rush of running for the most powerful office in the world becomes a constant companion; it's time to accept the formal nomination of the party. Am I the only one who thinks that the sequence may be a little off here?

The Conventions, dubbed "infomercials" by the journalists struggling to entertain themselves and their viewers during these feel-good events, just aren't what they used to be. Gone are the days of a chaotic and suspenseful week where the volatile atmosphere aided the preparation of a party's platform. Instead, once bitter rivals smile and throw their arms around each other in the hopes that the comments that they made and meant, those many months ago in New Hampshire are forgiven by the winner and forgotten by the public.

John McCain glowed as he sang the praises of the man whose ability to be the chief executive he claimed was nonexistent only a few media bytes ago. Bill Bradley was unrecognizable as the same man who chastised Al Gore from an inner city basketball court in New York.

Was that Jesse Jackson singing Kumbayah or was I just delusional by that point?

Is this the new millennia of political conven-

tions? Will the no controversy guidelines strictly adhered to by each party prohibit anyone from pointing out to George W. Bush that "common sense" legislation when it comes to [add topic here] actually informs those possessing it that he has yet to take a stance? Will Al Gore get the memo that being "a man of substance" entails more than reading from a TelePrompTer the words: "I'm a man of substance?" The careful crafting of the exercise in ambiguity displayed by both candidates surely involved more effort than would have been necessary to form and present a cohesive platform espousing their views and plans on the issues.

CBS became so bored by the time it was the Democrats turn that they created their own video biography of the Gore family and showed it instead of the one prepared and shown live at the convention by the sponsoring party.

Tom Brokaw, in what may have been a preview for the premiere of Dennis Miller's appearance on Monday Night Football, refused to let the fact that a candidate was speaking stop him from presenting rambling soliloquies in an attempt to try and dissuade viewers from switching by droves to local access channels for reruns of Scarecrow and Mrs. King.

After careful and critical viewing, the only thing that the candidates conveyed were promises of the first bill that each would sign if elected. With a face as stolid as that of a Buddhist Monk, Al Gore promised that campaign finance reform would be first on his agenda...after the election of course.

George W. Bush promised partial birth abortions would be first on his list of things to go, no mention of the fact that overturning a Roe v Wade is not done with a pen from the Oval Office. Of course, without a sound bite for the 700 Club it just wouldn't be a Republican convention, now would it?

With the long primary season wrapping up the nominations months before the conventions are even thought of, the problem of pomp and circumstance replacing the process of platform building is not likely to subside. In 2004 we might well be subjected to conventions that air as an amalgam of reality-show, Tony Robbins seminar and feel-good self gratification for the candidates.

This hardly sounds like anything to look forward to, but then again, there are a few episodes of Scarecrow and Mrs. King that I haven't seen yet. ■



Angela White
Managing Editor

Atypical Woman

Women must unite to protect rights

Women today don't know how good they have it.

Yes, there's still a long way to go to reach equality. But far too many women do not seem to realize how much it took to get to where we are today. This is predominantly shown in how willing they are to throw it all away, to set us back decades in the name of "decency" and "morals."

There is an alarming trend emerging. Women are actually being swayed by George W. Bush, the conservative Presidential candidate for a

party hardly known for its support of women's rights.

Bush is especially appealing to women of the South, whose upbringing and religion have brainwashed them into believing the absence of women's rights is attributed to respect for the "softer" sex. They are willing to trade equal rights for the "perks of ladyhood" — the opening of doors, the pulling out of chairs, the free meals. They see feminism as a threat to these perks.

They do not wish to be equal — they already see themselves as better.

These women are putting our future at risk. The outcome

of the Presidential election will have a major impact on our society.

Several Supreme Court Justices are expected to either retire or die in the next four years, and their replacements, chosen by our future President, will have influence over some of the most significant Supreme Court decisions.

Roe vs. Wade is close to being overturned — it is predicted that as little as one new conservative justice is needed to make it happen.

Decisions affecting equal employment opportunity, healthcare and Title IX sports opportunities for women are at

risk as well.

Abortion is by far the most prevalent women's rights topic being discussed this election year. Many women do not believe in ending a pregnancy, which is perfectly within their rights. But telling other women what they can and cannot do with their bodies is another story entirely.

