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So, you made it to college... Congratulations and thank you for choosing MTSU (unless, of course, MTSU chose YOU!).

You will soon find this university to be an exciting and very busy place. With an organization or club to fit every fancy, fraternities and sororities, intramural sports teams, plays, concerts, Blue Raider athletic events and finally Murfreesboro and Nashville happenings, you shouldn't get too bored.

As far as academics are concerned, you are in for a good push. This university spends a lot of time and money to assure us a great education. Aside from the wide range of colleges and majors to choose from, MTSU offers the opportunity to extra-hard-working students to take part in the Honors Program. Even if you decide not to make the commitment to earn an honors degree, every student who meets the designated requirements can take an honors class, which is an experience of its own.

You might have noticed our campus is under a great amount of construction. Like the rest of us, you will get sick of looking at the

bulldozers, breathing in the dusty air and having to talk louder than normal to override the sound of the jackhammers. All I can say is 'be patient.' Focus on how beautiful our campus will be when the jobs are done. The new library and stadium will serve us well, that is, as long as we take time to visit them. (Hint, hint—support your Blue Raider football team!!)

Classes will start in no time. Summer will be long gone and we'll be staring late night studying and coffee breaks right in the eye. Enjoy your free time until then.

Buy a few notebooks and No. 2 pencils. Keep your MTSU ID handy and carry a bottle of water to keep yourself from passing out walking across campus. Introduce yourself to your professors so they know you by name and not social security number. Visit the computer labs so you know where they are. And most importantly, play nice with the other students.

Have a great semester!

Jennie Treadway
upcoming fall editor in chief

FLASH!

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

COMING AT HIS HEEL!

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

Where weekends begin on Wednesday

Olson's images on display at Baldwin

□ Susanna Baxter/ staff

So, what's your idea of "The West"? Douglas Olson's photographs, on display at the Baldwin Photographic Gallery, are sure to encompass your vision of the mythical American West.

MTSU is pleased to exhibit this series of Olson's work, which is titled "Images of the American West."

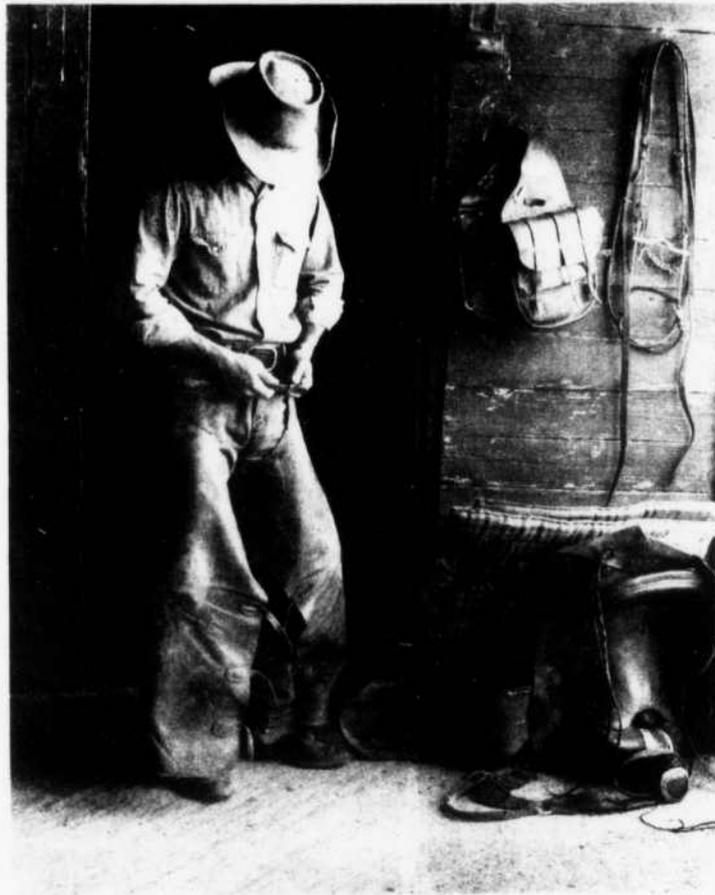
This exhibition of 62 black-and-white photographs expresses the artist's hope to preserve the Western mystique.

The photographs are figured with ranchers, cowboys and Native American artisans. Also included are western landscapes from Canyon de Chelly and Arches National Park and desert ruins such as Mesa Verde and Taos Pueblo.

To obtain his images, Olson has traveled in Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, as well as areas of his native Alabama.

Olson is a professor of art at Auburn University and instructs drawing, design and photography classes. Although he has worked in various mediums, since 1983 Olson has concentrated on photography.

Baldwin Photographic Gallery is located in the Ned McWherter Learning Resource Center on MTSU's campus, next door to the KUC. "Images of the American West" will be displayed from June 28 through July 30 and is free and open to the public. Hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and Sundays 6 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. The gallery will be closed July 3 and 4.



Douglas Olson's images of the mystical western lifestyle are on exhibit throughout the month of July at Baldwin Photographic Gallery.

Crimestoppers offers reward for 'tipsters'

□ John Garner/ staff

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

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

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

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

"If a person has information about any crimes on university property, they can report it by calling 893-STOP [893-7857]. Complete anonymity is guaranteed," Roberts said.

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

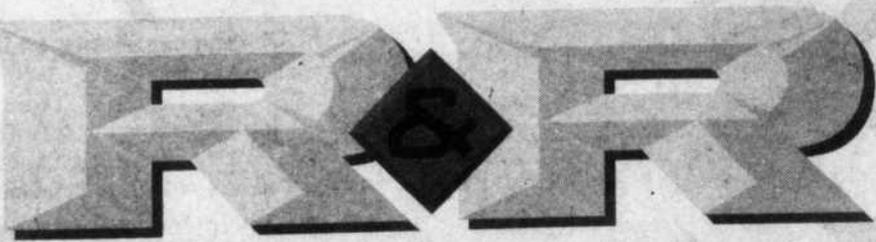
"Callers are never asked their names. They're given a code number and told to check back with us to see if their information has led to an arrest.

"The code number is the only connection between the tipster and the report," Roberts said. "When we pay the reward we use that number on

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

□ John Garner/ staff

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

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

with their college obligations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The student who has to work a full-time job might not be able to stop by Cope Administration during regular office hours," Baily said. "We're here from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30

p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday."

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

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

In addition to these, Baily conducts a course entitled "Five Steps to a College Paper" once every fall and spring. "It's

probably been several years since many of the adult learners have had to write academic papers," Baily said. "It helps to have a system to follow if you can't remember how to get a paper started."

The process of fitting in with the student population can be more than a little disorienting. The ASC can designate a peer mentor to help get you through your first few months on campus.

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

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

It's dark and dangerous down there in the Mississippi River

MEMPHIS (AP) — When John Yancy looks out across the majestic Mississippi River, he doesn't think much about banjo players or Mark Twain.

He sees a junkyard covered by water — treacherous, dark, swirling water.

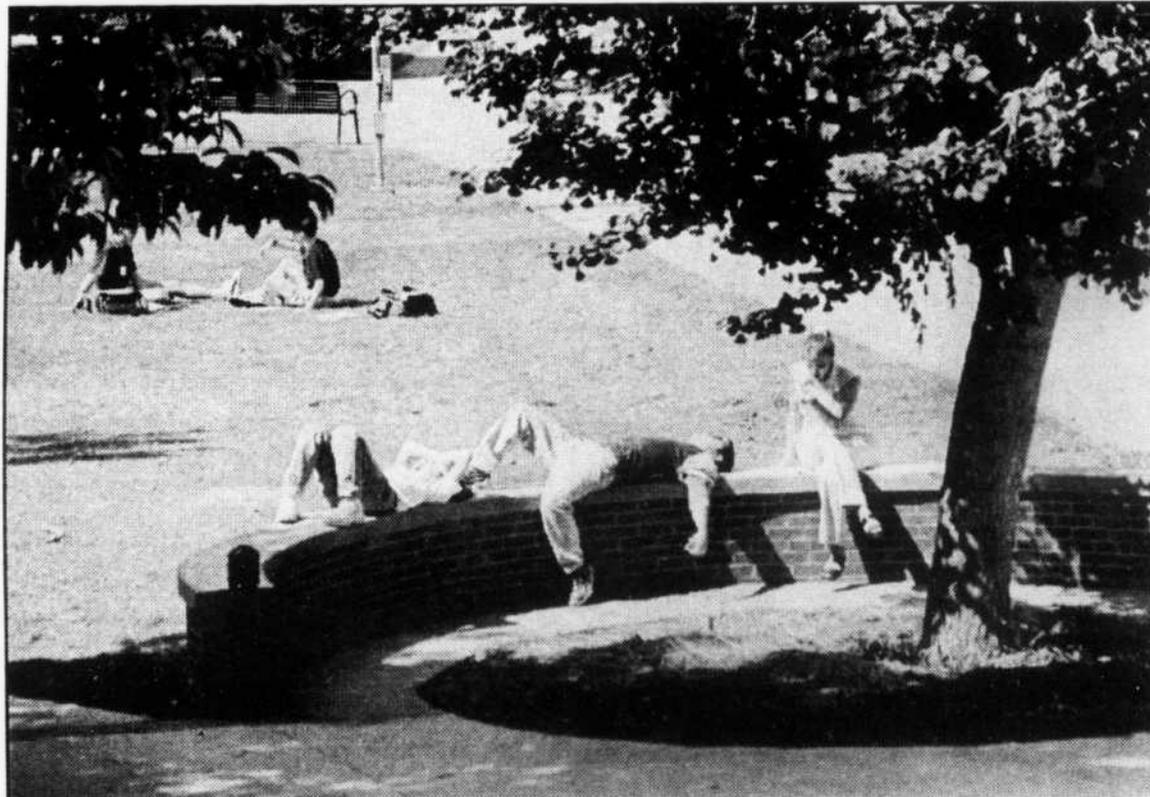
And that's to be expected since he's been to the river's bottom many times looking for the bodies of suicide or accident victims.

