

Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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In the News

Rec Center thefts rising

Eighteen thefts have been reported so far this year at the Rec Center compared to a total of 16 thefts that were reported for all of 1997 year. All of the thefts were the result of unlocked lockers.

Public Safety officials urge any user of the Rec Center to be cautious. They suggest that students should always use locks which can be rented from the Rec Center if they do not have their own. Also, students should be aware of their surroundings and report anyone loitering in the dressing rooms to the staff. If anyone witnesses or has information about a crime, they should contact Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP. Campus Crime Stoppers will pay money for the information leading to an arrest.

Students warned of scam

A scam artist has been preying on students under the guise of a Financial Aid employee, according to Gene Fitch, assistant dean of Student Life.

The individual has been contacting both on- and off-campus students by telephone and claiming they have a \$200 reimbursement check waiting for them in the financial aid office. The caller then asks students to verify information such as birth date, social security number and address. He later uses this information to apply for credit cards in those students' names.

According to Fitch, over 30 students have already fallen victim to this ploy. One student became wary of the authenticity of the phone call after asking to pick up the check immediately and was told that the caller was leaving soon.

Fitch urges students to be suspicious and not to give out any information about themselves unless they are certain who they are talking to. The most common time for the phone calls is 2-4 p.m.

SJB applicants sought

Housing and Residential Life is now accepting applications for Student Judicial Board members. To be eligible, students must be full-time, have a minimum 2.25 GPA, be in good judicial standings with the university and have a clean judicial record while being a member.

Interested students should contact their area coordinator.

Comm. colleges honored

Governor Don Sundquist has joined the Tennessee Board of Regents in proclaiming April 1998 as Community College Month.

"Community colleges meet the diverse and changing needs of the citizens of Tennessee," Sundquist said. "Community colleges provide students access to a high-quality education at a reasonable cost within commuting distance of their homes."

More than 77,000 students enrolled in the state's community colleges last fall, and a recent TBR study found that society can expect a return of \$10.52 for each dollar the state invests in a community college student.

Poet holds public reading

On April 16 Ron Koertge, author of more than a half dozen volumes of poetry spanning 35 years, will hold a public reading in the Hazlewood dining room of the James Union Building.



Know something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.

Election turnout still low

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Voter turnout for the Student Government Association elections more than doubled compared to last year, but still only a relatively small percentage of students went to the polls.

Just over eight percent of students voted this year and even though that is considerably more than last year's four percent, SGA President Ryan Durham said he is disappointed with the low participation.

"We had thirteen hundred people vote in the last two days, which is not good," Durham said. "It is extremely low, but it's better than last year."

"I don't know what we have to do. There was controversy, there was attention brought to the elections. I don't think you could be a student without knowing something about them this year."

Another disappointment for Durham was that the referendum to increase the activity fee by \$20 was shot down by students.

Durham said that he and Thomas Burke, dean of Student Life, agreed

that students cannot complain about having nothing to do on campus since they voted not to increase the fee, which was intended to bring more major entertainment events to campus.

However, Durham said he feels that the referendum did bring attention to the idea of raising the fee and that maybe in the next few semesters, students will approve it.

The referendum seemed to get students' attention and

even though it was not passed, almost 46 percent of the voters said yes to the increase.

In the presidential race, Jason Lawson and Jody Bowman will compete in a runoff even though Lawson received 542 votes compared to Bowman's 324. This is necessary because the SGA constitution requires the winning presidential candidate to receive a majority of the votes.

"I think we've got two good candidates, and it's going to be interesting to see what happens," Durham said. "What you did see is the candidates who, on the days of the election, worked the hardest and got out there and got people to notice

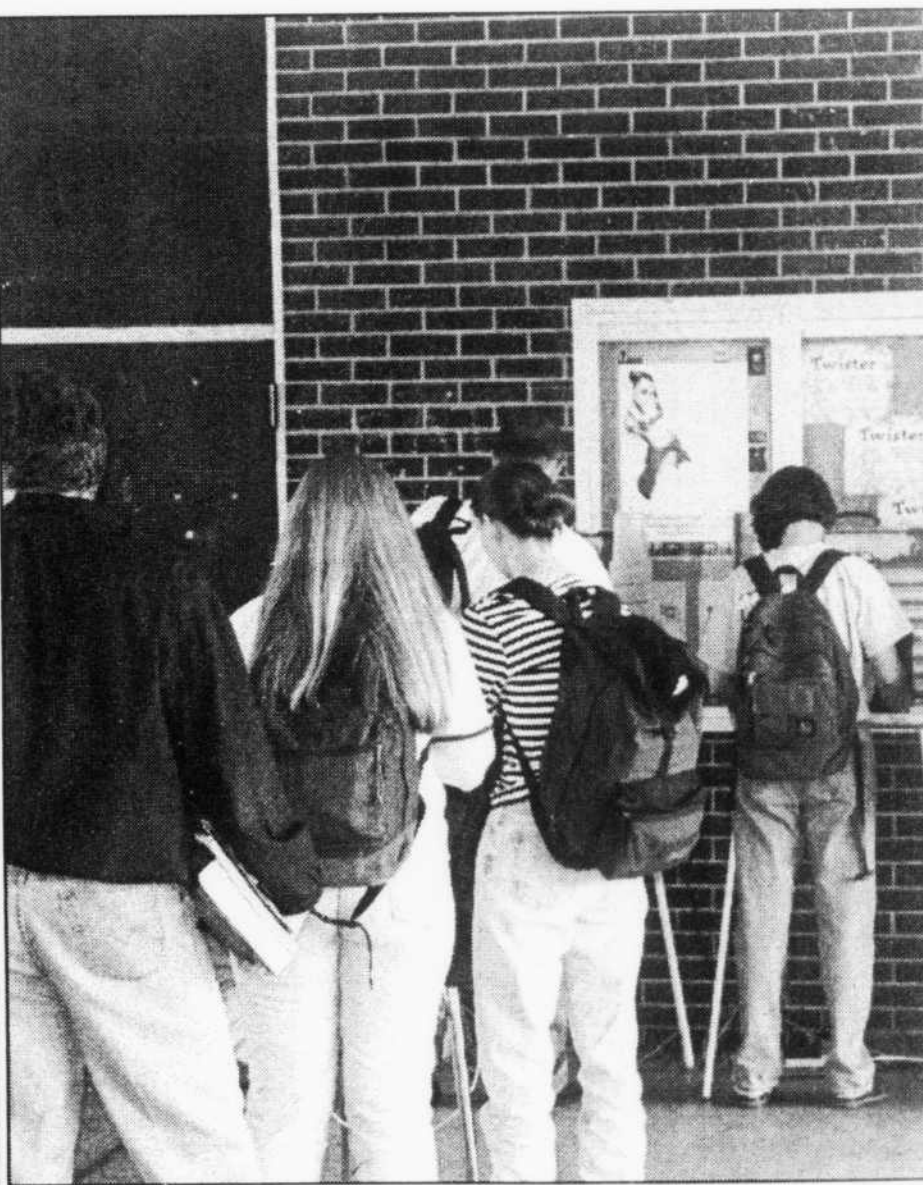
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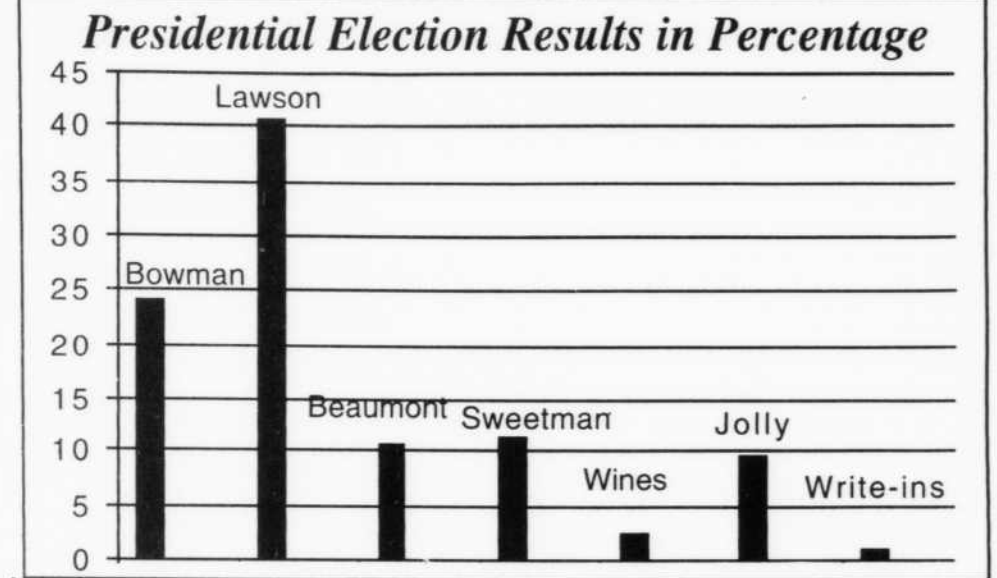
Lawson

Bowman

At the polls



Students wait in line at Peck Hall on Tuesday to vote in the Student Government Association elections. Although voter turnout doubled compared to last year, still less than 10 percent of the student body participated.



Source: Student Government Association

Patti Fosbinder/staff

them. "It all comes down to those two days of the elections. If you're not out there handing out fliers saying to vote, you lose."



Smith

Bowman and Lawson both said they are going to work hard the next few days to win the runoff.

The runoff will be April 21. Durham said he is hoping that voter participation will be high.

"Campus politics always seems to swell around groups and now you've got one Greek candidate and one

independent candidate," Durham said. "Not necessarily pitting that as a match but [students] are putting a lot of ownership in one person in both those groups and I hoping that a lot of students will get out and vote for them."



Spears

Tim Smith won the position of speaker of the Senate while Eric Spear won speaker of the House. Katie Martin, a write-in candidate, won the Election Commissioner position.

Administration knew about policy violations

□ Bryan Brooks and Susan McMahan/staff

University housing officials received student complaints two years ago concerning the actions of former Sims Hall resident Jeffery R. Beaumont, said former Area II coordinator David Stukbauer.

Other administrators were also aware of Beaumont's conduct, said Stukbauer, who now lives in North Carolina. He said that university officials knew Beaumont taped pornography in his third-floor Sims Hall dorm room, sold it through Frank — the university mainframe — and propositioned students to participate in the movies.

"The whole time I was at MTSU it was talked about and it was common knowledge of the staff of Area II and common knowledge of the administration," Stukbauer said, adding that by administration he meant the offices of housing and student life.

When the housing administrators first became aware of Beaumont's activities, they said that unfortunately there was nothing that warranted any action, Stukbauer said.

