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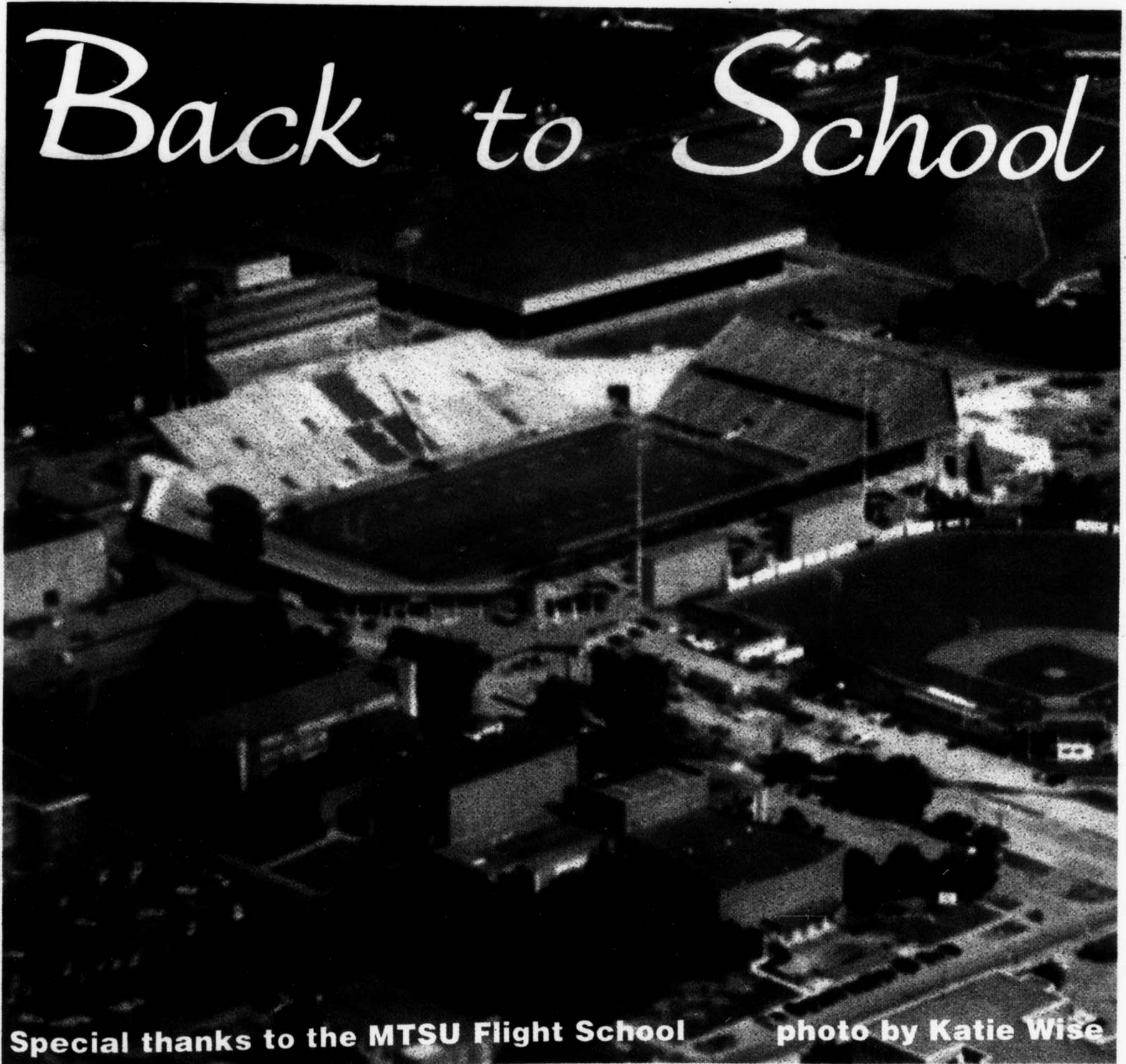
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Back to School



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Welcome back to Middle Tennessee State University

Believe me, I didn't want to come back so soon either.

If you feel like I do, the summer went by too fast and there was not nearly enough relaxation time.

However, we're back now and beginning a new semester -- some of us just starting to take classes in our major, some of us to take our last. Whatever your schedule might be, keep a positive look about you and remember you're making progress toward graduation day.

I had a semi-typical summer. I took a class, worked to save money and pay bills and then went on a week-long vacation. Not to Florida, I might add.

I went somewhere I've been wanting to go for three years: San Francisco. And I must tell you that I nearly didn't get on my return flight to Nashville.

The city was just as I imagined it. The hills were steep and the houses were packed like sardines on every street. The coffee was great and the weather was refreshingly cool. The ocean made me weep.

After a week of touring the upper coastal half of California, San Francisco, Monterey, Big Sur, Carmel and San Simeon, I traveled home to

humble Tennessee.

What really amazed me was how long it took to get to California and everywhere inside of it. Minus the brief layover in Dallas, Texas, the plane ride took nearly six hours. I was amazed how the distance changed my perspective on things.

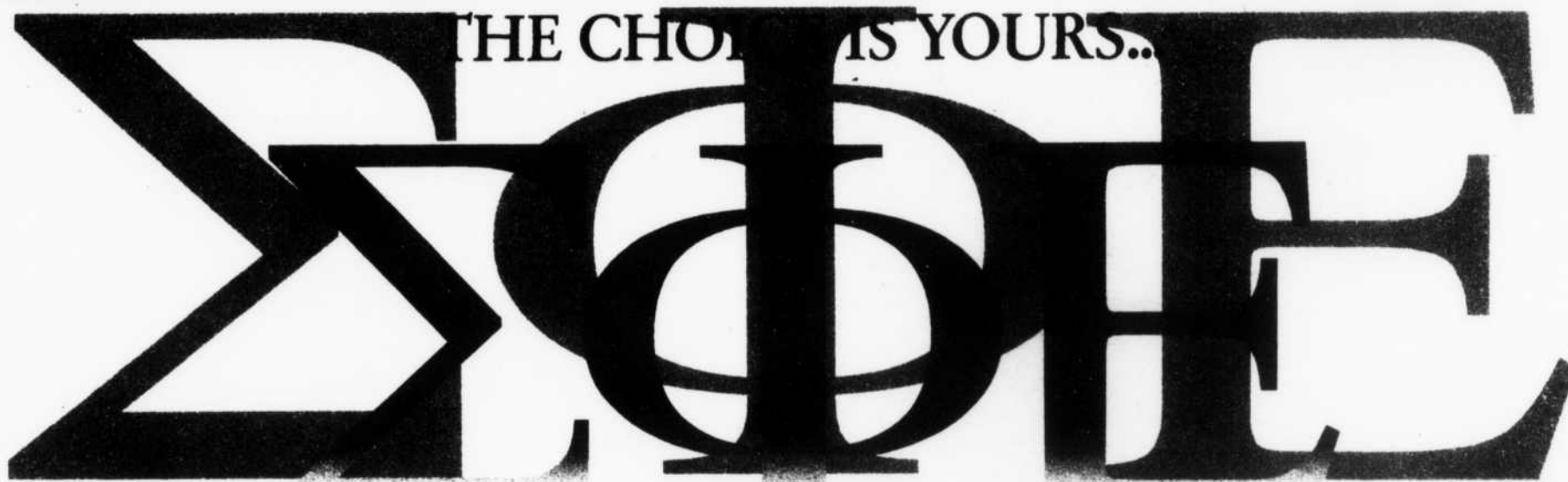
I lived in Germany for four years, and this recent trip to the west coast made me take notice of time and space. In Europe, it took no time to hop on over to an adjacent country -- Austria, perhaps. My family and I took weekend trips to Switzerland, France and Luxembourg. We would spend a week in various towns and countries with no qualms about the travel time.

However, it takes nearly a week to get from the east coast to the west by car in the United States. It takes five hours to get to Cincinnati from Nashville.

This country is bigger than most of us realize.

And the sad thing is that over half of us don't realize how much this land has to offer.

I consider myself a big traveler, but I'm ashamed to say that I've gone miles without noticing the little things that make this country so great.

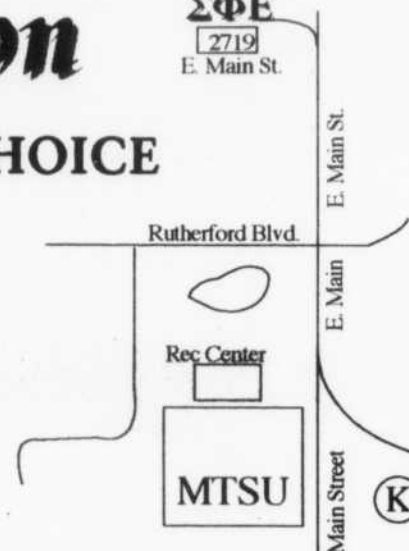


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Adult Services Center offers guidance to 'non-traditional' students

John Garner
staff writer

The Adult Services Center (ASC), located in room 320 of Keathley University Center, is an oasis set amid the maelstrom of college life. The ASC is where the "non-traditional" student (typically anyone over the age of 24) can receive guidance, tutelage, scholastic advice and the companionship of peers, all focused on the peculiar challenges faced by adult students.

"Age really isn't a factor in who qualifies as an adult learner," ASC Director Carolyn Baily said. "To me, it means a person who shoulders adult responsibilities along with their college obligations."

"I've known 19-year-old students who were married, had children, worked full-time and carried a 16-hour school schedule. Anyone with that agenda should be considered adult. They would be welcome here."

The national trend for adult students either returning to college or attending college for the first time is growing, according to Baily.

"In the 1970s, 30 percent of all college students were adult learners," she said. "Today, that figure is more like 50 percent."

One of the most important services the ASC offers is providing information.

"Our office workers make a point of really listening to the people who come here for help," Baily said. "It's easy for a student to get the wrong information, or get shuttled from one office to another, if you don't really hear what

they're asking in the first place."

The ASC can provide forms and applications, catalogues, schedule books and financial aid and change of address paperwork at hours when most of the offices on campus are not open.

"The student who has to work a full-time job might not

assist the adult student are held throughout the semester in the ASC. Seminars that offer advice on time management and stress relief can be of particular help to students facing adult responsibilities outside the classroom, according to Baily.

In addition to these, Baily conducts a course entitled

help get you through your first few months on campus.

"Peer mentors are carefully paired up with the new student. We try to match people whose majors are in the same college, who share similar interests," Baily said.

"Many returning students feel anxiety about coming back to school. Statistics show they

how to get something done," Baily said. "A relationship with a peer mentor is more like a friendship."

The lounge of the Adult Services Center is a relaxing environment, offering a comfortable study area, a fully-equipped kitchenette and a computer for student use. It's a place to gather, study, relax and talk. ("And if you like jigsaw puzzles, won't you please come by and finish the one on the coffee table," Baily laughs.)

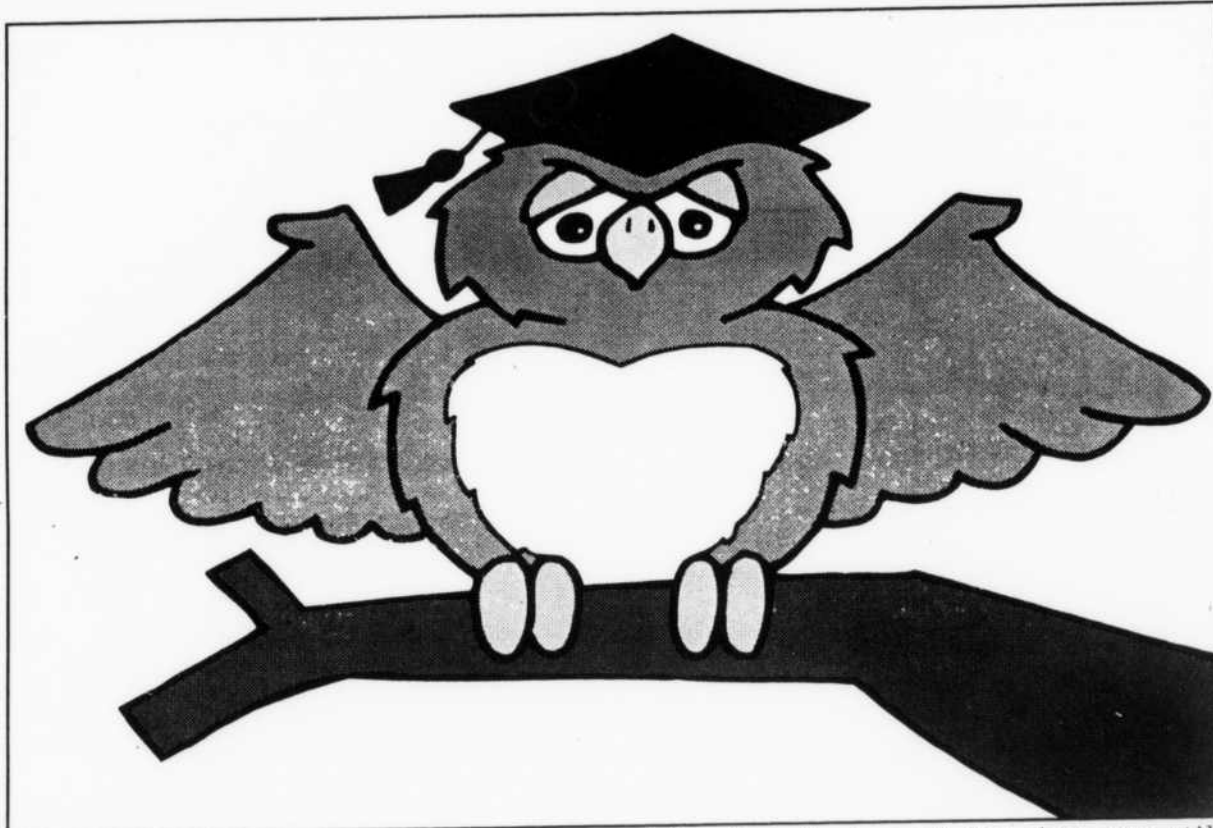
The ASC is also the home for the Older Wiser Learners (OWLs). Boasting a membership of more than 100 men and women, these are the more active, social service-minded adults.

"The OWLs successfully lobbied for scholarships with the university administration and financial aid," Baily said. "They now offer 12 different scholarships, which are awarded in the spring."

Applications and information on scholarships and OWLs membership can be found in the ASC.

Pinnacle is a club for adult students involved in community service and academic achievement. It was established at a time when honorariums were not commonly offered to adults. Membership in Pinnacle is available for juniors and seniors who have at least a 3.0 average, and graduate students with a 3.4 average or better.

If you are an adult student new to MTSU, or if you've simply haven't found the time to visit KUC 320, Baily and her staff invite you to stop by and introduce yourself. You are also welcome to call them at 898-5989.



be able to stop by Cope Administration during regular office hours," Baily said. "We're here from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday."

The ASC can also sell parking permits and discounted Relax 'n Ride bus passes, saving the student from a special trip to the MTSU Parking Authority.

Workshops designed to

"Five Steps to a College Paper" once every fall and spring. "It's probably been several years since many of the adult learners have had to write academic papers," Baily said. "It helps to have a system to follow if you can't remember how to get a paper started."

The process of fitting in with the student population can be more than a little disorienting. The ASC can designate a peer mentor to

do well, but they may still have doubts about taking this step in their lives."

A mentor will meet with the adult student every week. They can answer questions and offer advice based on experience, make suggestions on finding tuition and keep you reminded of drop dates, if necessary.

"It can be hard for an adult student to tell a stranger that he or she just doesn't know

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Newly constructed Blue Raider bookstore open

By John Garner
staff writer

The Blue Raider Book Store on Greenland Drive is ready for the fall semester after "the most extensive restoration we've ever done," said Director of Operations Beverly Elliott.

Four months of labor and over \$250,000 have been invested in giving the book store its new look.

"We've made a couple of additions over the years," Elliott said. "This has been a far more thorough renovation than ever before."

"Hopefully, it'll be the last renovation we ever have to do," Elliot added, laughingly.

The first alterations were made 10 years ago when the old Burger Queen fast-food restaurant was converted into the familiar academic book shop. Since then, there have been a few add-ons to accommodate the growing needs of the student population.

The most recent changes have been more than cosmetic, James Owens, assistant manager, said.

"The store has doubled in

size, at least," Owens said. "We've connected the warehouse to the main floor. It's easier now for customers to find whatever they're looking for."

"We're about 99 percent of the way done," he said. "There's just a little bit more touch-up and trim work to go."

One of the finishing strokes will be the incorporation of a new logo. The old "Blue Raider" sign on the facade will be replaced by the emblem "B.R.B.S."

The addition of a drive-up window promises to make book-buying as easy as a lunch date at Hardees.

Students can pre-order via e-mail at: brbs@blueraiderbookstore.com, or via the web at: www.blueraiderbookstore.com.

Orders may also be faxed to 893-3956 or phoned in by calling 890-7231.

"Your supplies will be ready by the time you pull up to the window," Elliott said. "You can pay by credit card, check or cash."

The new services and extra floor space mean additional staff members will be hired,



Jennie Treadway/staff

The Blue Raider bookstore is located on Greenland Drive, across from the new football stadium.

said Elliott and Owens.

"This is a role traditionally filled by the student population," Elliott said. "We'll work with the applicants to tailor their work schedule to fit their classroom and study obligations."

"We're looking to take on at least 17 new people," Owens said. "We expect this fall will

probably be our busiest semester ever."

Buying back and reselling used texts accounts for a most of the book store's business, said Owens.

"We deal mainly with used books rather than new," Owens said. "Our prices are about the same as you'll pay at Phillips. We just maintain a

larger inventory of used books."

Students looking to resell their books to the Blue Raider Book Store can expect to receive half the cover price during the last two weeks of the semester. Wholesale value, which can be considerably less, is paid the rest of the year.



