

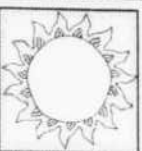




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Child prodigy admitted to graduate program

11-year-old Guinness Book of World Record holder hopes to host game show

By Heather Hybarger/staff

At the age of eleven, Michael Kearney is enrolling in the graduate program at MTSU.

Michael plans to obtain a double masters degree at MTSU, and possibly a doctorate. According to Dr. Donald Curry, Dean of Graduate Studies, Michael was granted a graduate assistantship with non-degree seeking status for the Spring semester of 1996.

Michael has optimistic views about coming to school at MTSU.

"I was received quite well [at MTSU]," says Michael. "In two days, I was accepted into their inner circle. They all accepted me with open arms. They all wanted to know more about me, and that was really nice."

Michael is logged in the Guinness Book

of World Records for graduating high school at six-and-a-half years old. He has an Associates of Science degree in Geology from Santa Rosa Junior College, obtained at age eight, also a world record. He has a Bachelors degree in Anthropology from University of South Alabama, obtained at age ten, another world record.

Michael's dream is to become a game show host. He loves cartoons and comic books. He loves to ride his bike and play video games.

Michael's ten-year-old sister, Maeghan, is a freshman in high school. She plans to graduate in a year. After high school, Maeghan plans to study pre-veterinary medicine at MTSU.

Maeghan loves running and swimming. She wants to be a sprinter in the Olympics. She likes to draw anything but people. She likes learning about animals, except about the urinary tract or how they mate.

"That's gross," she says. Michael and Maeghan pick on each other. They play and fight. They become jealous if one gets more media attention. They love each other and their parents.

"My parents are the biggest role models and the most important people in my life," says Michael. "They have been the major influence in my life."

Michael and Maeghan are special children, but according to Kevin Kearney, their father, there are hundreds of children just like them. These are children that go unrecognized or are diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and placed on medication.

"I believe that ADD is a fad," says Kevin. "[It is] destroying the intellectual capabilities of the next generation."

Michael has been diagnosed with all twelve symptoms of ADD, but instead of giving him medication to slow him down, Kevin and Cassidy, his mother, sped up Michael's education. They let Michael learn at his own pace.

"By the time he was eight months old, he knew television products so well that I tried this book, 'Teach Your Baby How to Read,'" says Cassidy, and it worked.

The book used a system of flash



Carl E. Lambert/staff

(Above) Eleven-year-old Michael Kearney, left, gets his new MTSU hat pulled off of him by 10-year-old sister Maeghan who is a freshman in high school. Asked what she was better at than Michael, Maeghan replied, "Look at Michael. Style." At right is father Kevin and mother Cassidy. (Left) Michael addresses the audience at a news conference with local media.



cards and in two weeks Michael had learned 200 words.

"After that we just gave him a Dr. Seuss book," adds Cassidy. "He somehow had taught himself phonetics, because he was reading words we know we did not teach him."

By the time Michael was three

years old, he had taught himself algebra.

"We did not think anything of it until we had his IQ tested when he was four," says Cassidy. Michael's IQ is over 300, but Kevin says, "IQ is an irrelevancy."

The Kearneys believe children like Michael are products of their environment. Increased intelligence is a consequence of taking obstacles out of the environment, according to Kevin, and letting the child go at his own pace.

"[Michael] went to college at six because he had finished high school. He graduated college at ten because

the program had ended," says Kevin. "It's not to rush him, it's just to continue with his education."

The road has not been perfect, though. The Kearneys have come across opposition from all sides. Kevin and Cassidy wrote a book about children like Michael and Maeghan, but could not get it published in the United States. They were told it would have no audience. A Japanese company now has exclusive rights to the Kearney's book.

The Kearneys have had to

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Student project promotes self defense

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

A rape prevention booth in the KUC Friday will combine the efforts of Campus Police, self-defense instructors and the June Anderson Women's Center to offer tips on rape deterrent, self defense and referrals for rape counseling.

The booth is the brainchild of senior Nursing student Dawn Lane.

"I had to do a community assignment project, and I was very concerned about the rapes which have occurred recently around MTSU [and] in the community," she said.

The booth will be set up from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and staffed by Lane and MTSU Campus Police officer Dustin Miller. Miller will distribute pamphlets about self-defense, awareness, rape prevention, and police services which are available to the public to help prevent rape.

"We don't want to be reactive," Miller said. "When you constantly react to situations, eventually there is a mindset which you can get into which suggests the situations are the norm."

"What we want to do is be proactive; we want to be involved before things get started, and stop them from happening."

Mary Glantz, a rape counselor with MTSU's June Anderson Women's Center, will be there to pass out information and provide referrals for people who think they might be in need of counseling.

"Obviously, a booth in the middle of the KUC is no place to receive counseling," Lane said. "We're just going to do our best to make sure that anyone who asks will be referred to the right person for help."

MTSU karate instructors Kaye and Michael Payne will be there to talk about self-defense issues and answer questions. In addition, Miller will be taking reservations for the three-day rape defense class to be offered by Campus Police officer Stan Meeks later in the semester.

Lane is very clear about her motivation for organizing the booth.

"What we want to do is make people aware of rape on campus and

around town," Lane said. "There's a lot of genuine fear out there, and people need to be made aware of what they can do to protect themselves."

"I don't like the idea that people have to walk around in fear. I've heard estimates that say one out of every three women are molested, and something like one of every seven boys. We're going to provide information to anyone who wants it. That's why we have a counselor to make referrals." ●

Statistics reveal two rapes on campus since 1992

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

According to MTSU Campus Police's Gopher information retrieval system on the Internet, there have only been two rapes reported on MTSU since 1992.

In 1992 and 1993 there were no rapes reported on campus. In 1994 two rapes were reported. Figures for 1995 are not yet available.

In the same report, there were an additional four instances of "Non-Forcible Sex Offenses" reported. One involved a statutory rape; the other three were listed only as "other offenses."

MTSU Police spokesman Dustin Miller was not certain what offenses would fit into that category, but said that it may refer to date rapes.

"Last year, Tennessee took the requirement of force out of the definition of rape," Miller said. "This means that a rape can occur even if no force was used. For example, if a

woman is drunk and can't give informed consent, that can still be construed as rape under state law."

Prior to 1994 there is no category for non-forcible rape in the report.

Despite the seemingly low number of rapes which occur on campus, Miller said there is still plenty of need for concern and vigilance.

"We know that a lot of [rapes] go unreported. Only about one-third of rapes which occur are actually reported to police," Miller said.

The categories for crime reporting are determined by the FBI, and made publicly available under a law which is commonly referred to as "Student's Right to Know."

The MTSU Department of Public Safety World Wide Web Home Page and Gopher with the annual statistics of crime on campus can be found at <http://www.police.mtsu.edu>. ●

Documentary examines role of America in Panama

By Anissa Bartely/staff

The MTSU Ideas and Issues is sponsoring a screening of the "Panama Deception," a film that won "Best Documentary Feature" from the Academy Awards for its discussion of the 1989 American Invasion of Panama.

"The Panama Deception" strives to clarify American involvement in Panama, questioning American motives. It also takes a critical look at the severe force used on the Panamanian people including civilians on Christmas Eve 1989.

Director Barbara Trent, an anti-war activist, received some resistance for "exposing criminal activities in the White House, Pentagon, and CIA," according to Jon Wolfe, an undergraduate worker in Student Programming.

Trent acquired this knowledge by looking at past leaders in Panama,

and by figuring out when US involvement began," Trent said.

Trent argues that the combined forces of the CIA, DEA, President George Bush and the media purposely keeps America uninformed of the true motives and activities in Panama.

Mario Perez-Reilly, professor of political science, will speak before the presentation on Latin American issues relating to the film. Assistant Professor of Journalism Don McComb will wrap up the film by assessing the quality of the documentary, according to Wolfe.

"The purpose [of the film presentation] is to stimulate a persons perception on the government and the media," Wolfe said.

The presentation of "The Panama Deception" will be shown tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the KUC Theater. ●

Romancing street enterprise focus of photo collection

By Lee Murphy

A picture is worth a thousand words, or so the saying goes.

The photographs of Robert E. Lewis, department chair of Fine Arts and Photography at the University of Memphis, are no exception to this expression.

Lewis' "Uncommon Free Enterprise," a unique collection of 55

prints, pays homage to the backstreets of the free marketplace and is currently on display at the MTSU Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resource Center.

"As long as I can remember, I was drawn to the 'come-on' of downtown streets-street people and places personalized by one-of-a-kind

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Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a Career Placement Orientation entitled "Your Job Search" Nov. 14 at Noon in the KUC room 324. Learn about Placement Services, Resume Expert, Campus Interviews, and Employment Opportunities.

Student Publications Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 3:00 p.m. in KUC 210 for the purpose of selecting the next editor of Sidelines. Another item of business will be to finalize our approval of the motion we crafted at our last meeting regarding the future of Midlander.

Christian Music Society meeting Thursday, Nov. 16, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mass Comm Bldg. room 103. Our speaker will be Josh Stump from Via Records. Come one! Come all! New Members Welcome! We welcome anyone from singers to songwriters and those who sing in the shower! Internship Opportunities! Fellowship! Fun! Call Micky at 898-4385 for more information.

Sigma Gamma Rho Inc. is sponsoring a program during their "Greek Week." Dr. Henry Foster will be attending MTSU on Nov. 16, in the Tennessee Room, JUB. His topic will be "America's Children At Risk."

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is taking applications. Juniors, seniors and graduate students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better, or who have made outstanding contributions to the University may apply. Applications are available in the offices of the academic department chairpersons, the SGA office, the Associate Dean of Students office, and KUC room 103. Deadline for returning the completed application in Monday, Nov. 20.

Phi Beta Lambda is selling paper pumpkins for \$1.00 for the March of Dimes. The pumpkins will be displayed on a wall in the KOM. Donations of \$3.00 or more will receive a paper pumpkin and a March of Dimes pin. There will be a table set up on the 1st floor of the KUC by the bookstore on the following days: Nov. 20-21. Come by and give a donation to the March of Dimes.

The Women's Leadership Conference is now accepting nominations for the Women of Achievement Awards is held on Friday, March 8, 1996. Nomination forms are available in the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206. Nominations may be made by anyone who is currently a student, faculty member or

administrator. Deadline for nominations is December 15, 1995. For more information, contact the JAWC at 898-2193.

The Women's Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, March 8, 1996, at MTSU. The conference is open to any female college student. The conference features Harriett Woods as keynote speaker, three leadership workshop sessions and the Tennessee Women of Achievement Awards. Cost of conference is \$15 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and an afternoon reception. Registration forms are available in the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206. Registration deadline is February 15, 1996. For more information, contact the JAWC at 898-2193.

Honors Student Association Friday Night Flings begin not-so-promptly at 5:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 108. Two movies are shown on the first and third Fridays. On the second Friday, special interest workshops are held. The fourth Friday features roundtable discussions to explore the opinions of students and faculty on various issues of debate. All events are open to HSA members and one guest per member. Come find out what you've been missing!

Anyone interested in tutoring of who would like tutoring assistance please call Tanisha Harris at 898-4056. This Tutorial Program is sponsored by the NAACP (educational committee).

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a Japanese Tea Objects Exhibit through November in the lobby of Cope. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Japan Center is also sponsoring many off campus exhibitions. The exhibit Photographs of Japan will be on display at the Felix G. Woodward Library at Austin Peay State University. The exhibit consists of photographs taken by the Director of the Japan Center of Tennessee, Dr. Esther Millon Seeman during her trips to Japan. A Japanese Doll Exhibit will be on display at the Arrowhead/Aerospace Cultural Center in Manchester. A Japanese Good-Luck Charms Exhibit will be on display in the Jean Keener Room, 442 W. Second North St., Morristown, TN. A Japanese Kite Photographs Exhibit will be on display at the Arrowhead/Aerospace Cultural Center Museum, 24 Campground Road, Manchester, TN. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday-Saturday 9:30-4:00,

with admission charge. The kites pictured are traditional Japanese kites crafted and photographed by Joy Smith of Murfreesboro. For more information on all these exhibits please contact The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. hosts a cookout and discussion beginning at 6:15 every Wednesday evening and luncheons every Monday at noon. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

MTSU Speech Clinic is sponsoring ongoing speech testing and therapy clinics in Boutwell Dramatic Arts room 232. MTSU students who need speech testing or therapy services should call the clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.

The Voices of Praise Gospel Choir will have weekly rehearsals on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 11 at the Baptist Student Center. Contact Latresa McCamoll at 898-3989. Come join us!

