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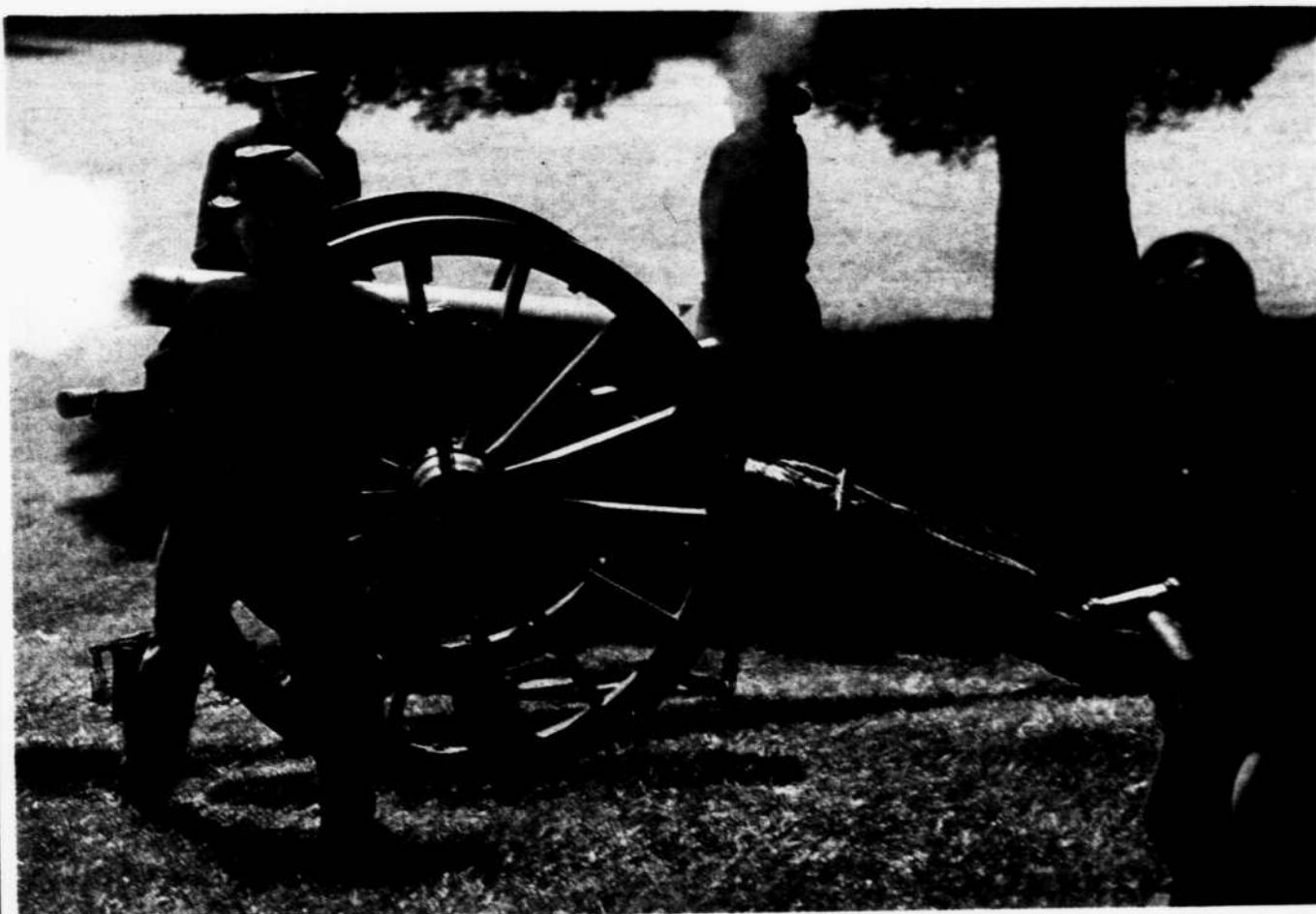
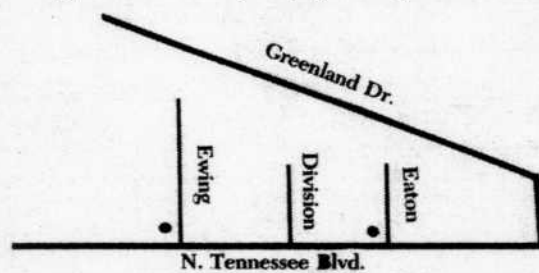
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Speedtraps set up around the perimeter of the campus last fall netted an estimated \$23,000 for the city coffers. Known as a "selective enforcement" program by local law officers, the traps were established mainly on Tennessee Boulevard across from Murphy Center.

Back-to-school congestion around the campus generally brings complaints from area residents, according to Asst. Police Chief Lonnie Messick.

"The people that live in that neighborhood were complaining about speeders and reckless drivers last year," he said. The police responded by cracking down more extensively on campus-area speeders than they had in years before, Messick acknowledged.

Shielded in side streets, patrolmen issued about 850 tickets during the first two weeks of the program. A map below shows two areas where speeding was monitored last year, though locations may change this year.



Members of a Union cannon unit demonstrate realistic firing techniques employed during the Battle of Stones River. For more information, see photo story on page 19.

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Group says experience should determine pay

Weeks' starting salary protested

By Marla Cartwright
Editor

An MTSU faculty organization has filed a formal discrimination complaint, charging that the hiring of Terry Weeks, 1988 National Teacher of the Year, was inconsistent with faculty policy.

Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women (CFAW) circulated a letter to over 300 MTSU faculty and staff citing Weeks' salary of \$31,000 as inequitable with his qualifications. Weeks has 15 years of experience — only 7½ years apply at the university level — and a master's degree.

Inequity in pay rather than sex discrimination is cited as the reason for the charges, according to CFAW president Beverly Youree.

"This is definitely not a women's issue," Youree said. "Actually there are more men who are losing from this pay discrepancy."

The letter indicated that the 300 recipients were indicated as individuals whose salary and rank were not commensurate with the Weeks' hiring as a result of "CFAW's continuous research regarding pay inequity."

Youree stated in the August letter that his "ballooned salary and elevated rank" warranted investigation by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Youree is an education professor with 19 years of experience in the Youth Education and School Personnel Services Department.

ment.

"Our concern is the gray area of his title," Youree said, indicating that his credentials are not commensurate with the requirements indicated in the official faculty handbook.

"The monetary value of his title needs to be determined," she said.

However, Weeks contends that monetary value of his title is not a question. "It was the title that got me into the White House to meet President Reagan," Weeks explained. "Everything in my life changed as a result of that title, including most of my job offers, many of which were better elsewhere. I know of other National Teachers of the Year who gain more financial rewards from the title than I did," he said.

Weeks pointed to his record as an outspoken teacher, concerned with inequities in salaries and working conditions as a main component of his qualifications to teach at MTSU.

"As a matter of fact, when I heard about this action (CFAW's protest), I was on a speaking engagement in the

Northeast discussing the need for an increase in teachers' salaries," Weeks said.

Despite reports in *The Daily News Journal* and *The Nashville Banner* that Weeks signed on as an associate professor in the Youth Education and School Personnel Services Dept., he actually is classified as an assistant professor, a slightly lower rank.

The requirements for assistant professor rank are a doctorate or a master's degree in addition to a minimum of three years collegiate teaching experience.

Weeks' official collegiate duties begin this week; his term as Teacher of the Year ended June 15. His new MTSU position will include teaching a social-studies methods class and a student-teaching foundations course, in addition to observing student teachers and spending his off-hours delivering speeches to raise money for the Terry Weeks Chair of Excellence.

Weeks' lack of specifically college-level teaching experience also concerns the CFAW.

"It does require a little bit different type of teaching," Youree said. "In the public schools, teachers have students for 50 minutes every day of the week and there's plenty of time to reinforce what you're teaching. But in college, you've only got students for three hours per day. You've only got time to deliver information," she said. "And atten-



Search for Ingram's replacement on hold because of DNJ lawsuit

From Staff Reports

MTSU's search for a new president is being delayed pending resolution of a lawsuit filed against the state by a Murfreesboro paper, the *Daily News Journal*, according to Will Burns, a Tennessee Board of Regents staff attorney.

A meeting of the presidential search committee scheduled for Aug. 3 was postponed after TBR Chancellor Tom Garland issued a statement two days earlier saying that the panel would not reconvene until the Attorney General's office had time to address the matter.

According to *Journal* Editor Mike Pirtle, the DNJ considers the search committee an adjunct to the TBR and therefore open to public scrutiny in accordance with the state's open meetings laws. Garland appointed the committee, whose ten members are community leaders, faculty

members and students and the committee must forward their recommendations to Garland for approval.

Interviews of the final four nominees will be open to the public.

The TBR formally answered the charges on Aug. 11, stating that they feel the committee is basically an advisory one that is not subject to the public eye.

In response to the *Journal's* July 20 lawsuit, the TBR said they did not violate the Tennessee Open Meetings Act by closing MTSU presidential search committee meetings.

The Tennessee Open Meetings Act, commonly known as the Sunshine Law, states that only governing bodies are required to open their meetings to the public. TBR officials contend that the committee is not a governing body and therefore, not under the stipulations of this act.

Four locals run for school prez

Four local hopefuls are among the candidates vying to replace President Ingram when he leaves at the end of this year, according to resumes obtained from the ASB Office.

Vice President for Administration Jessie Warren, Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie, Murfreesboro City Schools Superintendent John Hodge Jones and Tennessee Board of Regents Vice Chancellor Howell Todd are competing in a field comprised of candidates from as far away as Hawaii.

A majority of the candidates have significant administrative experience and have indicated that they are familiar with fiscal matters. In addition, some have completed post-doctoral work in educational management.

Only a few had no experience in education administration.

Mass Comm set for Fri. groundbreaking

By Marla Cartwright
Editor

Groundbreaking for the \$8.3 million Mass Communication Building is scheduled for August 25, with construction slated to begin Sept. 1, according to mass comm and campus planning officials.

"The ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. and we expect Governor McWherter to be there," said Dot Harrison, director of public relations.

The two story, 85,000 sq. ft. building, described as "unique and different", boasts a 30ft. wide corridor with plants and natural lighting, creating a "mall effect."

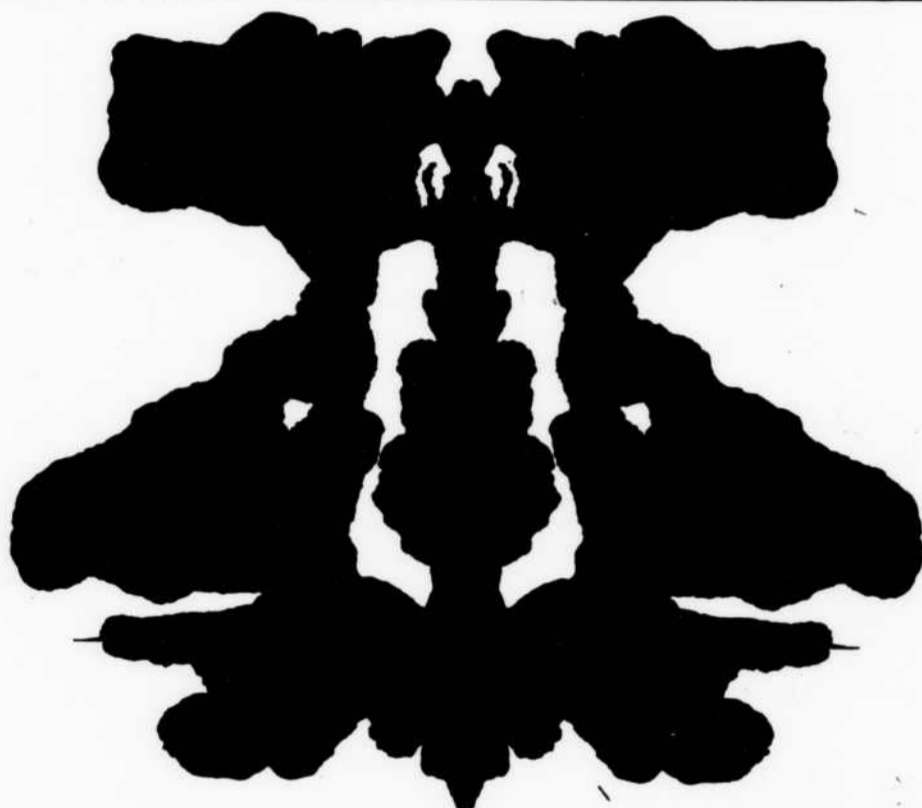
Beers Construction was the low bidder on the project, which had an original target bid of \$9.8 million, Mass Comm Professor Ed Kimbrell said. The remaining funds will be used towards the purchase of furnishings and equipment with the total cost of the project projected to be about \$13.6 million.

January 1991 has been set as the estimated date of completion for the building, which will be located behind Deere and Nicks hall, across the street from the Learning Resource Center.

"It should be open in time for the spring 1991 semester," said Charles Pigg, director of campus planning.

Kimbrell stated that "simple competition" was responsible for the low bids.

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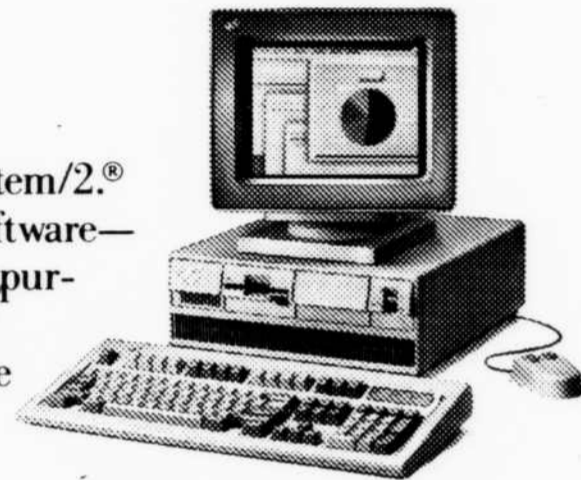


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dance is strictly voluntary unless the professor sets some type of policy."