UNDECLARED MAJORS

How Advising Helps

One of the most important people you'll need to know at MTSU is your academic advisor. Your academic advisor can help you:

- choose the right classes
- sort out your options and the possible consequences of your choices
- find ways to determine your interests
- find out majors and minors
- understand MTSU's policies and procedures and how they affect you
- plan a schedule to fit your work, family and out-of-class activities
- head in the right direction for things like counseling, financial aid, and career planning

It's important for you to see your advisor on a regular basis. You may have already met your advisor either at orientation or in their office. **If you haven't spoken with them yet, it's a good idea to meet them:**

-over 30 hours - Counseling & Testing Office - KUC 329 - 898-2670
-under 30 hours - Horace Stogner - KUC325 - 898-5197



Important Dates to Remember

August 16: last day to drop/withdraw from classes and receive 100% refund

August 18: Graduate Student Orientation

August 19: Classes begin

August 19, 20: late registration
[fee of \$25]

August 20: deadline to register for fall 1998

August 24: fee payment deadline,
last day to add a class

Sept. 1: last day to file

'Intent to Graduate' form

Sept. 7: Labor Day [no classes]

Sept. 16: 25% refund deadline

Sept. 17-Oct. 14: drop with "W"

Oct. 5-10: mid-term

Oct. 15-17: fall break [no classes]

Oct. 23: last day to file theses and dissertations for December graduation

Nov. 26-27: Thanksgiving Holidays

Nov. 30: deadline to withdraw
from University

Dec. 5-11: final examinations

Dec. 12: graduation, Murphy Center

Dec. 14: deadline to submit grade rolls to Records

Jan. 6: Spring 1999 classes begin

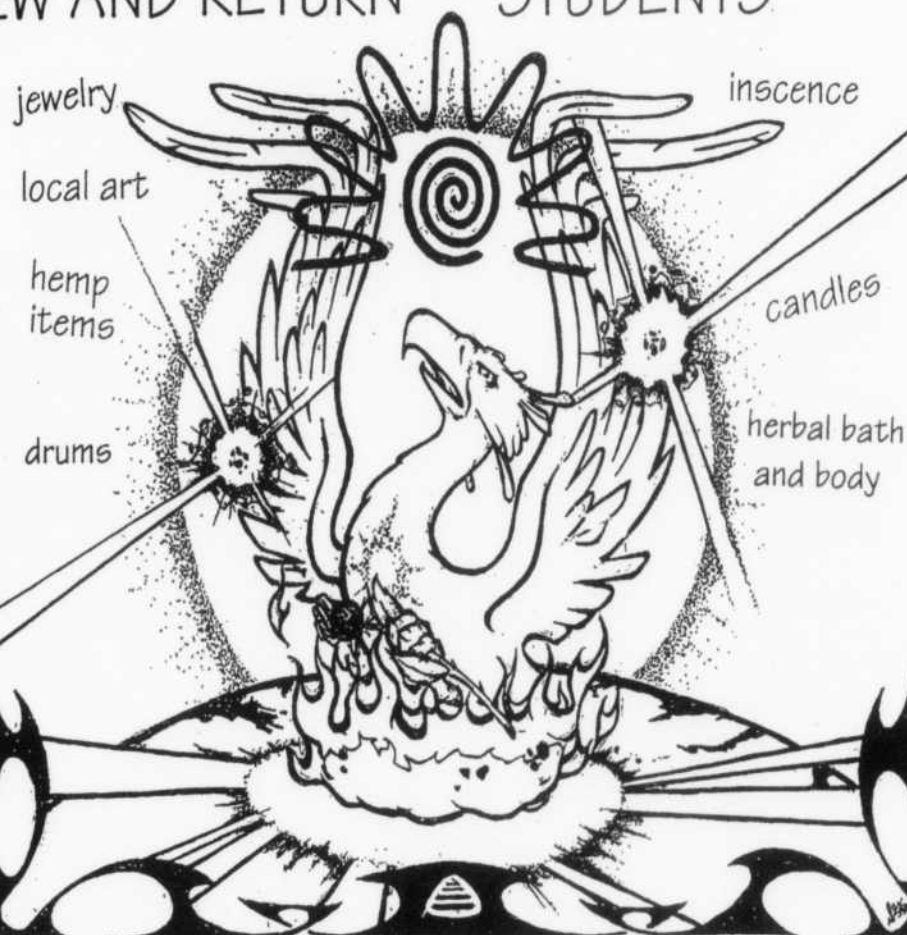
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Welcome Concert
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Sunday Drive

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Welcome BACK Party
Wednesday - August 19

5:30 p.m.
food & fun at the college house

STUDENT SUNDAY
Sunday - August 23

College Bible Study - 10:15 a.m.
Contemporary Worship - 11:30 a.m.
FREE Lunch - 12:30 p.m.

Jehovah Java Kickoff
Tuesday - AUGUST 25



Ashley Cleveland

9:00 p.m.
JUB cafeteria

-people, music & coffee

Inner session
Wednesday - August 26

worship for college students
Belle Aire sanctuary • 6:00 p.m.

AΩ Fall Concert
Sunday - August 30



Jennifer Knapp

7:30 p.m.
Tucker Theater
\$5 at the door

Jehovah
Java
FALL LINE-UP

SEPTEMBER 1



SEPTEMBER 8



SEPTEMBER 22



Scotty says:

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**Join Scotty and the other
1200 Greeks on campus
at the annual**

GREEKFEST!

**Wednesday, August 19, 1998
7:00 p.m.**

Campus Recreation Sundeck

FREE FOOD! PRIZES! LIVE BAND! GAMES!

Greek Rush 1998 expecting increased participation

Staff Reports

More than 700 men and women are expected to participate in this year's Greek Rush activities which begin just after classes start.



Students interested in joining sororities and fraternities in the Panhellenic and Inter-Fraternity Council systems can participate in Rush activities and attend

GreekFest98 in order to learn more about the campus' Greek system, said Vic Felts, Greek Life director.



"Registering for and participating in Rush is not an obligation to join a sorority or fraternity," Felts said. "Rush is, however, an excellent way to meet a lot of people." GreekFest98 will be held 7-10 p.m. Aug. 19 on the sundeck of the Campus Recreation facility and is a good atmosphere for meeting

students involved in the Greek system and others who will be participating in Rush.

There will be free food, prizes and a band playing for everyone's entertainment, Felts said.

Sorority Rush is scheduled for Aug. 27 through Sept. 2. Deadline for registering to participate is Aug. 21.

There is a \$25 fee to register. Fraternity Rush is scheduled Aug. 31 through Sept. 5. Deadline for registering is Aug. 28. There is no fee to register.

Anyone interested in registering may go by the Greek Life Office in Room 310 of the Keathley University Center. The office is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Felts said there will also be tables set up periodically outside of Phillips Bookstore or in

the KUC courtyard for registration purposes.



Men and women who have registered will be invited to attend a series of parties hosted by the sororities and fraternities.

For the women, the first round is an open round where registrants attend parties hosted by all the sororities they are interested in. During the second round, the sororities extend invitations to those women they are

interested in having as members. During the subsequent rounds, sororities begin to narrow the invitation lists to ultimately determine who will be extended a bid.

Men generally attend mixers of the fraternities they are interested in and continue to return to those fraternities until bids are extended.

The United Greek Council will hold its Rush activities later in the fall, Felts said.



SPEAKING OF SUCCESS

You probably know someone that you would describe as an excellent communicator. She can always get her point across in a compelling way without rambling on and on. People listen to her, whatever the subject. She, as the saying goes, has a way with words.

Verbal communication is one of the most powerful tools we have for attaining our goals. Being a good communicator can help earn a grade, land a job, even find a spouse. Communication is among the Winning Characteristics all employers look for, and in many cases may be the deciding factor for interviewers as they consider candidates.

If you are concerned that your communication abilities may be a bit weak, you may consider taking a public speaking class. Public speaking is a valuable skill, but it may not be the answer for one-on-one settings like a job interview. In an interview, clarity-not elaborate presentation-is the key. You only have a few minutes to describe your successes in academic, extracurricular, and work experiences. What's important is that you describe those successes in a clear, organized, self-assured manner that the interviewer can understand. The dramatics that might spice up a speech won't add much to an interview.

So here's the drill. Think about the best way to describe each one of your accomplishments. Practice saying the words, making sure that you avoid distracting tangents and the dreaded "uhh," "like," and "you know." Then find a placement advisor, friend-of-a-friend, or someone else that does not know you well. Describe your successes to this person as if you are being interviewed. Then ask your listener to describe what they learned from your story. If they can't make sense of it, you can be sure an interviewer won't either. That means it's time for more practice. Not exciting, but necessary.

Remember, when it comes to speaking of success, there's no substitute for practice.

Making Counts Contest is a syndicated column based on the book (ISBN# 0-811-388-002-7) and author's website of Success Skills. To learn more about it, visit www.makingcounts.com, or call 1-800-263-6333 toll free.



Today is the day you stop listening to the tales of other lives lived, and begin the odyssey that will be your story.



Attention Student Organizations!!!

Please note the following dates and deadlines:

Mandatory Organization Orientation:

Choose one of the following dates:

- Wednesday, August 26th, 1998 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 27th, 1998 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, August 31st, 1998 4:00 p.m.

* All sessions will be held in room 322 of the KUC.

Friday, September 4, 1998--

- ** Organizations requesting funds for Fall semester**
- * Activity Fee Applications Due
- * Organizational Report Forms Due

Monday, September 21, 1998--

- ** All organizations not requesting funds for Fall semester**
- * Organizational Report Forms Due

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT FORMS AND ACTIVITY FEE APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN KUC 122 AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE.

MTSU CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Mandatory Clinic
August 19-21, 5-8
August 22, 8-12

Tryouts
April 23 2:00

All activity in the AMG Gymnastics Room
 If you would like further information,
 call the Dean of Student Life's office
 at 898-2750.

Coca-cola takes Pepsi's spot on campus

By Bryan Brooks
staff writer

Pepsi machines began disappearing around campus earlier this summer—replaced with Coca-Cola machines as of July 1, the latter becoming the soft drink of MTSU.

"We selected Coke as our exclusive vendor on campus," said Joe Hugh, director of procurement services. "They were pretty aggressive in their bidding."

Every five years the university bids out the soft drink contract, and last spring Coca-Cola beat Pepsi in the bidding process to furnish their services to the campus and at athletic events, according to Hugh.

"There was a considerable difference [in the bids], maybe a few thousand," said Duane Stucky, vice president of finance and administration.

Most visible will be the new vending machines which will have the new school logo on the front of them. Fifty of the machines will be placed off campus throughout the Middle Tennessee area, according to Stucky. Twenty-five will be located on campus.

In the package that MTSU received, the school will get a commission on the sale of drinks on campus. Stucky said that the difference between the commission offered by Coke and Pepsi was sizable.

A new \$4,000 scoreboard for the baseball field and \$25,000 for "equipment and merchandise" is also being offered by the company.

Coke also donated \$27,000 for scholarships, which will be placed in the general scholarship fund for students with high scholastic achievements.

Another \$70,000 is to be given to the university primarily for assistance in marketing, sales and promotion of MTSU sports, Stucky said.

He said there is even a possibility that the MTSU logo could be placed on Coke cans for distribution in the midstate region.

After July 1, Pepsi was be available anywhere on campus. The company that is contracted to run the food services on campus, Aramark, offers only Coke in the four campus cafeterias and at events it caters.



As a part of the contract with Coca-Cola, some of the machines will picture the MTSU logo. This machine is located in the Recreation Center.

Coca-Cola, following the terms of the contract, will donate scholarship money, sponsor the baseball field scoreboard and serve Coca-cola drinks at sports events.

Honors Program open to every student

By Jennie Treadway
staff writer

The Honors Program is an opportunity open to every student eligible who wants smaller classes, more in-depth study of a subject, more personal attention and a greater challenge.

Specially designed courses are offered in most colleges for any student to take, that is, after meeting certain conditions. Students who stay in the program and fulfill its requirements receive special recognition and an award at graduation.

A typical honors class consists of

15 to 20 students at the most, set in a relaxing atmosphere, with open conversation and exchange of ideas. Most honors professors ring out the daily busy work to help students focus on the major themes of a study.

Every semester the Honors Program hosts an orientation for interested students. The date is not yet set for the Fall 1998 semester.

Requirements for admission to the Honors Program are minimal. An entering freshman must have a minimum of a 26 ACT score or a composite score of 20 with a 3.5 GPA.

Returning college students can join

the Honors Program with an overall college GPA of 3.0 and must be able to keep that average until graduation.

After meeting the program's requirements for admission, enrolling in an honors class is easy. In the schedule book, all the lower division and general studies honors classes have the letter 'H' at the end of the class number. For example, to take Honors English 112, enroll in "ENGL 112H."

For easy reference, the schedule book has a special section that lists all the honors classes offered for that specific semester.

Upon graduating with honors, each student must prepare an Honors Thesis or Creative Project. The Honors Council must approve the topic by way of a proposal the semester before research begins.

The Honors Program is more than studying and writing papers. Every semester the program plans poetry readings, concerts and talent showcases for university students.

The Honors Lecture Series, a sequence of single-topic lectures given by guest speakers and university faculty, is also an added bonus to students.

To graduate with University Honors

◆ complete at least 24 hours of Honors courses (12 hours of lower division, 12 hours of upper division)

transfer students assessed on individual basis

◆ complete an Honors Thesis/Creative Project approved by the Honor Council

◆ file an Intent to Graduate with University Honors form at the beginning of the senior year

◆ achieve an overall 3.25 GPA or better (students who graduate above a 3.65 will receive a Distinction in University Honors award)

For more information, contact the Honors Department at 898-2152

Fall 1998 Honors Classes

Lower Division

Theory of Flight 102
Topics in Biology 100
General Biology 111 (4 sessions)
Gen. Chemistry 121 (2 sessions)
Prin. of Economics 241
Composition 111 (10 sessions)
Experience of Lit 211 (7 sessions)
Intermediate French 211
Intermediate Spanish 211
Intro to Earth Science 100
Western Civilization 172
World Civ., 1450 to present 192
Amer. People 201 (4 sessions)
Intro to Mass Comm 151 (4 sess.)
Media Writing 171 (2 sessions)
Algebra & Trig 121

Foundations of Gov't 122
Intro Physics Lab 233
Gen. Psychology 141 (3 sessions)
Psych. Soc. Behavior 221
Intro Sociology 101
Fund. of Speech 220 (3 sessions)

Upper Division

Problems in Aerospace 407
Bus. Communication 351
Literature & Film 365
Tragedies Shakespeare 434
Amer. Renaissance 463
Prin. MGMT & Org. Behavior 361
Prin. of Marketing 382
Intro of Music 310
American Constitution 337

Logic & Critical Thinking 311
Psychology of Women 462
Audio for Media 301

University Honors

Honor Lecture Series 300
SR Interdiscipl. Seminar 460
(2 sessions)

Independent Research

Honor Independ. Research 465
(6 sessions)

Students must get meet Honors requirements to enroll in an Honors course.



FLASH!

Weekends start on Wednesday with **FLASH!** because Friday and Saturday nights aren't the only time to hang out. Each publication features club listings, horoscopes and crossword puzzles (they aren't as hard as the NY Times but they'll make you think).

FLASH! will also showcase stories on local bands, entertainment, features and issues of social concern that affect college students. Providing a cutting edge forum for ideas and affairs that don't seem to have space in other college publications is what **FLASH!** is all about.

WHERE WEEKENDS BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY



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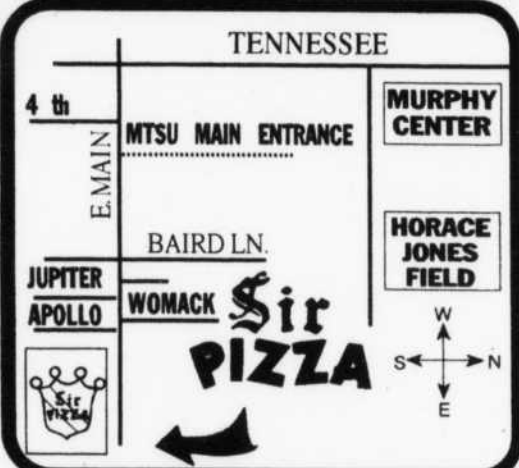
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Rutherford County Heart Walk shoots for \$25,000 donated

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The kick-off for the MTSU Heart Walk campaign will be held Thursday, Aug. 20, at 2:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center, according to recruitment leader Sylvia Brace. Everyone is invited to come and get involved in helping MTSU reach its own goal of \$25,000.

There will be refreshments and door prizes, and this year's Heart Walk chairman Randall Matlock will offer a few remarks.

Last year, MTSU was the top team in terms of numbers of walkers and dollars raised — with more than 500 walkers generating approximately \$24,000.

The kick-off will provide information about how to get involved and obtain pledges. MTSU helped put Rutherford County on the national map last year.

The overall 1997 walk raised \$122,000, which ranked the county in 34th place nationwide.

In addition, Rutherford County was number one in the nation for counties of similar size.

Brace and her recruitment leader associates, Connie Shirley, Sheila Marquart, Maggie Prugh and Mimi Thomas, urge everyone campus-wide to get involved in this year's Heart Walk.

Prugh and Thomas will be heading up the student Heart Walk campaign, which will hold a separate kick-off even on Sept. 3.

The actual Heart Walk will take place Sunday, Sept. 27, at 1 p.m., on campus.

For more information, contact Mimi Thomas at 898-2551 or Maggie Prugh at 898-8418.

Three local reps lose statehouse races

KARIN MILLER
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Three Republican state representatives won't be returning to Nashville next year, but there weren't many other surprises in legislative primaries.

One of the lawmakers ousted had a drunken driving conviction, another had lost party support by challenging a fellow Republican for sheriff, and a third had only been appointed to the seat a few months ago.

Rep. Larry Huskey of Sevierville, who spent 18 years representing the 12th District, was defeated in a three-way GOP race nine months after spending 48 hours behind bars for DUI.

Sevier County School Board chairman Richard Montgomery — who beat Huskey and Curtis Adams for the nomination and faces no Democratic opposition in November — says he didn't mention the drunken driving incident during the campaign.

But Huskey said he's "sure there was some underlying consideration of that."

Rep. Don Bird of Cleveland, who angered fellow Republicans by trying to oust Sheriff Daniel Gilley in the GOP primary last spring, was easily defeated by attorney DeWayne Bunch in the heavily Republican 24th District. He faces Democrat Tommy Barrett, who won his primary by 14 votes.

Rep. Mike Walker, a former Blount County commissioner, couldn't keep the District 8 House seat he was appointed to when Rep. Bill Claybough took the late Sen. Carl Koella's place in the Senate.

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Powerball winners decide to avoid the spotlight

PATRICK L. THIMANGU
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Lottery officials confirmed that the ticket held by 13 Ohio workingmen was the winner of \$161.5 million in the Powerball lottery. But the happy 13 stayed away and largely anonymous.

The winners' attorney, Larry Sturtz, and three security guards traveled 170 miles by car from Upper Arlington, Ohio, to Hoosier Lottery headquarters to bring in the ticket for validation.

After meeting with Sturtz, Hoosier Lottery Director James Maguire confirmed the ticket was authentic. He said the money would be transferred electronically next week to the Ohio bank holding an account for the Lucky 13 Trust, which was created to claim the jackpot and maintain the anonymity of most of the group.

The multistate Powerball

offered a record \$295.7 million jackpot in last month's drawing. The previous record jackpot for a single ticket was \$195 million, also in the Powerball game, won by an Illinois couple in May.

The winners, who nicknamed themselves "the Lucky 13," work at Automation Tooling Systems in the Columbus suburb of Westerville. They decided to take the \$161.5 million lump-sum payment option instead of the higher figure over a period of years. That comes to \$12.4 million before taxes for each of the 13 workers.

The ticket had been stored in a safe deposit box. Sturtz held it up for photographers at a news conference, declaring it to be the winner.

"It's been quite a zoo for this past week, but the nice part of it is, I've taken that heat. It's easier for me to take the heat than it is the 13 of them," he said.

