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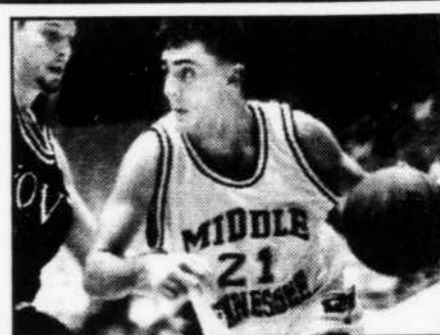
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Election, referendum eight days away

By Mark Blevins/staff

Vote.
This is the message of the Student Government Association concerning the Oct. 24-25 election. The ballot will include freshman senator candidates, the homecoming court/queen candidates and the referendum on the \$65 fee increase for stadium renovation.

Voting booths will be set up in Peck Hall from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and in the KUC second floor lounge from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

"We're hoping for [a] larger [turnout] than we've had before," said SGA Election Commissioner Ginger Sullivan.

The SGA has placed advertisements in *Sidelines* and will be posting flyers "all over campus"

including dorms and classrooms to get the word out, Sullivan said.

Voter turnout for SGA elections has been low in recent years. Turnout for the spring SGA election was 939 and 747 for the run-off election; turnout for the fall 1994 SGA election was 745. The spring 1991 referendum on the Student Recreation Center turned out 1,756 student voters.

The ballot will include seven freshman senate candidates, of which freshmen can vote for five, 19 homecoming candidates, of which all students can vote for five, and the student referendum on the fee increase, which is open to all students.

The referendum asks the question, "Are you for or against the current \$65 student activity fee that

"Are you for or against the current \$65 student activity fee that was established in order to renovate and expand the MTSU football stadium?"

Referendum question

was established in order to renovate and expand the MTSU football stadium?" Students can place a vote "for" or "against" the fee increase.

SGA Junior Sen. Chad White has said he will pursue revocation of the fee increase if a majority of students vote against it. White says he will

drop it if students vote for the increase.

Some officials at the Tennessee Board of Regents have said a "no" vote by students would be cause for the increase to be revisited by the Board, and MTSU President James Walker said he would present the referendum results to the Board.

Walker has said that discussions with students over the last 4 1/2 years have shown that the majority of students support the fee increase as a way to bring MTSU football up to the Division I-A level. Some students, White included, believe the fee increase was passed without student input. The referendum was placed on the ballot after a student petition, which expressed "opposition to the activity fee increase and the manner in which it was enacted," received

nearly 600 student signatures.

To get to I-A, Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium must be expanded to seat at least 30,000 spectators in accordance with NCAA regulations. University officials have announced 1998 to be the goal for MTSU's Division I-A debut.

Playing big-time teams will draw more fans as MTSU builds its own team, university officials say. A heightened perception of the quality of the university will be the end result of an eventually competitive I-A team, officials say.

The stadium was built in 1933 and hasn't been renovated since 1970, according to Sports Information Director Ed Given. It currently seats about 15,000. ●



Rappin' on the Knoll, again

Todd Sorum/staff

Stone Deep of Nashville opening up the Knoll rap show Friday.

Rosenwald rural school program honored at education conference

By Martha Stroud/staff

The Colleges of Education and Liberal Arts and the Center for Historic Preservation are sponsoring the Legacy of the Rosenwald Rural School Program of 1912-1932 Sat. Oct. 21 at 9 a.m. in Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building Room 121.

"The purpose of the Conference is to bring the teachers, historians, and preservationists to an understanding of the importance of the Legacy of the Rosenwald Schools," said Caneta S. Hankins, coordinator of Center for Historic Preservation.

The conference will explore the intent, reality and legacy of the Rosenwald School Building Program of 1912-1932.

The Rosenwald School program was started in 1912 by Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck and Company, and Booker T. Washington, president of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Between 1912 and 1932, the program contributed more than \$4.3 million toward the construction of 5,357 school buildings, primarily for African-American students, in 14 southern states.

Nationally-recognized authors will address the special contributions of the Rosenwald School program and

its impact on educational architectural, community, and social history in the 20th Century.

The conference is designed for educators, historians, architectural historians, restoration architects, preservationists, students, and individuals with connections and associations to specific Rosenwald Schools including former administrators, teachers, students, and community officials.

In conjunction with the conference, a workshop for teachers on using the Rosenwald School as a teaching resource will be conducted by Terry Weeks, a former recipient of the National Teacher of the Year Award and MTSU professor of Educational Leadership.

Professor Louis Harlan, distinguished professor at the University of Maryland-College Park and author of books on Booker T. Washington and Education in the South, will deliver the keynote address at 8 p.m. in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building auditorium. Harlan's address is free and open to the public, but reservations for seating must be made by Oct. 16.

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Health Services to offer flu shots

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

The Rutherford County Health Department will be on campus Oct. 26 to give flu shots to students, faculty and staff.

The vaccinations, if received early enough, can help prevent an individual from contracting the flu during the upcoming "flu season."

Shots will be given in the Nursing Building from 1-5 p.m. on the 26th. The cost for a shot will be \$5.00. All students and faculty are encouraged to come by and get a shot.

More information can be obtained by called Student Health Services at 898-2988. ●

Housing comes up short in audit

By Mark Blevins/staff

Former Director of Housing and present Student Ombudsman Ivan Shewmake is identified in an October state audit report as the person responsible for recent circumvention of state purchasing procedures.

The Division of State Audit conducted the investigation and reported 29 instances of "split invoices" in fiscal year 1995 made by the Housing Department and an instance of a contractor receiving \$38,674 above an original contract that was bid for \$15,750. The report stated that it could not be determined what services were provided for \$17,771 of the payments above contract.

"Splitting invoices" is a phrase which means one purchase was made

but more than one invoice was submitted for payment to avoid the bidding process.

The \$15,750 contract with Bill Reynolds was for hanging drywall in Monohan Hall in 1990. The report states the extra \$38,674 paid to Reynolds was done outside of a new bidding process.

But Assistant Vice President for the Business Office Bob Adams said Friday he believes there must have been an extension on the original contract.

"I just absolutely don't believe [the money was paid without a contract extension]," Adams said. He said the clerks in purchasing would not have paid the invoices without a contract extension. Adams said an extension would not be unusual if the

work was the same done at the same price.

Shewmake believes there was a separate contract for the services provided.

The problem is records from 1990 have been destroyed pursuant to Tennessee Board of Regents policy.

The problem as far as state auditors are concerned is at least some of the \$38,674 was paid for work other than hanging drywall, said Chas Taplin, legislative investigative audit manger in the Division of State Audit. Because the original contract was for hanging drywall, an extension of the contract for hanging more drywall would have been acceptable, Taplin said.

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Police arrest 'violent' man in Rec Center

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

Marcus Smith, a former Riverdale student and athlete, was arrested last Thursday at the Rec Center by Campus Police after he allegedly became violent and refused to leave the building.

At 5' 11" and 265 lbs, Smith was described by police as "very athletic and very difficult to deal with."

At the time of incident, Smith was free on bail after having been charged with assault on a Murfreesboro City Police officer last Saturday night.

Smith is accused of having knocked City Police officer Sam Campbell unconscious when the officer attempted to intervene in an argument at the Wendy's on Memorial Boulevard. After rendering Campbell unconscious, Smith fled the scene and was arrested later that night.

Smith made bail and was free on his own recognizance until the incident at the Rec Center.

Campus Police officer Dustin

Miller said when Smith, who is not a student at MTSU, was checked into the Rec Center by MTSU student Sharell Eskridge, no one had any reason to be concerned.

Campus Police were called with a report that "a large man" was harassing students. Officer Tom Wright was the first to arrive but was unable to calm Smith down. Miller then went to the Rec Center, and the two of them attempted to calm Smith.

"The people at the Rec Center thought he was mentally unbalanced at first, because he was very erratic," Miller said. "He would walk up to people, ask them if they knew who he was, and then begin screaming at them when they didn't answer."

"When I jumped over the desk, Smith was cursing and screaming at [officer Wright]. He ran toward the swimming pool area; officer Wright shot him with the pepper spray but didn't get a direct hit," Miller said.

"Smith grabbed a girl . . . and pushed her toward Wright, and then kept running. I shot a [pepper] spray

at him, but still didn't get a direct hit," Miller said. "He took off running from there, past the weight room, to the gym area, and at that point Mark Owens, a Rec Center employee, jumped out and tackled him."

"Normally we would never encourage a citizen to stop a subject when we're chasing him," Miller said, "but in this particular instance the quick intervention by Owens helped to quickly end what could have been a very dangerous situation."

While the three men held Smith down, he continued to resist them in such a way that handcuffing was not possible. Officer Wright sprayed Smith in the eyes with the pepper spray.

"At that point he became very cooperative," Miller said.

Smith was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department and charged with disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and fleeing to elude arrest. He is in jail in lieu of \$7,000 bond. His court date is Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. ●

AIDS memorial quilt comes to Nashville

By Kris Wetzal/staff

The Music City Panel Makers are looking for 300-400 volunteers to work at the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt exhibit in the Tennessee State Museum Dec. 1-3.

Bryant Osborne, a senior elementary education student at MTSU, is acting as volunteer chairman for the Music City Panel Makers, the group responsible for bringing the AIDS Quilt to Nashville. Osborne was the 1994-95 president of Lambda.

The 20 members of the group have spent the last two years working with the NAMES Project to meet their conditions to exhibit the quilt.

The Music City Panel Makers need to raise \$20,000 to fund the exhibit, covering the expenses for shipping the quilt and the NAMES Project quilt coordinator. The

Tennessee State Museum donated the space for the exhibit.

Volunteers are needed to greet visitors as they come into the museum and to run the information table, directing visitors to the location of specific panels. Volunteer readers will read the panel names every hour in memorial of those who have died from the virus.

Participants can also work selling NAMES Project merchandise and accepting donations. Volunteers will serve as media escorts, distributing press packets and guiding them through the exhibit.

