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SGA pressing to increase activity fee

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association officials are pushing for a \$15 increase in the SGA Student Activity Fee from the current \$5 to \$20.

The proposal is the second attempt to get the activity fee increased. Last spring a similar proposal, which called for the fee to be increased to \$25, was voted down by students.

Jason Lawson, SGA president, thinks the increase is necessary.

"[The activity fee] is really the most under-funded section of the student life department," said Lawson.

Tom Burke, dean of Student Life, said he believes the proposal failed last year because students did not understand what the fee was used for. He said that while talking to some students, he discovered that they confused the \$65 student activity fee with the \$5 SGA Student Activity fee. The student activity fee is actually a debt service fee used to pay of the new stadium.

The similarities between the two names is causing the confusion, said

Burke. There has been a proposal to change the name of the stadium fee, which was chosen by the Tennessee Legislator, to end the confusion.

The SGA Student Activity is paid by any student who is registered for seven hours or more. It is used to fund the SGA, student program-

Rather, they voted it down because they did not realize that the fee would directly affect the quality of student events.

"Members of student organizations think they should get more money, but they do not associate that with raising the fee," Burke said.

later next semester. The resolution will appear in its entirety on the ballot and will include a space for students to vote in favor or against the proposal.

The resolution includes a breakdown to describe how the money will be allocated. Under the proposed breakdown, student organizations will get \$10, student programming will get \$3, SGA will get \$3, sports clubs will get \$2 and university lectures will get \$2.

"A larger SGA student activity fee could produce higher quality programming and entertaining on weeknights and weekends, such as better known entertainers and speakers," the resolution states. "In addition, more student organization requests for funding could be granted."

To increase student knowledge about the proposal for the fee, SGA officials are planning to publicize the issue when campaigning for the spring election begins.

To do this, Lawson said, the SGA will post fliers, send letters to the presidents of organizations, set up information booths across campus and hold a town hall meeting on the issue. ■

If the SGA Student Activity Fee is increased, the funds will be allocated as follows:

Student Organizations	\$10
Student Programings	3
Student Government	3
Sports Clubs	2
University Lectures	2

ming, the university lecture series, student organizations and sports clubs.

Burke said some students would vote against the fee even if it was raised by 50 cents, but most of the majority of the students who voted against it were not opposed to the proposal because of the money.

"The money is going back to support those organizations."

In order for the fee to be increased, it has to be approved by a majority of the student body. To do this, the SGA approved a resolution that will put the proposal in the form of a referendum on the ballot of the next SGA election which will be held

Two prominent SGA members to graduate in December

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

Ryan Durham and Tim Smith, who have both served as active and influential student government members, will enter the "real world" after graduation on Dec. 12.

Durham served on several committees, as SGA attorney general and as Chief Justice of the traffic court before being elected as the Speaker of the Senate for the '96-'97 school year.

As a member of the House Of Representatives last year, Smith submitted a bill to increase the time between classes and, with the help of Durham, he got it approved by both houses of the SGA Congress.

Because of his bill, the time between classes will change from 10 minutes to 15 next semester.

Smith also has worked reforms of the traffic court. With these reforms, he established a training program for the traffic court justices, mandated that new justices be approved by the Senate and installed the detailed protocol and procedures to ensure fairness in all of the courts.

Smith is currently researching job opportunities, but he plans to stay in Middle Tennessee. After he walks the line, Smith will turn the reigns of the Senate over to Jennifer Sykora, current speaker pro-tem of the Senate.



Ryan Durham

After that, he was elected as SGA president for the '97-'98 year. This semester he is serving as Tennessee regent on the Tennessee Board of Regents. In the position, he is the only voting student on the TBR. Smith began his SGA career as a representative for the College Democrats in 1996.

During his term in the House of Representatives, he was elected speaker pro-tem of the House.

He is currently serving as speaker of the Senate.

Both students have been a part of several major SGA bills over the past few years.

Durham played a major role in convincing the TBR to increase the Student Technology Fee two years ago.

"That's the thing I'm most proud of," Durham said.



Tim Smith

Durham, who is majoring in electronic media journalism, will begin an internship with the Tennessee legislature after graduation. After that, he will begin law school.

"MTSU has been the best experience of my life," Durham said. "I can honestly say that." ■

Smith-Walters named Teacher of Year

Julie Pittenger
Staff Reporter

Cindi Smith-Walters, associate professor of Biology and co-director of the Center for Environmental Education was named MTSU Science Teacher of the Year recently was named Tennessee Teacher of the Year in Higher Education by the Tennessee Science Teachers Association.

"She's a very hard worker and has been very successful in securing outside funding, and she's very aggressive in pursuing grants," said George Murphy, chair of the biology department. "She's one of the hardest workers around, always active."

Smith-Walters and her colleagues conduct workshops for kids, teachers, and anyone working with young people. Currently, they are working on two workshops funded with grants from the Environmental Protection Agency. One is the WEIRD (We're Involved in Weird



Cindi Smith-Walters

Discovery) workshop.

"We work with science modules to incorporate with science learning in the classroom," said Smith-Walters.

The teachers that are trained will in turn share the material with other teachers. "It's sort of a train-the-trainer type thing."

Another workshop is E3 (Environmental Education for

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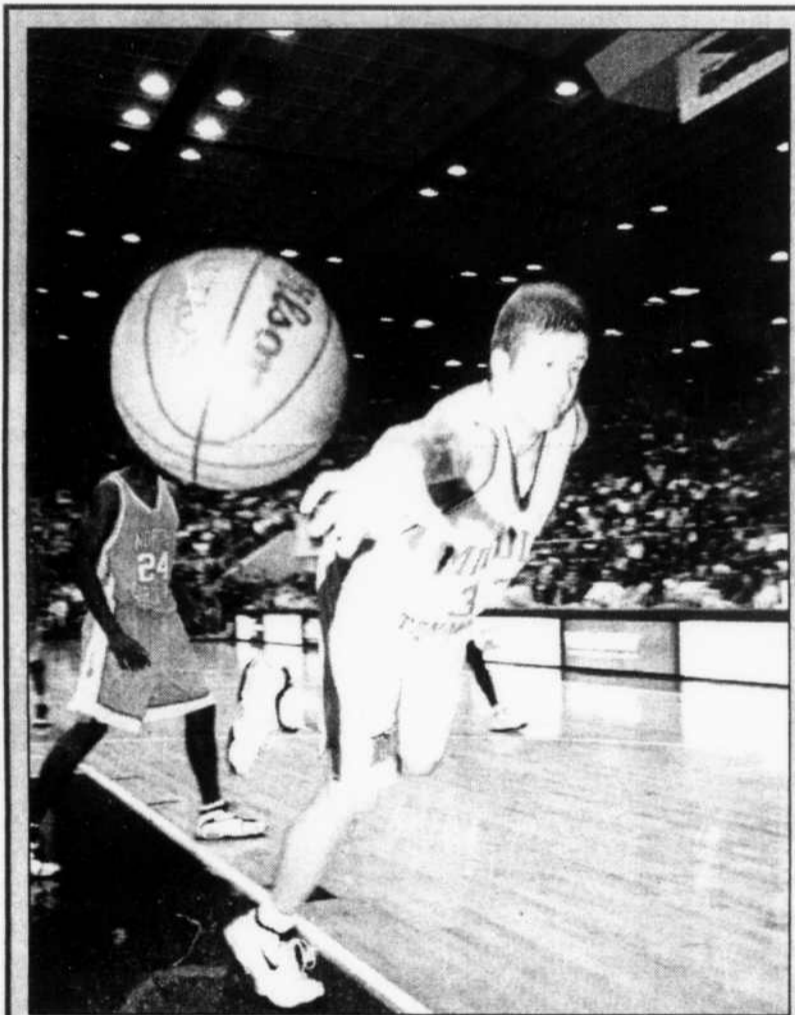


Photo by Derrick Wilson

Lee Nosse, 33, center, reaches for the ball. The Blue Raider basketball team met the Tar Heels Monday night. See page 8.

