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Bozo gone very wrong



Photo By Derrick Wilson
Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity's annual Halloween bash on Saturday night featured this massively constructed clown head for an entrance into their house.

Lack of funding for higher ed affects students, faculty

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

Tennessee's fiscal crisis directly impacts MTSU students every day, according to the speakers at the MTSU Economic Outlook Conference held at MTSU on Oct. 29.

With the current tax structure, Tennessee is unable to meet the needs to higher education in the state, reported state Sen. Andy Womack, who represents Rutherford and Bedford counties.

He said that professors at state colleges in Tennessee earn from \$10,000-\$15,000 a year less than their counterparts at universities in other states. This makes it very difficult to attract and retain quality teachers.

Meanwhile, lack of financial aid for students also comes into play. According to Womack, 10,000 students who graduated from Tennessee high schools in 1999 were unable to continue their education because the state ran out of funds for financial aid.

Those students who are able to further their education at MTSU may have to deal with larger class sizes and few sections of classes offered because of a lack of funds. For instance, MTSU should have 60 more teachers than it has now, but there is no money in the budget to fund those positions, explained Barbara Haskew, Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

A lack of professors results in larger classes, which decreases the amount of interaction possible between students and instructors. Some students may even have to postpone their graduation dates until the university can offer a particular class they must have.

But where can the state find the money necessary to improve the current situation in education? Donald Ratajczk, one of the leading economic forecasters in the United States, insisted that any increase in taxes must result in more money for education.

MTSU should have 60 more teachers than it has now, but there is no money in the budget to fund those positions.

Tennessee must improve its entire education system — from elementary to higher education — in order to attract industry to the state, Ratajczk explained. Tennessee is lagging behind the rest of the South in providing 21st century jobs requiring the sort of technical skills many MTSU students are learning.

However, Tennessee cannot afford to lose the best and brightest students to jobs in other states, he added.

This situation directly affects the quality of teachers in the state. Although MTSU is the leader in teacher education in the state, most of the university's most promising education majors are leaving the state to take higher paying jobs elsewhere, according to Albert DePrince Jr., director of the MTSU Business and Economic Research Center.

Janice Shelby, director of special services for the Franklin city school system, agreed with the speakers, saying that applicants who come to her from MTSU are

eager, well-trained teachers. After a year or two, she said, they leave Tennessee to go where both the pay and the resources available to them are better.

Why is there such a problem? According to Harry A. Green, director of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Affairs, the basic budget problem in Tennessee is a structural deficit. The tax structure cannot produce the revenue to match the growth in Tennessee, he explained.

Green insisted that this has been true for 25 years although the state has tried to deal with the problem on a crisis-by-crisis basis.

"We do not have time between crisis to think about what really needs to be done about education or healthcare," he said.

Womack agreed that education and healthcare are the biggest issues that the Tennessee legislature must grapple with.

He reminded the audience that the Tennessee senators and representatives are under a court order to improve rural elementary schools until they are at least as good as the elementary schools in the state's more affluent areas.

This court-mandated Basic Education Program has consumed funds that could have gone to higher education. Now, he said, even the BEP does not have the funds it needs.

Womack admitted that the legislature would have to make some difficult decisions in the special session Gov. Don Sundquist has called.

He said, however, that whatever they decide will not please everyone.

"I fought in Vietnam so I have a lot of practice doing what I think is right even in the face of disapproval," he said. ■

Rugby field may be rezoned for parking

Kelley Ferguson
Staff Reporter

There will be 14 acres added to MTSU for student parking if rezoning is approved by the Murfreesboro City Council.

The MTSU-owned lots are between Ragland Avenue and East Main Street. The rugby team uses the lots as a practice field.

"It's hard to get some respect," said Evan Bone, MTSU rugby team captain. "We've been moved

around all over the place."

If rezoning is approved, the rugby team will be moved for the second time. The team practiced next to the tennis courts until they were moved due to parking lot expansion in that area.

"As long as we have somewhere to practice, it doesn't matter," Bone said. "This is just part of the problem that comes with being a bigger school."

The team, which is currently ranked 9th in the nation, will be getting a more permanent field in

the future, according to Bone.

He said Charlie Gregory, head of the Recreation Center, has spearheaded the construction of a new rugby field, which will be placed between the Rec Center and the new fraternity row. The construction is scheduled for completion next year.

Meanwhile, two more readings by the city council are required to get the rezoning approved.

If the rezoning is approved, homes on the lots will be removed. ■

Drug abuse on campus decreases: Public Safety



Substances on campus
This story is the second in a two-part series covering drugs and alcohol on campus.

Shane Newsome
Staff Reporter

Despite rising drug abuse throughout the nation, arrest for possession and use of illegal substances on campus have fallen during the past year.

"We have had only three different incidents of drugs on campus so far this semester," said Sgt. Darrell Collins of Public Safety.

The drug of choice for MTSU students is marijuana, according to police statistics.

The most serious incident this semester involved three students in Reynolds Hall. On Sept. 28, Public Safety assisted housing with

an investigation stemming from a complaint about the possibility of drugs within the residence hall. After searching the room, officials found a bag containing approximately half an ounce of marijuana.

Various paraphernalia including pipes and a homemade bong also were discovered in the search, according to a police report.

Prosecution for drug possession, sale and use are handled in different ways depending on the circumstances, according to Collins.

"Sometimes we turn it over to the housing authority and the dean for further discipline," Collins said. "Housing has a zero tolerance policy. If you get caught with even

a small grain of marijuana, you can kiss your residency good-bye."

Depending on the seriousness of the case, violators may face criminal prosecution by police.

"The case with the Reynolds Hall violators will be prosecuted by police because of the amount involved," Collins said.

Other cases being handled by the campus administration include two simple possession of marijuana charges on residents of Clement Hall and Scarlett Commons.

On Sept. 7, housing investigated a complaint of drug use at a Scarlett Commons residence. Upon arrival, housing authorities found a pipe used to smoke marijuana along with a bag containing approximately one fourth of an



Photo Illustration By Michelle Schaefer

According to Public Safety officials, marijuana is the most popular illegal substance among college students. However, there have been only three drug arrests on campus this semester.

ounce of the drug, according to a police report.

Responding to yet another tip, public safety assisted housing in searching a Clement Hall residence

for drugs. The search uncovered 3 grams of marijuana along with two glass pipes and a plastic bong.

The 1998 statistics released by Public Safety record 13 separate

drug incidents during that school year. The three cases handled by Public Safety this semester signifies a drop in drug incidents handled by the department. ■

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On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements may be held.