The group is looking for volunteers to help set up and breakdown the exhibit. Persons with a background in HIV/AIDS counseling are encouraged to work as volunteers providing emotional support to the visitors.

"The AIDS Quilt is a very emotional experience, even if you don't know someone in the panels," Osborne said.

The group has requested the Tennessee portion of the AIDS Quilt as well as sections from southern Kentucky and northern Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The exhibit will be divided into 12x12 foot panels hanging on the walls and a 24x24 foot panel laying on the floor.

This will be the first time the quilt has come to Middle Tennessee. Osborne said 30,000 people are expected to visit the exhibit.

According to Osborne, the NAMES Project first brought the quilt to the Capital Mall in Washington, D.C., in 1987 to promote

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AUDIT: administration calls for tighter control

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But the report states some invoices which were itemized as drywall work were really for work on ceilings, the moving of furniture and the removal of heating units.

Shewmake says he does not know what happened to the \$17,771. He says he signed many invoices brought to him by then Associate Director of Housing for Facilities Maintenance Dan Sinclair. Sinclair brought the purchasing violations to the attention of state auditors after he was removed from his position.

Sinclair also has a employee compensation claim against the state for alleged injuries related to asbestos exposure on campus.

"We'll never really know [what services were provided] for that \$17,000," Taplin said.

The report recommended tighter controls over purchasing procedures and that university officials consider disciplinary action against Shewmake.

"I would like the controls to be tighter than that," Taplin said. "It just kind of leaves the door open for abuse." Taplin said he has seen abuse follow on the heels of audits which reveal weak controls.

MTSU Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance said no disciplinary action against Shewmake has been taken to date.

Any purchase made by MTSU above \$500 must be bid out to vendors for contract by TBR policy. Shewmake said he wasn't aware of the purchasing policy until 1994.

An official in the Division of Audit said splitting invoices is not all that uncommon, though instances have become less frequent as people become more aware of the policy.

"It's not at all a rarity, but it just seems to me that the problem has been addressed at a lot of places," Taplin said.

The bidding process is valuable, Taplin said, because it helps keep costs down and is also an equitable way to distribute contracts to vendors. ●

TEACHERS: community affects schools: Weeks

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"We'll look at the role of philanthropists and the impact they have on education, philanthropists that are around today, and help students identify the area where modern philanthropists are spending their money," Weeks said. "We'll examine community spirit that revolved around the community schools, compare them with the community spirit that exists today, and examine ways in which the spirit of yesteryear

could be recreated today."

The registration fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. The fee for MTSU students is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Advance registration is recommended since seating is limited.

For conference announcements and registration information, contact Rosenwald Conference Coordinator, Center for Historic Preservation, Box 80, MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN 37132; (615) 898-2947; FAX (615) 898-5614. ●

AIDS: quilt to go back to Washington, D.C.

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the national recognition of AIDS as an epidemic. Based in San Francisco, the NAMES Project formed the original quilt by sending word through organizations that a commemorative quilt was being formed.

Participants sent a 3x6 feet individual panel, the exact size of a gravesite, to the NAMES Project who sewed it into the quilt. Weighing a combined 2,500-2,700 pounds, each quilt panel memorializes

a person who suffered an AIDS-related death.

The NAMES Project plans to bring the quilt back to Washington, D.C. next fall to commemorate their original call for awareness. Osborne said the entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt now weighs 30,000 pounds because panels continue to be added.

Anyone interested in helping with the exhibit should contact Bryant Osborne at 849-7896. Applications for volunteer work are due Nov. 1. ●

The Wesley Foundation Weekly Activities:
 Tuesday, Oct. 17: 5:30 - Wesley's Kitchen Bake Sale at Peck Hall
 Wednesday, Oct. 18: 11:15-1:00 p.m.-Wed. lunch
 5:30p.m.-Clown meeting, Bake Sale in Peck Hall
 Sunday, Oct. 22: Parent's Day Worship and Lunch

Fulbright Graduate Scholarship Deadlines Approach. The 1996-97 competition for Fulbright grants for graduate study abroad is continuing. Top ranked seniors or graduate students may apply for one of approximately 800 scholarships. Application forms and further information for MTSU students may be obtained from the Fulbright Program Adviser, Dr. Fred Rolater in Peck Hall room 279. The deadline for filing an application is October 16, 1995.

ITVA- International Television Association is holding a meeting Oct 17, 5:00 p.m. Mass Comm Building room 103. Guest speaker is Producer and Production coordinator Jim Jagels. For more information contact Kim Baird at 898-3073.

PSI CHI/ Psychology Club will meet Oct 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Peck Hall room 213. Larry W. Morris, Ph.D., chair of Psychology Dept. will speak on "The State of Psychology at MTSU." Growing Graduate School, Expansion Plans, and Ph.D. "hopes" will be discussed. Psi Chi Honor Society Officers will be introduced. Club members will discuss Officer Installation plans for Nov 1.

1995 Homecoming Parade on November 4. Those organizations interested in participating need to notify the SGA office by October 20.

The Walk To End Domestic Violence sponsored by PEACE, YWCA Domestic Violence Program, and NAMA will be held Oct 21 in the Legislative Plaza in Nashville. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Special Guest Denise Brown will speak after the walk at 11 a.m. There is a \$15 registration fee. For more information call PEACE, INC. at 615-255-0711.

The Placement and Student Employment Center is hosting a Career Placement Orientation workshop titled "Your Job Search". The workshop will begin at 4:00 p.m. Oct 25 and at 5:00 p.m. Oct 26. All workshops will be held in KUC room 322. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about placement services, how to write a

resume, campus interviews, and employment opportunities. Call the director, Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more information.

Intrafraternity Council of MTSU is sponsoring a Golf Scramble Oct 28 12:30 p.m. at Indian Hills Golf Course. The Golf Scramble will benefit the Exchange Club Family Center. The Exchange Club Family Center is a child abuse prevention agency. Proceeds from the scramble will help fund programs for children and parents in the Murfreesboro area. For more information contact Stephen Nance at 895-4617 of Vic Felts at 89-5996.

NOTICE: All December 1995 Graduating Seniors- All undergraduate seniors expecting to graduate in December are required to take the ACT-COMP as a condition of graduation as outlined in university policies. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: Nov 7,8,9. On these dates, students may choose from three different times each day: 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. This is a timed test and you will be expected to stay for the entire time. The test takes about two and one-half hours. This announcement does not apply to students obtaining graduate or associate degrees. If there are questions regarding the test, please contact Ruth Watson, MTSU Box 514. For more information call 898-2854.

The Student Government Association would like to remind everyone to voice your opinion, pro or con, on the \$65 activity fee increase for the proposed stadium. The following are names and numbers of politicians who can get things changed.

Board of Regents
 Governor Don Sundquist 366-4400
 Representative John Bragg 741-2001
 Senator Andy Womack 741-3818
 741-1066

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. 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 p.m. beginning September 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 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 PM 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 in the KUC grill. Contact Rev. Andrew Wright with questions at 893-3780.

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

Raiders for Christ meets every Monday at 7 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.

Tim Rudd will speak at **The College Republicans** meeting Tuesday night at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 314. Tim Rudd serves on the Tennessee Republican executive council.

The College Republicans are having a general interest meeting Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m. in KUC Room 318. Contact Brian Lewis at 890-6478 for more information.

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

The Pre-Professional Graduate Students Session (PGS) is hosting a Tips for Defense seminar Oct. 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Ellington Human Sciences Building, Room 109. MTSU Police Officer Dustin Miller will lead the meeting. There will be free

pizza and door prizes (pepper spray and body alarms).

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will hold the 11st Annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant in the Tucker Theater Oct. 26 at 8:00 p.m. Contact Chris Spencer at 893-7618 or 271-9262 (pager), or any Alpha Phi Alpha brother for ticket information.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is hosting Alpha Week '95, Oct. 22-28. Contact any Alpha Phi Alpha for more information.

The IntraVarsity Christian Fellowship will meet Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in KUC Room 313.

The MTSU Observatory is holding an open house Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 7:30-9:00 p.m., weather permitting. Dress warmly and enjoy an evening with Saturn, Jupiter and other celestial delights.

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

The College Democrats will have their organizational photo for *Midlander* on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 5:00p.m. in LRC Room 221. Students interested in going to Kentucky for the governor's campaign or working for the Clinton/Gore fundraiser, call Mary at 904-7126.

The Miss Middle Tennessee State University Scholarship Pageant Committee will hold a general interest meeting Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. in KUC Room 314. The meeting will cover the procedures and responsibilities of competing in the pageant. The Miss MTSU pageant is the preliminary pageant of the Miss Tennessee/Miss America Scholarship Pageant system.

The Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society is holding a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 17 in Peck Hall Room 108. Any interested English majors or minors are encouraged to attend either to join or just to drop by for a pleasant visit with other English students.

The MTSU ROTC's 10 Ranger Challenge team will compete in the Ranger Challenge Oct. 21-22 along with eighteen other colleges. The Ranger Challenge is similar to the Iron Man Contest; players are judged as a team in both physical and mental events including a 10K run, marksmanship, orienteering, timed water crossing using a rope bridge.

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Rec Center meeting goals: director

By Heather Hybarger/staff

The new Student Recreation Center has only been open two weeks, and it is receiving rave reviews.

More than 4,000 students visited the Rec Center on its opening day and the attendance has remained consistent, according to Charles Gregory, assistant director of the Rec Center.

"The goals of the Recreation Center are to have a place for people to recreate, to expand the recreation program, to expand the hours [facilities are available], and to provide an environment that encourages people," said Glenn Hanley, director of Campus Recreation. "I think we have lived up to those goals without a doubt."

Students have offered positive comments on the design of the building, the equipment in the weight and cardiovascular rooms and the water slide, among other things, Hanley said. Soon students will be able to use scales to check their weight and play volleyball on sand courts in the sun deck area.

