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Depression clinic will open to students

Brian Forrester
Staff Reporter

The MTSU nursing staff and students majoring in nursing will hold a free depression clinic on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 1-3 p.m. in Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building 109.

The coordinator of the event is R.N. Anita Kinslow, an assistant professor in the school of nursing. She hopes that the clinic "is an opportunity for people to become aware [of depression] and for friends to help."

Mental health professionals from MTSU and Alvin C. York VA Medical Center will offer students and faculty the opportunity to learn about depression. The clinic will have free screenings for participants and they can hear a brief talk on the causes, symptoms and treatment of depression. The names of those who go to the clinic will remain anonymous in order to ensure confidentiality. The visit should take approximately one hour to an hour and a half.

"The purpose of this is to make everyone more aware," Kinslow said. "Give folks an opportunity for an assessment and opportunity for a referral if needed."

According to statistics from Charter Behavioral Health Systems, depression affects 17.6 million people in the United States every year. Statistics also show that an estimated 15 percent of those with depression commit suicide.

Some of the symptoms of depression are sadness, decreased energy, loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities, change in sleep patterns, difficulty concentrating and thoughts of suicide. The difference between a "bad day" and depression is that five or more symptoms must be present for two weeks or longer.

"One of the major criteria for depressive conditions is that [people] feel this way for two weeks," said psychology professor Bill Compton. "[If they do], they should probably consider going to a professional mental health evaluation."

The danger with depression is

that a person can "get in the dumps" and not be able to get himself out without professional help. Depression acts like a cold or case of the flu. People get sick with depression and seemingly get better.

"Depression can run its course, nine to ten months, and disappear. But treatment will help prevent reoccurring episodes," Compton said.

The causes of depression are often complex and can be the result of several factors. A family history of depression can make someone more prone to manic depression than others.

Stress, both psychological and environmental, also plays an important part.

One recent concern is that the average age for the first depressive episode is going down. This makes college-age men and women increasingly likely to experience depression while in college.

Depression episodes are dangerous also because they can have fatal consequences. According to the American

Foundation for Suicide Prevention, "the suicide rate for young men (15-24) has tripled since 1950, while for young women (15-24) it has more than doubled."

Also, people with depressive illnesses are considerably more likely to commit suicide than individuals in any other psychiatric or medical risk group.

"When you look at the statistics, they are very frightening," Kinslow said.

Students and faculty who feel that they suffer from depression or manic depression should seek help in order to break the cycle of depressive episodes. Step one is reaching out.

Local agencies able to help people suffering from depression or thoughts of suicide include Nashville Parthenon Pavilion at 327-7000 and the Psychosocial Hospital at Vanderbilt at 1-800-365-2270 or 893-2447 in Murfreesboro.

Students also can contact the Counseling and Testing Center located in KUC 329 at 898-2670. ■

How do you know if a person has depression?

If you or a person you know has exhibited four or more of the following symptoms for more than two weeks, professional help should be considered:

- Sleeping too much or too little
- Frequent waking in the middle of the night
- Eating too much or too little
- Inability to function at work or school
- Headaches, digestive disorders, nausea or pain with no medical basis
- Excessive crying
- Thoughts of death or suicide
- Lack of energy, constant fatigue
- Slowed thinking
- Difficulty in concentrating, remembering, making decisions
- Loss of interest in daily activities
- Loss of sex drive
- Persistent feelings of sadness, anxiety, hopelessness
- Restlessness, agitation, irritability
- Feelings of inappropriate guilt or worthlessness

Asian economic crisis affects Middle Tennessee

Roy Moore
Staff Reporter

Company leaders and economists debated on the gravity of the Asian financial crisis' impact on Middle Tennessee businesses at the MTSU Economic Outlook Conference Friday.

Sponsored by the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise and the Business and Economic Research Center, the conference developed from a World Trade Center study following the devaluation of Thailand's currency last September.

James William Frierson, chairman of the Tennessee World

Trade Center in Chattanooga, and MTSU professor and author Stephen Livingston said that the Asian financial crisis finally has begun to affect the trade-dependent state.

"We are part of a global economy. It's not a club where we can just opt out of it at anytime," Frierson said.

According to Livingston, Tennessee was exporting \$10 billion per year to Asia before the crisis began, with Nashville being dependent on Japan alone for 20 percent of its Asian exports. This decrease should affect MTSU graduates preparing to enter the work force.

Local industries that were

hardest hit by the turmoil in Asia include agriculture, lumber, industrial, machinery and chemicals.

However, some industries that have improved are textile, apparels, transportation equipment, electronics and industrial instruments.

Small industries have proven resilient in the aftermath of the financial crisis.

"In the state of Tennessee, small companies are the bedrock of stability," Frierson said.

Leading economist Donald Ratajczak expressed his uncertainty about the world economy's

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Photo by Vickie Gibson

A little highland dancer takes a bow after a dancing competition held at the Scottish Fair this past Saturday. See page 6.

Lovvorn wins new scholarship

Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

The first-ever recipient of the President's Ball Scholarship is Caron Lovvorn, a freshman from Shelbyville, Tenn. She graduated high school with a 3.78 grade point average and was a member of the National Honor Society along with other clubs and activities. Lovvorn was also involved in "Team Kids," a first-through third-grade program at her church, and has a part-time job to help pay for college tuition.

"Getting this scholarship was great news," Lovvorn said. "I work to help out with expenses, so this is really great. I am very appreciative to MTSU and the people who attend the President's Ball who made this scholarship possible."

Selection criteria for the President's Ball Scholarship include recommendations from admissions, excellent academic achievement, service and community work and various clubs and activities. Jim Barco, executive director of the MTSU Foundation

which sponsors the Ball and raises money for the university, said that the university is looking for someone who is "well rounded."

This year's annual President's Ball will take place Oct. 17 at the Renaissance Hotel in Nashville.



Caron Lovvorn

The event is a fund-raiser to collect money for scholarship endowments at MTSU.

Within the last two years, the university has raised over \$75,000 to endow new scholarships. A proven success, this year's ball expects an excess of 400 in attendance. This black tie affair will include dining and dancing, and a

band has been selected to play.

New to the university is the President's Ball Scholarship, awarded to one student each year. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, service and community involvement. The ball raised a \$40,000 endowment to begin this scholarship, which pays \$2,000 per year.

Fifty percent of the proceeds go towards paying for the event, and the other half goes to scholarship funds. Over 400 students receive some type of Presidential scholarship, which costs the university more than \$1.4 million. President James E. Walker says the scholarship program is one of the reasons why the university is the top choice for valedictorians and salutatorians in the Middle Tennessee area. The goal of the Ball is to raise enough funds for at least one scholarship endowment per year.

Co-chairs of the Ball are Lisa Braco, a graduate of the class of 1980, and Howard Wall, a 1963 graduate of MTSU. Members of the committee include Brenda

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OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Education in accounting puts Rezaee in the black

Barry Gilley
Staff Reporter

Zabihollah Rezaee, professor of accounting, is the winner of one of the Distinguished Research Awards from the MTSU Foundation.

Rezaee has a bachelor's degree in auditing from the Iranian Institute of Advanced Accounting, an MBA in accounting from Tarleton State University and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

Although his teaching experience spans the full extent of accounting courses offered at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, his primary teaching and research interests are in accounting education; international, financial, and management accounting; and auditing. He also holds five certificates: Certified Management Accountants (CMA), Certified Public Accountants

(CPA), Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE), Certified Internal Auditors (CIA) and Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM).

Rezaee feels that staying up-to-



Zabihollah Rezaee

date on current developments in one's field is crucial to being an effective teacher and that holding

five certifications is helpful in that regard since he is constantly receiving announcements and journals from those organizations.

He is an active member of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the American Accounting Association (AAA), the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), the Association of Fraud Examiners (ACFE) and the Association of Government Accountants.

Before coming to MTSU, Rezaee gained public accounting experience working for Arthur Anderson and Co. in Iran. He has taught at the University of Alabama, the University of Detroit and the University of Tehran. He also has been a consultant to the United Nations, institutions of higher education and

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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.

Monday, Oct. 5

Activity and event proposals are due today for the 1999 celebration of African-American History Month. Next year's theme "African-American Leadership: Living the Legacy," should be incorporated into the proposal. Proposals must be returned to Cope 220, along with 12 ink-printed completed copies. Forms are available in KUC 124, Peck Hall 316 or 309, and Cope 220. For more information call Rovers Rucker at 898-2510 or Barbara Patton at 898-2185.

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 5, 6

Gamma Beta Phi Society will have member meetings at 5 p.m. (on both days) at the KUC 322. For more information, contact Cherise Vines at 898-3156.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Oct. 6, 7, 8

The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold the Career Placement Orientation. It will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday and 3 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at the KUC 322. This event will provide information on job searching, writing resumes, and interviewing. For more information, contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

PRSSA will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Mass Comm 104. The guest speakers will be U.S. Press Secretary, Kim Harris and a representative from Bart Gordon's office. All majors are welcomed.

Phi Beta Lambda Professional Business Fraternity will hold its installation ceremony at Ruby Tuesday's. The evening will begin with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the Installation Ceremony and a

short business meeting. For more information, call 849-8874.