Sturtz said the 13 had created the trust so that most of them, other than one

member who's been widely interviewed and photographed with his wife, could remain out of the media spotlight and dodge the inevitable bombardment of requests from charities and businesses seeking investments.

Sturtz said they had told him: "We don't want to run to the press. We don't want our life to change." Sturtz said he has received countless proposals, including offers to make a movie and cut a record.

Some of the older members of the group may retire a few years early, but others plan to continue at their jobs.

"These are good, basic, family value, moral Midwesterners. Work every day for a living, love their company," Sturtz said.

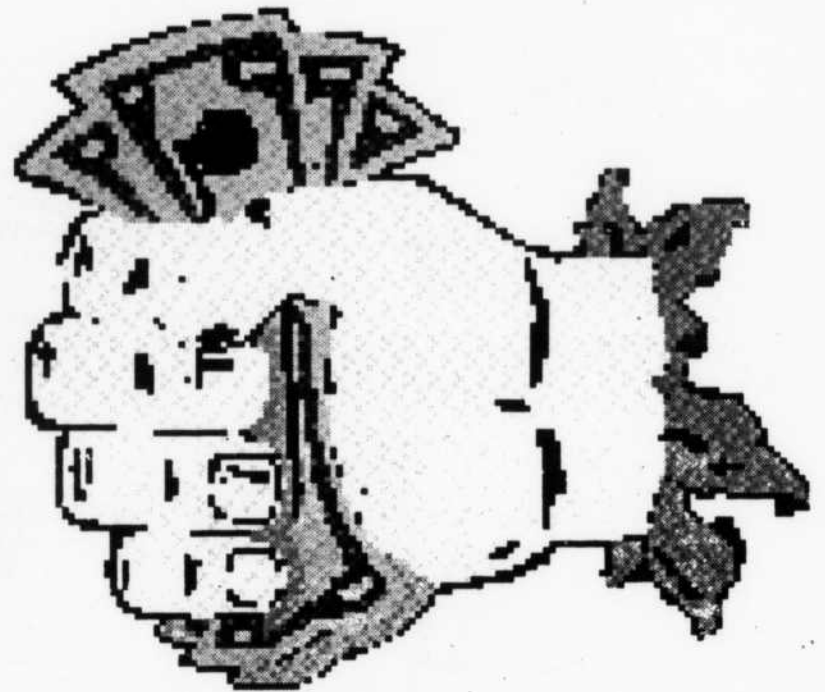
The winners had 180 days from the July 29 drawing to present their ticket for validation.

They bought 130 tickets — spending \$10 apiece — at a gasoline station in Richmond, Ind., about 100 miles away. Powerball operates in 20

states, but Ohio is not one of them.

The only member of the group to have spoken with reporters is John Jarrell, who

said he would buy a new home and a motorcycle for his wife. The other 12 have remained anonymous.

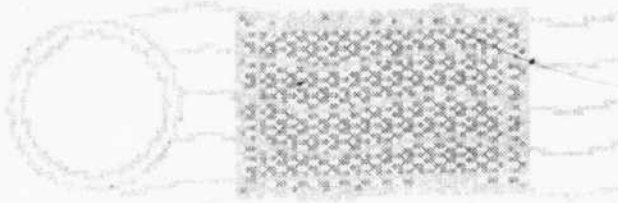


Americans invited to vote on '70s stamps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning Sept. 1, Americans will vote on subjects they want to see on stamps commemorating the 1970s.

In its Celebrate the Century program, the Postal Service is issuing sets of 15 stamps to commemorate each decade this century. The agency's stamp advisory committee picked subjects for stamps covering the first half of the century and the public is being asked to choose subjects for the final five decades. Voting has been completed on 1950s and 1960s stamps.

Ballots for the 1970s stamps will be available in post offices across the country throughout September. Voters also can cast ballots via the Internet at www.usps.gov.



Voters will select from the following topics for 1970s stamp subjects:

—People and events: Women's rights movement, Watergate scandal, Earth Day, oil shortage, opening of China, U.S. Bicentennial.

—Arts and entertainment: "Sesame Street," "The Godfather," "Roots," the Spiral Jetty sculpture in Salt Lake, "All in the Family," the Public Broadcasting Service and National Public Radio, "A Chorus Line" and photo realism.

—Sports: The Pittsburgh Steelers, Secretariat, "Monday Night Football," development of soccer leagues, tennis, Oakland As.

—Science and technology: Jumbo jet planes, Pioneer 10, medical imaging, the video cassette recorder.

—Lifestyle: The smiley face, postmodern architecture, jogging, 1970s fashions, citizens band radio, disco.

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Joe McCord, marketing director for the Lost Sea tourist attraction, got 41 percent of the GOP primary vote to Walker's 28 percent.

Claybough overwhelmingly won the three-way primary to keep Koella's former seat. He'll face Democrat Jeff D. Boling this fall. Koella died in January after 26 years in office.

The Senate seat vacated by Franklin's Keith Jordan will be held either by Republican Marsha Blackburn, a former member of Gov. Don Sundquist's administration, or Democrat Dean Baxter. Blackburn, a former congressional candidate who also once headed the Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission, won a three-way primary while Baxter was unopposed.

Jamie Hagood, a former Sundquist intern, won the GOP nomination for Rep. Wayne Ritchie's seat. Ritchie,

who declined to run for re-election, is a Democrat, though District 17 is considered heavily Republican.

Hagood, who worked for Sundquist when he was a congressman, will face Democrat Robert Bratton this fall.

There will be new faces in five other House districts where sitting members aren't running for re-election. The incumbents are Reps. Bill Boner, Tim Burchett, Ed Haley, Bobby Hicks and Randy Stamps.

Rob Briley, whose grandfather was Nashville's mayor, won the Democratic primary for Boner's District 52 seat and faces no Republican opponent this fall.

All 99 House seats are on the ballot Nov. 3, along with 18 of 33 Senate seats.

However nine incumbent senators and 55 representatives will cruise to re-election, facing no opposition in the general election.

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Starr probe takes its toll on presidency

Terence Hunt
AP White House Correspondent



WASHINGTON — Seemingly immune from scandal, President Clinton has so far avoided a falling out with the American public over the Monica Lewinsky investigation. But the embarrassing probe unmistakably has weakened his presidency, diminished his power and darkened his future.

A Republican Congress once eager to cooperate with Clinton on reforming welfare and balancing the budget now thumbs its nose at the beleaguered president. A White House that had been instrumental in setting Washington's agenda is instead preoccupied with the president's survival.

Democrats hopeful of taking control of the House fret that Clinton's troubles will drag them down in November's mid-term elections. America's allies around the world worry that a U.S. president who needs to be strong in global affairs is distracted and even endangered.

"Who's looking after Kosovo? Who's worrying about Iraq?" said Vanderbilt University political scientist Erwin Hargrove. "I don't get the impression the president is at all involved in foreign affairs. There seems to be some concern abroad that he's not in charge."

"This has been in many respects a tragic episode in American politics," said Thomas Mann, director of governmental studies at the Brookings Institution. "We have weakened the presidency and criminalized the political process."

"Whether the president can recoup, whether we can repair the damages caused by the zealotry of Ken Starr and the frenzy of the media and the lack of discipline by the president, who knows?" Mann said.

By any measure, 1998 has been a bust for Clinton.

The tobacco settlement that the White House hoped would be 1998's crowning achievement was shelved. So were Clinton proposals to raise the minimum wage, hire 100,000 new teachers, spend \$21.7 billion on childcare initiatives and allow Americans as young as 55 buy into the Medicare system.

"Congress really hasn't done anything, except name the Reagan airport," said University of Rochester historian John Mueller.

White House counselor Rahm Emanuel insisted Clinton still has clout — as demonstrated by the shrinking of tax-cutting proposals by GOP leaders in the face of opposition from Clinton and the Senate. "The

president has stared down the Congress," Emanuel said. "If that's happening in the eye of the storm, I don't know how one concludes the president's power is diminished."

Constitutional scholars lament that court rulings have narrowed the boundaries of presidential privacy and privilege and established that presidents could be forced into civil litigation during their terms. Secret Service agents sworn to take a bullet for the president now may have to testify against him.

The Lewinsky scandal has had "a much greater impact than many people realize," said University of Pennsylvania presidential scholar Mark Rozwell.

"This is the stage of a second term when a president should be looking toward establishing his legacy and capitalizing on his popularity," Rozwell said. "Instead, this president and his administration are in a defensive mode trying to protect himself. Right now it's more about self preservation than creating an enduring legacy for the future."

Republican pollster Linda DiVall said, "The mark of an excellent president is one who is willing to use his political capital to move significant issues. This president uses his capital only to save himself."

"Congress really hasn't done anything, except name the Reagan airport."

**John Mueller
University of Rochester
historian**

Many people who watch the political world were stunned that Clinton's approval ratings climbed rather than fell after the Lewinsky investigation was revealed.

"You look at his approval rating, you could make the case that this has helped his approval," said analyst Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute. He summed up Americans' view this way: "We think he's done this stuff. Our sense of him as a moral character is low. But we think he's doing a good job as president. He's trying to focus on things that matter for us. This is not relevant for us. We just want this to go away."

The conventional wisdom is that Clinton will survive in some fashion.

University of Wisconsin historian Stanley Kutler, a specialist on Richard Nixon's fall from power, said, "These things cost. They cost the nation. I think this is a very, very crucial time with the Chinese, and the president is playing the game with one hand tied behind his back."

"One thing we should have learned about Bill Clinton is that any reports about his death are premature and usually wrong," said Ornstein. "If he can weather this storm and keep his approval rating above 50 percent, that will have an impact."

Look no further for help

John Garner
staff writer

The University Writing Center in room 326 of Peck Hall is a resource available to all students looking for help with papers and writing assignments.

Many members of the MTSU student population struggle with these academic assignments because they don't know where to turn for help.

"Just getting a paper started can be difficult," said Margaret Ordoubadian, director of the UWC. "We can show you how to organize your material, help you get past writer's block."

"Sometimes a student has nothing to say about an assigned thesis. Our tutors can make suggestions that open your mind to new ways of looking at the subject."

While the tutors will not proofread or edit student writing, they will give feedback on first drafts. They can also offer advice and instruction on what students need to know.

"When your paper has been returned by the instructor, we can show you how to use the red markings to become a better writer," Ordoubadian said.

"Many of the students are intimidated by the red ink on their first drafts," UWC Assistant Director Kelly McKee said. "They walk into the center with their focus on getting good grades rather

than on producing good writing. We try to make them comfortable with the format, help them find their writing voice."

Most students leave high school unprepared for college writing. They haven't been taught the rules of grammar or the mechanics of writing since the eighth grade.

The UWC tutors are graduate teaching assistants and adjunct English instructors.

Joe Mitchell is an undergraduate English major who earned his bachelor of arts degree at MTSU.

"We pinpoint the weaknesses in a student's writing and turn those weaknesses into strengths," Mitchell said. "Not everyone comes to the center for help with English papers. We see business majors, accounting majors, history students. They ask for advice on letters of application, resumes and other work that requires good, grammatical writing."

Students seeking assistance are asked to make an appointment by calling the UWC at 904-8237, but walk-in visits are allowed when sufficient staff is available. Sessions are 30 minutes long, scheduled every half-hour.

The UWC is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays. Weekend writers can visit the center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Kid genius graduates

Staff Reports

On Saturday, Aug. 8, Michael Kearney, age 14, received his Master of Science Degree in Chemistry from MTSU.

Doctors told Cassidy Kearney that her son might be developmentally slow. When they induced labor, Michael was born 37 hours later — at 4 lbs. 2 oz., 13 inches long.

When Michael was two months old, he communicated with hand signals. At four months, he said "Daddy" and "Mama." A month later, he was speaking in short sentences.

At eight months, he watched "The Price is Right," yelling "Come on down!" At 10 months, Michael knew his letters and numbers. At age 4, Michael scored 168 on an IQ

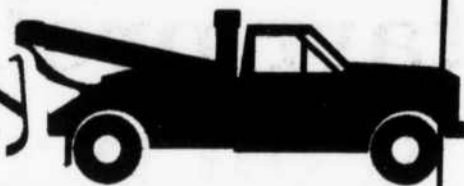
test for 6-year-olds.

"From the start, it appeared to Cassidy and me that when Michael was not allowed to learn new things, he was actually in pain," Keving Kearney, Michael's father, said.

Michael enrolled in high school at age five and graduated at age 6, which was recorded in the *Guinness Book of World Records*. Shortly after, he enrolled in Santa Rosa Junior College in California and majored in Geology. He received his associates degree in 1992, age 8.

At age 10, he graduated from the University of South Alabama with a degree in anthropology and enrolled in graduate school at MTSU a year later.

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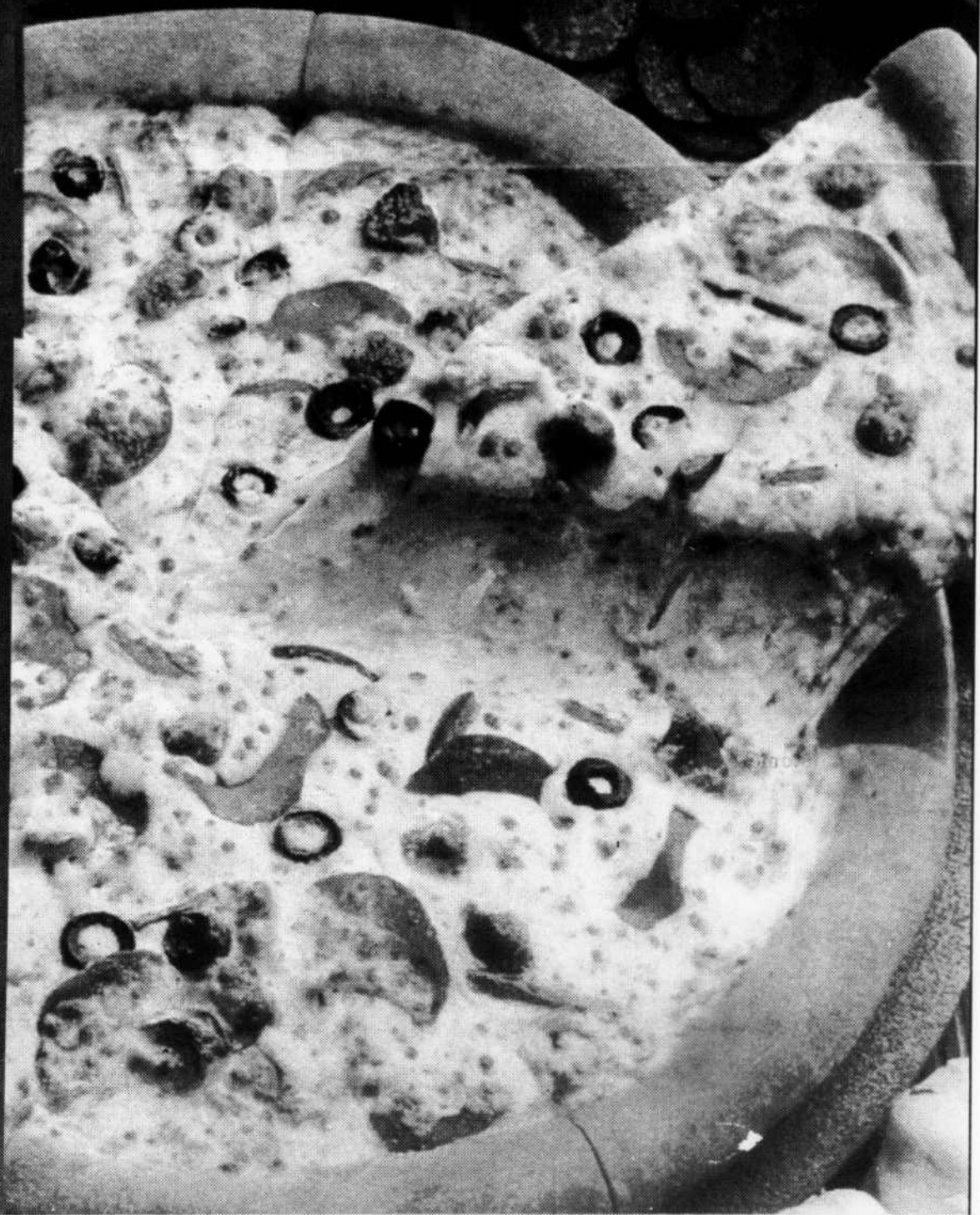
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Farmers insurance offers student loans

Staff Reports

LOS ANGELES — Farmers Insurance, the nation's third-largest auto and home insurer, has begun offering students loans through Farmers' 15,000 agents in 29 states.

The Farmers Education Loan Program offers competitive, affordable loans of up to \$25,000 for undergraduate and graduate education.

"We are delighted to be able to help our customers and their families deal with the ever-escalating costs of education," said Martin D. Feinstein, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Farmers.

The loan process is easy and fast. Customers should

contact their Farmers agent or call 1-800-778-1921 at the time they want to obtain an education loan. Pre-approval can be completed over the phone in as little as five minutes. Loan specialists are available seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Beginning in the fall, the program will be expanding to cover loans for private school (kindergarten through twelfth grade), as well as consolidation of previous education loans and loans for personal computers.

Headquartered in Los Angeles, Farmers is the nation's fifth-largest property and casualty group and a significant business and life insurer. Operating in 31 states, Farmers provides employment to more than 30,000 employees and agents.

Porn conference attracts all kinds

Associated Press

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. — Lawyers, academics and pornography stars mingled Saturday at the World Pornography Conference, a three-day summit billed as a study of "eroticism and the First Amendment."

Anti-porn activists criticized California State University, Northridge, for co-hosting the conference with the Free Speech Coalition, a trade association for the adult entertainment industry.

"They're using the credibility and respect of the California State University system to promote pornography," Steve Frank said on the opening of the conference Friday. "This is as embarrassing to education as can be imagined."

Conference organizers dismissed the criticism.

"We're not endorsing pornography any more than if we held a conference on the news media or serial killers," said James Elias, director of university's Center for Sex Research. "If I were doing a study on serial killers, would that mean I support serial killers?"

The daughter of Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt said the porn industry's defense of free-speech rights

was a charade.

"They're really exploiting the First Amendment," Tonya Flynt-Vega said. "My father didn't give a damn about the First Amendment. He's not a First Amendment freedom fighter. None of this has anything to do with the First Amendment."

Conference attendees included Laurie Holmes, widow of porn star John Holmes, and Nadine Strossen, the first woman president of the American Civil Liberties Union, who gave a keynote address on what she considered recent threats to free speech.



Among the offerings on the conference agenda were "Gay Porn," "The Role of Fetishism" and "What Goes Into an Erotic Film: From Start to Finish."

Take caution when with cell phones

Amy Baldwin
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Victoria Cannon started carrying a cell phone in high school three years ago for emergencies. Now cell-phone-toting Cannon, 21, might confirm a date with her boyfriend, who also has a mobile phone, while she's in her car and he's working on his parents' Paris, Ky., farm.