While the Rec Center is

doing exceptionally well, things have not gone off without a hitch. Students have complained about not being able to bring in water bottles and having to pay for aerobics classes.

Gregory explained water bottles were banned in order to keep the Rec Center clean. He added that there are plenty of water fountains throughout the building.

Jocelyn Hill, assistant director of Campus Recreation, explained that students have the option to sign up for an aerobics class for one semester, with a fee of \$25. If they choose to not sign up for a class, they can come in whenever a class is offered and pay \$1 per class.

Campus Recreation is also trying to instate a punch-pass system which would allow students to purchase a pass for a certain number of classes.

Students are also concerned about guest fees that non-students and staff must pay to see intramural games. Campus Recreation is now providing spectator passes for guests of students or staff. The passes are good for one visit only and do not allow spectators to use any

equipment. The Rec Center was also the victim of three thefts last week. Measures are being taken to ensure the safety of the locker rooms, including greater staff surveillance.

Students are being encouraged to report anything suspicious to the front desk and to be aware of the panic button located in each of the locker rooms. Once a student triggers the panic button an alarm will sound which can only be turned off manually by a member of the Rec Center staff.

Part of the design of the Rec Center building is natural surveillance, according to Gregory. From any one room in the building a person can be seen in at least two others.

The only place this type of security is not possible is in the locker rooms. All doors except the main entrance are specifically emergency exits and attached to an alarm.

Hanley strongly encourages students to make use of the suggestion box in the Rec Center.

"Students have found us to be receptive to problems," Hanley said. "We may not have

all the answers, but by working together we can accomplish anything."

The Rec Center will be offering a variety of programs throughout the semester. There will be a bench press contest in the weight room and a relay rowing competition. Other workshops and clinics like introduction to body building and weight management for women will be offered. Next semester students could sign up for jazzercise courses.

"We are always looking for things students want to do," Hill said. "Participation will make things change."

The Rec Center will celebrate its Grand Opening Monday, Oct. 30. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3:30 p.m. followed by a series of activities that will last throughout Homecoming Week.

Gregory encourages those students who have not visited the Rec Center to "come on over and check us out." The Rec Center is open Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-11 p.m. ●



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Residents move out of lobbies as housing overflow evens out

By Todd Cruse/staff

There are no longer students living in the lobbies of MTSU dormitories, according to Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs David Hays.

Earlier this semester more than 100 male students requesting dormitory rooms were forced to accept other arrangements on a temporary basis due to a lack of space.

Students left without rooms were given several options. They could live in one of two male dorm lounges or lobbies until space became available or take a room at the Shoney's Inn on South Church Street at the same price as dorm space, \$11 per night, until space became available.

Some students chose to

commute from home or make other arrangements and reapply for rooms in the spring.

According to Hays, all students who wanted dormitory space have now been placed in rooms.

"A factor that contributed to the housing problem was a [great] number of late applicants," Hays said.

While overflow in housing has been a problem at the beginning of past semesters, all students normally have been placed in dorm rooms within 7-10 days of the start of the semester due to early withdrawals. This trend did not occur this fall, according to Hays.

Hays said the housing problem should not be as great

this spring.

"We are not anticipating a problem, since the pattern shows that spring occupancy is only 85-90 percent," Hays said.

A new residence hall is being planned for campus with tentative occupancy set for Fall 1997. A study to find the best site for the hall and decide on necessary upgrades is currently underway. Design plans are scheduled to begin this spring.

"The on-campus living should be compatible with the numerous off-campus [sites] that are coming available," Hays said.

Some of the upgrades planned for the new dorm include computer rooms and on-floor laundry facilities, according to Hays. ●

'Yo-yo' dieting bad for mind, body

College Press Service

HOUSTON—Yo-yo dieting may be hazardous to your mental health as well as your physical well-being, say researchers.

In the first study of its kind, psychologists with the Baylor College of Medicine's Debakey Heart Center have discovered that the 'yo-yo' method of losing and regaining weight frequently is linked to poor self-esteem and

depression.

"Previous studies have shown that yo-yo dieting can put people at risk for diseases like diabetes and heart disease," said Dr. John Foreyt, director of the heart center's Nutrition Research Clinic and head of the research team. "People who regain weight feel bad about themselves, so their self-esteem suffers and their depression worsens."

In the study, nearly 500

men and women were monitored for weight maintenance, gain and loss within one year. To check for stress, abnormal eating behavior and weight perception, the study participants completed a series of questionnaires.

The results showed that those who maintained their weight were more healthy overall than their counterparts. ●

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Center for Dyslexia works for education and treatment

By Dustin Schrimpsen/staff

The MTSU Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia is working to educate teachers, school psychologists and administrators in the diagnosis, testing and treatment of dyslexia.

Katherine Davis, holder of the Murfree Chair of Excellence for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia, works to establish a research agenda, initiate and manage research and report findings to the Center. Findings are then infused into the Center's current programs.

The Center focuses on educating teachers both in the school system and in pre-service training. Workshops are held throughout Middle Tennessee as well as in a few counties in east and west Tennessee.

"There is no generally accepted definition of what dyslexia is," said Diane Sawyer, holder of the Katherine Davis Murfree Chair of Excellence in Dyslexic Studies. "We had to come up with a definition so we could focus the work of the center."

The Center defines

dyslexia as "... a language-sound symbol relationships." Although people with dyslexia do not see and hear differently, they have trouble connecting sounds and symbols in the brain. If a student is suspected of being dyslexic, the Center evaluates the student through a series of tests.

"Most people think the problem is with letter reversal. Dyslexia is actually a problem with sound symbol relationships."

Deborah Knight
Chair of the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia

"Most people think the problem is with letter reversal," said Deborah Knight, chair of the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia. "Dyslexia is actually a problem with

If the testing identifies a student as dyslexic, the Center arranges for appropriate intervention in school and continually monitors the student's progress to develop teaching methods to help him reach his learning potential.

In the past students with dyslexia were grouped in special education classes with other reading disabled students. According to Knight, dyslexic students do not benefit from the teaching techniques used in these programs.

"While other reading disabled students might

progress the equivalent of six years for every ten years of assistance, dyslexic students would progress very little," said Knight.

"This is expensive but within two years most students can be brought up to reasonable competency and be introduced into mainstream classes. This is much cheaper than leaving a student in special education where they would remain illiterate."

For more information about dyslexia, please contact the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia at 898-5642.



Brian G. Miller/staff

Who says the 70's are dead?

MTSU Ideas and Issues presented the multi-media presentation "70's Rock: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly" last Wednesday night in Room 103 in the Mass Communications Buildings. Rock Historian Barry Drake said that the musicians of the 70's changed rock music from counterculture to mainstream culture.

Alpha Pi Alpha, Inc. sponsors pageant.

By Anissa Bartley/staff

Alpha Phi alpha fraternity will elect its "Miss Black and Gold" Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. in Tucker Theater.

Although the pageant has a majority African-American audience, Alpha Phi Alpha is encouraging the entire community to participate.

"We would like to see more of the community partake in the event," said Mark House, director of production for the event.

"It is not only for an African American audience, rather [it is] for everyone to see a positive portrayal of black women."

"This is one way to discredit some of the stereotypes."

The pageant was created in 1976 during the national convention in New York City. In 1982 it became an official event of Alpha Phi Alpha and part of MTSU campus life.

There are several levels of the pageant. Each college chapter will have a pageant. Their winners will go to the district level and may go on to the state, regional, and national level.

When asked why a male fraternity would craft a pageant; House stated, "The purpose of the pageant is to simply promote the black female," House said.

"It is a strong principle in our fraternity and a necessary factor in uplifting the black race."

A candidate must fulfill certain qualifications to be admitted. To qualify you must be a student of African-American descent. A high GPA is not a requirement, but

could determine higher points in the competition.

The competition has several categories—the introduction swimwear, casual wear, talent eveningwear, and the question and answer period. The questions are usually focused on issues facing African American people.

The female receive a sense of fulfillment, a strong sense of community, the ability to foster good health, competition not mention

pretty nice scholarship.

"Not only is the pageant way to expose one's talent, but to show colleagues what you have to offer," said first year candidate Marisa Terry.

Practices are also massive time commitment according to Terry. "Practice include a lot of training, which run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. three nights a week. Since I have job, I have to work twice as hard to keep up."

Tickets for the pageant are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Proceeds from the pageant pay for the pageant and fund scholarships. Contestants have individual sponsors to help them including Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Blue Raider barber shop, Cross barber shop, Ladies of Black and Gold, and Mr. and Mrs. Gott.

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New NCAA admission standards tougher for athletes

By Elissa Leibowitz/
College Press Service

WASHINGTON—The next couple of years may be rocky for high school athletes hoping to shoot hoops or go out for a long pass in college.

New freshman eligibility standards by the National Collegiate Athletic Association raise the academic standards for getting into a college program, and some college officials say high school coaches and administrators may not be preparing athletes well enough to meet them.

The new requirements, called Proposition 16, set a sliding scale for freshman athletes entering college next fall. The scale combines a minimum grade-point average in 13 core courses with SAT or ACT scores and will replace Proposition 48, which current student-athletes met the eligibility requirements of when they signed on with a university. The new standards are significantly tougher than the old ones, according to the NCAA.

"I would be fool-hearted to think they weren't," said Donald Lemish, athletic director at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

The problem, opponents

say, is that many high school seniors and even juniors are struggling to raise their standardized test scores and pull up their grades in order to qualify for athletic scholarships based on the new standards. And they do so without the proper advising by high school coaches and guidance counselors who may not be as informed on the changes, according to some college athletic officials.

"A lot of times many schools do not always have athletes go on to Division I," said Craig Angelos, assistant athletic director for compliance at the University of Miami. "A lag time has passed on what's firmly understood in the high school world."

When the high school coaches and guidance counselors are not as informed of the changes, they cannot advise student-athletes properly. The NCAA, however, is trying to change that through better education of the high school administrators.