Nov. 1
The Placement and Student Employment Center is holding a Nurses/Health Career Day in The JUB Tennessee Room from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Representatives from approximately 30 organizations will be present to talk with students in health occupations. For additional information, call Martha Turner at 898-2500.

The Church of God in Christ Campus Ministries is having a general meeting at 7 p.m. in KUC 316. The group invites all students to "Revival on Campus" every Monday night at 7 p.m. in KUC 316. For more information, contact Kela Henderson at 848-0526.

Nov. 1-2
Gamma Beta Phi is holding its monthly meetings at 6 p.m. on the third floor of KUC.

Nov. 2
The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive in response to a desperate need for blood. Students are encouraged to "give the gift of life" in the KUC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 6
The ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi are hosting their third annual "Smoke Arthritis Barbecue" on Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Blue Raider Book Store on Greenland Drive. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or from a collegiate member. For further information, contact Tasha Bandy, Philanthropic Chair, at 867-2569.

Nov. 9
The African American Student Association hosts a career search and job training program at 2 p.m. in BAS S126. Career Services will facilitate the program. Contact Genora Reed at 898-4085 for more information.

Nov. 13
The fifth annual Miss Murfreesboro Pageant will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Riverdale High School. Contestants must be 17-24 years of age and do not have to be residents of Murfreesboro. For further information, call Patty Drewry at 890-9392.

Nov. 14
Gamma Beta Phi is inducting its new members at 3

p.m. in the Alumni Center.

ONGOING
Lambda Association invites all students to attend meetings every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact Talia Elwell at 907-2195 or visit the Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 SEC Champions and were ranked ninth in the nation last year. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for further information.

MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold CRU, its weekly meeting, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in LRC 221. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rich Humphrey at 896-2039, or e-mail him at rich.humphrey@uscm.org.

Raiders Victory Ministry is holding Sunday Celebration church services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the MTSU Alumni Gym. The service features Generation X music, food and relevant messages on campus each week. Contact Pastor Franco Gennaro at 896-2348 for more information.

Champions for Christ is sponsoring campus Bible talks every Monday at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons Building 7, Room 713, for all students and athletes. Food will be provided.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Women, Food, and Body Image," an ongoing support group for women students who have eating disorders or concerns about body image and food. The meetings are held every Tuesday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Looking Forward," an ongoing support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The meetings are held every Thursday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.



World News

South Korean fire blamed on poor safety standards

INCHON, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's deadliest fire in a quarter-century was a disaster waiting to happen, a weekend crowd of teen-agers partying in an unlicensed beer bar so crowded that waitresses could hardly move around the tables.

The only exit from the dimly lit bar was a stairway barely 1 yard wide. There were no fire alarms and no sprinklers in the nightspot in Incheon, a port city 30 miles west of Seoul.

With 55 people dead after Saturday night's fire, police sought arrest warrants Sunday for five people: four electricians they said ignored safety procedures and a teenager accused of inadvertently starting the fire while working on a new karaoke club in the basement of the three-story building. The five face charges of involuntary manslaughter.

Doctors feared the number of dead could rise, as some of the 74 people injured were in critical condition.

The incident was the latest in a long series of fires and other disasters in South Korea that have been blamed on lax attention to safety.

Four leaders of China's banned sect charged

BEIJING (AP) — Four leaders of the Falun Gong spiritual movement have been charged with organizing a cult and other crimes, the government said Sunday, a day after the legislature tightened the nation's laws on cults.

The four — Li Chang, Wang Zhiwen, Ji Liewu and Yao Jie — were charged with "organizing a cult to undermine the implementation of laws," the government's Xinhua News Agency reported.

Li, Wang and Yao also were charged with violating China's vague state secrets law, a measure often used against political dissidents. Ji and Yao were charged with running illegal businesses, the report said.

All four were believed to have been detained since the government banned Falun Gong in July.

Oslo talks could start bid for place in history

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton hopes his quick trip to Oslo, Norway, could begin a final push toward earning a place in history as an honored peacemaker.

Clinton has picked an agreement between Israel and the Arabs as his top foreign policy priority. It also could be his best chance for a shining legacy.

The president departed Sunday for Oslo, Norway, where he planned to meet with Middle East leaders at a ceremony honoring slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whom Clinton called "one of the great heroes of this century."

"We will honor him by not only remembering his life but by pursuing his vision of a peaceful Middle East," Clinton said. "There are tremendous challenges ahead. I will do everything I can to help."

Israel and the Palestinians have given themselves until September to conclude an overall settlement.



National News

Teens plead innocent in alleged school rampage plan

CLEVELAND (AP) — Four white ninth-graders accused of making plans for a racially motivated rampage at their predominantly black high school pleaded innocent on Sunday and.

The boys, one 14 and the rest 15, were accompanied by their parents and arraigned separately before Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Magistrate Dick Walsh in closed hearings. They allegedly planned to set off bombs and open fire on classmates at noon last Friday.

The hearings were in a room on the ground floor of the Cuyahoga County Detention Center. The four will continue to be held there.

Adam was charged because his name was on a school map, with shooting locations marked, that was seized from another suspect, Bailey said.

Authorities said a school map marked with shooting locations and comments reported by classmates convinced them that the threat was real.

One dead, five shot at college Halloween party

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — A group of men who were turned away from a Halloween party early Sunday opened fire on the small house, killing one man and wounding five others.

About 100 people had packed into the home after a Ball State University fraternity party. About 4:30 a.m., a car pulled into an alley. The house, in a student neighborhood near campus, was riddled with bullet holes, and a trail of shell casings still led from the back door to the alley Sunday afternoon. Police and witnesses said at least two people had been fired as many as 40 rounds.

Julian Brown, 28, a former Ball State student from Gary, Ind., was found dead in the kitchen, Muncie police Chief Joe Hinkle said.

Two people were in fair condition Sunday at Ball Memorial Hospital and two were treated and released, a hospital spokesman said. The fifth person was injured but wasn't hospitalized.

The shooters' identities still hadn't been determined Sunday afternoon, Hinkle said.

Radar suggests EgyptAir flight's rapid plunge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Radar tapes continued to show contact with an EgyptAir plane for about 90 seconds after it had begun a dramatic dive towards the Atlantic Ocean, the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board said Sunday.

The information provided by Jim Hall indicated the plane plummeted from its cruise altitude of 33,000 feet down to 19,100 feet in 36 seconds, and then at least some part of it remained visible on radar for a much longer period of time.

The EgyptAir Boeing 767 with 214 people on board was en route from New York to Cairo when it crashed early Sunday about 60 miles southeast of Nantucket Island, off the Massachusetts coast. There were no immediate signs of survivors.

"We do not know at this point what caused the crash," Hall told reporters. "We are beginning what may be a long investigation."



