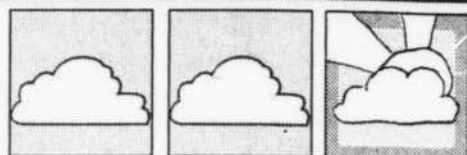


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Police look for man who poses as student

By Mark T. Gibson/staff



Martin

Police are looking for a convicted drug dealer and thief who poses as an MTSU student on a regular basis.

Kennedy Bernard "Kenny" Martin currently has five warrants for his arrest, according to MTSU Police spokesman Dustin Miller. He is also wanted for both parole and probation violations.

"He's been arrested for possession

of cocaine for resale, possession of cocaine and fraudulent appropriation of property," Miller said. "His probation has been revoked a few times, he's been in the [penitentiary] for possession for resale...he's got a record a mile long."

Martin generally gives an address on East Castle Street when he is arrested but is seldom there, Miller said.

"The reason we want him is because in February 1995 he went into the library and snatched a lady's bookbag," Miller said. "It contained numerous credit cards as well as a checkbook."

The victim reported that the theft

occurred when she had left her study position to retrieve a book. She was gone from her desk less than five minutes, Miller said.

"This is what we call a 'crime-of-opportunity,'" Miller said. "He saw the bag sitting there and just took it."

The victim reported to her bank that the checkbook had been stolen, and the information was entered into the Accu-Chek check verification system.

A few days later Martin attempted to pass the check in a convenience store in Lebanon. The store manager called the police and Martin was arrested.

Unfortunately for police, Martin

was able to talk his way out of the situation before MTSU police were aware that he'd been arrested.

"The Lebanon police were supposed to call us and transport him, but for some reason they let him go before they called us," Miller said. "He had told the officers that he'd picked up the checks when the victim had asked him to clean her car."

"Of course, she had never even met the man, much less told him to clean her car."

Miller said police have issued five warrants for his arrest—three warrants for passing bad checks, one for theft of property and one for fraud.

Martin often poses as a student

here and has represented himself as a basketball player several times. Miller characterized Martin as a "career criminal" who seems to take advantage of crimes of opportunity.

Martin has never been a student at MTSU "and never will be," Miller said. Martin is banned from campus and if caught on campus may be charged with trespassing.

Anyone who has information on Kennedy Bernard "Kenny" Martin is urged to call the police or Crimestoppers. Anyone giving information leading to his capture and conviction may be eligible for a reward. ●

Restoration of historic school in progress

By Wendy Mosley/staff

MTSU's Center for Historic Preservation is acting as an adviser for the restoration of Bradley Academy, the first school for African-American education in Rutherford County.

The Center is providing needed historical information for the Bradley Academy Historical Association, headed by the E.A. Elks Lodge No. 1138.

Bradley Academy was founded in 1811 in a log cabin donated by the Murphy family. The school taught primarily white males, and was named after the school's first principal, Professor Bradley.

The 11th President of the United States, James K. Polk, graduated from Bradley in 1814 and delivered the commencement address. In 1884, Bradley Academy became the first school for African-American education with 150 students and four faculty members.

The building that stands now is the second Bradley Academy, built in 1917. It was constructed on the same site as the previous building. In the 1920s, the building was the site of a national model health program, and

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Rec Center fees still undecided

By Martha Stroud/staff

Whether parents will continue to pay \$50 for the access of their children and spouses to the Rec Center is still undecided after two early October meetings with the Advisory Committee.

Director of Campus Recreation Glenn Hanley hopes that the Advisory Committee will have some final recommendations by the middle of November and that the issue will be resolved by next semester.

"The Recreation Center was designed and planned for college students, whether they are traditional or non-traditional students," Hanley said. "Some students don't want children running around while others don't care. We are trying to accommodate all the students and work with them."

Some students think that the additional money required for their children and non-student spouses to use the Rec Center—\$3 per child per day or \$70 for a four-month family membership—is too much.

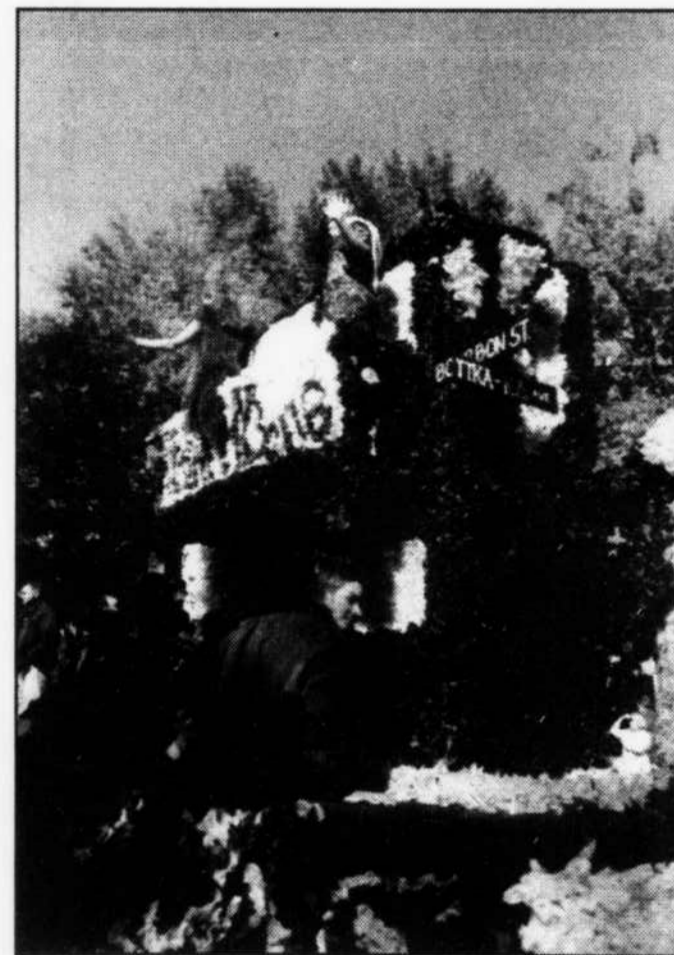
"Children of full-time students should be allowed in for free," said junior psychology major Dallas Nichols, a resident of Family Housing and parent of an 8-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl. "If the Rec Center offered a special class for children, like child aerobics, we would be

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Coming Home Homecoming 1995

Photos by
Brian G. Miller



(Top left) Mary Katherine Gilbert is escorted by her father at the game Saturday just before she was crowned Homecoming Queen. At left is SGA President Shane McFarland. (Left) Brigham Lyons breaks through the UT-Martin offensive line during the Blue Raider victory. (Above) The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority float rolls down Main Street during the early morning parade Saturday.

Recruiting, conference affiliation part of move

By Warren Wakeland/staff

Editor's note: This is part of a series that examines MTSU's move to I-A.

MTSU's move to Division I-A will give the school more visibility and exposure in the eyes of high school students and parents in Middle Tennessee and throughout the Southeast, university officials say.

But trying to predict where the move will take the school after 1998 is a crapshoot at best.

How much exposure the school receives and how much respect it gains after 1998 is dependent on the

university retaining and building on its credibility as an academic institution as well as building a new reputation as a I-A football power.

Admissions

NCAA regulations stipulate that in order for student-athletes to be eligible to enter a university on the basis of an athletic scholarship, they must attain certain levels of academic achievement in high school or junior college.

Each student-athlete must have completed the mandatory 13 core

curriculum courses in high school, have attained at least a 2.0 GPA and scored either 700 on the SAT entrance exam or 17 on the ACT exam to be eligible for NCAA athletics.

Those who do not qualify academically have two choices: either enroll in the school and achieve the minimum GPA to be eligible, for which the student-athlete may not

receive a scholarship from the institution, or go to a junior college and raise their grades to the point where they will qualify under NCAA guidelines.

Each school has different admissions standards. At MTSU, the standards all students must achieve are a 2.8 GPA, 950 on the SAT (for out-of-state students only) or 20 on the ACT. According to MTSU Director of Admissions Cliff Gillespie, the state of Tennessee allows the

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Moving to I-A
Part 3 of 4



Carl E. Lambert/staff

Cassaundra Husky, a junior of Ashland City Tenn., takes a swing at an old Volkswagon Beetle in the KUC courtyard during Homecoming activities last week. She paid \$1 to take two swings, and all proceeds from the Sigma Nu sponsored event went to the St. Jude's Childrens Hospital of Memphis.

Retaining students goal of group

By Todd R. Cruse/staff

The Retention Task Force is currently studying the student retention rate on campus to determine if there are ways to keep a greater percentage of students in school.

"To improve the graduation rate is one of the university's strategic planning goals," said Faye Johnson, Chairperson for the task force and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.

Currently the retention rate is 40 percent; an ideal percentage of retention for the university would be 50 percent. The numbers and percentages are based on students that have been attending MTSU since they started their college experience

and is measured in six-year cycles.

"We are looking at all the factors that reflect on retention, including advising and financial aid," Johnson said.

The Retention Task Force, established in 1992, consists of 18 administrators, faculty, and students who study all the aspects of the retention problem. This year the force appointed Harley Anton, professor of Developmental Studies, as Retention Director. Anton is conducting a pilot project to see if he can positively impact the retention rate.

One of the things Anton would like to try is a 24-hour retention line for those students who are contemplating withdrawal

from the University and would like help. The main idea behind the Retention Director is to see him first before making the mistake of dropping out of school.

Most people think that the reason someone withdraws from school is their lack of academic ability. According to Johnson, that is not the case.

"The majority of the students do not have a problem with their academic ability," Johnson said. "It is more likely to be situations contributing to the academic problem, such as family problems, financial problems and work demands."

Johnson said the leading cause for student withdrawal is conflicts between their work demands and school. ●

Public Safety officer promoted

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

MTSU Public Safety Officer Greg Wassom was promoted to Sergeant effective Sept. 15.

An eight-year veteran of the department, Wassom has been involved in law enforcement for 13 years.