"I use it quite frequently like if I am waiting on someone, or if I am late, I call to say that I am on my way," she said.

Three years Cannon traveled all over Kentucky for Future Farmers of America competitions.

"I traveled so much that my mom wanted me to have one," said Cannon, a senior agriculture education major at the University of Kentucky.

Cannon and 61 million other Americans have gone cellular since the gadgets that appeared in 1983 have become necessities of the 1990s, said Tim Ayers, spokesman for the Cellular Technology Industry Association in Washington.

That means 22 percent of the population can be reached not just in the home or office but on the road, on the golf course and in the supermarket.

College students are big-time users of cell phones, Cannon said.

"A lot of college students have cell phones. I think it is because they are on the road a lot," she said. "A lot of them are just in the age of technology and they have beepers and cell phones just so they can be in contact with everyone all the time."

With more than 30,000 new customers signing up for wireless service each day, competition among providers in this \$27.5 billion-a-year industry is fierce. That's why consumers should shop around before signing up for cellular service, Ayers said. And that's why dissatisfied users should try to renegotiate the terms of their deal.

"They'd rather do that than lose you," he said.

Ayers and the cellular association's Web site (<http://www.wow-com.com>) offer tips on how to pick a phone and a service plan.

Ayers' No. 1 suggestion: "If you don't need the toys, don't buy them. Buy what you need. Be honest with yourself on how you plan to use it."

So before you get locked into a cell-phone contract, figure out how many calls

transmit sound. It's cheaper.

And analog systems are more common across the country, which means chances are slimmer that the phone will cut out precisely when you need it.

Digital, a technology that converts sound into binary computer language, is more expensive because of its better sound quality.

If you want a cell phone for emergencies only but don't want a service, there's another option, but Ayers doesn't advise it: buying a phone but not a service plan.

The Federal Communications Commission in January said 911 calls from unregistered cell phones are OK and free.

That means you can buy a phone at a garage sale and tote it around in your car, and call for help if you have an accident.

But if you get disconnected, the operator can't call you back because you don't have a number that can be traced.

That also means an ill-intending person who knows he can't be tracked can create the illusion of public-safety emergencies, Ayers said.

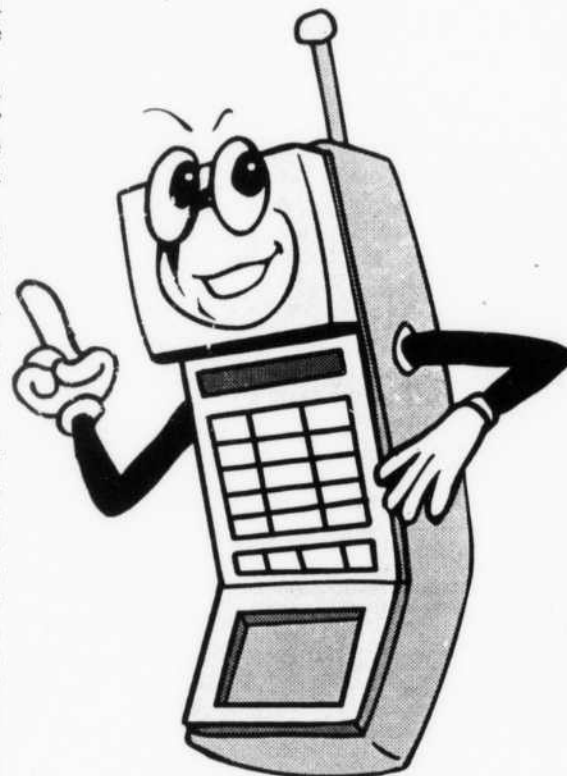
"That was a rule adopted by the Federal Communications Commission over the objections of the public-safety community," he said.

Maybe you know you'll be burning up the airwaves. In that case, you're wise to pay more for service in order to get lower per-minute charges. The average monthly bill is \$42, says the cellular association.

But don't be surprised if your first monthly bill, which will include an activation fee, is more like \$100. If you buy the phone retail, expect to pay anywhere between \$100 and \$1,000.

You might choose a deal that provides a "free" cell phone. But just know that you'll pay for it by signing a service contract for two years, or for at least one year if you're willing to pay more for a shorter agreement.

Most important, read the contract before you sign.



you're likely to make each month and on what days and during which times, he said. Then look at plans that fit your calling patterns.

Take Cannon, for example.

She mostly calls her boyfriend, UK senior animal science major Brian Jackson, at night. She calls her parents on the weekends. So she signed a deal that included free nights and weekends within her calling area.

If you intend to use your cell phone only in emergencies (and you mean it), then you can afford a high per-minute fee to get a lower monthly service charge. An economy plan might not come with free minutes, either. But that doesn't matter, because you won't be using the phone that much.

Choosing between a traditional analog phone or a new digital model is clear-cut too. Go with analog, which uses radio-wave pulses to

One card, many uses

Staff Reports

MTSU's ID card identifies students, faculty and staff for access to campus services and privileges but can be used for more than what most students realize.

Most students already use the ID card to cash checks, buy tickets to campus events, receive health services, vote in student government elections and be admitted to athletic events.

Other places the card is commonly used is the Student Recreation Center, campus computer labs, and residence halls. The ID card also serves as a meal and library card. ID cards are needed to pick up any financial aid checks as well.

When money is deposited into a Raider Funds account, the ID becomes a debit card for use across campus. Students can use Raider Funds for purchases at Phillips Bookstore, to pay registration fees, do laundry, buy a snack or soft drink at most campus vending machines or purchase meals at any of the food service

locations on campus. To activate a Raider Funds account, go by the cashier windows in Cope Administration Building. Contact the Business Office if you have questions about Raider Funds.

The ID office is located at Murphy Center, track level, northwest corner. Hours at the ID office during non-registration times are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For evening students, ID cards are made in Peck Hall Room 101D. Call 898-5611 for office hours.

If you lose your ID card, the card will be invalidated as soon as you report the loss by calling the ID office at 898-5523, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours, report a loss to MTSU Public Safety. Come by the ID office during regular office hours to have a replacement card made. There is a \$10 fee for replacement of lost or stolen IDs. If your card breaks, bring the damaged card to the ID office.

Call 898-5523 for more information about the MTSU ID card

Crimestoppers offers rewards for a crime-free campus

By John Garner
staff writer

MTSU's Crimestopper program makes it possible for students to get paid for doing the right thing, according to Public Safety officer Rick Roberts.

"The main difference between our Crimestopper program and the county program is that we reward tips leading to arrests on misdemeanor crimes as well as felonies," Roberts said.

Most of the crimes which occur on campus are misdemeanors, according to Roberts. The MTSU Crimestoppers program will pay up to \$300 for tips on misdemeanors and up to \$1,000 for tips on felonies.

Rewards are paid on arrest and are not dependent upon conviction.

"If a person has information about any crimes

on university property, they can report it by calling 893-STOP [893-7867]. Complete anonymity is guaranteed," Roberts said.

Information relating to any crimes on the MTSU campus is forwarded to Roberts' office.

"Callers are never asked their names. They're given a code number and told to check back with us to see if their information has led to an arrest.

"The code number is the only connection between the tipster and the report," Roberts said. "When we pay the reward we use that number on the receipt, not the informant's name."

The theft of stereo speakers from the construction site at Horace Jones field will likely be named "Crime of the Month," according to Roberts.

Three speakers, valued at over \$2,900, were reported stolen sometime between

November 18, 1997, and March 6, 1998, by Earl Bogel of construction administration.

In April of this year, Bogel reported another theft of three more speakers valued at \$1,500 from the same site, occurring sometime between April 7 and April 21.

"We expect to pay \$1,000 to the person who can help us close this case," Roberts said.

Roberts has a 20-year history as a police officer, including 12 years with the Murfreesboro Police Department and six years as a Public Safety officer for MTSU. He organized the MTSU Crimestoppers program last year.

Support and funding for reward money have been provided by Rutherford County Crimestoppers and Vice-President for Executive Affairs R. Earl Thomas of MTSU.

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GOP leaders want military men, women segregated

Richard Sisk
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and the GOP leadership have joined an uphill push to force the military to segregate the sexes in basic training - despite strong Pentagon opposition.

Training men and women together "defies common sense," said a letter initiated by Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, R-Md., and signed by Gingrich, Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Tex., and 70 other House members.

"The sexual dynamic is both an attraction and a distraction that has no place in preparing for war," the letter said.

"Men and women are different, and worshiping at the altar of political correctness will not change this fact."

The letter urged members of the House and Senate conference committee working out compromises on the \$250 billion Pentagon spending bill for the next fiscal year to write in House language that would force the Army, Air Force and Navy to stop mixing the sexes in basic training.

"Men and women are different and worshiping at the altar of political correctness will not change this fact."

Rep. Roscoe Bartlett

The Marine Corps always trains men and women separately, and opted to continue the practice when the other three services began gender integration in boot camp in 1993.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., quickly counter-attacked with her own letter, signed by Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and 50 others, noting that the Army, Navy and Air Force "strongly oppose" the GOP move.

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College boy makes his own living creatively

Paul Galloway
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Brad Thor, now 28, came up with his idea in the fall of 1991, when he was back home in Chicago and getting ready to return to the University of Southern California for his senior year.

He had spent the preceding school year studying in Paris and the summer living like a king on \$10 a day on a Greek island, and he'd had such a wonderful time that he decided there had to be a way to combine seeing the world, which he had discovered that he loved, with making a living.

It dawned on him that a TV series would fill the bill, a series that he would produce and sell to public television.

And after he watched a popular PBS series about European travel that was shown in prime-time, he was convinced his idea would fly.

"The show was well done, but slow-moving, like an old-fashioned travelogue, and it was geared toward an older audience," Thor says. "It was something that might appeal to my parents."

His series, he vowed, would be different. It would be made for younger people and emphasize traveling on a student-sized budget, just as he had done. It would be fast-paced, MTV-style, with an eye for the offbeat, and have an irreverent sense of humor, yet each 30-minute show would have time for some basic historical perspective, a feel for each country's culture and a few practical traveling tips. And, oh, yes, he would be the tour guide, the guy in front of the camera.

In retrospect, it was a brilliant idea. It was also absurd.

On the one hand, a travel series for the Backpack Set seemed promising.

On the other hand, what did Brad Thor know about putting together a TV series, much less about hosting one?

The answer: Nothing.

All right, fine. He recognized this. He was also aware that a large majority of high-risk, long-shot business endeavors, by definition, do not succeed. But he was like many people who are drawn to such challenges, the smart ones and the dumb

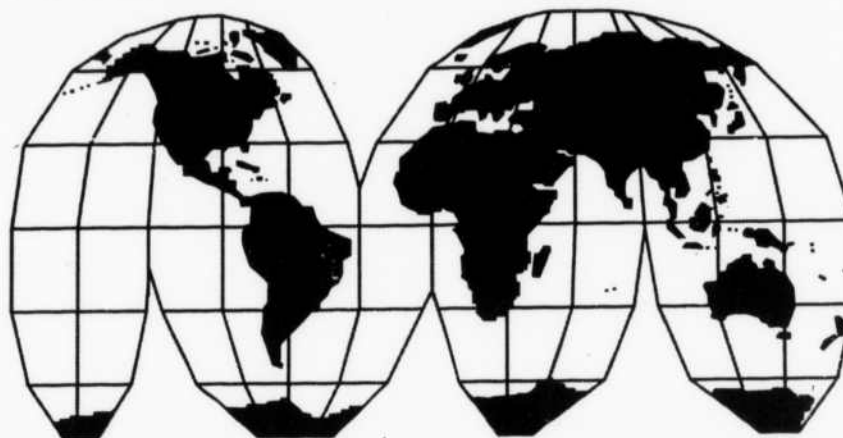
ones alike: He really and truly believed he could pull it off.

Besides, he was young and single and could afford to take a chance, and if he failed, so what? He could always try something else.

So he embarked on what he hoped would be a nice, quick, interesting quest. It turned out to be a seven-year odyssey that often seemed like an ordeal and was a lot more difficult than touring Europe on a shoestring.

Eventually, however, he got where he wanted to go.

Thor's series, "Traveling Lite," made its debut last January on public television and now appears on 187 of the country's 350 public television stations.



Chicago Tribune TV critic Steve Johnson hailed the series as "a lively new entry in the often tepid ranks of travel television," and it received an important endorsement from one of the country's premier public television stations, WGBH in Boston, which was among the first to sign up.

According to the American Program Service (APS), a major provider of programming for public television and the distributor of "Traveling Lite," the lineup of stations showing the series represents a viewing area that covers 80 percent of U.S. households.

Gene Nichols, an APS vice president, says the show's numbers compare favorably with those of two well-established travel programs on public television that also are distributed by APS - "Travels in Europe with Rick Steves," whose one-hour shows are on 255 stations that reach 94 percent of U.S. households, and "Origins with Burt Wolf," whose 30-minute shows are on 235 stations that also reach 94 percent of U.S. homes.

The 10 shows of Thor's first season feature London, Amsterdam, Paris, Dublin, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Vienna, Malta, "Skiing in the Alps" and "Snowboarding in the Alps."

In August, he'll head for Europe to begin shooting 13 shows for the second season that will include Berlin, Budapest, Lisbon, Madrid, Rome, Venice, Athens and Paros, the Greek island where he was struck with the inspiration for his series. From any number of angles, Thor's achievement is amazing, a real-life Horatio Alger story and a tribute to the potent combination of creativity and perseverance.

"I'd never worked with anyone who produced a show, took care of all the logistics, wrote the script as he went along, then all of a sudden jumped in front of my camera and rattled off in one take what he had just written," says Thor's cameraman/director Gene Samuels, who has his own production company in New York City.

"I was impressed with that."

Samuels had just returned from filming Robin Leach's syndicated "Gourmet Getaways" show in Thailand, Malaysia and Hong Kong. "In Bangkok, we had a crew of 12 or 13 people," he says. "With Brad, it was basically the two of us. I shot the entire show with a hand-held Betacam, a portable light and a wireless microphone, which enabled us to cover a lot of ground."

"In Amsterdam, we walked at least five miles a day, and we'd hop on and off public transportation. We could cover so much and do things so much faster. It was spontaneous, and we were practically editing the show in the camera. The atmosphere was basically two friends on a trip together."

The APS's Nichols is an admirer. "It's very unusual for us to present a show that's made by someone as young and inexperienced as Brad," he says. "But the proof of talent is the product that a person delivers."

"Brad's pilot for 'Traveling Lite' was good enough to generate interest from enough stations to allow us to give him the green light to go forward, and he was able to follow through because of his energy and absolute determination."



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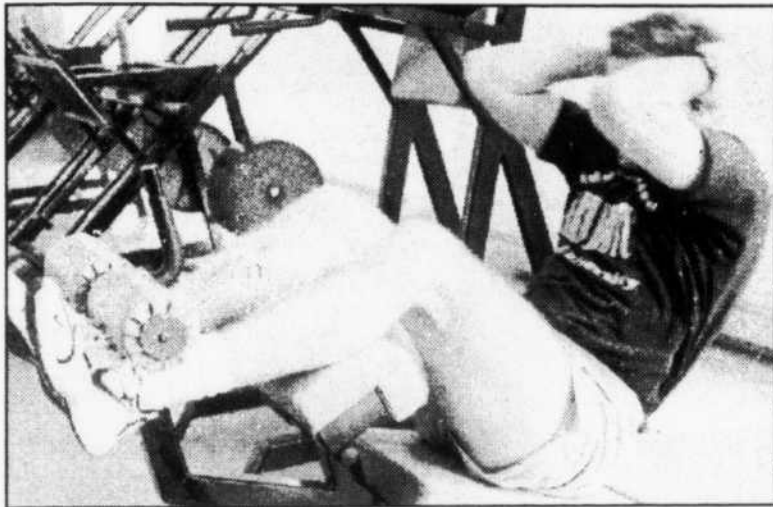
Working out while they can....

Many students and faculty are spending extra time at the Recreation Center while they can. Once school is in session, many will find it hard to fit exercising into their schedules.

Right: Vicki Zelemka (left) and Julie Swiderski (right), both nursing majors, tread their way to better health while watching television. Below: Major Bob Ogden, ROTC recruiter, crunches until it hurts — keeping in shape for those PT tests.




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Survey says college students hopeful about future

Denise Lavoie
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WESTPORT, Conn. - Seventy-six percent of college students believe they will not have a problem finding a job after college, and when they do, the nature of their work, and not the pay, will be the most important factor, according to a national survey released Thursday.

The survey of 900 randomly selected students from colleges across the country was conducted in May by Greenfield Online, an Internet-based marketing research firm in Westport, and Network Event Theater Inc., a media and marketing services company based in New York City.

Students were asked a variety of questions via the Internet about their lifestyles, attitudes and habits, from how much television they watch to

whether they buy brand name products.

The survey found students were generally optimistic about the future. In addition to their confidence about finding jobs after graduation, 77 percent said they are actively planning for the future. Sixty-nine percent said the work itself will be more important to them than the size of their salaries.

And many of the students seemed pleased with the status quo. Eighty percent said they agreed with the statement, "I respect authority."

But only 5 percent said they think "most politicians are honest."

Seventy-three percent of the students said they owned a personal computer, and 79 percent said they frequently surf the Internet.

But the students claimed they weren't just fooling around on their computers. Seventy-one percent said they use the Internet to conduct

research for academic or business needs, while only 23 percent said they used it for games and/or chat.

A margin of error was not used for the survey, said a spokeswoman for the pollsters.

In a finding that is no surprise to music companies, 86 percent of the students said they planned to buy a music CD within the next month. The next most popular items were movie videotapes, followed by CD-ROM games, music tapes and video games.

Some students who did not participate in the survey disagreed with some of its findings.

Alexis Harrison, a sophomore at Sacred Heart University, said she does not share the confidence of the survey respondents about finding a job after graduation.

"I know people who graduated this year and last year, and they are having trouble finding jobs, and they're more

than qualified," said Harrison, a political science major.

"I think I want to go to law school, but I think there are too many lawyers," she said. "There are so many of us who are going to be graduating by the millennium - I think it will be hard for us to find jobs."

But Douglas Thompson, a sophomore at Fairfield University, said he is feeling good about his job prospects.

"I don't really think that it would be a problem...I don't think the prospects are bad," said Thompson, an English major.

Anne Marie D'Amore, a junior at Sacred Heart, said she agreed with the survey respondents who said the nature of their work will be more important than the pay.

"I'm a social work major - I'm pretty much going to be poor, or so everybody would be telling me," she said.

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"Just as soldiers from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds are integrated to develop teamwork and enhance readiness, men and women must from day one learn the same lessons," the letter said.

Prompted by court-martial cases of drill sergeants preying on female recruits, Defense Secretary William Cohen in June said men and

women would continue to train together, but ordered barracks improvements that "will provide totally separate and secure sleeping areas and latrines for men and women."