Yancy, 49, a captain with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, is a "black water" diver. He trains and commands a team of 20 divers who work with police, rescue squads and fire departments.

While Yancy's divers look for murder weapons, bodies and such in just about any kind of water, from lakes to cesspools, their proximity to the Mississippi sometimes leaves them facing the big river itself.

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Lazy days are here again



Emily Parker/ staff

Students try to beat the heat on the KUC courtyard. Temperatures have been approaching triple digits for a large part of the summer. The courtyard recently received a 'face-lift' that added shade trees and a renovated walkway.

Optimism, frustration mix at world's largest AIDS conference

GENEVA (AP) — The largest AIDS conference ever began Sunday with a mix of optimism and frustration: Cheer over potent new virus-killing drugs was tempered by despair that AIDS still spreads explosively in parts of the world that cannot afford these medical breakthroughs.

About 13,200 scientists, doctors, advocates and journalists gathered for the 12th World AIDS Conference to hear 5,400 presentations on new treatments, insights into the basic workings of the virus and how the disease affects everyone from pregnant women to prisoners to "commercial sex workers," the conference euphemism for prostitutes.

During the weeklong meeting, scientists are expected to discuss newly developed treatments that may offer alternatives to protease inhibitors, the class of drugs that have revolutionized AIDS care. Moreover, experts believe they are closing in on simpler regimens that will require people to take far fewer than the 20 pills a day which is now common.

Doctors also will hear encouraging reports on

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Raped, beaten woman awarded \$300,000 because 911 failed to help

MEMPHIS (AP) — A federal jury has awarded \$300,000 to a woman who was raped and beaten in her home while friends who heard the attack over the telephone tried unsuccessfully to summon help through 911.

A jury in U.S. District Judge Bernice Donald's courtroom found the city had violated the due process rights of the woman. The jury did not award punitive damages, finding there was no deliberate indifference or conscious disregard for the danger the woman faced.

The woman was attacked in her home on April 20, 1996. At the time, she was on the telephone with a friend, who heard the assault taking place and called 911 in a three-way conference call.

Dispatchers would not send officers without an exact address, which the friend could not provide.

The attack stopped only when the woman's grandmother came to the home and ordered two attackers to leave, according to a lawsuit filed in 1997. The police arrived later.

The woman's friend, Kera Hunter, called 911 when she heard the attack begin. A transcript reads in part:

Hunter: "Operator, I'm calling on a three-way, somebody is at my girlfriend's house. They're talking about killing her and everything."

Dispatcher: "OK, where do you need the police?"

Hunter: "It's at Oaklawn. I don't know the address."

Honors Program open to every student

□ Jennie Treadway/staff

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

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

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

major themes of a study.

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

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

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

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

"ENGL 112H."

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

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

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

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

To graduate with University Honors

- ◆ complete at least 24 hours of Honors courses (12 hours of lower division, 12 hours of upper division) transfer students assessed on individual basis
- ◆ complete an Honors Thesis/Creative Project approved by the Honor Council

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

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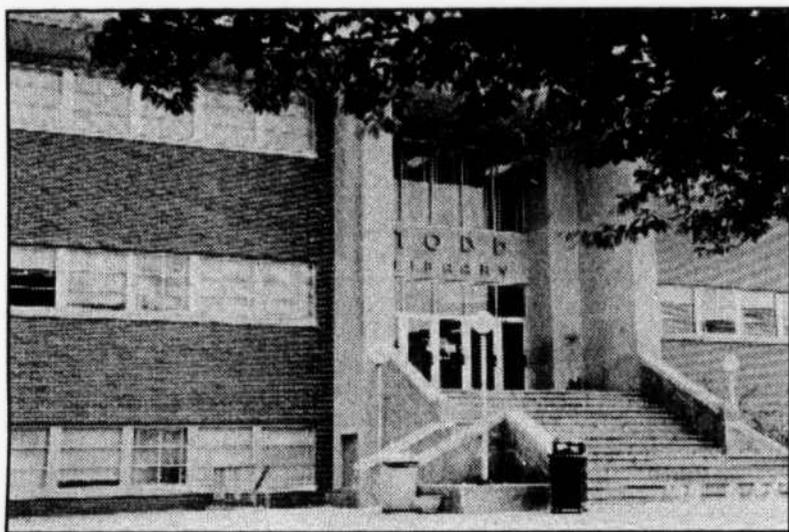
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Jennie Treadway/staff

The Coca-Cola Company made a high bid for the soft drink contract this year and beat Pepsi. Not only are vending machines being placed on and off campus, they will have the new mascot and logo on the front of them. The contract also includes a new scoreboard for the baseball field and \$25,000 for equipment and merchandise. Coca-Cola will also be giving over \$97,000 in donations and scholarships.



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 -Robert Louis Stevenson



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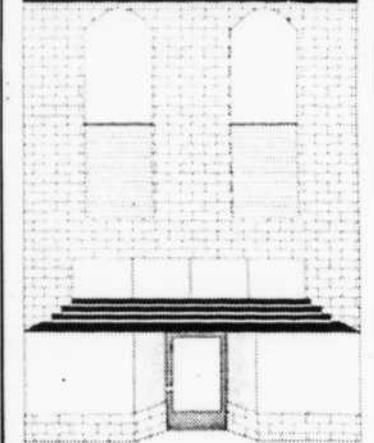
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MTSU still undecided about future of donated land

□ Chad Gillis/ staff

Nestled quietly in the Western Highland Rim, hunkered below a jeep trail, a vast area of Hickman County land sits as it has for the last century: undisturbed.

A private business, 110 miles away, waits to decide the fate of this historic, environmentally rich land. Should it be logged? Sold to a conservation agency? Or should it remain a property of MTSU's Foundation?

In 1969, Dr. Clifford Stark, then agriculture department chair, and wife, Pauline, donated the land "for the use and benefit of Middle Tennessee State University," according to the warranty deed of that same year.

Steep hills, meandering streams and some 35 species of trees make up this 995-acre tract that is worth over \$600,000 in timber alone. Last year the land was transferred to the Foundation at a cost of \$10.

University officials claim the land, which was first settled in 1810, is not being used to its fullest potential.

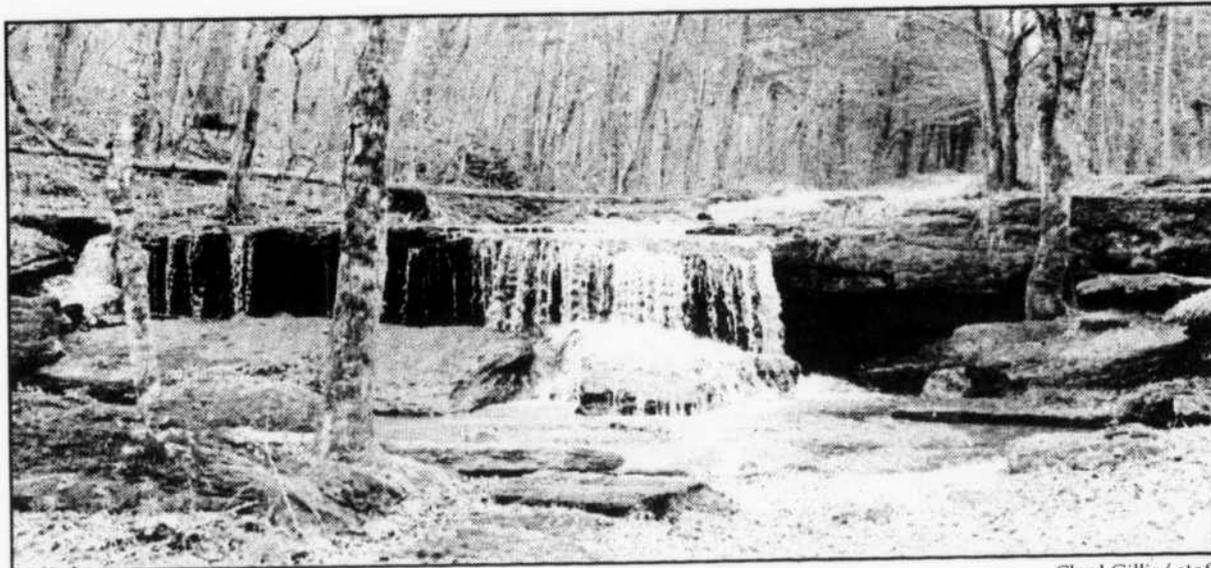
"It is clear that [the Starks] wanted their gifts to provide financial aid for students and hands-on laboratory environments for the university's academic programs," Foundation president John Bragg explains.