"A lot of the folks that I'd worked with in Overton County had come down here and told me what a great place to work MTSU is, so that's why I came down here," Wassom said.

Wassom is a Livingston Academy graduate and attended a vocational electronics course for a year at Livingston Vocational Technical School, but decided that his career lay in law enforcement rather than electronics.

In addition to his duties as

a police officer, Wassom is a freshman at MTSU, although his work schedule precludes him from taking a full load each semester.

"I normally can't take more than one class a semester, what with my job and the overtime and stuff, but I'm working on it," Wassom said. "Both [Chief Drugmand] and the assistant chief promote education and encourage all of us to work on it. The department is very good about scheduling me so that I can attend class."

"Since I'm just starting [my college education], I'll probably only take one class a semester for a while."

Wassom said that before his promotion he had occasionally been the senior patrolman on duty, but that his new responsibilities cause

him to look at his job from a new perspective.

"In the past I might [have been] the senior officer on a shift once in a while, but now when I come in for work I know I'll be in charge of the shift; it isn't the same as before," he said. "Now when I come in I know that I'll be in charge of the shift...it's a whole different ball game...but I like the responsibility."

Wassom intends to finish his education but doesn't necessarily intend to move on once he's done.

"I plan on staying here and doing what I can to help this department along," he said. "I think it's a real good department, and we've got some really good people here. Everybody's striving to serve MTSU as best they can, and I enjoy that." ●

Grant avoided for racist ties

By College Press Service

NORMAN, Okla.—There's a \$41,000 research grant available to graduate students at the University of Oklahoma. But despite a constant need for academic dollars, the money has gone untouched because of the donor's ties to the Ku Klux Klan.

The Edwin S. DeBarr grant, named after one of the university's first faculty members, was given to the school in 1981 and has remained in a bank account since. The original award of \$14,714 has nearly tripled, but

students and faculty members say the stigma of the award is reason enough to stay away.

"Mr. DeBarr had obvious ties to the Klan, and for many students, that is reason enough not to take the money," says Malik El-Amin, a university historian. "Students have suggested different uses for the fund, such as cultural awareness programs, but so far nothing has been done because of the award's guidelines."

DeBarr's family has stipulated that the award be presented in his name and be used for research in the

physical sciences.

DeBarr, who joined OU's faculty as a chemistry professor in 1892, served as vice president of the university from 1909 until 1923. DeBarr helped organize OU schools in chemistry, physics, pharmacy and petroleum engineering. He was fired by the Board of Regents for his continued participation in the KKK, where he served as the grand dragon of Oklahoma.

Chemistry Hall, on the Norman campus, was named after DeBarr until 1988, when OU's faculty senate voted to remove the name. ●

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Bike stolen in front of Lyon

Registration essential for recovery of thefts

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

April Keyser, a freshman resident of Lyon Hall, reported that her bicycle was stolen sometime during the Fall Break.

Keyser said her roommate had locked the bike after riding it but did not know how to properly secure it to the bike rack. The bike, thought to be locked, was secured only by the front wheel.

The front wheel remains locked to the bike rack; the rest of the bike is gone.

"It really bothers me that the bike was stolen, but since it wasn't locked up correctly I'm really not surprised," Keyser said. "The bike was brand new, but I'm not mad at my roommate because she just didn't know how to lock it up."

Campus Police spokesman Dustin Miller noted that bikes should be secured to bike racks by the frame, not the wheels.

The bicycle, a 15-speed red GT mountain bike, was not registered with the police department. Bicycle registration is available for free by filling out a registration form at the Department of Public Safety.

Information about the bike, such as the serial number, accessories, description, etc. is recorded and a decal is issued.

Since many thieves attempt to pawn bikes, registration can be an important tool in the recovery of the bike. Pawn shops run all pawned articles through local police departments to ensure that the item is not stolen.

Since Keyser's bike was not registered, it will be "difficult, if not impossible" police said, to make sure the bike is returned. ●

OWLS works for older students

By Martha Stroud/staff

OWLS (Older, Wiser Learners) is a service organization that provides support and advocacy services for the 53 percent of MTSU students who have adult responsibilities outside of school.

"We're a growing organization which is limited by people not knowing we're here," said Dallas Nichols, president of OWLS.

There are currently more than 150 MTSU students enrolled as members in the organization.

OWLS is currently working to increase the services provided to adult learners at MTSU such as child care, more scholarship funds available for adult students, evening hours for services and offices, and more evening and weekend classes.

Recently, OWLS started a

petition against the additional fees at the Rec Center for children and non-student spouses. This petition currently has more than 100 signatures and can be signed in the Adult Services Office at KUC room 320 and in the Family Housing Office.

One of the services the organization provides is a Mentor Program for adult learners. New students are paired with an adult learner and shown how to use university facilities including the computer labs, the library and the shuttle bus.

OWLS provides an emergency schedule service for students who have school-aged children. The parent fills out their schedule and leaves the number to their child's school in case of an emergency.

Members of OWLS also have an opportunity to apply for \$60,000 in scholarships available through the

organization.

OWLS sponsors activities such as theater and movie outings, receptions and other get-togethers for members and their families.

"We want to help students to not burn out here at school, so we try to be a social support," Nichols said.

OWLS is now planning a Crafts Workshop Day for Nov. 11 and a Christmas Pot Luck and Christmas Carol play at MTSU Dec. 1.

"We're a giving organization," Nichols said. "People don't have to invest a lot of time in to get a lot of enjoyment out of it."

Membership in OWLS is \$10 a year. For more information about joining OWLS or about any of their activities, call the Adult Services Center at 898-5989 or go by their office at KUC room 320 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. ●

Universities seeing more older students enroll: report

58 % of older students are women

By College Press Service

Picture the typical American college student: newly out of high school, outfitted in jeans, a T-shirt and Timberlands, and calling a cramped dorm room "home."

Not quite. The typical American college student these days may look more like Mom or Dad.

Take Sheila Donhue, for example. Donhue left high school to marry and quickly had two children. Later divorced, Donhue realized her employment prospects were limited. After taking classes at a community college, she eventually went on to earn a degree from Cornell Law School. Today she is a senior attorney for IBM Corp. in New York.

This year, only 20 percent of college students go to college full time, are between the ages of 18 and 21 and live on campus—a record low, according to a recent "Trends in Adult Learning" report. Meanwhile, 42 percent of college students are over age 25.

From 1970 to 1991, the enrollment of student over age 30 in colleges has more than doubled. That trend is expected to continue into the 21st century, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

In addition, 58 percent of adult students are women. Their enrollment has been increasing since the '70s, when the Women's Movement challenged the notion that "housewife" was the only career a woman needed.

"Females are doing later what some males were able to do earlier in their lives, reflecting a true difference in their life schedules," says Carol B. Aslanian, director of the Office of Adult Learning Services of The College Board in New York.

Colleges have encouraged older students to continue their education by aggressively tailoring and marketing new programs for these students. Since 85 percent of older students work full time, according to studies by The College Board, a variety of evening programs have been designed to meet their needs. These students typically leave the office, do a drive-thru McDinner and arrive on campus as the sun sets.

"The majority of adult

learning is work-related," says Aslanian. "The loss of jobs, the changing of jobs and the creation of new ones are the primary triggers that send adults back to college."

Usually the full-time undergraduate crowd is only aware of those nocturnal "intruders" when they capture valuable parking places. But on some campuses, returning students are not only going to class full time, but also trying out dorm living.

At Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, about 160

older women join the under-21 set each year through the Frances Perkins Program. The program, which began in 1980, is designed for women who interrupted their undergraduate study and want to return for a bachelor's degree.

Students typically attend full time and have complete access to all college services, including cafeteria cuisine.

Jan Carrier Jr. Mount Holyoke College This year 50

women have even chosen to live in a designated dorm. "For many students, coming to college immediately after high school is not possible," says Kate Althoff, director of the Frances Perkins Program. "Either for economic or personal reasons, more and more women are coming to college after a hiatus of sorts from the world of education."

A few Frances Perkins students (FPs) aren't just the same age as the younger students' moms—they are Mom. Jan and Carrier Field are both full-time junior psychology majors, who live separately on campus.

Jan, 49, began working right out of high school and then, like many in the '60s, did a stint in the Peace Corps. She married, reared three children and worked a variety of secretarial jobs. She ultimately found secretarial work "boring," but could not advance in her desired career without a degree.

Then it came time for Carrie to go to college. "When

we were touring the campus, the guide pointed out the Frances Perkins residence hall," explains Jan. "Carrie leaned over to me and said, 'Mom, you should apply. We could be a mother-daughter team.' I would not be here if she didn't support me. We have a really special relationship."

Carrie, 20, conceded her Mom "definitely studies harder. She does every little thing to the T. I have had education for 20 straight years. But for someone coming back after so many years—she's so excited and wants to do

everything. I'm like, OK, yeah, I'm still here."

On weekends, Jan usually travels home to Vermont to spend time with her husband, who has fully supported her adventure.

Now Jan says she is surprised by what a bonus her life experience is in the classroom and how the younger students make her feel included.

"I think many FPs come in

feeling like there's something wrong with us that we didn't complete our education earlier," she says. "But as we get into the classes, we find we really have a lot to offer."

"We draw more from our personal experiences, whereas traditional students come in and are so incredibly articulate, and are probably much better prepared for the work, coming out of high school."

The program was one of the first of its type in the nation. Now similar programs are under way at several other colleges, including Smith, Elms, Wells and Trinity.

"These students take their studies very seriously," says Althoff. "They feel 'now is my chance, now my time has come.'"

While Althoff laughingly admits some of the traditional students may feel "un-oh, here comes another curve-breaker" when they see the non-traditional students in class, "most students love to have them in their study group!" ●

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Interfraternity Council raises \$500 for charity

By Kris Wetzel/staff

Ten fraternities raised \$500 for the Exchange Club Family Center in a golf scramble at Indian Hills Country Club Oct. 28, according to Stephen Nance, public relations chairman for the Interfraternity Council.