Legal action possible with track

Bryan Brooks
Staff Reporter

The threat of legal proceedings looms over the newly completed track on Greenland Drive while the track team and the athletic department hold their breath.

Turner Construction, contracted by the Tennessee Board of Regents to build the track, is still attempting to persuade Texas-based Martin Surfacing to complete the overdue project.

Martin Surfacing is subcontracted by Turner Construction to apply the reddish polyurethane surface to the track.

Turner Construction has sent two directives to Martin Surfacing, said Larry Counts, director of athletic relations.

A directive is a very stern mandate to honor a contract.

Martin Surfacing has not responded to the mandates and the Nashville office of Turner Construction, a national company, has asked for corporate help from New York City and Atlanta.

Counts said lawyers from those offices are

applying legal pressure on Martin Surfacing in an attempt to end the stalemate.

If a solution isn't found, the matter will unfortunately end up in court, Counts said.

"Lawyers would have a big time," Counts said, "but we would not have a track in the meantime."

"The whole situation is very frustrating [for the athletic department]. We want a track. We want to get done what has to be done to get one."

If surfacing is not begun soon, track coach Dean Hayes said he has no hope for the track.

The polyurethane surface requires a month to apply, and the daytime temperature must reach 50 degrees in order for it to do so.

"If the surfacing is delayed until spring," said Hayes, "the track would not be ready before May. By then, the spring track season would be almost over."

A disagreement over the quality of the asphalt on which the rubbery track surface would be applied was cited by Hayes as the source of the conflict.

Due to a clause in the contract with TBR, Turner Construction is being fined \$1,500 every day the project is over deadline, Counts said.

Turner Construction's company policy is not to discuss contracted jobs with the media. ■

Raider Coordinating Council plans for spring

Jason Speck
Staff Reporter

MTSU's newest organization, The Raider Coordinating Council of Organizations, is scheduled to start work in the spring semester.

Maggie Prugh, current coordinator of Student Organizations and Community Service, will serve as the group's adviser and will be working closely with president Emily Beaty and the other eight members of the organization.

"Our goal basically is to provide e supportive programs and services to all of the registered MTSU student organizations on the MTSU campus," according to Chris Arnold, current coordinator of Organizational Relations for the RCCO.

The RCCO also will be helping organize and

participating in the "Up 'Til Dawn" project, a campus wide fundraising event that will benefit St. Jude's Hospital and will include a 14-hour lock-in including food and entertainment. The students will have the chance to interact with children and families to whom the proceeds will be going. It also will be beneficial for all student organizations to come together and learn more about each other.

The Raider Council will be working with the SGA for the upcoming spring awards banquet where the RCCO will be developing awards for outstanding student organizations on campus.

The members of the RCCO are in the process of constructing a new student handbook highlighting all the 198 organizations on campus, which will include all phone numbers, addresses

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To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487. Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.

Thursday, Dec. 3

The American Business Women's Association will meet at 4 p.m. in the KUC 314. All majors are welcome to join. For more information, contact Sherrie Murray at 898-5315.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18 & 19

The MTSU Equestrian Team will sponsor an Intercollegiate Horse Show starting at 8 a.m. and will last all day. The show will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center on campus. For more information, contact Christy Wiest at 907-2722.

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Auditions will be held for the Wesley Foundation's spring musical, *Godspell* (March 4-7) at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. For more information, contact Bill Campbell at 893-0469.

Continuing

The MTSU Women's Studies and Business and Professional Women of Murfreesboro will

sponsor the Women's Scholarship. Criteria: Rutherford County resident, at least a sophomore standing with a minimum of 2.5 GPA, career-oriented and academically and financially deserving. Preference will be given to re-entry level, non-traditional students, minoring in Women's Studies. For more information and an application, contact the Women's Studies Office at Peck Hall 109B, email womenstu@frank.mtsu.edu, or call 898-5910. The deadline is Dec. 4.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship (PSF) will hold Prime-Time and Cell Group Happenings (every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for Cell Groups and every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for Prime Time Worship and Fellowship). PSF invites everyone to the Fellowship House to check out the in depth studies of topics from a Christian perspective as well as fun, uplifting worship times. Dinner will be served on Wednesdays. For questions or directions, call

Rich Zeigler at 893-1787 or Andrew Lee 867-7370.

Raider Victory Fellowship will hold Bible study sessions on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Corlew 719, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Cummings Lobby, and at 8 p.m. in Felder 208. For more information, contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

CUSTOMS staff applications are now available in the KUC 122 for the positions of student coordinator, student orientation assistant, clerical office manager, receptionist, data entry, and cashier/clerk. All positions are paid and will begin for 2 hours a week (paid) training in January. For more information, call 898-2454.

Student Activity Fee Applications for Spring 1999 are now available in KUC 130. The application on both IBM and Mac formatted disks for your convenience. 10 photocopies of the application and disk are due on Nov. 23 at 4:30

p.m. in KUC 130. For more information, call 898-2808

Victory Ministries will hold Bible study sessions on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew 719, Wednesdays at Cummings 731 at 7 p.m., and Wednesdays at Felder 204 at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Ricky Walters at 371-8479.

Campus Crusade for Christ will have CRU meetings every Thursday at 7:30 in the BAS Auditorium. For more information, contact 848-6741 or 867-2656.

Until Dec. 23

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a Mini-Exhibit "Japanese Containers" in the lobby of the Cope Administration building at Middle Tennessee State University. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

New program helps freshmen get more involved on campus

Julie Pittenger
Staff Reporter

The Office of Student Affairs recently founded the Freshmen Forum, a program exclusively for freshmen focusing on community service and leadership skills.

"The group was founded last spring by four students who were freshmen who got together and decided they wanted to come up with a way to get freshmen involved," said forum sponsor Stuart Eddings.

The four founding students Robert Beasley,

Courtney Allmond, Lori Bruce and Marcus Washington now serve as advisors to the group.

The forum serves as an on-going orientation for the students, providing them with leadership skills and experience with community service, according to Eddings.

The group raised money for the United Way by selling time-organizer calendars and helped build houses for Habitat for Humanity. They also have done trick-or-treating for canned goods, in which 400 cans were collected.

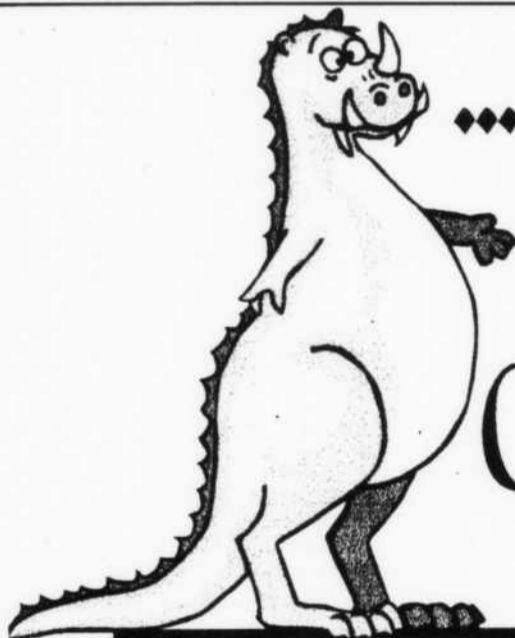
In the future, the group would like to host a scholarship conference for high school seniors. "The students would host them on campus,"

show them why MTSU is such a great university to attend and how you can get involved as a freshman," said Eddings.

According to Eddings, they also are planning a series for freshmen. Topics will include educational success, communication skills, time management skills, leadership opportunities on campus and community relations.

There are no requirements for joining the forum, but there is an application and interview process.

Interested freshmen can contact Stuart Eddings in the Student Programming department. ■



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HOMETOWN NEWS

Memphis (AP)— A minister has resigned from the Memphis Baptist Ministerial Association because a woman was rejected for membership in the group.

Rev. Kenneth T. Whalum resigned from the group because Sybil Mitchell was denied membership Nov. 17.

The association, with more than 400 members, is the city's largest organization of black ministers.