State News

Former prosecutor may witness execution

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The man who prosecuted condemned inmate Robert Glen Coe may ask to witness his execution.

Former prosecutor Leland M. McNabb said he has "been thinking about calling" state Attorney General Paul Summers to ask if he may attend the execution.

"If I'm invited, I will go," McNabb told The Knoxville News-Sentinel.

"I doubt if anyone in Tennessee knows the protocol or etiquette" for witnessing an execution, said McNabb, who now practices civil law in Memphis.

However, Pam Hobbins, spokeswoman for the Department of Correction, said the official witnesses to the execution, as outlined in state law, are the sheriff from the county where the crime was committed, seven media representatives, the immediate family members of the condemned and the immediate family members of the victim, the warden or his deputy, a minister who has prepared the condemned for death, the prison physician and the "attendants" chosen by the warden to carry out the execution.

Artist commemorating 14th amendment

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Sculptor Jin Huang Powell is creating a bas-relief tableau of two black men voting while a crowd of white men and women, some of them recent Civil War soldiers, look on nervously with the state Capitol in the background.

The panel, measuring 50-by-80 inches, represents the state's July 1866 ratification of the 14th Amendment, which barred states from denying the basic rights of citizenship guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

The relief sculpture was commissioned for the Tennessee General Assembly by the Tennessee Arts Commission for \$25,000; it is to be completed by June with an unveiling ceremony probably next fall, said Bruce Weber, the commission's director of visual arts, media and crafts.

At a special legislative session in July 1866, Tennessee became the third state and the only Southern state to ratify the 14th Amendment.

Man sentenced for running dogfighting operation

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A Frayser man charged with operating an illegal dogfighting operation was ordered to serve a six-month prison sentence.

Criminal Court Judge Joseph Dailey on Friday denied probation for Daniel L. Scott, 34, who was convicted last month of animal fighting and cruelty.

Dailey dismissed Scott's contention that he was merely raising or boarding the 28 dogs authorities found last year at his home.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what was going on there," Dailey said. "I think it's a proof is overwhelming that he was running a location designed to train dogs for fighting. It was shocking."

In an agreement with prosecutors, Scott pleaded guilty to a felony charge of animal fighting, misdemeanor cruelty to animals and to having unvaccinated dogs.

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Rail system project may help commuters

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

have a very positive impact on the university," said Connie Hagberg, manager of MTSU Parking Services. "This would provide an environmentally-friendly means of transportation for students, faculty and staff who reside in the Davidson County area to travel to Murfreesboro and MTSU."

Hagberg noted that representatives of MTSU are serving on a Public Transportation Committee that is reviewing the possibilities of a mass transportation bus service for Murfreesboro, in addition to the commuter rail system and the Blue Raider Xpress.

Another option of transportation for commuters is the Relax and Ride bus system, which is used by about 40-50 MTSU students per day, according to Eric Byer, executive director of the Regional Transportation Authority.

Byer said that a commuter rail system would be a benefit to the university and a complementary service to other existing systems such as Relax and Ride.

"The commuter rail may phase out a portion of the bus service's business," said Byer. "But no one really knows at this time because the system's installation is pretty far down the road. Ultimately, a combination of increased transportation options will be available as the city and the university grows." ■

In approaching years, students commuting from Nashville will have a new, traffic-free alternative for their transportation needs.

A commuter rail system is planned for installation in the Middle Tennessee area. It will be constructed on existing railroad tracks that lead to five major interstate ports surrounding Nashville, including Murfreesboro.

According to state Rep. John Hood, chairman of the Commuter Rail Task Force of the House Transportation Committee, the system will provide a means of transportation for commuters that will alleviate congestion on the interstate and reduce automobile emissions.

The system is waiting for approval of up to \$24 million in federal funding and is anticipated to remove 12,000 cars from the road once completed, Hood said.

"Murfreesboro has the highest ridership on the 30.2 miles to Nashville," stated Hood. "The system is projected to carry about 4,070 of those riders per day."

Hood added that the system will not only reduce traffic and harmful emissions, but will save commuters on parking and gasoline costs.

"A commuter rail between Nashville and Murfreesboro would

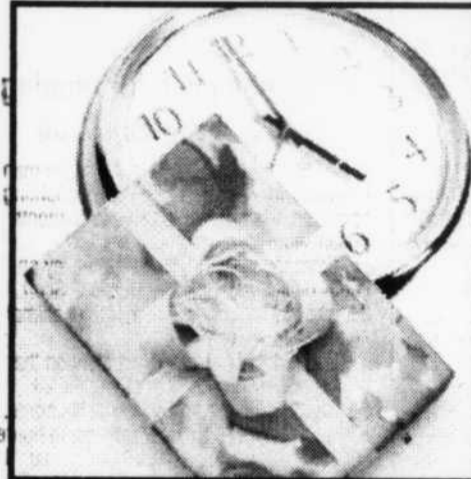
Wreck near campus injures three



Walter Averitt, 40, of Murfreesboro was in critical condition at press time, after his car flipped Saturday afternoon near the intersection of Tennessee Boulevard and Faulkner Drive. Averitt's passenger, his three-year-old daughter, was released from Middle Tennessee Medical Center. The other car involved was driven by Angelique Golden, 29, of Murfreesboro. Golden was not injured, and her passenger -- her five-year-old daughter -- was released from the emergency room.