The Interfraternity Council charged a \$35 fee per contestant to participate in the scramble. Businesses including Phillips Bookstore and Precision Woods Products donated items to be given away in small contests, such as Longest Drive.

Pi Kappa Alpha members John Garland, Clay Malone and Jerry Forewright, and Sigma Chi D.J. Denning won the golf scramble with a score

of 7-under-par 65.

A Delta Tau Delta team tied with a Sigma Chi team for second place, both scoring 6-under-par 66.

Fraternities Sigma Chi, Pi Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Gamma Rho, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Alpha contributed to the fundraiser for the center.

The Exchange Club Family Center acts as an abuse prevention center that focuses on "at-risk" families to deter the possibility of child abuse. They offer workshops that teach parenting skills and a day-care for children.

The center only has two full-time employees, and the rest of workers are volunteers. ●

SCHOOL: historical sites stimulate local tourism

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the school was accredited by the Southern Association. Holloway High School was constructed in 1928, reducing Bradley Academy to grades 1-8.

Integration of the school system in the 1960s closed Bradley Academy. The school became offices and storage space.

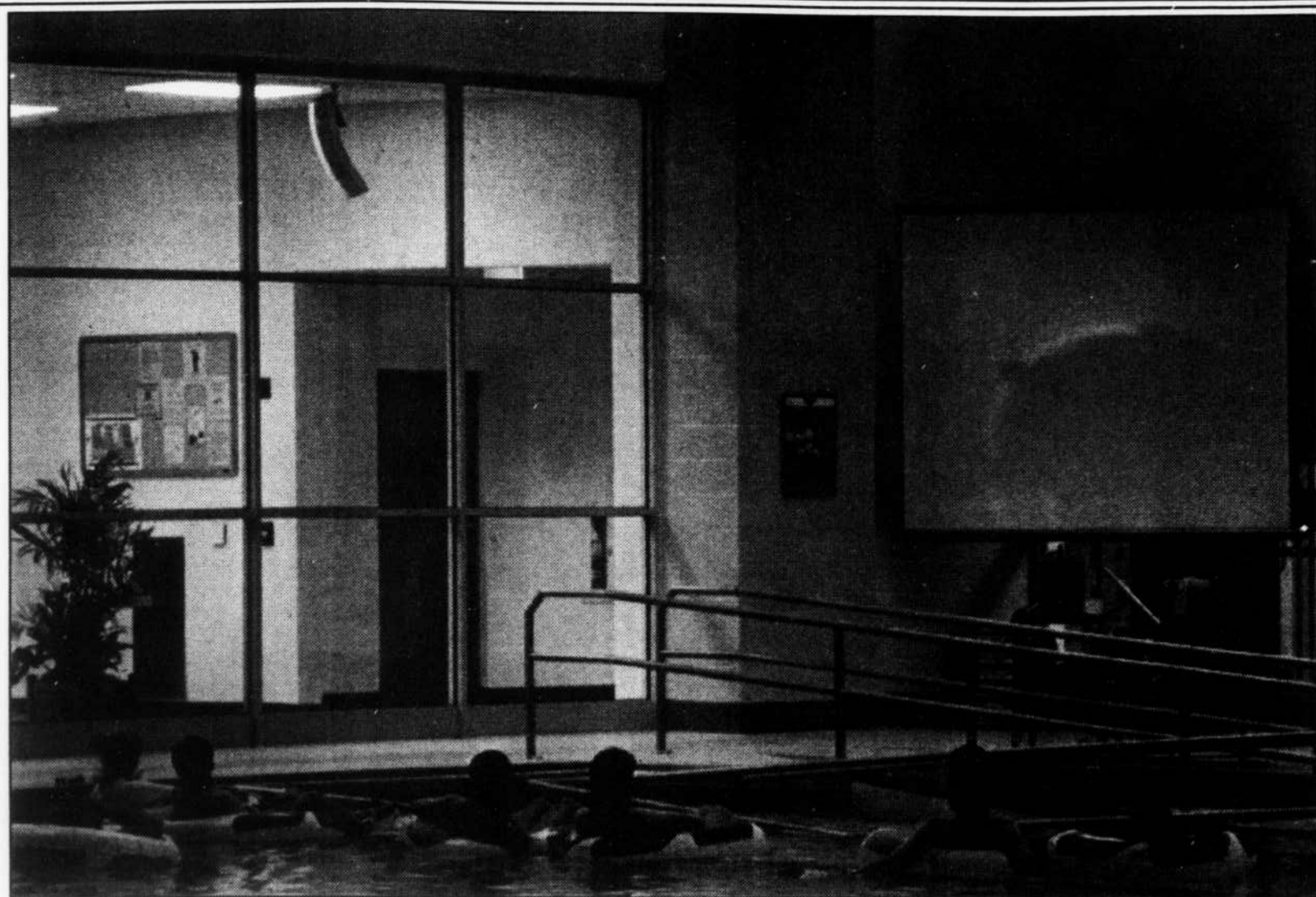
In 1988 Bradley alumni and interested citizens formed an ad hoc committee to preserve the school. By 1989, preliminary discussions were held with the Murfreesboro school board and the City of Murfreesboro. The school became a part of the National Register of Historic Places in

1990 which, triggered the restoration.

"Bradley Academy is a key part of Murfreesboro's history and the black community," said Center for Historic Preservation coordinator Edward Johnson. "It is a part of the many historical sites in Murfreesboro.

"Bradley Academy, Stones River Battlefield, and Oakland will provide complex tourism that will use the past to stimulate the city's future economy."

Grants from HUD Homes and personal donations helped to finish phase 1 and 2 of the external preservation. Phase 3, the internal restoration, is currently under discussion. ●



Brian G. Miller/staff

Water flick

Students watch "The Abyss" in the Rec Center pool Thursday night as part of the Grand Opening.

Barbie & Ken's bodies unrealistic: professor

By College Press Service

NEW HAVEN, Conn.— Having a hard time living up to the physical standards set by Barbie and Ken?

Don't worry. A psychologist from Yale University says that the muscles and curves on the 6-inch plastic dolls are pretty far from reality.

Using hip measurements as her constant, Yale's Kelly Brownell recently calculated that the average woman would have to grow 2 feet taller, add 5 inches to her chest and lose 6 inches from her waist to have proportions similar to the blonde doll. The typical man wishing for Ken's build would have to grow 20 inches taller, add 8 inches to the circumference of his neck, 11 inches to his chest and 10

inches to his waist.

Brownell says that a person's dissatisfaction with his or her body often stems from the unrealistic ideals fostered by the news media, advertisers and the fashion industry.

"The discrepancies between the dolls and reality were pretty much what we expected, given the fact that most females wish to be leaner and many males wish to be more muscular," she notes.

"If healthy, normal-weight individuals use such models as standards for comparisons, discontent is a logical outcome," says Brownell, who serves as the co-director of the Yale Center for Eating and Weight Disorders. "Despair may be the outcome with people who weigh more." ●

FEES: lengthy process to get additional Rec fees changed

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willing to pay."

Once the Advisory Committee makes its final recommendations on the proposals and the Campus Rec staff has reviewed them, the proposals will be submitted to Dean of Student Life Tom Burke. The proposals will then go to the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Executive Council. Campus Rec will then either enact the policy changes or it will go back to the drawing board.

Hanley hopes whatever policy changes will be recommended are enacted by the beginning of the spring semester.

There is a petition against the additional fees for the Rec Center that students, faculty, and staff may sign at the Adult Services Center in KUC room 320 and in the Family Housing Office in the Family Housing apartments. About 100 people have signed the petition to date. ●

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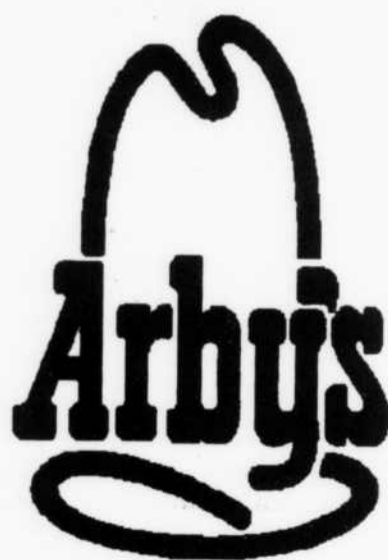
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Letters to the Editor

Profs object to fellow prof's ideas about UEC

Sokoya's ideals patronizing, underscored with subtle bigotry

To the Editor,

In the October 30 edition of *Sidelines*, S. Kim Sokoya concludes that gay and lesbians are not an oppressed group of people that need the protection of minority status. Specifically, Sokoya claims that the efforts of the Uniform Equality Committee of MTSU to introduce a non-discrimination policy, which would include a person's sexual orientation, are not needed.

Sokoya's ideals, however, are typically patronizing and underscored with subtle bigotry. A lot of space and 20-cent words, as well as quotes from Andrew Sullivan, the editor of the *New Republic*, are used by Sokoya to white-wash the fears and bigotry of a heterosexually dominated community. After trudging through Sokoya's epic, it is easy to garner the essence: as long as gay people act straight, then there is no need to worry. Many African-Americans have been subject to similarly specious thoughts. Moreover, African-Americans during the struggle for Civil Rights legislation heard the similar claim that no such legislation was needed—that only special or additional rights were being created. Our fundamental rights are inherent and only become special when certain groups are not afforded them. The ideals brought forth in Sokoya's piece promotes an ignoble atmosphere in which to live.

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Supporter of non-discrimination clause finds counter argument illogical

To the Editor,

As a member of the Faculty Senate who supported the efforts of the Uniform Equity Committee of the MTSU Lambda Association to have sexual orientation included in the university's non-discrimination statements I have to respond to the letter of Professor S. Kim Sokoya to *Sidelines* [Oct. 30]. Sokoya opposed the resolution, which was passed by the Faculty Senate, and in his letter he repeats much of the argument which was made against the resolution in the Senate meeting. At the meeting and again in the Sokoya letter I think the opposition's argument is illogical and represents a misunderstanding of the issue, if not a willful misrepresentation.