"I don't want to be a part of anything that discriminates for unrealistic reasons and for ungodly reasons," Whalum said Tuesday.

Whalum, one of the founders of the association and a former member of the Memphis City Council, asked that his church's \$5,000 contribution to the group be returned.

The association voted 86-27 against Mitchell's request to join. She is an associate pastor at Springdale Baptist and teaches at the Tennessee School of Religion, which the association sponsors. Rev. J.L. Payne, president of the association, declined comment on the matter. ■

Nashville (AP)— A group that trains college students to organize public-service oriented spring break trips has decided to stay at its home base at Vanderbilt University.

Break Away, which was founded by Vanderbilt students seven years ago and has been partially funded by the university, had begun looking for a new home. But Break Away advisory board members say there's no reason to leave.

Though Break Away won't receive money from Vanderbilt this year, Vanderbilt Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt said he would help the group if it is unable to raise funds.

Last year the university provided about a third of the nonprofit organization's operating budget, but Vanderbilt groups are expected to eventually become self-sustaining.

The organization has cut staff and will not hold its annual conference because its \$345,000 W.K. Kellogg grant has expired after four years.

Break Away has trained leaders at more than 60 colleges and universities on how to recruit students and obtain funding for projects like disaster cleanup and building or painting houses. In recent years, Break Away students have helped clean up lakes and worked with AIDS task forces. ■

Nashville (AP)— Construction will be delayed on the new Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum because fund raising for the \$37 million project is behind schedule.

Officials for the County Music Foundation, which runs the Hall of Fame, said Tuesday groundbreaking won't begin until they have received \$12 million in gifts. Their goal is to raise \$15 million from the local music industry and other businesses. About \$10 million has been collected. "We're finding out the reality is, this is a pretty complicated process," CMF acting director Kyle Young told The Tennessean.

But Young said the project is gaining momentum and major donations in the work could allow construction to start before spring. The new Hall of Fame could open in early 2001.

Construction was originally set to begin in late 1997, then pushed to April 1998 before being delayed again.

The 130,000-square-foot hall near the Nashville Arena will house the exhibits now at the Music Row facility about two miles away. ■

Memphis (AP)— The city has approved plans to spend another \$24 million to renovate and expand the downtown convention center, making the project one of Memphis' most expensive using public funds.

The city now will wait for the county to sign off on the proposal. The \$79 million project would be funded primarily through hotel bed tax revenues. The county in September issued \$55 million worth of bonds, which are being repaid with bed tax revenues.

Under the spending plan endorsed Tuesday, the city and county would issue \$15.7 million in additional bonds, and a special taxing district including area businesses would generate another \$5 million.

The Memphis Arts Council also has pledged \$3.6 million to the project. The city wants to enter a contract with Clark Construction of Bethesda, Md., which has entered a \$66.3 million bid. Other costs stem from design fees, insurance and a contingency fund.

The project should be completed by February 2001. ■

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Everyone). They are working on this in conjunction with the Children's Discovery House.

One of the center's biggest projects last year was the Swan Creek Watershed project in Lewis County.

"There was a pollution incident, and the industry involved had to set aside monies that would be used in environmental education. What we did was put together a package of \$30,000 for science education in Lewis County schools," said Smith-Walters. The bulk of the money went to teacher training, and the teachers received a stipend for their work.

Smith-Walters received her bachelor's degree at East Central State University in Oklahoma in Curriculum Instruction and her master's, and doctoral degrees at Oklahoma State University in Environmental Science. Afterward, she worked for five years as a junior high and high school science teacher before coming to MTSU to teach biology.

She did not always want to teach. "I wanted to be a biologist. But I got a teaching certificate, and when I taught my first year, I just loved it. I really enjoyed it," she said.

She said that what she likes most about teaching is that there is "something new and different every day. Someone's always got a new question and a new way of looking

at things. It's really fun to see someone's light bulb go off, to see them make the connection."

To make biology interesting for the students, she tries to take the information and apply it to the real world.

"They can see that science is not just reading the chapter and answering the questions at the end. That's what makes the light bulb go off. The real world application is what I find exciting.

"I also have [students] attend a professional meeting of some sort so that they think of teaching as a profession instead of just a job," she said. "Or I have them do some aspect of public service."

An example from this past year was Expand Your Horizons. Sixth-, seventh-, and eighth grade girls came to campus to attend workshops on careers relating to math and science.

Students worked as team leaders or group leaders and took the girls around campus. "It was a good public service, and they learned a lot. It was good practice for them."

Leatha Fielder is a former student of Smith-Walters and has since become a teacher herself. She remembers her former professor fondly.

"She is passionate about what she does and very knowledgeable. She didn't just talk about the material, but we tried a lot of it. I still use information that I learned from that class today in my own classroom," Fielder said. ■

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and other important information.

Another substantial asset to the campus will be RCCO Coordinator of Leadership and Development Kealie Frazier who will be able to set up guest speakers on request for any campus organization and work on the leadership development in all campus-wide organizations.

The RCCO will be hosting the first annual organizational fair showcasing all student organizations; the event is planned for mid-spring, for all people interested in joining or supporting campus organizations. ■

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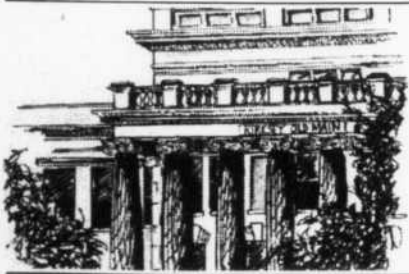
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
—Thomas Jefferson

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Editorial

A personal note from the editor's desk

Take time out for yourself

I know. I can't believe it either. It's December and finals are here. Another semester is under our belts and we're one step closer to graduation. Hallelujah.

And for those of you graduating in a couple weeks: congratulations. You've earned it.

When I think back to the years I've devoted to college (which have been three so far), I try to pinpoint what times have been the hardest, the easiest and, of course, the most fun. The fun times are simple—friends, late nights, weekend trips... that sort of thing.

But when I try to think about what has been really hard about college, I realize that it's not the exams or even the everyday schedule. The difficulty in college, I've found, is defining who I really am and what I want to do with my life.

For all of you seven-year seniors, keep searching. You'll find yourself sooner or later.

But for the rest of us, defining who we are can be the most challenging part of this whole experience. And it's not something that can be determined in a day, month or even a year.

Sometimes it can take a person half her life to find out what she wants to do. For example, my mother went to college directly after high school. She attended for a year and a half and was clueless about a career plan. Feeling guilty about wasting her parents' money, she put off school and worked at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Twenty years later, married with children, she decided to go back to school. She graduated from a community college in 1993 and now works with children in a Chattanooga library.

Point: Decisions about your life should not be rushed. Make it a point to be honest with yourself and look at all your options. If graduation is nearing you, let your heart guide you and you'll do fine. If you've still got a few semesters, relax and learn as much as you can. You've got plenty of time.

To all of you, have a wonderful holiday and I'll see you in January.

Jennie E. Treadway

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First daughter media spotlight for laughs

Phillip Terzian
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Around the time Bill Clinton took office, "Saturday Night Live" broadcast a skit, about the Inaugural Ball. Madonna, dressed as Marilyn Monroe in a tight white gown, sang a song to Phil Hartman, who played President Clinton. The piece was obviously based on Marilyn Monroe's famous breathless version of "Happy Birthday," sung to John F. Kennedy.

The joke was twofold. First, while Madonna/Marilyn appeared to be singing to Phil/Bill in his box, the president was smiling and winking and clearly excited by her come-hither style. Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton, played by Jan Hooks, could observe the whole spectacle, and fuming and glaring at her weak-kneed husband. Every time Jan/Hillary turned away, Phil/Bill would nod and smile and give the thumbs-up sign to Madonna/Marilyn, who would bat her eyes in return.

That was the first joke. The second joke was that, at the end of the number, while Phil/Bill was furiously signaling to Madonna/Marilyn that he wanted to see her after the show, Madonna/Marilyn made it clear that she had not been serenading the president, but his daughter Chelsea, played by Julia Sweeney in a frumpy dress, buck teeth and fright wig.

