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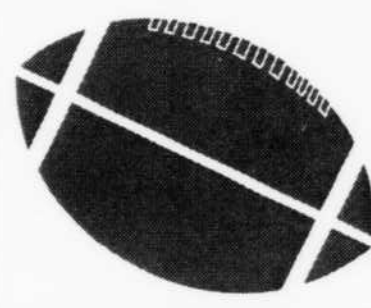
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Republicans target students for aid cuts: Rep. Gordon

Gordon will host campus forum to discuss alternatives

By Mark Blevins/staff

Fighting financial aid cuts was on the mind of U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Murfreesboro, when he came to campus Friday to meet with SGA President Shane McFarland and Sidelines.

Winston Wrenn, director of the MTSU Financial Aid office, was also on hand to discuss proposed cuts of federal financial aid.

Gordon has scheduled an open forum on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. in KUC Room 324 to discuss

his interpretation of what the cuts mean and how they can be thwarted. Gordon has his own ideas of how to trim the federal education budget without cutting financial aid programs as drastically as the Republican proposals.

Gordon faulted the Republican budget proposals for increasing tax cuts for people with incomes over \$100,000 and cutting student financial aid. He voiced his support for President Clinton's plan that includes tax cuts for people with incomes of less than \$75,000.

Gordon said the Republicans are making cuts that have "the least possible resistance" in terms of public opposition to the cuts.

Students, he said, are a good prospect for the Republicans.

According to Gordon and Wrenn, the major proposed reductions or eliminations of federal financial aid are:

- Raising the minimum Pell Grant award from \$200 to \$600. Last year, 425 MTSU students received a Pell Grant of less than \$600 and currently 250,000 students nationwide receive the grant, according to figures from the financial aid office and Gordon.
- Eliminating interest subsidies on federal loans. When a student gets a subsidized loan, the federal government pays the interest on

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Police seek word with student about man barred from campus

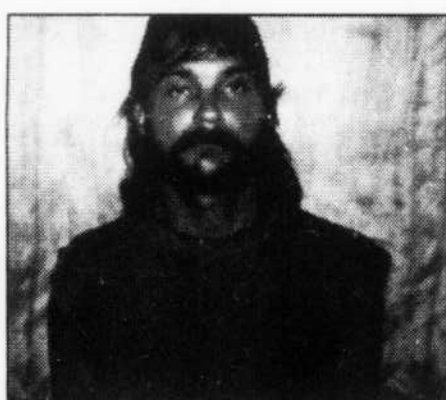
By Mark T. Gibson

MTSU police would like to speak with the female MTSU student whom they believe may have been the unwitting potential victim of a man with a history of arrests on campus.

On September 6, at approximately 1:50 a.m., MTSU Department of Public Safety officers arrested John Jeffrey Brown, 1821 Jordan Avenue, Murfreesboro, for aggravated criminal trespass, criminal impersonation and public intoxication. Brown has had a number of run-ins with MTSU Public Safety and, according to Fanguy, is legally barred from being on campus. Fanguy said that police fear he may have had more serious intentions.

On Sept. 6, at 1:50 in the morning, police received a call from an eyewitness who said that a white male "who doesn't look like a student" had been seen following a female into Lyon Hall from the Bell Street parking lot. The eyewitness gave a detailed and accurate description which Public Safety officer John Fanguy said was crucial to the arrest.

Fanguy observed the male between the JUB parking lot and North Tennessee Blvd. He was stopped and asked to produce



John Jeffrey Brown

identification. The man said his name was "Bobbie J. Brown" and produced a social security card with that name. He could not, however, recite the number on the card.

Fanguy recognized the man from previous incidents on campus as John Jeffrey Brown and arrested him for criminal trespass, criminal impersonation and public intoxication.

Brown has been barred by court order from the campus due to a number of incidents, the most dramatic of which occurred in Lyon Hall. A female RA discovered him in a bathroom and, armed with a baseball bat, held him at bay until police arrived. He was jailed for 11 months and 29 days for that incident.

Fanguy said that Brown has been known to the Public Safety Department for almost 12 years, and that many of his arrests have stemmed from sexual or potential sexual crimes such as peeking in women's residence halls.

Police believe that the unknown female whom Brown was following into Lyon Hall that night may have information which could lead to further charges, and would like to get in touch with her. The number for the Public Safety is 898-2424. Brown is currently out on bail, and reportedly has been seen on Greenland Drive, adjacent to the Kwik-Sak. ●



Brian G. Miller/staff

Ned Pashene closes the Native American Society meeting last Wednesday with a song. Ned Pashene is participating in the Sunbow Five, a cross-country walk from Massachusetts to California to protest the environmental destruction of the earth.

Arrest of car burglars helped by eye witness

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

In the early morning of Sept. 13, police arrested two men in the Bell Street parking lot and charged them with felony car burglary.

William E. Neece, 6310 Lee Ave., and Jeffrey A. Walker, 505 Shirley Ave., both of Smyrna, were arrested and charged with car burglary after an eyewitness allegedly observed them cruising the parking lot where they stopped at a gray pickup, according to a report filed by MTSU Department of Public Safety Officer John Fanguy.

The eyewitness in the police report claims to have seen the men look into both a red Honda and a gray pickup truck. According to Public Safety, Fanguy observed the men apparently trying to escape when he arrived in response to the call the eyewitness made. Fanguy stopped the truck they were driving on the bridge over the creek at Bell Street and held the two men until Public

Safety Officer Rick Roberts arrived on the scene.

The officers found a car CD player, a radar detector, and "burglary tools" in a subsequent search of the truck. The CD player was later determined to have been stolen from a white Camaro also parked on campus.

The pickup truck the men were driving was impounded, and the evidence collected. A search of the parking lot revealed that the passenger window of a gray S-15 GMC pickup registered to Marilyn Gilme of Springfield, Mo. had been shattered.

Damage inside the truck revealed that attempts had been made to remove the truck's CD player and speakers.

The men were transported to Rutherford County Adult Detention Center and were held in lieu of \$7,000 bail.

They have each been charged with one count of felony car burglary. A hearing is set for Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. in General Sessions Court in Murfreesboro. ●

Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for information on campus misdemeanors

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

For the first time, anyone with knowledge of a misdemeanor crime occurring on campus could be eligible for up to \$1,000 upon the conviction of the criminal.

Crime Stoppers, which until now has paid only for information regarding felonies, will now pay for information on misdemeanor crimes on campus as well, according to MTSU Public Safety officer Rick Roberts.

"All a person needs to do is call Crime Stoppers," Roberts said. "If it involves MTSU, they relay that information to us, and what we do with it is our business."

"What we'll do is issue that person a code number and set up for a callback," Roberts continued. "When the case is prosecuted and goes to court, we'll pay [the caller] up to \$1,000."

Roberts went on to add that though the exact fee schedule is still to be decided, in general, the more important

the crime, the more money would be paid. Expect averages, he said, to be about \$100.

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Rick Roberts
MTSU Public Safety Officer

Roberts said that he believes the majority of serious crime on campus is committed by people who live in the surrounding areas and come on campus for no purpose but to commit crimes. The majority of minor crimes, such as book thefts, appear to be committed by students.

"Thankfully, we don't have that many felonies here [on campus]...and hopefully we never will," Roberts said. "But we do have a rash of misdemeanors such as fence vandals, book thefts, things of that nature."

"We do have a lot of felonies, car burglaries, things like that, but students don't know a whole lot about car burglaries, or if they do, they're not telling us," he said.

The "seed" money for the program comes from monies allocated in this year's budget and was provided mainly to see if the program would increase prosecutions. In the future, Roberts would "like to get with the fraternities, the student government council, and other groups, and see if we can organize some fund-raisers."

Any person who has knowledge of a crime can call Rutherford County Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP (7867). Callers do not have to give their names to the police in order to collect a reward. ●

University Rules Committee reviews handbook

Students can recommend changes for handbook

By Dustin Schrimpsheer/staff

The University Rules Committee had its first organizational meeting in September and will be scheduling it's second for sometime in October.

The Rules Committee is comprised of faculty members and students. Together they review rules in the MTSU handbook and vote to suggest changes to Robert LaLance, Vice President of Student Affairs. LaLance then makes recommendations to the Tennessee

Board of Regents. TBR makes the decisions regarding specific rule changes.

Dennis Mullen, Assistant Professor of Biology heads the committee. This is Mullen's second year on the committee.

According to Mullen, the Rules Committee did not pass any rule changes by the TBR last year, but expects some of last year's recommendations to pass this year.

One suggestion made last year was regarding a non refundable dorm room damage deposit applying to students kicked out of the University for any reason. The Committee suggested that if

nothing is damaged, students should be repaid their deposits.

"If any student wishes to suggest a rule change for the committee they should review the handbook and then prepare a memo stating the rule as it is," Mullen said. "Present the rule with proposed changes underlined, followed by a brief summary including reasoning behind the change."

Any suggestions should be submitted to Dennis Mullen in Room 124 Stroble Biology Annex by the first week of October. ●

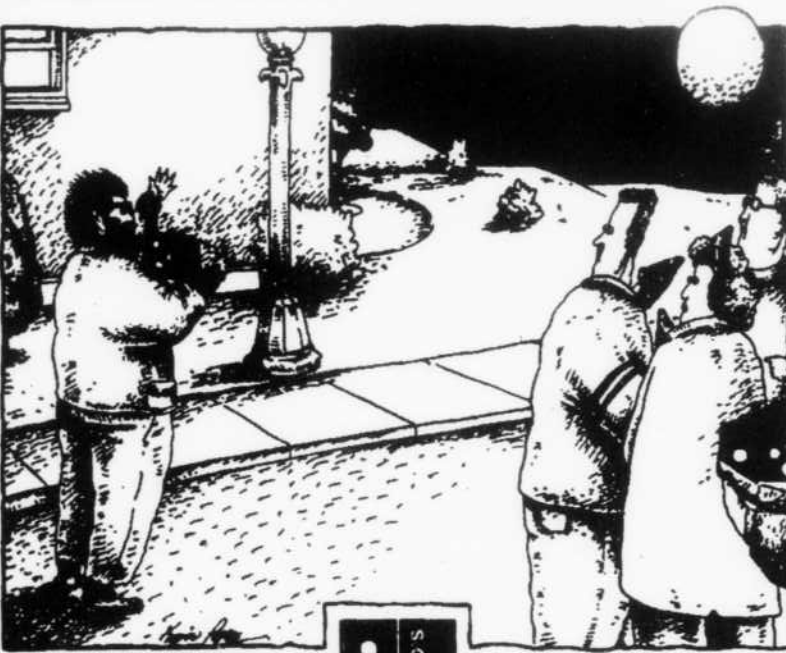
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Campus Capsule

The Student Government Association is holding an **organizational fair** on the knoll behind the KUC on Thursday, September 21 from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved. Call Jaime Groce at 898-2464 for more information.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. hosts a cookout and discussion beginning at 6:15 every Wednesday evening and luncheons every Monday at noon. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

Student Organization updates **deadline for student organizations** is 4:30 p.m. on September 21, 1995. Applications may be picked up at the mandatory student organization meeting.