He also ordered a review of the awards and incentives for drill sergeants, to improve their training and supervision.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, a member of the defense conference committee, noted that the full Senate twice voted to maintain gender integration, and predicted that the House move to separate men and women would fail.



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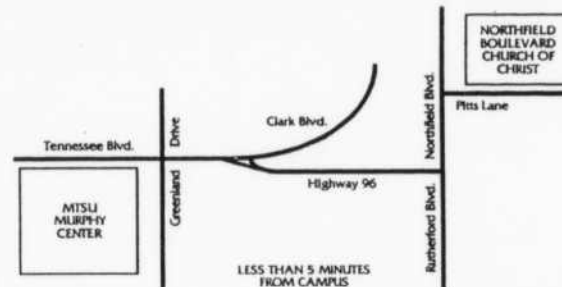
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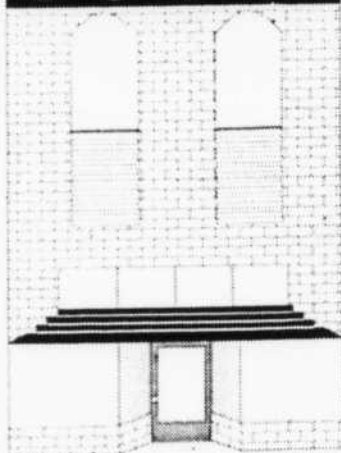
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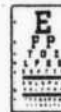
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

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Editorials

Thank you Mr. Spielberg

There was a counseling hotline set up to help those who saw the movie, just in case.

World War II veterans started having flashbacks.

My father, an army retiree, raved about the film, saying it is the most accurate depiction of war he knows of.

So I went.

Three hours and eight tissues later, I walked out of the theater tear-struck and feeling the need to call my dad back home.

If "Saving Private Ryan" doesn't win 'best picture,' then someone in the voting booth wasn't paying attention.

And if Tom Hanks doesn't get his reward either, then I've given up on Hollywood.

I was an army brat for 14 years of my life. I've heard enough artillery sound to create my own war. I know the uniforms by heart and I am proud that my father served an honorable 18 years in the military. Most of the men in my family were or are still in the service and we all wore yellow during Desert Storm.

But nothing got to me the way this film did. I got so used to seeing battle tanks and arms around the army bases as a kid that I stopped noticing them. I forgot their purpose.

Now I remember.

I also remember the theater having a dead silence to it as the crowd filed out during the ending credits. I knew veterans were trying to remind themselves that the war is over, that they survived. However, I also know that the movie was so real that even I felt like I was there.

I thanked my dad, not only for wearing the uniform for our family, but for wearing it for our country. Had I not lived a military life for the better half of my life, I would probably walk out of the theater still touched, but not changed.

Thank you to all who did and do serve our country.

Sincerely,
Jennie Treadway
editor in chief



Throw down flag in amendment debate

College Press Service

Take your places, everyone. It is time for our perennial flag dance again.

Or, more accurately, flag BURNING dance.

Ever since the Supreme Court overturned an existing federal ban on flag burning in 1990, 11 months after overturning a similar Texas ban, Congress and most of the states have been trying to pass a constitutional loophole to our elegantly simple First Amendment, just to "protect" the flag.

And those of us who think free speech is more important than throwing people in jail for burning a piece of cloth trot out our familiar free-speech arguments against it.

And the dance goes on. So far, the free-speech side has been winning, but only by narrow margins. Both Supreme Court decisions were by 5-to-4 votes.

Had Robert Bork been confirmed, he has said, the decision would have gone the other way.

In 1995, the last time a flag-protection amendment came before the Senate, it fell short of the necessary two-thirds vote by a mere three votes.

This summer we have Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, urging the judiciary committee which he chairs to send a

Flag Protection Act he is co-sponsoring to the floor for a vote.

The House passed a similar measure on June 12. It passed by a vote of 310 to 114, including nearly half of the House Democrats.

And 49 state legislatures have petitioned Congress to enact a flag-protection amendment.

No question that flag protection is a popular idea. Polls show that. But popularity doesn't make it the right thing to do. At best, it is a solution without a problem. At worst, it is a solution almost certain to create more problems.

For example, flag burning has hardly become a national fad since the Supreme Court legalized it. But it quite likely will become more popular as soon as the government bans it again. Flag burning works as a form of political protest precisely because the flag is so widely venerated. The more we venerate is, even to the point of passing a special loophole to the First Amendment to "protect" it, the more attractive it becomes as an object to destroy in protest.

Unfortunately, when it comes to various forms of speech, members of

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Americans love rankings and lists -- of all sorts

College Press Service

When I overheard a couple of red-vested women in our neighborhood's volunteer security patrol discussing how many of the "100 best English-language novels" they had read, I realized several things:

1. My neighbors haven't found the list's No. 1 winner, James Joyce's "Ulysses," to be any more readable than I have.

2. My neighbors agree with me that the No. 2 book, F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" should have been No. 1.

3. Random House has pulled off one heck of an effective publicity stunt.

4. Americans love lists, even if only to give them something to argue about.

The "100 best English-language novels" list was decided by 10 members of the advisory board of the Modern Library, the division of Random House that publishes old classics and newer books that are becoming classics.

Predictably the list has sparked heated arguments among the literati. Greatness, after all, is largely in the eye and the heart of the beholder, and this particular group of beholders has tastes that apparently have changed very little since 1955.

The distinguished panel was all white and, except for British novelist

and critic A.S. Byatt, all male.

It also included authors William Styron and Gore Vidal; biographer Edmund Morris; art critic John Richardson; historians Daniel Boorstin, Shelby Foote, Vartan Gregorian and Arthur Schlesinger Jr., and board chairman Christopher Cerf. Their average age was 69.

I cannot help but wonder how much this group's age, gender and racial profile contributed to their omission of all but six books that have been published in the past 25 years.

Or why they included no non-whites except the very worthy Ralph Ellison (19), Richard Wright (20), James Baldwin (39), V.S. Naipaul (72 and 83) and Salman Rushdie (90).

Or why they left out such leading lights as Zora Neale Hurston and John Updike or such newer lights as Toni Morrison, Thomas Pynchon, Alice Walker and Don DeLillo.

And that's OK because Random House freely admits this was a publicity stunt or, as Ann Godoff, its president and editor-in-chief, called it,

"a way to bring Modern Library to public attention."

It worked like a charm. Newspapers, newsmagazines, radio talk shows and other outposts of cultural criticism grabbed the list and thrust it to new prominence in the public spotlight, either to praise it or condemn it.

Why? Let me count the ways. Better, let's make a list of the ways.

1. Where a list does not exist, Americans feel compelled to make one. Long before the American Film Institute's 100 greatest films or David Letterman's "Top 10" lists there was the

"Book of Lists," which back in the 1970s made the national best seller lists.

2. More than lists, Americans love rankings. What good is it to be simply good in this country if you don't know how you stack up next to everyone else, especially those who are not as good as you?

3. We are emotionally invested deeply in rankings that concern

intelligence. We yearn for objective, numerical ways to judge merit in our society.

Nowhere is this argument more volatile than it is in the affirmative action debate. Critics of affirmative action in college admissions say colleges should rank admissions by grade-point averages and SAT scores.

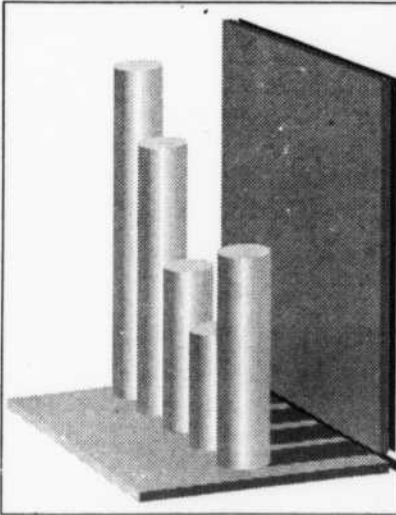
Colleges like the University of Michigan, in one currently pending high-profile case, want more freedom than that.

They want to be able to consider not just test scores but a range of other factors, including geographic origins, sports talent, music talent, family hardships and racial-ethnic background.

Gee, next thing you know, they'll be saying education doesn't only come from books. Won't that be a scandal.

Nevertheless, the Modern Library list serves at least one important redeeming purpose. It offers an alternative to the "best seller list," which is a measure of popularity, not quality, unless your idea of high art is Tom Clancy and Danielle Steel.

The "100 Best" list, then, should be viewed not as the last word, but as a beginning. It doesn't contain all the great books, but it contains enough to prepare you for a lifetime of discovering other great books.



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And I've just seen "Saving Private Ryan."

I've seen Captain America and Sgt. Fury send whole platoons of Germans scattering with the frenzy of their attack. Seen movies where men with guns shot at other men with guns and somehow, no one was ever hit. Seen children with toy pistols chase each other across the lawn of a summer's day screaming, "Pow! Pow! I got you! You're dead."

And I've just seen "Saving Private Ryan."

Just seen the shattering new Steven Spielberg movie about the conflict they call the Last Good War. Just seen death in infinite variety - death

grotesque, death obscene, death capricious, death bloody and stinking, death. Just seen geopolitical conflict and military strategy distilled to the hard reality of fetid corpses in a grassy field and a man, still cruelly alive, lying on a beach with his entrails in his hands.

And I am reminded of things I've seen before.

I've seen my father struggling with an earnestness to get me - then a child - to understand the things he did and saw when he went to Europe to serve his country. Seen my cousin grow silent and turn away when I begged him to tell me - an adult, now - what he saw when he went to Asia as a Navy diver.

Seen a haunted veteran describe how the sound of a helicopter, the backfire of a car, was enough to send him back to war.

And I've just seen "Saving Private Ryan."

Just seen a carnage, a slaughter, a butchery that denied notions of grand design, illusions of right, faith in rules, and the very existence of God. Just seen the incalculable cost paid so that your child might

be free to pierce her navel and get a vulgar tattoo or mine to listen to nasty rap songs that tell him how very difficult is his life. Just seen the things my father wanted to say and my cousin could not.

I've seen action movies where blood squirts from some actor's chest and he clutches the wound, staggers pitifully and dies. Seen TV shows where one guy pounds another to the dirt and never even skins his knuckles. Seen a culture that celebrates a consequence-free violence where death is a pretty picture shot in slow-mo and tough guys speak in quips and puns.

And I've just seen "Saving Private Ryan."

I've seen politicians refer to every new initiative against drugs, crime and poverty as a "war." Seen children watch gore-spattered horror in the safety of a multiplex, grin and pronounce it cool. Seen parents brawling in the aisles of a toy store, trying to knock each other's brains out over the last Cabbage Patch doll.

And I've just seen "Saving Private Ryan."

I've seen shadows in the eyes of men I love, never

knowing what put them there. Seen people cry as they touched the names of the fallen on a wall of black granite, never quite understanding why. Seen old men shuffle along, feeble and infirm, and found myself wondering who they were and what they did in the world that existed a lifetime ago.

And I've just seen "Saving Private Ryan."

Just seen pictures that made me smell the smoke and taste the bile and see through the eyes of men gazing upon the gates of hell. Just seen things that made me wonder how much obscenity eyes can absorb before a spirit is wounded beyond repair. Just seen the ravaged face of war and the sacred price of peace.

I've seen violence as pastime. Seen violence as sport. Seen violence as rite of passage.

But I've just seen "Saving Private Ryan."

Now the things I've seen before seem but the misconceptions of spoiled children.

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21st-century internationalism hampered by Helms

Don Kaul/CPS

It is one of the curious ironies of history that, at the precise moment at which the United States has assumed the virtually unchallenged leadership of the world, our government has fallen into the hands of people whose vision, for the most part, does not extend much beyond the village in which they grew up.

To doubters of that thesis, I have but two words: Jesse Helms.

Helms, a mean-spirited small-minded primitive who has seldom turned his gaze anywhere but toward the next election, is the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Think on that for a moment.

We have awarded the chairmanship of the committee whose duty it is to oversee foreign policy to a man who has hardly been out of the country and never shown even the slightest interest in international relations. If you searched all of Congress for the person who was least qualified by education, experience and temperament to be chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee,

Helms would easily be a finalist and I like his chances to be the last left standing.

Why has this been allowed to happen? One could argue that it is a quirk of the seniority system, but it is more than that. The Republican Party, which now rules the Senate, has abandoned the internationalism that characterized it a generation ago in favor of an America-first nativism. They're more interested in banning flag-burning, making English the official language and injecting prayer into the school day than they are in securing our place in the 21st century.

What interest in foreign affairs that still exists tends to focus on punishing nations with whom we disagree.

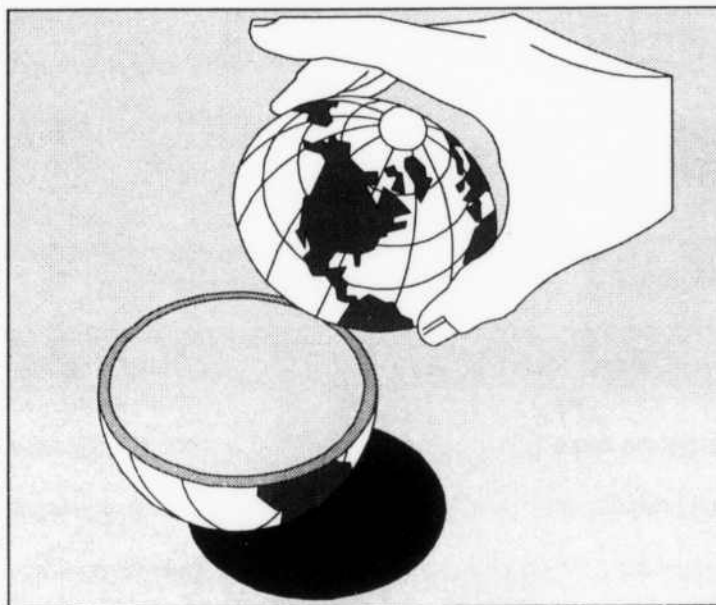
There have been, for example, some 115 times since World War I that this nation has imposed economic sanctions affecting aid, trade

or other commerce with a foreign country. Sixty-one of those actions have taken place in the past five years, since Republicans took control of Congress. We have even sought to impose our view of

calm the troubled spots of the world, and we have threatened to end our support of the International Monetary Fund at a time when it is trying to shore up the tattered economies of the Far East.

These are not the actions of a great and powerful nation, sure of its authority. They are the whine of a second-rate county that merely wishes to be left alone, like an outsized Switzerland.

We see this provincialism in the people we elect to office. Look at the leadership in both houses of Congress. Absent House Speaker Newt Gingrich —



sanctions on other countries, as in the case of attempting to coerce otherwise friendly nations to boycott Cuba.

We have withheld our dues to the United Nations, even while we have made use of that organization to help us

who can be infuriating but is at least smart — it is a rock garden. Dick Arme, Tom DeLay, Don Nichols. If the IQ of any of them exceeds their body temperature, they have kept evidence of it well hidden.

A couple of weeks ago, the

Des Moines Register ran a piece on the way Iowa politicians compete on the basis of who is more Iowan. Four-time Governor Terry Branstad once vilified an opponent for having had the bad taste to have been born in New York state. It was on a small, poor farm, but still New York. He argued that he had a better grasp of Iowa problems because he had been born there.

And when a native Iowan challenged Branstad in a primary, he pointed out that his opponent had committed the sin of attending Harvard University, where he had become infected with unwholesome ideas, while he, Branstad, had gone to good old University of Iowa, where he had learned nothing that was not available to your average Iowan. He was elected both times, of course.

Iowa isn't all that different from the rest of the country. If it were, Jesse Helms would not be foreign relations chairman.

This is a time of great promise — and potential for failure. If we keep electing mediocrities and worse to leadership positions, I'll let you guess which way we'll go.

Be kind and leave your tips on the table

Jennifer Boisvert/CPS

Whether you dine in a restaurant, get a haircut, or ride in a taxi, tipping for a service rendered is something everyone should do. Some people have a tendency to leave great tips, while others prefer to not leave anything at all. The unfortunate thing is that in many instances, tips are the only way some people earn a living.

Like countless students, I chose to be a restaurant server to pay for my education and living expenses. Servers work long, hard hours at jobs that pay only \$2.13 an hour in Florida. I opted for this career instead of working in retail or at an office because of the flexible hours. I have one year left in school and, if I can help it, I will never wait tables after graduation.

For the most part, serving has been a fulfilling job because it has given me the opportunity to meet many interesting people. However, I have grown tired of people who can afford to dine out but refuse to tip their servers, or leave only a dollar on the table. I live in a city where many people are well-educated, but when it comes to tipping, many don't realize - or maybe they just don't understand - that servers do not make minimum wage.

For those who may not know, servers are required to pay income taxes on 10 percent of their sales. This means that if a couple dines out and their bill comes to \$40, their server must automatically

claim \$4 in tips, even if the couple decides to stiff (a term used for not leaving anything on the table) the server, or leave only a few dollars.

If only everyone had to wait tables at least once in their life....

They'd find it is a very tedious job, discouraging at times, and very, very hectic. Guests in restaurants are not always in the best of moods. They ask a lot of their servers and sometimes expect way too much.

If only everyone had to wait tables at least once in their life...

Jennifer Boisvert

I consider myself to be a very good server. I am upbeat when I greet my tables, I do the job that is asked of me - which sometimes requires me to bend over backwards for my guests - and the people I usually wait on leave the restaurant feeling satisfied and happy.

But still, there are those who simply don't care how much effort I put into my work and thank me with a pile of pennies or a measly dollar bill - even when their check is more than \$50. I'm speaking for the entire population of servers when I say that we have had enough.

There may be times when a server does a poor job, but we all make mistakes every now and then. We also understand how frustrating it is when you walk into a restaurant and expect a great meal and not get one.

All we ask is that you take a minute to realize that your food may take a while, and it isn't our fault when it does. Or if your iced tea needs a refill and we don't fill it as fast as you'd like us to, there may be a reason. We may have had to make tea because someone else didn't do his other job.

Many things will happen that we have no control over as servers, but we try to do everything in our power to fix or prevent the problem so that you do have an enjoyable meal with your family, friends and loved ones.

Serving is not the most glamorous job in the world, but for many people it's an ideal job. Please remember your servers the way that you would your hairdressers, cab drivers, bartenders or anyone else you would tip for a service.

And consider this as good advice from someone who's been in the business for a while: We remember the faces of people who stiff us, just as people remember our faces when they receive bad service.