To complicate the issue even more, the Princeton, N.J.-based College Board has reconfigured, or "recentered," the SAT scores. What was once a 700 composite score now has to be an 820. A 900

on the SAT changed to a 1,010. A 21 ACT score is now an 86.

"And that confuses prospects even more," Angelos said.

Under Proposition 16, the number of core courses required has gone up to 13 and the minimum GPAs and minimum test scores have increased as well. For instance, a 2.0 GPA will now require the equivalent of a 900 SAT. A student-athlete who scored 700 on the SAT last year will need a 2.5 GPA to be eligible for college play.

Compare this to Proposition 48, in which to play in Division I sports as a freshman, an athlete had to have only a 2.0 GPA in 11 core courses and a 700 on the SAT.

Some argue it is unfair to screen students, who are schooled differently, by standardized test scores. Lemish admitted that the SAT scoring is "discriminatory," but says the sliding scale will "level out the playing field."

Using SAT and ACT scores adds an element of consistency to an otherwise subjective process, said Lisa Hibbs, athletic academic coordinator at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

"It's a measuring stick that everyone uses," she said. "The only thing to get out there and compare with is a standardized test. No test is a fair test to use."

Lemish said the SAT score generally has been discriminatory. "I personally agree with that," he said. "The NCAA heard enough about that, and that's why they came along with Proposition 16."

Hibbs said her university advises high school student-

athletes to take the ACT if they are having trouble with the SAT. Although the two examinations test similar skills, studies have shown that women and members of minority groups score better on the ACT, Hibbs said.

In addition to scoring qualifications, high school seniors wishing to compete in Division I or II colleges or universities in the fall of 1996 now must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. They send the clearinghouse their transcripts and test scores, and the clearinghouse certifies that they qualify for college play.

College athletic departments are used to dealing with ever-changing numbers since Proposition 48 was enacted in 1986. Yet those requirements and the new ones spelled out in Proposition 16 won't affect some universities, which have requirements even stricter than those imposed by the NCAA.

"For us it's really the rest of the NCAA coming up to our requirements," Hibbs said. With the additional core course, Proposition 16 "pretty much mirrors the type of students admitted to UNC," she said.

When the NCAA enacted Proposition 48, some critics said the policy was racist because it would prevent a disproportionate number of poor and black high school athletes from going to the colleges they want to attend. The NCAA replied that the requirements would

strengthen the graduation rates for athletes, and it has, especially for black athletes.

And in many university athletic programs, including those at James Madison, the University of Miami and UNC, the overall student-athlete graduation rate is higher than that of the general student populations.

But critics are resurfacing the same racial arguments for Proposition 16. The U.S. Department of Education examined the GPAs and college board scores of current college athletes and has found that less than 70 percent of those currently in college sports programs would qualify under Proposition 16. The majority are minority students.

Angelos said he could not predict how the new standards would affect minority student-athletes. "Anytime you raise the standards it makes it more difficult on everybody," he said.

The hardest hit will be the students who have based their high school academic game plans on the Proposition 48 standards and are not up-to-speed on the changes. But, just as students in the mid-1980s lived up to Proposition 48 standards, student-athletes in the Class of 2000 "will rise to expectations" and meet the Proposition 16 changes, Angelos said. ●

Proposition 16 Requirements

The new academic standards for Proposition 16 are based on a minimum average in a core curriculum that includes at least 13 academic courses (formerly 11 under Proposition 48) in the following courses:

English: Four years (Three under Proposition 48).

Math: One year in algebra and one year in geometry, or one year of a higher-level math course for which geometry is a prerequisite. (Two years of math under Proposition 48).

Natural or physical sciences: Two years, including at least one lab course if offered by the school (same as Proposition 48).

Social Science: Two years (same as Proposition 48).

Two years of additional courses: English, mathematics or natural or physical science.

One Additional course: A year in any of the above listed areas or a foreign language, computer science, philosophy or non-doctrinal religion.

Last week to 'Squeeze'

By Dustin Schrimpsen/staff

This Squeeze is on, and this is your last week to loosen up your wallet and give to the United Way.

The MTSU United Way fund raising campaign is wrapping up this week. All MTSU faculty is encouraged to give.

The United Way is an umbrella organization over many other social service organizations who derive funds either exclusively or partially from the United

Way.

According to Robert Rucker, co-chair person for this year's United Way campaign, the squeeze is to get funding for much needed social programs.

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In our view

By the Sidelines Editorial Board

Students will decide on fee hike

In eight days, students can go to the voting booth and vote for or against the \$65 fee increase.

Your vote will count.

The student voice will be heard in the Oct. 24-25 referendum.

Though the university and the Tennessee Board of Regents are not required to reverse the increase if students vote it down, officials at TBR have indicated the increase would be revisited if it is voted down. If the increase receives a majority of student support, then the bond issue will undoubtedly go ahead as planned for next year.

This one referendum will shape the future of MTSU like none other since the referendum on the Student Recreation Center. On Oct. 24 and Oct. 25, the students of this university will decide whether or not MTSU will be fielding a Division I-A football team in 1998 in a larger, better stadium. Students will also be deciding whether or not the cost of attending MTSU will be \$65 dollars higher for many years to come.

The \$65/semester from each full-time student (\$5/hour for part-time students) will be used to retire a \$25 million bond issue that will be used for stadium renovations. The bonds will be issued next year after the first-year payment is secured. Stadium renovations are necessary to expand seating capacity to at least 30,000, which is an NCAA requirement for Division I-A football. University officials are saying a larger stadium could also be used to draw big-name entertainers.

There is little doubt that students were excluded from the fee increase debate. Now students definitely have the choice to decide on the fee increase. Whether or not you support the increase for stadium renovation and I-A football, your vote will count.

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Since state funds will not be allocated for a stadium, we will vote for the increase of our student activity fees. They are comparably low. The money is well spent and cannot detract from academic funding. Academic funding comes from the state, and student fees could not possibly keep up with the capital projects that are needed for this referendum.

Because every vote is so important in this referendum, you can expect to see us at the booths.

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...days until the Oct. 24, 25 SGA fall election which will include the referendum on the \$65 student activity fee increase, the freshman SGA ballot and the homecoming court/queen election. Though students have been charged the extra fees this semester, some students are arguing that students had no say in the increase. One SGA senator who helped get the issue on the fall ballot says he will seek a reversal of the fees if students vote it down. He says he will drop it if students show support for the fee increase. Your vote will count.



Letter to the Editor

Learning to self-examine for breast cancer can save lives

An open letter to the MTSU community,

About three months ago, my mother was doing her monthly self-breast exam, and found some lumps. She tried to tell herself that she was just imagining things. "Surely," she thought, "I have just felt some fat deposits or something." So she did the breast exam again, and she felt the lumps, again. This time, she told me and my sisters and brother about what she had found and that she was going to the doctor for a mammography to be certain and to rule out cancer. When she went to St. Thomas Hospital on 5 September, she found out that she did indeed have breast cancer. The mammography showed the lumps, and the biopsy of the lumps showed that they were cancer. By the grace of God and with Mom's careful self-breast exams and early medical treatment, her cancer was caught before it could grow out of control, and the latest reports show

that the surgery removed all of the disease. She is currently undergoing radiation therapy to make certain that the disease does not return.

I write this to all of you, male and female alike, to let you know that even though breast cancer is one of the worst killers of women in the U.S., it can be found with monthly self-breast exams and annual mammographies, and it can be cured if caught in time. While breast cancer is most often a disease found in women, in rare cases men have been diagnosed with the disease as well. Please, for your own safety and peace of mind, go to your own private physician or to the people at campus Health [Services] as soon as possible, and find out about how to do a monthly self-breast exam. They take only a few minutes to do, and yet that few minutes once a month could save your life. If you do feel something that doesn't seem quite right or that you did not feel there before, go to your

doctor immediately. There is a very high cure rate with breast cancer if detected early enough.

I pray that none of you will ever have to go through what I have been through recently in coming so very near to losing my mother who has always been my rock and my inspiration. By learning how to do a self-breast exam, doing the exam every month, and following up with annual mammographies, you can prevent a disease that is almost always curable.

For more information about breast cancer, see your doctor, the physicians and staff of the campus Health [Services] center, or go to the library where you can find many articles and books with information about the disease. And please, give generously to cancer research which is in danger of having funds cut by Congress.

Mary Rhudy
Graduate student, History

'Yes' to expansion, 'no' to fee increase



Warren Wakeland

expansion.

Time to make a decision. I have done a great deal of research into the increase, questioning why it was done, why students weren't well-informed, what the fee revenue will go toward, what extra revenue the fee implementation will generate, where that money will go, what other forms of revenue can be sought, and why the university will ultimately be better off because of it.

I have spoken in-depth with Dr. Walker, athletic director Lee Fowler, Blue Raider Athletic Association chairman Wayne Rolliins, SGA president Shane McFarland, Chad White and Scott Davis of the SGA Senate Investigation Committee, and many faculty and students about the increase. I believe I have heard every angle of the issue from more than a few people on each side.

I have come to a conclusion. The stadium expansion needs to be done, but asking the students to ante up the entire amount of funding for the project is asking too much. Vote "no" to the \$65 fee increase.

Among the many reasons to "just say no" are two major ones. **Academics must come first.** For most of us, a degree is the first goal. This money could be going to academic endeavors, such as hiring new instructors and purchasing new equipment.

The administration response to this is they have been doing nothing but enhancing academics

here for years, and it's time to promote athletics. This is true, and athletics do need to be promoted. But this must be done with the full knowledge of the students, not behind their backs.

It's too much money. Now here's the best reason. MTSU is a highly non-traditional campus—as much as 40 percent of the student body qualify as non-traditional.

This means many students pay their own way through school. For these students, \$65 is a lot of money. I am one of these students, and \$65 is two weeks of groceries in my budget. Paying the increase means I have to work extra hours and deduct time from my studies.

For married students with kids, this increase means \$130 per semester. It's an even bigger strain on their budget because they have several mouths to feed, diapers to change, day care to pay for, and other incidental expenses.