The existence of abortion does not mean that every woman, whether she believes in it or not, must have one. It simply means the option is available. No woman, no matter how rigid she may be in her beliefs, can determine what she would do in the event of an

unplanned pregnancy until she is actually in that situation.

These women, while thinking they are doing what is good and decent for society, are instead stubbornly giving their power away. They may think they are saving their country, but they are in fact setting it up for destruction.

There are enough unwanted, neglected children in this country — how many more would be created if abortion rights are repealed?

We could be headed for a time when the dreams of equal pay for equal work and affordable daycare and healthcare are distant history. A conservative

Supreme Court would chip away at women's rights until we're living in a world where the feminist movement of the sixties might as well not even happened.

Conservative women need to think beyond themselves and their force-fed beliefs. They need to focus on what is best for their society as a whole without letting their personal morals and judgments get in the way.

When these women cast their votes in November, they must consider more than their own opinions — they must consider the future of women in this country. ■

Studying abroad provides more truths than clichés

Claire Zulkey

Campus Correspondent - Georgetown University

I could go ahead and say that life as I know it will never be the same, that I have become completely well-rounded and mature, and that now I'm ready to face anything in this world with a confident and appreciative attitude.

But that would not be true, and, possibly worse, it would be a cliché. And I don't believe that somebody should study abroad to pursue a cliché.

I spent my entire junior year in Italy, studying in Fiesole, a small town located just outside Florence.

I'll spare you the summer-vacation-book-report version of my studies abroad, but must provide some background info: Instead of a salad or container of Raman for lunch, I ate a four-course Tuscan meal every day. Instead of schlepp-

ping across a quad to get to class, I stepped out of a century-old villa and into famously tended gardens. My classroom had a view of the Duomo, and road-trips took me to Austria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Germany, Russia and Switzerland.

All right, so there were some downsides, too. Because of visa labor restrictions, I was completely financially dependent on my parents. I had to take a 15-minute bus ride to get access to the Internet. The time zone between my boyfriend and me wasn't one hour, but six. And yes, there were times when it seemed as if my brain didn't have enough storage space for all of the directions, languages, rules, regulations — and, ah, yes, academics — I was introduced to over the last year.

Despite the hassles, would I recommend studying abroad? By all means yes. For how long? That's a personal decision, but I can say I know a

lot of people who studied for one semester who wished that they had stayed longer. I don't know anyone who wishes they'd cut their time short.

I have a feeling some of the lessons I learned abroad will come to me years from now and that I'll be saying goofy things like, "Gee, I bet I picked that up during my junior year." But there are some benefits I can clearly identify already. For starters, I've become infinitely more independent. I'm more comfortable with being on my own and with making important decisions for myself.

I'm also less of a whiner and much better about establishing — and honoring — priorities. I don't complain as much about small things I can't change, and I've decided to make more of an effort to do the things I want, not the things I feel obligated to do.

Believe it or not, I'm also a much better student and worker. OK, so this is partly because there was no American TV in Italy, partly

because I wanted my parents to know that I wasn't squandering their money and partly because I realized it was time to grow up and start doing my homework.

I've become a big proponent of taking time to study abroad, but at the same time squirm when I hear those general marketing phrases: "the chance of a lifetime," "priceless experience," and so on. Taking time to study in a foreign country is not something that can be glossed over and described in a few trite adjectives; it demands the experience to do so.

Not every instant of living in Italy was picture-perfect. Sometimes, it was downright annoying, lonely and frustrating. But I recommend study-abroad programs to all college students because I think we deserve the opportunity to reach for that well-roundedness, maturity and ready-to-face-anything-in-the-world ideal. ■

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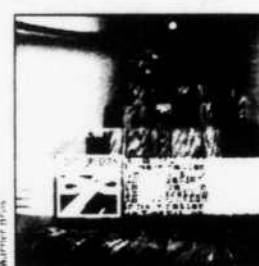
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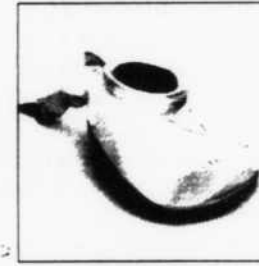
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Murfreesboro, TN

Five ... Six ... Seven ... Eight ...