Applications for student activity fee requests must be turned in to KUC 122 no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 25, 1995. Applications and student activity fee guidelines are available in the KUC 112.

The College Republicans is having general interest meeting on Wednesday, September 27. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the KUC 314. Call Brian Lewis at 890-6478 for more information.

The Placement and Student Employment Center is hosting a **Career Placement Orientation** workshop titled "Your Job Search". The workshop will begin at 11 a.m. on September 26, 27, 28. All workshops will be held in KUC room 322. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about placement services, how to write a resume, campus interviews, and employment opportunities. Call the director, Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more information.

MTSU Speech Clinic is sponsoring ongoing speech testing and therapy clinics in Boutwell Dramatic Arts room 232. MTSU students who need speech testing or therapy services should call the clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.

The second lecture in the **Honors Lecture Series** "An American Checkup" will be Monday, September 18. The lecture "The State of American Public Education" will be given by Dr. Bob Eaker. All lectures are in Peck Hall 107 and begin at 3:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

The Student Government Association would like to remind everyone to **voice your opinion**, pro or con, on the \$65 activity fee increase for the proposed stadium. The following are names and numbers of politicians who can get things

changed.
Board of Regents 366-4400
Governor Don Sundquist 741-2001
Senator John Bragg 741-3818
Representative Andy Womack 741-1066

1995 Family Day is set for September 30. Registration will be from 11 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. on the KUC knoll. Registration information has been mailed to every enrolled student's permanent address. The fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and includes the events of the day, barbecue, and a football ticket. There is no charge for MTSU students if family members are registered for Family Day. For more information contact New Student Orientation at 898-5533.

The **Voices of Praise Gospel Choir** will have weekly rehearsals on Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning September 11 at the Baptist Student Center. Contact Latresa McCamoll at 898-3989. Come join us!

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship has weekly meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in KUC room 312. Call Trista at 898-3256 or Chris Ward at 898-3244. Interservice Christian Fellowship will be meeting Tuesday, September 12 for fellowship and worship.

The Wesley Foundation will be holding **auditions for "Oklahoma"** on September 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. No prepared material is needed, only one night's attendance is required.

The Wesley Foundation sponsors ongoing activities every week. On Wednesdays lunch begins at 11:15 a.m.; Koinonia at 7 p.m. and Wesley Singers rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

MTSU LAMBDA is a gay, lesbian, and bisexual student group. It meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Communications Building room 104. All are welcome. For more information call Jason at 780-2293.

MTSU Placement and Student Employment is hosting a **Career Day** on Tuesday, September 19 from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. around the track area of Murphy Center. Over 100 employers and graduate schools will send representatives to campus to provide career information for students and will have exhibits and handouts to assist in career planning. Rosters of participating organizations will be available at the registration tables.

The **Erudite Emancipators**, a student service organization committed to multicultural awareness and harmony, invites

interested students to our first open meeting on Friday, September 15 at 1 p.m. in Peck Hall room 311. Regular meetings will be on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Please come with open arms and open minds. Contact Inez Chopfield at 898-4312 or 898-2655.

The MTSU student chapter of the **National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP)** will hold a voting meeting to elect officers for the school year on Tuesday, September 19 at 5 p.m. in Wiser Patton Science Building room 301. Offices to be filled are president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. We will also be voting on an amendment to our bylaws. Questions or comments call Naullain Kendrick at 898-3582 or e-mail at enviood@frank.mtsu.edu

The **Wesley Foundation** activities for the week are Friday, baking party to prepare for bake sale on Saturday carwash and bake sale at Sam's on Sunday at 8 p.m. university workshop.

MTSU College Democrats Meeting on Thursday, September 21 at 5 p.m. in KUC 314. We will be discussing the role of our organization on the campus. Contact Mary at 890-6314 for more information.

Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity interest meetings on Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m.; Tuesday 19, and Wednesday 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the KUC room 316. Open to all business majors and minors. Must have a 2.5 GPA or better. Contact Anna Coble at 898-3133.

Equestrian Team Meeting every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the TLC sales Arena. Contact Lia Grove at 849-9876. Everyone is welcome.

1995 Homecoming Parade on November 4. Those organizations interested in participating need to notify the SGA office by October 2.

Phi Beta Lambda the Collegiate Division of Future Business Leaders of America is holding a membership interest meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the Midgett Business Building room 303. For more information contact the president James Roberson at 898-3051 or the advisor Dr. Robert B. Blair at 898-2036.

The **Student Advisory Council** for the College of Mass Communication will meet Tuesday, September 19 in front of the Lexis/Nexis Lab in the Mass Comm Building. If you are a declared major within the College of Mass Communication, have completed at least one course in your major, and are interested in becoming a member

you are invited to attend.

Society of Professional Journalists interest meeting on September 21 at 5 p.m. in the Sidelines newspaper office. All public relations, broadcast, and print journalism majors are welcome.

The **National Association of Black Journalists** will meet Wednesday, September 20 in the Mass Comm building room 150 at 5 p.m. Activities for this meeting include a resume workshop and officer elections. A pizza party will follow. Contact Jennifer Bailey for more information at 898-2226.

SGA House meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the KUC theater. Contact Jaime Groce for more information at 898-2464.

Raiders for Christ meet every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center at 1105 E. Bell St. Contact Mike Stroud at 896-1529 or Eddy Dyer 890-0488.

The **Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women** is sponsoring a **Promotion and Tenure Workshop** on Tuesday, October 3. The workshop will be from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Hazelwood dining room. The workshop is free for CFAW members and \$5.00 for non-members. Please call Denise McMahan by September 29 for reservations.

The **Christian Music Society** will meet Thursday, September 21 at 6 p.m. in Mass Comm room 150. If you desire to make Christ known through music come join us! Contact Joyce Reed at 848-0448.

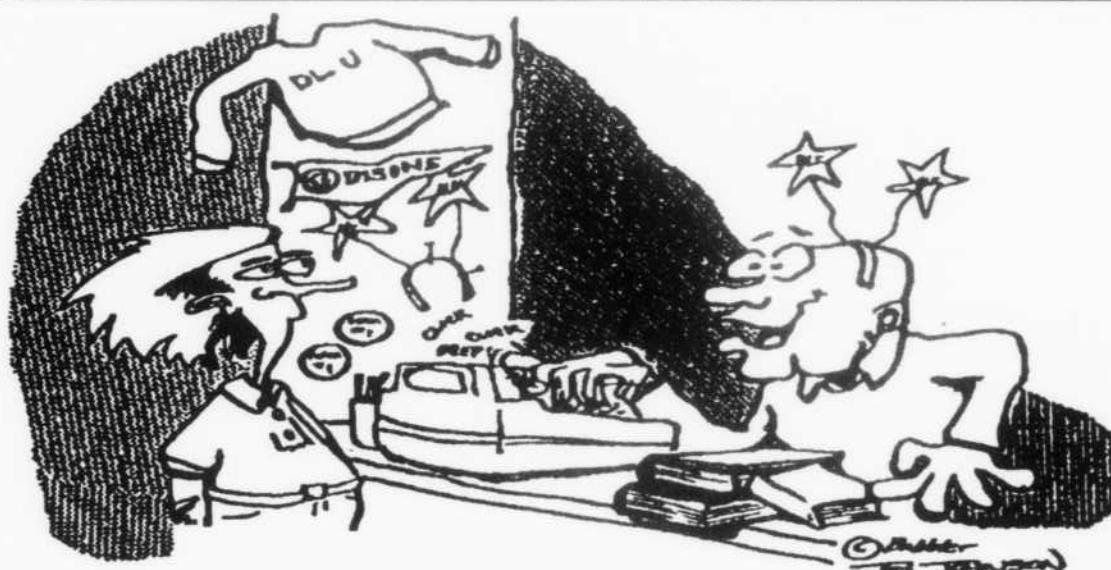
The **MTSU Pre-Law Society** is having its organizational meeting on Monday, September 18 in Peck Hall room 215 at 6 p.m. Interested parties may call Renee at 898-3842 or Paul at 832-8883 (leave messages) for details. We will be making plans for the Fall and Spring semesters. Anyone with an interest in law is invited to attend, you do not need to be a Political Science or Criminal Justice major.

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Tryouts held for Ole Blue, cheerleaders

By Kris Wetzel
and Mark Blevins/staff

The Athletic Department held tryouts for the mascot Ole Blue and junior varsity cheerleaders Friday afternoon.

Cheerleading coach Brant Hales said that he is not allowed to disclose the identity of Ole Blue because of the desired anonymity.

The student chosen for Ole Blue is awarded a \$500 scholarship as well as a book scholarship.

Candidates for Ole Blue were required to coordinate a 3-5 minute skit, judged on creativity, props, music, action and crowd response. All participants had a mandatory interview prior to the Friday's tryouts.

Hales said that he estimates that the Ole Blue costume weighs about ten pounds. Because the costume is so heavy, it is usually 25 degrees hotter in the costume, according to Hales.

Candidates for the junior varsity cheerleading team were scored on a system on 300 points for qualities such as appearance, voice, expressions,



Brian G. Miller/staff

A candidate for MTSU mascot Ole Blue puts on a skit at Friday's tryouts. jumps and partner stunts.

Junior varsity cheerleaders cheer at all home football games with the varsity team. They also cheer at all women's basketball games as well as any post-season tournaments.