Thursday, Oct. 8

The Society of Professional Journalists/MTSU Chapter will hold a program/panel discussion entitled, "Against the Odds: The Role of Alternative Media in the '90s." It will be held from 4-6 p.m. in the BAS 5328. Confirmed speakers are Beverly Keel, Jeff Ellis, Rosetta Miller-Perry, and Anita Benson. For more information, contact Lisa Rollins at 904-8380 ext. 1.

Sunday, October 11

The Stones River Chamber Players will present, "Le Grande Tango" music by the Argentine tango sensation, Astor Piazzolla at 3 p.m. at Wright Music Building. For more information, contact Dr. Jerry Perkins at 898 2469.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 20 & 21

The Golden Key National Society will hold member meetings at 5 p.m. (on both days) in KUC 314. For more information, contact Cherise Vines at 898-3156.

Thursday, Nov. 5

Open forums will be held in the Keathley University Center Theatre, allowing administrative and classified employees to share their thoughts and concerns about MTSU. The forums are: 9:30 a.m., Classified Maintenance; 1:30 p.m., Classified Clerical; and 3:00 p.m., Administrators (all divisions).

Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19, and Tuesday, Nov. 24

Belmont University's Center for Entrepreneurship, and association with the National Federation of Independent Businesses, presents "Strategic Planning for Small Business." The class meets from

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Jack C. Massey Business Center, located on Wedgewood Ave. at 16th Ave. The cost is \$300, and the registration deadline is Oct. 28. For more information, call 460-6608.

Continuing

Public Safety will be offering Rape Aggression Defense Systems classes exclusively for women. The 12 hour course is open to MTSU students and employees as well as area residents. The classes will be held at the Foundation House, 324 West Thompson Ln., on October 27-29 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost for MTSU students, faculty, and staff is \$15 and for others \$30. To register, contact the Campus Police at 898-2424 or 898-2259.

The June Anderson Women's Center's eating disorder support group will meet every Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The "Looking Forward" support group will meet every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 3:39 p.m. Both of these groups will meet in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building 109. For more information, contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725.

Raider 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.

The Intercollegiate Debate Association of MTSU meets Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. in Boutwell Dramatics Arts room 220. For more information, contact Jason Stone at 898-2273 or Michael Krueger at 898-5607. All students are welcome to attend.

State legislature offers internships to students

Bryan Brooks
Staff Reporter

Students have the opportunity to participate in a paid internship program with the Tennessee state legislature this spring.

Two types of legislative internships are available through the department of political science: the statewide Tennessee Legislative Internship Program and the MTSU program.

Each pays \$275 weekly, and participants receive 12 semester hours as credit. All majors are eligible, but applicants must have completed 60 semester hours.

"Interns really play a pivotal role in making the legislature work because the volume of work increases dramatically while the session is going on," said Mark Byrnes, internship coordinator for the political science department. "The legislature is really understaffed with permanent employees."

"Participants get the opportunity to see on a daily basis how laws are made, which is something that's pretty interesting and something most people don't fully understand," he added.

Byrnes interned in 1983 while a senior political

science major at MTSU. He said he had a great experience working for John Bragg and the House Finance Committee.

"It's an excellent place to make contacts and a lot of people have found jobs through the contacts they have made," Byrnes said.

Two former students that interned in the past have become lobbyists, according to Byrnes. Others have gone on to law school or graduate school, and some work for state governmental agencies. Byrnes said one student who worked as an intern two years ago now works in the governor's office.

Byrnes also said he'll "be glad when the Monica Lewinsky stuff fades away."

"It's hard to talk about internships now without people making jokes about blue dresses and that sort of thing."

Of the 12 credit hours received, six are upper division political science credits and six apply toward required elective hours.

The internships end when the legislative session ends in late April or early May.

Applications must be received by Byrnes by October 16. He can be contacted at 898-2351 or found in his office in Peck Hall 247. ■

Investigators determining whether hate note linked to Kalamazoo College fire

Christine Tatum
College Press Exchange

A hate letter taped to the door of a black student's dorm room and a fire set in that room the next day have shocked students and faculty at Kalamazoo College in Michigan.

Kalamazoo fire investigators are trying to determine if the letter is related to the fire, which caused about \$2,500 damage in a room occupied by 18-year-old freshman Bryant Lusborough of Chicago.

Neither Lusborough nor his roommate was at home at the time of the blaze, which was started on

Monday, the day after Lusborough had received a letter criticizing his performance during a poetry reading on campus.

He read a poem that asked people to judge him as a human being rather than as a black man.

"We almost hurled when we heard it," the letter stated. "All this peaceful talk around campus is sickening."

The letter also referred to a policy at the college that is "designed to insure the failure of all non-white people here." Only hours after the fire, college President James F. Jones called a meeting attended by about 300 of

the school's 1,300 students — a student body that is about 86 percent white.

"This particular action is a violation of everything for which we stand," he said. "It is an act of cowardice intended to intimidate. As a community dedicated to learning and its values of curiosity, tolerance and justice, we cannot and will not abide such behavior. It diminishes all of us."

Lusborough spent Thursday in Chicago with family and friends. While he has said he is scared to be at the school, he has indicated that he'll remain enrolled there, Greenhoe said. ■

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future, as economists nervously await Saturdays G-7 economic meeting.

"Right now is the most difficult period of time to make economic forecasts in the world economy," Ratajczak said.

He attacked Middle Tennessee's auto production, weakening tourism and the purchasing of expensive athletic teams in his

Regional Economic Overview.

Ratajczak foresees employment in Middle Tennessee growing at more than one percent, while farming will be hurt by falling prices.

He diagnosed the "Asian contagion" as the result of poor economic policy and outlined a rescue plan for the world economy:

*The Federal Reserve should dramatically cut Federal Fund rates and discount rates.

*Japan should re-vamp its banking industry and decrease the consumption tax.

*The United States government should meet the demand for treasury bonds.

*The United States government should aid Brazil.


Ratajczak believes that bailing out Brazil is the key to preventing a more serious financial crisis.

"The Maginot Line right now is in Brazil. It's not in Russia," Ratajczak said. ■

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Ellis exposes sting in funeral service industry

Barry Gilley
Staff Reporter

To lose a loved one can be one of the most life-altering and memorable times in a person's life. Often, funeral services are looked at as something sacred, a time for friends and family to mourn the loss and celebrate the life of someone they never can see again.

It can also be a time in people's lives in which they are most vulnerable. Cherill Ellis, professor in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, will discuss how some members of the funeral industry are taking advantage of that vulnerability in her presentation for the Honors Lecture Series titled "The American Way of Dying: The Last Sting."

"My lecture deals with the hoax that has been played on the American public for years by members of the funeral industry," she explained. "We generally think the way we do things in America is also done in other industrialized countries like England or France,

but the funeral industry is not nearly as costly in other parts of the world."

Ellis will discuss the price mark-up involved with the funeral industry. For example, Ellis found that an urn bought at Wal-Mart for two dollars can cost as much as 150 dollars if it is used to carry the ashes of a loved one.

Ellis points out that in many other countries embalming is not commonly done and that in America, there are no uniform regulations on embalming except for situations in which a person's body must be shipped out of state. She has also found that many of the other practices we assume to be matters of law, such as where a person is to be buried or where ashes can be scattered, are not uniformly regulated.

Ellis says that many of the rules along these lines are actually set by the industry through lobbyists or within the industry in the form of company policy.

It is in this area of rules not regulated by government that people often have more control over funeral arrangements

than they are aware.

Ellis concedes that not everyone in the funeral industry is trying to mislead the public and that lobbying is done on behalf of many other professions but argues that, because they deal with a part of our lives that is so sacred, the funeral industry often get away with things that many other professions cannot.

She says that it is not unlike the kind of authority that some members of the medical community can possess in taking care of patients.

"You want to stay friends with your physician. It's the same thing with funeral directors. You don't want him to say, 'She's thinking about money at a time like this.'"

Ellis hopes that through the lecture she can make people more aware of things they have control over concerning funeral arrangements, thus helping her listeners to be less vulnerable during already difficult times.

The honors lecture will be held today from 3:30-4:20 p.m. in Peck Hall 109A and is free and open to the public. ■

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other organizations in Iran. As part of his work with the U.N., he is the chair of the Committee on Economics and Management at the Iranian Academic Association in New York and has helped in a U.N. sponsored educational program called TOKTEN (Transfer Of Knowledge Through Expatriate Nationals) which sends educators into their home countries to work with institutes of higher education.

Rezaee came to MTSU in August of 1990. Although he has

classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, he is here almost every day through the week. Rezaee says he spends about 60% of his time doing research during a typical week, including two to three hours every evening and on weekends at home. Although time-consuming, he believes it pays off in the classroom.

"It's very important to me to stay up-to-date with the current issues in my area."

Rezaee has published more than 120 articles in accounting and business journals and has presented over 100 research papers

at regional, national and international conferences. In his spare time, Rezaee tries to stay active in order to compensate for effects in research and teaching can have on the body.

"Sitting behind a desk all day, I have to get out in the afternoon and exercise so I play a lot of tennis and racquetball as well as working with weights."