Beloved dance instructor counts off for her last semester

By Jenny Cordle
News Editor

Mention the idea of leaving MTSU's dance club behind, and Angela Armstrong threatens to cry. Mention the idea to students that their favorite instructor may leave, and they threaten to petition.

As a graduate of MTSU, a graduate teaching assistant and an adjunct faculty member, Armstrong is one of MTSU's own and has been offered the job as an adjunct again for the fall semester.

But unless officials from the Speech and Theatre department offer her a full-time position, Armstrong's dancing shoes might be shuffling across the floor of another university.

"I'm not begging for a job," said Armstrong, who's "giving it one more semester" before leaving for good. "I just want to support the way the students feel because the student rule."

And if her students could, they would pick up their shoes and move with her. Instead they petitioned last spring to Russell Church, head of the Speech and Theatre department, to get her the job they feel she deserves.

"She's done more for the dance department and dance club for MTSU than anybody ever has," explained sophomore Raquel Maddox, a dance club member. "By offering her an adjunct position, they are basically letting her go."

Armstrong is credited to have inspired dancers so much that the dance club's low membership count of 12 became a record high of 60 members.

Last spring she also took on nine classes: modern dance I and III, beginner's jazz, intermediate jazz, dance production, individual choreography, social dance, continuing dance education and swing dance.

She is carrying the weight of another full load this semester while dividing her time between school and a position at a local studio.

Armstrong also arranged for the students to participate in various dance workshops and the annual Black College Dance Exchange, which is geared toward the participation of historically African American colleges. However, the MTSU Performing Arts Company represented the only predominately Caucasian university attending.

The dance club members now have T-shirts and warm-up suits courtesy of funds raised during the sales organized by Armstrong.

"We wanted her to know she's made such a difference," said senior Valerie Hackworth, spring president of the dance club who started the petition. "We wanted to say, 'We support you and we need you and we're gonna do everything in our measly student power to get you a full-time position.'"

Although the petition signed by 40 dance club participants seems as if it would have been enough to make a difference, it was seen as "measly" once the students found out that Armstrong was not offered a full-time position. "Any other position we could offer her would have to be a position that doesn't exist," said Church.

The position of applied dance generalist, which Armstrong applied for, was offered to and accepted by Anne Shea from Chattanooga.

"We have a very rigorous and thorough procedure for dealing with job applications," said Church.

He explained that the dean's office oversees the process and a faculty hiring committee of diverse individuals makes a recommendation of whom they've chosen.

"We often try to get students involved in the process by getting their responses," said Church.

For example, Church said that last year the department officials hired a new debate coach and the students participated in the interviews and provided comments.

"We heard about support for Angela through second-hand information," he said. "Everything I've heard about her is that she is talented, and she has students who love and respect her a lot. And that's an important part of the process, but there are other parts of the process and other characteristics involved."

Church suggested that the students should have met the other candidates for the job and viewed the job description before deciding whom they wanted, in order to be fair to all candidates.

But the students are satisfied with all the effort Armstrong has put forth and want to see dance club grow even more with her help.

See Dance, 8



Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

Angela Armstrong leads her modern dance class in the basic positions of dance. This class is one of the nine that Armstrong teaches as an adjunct faculty member.



Photo illustration by Raymond Hutzler | Design Editor

Alumnus articulates in first novel

E.L. Carroll releases *The Sins of the Father*

By Courtney Huckabay
Interests Editor

What do those graduates with liberal arts degrees do, anyway?

They write and publish novels, like one MTSU English major has done.

Murfreesboro resident and 1998 MTSU graduate Eddie L. Carroll had the pleasure of stacking his first novel on the shelves of local bookstores last week. Carroll worked on the book for about a year and a half, surviving many critiques and re-writes. He even went against his wife's wishes to produce the story. Now he is pleased with the final outcome of *The Sins of the Father*.

Sins is written in the tradition of Southern literature and is set in the small town of Moreland, GA, where Carroll was raised. The novel tells the story of how a young man's life was affected by the crimes his father committed.

"The leading character, Sammy, lives each day haunted by the memories of his brutally abused childhood," Carroll explained. "His father killed seven people and each of his children knew about the murders" thus leaving Sammy "haunted by the sins of his murderous father."