Junior varsity cheerleaders receive a book scholarship while the varsity cheerleaders get a \$500 scholarship and free

books. The varsity team is chosen in April.

To try-out for Ole Blue or cheerleader, participants must have a 2.0 GPA and be in good standing with the university.

The 1995-96 junior varsity cheerleaders are: Johnathan Parsley, Jered Daniel, Darius Lindsey, Tjuan Elliot, April Keyser, Christie Sullins,

Carley Hodges and Kristi Beeler. Barry Martin, Andre White and Jennifer Watkins have returned for a second year on the team.

Barry Martin, Andre White, Carley Hodges and Jennifer Watkins will also be alternates for the varsity cheerleading team. ●

GORDON: Pell, Perkins, subsidies under axe

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the loan until the student is out of school. Last year, 6,552 MTSU students received subsidized Stafford loans, according to the figures. The interest from the MTSU loans is estimated at \$1,872,138, which the federal government picked up.

Eliminating the State Student Incentive Grants which make up about half of the grant money awarded through the Tennessee Student Assistant Corporation (TSAC) grants. Last year 1,745 MTSU students received some money from the TSAC program. In Tennessee, \$1.2 million in federal funding was awarded to

students for the 1993-1994 school year, according to a study by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU).

Reduced funding for the federal work-study program. In Tennessee, the program provided \$11 million in work-study funds to 13,400 students during the 1993-1994 school year, according to a NAICU study.

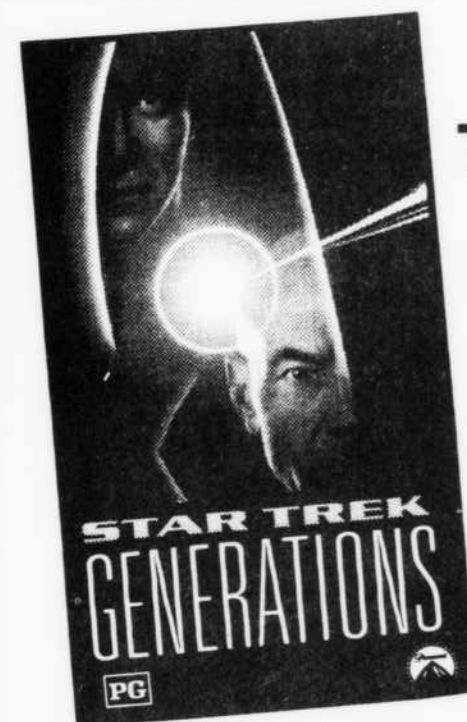
Reduced funding of the Perkins Loans program. Last year, 412 MTSU students and over 150,000 nationwide received a Perkins Loan, according to figures from the financial aid office and Gordon.

At the Friday meeting,

Wrenn said he had just heard of another possible proposal by U.S. Senator Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kansas, that would place a two percent tax on all of the loan volume of a university. This would cost about \$600,000 a year for MTSU according to Wrenn, who described the tax as "devastating." Wrenn said that if the tax became a reality, the extra costs would probably be passed on to students, unless the university designated institutional funds to cover the cost.

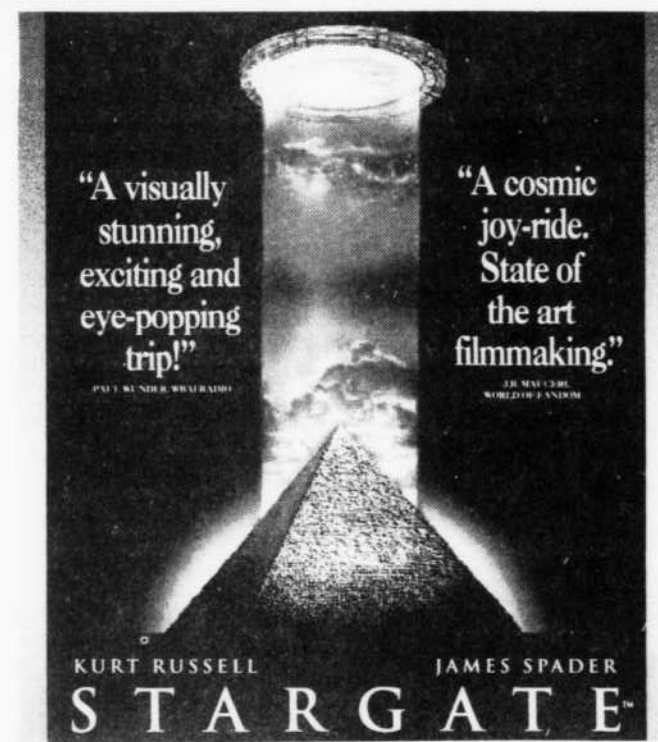
Gordon was unfamiliar with the tax, and it has not become an official proposal. ●

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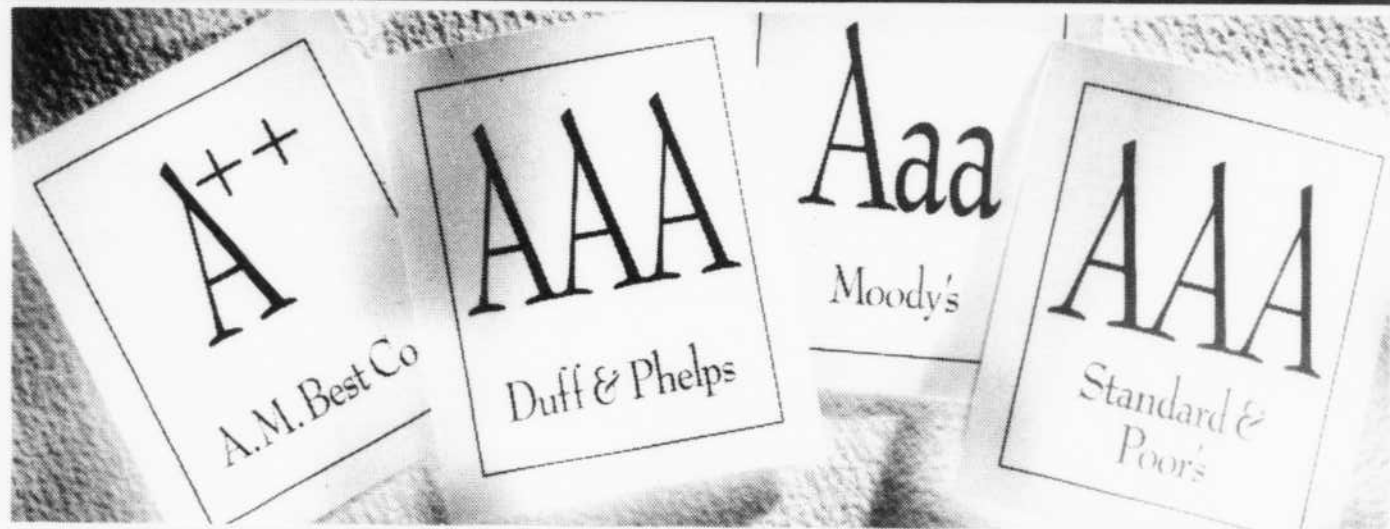
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Professors use humor to help students learn

By Elissa Leibowitz
College Press Service

WASHINGTON—When students walk into Joe Walenciak's economics class at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark., the last thing they want to hear is a lengthy, stale lecture on utility theory.

Some are bored with the topic. Others, who have heard horror stories about the subject's difficulty, are intimidated. So, Walenciak, chairman of John Brown's division of business, tells a story to illustrate utility theory—the theory that more is always better, that you never can be satisfied.

"A kid I knew sat in a van at a church youth group meeting and ate so much pizza that he threw up all over the van," Walenciak says.

The class laughs.

"He definitely was satiated with pizza."

The class laughs again.

"So more is not always better," he says and launches into an explanation of utility theory using the gluttonous boy as a recurring example. The students in the class, even those who were puzzled at the start of his story, look like they understand. And they are amused, too.

Ron Brown, a physics professor at the State University of New York-

Oswego, uses similar tactics. But he tells jokes. Heard about the restaurant on the moon? Great service but no atmosphere. What about the orchestra leader who stuck his baton in an electrical socket? Nothing happened to him because he was a poor conductor.

"Sure that's corny, but I can't help it," Brown says. "Look, would you rather have me write a formula on the board and say, 'Know this, or you flunk?' Physics doesn't have to be boring and dull and uninteresting. It should be fun."

Both Walenciak and Brown share the sentiments of a growing number of professors across the nation who use humor as a teaching tool in their classes. When topics get dry and attention spans start to wane, humor can liven it up and make students understand better.

"This might sound paradoxical, but busy students often get a bit droopy-eyed no matter how dynamic a presentation is," said Chris Curran, a biology lecturer at the University of Cincinnati's Evening College. "A few laughs here and there help them to concentrate better."

Professors use different techniques (though Walenciak says they are not techniques but elements of the "repressed comedian" inside him). One

law professor occasionally dresses like Elvis or Batman. Another shows segments from Star Wars and The Wizard of Oz to teach leadership theories.

And the Rev. John Naus, a Marquette University philosophy professor, dons a clown suit and makes three students stand up and tell jokes each day.

"If they can relax and give themselves a chance, I think they do better."

Joe Walenciak
Economics professor,
John Brown University

"It wakes them up, and then we go onto the heavier stuff," says Naus, a Jesuit priest who teaches "The Philosophy of Humor."

Besides keeping the class lively, humor in education fulfills at least three other goals.

First, it helps relax students, especially those intimidated by or scared of certain subjects. Walenciak teaches students majoring in business-related fields, but many times, for instance, an accounting major fears economics.

"I think some people come into classes and are intimidated by math or theory," he says. "If they can relax and give themselves a

chance, I think they do better."

Difficult material tends to make students tense up and worry about jotting down everything the teacher says. But a joke thrown in allows the students to catch up on their notes and actually laugh at a stressful time. As Curran says, "A quick aside can help refocus their attention on the critical concept you're covering."

James D. Gordon III, the Brigham Young law professor and Elvis impersonator, says when he teaches legal writing he tries to make the topic as scintillating as possible. Dressed as a surgeon, he demonstrates how he dissects the English language. Wearing Brigham Young football gear lets him tackle poor penmanship. But why Elvis?