Rezaee has also received the Research Award from Southern Business Administration/ Disclosure, Inc. and manuscript awards from the Institute of Management Accountants. ■

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McKinney and Deborah Owens (decorations), Tim Strobl (hotel and dinner arrangements), John Morse

(Treasurer), David Cullum and Elizabeth Rhea (underwriting), Ken Summar and Terryl Williams (table sales), Deborah Gentry (auction), Suma Clark (printing), Doug Williams (publicity), Linda

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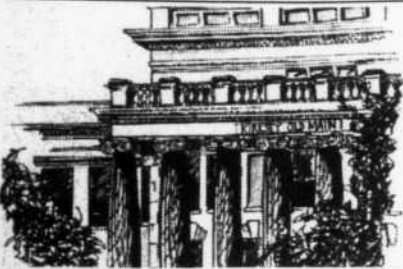
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Underclass photographs will be made on a first come basis around senior portraits.

SENIOR PORTRAITS



OPINIONS

"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

Editorial Inactive student body upsetting

No one votes. No one goes to ball games and no one stays here on the weekends. We might as well have a student population of three.

To say "no one" is extreme. Seven percent of our near-20,000 student body voted in last week's SGA elections. It may not add up to "no one," but it's pretty darn close.

While the second stadium attracted a record-setting crowd at the first home game of the football season, the second game suffered a shabby turnout.

What is it about this university that it doesn't have a sell-out crowd for anything? Is it that nobody cares? Is it that nobody is interested?

So our football team isn't No. 1 in the OVC. So your best friend wasn't running for a position in the SGA. So the campus doesn't host wild parties every Friday night to keep dorms busy. Is MTSU really that bad?

Whether it be a scholarship, a specific academic program or the location, every student chose MTSU for a reason. However, enthusiasm was left at the door. As our image as a place of higher learning improves, our outward affection for the school diminishes.

While we may wear the logo, we don't wear the pride.

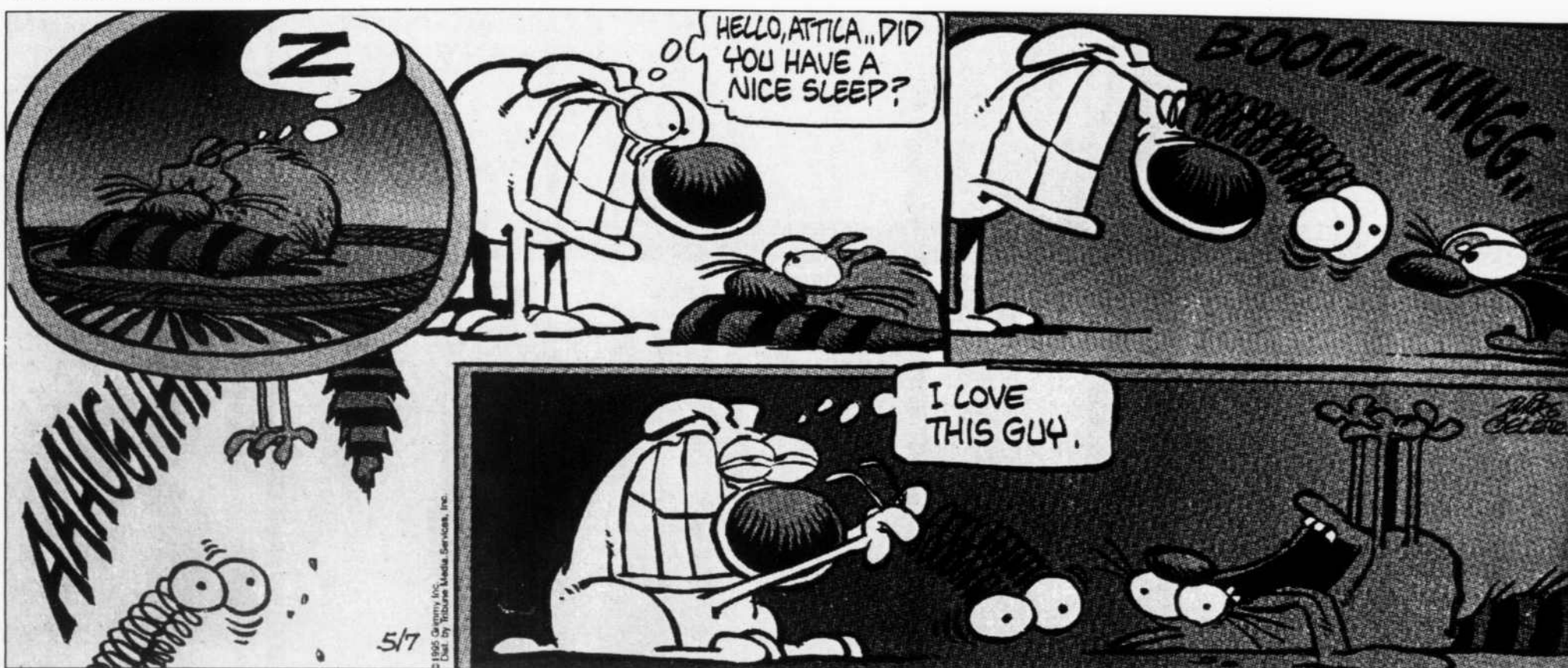
If you didn't know, the student government is the direct liaison between the student body and the administration that runs the university. Your vote counts as your voice. If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain.

And if you hadn't heard, the football team is moving to Division I-A. Keep your hopes up. The whole program changes next season.

Just as a reminder, the more people that stick around on the weekends, the more inclined dorm directors are to organize events of interest. Talk to your resident assistants about things you and your friends would like to do. Sometimes that's all it takes.

Don't spend your college years ignoring the big things on campus. Have some pride and support your school. ■

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



I know who killed Tupac

Shawn Whitsell
assistant news editor

Okay, I know that there may be a lot of sources that claim they know who killed Tupac "2Pac" Shakur, but I'm going to give you the real 411.

Some of you may know that Tupac and Jada Pinkett Smith were longtime childhood friends. The two were very close. They even worked together. Did you notice that Jada was in Tupac's video, "Keep Your Head Up?" She also appeared in another one of his videos that was made after his death.

If you are a "A Different World" fan, you

may remember that Tupac had a guest starring role as Picalow, an ex-boyfriend of Jada's character Lena James.

The two were also slated to star together in the hit movie, "Menace to Society," but Tupac was fired for beating up one of the directors.

I would say the two were pretty close, but the real question is "How close were they?"

Taking in all this information, I was able to conclude who Tupac's murderer was.

Here is what I think could have happened. It's 3:06 a.m. and Jada is asleep with her then-boyfriend Will Smith, and the phone rings.

Guess who it is? Tupac.

At first Jada is a little upset because he called so late, but Tupac works his charm and had Jada giggling in a matter of moments. Jada realizes that she will not be able to hold back her laughter so she gets out of the bed to go to another room so that she won't wake Will.

But little does she know that he is wide awake.

Tupac had been calling a lot, and Will was getting very tired of it. So the next thing you know, after the Tyson fight at MGM Grand, Tupac Shakur is gunned down. I wonder who did it?

I told my friend, Jose Leal, and we laughed about it for a minute and then moved on.

A couple of months later, Jose found a source on the internet that made the same assumption as I. It was really funny that this person had come to the same conclusion. The source also pointed out that Jada was on the "Kenan Ivory Wayans Show" and Kenan showed a clip of Jada and Tupac dancing to Will Smith's "Parents Just Don't Understand."

I wonder if Will got just a little bit jealous?

To be truthful, I honestly don't believe that Will Smith killed Tupac Shakur. However, it is something that makes you think or, as Arsenio would put it, something to make you say HMMM. ■

Poverty down, but problem still exists

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
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The number of Americans living in poverty dropped for the third consecutive year, according to a report released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

While this is good news, 36.5 million Americans still live below the poverty line. That's far too many.

Rep. Clay Shaw of Florida was quick to claim that the welfare reform law of 1996 played a pivotal role in the decrease by forcing people off of public assistance. Even better, he said, is that a booming economy has helped drive up incomes.

Sounds great, but if you weigh such assertions against other facts found in the report, life for many isn't as grand

as some legislators would want us to believe.

First, the report states there was no change in the income gap between the rich and the poor. So while poor people are earning more money, so are rich people, which means the cost of living will be increasing, too.

And while welfare rolls are down right now, it's important to realize that many of those former recipients are being forced into minimum-wage jobs. Someone who earns minimum wage makes an average of \$10,700 a year, which is \$2,900 below the poverty level for a family of three. How many minimum-wage jobs have health benefits? Or offer child care services? These added expenses make living on minimum wage nearly impossible for families trying to break away from welfare.

Even if someone who receives public aid manages to find

a position that pays more than the minimum, their chances of getting out of poverty aren't much better. Considering that most welfare recipients are single mothers — and that women still earn only 74 cents to every dollar a man earns — the chances of her getting off welfare and into a decent paying job are even slimmer.

Finally, the report states that one in five children lives in poverty. When government-imposed time limits expire and more people lose their welfare benefits, children will hurt the most. They are already the nation's largest group of poor people, and they are the ones who can do nothing about it.

Before congratulating themselves on the success of the welfare reform act, legislators should take another look at the numbers to determine who really is affected by their cuts. ■

Sexual discrimination fault of women

Angela White
graphic designer

Many people will say that sexual discrimination no longer exists. Not really. They've never seen it anyway. Or have they? Maybe they think they haven't seen sexual discrimination simply because they don't know what they should be looking for.