However, Weeks says that he probably won't have any problem shifting gears from teaching 7th graders to college students.

"I'll conduct my classes here like a learning lab, the same as my middle school classes," Weeks said, explaining that he will employ hands-on techniques for learning rather than rely heavily on lecturing.

Weeks said that while the controversy surrounding his first collegiate teaching experience makes him uncomfortable, his first priority remains teaching.

"I'm not going to respond personally to the action because it's important for me to remain a role model," Weeks said.

"I was thrust into the position of role model for prospec-

tive teachers," Weeks continued. "I think the best thing I can do is turn the other cheek, persevere and stay on a higher plane. I've got a lot of enthusiasm to do my job," he said.

But sentiments among CFAW members are not negative toward Weeks personally.

"That's not our intent," Youree said. "We're glad he's here and we're glad to have him on staff," she stressed. "It's simply a matter of determining how this pay inequity was calculated."

Youree also explained that few professors with 18-20 years collegiate teaching experience and a doctorate are approaching Weeks' pay level.

"There is a potential for low morale on the part of teachers. They may wonder how much they are worth if a new hire can earn this type of salary."

The CFAW has until Sept. 5 to send information to the EEOC office.

Panel discusses education help

Terry Weeks, 1988 Teacher of the Year and newly hired MTSU faculty member, said that the key to solving today's education problems is to include teachers in decision making.

His statement came during panel discussion as part of MTSU's education conference entitled "The Teacher as Leader" held last Friday.

"I think it's real important to keep teachers involved as partners in the decision process," Weeks said. "They need to be included at every level, including local school board level."

"It's time that school boards realized that they don't have to go out of state for experts," he said.

The importance of core curriculum and the problem of an ever-increasing dropout rate were also key issues.

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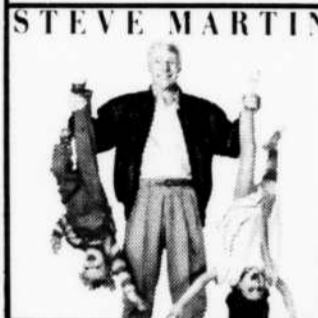
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Additionally, all offices will have windows to the outside, Kimbrell said.

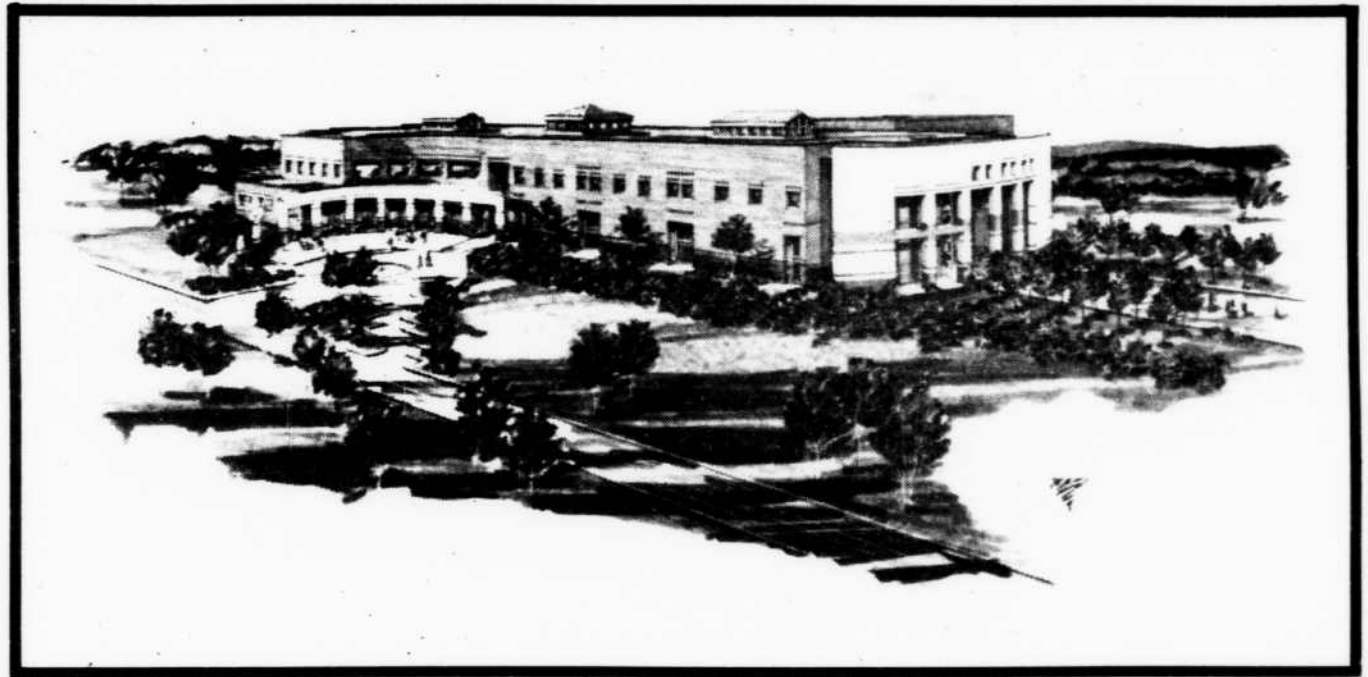
"I think this new building will have the same effect on the campus and the community as Murphy Center did when it opened," Pigg said.

A number of other projects are concluding just as the Mass Comm Building takes off, such as renovation of Kirksey Old Main and the Ellington Home Economics Building.

"KOM has been under construction since mid-June and is scheduled to be completed in mid-September," Pigg said. "We've been rebuilding the west wall and re-roofing the entire structure." Pigg indicated that the old roof had survived 30 years of use.

Revamping of the Ellington Home Economics Building has been "going on all summer" also.

"Work on it started in May and should be finished by Dec. 1," Pigg said. In addition to a complete exterior renovation, the building will also be repainted and redecorated.



An artist's sketch of the new Mass Communication Building, designed by the Nashville architectural firm Hickerson, Fowlkes.



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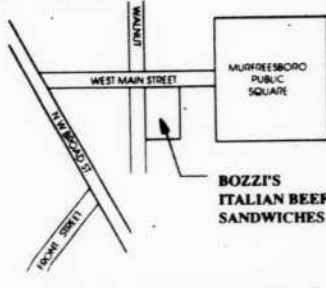
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Cooling line repaired

From Staff Reports

A punctured cooling line sent campus temperatures rising and maintenance workers scrambling last week as the chilling plant was shut down to patch the break, according to Bill Smotherman, director of the physical plant.

"The line that broke was a plastic line which ruptured because it had settled and come to rest on a cast iron line," he said. Eighteen hours of downtime were required to replace the broken portion, which cost the school about \$10,000, Smotherman estimated.

All of the other cooling lines are made of cast iron and the ruptured line was spliced with cast iron pieces, he said.

"We became aware that there was a leak on Tuesday, the 8th," Smotherman stated. "We held off shutting down the plant because graduation was going on."

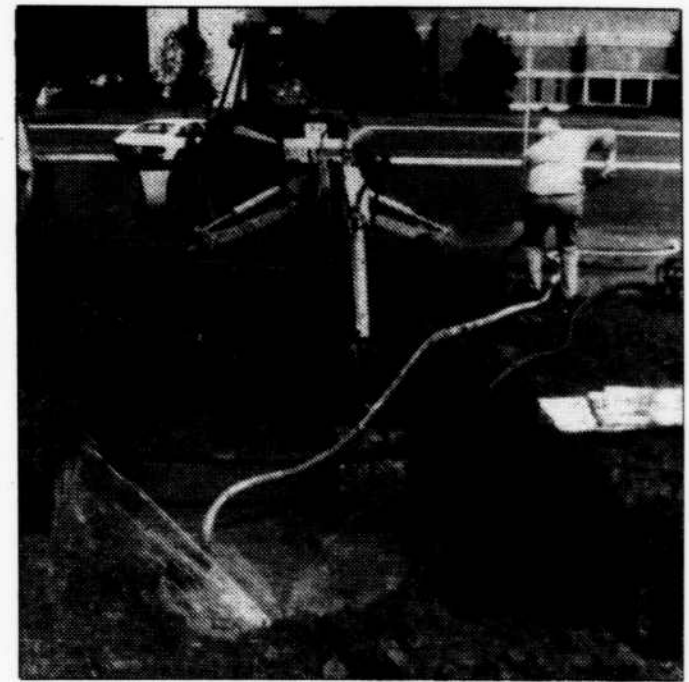
Workers dug a pit to reach the pipe, which Smotherman said had likely been placed too close to neighboring lines when it was installed nine years ago.

Air conditioning had been restored to most of the campus by late last week, though Wright Music Hall was still without cooling since it received air through the section of pipes that had to be repaired.

Cooling was expected to be in order by the time dorms were occupied Monday, though isolated areas may still not have air conditioning.

Smotherman commented that plastic lines have little structural strength. As well, when the lines were put into place, little room was provided to accommodate the natural settling that occurs, he said.

As a result, the weakened plastic line drifted into contact with the cast iron one, which caused a rupture.



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Enrollment record may be set again

Stricter entrance requirements for incoming freshmen may prevent MTSU from topping last fall's record-breaking enrollment of 13,165, according to Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie.

Though this semester's totals are too close to last year's figures to enable a prediction, an increase in transfer admissions will possibly compensate for the freshman drop, Gillespie said.

First-time freshmen were required to complete a more comprehensive course load in high school than in years past, which has caused an enrollment decline that Gillespie stated was not automatically detrimental.

"We will have fewer freshmen this year, but they will be better prepared."

Returnees who enroll will determine if the university sets a new high, Gillespie stated.

"If we assume that the same percentage of students return this year as have come back in previous years, then we will have another record enrollment."

Preregistration plans proceeding, may be in place by Spring, 1991

By DOUG STULTS
News Editor

Students enrolling for classes at MTSU will likely continue to endure the registration crush until a preregistration system is implemented by Spring, 1991 or later, according to Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie.

"We don't yet have preregistration because several years ago the state purchased new information systems," Gillespie said. "We've been delayed while integrating the new equipment."

The newer system is the same one used in schools statewide and is not currently equipped to handle all of MTSU's particular needs, he explained.

"I'll be the first to admit that there are better ways to register than what we have now."

However, Gillespie noted that the current registration process provides many services in one trip, as well feature he wants to preserve in a new system.

"We don't want to send people to security to get an I.D. made, then make them walk somewhere else to get a meal card."

Also, he stated that the present process is a relatively quick one despite some inherent glitches, though he added that speed is not the best measure of an effective registration system.

"We register one student about every four seconds on average, which isn't necessarily good," he stated. "If a student gets the classes he wants and faculty are able to make future decisions based on the system, then the system is doing what it should."

Officials at TSU, where registration has been automated since 1979 and the state computer system used for preregistration since last spring, say that they have been able to integrate the system successfully but are continuing to work on it.

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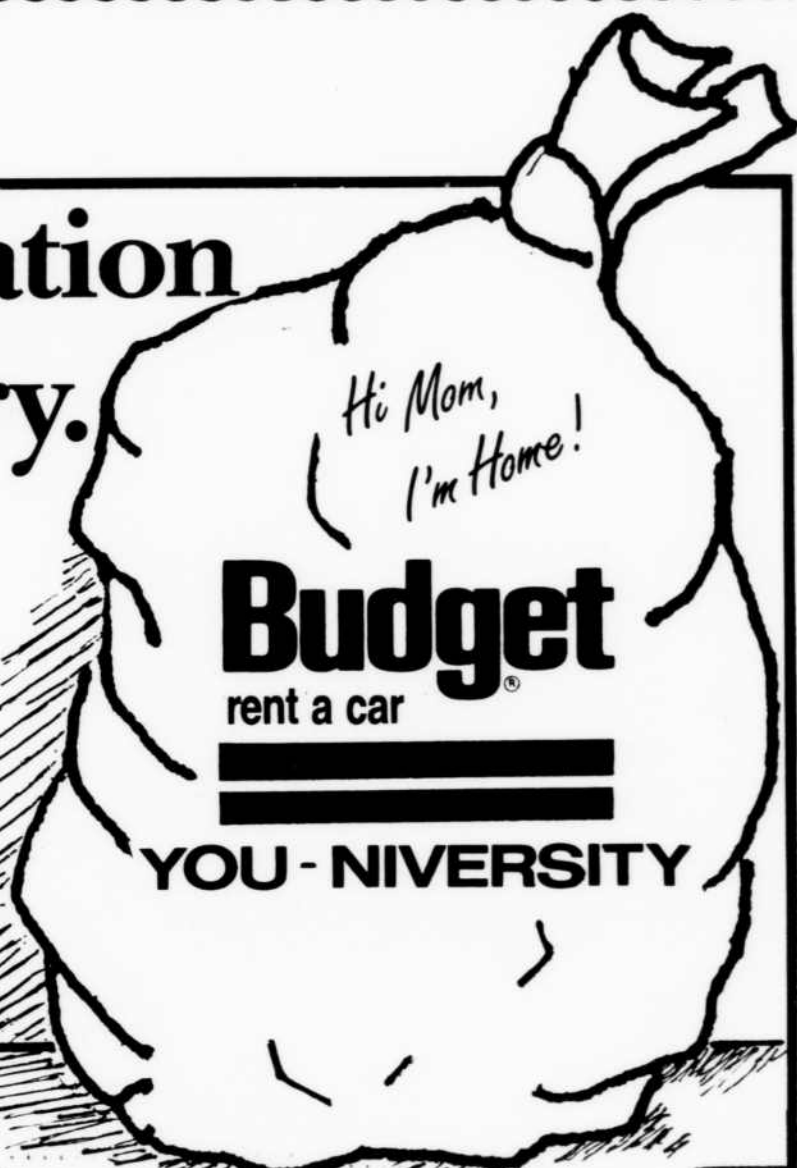
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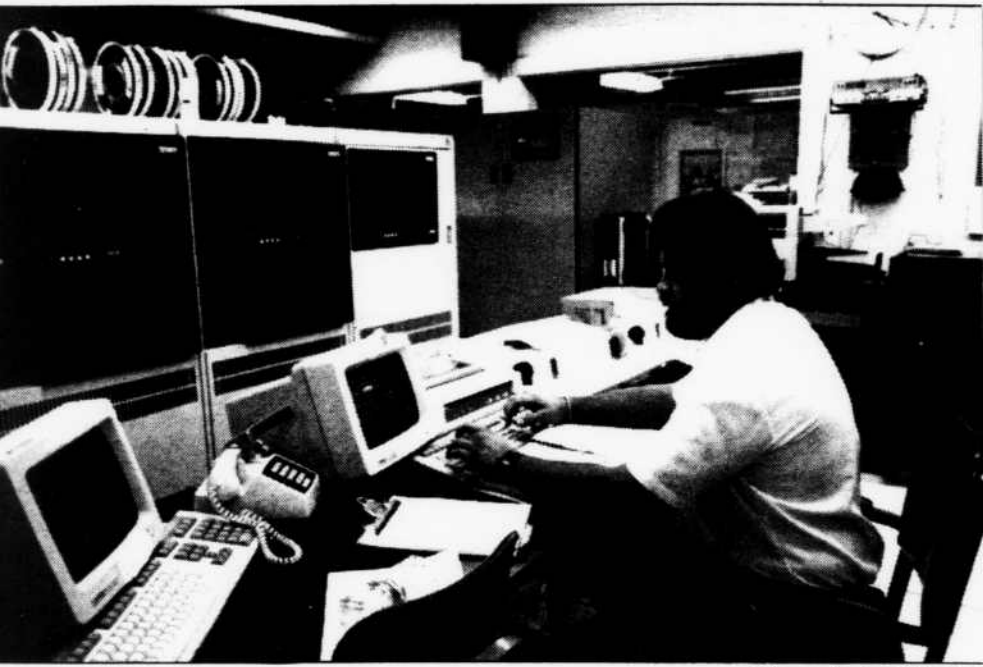
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Tentative plans call for MTSU students to begin phoning in their class requests for the Spring 1991 semester in October 1990, with fees to be paid in December 1990.