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship has weekly meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in KUC room 312. Call Trista at 898-3256 or Chris Ward at 898-3244.

MTSU LAMBDA is a gay, lesbian, and bisexual student group. It meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Communications Building room 104. All are welcome. For more information call the LAMBDA information line at 780-2293.

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry is meeting Tuesdays from 7-9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 315 E. Main Street. Everyone is invited to join them for a meal, fellowship and worship. They also meet Thursdays from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the KUC grill. Contact Rev. Andrew Wright with questions at 893-3780.

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry will attend the Jazz Percussion concert this Tuesday. Meet at St. Paul's, 315 E. Main St., at 7:00 p.m. for supper. Contact Andrew Wright at 898-3780 for more information.

Equestrian Team Meeting every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the TLC sales Arena. Contact Lia Grove at 849-9876. Everyone is welcome.

Raiders for Christ meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center at 1105 E. Bell St. Contact Mike Stroud at 896-1529 or Eddy Dyer 890-0488.

The MTSU Anthropological Society will meet every second and fourth Monday of the month from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 320. Students majoring, minoring or expressing an interest in anthropology are encouraged to attend.

The Pi Sigma Epsilon is a national co-ed fraternity in sales and marketing. Men and women of all majors are welcome. General business meetings are held every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in KOM 163.

Erudite Emancipators would like to thank all the minority organizations and everyone who participated in the "Getting to Know You" social on Nov. 1, 1995 at the Patterson Community Center. We would also like to send a special thank you to our guest speaker, Luther Buie.

Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Fraternity will hold their next meeting Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m. to "whenever" at 141 Popular St., Murfreesboro. We will have a social time and discuss O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi." Members, guests and interested people are welcome. Call 893-2606 for directions or information.

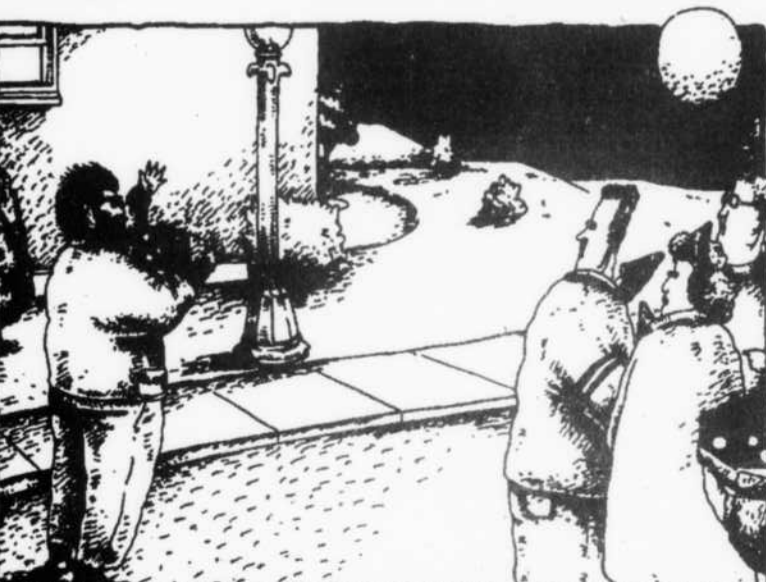
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Pre-Professional/Graduate Student Section will meet Nov. 15 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 109 in the Ellington Human Sciences Bldg. Cindy Jo Brady, Resident Nurse, will speak about Breast Cancer Awareness.

The Church of God in Christ Campus Ministries is having a revival November 15-17 with services at 7 p.m. nightly. The services will be held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, 510 Mason Ct. The speaker will be Evangelist Brandon Porter of the Memphis Greater Community Temple C.O.G.I.C.

MTSU Student Ambassador applications are now being accepted for membership. The Student Ambassadors is a service organization that serves as hosts and hostesses for University activities. Applications may be picked up in the Public Relations office, Cope Administration Building 205. Students must have been on campus for at least one semester and have a GPA of 2.5 to apply. Deadline for returning applications is November 21.

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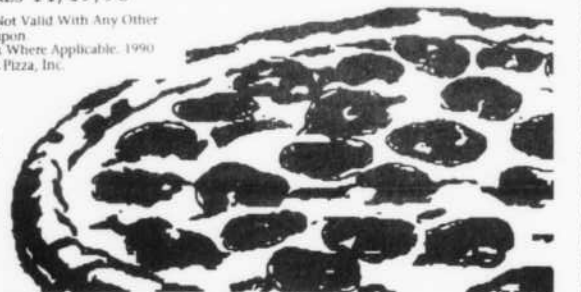
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PHOTOS: Lewis celebrates individuality through enterprise

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entrepreneurs," Lewis said. "Later, I went about trying to communicate my excitement for this exotic landscape of individual business and commerce... using the medium of photography."

"Uncommon Free Enterprise" is a tribute to the entrepreneur: the street vendors and the mom and pop operations which paved the way for Citicorp and IBM. In one of the photographs, a tiny, modest Chicago eatery called "The Doggery" advertises hot dogs and beef sandwiches against the vast skyline of downtown Chicago.

From the unpaved streets of Oaxaca, Mexico to the glittering free enterprise that is Las Vegas, Lewis' photographs celebrate individualism in the free marketplace.

This celebration is observed through a deluge of rich, vibrant colors. Lewis' photographs capture a multitude of hues in their display of city streets and structures, inhabited by merchants and buyers.

Luscious red apples, illuminated by a matching red awning outstretched above,

dominate the foreground in one of the photographs in the collection. Another print depicts a birds-eye view of a woman carrying an enormous platter of watermelon slices on top of her head. This vibrant festival of colors is evident throughout the exhibit. Even the typically drab shades of browns and grays come to life in this collage of faces, buildings and goods that make up Lewis' "Uncommon Free Enterprise."

His photographs show individuals from all walks of life engage in the selling of goods, from fuschia colored velour chairs to sidewalk refreshments. These entrepreneurs are as unique as their shops and merchandise. Lewis' photographs seize the hustle and bustle of the daily grind, and capture people interacting with one another at work and play.

His pictures are a distinct portrayal of the individuals and marketplaces that comprise the ideology behind the system of free enterprise. No two entrepreneurs are the same, and Lewis' pictures acknowledge his respect for the beauty found in individualism. It is the same individuality which sets him apart as a

photographer and artist.

The "Uncommon Free Enterprise" exhibit runs from Nov. 5 through Dec. 10 in the Photographic Gallery of the Learning Resource Center and is free and open to the public.

Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, 8-4:30 p.m., Saturday, 8-11:45 a.m. and Sunday, 6-9:45 p.m. The exhibit will be closed Nov. 23-25 in observation of Thanksgiving holiday. ●

ELEVEN: adults should take children seriously: Michael

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relocate five times in order to give Michael the best education possible.

"The thing we haven't handled well is the relocation," says Kevin. "I was a naval officer and had to change my career, because you need stability, [you need] a two parent home for this."

Cassidy has also had to change professions. She attends classes with Michael. Although she sits outside the classroom, this has also caused problems.

"I see kids dropping out of class when he shows up, because they don't want their grade point average ruined. I see adults who think I am the student and brought [Michael] in for day care. Others have

sat right next to him and cheated off him," says Cassidy. Michael overcomes adversity as well.

"Most of the time [adults] don't believe you," says Michael. "Everybody imagines children to be pathological liars. All kids are intelligent, kids just can't express their intelligence."

"They can't tell grown-ups about their feelings if grown-ups don't take the time to listen. I consider that one of the biggest problems in America today because it goes in one ear and out the other; it doesn't register."

"If people took the time to listen to kids my age, I believe the world would be a better place, and everything would be nice." ●

Omega honors academics

By Heather Hybarger/staff

The Order of Omega, the honorary organization that recognizes the academic achievement of students involved in Greek life, has selected its new members for Fall 95 initiation.

The organization was established at MTSU Apr. 17, 1994 by Associate Dean of Students Holly Lentz-Carstens. There are currently 12 initiated members, although the Order has selected 30 new members for this year.

Only three percent of the Greek population can be admitted into the Order each year, according to Director of Greek Life Vic Felts.

Initiates must be of either

junior or senior status, have one full academic year of residence in the institution where they are elected, rank academically above the all-Greek system average of 2.6, and be in good standing with the fraternal organization.

Students who meet these requirements and submit an application are judged by the existing members of the Order based on character, scholarship and intelligence, and service and leadership in Greek organizations.

The Order of Omega is also a service organization. They are in the process of organizing a national program for all fraternities and sororities, sponsored by the National Interfraternity Conference, and a Greek-wide community

service project entitled "Adopt-a-School." In this program fraternities and sororities would identify a local school and help with tutoring and clubs.

Prospective initiates are: Amy Arnold, Christia Baker, Dana Cook, Loren Craft, Joey Davenport, Jill Duck, Jace Fitzgerald, Michael Frazier, Melody Golnitz, Jamie Groce, Susan Guin, Jason Head, Robin Hervig, Angela Jackson, Stacy Jarrell, Jerry Jones, Elizabeth Lanphier, Shane McFarland, Adam Mckeown, Chasity McRae, Meredith Moss, James Nance, Robyn Reuther, Roy Russell, Antonio Sandridge, Amber Taylor, Rebekah Watson, Mandi Whaley, and Janna Zbozien. ●

Gay fraternity establishes house on Greek Row

By College Press Service

MINNEAPOLIS—While fraternities are often grounded in tradition, an addition to fraternity row this fall at the University of Minnesota may be a sign of changing times.

Some members of Delta Lambda Phi, a national fraternity for gay and bisexual men, moved into a house on fraternity row in late August. The University chapter of the

of such hate crimes.

But fraternity members said they aren't being harassed and the house isn't being vandalized.

Other fraternities on the row are "cordial," Robertson said. "We haven't received bad things, but we haven't gotten any warm invitations."

Todd Grothe, house manager of neighboring fraternity Alpha Tau Omega, said Delta Lambda Phi getting

a house on the row doesn't bother him or the other men living in his house. "As far as neighbors they're fine," he said. "They don't spill beer cans in our yard."

But Robertson said the fraternity has to deal with a lot of stereotypes within and outside the gay, lesbian and bisexual community.

"People think of us as a sex club," Robertson said. "We combat that stereotype on top of standard fraternity stereotypes."

Because of such stereotypes, the fraternity has to be cautious, Robertson said. The group established bylaws prohibiting pledges and members from dating each other.

The fraternity also has a "strong no-hazing policy," Robertson said. The gay, lesbian and bisexual community is "hazed enough by society," he added.

"There are no sexual undertones," Robertson said. The fraternity's philosophy is, "Come meet us before you judge us."

The purpose of the

fraternity and the house is to help serve the gay, bisexual and lesbian community at the university, Robertson said.

The gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender offices and organizations on campus can provide education, discussion and events for the community, Robertson said. But the fraternity and the house can offer a different social atmosphere that is often missing from such programs.

After going to classes students often don't want to go to another lecture, Robertson said. In talking to the gay, lesbian and bisexual community Robertson said he thinks, "what they want to do is meet people socially, hang out...have fun, laugh, joke and party."