"We have an obligation to see that all assets acquired from the Starks will be used in a manner entirely consistent with their wishes."

The closing statement of the warrant deed describes the Stark's wishes as somewhat different: "We envision ultimately such a fine outdoor educational laboratory that other educational groups may benefit by its use, and, accordingly request that the president of Middle Tennessee State University be accorded the privilege of granting permissive use by other groups pursuant to the rules and regulations of Middle Tennessee State University."

Although the deed states that the use of the land is not limited to forestry and wildlife, it says nothing of providing scholarship dollars for MTSU's Foundation.

The deed also says nothing



Chad Gillis/ staff

MTSU's Foundation, a private corporation within the university, is studying possible uses for the Stark land in Hickman County. This waterfall is located at the southeast corner of the property.

about selling the land for logging or any other purposes.

According to the deed, this wildlife gift should be used by students and faculty "in such a manner that the educational and general welfare of mankind will benefit thereby."

Rex Barber, a biology graduate student who has spent the last three years studying the land, is taking full advantage of the gift.

"I'm trying to get an accurate description of the forest in a natural setting," Barber explains. His thesis documents vegetation as it naturally occurs in Middle Tennessee.

"This is a mature wood," Barber says. "I can show you an oak that's 31 inches in diameter. Mature forests exhibit a clear area with trees a distance apart — it's easy to

walk through."

Woodland areas have dominant and less-dominant vegetation. The dominant trees in this area are hardwoods, Barber says. If these trees are removed, the cedars and pines will be able to establish dominance and the area will not represent land in its natural state.

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

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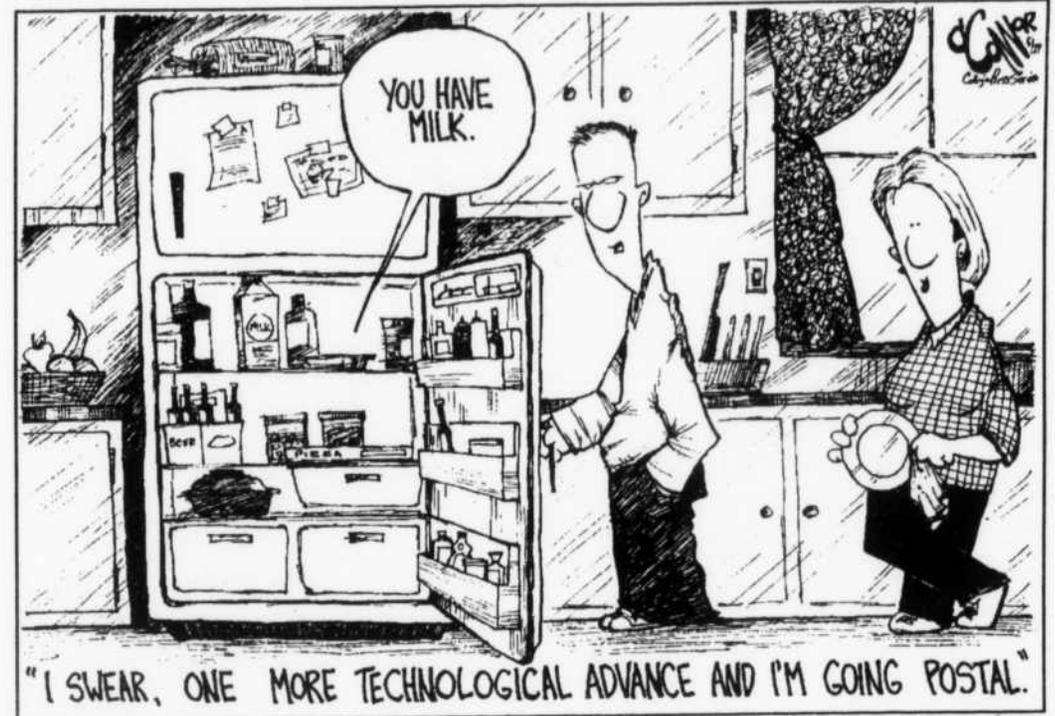
When you begin life as a college student, it may seem that time is all you have. At least four years are required at MTSU in order to obtain a bachelor's degree. But four years is really only a brief prelude. College is similar to a kindergarten type of boot camp for the broader experience that awaits you in what is referred to as the "real world." When you were five, adults were preparing and shaping your young mind for twelve years of public or private school. Beyond that, life decisions would be left up to you.

Now your education has come full circle. College is the time when you either prepare for a successful career in the professional world or learn hard lessons that will send you home after one semester. College will teach you much more than algebra, English, psychology and tennis. It will teach you that electric bills must be paid, freshmen do fail classes and time is something you actually have very little of.

My own college experience began much like yours': in Customs. My graduation is now around the corner, and I feel lucky to have filed my 'upper-division forms' - a term you will hopefully become all too familiar with. I suppose my point is that the road is long, the race is grueling and just crossing the finish line is an achievement in itself. Thousands of cars enter the highway, but some must make an emergency stop and then get towed. If you happen to get towed, don't let it deter your journey. No matter what you have been taught or who it was that taught you, some vehicles are just better suited for off-road travel.

But if the passing lane happens to be your cruising speed, check your fluids at the gas station, buckle your seatbelt and slowly, sternly apply pressure to the peddle on the right. Good luck.

Chad Gillis
editor in chief



Cigarettes trash campus

□ Patrick Burns/CPS

I was disgusted as I passed a new bus stop on campus this morning.

"Just another way to waste my tuition dollars," I thought as I approached some new 4-foot, brick-and-cement columns.

I also couldn't help but notice how clean this new vestibule looked. After careful inspection, I realized the area wasn't really any cleaner than the rest of campus—it just had fewer cigarette butts.

Cigarette littering has become so routine that we hardly notice the hundreds of half-smoked bits of paper, cotton and tar that collect along sidewalks and streets. The only places that don't seem to be littered with cigarette butts are ashtrays.

Take a walk across campus, and try to count the butts. I lost count around 150 while taking a short walk recently at Syracuse University.

There are two negative forces at work here: the smokers who casually discard their cigarettes, and the people around them who don't seem to care.

You would think twice about dropping anything else on the ground and walking away, now wouldn't you? Even something like a can with a little bit of soda swirling around in the bottom of it would make prospective litterbugs think twice

before using the world as their personal trash bin.

It's common sense. If you don't want it anymore, why do you think anybody else does? At least people who put student newspapers next to their desks and casually "forget" them can honestly assume that another student might take a look at them later. I've never seen a person pick a cigarette off the ground and light it—at least not a person with whom I would want to associate.

Cigarette smokers might argue that what they do is not as bad as what alcohol drinkers do when they leave behind smashed bottles and crushed cans. Sure, loose pieces of glass and sharp corners of folded aluminum jeopardize safety and certainly do not beautify their surroundings. But at least alcohol-drinkers have an excuse. It seems that most of the cigarette litterers are perfectly sober when they drop off their trash.

The only excuse that I can even see cigarette smokers trying to use is that it is too inconvenient to find the proper receptacle for their waste. Honestly, I think this is a pretty flimsy excuse. Smokers seem to have all the time they need to smoke in the first place. Have you ever heard a smoker say, "I just don't have time for a cigarette right now?" No.

A smoker will suck down a cigarette, puffing as hard and as quickly as possible, rather than not smoke at all. They always seem to find time to smoke their cigarettes, even if it is sometimes at the expense of enjoying them. Now if only they would stop smoking a second or two sooner and walk over to an ashtray.

The second problem surrounding cigarette litter is that people don't seem to care. Cigarette-flicking is routine. That's just the way it goes. Light, smoke, flick. And no one wants to say anything.

It could be that the smokers have gotten so good at it that they've turned a simple act of littering into a slight-of-hand trick worthy of an amateur magician. But I don't think that's the case.

It seems more likely that we've reached a point in the history of American manners where people don't feel comfortable criticizing others, even those who should be criticized. It's easier to say nothing than to risk an uncomfortable look of scorn from a cigarette litterer who is at best socially retarded and at worst a petty criminal.

Take a look at your campus and see how much better it is to be in a place free of cigarette-litter. And take a look soon. At a bus stop, where people light, smoke and flick, the cleanliness will not last long.



HIV responsibility narrows

□ College Press Service

Since the 1980s, the American public has been in the midst of one uproar or another concerning HIV and AIDS. From the earliest days of the disease, homosexuals have been ostracized for no greater crime than being the most visible victims of the epidemic.