Photo by Derrick Wilson

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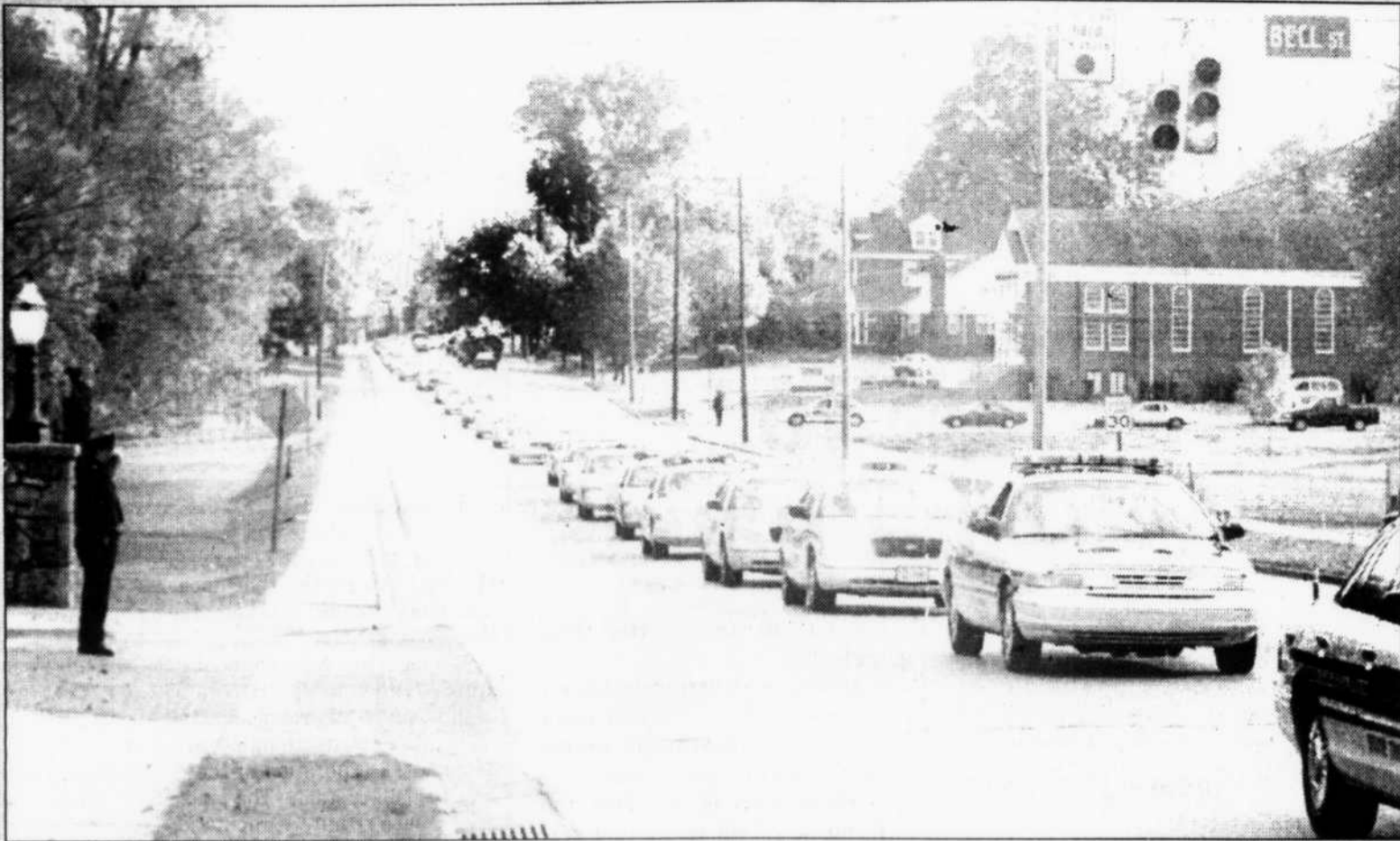


Photo by Robin Wallace
An officer stands in salute to Murfreesboro Police Officer Joseph "Butch" Tomlinson Jr. as Tomlinson's funeral procession travels down Tennessee Boulevard Sunday. Tomlinson, 48, died while on duty Thursday when his patrol car collided with an ambulance.

Students being charged for internship trap

Tania Mejer
Campus Correspondent -
Emerson College

For the right price, you, too, can have a terrific internship. Sound peculiar?

At Emerson College, it's called the "internship trap." The problem boils down to this: Students are taking internships as if they were classes and are essentially paying for the work they do.

Here's how the trap often works: The college requires students in some majors to have an internship under their belts to earn degree s.

Many companies for which the student can intern require that the student get college credit for his or her work.

Otherwise, the student won't be hired.

And the college will not give credit for the internship unless that credit is paid for — usually in the form of tuition — by the student.

At Emerson, that means students typically choose one of two routes: They either give up one of their classes in a semester to make way for an internship, or they try to take a full load and squeeze in an internship on top of it all — provided they meet the academic standards required to overload their schedule.

The second route is particularly troublesome because, at Emerson, students may take up to 16 credits (the equivalent of four classes) under the college's annual tuition rate of \$18,816.

For each credit above 16,

students must pay an additional \$588. Needless to say, many students would rather spend that extra tuition money on classes — not jobs.

It is a backward policy, considering most people receive pay for labor — not labor for pay. Many students would gladly take internships voluntarily just to get some work experience.

Some internships even offer a little pay for hard work.

So it isn't fair that a student's tuition pays for an outside-of-school, semester-long job that students might have arranged on their own without the college's assistance.

On the other hand, internships often provide valuable experience for students seeking hands-on experience in their chosen field.

Though we've heard the horror stories of coffee-fetching interns, we've also heard rave reviews from students offered jobs at the places where they first interned.

So, what's the solution?

Well, at Emerson, students can earn up to four non-tuition credits for participating in campus organizations.

Unfortunately, the college won't allow those non-tuition credits to be awarded for out-of-school internships, and that policy should change.

As wonderful as it would be to ask the college to give more non-tuition credits to cover students' internships, it is an unrealistic request. But thinking of ways for students to avoid sacrificing classroom time for job time is a worthy and reasonable request of any institution of higher education. ■

Animal rights activists connected with letters containing blades

Mark Goulston
TMS Campus

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (TMS) - They tucked razor blades into envelopes, angled to slice the recipients' fingers upon opening. They call themselves the Justice Department, and five Harvard professors have recently received their letters.

The group is involved in the international

animal rights movement and, according to "The Boston Globe," has sent out booby-trapped letters to scientists at Harvard University and 70 researchers across the country—all of whom test vaccines and medical treatments on primates in the search for cures or solutions to AIDS, cancer, and other diseases.

Enclosed in the bladed envelopes were short letters, threatening violence if primates were not released.

One letter said, "you have been targeted and

you have until autumn of 2000 to release all of your primate captives and get out of the vivisection industry.

If you do not heed our warning, your violence will be turned back upon you." The letters had no return address.

Since Oct. 25, five Harvard professors who have received the letters have turned them over to campus police.

Only one professor opened the letter, but he was not cut by the blades inside, officials said. ■

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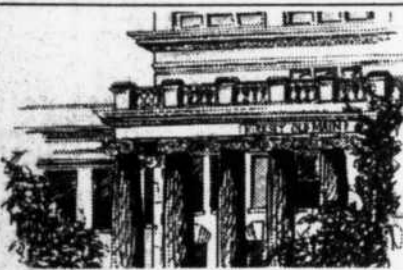
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—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

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Editorial

Interns learn a lot, pay even more

The "internship trap" goes far beyond Emerson College, and I have the MasterCard bills to prove it.

A news article on page 4 discusses how Emerson students have been upset with the way the university's internship program is set up. Students there are required to pay registration fees for internships because the university treats the opportunity as a regular course.

It happens here, too.

As a radio-television major, I have found from talking to almost anybody in the business that without practical internship experience, it's almost impossible to land a decent job after graduation.