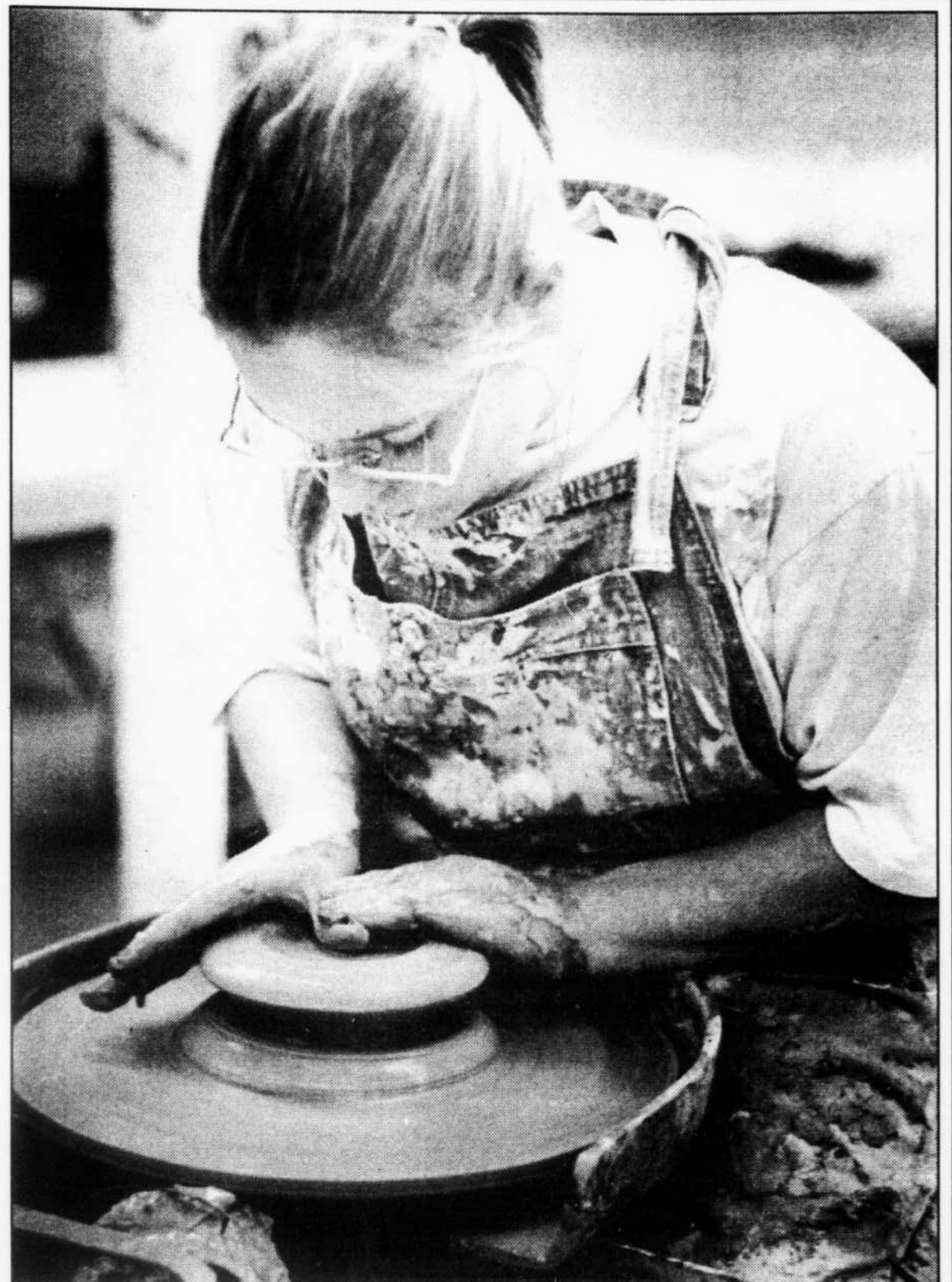
The fraternity's social activities are similar to activities of other fraternities, Robertson said. Activities this fall ranged from barbecues and movie nights to a party that more than 200 people attended.

The house and fraternity can also provide stability for some students, Robertson said.

It is difficult for gay and bisexual students to always be themselves in the dormitories, especially if they have an unaccepting roommate, Robertson said.

Dan Whittaker, a sophomore pledge of the fraternity who lives in the house, agrees.

Whittaker said he had negative and positive experiences living in the University's dormitories. But the house provides a "stable, accepting home environment," and there "isn't a pressure to conform," he said. ●



Carl E. Lambert/staff

Slingin' mud

Caroline Ford, junior art major, works on jar tops Friday in the Art Barn.

Engineering professor posts textbook on World Wide Web

By College Press Service

RALEIGH, N.C.—To John Russ, seeing is believing.

That's why the North Carolina State University engineering professor says he created a multimedia textbook on the World Wide Web for his students.

The CD-ROM textbook, which serves as a study aid for students at NC State and 25 other colleges nationwide, grew out of Russ' own classroom experience, in which he noticed how engineering students in large introductory classes had some difficulty getting a grasp on the material.

Soon, Russ began using computer simulations, graphics and animation in

class to help illustrate his points. Still, for most of the technical material, he had to resort to verbal explanations.

"One student said to me, 'If these are such complex topics that you can't draw them on the board, how am I supposed to take notes on them?'" Russ says.

That inspired Russ to develop a CD-ROM textbook, which served as a study-aid for not only Russ' students at NC State, but students from 25 other schools across the country as well. No complex, mechanical processes by drawing illustrations on a chalkboard, Russ and other NCSU instructors can use class time to answer questions and refine concepts knowing

that the students always have access to a technological tutor.

"We have a lot of information that we're trying to pump into [the students] through the wrong conduit—their ears instead of their eyes," says Russ.

This year, Russ put his material—all 300 work problems, 700 movies and 1500 pages of text—on the web.

"It's basically a better way for students to learn," says Russ, crediting the team of NCSU students who helped with the site. "That's the whole idea."

The "Visualizations in Material Science" page can be found at <http://vims.ncsu.edu>. ●

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Minority students protest paper's bias

By College Press Service

DEKALB, Ill.—Northern Illinois University minority students who said they were angry about inadequate coverage in the student newspaper recently stormed the school's cashier's office and demanded a refund of a portion of their student fees.

"We feel like we're not being represented by the staff," said NIU student Darryl Jones. "Instead of being a student paper for the students, the Northern Star has become a paper for the Northern Star staff."

NIU students help subsidize the Northern Star by paying six cents per credit hour for the publication, and any one student's total contribution does not exceed 72 cents. Officials from the cashier's office indicated that students who did not wish to allocate money toward the school paper would be credited on their next tuition bill.

One NIU student, however, has said he will pay for any fees the paper may lose. "I'd just really hate to see NIU without a newspaper," senior Jon Gilbertson told the Star. "Even with all its faults, it's better than nothing."

Jones and other students said they are upset by the Star's editorial treatment of minorities. "When the stories are about African-American or other minority students, the stories only focus on one side of the issue," said Jones, who is also a member of the student government. "The reporters show a lack of sensitivity when they write. The stories don't reflect what really happens."

Jones pointed to a recent flap over the homecoming king and queen as an example. "For years, photos of the king and queen ran on the front page," said Jones. "But for the past few years, when there's been a African-American king and queen, their pictures aren't even in the paper."

But most frustrating of all, Jones said, is the lack of accountability from the paper's staff. "There isn't anyone

who's willing to take final responsibility for what gets printed," said Jones.

But Lesley Rogers, the paper's editor-in-chief, said the Northern Star's stories reflect what occurs on campus. "We print what happens," Rogers said. "There's no misrepresentation or withholding of facts."

Still, Rogers says she's willing to hear the concerns of the students. "The Northern Star is the student paper," she says. "It's our objective to represent the students."

Shortly after the protest, Rogers and her staff participated in a forum to hear

the concerns of students, many of whom brought up the homecoming photos. Ralph Argueta, the paper's photo editor, told students that no photos were taken of the king and queen because of a shortage of photographers to cover the event.

Argueta's answer did little to satisfy junior Michelle Ivy, who accused Star staffers of racism. "All I want is for nobody to put me down," Ivy said. "Everyone has their opinion. I'm entitled to my opinion as long as it doesn't offend or hurt anyone else."

Jones, who helped organize the forum, said the recent protest over the paper's content is not an issue of race or fairness. It's one of economics.

"Contributing to the paper makes us consumers," Jones said. "As a consumer, I'm not satisfied with the product, and I want my money back."

At the forum, some NIU students said they were willing to stage a sit-in if their concerns were not addressed. Last spring, student protesters at DePaul University staged a 10-day sit-in at the school's student newspaper office to protest the paper's coverage of minority issues.

Jones said he hopes a similar scenario doesn't happen in Dekalb. "We're trying to work this out in a productive way," he said. "We're trying to make this work better for all of us." ●

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Dr. Foster to address 'at-risk' children

By Heather Hybarger/staff

In conjunction with Sigma Gamma Rho Week, former Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster will speak on the status of African children.



Foster's speech, "America's Children At Risk," will occur Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. The speech is free and open to the public.

"It just started as an idea," Jackson said. "We didn't think he would come, but our adviser called and [Dr. Foster] said he would be happy to speak."

"His topic fit like a puzzle piece with the theme for this week," Jackson added, explaining Foster's topic as discussing the "different odds kids come up against now that can hold them back."

Jackson encouraged people to come to the speech and "to bring their children." "Dr. Foster can offer first hand knowledge to make children think 'He's made it; I can do that, too,' and show them that there is someone who doesn't even know them that cares about them," Jackson said.

She added that his was an important topic to those who wish to have children as well, "to know what they will be facing."

Foster is currently a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Meharry Medical College in Nashville and consultant to the Department of Health and Human Services.

He was nominated to become the next U.S. Surgeon General by President Bill Clinton on Feb. 2, but the process was blocked when his favorable recommendation from the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee was not allowed an up-or-down vote by the full Senate.

Foster spent five years as senior program consultant for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and directed its program to consolidate health services for high-risk young people. From this program, he conceptualized and developed the "I Have A Future" program to reduce teen pregnancy, which was recognized by President Bush in 1991 as one of the nation's "Thousand Points of Light."

Sigma Gamma Rho Week adopted the slogan "Succeed Against the Odds" to sum up the sorority's goals as a service organization on campus.

"[This slogan] describes the odds that everybody, not just black females, are going to come across," said Sigma Gamma Rho president Angela Jackson. "That is one of the reasons for our sisterhood, to surpass anything that is going to hold us back."

As part of Sigma Gamma Rho Week, the sorority will send a baby girl care package to the first baby girl born at Middle Tennessee Medical

Center. The package will be filled with baby care products, such as baby shampoo and diapers.

As a national sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho supports such organizations as the Southern Christian Leadership Council, National Black Leadership Roundtable, NAACP, March of Dimes, National Panhellenic Council, United Negro College Fund, and the National Urban League.

Sigma Gamma Rho Week begins Sunday, Nov. 12, which is National Founder's Day, and will end on Friday, Nov. 17 with a party for Sigma Gamma Rho members. A forum will be held Wednesday, moderated by Adonija Bakari, Assistant Professor in the History Department.

"This forum is a continuation of the issues that came out of the 'Million Man March,'" Bakari said. "It [will provide] a place where students can come together and discuss pertinent issues, just to rap." ●

Sexy scientists dispel nerd myth

College Press Service

NEW YORK—Karen Hopkin has been around scientists for most of her life.

And despite what you may think, the biochemist says that most of them are fairly attractive people. "There's this geek stigma about us," Hopkin says.

"But that's hardly the case." To help prove her point, Hopkin created the "Studmuffins of Science" calendar, a glossy collection of 12 male scientists from universities across the nation who hardly fit into the "taped-glasses, pocket-protector" stereotype. In the calendar, the hunky scientists are pictured outside their classrooms and laboratories, usually in poses that emphasize physical exercise over exercising the mind.

"I guess it's a new way to look at scientists," says Hopkin, who also is a producer for National Public Radio (NPR). "It's a way for people to see that science attracts all kinds of people."

Scientists featured in the calendar say they support the calendar's cause. The idea behind "Studmuffins" is to encourage young students to consider a career in science. "I was flattered to be considered," says Brian Scottoline, a Stanfordin scientist and the calendar's "Dr. January." "It was something I

never expected."

During working hours, Scottoline studies viral integrases in chromosomes. The calendar's profile of Scottoline lists his hobbies—hiking and swimming—alongside his favorite subatomic particle—the Higgs bosons. Still, Scottoline and his colleagues are not any different from other people.

"We're pretty normal," says Scottoline, who's pictured pulling himself out of a pool for the calendar's first month. "We swim and golf and play basketball just like everyone else."

Hopkin says she hopes the calendar reinforces a young person's decision to explore science as a career option.

"This is another attempt to dismiss stereotypes," Hopkin says. "Young people can see that what they want to do is just as normal as what someone else might want to do."

The calendar, which will be available soon in campus bookstores, was produced by NPR as a fund-raiser for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

But why should the men get all the glory? Well, says Hopkin, just wait. Next year Hopkin says she hopes to create a similar calendar featuring female scientists. ●

Students applaud purpose of Million Man March

College Press Service

Eric Moreland says he felt a new sense of purpose in his life after attending the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. Now, Moreland has ambitions of bringing some of his newfound hope back to the University of North Carolina campus.

"I came back feeling like a complete man," says Moreland, a UNC junior. "I came back knowing what it is I have to do."

Moreland, like many African-American men, went to the nation's capitol to join with others in resolving to uphold such values as personal responsibility and political involvement. "I want to be the best friend I can be, the best father I can be, the best brother I can be," says Moreland. "And I want to start on it right away."

He'll do that, he says, by

spreading the words of Minister Farrakhan, who told the march attendees to strengthen their pride in their race, broaden their political power and work to better themselves.