Stukbauer said he was puzzled by this because he thought that if no federal or state law had been broken, the issue could be pursued at the university level — because at the least a policy prohibiting the sale of products out of university rooms had been violated.

Housing administrators allegedly

told Stukbauer they needed student complaints, even though they were aware of Beaumont's web pages and that he was propositioning students.

Two more complaints were turned in by residents on the third floor of Sims Hall, Stukbauer said adding that the students approached then-third floor resident assistant Keith Slocum about the propositioning of students for on-campus pornography.

Beaumont refused to comment on the issue.

Slocum said he took the two students to Stukbauer's area coordinator office where they filled out the appropriate paperwork.

Brandon Carter, who was the second anonymous source in the April 6 story, is a Sims Hall resident who wrote and filed a complaint with housing. He said he did so with the assurance that it would be investigated.

The complaints were turned in to housing by Stukbauer who said, "as [the complaints] were read through, the last thing that was said to me was quote, 'this is what we needed,' unquote," and that it would be referred to the assistant dean.

To Stukbauer's knowledge it was that assistant dean who talked to Beaumont.

He verified that Dean of Student Life Tom Burke, then-Assistant Dean of Student Life Rodney Bennett, Associate Director of Student Life

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'Sidelines' names fall editor in chief

From 'Stay Fit' to editorship, Jennie Treadway takes the reins

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Jennie Treadway has been chosen by the Student Publication Committee to succeed current "Sidelines" editor in chief Chad Gillis in the fall.

Treadway, who is majoring in exercise science and wellness while minoring in journalism, will step into the role with a solid and balanced

background in academics and reporting.

"She had an incredible application and great writing skills," said Claudia Barnett, a member of the Student Publication Committee. "She was highly organized and she had a specific plan. She seemed really together."

A member of the MTSU honors program, Treadway is currently the sports co-editor of "Sidelines."

However, she has experience with "Sidelines" in both the editorial and advertising departments. As a



Treadway

freshman staff writer, Treadway covered the Student Government Association beat in addition to being the wire editor and "Campus Showcase" editor. She has spent the past two semesters working with classified ads and three semesters writing a weekly health column.

During her semester as editor in chief, Treadway plans to continue opening the lines of communication between "Sidelines" and the rest of the MTSU campus.

She also hopes to improve the design of the paper as well as encourage the staff to focus on the basics of journalism combined with creativity and vigor.

"If anything, I want the staff to always keep in mind the reasons why

they work so hard," Treadway said. "With or without the paper, this is such a fast-paced period in our lives. We have a lot to learn and a lot to pass on to others."

While attending Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Treadway got her first taste of journalism when she worked as a reporter for "Teen Times," a supplemental section of the "Chattanooga Times."

"I loved walking into the newsroom of the 'Times' on Thursday nights. I felt so important," Treadway said. "My editor, Mark Kennedy, told me from the beginning that I had potential. He still does."

Upon her expected graduation in May of 2000, Treadway is looking to begin her professional career by writing for a health publication.

MTSU On Campus



To have information placed in the On Campus section of the paper, come by the "Sidelines" office, located in JUB 310, and fill out a form located on the table by the door. Information must be submitted in person. The deadline for Monday's paper is Thursday at 5 p.m. The deadline for Thursday's paper is Monday at 5 p.m. A new form must be filled out for each edition or the information will not be run.

April 16
The Society of Professional Journalists invites all journalism students to a resume writing and job interviewing workshop at 5 p.m. in Mass Comm 151. Martha Turner, director of student placement services, will give a presentation. For more information contact Lisa Rollins at 898-3697 or CaNesha Gordon at 898-4176.

A Dance for Diabetes

sponsored by Pi Sigma Epsilon will be held at 8 p.m. at Jonathan's on the Square. Bands playing will include John Blaze and Windhamearle.

April 22
The Geology Club and the Resource Management Class will be giving away seedlings to early visitors of their Earth Day Celebration and Information Booth from 9 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the KUC.

Lecture: ethics, aesthetics intersect

□ Jamie Evans/staff

The philosophy department will present a lecture by Ted Cohen as the last part of the 11th Annual Applied Philosophy Lyceum on Friday, April 17.

Cohen's topic will be "Metaphors of Personal Identification." Exploring the area where ethics and aesthetics intersect, Cohen will examine the moral significance of understanding and identifying with fictional characters.

Cohen is a professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago and holds a doctorate from Harvard University.

He has several publications that deal with aesthetics. Included are reflections on the nature of photography, the

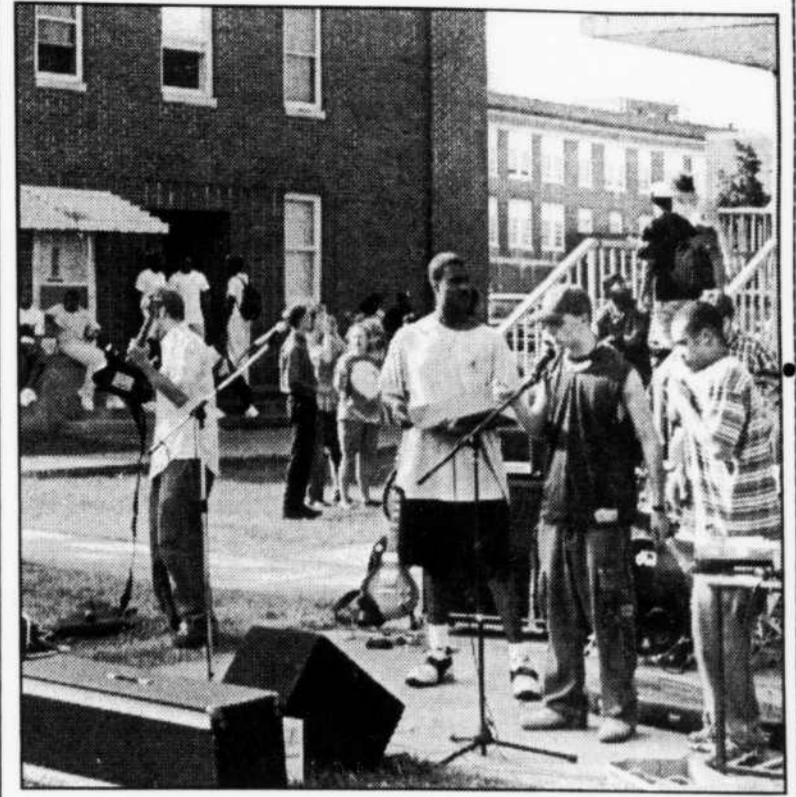
categories of high and low art, metaphor and jokes. He has contributed to the philosophy of film, and is well known for his expertise in eighteenth century aesthetics. He is also co-editor of "Essays in Kant's Aesthetics and Pursuits of Reason: Essays in Honor of Stanley Cavell."

The purpose of the Applied Philosophy Lyceum is to provoke philosophical reflection by bringing distinguished scholars to MTSU to address a variety of contemporary issues.

The lecture will be held at 3:30 p.m. in James Union Building 304. The lecture is free and open to the public. A discussion period and informal reception will follow.

For more information, contact the MTSU philosophy department at 898-2907.

Sizzlin'



Students flock to the Areas I and II Second Annual Spring Cookout for free food, prizes and fun in the sun Tuesday. Jamie Evans/staff

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Bernice Hughes and Housing Director Debra Sells were all aware of Beaumont's misconduct.

Sells referred all questions to News and Public Affairs Director Doug Williams, who said that he spoke to officials in the student affairs department. Williams said he was told that no complaints, including handwritten ones, were received from 1995 to present concerning pornography in a dorm room, misuse of an e-mail account or that students had been propositioned to appear in adult movies.

Burke said he also was unaware of any complaints being filed with Student Affairs, which oversees Housing and Residence Life. Bennett and Hughes were both unavailable for comment.

"As God as my witness, those written complaints were delivered to the director, and

people know about this stuff," Stukbauer said.

Assistant Dean of Judicial Affairs Gene Fitch said he has received six complaints of a male student misusing an e-mail and web page account since last summer.

Fitch said most of the complaints come from outside Tennessee.

"He's getting paid for every 'hit' on that particular e-mail account number," Fitch said.

Owners of some web sites pay others to link a home page to their site. Every time a user clicks a link on a home page that leads to the web site, the owners will give that person a few cents for each "hit."

One site that offers money for posting links is www.amateurs.com, an adult site. Several of the Deja News postings that included Beaumont's MTSU e-mail address included links to the amateurs site.

The over 100 Deja News postings — that contained Beaumont's e-mail address,

advertised for models and told people about the November 1996 release of "Cummin' to Class II" — were removed earlier this week.

Before they were removed, Stukbauer said, university administrators were aware of Beaumont's internet activities.

Former Sims Hall Resident Director Stephen Balee agreed with Stukbauer that housing and several deans were aware of Beaumont positioning students to be taped for money.

"I can't believe this is just now coming up," said Balee, a St. Louis accountant who graduated in 1996.

"Incident reports were filled out on all this, they're out there."

Balee described how Beaumont allegedly approached other residents of Sims Hall.

"When people would be out drinking and come home drunk, he would proposition them to come into his room and play with themselves," Balee said.

"He wasn't telling anybody what he was doing with [the tapes]. He wasn't saying he was selling them. None of that came out till later."

Balee said the only thing housing workers knew at that time was that Beaumont was offering cash to guys in the dorms to be video taped.

"Some didn't always know they were on tape and some were minors — not everybody in the dorms is 18," Balee said.

Balee added that not all people taped were campus residents. Some were people Beaumont allegedly had met at bars or over the internet through his advertising.

He also said that Beaumont's roommate, David Bloemker, came to him one day and said that Beaumont was "doing some weird things" in their room and he wanted out.

Bloemker worked as administrative assistant of the Student Government Association traffic court under Beaumont, who is currently SGA attorney general.

Bloemker, who was a source in the first story concerning Beaumont, resigned from his position early last week.

The situation was almost comical to the Area II staff, Stukbauer said, because they and the upper housing administration told the resident assistants to uphold university policies and residential life regulations, while allowing the activities of Beaumont to go unpunished.

"Here we were telling [the resident assistants] to do this out of one side of our mouth, and we looked hypocritical in their eyes because they knew we knew — everybody knew — that Beaumont was doing these things."

Stukbauer said he first became aware of improprieties by Beaumont when Jeff Eslick, the Sims Hall third floor resident assistant at that time, approached him about a hole in a bathroom shower divider.

Residents had complained that someone had drilled a hole in a shower partition that was

over 3/4 of an inch thick. Everybody was convinced that the person who had done this was Beaumont, Stukbauer said adding that this was probably brought to his attention in the fall of 1995.