Many internships pay students — either a monthly stipend or an hourly wage comparable to minimum-wage jobs. Only a handful of broadcast internships offer anything.

Unfortunately, the Chattanooga TV station where I interned full-time this past summer is one of the ones that doesn't pay its interns.

I spent two full months working — thank God no one made me get them coffee — and it was, of course, a great experience.

But say the experience was worth it. Financially speaking? Maybe not.

According to the 1999-2001 MTSU Undergraduate Catalog, a student planning to spend the summer session working only in a three-hour internship, as I did, would have to pay the university more than \$350 to work.

That's because the university requires that students pay tuition, debt services fees, technology access fees, student activity fees and recreation activity fees per hour.

I love the Recreation Center and don't mind helping pay for its cost. But do you know how hard it is to use the Rec Center's facilities while living in Chattanooga?

Because I do not live near Chattanooga, I also had to make special living arrangements, which cost me an extra \$800. All this just so I could work for free.

The radio-television internship coordinator does handle some paperwork during the internship and is the one responsible for issuing a final grade for the credits.

I don't mind paying for the credits. But with no income to support me while I'm dedicating myself to a job simply to gain experience, I can think of several ways I'd rather spend that money.

Even those students who land paid internships often do not make enough money to cover tuition and living expenses.

I am certain nothing will be done to change the system. Students who sit down with their schedule out how to fit in their internship hours next semester or plan to do the same for this upcoming summer will find themselves in a similar situation as I was in: paying to work.

I guess we're just supposed to suck it up and chalk it up as one of those things everyone promises we'll be better off for going through.

Better, maybe. Broke, for sure.

—Randall Ford
News Editor

Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Staff Columnist

Murfreesboro lacks adequate venue to attract big-name bands

Fall break has ended. Midterms have passed. The music is coming.

Wow, it seemed like such a big thing that the Goo Goo Dolls were coming to town with Tonic. However, big-name acts are a rarity in Murfreesboro for a variety of reasons. First off, Murfreesboro is a small town. It's just too close to Nashville. Not that Nashville is exactly a cultural Mecca, but there are a few venues that bands are willing to play. Basically, if you don't sing sad songs or wear cowboy hats, you are not going to make it here.

Second, the biggest venue in Murfreesboro is... surprise... the Floyd Stadium followed closely by the Murphy Center. If a quality alternative to the venue formerly known as Starwood were to be built in a prime location (whether it be closer to Franklin or Murfreesboro) bands would come. No one makes any real money unless alcohol is sold.

That doesn't mean changing MTSU's policies, but it does mean

building a first class venue somewhere that's readily accessible. Face it, no one likes to sit on the grass at Corporate

If you don't sing sad songs or wear cowboy hats, you are not going to make it here.

America Starwood. If you do, then you probably don't remember the final band that played.

If someone was smart and had the money, they should refurbish the FAMC (First American Music Center), then many more national acts would come. What about holding shows at the Adelphia Coliseum? How many bands play in large settings like that?

Another argument is who wants to see big-name bands anyway? The Murfreesboro local music

scene is 10 times better than Nashville's.

However, -Murfreesboro is a suitcase town, so get your band booked on a Thursday or Friday night. Otherwise, no one listens.

The answers are few. First, the Technology Tour is the first real concert production in the Murph since White Zombie many moons ago. However, students shouldn't hold their collective breaths for the next act to come. Chances are they'll pass out.

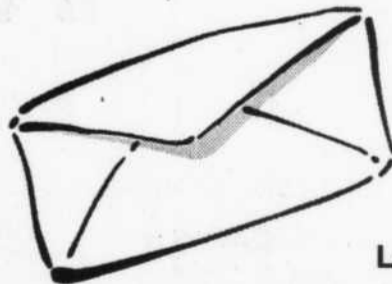
Second, students should stop going to the "Bank of the Week" Music Center. It's overpriced, the sound is bad and most of the time so many people are stuffed in that I no longer contemplate what it feels like to be a sardine in a can. How many tickets can they sell to wallow in their mud? Obviously a lot, we are still suckered to the palace of Murfreesboro Road.

"Of course the music is a great difficulty. You see, if one plays good music people don't listen, and if one plays bad music people don't talk" - Oscar Wilde. ■



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These deep pockets are empty

Bo Trapnell
FSView - Florida State University

"Where is all of my money going?" I constantly ask myself.

Our lifestyles are much more expensive than those of our parents and grandparents, and, as a result, they're leeching us dry.

Let's start with the big stuff like air conditioning. I know AC seems mandatory in some places, like Florida, but until the late 1950s, air conditioning was not standard. AC is a benefit of modern civilization, but was not an expense paid for by our grandparents. Take a look at your utility bill and imagine that money remaining in your pocket.

Hey, with the saved cash you could make that monthly payment for your cell phone. After all, cell phones are a necessity

in today's high paced society.

If you didn't get the long distance on nights and weekends package for the phone, then you may also have to buy a calling card. See the money adding up? Our parents often wrote letters to friends far away.

Students, have no fear. We live in the technology age. While there are free computer labs at school, many have their own desktop computer for a thousand bucks.

Add an Internet server, speakers and the newest software for another couple hundred dollars. Then they can e-mail friends around the world about the sacrifice: eating Ramen noodles for the next three years to pay off the purchase.

Speaking of purchasing, my parents used cash while in college. They didn't have the freedom to charge everything on the all-holy Visa card. Credit card

companies are so generous, offering credit lines to young adults with no strong financial means. Sadly, the companies are aware that many students will spend like mad and become indebted for years.

Another modern expense is family so everyone. There are three cars in my family so everyone has a ride... and insurance premiums. Go back to the '50s and there was only one car to a household. Today, a fuel-efficient car is not enough either.

A sports utility vehicle (SUV) is necessary for maneuvering in the rugged by-ways of many towns. Though an SUV can seat six people nicely, there is no reason to share since your friends have the same model.

Wardrobe is a substantial money pit. Our parents had Sears and Roebuck, a store with everything under one roof. No name brands and no specialty stores which

inflate their prices because they know they are the hot thing at the moment. How many pairs of shoes do you have? Dress shoes, running shoes, walking shoes, hiking boots and sandals? We choose to pay \$50 more for a pair of sunglasses because of the manufacturer logo on the side.

Today, every room has a television, which equals money. Add cable and there is more money, and probably a VCR. There may be a stereo hooked up for surround sound and a stack of CDs by the wall.

None of these electronics are necessary but are a great feature.

Students today could have a hefty bank account if they lived as plainly as their grandparents and parents. Instead, we choose to live with our modern conveniences and pay a substantial sum for them. ■



From the Mailbox

Abernathy not representing entire Honors community

To the editor:

As honor students and residents of Wood/Felder, we would like to make it clear to your readers that the article written by Ms. Beth Abernathy that appeared in the Oct. 14 issue of "Sidelines" does not represent the opinion of the entire MTSU Honors community.