I know two married couples who both go to school, and both have had to borrow money to continue their educations and feed their family. This is not right.

There are reasons to vote for the increase as well, and they are also highly valid. **The move to I-A will generate more revenue for the school.** To thrive, a university needs a lot of money. The way Fowler has described it to me, MTSU moving to I-A could generate as much as \$500,000 per year more in the football program just from being able to schedule more upper-echelon I-A opponents like Tennessee.

The extra visibility and publicity I-A football will generate for the university will create more revenue in more students paying to go to class. This, in turn, will allow for more money to go to hiring instructors away from other universities and the business community, according to Dr. Walker.

Non-scholarship football sucks. The NCAA is phasing out Division I-AA because it costs them too much to operate. These schools will either have to go I-A or non-scholarship.

To me, that's a no-brainer.

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Student wants to set record straight on financial aid plan

By Christina Basiel

During the past few weeks, MTSU students have been bombarded with propaganda concerning student financial aid. "The big lie on campus" has been perpetuated in *Sidelines*, on flyers throughout the campus and of course in communications from Congressman Bart Gordon's office. These sources of information have succeeded in

creating panic on the MTSU campus, and if the information being imparted were correct, the panic would be legitimate. The threat of losing higher education funding affects every student on this campus in one way or another, and the threat does not end with college students, but continues on to their children and their children's children.

Fortunately, the threat is

unfounded. The details of the Republican sponsored Higher Education proposal are, contrary to what has been highly publicized, student friendly. A listing of the facts of the proposal affirm that congressional Republicans are not tuition terrorists but rather, tuition champions.

The House GOP plan will:

1. Increase the number of student loans from 6.6 million to 7.1 million and increase the volume of loans from \$24 billion in 1995 to \$36 billion in 2002. The average student loan will increase from \$3,646 to \$4,300.
2. Make 1996 Pell Grants the largest in history, with an increase from \$2,340 per student to \$2,440 per student.
3. Fully fund Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants at the current level of \$583 million.
4. Fully fund the College Work Study program at the current level of \$617 million.
5. Fully fund minority programs at the current level of \$463 million as well as historically black institutions at the current level of \$130 million.
6. Shift the burden of the student loan industry from students to loan agencies by reducing the guarantee agency reimbursement rate and increasing the origination fee paid by lenders resulting in a \$5 billion savings over seven years.
7. Eliminate the costly federal Direct Loan program

which is estimated to cost taxpayers \$1.5 billion over seven years. (HR 530, a bill co-sponsored by Congressman Gordon in January, 1994 also, called for the elimination of the Direct Loan program.)

8. Save \$3.5 billion by allowing interest to accrue during the six month grace period. (This proposal was originally made by Alice Rivlin, President Clinton's own Budget Director.) Students will have the choice of paying the interest immediately or allowing the interest to accrue to the balance of the loan which would increase monthly payments by a mere \$4, and will eventually decrease monthly payments by \$8 after a balanced budget is achieved.
9. Save an additional \$450 million by raising the interest rate on Parent Loans by less than 1 percentage point from the current 3.1 percent over the T-bill rate to 4 percent.
10. Allow congress to reach an overall savings goal of \$1.3 trillion over seven years, which will balance the federal budget, resulting in decreased

interest rates and increased employment opportunities for college graduates.

These are the facts. The plan's opponents fictitiously claim that the proposal would eliminated in-school interest subsidy, eliminate the six month grace period, change the eligibility of access of loans, increase loan origination fees and increase the interest rates students pay for their loans. These claims are unfounded and untrue.

It is unfortunate that the Democratic party, which lacks a plan for balancing the federal budget, would knowingly make false accusations in an attempt to undermine legislation which would benefit all Americans. Partisan jealousies must not be allowed to overshadow reforms which will guarantee that students will not only be able to afford an education, but will be able to utilize that education in the marketplace.

Christina Basiel is a senior Political Science major.

Congressman Hilleary: student loans not being cut; rate of growth slowed

By Congressman Van Hilleary

A dream that almost all young people share is to have access to an affordable college education at a respected university like MTSU. Unfortunately, many students come from families which just can't afford the rising costs of tuition, room, board, books, and other fees and expenses that come with earning a college degree.

As a result, the federal government provides a variety of financial aid grants and loans to help families and students pay for a college education. This is one of the most popular functions of the federal government, and I think we should continue to help Americans receive a college education. Unfortunately, some people would have you believe that the new Congress is trying to slash funding for college financial aid. This simply isn't true, and I want to let you know what the new Congress is really doing.

The truth is that under the Republican budget, more student loans will be available next year than have ever been available in the history of the program. The federal government issued 6.6 million loans this year, and 7.1 million loans will be issued next year. Funding for student loans will increase from \$24 billion this year to \$36 billion in 2002. This clearly is not a cut.

Some people are claiming that \$10 billion is being cut from student loans over the next seven years, but this simply isn't true. All that is happening is that we are slowing how quickly spending increases. For example, if somebody asks his boss for a \$50 raise, and the employee receives a \$40 raise because that's all the company can afford without going bankrupt, this is obviously still a pay raise. But according to the logic of the big-government opponents of Republican

proposals, this employee had his pay cut by \$10—even though he's going to be receiving \$40 more.

Other aspects of Republican education plans have also been distorted. Currently, interest does not accumulate on student loans while a person is still attending college. Under the Republican budget, this does not change. Also, interest rates for Stafford and Perkins loans are not raised under our plan, and all loan recipients will still have a six-month grace period after graduation before they will have to start re-paying their loans.

In addition, other sources of financial aid are fully funded at their current levels. This includes Perkins Loans, College Work Study and Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (SEOG)—popular programs that are familiar to anyone who receives financial aid.

Because the administration of student loans should be as cost-efficient as possible, the Republican plan also calls for a change in the way loans are paid to students. Last year, the old Congress and the President decided to expand the federal bureaucracy and have the Department of Education run the show from Washington. However, the new Congress believes that the last thing we need to do is to make the federal government even larger. We believe in limited government, and that the private sector is more efficient at running the loan program.

In fact, that's exactly what two major independent studies of the loan program show. One of these studies, conducted by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) in July, shows that the President's big-government approach would cost taxpayers

\$1.5 billion more than our market-oriented approach. This is \$1.5 billion that can be used to help more Americans earn a college degree, or it could be used to eliminate the deficit.

We can save taxpayers another \$3.5 billion by eliminating the interest subsidy that loan recipients now enjoy during the six-months after graduation, and graduates do not have to begin paying off the loan until that time. Under our plan, graduates would still have six months before they have to begin re-paying their debt, but interest would start accruing during that time.

This is still a great deal for graduates, considering that almost every other type of loan begins accruing interest the day it is issued. It will also have a very minor impact on graduates: if a person borrowed the maximum amount that it's possible to borrow under the student loan program, he or she would only have to pay an extra \$9 a month in payments. The average loan recipient would only have to pay an extra \$4 a month. This small change will not make anybody unable to attend college, and it will save taxpayers \$3.5 billion—money that can be used to provide even more loans, or to reduce the deficit.

The new Congress is working hard to find a fair balance between giving more people access to a college education, and balancing the budget—two things we all want to accomplish. All too often, past Congresses spent money without caring what effect it had on the deficit. Times have changed, though, and with your continued support and input, the budget will be balanced in seven years—not by blindly slashing programs, but by thoughtfully limiting how fast spending is increased.

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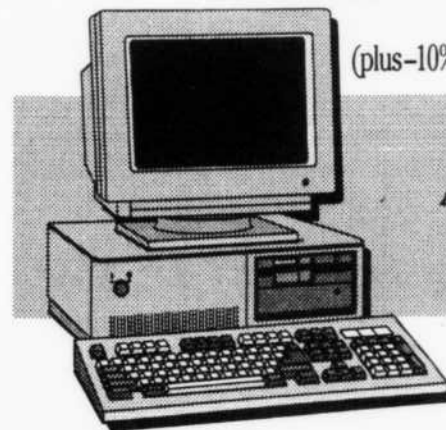
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Colleges, students pump money into local economies

By Marco Buscaglia/
College Press Service

At Notre Dame Stadium on football Saturdays, the roar of the crowd can be deafening. But it can pale in comparison to the ringing of cash registers on game days throughout South Bend.

Every time the Fighting Irish host a home game, their fans bring in more than \$9 million to the Indiana community. And like many towns and cities that are home to colleges, South Bend has come to appreciate its academic occupants not only for the academic and cultural benefits they can lend to a town, but for their checkbooks, too.

"Obviously, the college students are a very important part of our economy," says Sherry Eilbes, finance director of the South Bend Chamber of Commerce. "They have a huge impact on the local and state economy."

Eilbes says that while the students kick in money to the local establishments—about \$26 million each year—the big money comes from visitors. "Each game brings people from

all over, and they all spend the scenery and skiing. money," she says. "They fill Thanks to the college, say city officials, the town is able to avoid some of the post-tourist season lulls that other resort towns must endure.

Not every school has a perennial football powerhouse to draw visitors in for revenue, but the economic impact they can have on their community is no small change.

In fact, in small, rural towns, the local college can provide some much needed stimuli to the economy.

Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., accounts for 9 percent of the total income and employment in La Plata County in southwest Colorado. With 4,363 students, Fort Lewis makes up nearly 40 percent of Durango's total population.

Yet Durango, a tourist town, also hosts thousands of visitors who come each year for

haircuts. "The university recognizes that it has an important and vital role to play in the economic life of the community," Maxwell says.

Bucknell officials, like statisticians at many schools, look at their economic contributions in terms of the "multiplier effect," which is a numeric figure used to estimate the additional money that is generated once an initial expenditure is made.

For example, money spent by a student to buy a sandwich at the local deli may be used by the deli owner to purchase gas. Profits from the gas station then are used by the proprietor to rent a videotape, whose owner uses his profits to pay the mortgage on his home. Multipliers often range from 2 to 6.