He described the rest as "unfolding like a saga," with knowledge of the movies coming not long after the hole in the shower partition appeared. He said he never personally looked at the on-line advertisements for the movies because he believed they were too offensive.

"If 15 RAs told me [that the web pages were offensive], hey that was good enough for me," Stukbauer explained. "More people than that told me, though."

He said he is sure that the Area II staff members were not the only people who knew what was going on in the dorm and he wonders why something was not done about the situation.

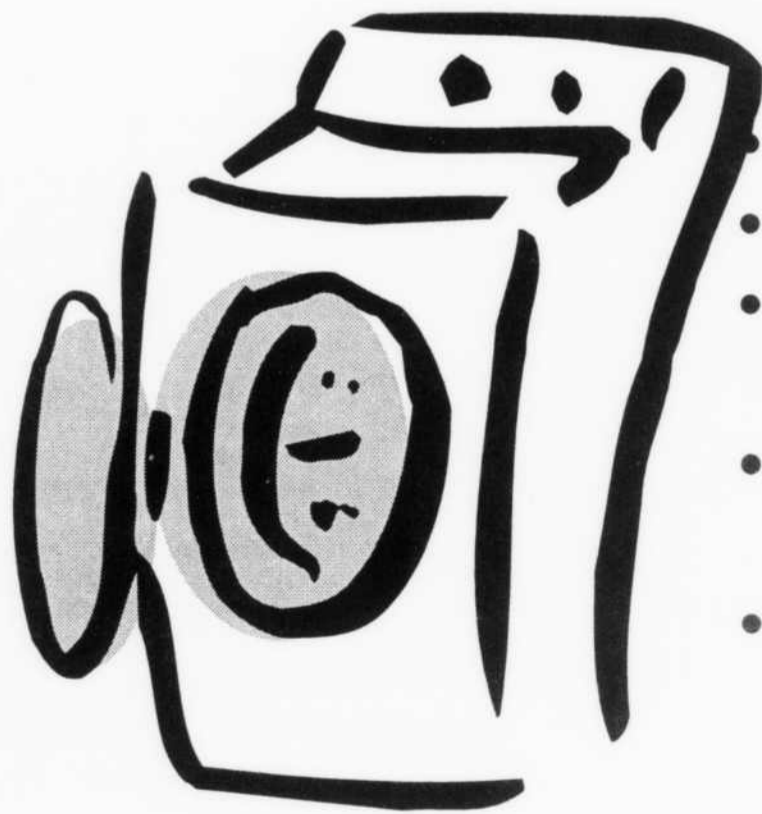
"That's a good question," he added. "When you find out, I'd like to know."

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Internet links education

□ Christine Tatum CPS

Last summer, Stephanie Murg needed money for college. Big money.

She estimated that four years at the University of Rochester in New York would cost around \$112,000. It was a price tag too steep for her parents - especially given that her twin brother was also headed to school.

So Murg, now 19 and majoring in neuroscience, went on an aggressive fishing expedition, with help from the Internet, brought in enough cash to pay her way through

college. Every dime, loan-free. The scholarships and grants she found on the 'net alone totaled more than \$25,000. The rest she's paying with merit-based aid and a few local scholarships.

"I found so much money on the Internet that I was able to study over the summer at Yale and pay for it all," Murg said. "The web is really the way to go nowadays. You just point and click, and you're there."

Experts agree that the Internet is fast becoming the best place for students to find scholarships, grants and low-interest loans. And aside from

getting the benefits of efficiency and speed, students don't necessarily have to spend money to find money.

"There's so much information out there that I would never, ever pay someone to find anything for me," Murg said. "All it takes is a little patience and organization."

And a few mouse clicks. Murg said she found out about many of the scholarships she won by using FastWEB.

"When it's time for me to go to graduate school I'll be using them again," she said.

Leaders to meet at TSU

□ CaNesha Gordon staff

Student Leaders from across Middle Tennessee will come together at Tennessee State University Saturday to face a challenge.

TSU is sponsoring the annual Nashville Leadership Summit from 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

"It is a real unique opportunity for students," said Gina Poff, director of student development for MTSU. It will give students a chance to work with students who they normally wouldn't get a chance to work with."

The theme this year is "Face the Challenge."

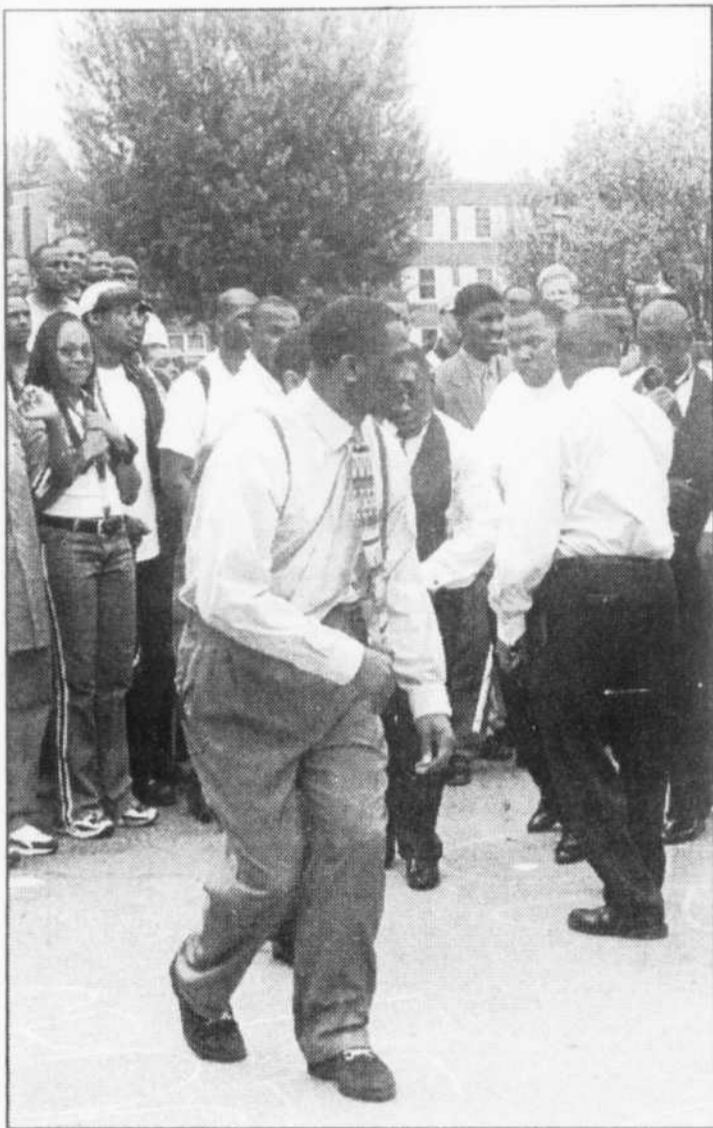
The Summit is for all university students all universities around the Middle Tennessee Area. It gives area students a chance to learn leadership skills working with students outside their own campus.

The keynote speaker is Jenny Hannon from the Nashville Predators.

The summit will also have many different workshops. Students will attend three or four during the day.

Workshop topics will include ethics, communication, and diversity. The workshops will be taught by faculty, staff, and students.

Steppin' out



Jamie Evans/staff

Kappa Alpha Psi used a limousine to deliver its new initiates in front of the Keathley University Center Wednesday to do a "line," which is the last step before they become full members.

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The MTSU Parking Authority wants to Answer Your Questions

The Parking Authority is interested, first and foremost, in answering some of the most-often asked questions. The department's renewed emphasis on service—service to students, faculty and staff, and the community—will soon be reflected in a departmental name change.

Q. We are an "auxiliary." What does that mean?

A: An "auxiliary" department receives no state funding but instead is completely self-supporting. We support our operations through revenue received from parking permit fees, parking meters, and special services. And yes, we receive revenue from parking citations. But contrary to popular belief, we do not delight in making our money from issuing fines.

Q. Why do permit fees continually rise?

A: First, the bad news. They will probably go up again this fall. Now to explain. Our revenues go toward all our operating costs, including office expenses, salaries, and benefits—the constructing, paving, and lighting of new parking lots—all electrical needs associated with new lots—all re-surfacing and re-striping of lots—all parking signage—and all costs related to the Raider Xpress Shuttle Buses, including new buses, maintenance, fuel, new bus shelters, and the salaries and benefits of our bus drivers.

Here are some figures to give you an idea of the costs involved: The resurfacing of the Greenland Lot and the addition of the new handicapped spaces cost \$198,000. The construction of the gravel lot adjacent to the Rec Center cost \$195,000, and the lot behind Mass Comm cost \$96,000. The creation of the new lot near Smith Hall and the changes in the lot near Davis Science together amount to nearly \$80,000.

Q. What improvements will we see for the fee hike?

A: In addition to the above escalating expenses, we plan to expand the Rec Center gravel lot—pave the existing Rec Center and Mass Comm gravel lots—explore improved lighting in existing lots—review current shuttle routes and expand routes to new areas on campus, which will lead to increased staff and better service—review and upgrade our shuttle fleet—and explore the feasibility of using TRAM (Telephone Aided Response at Middle) to register parking permits.

Q. How much \$\$ does the Parking Authority bring in?

A: During fiscal 1996-1997, our revenue was \$940,796. Our expenses during that same time were \$1,404,026. We reached into our reserve account to make up the difference. And out of all those expenses, those for our personnel account for only about 20 percent of the annual operating expenses. Statistics show that for an operation of our size, personnel expenses can often range between 40-60 percent.

Q. How much does MTSU stack up against other universities?

A: Believe it or not, MTSU parking fees are comparatively low. Here are some comparisons:

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| Memphis | Flat \$20.57/semester | \$82.29/semester (Gated) \$139/semester (Garage) |
| Old Dominion | \$126-\$239 a year based on salary level \$56/semester commuters | |
| U of NC Charlotte | Flat \$155 a year | \$25 additional |

If you have any questions, you are encouraged to call the MTSU Parking Authority Office at 898-2850.

"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

Editorials

Idle Tennessee State University

Trends sweep across this nation in paramount fashion: pounding America with the force of a tsunami and leaving little but the smell of dead fish behind.

Voter turnout is no exception. The U.S. population is constantly spoon fed statistics that suggest only rich, elderly citizens visit the polls on a regular basis.

These figures also imply that persons with a college education are more likely to vote than those who don't.

Once again this spring, the MTSU student body is trashing such assumptions with good ol' apathetic pride.

It may be true that our Student Government Association makes a minute difference in the life of the average student. Student governments are supposed to reflect the campus they represent. And ours does just that.