Gillespie believes preregistration will allow students ample time to visit

their advisors as well as eliminate the cramped registration that inaugurates each semester.

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Opinion

Search should open to public

When the "Spring" semester begins next January, this college will have a new president. That gives the state less than four and a half months to turn up a warm body. As of mid-August the search committee — comprised of community officials, two faculty members and two students — had held only one meeting, and that was for orientation purposes.

Of course if they had held another meeting, nobody would have anything to say anyway, because the sessions are closed to anyone not involved in the selection process. This means that a public institution funded with public revenue is choosing arguably their most important administrator *privately*.

Now this situation so thrilled the local *Daily News Journal* that they sued the state to give the press access to the meetings. (See a related story on page 2.) Well golly, the state said, this is the way we've always done this sort of thing. Search committee members chipped in, saying that their opinions of a potential president might be inhibited by the glaring public eye. What if we pointed out something derogatory about the person who later became president, they postulated, wouldn't that be akin to putting our heads on the chopping block?

Yeah, yeah, maybe. But if — out of a nationwide search — the committee and the state selected this sort of vindictive weasel, they'd likely be receiving their just desserts for saddling the university with the bastard.

As faculty and committee member Sondra Wilcox pointed out, the committee accepted solicitations to serve. In her words, "we aren't paid to do this." Well, if they were paid the situation might start oozing scholastic sleaze, but that's not the issue.

Wilcox is right. Search committee members agreed to participate on a board of vital importance to this campus. They agreed under conditions which would shield their debates from immediate scrutiny.

Very well, then. Resign. Let someone serve who is willing to accept the burden of public evaluation take a seat on this panel.

We would tell you what the Board of Regents has to say about this, but the educational overseers are tight-lipped these days. When we called them about the matter they read us a flat, prepared statement from their lawyer which essentially said they would issue no more flat, prepared statements until the need to issue flat, prepared statements had dissolved. In other words, they ain't talkin'.

Actually, the only tidbit the Board has sent out of its own volition these last few weeks had to do not with the presidential search but with name games. Seems that the State Board of Regents wants to be known now as the Tennessee Board of Regents. They had a meeting to discuss this. Understandably, this may have prevented them from considering MTSU.

Resolution point: No one cares how long the state has utilized this illegitimate selection process. We simply need a prez who strides into the office under the full light of the sun, not one secreted through the back door by a covey of state officials.

Another alternative is to sit back, bicker and see what happens when we open next semester without a president-type person. How are we going to send out letters on official stationery then?



Inspecting well-known campus sites passes time till graduation

By DOUG STULTS and M.A. BROWN
Co-Opinion Page Editors

Hi there. As part of our push to perpetuate annual rituals, it's time once again to say "Welcome back to school."

For those of you stumbling through the halls of this fine institution for the first time, a few bits of information may be in order.

MTSU is typically defined as a mid-level state school with a liberal entrance policy.

A quick look at any recent class schedule spells out the MTSU mission in uncompromising terms. Simply, if you purchase a certain amount of credit hours and complete the courses with a modicum of effort, you will be given a diploma — which may or may not equal an education.

In the meantime you will have an opportunity to discover many of the landmarks on this campus.

Let's run down a few of those, shall we?

PECK HALL: This three-story, square classroom building doubles as an exercise facility for anyone who has a class not immediately in front of one of the entrance doors. Otherwise, you walk completely around the designated floor — twice — before realizing that it's too late to make the class anyway and you've probably been bumped from the roll.

Originally drawn up by an origami master as a penance to escape from Hell's Research and Development Division (later acquired by Exxon), the blueprints for Peck Hall were later discovered along with the Dead Sea Scrolls.

In the early 70s a French company that constructed those giant mazes made entirely of hedges bought the plans at an auction, then forwarded them to self-proclaimed American expatriate Jim Morrison in exchange for an agreement that the "Lizard King" gather up all his poetry in a big box and lock it up.

News about the secret plans spread to the U.S. and state planners stole a black market version, which contained

only fragments of the original ground structure. As a result, Peck Hall was constructed with a giant hole in the middle.

How else would you explain it?

Noted architect I.M. Pei was asked to comment on the edifice when visiting MTSU a few years ago.

"Get real," Pei commented, then ascended to the third floor to retrieve an umbrella he had left behind. Three weeks later he emerged, nude and spitting up blood, clinging to a psychology major, who took notes.

THE REMNANT OF STONEHENGE AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE: What is this, and why is it on our campus?

Rumor has it that this monstrosity was constructed as a monument to the creativity inspired among students at this university.

Realizing that this was not a bright idea, Then-President Billy Sunday dedicated the stone to the faith of America's evangelists and was shot.

Having been lost somewhere in Peck Hall throughout the entire ordeal, the MTSU Faculty Senate emerged to find the stone needed a better image.

"Paint a happy face on it!" Public Relations Director Dot Harrison screamed, waving a mace.

After trying to claim that the thing was John F. Kennedy and Winfield Dunn's illegitimate love child, the senate convened a committee and decided to write the whole affair off against the president's slush fund.

"Uuhh?" President Stan Higman said.

MURPHY CENTER: Well, one day this guy noticed a green house and thought "What a neat idea!" ... No! No! Well, Sam got this really great deal from Bubba's Plate Glass ... Sorry.

Well, the designers didn't want anyone to miss those really cool eclipses.

What's the deal with the design of this place? NO SUP-

Forrest statue monument to racism, not fit for 'equal opportunity' college

By VINCENT WINDROW
Staff Columnist

As-salaam-Alaikum and welcome my brothers and sisters to MTSU.

Your enrollment will hopefully be very productive and allow opportunity for success.

Another person also sends his greetings but for totally different reasons. He is more like a spider welcoming a fly into its web.

Let's meet this man.

He was a Confederate general during the Civil War. At Ft. Pillow, his men massacred captured Union soldiers.

In 1865, in Pulaski, Tn. he and a couple of his old war buddies established a secret society with ritual names, secret hand shakes and signals of acknowledgement.

In 1867, this secret society celebrated its first national convention held in Nashville, Tn. with the ex-Confederate general as its leader.

This organization has been a friend of few and an enemy of many. It has throughout the years blazed an inglorious trail of hatred and racial prejudice by means of intimidation, propoganda and brutal murders.

The name of this infamous organization is the Ku Klux Klan, and its founder was General Nathan Bedford Forrest, and he and subsequently his actions are immortalized on the Keathley University Center by a statue.

The General Forrest statue is a modern monument to an extremely inhumane past. It is a statue where homage can be paid to and praises heaped upon racism, prejudice and discrimination. It is a constant glorification of white supremacy and Afro-American disfranchisement.

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PORTS UNDER THE CEILING!!! Great plan, huh? "Well, huh, don't put on beams under that ceiling. We'll show these hillbillies."

These guys must've designed the DC-10, too.

As part of the design, the architects constructed the outer walls completely of glass to allow the tunnelvisioned sports fans inside to catch a quick glimpse of the world outside the basketball court.

The MTSU Athletic Department was also told that the glass encasing would create a greenhouse effect which would cause the players inside to grow to tremendous heights.

After several years, 7'8" head basketball coach Bruce "Stringbean" Stewart dismissed the greenhouse theory as pure nonsense.

"Lew (Bivens) hasn't grown an inch," he commented.

THE ARCHIE BUNKER EDUCATIONAL ANNEX: A little-known addition to the Learning Resources Center, the Archie Bunker Educational Annex is an intensive, attitude adjustment salon where sensitive, well-meaning collegians are sent to round out their academic horizons.

Neophytes begin morning interaction over a can of Schlitz, chanting "Waydaminnut dere, Eedit, dat's my chair," until someone is shot dead.

A round of laughter ensues and participants spend the afternoon devising variations on the theme "I always thought (name of someone not within hearing distance) was a meathead."

Certificate of attendance required for entrance to certain fraternities, buildings and conversations.

Piled together, MEMOS would be a complex to themselves. Witness this one: "I am quite frankly baffled by your memo of May 12th stating that on May 10, President Ingram apparently mailed a memo to himself, testing the validity of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's memo entitled, 'Duplicate Memos May Increase Duplication of Replication of Self-Addressed Missives.'"

The text of this memo communicated in a memo to Vice President for Memos Dan Likamid, rumors about the experimentation from School of Memos Dean Dagwood Bumstead reached the "IN" box of Professor Plum's secretary, who was found memoed to death in the Billiard Room with a higher education consultant. A suicide memo left on the pool table resulted in a fusillade of color-coded memoranda reading, "I am quite frankly baffled by your memo of May 12th..."

To some, General Forrest is a Confederate hero, as Adolph Hitler is a German hero to some. Yet how would

Jewish-Americans feel if Hitler adorned the KUC, casting his spell of inequalities and gross injustices.

Nothing on this campus represents inequality more than the demi-god statue of Gen. Forrest. It is an outer manifestation of the inner feelings of sick individuals.

Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest is dead, yet his legacy survives, and his monument serves as an inspiration to other hatemongers.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

Peace.

Ministries available for newcomers

By DAVID ROBINSON
Presbyterian Student
Fellowship Pastor

We all know the three R's of education: reading, writing and 'rithmetic. The only reason MTSU has developmental courses is to help those who for various reasons never quite learned these basics before they came to college.

But the three R's of college life are completely different. They are ROOTS, RELATIONSHIPS and RISK-TAKING. Wrestling with these three R's is the real task of college life. And that's what Campus Ministry is all about.

The role of Campus Ministry groups at MTSU is to help students find their roots, develop quality relationships and take the kinds of risks that make life worth living.

ROOTS:

What are your roots? We all have them and we all need them. College is a time of uprooting. Those of you who left home this week to move into a new home, whether a dorm or an apartment, know that feeling of being uprooted. I sure did as a freshman in 1975.

Though I was only 30 miles away from home, for the first time in my life, I asked myself hard questions: Where is my real home? Who am I? What do I believe? Who are my friends? Why is my family that way? What are my values? Are they different than my family's values? Where am I in my relationship with God? What are my roots?

These questions don't have quick and easy answers. College is the time to start asking them and finding out what are your real roots. Campus Ministry groups provide a safe place where you feel free to ask these hard questions and discover that many other people are wrestling with the same questions. Campus Ministry groups help you discover new roots, those deeply planted parts of your life which are so important for growth, for becoming truly you.



RELATIONSHIPS:

Think of the person you'd call your best friend. What qualities do you appreciate most about that person? Those qualities are what people are really looking for during their college years. The greatest challenge in college is not grades, graduating, being successful or even paying the bills, but rather is finding quality relationships.

We all cry out for them. But they aren't easy to find or keep.

Campus Ministry groups are about quality relationships. God desires nothing more than to have an intimate relationship with you. Too much emphasis in the Christian faith is placed on do's and don'ts, on religion, on programs and buildings; and not enough importance is made of the true heart of Christianity, on quality relationships with God and people.

Campus Ministry groups offer to you a community, a family, a home away from home, a group of people you can share openly with, you can be yourself with, people you can trust, people who will help you grow, and will be there when you're feeling homesick, lonely, depressed or stressed out.

College life is risky business. It's enough of a risk just trying to make it through registration. Pile on top of that trying to find a parking place, finding your way to class, being clueless about profs and courses and getting around campus and around town and you end up with quite a bit of daily risk-taking.

I want to encourage you to get involved in a Campus Ministry group this fall. Go and visit even just once. Check out the various groups at MTSU.

For more information on MTSU campus ministry services, please see directory on page 13.

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Lifestyles

Let the good times roll!