The backlash against gays was fierce, and a great debate raged over the moral implications of AIDS. Many groups took the opportunity to spread their messages of hate and fear over the airwaves, and for a long time, it looked as if a witch-hunt would be inevitable. But slowly lawmakers were able to enact legislation to help stem the flow of hatred and to help ensure that those afflicted would be protected from discrimination in a society all too ready to find a scapegoat.

Recently, however, we have witnessed shocking crimes in which people

have used HIV and AIDS as a weapon. Nushawn Williams infected at least 6 teenage girls after he definitely knew he was infected with HIV. Darnell McGee spread the disease in East St. Louis without regard for the health of women with whom he slept.

And perhaps most alarming case is Brian Stewart, who allegedly injected his own baby son with a syringe of HIV-tainted blood while visiting the boy in the hospital.

Now 30 states have made it a crime to spread AIDS intentionally. In Iowa, anyone found guilty could be punished with as many as 25 years in prison.

It is always necessary to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Anyone who injects his infant with AIDS or passes on the disease while engaging in statutory rape should be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

But this new law comes dangerously close to turning into another AIDS witch-hunt. It is one thing

to convict someone for intentionally inflicting a helpless child with AIDS. But it is another matter entirely to convict someone of spreading the disease to otherwise responsible adults who should have protected themselves.

It is a slippery slope. Should we extend convictions to people for depraved indifference? Should we hold them responsible in a court of law for failing to have themselves tested for the HIV or AIDS virus? Should we convict people for failing to tell their sex partners that they could be at risk of catching the disease?

We have lived in a society with AIDS for more than a decade, and personal responsibility for protection has been advocated for this epidemic since the mid-'80s. We have known for years that it is possible to become infected after a single episode of unprotected sex.

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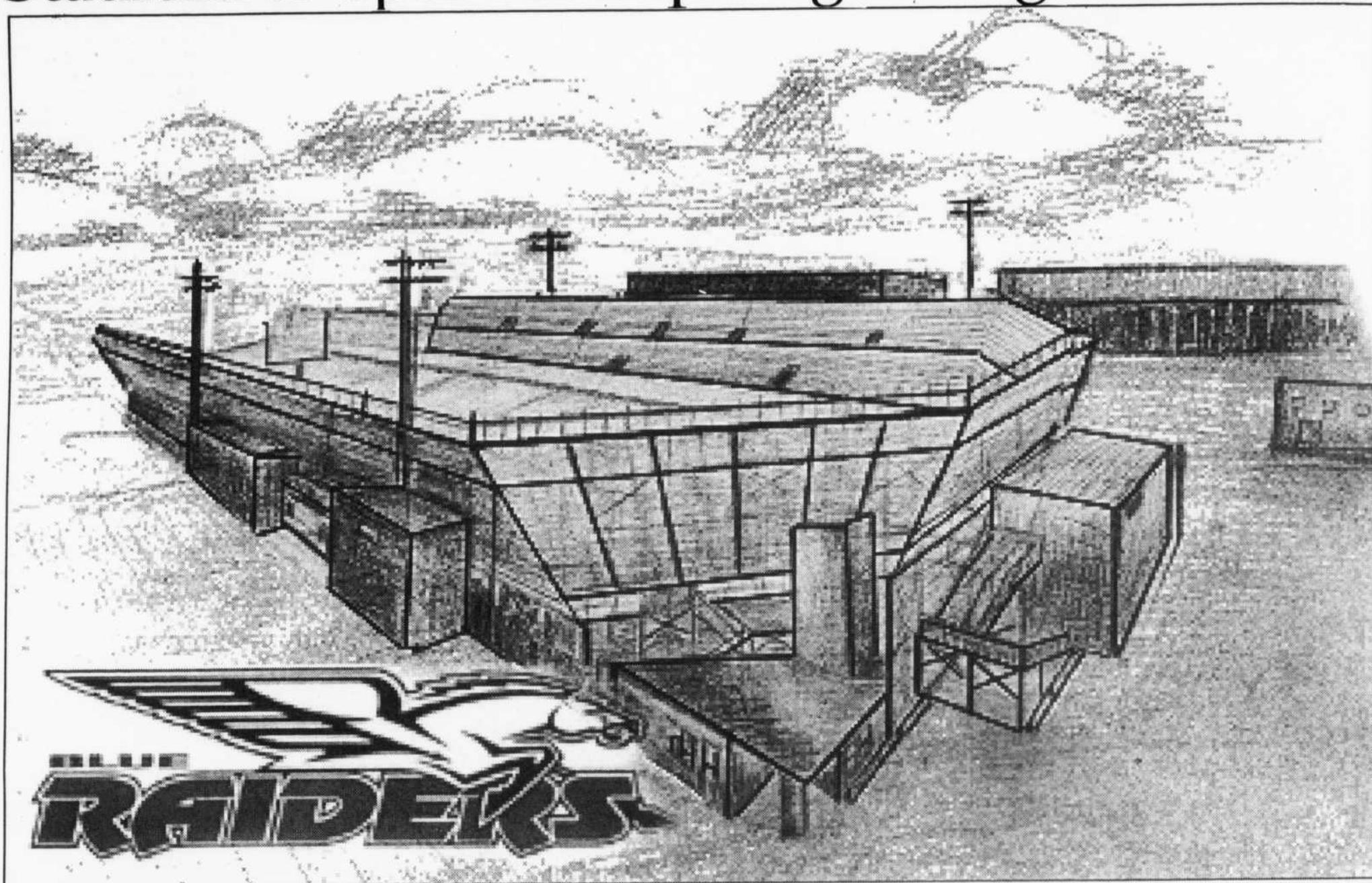
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Puerto Rican privatization sparks war with labor unions

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A policeman's finger is ripped off by a bomb. A striking worker is beaten unconscious by riot police. And it all stems from Puerto Rico's sale of the state telephone company to a consortium led by U.S.-based GTE.

The unions' fury at the deal signed by Gov. Pedro Rossello on Wednesday reflects frustration at the diminishing influence of labor in a land where jobs have always been scarce, employers often abusive, and strikes occasionally deadly.

The rancor on both sides is amplified by the fact that Rossello and most of the labor leaders also find themselves on opposing sides of a debate over Puerto Rico's status. The results of that debate will decide the future for generations on this Caribbean island of 3.8 million.

Rossello wants to make Puerto Rico, which has been a U.S. territory for a century, into a full-fledged U.S. state.

Union leaders tend toward Puerto Rico's militant minority, who favor independence. They say Rossello is

"selling the national patrimony" to a U.S. firm to boost his statehood agenda and accuse him of despotism. In protest, they have replaced the double "S" in his name with a swastika in placards and flyers.

Police have said they suspect a clandestine pro-independence guerrilla group called Los Macheteros planted a bomb that maimed an officer Thursday.

Protesters have also cut off phone service to hundreds of thousands, smashed bank machines and torched phone booths. Police reported more bomb threats overnight Sunday and remained on guard in front of telephone company offices across the island.

With no sign of compromise on either side — Rossello has shocked many with his stubborn aloofness — there are fears that Puerto Rico will continue its history of violent strikes.

In the worst case, Teamsters set a fire at the DuPont Plaza hotel on New Year's Eve 1986, killing 97 people.

That militancy reflected the power union leaders achieved as a result of the

tremendous and rapid transformations in Puerto Rico's labor market.

Even under the Spanish, there was a rash of strikes against rising prices that started in 1892. The labor movement grew after the United States took over the island in 1898.

"One of the first things (they) did was to legalize labor unions and the military governor declared an eight-hour work day," said historian Gervasio Garcia.

Most workers were unionized as the island moved from family-based farming to huge plantations, especially sugar plantations often controlled by U.S. firms.

Cane cutters formed a pillar of organized labor as they united against exploitative plantation owners who paid little — sometimes only in coupons valid at overpriced plantation stores.

Puerto Rico is now transforming itself into a service economy increasingly integrated into that of the United States. The power of unions is on the wane as they find themselves facing the most

free-market leader the island has known.

The \$1.9 billion sale of the 7,900-employee telephone company is the most ambitious part of Rossello's drive to privatize everything from utilities to health care to the once-mighty sugar industry.

State-run companies have become increasingly inefficient and top-heavy with managers.

The phone company deal, which was approved by legislators, is unlikely to unravel because of the strikes. But the protests show little sign of waning.

While fewer than 10 percent of Puerto Rican workers now belong to unions, according to Garcia, the figure triples among the territory's 250,000 government workers.

Despite protests, Rossello has sold hotels and a shipping company and is courting private investment in the power industry. Management of the water company has been privatized.

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"It's a diverse wood," Barber says. His research indicates that this land was logged around 100 years ago and that it has taken this long for the area to return to its current state.

Barber is at odds with the univeristy. He says the land would be best used as an outdoor laboratory — which is consitent with wording in the Stark deed.

Barber says the same school that fostered his love of woodland areas is also the same school that could take that woodland away from him.

Although the environmental concerns related to wildlife and logging are obvious, this land has a possible historical aspect that could prove to be equally important.

Other than Tennessee Valley Authority power lines, the only man-made structures inhabiting the land are two rustic log cabins and a small

concrete bridge.