"To trim the fat out of legal writing," Gordon says.

Humor also helps students remember material. If a professor attaches a joke or funny experiment to a theory or problem, the student will first remember the humor in an illustration or example and then will recall the academic point the professor made.

Retired Washington University Chancellor William Danforth was in 10th grade when he had trouble memorizing some of the names of the Roman emperors. His teacher taught him a rhyme to help spur his memory, and more than five decades later Danforth could rattle it off without a pause:

"Caligula, called Little Boot

Had for counsel his equine brute.

From dissipation oft he raved.

He spent the cash old Tibey saved.

He spent the money by the peck.

He wished the Romans had one neck."

Humor can backfire, especially when it is forced, warns Mary Ellen Finch, dean of the School of Education at Louisville University in St. Louis.

Just as a comedian cannot be taught to be funny, instructing teachers on how to use humor is difficult. "It's something that comes with the personality," Finch says. "Some people can't pull it off. For others it comes so naturally. It's who they are."

But Chip Paucek, a 1992 political communications graduate of George Washington University, says professors without a funnybone do not have to approach traditionally boring subjects in a dry manner.

Paucek and many of the professors agree that humor can save time for both the students and the instructor. Chris Curran of the University of Cincinnati explained that many of her lectures simply provide a foundation that allow students to tackle the detail found in the text. If she can quickly go over a simple concept, it gives her more time to focus on tougher material. ●

Career Day provides students with 120 schools, businesses

By Sam Hamburg/staff

Career Day will incorporate an estimated 120 businesses and graduate schools to provide students with opportunities for future interviews.

Vice President of Student Affairs Bob LaLance created Career Day ten years ago with the help of Martha Turner, Director of Placement and Student Employment.

The object of Career Day is

to give students an opportunity to meet employers and visit with with representatives from graduate schools, so that they may help you to plan your career.

Career Day will be held in Murphy Center. Many national businesses will be represented by their local offices in Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. The graduate schools are also from neighboring states.

Interviews will not be

given on the spot, but it is recommended that students have their resumes ready for an interview at a later date.

Although Career Day concentrates mostly on seniors and juniors, sophomores and freshman are encouraged to attend.

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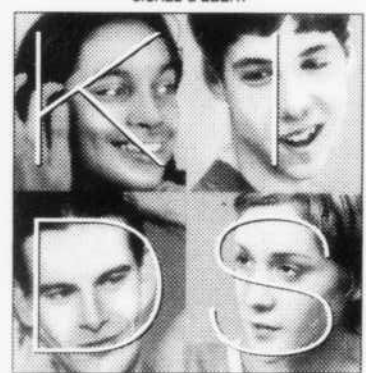
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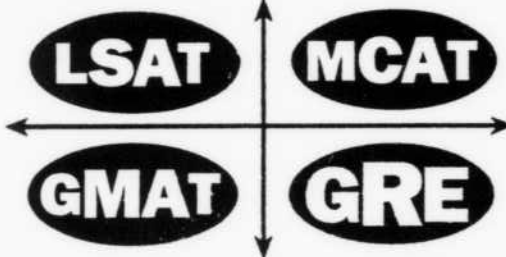
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Disability awareness promoted in new series

By Martha Stroud/staff

The MTSU Department of Affirmative Action is sponsoring a series of information sessions on the topic of disability awareness for MTSU faculty and staff Sept. 20-26 in KUC 314.

"The sessions focus on the ability rather than the disability of the individual," said Forrestine Williams, director of Affirmative Action.

The Affirmative Action sessions will include three videos that the Affirmative Action department has recently acquired: A VideoGuide to (Dis)ability Awareness; Gateway to Opportunity: Interviewing Job Applicants with Disabilities; and Welcome to the Team: Disability Etiquette in the Workplace.

A Video Guide to (Dis)ability Awareness is a 25-

minute video that looks at disabilities from the perspective of individuals with disabilities, focusing on their abilities.

Gateway to Opportunity: Interviewing Job Applicants with Disabilities provides guidelines for interviewing job applicants with disabilities. The video makes employers aware of the options that are available to them for making accommodations for disabled employees.

Welcome to the Team: Disability Etiquette in the Workplace provides practical guidelines for the inclusion of employees with disabilities into the work place.

To schedule a session and time, call the Affirmative Action office at 898-2185. Sessions will be limited to 30 people in order to allow time to answer questions and for discussion. ●

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New BMOM chair McGrew plans to focus on curriculum

By Shannon Holt/staff

Dr. Linda G. McGrew has been appointed Chair of the Department of Business Education, Marketing Education, and Office Management (BMOM).

Dr. McGrew has been serving as the interim chair since January 1994.

"I'm pleased to have the position on a permanent basis," McGrew said.

She said she is excited about the department because she believes in what it is doing. She gives specific credit to "a good faculty."

"We work well as a team," McGrew said.

As interim chair she has had the same responsibilities as the the chair without the permanency. During her time as interim chair she underwent the appropriate application procedure to replace the previous chair who had stepped down.

As the chair, McGrew said she plans to focus on the curriculum, ensuring that it continues to be one of the department's best assets, and on increasing graduate enrollment. McGrew said she is proud of the BMOM

department and its reputation in middle Tennessee and beyond.

BMOM is one of five departments in the College of Business along with Accounting, Computer Information Systems, Economics and Finance, and Management and Marketing.

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Student financial aid is positive govt action

A healthy economy in the technological world of tomorrow is preceded by a healthy, advanced system of education that allows all able minds access to the system.

Revolution is the word often used to describe the government-reduction phenomenon in Washington. At times, the political noise sounds as if the country would be better off with no government at all—as if an unbridled market economy would fulfill the country's every need.

The government's financial role in education has long been recognized as necessary. The people of this country long ago agreed to be taxed to fund public education.

Today we use public tax dollars to assist college students in their quest for an education. And at times, it can seem like a quest.

Many students have to work while going to school. On top of this, many students go beyond the classrooms to work in unpaid internships or put in the extra hours necessary to becoming truly educated.

The wages that most college students receive for their work are the lowest. Most students are not yet trained professionals. They must balance their time between school and work, so a heavy load of work is often not possible. This eliminates the (somewhat) higher wages of many full-time jobs. So the college student is left with the minimum wage that many Republicans have fought so hard to protect.

That wage (\$4.25/hour) does not go very far after subtracting rent, food and bills. For the student who has to work while attending school, the federal financial aid is all that makes it possible. Without the aid, school is simply not affordable for many students.

The cuts that have been proposed are obscene—in essence, a kick in the face of students who attend classes and work, and then get to fill in the cracks with classwork.

The elimination of federal interest subsidies for students is no good for this country. It only places more of a burden on students who must detract from study time to work more. Education takes a great deal of time and extra work denies tomorrow's leaders from that education. No student likes the idea of facing a large debt when they graduate, but loans are necessary to gain an education for many students across this country.

The cuts proposed for the Pell Grant program, the State-Student Incentive Grants and the Perkins Loans program are equally punitive to a group of people who will be tomorrow's leaders—a group which struggles for years to become those leaders.

This country has very good reasons to aid students in higher education. With plenty of super-cheap, non-skilled labor available in many other countries, America's standard of living depends on skilled workers with professional and technological training.

The men and women who are proposing these cuts betray not only the people who would face a tougher battle in their quest for education, they betray the very country.

If these cuts represent a Republican revolution, let's make it the prerequisite for a French-style revolution at the voting booths.



HOLT

Stopping cuts that could stall your future

By U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon/
Democrat-Murfreesboro

As the school year gets underway, most students at Middle Tennessee State University are focused on classes, activities and watching the Blue Raiders play football. But for many students, the school year also brings thoughts and worries about how to pay for this college experience.

When I attended MTSU, I worked in a paint store and lived at home to make ends meet and still be able to afford a college education. Today tuition costs much more and many more MTSU students need loans, grants or work study to make fulfilling their goals a reality.

Those of you who receive financial aid are well aware of its importance in your day to day life. But some in Congress apparently are either not aware or not concerned. The House Leadership has already forced through cuts to the following vital financial aid programs:

-Pell Grants: Lowers eligibility and cuts 250,000 students from the Pell Grant Program

-Perkins Loans: Cuts \$158 million dollars in Capital Contributions, denying campus-based, low interest loans to approximately 150,000 students

-State Student Incentive Grant program: \$63 million dollars ELIMINATED for the State Student Incentive Grant program, denying awards to 212,000 needy college students

Furthermore, an additional \$10 billion dollars in cuts have been proposed in Subsidized Stafford Loans, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work Study and other programs.

I am fighting these cuts, because I firmly believe financial aid is one of the best investments our country makes. It is an investment in our future, YOUR future. With a college education, your opportunities are expanded. Providing assistance to make it possible is one of the most worthy hands-up to opportunity that this country makes.

These are not minor education programs that affect just a few. At MTSU for example, over 6,500 students use subsidized Stafford Loans to finance their education, 4,500 get Pell Grants, and over 4,000 students participate in other federal education funding programs that are slated for cuts.

A student who needs to borrow the maximum amount under the Subsidized Stafford Loan program will owe \$17,125 dollars when repayment after school begins.

Without the in-school interest subsidy, that student will owe over \$20,532 after graduation, which raises his/her monthly loan payments 20%.

I have spoken out against these cuts. They are wrong and I have shown there are more responsible ways to reduce spending than by making drastic cuts in needed student aid.

For example, my efforts to reform the student loan program have already saved billions of taxpayer dollars due to lower default rates and the elimination of unscrupulous schools from federal student aid programs. I've also enacted such common sense policies as eliminating Pell Grants for prisoners and prohibiting schools that are ineligible for loans from receiving Pell Grants. These efforts make more money available for hard working students and families.

There's still more good work to be done and I need your help. On Tuesday, September 26, I will be on campus, taking part in a forum about the financial aid cuts along with the MTSU Student Government Association. This will be a chance for you to ask questions and get involved. I hope to see you there, to join in my fight to stop those who want to stall your future.

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...days until the Oct. 24, 25 fall SGA election which will include the referendum on the student activity fee increase, the freshman SGA ballot and the homecoming court/queen ballot.