The book is mystery/suspense-oriented and Carroll has heard from several people that once they got about a third of the way through it, they couldn't put it down. In Carroll's own words, *Sins* is about life.

"The novel shows both the funny and the sad in life, the good and the ugly. It is meant to show that no matter how carefully we plan, life can turn on us and for almost all of us, at one time or another it does. But it's what we do about it that defines us and sharpens us, and in the end helps make us who we are."

Carroll has been influenced by many Southern writers and even some of his professors at MTSU.

"In high school I was one of those guys who didn't care about school, I just wanted to get through it," said Carroll. "So when I got to my freshman English class in college, I didn't even know how to write an essay. But when I was forced to write, it was like a revelation to me that I could do it. Then I found that I actually enjoyed it and that it was a hidden talent I never knew I possessed."

Carroll also credits his creative writing teacher, Dr. Haring, for making him try harder.

"The classes [at MTSU] do put you in a position to bring out which is the great part of education—the talents that are in

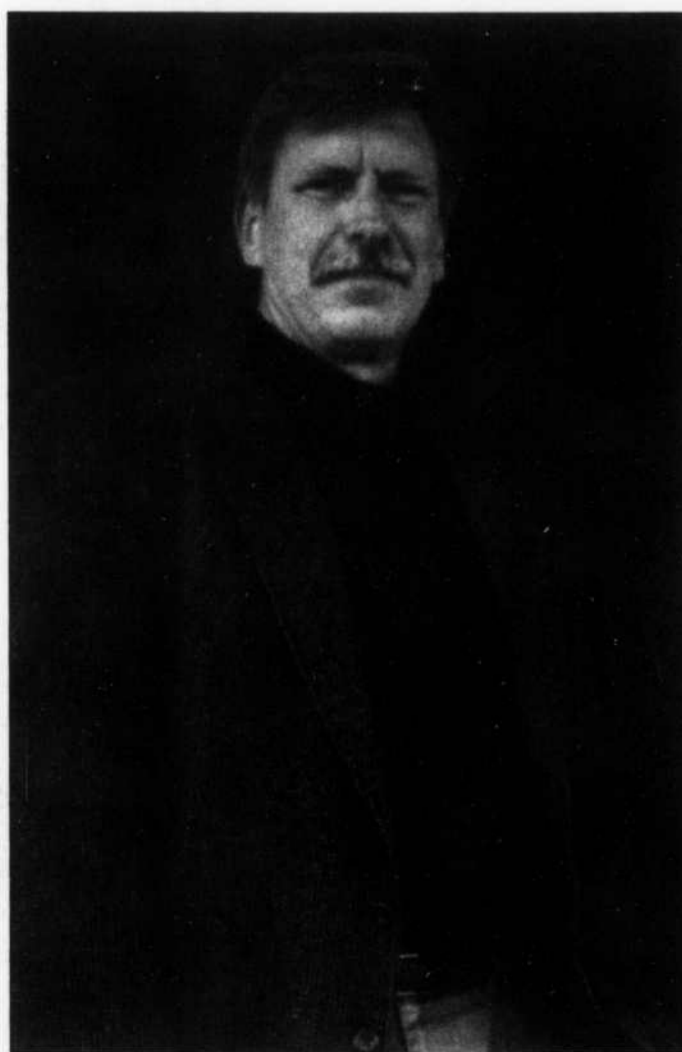


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First-time author Eddie Carroll released *The Sins of the Father* last week.

you and once you realize you have them you can shape those talents."

The Sins of the Father can be found at Hasting's, Books-A-Million and at Amazon.com. Also keep an eye out for a sequel in the future. ♦

Reaching new heights



Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

The inflatable climbing wall was one of the featured attractions during the "Hanging out on the Knoll" festivities Aug. 25.

ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Interests 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.

Aug. 29

The Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service are offering several technical training and certification classes this fall. The first course, "UNIX Fundamentals," will be held on Tuesdays from Aug. 29 through Sept. 5. It is worth .6 CEUs and costs \$79.

Contact Neal McClain in the Department of Computer Science for more information.