Reaction to this skit, which was quite funny, was not unexpected. Admirers of

the president were not disturbed about the depiction of Clinton as a philanderer, but they were upset by the joke on Chelsea Clinton. The president's daughter, and only child, had just entered adolescence and, after all, had not asked to be put in the public spotlight: She should be allowed to lead as normal a life as possible while inhabiting the White House. "Saturday Night Live" never touched the subject of Chelsea again, and the Washington press corps agreed that, come what may to her parents, Chelsea would be left alone.

For six long years, the compact held. The White House would confirm the barest facts about the president's daughter - what school she attended, whether she would accompany her parents to Camp David, etc. - but beyond that the curtain descended. There was never any speculation in the press about Chelsea Clinton; there were no clandestine photographs of her frolicking with friends; she was never interviewed; the White House wouldn't

answer questions about her. This prohibition even extended to Stanford University, which she entered last year. At the start of Chelsea's freshman year, the student newspaper issued a pious proclamation to the effect that no mention would be made of the First Daughter in its pages. And one poor student, who dared to broach the subject in his column, was summarily fired.

Now, the siege has lifted. Last spring

it was reported that Chelsea had acquired a beau named Matthew Pierce. The two were seen attending church with the Clintons in Washington, and the White House let it be known that President Clinton "approved" of his daughter's friend. But last week The New York Post reported (through unnamed sources) that Pierce had dumped Chelsea, and Chelsea had checked in to the Stanford clinic complaining of stress-related symptoms. Then a few days later the Post revealed that Chelsea has a new boyfriend, named Matthew Wilsey, "the son of a San Francisco margarine magnate." Chelsea's love life, her tender emotions, her loneliness at Stanford and, not least, her views on Monica Lewinsky have now become a topic on the TV tabloid shows, and are inching their way into print.

To be sure, the Clintons and their friends are annoyed about this, and to some degree, I can't blame them. And yet, at the same time, it was bound to happen. For the last six years the Clintons have fiercely protected their daughter's privacy, and the press has been happy to use their daughter as a prop on certain occasions,

accompanying her mother on trips and, most recently, serving as the visible bond between her parents. When the Clintons flew to Martha's Vineyard the day after the president's televised

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Celebrate and give thanks to Dr. LaLance

by Dr. David Hayes/ Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

On December 31, 1998, Bob LaLance will retire after 35 years of service to MTSU. Oftentimes a retirement is celebrated by the traditional presentation of a gold watch and a few humorous quips about the implications of the honoree's advancing age.

Once in a great while though, the ritual simply isn't sufficient to adequately convey the unique contributions of the retiree and the true scope of his or her achievements. Bob's retirement is such an occasion, and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some thoughts and observations with the community about what Bob LaLance has meant to me and the students, faculty, and staff at MTSU.

Beginning in 1981, it has been my privilege to work at MTSU for 17 years of the "LaLance Era." After working as an Assistant Dean of Students at a small liberal arts college in Indiana for two years, I was afforded the opportunity to interview for a position at MTSU. I was excited at the possibility of returning home, but as a graduate of Tennessee Tech, I felt some degree of trepidation at the prospects of working for the Golden Eagle's longtime archrivals. I was encouraged after speaking with a mentor from my years at Tech who assured me that Bob LaLance was known in student affairs circles as "the man to work for" among the Tennessee schools. I haven't been disappointed.

Through observing Bob at work, I have gleaned invaluable lessons in the practical skills that are necessary for successful leadership, but transcending those attributes, I have learned that without character, integrity, and honesty, a leader can never be truly successful. Perhaps most importantly, I have witnessed Bob live out the principles of his Christian faith by treating staff and students as he would want to be treated himself, by exercising compassion for those who are in need, and by making his family the first priority in his secular life. I believe I am a better person for having known and been influenced by Bob

LaLance. For nearly half of my career at MTSU, I have been engaged in the part-time pursuit of credentials that would enable me to become a better student development educator, first a law degree and then a doctorate in higher education administration. I received a great deal of help along the way, not the least of which was the forbearance of my wife and family, but I can say quite frankly that I could not have completed these undertakings without Bob's support, encouragement, and understanding.

Ministry is but one story out of many that could be told; multiply the experience I have related by the thousands of students, staff, and faculty whose paths have crossed with Bob's over the past 35 years, and you can gain some sense of the enriched lives and positive contributions that will serve as his legacy at MTSU. So, God bless Bob LaLance. And thanks for the memories.

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TUBULARMAN



Youthful rebellion ain't what it used to be

Alex Ross
Tulane University

A sorority girl hefting a backpack adorned with Phish and Bob Dylan patches walked across campus the other day. Her outfit consisted of a GAP shirt, Tommy Hilfiger black high-heeled shoes, an Abercrombie and Fitch hat, and black tights.

I shook my head. An interesting paradox has emerged in 1990s youth culture: rebellion via conformity. Corporate America has directed our natural tendencies to rebel into consumerism, and we've let it. Thus, teenagers and 20-somethings are straying away from activism and the useful rebellion in which their parents engaged during the 1960s.

What is consumer rebellion anyway? To understand it, you have to look at the activists of the '60s, who fought for world change via peaceful protests. They set out to conquer the world and to radically alter the greatest government on Earth. Their success may not have been absolute, but the resonance still is felt today.

No doubt that was useful rebellion. The 1990's version of rebellion isn't as useful to the world. It's good for corporations that feed teenagers' spoonfuls of rebellion, but not to the dirt, sky, or water.

The rebellion of the 90's is useless to you and me - and pretty much to anyone else.

The sorority girl wore the concept of consumer rebellion on her chest. Her Phish and Bob Dylan badges were a not-so-successful effort to symbolize her dedication to non-mainstream society and its ideals. She doesn't fight for unjust authority. She doesn't fight for equality. She doesn't fight for anything, really - except, perhaps, her image. And she's not the only one. Young people routinely buy baggy jeans, Grateful Dead T-shirts, hemp necklaces and anything else considered outside the norm. They wrongfully believe those things will set them apart from everyone else.

Ironically, they're not rebelling against anything, but they are indeed conforming. After all, goods often thought to be outside the mainstream are everywhere. Rap music thrives in upper class, white, suburban neighborhoods. Grateful Dead T-shirts are absolutely everywhere - even

Asian rice farmers are wearing them. Virgin Megastores carry every Phish CD. Even corporate lawyers sport Bob Dylan bumper stickers on the backs of their cars. Hemp is no longer underground. It's an industry.

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From the Mailbox



Let me first say that I am proud of the many accomplishments of our Art students and faculty. The study of Art is truly the essence of our civilization, our culture, what helps makes us human. I have often enjoyed viewing the work of our 200+ Art students when I have had the opportunity.

I know our students are well trained, because many of our graduates now hold important positions with graphic arts and advertising firms, and one, Billy Pittard, runs an international communications business in Los Angeles working for clients like ABC News.

I also appreciate the efforts and many skills of our faculty, who in addition to their teaching duties, participate in a wide variety of enriching activities. These activities include the important work that Lon Nuell does with school children and as Commissioner of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, to Mimi Kim, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1996 with the university's highest award, and has art work in the Waterloo Museum of Art. These are but two of many examples of the quality of our

faculty.

The success of our Art department and its students make it imperative that MTSU has a facility that we can all be proud of. I too, like Adam Cothron, who wrote in the book that was presented to Dr. Barbara Haskew, "want a state-of-the-art facility that will support us as we strive for greater excellence in our Art department."

However, the process of receiving the funds to build such a facility has not been as swift as anyone would like it to be. Obtaining funds for the planning and building of an Art facility is a priority of mine and has been for several years.

The new University library, which we will open next semester, is a good example of having to persevere, until all things are in place, to get what you really feel is right. The Art building is on our priority list, and we will continue to press for the funds to make it a reality.