Students at MTSU are completely powerless. We don't even care to select a candidate to represent us.

Though commendments are due to the few individuals who dare to take on responsibilities outside their own dorm rooms or apartments, MTSU is little more than an overpopulated community college.

Most college students across the country strive daily to compete to the best of their abilities. But at Snuffy State we simply choose to meander through life like a tortoise on heroin. Our students thrive on idleness and take every opportunity to redefine the term "slacker."

Participation numbers generated by this campus are quite embarrassing. When less than 10 percent of our community votes during student body elections, the future seems bleak at best.

Corrections

In the April 13 edition of "Sidelines," state Attorney General John Knox Walkup was identified simply as John Knox in an article titled "Legalities delay MTSU name change." We appologize for the error and would like to assure our readers that the mistake was not intentional.

Got a gripe? Let us hear about it.



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The New Boy Scouts



From the Mailbox

Sweetman's platform weak regarding freshman parking

To the editor:

Hello, my name is Marianne Storer, and I am a concerned student. In the last edition of "Sidelines," there was a candidate profile, and one of the candidates brought up an idea that is very dangerous. Susan Sweetman wants to stop freshmen from having cars on campus. This must be her best attempt at solving the parking problem, but I want the students to really think about this.

Most of the freshmen on campus who have cars work off campus. Most of them work to pay their way through school. If we take this away, we will see a drastic drop in the enrollment of MTSU, especially over a four-year period. But a teacher's salary doesn't depend on the number of students enrolled. In order to pay the teachers the same amount, they will have to charge us more to make up for the difference!! This means a tuition increase will result from stopping freshmen from having cars on campus!! I don't want that, and I don't think that the student body does. Let's not let this happen!

Sincerely,
Marianne Storer

'Sidelines' should not be so cavalieric when harming reputations

To the editor:

After reading the recent article entitled "Beaumont Exposed," I'm

frustrated. Isn't this scandal something we here at MTSU should be somewhat embarrassed about? Surely, students aren't the only people who read "Sidelines." Must we advertise that our SGA attorney general and presidential candidate has been making pornos on campus? I'm not saying we should ignore it. You guys have an obligation to inform us voters of such things. But I don't see where it's necessary to blow it up and go into such detail.

I find it disturbing how the media always seems to act so excited about pointing out the shortcomings of our voted officials. The Beaumont situation can be compared to the Clinton scandal. In both cases the media acts excited, not even thinking about the possibility of wide-spread embarrassment. Here the guy whom we voted president of our country is involved in a sex scandal, and all the media does is hype it up, making us look stupid. Are the British laughing?

I am in no way trying to come to Beaumont's defense or say that you guys did him wrong. I'm simply pointing out that it's unwise to be so cavalieric about something that harms the reputation of our university.

John Binkley
sophomore
journalism

'Sidelines' simply filling societal hunger for the outrageous

To the editor:

Last week's issue of "Sidelines" with its headlines boasting of a SGA Presidential nominee being linked to

a homosexual internet ring have sparked discussion and debate around the lunch table and in classrooms across campus. Everyone seems to be questioning the integrity of all involved, from the nominee to the journalist responsible for the story, to the editor who allowed such an article to be published. They seem to be focusing on the negative exposure which the story has received having been picked up by local news and print media, and the potential damage such exposure might cause for our image. But isn't the real issue here not that our image might be tarnished, but that such actions could go on and continue going on with the seeming knowledge of school officials. Should we not be more concerned with the effects, if the allegations prove to be true, of having a student elected representative who lacks the morals and integrity to adhere to the basic rules and regulations of the governing body that he was elected to promote?

Why then are we persecuting the messenger? Even if the allegations prove to be false, a mere product of mudslinging at its lower level, can we really point our finger at or blame the journalist? Are they not simply filling our hunger, bad or immoral, for the outrageous? It seems we have become a society so driven by entertainment derived from sleazy stories aired out in a public forum labeled as talk shows, where the more unbelievable the affair or smut the higher the television rankings. If you do not buy into such a philosophy, how would you explain the circulation of record numbers of the issue containing this article, and what were the reasonings behind your interest in the article? Either way, whether for our education or entertainment, right or wrong, the journalist was simply fulfilling our expectations as readers.

John Michael Grooms

Bystander indifference adds insult to injury

□ Jae Shetty CPS

Picture this: You're sitting in your living room knocking down a cold one when you hear screams coming from the parking lot outside your apartment.

Do you: a) turn up the TV, because all that racket is interfering with this week's X-Files; b) ignore it; c) look out the window, see someone being assaulted and close the blinds because you don't want to get involved; or, d) dial 911, and tell the police dispatcher that someone is getting beaten up in the parking lot of your apartment complex.

As a result of this public apathy, cab driver Moustapha Narouf died in the trunk of his taxi while police searched the neighborhood and conducted a door-to-door investigation looking for witnesses. You have to wonder what motivates people to be the first on their block to complain about the neighbor's stereo being a little too loud and the last to dial 911

when they see a man being beaten and robbed.

The same kind of thing happened in 1964 in New York City.

In the early morning hours of March 13, 1964, bar manager Kitty Genovese was brutally attacked and murdered in front of her Queens, NY, apartment building. It was reported that 38 of her neighbors watched from their windows as a man attacked her, stabbed her, raped her and then left her for dead.

It wasn't until her assailant returned to rape her again and kill her that anyone bothered to call police.

Psychologists call such behavior "bystander indifference." It's not that these people didn't care what was happening to their neighbor or to the cab driver. They simply took their cues from other witnesses. These bystanders either assumed they didn't need to get involved because someone else would, or that the incident wasn't very serious because no one appeared to be getting involved.

Bystander indifference reared its ugly head in the summer of 1995 when Deletha Word jumped to her death in the Detroit River to escape getting beaten by a man with a crowbar. Some of the dozens of people in the crowd even cheered when she jumped.

After a tender-bender, a Detroit man had gotten so upset with Word that he chased her through traffic. When she was stopped by a rush-hour traffic jam on a bridge, he got out of his car, grabbed a crowbar and chased her until she jumped off the bridge to escape her attacker.

This kind of public indifference permeates today's society. We are guilty of every time we pass a driver pulled over on the side of the interstate and assume someone else will stop to offer help. Every time we pass a school yard and see a group of kids picking on another kid and assume it's either harmless play or not our place to interfere. Every time we see a crime taking place and tell

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U. S. needs campaign reform bill

College Press Service

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Once again, Congress has defeated efforts to reform the way political campaigns are run.

In the latest incident, Republican leadership in the House of Representatives brought the issue to the floor as a package of four bills. The Republicans limited debate to 40 minutes for each bill, said that no amendments would be allowed and that a two-thirds majority would be required for passage.

Normally, such measures are used for non-controversial bills. Several Democrats rushed to denounce the process as a sham. Even Rep. Christopher Shays, a Republican from Connecticut, called the proceedings an "abomination."

But the Democrats are not heroes here, either. The first of the four bills would have curtailed union activities and allowed larger campaign contributions from individuals and political action committees, or PACs, than current law allows. That made the entire bill unacceptable to Democrats, though they did like the ban on soft money donations to the national

parties.

So, with many Republicans not wanting to vote for campaign finance, and Democrats unable to vote for a bill that would curb union activities — something having little to do with campaign finance reform — the bill was soundly defeated.

Once again, the will of the people has been thwarted by a minority of special interests in Congress.

President Clinton set the goal of getting a campaign finance reform bill on his desk by last July, but so far, Republican leadership has refused to take acceptable legislation to the floor of the House of Representatives. Not one member of the Republican leadership voted for the last bill.

The Republican leadership does not want to see campaign finance reform because the current system overwhelmingly favors its party. Republicans almost always raise more money than Democrats. The whole point of the democratic political system is that candidates should be forced to win on a level playing field.


This latest failure to reform campaign

financing is another example of fat politicians — both Republicans and Democrats — attempting to stay in office. Students have no financial power, so we can't be heard. Every year the University has to fight so that its budget isn't slashed even more. Even so, every year the Pentagon receives more money than it requests.

The politicians keep promising, but they always make excuses so things continue to happen as they always have. It is not in the interest of entrenched incumbents to be more accessible, and it is not in the best interest of the special interests that fund them for campaigns to be more accessible.

It is, however, in our best interest. An ordinary American can no longer run for office. There have been several cases so far this year in which prominent politicians have decided not to run for higher office because they believed it would be too hard to raise money for their campaigns.

The effects of inaction are already being realized. A system in which the country cannot get the best leaders possible is reason enough for reform.



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BY KEITH KNIGHT

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ourselves we don't want to get involved. Since the Denver incident, several people have voiced their outrage that such a thing could happen. State legislators are even discussing a bill that would make it a misdemeanor offense to witness a crime and not report it. Whether another law will help remains to be seen. It may just prompt people to look the other way and deny they saw anything at all.

But the facts remain: Not one person in the crowd stepped up to confront Doletta Word's assailant. Not one person shouted out a window of the Queens apartment building to confront Kitty Genovese's murderer. Not one shouted out a window of the Denver high-rise apartment building to confront Moustapha Narouf's attackers.

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MT Free Exit plays at Springwater at 9 p.m.

MT Fred Knobloch, Dean Dillon, Thom Schuyler, Tony Arata and Kim Richey perform at the Bluebird starting at 9:30 p.m.

MT Gillian Welch and David Rawlings play the Station Inn.

Friday, April 17

A seminar called "Can They Really Sing That? Popular Music and the First Amendment" will be held on campus from 10 a.m. till noon and from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. The first session is called "Past Challenges, Present Environment" and the second session is called "Present Concerns, Future Prospects." Speakers at the event include Ree Garofalo, a professor of Music at the University of Massachusetts-Boston and author of "Rockin' Out: Popular Music in the USA," and Nina Crowley, executive director of the Massachusetts Music Industry Coalition. The event will be moderated by recording industry professor Paul Fischer. The event is free and open to the public and will be held in the Business-Aerospace Building State Farm Lecture Hall (S204). For more information, please contact Fischer at 898-5470.

MT A philosophy lyceum will be held in James Union Building 304 at 3:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

MT Big Jim Slade plays Springwater at 9 p.m.

MT Wild & Blue play the Station Inn.

MT Hugh Prestwood, Mike Reid and Skip Ewing perform at the Bluebird at 9:30 p.m.

MT Booby Hatch, Process Is Dead and From Ashes Rise play the Indinet Record Shop at 8 p.m. The show is all ages. \$5 cover.

Saturday, April 19

MT Doyle Eskridge and Changing Times play the Station Inn.

MT Brown 25 plays Springwater at 9 p.m.