Nighttime parking policy precludes safety for night students; let's change policy

This fall I have a lot going on. Not only am I writing this column and helping copy edit this paper, but I am taking a full load of classes and beginning a 20-hour-per-week internship in Nashville this week.

I know—I'm whining again. Part of the problem in doing all this is that I could not find time to squeeze all my classes into the 9-to-5 daily class routine.

I am having to take a night class. Night classes for full-time students can be rough. You get a week's worth of work crammed into two hours and 40 minutes one night a week. When you take a test, you can't leave because you still have two classes to go through.

For non full-time students it can be more rough. They go to their 9-to-5 jobs every day, then have to sit through the class time. It makes an eight hour day become an 11-hour day.

It's a good bet most of you will have to take a night class at some point (if you haven't taken one already) if you want to graduate. I know a few people who will get through without one, but they are the exceptions.

Of course, when you have a night class and you live off-campus or don't attend school during the day, you have to find someplace to park. At night there are usually plenty of spaces available in the inner

sanctum of campus. Many instructors do not teach at night; therefore, their spaces are empty. It is easy to find a place to park close to the building in which your class is held.

But you can't park there. See, we have these idiotic parking rules around here. The Yellow Army (they being the people who give out parking tickets) is instructed to punch out tickets until 6:30 p.m. weeknights. Since most night classes begin by 6 p.m., this means if you go to school only at night you must buy a green or black permit.

When we brought this up last spring, the head of parking and transportation, Gary Hunter, said he simply wanted all students to comply with the regulations. He said the department didn't need the money that would come from the extra tickets.

Before this regulation began being strictly enforced, it was pretty well understood that you could park in a white space for a night class and not get a ticket, mainly because the ticketwriters knew no instructor was going to be using that spot.

When Hunter cracked down, it meant night students had to go spend \$25 for a green permit to park on campus for an average of 30 minutes (from 6-6:30 p.m.) a couple of nights per week. I thought this was ludicrous then and still do.

What is more ludicrous is that tickets are handed out until 6:30 p.m. every weeknight. This is done solely to inconvenience night students.

To buy a green or black permit essentially means the student will have a long walk to class. At night, at least one of those long walks is made in the dark. That is dangerous. What about the Raider Xpress,

you say? I have found the system to be unreliable. The buses seem to break down all the time. You can stand at a bus stop 20 minutes sometimes before a bus shows up. Some of the drivers seem to take breaks all the time.

Standing in the dark can be more unnerving than walking in the dark, especially when the bus stops are not lit.

What about police escorts, you say? Can MTSU Public Safety handle escorting 1,000 or more night students? I think not.

So what is the answer? My personal opinion is to roll back the parking hours to 5:30 p.m. weeknights. Hunter said he doesn't need the extra revenue—why not get rid of the regulation?

Why make night students pay for parking? There is no parking problem at night. Most of these students are only here one or two nights a week. They are not causing a problem.

To allow them to park as close to their class building as they can gives them an added feeling of safety when walking on campus at night. As hard as Public Safety tries, they cannot make our beautiful little Utopia crime-free.

Safety should be the overriding concern in this situation. But it's not. Money is.

Of course, this answer would cost money. Therefore, it will never happen. While Hunter says he doesn't need the money, he certainly doesn't want to give it up. Considering this university gets the equivalent of bread crumbs in state financing, you can't blame Hunter for his greed. SGA Senator Scott Davis has written and pushed a bill through the

Senate that will create a night student parking permit. It would allow night students to park in white spaces close to campus buildings as well as the green and black spaces. It would cost \$35.

Personally, I think \$35 is too much money, but the idea is a sound one.

The white spaces are close to the buildings. If a student has a night class in Peck Hall, it is safer to park along Faulkenberry Drive than to have to park in the Bell Street lot.

The bill says there will be no parking allowed around the loop or in the white spaces behind KOM. I don't agree with this provision, but

I'm just glad someone has come up with the idea of setting up a permit for night students.

Now the bill has to go through the House, then to the administration, then to the Tennessee Board of Regents, all of whom must approve the bill before being implemented.

Let's hope no one screws up and defeats the bill.

Students get the short end of the stick around here in a lot of things. Safety is not usually one of those things, but it is here. Either change the regulation or create the new pass. It's time to make safety a priority for day and night students.

School Daze



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Getting oriented Visually impaired students get to know MTSU campus

By Chris Patterson/staff

Remember the first time you tried to find your English 111 class on the top floor of Peck Hall? You went up the stairs then down the hallway and looked for the correct room number. After you turned what seemed like six corners you finally found your class.

After class you found the nearest Exit sign and went downstairs. Then when you got downstairs, you didn't know where you were because you came out a door you'd never seen before. You felt lost and disoriented.

Admit it. You remember this happening to you and it took you a few tries to learn how to get to your class.

You're not the only one to feel disoriented or to get lost on campus. The 26 blind or visually impaired students at MTSU also find it a challenge. Just as you might have walked the campus a few times to get "oriented," blind and visually impaired students can take advantage of an orientation program.

"Blind and visually impaired students who come to campus need to have orientation to the layout of the campus, distance from one building in relation to the other, doors, windows and those kind of things within the building. Orientation and mobility specialists go around the state and orient people to college campuses, places of work, and wherever they need to be oriented," says John Harris, director of disabled student services at MTSU. Harris, also a MTSU alumni is visually impaired.

Currently, Brenda Adams is the only orientation and mobility specialist who travels around the state to orient people. Adams actually works for the state of Tennessee in the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Her position covers 40 counties in Tennessee.

Much like yourself, Adams finds the MTSU campus a challenge. "MTSU is a real challenge. There are sidewalks cutting across everywhere. There aren't landmarks in many places. Some campuses and other places have nice clear-cut 90 degree angles like city blocks."

David Jarnett, a sophomore MTSU student who is visually impaired agrees. "It takes some time for things to click into place sometimes. But once you learn it, it's really not much trouble."

Adams uses a number of

techniques to teach the students she works with the campus. "For people who don't have vision we have to work using landmarks and timing. Walking a certain distance in a certain amount of time then they know where they should be and if they're not then something's gone wrong," Adams explained.

The students use sounds such as Pepsi machines, trees overhead, wheel chair ramps, openings like the restrooms in Peck Hall, stairwells, trailing the walls and counting doors, and the sound of traffic as landmarks so they know where they are.

In addition to learning the campus, blind and visually impaired students also face other challenges at MTSU.

One problem on campus cited by visually impaired students and students with vision is the numerous construction projects taking place at MTSU. "Construction has been the biggest challenge, getting around fences that were on the routes that I know. The construction keeps popping up everywhere. That's a big problem. I never know if my routes are going to be clear or not," says Lisa Bush, sophomore Horse Science major who is visually impaired.

"Last year during all the construction it [the fences blocking pathways] got so bad that John Harris and I decided to just provide sighted guides for everyone," Adams says, "and if somebody needed a sighted guide and there was nobody around, John took them."

Another problem that faces visually impaired students with dogs is other students. "I have a lot of problems with people coming up to pet the dog. They just out of the blue come up and pet the dog while I'm working it. And that can be dangerous," said Bush.

She further explained "I don't mind people that ask me because then I can explain it to them. But I'm talking about people who just walk up and say 'OOoo what a cute puppy dog' while I'm trying to maintain class."

"You can't get to control of the dog when somebody else is grabbing at it," Adams said. "They're wonderful dogs, but they can't be petted. Those dogs work. They are not pets. They are working dogs and they are responsible for the safety of their master."

"I've even had people who while I was walking up the stairs just out of nowhere come up and lunge at my

dog and start barking at her," said Jenni Johnson, a sophomore MTSU student.

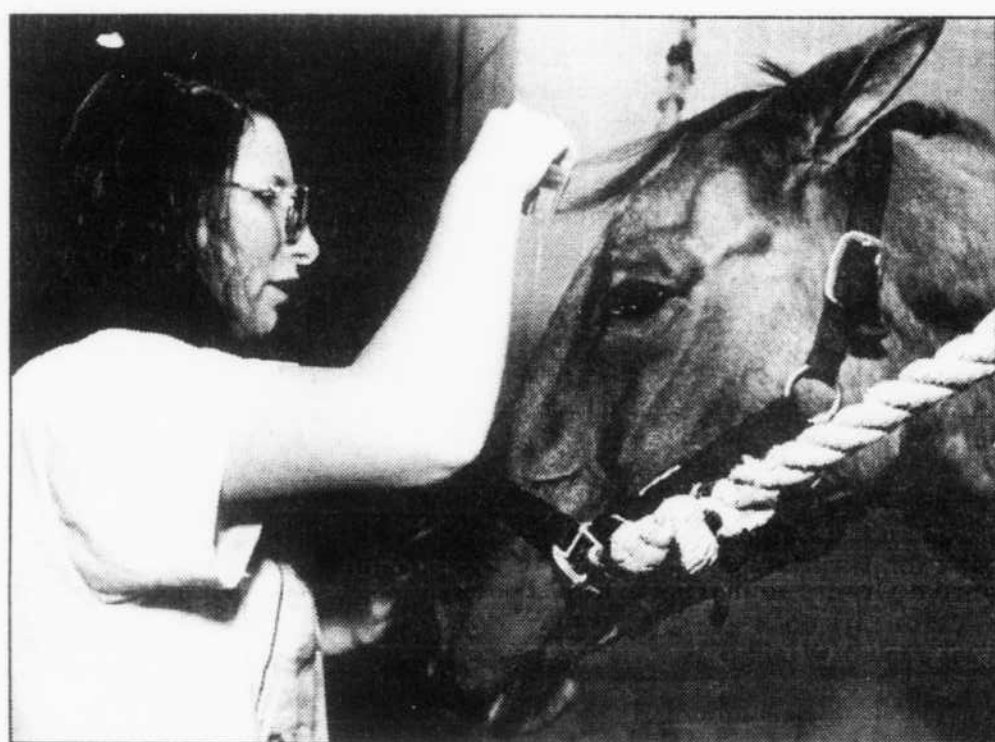
Aside from problems with people petting the guide dogs Adams says, "The people who are at the campus are very helpful. The student's who are here don't worry about getting lost because if they do they know all they have to do is stop and ask."

One myth that some sighted people believe is that "We memorize



Todd Sorum/staff

Jenni Johnson and David Jarnett use dogs to help them navigate the MTSU campus.