Surrounding both cabins are areas of cedar trees. Cedars are quick-growing trees and are not common elsewhere on the land. Barber believes these areas once held gradens that have grown over since.

Ed Johnson, of the Center for Historic Preservation, estimates that the older of the two cabins was probably built in the early to mid 1800s.

The Center has received no information on the land from the university. Johnson was completely unaware of the log structures. But for the Center to work on preserving the land from a historical prospective, the univeristy would have to make a formal request.

"Work gets assigned on a priority basis," Johnson explains, "with a number of public service projects."

Historically, the land can be traced to its original settlement.

William Whitson purchased what is know as Whitson Bend in 1830, according to an article by former Hickman County Historian Edward Dotson. William Whiston Jr. and brother Thomas gained possession of the land after the death of their father.

William married and had eight children, one being Pauline Whitson, who later married Clifford Stark.

Shortly after the Civil War, the Whitson family sold several tracts of land and gave small areas to former slaves.

Somewhere between 1810 and the mid 1950s, the two log cabins were

costructed — the older of which may have served as as stop-off point for the famous underground railroad.

This land is thought to have once been the home of Mary Field, an ex-slave who "developed into a free-spirited, self-reliant, gun totin' woman who could easily whip any man her size and did, on more than one occassion," according to an 1891 article in a Montana magazine. Field is believed to have been a conductor for the railroad and may have used the older cabin for housing purposes.

Bragg says a committee has been formed to study the land. He says the group is going to work over the summer and give its evaluation to the Foundation later this year.

Though the historical aspect may be of an educational concern, the Center for Historic Preservation can do little at this time.

"Since it's university property, the university bureacracy will have to make the ultimate decision," Johnson explains.

And though it is unclear what the future use of this land may be, the wishes of the former owners are concrete.

"We, Clifford Nicks Stark and wife, Pauline Whitson Stark, have dedicated our entire lives to the field of education," the deed states, "and it is our desire that the tracts herein conveyed be utilized in the field of education as a means of perpetuating our efforts."



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This cabins is thought to have been a stop-over point for the underground railroad. Ed Johnson of the Center for Historic Preservation estimates that it could be 200 years old.

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Imagine a stream with a current so swift you can hardly wade through it, and the Mississippi's flow is about twice that strong, Yancy said.

"You have to face the current. If you turn your head sideways, it pulls your equipment off," he said. "And it's zero visibility, no visibility at all. I teach my divers to close their eyes and depend on the rest of their senses."

As the Mississippi rolls toward the Gulf of Mexico, it picks up tons of trash and debris. It's not uncommon to see large trees floating past.

"You've got to learn to expect the unexpected," Yancy said. "In the water, you don't know what you're facing."

The river, which begins in Minnesota, grows bigger and stronger as it moves south. At Memphis, it can carry eight times the amount of water it does at Davenport, Iowa, for example.

Yancy's latest river search was for a suicide victim who drove his pickup truck across a city park and into the Mississippi. Two days of searching turned up neither the truck nor the driver. His body eventually surfaced more than 70 miles down river near Helena, Ark.

"If the river ever dried up it would look like a junkyard down there. I know there's still an airplane in there we never found and probably two dozen vehicles that I've looked for," Yancy said. "When they hit that main channel and start rolling, they're gone."

Despite the danger, Yancy's team will try to locate a vehicle in the river if they think a body is still in it.

"How do you stand there and tell somebody you're not going to try to find their relative's body," he said.

One of his worst assignments was diving for a car that rolled into an offshoot of the Mississippi at downtown Memphis with three children, age 18 months to three years, trapped inside.

"It was awful," he said. "Those babies died a horrible death. They're sitting in a nice warm car and all of a sudden it's filling up with cold river water."

Searching for a body in the Tennessee River, 100 miles east of Memphis, Yancy's divers had police snipers standing by to protect them from suspected murderers believed lurking in

the woods.

Looking for a murder weapon in a swampy pond, they had to wait for deputies with shotguns to clear out a swarm of water moccasins.

Except for Yancy, the dive team is made up of unpaid volunteers, though several members are from other police agencies. Much of the team's work is looking for murder weapons or other crime evidence thrown into water.

At a recent training exercise, Yancy instructed a group of new divers on working an underwater crime scene, gathering evidence and preparing for court testimony.

The divers searched a corner of small lake for a two-foot metal pipe, supposedly a murder weapon, and some bloody clothes weighted down by a cinder block.

Aided by a line tender and a safety diver, David West, a mortgage banker and avid recreational diver, took 20 minutes to find the pipe in about eight feet of water.

"You've got about three or four inches of visibility. You have to stick your face in the mud," West said. "You just move an inch or two at a time."

A training course prepared by Yancy soon will be offered nationwide to other police and rescue agencies by the National Association of Scuba Diving Schools, a diver certification company headquartered in Memphis.

"It takes a special person to be a rescue diver," Yancy said. "Lots of times I'll reach down to grab a body and the skin will come off. It's just not a pleasant thing to do. But somebody's got to do it."

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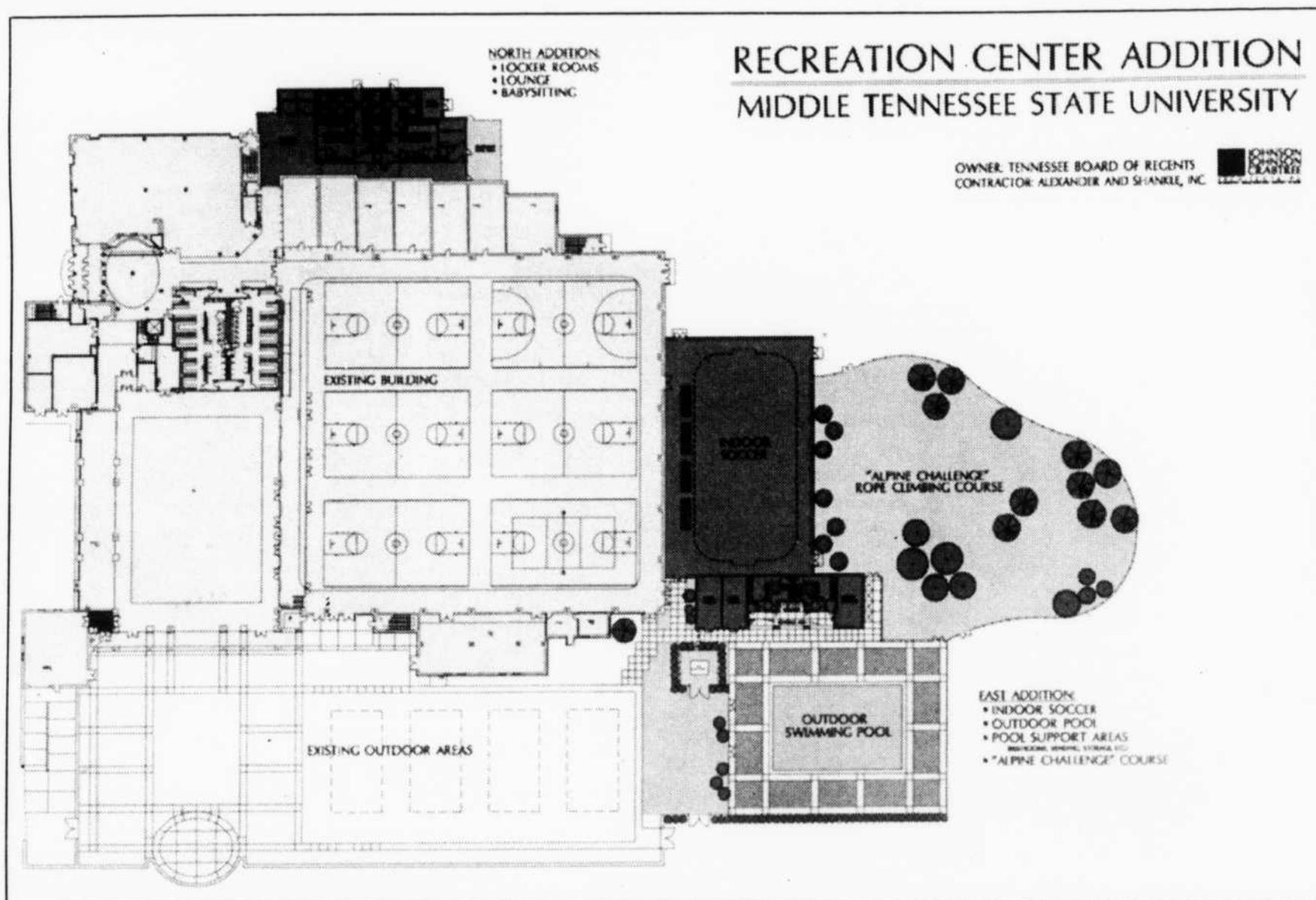
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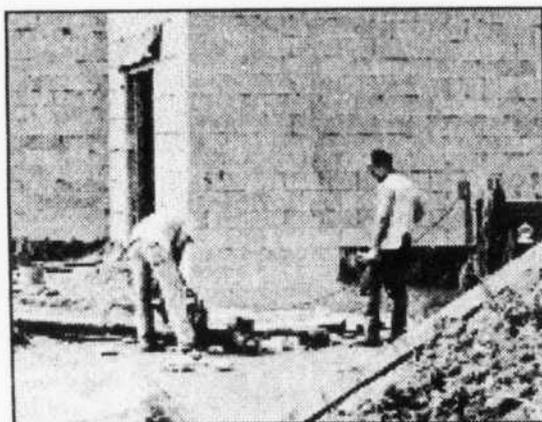
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Recreation Center covers more ground



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



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

Charles Gregory
Facility Manager

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



Photos by Jennie Treadway

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The turf may be temporarily removed for roller hockey.