MT Gary Burr & Friends performs at the Bluebird at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 20

MT Tonight is the Bluebird's Writers Night. The show starts at 8 p.m.

MT Outta the Blues plays Springwater at 5 p.m.

MT The Benefit for Madron School featuring John Cowan, Scott Vestal and J. Douglas among others is being held at the Station Inn. The show starts at 7 p.m.

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What if Bill was one of us?

Could the president, lately more popular as the butt of talk show jokes than as a leader, cut it as a Blue Raider?

□ Sarah Gunter, special to Sidelines

If President Clinton were a student at MTSU, would he be popular? It appears he would, but maybe not for good reasons.

It seems these days that Clinton is associated more with David Letterman, Jay Leno and Monica Lewinsky than being our president. Late night talk show hosts stay busy telling continuous jokes about Bill and intern Monica. But this seems to have had little effect on how MTSU students feel about him.

With the continuing sex scandal involving the president heating up, I asked 100 MTSU students how they feel about him. Many answers were surprising while others were virtually unanimous. Eighty percent said their feelings have not changed since the scandal.

Love him or hate him, many feel that he's not the first man in the White House to have an affair. An overwhelming 90 percent feel that presidents in the past have had "secret lovers" and just didn't get caught.

For example there were rumors surrounding former President John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe. Many believe she gave him more than a happy birthday song.

Whether or not he's the first to have an affair, he is the first to be involved in a sexual harassment case while in office. Paula Jones accused Clinton of using his power as Governor of Arkansas to try to get sexual favors from her. Meanwhile, he was allegedly accused of having an affair with Lewinsky and trying to persuade her to commit perjury on the stand involving the

Whitewater case.

"Although Clinton has done good things for the economy and college students, [if found guilty] he should not be left unpunished," recording industry student Margaret Evans said.

"It would be saying that sexual harassment and abuse of power is okay and set women back years."

She adds that "it would be nice if we could just impeach him from the waist down."

Many students share the opinion that if indeed he is guilty Clinton should be punished in some way. A junior student, who wishes to remain anonymous, claims that if the president is found guilty, "something needs to happen. He should have the same punishment as anyone else."

Although students believe he should be punished, if he is found guilty, they have mixed feelings about the trial being held while the president is in office. Eighty-five percent say the trial should have

waited. Many feel a public trial against our president could be looked upon unfavorably by other countries and could make the United States look vulnerable.

How do students feel about Clinton making the headlines this way?

"It's not even a trial yet and it's all you see on TV," claims Evans.

The scandal is in all the media and the butt of many jokes. This could put a negative light on the president. Even while asking students to fill out this survey I heard them say, "I'm so sick of him" and "I'm tired of him interrupting my TV shows."

Many students feel the news has been overplayed, yet an anonymous student claims "they [the media] are reporting the facts as they see it."

Junior student Michelle Reed insists "the media talk about it so much that it becomes uninteresting." She claims that "whether or not it's true doesn't seem to matter anymore."

Belief is a big factor in this scandal. Ninety percent of polled students say they don't know if Monica Lewinsky is telling the truth. Still, not one person said they disbelieved her.

So, what would you do if you were in Clinton's shoes?

This is not an easy question, but Evans feels he should "keep his pants on or find someone who won't tell. And that view is shared by many who believe Clinton has no gamy problems.

Another student said he feels "he should tell the truth, don't be just like JFK and deny it only for the truth to come out later."

"He should be more careful regarding his sex life and at least be faithful while he's in office," Reed said.

We don't know if he was faithful while in office, but he has admitted to having an affair before being elected.

Forty-eight percent felt that because Clinton had an affair with Jennifer Flowers he can not be trusted to perform other duties in a morally responsible way.

"If he can not be faithful to his wife," Reed declares, "how can he be faithful to us?"

So, don't look for Clinton to win Mr. Popularity based on his moral belief, although he may win votes for biggest political flirt.



Paul Rudd goes where characters lead him

□ By Ian Spelling/College Press Service

This Rudd's for you.

Paul Rudd, who made girls swoon as Alicia Silverstone's stepbrother in "Clueless" and as Claire Danes' rejected suitor in "William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet," has Jennifer Aniston pointing the way for him in the new comedy-drama, "The Object of My Affection." This time, however, Rudd's character is gay.

"Everyone has been in love with somebody they can't have," Rudd says. "That's a universal theme. It's such a common story, regardless of your sexuality. Everyone can relate to the characters in this film. And I don't think the audience for 'Object' is limited to women and gay men. You can be straight and enjoy it."

The story goes like this: New York social worker Nina Borowski (Aniston) gets pregnant by her boyfriend (John Pankow), whom she doesn't love. She decides to have the baby and becomes roommates with George Hanson (Rudd), who's just been dumped by his pompous lover (Tim Daly).

They grow close, very close, as Aniston's due date nears, but George knows he can't ever be with Nina, which leads to all sorts of heart-tugging travails.

Heading into "Object," Rudd notes, he didn't obsess over the fact that he'd be portraying a homosexual. "My only responsibility was to do what Nicholas Hytner ('Object's' openly gay director) wanted and to try to create an honest human being," says the handsome, friendly Rudd during a conversation at a Los Angeles hotel. "I didn't feel as if I were carrying the torch for gay rights. I loved the fact that the film didn't pander toward homosexuality or try to make any statements. It wasn't pro- or anti-gay rights. It's just a story about a guy with a lot of emotional

stuff, and he happens to be gay. George is confused about a lot of things, but he's very happy with his sexuality."

If "Object" works, it does so because of the chemistry between Aniston and Rudd. The actor, who majored in drama at the University of Kansas, has nothing but praise for his co-star.

"Jennifer can take something that's not very funny and make it funny, and she can take something that's not very moving and make it moving," says the actor, who's 29, lives in New York City and finished a year-long stint in the Tony Award winning play "Last Night at Ballyhoo" just one night before shooting on "Object" began.

"This script was funny and moving, and that played even more into Jennifer's talents. I really liked her as a person, too. She takes herself seriously, but she doesn't take herself seriously."

With "Object" heading into theaters, Rudd is gearing up for his next project, a staging of "Twelfth Night" at Lincoln Center in Manhattan. He'll co-star with Helen Hunt and Kyra Sedgwick under the direction of Hytner, also a renowned theater director.

"I'm very excited," Rudd says. "It's going to be a great challenge. The more I do both film and theater, the more I see the similarities and differences between them. But it's the differences that are the most striking. You can do something subtle and small on film, and you just can't do that on stage. For me, the stage is a better gymnasium to work out on. You can learn little tricks in front of a camera. I just think you can take bigger steps on stage."

Rudd's love of the acting craft, as he puts it, just sort of happened. It



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Paul Rudd as George and Jennifer Aniston as Nina share a tender moment in "The Object of My Affection."

stemmed from a need for attention he had as a kid growing up in Kansas.

"Anyone who goes into this profession probably comes from a very insecure place," he says, laughing. "When I was in high school, I did some goofing around, comedy stuff. I had no interest in real drama. My next door neighbor was over at my house one day and he and my dad were sitting there. They said, 'What do you want to be?' I was getting ready for college and had been thinking about graphic art as a career. My neighbor said, 'What about being an actor?' And I said, 'Yeah, maybe.' After that I thought that might not be so bad. And here we are."

Here appears to be the brink of stardom, but Rudd doesn't plan to play

the game the way most actors do. He refuses to abandon his stage work for the brass ring of big-budget films.

"I can see where it could be easy to get caught up in a lot of career stuff, to kind of lose your footing," he says.

"I just try to always keep clear that I want to do things I'd want to go see. I hope to do a capable job in whatever the project is. I enjoy theater. I enjoy the feeling of being a part of something that's a tradition. I enjoy being in New York and being a part of that community. And I love doing a good movie, too. A good movie is great fun. But I don't let paychecks from movies dictate my decisions. Like I said, films are not as fulfilling for me as going on stage, and I think that will always be the case."

Grumpy men too old to be odd

The Movie Guy
Jared Wilson



Thirty years after the original "The Odd Couple," Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau have done plenty of movies together, and their return to playwright Neil Simon's classic characters (Felix and Oscar) proves one thing: the schtick is wearing thin.

Every recent movie Lemmon and Matthau have starred in together has been a weak variation of "Grumpy Old Men," and even that 1993 hit was a take-off on "The Odd Couple."

This sequel is merely a lame buddy picture about the curmudgeons reuniting to find their way to the wedding between Felix's daughter and Oscar's son (a wasted Jonathan Silverman).

The result is one mishap after another. They get lost. They get arrested for transporting illegal aliens, killing a man and hijacking a bus — all mix-ups, of course.

And, predictably, they argue.

The playful animosity between the two complete opposites (Felix is a hypochondriac neat freak; Oscar is a laid-back slob) provides two hours of old guys insulting each other with the weakest jokes imaginable. You can see every barb coming.

Simon's writing earned him an Oscar nomination for Best Adapted Screenplay in 1968, but in this flick he's just going through the motions. The jolly friction between Oscar and Felix, the premise that made the original such a success (and kept Matthau and Lemmon out of unemployment for so long), reveals itself in stolen glances, but most of their exchanges fall flat.

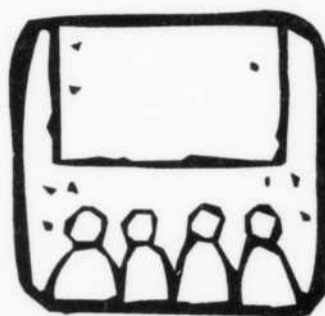
"Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II" has its moments, but it would be no great exaggeration to say that maybe one in four jokes work, and then only because the stars' enthusiastic deliveries make them work.

The movie also features

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amusing cameos from lesser-known character actors like Estelle Harris ("Seinfeld"), Amy Yasbeck ("Wings") and Christine Baranski ("Cybill"), among others, but the funniest appearances are made by — of all things — facial hair.

Silverman looks ridiculous in his goatee, and Matthau has forests springing from his ears. Let's hope the make-up artist is severely punished for letting that slide.

"The Odd Couple" is a classic that should have stayed un-revived.

And speaking of classics, my video pick for the week is the 1941 Orson Welles masterpiece "Citizen Kane."

"Citizen Kane" is a wonderful film detailing a reporter's search for information on a deceased newspaper tycoon, the Kane of the title.

With many movies from Hollywood's Golden Era, what you see is what you get. Most were made for entertainment and for entertainment alone, but "Citizen Kane" is the furthest extreme away from superficial there can be.

Every image, every single camera angle and every single splendid line of carefully poetic dialogue is rich with meaning. Welles's characters say what they mean, but mean much more than they say.