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Horoscopes: August 17-23

Linda C. Black/CPS

Aries (March 21-April 19). Romance looks great through the end of the week. Looks like it's time to make a big commitment. Saturday and Sunday, get to work on making whatever you decided to do happen.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You'll find some excellent bargains because you're looking for them. Wednesday through Friday home and family demand all your attention, most of your time and quite a lot of money. Save the weekend for yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Monday and Tuesday are for saving and gathering money as well as figuring out a budget. Wednesday through Friday, you'll have a chance to teach and learn, perhaps simultaneously. Plan to stay home over the weekend. A conversation with a roommate can resolve an old misunderstanding.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You've got a lucky streak Monday and Tuesday. Bring in more than you dole out and you win the game; that's the objective. Saturday and Sunday a pot luck with relatives and close family

would not only be fun but inspirational too.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Monday and Tuesday are for finishing old business. Wednesday through Friday, start all the new projects you want to get underway this year. Don't put any of them off, even if you can't finish them. Saturday and Sunday, you'll be finding the money you need in some rather unexpected places.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). From Wednesday through Friday, you're under pressure. There's too much to do and people yammering to have it done in less time than there is. Do the best you can — this is the last big push before your turn comes this weekend. You'll notice a definite shift in conditions and the tide will turn in your favor.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Pay attention to protocol on Monday and Tuesday. Relax with your friends from Wednesday through Friday.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Business travel looks excellent on Monday and Tuesday. If you're looking for a job, apply through a foreigner. From Wednesday through Friday, do as you're told. An older person will be impressed and that will get you farther than any argument you might have offered.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your future will be easier if you have a few provisions stashed away. Saturday and Sunday look like they could be difficult. You'll need to know what you're doing by then.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Try to avoid arguments about money on Monday and Tuesday. The other person's way too emotional and not nearly logical enough to understand your reasoning. Pay off old debts from Wednesday through Friday, even if it means scrimping.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Looks like you could get into a confrontation from Wednesday through Friday with another strong personality. You're not going to win that one, so settle for a compromise.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Your work load is intense all week. Save some time for romance Monday and Tuesday. It's important to make the connection then. From Wednesday through Friday, there may not be time.

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Congress find it much easier to fight for tobacco advertising and big campaign contributions than for flag burning. Flag burners don't have much of a lobby.

The pro-loophole movement, by contrast, has the American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization, which has built a coalition of business and civic groups called the Citizens Flag Alliance to help it flood the

media and politicians with pro-amendment arguments.

That's OK. A healthy exchange of ideas is what free speech is all about.

Unfortunately, the so-called flag-protection movement aims to suppress speech. In its attempt to protect the Red, White and Blue, it would desecrate the freedom and liberty for which it stands.

Hatch's proposed amendment wiggles around the free-speech objections by avoiding an outright ban. Instead, it reads simply, "The

Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

It would begin the debate, not end it, he said. "This amendment is not self-executing," Hatch assures us.

I wish I shared his confidence. Granted power, legislators tend to use it. This locomotive is not likely to stop at the first station. After legislators have devoted this much time and energy to punching holes in the Bill of Rights, they might just decide to punch a few more.

But even if they don't, arresting people for burning their own flag cheapens the flag. Around the world, Old Glory symbolizes America's commitment to freedom and liberty, a commitment that has helped make this the world's richest and most powerful nation.

I don't like flag burning. But flag burners don't frighten me nearly as much as those who would take away their freedom do. A ban on flag burning, enacted out of love, would send a message of fear. It would show we, like the

regime in Beijing and the other totalitarian states, will tolerate speech only until it offends state power.

No one ever promised that free speech always would be neat and orderly. It gets messy sometimes, especially when the speech is inaccurate, fanatical or inflammatory. But the framers of the Bill of Rights were willing to take the chance. We should share their faith. Compared to the alternatives, it has worked quite well.



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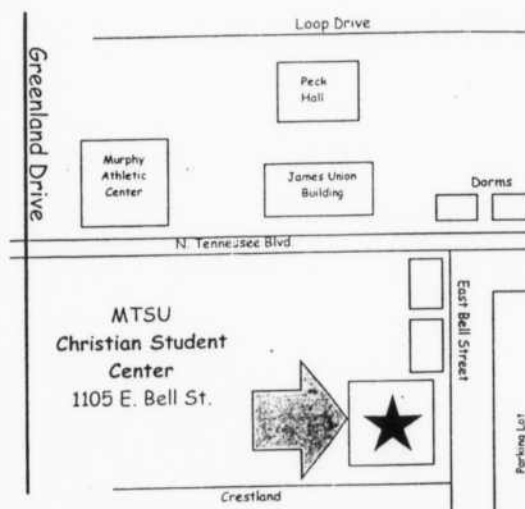
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Making sense of snubs in Country Music awards

Jim Patterson
Associated Press



NASHVILLE — For all their fame and riches, country music singers Alan Jackson and LeAnn Rimes have lost a little luster after failing to be nominated for an award by the Country Music Association this year.

The CMA Awards, to be handed out Sept. 23 at the Grand Ole Opry House, are considered country music's most prestigious. Just being nominated can indicate a career is on the upswing.

For Jackson, who has garnered 40 CMA nominations and six awards since 1990, being snubbed is an abrupt change. The blond singer of "Chattahoochee" and "Gone Country" had been nominated for the top award of Entertainer of the Year each year since 1992 — he won in 1995 — and for male vocalist every year since 1991.

Rimes, 16, who rose to fame in 1996 with her Patsy Cline soundalike hit "Blue," was nominated for a total of five CMA awards in 1996 and 1997, including best female vocalist last year. But she has never won.

How could two of the industry's top-selling artists fail to get a single nomination this year? The answers are with the 6,100 country music industry workers who are CMA members and

pick the nominees and winners.

For best entertainer, voters are supposed to choose "the act displaying the greatest competence in all aspects of the entertainment field," including quality of records and "in-person performance, staging, public acceptance, attitude, leadership, and overall contribution to the Country Music image."

The criteria on the CMA ballot for best male and female vocalist are a little simpler: "individual musical performance on records or in person."



In reality, the nominees are selected on the basis of a hard-to-define mix of talent, commercial success, popularity and CMA voters' loyalty to artists in whom they have a stake.

Rimes' career was built on the worship of pre-teen and teen-age girls. Unfortunately for her, they don't nominate or vote for the CMA Awards.

On the other hand, there are plenty of women in the music industry in their 30s and 40s who have lots in common with singers like Lee Ann Womack, Martina McBride, Trisha Yearwood, Faith Hill and Patty Loveless, who are nominated for best female vocalist. And these industry workers have a voice in who gets recognized by the CMA.

The unusual handling of Rimes' hit "How do I live" may give an insight into what sways a CMA vote.

Rimes recorded "How do I Live" for the movie "Con Air," but it was rejected and Yearwood was brought in to record it. All the same, Curb Records decided to release Rimes' rendition.

Yearwood got the country hit, while Rimes got a pop smash. But taking a competing record of the same song to pop radio may have caused resentment against Rimes among some CMA voters.

Alan Jackson's streak of CMA nominations ends as he enjoys great success with "I'll Go On Loving You," the first single from a new album.

"Believe me, I don't see this as any kind of a career problem," said Fletcher Foster of Arista Records, Jackson's record label. "A lot of it is the result of things like the timing of his album releases and his deciding to take a break from touring."



Other country bigshots have had gaps in nominations with little harm to their careers. George Strait wasn't nominated for best entertainer from 1992-95 and Reba McEntire suddenly stopped getting nominations for best entertainer and female vocalist in 1996.

"With Alan, last year was just a

slow time," said Michael McCall, who writes about country music for the Los Angeles Times and The Nashville Scene.

"He almost completely stopped touring. He was between albums and didn't have any singles on the radio for a time. Everybody else in the entertainer and male singer categories was active, except for Vince Gill."

Jackson also separated from his wife for a time, though they have since reconciled and there is no indication the split influenced voters. Gill, who also sat out much of the year and got divorced, still got nominated for best entertainer and male vocalist.

The difference is probably that Gill is much more visible around Nashville. During his layoff, he performed at the Grand Ole Opry nearly every weekend, and he's active in charities. He has always been generous about supporting other performers by appearing on their records, something that sits well with CMA voters with a stake in those careers.

And the popular Gill is the longtime host of the CMA Awards — 1998 will make his seventh consecutive year.

"Alan tends not to be as active and visible when he's taking breaks," Foster said.



'Saving Private Ryan' topping \$100 million

Michael Fleeman
AP Entertainment Writer



LOS ANGELES — "Saving Private Ryan" became the eighth summer movie to pass the \$100 million mark and established itself as DreamWorks' first breakthrough hit in the studio's four-year history, figures showed Monday.

Directed by DreamWorks partner Steven Spielberg, the brutally realistic World War II movie collected \$17.4

million to lead the weekend box office, grossing a total of \$103.8 million in North American ticket sales since its release three weeks ago.

Two new releases also did healthy business. "Snake Eyes," starring Nicolas Cage, brought in \$16.3 million, just ahead of "Halloween: H20," the 20th anniversary tribute to the slasher classic "Halloween" with Jamie Lee Curtis back in the lead role.

"There's Something About Mary" was emerging as the sleeper hit of the summer, collecting another \$9.6 million for a total of \$76.6 million. The low-budget comedy starring Ben Stiller and Cameron Diaz has lost little audience since its debut four weeks ago.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters last week followed by studio and net gross:

1. "Saving Private Ryan," DreamWorks, \$17.4 million
2. "Snake Eyes," Paramount, \$16.3 million
3. "Halloween: H20," Miramax, \$16.2 million
4. "There's Something About Mary," 20th Century Fox, \$9.6 million

5. "The Parent Trap," Disney, \$8.1 million
6. "Ever After," 20th Century Fox, \$7.7 million
7. "The Negotiator," Warner Bros., \$6.5 million
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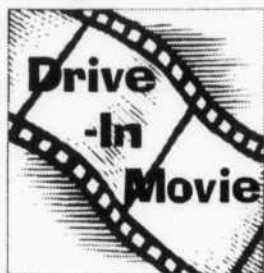
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Tired of Lewinsky yet? Not if you're watching CNBC

David Bauder
Associated Press



NEW YORK (AP) —

Chris Matthews throws the hardball, Geraldo Rivera the curve. If you need a vacation from the Summer of Monica, CNBC is no place to turn.

It's possible, for two hours each weeknight on the cable network, to get lost amid the twists and turns of President Clinton's sex scandal — the supposedly stained dress, the immunity deals, the friends wired for sound, the leaking legal teams.

Matthews and Rivera are CNBC's tag team wrestlers on the story. Rivera's nightly legal affairs program was established through relentless coverage of a previous big story, the O.J. Simpson case, and Matthews is riding the Lewinsky case in similar fashion to build an audience.

Matthews' "Hardball," weeknights at 8 p.m. EDT, was seen live in an average of 475,000 households last month, up from 192,000 in July 1997.

In June, CNBC yanked Charles Grodin's 11 p.m. public affairs show to show repeats of "Hardball," figuring a cheap rerun gets about the same viewership as a costly original program at that hour.

Whatever the reason, it means double the exposure for the relentless Matthews, a political columnist and former aide to House Speaker Tip O'Neill who dabbled in TV for a few years before finding his niche on CNBC.

Nobody asks Matthews what "hardball" means. He believes it's obvious from the blunt, direct style of questioning and his attempt to cut through political rhetoric.

Lunch with Matthews can be as unnerving as being a "Hardball" guest. The man talks fast with ideas and opinions flying in every direction. And they don't necessarily stop flowing when it's time for a bite of food.

"I believe in speed," he said. "I believe conversations should be at the speed that

most people talk. Most people don't talk like they're on public television, and when they hear people talk like they're on public television, they don't listen."

He's latched on to the Lewinsky story, believing it to be the latest front in a generational or cultural battle in this country. Many people his age (52) and older consider it symptomatic of a breakdown in societal mores, he said. And, of course, there are all those titillating details for the younger folks ...

Former colleague Grodin, although believing "Hardball" is a "very dynamic" show, thinks the Lewinsky emphasis is overkill.

"It is the thing that gets the highest rating, just as O.J. Simpson did and the death of Diana did," he said. "You can certainly justify it and say it is the potential impeachment of a president and that there is a lot of interest. My objection is, how did it get like this?"

Ratings for "Hardball" were going up pre-Lewinsky, Matthews is quick to point out. That increase is dwarfed by the spike in viewership after the story broke in late January.

Maybe it's wishful thinking on his part, but Matthews doesn't see a quick end to the story. There's no reason to think Clinton, the "Michael Jordan of spin," is going to change what he's been saying, he said.

"I don't think this president is going to quit, and I don't think Starr is going to quit, and it's just going to go on and on and on," he said. "At some point, we'll get a sense of what it would have been like to have been there if Richard Nixon burned the tapes — the

sense of it's over, but it's not really over."

He and Rivera present a stark contrast for anyone who watches back-to-back. Rivera sympathizes with the president. Matthews doesn't.

"He's New York, I'm Washington," Matthews said. "I am much more reverent toward institutions, toward the Capitol and the White House, than people on either of the coasts in New York and Los Angeles ... They have a much more hip view of these things than I do."

Matthews said the case raises questions about Clinton's fitness for office, "and I don't think Geraldo really shares those questions."

"I think he sees it as a matter of civil liberties, of Bill Clinton being judged as an individual rather than as president, and how he would be judged by himself as a man," he said.

You'd think a Matthews viewer would reach for the remote in disgust when Rivera comes on, and vice versa. But Matthews harks back to a youthful experience in suggesting that might not be the case.

Growing up in Pennsylvania, Matthews would occasionally be the altar boy when a Roman Catholic Mass was said for residents of the state's largest mental institutions. He noticed that many of the people who attended the Catholic Mass stayed for the Protestant service that directly followed.

"Some people are so fascinated with the subject, as with a religion, that they'll sit through two different denominations in a row," he said.



Tradition lives on at Southern belle camp

REBECCA SIMMONS
The Knoxville News-Sentinel

For the rest of the world it's the late 20th century, but for one week in mid-July, it's 1861 at the Athenaeum Rectory. Each year an increasing number of teen-age girls, ages 14 to 18, come to this sprawling structure of Gothic and Moorish architecture to learn feminine pursuits in keeping with the Civil War era at the Athenaeum's Summer Session.

The rectory building, and the week of classes, are all that's left of the prestigious women's college, which operated here from 1852 to 1904.

At the Athenaeum Summer Session teen-age girls taste what it was like to be an upper-class Southern lady at the dawn of the Civil War, or, as Columbians prefer to call it — "the War Between the States," "the War of Northern Aggression" or simply "the Late Unpleasantness."

Clad in gaily colored hoop skirts, these young women have come to learn refined activities like archery, needlework, sidesaddle horseback riding, penmanship and parlor games. They also learn etiquette, period hair-styling and elocution.

Call it Southern belle camp.

Thirty young women — belles by week's end — descended on this small Middle Tennessee town about 45 miles southwest of Nashville, from Sunday July 12 to Friday July 17, for the Athenaeum Summer Session. They hail from all over the state and parts of Alabama.

Like confections of sugar and frothy cream these teen-age girls swished and swayed in bright dresses, calling greetings to old friends and introducing themselves to new ones as they arrived with parents and family members on Sunday afternoon.

When Angela Wrather of Harvest, Ala., a returning Athenaeum girl, was asked what she had learned from her previous experience at summer session, she replied, "There's so much — just how to be a lady. How to be graceful, and, even if you don't, to act like you have class."

Pride in her family's Southern heritage also brings Wrather back.

"I have to carry on the family name," she said.

The young women were greeted by their Athenaeum instructors for the week and members of the Maury County chapter of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, who hosted a tea in their honor.

"It's living history," said the Rev. James Lunsford, a local Nazarene pastor and Athenaeum archery instructor. "There's no better way to learn it or remember it."

Lunsford is sponsor of the Jackson College Cadets, a group of about 30 young men from Maury County in grades 9 through 12. The cadets are named after Columbia's Jackson College, which was burned to the ground by Northern troops during the war.

The young men, chosen for the service fraternity by personal recommendations from teachers and family, serve the girls breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Appropriately attired in gray Confederate uniform, they also squire the gloved young ladies in white gowns to Friday night's ball. The summer session concludes with a commencement at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and a ball afterwards in the parish hall.

Altogether, the young men and women learn 14 dances for the event — from the Virginia Reel and the Carolina promenade to the gallop and the windmill. Students also learn the waltz, which, according to the Rev. Lunsford, was "the dirty dancing of 1861 ... (because) they stayed with the same partner for the entire period."

"It's an awfully fun thing to do," said cadet Danny Stephens, clad in his Confederate gray at the reception tea. "We love getting into this."

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Strange, but true...

OCEAN CITY, N.J. (AP) — You'll have to forgive the contestants in one local beauty pageant if they seem, well, a little crabby.

That's because they're all crustaceans, each clawing their way toward the title of Miss Crustacean 1998.



On Wednesday, a hermit crab called Crabopatra wowed the judges and won the Cucumber Rind Cup — plus the right to crawl down a flower-bedecked runway as more than 100 people sang "Here it comes, Miss Crustacean."

The pageant, a shameless publicity stunt staged on the beach for 23 years in a row, has clawed its way into Americana and won national attention for this popular summertime resort.

"This may seem like a Mickey Mouse event, and it IS a Mickey Mouse event, but it attracts a lot of attention," organizer Mark Soifer said.

The entries, most of which are dressed by young children, feature \$2 hermit crabs bought from Boardwalk shops.

The 39 entries also featured Leonardo DiCrabrio, a crab with a puffy white shirt, brown trousers and a bunch of cotton balls masquerading as an iceberg.

Another entrant, Tara Crabinski, scurried around on tiny paper skates along a shoe box decorated with aluminum foil to look like an ice rink.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Despite being officially dead, Rosie Nelson nevertheless struggled into the Social Security Office for a nice little chat.

Mrs. Nelson, 64, who has collected Social Security disability benefits since a 1981 back injury, was notified by letter Friday that she died June 29. Her benefits were cut off.

Officials only backed down after Mrs. Nelson

appeared in person — very much breathing — with documentation and a picture I.D. in hand to prove her continuing existence.

"It was harder to prove she was alive than she was dead," said Mrs. Nelson's daughter, Donna Lappert.

Robert Jeffries, a spokesman for the Social Security office, said Mrs. Nelson should receive a check by Thursday. The office could not immediately pinpoint the reason for the mix-up.

Carolyn Cheezum, a spokeswoman at the Social Security office in Washington, D.C., said Wednesday her office often takes reports of death by telephone.

"Evidently, they got the information but forgot to ask who was calling," Mrs. Lappert said. "We don't know who called but we sure want to find out. I think it's a sick joke."

BOSTON (AP) — Barney Does Boston?

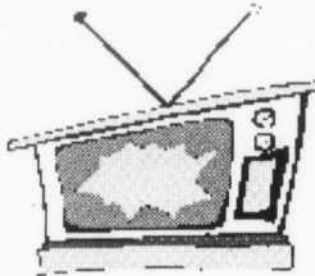
Ann Kenney said she and her husband popped a newly rented Barney video into the VCR for their children, Carolyn, 2, and Myra, 5.

"They were sitting in front of the TV waiting for Barney, and I went out of the room," Ann Kenney said. "When I didn't hear any music, I went back in the room, and there's eight women completely naked."