To this end, I make these promises to the students and faculty of the Art program:

Providing an Art facility is, and will continue to be, a priority of MTSU, and I will do

everything in my power to work with those concerned to provide the very best learning environment for our Art program.

Dr. Carlyle Johnson, chair of the Art department, has a standing invitation to discuss with me any concerns he has relative to the current Art program and facilities. Together, with Provost Barbara Haskew, and Dean John McDaniel, we will work to make this situation as workable as possible. I will also remain open to suggestions from administrators, faculty, students or supporters regarding the process of obtaining a new Art facility.

MTSU has made many great strides forward in the last decade. This was done only by combining the energies and talents of our students, faculty, staff, and supporters. Working together, I know we can reach the objective of enhancing our Art department, and in fact, all of our academic programs, to make them the very best educational experience that our students deserve.

James E. Walker
President

CLINTON

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confession of adultery, Chelsea was front and center on camera.

Such cynical use of a presidential child was certain to resonate with a cynical press. We have been told that 18-year-old Chelsea Clinton is a remarkable young woman, and that Bill Clinton is an exemplary father. But we don't know this; we take it on faith from the president's flacks. Now, given the tenuous relationship between the Clinton White House and the truth, such assertions may have to be proven.

Just as we were informed about every speeding ticket incurred by Franklin Roosevelt's boisterous sons, or devoured the vicious lampoons of Richard Nixon's two daughters, we are about to learn more about the only child of Bill and Hillary Clinton than we ever expected to know.

Unfair? Absolutely. But tell that to Margaret Truman, Neil Bush, Susan Ford, Chip Carter or Luci Baines Johnson. ■

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Murfreesboro, TN

You got your diploma. NOW WHAT?



Leslie Lambert
Staff Reporter

December graduates are excited about getting out of school, but are they prepared for the working world?

A big corner office, personal secretary, lavish lunches with the company president. All new college graduates have a certain image they hope to find when they join the ranks in the working world. But, as with many things in life, they quickly learn to compromise on expectations and are thrilled to land a job that has a paycheck.

Fortunately, things are looking pretty good for the approximately 1,000 December graduates.

"The job market is excellent for new graduates right now. They are in high demand," says Martha Turner, director of the MTSU placement office. "We've had the highest number ever of employers at our career days these past two months. This is an indication of a good job market."

According to a recent publication issued by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the job market is good.

Because of a strong economy, growing businesses and low unemployment, more opportunities may be available to new graduates than ever before. Some employers may not be able to find experienced workers or may not be able to afford them, and they are looking at new graduates to fill these needs.

Some of the most sought after graduates at this time include those with degrees in computer engineering, computer science, electrical engineering and related fields. Business is also a good field right now. And don't worry if your major isn't one of these fields because these jobs are creating work for other companies as well.

FINDING A JOB

Even though you know the job market for recent graduates is good, you still need to find a job. Experts agree that a campus placement center is a good place to start.

The MTSU placement center offers many free services to students including the campus-recruiting program, resume referrals, special events such as career fairs and various workshops throughout the year. The office maintains a resource library with both print material and videos. There is information on various companies that allows one to bone up on important facts before interviews.

By registering with the placement office one year to six months before graduation, you can take advantage of these services for as long after graduation as you wish, or as long as you have an active file.

Turner warns students that they should take the job search seriously. "Students need to start early because it could take from three to six months to find a job," she explains. "They need to invest the time to develop good interview skills and to prepare a good resume."

PREPARING A RESUME

Speaking of resumes, what exactly does a good resume include?

The MTSU placement center has several examples of resumes to choose from as well as books in their library that can help you.

SALARY OFFERS TO 1997 BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRADUATES*

Basic and Applied Sciences	No. of Offers	High Offers	Low Offers	Average Offers
Agribusiness/Agriscience	4	28,000	16,800	22,225
Biology	5	27,200	20,000	23,644
Computer Science	4	46,000	30,000	36,500
Engineering Technology-Industrial Tech.	7	41,000	24,000	31,264
Nursing	4	36,000	20,432	28,460
Business				
Accounting	23	34,000	20,400	26,009
Business Administration	7	35,000	23,000	25,571
Finance	5	27,500	23,000	25,400
Information Systems	19	43,800	16,800	29,325
Marketing	9	36,000	19,000	24,889
Education				
Criminal Justice Administration	4	23,000	17,680	20,350
Early Childhood	4	26,000	16,000	22,711
HPERS	4	27,000	15,600	20,810
Psychology	4	22,000	16,000	18,250
Liberal Arts				
English	2	21,000	19,500	20,250
Political Science	5	28,320	20,000	24,504
Social Work	2	22,500	19,500	21,000
Mass Communications				
Journalism	7	30,000	18,000	23,257
Radio/TV/Photography	4	32,000	20,000	25,625

* Information was acquired through MTSU's Placement Office. The report is of 1997 Bachelor degree graduates who reported their salaries to the Placement Office. This graphic does not show all the major fields reported. It only shows the most offers received within each degree category. Total offers reported were 152 and the average offer amounted to \$25,545. For more information on salary offers of MTSU graduates and of a national survey of the average yearly salary offers to Bachelor degree candidates, contact the Placement Office at 898-2500.

They also offer a computer program for \$20 called the Resume Expert Plus. It is user-friendly software that helps you register with the office, create your resume and write your business letters. Turner highly recommends this program.

"People think that if they pay more for something, it is better," she explains. "All employers care about is that the information that they need is there. We have all the materials here that students need to prepare a good resume."

But there are other options to doing it yourself.

Tracy Bumpus is the owner of First Impressions Career and Resume Services. The company, located in Murfreesboro, specializes in resume and career document development as well as job search training and assistance.

"If December graduates are just starting to develop their resume, they're already behind," she insists. "Now is the time for May graduates to be getting their resumes together."

Bumpus doesn't recommend mass mailings of your resume. Instead, she advises researching several companies like you would if you were going to invest in them, then sending your resume to only 20 or 30 companies.

PRACTICING THE INTERVIEW

If you are registered with the placement office, you already may have some interviewing experience under your belt.

The placement center conducts mock interviews once every semester. Students dress like they would for a real job interview and answer questions from one of the placement office staff who is simulating a prospective employer. All this is offered at no charge to the student whose performance is video taped and critiqued as well.

Chad Hawkins is a human resources specialist with State Farm Insurance, one of the largest employers in the area. His office receives around 100 resumes a month and offers some advice to beginning interviewees.

"The first thing we look for in a job

candidate is if you present yourself well," Hawkins explains. "It's important that you are dressed professionally because you only have one chance to make a first impression. If you dress sloppy, it may reflect to the interviewer the type of job you would do."

Hawkins also stresses the importance of doing some homework on the company beforehand. Employers want to see that you know about the company and what the job entails.

"You can't control a lot of things that go on in an interview," he adds. "But you can always control how well you prepare yourself."

Wherever you interview, the placement center offers a few tips:

- * Know yourself — establish career goals, identify strengths, review resume
- * Know the employer — research the organization, use career resource library
- * Know the position — learn the responsibilities, location, travel requirements
- * Prepare questions for the interview
- * Prepare responses to anticipated questions
- * Dress in business attire — business suit, mild cologne, conservative make-up and jewelry
- * Be on time — arrive 10-15 minutes early
- * Use proper business etiquette — direct eye contact, firm handshake, remember interviewer's name, be a good listener

* Follow up after the interview — write a thank-you letter, follow up again in writing or by telephone

CONSIDER GRADUATE SCHOOL

All this talk of resumes and job searching may not sound appealing to some students. For those, graduate school may be an attractive alternative.

MTSU offers several master's degree programs including the master of arts, master of science and the largest program, the master of business administration.

"A lot of students say they are burned out after they get their undergraduate degree," says Donald Curry, dean of graduate studies at MTSU. "But a lot of them come back in a couple of years after they realize they need an advanced degree. Others are simply unaware the option exists."

If you're wondering whether an advanced degree is worth the time, Curry says he thinks it is.