Perhaps it's so permeated in our society that it walks around us day after day, with no one the wiser. And if one were to become the wiser, to point out the discrepancies that still exist between the "equal" treatment of men and women, they're disregarded as troublemakers, fussers, people just looking for a fight. Some seem perfectly happy living life with their eyes closed to reality and their ears deaf to reason. It's time for that to change.

One of the largest and most disturbing complaints about the masses' conception of feminism tends to come from women more than men. Countless women have claimed that women's lib has ruined society for them; they like being treated like "ladies" and claim feminists make men more skittish in doting on their damsels in distress.

These women say that too much has already been traded; fair treatment for all isn't worth giving up the "perks" of womanhood. They persist in claiming that being treated as a "lady" far outweighs the benefits that would be caused by total equality. There is one thing to respect about these women. They at least know equality cannot exist without women giving up their share. The women who

claim that we can have both are far worse, because they haven't even taken the time to really think things through. They live in a dream world where we can have our cake and eat it too. That is simply not the case.

The ways that women benefit from men's discrimination toward them are countless. There are the little things, the "customs," like having a car door opened for them (or any door for that matter), having a chair pulled out for them, wearing his coat when it gets too cold (what, he isn't cold too?). Men are surprisingly tenacious when it comes to these "traditions," especially here in the South. Just try telling one of them that you prefer to open your own door and see what happens. Some of them don't take it very well. Some are just plain insulted. Could it be because these men know that as long as they keep us their little ladies, and for as long as we will allow them to do so, we will progress no farther than we have already?

We now live in an era that has been labeled "post-feminism." To some this may suggest the battle is over: feminists got what they wanted, so why don't they just disappear already? Did we? Women still do not bring in the same amount of bacon as men for the same work. This even applies to the female professors here on campus. The glass ceiling has yet to be shattered in the Fortune 500 world. Women in the military, sexual harassment, lack of availability of family

planning clinics...there are still wrongs to be righted. "Post-feminism" did not arise due to a lack of issues, but an abundance of indifference.

Far too many women have settled. They have decided that they will be far better off just accepting things as they are, that any further tampering will only make it all worse in the long run. So instead, they focus on being "ladies," demure creatures basking in the privileges provided to them and ignoring what they must give up in return: the possibility of ever completely being treated as a human being.

Every woman should sit back for a moment and ponder this. Could there be a

deep underlying ulterior motive behind these perks given to women? Maybe the idea is that if men throw us enough bones, we won't bother trying to get our fair share of the meal. It's time for more women to stop settling for the scraps.

The simple fact is in many ways women seem to have it better than men, and that is no more just than when men have it better than women. In order to achieve the equality women deserve and need, we must first be willing to give up these "perks" of womanhood, to take a stand and say, "Quit treating us like ladies and start treating us like people!" It's a give and take process; to take, we must first give. ■

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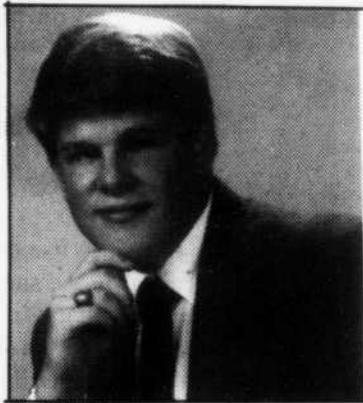
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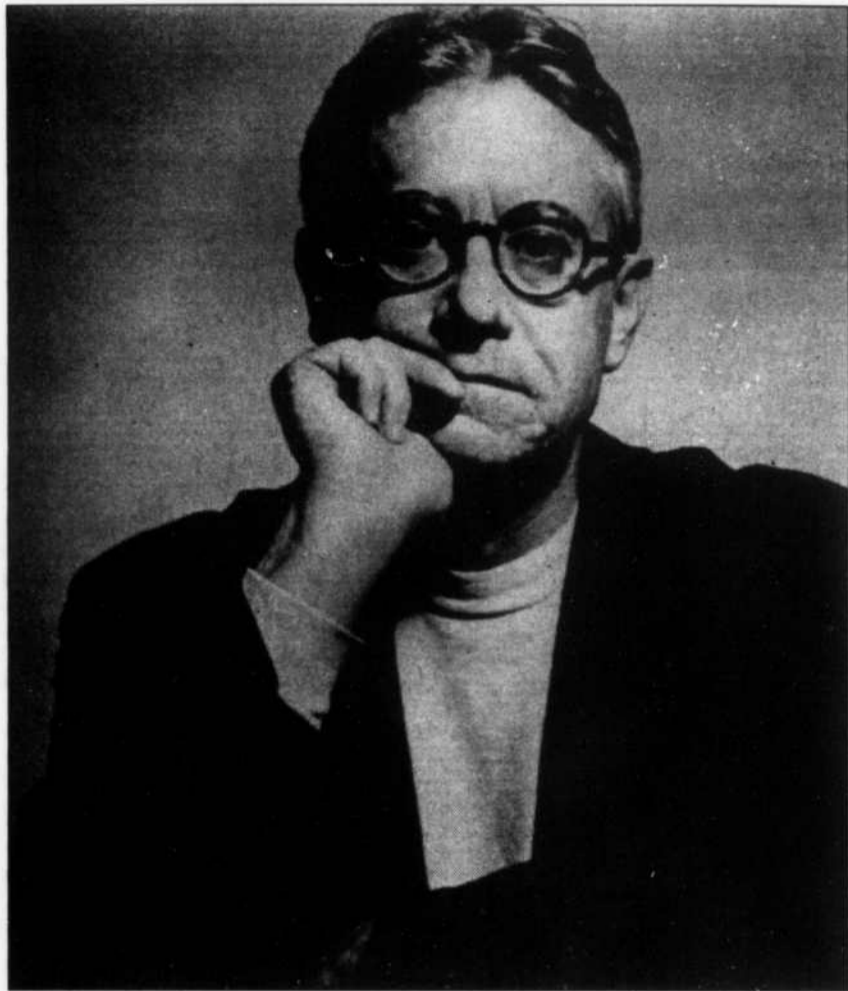
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FEATURES

Novelist, critic, songwriter share stage, experience at Writers in the Round



Greil Marcus

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Vickie Gibson
Staff Reporter

A Southern novelist, a pop music critic and a singer-songwriter will share the stage and their writing experiences Thursday at the annual Writers in the Round symposium.

Sponsored by the Tom T. Hall Endowment in Mass Communication, the Writers in the Round program is presented each year in conjunction with the Southern Festival of Books.

This year's event showcases popular Southern author Clyde Edgerton, pop music critic and author Greil Marcus and singer-songwriter Steve Young.

Edgerton, the author of seven novels that depict the collision of the bizarre and the humdrum in a small North Carolina town, will read from his latest book, "Where Trouble Sleeps," a New York Times notable book.

Other Edgerton books include "Raney," "Walking Across Egypt," and "Killer Diller." The author lives in Orange County, N.C. and has published many stories, essays and reviews. He was named to the Fellowship of Southern Writers in 1997. His work has been compared to that which James Thurber might have written if he had lived in North Carolina.

Marcus is best known as a pop music critic. He began writing for Rolling Stone in 1968 and has written extensively on literature, art, movies and politics.

Marcus' latest book, "Invisible Republic: Bob Dylan's Basement Tapes," explores the wealth of cultural meanings in the dark reservoir of obscure American music that fascinated Dylan. He has been called pop culture's master anthropologist digging out the underlying substance and meaning from the familiar everyday stuff.

His books include "Mystery Train: Images of America in Rock n' Roll Music," "Lipstick Traces: A Secret History of the Twentieth Century," "Dead Elvis: A Chronicle of a Cultural Obsession" and "The Dustbin of History."

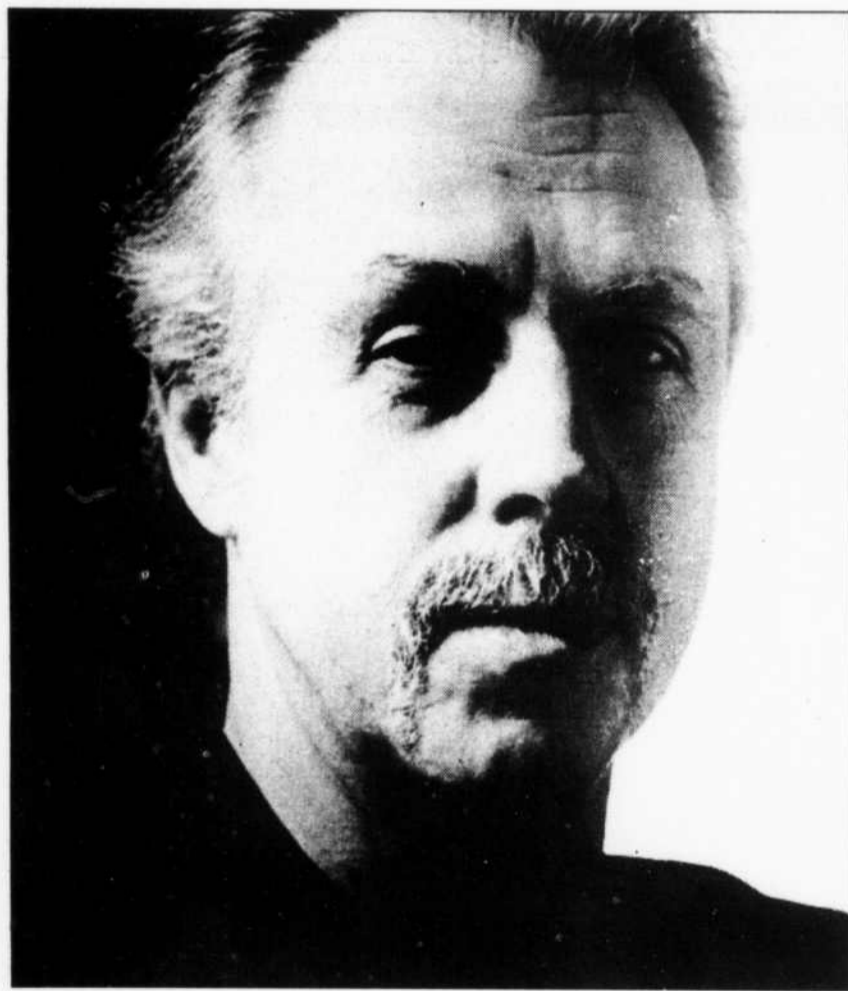
Marcus also is a member of the Rock Bottom Reminders, an all-author rock and roll band that includes horror writer Stephen King, newspaper columnist Dave Barry and novelist Amy Tan.