Despite the fact that the UEC resolution explicitly states that the statement will "incorporate a specific exemption from the University's Affirmative Action Policies," and remembering that affirmative action policies are specifically intended to address the problems caused by economic and political "oppression," to use Sokoya's language, he begins by arguing as if these were the issues behind the efforts of the UEC. He cites the opposition of two gay journalists, Jonathan Rauch and Andrew Sullivan, to the equation of discrimination because of sexual orientation to political and economic oppression as experienced by African-Americans and women in the United States. Essentially the argument is two fold: gays have been neither disenfranchised or impoverished; and unlike women and African-Americans, homosexuals and

bisexuals do not have to reveal themselves; thus, sexual orientation does not qualify as a category of oppression. This comes as no surprise because both of his authorities are libertarian neo-cons who are doubtless opposed to any form of economic and political protective status as provided for by any form of affirmative action. Worse than that aspect of his argument is that he is arguing against a strawman, i.e., that the UEC resolution is about the redress of economic and political oppression and affirmative action, which it clearly is not.

Sokoya misrepresents the UEC resolution by his false analogy of sexuality to race and gender. The real analogy is the protection provided to religion in the non-discriminatory statement of the university, especially because, as with the UEC resolution, there is no affirmative action component. Just as with sexual orientation, religious belief is not visible unless an individual chooses to make it so. And as Sokoya's authority Andrew Sullivan says of gays "discrimination against them is linked to their own involvement, even acquiescence." In other words, gays can stay in the closet, but if they come out and are not strong enough as individuals to face down those who would discriminate against them, then it is the gay person's fault if they suffer from discrimination. The same is true of religious beliefs when a protective status is not provided. That is the way religions acquire martyrs. In place of a statement of non-discrimination Sokoya insists we

are all entitled to "be treated with respect and protected from harassment and physical violence," thus there is no need for a "protected status." So, on the basis of his arguments, then perhaps religious belief in this country no longer needs its "special advantage legislative status." I do not think so because the inclusion of religion in the non-discriminatory statement allows for some redress in the event of religious discrimination, and removes from the victim the responsibility of creating a policy basis to claim such discrimination. If that is not a desirable and appropriate way to deal with religious discrimination, then in an echo of Sokoya's words, I wonder why it should be included in university policy, state laws, and the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The real issue behind the UEC resolution is that homophobia exists in American society and that on this campus, in the state of Tennessee, and in most of the United States of America as a matter of policy and law it is discriminatory against a person solely on the basis of sexual orientation. If a non-heterosexual exposes their sexual orientation to others, or if someone thinks that someone else is gay, the latter is perhaps the sadder case, it is legal to discriminate against them. On this campus I would hope that there is no discrimination based on sexual orientation and that we do treat each other as Sokoya would have us, but I also know that this campus is composed of humans with all of their imperfections. If

discrimination because of sexual orientation does occur to a student, a staff member, or a faculty member then the subject of the discrimination has to prove that they have been harmed for some reason other than sexual orientation because there is neither a basis in either policy or law to claim discrimination based on sexual orientation. The UEC resolution seeks only a statement of university policy, not a statute nor an amendment to the constitution, which will provide a minimal protection to non-heterosexuals on the MTSU campus. It is minimal because a statement will not end homophobia any more than the inclusion of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability status or veterans status ends discrimination against any of these classes of individuals despite their protective status. It does provide to all of these groups the possibility of complaint based on the actual cause of the discrimination. If there is no such policy statement, there is no such right because there is no basis of complaint.

So, for lesbians, gays, and bisexuals is there to be the minimal protection provided by a statement of university policy which forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, or is it as Sullivan, and I suppose Sokoya, would have it—their own fault if they are not strong enough as individuals to deal with the discriminatory acts of others? I would hope that our campus would represent the best in the American tradition which has attempted to protect its citizens from abuse, not the worst which has from time to time given license to fear as the means of control over segments of our population.

Sincerely,
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12 % vote on referendum pitiful

I was going to write an open letter to State Rep. John Bragg today detailing the reasons why I think he should be leading the charge in the State Legislature toward getting state funding to help build our new stadium.

School Daze



Warren Wakeland

Then I read the Letter to the Editor from our SGA president, Shane McFarland, that appeared in last Thursday's paper and changed my mind. Sorry, Mr. Bragg—you will have to wait.

In the letter he discusses the referendum vote held a couple of weeks ago and how he believes it was a job well done by students.

The only thing I can agree with him about is that the issue of the fee increase is dead. It will stand. The rest of the letter is SGA PR bunk.

Trust me—I'm a PR major, so I know PR bunk when I see it.

For only 12 percent of the student body to vote in this election is horrific. I don't care if it's the highest turnout this campus has seen since the Dark Ages. It's pathetic.

He intimates that because a 10 percent vote is good enough to elect a President, we should be real proud of ourselves that 12 percent of us took two minutes to express our opinion on this issue.

That's PR bunk. By legal standards, 10 percent of the nation voting is enough to elect a president. Then again, if three people in America voted for president, that would be enough.

In the 1992 presidential election, close to 50 percent of Americans voted. It was the largest turnout for a presidential election in a long time. That turnout shows how little Americans think of their right to democratically elect a leader.

The election held last year in South Africa to choose a prime minister drew more than 90 percent of the populace. They understand

how privileged they are to be able to choose.

The vote for independence in Quebec last week drew 94 percent of the population of that province. They understand the importance of having the right to vote.

For America, getting 50 percent of the people out to vote is considered an incredible feat. When the rest of the world sees a 50 percent turnout here, they say we don't care. They're right.

When I see a 12 percent turnout to vote on the biggest issue this campus has seen since 1970 (construction of Murphy Center), I say it sucks. It shows the majority of you don't care.

Contrary to what McFarland believes, I don't think 2,103 out of 17,420 students voting on anything is a true representation of the students. Evans Harvill is right in saying, "...that's a mighty small vote." He should still present the numbers to the Board of Regents.

It is, however, a true representation of the students who give a damn. That's sad. This subject had been publicized in almost every issue of *Sidelines* since the fee increase became public knowledge. Many letters had been written and published in the paper, both pro-increase and anti-increase. Many of you said you were upset that students were given no say in this decision.

So you were given a say, and more than 15,000 of you didn't speak up. You should be ashamed of yourselves. The editor and I had discussed the possibility of as many as 4,000 of you caring enough to vote. "Students don't like how this was just put on them without being asked," we reasoned. "They'll express themselves."

How about George Steinbrenner for President? Then we could have new Vice Presidents as often as the Yankees have new managers. That would be fun. Shane is doing the right thing by appealing those of you who voted. You showed you took the time to care. For those of you who didn't vote, you have no right to say a word one way or the other for or against the increase. You had your chance. When SGA elections come up in the spring, take two minutes and show you give a flip about this place. Cast a vote. If you don't, keep your big trap shut when SGA does something you don't like. You haven't earned the right to talk.

Imagine that. We thought it would be remarkable if 23 percent of you—less than one in four—would take the time to exercise your democratic right.

We were wrong. Of course, the voting locations were real hard to find. They hid one in the outdoor breezeway of Peck Hall and slipped the other one in on the lobby level of KUC across from the main entrance to the Grill.

I can sure see how more than 15,000 of you missed them.

If this is the way our generation is going to look at the right to vote later in life, we may as well scrap the right.

We'll have the most wealthy and powerful appoint themselves as the government. They'll appoint each other to be governors, senators, representatives, et al. Then they'll get together and appoint a president.

It wouldn't bother you, would it? After all, 88 percent of you don't care enough to express your opinion one way or the other.

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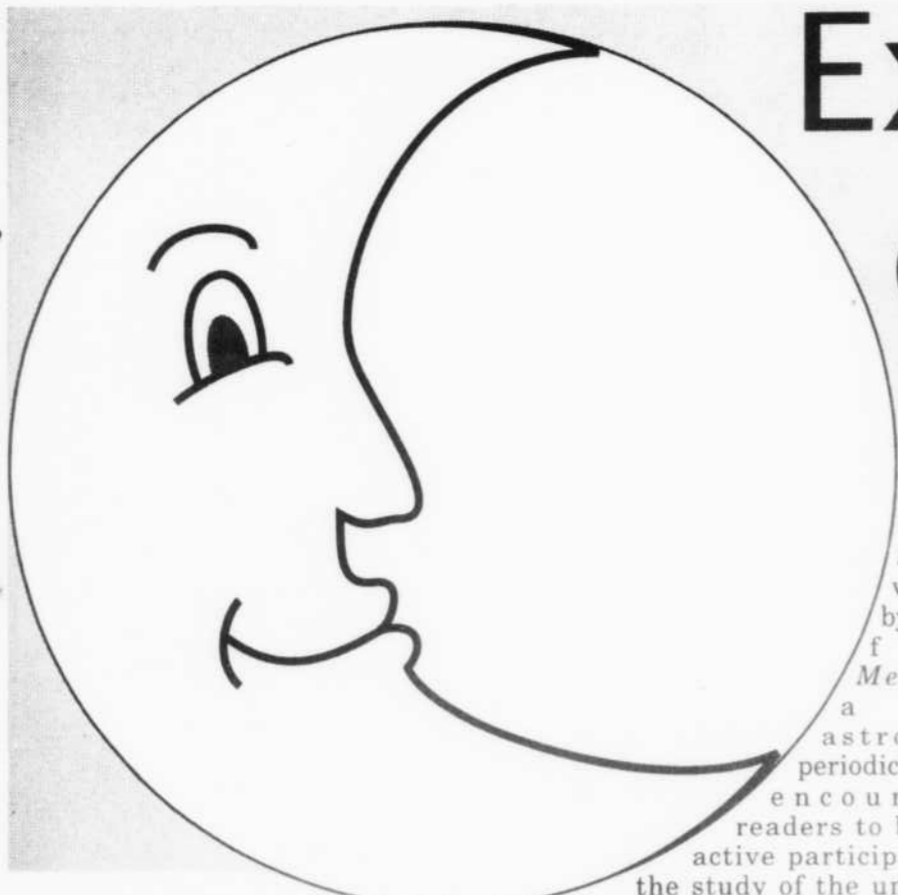
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Explaining the dark side of the moon

By David Laprad

Pink Floyd could have been out of luck if not for the subject covered in Jay White's classroom.