"Minister Farrakhan's words cut to the heart of some of the problems African-American students have on college campuses," Moreland says. "If we heed his words, we can't help but become a stronger, more unified people."

Most African-American students across the nation, whether they participated in the march or not, agree. "People like to immediately

discredit Farrakhan as an anti-Semite and ignore his message," says Shawn Robbins, a Mississippi State University senior. "But the reaction has to start somewhere. Someone has to take the stand and preach about what we need to do to build on the power we already have."

Many schools with large black enrollments declared the day of the march a "Holy Day," mirroring a proclamation made by religious leaders at Howard University in late September. The proclamation called on African-American men to take a day off from

work, entertainment or sports and refrain from profanity. The men also were called to "repent, atone and reconcile to the God of creation and salvation."

"Black men needing to say we're sorry for abandoning our responsibilities and then move on," says Robbins.

More than 300 students from Louisiana State University marched from the center of campus to the steps of the state capitol. "This was an opportunity for black men across the country to stand together," says Victor Vandell, president of the LSU's Black Graduate and Professional Student Association.

"Minister Farrakhan's words cut to the heart of some of the problems African-American students have on college campuses."

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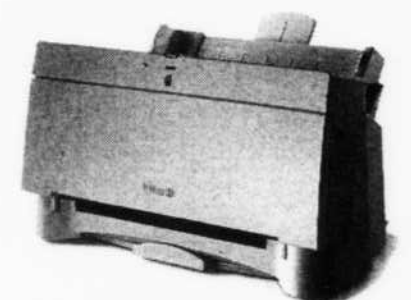
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A Sidelines progress report



Mark Blevins
Editor

The MTSU men's club soccer team beat UT-Knoxville in overtime two Sundays ago to capture the Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League championship. Congratulations guys and good luck this weekend at the national championship in

Arizona. Unfortunately, we didn't publish the story until today which is a full eight days after they won.

In a similar instance, the MTSU club rugby team won the mid-South tournament and went on to the mid-West regional tournament where they lost. All the same, it was an excellent showing, and we congratulate the team. Again, we missed the story.

I would like to apologize to readers of *Sidelines* and to the players of the teams for not recognizing their outstanding athletic achievements.

You might be wondering why we missed the opportunity to tell a great story. You might also be wondering why I am confessing to missing that opportunity. I'll start with the reason for my confession.

Essentially, newspapers are made to serve the public which means that we are basically public servants. Why do I think we are public servants? The salary is a big tipoff, but the nature of our work also fits the description.

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This brings me to my point. If someone you know tells you a story about a factual event, you immediately assess the position of the person to know about the story. You do the same thing about newspapers or other types of media.

Rather than purport to be covering everything we aspire to cover, I am much more comfortable with admitting our shortcomings so you can know from whom you are hearing a story.

Sidelines doesn't have a problem with providing accurate, fair and complete coverage on a story; we have trouble covering all of the stories that should be covered.

The soccer and rugby team situations are perfect examples.

So please allow me to tell you about the progress of your student newspaper.

At the beginning of the semester, the current staff went into the venture with a real plan for doing the best job we could.

We divided the coverage into a beat system. It's a system that makes one person responsible for SGA, one person for Campus Police and etc.

It works well, but... The key is having enough people who understand journalism to do the work. While we have more writers on staff than there has been in quite some time, many of them are just beginning their practice of the craft of journalism.

This is fine. They are the students who will grow into very competent journalists. However, we need more junior and senior standing students who understand the work. (This parenthetical statement is for the journalism students who think they can get a job after school without any practical experience: we've got a good thing going on up here so come join us.)

At present, we need about eight advanced students to really put us over the top.

Some other actions for our progress include:

We will be expanding our sports coverage to include all club teams. In the past, club teams have been ignored as they are now. By the beginning of next semester, club teams will be part of our sports coverage. Between now and then, we are organizing our plan and people.

We want to add another dimension to our paper: CANDY. That's right, candy. Candy is what I call the stories about students, campus life and life in general. It may prove to be the most important part of the paper. Hard news is our priority, but once you've got that, wouldn't you like a little candy? I hope so.

A copy editing team and regular writing workshops with coaching is aimed at expanding our skills and styles. We do a lot of coaching now, but I hope to bring in professors and professionals to assist.

We are also creating the new position of Design Editor. I recently went to a national collegiate journalism conference in D.C., and I went in riding high on the compliments that journalism professors have given us for the work we have done. Then I saw the best college papers in the country. Needless to say, I was humbled. But one thing I noticed that they all had was good design. During this semester, I hired a couple of graphic design students to work on the layout and appearance of some of the paper. It's helped a great deal, but soon the whole thing will be done by students who study the stuff.

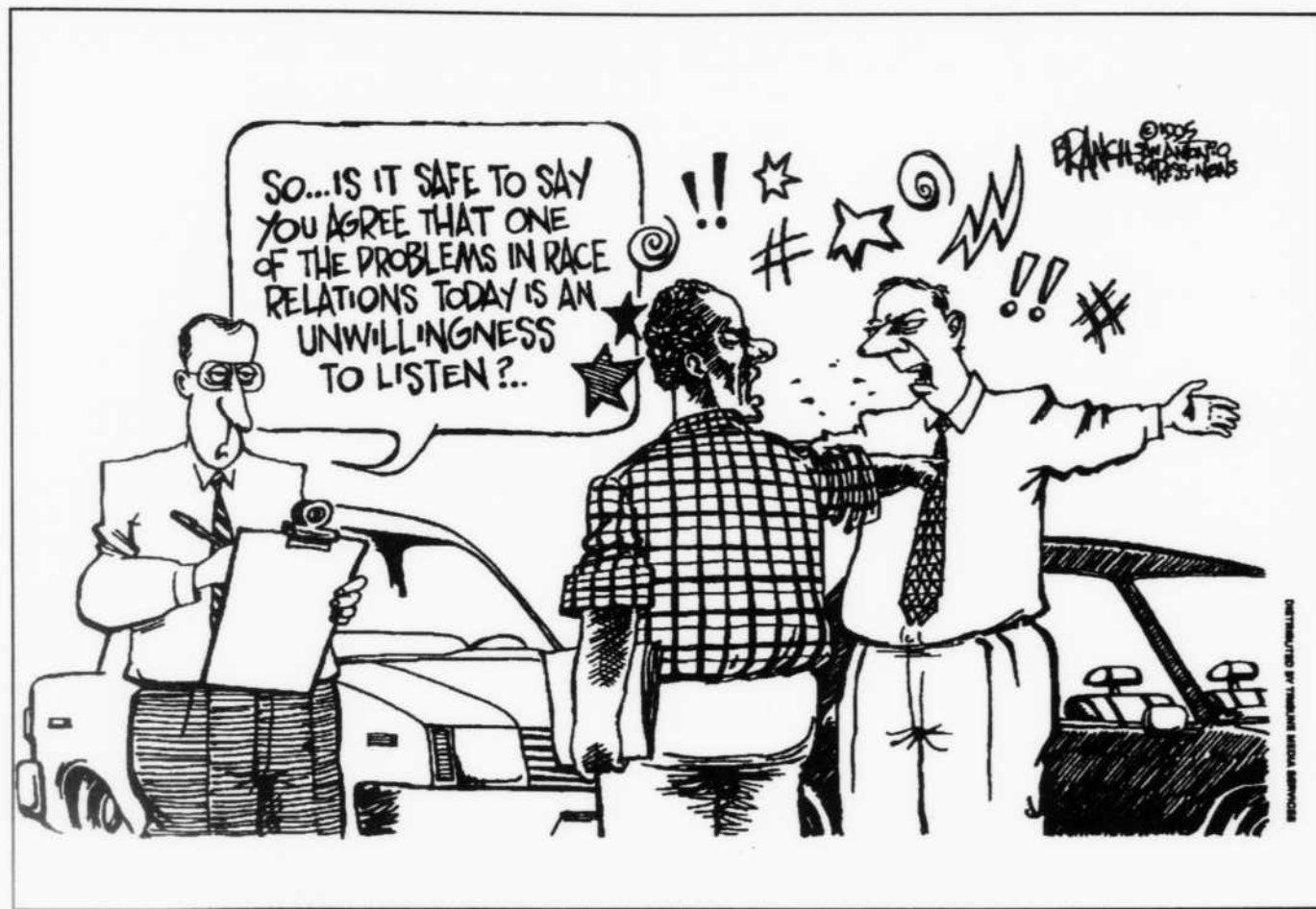
The idea is to integrate motivated students into the specific tasks which they study.

It's not always easy—especially with the beast that is the college newspaper. Students who work up in the office are carrying full loads of school and most work on the side as well. So it is a balancing act for most of us.

There is a solution, however. It is simply to have many people on staff so that everyone has a little piece of the pie.

That's my progress report. I hope it is of some value to you.

If there's something we can do for you, my number is 898-2337.



Letter to the Editor

University officials acted responsibly in 'hate speech' case

To the Editor,

Last Thursday the *Sidelines*' Editorial Board (of which I am not a member) wrote that the university was wrong to "protect hate speech." The paper wrote "The integrity of the MTSU judicial system will be forfeited if university officials choose to protect hate speech by creating this precedent."

I must respectfully disagree with *Sidelines* on this issue. I think the University acted with unusually good common sense for the benefit of all involved.

I think the flaw in *Sidelines*' logic is the belief that punishment works. If there were any reason to believe that punishment is an effective deterrent to improper behavior, I'd agree that the names of the offender's should be released. However, any cursory look at the recidivism rates of criminals in this country will prove that not only does punishment not work, it is generally counterproductive.

"Discipline" comes from the Latin "disciple" (pronounced dis-ke-pley), which means "student." Jesus' followers were "disciples." Academicians follow their "academic disciplines." We can reasonably conclude that the essence of discipline is to teach, not to punish.

No one is excusing the behavior of the persons who threatened Lambda, so the only question is "what outcome do we, as a University, wish to reach about this incident?"

First, I think we want to make certain that it doesn't happen again. Secondly, we want to learn from this incident and try to get some good out of a sorry situation.

Lambda officials have taken the high road, and chosen not to press charges. They are the injured party, not the University, not *Sidelines*. If that is their decision, then as far as anyone else is concerned, that should end the issue.

The responsibility of a University is to teach, not to

punish. I am quite certain that because of the wise discipline used in this situation, the young men who chose to act like the idiots they are will never again do something like this.

Furthermore, I would be willing to bet that they will actively discourage others from doing similar things, should they be in a position to do so. And most importantly, I am sure that they will be able to learn from their mistakes without having their adult lives associated with their childish behavior.

The perpetrators of this "hate speech" are being forced to deal with their prejudice constructively, and hopefully we will all benefit.

Rather than acting irresponsibly, I think that University officials have shown maturity of thought. Rather than give in to the viscerally pleasing need for punishment, they have fulfilled their mission as educators.

Mark T. Gibson is a junior Psychology student.

Owner of Davis Market will be missed

School Daze



Warren Wakeland

Many of you may not know it yet, but MTSU lost a cultural icon over the weekend.

Gary Davis, the owner of Davis Market on the corner of East Main Street and Tennessee Boulevard, was killed in a two-car accident early Saturday morning on U.S. 231 South near Christiana.

According to Tennessee Highway Patrol reports, Mr. Davis was a passenger in a car headed north toward Murfreesboro when the driver swerved to avoid hitting a truck headed south in the northbound lane delivering newspapers. The car and truck hit head-on, killing him.

Mr. Davis leaves behind a wife, son and daughter. He was 54 years old.

Death is a subject that invades all of our lives eventually. It has been too much a part of mine, and here it is again.

When I read about the accident in the *Daily News Journal* Sunday morning, I took a moment to remember him. I used to live right across the street from Davis Market and spent much of my food money there.

I spent a lot of Sunday mornings talking with him about politics and other community

issues. He kept up with everything he could that happened in the world. He read at least three newspapers every day, maybe more. You could always count on him to know what he was talking about.

He truly loved the MTSU community. Students gave him a great deal of his business, and he knew it. At the end of every semester he would make some sign that thanked the students for their business and wished them good luck with finals and over the break. He would put it right at the cash register, so you always saw it.

You knew by his attitude and demeanor that he meant it.

He would go out of his way to help a student if the student needed help. When I got hurt earlier this semester, I went into his store on crutches and he asked what had happened. When I told him, he told me to let him go get what I wanted.

When he came back and I got out my money, he said, "Don't worry about it, buddy. Just stay off that leg."