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

*Photos and Text by Tim Cope
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If you love cajun cuisine and music or have managed to somehow miss out on this little celebration of life, Milton — on Highway 96 east of Murfreesboro between Lascassas and Auburntown — is the place to be on Friday and Saturday nights.

In the tiny hamlet of Milton (population 500, more or less if you include Lascassas and Auburntown) you'll find Manuel's Cajun Country Store & Cafe. The entire Manuel family — Abe, Dottie and their children Tim, Maureen, Dollie, Abe Jr., and Joe — takes an active role in some aspect of the business, whether it be cooking, waiting tables, or playing traditional cajun music on the front porch.

Arrive early, beat the crowd, and you'll be finished with your dinner of crawfish etoufee, gumbo, catfish or shrimp in time to stake out a good spot on the porch, which overlooks Milton's main road, to enjoy some authentic cajun folk music. Between 6:30 and 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, locals and patrons take to the street as the sound of fiddles and accordions fills the evening air.

Dinners are served Wednesday-Saturday from noon till 9:00 p.m. In season, crawfish boils are held on Wednesdays.



"Most cajuns play some kind of instrument," says Abe Manuel (left with fiddle). "We gonna make music with something."



After dinner, people file into the street to listen to cajun ballads, two steps and jigs.

The food served at Manuel's is authentic homemade cajun style, prepared fresh by hand.

At right, Dottie's mother, Allie D. Vincent, here on a visit from Lake Charles, La., mixes shrimp with a special marinade. The shrimp, fish, and crawfish (when in season) are flown in regularly.

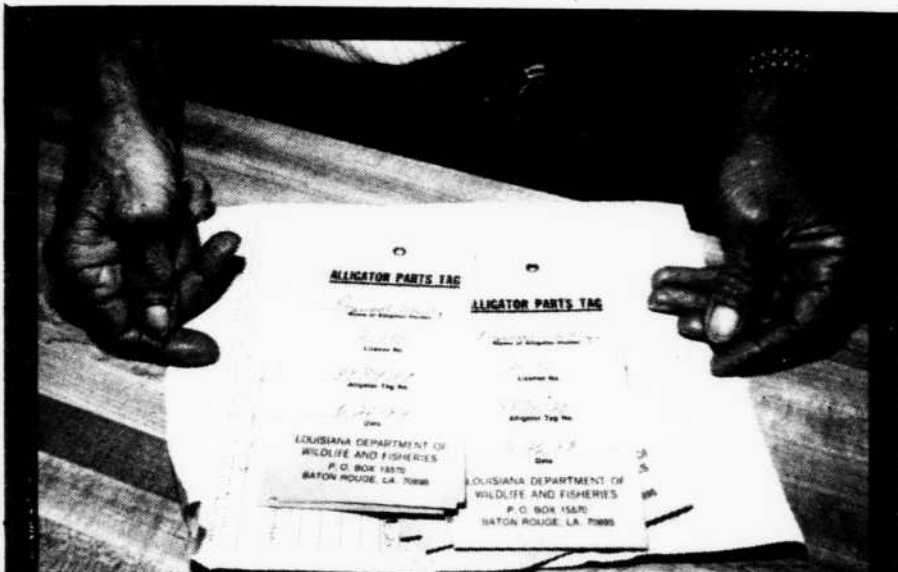
Below, Hubert Bertrand, Abe's nephew, hand-shreds barbecue.

"We make our own barbecue," says Abe Manuel. "We smoke it our selves, then we hand-shred it to take out all the gristle and all the fat."

The popularity of Manuel's has "caught on like wildfire."

"People just love it," Abe boasts with pride.

What started as a fish fry for about 20 people has grown to a thriving restaurant which served 499 people last Friday night.



According to Abe Manuel, alligator cannot be transported by air, therefore, they must drive down to get it or have someone bring it up. Federal law requires that from the time a gator is killed to the time it is prepared, a tag must be kept with the meat. Abe displays a collection of "alligator parts" tags.



CAMPUS MINISTRY GROUPS AT MTSU

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION (BSU): located at 619 N. TN. Blvd. (across from Alumni Gym). Mon — 7 p.m. Black Student Choir; 1st and 3rd Tues — 7 p.m. "Tuesday Night Together" (TNT); Wed — noon-day program and meal, \$2; Thurs — 7 p.m. Bible study. Conferences, retreats and mission trips thru year.

Charles Nored, Campus Minister.

CATHOLIC CENTER: located at 1023 N.TN. Blvd. Sun — 7 p.m. Mass; Social nights including volleyball and movie nights during the week. "Search" retreat in October.

Father Wyatt Funk of St. Rose Catholic Church is also priest for the Center.

MID. TENN. CHRISTIAN CENTER: located at 1105 E. Bell St. (across from Bell St. parking lot). Mon — 7 p.m. "Raiders for Christ" meeting; Tues — noon, "Bread Break", \$1; Thurs — 8 p.m. Thurs. Night Together. Monthly Retreats.

Campus Minister, Billy Evans.

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (PSF): located at 615 N. TN (next door to the BSU). Tues — noon, Soup Lunch; Wed — 9 p.m. Casual College Worship; White-water rafting Sept. 16; Fall Retreat, Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 at Cumberland Mt. St. Park. Emphasis on small groups and mission trips.

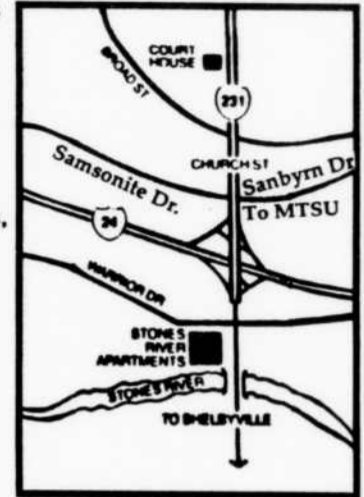
Campus Minister, David Robinson.

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Midlander calls for new student interest

Midlander editor Janna Wheatley has started an all-out campaign to encourage students to join her staff.

The theme for volume 69 of MTSU's yearbook is "Better than Ever," and she's trying to get as many students as possible involved in the book's creation.

In a letter mass-mailed to inform students about the yearbook, Wheatley said "I can't stress enough the importance of participation from students of every major and range of interest,

especially since it's my goal to make volume 69 of Midlander "Better Than Ever!"

Midlander needs students interested in photography work, feature writing, business managing and "basic brainstorming."

"We encourage anyone who is enthusiastic about coming up with innovative ideas on to come up and apply for a staff position," Wheatley said.

Last spring semester, Midlander faced a crisis as general sales fell and student interest faltered. The

problem has been cited by current staff members as a vicious cycle. Once student help drops off, the quality of the yearbook suffers and, in turn, sales suffer.

If you're interested in applying for a staff position or just want to see how a yearbook operates, stop by room 306 of the James Union Building.

Also, you can pick up your copy of the '89 edition of Midlander anytime between 8 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.



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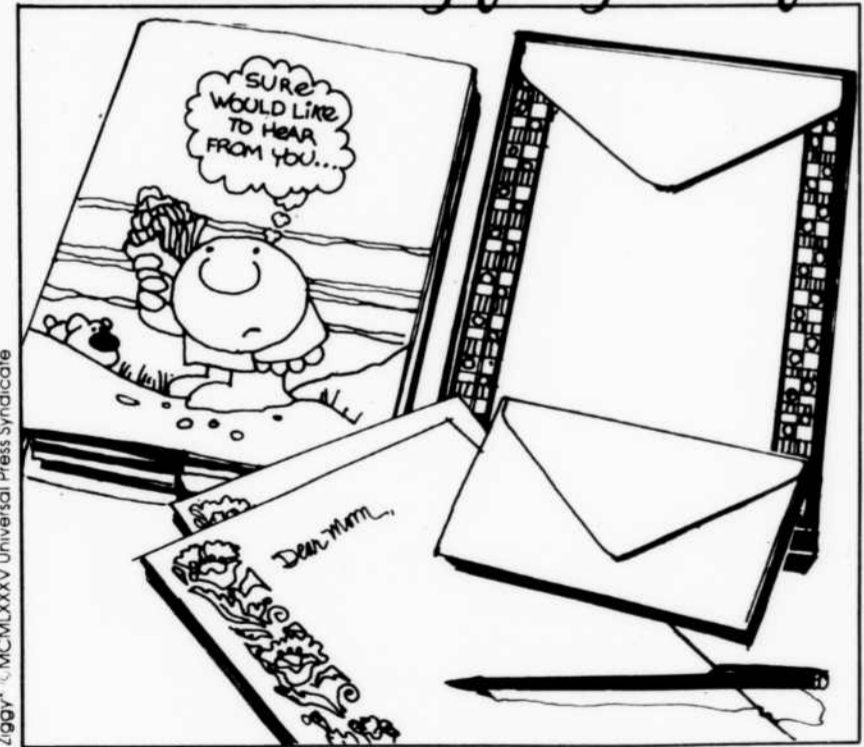
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The Abyss: overbudget & overhyped; a failed imitation of Spielberg magic

By Marla Cartwright
Editor

a-byss n. A deep fissure in the earth; bottomless gulf; chasm. Too deep for measurement.

So that's where that \$50 million plus in production expenses went to. Director James Cameron probably found an impossibly deep underwater chasm and tossed away handfulls of bills.

And don't forget the mysterious blue lights dancing on his faceplate as he smiles back rapturously. Yeah, right.

The best part of this movie is a touching love scene that successfully mixes Bogart & Bacall tenderness with platonic practicality. Cameron could've saved big bucks if he had just made the whole picture this tear-jerking — I mean, then everything would look blurred and swimmy anyway.

The worst part is the failed Spielbergian attempt to recreate *Close Encounters* underwater. The spark of wonderment and awe simply isn't attempted.

In *The Abyss*, Cameron treats the alien angle almost as a second thought. At first their presence is treated as an inconvenience but later, when Ed Harris as Bud Brigman finally sees them, it's only their translucent butterfly shapes that cause any curiosity.

The basic plot is this: a team of civilian divers working on a prototype underwater oil-drilling habitat are pressed into reluctant service by the U.S. Navy in a search-and-rescue effort for a stricken nuclear sub-

marine. Brigman is the rig foreman on "Deepcore" and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio portrays Lindsey Brigman. "Deepcore"'s project engineer and Bud's soon-to-be-ex-wife.

Lindsey is more fragile than *Alien's* Ripley and she's got a bad attitude to boot.

But it's the friction between these characters that provide the much-needed sparks in this otherwise ultra-tech, cold and clammy adventure.



Over 40% of all principal photography on "The Abyss" was shot underwater. Shown here is unit supervisor Al Giddings with director James Cameron.



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Left: Three-Ten Pipe Shop owner Dawson Wimsatt illustrates proper pipe-lighting techniques, stressing the importance of correctly packing the tobacco and keeping the flame even across the pipe bowl. Both novices and old-hands at pipe smoking can always learn something new in the back corner of the shop — a sitting parlor complete with antique chairs, a coffee table, and freshly brewed coffee. Above: For used or "pre-smoked" pipes, Wimsatt carefully polishes the finish to its original luster. He also takes care to sanitize the pipes for their new owners. Pre-used pipes account for a large percentage of pipe sales, especially to newcomers to the hobby.

Three-Ten Pipe Shop offers tranquility on Murfreesboro's main street

By Marla Cartwright
Editor

Aromatic blue-white smoke from his pipe curls over his shoulder as he quietly contemplates a mathematical puzzle posed in conversation.

Presently he shifts in his gold velvet chair and illustrates his answer with his pipe stem, one arm folded under.

His companions: farmers, university professors, physicians, a newspaper broker and a rocket scientist, respond with nods. Some empty their pipe bowls for a fresh smoke and others freshen up their cups of coffee.

They are all seated in lovely antique chairs, surrounded by a vast collection of finely crafted pipes, pipe-smoking accessories and hand-blended tobaccos.

Although this sounds like a gentleman's study secluded in the European countryside, it's really on Murfreesboro's busy Main Street. Specifically, it's the Three-Ten Pipe and Tobacco Shop owned and operated by Dawson Wimsatt and his wife Kay.

The Three-Ten Shop is sandwiched in between two of the oldest business establishments in town: the City Cafe and the Palace Barbershop. On a clear, sunny day, the American flag will be proudly displayed outside the shop. In the store-front window display, intricately carved pipes are safe under the watchful eye of the alert wooden Indian. Usually the front door is propped ajar like an open invitation.

Inside, glass cases lining the distinctive dark green walls display only a portion of over 2,000 pipes in Wimsatt's inventory. Curved stems, straight stems and different sized

bowls with various types of finishes are all there to choose from.

Other cases contain smoking accessories such as fine quality clove cigarettes and ornate cigarette cases, lighters, tobacco humidors, pipe display stands, leather coin purses and pipe-cleaning tools.

Toward the back counter, rows of neatly arranged glass jars stand at attention, containing an array of pipe tobaccos carefully hand-mixed by Kay.

In the opposite corner of the store, golden-yellow velvet antique chairs and a loveseat are casually arranged around a coffee table. The checkerboard of days-gone-by has been replaced with a product of modern technology: a computer chess-board. Yesterday's pot-bellied stove is no longer there, instead an electric coffee pot perks an endless supply of fresh coffee. The latest edition of *The Wall Street Journal* replaces the *Farmer's Almanac*.

However, not everyone who visits with the Wimsatts and enjoys their cozy little oasis is an expert at pipe smoking and its history. Many regulars are in the learning stages of the art of pipe smoking.

"I smoked a pipe for 25 years before I learned how to do it right," Wimsatt chuckles. "I enjoyed it all those years but I enjoyed it more when I really learned how."

According to *Pipe Collectors Int'l*, an official publication of pipe connoisseurs, Wimsatt is known for stocking the largest selection of new and pre-smoked Dunhill pipes in America.

What's a Dunhill? It's a premiere brand of hand-crafted English pipes. The company is owned by a 2nd generation

proprietor, Sir Richard Dunhill, and has the reputation for being top quality.