"Currently, they skate on the parking lot," said Hanley,

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Rec Center Sports Club needs more members

Staff Reports

Wanted: students with a competitive edge interested in playing a little ball.

The Sports Club Program was created for students with a common interest in alternative sports. Instead of basketball or football, students can now get involved in men's and women's rugby, men's soccer, men's volleyball, the swim club or the fencing club.

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

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

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

follow the trend."

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

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

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

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



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

international competition.

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

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

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"but when the weather gets bad, they want to be able to skate indoors.

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

"The outdoor pool and the larger lounge area were supposed to be in the original plan," Hanley said. "The other components of the new addition were things that we found out once we got into the building that we would want to do."

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

The Rec Center's locker rooms are currently overcrowded with only 491 lockers. The two new rooms will cover 1,900 square feet and add 400 new lockers.

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

Another expansion plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

"It's exciting and rewarding, and I think they will enjoy what we'll do next."



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Fewer graduates are defaulting on their loans

□ Amy Baldwin/CPS

Good news, Uncle Sam. Fewer college graduates are defaulting on their student loans these days. In the early 1990s the default rate peaked at about 22 percent. By 1996, it had been sliced in half.

That should make the federal government, which has issued 8.6 million loans, very happy. The value of those outstanding federal loans is \$32.4 billion, according to information from USA Group, the nation's largest administrator of student loans.

Nonfederal student loans total \$1.5 billion, a figure that pales in comparison to what the government lends.

Default occurs when loan payments are more than 180 days in arrears.

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One university official attributed the decline in the default rate to mandatory interviews that students go through before they take out loans and again before they graduate and have to start paying them.

"Schools have just done a better job of keeping their students informed," said Lynda George, director of student financial aid at the University of Kentucky.

Congress passed a law in 1993

requiring universities and colleges to counsel students on taking out loans. Before students get their diploma in one hand they receive a student loan repayment schedule in the other. They are told who holds their loans and when payments begin.

The writers of the book "Take Control of Your Student Loans" (Nolo Press, 1997) credit fewer defaults to Congress giving graduates who default a way out. Until 1992, there was no law that would allow student borrowers to get out of default.

"Congress faced a crisis. While members did not want the guarantee and collection agencies to get soft on borrowers in default, they knew they had to enact legislation that would provide an incentive for student borrowers to repay their loans. And so, since 1992, student borrowers have been able to get out of default by simply making 12 consecutive payments. And clearly, it's working."

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Never too late for a nest egg

□ Fred Tasker/CPS

It's coming home to roost. It had to.

Now they're afraid it's too little, too late.

"I know that now; why couldn't I have seen it earlier?" laments Wendy Cantor, of Plantation, Fla., whose son, Josh, 15, will be ready for the University of North Carolina, maybe even Stanford, in three years - with only \$2,900 in the bank today to pay for it.

It's generational. A national survey by Alliance Capital Management, a mutual fund, found that only 51 percent of baby boomer parents are saving regularly for their kids' college, compared to 68 percent of the parents in Generation X.

Worse, the boomers didn't start saving until their kids were 7.2 years old, on average; Gen Xers started when their kids were 2.5 years old, the survey said.

"It's absolutely true," says Coral Gables, Fla., financial planner Deena Katz, a boomer herself. "Boomers are behind in everything - paying for college, even retirement planning."

"We've been the immediate generation. We've got to have it now, do it now."

If my parents wanted a refrigerator, they saved up and

bought one. My generation buys it and then pays if off.

"It's a real short-sighted view. Suddenly our kids are 10 or 12 or 14 and we say, 'Oh, God. What am I going to do?'"

"The boomers didn't begin overall savings until they were in their 30s," says Alliance spokesman Duff Ferguson. "Generation Xers are far more likely to be in a 401(k) (retirement program) the minute they start a job. They've been taught from day one that everyone must take care of themselves."

"We meant to save more," says Cantor, an office manager, whose ex-husband, Frank, a lawyer, is still in touch, still trying to help her finance their son's education. "But something always came up - a new house, we each needed a car for our work. We just never really got started."

Luckily for the boomers, there are still a couple of ways out. First, America has a fairly forgiving system of financing college educations. Last year, of the \$160 billion that 14 million students spent to study at 3,000 U.S. colleges, about \$50 billion came from various forms of financial aid, according to "Barron's Complete College

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Brown University settles landmark Title IX case, female athletes come out winners

□ Mike Szostak/ CPS

The end is near in Brown University's historic Title IX sex discrimination case.

Lawyers for Brown and the female athletes who sued the university in 1992 Tuesday

agreed upon a compliance plan under which Brown satisfies the requirements of Title IX, the federal statute that prohibits gender-based discrimination; retains institutional autonomy and guarantees financial support to

four more women's teams for at least the next three years.

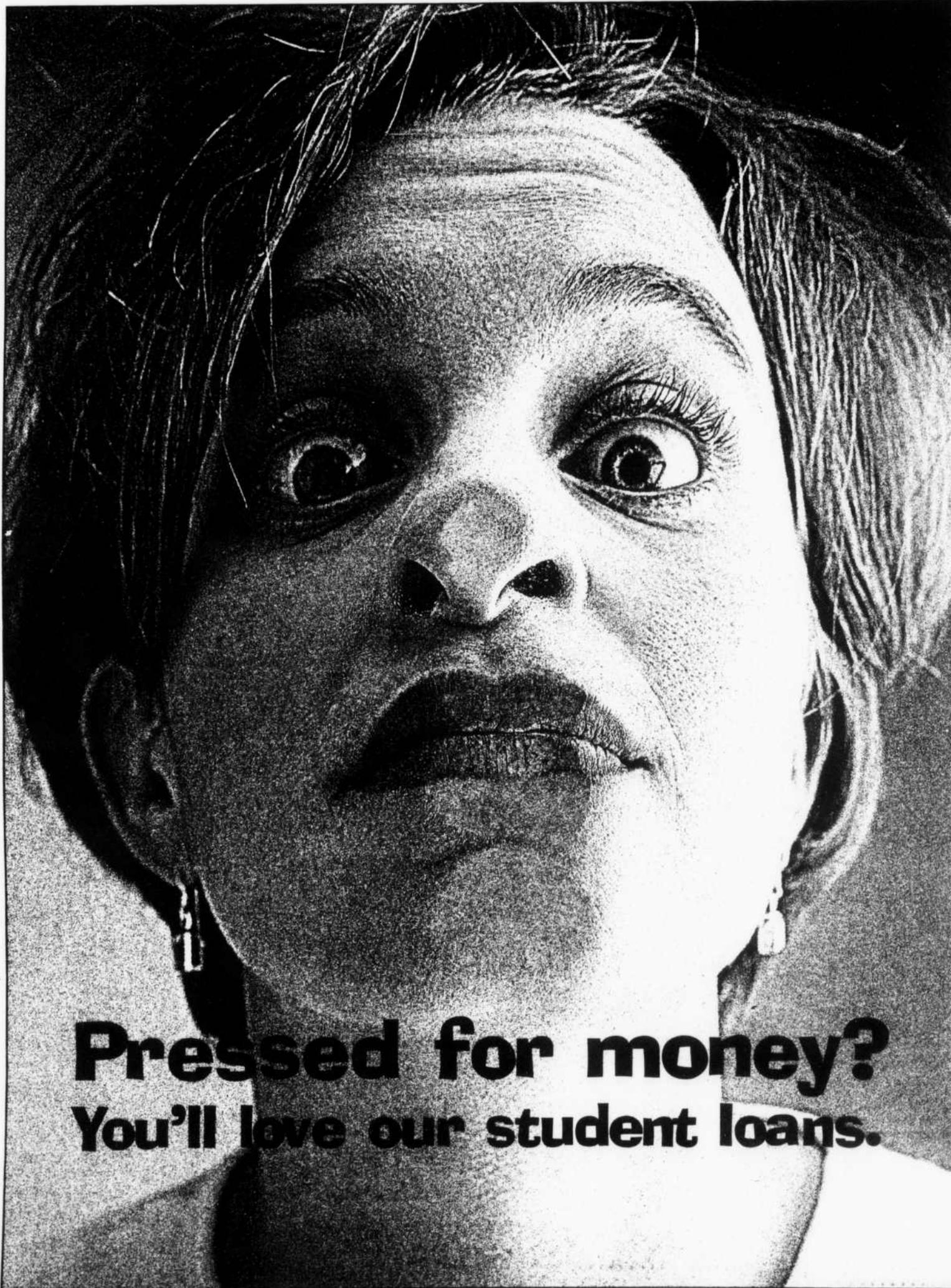
Barring an objection from any female athlete at Brown, which is highly unlikely, the agreement will become official Oct. 8 at a hearing before U.S. District Judge Ernest C.