I had seen him do it before for other people, but had never thought twice about it until he did it for me. I wondered then how many other business owners would have done the same thing for a good customer that he knew. Not many, I suspect.

It was maybe \$10 worth of stuff that he wrote off. Why, I don't know, except that he knew how much business I had given him over the past two years and this

was his way of thanking me.

He was a man who let his actions speak for him.

And now he is gone. It is a sad day.

Davis Market is an MTSU historical landmark. It is a place where students can go to get anything from a jar of peanut butter to a CD to sodas and beers you can't find anywhere else in Murfreesboro.

More than that, it is an atmosphere that is attractive to those of us living in that neighborhood. It's a place where a preppy frat boy can blend in just as well as a beatnik RIMMER. It's a place where no one is judged—a rarity in our society. It's one of the few really neat places I know of around here.

I can only hope that after the family is through with their initial grieving, they will decide to keep the store—not sell it or close it. It just wouldn't be right for anyone but a Davis to be running Davis Market.

God seems to take the genuine people first. I guess that's why Heaven is supposed to be such a great place. God found a prime example in Gary Davis.

To his family, please accept the sympathies of the entire staff of *Sidelines* for your loss.

The MTSU students he knew will miss him and the community will miss him. I will miss him.

Warren Wakeland is a senior Public Relations student.

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Students light things up for local rockers

By Heather Hybarger/staff

Tamara Frost, a senior RIM major, got first-hand experience in her field right here on campus, Thursday, Nov. 9.

At 8:00 p.m. the local band Shark Parlor performed in Tucker Theatre. The entire production was run by MTSU students and former MTSU students.

It all started as a class project in Steven Jones' Lighting Design class.

"One of our projects is to light a live musical event," said Jones. "Tamara came up with the idea to do a full blown show."

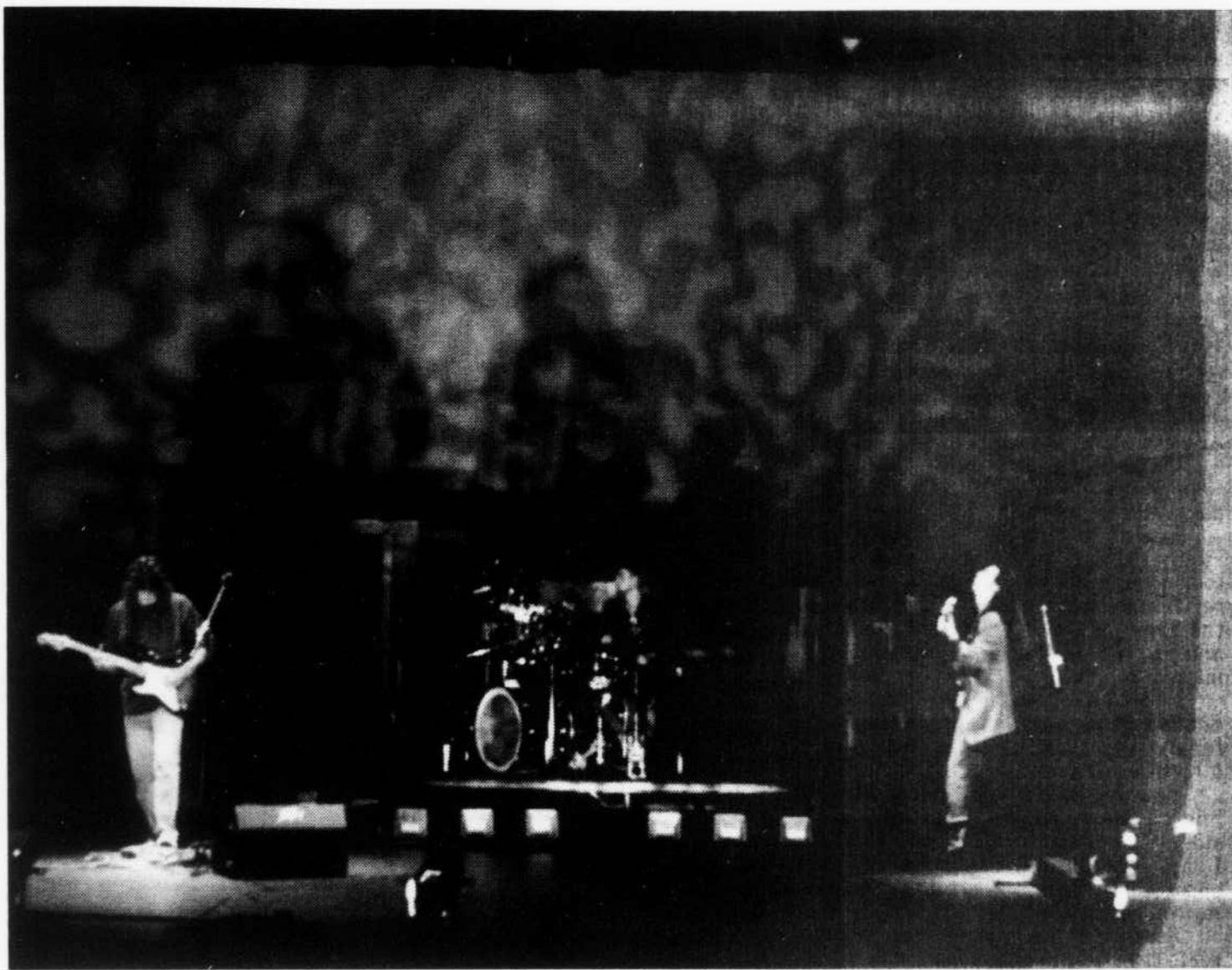
Tamara took charge from there. She called in her Shark Parlor friends, Chris Bradley, Jim Parker and Sam Naff. They called in their own sound guy, MTSU graduate, Jamie Tate of Sanctuary Sounds in Nashville.

They agreed to play ten songs. It was now up to the Lighting Design class to produce a show.

Four of the songs were critiqued by Jones for a class grade, and the students went all out. The set included a screen behind the band, on which parts of the video "Mind's Eye" was played, as well as different light patterns. The students also made use of fog and regular stage lights.

"This was a chance for RIM majors to get out and show what we can do, what we've been taught by both the sound and lighting department," said Frost. "It's given me a chance to take something from everything I've learned, combine it into one effort, and show off."

"It all seemed to fit together," said Bradley, lead singer and bassist of Shark Parlor. "These are the kind of people I like to work with. They take their work seriously."



Members of the local rock group Shark Parlor played in Tucker Theatre last Thursday in a free performance for students. The group was participating in a project for the lighting and design class. The members of Shark Parlor are Chris Bradley, Jim Parker and Sam Naff.

Although the crowd was small, those that were there enjoyed the show. The RIM students who attended have high hopes of being a

part of a similar production next semester.

"We were lucky that the space was available," said Jones. "Next time

the students would have to book a space in advance, but it is entirely up to the students if we are going to do this again." ●

Getting ready for that 'big time' video job

By Nathan Downing/staff

Who are you? What do you want to be? Why do you want to be in the video business?

These are just three of the questions asked of students during a seminar presented by the International Television Association (ITVA) this past weekend at the John Bragg Mass Communications building.

George Cautero, a Producer/Director from New York, was the guest speaker and focused on the business aspect of entering the video business. Cautero, a regional ITVA Vice-President, advised, "You will be hired as much for your business sense as for your artistic or technical abilities." He strongly urged students to start thinking as business people and to develop a direction of focus.

Another pointer Cautero gave

was having business cards made up, to give students credibility when they come in contact with professional prospects. He also emphasized perfecting your resume and having a review it before sending it out to job prospects. On Sunday afternoon, Cautero also took time to have one-on-one interviews with students to review resumes and to answer additional questions.

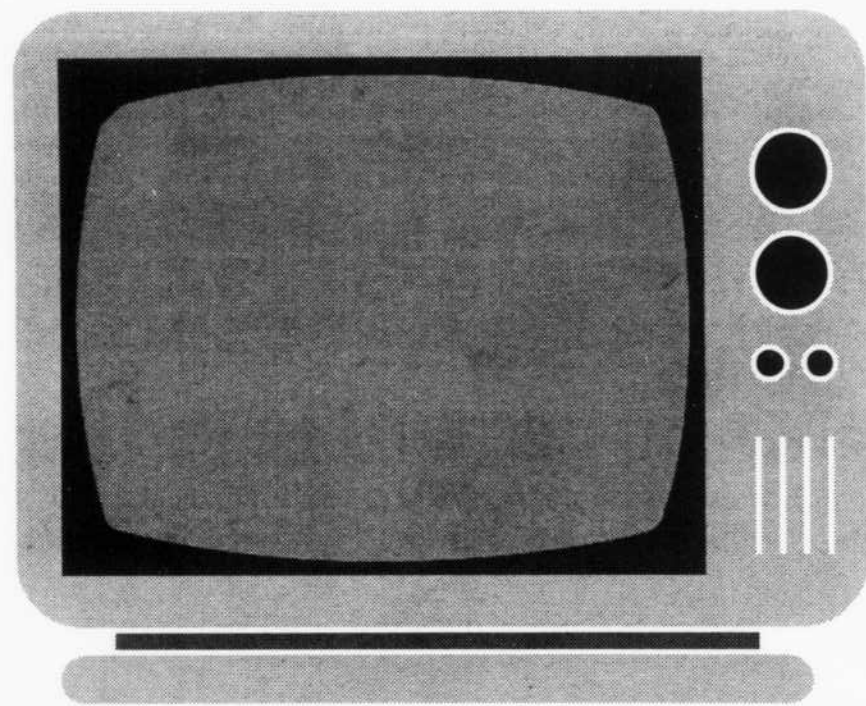
According to Heather DeVaney, ITVA student chapter President, the workshop "gave students more of a well-rounded idea of what the video business is about and what it takes for people to make it. Not just the academic part, but about business cards, how to write a resume, and how to network with people."

Cautero also emphasized having enthusiasm and being passionate about what you want to do in the video business if you want to

succeed. DeVaney echoed these sentiments when asked about characteristics of success, "A good attitude is number one and enthusiasm and common sense. If you're going to be a producer, director, or editor, you really need to be able to work with people well and be intuitive about people. I think understanding people is very important, because it's a people business."

If you're a Radio/Television major and still asking yourself why you should join ITVA, DeVaney has some words for you, "People should join ITVA to get the national benefits. It's a link to the professional world for students. We're networking for the future, because we're all going to be in this together one day."

For further information about ITVA, contact Heather DeVaney at 385-3652. ●



Woody's movies funnier than ever, but 'great vision' eludes him

By Ian Spelling/College Press Service

Despite all the tumult in Woody Allen's personal life—and there's been plenty over the past few years—he continues to churn out funny movies. Just look at "Manhattan Murder Mystery" and "Bullets Over Broadway." Now, Allen is back in even finer form with "Mighty Aphrodite." So good is the film it might actually earn money outside of New York and Paris.

"Mighty" casts Allen as a sportswriter who, with his younger second wife (Helena Bonham Carter), adopts a baby boy named Max. When their marital sparks begins fading, Bonham Carter contemplates having an affair, while Allen seeks out Max's biological mother. Enter Mom: Mira Sorvino as a sweet but remarkably stupid porn star/hooker whom Allen tries to reform. Serving as Allen's conscience and commenting on the action is a wry Greek chorus led by F. Murray Abraham and featuring Olympia Dukakis.

"Years ago I was looking at my adopted daughter and thought, 'She's so charming, bright and wonderful. She must have had good biological genes,'" recalls a relaxed and open Allen during an interview at a Manhattan hotel. "I didn't care enough to follow it up and investigate, but it was a thought that passed through my mind. Later, I thought it'd make a funny story if I was a

sportswriter, had a kid, my marriage wasn't going well, and I have fantasies that (my son's) mother would be someone I could love because I loved the kid so much. Then, the more I find out about her, the worse she becomes. Then I thought, 'That's got a Greek tragedy feeling to it.' The more progress you make, the further back you go. So, I put the Greek chorus in and it started to write very well for me."

Though many of Allen's past films have dealt with sexual issues, none has been as explicit as "Mighty" in its subject matter and language. The film deserves its "R" rating.

Allen reports that he was comfortable scripting, shooting and playing the film's more risqué moments.

"It's all strictly because I wanted to fantasize that Mira was some kind of wonderful creature and she turns out to be a real vulgarian," he says. "I wanted her to be a hooker, a foul-mouth, a porn star who has this dreadful apartment with these horrible artifacts in it. I made her as bad as I could possibly get her. I was lucky Mira played her, because it's very easy for this kind of character to be unlikable, harsh or nasty. It so happens Mira isn't that kind of person. She's a bright, educated young woman, and charming. She informed the character with a dimension that wasn't in the writing."