The pipes are created from a gnarl of briar wood, the root of a heath tree, and is found in France and the Mediterranean. The highest quality wood is usually 75 to 200 years old.

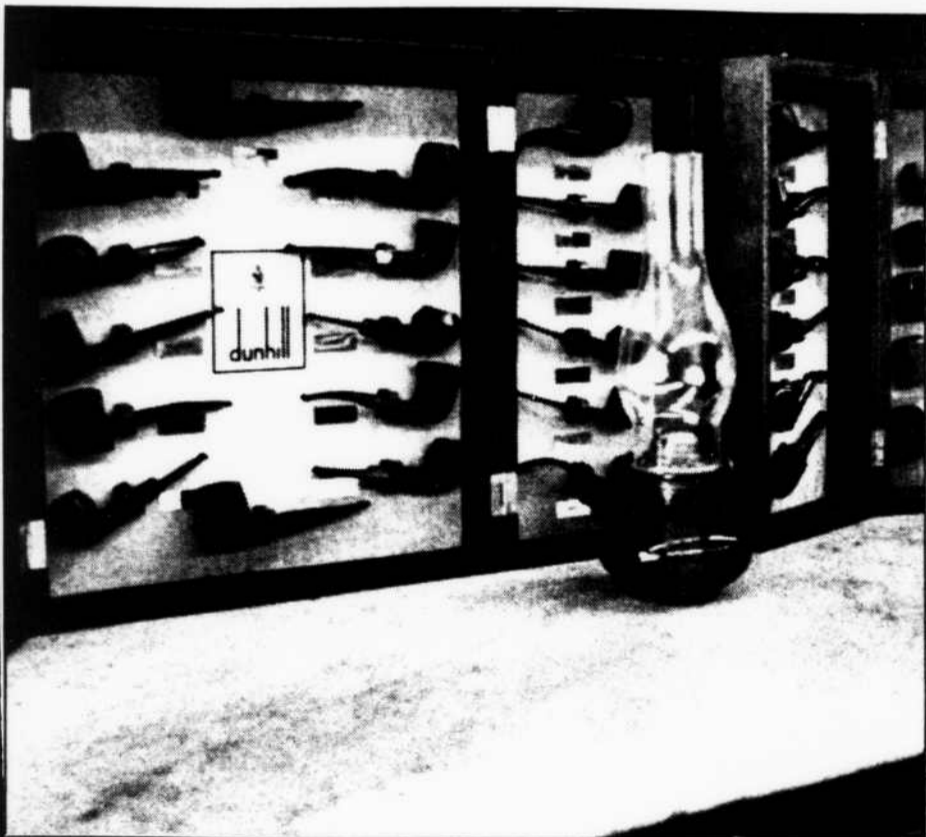
Dunhill "firsts", the elite selection, are meticulously hand-carved by skilled craftsmen and sell between \$300 to several thousand dollars. The rest of the wood is graded according to quality and sold at cheaper prices but the serious collector prizes the "firsts."

Wimsatt also specializes in used or "pre-smoked" pipes. These pipes go through an entire clean-up process before being resold. They are sanitized in an alcohol solution, buffed and polished to regain their original luster, and the carbon residue inside the pipe bowl is trimmed out for the new owner. These pre-smoked pipes offer new pipe smokers the opportunity to own a quality pipe and enjoy a better smoke at a fraction of a new pipe's cost.

But Wimsatt didn't become a knowledgeable dealer overnight. It took years of pipe buying, trading and smoking. Much of his expertise comes from owning a previous pipe shop.

"We bought a pipe shop in Lynchburg on the square. Out of the 361 people in that town, only 7 of them smoke a pipe," Wimsatt laughingly reminisced. He says the shop depended heavily on tourists for business.

He and a partner owned the shop from 1981 until 1985 when he heard about the Murfreesboro shop being up for sale.



Left: A portion of Wimsatt's collection of exclusive Dunhill pipes is on display. Above: Rows of glass humidors keep hand-mixed tobacco fresh for the steady stream of customers who take time out to replenish their supplies or just visit. Right: Kay Wimsatt, Dawson's wife and partner, carefully measures some of her newly-mixed tobacco to be shipped to mailorder customers.



"When I heard about this one, I sold out to my partner and we came down here," Wimsatt explains.

He and his wife purchased the Murfreesboro shop in August 1985 and have since doubled the size of the shop and made numerous renovations including installing a massive refrigeration and humidity-controlling case in the back to store his extensive cigar inventory.

Why was it necessary to have the refrigeration unit? Kay says that the quality of cigars can be affected by surrounding tobacco products.

"Sometimes cigars pick up the smell and taste from other flavored tobacco, so it's best to store them separately," Kay explains, pointing to the new unit.

Their careful attitude toward keeping inventory fresh is probably a big reason why the shop enjoys so many customers. In fact, after Dawson relocated to Murfreesboro, some of his customers remained with him. A few even travel from Lynchburg just to visit.

But for those customers who prefer to have their favorite items mailed to them, the Wimsatts have come up with a solution.

"We have a mailing list of over 2,200 people," Wimsatt says, indicating a clipboard of names and addresses. "It's indexed by the customer's likes and favorite brands." When asked if he keeps a computer in the back room to handle this paperwork, Wimsatt laughingly replies, "But that would take all the fun out of doing it by hand."

What keeps them going at this job, when the Wimsatts have already retired from their careers? They say it's the companionship that seems to flow as freely as the sweet-smelling pipe smoke at the Three-Ten shop.

"All of our friends are here at work. I tell my wife that I go to work but I don't do anything," he exclaims, glancing over in Kay's direction as she chats with the friendly circle in the corner.

"Pipe smoking is a gentle and peaceful hobby," Dawson

says. "In fact, according to the Surgeon General, cigarette smoking subtracts eight years from a person's life but some doctors estimate that pipe smoking can add two years to a person's life span because of the tranquil effects of the tobacco."

Perhaps it's not only the tobacco that provides the tranquility, but the warm atmosphere that pervades the Three-Ten Pipe Shop.

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Sidelines Photo Editor**

Update on music and movie stars

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)— Rodney Crowell, nominated last week for four Country Music Association awards, says he won't "count any chickens" before they hatch, although he thinks he deserves an award.

Crowell's four nominations make him one of the leading nominees for the Oct. 9 ceremony along with Ricky Van Shelton and Hank Williams Jr.

Crowell says he "didn't want to count any chickens," but he expected his success in the past year might earn him a nomination and rank him among country music's elite.

"I don't believe in false modesty," Crowell told *The Nashville Banner* Thursday, Aug. 17, in an interview from Los Angeles over his car telephone. "I definitely though I was deserving. Had I not been acknowledged, I would have probably been disappointed and bitter."

Crowell, husband of Roseanne Cash, was nominated for best male vocalist, best song for the hit *After All This Time*, best single and best video.

ATLANTA (AP) — Actress Ally Sheedy, who portrays a biased Southern white woman in the 1950s in the new movie, *Heart of Dixie*, said the movie reminded her of joining her mother for civil rights marches as a child.

"I was not fully aware that every place is not like New York City. In New York, you make a racist remark, you would probably be dead by morning," Sheedy, interviewed recently in Atlanta, said in Sunday's editions of the *Chatanooga News - Free Press*.

Sheedy plays a Mississippi college student in 1957 who is unaware of the discrimination around her until a wire service photographer, played by Treat Williams, helps her see it.

Sheedy said she took the part of Maggie because the character is a strong person with whom she can identify.

"I'm interested in causes like the environment and the homeless and issues," she said, adding that she refuses to do movies that will be shown in racist South Africa.

NASHVILLE, Tenn (AP) — Veteran rock 'n roller Todd Rundgren says his concert tour isn't a nostalgic act, although some of his older work is getting new attention.

"We try to cover a lot of the songs off the new record, but we also sprinkle the show liberally with so-called oldies," Rundgren told *The Tennessean* in an interview published Sunday.

Rhino Records has been releasing new compilations of some of those hits from the 60s and 70s, but that's not the focus of the tour, he said.

Rundgren said his new album, *Nearly Human*, sounds familiar to his 1972 *Something Anything*.

A song from that album, *It Wouldn't Have Made Any Difference*, emerged last year recorded by mellow pop star Johnny Mathis. The song was also described as a favorite by W. Axl Rose of the rock group Guns 'N Roses.

Rundgren said he couldn't explain the attention to the old tune.

"The only dark cloud is that they are both interested in an album that's approaching 20 years old," said Rundgren, who has released about 20 albums and produced many more for acts including Cheap Trick, Meatloaf and the Psychedelic Furs.

REGAL, Minn. (AP) — This central Minnesota farming community which consists of two bars, a grain elevator, a church and a baseball field can boast that it's the smallest place Johnny Cash has ever played.

Cash's manager, Lou Robin, confirmed that fact after Cash transformed the alfalfa field behind the county Line Bar into Regal's own "Field of Dreams" for nearly 5,000 people Friday night.

"Twenty years ago, they had Woodstock. Welcome to Cornstalk," Cash, a resident of Hendersonville, Tenn., greeted the mass of people in lawn chairs wearing the feed caps and blue County Line Bar T-shirts.

Mike Kampsen, 33, brought Cash to the town of 70, about 100 miles northwest of Minneapolis, for his father,

a lifelong Cash fan who sings with a local band called Country Cruisin'.

His father, Herman Kampsen, a 65-year-old farmer, got to sing a couple of songs with "The Man in Black" Friday night.

"I've liked him since, it seems like since I was a kid," Herman Kampsen said. "I guess I like him because he was a poor man at one time. He sings songs about poor people. Like us."

Cash's wife, June Carter Cash, opened the show at 8 p.m., and Cash took the stage an hour later. Daughter Cindy Cash and Carter sisters Helen and Anita also performed.

Cash, a severe cold draining his voice, struggled through versions of "Folsom Prison Blues," "Ring of Fire," "Orange Blossom Special" and other old favorites, plus a series of gospel songs during his 75-minute performance.

Cash said he never thought about why he decided to accept the Regal gig.

"It's what I do," he said. "Tour and do concerts. That's what I do for a living."

"I've been getting fan mail from Europe from people asking 'Where's Regal? We can't find it on the map,'" Cash said. But he said he and his family had been looking forward to the Regal show more than any other concert date on this year's schedule.

His fans shared that enthusiasm.

"It's a once in a lifetime thing," said Pat Beirer, of Regal. Kaye Stein of Kimball said she brought her husband, Paul, who had never been to a concert before.

"He's the most human of all the country-western singers," she said. Mike Kampsen had said he needed to sell 3,500 tickets at \$20 to \$30 each to break even on the show. Dianne Hoffenkamp, who handled concert publicity, said 4,800 tickets were sold.

Mike Kampsen borrowed money from the bank to pay Cash, but wouldn't say how much he paid him.

"The banker thought I was kind of nuts, but he gave me the money anyway," he said.

Coming from nearby Hawick, with a population of about 100, Pat and Melvin Jones were impressed Regal was able to pull off the concert.

"I suppose if you get your fee, you'll play just about anywhere, but I think he came because it was a challenge for the town," Jones said. "This has gotten natural publicity because someone in a small town had the courage to ask him to come."

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Battlefield: land bought dearly with lives



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Smoke belches from the rifles of Steve Whaley (Left) and Hunter Brooks as they demonstrate "volley firing"

*Photos and Text by Wayne Cartwright
Photo Editor*

The night air was cold, extremely cold, as the soldiers from both the Union and Confederate armies camped near the Stones River on December 30, 1862.

Young soldiers from both the North and South sat around their campfires, wrapped in rough, army-issue blankets and desperately tried to fend off the rain and sleet that was subverting the warming effect of their fires.

The opposing armies were camped within sight of each other as darkness overtook the night. The sentries were tense but there was no firing. Both armies were intent on just resting and listening to the music that their respective bands were playing.

Before long, the Southern band began playing "Dixie" just as the Northern band started playing "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and thus began a battle of musical instruments firing a volley of patriotic notes to the other army.

At some point, one of the bands began playing "Home Sweet Home" and the other bands on both sides joined in the song.

For a very few moments, the dark shrouded cedar thickets were filled with the music and singing from both armies joined together. The music was surely inspired by the common longing of all the men to be home with family and friends during the holiday season of Christmas and New Year's Day.

But the next morning on Dec. 31, 1862, there was a different sound that echoed across the fields that lay alongside the banks of the Stones River. The music of man's desire for tranquility was replaced by the gunfire of man's discontent.

The Army of Tennessee, under the command of Confederate General Braxton Bragg, was a force of 38,000 men. Bragg had concentrated his army at Murfreesboro, Tn. since he was forced to leave Perryville, Ky. in Oct. of 1862.

The Army of the Cumberland was a Union force of 45,000 men under the control of Major General William Rosecrans. Nashville was already under Union occupation after General Ulysses S. Grant had captured the city in the summer of 1862; now, Rosecrans would get resupplied from there before marching on to Murfreesboro.

The fields were wet and cold as the Confederates charged the Union's right flank. The "boys in blue" were forced backwards into the cedar thickets as the "gray army" stopped temporarily to stuff their ears with cotton due to the over-whelming noise of cannon and rifle fire.

At 10 a.m., the Union line had been pushed almost to the Nashville Pike. The Northern troops in Gen. Philip Sheridan's command along with troops under Major Gen. George Thomas held back the Rebel army's constant onslaught until the day's fighting came to a gradual close around 4 p.m.

On New Year's Eve the camps were quiet as the rain became increasingly heavy. Stones River slowly began to rise. There was no fighting on Jan. 1, 1863. Almost every farmhouse in the Murfreesboro area was used as a hospital for the wounded troops from both the North and South.

The rain was at a constant downpour on the first night of the year and many of the wounded men died in the fields from exposure because of the biting cold.

Bragg believed that the Union would surely leave the field on Jan. 2, 1863 but Rosecrans stayed in position.