Young is a singer-songwriter whose songs have been recorded by The Eagles, Waylon Jennings, Hank Williams Jr. and Joan Baez. He combines the music traditions of country, blues, rock and folk songs to create dramatic songs about love and loss.

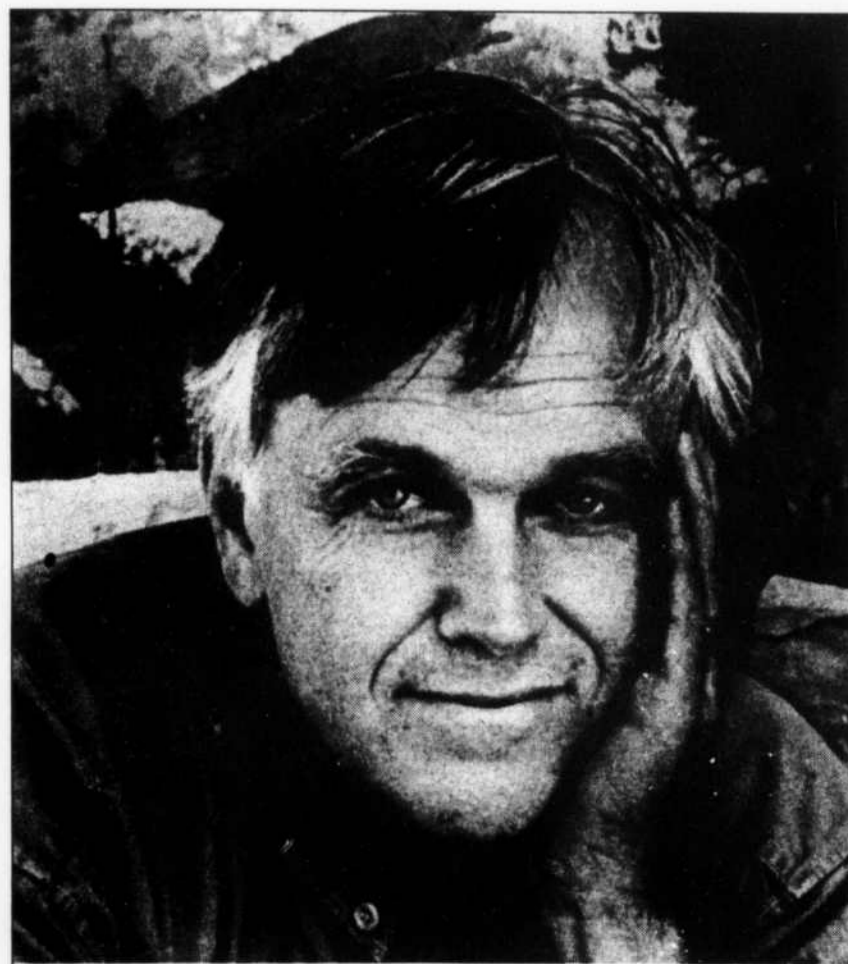
His musical career began as a teenager playing music in Alabama, Georgia and Texas. He played the Greenwich Village folk scene in the 1960s, California country-rock and the outlaw country sound in the 1970s. Since the 1980s, Young has toured worldwide as a solo act.

His latest CD, "Switchblades of Love," combines Southern roots rock with a Zen spirituality.

The Tom T. Hall Endowment at MTSU is devoted to encouraging creative work in the communication arts. The Writers in the Round program is free and open to the public. It will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building S128. A reception that follows is also free and open to the public. ■



Steve Young



Clyde Edgerton



U.S. Air Force Band

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AF Band, Singing Sergeants perform free concert

Vickie Gibson
Staff Reporter

The "best of the best" in musical talent within the U.S. Air Force will be on campus Friday when the U.S. Air Force Band and the Singing Sergeants bring their world-reknown concert to Tucker Theatre.

The U.S. Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants together form the flagship musical ensemble of the Air Force. Combined, they represent the "best of the best" in musical ability and educational opportunities within the Air Force.

The band is a 65-member premier symphonic wind ensemble that performs a wide variety of music ranging from light classics to pop favorites. The versatile repertoire also includes military marches, instrumentals, serious classical pieces and many original works.

True to the Air Force's pioneering spirit, the Air Force Concert Band has developed an international reputation as a champion of new works and has dozens of world premieres to its credit.

The band performs more than 100 concerts a year during two national tours and an occasional foreign tour. The band is led by Chief Master Sergeant James Moseley II, superintendent and oboist/English hornist.

The Singing Sergeants is one of the world's most diverse singing groups. As the official 24-voice chorus of the U.S. Air Force, the group is one of a select choruses internationally recognized and respected for its commitment to excellence in vocal performance.

The group performs traditional and contemporary music, folk songs, pop

standards, oratorio and vocal music from opera, musical theater and jazz. The emphasis in their concerts is always choral music of America.

The group is also one of the most widely-traveled choral organizations. They perform on many programs and tours with the Concert Band, but also present choral programs in the Washington area for military and civilians functions and entertain foreign dignitaries, members of Congress, Department of State, Supreme Court, other national leaders and the President of the United States. The group has performed for every president since Harry Truman.

The Philadelphia, Cleveland, Houston and National Symphony Orchestras, the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Pops and the Cincinnati Pops are among the places where the Singing Sergeants have performed.

They also have sang at the New York World's Fair, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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The Singing Sergeants is led by First Lieutenant Daniel Price, director, and Chief Master Sergeant Donna Baldwin Abaira, superintendent and senior soprano vocalist.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 and is sponsored by MTSU Fine Arts and The Daily News Journal. It is free and open to the public but tickets are required for admission. Tickets are available through the student programming office at KUC 308. ■

Japan Center fosters cultural understanding

Jen Hackbarth
Staff Reporter

There is so much to be learned from the exchanging of cultural information with another country. This is what the Japan Center of Tennessee is all about. The center, located within the College of Business, allows for mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese, helps create a positive environment and extends cooperative economic ventures.

The center helps to venture the students and faculty at MTSU and the Murfreesboro community about Japan. The Japan Center is not just limited to the campus and community. It is a statewide effort to develop a better understanding between Japanese and Americans.

One of the main goals of the Japan Center is to make both cultures aware of the differences as well as the similarities that are shared between the two cultures, according to Esther Millon Seeman, director of the center. It is important for Tennessee's citizens to become more knowledgeable of the culture of contemporary Japan, and create an awareness of American and Southern culture among the Japanese, she said.

The Japan Center is supported by an advisory board of American and Japanese business executives, educators and a variety of people representing economic development state agencies.

The Japan Center publishes and distributes a variety of information and exhibits related to aspects of Japanese culture, including an English culture letter. It published material in the Japanese language on Tennessee history, as well as other general information of American culture.

It offers material for American and Japanese companies, packets of current information for teachers and assists in orientation programs for newly arrived Japanese. These are only a few of the diverse community services offered by the Japan Center.

The Japan Center has a variety of resources for teachers such as video tapes, origami booklets, overviews on various aspects of Japan, dry mount posters for visual aids, music tapes and Japanese artifacts. All this is made possible by the grant from the Japan Center of Intercultural Communication.

For more information about the Japan Center, call 898-2229. ■



Scottish Festival moments to remember



Photo by Katie Wise



Photos by Vickie Gibson

Far left: One of the musicians dons his bagpipes.

Left: A little Highland dancer takes a bow after her competition.

Below: This border collie is sneaking up on some unsuspecting ducks during a herding demonstration.



Above left: Colin Grant Adams, internationally known Scottish balladeer, sings Celtic music of his native Scotland.

Above middle: A professional athlete readies for an attempt at the caber toss, where the object is to toss the 19-foot-long, 120-pound tapered pole end-over-end so that the small end lands straight away from the competitor.

Above right: The Scottish Color Guard takes part in the damp opening festivities.



Above: Isla, Deborah Packard and (not pictured John Mock, Peter Cairney Bill Verdier), perform Scottish folk songs during the event.



Left: Ceili Rain, a contemporary Scottish group from Nashville, play a variety of music during the celebration.