His direction is superb, as well. The deliberate use of light and shadow reveal and conceal specific places, people and props at just the right

moments, adding cinematic beauty to the film's unique structure.

The titular Charlie Kane is a man determined to buy happiness, but he can rarely achieve contentment in his unending quest. He builds his wife an opera house to showcase her lackluster singing abilities, and then makes sure his newspapers promote her appearances.

Kane creates the news in his attempts to control life.

The image of the snowglobe seen in the opening sequence, and again toward the film's conclusion, represents his attempts to hold on to life. And the snowy scene within the globe resembles the life he most wants to own.

It also provides a clue as to what his cryptic last words mean.

Trivia buffs may already know the answer, but the uninitiated will have to watch the movie from start to finish to understand.

Even then, however, it is difficult to comprehend the film in its entirety.

William Alland as Thompson seems to reflect the picture's nature with his lines: "Mr. Kane was a man who got everything he wanted, and then lost it. Maybe Rosebud was something he couldn't get, or something he lost. Anyway, I don't think it would have explained everything. I don't think any word can explain a man's life. No, I guess Rosebud is just a piece in a jigsaw puzzle

... a missing piece."

Welles is magnificent as Kane, and gives either his most malevolent or his most sincere turn — it is hard to tell which. "Citizen Kane" is indeed a puzzle, and one that deserves further viewings to fully piece together.

The film won an Oscar for Best Screenplay, and it was nominated for Best Picture. Welles was nominated for Best Director and Best Actor, Gregg Toland was nominated for Cinematography, Robert Wise was nominated for Editing and it was nominated for Art Direction.

On top of these accolades, "Citizen Kane" has been called the greatest movie of all time by several critics and directors associations.

Is it the greatest film of all time? Perhaps, but I think I'd cast my vote for "Casablanca" if I was forced to choose.

Which leads me to an informal poll...

I want to know what you think is the best movie of the '80s. You can vote for any movie that was released between January 1980 and December 1989.

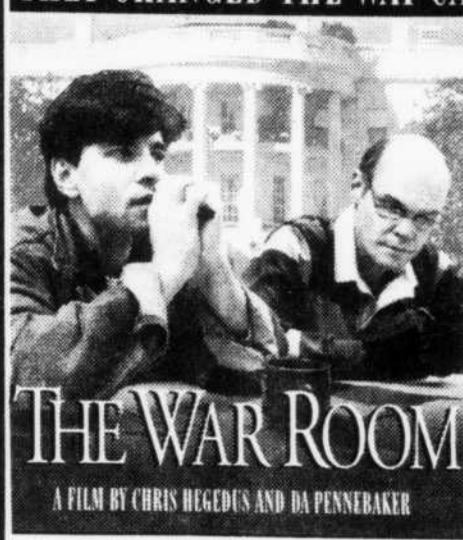
Send your suggestions via e-mail to: Wilson29th@aol.com. You can also mail them to the features desk at campus box 42.

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My grades: "Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II" D+; "Citizen Kane" A+.

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The BRAA is the booster organization for Middle Tennessee athletics. The drive will run until May 18th.

The goal for this year's membership drive is to raise \$450,000 through membership pledges and donations. This includes renewals as well as new membership.

According to the drive's chairperson, Liz Rhea, this is an important year for the Blue Raiders and the BRAA.

"With the move to I-A in football," Rhea said, "there will be an increase in the number of scholarships in athletics. Most of the money raised in this campaign will go to fund athletic scholarships in all sports."

Doubleheader of fun

MTSU baseball fans can enjoy a doubleheader of fun, food and baseball at two events in April.

On April 13, fans can enjoy a picnic dinner with President Walker and other faculty and staff members at MTSU Night at the Nashville Sounds.

The evening will cost \$11 for adults, \$8 for children under six years of age and children under two are free.

Game only tickets can be purchased for \$4. Reservations for the package must be made by April 6.

On April 22, the Blue Raiders take on UT-Knoxville in Chattanooga.

The MTSU Alumni Association is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat cookout before the big game at Engel Stadium.

The cost, including dinner, will be \$8.50 or \$7 per person depending on which game tickets you purchase.

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Raiders tame Tigers with 17-10 victory

□ Matthew Gillespie/staff

The Blue Raider baseball team scored 17 runs on 15 hits to defeat the University of Memphis 17-10 at Reese Smith Field Tuesday night in a non-conference game.

The home series against the Tigers (16-16) has started out completely opposite the Raiders' performance at Memphis where they lost 11-2 and 18-11.

Eight of the Raiders' (13-21) runs came off of Memphis starter Russ Bratton in just one and two-thirds innings. All but one of the eight runs came in the second inning.

Wayne Chinapen was to be the Tiger killer. In the first game at Memphis, he provided the Raiders with their only runs by blasting two solo shots.

Yet again, the first baseman from Toronto, Canada, provided his team with great hitting and run support going 3-for-5 with four RBIs and two runs scored.

"Tonight we really put up some runs," Chinapen said. "We haven't done that in a while, so it was good to see."

Chinapen's three hits included a double, his 13th of the season, and a three-run homer that easily sailed over the right-center field wall.

Jon Case and Jeremy Owens were two other hot hitters for the Raiders in their triumph over Memphis. They each hit a homerun and combined for six RBIs and four runs scored.

Jason Lovell provided Memphis with a hot bat. The third baseman was 4-for-6 with three RBIs and two runs. He also hit his fourth homer of the season.

Lovell's homerun provided Memphis with two of their three runs in the ninth inning.

For the Raiders, Randy Woodrum pitched a very impressive four innings in relief of starter Jeff Parsons

beginning in the fourth inning.

Woodrum held the Tigers scoreless on two hits. He walked six and struck out six.

"They couldn't hit Randy Woodrum," said Raiders skipper Steve Peterson, of his righty lefty's performance. "Every inning he left guys on base because they couldn't hit him."

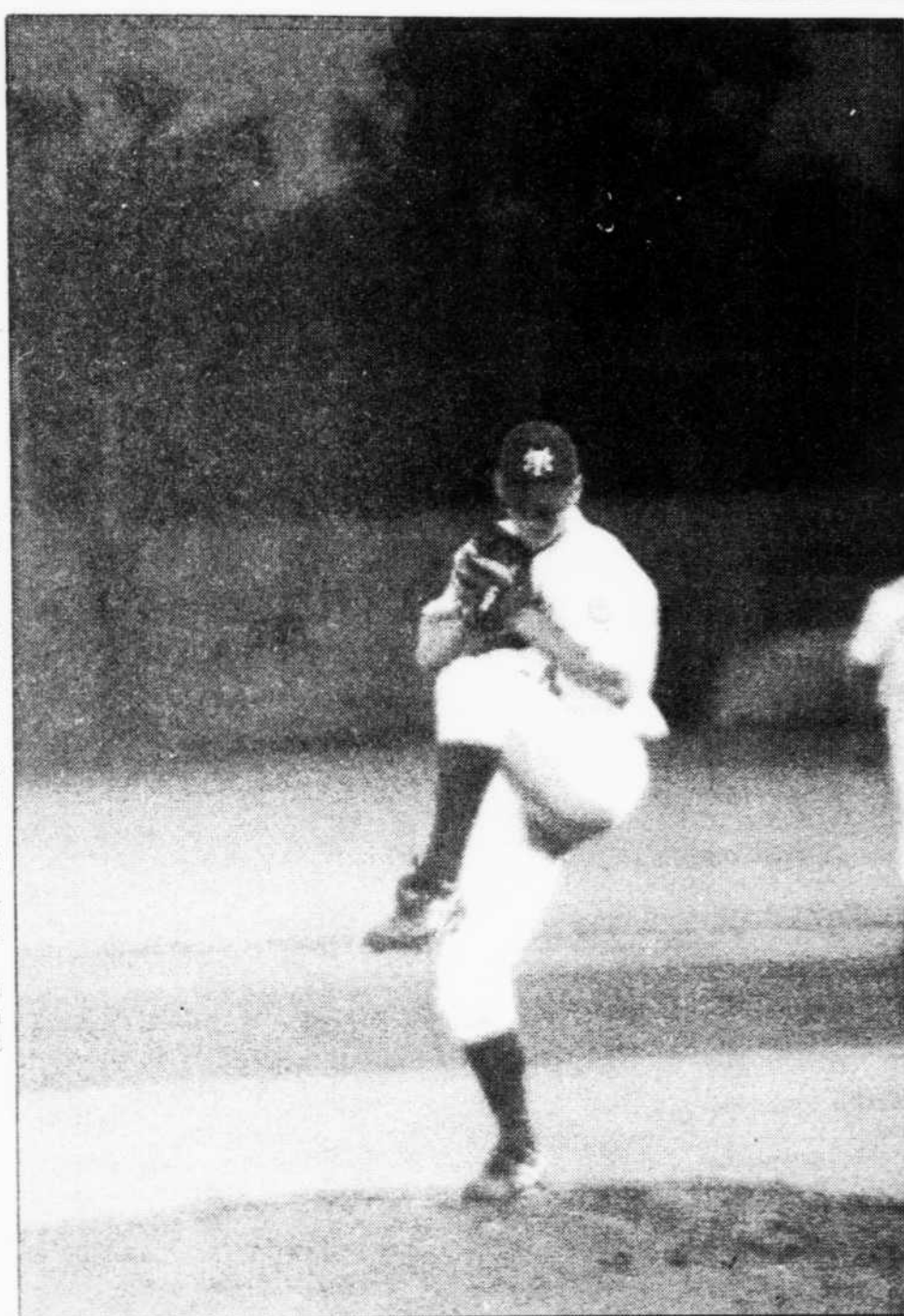
Although Chad Kirby gave up eight runs in two innings, Peterson is not worried about him.

"Chad Kirby will be ready this weekend and will pitch very good," Peterson said. "There's no doubt in my mind. He just happened to have a bad night."