Though Allen is quick to point out that, as an actor, he always plays riffs on the same basic character, his "Mighty" performance is refreshingly less neurotic than those in some of his other films.

Still, Allen remains a most reluctant thespian and would prefer only to write and direct. "The only reason I perform is occasionally there's a part that's so right for me, like the one in 'Manhattan Murder Mystery.' That had to be me and Diane Keaton," he says. "Also, my name on the marquee in America means nothing, zilch, whereas in Europe it's a big help. When a film of mine comes out in Europe and I'm in it, it stands a better chance of making money."

Does Allen's personal life inform his work? The answer, he insists, is no. Since his much-publicized breakup with Mia Farrow, the battles over their children, and the hoopla concerning his relationship with Soon Yi Previn, Allen has penned an off-Broadway play, written and directed "Manhattan Murder Mystery," the TV movie "Don't Drink the Water," "Bullets," "Mighty" and an in-production musical.

"There's no correlation," he says. "I just do whatever idea I can lay my hands on at the time. Before anything happened with me publicly, people were constantly taking my films and reading into them things from my personal life. I've always said you shouldn't do that. Since I got

into the papers with my custody fight, it's become a major industry," he notes, laughing easily.

"The movies are all made up. People think that they're not just reflective of my private life, but that they're exact copies, and they always did. When 'Annie Hall' came out, I had to go around telling people I didn't grow up in Coney Island. Nobody wanted to hear it."

Regardless of how people feel about Allen as a person, his work should be judged on its own merits. A few years ago, the director commented that he'd never crafted a great movie. Many critics would challenge this statement, pointing to "Manhattan" and "Annie Hall."

But the writer-director maintains his position. "A lot of the movies I love and that I was tremendously influenced by weren't necessarily great," he says. "If you accept as great films like 'Citizen Kane,' 'The Bicycle Thief,' 'The Grand Illusion,' and 'The Seventh Seal,' then I can safely say I've never made a film in that class. I've never made a film where you could get all the world scholars and film historians to sit around and say, 'This film ranks with the greatest films that Orson Wells did.' I feel I haven't done that, and I'd like to...It's a goal. I've made some decent films. I'm not ashamed of them."

"I'll be 60 in December and

'Mighty Aphrodite' is my 25th film. I'm limited only by my limitations. I do feel completely different, feel that I know how to make movies and that I've experienced it. It remains to have a great insight or a great vision of life. If I'm ever lucky enough to have a vision of some depth or real profundity that I can get up on the screen, I think I'd know how to do it."

"The trick," concludes Allen with a smile, "is in having that vision. That's not so easy." ●



College Press Service

Woody Allen in "Mighty"

Dave Barry speaks out on gluing turkeys and Disney cartoon smut

By Dave Barry/
syndicated columnist

We are approaching the Thanksgiving holiday, when we pause to reflect on our blessings by eating pretty much nonstop for an entire day, then staggering off to bed, still chewing, with wads of stuffing clinging to our hair.

It's a spiritual time, yes, but it can also be a tragic time if an inadequately cooked turkey gives us salmonella poisoning, which occurs when tiny turkey-dwelling salmon get into our blood, swim upstream and spawn in our brains (this is probably what happened to Ross Perot). That's why the American Turkey and Giblet Council recommends that, to insure proper preparation, you cook your turkey in a heated oven for at least two full quarters of the Vikings-Lions game, then give a piece to your dog and observe it closely for symptoms such as vomiting, running for president, etc.

Some day, perhaps we won't have to take these precautions, not if the U.S. government approves a radical new concept in poultry safety being proposed by a company in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. I am not making up Rancho Cucamonga: it's a real place whose odd-sounding name, if you look it up in your Spanish-English dictionary, turns out to mean "Cucamonga Ranch." I am also not making up the

poultry-safety advance, which was discussed in a lengthy news story by Randy Drummer in the May 16 issue of the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, sent in by many alert readers. Before I quote from this story, I need to issue a:

WARNING TO TASTEFUL READERS: You should NOT—I repeat, NOT—read the rest of this column if you are likely to be in any way offended by the term "turkey rectums."

Speaking of which, the editors of *The Nashville Banner* will definitely want to take a close look at the following material. Thank you.

The story appears on The Daily Bulletin's business page, under the headline, PACER BACKING NEW USE FOR GLUE. It begins, I swear, as follows:

RANCHO CUCAMONGA—Jim Munn hopes that the government and the poultry industry will get behind his process for gluing

chicken and turkey rectums." Jim Munn, the story explains, is the president of a company called Pacer Technology, which makes Super Glue.

Munn, the story states, believes that meat contamination can be reduced by "gluing shut the rectal cavities of turkeys and chicken broilers." (Needless to say, this would be done AFTER the chickens and turkeys have gone to that Big Barnyard In The Sky; otherwise everybody involved would have to be paid a ridiculous amount of money.) The story states that "Munn became

intrigued by a poultry rectal glue product after a federal inspector contacted him and said he had used Super Glue on a turkey."

I frankly find it hard to believe that a federal employee would admit such a thing, after what happened to Bob Packwood, but Jim Munn thought it was a terrific concept. He plans to market the product under the name—get ready—"Rectite."

"Poultry officials applaud the idea," states the story.

I do, too. I am all for gluing turkeys shut; in fact, I think they should be glued shut PERMANENTLY, because, as a consumer, I do not wish to come into contact with those gross organs, necks, glands, etc. that come packed inside them. There are few

scariest experiences in life than having to put your unarmed hand inside the cold, clammy recesses of a darkened turkey and pull those things out, never knowing when one of them will suddenly come to life like the creature in the movie "Alien," leap off your kitchen counter and skitter around snacking on household residents.

So I urge you to telephone your congressperson immediately and state your position on this issue clearly and forcefully, as follows: "I favor gluing turkey rectums!" And while you have your congressperson on the line, you might want to point out that The Walt Disney Co. is secretly using cartoon movies to promote sex. Yes, I have here a document from an organization called the American Life League, entitled, "OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON DISNEY'S PERVERTED ANIMATION." The document states that Disney has been putting smut into its cartoon movies, and cites the following examples, which I am still not making up:

—In "Aladdin," "when Prince Ababwa calls on Princess Jasmine on her balcony, a voice whispers, 'Good teenagers, take off your clothes.'" The document further asserts that in the same movie, Abu the monkey says a bad word.

—In "The Little Mermaid," the officiator in the wedding scene "is obviously sexually aroused." Not only that, but "the box cover of 'The Little Mermaid' contains a phallic symbol in the center of the royal castle."

—In "The Lion King," when Simba plops down, "The cloud of dust that he stirs up, to the upper left of her head, forms the letters S-E-X." (Which, if you remove the hyphens, spells "sex.")

None of this surprises me. I have been suspicious of the Disney people ever since it was first pointed out to me, years ago, that Donald Duck does not wear pants. There is WAY more of this perversion going on than we are aware of, and it is not limited to Disney. Look at the shape of the Life Savers package! Are we supposed to believe that's COINCIDENCE?

No, this kind of thing is everywhere, and today I am calling on you readers, as concerned individuals with a lot of spare time, to look for instances of hidden perversion in commercial products, then report them to me by sending a postcard to: Smut Patrol, c/o Dave Barry, Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. 33132.

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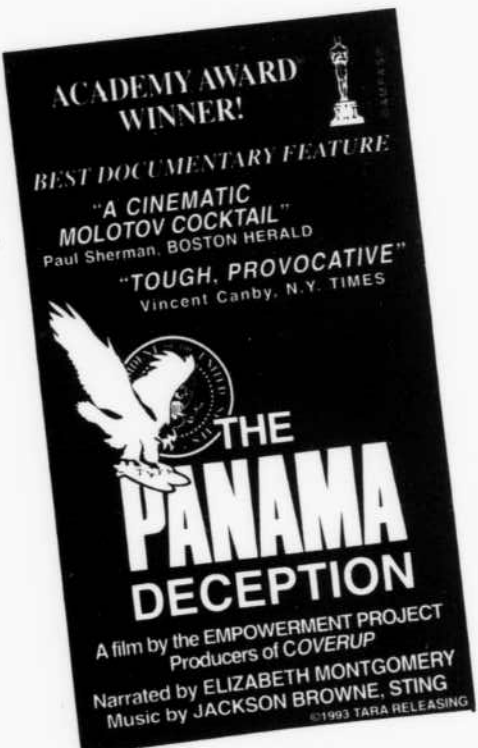
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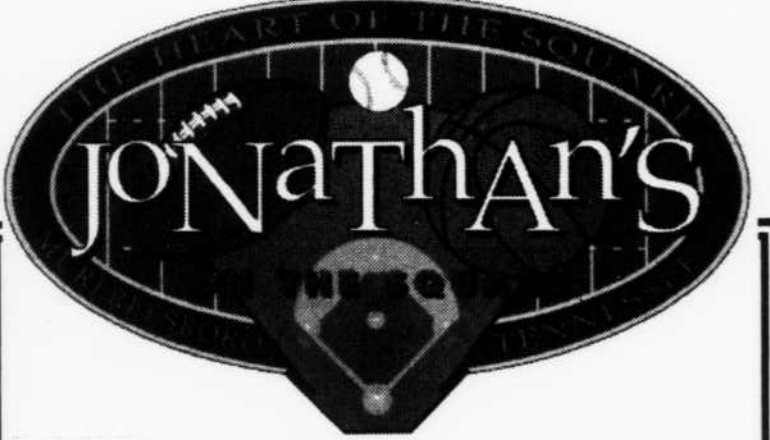
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Soccer team makes run at national title

Raiders defeat UT to take SEC crown; head to Arizona for national tourney

By Sean P. O'Toole/staff

The sport which is by and large the most unappreciated in the United States has found a new home. Or at least the MTSU soccer team hopes it has.

After just its second year in the Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League, the MTSU men's soccer team has earned the chance to play for the national championship. It earned that chance via a 4-3 overtime win over the University of Tennessee on Sunday, November 5.

The tournament, which was held

in Meridian, Miss., also held another interesting irony.

Middle defeated Mississippi State in the semifinals, 3-2. The Bulldogs were one of only two teams, alongside aforementioned Tennessee, that defeated the Blue Raiders during the regular season (4-1 to UT, and 5-1 to Miss. State).

"It worked out really weird. Both of those losses were on the road, and we were not playing well at the time," Brent Bigney, who scored a goal in the title game, said. "We got another chance in the SEC tourney to show what kind of team we were."

However, it has not been a bed of roses for the Raiders' squad all season. Early in the season, Coach Charlie West left for undisclosed reasons, leaving the team with two player coaches, senior P.J. Lukasick and sophomore Alan Oates.

And along with a little help from

eventual tournament MVP J.P. Lawranceau, what could have been a potentially season-threatening and certainly devastating loss came out for the better.

"It does not affect us as much now, but in the middle of the season, it affected us because we had no real coaching leadership. We had a lot of confusion and bitterness on the team because shifts were not being done right and a lot of good players were not getting to play," Bigney said.

But the team persevered. And went on to win the SEC title for the second straight year in a row. Not too bad for a team that has been in the SEC for only two years.

"Last year we thought that just making the tournament was a great feat, and this year, winning it again was a real accomplishment," said Trevor Vasser, a senior on the team.

And now the Raiders have a new task in mind. Winning the national title. And confidently, the Raiders (who are currently ranked sixth in the nation going into the tournament), say that they have the best chance of any of the teams to win it all.

"We do not really know that much about the other teams in the tournament, but we were there last year, we are in it again this year, and we are probably expected to win, and we will be prepared," Bigney commented.

And they had better be prepared. In the first round of the tournament, the Raiders will face Wisconsin-Lacrosse, Michigan, and New Mexico State.

Only Wisconsin-Lacrosse has been seen by the Raiders before, and that was last season, which, as Bigney put it, "does not mean a thing, because they have beefed up since last season."

Whether or not the Raiders' come home with the national championship is now in their hands. They are the top dogs of the tournament, and by winning the SEC title, they have subsequently tattooed a bullseye on their collective chest.

Hopefully, after the tournament in Tempe, Arizona concludes on November 19, the MTSU Blue Raider men's soccer team has a trophy.