The number of employment opportunities provided by a university also can help a community stay financially afloat.

Emory University, with 13,750 employees, is the fourth largest employer in Atlanta. "Good cities are made more prosperous and vital by the presence of a good university,"

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customers during fall and spring."

Bucknell University helps their Lewisburg, Pa., home achieve a reputation as one of the best small towns in the U.S.

Barry Maxwell, the school's vice president for administration, says that Bucknell's 1,084 employees earn a collective \$38 million and a large portion of that ends up being spent on everything from housing to

says Emory President William Chace. "Schools can add a lot to the urban equation."

Last year, Emory's multiplied economic impact on the Atlanta region was \$2.4 billion, a figure that does not go unnoted by Atlanta officials. "It helps keep our city strong in more ways than one," says Derrick Smith, an associate city planner. "Emory brings in revenue that is unique to academic institutions. It adds to the economic character of the city."

Chicago earns more than \$300 million each year due to the presence of Loyola University, which has campuses on the city's north side and in the downtown area, as well as a medical center in suburban Maywood. Indirectly, the school brings in more than \$1 billion each year.

"Loyola, like the other schools in the area, brings in huge amounts of revenue and provides lots of jobs each year," says Greg Longhini, spokesperson for Chicago's planning department.

Still, many critics point out that the revenue produced by colleges is offset by the fact

that they are exempt from paying property taxes for school grounds.

Longhini, however, says the city benefits regardless of the exemption. "Obviously there are trade-offs but when you're talking about direct economic impact, the numbers don't lie," he says, adding that the employees of schools pay taxes on the money they're making.

In addition, while colleges help contribute to their local economy by providing academic, administrative and maintenance jobs, they also can make a significant economic impact when they expand or improve facilities.

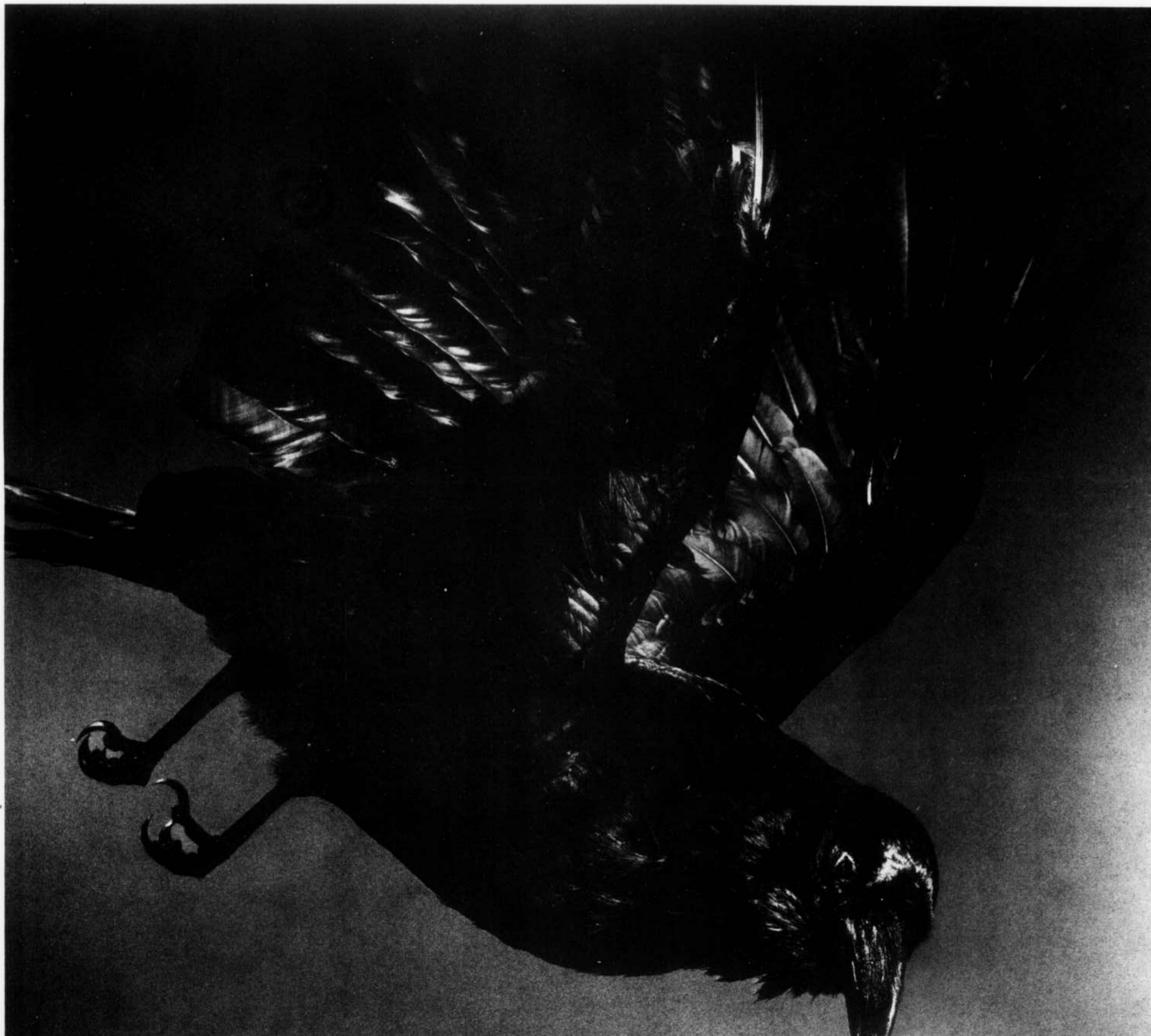
Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., has put \$27 million into new construction since 1990.

"In the past few years, our construction projects represented the only major contracts in the area," says Michael Giaquinto, the university's director of facilities, management and construction. "Our projects have had a profound impact on putting people to work: concrete and asphalt workers, bricklayers, landscapers and construction companies."

Ted Grieder, who is the general superintendent for contract company P. Francis Derby, agrees. "It's helped to employ a lot of people, which was really important last year when things were really tough and there wasn't any work around," Grieder says. "I don't think people realize how important Sacred Heart's expansion has been in providing people with work."

And that work, of course, translates into money that will be spent within the community.

Rutgers University, which received \$380 million in state funding from the New Jersey legislature last year, brought \$2.1 billion back to the state. "Obviously that puts the school in a unique category," says Rutgers spokesperson Harvey Trabb. "Not only do we provide academic and cultural benefits to the state, we're bringing in very significant dollars." ●



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Making it work

Croatian pop singer trades microphone for pen and pad

By Joey Butler/staff

Much ado has been made about MTSU's need for a Division I-A football team to gain recognition. However, the College of Mass Communications has been making a name for the university for years. In fact, the College is known practically worldwide.

It was the aforementioned college that brought Bosko Grubic all the way from Croatia to become a Radio/TV major. Grubic put a budding music career on hold to move to the United States and pursue an MTSU degree. Of course, there was a little instability in Croatia at the time.

"My career was kind of going up, but war messed up everything," Grubic said.

Grubic—known as Bobby G. in music circles—was working as both a club DJ and a singer before he left his homeland 1 1/2 years ago.

He began his career as a DJ, but soon realized that he could write better songs than the ones he was playing in the discoteques. Soon, he was releasing his own CDs and performing his own concerts.

Unfortunately, Croatia was going through a trying time and music was not very prominent on people's minds.

"When I left, there was no base for an art career," said Grubic. "There wasn't money to spend on art and when you don't have money, you don't have music."

By the same reasoning, when you don't sell music, you don't make money. This led Grubic to explore other interests in Murfreesboro, where he received immense help from the Mass Communications faculty.



"Chris Harris and Thomas Jimison helped a lot

with my orientation and gave me expert advice," said Grubic.

Grubic is studying digital imaging and photography in addition to working overtime on his stateside music career. He has just recorded a CD and is promoting it to generate record label interest.

A firm believer in the do-it-yourself approach, Grubic is a self-proclaimed "one-man music show," playing all the instruments on his CD as well as handling the producing, recording and vocal duties himself.

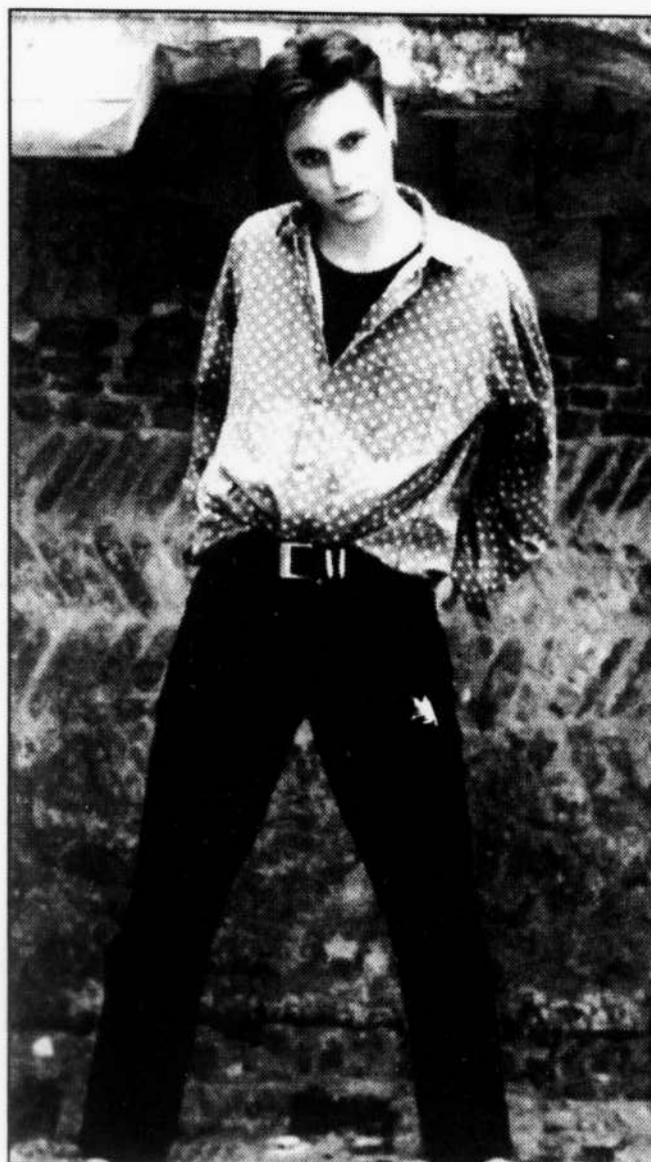
Of course, he's always on the lookout for collaborators, and he said that he's interested in finding a female vocalist to sing duets.