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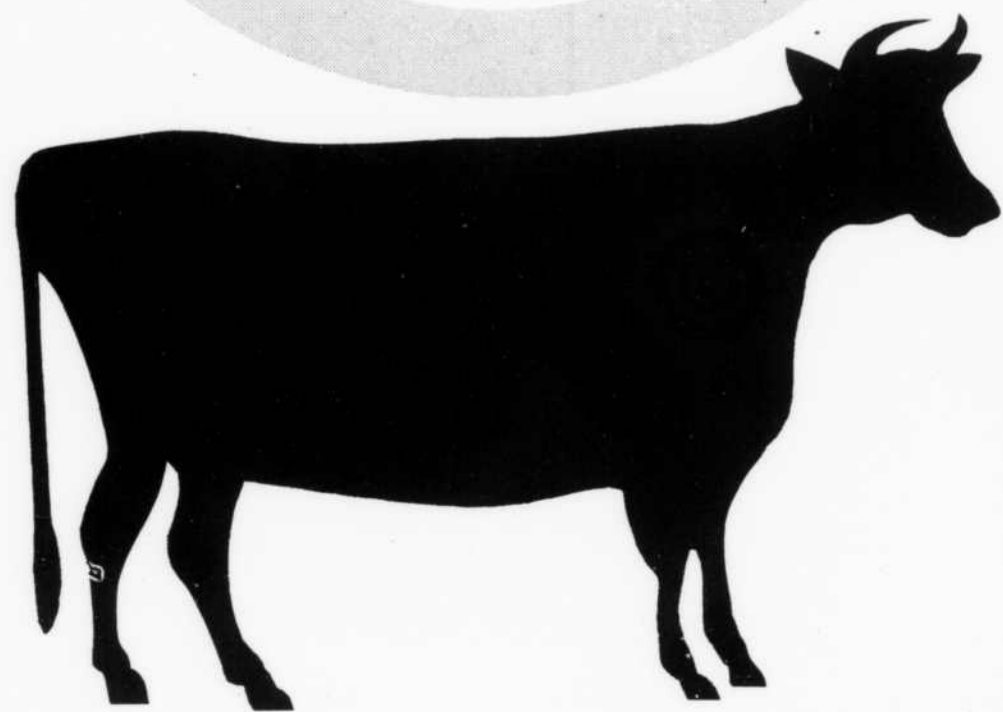
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The tennis team started competition in the Southern Collegiate Championship hosted by the University of Georgia Friday.

The men lost four of five matches with some of their top players being eliminated from the tournament early. At release time, the only Blue Raider who won his match was Mark Pellerin, defeating Ed Rubin from Louisiana State 6-2, 7-5.



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MTSU scored two goals in the final five minutes of the game to steal a victory from South-eastern Louisiana Friday night.

The game was scoreless until the 86th minute when MTSU defender Makini Wall fought through the entire SE Louisiana defense to put it in the net.

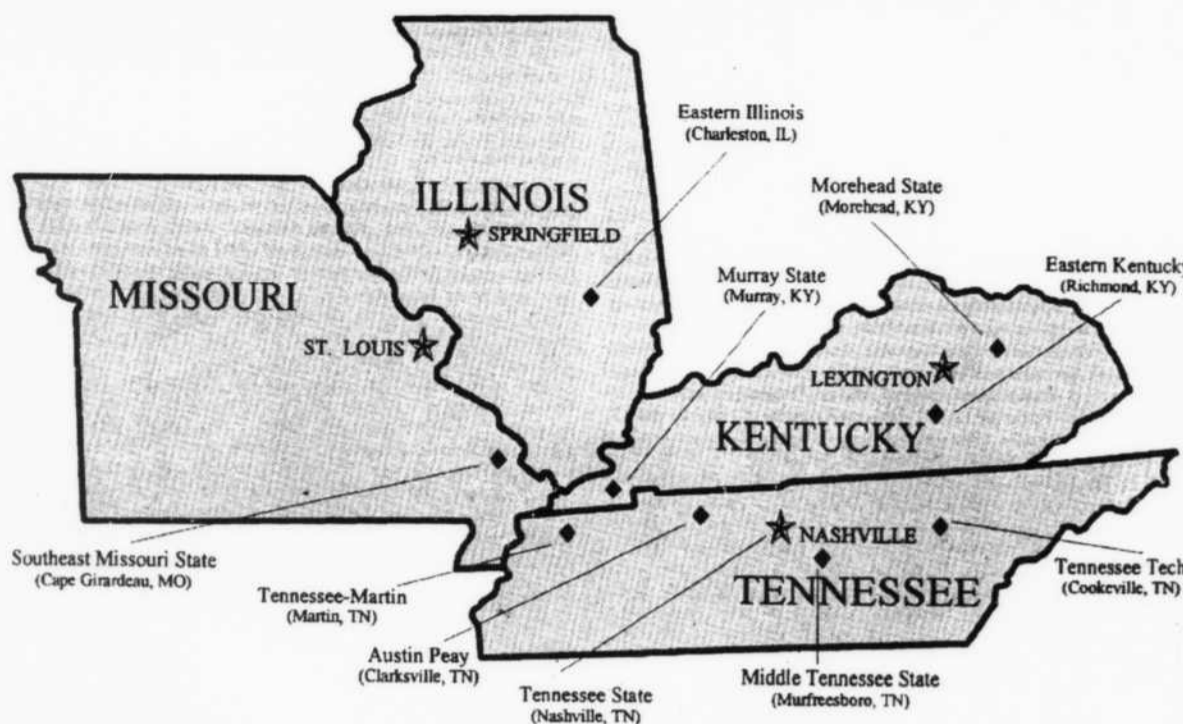
MTSU improved to 6-5 with the victory, and Southeastern Louisiana fell to 2-7-1 with the loss.

Boots saddens OVC



Dan Beebe, OVC Commissioner

"I've got many emotions about this. I'm saddened ... I would echo the comments of Lee Fowler, in that it goes beyond coaching, he prepares them for life. I'm looking forward to him calling me out on some golf outings."



Roy Kidd, East. Kentucky Head Coach

"I was very sorry to hear about it. He's a good football coach. I have great respect for him. He's brought that program a long way. He's brought them from the bottom to the top."



John Mumford, SEMO Head Coach

"Boots Donnelly leaving is the loss of a great competitor. If you had a chance to beat him, you know you had accomplished something. It'll be less humorous at the conference meetings."



Mike Henning, Tenn. Tech Head Coach

"It's a total surprise. He's had a lot of success. He's a good coach and his team's were well prepared. He's brought a lot to the conference over the years."



L.C. Cole, TSU Head Coach

"I was stunned. I think he's done a lot for college football. I'm kind of old school when it comes to coaching myself, so identify with some of the things he's said. I hope they keep him involved some how."



Bob Spoo, East. Illinois Head Coach

"It came as a surprise. I imagine with a man of his stature and success, that he would have led them into I-A. The profession is losing a great coach. He has a pretty enviable record."

"It's a sad day in MTSU football history. He's given so much to this program that it's sad to see him go. But, there comes a time in every coaches life where they move on. I always knew that football was being done right and the kids were being treated right. His players graduated and went on to have success after they were done with school."

*Lee Fowler
Blue Raider Athletics Director*

Blue Raiders bring Harvey home forever

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

On rainy Saturday afternoon, the battle for Harvey the totem pole continued at the Tennessee Tech homecoming in Cookeville. The Blue Raiders battled hard, bringing home a 19-16 win and the symbol of the classic rivalry for the last time as MTSU prepares to move to Division A next year.

Despite a safety on MTSU's first drive, the Blue Raiders were able to score touchdowns on their next two possessions.

"The game didn't start off as I had planned," said head coach Boots Donnelly. "At times, I thought their players were really happy I was leaving."

Tech won the opening kick off and deferred to MTSU. The Raiders received the opening and started out on their own 22-yard line. However, a sack and an incomplection left MTSU in a fourth-and-12 situation.

Unfortunately, the punt snap sailed past the MTSU punter and through the end zone for a safety.

MTSU punted on the safety kick and the Golden Eagles received excellent field possession at their own 46-yard line. Thanks to five carries and 17 yards by Tech tailback Jerome

Tillman, the Eagles scored a touchdown following an eight-play, 54-yard drive.

When the Raiders received the ball, they were already down 9-0. Sulecio Sanford returned the kick off 20 yards to the MTSU 26. Quarterback Wes Counts drove the team down the field by going three-for-three in passing on the drive. Matt Lowe converted on a third-and-thirteen by receiving a Counts pass for 16 yards. Two plays later on second-

MTSU started at the 20 yard line with five minutes and fifty seconds left in the first quarter. Sanford racked up 53 all-purpose yards on four receptions and a run. The drive capped off with Counts completing a pass to Sanford for eleven yards and a touchdown. At the 14:09 mark of the second quarter, the score was 13-9 MTSU.

Once again, the Tech offense sputtered down the field and eventually stalled. Dorsey punted the ball inside the ten to the nine, where it was downed. MTSU was up to the task of the long drive. However, penalties and sacks killed it, but not before the Raiders went 83 yards on 15 plays. Keegan Ray put three points on the board with a 25-yard field goal.

Counts completed 15 of 22 passes for 212 yards in the first half. Sanford caught seven balls for 125 yards and two touchdowns.

"He is getting little swagger. I thought the last two games he's played exceptionally," Donnelly said.