White, a professor in the department of physics and astronomy, is visibly excited as he walks into class. He sets up a tape player, turns on some French folk guitar music, and begins the process of preparing for lecture.

Not every class begins with melody, but this day is special. It has seen the realization of a life-long dream of White's to meet or have some type of interaction with his boyhood idol, renown scientist and writer Arthur C. Clark.

Clark, living on the other side of the world in Sri Lanka, read an

article written by White for Mercury, an astronomy periodical, that encourages readers to become active participants in the study of the universe. He then contacted the editors expressing his enthusiasm for the project!

Yet if it had not been for the music, White's students would not have detected anything different. Enthusiasm is part and parcel to his approach to class.

A student's first contact with White's enthusiasm might occur when they see one of the unique flyers White posts around campus advertising his survey course, Exploring the Universe (Astronomy 140). One contains a picture of the rock group Pink Floyd and the caption, "You know, 'Dark Side of the Moon' might never have happened if that course Exploring the Universe hadn't come along. Wow, what a crazy trip."

He's not kidding. A normal class might include his standing and spinning on a rotating chair to demonstrate the conservation of angular momentum, or explaining the interactions between atoms by actually playing the parts of two atoms, complete with costumes and props.

Styrofoam balls, wooden sticks, hand-drawn transparencies, students, and other various and sundry items are all used to demonstrate the logical, yet fascinating, ways of the universe.

Yet the universe can be an intimidating place to students. Science often involves complicated formulas, equations, and theories. (Enough to cause many students to contemplate liberal arts degrees!) Fortunately, his survey course is not an exercise in intense astrophysics.

White feels that school has dulled students' curiosity. He wants them to leave class with a renewed vigor about the world around them. When they see something special in the sky, such as a large, yellow Harvest Moon, he wants them to do more than appreciate its beauty. He wants them to question why it looks the way it does. His goal in class is to nurture

the curiosity that is innate in everyone.

His tests play an important role in encouraging this mindset. His intentions in the survey course are not to have students plug numbers into formulas or regurgitate facts. Instead, he asks students to use what they have learned to come up with answers to new questions.

A typical question might be, "Lying on a chaise lounge on the Moon (in your space suit, naturally), you stare up at a large planet Earth. A few friends back at the lunar colony told you that Earthrise is simply beautiful from the crater you're in, so you lie there, waiting for Earthrise. By the way, what time does the Earth rise on the moon?" (The answer to the question is "Never." If you want to know why, take the course!)

Students have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in a laboratory course (Astronomy 141). On a clear, Tuesday night, White might be found at the campus observatory staring the rings of Saturn with curious eyes and inquisitive minds.

It is a crazy trip, but an engaging one as well. And your guide is a person who loves the process and the fruits of education. ●

Engaged at Bucksnot

Bucksnot is not known to most people as a romantic haven. But for me, it parallels Paris. You are probably thinking one of two things right now: 1. There really isn't a town called Bucksnot, is there? or 2. Hey, Bucksnot! The trout fishing mecca for Tennessee outdoorsmen.



Column

Jason Young

When Shannon and I first started dating a couple of years ago, we engaged in the wholesome activity of talking about absolutely nothing of great importance. You know what I mean. People who are just starting to date can talk about nothing for hours. It is actually amazing. One afternoon, Shannon and I were talking about the ideal honeymoon spot in our "talk about nothing of great importance" session. Our conversation went a little like this:

Shannon: When I get married, I think the coolest place to have a honeymoon would be Disneyland.

Me: Why?

Shannon: Because it is a fun place. There is so much fun stuff to do.

Me: Well, when I get married, I think the coolest place to have a honeymoon would be Bucksnot!

Shannon: Buckwhat?

Me: Bucksnot.

Shannon: What is there to do in Bucksnot?

Me: Nothing.

Shannon: Why would you want to honeymoon there when there isn't anything to do?

Me: (Sly laughter) That is the whole point.

Needless to say, my honeymoon comments, along with my awesome '78 Impala, won her heart. So we continued our relationship with excited vigor.

This summer I thought it would be cool to get engaged. I mean, heck, if she can put up with all of my garbage, she's worth hanging on to. So I decided to save up some moola and purchase an engagement ring.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to report to you that I miraculously saved up enough money to purchase her ring, and on Oct. 25 I gave it to her (the ring that is). Talk about your storybook romances.

We were going to spend the weekend in Memphis and, as fate would have it, drive right through Bucksnot. Remembering our previous conversations, I knew that I would never have my chance to actually honeymoon in Bucksnot, but I could propose in Bucksnot. The question was, "Where do I propose in Bucksnot?" Once we got off the interstate, the answer was clear.

It was a little bit dirty, a little old and a little worn out—it was perfect. Of course, I am referring to the Bucksnot Texaco. We had stopped there before on trips, so I knew my way around.

Once we got inside, Shannon went to "powder her nose," and I went to work. I hid the box containing her ring on the shelf beside some tacky tourist souvenirs. I was joined by my unsuspecting victim within minutes of planting the ring. As she joined me, I began to pick up little trinkets and ask her if she would like to take one. One by one, I made my way across the shelf until I got to the black box.

"Do you want one of these," I asked as I handed her the box.

Her reaction was one of complete disbelief. I was really surprised that she didn't think the ring was real. I mean, we were in Bucksnot. I was proposing—what's not to believe?

Well, to make a long story even longer, I had to show her my shaking hand in order for her to see that I was actually very excited and the ring was very real. Once she figured that I wasn't kidding, I got down on one knee, took her hand and asked her to marry me. She said yes and, as luck would have it, the ring fit.

After we stood in the corner of the Texaco for what seemed like three days, I got a Mountain Dew and we hit the road. So there you have it, the perfect storybook engagement. I am planning on selling my story to Disney in exchange for one of those "boring" honeymoon packages. ●

Reviews

Getting into the groove

Blue Moves performs in their own way

By Anissa Bartley/staff

Who is blue moves? They happen to be the senior dance company at MTSU that specializes in modern dance. The group recently played at Tucker Theatre here on campus, and put on quite an interesting show.

Blue moves consists of Richard Browder, Holly Cannon, Jacqueline Holmes, Del Ivey, Andrea Murray, Amanda Cantrell Roche, Angela Sartain, Anne Sellick, Julie Shavers, Bethany Tyson, and the guest performer was Terry Summers.

This company of 11 people had the responsibility to entertain the audience through a modern dance journey. Which, by the way, was fulfilled.

Ten dances, or stories, were presented on October 29 and 30. These dances ranged from hip-hop to spiritual music with artists like the Beastie Boys, Steppenwolf, Bruce McCulloch and Spearhead.

The choreography was modern, but also innovative and mind encompassing. The choreography had the power to stir, captivate and entice the audience. The dance group also depressed and made the audience think through what the company was trying to convey through the dances.

Some dances that particularly addressed this point were "Untouched" and "Sanctify".



Brian G. Miller/staff

Blue Moves put art into motion last week when they performed at Tucker Theater. The modern dance group is pictured performing at their dress rehearsal on Sunday, Oct. 29.

"Untouched", choreographed by Amanda Cantrell Roche, started with interracial couples not being able to physically touch. These actions were accompanied by African rhythms, combined with an East Indian element. The dance continued by having a rhythmic chase that resembled a maze. Was this a quest or chase for unity? That is the type of question presented through out the performance. This is also the reason I feel stories were incorporated with the dances.

"In The Middle," choreographed by Jacqueline Holmes, comes from a different direction than "Untouched." It embodies a fast paced movement, which was sexy, sensual, exciting, hot, provocative, seductive and suggestive. I've obviously spent too much time thinking about this dance. I must say that the pace of the dance was not too fast, but just right. I also believe that "In The Middle" was one

of the performances that received a greater amount of applause.

The main thing that slowed down the momentum of the dance group, was the long amount of time between each dance. One factor that made the time lag was the amount of people in the dance company. Many of the dancers were required to change between dances. The performance would have kept the same excitement level if it did not take so long to get from one dance to the next.

Is it worth the time to see Blue Moves? I think it is, because you can attain some culture in a relatively painless way. It is also worth the time because you will probably not leave the show without saying that you liked some part of the performance. ●

Johnette Napolitano stays Pretty and Twisted on new release

By Brent Andrews/staff

Johnette Napolitano has done it again.

As lead singer for Los Angeles club phenomenon Concrete Blonde, Napolitano brought that band to the forefront of the alternative rock scene without losing any of the integrity of her songs. She voiced lyrics for songs from the popular "Joey," which got much radio play, to the eerie, streets-of-New-Orleans flavored "Vampire Song," filling Concrete Blonde's repertoire of songs with her deep,

throaty voice, her seductive slurring and seemingly random fits of tuneful screaming.

Now Napolitano, with ex-Wall of Voodoo guitarist Mark Moreland and drummer Danny Montgomery, has released another batch of music that is destined to make fans across the nation happy, with a fresh dose of the darkly-emotional songs Napolitano sings so well. *Pretty & Twisted*, the self-titled debut, is packed with songs that are sure to become as memorable as any Napolitano has sung in the past.