Fortunately, moving to the United States hasn't hampered his Croatian musical status, which is still alive and well. There are still newspaper articles written about him from time to time and when he returns home for Christmas to visit his family, he has two concerts planned. Hopefully, this is a sign that the Croatian music scene is on the rise again.

"I'm being asked to perform and things are getting better now," said Grubic, "but in Bosnia, things are still bad and it's too close to Croatia."

Grubic's experiences in his homeland have made him very willing to help others in similar situations. When not in school or in the studio, he translates to Bosnian refugees for the United Catholic Charity. His goal is to inform the refugees about when they will start work and how to get food stamps.

"It's just humanitarian help," Grubic said, "and



Eleva D.

Bobby G.

I'm just trying to help them as much as I can."

So what does the future hold for Bobby G.? Will he stay in Tennessee and convert line dancers and two-steppers to his Croatian house music?

Grubic doubts it. He says he's unsure where he'll go after graduation, but he's leaning toward Europe.

"I lived in London for a year and I'm in love with that town," says Grubic.

So while we may not see Bobby G. eclipse Garth Brooks in Music City, we can enjoy Bosko Grubic's music while he's here and be privileged enough to say, "We knew him when." ●

Skating back into the past



Jason Young

"Let's all skate, everybody skate." Any red-blooded-American raised in this area of the country can remember this phrase. It was usually announced right before the DJ. at the local skate center would spin the ever-cool song "Freakazoid."

And there we were, young crazy sixth-graders, trying to look as cool as any human being could on roller skates. Looking cool on roller skates came natural to some of my sixth grade peers. I can remember watching Tiffany Johnson skate backwards and thinking to myself, "Man, she sure looks cool. I bet I could do that if I really tried." I never could do that and believe me, I tried. No, the best a big-boned (a.k.a. fat) kid like myself could do was to pull backwards on the rails in front of the snack bar. This didn't really look cool and only lasted about two minutes until bumping into some kid's parent, causing them to spill Pepsi all over the floor.

Yeah, some of my friends could take to the roller rink like a duck to water, but my roller rink claim to fame was having the highest score on the technologically advanced video game Turbo (Remember that one?). Turbo was the game that pitted you against several other realistic automobiles racing around such structures as the beach and large aquariums.

Most people thought that having the highest score on Turbo was pretty cool, but the really cool kids, aside from the ones that could skate backwards, were the ones that played Skee Ball. Skee ball wasn't that hard. You basically rolled a ball and hoped it landed in the hole that would generate 12,000 little tickets so you could "buy" the Chinese finger puzzle that glowed in the dark. The only prizes I could manage to win when I played Skee Ball were those roller spider rings.

Games were an essential part to the skate center, but games were also an essential part to skating. Who could forget hearing the "Hokey Pokey" theme being blasted on the same speaker system that had only moments before been playing some of that American Fool, John Cougar!

"You put your right hand in. You put your right hand out. You put your right hand in and then you shake it all about." That was about as far as I could go. When it came down to putting in your right skate, that was exactly what I did: came down! But not Tiffany Johnson, she looked like a Rockette.

I know all the guys noticed how great she could skate because she always had a guy when it was time for the dreaded couple skate. I had a hard time getting a girl to skate with me because of the "big-boned" thing, but being the king of Turbo didn't hurt me any. I can remember skating as fast as I could to find someone to couple skate with me. My favorite couple skate was with Stephanie Insko. I remember holding onto her hand and skating underneath the mirrored ball that made me feel like I was going to fall. The music was classic, "I Want You Know What Love Is."

I really didn't know what love was then, but skating hand in hand with Stephanie gave me a pretty good idea. Love on the skating rink was an exciting thing, so exciting that it made those Pepsis I had consumed earlier in the day want their freedom.

Going to the "can" while on roller skates is not fun, and falling down while you are trying to use the "can" is even less fun. That's all I have to say about that.

Through the good times and through the bad times, skate centers have been there for the youth of America. Okay, maybe they have just been there. Either way, you can't deny the fact that skate centers play music. Does that make any sense? I doubt it. Let's all skate, everybody skate! ●

Nine Parts Devil prove lounge music isn't just for strangers in a hotel bar

By Elizabeth Fisher/staff

Are these men responsible for the untimely demise of Jerry Garcia? Since they went into the recording studio for the first time on the day Garcia died, they would like for you to think so.

Nine Parts Devil was certainly responsible for the hip-happening-cool jazz sounds at the Boro Thursday, Oct. 12. The ensemble of rage-a-holics consists of a swinging vocalist clutching a vintage mike, one guitarist and a shiny hollow body, an electric stand up bassist, wailing sax man, and smart drummer surrounded by red carnations and pin-up dreams.

To see them is to love them. To hear them is to have a swingin' good time.

Greeting folks at the door was the suave and mild-mannered Mark Medley who drums for the band and generally seemed to be running the show. Medley, famous for his work with the legendary Nashville band Raging Fire, now delegates his time between graduate work in MTSU's history department and a full-time job at the Country Music Foundation. "The thing that fascinates me," he asks, "is how do you market this band? As a jazz band that needs to be marketed in a rock format?" By this point we are joined by Dave Willie, who appears in a flaming red shirt, most excellent dark suit, and impressive slicked back locks—ready for action.

Willie, formerly of the band Jet Black Factory, explains that NPD started out as an art project. "A conceptual pack to entertain ourselves . . . and people like it. We have to present an image, play songs AND work to promote the band. The challenge is holding all three threads."

Speaking of threads, the debonair attire of the band is quite a refreshing change from the post-grunge, too-late punk scene which so often takes the

stage at the Boro. Nine Parts Devil attributes its urbane style to hours of combing the thrift stores for that special something. Medley, eyebrow arched underneath an artfully placed spit curl, suggests finding a shop on your way home so that you can check daily for new sharkskin arrivals. Willie, a double major in History and Art at MTSU, reminds us that "Looking good is its own reward."

When asked the standard question of musical influences, the answers varied. Medley was quick to mention Lefty Drizzel. Willie considered, "Germs, Darby Crash . . . Dino . . . Sinatra, of course." Watching him performing on stage allowed all three elements to shine through.

Medley cites The Clash as a "major influence of this band." The suits, the hair, the rockin' are all reminiscent of the Clash's gangster stance.

But Medley reiterates the jazz element of the band as well. "This band really wants to base itself in the pre-rock tradition," he said, "the thirty-year period before rock is overlooked. Jazz is really very gritty. It's a real untapped source of inspiration."

At this point John Troup, the cigar-smoking cappuccino-swilling guitarist, joined the interview. He introduced himself as a man of many vices. When the band was asked about goals, Troup looks to "a world where the wolf and the lamb can lie down together. Where transients and debutantes can walk hand in hand in the mall together."

Perhaps this attitude can be attributed to the illustrious Victor Victoria's Lounge which the band has used as a sort of home base. Victor V's is the kind of place that brags about the number of serial killers who once tended the bar. It's John Waters all the way.

Saxophone player Mark "Smiley" Schenkel adds the glittering hot horn



Nine Parts Devil are, from left to right, Mark Medley, John Troup, Dave Willie, Mark "Smiley" Schenkel and Rob DeHart (not pictured). NPD play hard nosed jazz in the Murfreesboro area.

to the Devils. Schenkel is a graduate of MTSU's illustrious RIM Department and now works for the Gibson Guitar Company. Schenkel is renowned for his work with such local acts as Freedom of Expression and Riff Raff. He admires Lee Ving of Fear, the Residents, Weather Report and especially Eddie Jefferson "an underground scat monster."

Bass player Rob DeHart was not present for the interview, as he was speeding towards Murfreesboro in order to make it in time from his gig with the Hunstville Symphony. DeHart attended MTSU as a Historic Preservation graduate student.

As soon as DeHart arrived the band hit the stage for its Murfreesboro debut. While the crowd was modest, a good time was had by all. The set included numbers ranging from straight up lounge tunes (all original) like "Foreign Taste" to more improvisational tunes like "Phosgene." The fellas rocked the house with "Rock Hudson" and "Confessions of a Cad" brought the

crowd to their feet. But perhaps the best song of the set was "Bourbon Street Manifesto"—a solid smokin' jam with a Chet Atkins twist. Willie says the song was inspired by a trip to New Orleans during Labor Day when the bars had shut down. "People were walking around just lookin' for trouble."

The show was not too short, not too long, not too loud, not too soft, but juuuust riiiiight! They closed with the only cover tune, Louis Prima's "I Wanna Be Like You," everyone's favorite Jungle Book tune done up right with rockabilly rhythm.

As John Troup exclaims, "You only get one first impression."

Judging from the energy and bravado of Nine Parts Devil's Boro debut, the entire band takes first impressions very seriously.

Nine Parts Devil on life: A Texas chain match from the word go. The next NPD match will be held at Victor Victoria's in Nashville Oct. 27. ●

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Green River Rising tells ultimate tale of prison life

Tim Willocks' new novel delivers action, exceptional characters

By Brent Andrews/staff

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This is the Green River. And this is the tale of its rising.