Carl E. Lambert/staff

Lisa Bush, a horse science major, works with "CoCo" at the horse barn. She has been working with horses for the past 12 years.

where we're going by counting steps between places," says Lisa Bush a sophomore Horse Science major who is visually impaired. "That's ridiculous, because it would be about a thousand steps between the KUC and my dorm."

In case you're wondering how the visually impaired students learn a building like Peck Hall, Adams says,

"A building like Peck Hall is a real challenge. I only teach one way in and one way out. I teach them to take the elevator because there's four stairwells and one elevator. That way they know where they are if they find the elevator. That's their point of origin."

Maybe if some of the rest of us had established a point of origin at Peck Hall we wouldn't walk in circles every time we have a new class at

MTSU's Squirrels have got guts

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Ladies and gentlemen, we have guts!

I could end this article right now and you would have a well rounded view of life here on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, if it weren't for the Squirrels.

Webster's 800 lb. Unabridged dictionary defines a squirrel as, "a small, tree-dwelling rodent of various species of the genus *Sciurus* and family *Sciuridae*, characterized by a slender body, prominent eyes: common species are the gray squirrel, the red squirrel, the fox squirrel, and the (trendy) European squirrel," or, "one of the small rollers in a carding machine."

I don't know about you, but our carding machines here at MTSU have the best squirrels I have ever laid eyes on and our rodent squirrels are pretty cool too.

Actually, if you took all the guts we have walking around on this campus and put them into a big pile, it would not even compare to the amount of guts these squirrels possess. I mean, it takes a heck of a lot of guts for these squirrels to run around carrying nuts as big as their heads. As if that weren't enough, these very same squirrels take these very same nuts into the very tall trees and chew them up while spitting excess nut particles on the humans walking below.

This conjures up memories of going to second level of Hickory Hollow mall at Christmas time and earnestly begging my childhood playmate, "please don't hock a loogie on that elderly couple giving part of their social security check to the angel tree."

Of course my friend would never do it, unlike the squirrels on campus. I sometimes wonder if they have a little squirrel contest to see who can spit the most nut pieces on the humans walking below. I can almost hear them now, "Hey, 20 points for the fat guy on crutches!"

Have you ever noticed that these squirrels are not afraid of people, cars, chips from the vending machines or the Raider Express? The only thing these squirrels are afraid of is a running human that wants to pet them. I found this out yesterday.

On my way up to the paper, I saw a couple of squirrels just hanging out. I know a few people who say they have had squirrels walk right up to them, so I figured the squirrels wouldn't mind if I tried to pet them (Please write me if you have ever actually been close enough to pet one of the squirrels on campus, because I don't think it is possible).

These two squirrels appeared to be deep in conversation, possibly concerning the last "nut attack" in which they pelted passers by, when one of them said, "Hey Bob! There is some idiot human running over here and he has that 'petting' look in his eyes!"

They immediately took off and ran up the closest tree, laughing at me the whole time. I think one of the squirrels gave me the "finger", or the paw, I'm not really sure what they call it. I now know that our squirrels prefer not to be petted, and I also know one thing is for certain, MTSU's squirrels have guts! ●

COLUMN



Jason Young

From 'Star Wars' to chicken soup Video Culture has you covered

By Dorothy Davis/staff

Here you are, stuck with at home with a lousy cold. The only food in the house is a box of stale cheese crackers. You've read every scrap of paper in the house, including the cute verses printed on your paper towels and there's nothing on TV but reruns. You feel entirely too crummy to go out and stumble around looking for food or entertainment. What will you do? What will you do?

You could call up a couple of friends and beg them to bring you

some food or if you have a family member nearby you could whine at them. Of course, when you really need your friends and relatives they've all disappeared into the ozone.

Well, now you don't have to worry about begging someone to do you a favor. Video Culture, located right behind the Boro, not only delivers videos, they'll go by your favorite restaurant, grocery store or other food place and bring you what you need. You don't even have to rent a video to have them deliver food right to your door.



Brian G. Miller/staff

Shelly Justiss and Bryan Cummine look over the inventory of Videos.

Video Culture is the brain child of Shelley Justiss, the store's managing partner. The store's aim is to serve the local community's video needs that aren't being met in mainline stores, Justiss said.

Video Culture is totally owned and run by MTSU students and is working to tailor its services to the local community, Justiss said. They are offering discounts and services to anyone affiliated with MTSU, their nearest neighbor.

Video Culture is serious about serving MTSU's video needs, Justiss said. She's surveying every department and compiling lists of movies studied in classes. They give a 10 percent discount to anybody affiliated with MTSU. They've put membership forms and coupons in the Keathley University Center or they'll sign you up for membership right over the phone. All customers receive rental bonus points and referral credits.

The sign above Video Culture's door reads alternative, special interest, cult classics, music video, delivery. The inside is neat and organized but not slick. A chalkboard on one wall contains statistics about what type of person owns the most TVs or the biggest TVs. Life-size cardboard figures of James Dean, Betty Boop and John Wayne stand around the small shop. The walls are covered with video covers of the movies they have for rent.

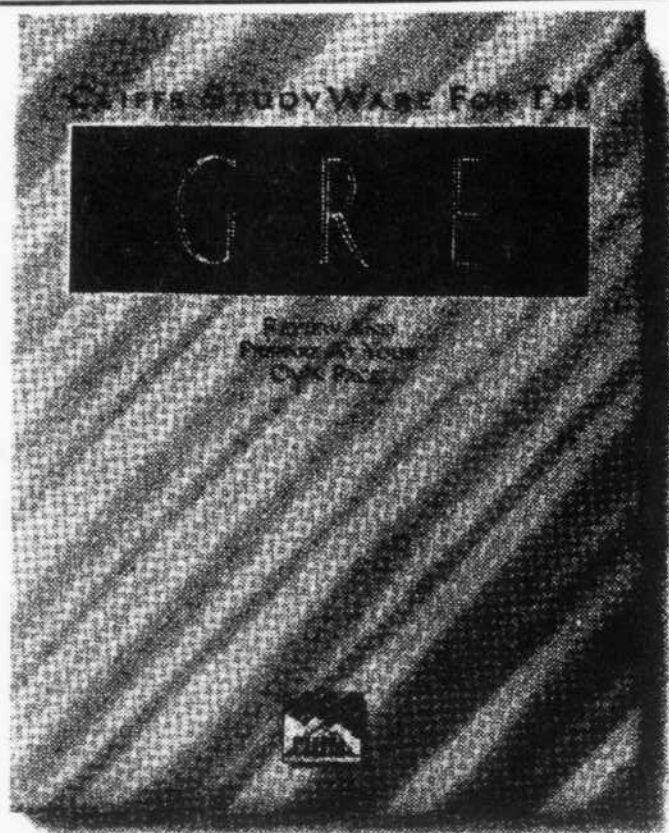
"We buy all our videos second-hand," Justiss said. New titles come in daily. They are still building their inventory and welcome suggestions from anyone. They will also special order rentals for anyone who has a wish list of movies they haven't been able to find anywhere else.

Justiss and her partners are working hard to cater to serious video buffs. "We have more shockumentaries than any other store in town," she said. They have a section highlighting directors and their work. They plan to have a complete gangster section with movies dating from the 1920s to the present, and they are building an inventory of TV shows from each decade to illustrate the visual culture of different eras.

In keeping with their mission of serving the local community Video Culture will have on a free concert in November in the parking lot in front of their store. They're looking for performers of all kinds—musicians, actors, dancers, acrobats—as well as poets, sculptors, painters to be a part of the concert. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to contact Justiss or any store clerk.

Also ongoing in the store Video Culture will carry any merchandise local bands may have such as T shirts, videos, posters. They've already sold out of three bands'

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Shaun Cassidy: From American teen idol to 'American Gothic'

By Ian Spelling
College Press Service

One of the most intriguing shows headed onto TV this fall is "American Gothic," and one of the least likely of men is behind the CBS series: Shaun Cassidy.

Gary Cole stars as Sheriff Lucas Buck, who uses both menace and practiced affection to keep the denizens of Trinity, a quaint South Carolina town, under his thumb. In the show's pilot, airing Sept. 22, Buck murders a teen-aged girl who knows too much about Buck and his past, which includes having killed the girl's mother years earlier. The aftermath of the girl's slaying will resonate through subsequent episodes of the show, as her younger brother (and possibly Buck's illegitimate son), Caleb (Lucas Black) tries to evade Buck at all costs.

"Buck is pretty much a sociopath. I don't think he has a conscience. Power and control are the primary

motivations for him, though he truly believes everything he does, however perverted, is for the benefit of all those around him," reveals Cassidy during a phone interview from his Los Angeles office.

"There is a minimum of a continuing storyline, much of which will be resolved by the third episode. The shows after that will be pretty self-contained," adds Cassidy. "I know that was a problem with 'Twin Peaks.' To be honest, I never saw 'Twin Peaks,' but I've obviously heard a lot about it because so many people are comparing our show to it."

If "Gothic" proves to be a hit, Cassidy could find himself back in the celebrity spotlight once again, though, this time it would be for his work behind the scenes. The writer-producer-singer-actor remembers his glory days with a combination of fondness and been-there-done-that maturity.

Returning to "Gothic," Cassidy believes viewers who

dare to tune in are in for a dark, thought-provoking, goosebump-inducing treat.

"I really do think there is a very wide audience for this show, because it taps into so many universal themes. Good versus evil is as old a story as time itself," he says. "It's presented here in almost mythological context. The show in many ways is like an adult fairy tale, tapping into our fears, hopes, and our spiritual side. I think it's got something that will appeal to everyone."

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merchandise.

Videos, though, are the main reason Justiss opened the store. She says she hasn't declared a major but she transferred to MTSU from Memphis State for the photography courses. She spent last summer camping out on the west coast and checking out photography programs in universities. She chose to come to MTSU because she felt it had the best photography program and she likes the involvement of the instructors with the students and the small town atmosphere of Murfreesboro.

Her real love is taking an idea and making it a reality. So when she couldn't find the types of videos she wanted locally, she decided to open her own store. She received financial help from several people and others are supporting the store with their time and labor.