The second half rolled along until Dorsey mishandled a high snap on fourth-and-nine and was thrown for a big loss of nine yards. The Raiders did not get seven points, however, as Keegan Ray added a 29-yard field goal to make the

the rivalry is over



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and-two, Counts threw to Sanford who sliced through the Eagle defense for a gain of 53 yards and a Blue Raider touchdown.

On their next drive, the Eagle offense went three plays and out. Tech punter Andy Dorsey kicked it through the end zone for a touchback.

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photo by Michael Edwards

Prior to the kick-off, Tennessee Tech students parade Harvey, known to Tech as "Shinny Ninny," around the home cheering section. However, MTSU took Harvey back to its home by way of a 19-16 win.

The Lady Moose

Posting a 4-0 record in only its second full season, the Lady Moose rugby team should not be taken lightly. The Lady Moose have started this season strong by capturing the women's championship at the Heart of Dixie Tournament in Huntsville, Ala. This is the first time in MTSU rugby history that both the men's and women's rugby teams have come away champions of the same tournament.



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The Lady Moose started the tournament by advancing to the second round because of a forfeit from Clemson University. The next game was against their arch rival Western Kentucky, in which MTSU prevailed 10-0 in a major defensive battle. Murray State was the last team to fall, as the Lady Moose conquered 15-0 to become champions.

The team is led by head coach Doug Wolfe who believes that his team has the potential to finish the season undefeated. He believes this because he feels the Lady Moose have a great defense, so good in fact, that they have not been scored on since last May against WKU.

Wolfe's leaders are president Tanisha Buttrey and team captain Leslie Burnside, as well as Nicole Wallace, Heather Barnes, Lynn Brandon and Heart of Dixie Tournament Most Valuable Player Shannon Bustillos.

"Our backline is the supremacy of the region, and our forwards are determined to win," Buttrey said.

The Moosemen

After coming off a 95-5 win over Western Kentucky University, the rugby team felt confident going into the Heart of Dixie Tournament last week in Huntsville, Ala. That winning momentum carried through the tournament as the Moosemen came home with the championship trophy.

The Moosemen accomplished this feat by destroying the University of Central Florida 48-0 in the first round. After a bye in the second round, the rugby team advanced to play in the championship game against powerhouse Clemson University. Battling the 95-degree Alabama heat, the Moosemen came up champions by shutting out Clemson 5-0. The only score of the game



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came from the president of the rugby team, Evan Bone, in the closing minutes of the game. This victory was even sweeter for the Moosemen because Clemson ended their season last year in the SEC-finals.

The Moosemen now hold a 5-1 record with only eight more games to play. Third year coach Mark Williams seems very optimistic about his team with the leadership of players like team president Evan Bone and team captain Wes Barnes, as well as Will Maddux, Jay Hesse, Adam Kibler, and Chris Ryan. Williams believes that his Moosemen

team could very well go undefeated for the rest of the season. The next test for the rugby team comes this weekend when they travel back to Alabama to face Jacksonville State.

The rugby team is growing so rapidly that it just awarded its first-ever rugby scholarship to Cayo Nicalau of Brazil. ♦

by Jeremiah Bennett

HARVEY

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score 19-9 in favor of the Blue Raiders.

The Raider defense stymied the Tech offense all game, and the fourth quarter was no exception. Tech could not move the ball effectively until on their last possession Jerome Tillman capped a 79-yard, 17-play drive with a 3-yard run.

With the score at 19-16

MTSU, Tech was needing the assistance of an onside kick.

The kick was made, but Tri Heard came up with the ball and preserved the MTSU victory.

Sanford caught eight passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns while Counts completed 18 of 26 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns. Torin Kirtsey tried to solidify the tailback with a 19-carry, 96-yard performance. He had 66 yards in the second half.

For Tennessee Tech, Tillman was the bright spot, rushing for 73 yards on 22 carries. He had only 28 yards in the second half.

According to Donnelly, the final battle for Harvey was not as sad as one might think.

"No, it wasn't sad. We've been wanting that totem pole for twenty years. When they won, they had it and when we won, they stole it. I've never laid eyes on that totem pole on our campus," he said. ■

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Sanford's love of football brings success

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

In many different states and environments, Sulecio Sanford has been forced to deal with the uncertainties of life. Although he has been no stranger to travel, one thing has remained constant: his love of football.

At the age of six, Sanford's grandmother put him out on a football field for the first time. That is a decision he has never regretted.

Sanford played all the way from Pop Warner (pee wee league) and junior high to high school. However, Sanford was not a top football recruit from Milledgeville High in Georgia. Track was his claim to fame.

"I was never one of the top players in high school," Sanford said. "I was more of a track man."

After attending two other schools of higher learning, Sanford had an idea.

"The [junior college] experience woke me up," he said. "I realized I could pay for school with football."

Early in Sanford's college career, football as a sport was not important to him. Football was just a way of being able to go to college.

"When I started playing ball, I just wanted to get my education," he admitted. "I played to get a scholarship."

Although Sanford started playing collegiate football in California, he was kicked out. After this experience, Sanford was not thinking about going back to school, much less playing football.

"When I got kicked out of school in California, that was probably the lowest point that I've been," Sanford said. "It took my girlfriend to tell me to start thinking about going back to school and playing football."

Sanford knew that he wanted to go back to school and play football, but he did not want to go back to California. He wanted to play closer to his Georgia home.

"I didn't want to go to far from home, and I wanted to go to a Division 1 school."

MTSU coaches began recruiting him, and they have not looked back.

"I liked [defensive coordinator] Tom Fiveash, and he really sold the program to me. So I chose MTSU,"

Sanford said.

Sanford, a criminal justice major, has made a home here at MTSU in only two seasons. Against Tennessee Tech he caught eight passes for 125 yards and two touchdowns. One of the touchdowns was a dazzling 53-yard run.

Although his speed is well known to football aficionados throughout the country, Sanford insists that he is constantly trying to improve his route running.

"That's the main thing. If I run my routes crisp, I can use my speed and get open."

If he can continue to get open, a career in the NFL is within his ability. Although this is not on his mind right now, he admits that it has been a dream since he was a kid.

"It's been a dream, but I pulled away from that. Coach [Boots] Donnelly pulled me aside and talked to me about it," he explained.

"I think about it but, if it happens, it happens. I'll put it in the Lord's hands."

Sanford goes in every day to practice and works hard so that he won't let down his teammates on

Saturday.

"I go out there every day and practice hard and try to make plays on Saturday."

Although Sanford started his career as a tailback, he now plays flanker and lines up in the slot next to

The motivation for Sanford is not self-glorification; it is for his teammates.

"Practices are hard. I hate them, but I have to go out there every day and perform so that I don't let down the other ten guys on the field."

Sanford is beginning to step into the spotlight for the Blue Raiders with the departure of Jonathan Quinn.

"I just attribute my success to the good Lord."

Sanford has earned the respect of his teammates and his coaches.

"He's a great athlete, and he's got speed. Speed kills. He can catch, and he can make people miss," Donnelly said.

According to Donnelly, all of the NFL teams are keeping their eyes on him.

"Every day, every week, they are all watching him," he said.

But, Sanford's goals for now are more simple.

"I just want to be happy with myself, and not let my team down." ■



Photo by Jennie Treadway

Sulecio Sanford, 21, completed four passes for 51 yards during the Eastern Kentucky game last weekend.

Matt Lowe. Returning kick offs and punts are other duties that he holds for the 2-3 Blue Raiders.

"Coach Donnelly sold me on punt returning. I like to return kick offs and just make plays with the ball."

Volleyball ends losing streak

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders won the first-ever meeting with Florida International Saturday 3-0. This ended a three-match losing streak for the Lady Raiders, improving their record to 3-9. The Lady Panthers dropped to 3-10.

The Lady Raiders set the tone early with a convincing 15-3 first-game win. They never looked back, winning the second game 15-7 and the third game 15-3.

"I was surprised at how easily we won the game," said head coach Lisa Kissee. "I was expecting a five set game. The loss of their starting setter really hurt them. Without her they looked very disorganized. They are a much better team than they showed today."

"We went into the Austin Peay game expecting to win. It was disappointing to lose that one. This win really helps us," she added.

Kissee was especially impressed with the play of her freshmen. "Alicia Scott has really stepped it up in the last few matches. She came up big in the first two games today. Meg Thornton also played well for us today."

"I was also impressed with the passing of Abby Hartup, as well as the play of Kelly Smith," she added.