"The fields that are looking for these degrees go in cycles in the business world," he adds. "Right now, a master's degree in mass communications is highly sought. Psychology is another area where it is very important. It demonstrates to the employer that you have the skills and may also generate a higher salary."

Curry says that a master's degree is now the highest degree many employers are looking for because many are not willing to pay for a Ph.D.

He also notes that there is still financial aid available for graduate school. There are also assistantships and minority assistance available which means compensation over and above financial aid.

For more information on the graduate programs offered, contact the graduate office.

For December graduates, these past few years represent a lot of hard work and determination. The search for a life-long career may not be much different. Although students may not start out at the top, with dedication, anything's possible. ■



Photo By Vickie Gibson

Announcements designed by senior graphic art students are part of the current exhibit at the Barn Gallery. They include (clockwise from the clock) a baby announcement by Jennifer Clark, moving card by Clark, baby announcement by Travis Rader, moving card by Aaron Grayum and self promotion mailer by Chris Wilkins.

From CD covers to ads to product labels, graphic design is everywhere

Vickie Gibson
Staff Reporter

Works designed by graduating senior graphic art students are currently on exhibit at the Barn Gallery. This is the second such show showcasing works by art students graduating with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

The artists are Tara Biggs, Phillip Brown, Jennifer Clark, Ed Dubell, Angelle Evans, Aaron Grayum, Dawn Hopper, Eric Jackson, Doug Malicki, Dan McDonald, Michelle S. Pope, Aaron Szalacinski, Travis Rader, Ryan Rowland and Chris Wilkins.

The students' designs include a wide variety of items including unique packaging for fictitious colognes named after famous people, CD covers, doggie treat packaging, posters and cards announcing moves and new babies.

Even the announcement card promoting the show entitled "The Birthplace of Graphic Design" was designed by students. Aaron Grayum and Ryan Rowland designed the postcard using a photograph by Travis Rader.

"This is art, any way you cut it; graphic design moves the world by enhancing our thoughts and igniting our potential," the introduction to the show reads. "It is an

interpretation of ideas, and through the artist's vision we are driven to accepting these ideas, and are invited to see the world as the artist intends."

The introduction tells how graphic design is incorporated into daily life which explains why the students chose to display their works in the setting of rooms of a house.

"Design is everywhere we look and affects virtually every decision we ever make," the statement reads. "Look around your home at all your possessions and see with your own eyes how your life has been touched by the visions and art of a graphic designer."

The exhibit's living room features artistic black and white photographs. The bedroom's walls are covered with posters. The bathroom showcases product packaging such as colognes.

Other walls showcase other product packaging, stationary, advertising, magazine covers and centerspreads which students designed. There are various other art works such as paintings and sculptures.

Opening reception for the artists was Tuesday evening. The show continues at the Barn Gallery through Dec. 11.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. ■

Arts Center creates 'Winter Wonderland'

Staff reports

Holiday music and ballet are featured in the December production of "Winter Wonderland" at the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts. It is a ballet structured around favorite holiday tunes and features performers from the Barfield School of Dance.

More than 80 area dancers will perform in the show under the direction of Bonnie Nemeth, owner and director of Barfield School of Dance in Murfreesboro. Nemeth has a bachelor's degree in fine arts in dance instruction from the University of Illinois and many years of experience as

owner and director of the Woodbury Dance Studio and the Smithville Dance Studio.

Popular holiday music is woven into a wonderful story aimed to delight all ages. Music selections include "Jingle Bells," "Let It Snow," "Sleigh Ride," "Winter Light" and "Winter Wonderland."

"Winter Wonderland" is the fourth production of the 1998-99 Celebration Series at the Center for the Arts.

Performances are Dec. 11-12 at 8 p.m., Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 18-19 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for all students. Tickets are available at the center or by calling 904-ARTS. ■

Theater group presents 'Molly Sweeney'

Staff Reports

Following a successful opening season, Murfreesboro Ensemble Theatre begins its 1998-99 season with the critically-acclaimed "Molly Sweeney" by Irish playwright Brian Friel.

The production, directed by MET founder and English professor Tom Harris, will be presented at The Playhouse, 701 Ewing Blvd., Dec. 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee at 2 p.m. Dec. 6.

The MET was founded in August 1997 to produce some plays which have been taught in MTSU classrooms but are unlikely to be staged by community theater groups in the region. The plan was not to compete with local community and academic theatrical groups, but to supplement such groups' productions, Harris said.

The group seeks to entertain and to educate, not just through

presenting plays on stage, but with seminars, workshops, lectures and other activities.

The MET's first production "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me," which was well received in the community. Although the subject matter involved three hostages chained to a wall in Beirut, its affirmative theme of survival under extreme duress made it one of the best contemporary dramas in world theater, according to Harris.

"Molly Sweeney" was first produced at the Gate Theatre in Dublin, Ireland in 1994 and premiered in New York in 1995. Directed by the playwright, Catherine Byrne played the titled role in both productions. The New York production featured Jason Robards and Alfred Molina.

The contemporary drama is the tale of a woman who lost her eyesight at the age of 10 months and had it briefly

restored when she was in her early 40s. It presents three points of view through alternating monologues as the women of Molly Sweeney, her husband and her ophthalmologist recount their versions of the life of a woman who is comfortable with herself and, through the telling, point out the dangers of "trying to save oneself by imposing salvation upon another."

The cast in the MET production includes Murfreesboro native and MTSU speech and theatre graduate Bobbie Ambrose in the title role. She is returning to a Murfreesboro stage after more than 20 years involved with New York productions and Nashville Children's Theatre tours.

MTSU developmental studies assistant professor Crosby Hunt, who was in the MET's "The Love Course" last season, is the ophthalmologist.

MTSU graduate Brian Smith, who was most recently seen in Murfreesboro Little Theatre's "Deathtrap," plays Frank Sweeney. He has been busy working in various community, dinner and professional theater groups across the south.

An integral part of the production is a special set of Irish music with dialect coach Elizabeth Reed, a native of Ireland and lead singer for Celtic band Ceolta Nua, and composer Charlie Parker who serves as vocal coach, musical director and keyboardist.

Other productions in the MET's season include Tina Howe's "Painting Churches" March 5-7 and Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" June 5-7. Both of these productions will be at the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts.

For ticket information or reservations, call 893-2937. ■

Jazz Orchestra continues season

Amanda Virgillito Staff Reporter

The Middle Tennessee Jazz Orchestra will be performing its second concert in its debut season tonight in Tucker Theatre. The concert will spotlight soloists, a swinging rhythm section and an experienced ensemble group of musicians.

Music featured in this performance includes arrangements by Pat Metheny, Chick Corea, and Phil Woods. Soloists in the program include Lee Holloway on trombone, John Hearn on percussion, Joe Zaletel on tenor sax, and altos Billy Riggs and Paul Dunlap.

"The First Circle," a piece by Pat Metheny, is an interesting number that has an odd time signature and will be especially appreciated by fans of contemporary music, according to MTJO director and MTSU assistant music director Dana Landry.

This is the first year of the MTJO which was well-received in its initial performance earlier this fall. There are presently 16 members of the orchestra, including MTSU students and professional musicians from throughout Middle Tennessee.

The group's major focus is on contemporary arrangements of big band music. Concerts include "Latin rhythms and fusion grooves in addition to straight-ahead swing and blues," said Landry.

He said the group was organized to provide an outlet for campus musicians and others from the community to play big band music together. It gives students the opportunity to play alongside professionals.

Tonight's concert will "appeal to a broad range of people who are interested in jazz music, especially in a big band format," said Landry.

Tickets are \$5 for the concert that begins at 8 p.m. MTSU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with ID. ■

Cannon arts center holds auditions

Staff reports

Auditions for "The Velveteen Rabbit" will be held at the Arts Center of Cannon County Monday, Dec. 14 and Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Males and females ages 8 to adult are needed for the production.

The show will be presented Feb. 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13 and 14 and includes school shows.

The arts center is located at 1424 John Bragg Hwy. just west of Woodbury approximately 20 minutes from Murfreesboro.