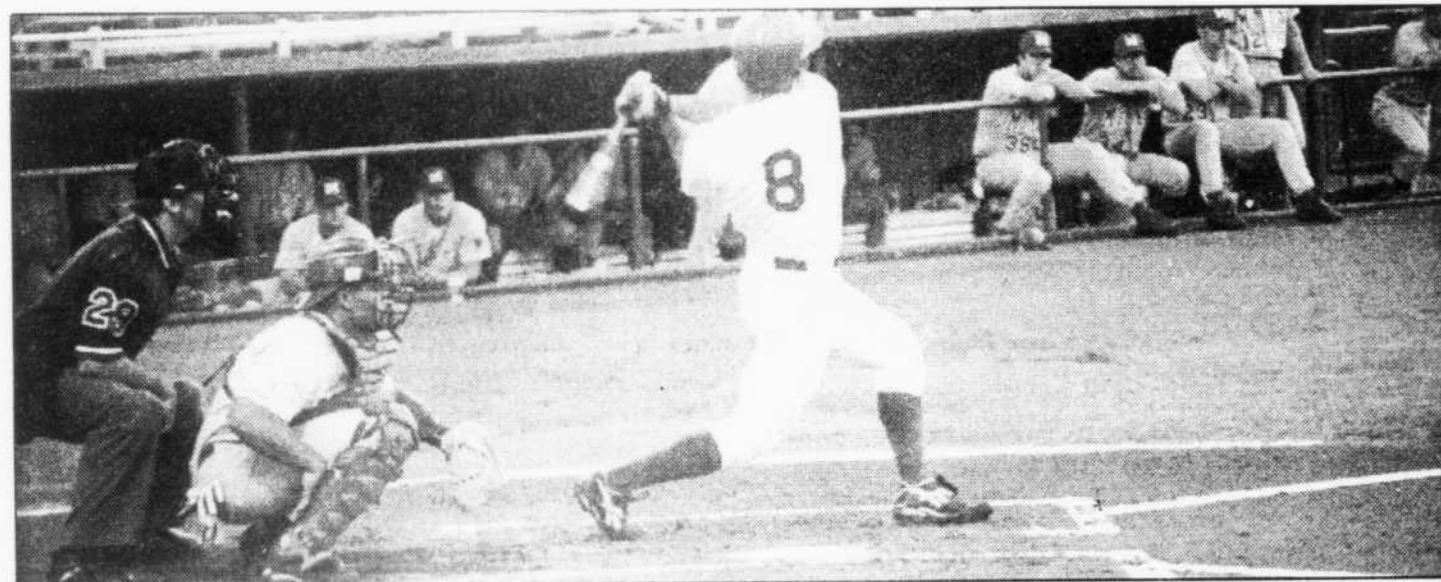
At press time the Raiders and Tigers were set to face each other in the second and final game of the short two-game series.

Right: Jeff Parsons, 24, kept the Tigers scoreless in four innings of relief.

Below: Jeremy Owens, 8, one of the nation's top-rated outfielders, collected two hits in the Raiders 17-10 win over the Tigers.



Katie Wise/staff



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Undefeated tennis teams go to OVC Tournament

□ Chase McGrady/staff

The men's and women's tennis teams finished out their regular seasons with an impressive victory over the very competitive Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech. on April 14.

The Blue Raiders came out strong by not losing a match to Tech. David McNamara, who is ranked 40th in the country, won over Guslavo Castro 6-3, 7-6(3). Shayne Podbury defeated David Dewandaka 6-1, 6-1.

Marshall Brown put away Adnan Hadzialic 6-3, 6-4. Other members of the men's tennis team looked impressive as Matt Walker defeated Mark Andrijcich 7-5, 6-1 and Mark Pelierin was a 6-4, 6-3 winner over Heath Dweanger.

Stephane Floricien easily handled Volkan Salar to claim a singles victory 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles action saw McNamara/Pellerin defeat Castro/Dewandaka 8-3, 6-3. Podbury/Walker won 8-3 defeating Andrijcich/Dweanger, and Brown/Floricien edged out Hadzialic/Solar of the Eagles 8-4.

Also taking the victory were the Lady Raiders who looked impressive with their 7-2 win over the Eagles. Those in the win column were Clare Sevier who defeated Marieta Valkova 6-4, 6-3, Alex Toelle won 6-4, 7-5 over Diana Pous, while Amy King knocked off Elena Deluca 7-6(4), 6-2.

Michelle North made her win look easy with her defeat of Nastia Mimova 6-1, 6-2.

Although the Lady Raiders played tough, Tech edged out two wins with Earra Bayburt outscoring Jennifer Bryans of Middle Tennessee 1-6, 7-

6(5), 7-6(1) and Ozge Arslan edging out Kim Glassman 6-3, 6-4.

In doubles action, the Lady Raiders received wins with Bryans/Toelle over Valkova/Deluca 9-8(7), North/Sevier defeating Pous/Arslan 8-3 and Glassman/King winning 8-6 over Bayburt/Mimova.

"The team will have to work and compete at a higher level to be the OVC Champs for a 8th straight time," said Coach Dale Short. "The loss of two key players, Anthony DeLouse and Julius Robberts, started off the season on a bad note but the team responded well with close games with the 10th and 11th ranked teams in the nation."

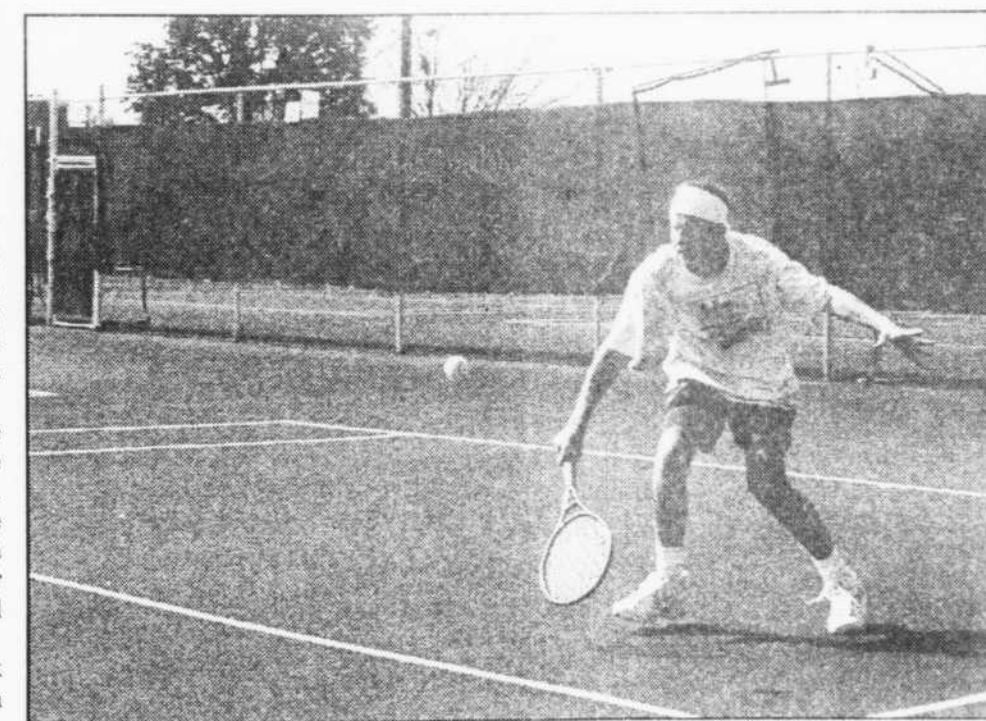
The men's tennis team ended the

regular season Tuesday 11-10 going into the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

The Lady Raiders also had an impressive season going 20-6 overall and finishing as the No. 1 seed.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments of the team. The team are winners by true since of the word," Coach Thornton said after the game. "Ryan, a senior, has kept up the morale of the team which is appreciated for a productive year."

Both teams will be heading into the OVC Tournament on April 17-19 with a good chance for a strong showing in making the NCAA Tourney.



Chase McGrady/staff

Senior David McNamara returns a serve to his Tenn. Tech opponent. McNamara is ranked No. 40 in the nation and an All-American Doubles Champ.

Raiders know the value of education

Keith Ryan
Cartwright
Sports Editor



We've all heard the term "dumb jock" more than a few times in our lives.

Though it may only apply to a handful of athletes, it unfortunately is a lump description nearly all athletes endure, especially at the collegiate level.

Even in the media we tend to publicize negative issues rather than focus on other, more positive events.

Here at MTSU we have quite a few scholarly athletes, too many in fact, to name them all in this column.

But last week, in commemorating National Student-Athlete Day, the Blue Raiders Athletes for Success program hosted a "School is Cool Jam."

The event, geared toward fifth-through eighth-graders, tried to bring about a positive attitude toward school.

As expected, the event went virtually unnoticed by the media. Even "Sidelines" failed to write anything about it until today, 10 days later.

Be it as it may, the "School is Cool Jam" still is something worth talking about, even if it is after the fact.

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A few years ago, Oprah Winfrey, along with her trainer, Bob Greene, came out with the book "Make the Connection: Ten Steps to a Better Body and a Better Life." Finally, she discovered that dieting does not work and becoming physically fit is a total change of lifestyle.

She discovered that fitness is a committed way of life. It is a religion.

No pill or potion could have changed Oprah, along with half of the American population, like self-love did.

As stated in the book, "Only when you have self-awareness can you achieve self-acceptance. Only when you accept yourself can you

experience self-love. And when you are capable of self-love, you learn to love...this is a path that leads you to the connection. And making the connection will change your life."

"Make the Connection" was not only a book I read in two hours (due to the fact that it could not have been pried from my hands), but it was one that helped me to form the essential reason I exercise and eat semi-healthy.

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Oprah not only included the ten steps in the book, along with Bob's physiological and psychological explanations for living a healthy life, but she published excerpts from the journals she has kept for half her life.

The entries range from her heaviest days to her thinnest and include nearly every bitter, hateful and ugly thing she has had about herself. I found



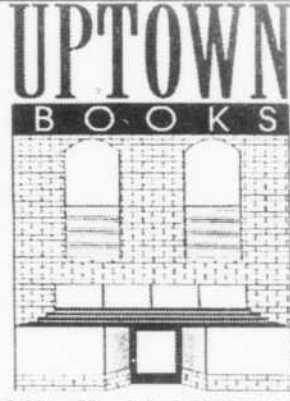
The "Make the Connection" program was transformed from an autobiography of inspiration and advice to a nationwide movement to improve the self-image and health of Americans. Now available, aside from the book, is a program diary and home video.

myself relating to many of her feelings and do not doubt that is a major reason why her books sales soared. Most women can relate to the up and down days of self-esteem.

She is quite an amazing woman. It took falling into the pit of her weakness — her obsession and battle with food — to make her as strong as she is.

Oprah's book, written in brutal honesty, is not a weight-loss handbook. It is the bible for anyone, woman or man, who has ever struggled with weight, self-esteem and self-acceptance.

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When the bags are over the meters, those who are entitled to park in white permit spaces may utilize these spaces. However, when the bags are removed, these spaces once again will be considered metered parking to accommodate students during times of peak activity such as registration.

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Over 50 of our Blue Raider student-athletes took the time to participate in the event, which provided a positive outlook to over 500 local youngsters.

That's 500 young, impressionable kids surrounded by student-athletes, who have chosen to pursue a college degree and many of whom are honor students at MTSU.