Bragg sent Gen. John Breckinridge's brigade into an attack that forced the Union line to the river. It was here at approximately 5 p.m. that the courage of the Confederate foot soldiers was met with the relentless destruction of the Union artillery. Within 50 minutes, 1,800 Confederates lay dead or wounded in the soggy fields and the Stones River. The battle was over with both sides claiming victory.

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Confederates and Union troops, portrayed by volunteers to the Living History program, relax after a day's firings.

Int'l Horse Show draws fans and entries



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Left: Robin Gray pets her horse Gray's Ebony Tramp as it nuzzles up to her prior to showtime. Gray entered her horse in the International Grand Championship Walking Horse Show, held on-campus Aug. 7-12. Right: Robin and her husband Jim work on grooming Ebony Tramp, trying to soothe its nerves and prepare it for the spotlight. The show was sponsored by the Walking Horse Owners Association and showcased 90 classes.



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Unpacking : It's really not that bad

College life is a great adventure starting with your first day on-campus. Whether you're a returning student or a brand-new freshman, chances are that moving and unpacking are tops on your list of things

Back to School: Moving In

to do during the hectic week of registration.

If you thought that packing all your stuff up and making the trip (whether across Murfreesboro or across the state) was a chore, well, then, you're only half-right.

The real fun kicks in when you're grubby, hot, tired and faced with a ton of grim-faced cardboard boxes whispering "Unpack me, unpack me."

Well, take heart. It's really not as bad as it looks. Just remember these key time-savers:

☐ Try to plan out plenty of time for this endeavor. You'll avoid a lot of headaches if you can set aside at least an entire day to unpack. This will let you attack this task at a pretty leisurely pace instead of trying to accomplish it break-neck speed.

☐ Having a positive attitude can help — no, really! If you're dreading unpacking all your stuff, try to picture it as a challenge. Throw a party — invite a bunch of friends over to help out and pay them back in pizza and the frosty beverage of their choice. Or take turns with other folks you know who're in the same predicament and trade up.

☐ Try to separate the packing materials from your stuff, setting it outside your apartment for the mega trip to the dumpster. This will help you visualize how

much is really left to do.

☐ Set realistic, attainable goals and dive into unpacking. When you get frustrated, take a short break away from all the mess. Walk around outside and relax. Don't worry, be happy. A month into your classes, you'll wish for something simple like unpacking to do.

O.K. Now, that you're done and it's just you and your stuff, you may discover you need extra furnishings.

☐ Basic items like couches, chairs and tables, desks and beds can be purchased for a pretty de-

cent price at used furniture stores around town. Yard sales lingering on from the summer are good places to hit for nifty stuff too.

☐ You might want to plan your living space around a comfortable, well-planned desk area to make studying as painless as possible.

Start with a basic desk and accessorize it from there.

Most importantly, choose an ideal area in your apartment for your personalized study area. In front of the window — too distracting or not? Tucking your study area in a corner

as far away from all extraneous noises, traffic, doors and adjoining walls is your best bet. Seclude your area with potted plants and decorative screens; anything that is functional but enjoyable to look at.

Next, figure out what you need in order to work or study effectively. Is it more desk space? Then add a folding table or an arm to your desk, expanding your usable surface area. If you need visual reminders of important items, make use of available wall space. This is your living space — have fun with it!

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uses per parking spaces per day.

And that, boys and girls, is the reason why you can spot creatures commonly known as "parking sharks" during class breaks. They are easily detected by their ominously slow creeping through the parking lots, greedily searching out lone students, books in hand, on their way back to their cars.

Relax, they're just speeding up to devour your precious emerald-green parking space, not crunch up you or your car.

So here's the official *Sidelines* list of handy tips to help you sort through the

confusing maze known as *MTSU Parking Hell!*

☞ If you want to be disgustingly industrious, then go ahead — be an earlybird. Choose from a selection of 305 prime parking spaces at the Bell Street lot and use the rest of your time studying until class starts. **WARNING!** *The Surgeon General has determined that this type of behavior can be hazardous to your health. You could be risking becoming a social outcast as your friends curiously watch you study in broad daylight.*

☞ For those of you who usually wake up as a sub-

human, then parking is really going to be a toughie for you.

☞ So if you're running late and have a break after your first class, go ahead and chance the forbidding white space that's so tantalizingly close to KOM. Odds are in your favor that student patrol officers haven't worked their way to your spot yet.

Of course, the drawback is that if you get caught, you have to pay. (Insert "Dro-net" theme here — DUM DA DUM DUM with big flashing neon logo "Crime Does NOT Pay.") You can

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However, Gen. Bragg moved his forces to Tullahoma, TN and Rosecrans occupied Murfreesboro with the Union army.

Six months later, Bragg's Army of Tennessee defeated Rosecrans at the Battle of Chickamauga

Nowadays during the summer months there are demonstrations in cannon and rifle firing, flag signalling, band music and cavalry charges.

The Stones River National Battlefield staff uses volunteers for these demonstrations — many of whom are MTSU students.

The cedar thickets are peaceful and solitary now with no hint of the tragedy that the forest once knew. The thick fields of grass cover the scars of mud and death that was born upon the land when Americans killed Americans for the ideologies that we now study in history books.

The Confederates had 10,000 soldiers killed, wounded or captured. At the same time, 13,000 Union troops were killed, wounded or captured.

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Sports addictions control many lives

While sitting in my living room the other afternoon I was overcome by a strange sensation.

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"What's the matter with me?" I thought. Then it dawned on me.

It had been over 24 hours since I'd had a fix.

Frantically I searched for the remote control, and hit the power button. My trusty Sony flickered to life, and I quickly flipped to channel six.

Much to my delight, ESPN's "Homerun Derby" was beginning, and I settled in for 30 minutes of a scintillating battle between Buddy Biancalana and Mark Belanger.

It is exceedingly strange that in modern times, when addiction has become fashionable, one of the strongest and most widespread addictions is hardly ever discussed



The Words I View By M.A. BROWN

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Of course I am talking about sports.

You can see the average American sports habitue almost anywhere. They hang around convenience store newspaper machines, waiting fervently for the next issue of "U.S.A. Today." They scream through town in a mad frenzy every weeknight at 10:27, desperately attempting to get home in time to see "Sports Center." They live for the next re-run of the West Coast Surfing Championships.

Throughout history man has been fascinated by one type of sporting event or another. The Romans had gladiators. The Greeks began the Olympics.

However, modern day Americans have taken athletic enthusiasm to new and ridiculous heights.

The "Meriam-Webster Thesaurus" lists the definition of addict as, "a person who by habit or strong inclination indulges in something." Under synonyms for addict, the word fan is listed.

Such a description fits the modern American sports nut to a tee. Today's aficionados aren't just fans. They are fanatics. They don't just like sports. They live them.

Jokes about the lonely housewife being neglected by her sports-loving husband are no more than cliches today. Unfortunately, in many cases they are the truth.

Sports can engulf some lives to the point where nothing else matters. Someone's favorite baseball team can lose an important game, and that person will be unbearable until his team redeems itself. Coaches are derided by irate parents when their team loses the district championship game — despite the fact that by whatever means the coach guided his team to the verge of that championship.

Psychologist Bruce Eckman, a former All-Ivy League offensive tackle at Yale, calls athletics "both a symbolic and actual outlet for aggression and frustration, which can be experienced by both players and spectators of the sport."

Perhaps Eckman is right. Many Americans today use sports as an outlet for the horrible sinking sensation they feel in their own lives. Crazy Arabs hold innocent people hostage, airliners disintegrate in mid-air, high school teachers rob banks, crack dealers kill children, our federal economic policy resembles some drunken Las Vegas spending binge and our federal government continues to drift somewhere along in the stratosphere.

Perhaps in today's helter skelter world it is only possible for some to survive if they submerge themselves in a world where the worst case scenario is a three-run homer by the opposition in the bottom of the ninth with the good guys ahead by two.

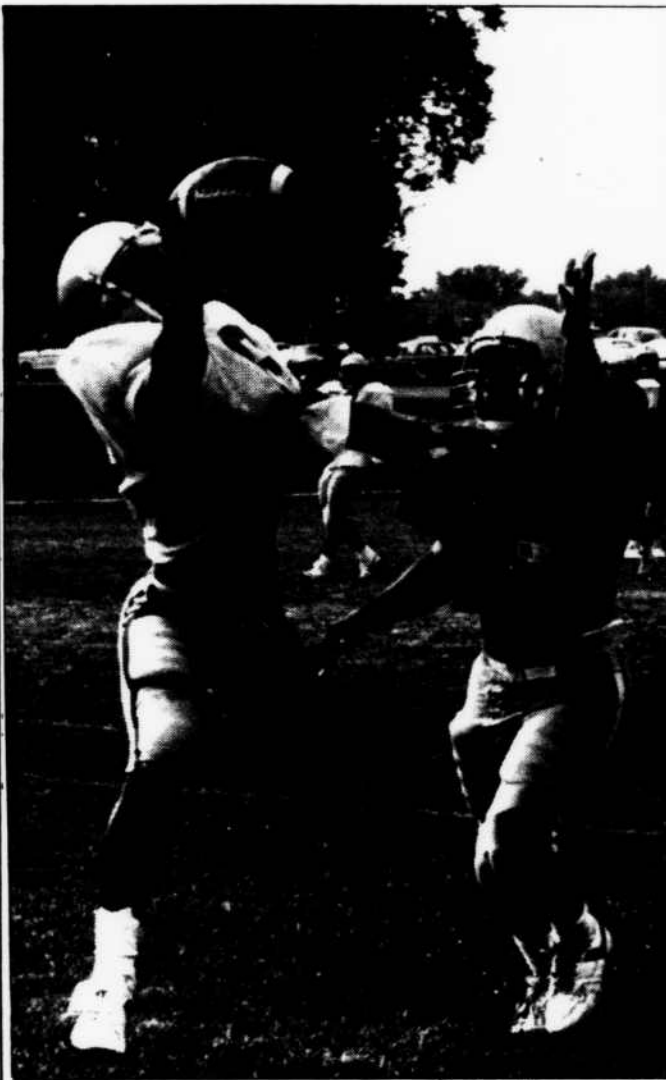
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Season of change for MTSU

From Staff Reports

Perhaps the toughest aspect of being a collegiate athletic coach is the year to year turnover in a team's roster.

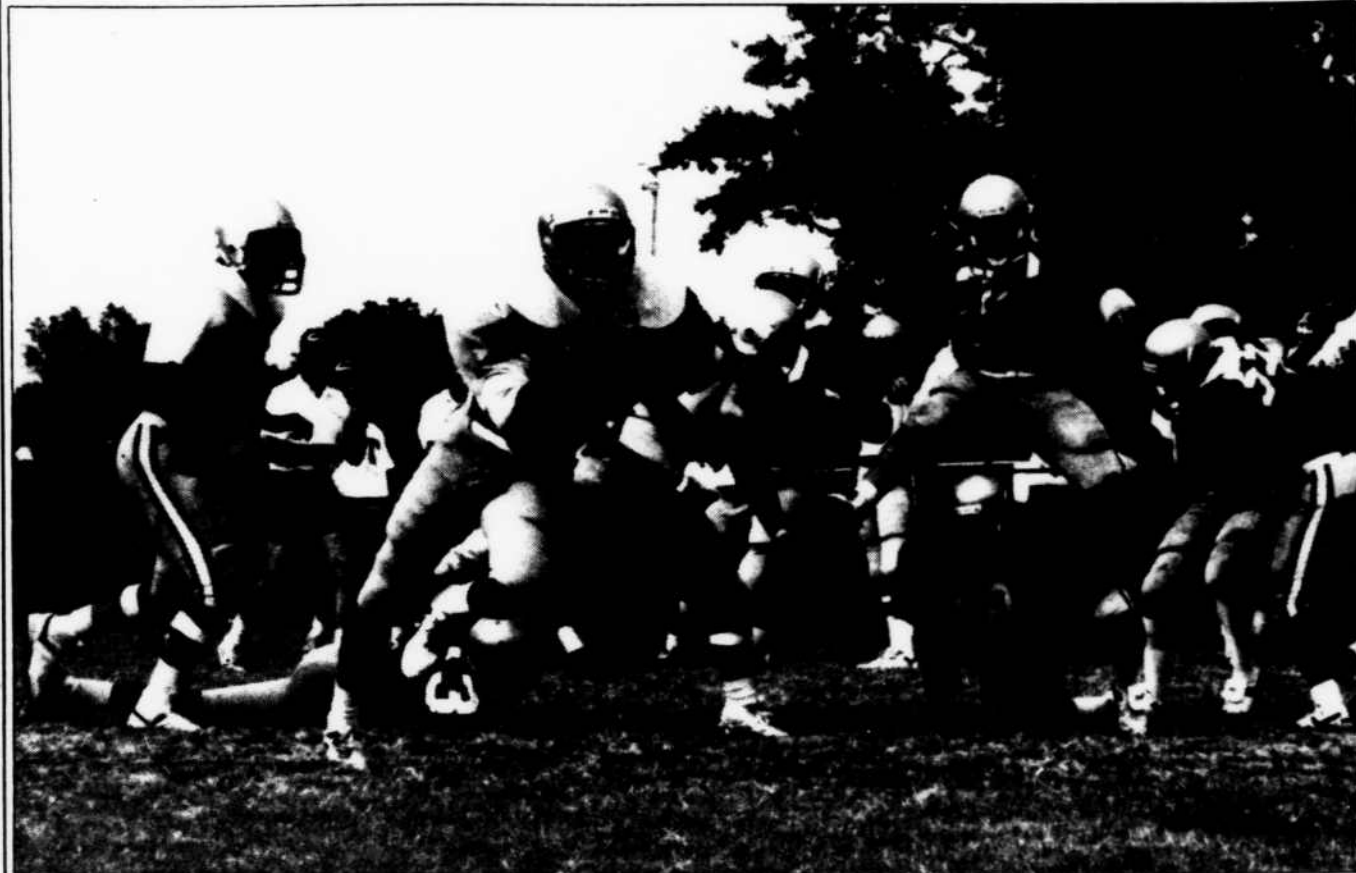
Mainly due to graduation, a team's players are never the same from year to year. Sometimes the attrition rate may be small, but other times graduation can devastate a team.