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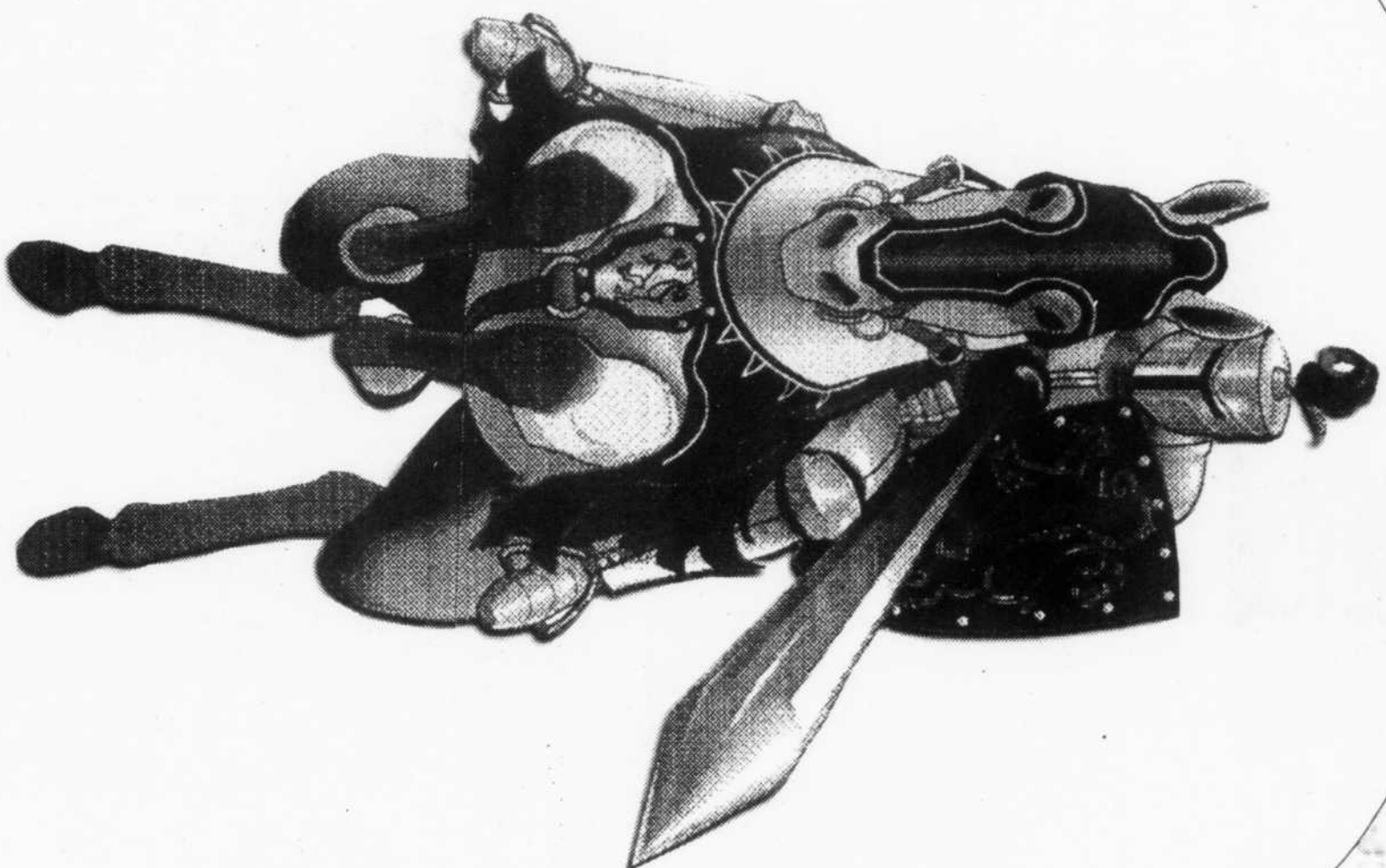
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Diverse events planned for Homecoming

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

The Homecoming celebration officially began on Sunday, and with a multitude of events planned, the rest of the week has something for everyone.

"With a lot of the changes and the growth of the university, I hope the atmosphere at the homecoming festivities will be conducive to other larger universities in the state," said Debbie Coppinger, Alumni Center director. "We feel like our alumni deserve exactly what some of those schools provide."

The theme this year is "Magical Traditions: A Medieval Homecoming."

Chelle Bradburn, the Student Government Association official in charge of Homecoming, said they wanted to do things a little different and have fun with the events.

For example, during the parade the homecoming queen candidates will be dressed in medieval attire and will ride in horse-drawn carriages.

"Instead of having the queens ride in convertibles this year," Bradburn said, "we thought the carriages would make it a little nicer."

As part of the theme, a new event was added this year. On Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., there will be a jousting competition on the knoll in front of the Keathley University Center. The contest will be performed by a reenactment group from Murfreesboro. The group, which

We wanted to have fun with Homecoming

Chelle Bradburn

consists of some MTSU students, will be outfitted in traditional armor and garb and will compete against each other.

Besides the traditional float competition, the Greek organizations will be competing in several other events.

"A majority of activities are participated in by the fraternities and sororities," Vic Felts, director of Greek Life, said.

On Tuesday starting at 7 p.m., there will be a Chili cook off. Greek organizations will set up booths in the Murphy Center where students can sample different chili recipes to decide which one is the best.

Afterwards, the various groups will spar against one another in a step show contest.

On Thursday night at 7 p.m., a fight song competition will be held at Rio Bravo in which students will take the traditional fight song and integrate it into popular music. Felts said in the past the students have skillfully used songs like "YMCA" and made the event very entertaining.

For the returning alumni, the Alumni Center has a full plate of activities planned.

The events jump off Friday at 7

a.m. with the Alumni Association Golf Tournament at Indian Hills. Sponsored by the Alumni Relations Office and Pro South Discount Golf and Tennis, the tournament offers participants a chance to play against former classmates and university officials including President Walker. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes green fees, cart, goody bags and prizes for the winners.

Leading up to the game, a slew of family actives are planned for Saturday afternoon starting at 2:30. These activities will include a Coca Cola family festival, tethered hot air balloon rides, reunions, and college and department gatherings at Tent City located at the corner of Tennessee Boulevard and Greenland Drive.

"We'd like to encourage everybody to participate," Coppinger said. "Tent City offers us a way to continue gathering everyone in one location on campus before the football game."

Kick off for the game against Murray State is at 6 p.m. The half time show will feature the much anticipated crowning of the Homecoming Queen.

A 5K run and fitness walk beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday will close the homecoming celebration.

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- ◆ Casino Night in the JUB, Tennessee Room, 7-10 PM

Tuesday, October 6

- ◆ "Starflicks" in the KUC Student Lounge 10 AM- 4 PM
- ◆ Chili Cook-off and The Step Show at Murphy Center, 7PM

Wednesday, October 7

- ◆ The Courtyard Fair on the Knoll from 10 AM-2PM
- ◆ Movie on the Knoll at 7PM

Thursday, October 8

- ◆ Homecoming in the REC from 1-5PM—LAZER TAG
- ◆ Fight Song Competition and Pep Rally at Rio Bravo at 7PM

Friday, October 9

- ◆ Special Olympic Bowling at Smyrna Bowling Center, 9AM— noon
- ◆ Jersey Day and Office Decoration

HOMECOMING

Saturday, October 10

- ◆ Parade and Float Competition, 10AM
- ◆ Pre-game tailgating at Tent City (behind the tennis courts), 2:30-5:30 PM
- ◆ MTSU Football versus Murray State, 6 PM kickoff

Sunday, October 11

- ◆ Homecoming 5K at the Recreation Center, 2PM

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Kelly Dodd

Greeks and Homecoming : a perfect combination

A sorority member's inside look at the Greek role in Homecoming

With another homecoming just around the corner, the university's Greek organization members are hard at work preparing to display their school spirit on Oct. 10.

This year there is much to celebrate with the unique theme of "Magical Traditions: A Medieval Homecoming." The activities that are scheduled for homecoming promise to be as big of a success as they are every year.

The Greeks will be present and active for all of the events, from the step show and Chili Cook-off on Tuesday, Oct. 6, to the parade down Main Street and Greenland Avenue on the morning of the game.

Usually, a fraternity is paired with a sorority for Homecoming activities while some fraternities compete

together and some compete individually. This allows members of the Greek system to become better acquainted with each other as well as to encourage school spirit for the university.

The competitive spirit is alive throughout the week of Homecoming as Greeks aim to acquire as many points as possible by placing in any of the various events.

In addition to the school-spirited activities, the Greeks also participate in philanthropic events such as collecting and donating canned foods throughout the week to a local food bank and assisting the Special Olympics bowling competition at the Smyrna Bowling Center on Friday.

Perhaps the most exciting part of Homecoming for Greeks is the construction and displaying of the different floats for the Homecoming parade. Not only does this allow the Greek members to show their school spirit and support our football team, it also gives the organizations an opportunity to exhibit their pride in their

particular fraternity or sorority.

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CRASH! **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** *CRASH!* **is all about.**

WHERE WEEKENDS BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY

Crack Head
Shoplifter
Prostitute
...all thrown out with the help of kids like me.
-Ana, age 16

Everybody loves to trash teenagers, right? Maybe they don't realize that we do care. That we can make a difference. Get involved in Crime Prevention. Clean up parks. Teach younger kids. Start a school or neighborhood watch. And help make your community safer and better for everyone. Together, we can prove them wrong by doing something right.

Call Toll Free
1-800-722-TEENS
www.weprevent.org

SUPPORT THE ARTS

Health Alert

Never walk alone on campus at night. Grab a friend to go with you or call campus police (2424) to take you to your car or residence hall.

from S.H.A.R.E. - Peer Education

Call 898-5453 for questions or counseling

YEARBOOK



MONDAY, OCT. 5
THRU FRIDAY, OCT. 9

9A.M. - 6P.M.
(FRIDAY FROM 9A.M. - 4P.M.)

Second floor lounge of Keathley University Center

Seniors should schedule an appointment by calling 898-2815 or coming by JUB 306.

Underclass photographs will be made on a first come basis around senior portraits.

THE STORM IS RISING...