Talk about shedding the "dumb jock" tag.

There's no denying how important it is for the Blue Raider student-athletes to help embed positive thoughts in young kids who look up to them

as role models. And to a large degree, the athletes at MTSU have accepted that role.

But let's face it, a story like that isn't as titillating as say, the Fresno State basketball team.

Generally, a positive such as the "School is Cool Jam" is a one-time story, while writers seem to think they are expected to dig into a story like Fresno and give readers story after story.

Let's face it, the general public is able to vilify their own lives by the faulting of others. If, perhaps, they were faced with reading great stories of triumphs every day, they would be less apt to pick up a newspaper and read how someone else over-achieved while they go about their daily grind.

Seems ridiculous, but that's the truth in most cases. Nonetheless, we continue to go on about our ways whether they're right or wrong.

However, the "School is Cool Jam" is a great idea and one can only hope that it will indeed continue next year. More so, one can only hope that it grows to include even more youngsters with each passing year.

Maybe one day the "School is Cool Jam" can become a pep rally of sorts which includes all the local schools cheering for the same thing — the enthusiasm of gaining an education in the classroom, as part of a team and in life.

Congratulations to BRASS, not only for this event but for the entire theme the organization embodies.

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BRASS program gives area students motivation

□ Staff Reports

The Blue Raider Athletics Skills for Success program recently hosted its first-ever "School is Cool Jam" at the Murphy Center.

With over 500 local students on hand for the hour-and-a-half event, commemorating National Student-Athlete Day, members of various Blue Raider teams spoke out on the importance of staying in school.

The event also featured several exciting activities such as the three-point shoot out and a slam dunk exhibition.

Interwoven throughout the entire program were messages stressing the importance of education, setting goals, being the best you can be and doing the right thing. The event was designed by BRASS for fifth-through eighth-graders.

Along with MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler, 58 current Blue Raider student-athletes were on hand. Speaking to the crowd were Angie Veneable, a member of the Lady Raider volleyball team, and Konrad Kaul, an offensive lineman for the football team. Kaul spoke about his trip the NCAA Leadership Conference in Orlando. The senior has been a member of the honor roll every semester he has attended MTSU.

Lady Raider basketball player Bama Burrell spoke for a few minutes as well. Burrell has been very active and vocal, not only on the court but off it, since arriving in Murfreesboro. Burrell has participated in Student Government at MTSU.

Jonathon Quinn, another representative of the football team spoke as well. Quinn, who graduated with honors in December, is awaiting his fate in the NFL. This weekend

Quinn, a quarterback, is expected to be drafted as early as the second round.

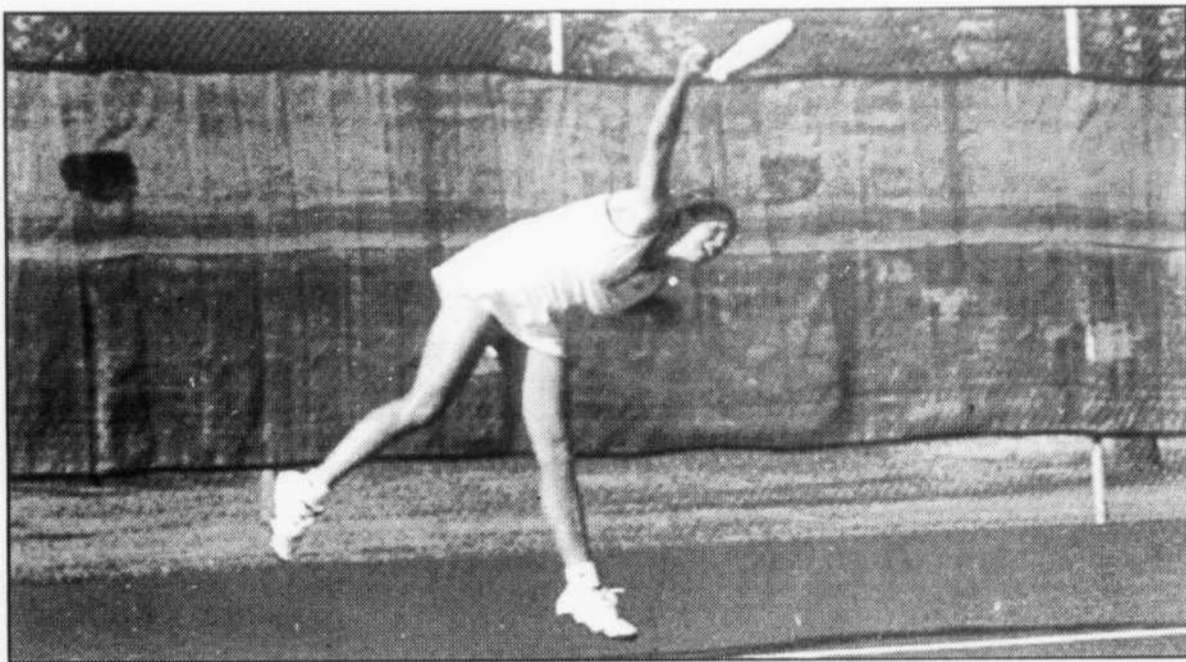
Considering Quinn's expected future in the NFL, many of the kids in attendance were in awe of his presence at the event.

But the excitement level peaked with the performance portion. Blue Raider basketball players Malachi Allen and Ali McGhee drew a round of applause with their ever impressive dunks for the crowd.

Equally as thrilling was the three-point contest pitting Blue Raiders Freddy Martinez and Ali McGhee against Lady Raiders Courtney Neeley and Kelli Chastain.

Deemed a success, the BRASS hopes to host the 2nd annual "School is Cool Jam" next year. The event is just one of many the group organizes in the community throughout the year.

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Jennifer Bryans, a junior and Cartersville, Ga. native, puts all her strength into her swings against Tennessee Tech. Bryans is an exercise science major and business minor.

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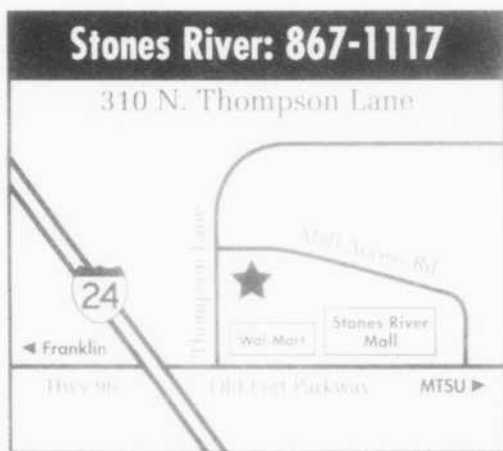
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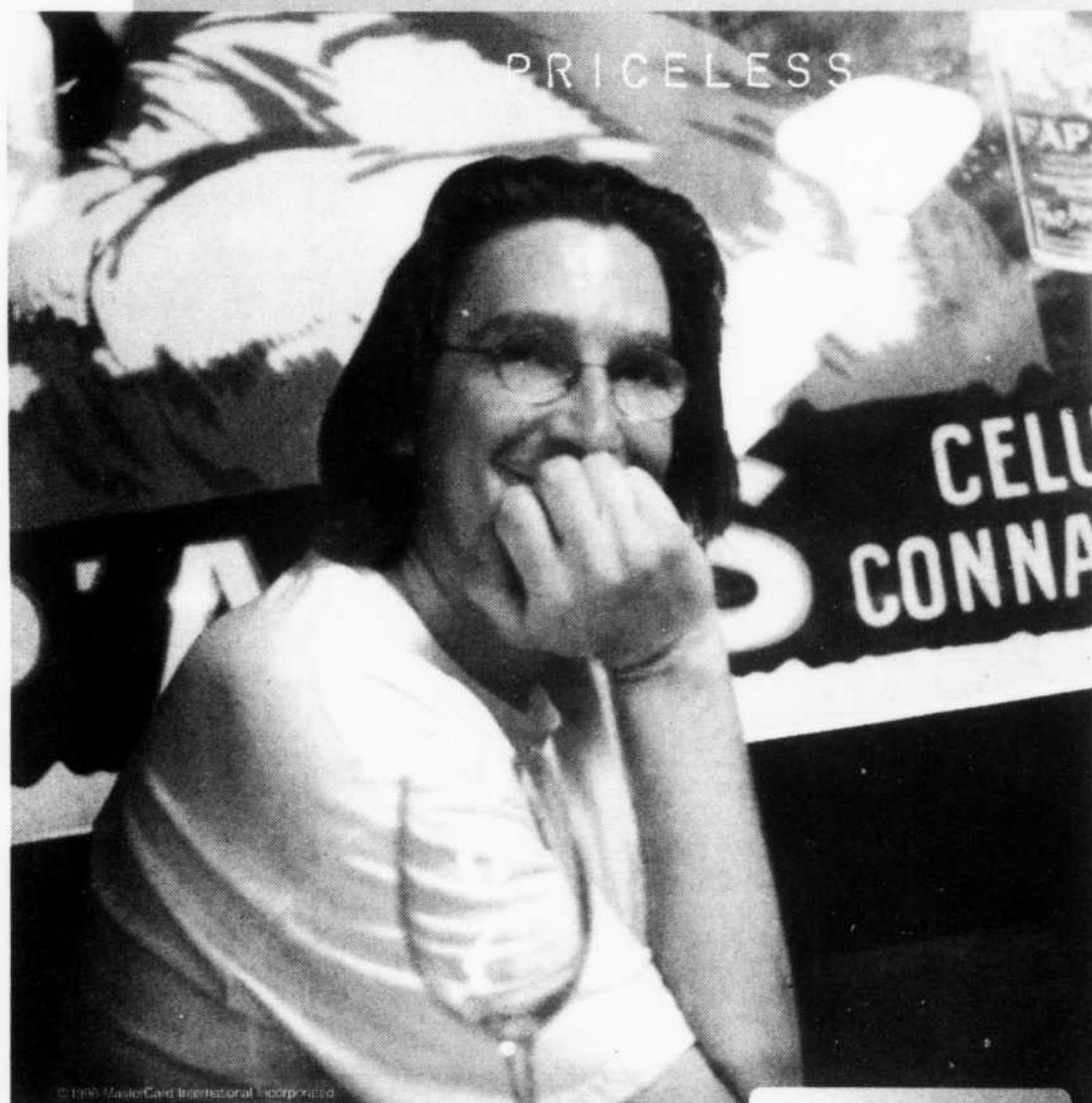
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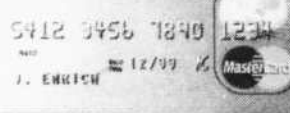
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