Pretty & Twisted begins with "The Highs are too High," which explores a sweeping variety of emotions back-dropped by the scene of rain-slicked, inner-city streets. "Mother of Pearl," written by Bryan Ferry, comes next, offering a nice rhythm and more upbeat lyrics to balance the endless, downward spiral of emotions that seems to fill most of Napolitano's work, a spiral continued on this release by "Souvenir"—which will certainly please Napolitano fans with its display of her voice range, which goes in this song from

ordinarily deep and dark to an almost ear-piercing screech.

Other dark tunes found on *Pretty & Twisted* include the fast-paced "No Daddy No," a song that, though it is not one of the best on this release, documents well the dark feelings of a child molested by his or her father. "Train Song (Edge of Desperation)" is another dark standout that explores the lost hope of a relationship rocked by alcoholism, similar in meaning to "Joey," and "Watching the Water,"

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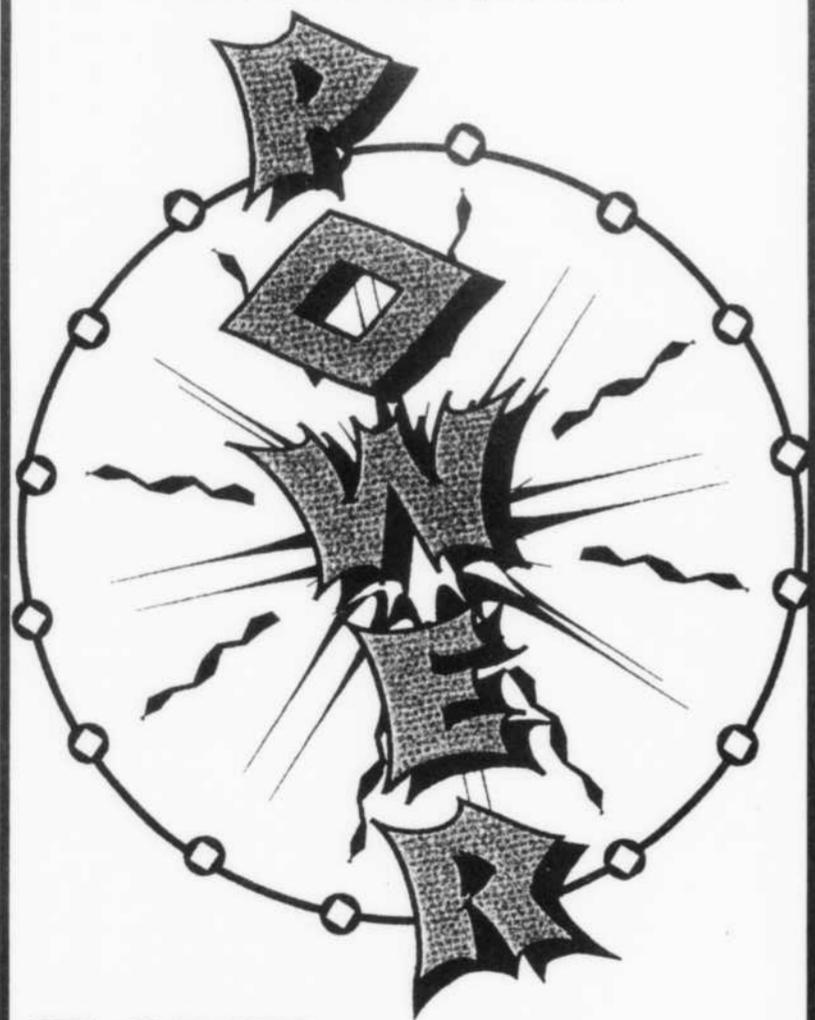
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Scientific theory: 25 tons of space dust makes for overweight citizens

By Dave Barry
Syndicated Columnist

I am pleased to report that we finally have a scientific explanation for why everybody in the world is gaining weight. At least I am, and I know it's not my fault. Granted, I do not have the best dietary habits. Sometimes in a restaurant I will order fried, fatty foods ("Give me a plate of fried, fatty foods, and hurry" are my exact words). But I compensate for this by engaging in a strict exercise regimen of vigorously pounding the bottom of the ketchup bottle for as long as necessary. "No pain, no gain," that is my motto regarding ketchup.

Nevertheless, I have been gaining weight, and you probably have, too, which is why you're going to be happy to learn that neither of us is responsible. The universe is responsible. We know this thanks to a scientific insight that was had by alert 14-year-old Massachusetts reader Tim Wing. Tim reports that he was browsing through "The Usborne Book of Facts and Lists" when he came across the following fact: Every single day, including federal holidays, 25 TONS of space dust lands on the Earth. This means that every day, the Earth weighs 25 tons more, which means that it contains a larger quantity of gravity, which as you know is the force made up of invisible rays that cause all physical objects in the universe to become more attracted to bathroom scales.

What this means, Tim Wing points out, is that "without gaining an ounce, people all over the world are

getting heavier."

And there is more bad news: At the same time that gravity is increasing, the entire universe is expanding, except for pants. Pants are staying the same size, which means that—and this has been confirmed by extensive scientific tests conducted in my closet—a so-called "33-inch-waist" pant will barely contain a volume that formerly fit easily into a 31-inch-waist pant. Albert Einstein accurately predicted this phenomenon in 1923 when he formulated his Theory of Pants Relativity, which also states, as a corollary, that as the universe grows older, "It will get harder and harder to find anything good on the radio."

But our big problem is this gravity buildup, which has already started to pose a grave threat to public safety. I refer here to an incident that occurred recently in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where, according to a Sept. 16 Miami Herald story that I am not making up, "A loggerhead turtle fell from the sky and hit a man in his white Chevy Nova."

(Scene: The hospital emergency room.)

DOCTOR: Where was the victim hit?

NURSE: In his Chevy Nova.

DOCTOR: OK, let's do a CAT scan, and I want his oil changed immediately.

Seriously, the man was unhurt, and so was the turtle, which, according to the Herald story apparently was dropped by a sea gull. But that is exactly my point: Since when

do sea gulls—one of the most sure-handed species of bird—drop turtles? The obvious answer is: SINCE TURTLES STARTED GETTING HEAVIER, along with everything else.

And as space dust continues to land on Earth, the situation will only worsen, with chilling results. According to my calculations, at the current rate of gravity buildup, by the year 2038, an ordinary golf ball will weigh the equivalent, in today's pounds, of Rush Limbaugh. Even a professional golfer, using graphite clubs, would need dozens of strokes to make such a ball move a single foot. An average round of golf would take four months—nearly TWICE as long as today.

Is that the kind of world we want our children to grow up and develop gum disease in? I think not. This is why we must call upon the scientific community to stop puttering around with global warming and immediately develop a solution to the gravity problem.

(30-second pause)

Well, we see that the scientific community has once again let the human race down, leaving it up to us civilians to deal with the situation. Fortunately, I have come up with a practical answer in the form of a:

GRAVITY REDUCTION PLAN

Follow my reasoning: The problem is that 25 tons of stuff is landing on the Earth every day, right? So the obvious solution is to put 25 tons worth of stuff into a rocket every day and blast it into space. It

couldn't be simpler!

Perhaps you're saying: "But, Dave, how are we going to find 25 tons worth of stuff every single day that is so totally useless that we can just send it into space with total confidence that it could never possibly in any way benefit humanity?"

I can answer that question in three simple words: "Fourth Class Mail" Every day at LEAST 25 tons of this material is painstakingly mailed all over the United States and thrown away immediately upon receipt. Solid-waste experts estimate that 78 percent of our nation's landfill capacity is currently occupied by sincere unopened letters from Ed McMahon informing people that they have almost definitely won \$14 million. Why not just load this material directly into rockets? And consider this: If we send up MORE than 25 tons a day, the Earth would actually LOSE gravity. I calculate that every human being on this planet would instantly be six ounces lighter if we also sent Ed up there, not that I am necessarily proposing this.

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TWISTED: Napolitano still has it

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another exploration of love lost that has an intense magnetic appeal with its sad theme mixed with Napolitano's innocent, lovable voice.

A song that mixes the bright with the dark is "Ride!," a tune that explores a dream that everyone has at one time or another—the dream of just taking off and to hell with everything. There is also a darker side to this song: It is sung to someone who is leaving, escaping the scattered remains of a relationship gone wrong, by the one who is left behind. "Come Away With Me" also mixes the good with the bad, in a song where one in a relationship wants desperately to take her partner and run to a place where they can be safe from the problems that plague them in the real world. But the pervasive mood in the song is bleak; it's words and tune

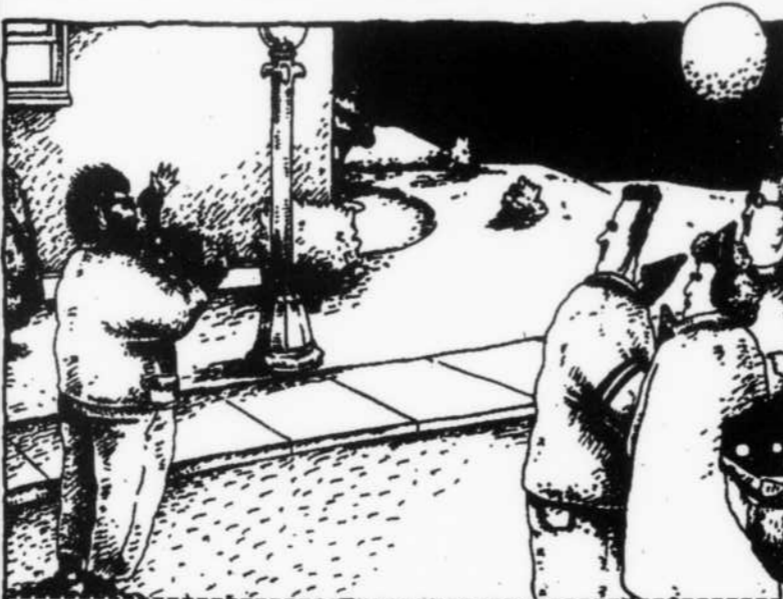
suggest that the singer knows she is just dreaming.