Torres.

All that remains in this landmark case, then, is settlement of costs and fees for Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, the Washington, D.C., organization that represented the athletes. Brown, as the

loser in a civil rights case, faces a legal bill well in excess of \$1 million. That amount is in addition to what Brown has spent to defend itself the last six years.

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Justice Department encourages NCAA to level the playing field for learning-disabled athletes

Christine Tatum/CPS

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is going to loosen its eligibility requirements so that more students with learning disabilities can play college sports.

The decision is part of a settlement made Tuesday between the NCAA and the U.S. Justice Department. Officials from both groups stressed that academic standards for student athletes are not being lowered, but that the NCAA will change the methods it uses to determine whether a learning-disabled student meets those standards.

After receiving several complaints from potential student athletes and their families, the Justice Department alleged that the association had violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by enforcing "rigid" policies that kept learning-disabled

students out of college sports. Among those cited was the NCAA's refusal to count many high school, special-education courses toward minimum eligibility requirements.

"The NCAA acknowledges the shortcomings inherent in the evaluation of core courses primarily on the basis of course title," the settlement between the two parties states. "Changes have been made to the process to look solely at the content of a course in evaluating whether it meets the standard for a core course."

Under the agreement, the NCAA did not admit to violating the federal disabilities law, but it did make several concessions. Among them:

- * The clarification of rules so that high school courses designated as "remedial," "special education" or "special needs" will not automatically be dismissed as failing to meet minimum eligibility standards.
- * Permission for students with learning disabilities, who fail to

meet initial eligibility standards in Division I, to earn an additional year of eligibility if they complete a substantial percentage of their degree work and maintain good grades.

* The publicity of new minimum curricular requirements at all high schools across the nation.

* The completion of reports that must be submitted to the Justice Department over the next three years. The reports must indicate how many waivers from standard course requirements were applied for, granted and rejected; how many learning-disabled athletes are admitted to college sports programs, compared with the number of students without learning disabilities. Also, the report should indicate the number of high school, special-education courses certified by the NCAA.

* New requirements mandating that members of an NCAA subcommittee that grants eligibility waivers in

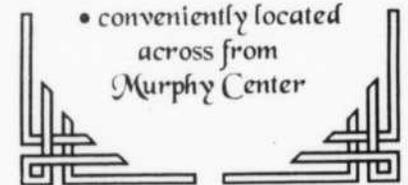
Divisions I and II have expertise in the field of learning disabilities.

Also under the settlement, the NCAA has agreed to pay \$35,000 that will be split among four student athletes who filed complaints against it with the Justice Department.

NCAA officials suspect the agreement will prompt more student athletes to declare themselves learning disabled. During the 1996-97 school year, more than 1,500 athletes applied for waivers because they had learning disabilities. That number is likely to increase by a few hundred each year because of the new eligibility rules, said Cedric Dempsey, president of the NCAA. But no one will know for sure, he added, because there is little data tracking the number of learning-disabled students turned away from college athletics in the past.



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Financing Guide" (1997, Barron's Educational Series, \$14.95). That's nearly one dollar in three. And, to some extent, the less money a prospective student has, the more he or she qualifies for in aid.

Second, financial experts say there are still strategies for saving money for college, even with only a few years remaining until it's needed. As a last resort, parents or students can borrow the money and pay it back after college.

Also, it's not fair to blame every baby boomer for the faults of a generation. Many have saved assiduously.

Karen and Charles Zelinski of Kendall, Fla., started early and saved hard - purchasing Florida pre-paid college tuition contracts for Daniel, 10, Peter, 9, and twins

William and Kathryn, 7.

"Every year we take our tax refund for it," she says. "We sacrifice vacations and other things."

Ann and Larry Craig of Pinecrest, Fla., are paying full fare for son Brett, 19, who's at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, and expect to do the same when Casey, 10, reaches college age.

"We don't think anybody has to do anything for us," she says.

"When Brett was 6 we started putting aside money when we could. When we had a little extra, my husband always said, 'Put it in Brett's college account.' I said, 'OK, but we really need a new carpet.'

"I have to give him more credit."

Also, no matter how hard parents try, life can throw curveballs.

"We're trying to save," says Marines Dorta-Duque, 43, a homemaker who helps

her husband, Juan, 39, in his residential contracting business. They have three kids, Jennifer, 14, Christopher, 12, and Ana, 7, all from previous marriages.

"Life has not been as we planned it," she says. "Our generation has had more divorces. In the confusion of remarrying, selling a house, buying a new one, we didn't get to do the college savings thing. Hopefully now we can."

"We bought the Florida prepaid thing for the youngest one," she says. "We intended to do the same for the other two, but something came up and we couldn't. And we've been procrastinating ever since."

"We opened a savings account for each child," she says. "But they only have a little bit of money - about \$1,000 each. Then they went from public school to private school, at \$10,000 each. It's hard."

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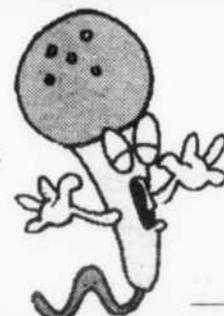
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Linda C. Black's Tribune Media Service Daily Horoscope

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Taurus (April 20-May 20): Today is a 7. Do what you love and money will follow. It might not right away, however. It looks like you're putting money into the project first. That doesn't seem to bother you for some reason. You must be having a good time while you're at it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Today is a 6. You've been constrained lately, for various reasons. It was necessary for

you to be perfect and gain the acceptance you wanted. It's almost time to relax. Tomorrow, you'll be more creative. Get the clutter out of the way so you'll have room to make something magnificent.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Today is a 7. Start by tuning up your budget. You have a keen eye for detail, especially as it pertains to finances. This is true for other people's money, too. They might give you some of their money if you help them manage the rest. That could be a nice business. You have a natural talent.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Today is a 6. There's money coming in and it could be a nice sum. Don't spend it, though. Keep it safe. While it may not belong to you entirely, you could get some still. This is a good day to get a

raise or a job that pays more. Put the application in now.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today is a 6. You're drawing quite a bit of attention. It's not only from what you're doing now, but from what you've done in the past. Your talent is showing. Don't be embarrassed; there's no way you can cover this up. People have discovered who you are, and want you to do things for them. This is going to be fun and it could be quite profitable.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Today is a 6. It's amazing, but as you clean your environment your head clears, too. That goes for work space as well as living quarters. Get organized as quickly as possible in both domains. Procrastination does not appear to be a luxury you can afford anymore.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Today is a 7. If you can mastermind an educational excursion, you'll be making the best use of the conditions in effect right now. A plan like this may be formulating without any effort on your part. It might look like somebody else is doing it and just inviting you to participate. Don't be fooled.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today is a 5. You've been wondering where you were going to get the money and today you might find out. It could be a career opportunity or a new client or maybe a loan or a grant. Looks like something you considered previously, but rejected. Conditions have changed; it might work now.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today is a 6. You want to be out in the world doing interesting

things, rather than chained to a desk. Isn't there a business trip you can arrange? Capricorn is the sign of the entrepreneur, so you can probably think of something.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Today is a 6. People are asking questions in a language you find difficult to understand. You're learning quickly, but you might make a few mistakes. If the reaction you get isn't the one you expected, something may have been lost in the translation.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Today is a 7. Stop trying to make your partner into yourself. Realize he or she is more likely your mirror image. If it's a good partnership, the other person will teach you what you need to know.

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From college to high school to elementary school, students learn life lessons about ethics

□ College Press Exchange

When Laura Weimer arrived at Santa Clara University nearly four years ago, she heard a rumor that reaches the ears of every freshman: Anyone caught picking a rose in the Mission Gardens would be fined \$250. Weimer picked a rose. "Did I think about it? Not then," she says. "I think about it now."

There's been a sea change in the way Weimer, 21, thinks about the minutiae of everyday living: Whether to spoil a garden, yell at a friend, cut off a motorist on the freeway. She is one of 11 Santa Clara undergraduates enrolled in a model program sponsored by the school's Markkula Center for Applied Ethics. They study the art of ethical decision making and then attempt to teach that skill to about 120 Independence High School students who, in turn, teach similar lessons in the classroom to more than 1,000 San Jose elementary school students. As the program ends its first year, planners are evaluating whether ethical thinking is beginning to ripple through the

triple-tiered community of young people. More than that, they are trying to make young people realize that they need to do more than think about moral dilemmas in the abstract; they need to apply the ethical decision-making process to the nitty-gritty situations of life. Do they pick that rose or let it bloom?