Video Culture opened June 10 but didn't advertise. They started to build their inventory and spent time learning to use their computers. July they started publicizing the store.

Justiss added the food delivery service to give the store a better chance at survival. They already have several regular customers that they buy and deliver groceries for. They can deliver just about anything except alcohol. A state law prohibits that.

Justiss thinks the law is silly. "I would much rather deliver beer to someone than have them drive drunk to purchase another six-pack, which happens now," she says. She wants to run a don't drink and drive campaign during homecoming.

Video Culture also carries or will order just about anything relating to movies—standees (the life size cardboard figures), posters, T-shirts, buttons.

So now, when you can't or don't want to go out, Video Culture stands ready to serve. They've already delivered just about everything from roses to cough medicine and chicken soup. Justiss said, "We're promoting serious 'couch-potatoism.'"

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Listen up teen smokers; smoking bad for you

By Dave Barry
syndicated columnist

As a ranking national opinion-maker (currently in 1,539th place, between Tony Danza and Lamar Alexander), I would like to do my part for President Clinton's campaign to get teen-agers to stop smoking cigarettes. Ready? Here goes:

YOU TEEN-AGERS STOP SMOKING CIGARETTES RIGHT NOW!!

There! Did that do the trick?

I didn't think so. Your modern teen-ager is not about to listen to advice from an old person, defined as "a person who remembers when there was no Velcro."

I can understand this. I was a young person once, shortly after the polar ice caps retreated, and I distinctly recall believing that virtually all adults were clueless goobers. Exhibit A was: their hats. If you young people look at photographs taken 35 or 40 years ago, you will note that the adults, no matter how nice the weather is, are wearing major formal headgear—for the men, the serious Mr. Businessman model, the kind of hat that makes everybody who puts one on, including Boy George, look like the late Fred MacMurray; for the women, all kinds of comical, ottoman-sized fashion contraptions, sometimes festooned with enough artificial fruits and vegetables to support an artificial family of four.

We young people were not inclined to take advice from people who voluntarily looked like that. So we tended to disregard their rules, of which

there were many. For example, in those days there was a rule that you absolutely had to wait for one full hour after eating before you could go swimming, because otherwise you would get a cramp and drown. This rule was strictly enforced by wristwatch-wearing moms. Apparently there was a required course in Mother School wherein leading medical authorities showed, with diagrams, that if a person were to eat a single saltine cracker, and then wait only 59 minutes before going into the water, this person would instantly cramp up and drown, even if the water were only ankle deep.

Naturally we young people broke this rule every chance we got. I will reveal here, for the first time, that on one occasion, when I was approximately 9, Neil Thompson and I ate hot dogs UNDERWATER. We survived, and we realized, as most young people realize, that we were invulnerable.

Of course, grown-ups in those days told us that we shouldn't smoke. But it was hard to take them seriously, since most of THEM smoked. Also, cigarettes were advertised on television, in commercials that stressed the amazing scientific advances that had been incorporated into modern cigarettes. For example, Parliament cigarettes had a commercial wherein perky singers informed the public that:

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Think of it! A recessed filter! No WAY you could get cancer from a cigarette like that!

My first cigarette was a Kent (With the Micronite filter! Whatever Micronite was!). Louie Rotando gave it to me one night the summer I turned 15. Words cannot describe how cool and mature I felt, inhaling the smoke, then exhaling it through my nose, then inhaling, then exhaling, then—in a major display of mature coolness—lying down in the dirt and retching until dawn.

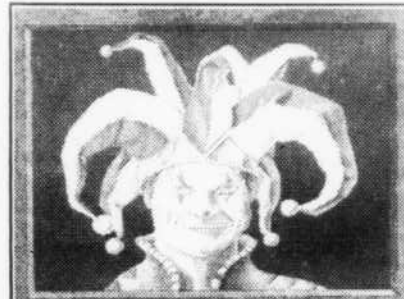
That was my body's way of telling me that it personally did not care for cigarettes. But I did not listen to my body: I was determined to become a smoker. My reasoning was the same then as it is for teen-agers today:

ARGUMENTS AGAINST SMOKING: It's a repulsive addiction that slowly but surely turns you into a gasping, gray-skinned, tumor-ridden invalid, hacking up brownish gobs of toxic waste

from your one remaining lung. **ARGUMENTS FOR SMOKING:** Other teen-agers are doing it.

Case closed! Let's light up! That's what I did, and I eventually reached the point where not only could I tolerate cigarettes, but I actually needed them so badly that if I ran out of my own, late at night in the newspaper office, I would root around in the wastebaskets and smoke stale, stinking, spit-stained butts discarded by people I didn't even like.

Of course you young smokers starting out today have years to go before you reach that level of coolness and maturity. Meanwhile, I'm sure you don't want to hear any lectures from the likes of me or President Clinton. So I'm going to just shut up now, although I imagine the president will keep pushing his anti-teen-smoking crusade until Congress passes another one of those high-impact, can't-miss federal programs. Then he can light another one of his victory cigars. But don't worry: He won't inhale. ●



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Card industry forgetting kids

The two 11-year-old boys met daily in the muggy Louisiana summer. They had two cares in the world: baseball and baseball cards. Since the game between the Cubs and the Mets was not on TV until that evening, the afternoon was spent with binders and cardboard boxes spread across the patio comparing and trading each other's cards like commodities on the stock exchange.

One day's session was becoming increasingly heated. Don Mattingly of the Yankees had claimed the

American League batting title the year before and was on his way to capturing the MVP award in 1985. JP, the shrewdest boy in the 5th grade and a die-hard Yankee fan, began the day with a straight-forward, "What do you want for the Matt?" Much

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Joel Frey

to his dismay his buddy Joe replied with a curt, "More than you go to give."

Still, JP managed to grab the attention of his friend. The offer: a 1979 George Brett, Johnny Bench, and Pete Rose for the '84 Mattingly rookie card. Joe knew JP was laying it on the line. He licked his lips and pondered the offer intuitively. Beads of sweat formed along the cusp of JP's brow as he silently urged his friend to complete the deal.

The intensity was mounting. After several moments, the drama reached its climax and JP added the Mattingly to his collection. Joe walked away from the table with his new cards and a valuable lesson he has taken with him to this day: never trade three for one.

I feel lucky to have memories such as this one when recalling my days as a youngster collecting baseball cards. Sadly, to me, the mid-80s was the final period in an era which associated card collecting with childhood innocence.

The entire sports memorabilia field, not just baseball cards, has become big business—a livelihood for many. However, the idea of someone profiting from this is not nearly as disturbing as the message it is sending to youngsters who attend card conventions and patronize local card shops.

Kids' attitudes center around making the quick buck and looking out for number one. There is no appreciation for the nostalgia and history of baseball as well as the hobby itself.

I remember an early fall day in September as an energetic sixth-grader like it was yesterday.

The monthly card show was being held at the Holiday Inn. Dad and I had already discussed the mission for the day: the 1968 World Series set. It was only eight cards and they were not at all expensive, but the '68 Series was special.

That was the year our beloved Detroit Tigers defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in seven glorious games. Not only did we finish the set, but I committed every detail of each game to memory and can still give a complete recount of the Tiger victory.

It seems all kids care about today is how much they will profit when they decide to sell a valuable card. Would I have sold that '68 Tiger set?

Not on your life.

I guess for me the beginning of the end came in 1989. A new company, Upper Deck, came on the scene with a slick-looking card featuring high-grade photographs, tamper-proof packaging, and a counterfeiting-proof seal on the back. They sold for a \$1.50 per pack.

I was dumbfounded.

Ironically, today \$1.50 is actually considered cheap for some cards. I was in a local card shop recently and was astounded to see a particular set selling for \$4 per pack. I know it's not just inflation.

I can no longer keep track of my once-beloved hobby. It has grown, and will continue to grow, farther than I ever imagined. At least one day in the distant future when, perhaps, my son and I view my collection, one young person will gain more than an economics lesson from card collecting. Will he still have missed out?

There is no doubt in my mind. But I guarantee he'll know who won the '68 World Series. ●

Blue Raiders reign in the rain; destroy Morehead State 42-0

Raiders take advantage of five Eagle turnovers in shutout win

Staff Reports

A torrential rainstorm was not enough to prevent the Blue Raiders from routing Ohio Valley Conference foe Morehead State Saturday night, 42-0.

The win improved the Raiders' overall record to 2-1, while they remained undefeated and in first place in the OVC with a 2-0 conference record.

After a one yard Brigham Lyons

touchdown run gave the Raiders their initial lead of the game, Middle was able to take advantage of Eagle turnovers to score three straight touchdowns and take a 28-0 advantage into halftime.

"We are accustomed to playing in rain when we come to Morehead," coach Boots Donnelly told The Daily News Journal after the game. "We played as well in wet weather in the first half as we can possibly play."

The turnover ratio was one of the biggest factors in the game. Morehead gave up three fumbles and two interceptions in the contest, while the Blue Raiders did not have a single turnover. The Raiders also blocked a Morehead punt during the game.

Lyons led the Raider rushing attack with 117 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries. Sophomore Lebrion McGill gained 99 yards on 17 carries, and Tommy Criner added 89

yards on 18 carries to the winning effort.

In the air, Jonathan Quinn completed two of six passes for 46 yards, and Shelby Parker completed two touchdowns on his only two passing attempts, a 15 yard pass to Demetric Mostiller and a 4 yard score to Carlos Geter.

Freshman defensive back Troy Brown capped off the rout by returning an interception 16 yards on his first play in the Raider secondary.

Despite the relatively easy win, the Raiders still were penalized 11 times and missed on 10 of 11 third-down conversions.

The Raiders return home this Saturday to host Murray State University at Horace Jones field. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 PM, and admission is free to students with a valid i.d. ●



Bill Meehan/staff

You can't stop him, you can only hope to contain him

The MTSU Moosemen rugby club blanked Western Kentucky University 12-0 Saturday at the club's home field next to the Murphy Center tennis courts. Scott Daniel scored two touchdowns and Toby Floreck kicked a conversion in the winning effort.

Blue Raider golf opens fall season at Legends/Pepsi Intercollegiate

Staff Reports

The defending Ohio Valley Conference champion MTSU Blue Raider golf team is preparing to compete in its first tournament of the fall semester.