We feel that her comments were mainly an attempt to draw attention to the "Honors Smoking Association." This in itself is a perfectly reasonable thing to do. Unfortunately, Ms. Abernathy's sensationalist arguments likely did more to damage the reputation of the "HSA" than it did to help it. This too is acceptable. The problem is that Abernathy's letter drags along with it the reputation of the entire Honors Living and Learning Center community, the real HSA (Honors Student Association) and even Dean Montgomery. Ms. Abernathy painted a portrait of a campus where smokers are discriminated against, telling smokers to stand up for their right to smoke. She even claims that smokers do not smoke in non-smoking buildings!

In today's health-conscious world, Ms. Abernathy is fortunate to have anywhere indoors to smoke at all. Grade schools, department stores, restaurants, office buildings and even most factories are smoke-free by law. Smokers begin their tobacco consumption career fully aware of the responsibilities and limitations that are native to the pursuit.

We have no quarrel with smokers or smoking. We simply do not feel that a smoker should be extended special privileges for partaking in a dangerous and unhealthy activity.

One more point of clarification—Bronchitis is caused by excessive coughing and sniffing, not by cold weather. Perhaps Ms. Abernathy should worry more about Emphysema or lung cancer and less about cold toes.

Abby Epps, Raquel Maddox and Ben Frey

Greek image reflects drinking

The Lantern
Ohio State University

"Because drinking's a big part of philanthropy." This is the type of information that was offered to a reporter from Rolling Stone Spring Quarter who was profiling Ohio State University's greek system.

A few beers after stating how his fraternity taught him to be a gentleman, this greek calanova reported that he wanted to "fuck some sorority girls. It can be arranged. Anyone you want."

While fraternities and sororities claim the reporter painted an unrepresentative picture of greek life, the only thing that we know for sure is that this is an old joke.

Drinking, drug usage, philandering and other "naughty" behavior happens all around campus. That doesn't make it right, but it does raise the question of what purpose a fraternity or sorority serves.

For Council Papadakis, president of OSU's InterFraternity Council, greek life means philanthropy. Although he doesn't mention the symbiotic relationship between alcohol and charity, he did tell a Lantern reporter about the \$1,000 the greek community raised for the American Heart Association. When compared with the \$1,600 to \$1,800 a sister or brother pays in dues every quarter, it seems that greek philanthropy has more to do with beer drinking than fund-raising.

In January, David Williams II, vice president for student and urban/community affairs, put together the Greek Life Task Force to recommend actions for improvement the greek system. The recommendations were submitted on June 2, but nothing has been done. One of the ideas was to create a greek chapter recognition and incentive program. The purpose would be to work with chapter leaders to set and achieve goals that would give them recognition for their achievements and make sure the chapters achieved the stated goals.

If a student is concerned about making a difference in someone's life, that student can join Big Brothers/Big Sisters or Habitat for Humanity. Until the strict control that the Greek Life Task Force is put into effect, there is only one reason to join a fraternity, and magazines will continue portray its members as nothing more than a group of binge-drinking blue-bloods waiting to return to the picket-fence life of the suburbs. ■

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FEATURES

Stray pets get Purrfect Placement

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

You see them slinking through the darkness or darting across the road in front of your car. They hide in dark corners and under bushes, only creeping out to seek a little food to fill their empty bellies. They are the cast-off pets that people thought they wanted and then abandoned when the animal became too much trouble or too expensive.

Dayna Scott, a junior at MTSU, majoring in criminal justice, created Purrfect Placement to provide a way for people who care to do something about this problem. She is asking concerned MTSU students to help.

According to Scott, she never really decided to start the business. She explained that she has always loved animals and has always taken in strays whenever she could. In 1997, her veterinary recognized what she was doing and offered her a discount to help with her rescue work. Soon afterward, a friend offered to finance part of Scott's operation and then another friend began to provide food, litter and other supplies. In 1999, because she was receiving donations, Scott decided to do the paperwork required to create a non-profit organization.

Scott asked her clients to name the business and they called it Purrfect

Placement to highlight Scott's unique ability to bring together the perfect pet and the perfect home.

The service has already found homes for about 200 animals, 60 of these placements were during the first half of this year. Although Scott has placed a few dogs, the major emphasis of the service has been on cats. Surprisingly, most of the animals placed have been adults.

Scott's business cards proclaim, "Purrfect Placement, where cats' dreams come true."

"I look for a good, stable, forever home, where the cat will be part of the family," Scott said. "I look at what matters to the cat. I try to look at a home from the cat's point of view."

Cats have personalities just as people do, Scott maintains. They have likes and dislikes, opinions about children or dogs and preferences for quiet or excitement.

According to Scott, Purrfect Placement is a system of foster homes, which has cared for as many as 60 animals at one time. Presently, there are about 50 animals in the system. Scott places from one to 10 animals in each foster home.

A cat coming into the system goes first to a veterinarian for a complete checkup. The vet will test the cat for feline leukemia and aids and start the cat on distemper shots. The vet also deals with any fleas, worms or ear mites the cat might have. If the animal is six months old or older, the

vet will spay or neuter it.

Adoptive families sign a contract when they adopt a pet. One requirement of that contract is that, if the placement does not work out, they must return the pet to Purrfect Placement. Scott asks adopters for a minimum donation of \$50 when they adopt a pet through the service. This offsets part of the veterinary cost. If they return the animal within the first week, she refunds their donation.

Balancing her responsibilities at home, her job as executive director of Purrfect Placement, and her studies at MTSU is a challenge to Scott. Concerned volunteers from the MTSU community can help her to meet this challenge.

Volunteers could provide clerical and phone help, produce a newsletter, set up a web page or provide transportation to the vet or other places the animals need to go. Scott is also looking for more foster homes, and she would love to find someone willing to help her capture the stray cats on the MTSU campus. In addition, she has an ongoing need for donations to pay veterinary bills and buy supplies. Donations are tax deductible.

Scott is hoping that some organization on campus will decide to make Purrfect Placement one of their service projects. Individual volunteers are also welcome.

The telephone number for Purrfect Placement is 213-CATS. Scott's e-mail address is dhs2b@mtsu.edu. ■



Aboriginal health, healing through breath and sound

Brittney Gilbert
Staff Reporter

A lecture called the Yoga of Breath and Sound: Focusing the Mind with the Didgeridoo will be held today with a workshop on Tuesday.