Stephen Newman • Staff

Preparing to play ...

Members of the 1989 Blue Raider football squad scrimmage on the field beside Murphy Center in preparation for the coming football season.



MTSU head football coach Boots Donnelly knows the latter feeling well.

The Blue Raiders came into last season looking to replace seven starters from his 1987 offense, while his defensive personnel remained basically unchanged.

This season, however, Donnelly is looking to replace seven starters from a defense which lead Division I-AA last season in pass defense, yielding 90.8 yards per game and allowed only an average of 247 yards in total offense and 10.5 points per game.

"Yes, it's the exact opposite of last year," Donnelly said. "We've got a chance to be pretty good on offense, but we're missing an awful lot of talent and experience from last year's defensive unit."

During drills so far this fall, the Raider's defense has been anything but impressive, as Donnelly has looked to younger players to fill the void created by graduation.

"We think we have some defensive talent," Donnelly said. "But right now, it's almost totally unproven."

On the other side of the ball, however, the Raiders appear to have the makings of an offensive powerhouse.

The lone starter lost from last year's offensive unit was a big one — quarterback Marvin Collier. Collier finished his career as the most productive quarterback in MTSU history, breaking the 25-year-old school record for total offense.

His replacement will be Phil Ironside, a transfer from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. As a classic drop-back passer, Ironside will bring a new dimension to the Raider's offense.

However, the meat and potatoes of the offensive attack will be the running back tandem of Joe Campbell and Ricky Martin.

Campbell, a 5-10, 170 lbs. sophomore from Nashville, rushed for 626 yards and nine touchdowns on 118 carries as a freshman, while Martin, a 6-1, 190 lbs. junior from Lyerly, Ga., chipped in 394 yards and seven TDs on 87 carries last season.

"We'll have a difficult time equaling last season's record [7-4 overall and 4-2 in the OVC]," Donnelly said. "If some of our youngsters can get through the early weeks without getting down on themselves, we could have some pleasant things happen."

Boots 'n' Barbecue slated

From Staff Reports

Students and football fans of Middle Tennessee State University will have their first chance to meet the 1989 Blue Raiders Thursday night Aug. 24 at the 11th annual "Boots and Barbecue" celebration, slated to get under way at 6:30.

The annual "get acquainted" shindig which has traditionally kicked off the MTSU football season for the past decade will be held at the Indian Hills Golf Course, just off Highway 231 South (Shelbyville Highway).

Those attending will get

a chance for some fine food, good music furnished by Danny Lowe Productions and to mingle with the latest edition of the Blue Raider football squad.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the gate. Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the 1989 season.

"We look forward to seeing our friends and fans at 'Boots and Barbecue,'" MTSU Head Coach Boots Donnelly said. "Everybody always has a good time and it's an especially nice way for our players to meet the folks they'll be playing in front of during Saturday af-

ternoons and evenings this fall."

With 34 of 45 lettermen returning from last year's team that finished 7-4, the Blue Raiders are picked to be right in the middle of the Ohio Valley Conference championship race once again.

Advance tickets for "Boots and Barbecue" can be purchased at the MTSU Ticket Office, the Blue Raider Athletic Association Office in Murphy Athletic Center, Murfreesboro Orthopedics, Shear Class, Whitt's Barbecue and Mid-South Bank and Trust.

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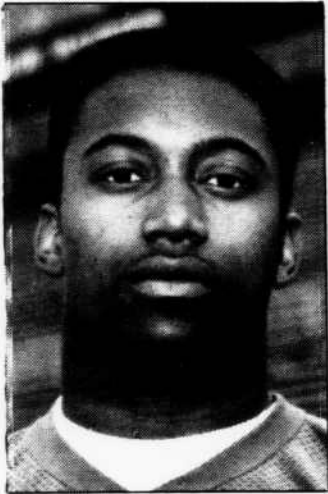
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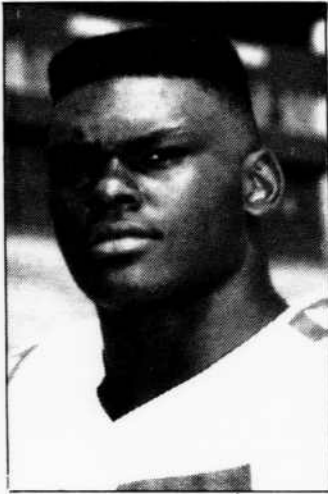
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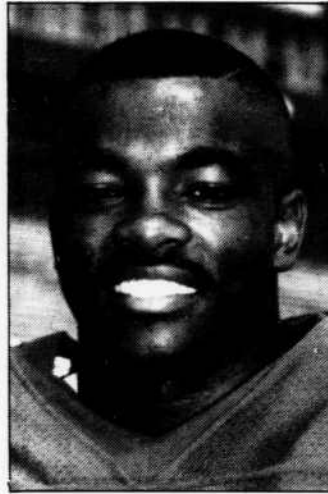
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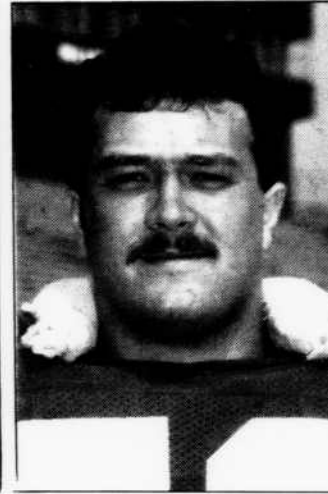
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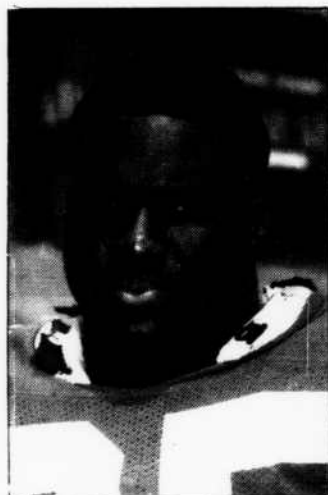
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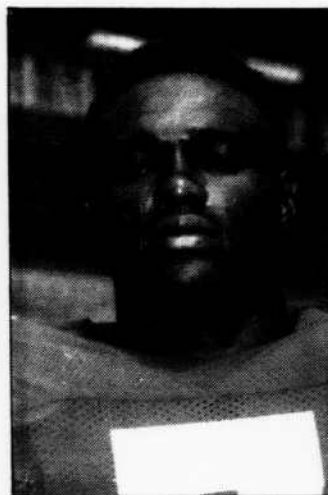
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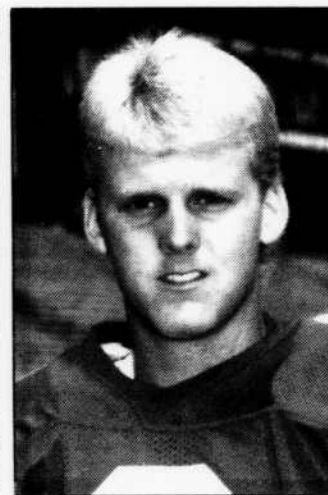
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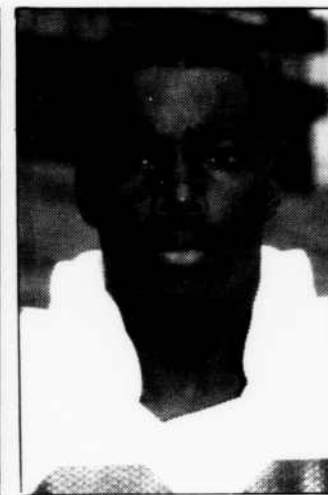
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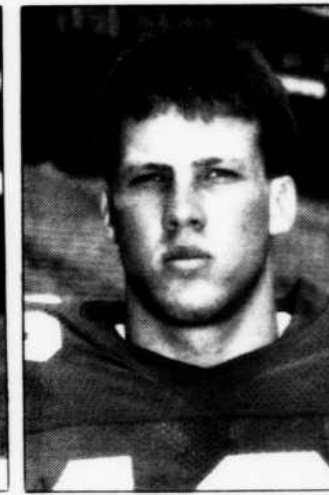
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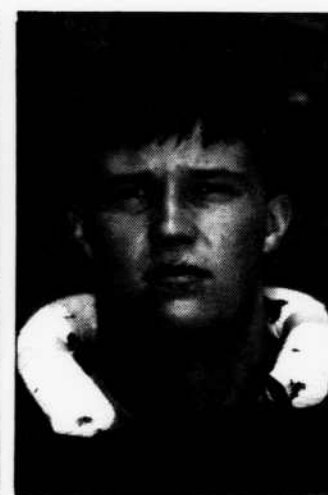
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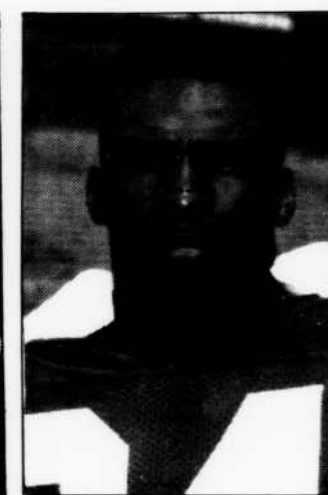
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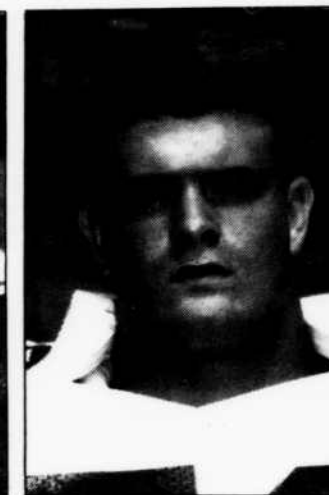
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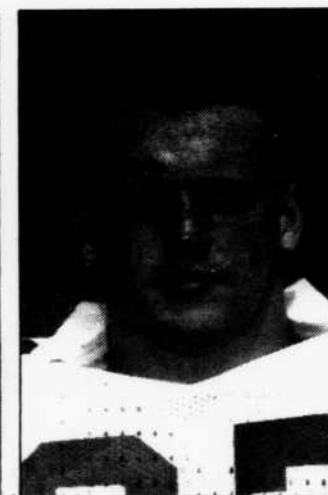
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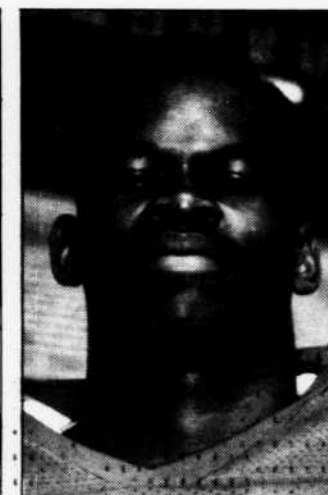
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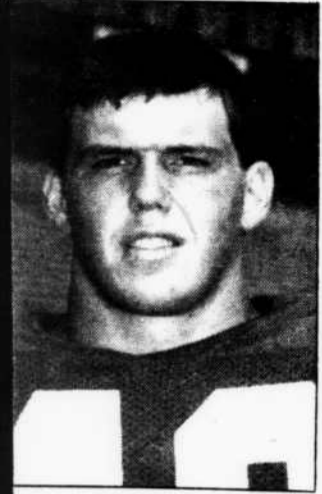
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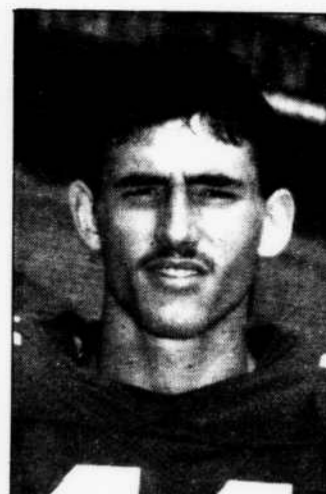
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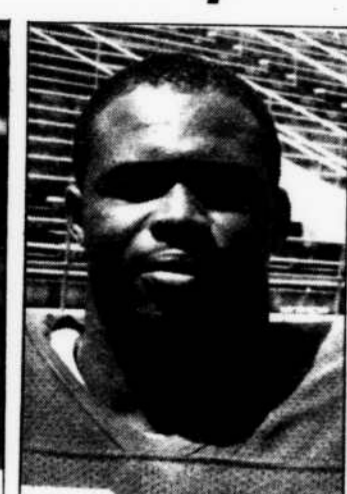
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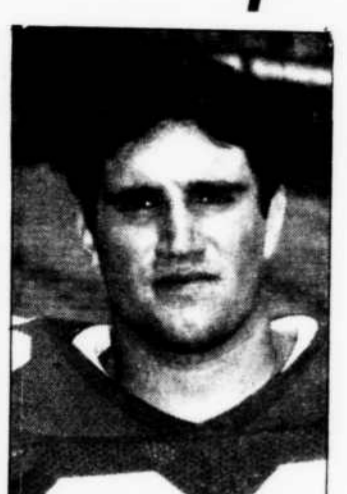
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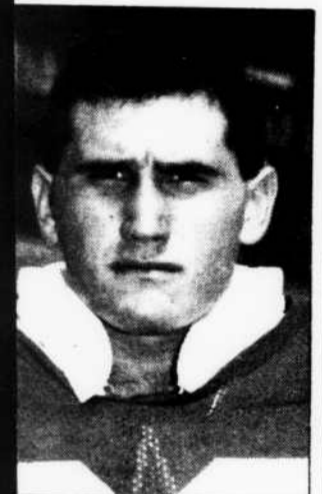
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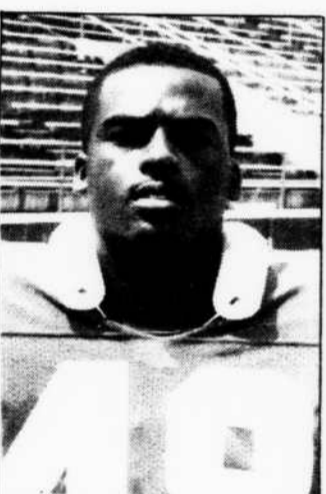
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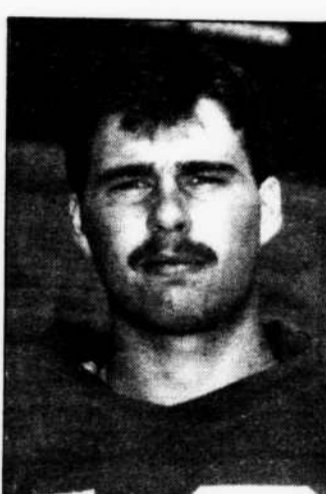
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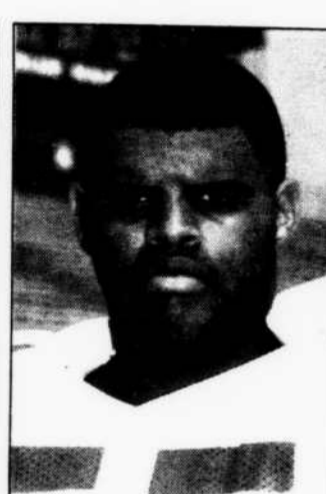
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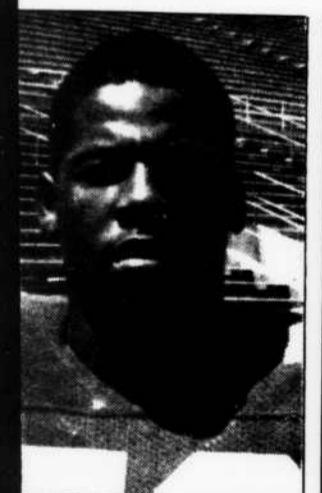
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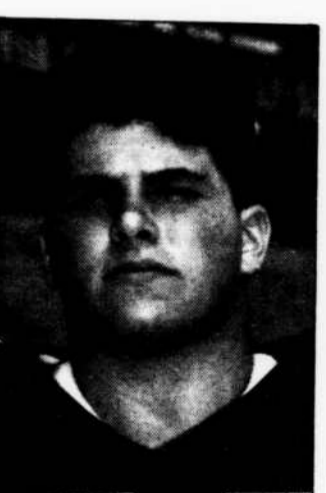
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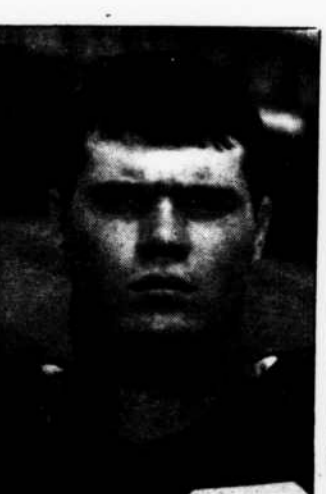
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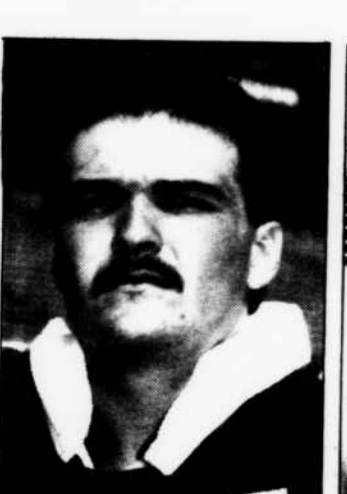
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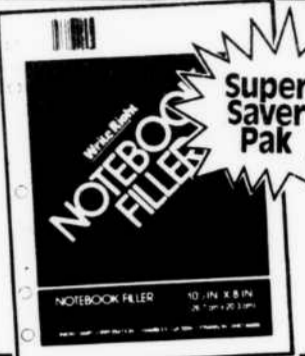
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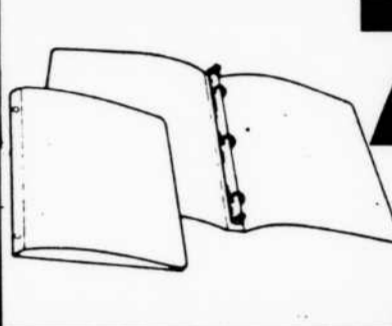
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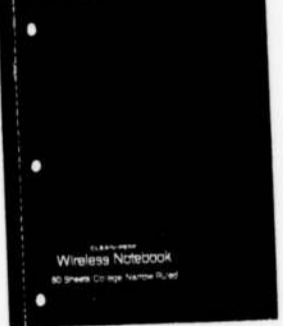
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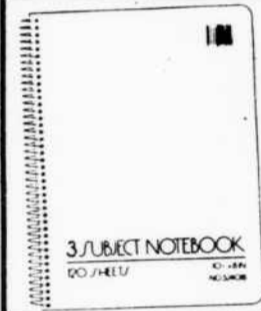
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MTSU Defensive Coordinator Ed Bunio lectures his troops during a recent practice. Bunio is attempting to replace seven starters from last year's defense.