The Legends/Pepsi Intercollegiate golf tournament is just in its second year, but it is packed with talented teams.

First and foremost, fans recognize the name Ole Miss. The defending champion returns a strong team, but

they will be tested for the title by two Alabama schools.

NCAA participants from a year ago South Alabama and Troy State will have a lot to say in the outcome of this year's tournament. UAB, Southeastern Louisiana and the Blue Raiders are all teams who could be considered "darkhorses" although UAB, like Ole Miss, was on the "fringe" of making the NCAA field last year.

"This year's field is extremely strong for a tournament this young in its existence," MTSU head coach

Johnny Moore said. "Ole Miss is the defending champion and they return with probably a stronger team than last year. South Alabama and Troy State are always strong and I don't think they will be anything but strong when they roll in here."

"You will want to watch our for UAB and Southeastern Louisiana as well," Moore continued. "UAB is young, but very talented."

"I just hope we can keep up."

The tournament is scheduled to begin today, and will end on Tuesday. ●

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

Visitor	Game	Home	Visitor	Game	Home
	Murray St. at MTSU			Eastern Ky. at Tn. Tech	
	Miss. St. at Tennessee			SEMO at Austin Peay	
	TCU at Vanderbilt			UT-Martin at Morehead	
	Texas A&M at Colo.			Michigan St. at Purdue	
	Georgia at Mississippi			UAB at Western Ky.	
	Texas at Notre Dame			Memphis at Arkansas	
	Southern Cal. at Arizona			Miami at Va. Tech	
	Air Force at N'western			Citadel at W. Carolina	

Congratulations!

Brad Warden, Michael Embry, and Sean Shockley, tied for the best score for week two. The trio each correctly picked 11 of 16 winners.

Warden's success moved him into a tie for first place overall with Lee Eaton.

Remember, the winner will be the person with the best overall record at the end of the season, so be sure to send in your entry every week.

TOP PICKERS	W - L
Two pickers	25-7
Brent Fiore	24-8

Name

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Lady Raiders suffer first loss at Tulane tournament

By Rob Nunley/staff

The Lady Raider volleyball team's perfect record came to an end this weekend with a 1-3 performance at the Kathy Trosclair Memorial Tournament in New Orleans.

The tournament moves the Lady Raiders' OVC-leading record to 8-3 for the season.

The Raiders began play on Friday in much the same dominant fashion they have maintained in previous matches. Middle swept host team Tulane 15-13, 15-11, 15-10, running their consecutive games won streak to 23. Yanira Santiago had 16 kills in the match, while junior Deb Anderson added 11.

Unfortunately, the squad's winning streak would be broken later on Friday with a 3-2 loss to Nicholls State, 5-15, 15-7, 16-14, 11-15, 9-15.

"Basically in that one we just ran out of steam," Lady Raider head coach Lisa Kisse said. "It was our second match of the day and only their first, and by the fifth game we were just worn out."

The Raiders were down 6-3 in game five of the Nicholls State match when Anderson and Angie Parkinson collided going after a ball.

"We were coming back," Kisse said. "I guess the delay caused us to lose some of our momentum."

Middle opened Saturday's play with a 15-9, 15-7, 15-11 loss to Alabama, then lost to the University of Central Florida 15-5, 15-12, 15-13. Tonya Maltes had 13 digs in the Alabama match, and Santiago had 19 kills in the Central Florida match.

Junior setter Nidza Castillo had 35 assists in the Alabama match, and 34 in the Central Florida loss.

Deb Anderson was named to the all tournament team for the weekend after her impressive offensive performance.

The Lady Raiders return home September 29 to face OVC foe UT-Martin. The match will begin at 6 PM at Murphy Center. ●

THATCH by Jeff Shesol



New volleyball coach brings long list of accomplishments to MTSU

By Brandy Nichole Land/staff

MTSU's new volleyball coach has a lot to be proud of. Lisa Kisee has coached the Lady Raiders to their best start in MTSU history. But coach Kisee has already recorded a lot of accomplishments in her athletic career.

In high school, Kisee got her first coaching experience as a summer track club and intramural volleyball coach. This experience led her to the decision to become a coach.

"I wanted to give something back because sports has given so much to me," Kisee says.

In college, she was very well known for her athletic abilities. Kisee was the only woman in Central Missouri University history to letter in four sports: volleyball, basketball, softball and track.

As a junior, she was the MVP of her volleyball conference and as a senior was honored as an All-American.

As a result of her accomplishments, Kisee was inducted to the CMU Hall of Fame and named Player of the Decade.

After all these years of hard work and giving it her all, Coach Kisee expects the same from her players.

"I expect the girls to be in shape coming into the preseason ready to give 100 percent effort 100 percent of the time," Kisee says.

Kisee wants her players to be able to handle the stress of classes, social life, and practice. She encourages her

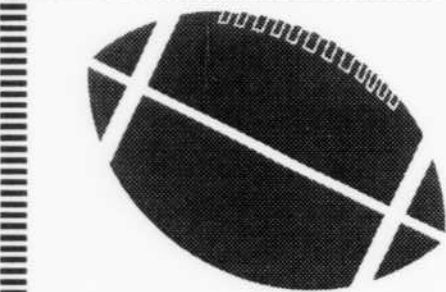
ladies to get as involved in University life as possible, including playing numerous sports.

As for this year's Lady Raider team, Coach Kisee is very optimistic. She is pleased with most of the recruiting that was done for the season, as well as with the personnel of the athletic department. She is also pleased with her

players' performance so far, but she maintains that "You have to go day by day and do all you can all the time."

The players are open to change and their coach says they all need to keep the desire to learn and improve.

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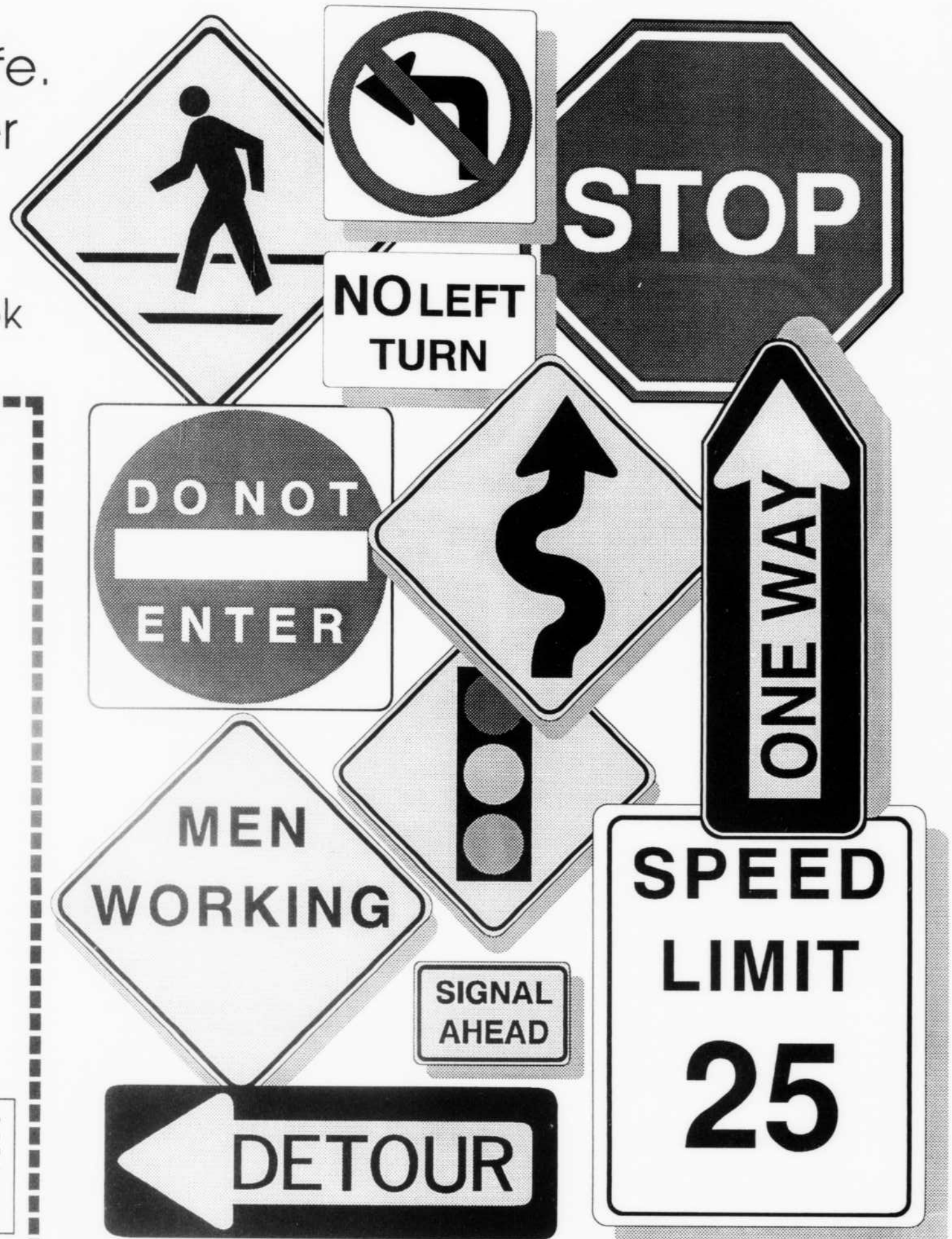
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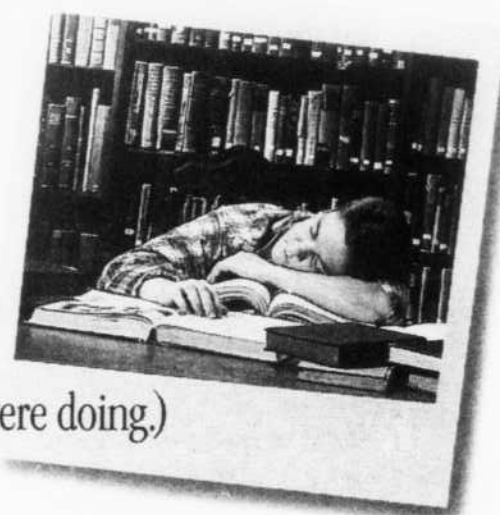
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