The lecture will be held at 7 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall and the workshop will take place in Room 332 of the KUC from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

This event is sponsored by the MTSU Healing Arts Committee and will feature Phil Jones, an energy medicine guru who will lead a group meditation using an Australian Aboriginal drone instrument called the didgeridoo.

"We thought it was interesting and that the students might be intrigued by the didgeridoo," said Janet Higgins, a professor in the art department and the event's promoter.

Those in attendance will gain hands-on experience learning how to play the one-tone instrument and use circular breathing techniques to access deep states of the unconsciousness.

Higgins emphasized that the students who are interested in

attending need no previous musical experience to benefit from what she calls "a very powerful instrument."

This forum is for open sharing on life-purpose and self-fulfillment through a demonstration of Jones' individual vibrational sound therapy technique and group vocal toning.

According to Higgins, this event was scheduled in lieu of a larger day-long conference usually held in May due to the Healing Arts Committee's focus on developing an interdisciplinary minor in healing arts.

Jones is affiliated with the Chopra Center for Well Being in California and recently completed a week of sound therapy at the University of San Diego. He has traveled the world using sound as a form of healing and medication, appearing in numerous television and radio spots as well as magazines.

Jones also is on the board of directors for the Spirit of the Land Foundation, a non-profit organization that works to preserve Aboriginal culture and bring their message of healing to the globe.

The event is free for all to attend. It is also sponsored by the art, music, social work, recording industry management, foreign languages and photography departments as well as the June Anderson Women's Center. ■



Protect yourself against assailants

Adam Close
Staff Reporter

The fact that this is a month dedicated to the prevention of violence against women remind you of a very real problem this society faces.

Does it shock you to hear that one out of every four women nationwide experiences rape in some way, shape or form while in college?

Even more frightening is the fact that every day in the United States, 2,740 women are assaulted by a boyfriend, ex-boyfriend, husband or ex-husband. Meanwhile, 47 percent of college age women report having been sexually assaulted by a first or casual date, and 98 percent of all sexual assault survivors will never see their attacker caught and imprisoned.

Many people are stocking up on their self-defense classes, learning about groin kicks, pepper spray and other tactics that basically make up an attacker's worst nightmare. There are a myriad of products available on the Internet and in catalogs that constitute highly sophisticated and well thought out means of defense.

This recent focus on violence against women has spawned

innovative ideas about inflicting pain.

The "stunning" ring from Stunring Innovations, Inc., is a sterling silver ring that is capable of firing a small amount of high potency pepper spray.

Even though it sounds like a defense prop, it's a genuine self-defense weapon created and patented by an inventor.

This ring is a good idea for situations when there is little time to utilize a larger, more cumbersome weapon.

For those of you who like your steak well-done, there is the air taser.

Currently available from www.selfdefense.com, the air taser is a stun gun that utilizes compressed nitrogen to fire sharp probes at 135 feet per second. These probes carry the electrical current over 15 feet, allowing more distance between you and the attacker than most non-lethal forms of defense.

More primitive forms of pepper spray, stun guns and a variety of other weapons are available at your local "super store," but be careful when making decisions about the use of force in any given situation.

Using physical violence against any person, even in self-defense, is

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Project seeks to prevent suicides among gay teens

Vanessa Bauza
Knight-Ridder Tribune

MIAMI — He cried for three hours on the phone with his mother before getting out those three little words: "I am gay."

Joe Zolobczuk had spent his high school years being pelted by cafeteria food and beaten up in gym class. He had pretended and denied, asking girls on dates to cover up the truth.

He was depressed and felt isolated. It wasn't until he found Project YES that he finally felt he belonged.

Zolobczuk survived his turbulent teens, but many are not so fortunate. One-third of teen suicides are gays, lesbians or bisexuals, according to a survey of 3,000 students attending Massachusetts public high schools. Similar studies nationwide have confirmed that gay teens are at risk for suicide.

Though many states have committed task forces to preventing teen suicides, Miami-based Project YES is one of the few in the country to specifically address gay teens.

Project YES founder Martha Fugate had worked as an interior design consultant for 25 years when she decided she needed to do

something about the conditions that were driving teens to kill themselves, including isolation, stress from peer pressure, lack of acceptance, teasing and depression.

She herself had not encountered discrimination as a teen primarily because when Fugate, 52, was in high school, no one talked about homosexuality and she herself was not harassed.

"I didn't even discuss I was a lesbian," she said. Fugate moved to Miami looking for "more room to breathe." And though she found a growing gay community, there was still a need to help guide teens through their high school years.

In 1995 she organized a few volunteers in her home and later met at the headquarters of a crisis helpline. Her mission was simple: She knew she could not reach every gay teen who needed her, so she decided she would target community leaders and youth counselors who were already working with teens.

"The kids are OK. It's the world that needs to change," said Fugate. "The real difference is going to have to happen in the community. We have to go to the places where people are getting the message they're not loved."

According to Fugate these places can include

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Trunk or Treat



Recreation therapy major, Victoria Forrest, gives candy to Shelbie at Saturday's Trunk or Treat sponsored by MTSU's Recreational Therapy students, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Delta Pi.

Photo by Derrick Wilson

Remembering men also during Breast Cancer Awareness month

Jason George
Oregon Daily Emerald

EUGENE, Ore. — Dr. George Hughes knows how some of his patients feel.

Hughes, a doctor with the University of Oregon's health center, is living with breast cancer.

As a former runner, and as someone who does not drink or smoke, he does not know why the cancer infected him.

"I guess bad things just happen to good people," Hughes said.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but people often forget that men can get the disease as well as women. While breast cancer is rare in men, there will probably be 1,300 new cases in men diagnosed this year in the United States, compared to 175,000 for women, according to the American Cancer Society.

This year, the society estimated that there will be 43,700 deaths

from breast cancer, 400 of which will be men. About 0.14 percent of cancer deaths in men are a result of breast cancer, yet the disease is more deadly in men than women because it is not usually detected until the later stages, according to the National Cancer Institute. Male breast cancer also spreads more rapidly in men than in women.

In 1994, Hughes found a lump on his chest and, "like any person that has a lump growing someplace should," Hughes said, he went to the doctor and had it checked out.

"I knew as I walked in the office that it was cancer," he said. "I'll never forget the look on the face of the doctor."

The causes for male breast cancer are unknown. It is thought that genes and certain DNA changes could be a reason, but this is only a theory. Heavy alcohol use, obesity, irregular exercise, estrogen treatment and environmental exposure to pesticides are also

considered risk factors, according to the American Cancer Society.

Men should look for any unusual "swelling, skin dimpling or puckering" of the breast as possible signs of the cancer. If these are evident, they should consult their doctors to see if a mammography, or X-ray of the breast, is necessary. Men, as well as women, should also explore their family history for relatives who had breast cancer.