The only song in this collection that is entirely free of darkness is the sweet "Dear Marlon Brando," in which Napolitano writes to Brando that "you've seen it all, you are the coolest of the cool, I hope you call." She goes on to suggest that she and Brando escape to an island somewhere, so they can be alone and do "whatever." Napolitano takes the voice of a star struck fan in this song, which is only faulted by a line of lyric that comes over as sadly cliché.

In all, *Pretty & Twisted* will be an impressive addition to the collections of Napolitano's fans, and definitely makes the point that she is here to stay. It doesn't matter who this Twisted singer is backed up by—as long as she's singing, there will be people falling all over themselves to listen. ●

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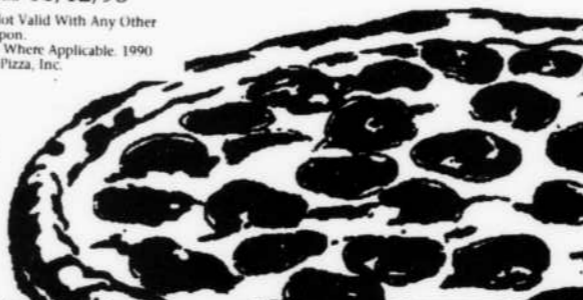
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Raiders pluck the Skyhawks, 45-17



Carl E. Lambert/staff

Blue Raider tailback Brigham Lyons dives into the end zone for one of the two touchdowns he scored in Saturday's 45-17 victory over the UT-Martin Skyhawks. The Raiders will travel to Cookeville this Saturday to face OVC rival Tennessee Tech in the traditional "Totem Bowl".

By Ryan Lewis/staff

Led by record-breaking performances from quarterback Jonathon Quinn and split end Demetric Mostiller, the Blue Raiders overpowered Ohio Valley Conference foe UT-Martin, 45-17, for a homecoming win on Saturday.

The big question on people's minds entering the game was how MTSU's freshman quartet of defensive backs would deal with the lethal passing attack of the Skyhawks.

It was, instead, the sudden Blue Raider aerial assault on the minds of the crowd leaving Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium afterwards.

Quinn lit up the Skyhawk defense with 18-of-27 passing for a single-game school record 356 yards. On the receiving end of eight of those completions was Mostiller, who set another single-game school with 244 receiving yards.

"They played a lot of man coverage, and the line gave me good time," Quinn said. "Dee Mostiller kept getting open, so I just kept throwing it to him, and he made the big plays."

The two teams traded possessions to begin the game, but MTSU got the ball for the second time at the UTM 39-yard line and took just five plays to score the first points of the game. Senior fullback Reggie Parks capped off the drive as he plunged into the end zone from two yards out.

On the ensuing drive for the

Skyhawks, Blue Raider cornerback Cedric Stegall broke on a Jeff McCrone pass in the flat and took it 52 yards the other way for another score.

MTSU quickly led, 14-0, just 4:14 into the game.

The Skyhawks answered with a solid 10-play, 65-yard drive of their own as McCrone hit wide receiver Cal Daniels with an 8-yard touchdown pass.

The Blue Raiders recovered a fumbled punt early in the second quarter at the UTM 10-yard line, and senior tailback Brigham Lyons, who finished with 76 yards on 19 carries, muscled his way through the defense for a 6-yard touchdown run.

The extra point attempt sailed wide, and MTSU led, 20-7.

The Blue Raiders added another score in the second quarter as Lebrion McGill, who carried 11 times for 73 yards, found his way into the end zone from one yard out.

Quinn threw to a wide open Parks for the two-point conversion and a 21-point advantage.

The Skyhawks put together another good drive to answer the MTSU touchdown as they went 64 yards on 14 plays to tighten the game, 28-14.

A penalty on the following kickoff gave MTSU the ball on its own 10-yard line. On third-and-14 from the 6-yard line, Quinn stepped back and launched a bomb to Mostiller for an 87-yard gain to the UTM 7-yard line.

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Injury forces Raider fullback off field in body but not spirit

By Sean P. O'Toole/staff

To fullback Robbie Roberts, football was more than just a game.

It was something he had been doing since the seventh grade, and it was cut very short just a few weeks ago.

"I had the injury bug all year. In spring it was my knee, and now it's this," Roberts exclaims.

THIS, as he put it loudly, refers to the two herniated discs that were discovered in Roberts back about six weeks ago. The injury has taken from the Blue Raider offense one of its biggest 3rd-and-short weapons.

"The doctors are not sure when it happened, but it was probably in the first or second game of the season. It was not bad at first, but then my legs went numb, and I knew something was wrong," Roberts says. "I played a lot the last three years, and my career was just cut a few games short."

But his injury has been a big emotional factor for the team. Especially the seniors. They now play as much for themselves as they do for Robbie.

"To give up the game is one thing," offensive lineman Burt Talley says. "But to have it taken away is another story."

Originally a walk-on, Robbie was a part-time starter in the 1993 season, and became a solid regular in '94, and was expected to be the clutch-play, short yardage guy this year.

His toughness was what always amazed everyone. At 5'10" and 210 pounds, Roberts is not the kind of physical specimen that will make you want to go back to the bench if he comes running at you. But his

determination and hard-nosed style of play will make you respect him.

"I consider myself fairly strong," Roberts said of himself. "I think that when I put the pads on, I can really hold my own."

Unfortunately, he is now only left with the memories of what he did when he wasn't hurt. But he has his share of moments.

"I remember a game last year where I caught a pass, and I just kept running. I think I ran about 60 yards or so for a touchdown, and left a half-dozen or so defenders in my wake."

In Roberts's absence, the Blue Raiders are using Tommy Criner and Reggie Parks to try to fill the canyon-like void left by Robert's injury.

One thing is for certain. If the MTSU Blue Raider football team goes on and wins the OVC championship, it will be as much because they wanted to as they felt they had to for Robbie. ●

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Over the course of his Blue Raider career, Roberts had one touchdown catch and eight rushing scores, including the game-winning TD against TSU in the opening game of the season.

Lady Raider volleyball team holds on for 3-2 home win

By Rob Nunley/staff

On paper, Friday night's Lady Raider home volleyball match against the 9-12 Murray State Racers looked like it would be a no-brainer.

But Murray was scrappy enough to put a bit of a scare into the Lady Raiders, who had to hold on after winning the first two games of the match to collect a 3-2 win.

The Racers were able to take to early leads in the first four games of the match, frustrating the Middle squad and causing them to lose some of their focus.

"Every time something wouldn't go our way, a couple of our players would start yelling and getting mad," Raider head coach Lisa Kisse said. "That caused everybody else on the floor to feel small, and we just can't have that."

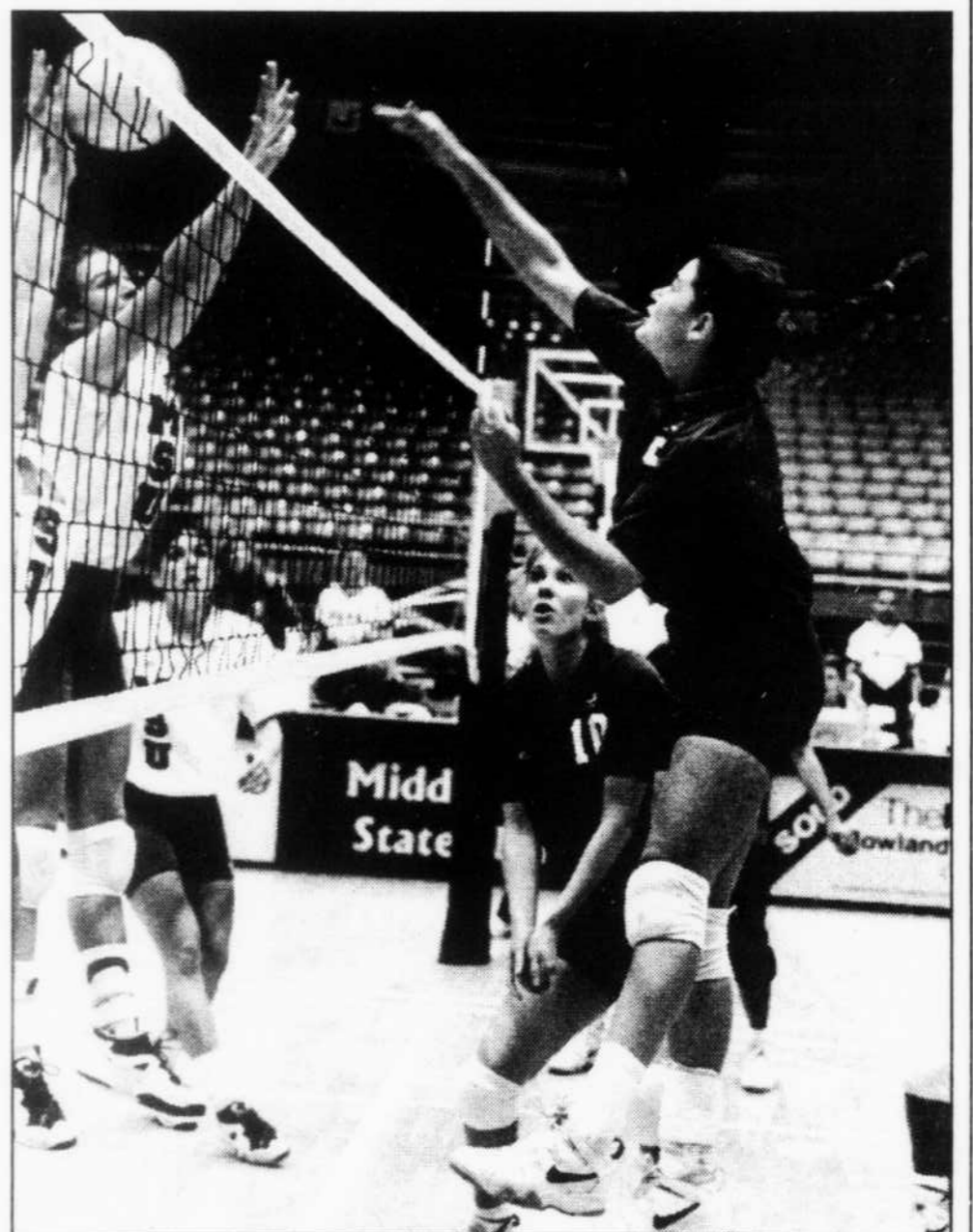
After winning the first two games with scores of 15-9 and 15-13, Murray seemed to tighten up their game. The Racers took a 6-4 lead, and although the Lady Raiders stayed with them, Middle could not take over the lead.