For more information, call Donald Fann at 1-800-235-9073. ■

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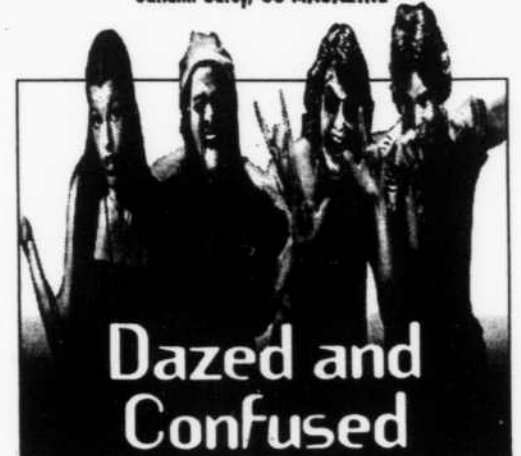
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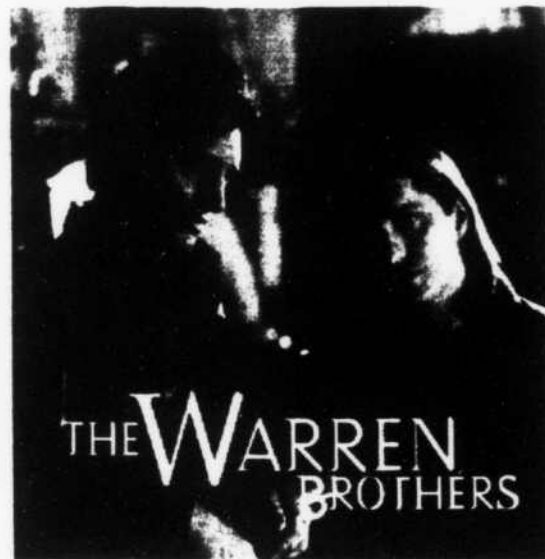
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Daugherty awaits Hall of Fame invite

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

When you think of the NBA, who comes to mind? Michael Jordan does, of course. However, there was another player that played in the league for 10 years and made five all-star appearances for the Cleveland Cavaliers. All true basketball fans know who I speak of. Yes, his name is Brad Daugherty.

In his career Daugherty spent all 10 of his years in Cleveland. In the early 90s, Daugherty played a big role in some of the appearances that the Cavs made to the Eastern Conference finals the second two times they were beaten by Jordan's last second heroics. Everyone has seen the Sports Illustrated commercial with Jordan pumping his fists in the air. Well, that was moments after he helped defeat Daugherty's Cavs.

As a college player, Daugherty spent his years in Chapel Hill at the University of North Carolina. He was named to the ACC's all conference team in '85 and '86. In those two seasons he was named to the All American second team, as well as being a freshman All American selection in 1983. He was named MVP of the 1985 NCAA Southeast sub regional.

Daugherty is second on the all time UNC field goal percentage record for a career (62 percent). With 1,974 career points, he ranks eighth on the Carolina all-time scoring list ahead of one Michael Jordan. He is sixth on the all-time rebound list and seventh among all-time block shot leaders.

In the NBA, Daugherty made a name for himself with the Cavs. Cleveland was the first overall pick in the 1986 draft. As a member of the Cavs, he became one of the best passing centers in the history of the NBA. He is the Cavs all time leader in scoring and rebounding and freethrows and freethrows attempted. On March 1 of 1997, Daugherty's jersey was retired by the Cavaliers.

When asked if he would change anything about his career, he responded with a stout "Not a thing."

Now that his NBA career is over, he now spends his time coaching Little League baseball and spending time with his family.

His connection with MTSU goes back to his days in high school when he was being recruited by UNC. One of the men he first met is Randy Wiel.

"We worked out together in college and in the pros," Daugherty said. "We also have a similar interest in horses."

Since his days at UNC, Daugherty and Wiel have kept in touch and did so again Monday night as UNC played MTSU at the Murphy Center. Daugherty returned as a color analyst for Fox Sports.

Daugherty's career is now over, but he still awaits the Hall of Fame. With everything that Daugherty accomplished in his career in Cleveland, he just might make it. ■



Above and Left: Ali McGhee, 24, forward from Montgomery, Ala., was a big player in the MTSU/Tar Heel game Monday night.

The game crowd erupted over McGhee's layups, which also made ESPN's Sportscenter Highlights.

photos by Derrick Wilson

Raiders play hard against tough Heels

In front of 11,380 fans Monday night, the University of North Carolina's third-ranked basketball team played in Monte Hale Arena. The Blue Raiders kept the score respectable all game long, and in the second half they cut the Tar Heel lead to 11. Unfortunately for the Raiders, the Tar Heels were just too tough in the post. In the end UNC won the game by a score of 75-54.

When the game got underway, the Blue Raiders were a little sluggish. Carolina took advantage of that and jumped out early to a 9-0 lead just 4:34 into the game.

"We were a little nervous at first," Cedrick Wallace said. After the Raiders got over the feeling of playing the Tar Heels, they began to play ball. North Carolina dominated the first 10 minutes but, following a television timeout, the Raiders made a run.

After the conversion of two Kevin White freethrows, Ali McGhee added a layup that made ESPN's Sportscenter Highlights. With 9:43 left in the half, Lee Nosse entered the game and, in no more than one minute, he converted on a three pointer. This buck cut the Heel lead to nine with just over eight minutes to play in the first half.

Fifty-two seconds later, UNC reserve Michael Brooker connected on a big three pointer that appeared to break the backs of the Blue Raider fans. However, the players continued to battle even through the rest of the half. After the first 20 minutes of play, the Tar Heels led by a score of 37-19.

The Tar Heels were led on the first half by freshman Kris Lang who scored 7 points on 3 of 4 shooting. MTSU shot only 31 percent from the floor and 10 percent from three point range. On the other hand, UNC shot 48 percent from the floor and 44 percent from three point range.

The second half was a totally different Blue Raider team. "I was really happy with the way we played," Nosse said. "We showed a lot of heart in the second half."

"If we hustled in our zone defense the way they did, we would be a lot better," said Ed Cota, UNC point guard.

For the first six minutes, the two squads traded baskets until the 13:47 mark when a timeout was taken. Following the timeout, MTSU came out sizzling. Johnny Cobb on the first play was fouled by Ademola Okulaja. He converted both free throws and followed that with a jump hook in the lane. Ali McGhee stole the ball on the next play and tossed it to Richard Duncan who finished the break.

On the ensuing play, McGhee made another steal. This time he would make the highlight reel again. On a move that made Sportscenter again, McGhee finished with a layup that made the crowd erupt. At that moment the MTSU was as loud as I have ever heard it. The Raider fans were thinking upset.

The run stopped, and the Heels began to take over the game with their size. Carolina added to the lead and finished the game on top by a score of 75-54.

The loss pushes the Blue Raiders record to 1-4, but with the effort give against UNC, a fan can't help but be excited about the team.

"It was the team that there were two inexperienced teams," said coach Bill Guttridge. "They have some good players."

If the Blue Raiders can put together 40 minutes of what they did in the second half, they will be a force in the OVC. When March rolls around, the teams in the area and the teams that will get to play low seeds in the NCAA tournament will have to watch out.

"If we can keep this intensity all season, we will be hell on wheels," Nosse said.

The Heel's senior Okulaja led all scorers with 17 points

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Oakland Patriots play for trophy

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

On Saturday the Oakland Patriots will attempt to stop being Murfreesboro's high school football outcast and win a state championship. Cross-town rival Riverdale, always one of the best teams in the state, was ousted by the Patriots in the quarterfinals.

The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Vanderbilt. The opponent will be Hendersonville High School. Hendersonville and Oakland each have a record of 12-2. Both teams were forced to beat their rivals in the quarterfinals. The Commandos beat Brentwood and, of course, Oakland spanked the Warriors.