Men are about 20 percent more likely to have the cancer if male or female relatives had the disease.

Hughes thought he was one of the lucky ones who conquered the cancer after undergoing surgery.

Hughes started having back pains in 1996. He then returned to the doctor to find that the cancer had spread to his spinal cord and his lungs.

Cancer is "ranged" from 0 to 4 on a scale of severity; Hughes' cancer is a 4.

Now, the Princeton University grad lives in a dichotomous world

of receiving medical care and administering it. Every Monday he receives his chemotherapy, coupled with a shot of Cortisone to enable him to work at the health center on Tuesdays. He said the nausea, a side effect of the chemotherapy, does not affect him much at work on Tuesdays because of the Cortisone, but by Wednesdays, his already weak frame is feeling the strain of the radiation and the chemicals.

"But by the weekend, I am ready to go again," he said.

When he's strong enough, Hughes enjoys playing golf as much as he can, but his real love is traveling.

Hughes said he looks ahead to traveling in the spring, but he does not plan much more in advance than that.

"Every once and a while, when we start talking about doing something next year, you think, 'I hope I will be doing this next year,'" he said. ■

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an act that holds strong legal restrictions.

"Certainly, 'self-defense' is a much misunderstood doctrine and is never a 'blank check' for violence," explained Michael Hallett, a published criminologist and MTSU professor. "First off, self-defense is seen in legal terms as an 'escape mechanism' where only a 'minimum amount of force necessary to escape harm' is justifiable. So, using lethal or serious violence is actually hardly ever supported by claims of 'self-

defense,' especially where opportunities exist to escape or leave the situation."

Keep in mind, too, that claiming 'self-defense' involves an admission to the act of violence and places the burden of proof on the person claiming 'self-defense,'" he added.

Besides being absolutely infuriating, it would completely defeat the purpose of self-defense to end up facing charges for excessive use of force. If the opportunity to escape the situation exists, legally it must be taken, so don't get caught letting emotions control your use of force. ■

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churches, synagogues, schools and community groups.

Fugate said many area churches and religious groups respond once they are told the facts and more than 58 congregations of various denominations have signed a model statement "agreeing to minister to the spiritual needs of all people, including gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth."

The Rev. Carlos Miyares, of St. Richards Catholic Church in Cutler Ridge, a Miami suburb, said he attended a Project YES meeting in September after being approached by several parents whose children came out to them as gay.

"I've known of kids who were beat up or abused," Miyares said. "They (Project YES) don't challenge anyone's religious beliefs. They emphasize something we all have in common, that no

one should be abused."

A report funded by the Department of Children & Families, which will be released at the end of the month, confirms what Fugate has known for years: few programs address directly the problem of gay, lesbian and bisexual suicides.

"In some of the programs there wasn't specific mention of working with kids who have sexual orientation issues, or even an acknowledgement that they were an at-risk population," said Kathy Lazear, who is drafting the study.

Today Zolobczuk, 21, is a community coordinator who has held about 250 meetings to show teachers how to prevent gay, lesbian and bisexual students from being harassed.

"Sometimes I have to talk to faculty and it's scary because I don't know how they're going to react," he said. "But what happened to me in high school doesn't have to happen to another kid." ■

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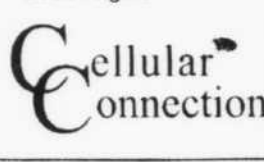


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Degeneration X reunites

The Hookup: A wrestling commentary



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Are you ready...again? In case you haven't heard, Degeneration X is back. Also on Raw, Y2J attacked Stevie Richards after a tag team loss to Chyna and D'Lo Brown.

Raw began with a confrontation between the New Age Outlaws, Vince McMahon and Triple H. The Outlaws wanted a shot at the Hollys, but McMahon said no. Instead, they were to fight The Rock and Stone Cold.

During the Outlaws conversation with Vince McMahon, Triple H interrupted and told McMahon that he didn't want to fight Mankind. Triple H didn't get what he wanted, and a fight nearly broke out between the Outlaws and "the game" Triple H.

After finding Mark Henry with the hos, the Godfather and Mark Henry made their way to the ring. The Godfather's opponent, Viscera, wanted a winner takes all match. Viscera then told "Sexual Chocolate" Mark Henry that if he wins, "Sexual Chocolate" can have

the hos anytime he wants them. "Sexual Chocolate" turned on the Godfather during the match, enabling Viscera to win the match and the hos. Two hos refused to leave with Viscera, as a result he whooped them.

In the next match the Hollys faced Edge and Christian. The Hollys retained the tag team titles because Brian Christopher and Scott Taylor—formerly known as Too Much—interfered.

The Hardy Boys came to the ring and saved the day for Edge and Christian.

We now go from the young to the old. During the Fabulous Moolah's interview with Michael Cole, in which she announced her retirement, Ivory made her way to the ring and reminded Moolah that she had to give her a return match. Ivory won the match and regained the women's title.

The Big Show was in action against Prince Albert. During that match the Big Boss Man got Show's attention. While Show was facing the Big Boss Man, Prince Albert attacked him. The Big Show retaliated, the Big Boss Man hit the Big Show with a hammer. Afterwards, the Big Boss Man broke the pocket watch of the Big Show's dad.

Welcome to Raw is Jericho! He and a fan took on Chyna and D'Lo Brown. Chyna ripped off the fan's clothes and something was revealed—the supposed female fan was Stevie Richards.

Jericho left and Chyna pinned

Richards. After the match, Jericho powerbombed Richards and put him in the Walls of Jericho.

The next match, which was between Triple H and Mankind, was for the Heavyweight Title. The two battled back and forth until Mankind gained the momentum. Mankind was winning until "The Big Valbowski" Val Venis interfered.

Just when all seemed hopeless for Mankind, Al Snow helped him out.

Kane dominated Buh Buh Ray in the next match, but he didn't win, thanks to D-Von. The Dudley Boyz pounded Kane until X-Pac came to the ring.

The steel cage match between Test and the British Bulldog ended similarly to the Kane-Buh Buh Ray match. Shane was getting his butt kicked until Test bailed him out.

And now for the main event. The New Age Outlaws battled The Rock and Stone Cold Steve Austin. The Outlaws showed great chemistry, but Stone Cold and The Rock were able to hang in there.

After the Rock had a near pinfall, Triple H interfered and got into a fight with Stone Cold. While those two were fighting the Rock was takin' it to the Outlaws.

Just when it seemed that the Rock was gonna "lay the smack down" something happened—X-Pac nailed the Rock with a spinning heel kick. Triple H, the New Age Outlaws and X-Pac now had the upper hand; DX is back! ■

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