Aug. 30

The MTSU Debate Team is hosting an open house on Aug. 30 from 2-5 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, Room 220. Anyone interested in debate is invited to attend. Food and drinks will be provided. Call Mike Kruegar at 898-5607 or Drew Butler and Ben Osborne at 898-2273 for more information or e-mail mkruegar@frank.mtsu.edu.

Aug. 31

The Intercollegiate Debate Association of MTSU will hold its first organizational meeting on Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, Room 220. Anyone interested in debate is invited. Call Mike Kruegar at 898-5607 or Drew Butler and Ben Osborne at 898-2273 for more information.

Sept. 3

The Works of Phil Vanderweg will be displayed in the Art Barn Gallery through Sept. 27 during regular gallery hours.

Sept. 5

Applications for Student Activity Funds are available in KUC 130. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 5 at 4 p.m. To be eligible for funds, you MUST attend one of the Student Organization Orientation sessions and be a registered student organization. Orientation sessions will be held Aug. 31 at 3 p.m., Sept. 5 at 4 p.m. and Sept. 6 at 5 p.m. All sessions are held in KUC 322. For more information call 898-2750.

All student organization presidents must attend one of the student organization orientation sessions in order to be updated for the 2000-2001 school year. The meeting will last over an hour. Please call 904-8418 for more information.

Sept. 6

Are you looking for an exciting way to make friends and help out in the community? Come to the informational meeting of the Circle K Club of MTSU on Wed., Sept. 6, at 8:45 p.m. in KUC 314. For more information visit www.geocities.com/mtsucirclek.

Sept. 11

The Founder's Day celebration will be held at the Alumni Center from 9-11 a.m. and in the KUC Courtyard from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sept. 12

The Spitfire Tour will be held in Tucker Theatre at 7 p.m.

Sept. 13

All students are encouraged to participate in the 2000 student organization fair on Wed., Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the KUC courtyard. Several MTSU student organizations will set up displays and pass out information on how to get involved on campus. Free food and drinks will be served. Call 904-8418 for more details.

Sept. 14

The first MTSU volunteer fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14. Students and student organizations wishing to become involved in community service both on and off campus may come by to talk with representatives from area community agencies. Free drinks will be served. Call 904-8418 for more information.

Ongoing

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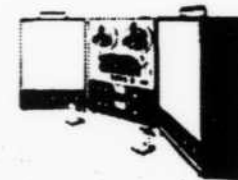
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Dance: Instructor takes farewell bow

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"Without Angela people will lose interest," predicted dance minor Maria Lucchesi. "I'm really comfortable with Angela and want to take [dance] from someone I know."

Armstrong said that one section of dance production closed this semester due to lack of enrollment. Approximately eight students signed up for the other section, whereas last semester 30 students enrolled.

Armstrong, who graduated with a Master's Degree of Science in Health and Physical Education in December of

1999, would like nothing more than to stay at MTSU, where she was a graduate teaching assistant for two years and an adjunct for another.

While working on her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Finance, Armstrong became bogged down with stressful classes and needed some release, she said.

So she waltzed her way into dance club and has been there ever since.

"It just blossomed," she explained. "I just found a passion that is uncontrollable and I love it with all of my heart."

Armstrong said she is staying one more semester because she "felt obligated to hang in there" with the dance students.

"I could not bear to leave them," she said. "I had so many people ask me, beg me and even cry for me to stay because they just could not imagine it without me."

Although Armstrong isn't sure whether she will continue teaching classes and dance club after this semester, she says she is planning to be "an adamant part of making them and this program a success." ♦

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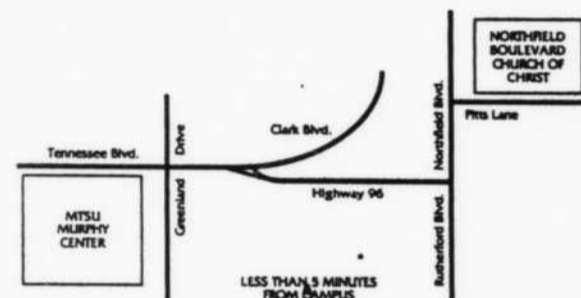
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SPORTS

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Murfreesboro, TN

Hall leads on and off the field

By Michael Edwards

Growing up in a town with less than 1,000 people, there is not much for children to do.