Hendersonville is led by first year head coach Bruce Hatfield while the Patriots are led by Marty Euerard. HHS, on the field, is led by fullback and linebacker Kenny Louallen who rushed for 163 yards on 23 carries against Houston. Also, the Commandos have two other backs that are big parts of the offensive equation. Justin Wall, Louallen and Ryan Alexander have combined for over 1,600

yards of rushing offense while Kelly Hamilton, quarterback, has thrown for over 1,000 yards this year. Junior receiver Ryan McDuffie is looking to have a big game at the receiver spot while the Commandos boast one of the best kicking games in the state with Jeremy Willis doing the honors. Hamilton is coming off of an injury while the Patriots are 100 percent healthy.

The Commandos have been forced to deal with many off-the-field distractions since the conclusion of last season. In the spring of 1998, one of the leaders on the team, Steven Chaussey, went down on the practice field and died later at the hospital. Earlier in the spring, the head football coach for the previous four seasons resigned and began coaching at the arch rival, Gallatin High School. If you want to know the severity of the Gallatin-Hendersonville rivalry, take the Oakland-Riverdale rivalry and multiply it by 3.



The Oakland Patriots look to win the state championship after a big win at MTSU last weekend.

The Commando players dedicated the season to Chaussey and so far it has paid off.

Oakland plans to mix up their offense as they have done all year. Robbie Knight is the team's leader at the quarterback slot, but he has a cast of others that help out tremendously including Roland Ogletree and

Desmond Rhodes.

However, even if the Patriots come up empty in the final game, Coach Euerard was enthusiastic about the season.

"We've been blessed," Euerard said. "We give all the glory to God."

"All the seniors need to step

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Blue Raiders hope to improve record tonight

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raider basketball team enters the winter break with a disappointing 1-4 record.

"They just need a win to get some confidence," said Bill Gutheridge.

Tonight, the Blue Raiders will play the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky at the Nashville Arena. The tipoff is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. following the Belmont-Navy game. The night will be good for those who like basketball and those who just want to support the team.

Over the next month, the Raiders will play between eight and 10 games. These could be one of the most important

stretches of the year. The OVC play will begin with a home game against Tennessee Tech followed by a home game against Belmont a week later.

MTSU will take two weeks off before heading to Puerto Rico to play in the Puerto Rico Christmas Shootout. North Carolina State will be the first opponent. This game will be televised on ESPN at 12:30 p.m.

If the Blue Raiders play over the holidays like they did against the Tar Heels, there is no reason why they should not be able to win all of the games they play including those against N.C. State and Ole Miss.

When the Raiders return they will have a test against UT Martin which is in Martin on Jan. 2. That game is

followed by a huge game against the Racers of Murray State in Kentucky on Jan. 4.

The UNC coach said that the 11,000 fans that entered the Murphy Center Monday night created a nice basketball atmosphere. As a student, I began to gain a little pride in the team and the school when the band played the fight song. There is really no reason that the students can not continue to create that kind of atmosphere and that kind of enthusiasm for the rest of the basketball season. ■

MTSU vs. Western Kentucky
Game time: 8:30 p.m. at the Nashville Arena

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up to step up and play like they have," Euerard said.

The Commandos have not ever been to the Clinic Bowl. The farthest that they have

been is the semifinals was in 1988 when they were defeated by Dickson County. The Patriots are making their first appearance in the Clinic Bowl since 1989.

If the Patriots can force some turnovers and capitalize they

can win, but due to the size and speed of the Commandos, Hendersonville will win. The score will be low scoring and close. Hendersonville will make a big special teams play and win the game 24-21. ■

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including three three pointers. North Carolina was on fire in the second half. They shot 58 percent in the second half and 67 percent from the land of the three pointer. Lang finished the game with 11 points but only 4 in the second half.

Brendan Haywood, UNC's center, was the most game altering player for the Heels. Haywood scored 9 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, but his presence was enough to deter any drives to the basket. He also tipped a couple of shots at the top of the key.

Nosse led the Blue Raiders with 12 points and three three

pointers. The biggest factor of the game was the rebounding. UNC out-rebounded the Raiders 39-19 and 18-7 in the second half.

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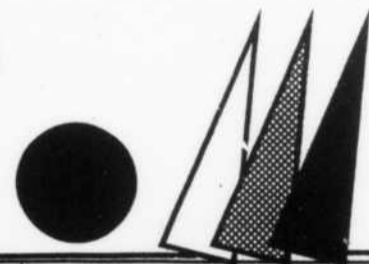
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Tyson pleads no contest

William Goldschlag
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ROCKVILLE, Md. - Heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson could land back behind bars after pleading no contest Tuesday to punching and kicking two middle-aged motorists in a road rage incident.

The twin threats of imprisonment - for his Maryland traffic tantrum, and for the possibility it violated his parole from a 1992 rape conviction - come as the ex-champion is trying to bounce back from a 16-month suspension for biting Evander Holyfield's ear in the ring. A milder-mannered Tyson - who admitted in court Tuesday that he has been under psychiatric care in recent months - signed autographs for fans before he was driven away from the courthouse Tuesday afternoon. He had no comment on his legal predicament.

Sentencing was expected in late January or early February, after a tentatively planned Jan. 16 bout in Las Vegas against Frans Botha.

The no-contest plea is not an admission of guilt, but carries the same peril - a potential 20-year sentence for two counts of second-degree assault.

The chief county prosecutor, Robert Dean, said last night that his office probably would seek some jail time "because the guy has a pretty bad record."

Tyson's wife, Monica, was driving their Mercedes convertible in nearby Gaithersburg when it was rear-ended in a three-car fender bender on Aug 31.

Police said Tyson swung at one driver, Abmielec Saucedo, 62, cutting his lip, and sent the other driver, Richard Hardick, 50, sprawling with a kick to the groin.

Tyson's lawyer, Paul Kemp, said Tyson admits "things occurred that were inappropriate" after the collision. But, Kemp said, "Nothing Mike Tyson did was intended to physically injure" anyone.

Kemp said Tyson's wife and a bodyguard were trying to restrain him and he was "kicking out" when "his foot came into contact" with Hardick's groin. He said Tyson made a "glancing contact with the lip" of Saucedo.

Tyson reached out-of-court financial settlements with both men to avoid civil suits. Terms were not disclosed.

Reminded by Judge Stephen Johnson that the plea could affect his parole in Indiana, where he served three years in a 1992 conviction for raping beauty contestant Desiree Washington, Tyson said, "I'm surely aware of that."

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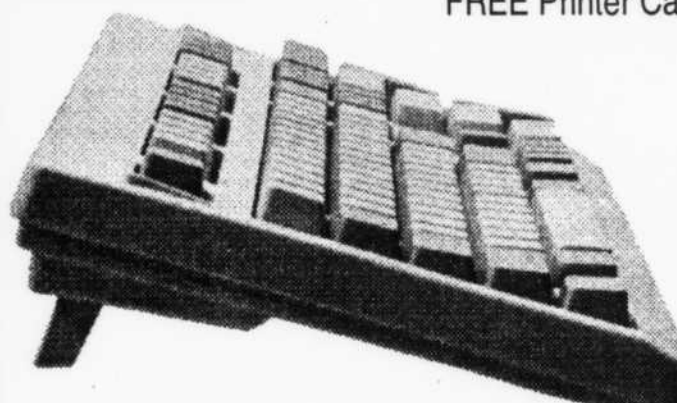
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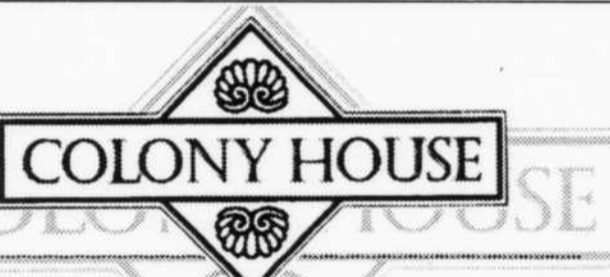
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If you'd like to express your appreciation to Dr. LaLance for his service to MTSU, he'll be in his office in KUC 212 on Thursday, December 3. Feel free to stop by.