The cuddly purple dinosaur who tunelessly sings "I love you, you love me" was nowhere to be found. Clearly, another video had been substituted.

"I was in shock. Where was Barney? There's no Barney on the tape," she said. "They couldn't understand why there was no Barney, and that's a hard question to explain to a 2- and a 5-year-old."

Mrs. Kenney said she spoke with the store manager, but got no satisfaction and turned the video over to police. The



store had no comment Wednesday.

"This is a moral issue and very serious," Mrs. Kenney said. "The innocence of childhood is very valuable, and once it's gone, it can't come back again."

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — I scream, you scream, we all scream for ... pot?

A Good Humor man was caught selling marijuana to a teen-ager out of his ice cream truck, Fairfax County police said Wednesday.

Ousainou Lowe, 29, was arrested for distribution of marijuana after police watched from a distance as the ice cream seller peddled more than cones and sprinkles on Tuesday.

The 16-year-old boy who allegedly was buying the drugs was released to his parents. Police said charges against him are pending.

An employee at Good Humor-Breyers Inc. in Green Bay, Wis., said Good Humor ice cream trucks are locally owned by independent operators. A Good Humor spokesman could not be reached for comment.

HOUSTON (AP) — If it was a penny for her thoughts, Sally Henry thinks it was a waste of time and money.

Ms. Henry accidentally overpaid her Houston Lighting & Power electric bill by one penny. The power company accepted her payment of \$189 and change, but dutifully sent her a refund check for zero dollars and one cent.

"I couldn't believe they'd do that," Ms. Henry said Wednesday. "With all those people dying because they can't afford to run their air conditioners, HL&P is sending me a 1-cent check. It just blows me away."

Henry, a program coordinator at the University of Houston's optometry school, said the money the company spent printing and mailing the penny check might have been better spent helping sweltering poor people.

"Everybody has huge electric bills, and they're wasting money doing this!" she fumed.

Power company spokesman Graham Painter said the check was a mistake, and the penny should have been credited to Henry's account.

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Although his family moved from Michigan for jobs at General Motors' Saturn plant in nearby Spring Hill, Stephens is a Confederate blue blood.

"You know Alexander Hamilton Stephens?" he asked, referring to the vice president of the Confederate States of America. "He's a distant relative."

Sara Crawford of Tullahoma is known in re-enactment circles as the "Confederate widow." She is a storyteller, educator and civilian re-enactor. She speaks at schools and meetings of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. At the summer session, she teaches voice, music and mourning customs.

"The reason we do the mourning customs," she said, "is because of the year — 1861." Women then became

very familiar with dealing with the loss of their menfolk, many of whom went off to war but never returned.

Crawford also is in charge of the musical presentation at Friday night's commencement. "We always sing the 'Bonnie Blue Flag,'" she said. And "Dixie" is always sung during some part of the ceremony.

The girls salute the Confederate flag and perform their version of "God Save the South."

Alice Smith of Knoxville, a returning Athenaeum girl, said she likes the idea of being a Southern belle for a week.

"I just like dressing up and the whole experience of it," she said. "I've always been interested in the dresses. I've always wanted to have a hoop skirt, and it sounded like fun."

Simpson, 16, has 11 dresses, made by her mother, for this week. The Webb School of Knoxville student can trace her roots back to both sides of the Civil War.

"I've gained a deeper appreciation for that time period and for what they had to go through. They were used to this great lifestyle — speaking of the wealthy, of course — then all of the men they know go off to war and they have nothing," Simpson said.

Scarlett O'Hara, the fictional Southern belle of Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind," has driven many a girl to this week of hoop skirts and authentic earbobs.

"I think some of them want to be Scarlett for a week," confirmed Mark Orman, a Maury County teacher who began the Athenaeum Summer Session in 1991.

"It took quite a few years" to become established, he said. Helped along with an article in Southern Living and an appearance on public TV's "Tennessee Crossroads," the summer session "the last couple of years has really

taken off."

Now more than 100 girls are on the waiting list to attend future sessions, including a 9-month-old baby and Orman's 3-year-old daughter Susanna.

"She's an Athenaeum girl of 2010," Tina Orman, Mark's wife and fellow re-enactor.

A week at the summer session isn't cheap. The tuition is \$400 and it's possible to spend upwards of \$1,000 on an appropriate wardrobe.

Some people don't understand the interest.

"I just tell them I like to do it for the clothes, and it's like acting," said Laura Hill of Knoxville. "I can't really explain. You are reliving a time period that is gone. You can't go back to 1861, but you can relive it."



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No premature babies allowed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Premature infants can no longer be used in movie and TV production in California.

Legislation signed Tuesday by Gov. Pete Wilson requires that no infant under the age of 1 month can be employed in the entertainment industry unless a doctor certifies the infant was carried to full-term and was of normal birth weight.

A baby also must be no younger than 15 days old, sufficiently developed and physically capable of handling the stress of filmmaking.

Violators face

misdemeanor charges that could lead to 60 days in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

The Screen Actors Guild and its Young Performers Committee sought the legislation because of the increased number of premature babies in movies and TV, particularly when a script called for an on-screen birth re-creation. Full-term infants weren't realistic enough.

Babies, because they have no speaking parts, are considered extras by SAG, a union they do not have to join at that age.

"Some people just don't

realize the danger," said the bill's co-author, Speaker Pro Tem Sheila Kuehl, known to a generation of TV viewers as Zelda on the 1959-63 series "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis."

"The use of premature infants in film and television production is a new, but growing, trend," said SAG president Richard Masur. "We were extremely concerned that this practice would become more popular."

SAG wouldn't identify any of the shows or movies using premature infants.

Victor Mecsyste sings of another side of Nashville

JIM PATTERSON
Associated Press

If he could afford to make a video to promote his second album, "Hush Money," Victor Mecsyste would have little use for the wholesome young models who frolic through most country music videos.

They'd be replaced by real people who have caught Mecsyste's eye, like the red-haired woman at the Sunshine Grocery who wears a silver whistle on a chain around her neck.

In his collection of jazzy odes to happening chicks, swinging good times and the pursuit of easy livin', he reveals his crush on the crimson-haired woman in the sublime, swinging tune "Register One."

Mecsyste (pronounced meh-SESS-nee) has given his new album a subtitle: "Tawdry Tales of Tarnished Lives." And in the song "Lower Broadway," his description of downtown Music City is much different from the more pristine one presented by the Chamber of Commerce.

"Every other door's a honky-tonk with sin shops in between," Mecsyste sings, accompanied by a raggedy horn section that sounds like a Salvation Army band. "Mephistopheles and a virgin go strolling hand in hand, and the back beat is provided by a pumped-up country band."

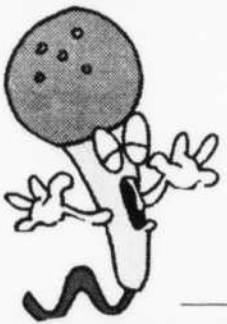
"I've got a dirty mind and I can't let it go to waste," he sings with glee.

Mecsyste, tall and lean, favors vintage suits that make him look as though he has just stepped out of a Humphrey Bogart movie.



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Network newsmagazine coverage jumps by 142%

David Bauder
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — What's next — an all-newsmagazine channel?

Television networks aired more than twice the number of newsmagazine hours in July than they did just two years ago, a testament to the rapid rise of this cheap, profitable and popular genre.

ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox and CNN showed 63 hours of newsmagazines last month, up from 26 hours in July 1996, according to a study by NewsTV, a company that monitors the content of these shows.

"If all the shows combined their efforts, it would be easy to program 24 hours of newsmagazines on an all-newsmag channel, all the time," said Russ Ptacek, NewsTV publisher, on Wednesday.

CNN, which aired no newsmagazines two years ago, had 14 hours in July, thanks to its "NewsStand" series of reports on news, business and entertainment. The network had to retract a story on the first "NewsStand" alleging U.S. military use of nerve gas during the Vietnam War era.

NBC jumped from seven to 16 hours during the same period and ABC from nine to 17 hours, NewsTV said. Fox had no newsmagazines two years ago but premiered "Fox Files" this summer.

Networks love newsmagazines because, compared to comedies or dramas, they're relatively cheap to produce. The price differential is becoming more stark with stars of hit series, like "ER" and "Home Improvement," striking deals for big raises.

Viewers are also watching, particularly in summer months when entertainment series are in reruns. Eight of the 20 highest rated shows in Nielsen Media Research's prime-time rankings last week were newsmagazines, led by "60 Minutes."

CBS is looking to expand further by adding a second edition of "60 Minutes" this winter, even though the show's executive producer, Don Hewitt, has expressed concern about a glut of newsmagazines.

"Glut would be an understatement for what's on the market," Ptacek said. "People are watching. Even if there was less return on the investment, it's a cheaper option than paying a star a million dollars per episode."

Tractor pulls are a way of life

Morgan Simmons
The Knoxville News-Sentinel

JEFFERSON CITY — In the back of Marvin Watkins' garage, past the drill press, welding equipment and tubes of gear grease, are the kitchen and bedroom where he lived as a bachelor.

The rooms are a mixture of home and storage space. The sink, stove and a refrigerator are still there, but today they're surrounded by piles of fan belts, carburetors and extra steering wheels.

Tractor-pulling trophies line the shelves, and one wall is covered with Watkins' prize ribbons, most of them blue.

"I lived here for five years," Watkins said. "I wasn't ever going to build a house, but then I got married and I changed my tune."

Watkins, 35, makes no bones about it. To him, tractor pulling isn't just a hobby, it's an addiction.

His 60-by-60 foot shop is located in a 30-acre field a few miles from Jefferson City. He has 10 tractors, but he uses only one to work his land. The rest are for pulling.

In a tractor pull, the tractor is hitched to a special sled, and competitors are judged on how far they can drag the weight while staying

in bounds. The track is 300 feet long, and the goal, said Watkins, is to get a "full pull."

"It takes a lot of luck and everything working out just right," he said. "A lot is in the driver. You got to know when to brake and when to keep going."

Tractor pulls are part of just about every county fair, which makes this the height of the pulling season for people like Watkins.

The tractors are usually split into a classic division — tractors built during the 1950s — and a stock division newer models that compete just like they come from the factory.

Watkins restores and competes with Super M McCormick Farmalls made by International Harvester, the classic, fire-engine red tractor of the 1950s. He said brand loyalty runs high among tractor pullers and that he settled on the Super M's because that's what his family always used on the farm.

"I just like fooling with them," he said. "Most of us aren't going to risk tearing up our working tractor at a tractor pull. We'd rather take an old tractor and rebuild it."

In back of Watkins' garage under an overhanging tin roof are a row of Super M McCormick Farmalls, classic

models that have been spruced up and slightly modified.

The surrounding field is a veritable tractor graveyard, and it's from these rusted, disassembled machines that Watkins salvages many of his spare parts.

When not building tractors and competing in pulls, Watkins drives delivery for a Jefferson City building supply company. He said he got the tractor-pulling bug when he was 14.

"I started with a riding mower and graduated up to this," he said.

The muscle machines at area tractor pulls are the V-8s. These are the tractors that rear up and spit fire. Watkins has been building them since 1991.

The V-8 he competes with now is a 1952 Super M Farmall. The tractor's V-8 engine uses racing gas that costs over \$3 a gallon. Watkins said it's the same gasoline used in drag racing.

On a recent afternoon Watkins fired up the V-8 in the garage, and the noise was so loud it scared a flock of crows feeding in a field a quarter-mile away.

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"The noise, the dust that's what most people like," he said. "We're talking 400 horsepower here. I don't wear earplugs, which is why I can't hear nothing."

Aside from tractor pulls at county fairs, there's a monthly tractor pull at the fair grounds in Abingdon, Va.

Watkins and his buddies attend that competition religiously, sometimes winning the \$150 awarded for first place.

"It's a 200-mile, round-trip drive, but that don't matter," he said. "We just get to pull."

Watkins said it takes about a year to iron out the kinks in a modified V-8 tractor

to where it can compete without breaking down. In his old bedroom behind the garage there's a busted wheel hub on the floor that came from the V-8. The cast-iron is an inch-and-a-quarter thick, and it's been split clean in two.

"That," Watkins said, "is what happens when you get too much tractor and too much horsepower."



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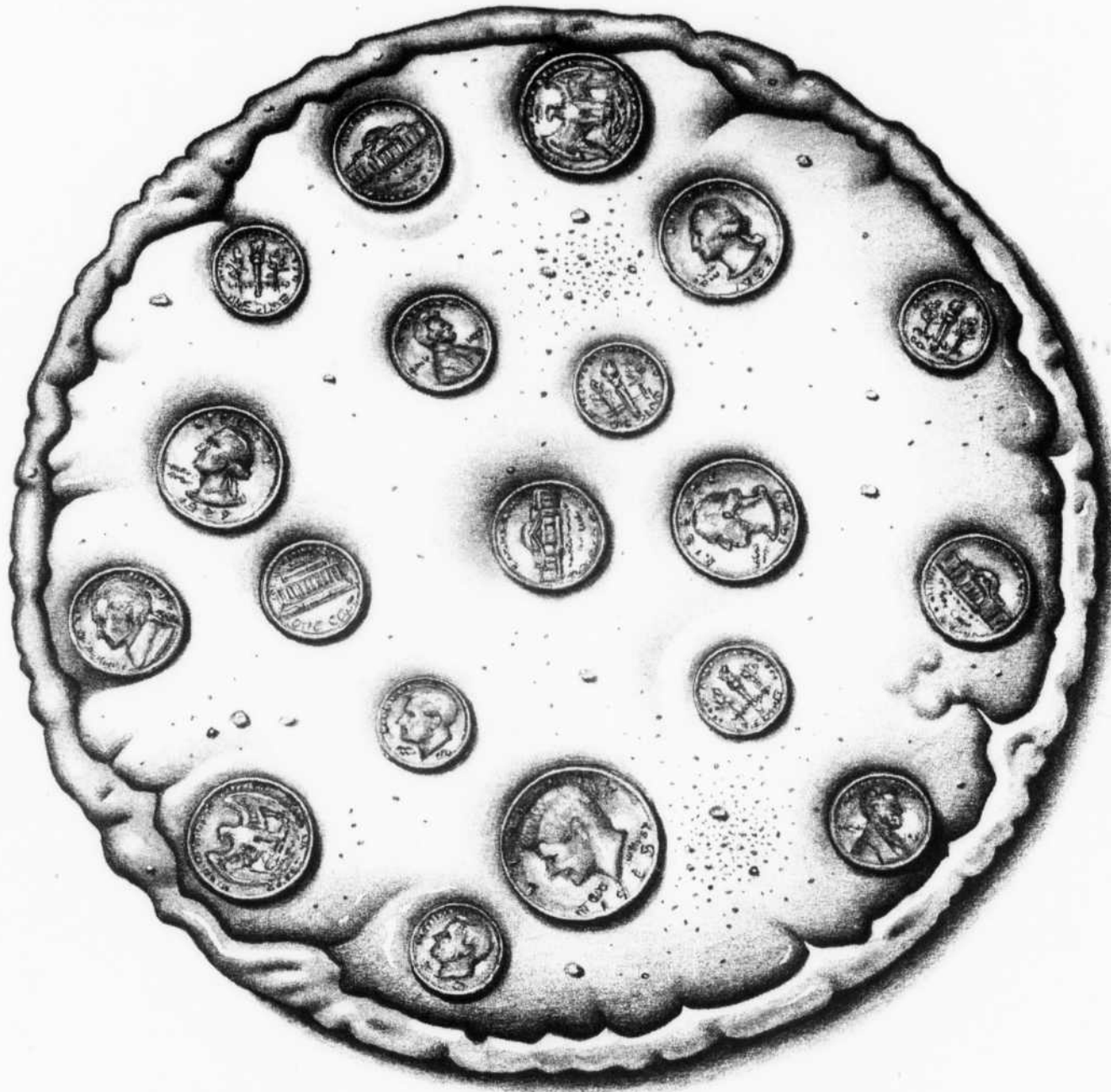
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Sept. 12	Raft the Ocoee River	\$25 (15 slots available)	Sept. 12, 8 a.m.
Sept. 13	Kayak the Hiwassee	\$15/20 (9 slots available)	Sept 13, 8 a.m.
Sept. 19	Backwoods Triathlon	\$10/15 (30 slots available)	Sept. 19, 9 a.m.
Sept. 19	Dayhike to Angel Falls	\$10/12 (10 slots available)	Sept. 19, 9 a.m.
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Sept. 26-27	Backpacking/Rappelling	\$25/30 (12 slots available)	Sept. 22, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 2-4	Backpack Smokies	\$40/45 (10 slots available)	Sept. 29, 7 p.m.
Oct. 4	Raft the Ocoee	\$25 (15 slots available)	Oct. 4, 8 a.m.
Oct. 6	Full Moon Canoe	\$10/12 (12 slots available)	Oct. 6, 8 p.m.
Oct. 10-11	Backpack Virgin Falls	\$25/30 (12 slots available)	Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 15-18	Canoe/Hike (FALL BREAK)	\$40/45 (12 slots available)	Oct.12, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Adopt-a-Highway	Free (inc. lunch)	Oct. 30, 2 p.m.
Nov. 6	Caving at Epsey	\$10/12 (8 slots available)	Nov. 6, 2 p.m.
Nov. 7-8	Backpack Stone Door	\$25/30 (12 slots available)	Nov. 4, 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	Caving at Southport Cave	\$10,14 (11 slots available)	Nov. 15, 8 a.m.
Nov. 24-29	Backpack Grand Canyon	\$460/495/530 (9 slots avail.)	Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 14-20	Snow Skiing at Steamboat, Colorado	\$340/370 (by van, 9 slots) \$280/310 (other, 30 slots)	Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m.
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Waiting for...Michael

Jim Litke
Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Tim Floyd is preparing to coach a team with no players at the moment, planning for a season that might not be played.

It has been two weeks since he joined the Chicago Bulls, but because of the NBA lockout and Michael Jordan's indecision, Floyd remains in a kind of executive limbo. He has moved into Phil Jackson's old office, but most of his belongings are still boxed and stacked in a hallway outside.

That extra bit of chaos, however, makes Floyd believable when he says he is prepared to vacate the coach's suite at a moment's notice.

"I'm the guy in waiting and what we're waiting on is whether Michael Jordan wants to play, and whether he wants to play for somebody else," Floyd said during an hour-long interview with The Associated Press on Friday.

"If it's me, that would be great. If not, if he says he wants to play for somebody else, that would be great, too."

In late July, owner Jerry Reinsdorf introduced Floyd as the team's director of basketball operations and coach-in-waiting — until or unless Jackson slammed the door shut on returning one more year. Jackson did the very next day, telling reporters from his home in Montana he was flattered by the attention but resolved to stay away from basketball for at least one season.

His agent, Todd Musberger, said one more time Thursday, "Phil absolutely, positively will have nothing to do with the Chicago Bulls for the next year or so. Everybody should have started moving on by now."