This was the dilemma for MTSU senior offensive lineman Barry Hall.

The town was Fairmount, Ga., and the population was 657. Playing sports was the only option for Hall and his friends.

The only decision to make was which sport to play.

"That's all we did," Hall said. "We didn't have Nintendo and computers. We had basketball, football and baseball."

As the son of Joe and Pat Hall, Barry shined at football - mainly because of his size.

Today, he is 6-foot-6 and

weighs over 300 pounds, and although he has always been the biggest, Hall played quarterback as a child.

There is no need, however, for 300-pound quarterbacks.

For the Blue Raiders, Hall works as an offensive tackle protecting the position where he once excelled. This is a position he would not trade, and has a certain fondness for that only players could have.

"I like being big and nasty. You don't get much publicity, but it's the best position on the field," Hall said. "We ain't like those little [defensive backs] and wide outs, we get hit every play."

On the Blue Raider team, he is forced to assume more than

just the role of lineman. As the guy that has been on the team going on five years, Hall has embraced the role of leader.

Although he is not the most vocal, he leads by example on and off the field.

"These young guys look up to me a little bit," Hall said. "When Coach [McCollum] says 'room check at 11,' I've got to make sure I am in at 11."

Another reason he is a leader is that he is arguably the best lineman on the Blue Raider team. Success has been his style individually, but he credits that to his parents and another person, whom he says played a major role in his development as a young man.

"My grandfather died when I

was 10," Hall said, "but he was like my parents in that he would take me to practices and throw the ball with me."

After a 3-8 season a year ago reasons to quit can pile up, but for this future coach, the love of the game keeps him focused.

"I want to play as long as I can," Hall said. "When I walk off the field, I want to know that I gave it all I had."

That time may come soon for Hall as a Blue Raider. When he leaves the university, he wants to be remembered as someone who never gave up.

"I want people to think of me as someone that never quit,"

See Hall, 10

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Cox defends a Southeastern Louisiana attacker during Sunday afternoon's match. The Lady Raiders were shutout 3-0.

SLU wears down Lady Raiders

By Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

Going through changes can be rough.

The MTSU women's soccer team found that out in its season opener against Southeastern Louisiana University.

Beginning the first season in the Sun Belt Conference with a new coach - Scott Ginn - the Lady Raiders fell 3-0.

"We got fatigued," Ginn said. "We played well during the first 20 minutes, but we got worn down."

SLU outshot the Lady Raiders 21-7. MTSU had one shot during the second half.

"We had to come out of our style

a little bit," Ginn said. "We weren't able to hold the ball on the attack. We gave them the ball a little too much."

SLU, unlike Lady Raiders, converted on the attack.

With 47:49 expired, SLU cracked the scoreboard. Kendra Oney took a Cory Cochrane pass and chipped in an empty netter from a few feet away. Goalkeeper Jennifer Robb left the pass trying to intercept Cochrane's pass.

"It was a good through ball," Oney said about the goal. "I had a lucky touch in transition."

SLU was just beginning.

After three more shots on goal, SLU outshot the Lady Raiders 21-7. Becca Weingartner converted this time from 30 yards out. The ball went

into goalkeeper Jennifer Robb's hands.

"The goal was my fault," Robb said about the second goal. "I tried to catch the ball when I should have tipped it over the goal."

SLU finished off the Lady Raiders a few minutes later.

Erin Spizale, like Weingartner, connected from 30 yards out. The ball looked to be going over the goal. But at the last moment it dropped down into the net.

"I'll take the blame for it," Robb said. "But someone should've attacked the ball."

MTSU had its best scoring opportunity in the first half.

Allison Schulz just missed from the left at the 28-minute mark. After

the ball bounced off goalie Nicole Helmig's hands, Schulz was left with an open net.

She didn't connect.

"The ball slipped off my foot," Schulz said. "The ball was slippery. The weather was definitely a factor."

The Lady Raiders never recovered. SLU gained the momentum at that point and controlled the ball for the majority of the game.

The Lady Raiders only attempted three shots the rest of the game.

"We lost the ball in midfield," Schulz said. "We didn't get the 50-50 balls that could go either way."