Smith declared ineligible

From Staff Reports

The MTSU Blue Raiders received some bad news from the NCAA in early August.

Their O.J. had been squeezed.

School officials announced Wednesday morning Aug. 9 that sophomore quarterback O.J. Smith had been declared ineligible from competition this fall because he practiced with the Blue Raiders last fall under an invalid ACT score.

Smith, a former standout for Smyrna High School, failed the to meet entrance requirements on his first attempt at the test during his

senior year in high school.

However, Smith retook the test later that year and passed.

The disparity between the two scores was so striking that Smith was asked to take the test a third time to ensure that no improprieties had occurred.

The school had hoped to use Smith's freshman season as a redshirt year, but he has now been ruled a Proposition 48 player, despite the fact that he met MTSU academic requirements.

Beginning next season, Smith will have three years of eligibility and will be al-

lowed to practice with the team next spring.

MTSU Athletic Director John Stanford said the heart of the matter was not Smith's test scores, but the fact that he practiced with the team.

"Had he not practiced, there's no doubt he'd probably be playing football this season," he said. "I haven't researched other cases, but in similar circumstances, the same ruling was given — the player was ruled ineligible."

Without Smith, the Blue Raiders are faced with a depth problem at the quarterback position.



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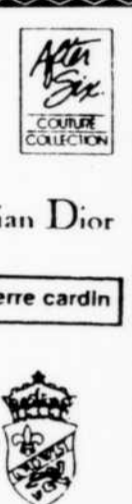


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Sports addictions control lives of many Americans

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Even if this diversion theory is correct, many sports addicts have sunk to a level where they are little better than the run of the mill smack junkie digging for a hypo in a trash dumpster.

These people exist for no other purpose than the next sportscast. When "We" (meaning "Their team," of course) win, their gloating is unbearable. When "They" (meaning "Those bums," of course) lose,

these fans wallow in a pool of self-pity. It's as if their life has lost all meaning because Rafael Rameriez denied his chosen fate and blew a routine grounder that allowed the Padres to steal a victory and cost the Astros a game in the standings.

This breed of sports fascination has reached a level of total unabashed absurdity. The meaning of the old phrase "It's just a game" has been totally lost, and no one seems to be able to explain

this phenomenon. Maybe some day these people will begin to realize that sports are nothing more and nothing less than entertainment. Just like a good book or movie. Maybe then the enjoyment of being a sports fan will return.

If not, maybe soon I'll turn on my TV and hear a nice, mellow voice say, "Did you know that Koalas seldom, if ever, have been seen in Wrigley Field?"

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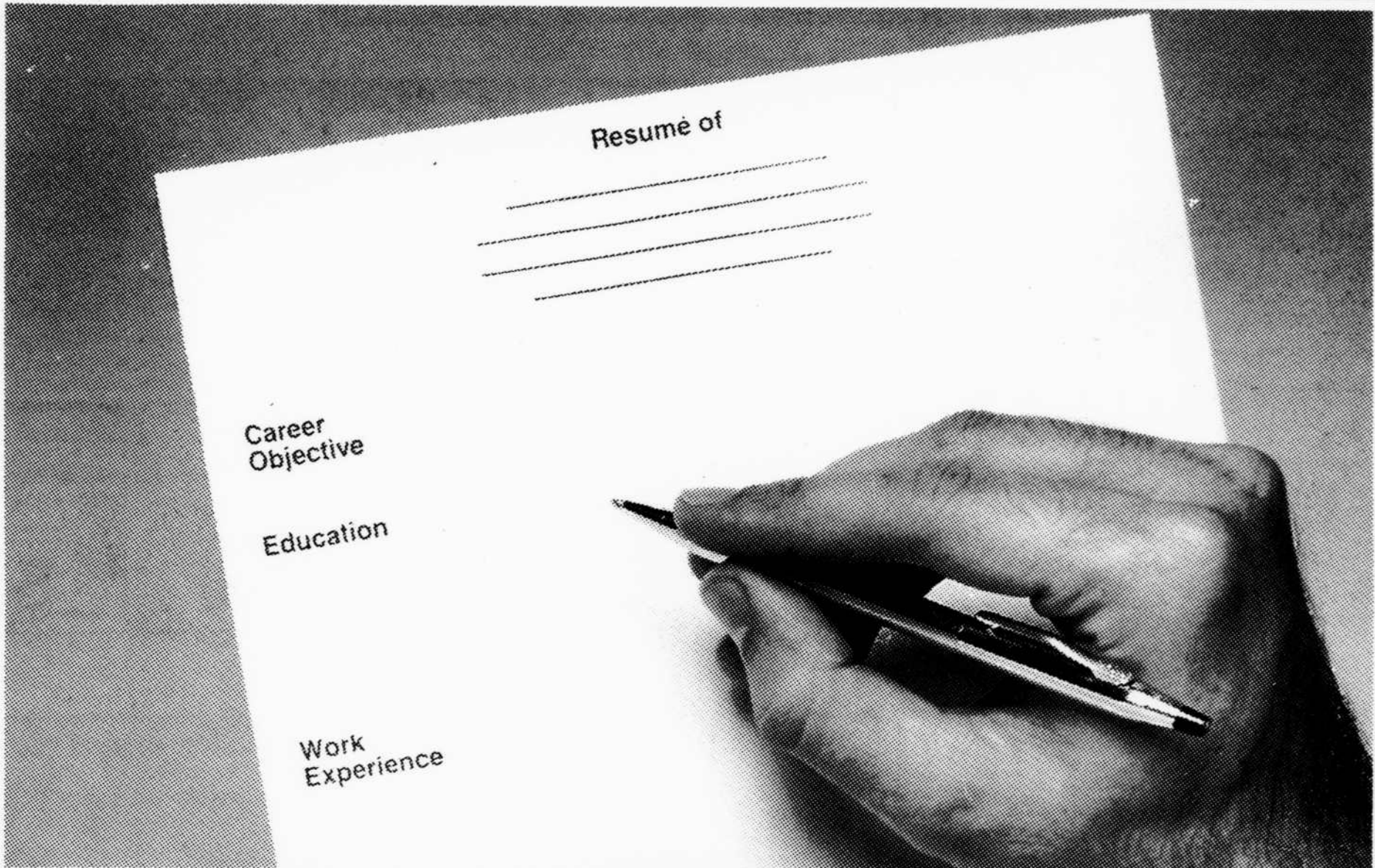


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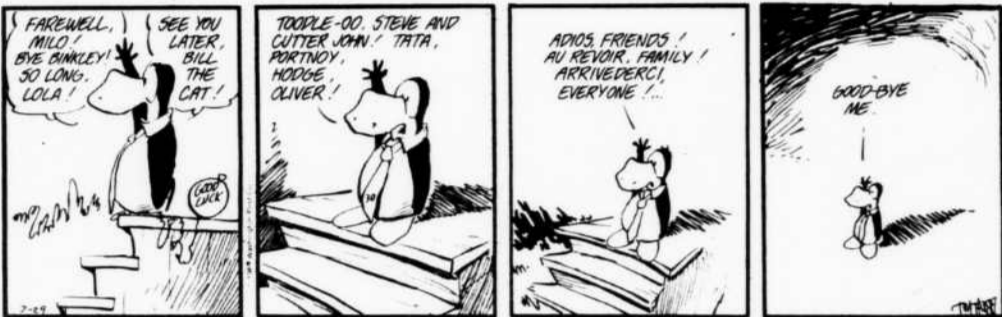
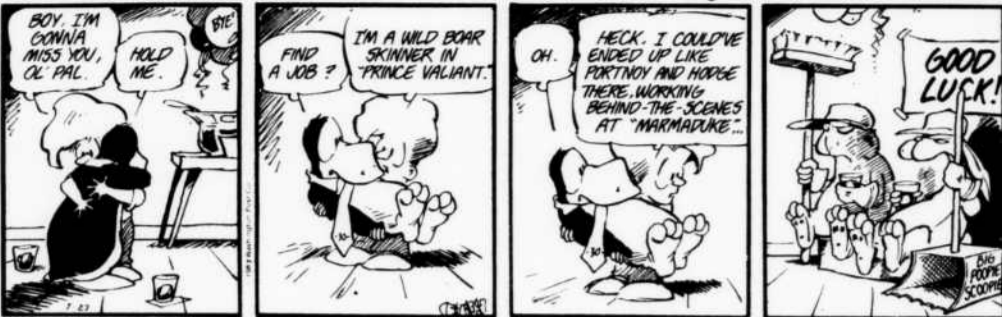
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