With the score at 12-7, sophomore outside hitter Tara Miller took the serve and was able to get the Raiders within three, but Murray held on to take the third game 15-9.

Game four started out looking like Murray was going to romp over the Middle squad. The Racers built a 12-5 lead early, forcing Kisse to call a time-out and regroup her team.

After the time-out, the Lady Raiders were able to get back into the match, bringing the score to 13-10. At game point with Murray serving, junior Deb Anderson came through

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Carl E. Lambert/staff

Lady Raider outside hitter Tanya Maltes (5) goes up for a kill against Murray State Friday night.

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	Louisiana Tech at Vandy			Iowa at N'Western	
	Nebraska at Kansas			Kansas St. at Iowa St.	
	Washington at UCLA			Bucknell at Colgate	

Congratulations!

Jeremy Keene, Lee Eaton and Tully Franks finished tied for the best record for week eight, with each picker correctly guessing 11 of 16 winners.

Next week, November 18th, will be the final week of the OTL football contest, so make sure to turn in your picks for every week.

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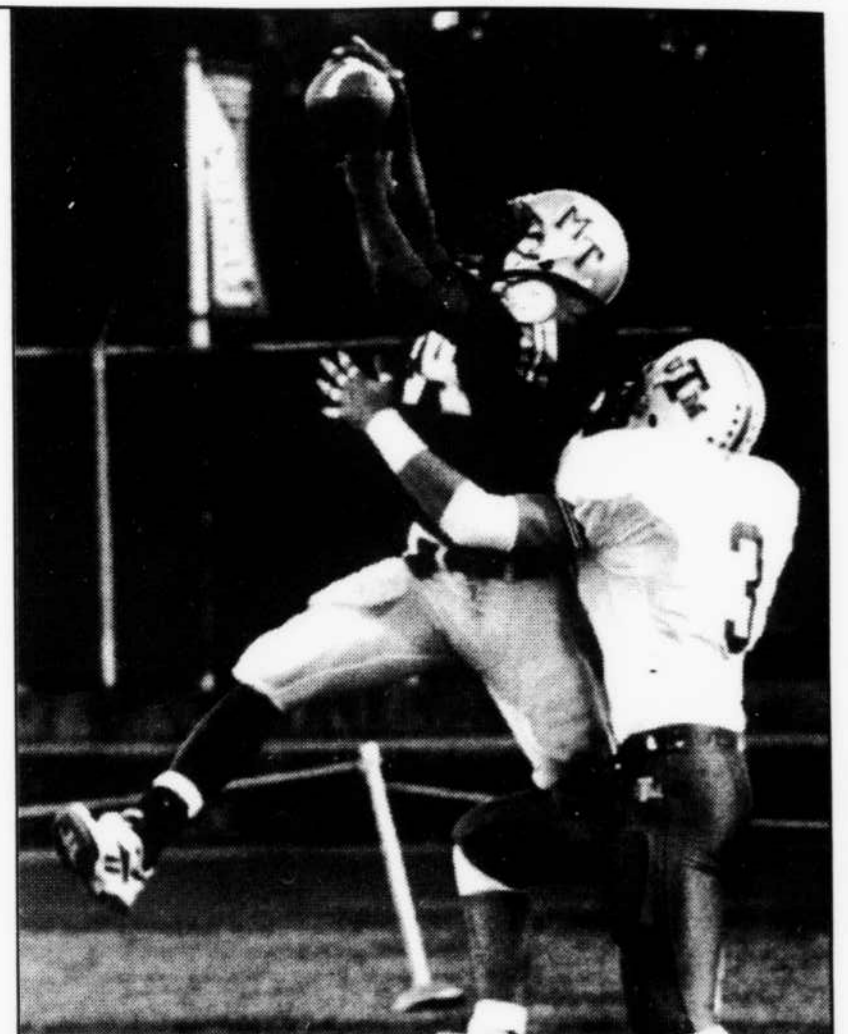
Two Raiders among OVC honorees for week

Associated Press
 BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Mike Cherry and Ronnie Merritt of Murray State were named players of the week Sunday by the Ohio Valley Conference.

Murray State beat Eastern Kentucky Saturday, 17-7. Cherry passed for 328 yards and two touchdowns to take offensive honors.

Merritt, a junior, had seven solo tackles and an interception for the Racers. Brandon Thomas of Middle Tennessee pinned Tennessee-Martin deep in their own territory with several punts during a 45-17 victory. He was named best special teams player for the week.

Two players, Jamie Sander of Tennessee Tech and Jonathan Quinn of Middle Tennessee, shared the newcomer of the week nod. Both set school passing records, Quinn completing 18 for 356 yards. ●



Todd Sorum/staff

Safety Garland Henley pulls down an interception in the end zone during the third quarter Saturday.

SKYHAWKS: Raiders pull away in second half, hold UT-M to 3

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"We called a 'Go' route, and I was going to keep going no matter what," Mostiller said. "Jonathan (Quinn) hit me with a good pass, but the guy came and brought me down from behind. I shouldn't have let that happen."

However, the Blue Raiders failed to get in the end zone and settled for a 27-yard field goal from Rhett Kopp.

MTSU led at the half, 31-14.

The second half saw the Blue Raiders put the Skyhawks away as Lyons broke loose for a 16-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, and fullback Tommy

Criner added another scoring run in the fourth.

UTM only managed a field goal after halftime giving MTSU the 45-17 victory.

McCrone finished with 25-of-53 passing for 256 yards and two touchdowns, but four interceptions by the Blue Raider defense kept him under control.

MTSU racked up 515 yards of total offense in the game with a 7.3-yard average per play.

"Overall, it was a win for us," said MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly. "It was good for the seniors to win for their homecoming, but we did not play with a lot of emotion, and that's going to have to change."

It was the final home game for the seniors, who were honored before the game, and Donnelly praised the group that has been through it all in their careers.

"They've stayed the test of time," Donnelly said. "I'm very proud of the seniors, and I'm very pleased with the way they have performed all the way through their careers. They stayed through the good and bad, and they're going to finish this. I think that's what character is all about."

The Blue Raiders will travel to Cookeville, Tenn., to take on arch OVC rival Tennessee Tech in the annual Totem Bowl at 3 p.m. this Saturday. ●

VOLLEY: Santiago sets new kill record

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with two consecutive kills for the Raiders to give Middle another chance, but the Racers held on again to win 15-11 and force a fifth game.

In game five, the rally scoring system was used, meaning that a point was awarded at the end of each volley, regardless of which team served. This high-pressure scoring system proved to be beneficial for the Raiders who, after giving up three quick points to Murray, got on the board due to a block from Susan Bishop and were able to take a 5-3 lead.

Murray still refused to give up, and fought tooth and nail until the final point of the match, a kill by Anderson, gave the Lady Raiders a 15-10 win in the game and the match.

Coach Kisee was quick to confirm that the Racers were much tougher than their record would indicate. "They're tough, but they're really small," Kisee explained. "It's tough for them to stay with other teams because in a tight situation you can hit over them."

Yanira Santiago led the Lady Raiders with 23 kills and 18 digs in the match. Her

performance set a new single-season kill record for the Lady Raiders with 493.

Deb Anderson and Tanya Maltes contributed 20 and 14 kills, respectively, while Nidza Castillo added 64 assists and 25 digs.

"We've still got a lot to work on," Kisee said. "We want to be aggressive, but we have a lot to do before the tournament."

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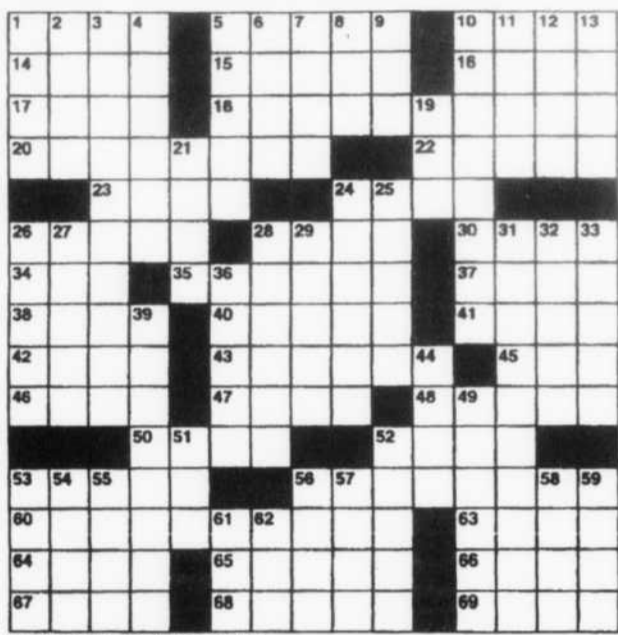
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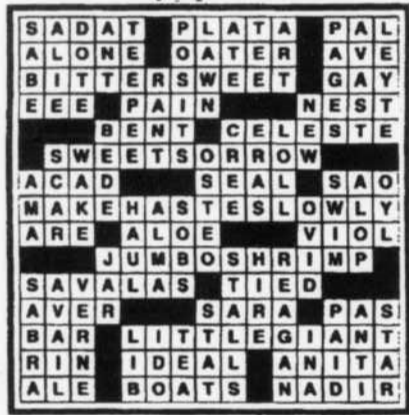


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