Floyd certainly has. He took the job because he heard through a third-party that Jordan had given tacit approval. He knows he will have to win — with Jordan or without — to keep it. That's

why he hit the ground running, going through a very tough introductory news conference after which he was described as everything from "poised" to "puppet." Whichever end of that spectrum you placed him at then, there is no denying Floyd has grown more comfortable and confident with his role every day.

Watching him deal with staff while making his way around the team's training facility, it's clear Floyd has a politician's knack for remembering names and putting people at ease. He is disarming in person, quick to smile or furrow his brow while considering a question, and he begins every answer by making eye contact, a habit that lends a certain earnestness to what he says.

For all his boyish charm, the 44-year-old Floyd never

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1998 Blue Raider Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME (CT)
*Sept. 5	Tenn. State	home	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	Illinois	Illinois	6 p.m.
Sept. 19	Jacksonville	Alabama	2 p.m.
*Sept. 26	East. Kent.	home	6 p.m.
*Oct. 3	Tenn. Tech	Cookeville	2 p.m.
*Oct. 10	Murray State	home	6 p.m.
Oct. 17	open		
*Oct. 24	East. Illinois	home	6 p.m.
*Oct. 31	SE Missouri	Missouri	1 p.m.
*Nov. 7	UT Martin	Martin	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	Univ. of Ala.	Birmingham	1 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference game

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loses sight of what he is trying to get across. He had to interrupt the interview twice to take telephone calls from general manager Jerry Krause, and each time, he told an anecdote before picking up the conversation exactly where he left off.

Asked the biggest problem he's encountered since coming

to Chicago, Floyd looked mournful and covered the top of his head.

"Bad haircut," he said. "Got it the day after the press conference. The only other tough part has been the volume of work."

Right now, only four players, the best of whom is swingman Toni Kukoc, are under contract with the Bulls. Floyd has no idea whether Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman will return or

whether, because of his close association with Krause, those players will accept him. He is still waiting to find out whether Jackson's assistants — Tex Winter, Frank Hamblen and Bill Cartwright — will stay on as well.

No matter how you assess the situation in Chicago, Floyd is off to an unpopular start.

He learned perseverance and the business firsthand as the son of a basketball coach, Lee Floyd, who died of heart failure at age 52, following a years-long battle with osteoarthritis. After playing in college, Tim served a nine-year apprenticeship under Don Haskins at Texas-El Paso.

In succession, head-coaching jobs at Idaho, New Orleans and Iowa State followed, giving him a 243-130 record and six NCAA tournaments in 12 seasons. At each stop, Floyd burnished his reputation as a tough, ambitious leader and a relentless organizer.

At some practices, he mapped out everything from switching defenses to how players should stand during the national anthem. No wonder the stories about Floyd's absent-mindedness — misplacing everything from dress pants to his paycheck — trail him to this day.

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Rec Center Sports Club needs more members

Staff Reports

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"We've had indoor soccer for about seven years," said Charles Gregory, facility manager of the Recreation Center. "They played in the Alumni Gym."

The Men's Soccer Club is affiliated with the National Collegiate Soccer Association and is a member of the Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League. The teams competitors are Georgia Tech, Tennessee Tech, University of Georgia, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Samford University and Auburn.

"Soccer is up and coming," said Gregory. "We're trying to

follow the trend."

The program offers sports that fit a growing trend. Rugby is a sport that is gaining tremendous fame in the South, as well as the rest of the country. The present rugby team, known as the Moosemen, finished second in the Southeastern College Conference this year.

Women's rugby is one of the fastest-growing women's sports around. The club has been active for two seasons and hope to compete in the Southeastern Regional College Tournament this coming year. The present team has over 20 members.

Fencing is a new addition as well. The club is student organized and follows International Federation of Fencing guidelines. Players learn the technical and physical skills and have the opportunity to compete in tournaments.

The Masters Swim Club is for students 19 - years - old and over. It is an organized program that offers a range participation possibilities — swimming laps to



The rugby team plays in a tournament last month with several other regional teams. They made it to the semi finals.

international competition.

Right now there are over 32,000 members of the U.S. Masters Swimming Club, and MTSU's is one of 450 local clubs.

The Men's Volleyball Club has been around for about eight seasons and is also part of a growing trend in Southeastern sports. Made up

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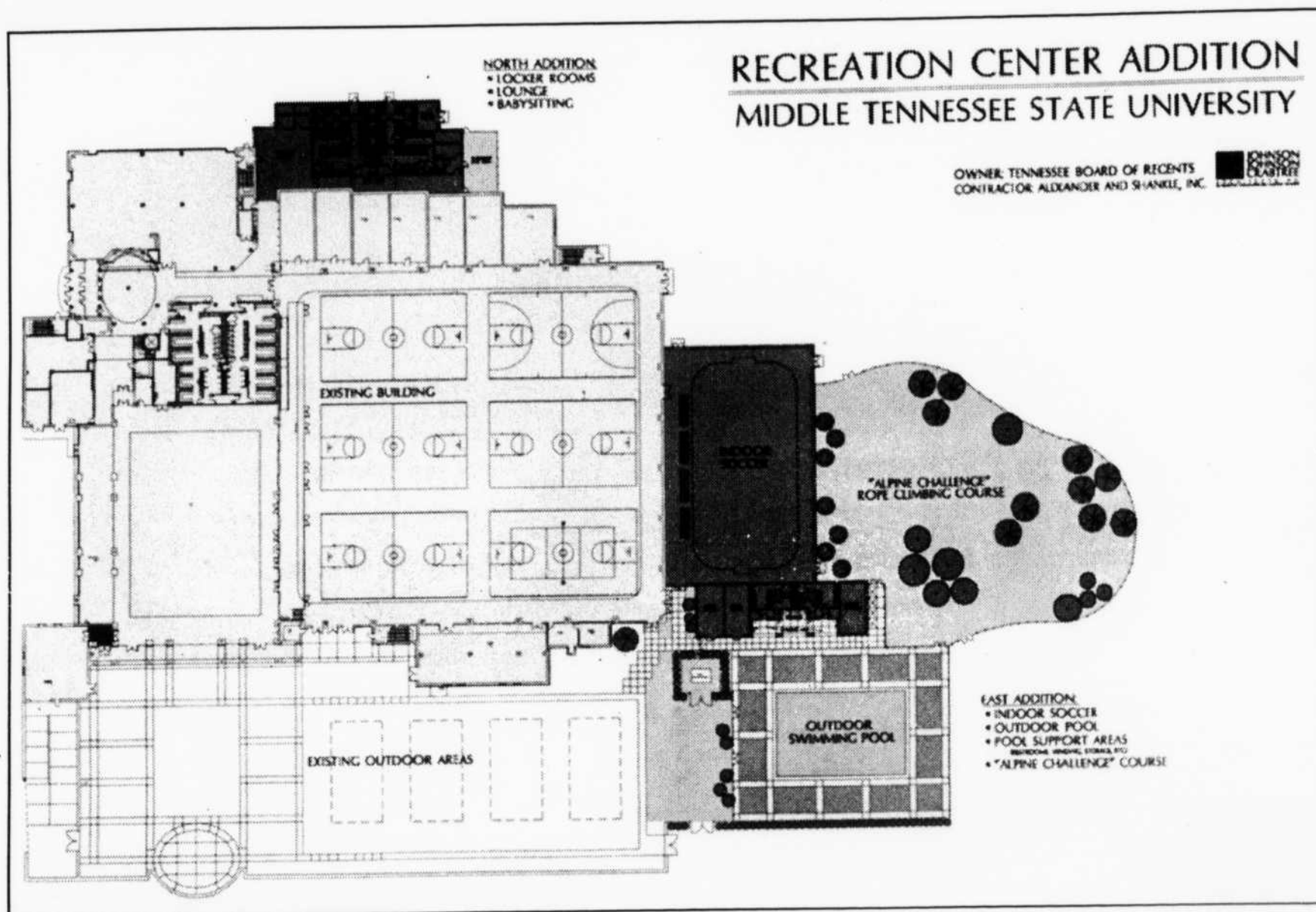
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Recreation Center covers more ground



The Recreation Center staff is planning to open the doors to the indoor soccer field, Alpine Challenge course and outdoor swimming pool this coming school year. The facility designers tried to cater to the major requests and suggestions made over the past few years. The child care center was the biggest request.



"The biggest complaint we got in the beginning was that we didn't have a place for kids."

Charles Gregory
Facility Manager

Construction continues on the Rec Center additions despite the heat and humidity. Below and left: Workers build the new locker rooms and lounge located adjacent to the weight room and behind the racquetball courts.

Staff Reports

Construction for the 21,000-square-foot additions to the Recreation Center has been in progress for a few months. Available next year will be new locker rooms, an outdoor pool, an indoor soccer arena, a baby-sitting area, an Alpine Challenge Course and a sitting lounge.

This will not be the last addition to the Rec Center.

"The next phase after this will be the expansion of the aerobic rooms and the weight room," said Glenn Hanley, director of the Rec Center, "and we'll see how that develops."

The new locker rooms, lounge and baby-sitting area will be located on the north side of the building.

The indoor soccer arena

will accommodate the fast-growing MTSU soccer clubs and those who play roller hockey. Both currently use the basketball gymnasium.

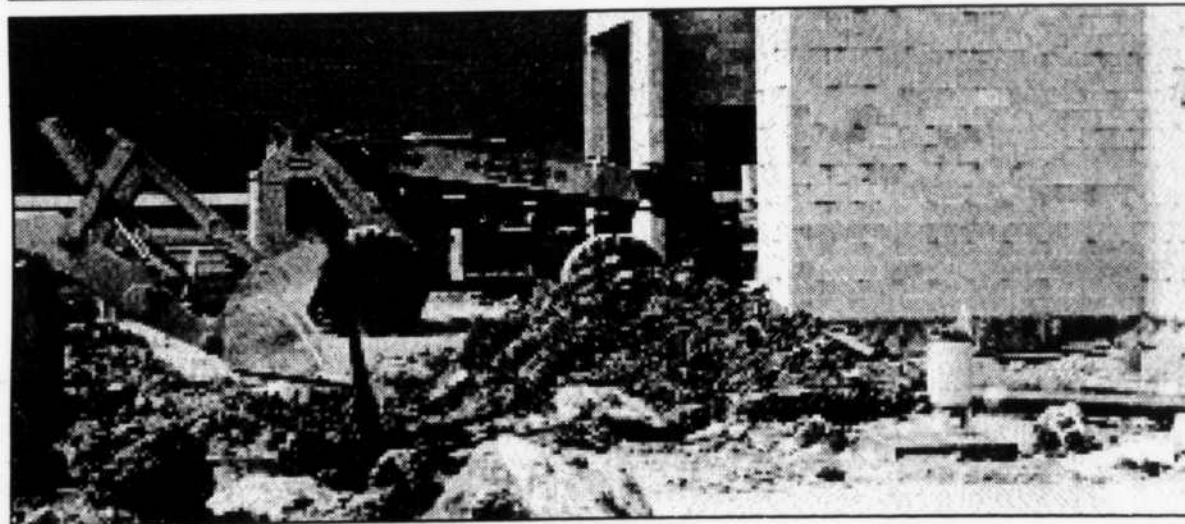
This 11,551-square-foot arena will have a removable artificial turf, dashboards to surround the 120-by-60-foot playing field and bleachers for spectators.

"Back in my day, soccer was not a very popular sport in America," Hanley said. "But it's coming on more and more and we are seeing more of a need of that in MTSU."

The turf may be temporarily removed for roller hockey.

"Currently, they skate on the parking lot," said Hanley, "but when the weather gets

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Photos by Jennie Treadway

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bad, they want to be able to skate indoors.

A new four-foot-deep outdoor pool will feature a zero-entry level, four swimming lanes, sun bathing areas and changing rooms. The pool will be 50-by-72 feet.

"The outdoor pool and the larger lounge area were supposed to be in the original plan," Hanley said. "The other

components of the new addition were things that we found out once we got into the building that we would want to do."

The expansion will add 1,163 - square - feet to the current lounge. Recreation facilities manager Charlie Gregory says it should attract members to socialize, rest, eat, drink and watch television.

The Rec Center's locker rooms are currently overcrowded with only 491

lockers. The two new rooms will cover 1,900 square feet and add 400 new lockers.

"One thing we did not plan for adequately is locker space," Hanley said. "We have a long list of people waiting for lockers in the building."

Another expansion plan includes a baby-sitting area to supervise children on a one- to two-hour basis, since children are not allowed in areas of the Rec Center.

This area will include a

317-square-foot room and a 700-square-foot outdoor play area.

"The objective of this area is to provide a place for children to be supervised while the parents workout," Gregory said.

Because the current climbing wall has been very popular with members -- especially with the Challenge Program, which works with groups on team building and leadership -- there are plans

for an Alpine Challenge Course.

The course will roughly cover a 100-by-200-foot area and be composed of a 50-foot tower with ropé ladders and 10 lower elements on the ground to accommodate 12 people.

"We're excited as a staff," said Hanley. "The folks that know what we're doing have shown positive reactions. Some nights we are cramped in here when we thought we would never be."

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Students encouraged to try intramurals

By Bill Priestly
staff writer

With the beginning of the Fall semester here, Campus Recreation officials are geared up for a big intramural season.

During the first year of the Rec Center's existence, intramural participation dramatically increased in some sports, including soccer, flag football and volleyball.

Intramural Consultant John Huck says he expects that trend to continue almost three years after the Rec Center opened in 1995.

"This facility nearly doubled intramural participation by itself when it was introduced and nearly doubled again the next year," Huck said.

Comparing participation figures from 1992-94 and 1995-97, Huck said that he sees great improvement in the total number of teams formed for intramural events from 268 teams to 355.

Intramural and Outdoor Pursuits Director Wayne "W.T." Taylor says the number of teams is expected to go up again.

"Because of the availability of space we have over here, we become more attractive to the student that has a few hours of free time to come over and work out," he said. "And with four new

lighted fields and a new indoor soccer facility we are constructing, we will be able to accommodate more teams."

And with the "Free Agent" program that allows single athletes to join teams needing players, virtually anyone can get on a team.

"All someone needs to do is come to the Captain's Meeting as a Free Agent looking for a team and if there is not a team that can take you, regularly we have had one or two teams formed of only free agents."

Huck says that three leagues have been started in each sport to accommodate different levels of competition.

"We have A, B and C leagues available. The A league is the top league with the most competition. The B league is for those that may not be the best athletes but still want to go out and play. The C league is for those that really are not out there for the competition, but more for the fun of it."

But while many students who live on or near campus would enjoy the intramural programs, Taylor said they will not cater as well to the non-traditional student or the student lives farther away from campus.

"Generally [the non-traditional student] will be coming from Nashville and won't be able to do these night

time activities where they will be playing at nine at night, get through at ten, shower, and then leave by 10:30 and get home at 11:30."

For those who have that kind of schedule, Taylor offers them an alternative in the Outdoor Pursuits program.

"Basically we offer opportunities to go backpacking, rafting, hiking and various other outdoor activities," says Taylor.

Roughly half of the activities planned for the fall semester are one-day clinics that will take place at the Rec Center. There are also trips planned during the fall that range from rafting on the Ocoee River to a five day backpacking trip in the Grand Canyon this November.

Other trips this fall include a venture to Atlanta for a Braves baseball game and a trip to New Orleans, La., to see a football game between the Saints and the Dallas Cowboys.

**For more information
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Fall 1998 Intramural Sports Schedule

Soccer	Aug. 25-Sept. 8
Backwoods Mini-triathlon	Aug. 25- Sept. 18
Flag Football	Aug. 25-Sept. 16
Atlanta Braves vs. Mets	Sept. 1-23
Golf Scramble	Oct. 1-8
Raquetball	Oct. 1-12
3 on 3 Basketball	Oct. 1-12
Volleyball	Oct. 1-26
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Date	Opponent	Time
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November 10	Foreign Team	5:45 p.m.
November 16	East Tennessee	6:30 p.m.
November 21	Erskine	7:30 p.m.
November 24	Marist	6:30 p.m.
November 28	East Tennessee	6:30 p.m.
November 30	North Carolina	7 p.m.
December 3	Western Kent.	8:30 p.m.
December 5	Tennessee Tech	7:30 p.m.
December 12	Belmont	7 p.m.
December 21-23	Christmas Shootout	TBA
January 2	UT Martin	7:30 p.m.
January 4	Murray State	8 p.m.
January 7	SE Missouri	7:45 p.m.
January 9	East. Illinois	7:30 p.m.
January 12	Tennessee Tech	7:45 p.m.
January 14	Tennessee State	7:30 p.m.
January 16	Austin Peay	7:30 p.m.
January 21	Morehead State	7:45 p.m.
January 23	Eastern Kent.	7:30 p.m.
January 28	UT Martin	7:45 p.m.
January 30	Murray State	7:30 p.m.
February 1	Belmont	7:30 p.m.
February 4	SE Missouri	7 p.m.
February 6	East. Illinois	7 p.m.
February 11	Tennessee State	7:45 p.m.
February 13	Austin Peay	7:30 p.m.
February 18	Morehead State	6:30 p.m.
February 20	Eastern Kent.	6:30 p.m.
February 23	OVC Tournament	TBA
February 26-27	OVC Tournament	TBA

Blue Raider football ticket sales reaching new highs

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee's drive toward an average paid attendance of 17,000 fans for its four home games this season — one of the NCAA requirements to be met for the Blue Raiders' move into Division I-A in 1999 — got another shot of adrenalin last week with the announcement that total season ticket sales for the 1998 season had reached another all-time high of 13,189.

The new number was announced by athletic director Lee Fowler as the overall season ticket effort passed through Phase III, which includes corporate sales and the continuation of a major promotion throughout the Midstate area with Coca-cola.

Phase I was the renewal of season tickets from 1997 and Phase II, which brought the season ticket total to a previous high of 8,025, was the sales "blitz" led by a team of

faithful supporters under the guidance of Fowler's wife, Carol.

"We are continuing to receive approximately 50 season ticket orders per day through our ticket office in Murphy Center," said Lee Fowler. "That continuing momentum reflects the growing interest in Blue Raider football."

"The next phase is single-game tickets and there is every reason to believe that at least a couple of our games, including the season opener in the new stadium on Sept. 5 with Tennessee State, will soon near sell-out proportions. Folks who wish to purchase single-game tickets for this fall would be wise to go ahead and do that while there is still a good choice of seat locations."

Single-game tickets to MTSU's home games will be available through all Ticketmaster locations in Middle Tennessee on and after Aug. 5.

In addition to Tennessee

State, the Blue Raiders will host Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 26), Murray State (Oct. 10) and Eastern Illinois (Oct. 24) this fall.

The Murray State game is homecoming, the Eastern Kentucky game has been designated as Veterans Day and Eastern Illinois is Senior Day.

There are fireworks and other special recognitions and celebrations set for the TSU game on Sept. 5, when fans get their first full-scale look at the Blue Raiders' new 31,000-seat stadium.

A complete fall 1998 football schedule can be located on page 41.

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