With the school year about to end, planners are encouraged by the choices students are making. Some who never thought to look at their actions through an ethical lens are suddenly doing just that:

"It permeates; it sneaks into their work, this ethical perspective," says Bill Rice, director of the Independence High School teaching academy, which for the past decade has trained students interested in teaching careers. All 120 high school ethics trainees attend the academy, and Rice often sees their new moral outlook reflected "in their writing, in their conversations. They'll use words like 'commitment.' ... 'You had a commitment to call me, and you didn't.'"

One of many, the program is a product of the loose-knit

character education movement that tries to teach moral behavior to millions of students at a time when many Americans perceive the country to be morally rudderless. It is part of an expanding smorgasbord of ethics programs sponsored by Santa Clara's Markkula Center: a summertime "ethics camp" for teachers, workshops on "how to raise an ethical child" for parents. A variety of the center's programs casts university students as moral "reflectors" and mentors.

In the past year, they have helped lead a series of assemblies and workshops at local high schools including Saratoga High, where it didn't take long for conversation to veer toward last year's cheating scandal.

Recently, the Independence High School students - who can continue their ethics course through graduation - visited Santa Clara University to tour the campus and talk about long-term goals with their college mentors.

Some jokingly described themselves as "ethicsed out," yet seemed pleased to confess that all the "ethics talk" had

left an impression on them:

"Three years ago, if there was a hard exam, I would've cheated," said Natalie Do, 15, an Independence sophomore. "Today I'm teaching these little kids to be ethical, and now I'm going to cheat? You can't teach one thing and behave the opposite."

The 11 Santa Clara University students who teach ethics to Do and the other Independence High students are part of a program called LEAD, which stands for Leadership through Ethical Action and Development. Here's how the partnership works: The university students bring several popular children's books to the high school and help the teaching academy students extract moral lessons from the texts. These lessons tend to be about teamwork and cooperation and doing the right thing:

"They're not particularly profound lessons," says Steve Johnson, the Santa Clara professor who directs the LEAD program. "I mean, we're talking 'Harold and the Purple Crayon' here. But they're right for grade-schoolers." The university students help the

Independence High students devise lesson plans for teaching the texts to the grade school students. Then once a week, the Independence High students fan out through San Jose's elementary schools.

Using Johnson's parlance, they try and take elementary students "into" the fictionalized moral dilemmas found in the texts, and then "beyond" them into the real world of applied ethics where young people make choices. This "beyond" aspect of the program is what Johnson regards as most critical. It is supposed to help young people identify and cope with obstacles to ethical behavior in their own lives: anger, stress, put-downs from peers.

"You can't just have kids discussing 'who gets thrown off the life raft when the food runs out?'" he says. "You have to go where they live. You have to give them skills to resist getting into fights or doing drugs or whatever it is. A cynical friend of mine once said that what all this ethical and moral training comes down to is, 'It's nice to be nice.' We have to do better than that."



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But that's an issue for later. Tuesday, the legal combatants seemed happy and relieved to have cleared their last philosophical hurdle. They even shook hands all around after a brief session in court. "It's wonderful," said Arthur Bryant, executive director of TLPJ. "This is one of the strictest settlements in the country. It's an enormous victory for women at Brown and anybody in the country who cares about equality."

"We're pleased to reach a resolution. Assuming it goes through, everything is resolved as to the clients," said Lynette Labinger, the Providence lawyer who has argued the plaintiffs' case from the start.

Jeffrey S. Michaelson, a lawyer for Brown, said: "It's a good agreement for Brown. It preserves what, at this point, is most important to Brown, that being Brown's determining what its program is to be and how it complies."

These are the highlights of the 16-page agreement:

* For the 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 academic years, women's skiing, fencing and water polo will be designated donor-funded varsity sports, but the university will ensure appropriate financial support. Water polo has been a club sport underwritten by student activity fees.

* For those three academic years plus 2001-02, women's gymnastics will be a donor-funded varsity sport and will receive appropriate university support.

* The ratio of male and female athletes

to male and female students must be within 3.5 percent. For the 1997-98 academic year, Brown reported 53.8 percent of its students and 51.2 percent of its athletes were female. The 2.6 percent difference falls within acceptable guidelines established by the Office of Civil Rights.

* If Brown adds men's programs without adding corresponding women's teams, or eliminates women's programs, the ratio must be within 2.25 percent.

* In 1998-99, gymnastics will receive \$64,400, fencing \$25,000, skiing \$23,079 and water polo \$25,000. The teams will receive 95 percent of those amounts in 1999-2000 and 90 percent in 2000-01. Gymnastics will get 90 percent in 2001-02.

* Women's teams and coaches will be expected to help in fundraising but lack of success cannot result in elimination or reclassification.

* Brown may impose roster minimums and, for men, roster maximums.

* Brown cannot retaliate against any person who opposes practices believed to violate Title IX or for assisting the plaintiffs in their lawsuit against Brown.

* A varsity participant is a person whose name is on a varsity roster on the first or last day of competition.

* Brown must file an annual report with the plaintiffs.

The agreement is the product of determined negotiation by both sides. Torres lauded Labinger and Michaelson and their staffs for staying up all night to put the finishing touches on the document by Tuesday morning.

"It's always much more preferable

for the parties to reach an agreement both can live with rather than have the court impose an agreement one side or both sides find difficult to live with," Torres said.

Judge Raymond J. Pettine had found Brown in violation of Title IX after a trial in 1994, rejected Brown's subsequent compliance plan proposal and ordered the university to upgrade to fully-funded varsity status all four of the women's sports in question. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit upheld Pettine's ruling in 1996 but returned the compliance plan to the lower court. In April 1997, on the same day the U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear the Brown case, Brown filed another compliance plan. Labinger objected, leading to Tuesday's agreement.

Torres became involved last June when Pettine, citing poor health after suffering a stroke, announced his intention to retire and withdrew from the case.

Labinger had fought to have the four women's sports fully funded, but was satisfied with the result.

"Brown convinced us that they would downgrade other programs and that there was no way they were going the other way. We believe them. Now we have a three-year moratorium. There will be no changes adverse to the women's program," she said.

After three years, four in the case of gymnastics, Brown will still have to meet those proportions unless there is a change in federal law or a court case that further interprets Title IX.

Gymnastics needed another year of

financial security because the program had been stripped of its university funding in 1991 and, in Labinger's words, has been "under a death threat" ever since. "This gives gymnastics some breathing room. It will not be constantly under the ax," she said.

Brown implemented elements of its earlier compliance proposal during the recently-completed academic year.

"With the experience of the last year, we were confident that the methodology would work," Michaelson said.

Labinger mentioned that the 2.25 percent requirement should serve as a disincentive for Brown to dramatically alter its program. In three years, four for gymnastics, "everybody is in the same boat."

"Nobody is a target, but nobody is free of targeting," she said.

"No one ever wanted to hurt the men," she said. "If Brown wants to shrink the program now, the decision is on their head."

Amy Cohen and other gymnasts and volleyball players sued Brown in 1992 after Director of Athletics Dave Roach withdrew university funding from those sports, plus men's golf and water polo, in 1991 to cope with a shrinking budget. Five years of preliminary injunctions, trials and appeals made Cohen vs. Brown the standard by which Title IX cases across the country are judged.

Tuesday, Case No. 92-0197 leaped toward becoming a complete chapter in legal history. Weary from working all night and getting just an hour of sleep, Labinger sighed and said, "It was a long time coming."

PI KAPPA ALPHA

WELCOMES YOU TO MTSU

The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity has the reputation of being the chapter house where the doors are always open. Below are the times and dates of summer functions sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha. All new students are invited to all of our functions.

July 1 @ 9:00 p.m.- Cookout

July 6 @ 9:00 p.m.- Cookout

July 9 @ 9:00 p.m.- Cookout

July 18 @ 6:00 p.m.- Open House

July 22 @ 9:00 p.m.- Cookout

July 30 @ 9:00 p.m.- Cookout



All events are located at the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity house. It is located at 715 N. Tennessee Blvd.

If you have any questions, call Allen Mitchell @ 867-1098 or call the Pi Kappa Alpha information line @ 907-1522.



Welcome Concert
SUNDAY - AUGUST 16
Sunday Drive

8:00 p.m. at Tucker Theater

(sponsored by campus Christian organizations & area churches)

Welcome BACK Party
Wednesday - August 19

5:30 p.m.

food & fun at the college house

STUDENT SUNDAY
Sunday - August 23

College Bible Study - 10:15 a.m.

Contemporary Worship - 11:30 a.m.

FREE Lunch - 12:30 p.m.

Jehovah Java Kickoff
Tuesday - AUGUST 25



Ashley Cleveland

9:00 p.m.

JUB cafeteria

-people, music & coffee

Inner session
Wednesday - August 26

worship for college students

Belle Aire sanctuary • 6:00 p.m.

AO Fall Concert
Sunday - August 30

7:30 p.m.

Tucker Theater

\$5 at the door



Jennifer Knapp

Jehovah Java

FALL LINE-UP
every Tuesday
JUB cafeteria 9-11:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 1 - Eji



SEPTEMBER 8
Grover Levy



SEPTEMBER 22
Sarah Jahri