Maybe then they will get the respect they deserve. ●

Records fall in 31-6 Totem bowl victory

By Ryan Lewis/staff

"Harvey" the totem pole will be spending another year on the MTSU campus after the Blue Raiders ripped their arch rival Tennessee Tech 31-6 in the Totem Bowl on Saturday.

MTSU's offense exploded again, racking up 536 total yards, and junior split end Demetric Mostiller broke two more receiving records on his way to another spectacular outing.

"I thought it was a well-played football game," MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly said. "These two universities have been going against each other for a long time. A lot of bragging rights go along with the win."

The Blue Raiders (7-3, 6-2) were backed up against the wall mid-way through the first quarter after tailback Brigham Lyons recovered his own fumbled punt return on the two yard line.

On second-and-10, quarterback Jonathan Quinn Boots Donnelly executed a perfect play-action pass to Mostiller, who raced down the middle of the field for a 98-yard touchdown. The reception broke a 25-year-old Ohio Valley Conference record for the longest play in a game.

"I thought it was a good time to call it, and I knew that Dee (Mostiller) could beat them deep," Quinn said. "Nobody even touched me, and that makes it pretty easy."

Quinn was named Newcomer of the Week by the Ohio Valley Conference for his performance in the win. The sophomore completed 15 passes for a total of 332 yards and two touchdowns. This was the second week in a row that Quinn received the Newcomer honor, although last week he had to share the award with Tech quarterback Jamie Sander.

Mostiller, who caught three passes for 140 yards, broke a 30-year-old school record with 814 receiving yards on the season.

"He's gotten a chance to play

every year, and he's just gotten better and better," said receiver coach Eric Roark of the split end. "I always thought he would be a great player."

MTSU added another score in the second quarter when Lyons capped an eight-play, 69-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run. Lyons's score allowed the Blue Raiders to go into the locker room at the half with a comfortable 14-0 lead.

The Raiders played well defensively in the first half as well, limiting the Golden Eagles to just 107 yards. But a better effort was yet to come in the second half.

The third quarter saw Blue Raider kicker Mark Sadler give Middle a 17 point advantage as he booted a 19-yard field goal.

In the fourth, the Blue Raiders put the game away as flanker Toby Walker hauled in a 44-yard touchdown pass from Quinn, and fullback Reggie Parks scored on a two-yard run to give them a 31-0 lead.

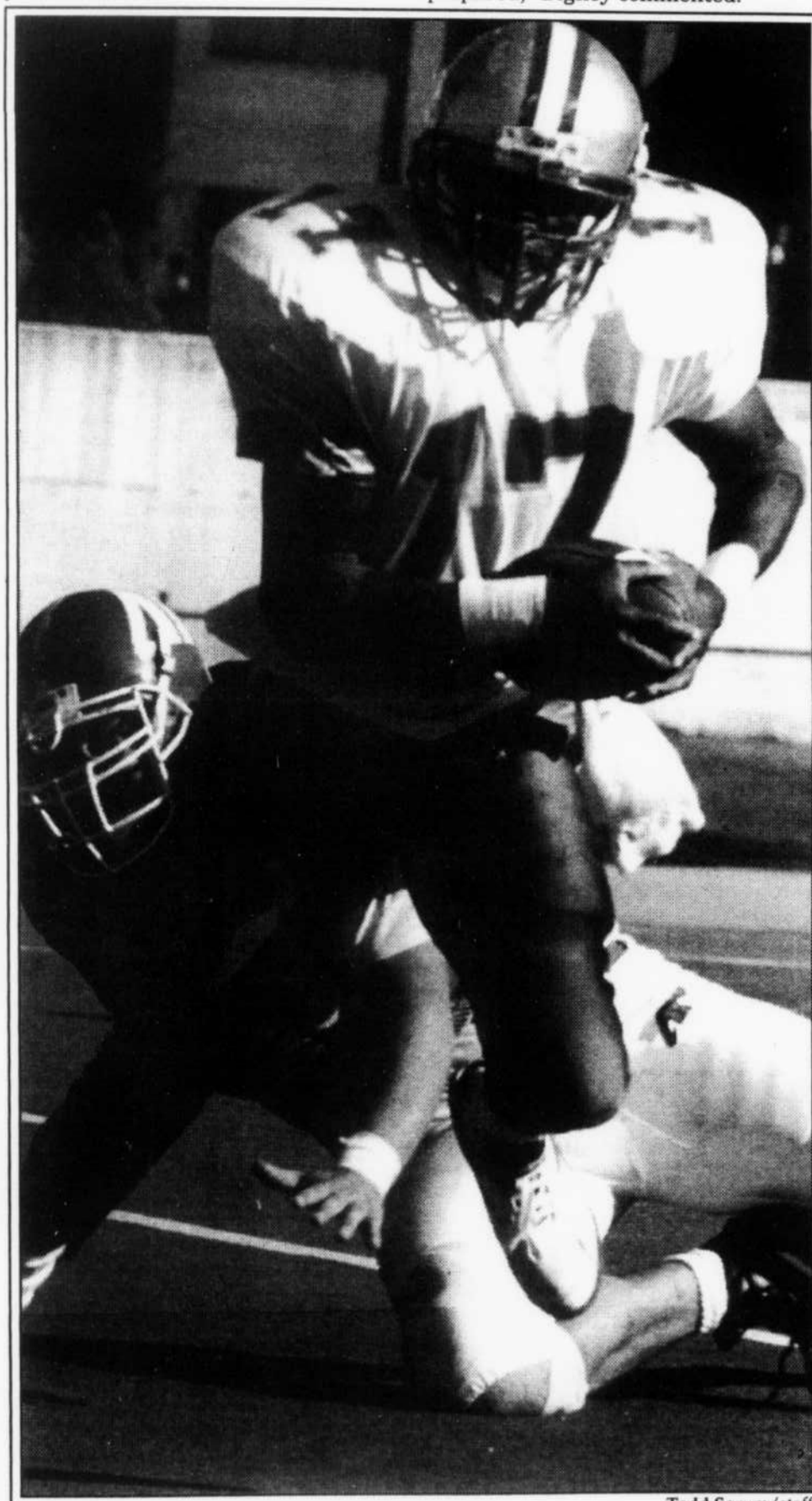
Backup tailback Lebrian McGill, who has been seeing more action in the last few weeks, paced the Blue Raider running game with 117 yards on 21 carries.

MTSU's defense completely shut down the Golden Eagles' offense down in the second half as it yielded only 39 total yards.

"I thought they played well," Donnelly said of his defense. "I thought they shut down everything that Tennessee Tech even thought about doing. (Defensive coordinator) Todd Tanne and his staff have done an incredible job with them."

The Golden Eagles (3-8, 2-6) got their only points of the game when they blocked a Brandon Thomas punt and recovered it in the end zone with just one minute left in the game.

MTSU travels to College Station, Texas for its final regular-season game against Division I-A powerhouse Texas A&M this Saturday. ●



Todd Sorum/staff

Record-breaker

Flanker Dee Mostiller broke two receiving records in Saturday's win over Tennessee Tech. His 98-yard TD catch from Jonathan Quinn was the longest play in OVC history, and he broke a school record for most receiving yards in a season with 814.

Murray State finishes OVC unbeaten with TSU win

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Murray State found itself in a real battle before making it through the Ohio Valley Conference schedule unbeaten.

The Racers needed a late touchdown off a turnover to hold off Tennessee State (2-8, 1-6) 24-19 Saturday for sole possession of the OVC title.

"I guess that's why they're champions," said Robey Williams, who came off the bench and threw for three touchdowns in nearly rallying the Tigers.

Elsewhere around the OVC, Eastern Kentucky shut out Austin Peay 29-0 and Middle Tennessee State downed Tennessee Tech 31-6. Against non-conference competition, Southeast Missouri fell to Southwest Missouri 39-3 while Samford topped Tennessee-Martin 21-14.

William Hampton intercepted a pass, his eighth, at midfield to set up a 2-yard touchdown by Derrick Cullors, his second of the game, for the final margin. But Murray State (10-0, 8-0) didn't clinch the title until Raymond Okoli recovered a Williams' fumble on a last-ditch scoring drive.

Williams threw three TD passes on throws of 61, 4 and 5 yards.

"We played hard, but the field conditions were horrible," said Murray State coach Houston Nutt. "But when we needed a first down, we got it. When we had to stop them, we stopped them."

Daymon Carter, a transfer from Kentucky, turned in a nice performance in his first start for No. 10 Eastern Kentucky (8-2, 6-1). Carter rushed 25 times for 195 yards and two touchdowns on runs of 30 and 61 yards.

The Colonels rolled up 340 yards rushing to Austin Peay's 152 and held the Governors (3-7, 2-5) to only 210 yards of total offense. The Colonel defense also forced Austin Peay to punt 11 times in the game.

Dee Mostiller, playing with bruised ribs, set an OVC record by taking a Jonathan Quinn pass 98 yards for a touchdown early as Middle Tennessee (7-3, 6-2) easily beat rival Tennessee Tech (3-8, 2-6).

Two career records were set in the game. Gerald Bentley caught two passes for Tennessee Tech to give him 54 receptions for the season. MTSU's Mostiller grabbed three passes for 140 yards to give him the Blue Raiders' record for receiving yards in a season with 867.

Southwest Missouri (3-7) led early as quarterback Jeremy Hoog scored his two TDs early and gained 109 yards on eight carries over Southeast Missouri (4-6).

Southeast got its only score in the second quarter when Eric Warren kicked a 27-yard field goal, making it 23-3.

Jeff McCrone broke the OVC single season record for pass completions, but Tennessee-Martin (4-6) still fell short. James Griffith scored on a 37-yard run with 31 seconds remaining for the winning margin for Samford (6-4).

McCrone's 218 completions breaks the record of 214 made by Morehead State's Chris Shwartz in 1989. ●

ON THE LINE

INSTRUCTIONS

Place a mark beside your predicted winner. Entries must be received no later than Fri., November 17.

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If a game has MTSU 'vs' TSU, it means the game is at a neutral site.

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	Morehead at Eastern Ky.			Maryland at Florida State	
	TSU at SEMO			Auburn at Alabama	
	Austin Peay at UT-Martin			Colorado at Kansas State	
	Tennessee at Kentucky			Virginia Tech at Virginia	
	Vanderbilt at Florida			Notre Dame at Air Force	
	Michigan at Penn State			N'western at Purdue	
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Kris Wetzel, Daniel Strobel, Brad Warden and Sean Shockey finished in a four-way tie for the best record for week nine, with each of them picking 12 out of 16.

Upon a second count of the records for the first nine weeks, it was discovered that Brad Warden's picks for week six had not been recorded. His record has been corrected below.

This is the last week of OTL for the semester, so turn in your picks for the final week!

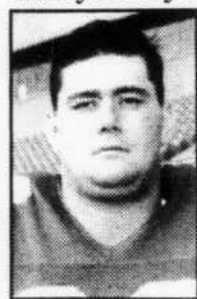
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Brad Warden	107-37
Sean Shockey	95-49

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Raider end fills important role

By Sean P. O'Toole/staff

If you come out to watch the Blue Raiders, defensive end Trent Young, and the number 99 that he wears, probably won't jump out at you. But he is more important than you may realize.



Young

A fifth-year senior on the Blue Raider squad, he may just be one of the bigger physical specimens you may ever see. A tight end as a red-shirted freshman, Young has adapted well to the other side of the ball and his role as defensive end.

At 6'5" and 245 pounds (even though he is listed at 6'6" and 235), he is the ideal height and weight for a big and strong tight end. But Young says he does not think about what might have been.

"There was a lot of

personnel that believed I would be more productive on the defensive side of the ball," Young said. "And since I would have got more playing time, I decided to go with that side of the ball."

And it has been a big payoff for the defensive side.

"As a fifth-year senior, he's counted on to fill in, and give that extra experience that we need, and he has done so," defensive coach Ray Barnes said.

One of Young's greatest strengths has been his ability to adapt to change. Going from tight end to defensive end was enough, but Young doesn't believe that any of the so-called "magical" offenses, such as the West Coast offense or the dying Run and Shoot, that can fool the well-prepared MTSU defense.

"We can take the whole week to prepare, and we adjust very well, we take the challenge on, and we most times come out on top," Young said.

But the knock on Young has always been the question

about mobility. He runs a 4.97 40-yard, but he feels that it's not because he is not quick, but more because of injuries.

"I'm a little unhealthy right now, which makes me a little bit slower," Young said.

Young has been wearing a tight knee brace, due to a partial tear of his ACL (Anterior Cruciate Ligament), and has also wore an ankle brace for what he calls "a little sprain."