The Lady Raiders next game is Sept. 1 at Arkansas-Little Rock. ♦

Fowler possible candidate for N.C. State AD



Fowler

Staff Reports

MTSU's athletic director has been named as one of eight possible candidates for the same position at North Carolina State University.

If selected, Fowler would be replacing Les Robinson as athletic director.

Robinson is leaving N.C. State to become AD at The Citadel.

Although Fowler was not looking to make a move, he is open to the opportunity.

"I have been contacted by them and talked to the search

firm and somebody that nominated me for the job," Fowler said to *The Tennessean*. "They asked if I was interested and I told them that I would definitely be interested in talking to them. That's kind of where it stands."

Fowler has been with MTSU for six years and also serves as the chairman of the NCAA's television sub-committee for basketball.

N.C. State officials interviewed Fowler on Sunday and are expected to make a decision in early September. ♦

Futbol takes backseat to football

Kicker of a different kind to start first season

By R. Colin Fly
Staff Reporter

Jenny Cox loved Friday night football as much as the other 800 or so girls at her high school.

In fact, she went to every game her senior season at Kenwood High in Clarksville, Tenn. She cheered for her Knights as loud as any supporter.

However, she also kicked in whenever she could.

Cox became the first ever female in the state of Tennessee to win All-State recognition as a placekicker for her football team at Kenwood High.

Her senior season, she converted 4 of 7 field goal attempts, including a 39-yarder, as well as

completing 37 of 39 extra point attempts.

Cox was a key player in Kenwood's state championship run, which ended in the semifinals. She converted an overtime field goal that eliminated Tullahoma in the first round of the playoffs.

However, it's the other kind of football that will earn Cox recognition at MTSU.

Cox, a 5-foot-10 midfielder, is part of a talented freshman



Cox

class of soccer players, including Lindsey Bopp, Emily Carter and Emily Shrum. Cox led her high school team in goals three consecutive years, netting 45 her senior season, as well as being an All-District and All-Area player all four years.

The transition from football to soccer was an easy one for Cox.

"My kicking technique in football was not that different than soccer," Cox said. "The major difference was that I don't have 11 guys on defense charging after me."

Even as a freshman, Cox wants to emerge as a leader on a team that has just four seniors.

"Freshman is just a title," Cox said. "I want to go into the season confident, but not overly

cocky, step up and maybe take a starter's role."

The departure of head coach Colette Gilligan and leading scorer Hailee Walsh, both of whom headed to Minnesota, leave several questions unanswered for the team. However, with new head coach Scott Ginn, the Raiders also have a new attitude.

That suits Cox just fine.

"We all have high expectations with Coach Ginn," Cox said. "If we play hard, we can go far in the [Sun Belt]."

The Lady Raiders opened their season Sunday against Southeast Louisiana. They take their act on the road against Arkansas-Little Rock on Friday. ♦

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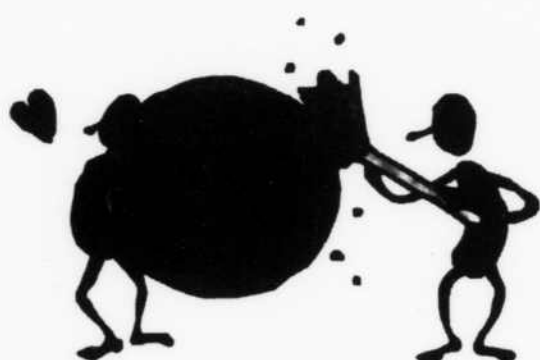
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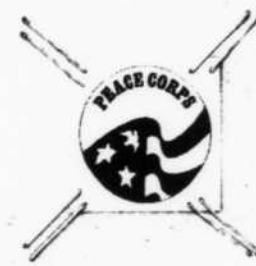
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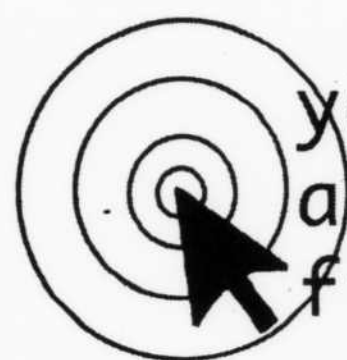
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