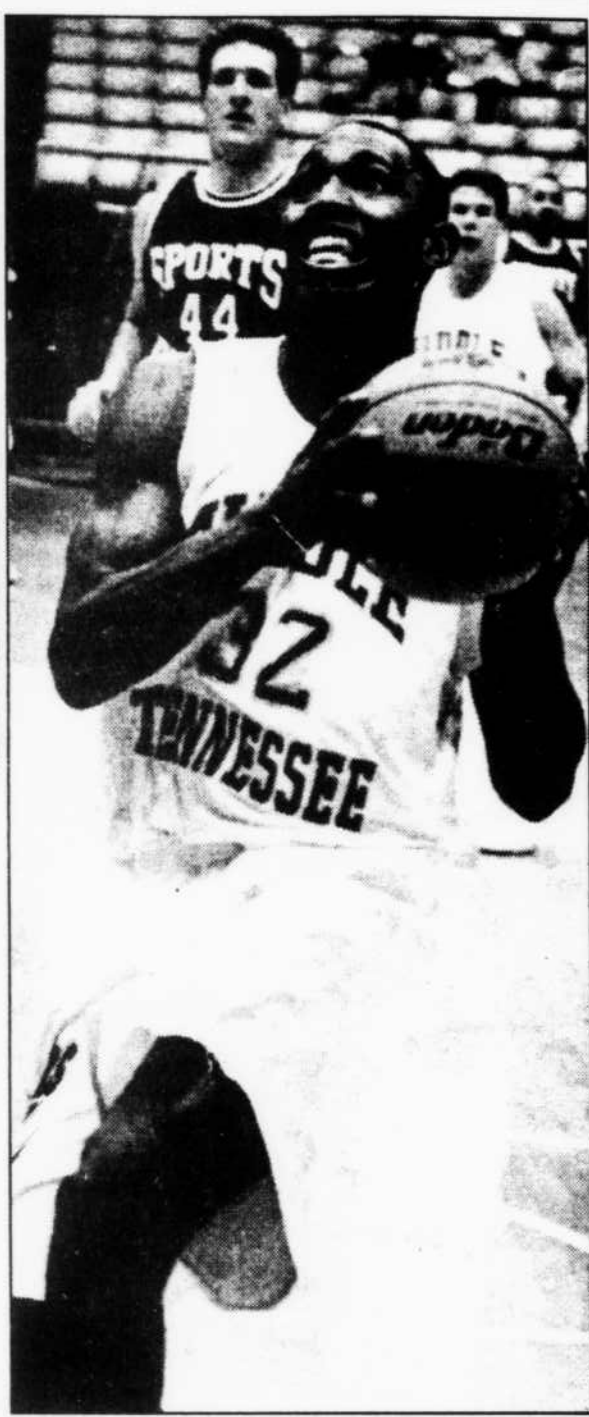
But Young's injuries only motivate him more to win the OVC. However, he says it is emotionally hard to do it without a fallen senior, injured former Fullback Robbie Roberts.

"Our lockers were right next to each other," Young said. "He would always tell jokes out on the practice field, and it's tough not having him around to tell them. We all miss him a lot."

He wouldn't say what Robbie's jokes were about. Maybe they were about winning the OVC Championship, which is what Young wants most of all. ●



Photos by Carl E. Lambert



It's hoops time again!

The Blue Raider basketball team opened the 1995-96 season Friday night with a 121-78 exhibition win over the Sports Reach Crusaders. At left, Velvious Goodloe, Brent Secrest and Tim Gaither go up for an offensive rebound. At right, junior guard Roni Bailey prepares to take off for a dunk after a steal. Bailey and junior forward Paul Bruns led the Raider scoring with 21 points each.

Lady Raider volleyball team sweeps weekend tourney

By Rob Nunley/staff

The Cinderella story of the MTSU Lady Raider volleyball team continued this weekend in Cookeville, Tenn.

In the homestretch of their first winning season since 1982, Middle had a perfect weekend, winning three consecutive matches at the Tennessee Tech tournament.

The Lady Raiders opened the weekend's action on Friday afternoon with a quick 3-0 drubbing of OVC foe Tennessee State, 15-2, 15-4, 15-6.

The Raiders combined for a hitting percentage of .333 during the match with the 0-25 Tigers. Outside hitter Yanira Santiago led the way for the Raiders as she has for much of the season. Santiago recorded nine kills (.444 hitting percentage) and 10 digs to the winning effort.

Tanya Maltes added eight kills, while Deb Anderson contributed seven. Tara Miller and Susan Bishop added six apiece, with Miller hitting .556 in the three games.

Setter Nidza Castillo showed why she is among the nation's leaders in service aces with four against TSU.

Middle's second opponent on Friday was Troy State. The Lady Raiders handed the Trojans another quick defeat, 15-4, 15-11, 15-10.

Anderson and Santiago led the offensive charge for the Raiders once again with 13 and 12 kills respectively. Anderson accomplished this feat while maintaining an .846 hitting percentage. But the most impressive performance of the Troy match came from Bishop, who posted a 1,000 hitting percentage with nine kills in nine attempts.

Saturday saw the Lady Raiders collect their third

sweep of the weekend against the Lady Camels from Campbell, 15-5, 15-1, 15-9.

In a game of hitting accuracy, Santiago recorded 12 of the Raiders 39 kills (.611 percentage), while Tammy Eicholz added six (.500) and Maltes added three on seven attempts (.428).

Tara Miller proved to be a jack-of-all-trades in the two games she played in against Campbell. The sophomore outside hitter scored nine kills, two service aces, eight digs and two block assists against the Lady Camels.

Coach Lisa Kissee and the rest of the 27-6 (12-3 OVC) Lady Raiders return home tonight to face the Lady Gobs from Austin Peay. Tonight will be the Raiders last regular-season game before they travel to Morehead to play in the OVC tournament beginning Friday. ●

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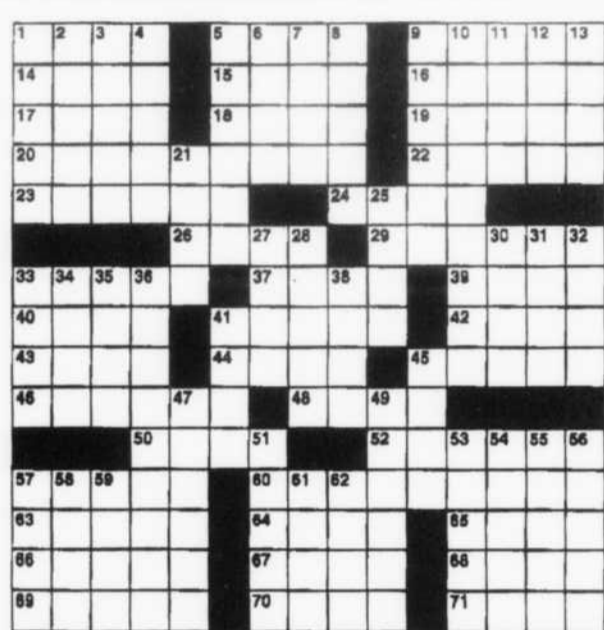
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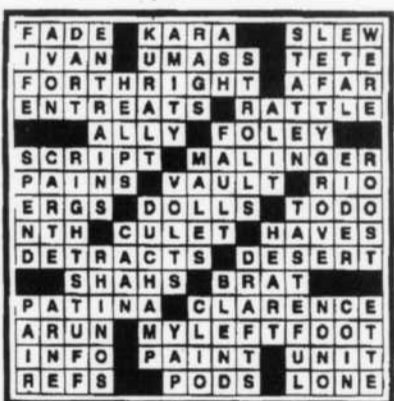
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 - 9 Planned secretly
 - 14 — breve
 - 15 Heaps
 - 16 "Have — day"
 - 17 Authentic
 - 18 Flat-topped elevation
 - 19 Lunar valley
 - 20 Game fish
 - 22 Garnet
 - 23 Disposable handkerchief
 - 24 NC college
 - 26 Town on the Thames
 - 29 Forbid
 - 33 Unit of capacitance
 - 37 Judge's garment
 - 39 Baseball name
 - 40 Off center
 - 41 Vacuum flask inventor
 - 42 Tissue unit
 - 43 Weather stat.
 - 44 "A" — apple
 - 45 Toast
 - 46 Math term
 - 48 Sports org.
 - 50 Best of Ferber
 - 52 Liqueurs
 - 57 Stringed instrument
 - 60 Gambling game
 - 63 Bellowing
 - 64 River of Belgium and France
 - 65 Perry's creator
 - 66 Old weapon
 - 67 Alcoholic beverage
 - 68 Avian weapon
 - 69 Goes by ox wagon
 - 70 — of Cleves
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off the mark by Mark Parisi



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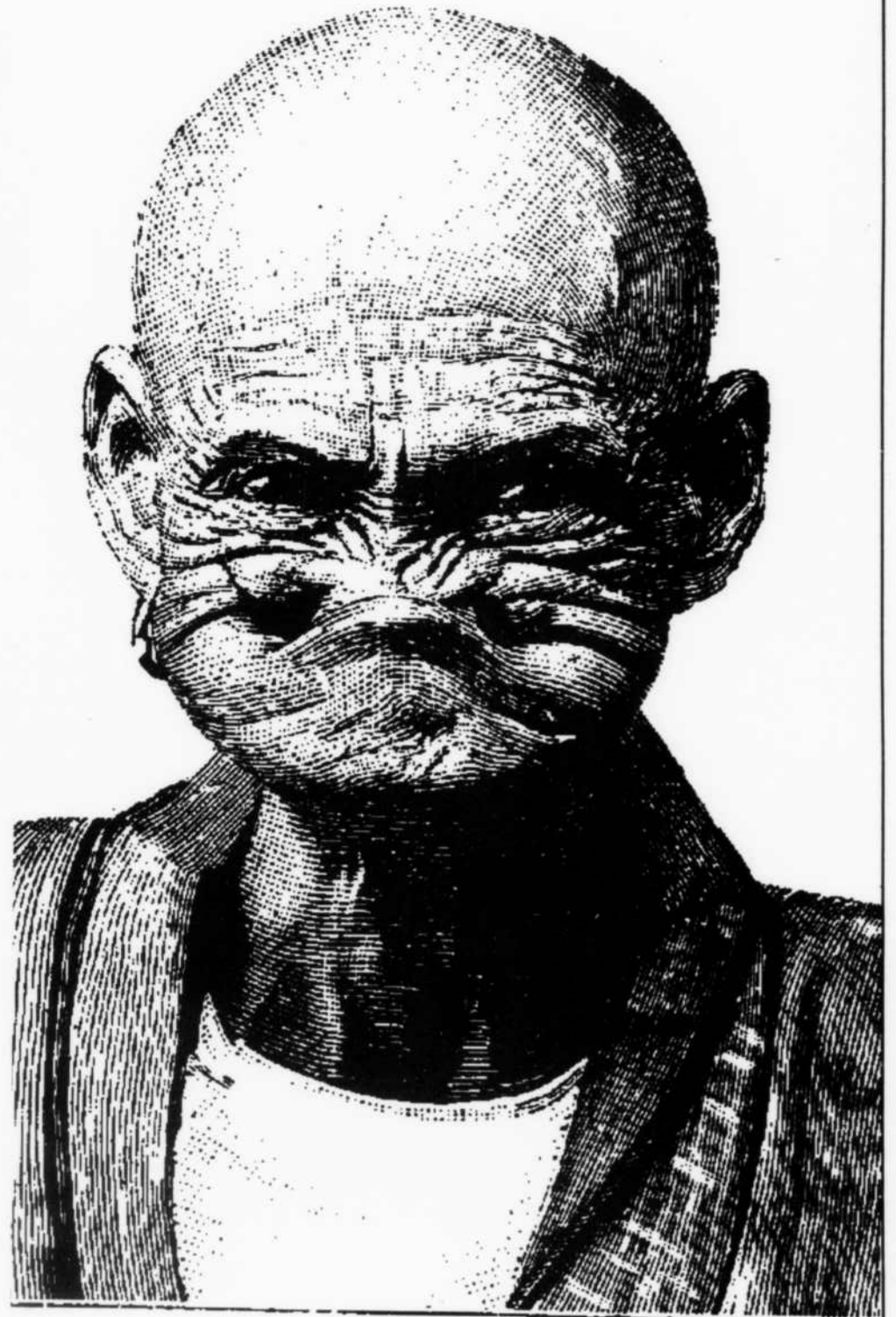
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