Prison life really sucks, but you get used to it. You assume your place in the human garbage dump that is your cellblock, try not to make anyone want to kill you and hold on to the soap. If you do your time right, and don't screw up, you just might make it out without getting beaten to death or becoming somebody's "old lady." Or you might do your time right and end up getting killed anyway. You never know.

In Tim Willocks' gripping tale of prison life—and death—we are tossed into the sometimes monotonous, sometimes exciting lives of the last generation of inmates at Green River State Penitentiary in East Texas. Green River is a prison from a different age, designed by a European architect to make use of as much natural light as possible, and built from floor to ceiling of glass and iron. Through the glass ceiling of Green River, the sun's sweltering rays penetrate the lives of the prison inmates and heat everything to a point that is just short of intolerable. The prison soaks up the sun like a long, blacktop desert highway, and the inmates' tempers are short during the long East Texas days. Tempers are short, that is, until the prison's

warden stops taking his medication and becomes a raving lunatic, cutting power to the cellblocks and turning the prison over to the inmates just to see what would happen.

That, friends and neighbors, is when *all hell* breaks loose.

We live our short time in Green River through the perspective of Dr. Ray Klein, a physician who, on the outside, loved his life of healing the sick through medical miracles. On the inside, Klein has made enough friends through his "private practice" and through working in the prison infirmary to become what in prison terms would be a respectable citizen.

He knows all the real heavies in the prison, the "lifers" who reside in a cellblock appropriately named the Valley of the Long Distance Runners. He has befriended Reuben Wilson, the boxer who was framed for murder and who, once in prison, became the respected hero and unchallenged leader of the prison's black population; he has developed a quasi-friendship with Nev Agry, the scheming leader of the rednecks in the prison and probably the most powerful man in Green River. Agry has a private cell with two rooms, with a double bed in which he makes love to his "legal" wife Claudine, a young black man who was named Claude in his former life on the streets of New Orleans. In prison, though, Claudine dresses in silk and heels and holds tea parties and tries her best to keep up the impression that

she is the perfect lady.

The trouble starts when Claudine is taken away from Agry by prison guards and put back into the black population, where she is hated because of her willingness to become a woman and her marriage to a white man. Agry is allowed to believe that Claudine didn't want to leave him, that she resisted being taken from his love nest, when in fact she wanted to leave so that she could begin to change herself back into a man—and also to please the warden, who has a lot of pull with the state's parole board.

The warden knows that taking Claudine from Agry and putting her—or him—with the rest of the prison's black population will cause even more tension in the racially divided prison. When the trouble finally begins, the warden orders his guards to abandon their posts inside the prison walls, and leaves the prisoners to sort out their problems the best way they know how—by intense, horrible violence.

The action in *Green River Rising* is non-stop from the first chapter, and the riot is fun for us to read because we can be there without *really* being there. Willocks has painted the perfect portrait of prison life—we are there for the violence that is such a major part of the inmates' lives, and we are able to see the characters in the book as real people. Through Willocks' gut-wrenching drama, we are there with the inmates when they smoke their smuggled joints and shoot up their far-from-clean heroin; we are there when they drink their bootleg liquor and fantasize about the women on the slick, glossy

pages of mens' magazines; we share their pain when they are raped in their dark cells at night, grabbing handfuls of prison linen while their pride is taken over and over by someone stronger than they are.

Willocks brings these characters to life in a way that few authors can, and after the intense action of *Green River Rising* there is no doubt that we will be reading more from this outstanding author. All told, I give this book—the best prison story on shelves today—nineteen stars out of a possible four. ●

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My first trip to super Wal-Mart

A column by Jason Young/ staff

Last week marked another milestone in the history of Murfreesboro when the Wal-Mart supercenter opened its doors for business. After taking a very un-official and un-scientific poll, at no expense to the students of this university, I found that some people are really pumped about the new Wal-Mart and some students don't like it.

Common complaints about the new Wal-Mart along the lines of, "It's too big." Common praise of the new Wal-Mart ran along the lines of, "It's sooooo big." After hearing both sides of the argument, I decided to take my thrilled girlfriend to Wal-Mart and check it out for myself. The Murfreesboro Wal-Mart is really big.

The first thing you will notice about this Wal-Mart, other than the size of the building, is the size of the parking lot. It felt like we were at Opryland. I wanted to stand next to my car and wait for a trolley or something to take us to the front door, but it didn't happen.

We hit the front door around 7:45 p.m. on Saturday. I could tell right from the start that this was unlike any shopping center I had ever been inside. People were everywhere. I was afraid to stop moving for fear of being trampled by rabid Wal-Mart customers coming to check the place out.

It took a few minutes for my eyes to adjust to the light inside the store. The illumination of the store was

incredible. If there weren't about two billion check outs with long lines of customers waiting to purchase buggies full of merchandise, I wouldn't have known how they managed to make the electric bill payments.

The strangest thing I found about this Wal-Mart was the fact that a grocery department is inside. You could pick up a gallon of milk and walk 15 feet to find a king-sized comforter and matching sheets. It is weird to know that you could buy a pound of fresh ground round, fishing tackle, eggs and underwear in the same store.

John Ramser, a senior psychology major at MTSU and front end supervisor for

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MOONED in Arcola

By Dave Barry/
syndicated columnist

It was Saturday night in the beer tent, which is where everybody goes after the day's festivities at the annual Broom Corn Festival in Arcola, Ill. A group of us guys were standing around, shouting snippets of conversation over the din of the band, when we saw a man's naked rear end advancing toward us through the crowd. The owner of the rear end was walking backward and bending over, so we couldn't see his head or upper body—just a disembodied, naked butt shuffling our way.

Next to us, a group of women suddenly noticed the oncoming butt. To say they were startled would be an understatement.

"Look!" they gasped, pointing at the butt. "He's... He's... It's..."

"It's OK!" we assured them. "It's only Ranger Reeder!"

Ranger Doug Reeder is a member of an organization I belong to, the World Famous Lawn Ranger Precision Lawn Mower Drill Team. It was founded 15 years ago by some guys in Arcola, a small central-Illinois town that each fall hosts the Broom Corn Festival, a celebration of the glory years when Arcola was leading producer of the corn used to make broom bristles. The highlight of the festival is the Broom Corn parade, and the most elite marching unit in the parade, as measured in per capita consumption of keg-dwelling beverages, is the

SUPER: one stop

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the new Wal-Mart, said, "I could curl up on a clothes rack and live here." He really could considering the wide selection of goods for sale

There is even a Wendy's restaurant inside the store. After hiking around for a while I found out why. You work up an appetite meandering around all the displays, people and buggies. The only part of the store that was empty was the garden center. I think I was alone there because it felt like two degrees outside.

The correct answer to the debate over whether Wal-Mart is too big or not is a personal one. If you like the convenience of one-stop shopping, you can't get more one-stop than Wal-Mart. If you don't like the size of Wal-Mart, don't shop there. When

Lawn Rangers.

When you talk about dedicated service organizations—when you talk about decency, integrity and leadership—you are not talking about the Lawn Rangers. We are not one of those organizations—and here I am thinking of our arch-enemies, the Shriners—that try to justify their existence by occasionally doing something useful. What we do is push lawn mowers and carry brooms. At various points along the parade route, we stop and astonish the crowd by performing broom-and-lawn-mower maneuvers with a level of smooth precision that you rarely see outside of train wrecks.

I've marched with the Lawn Rangers in four Broom Corn parades now. My friends ask me why I keep going back, but when I try to explain it ("We're pushing lawn mowers, see, and we're wearing masks, and we're tossing brooms, and...") it just sounds stupid. This is, of course, because it IS stupid. But it is more than that: it is also extremely immature.

I refer here to what goes on

my girlfriend Shannon and I left the store Saturday night there were two things that were on our minds: 1) Why had we spent our Saturday night walking around Wal-Mart when we didn't have any money? 2) Can we find our cars?

during Ranger Orientation, which takes place before the parade in Ranger Ted Shields' garage. This is where we Rangers get ourselves into peak physical and mental condition by consuming refreshing beverages and a scientific training diet of bratwurst; this is also where we teach our precision maneuvers to the rookie Rangers via a brutal training regimen that can last as long as five minutes. And above all, this is where we hold the Ranger Business Meeting, which could well be the single most tasteless annual event in America, surpassing even the Christmas retail season.

Two years ago, the governor of Illinois, who was running for re-election, showed up at the Business Meeting, apparently thinking it was a collection of normal voters. As he approached us, he realized that he had made a huge mistake and stopped, with his mouth maintaining a rigid professional smile, but his eyes revealing the stark terror of a politician who realizes that he's in danger of being photographed shaking hands with, for example, a man wearing a hat festooned with a lifelike replica of the male anatomical unit.

The governor left quickly, which meant he missed the Business Meeting, including

the much-anticipated performance by Ranger Reeder. Out of respect for a fellow Ranger, I am not going to comment upon Ranger Reeder's mental state, except to say that he has the kind of penetrating stare and intense smile that would make him prize recruit for the U.S. Postal Service, if you get my drift.

He is a legend among the Rangers. Each year—this is the highlight of the Business Meeting—he gets up a ladder, turns his back to the audience, and presents an EXTREMELY explicit dramatic rendition, using props, of a song or poem involving the word "moon." Each year his performance gets more elaborate; this year, it concluded with actual fireworks shooting out of a tube that was... Well, I can't tell you where the tube was, except to say we were all amazed that Ranger Reeder did not require medical treatment. But he showed no ill effects, and was in superb form that night in the beer tent, where he continued to personify the "moon" theme by backing slowly through the crowd. Every now and then you'd look down, and there would be Ranger Reeder, serving as a proud symbol of Rangerhood, making the rest of us proud to be part of this crack (rim shot) outfit.

For the next solid year, American voters are going to be relentlessly hounded by presidential contenders, all of whom are going to assure us that they represent mainstream, heartland values. Maybe it would broaden your perspective to come to Arcola next fall, march with the Rangers, hang out in the beer tent, and watch Ranger Reeder in action. He would make an awesome secretary of state. ●

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Dave Barry

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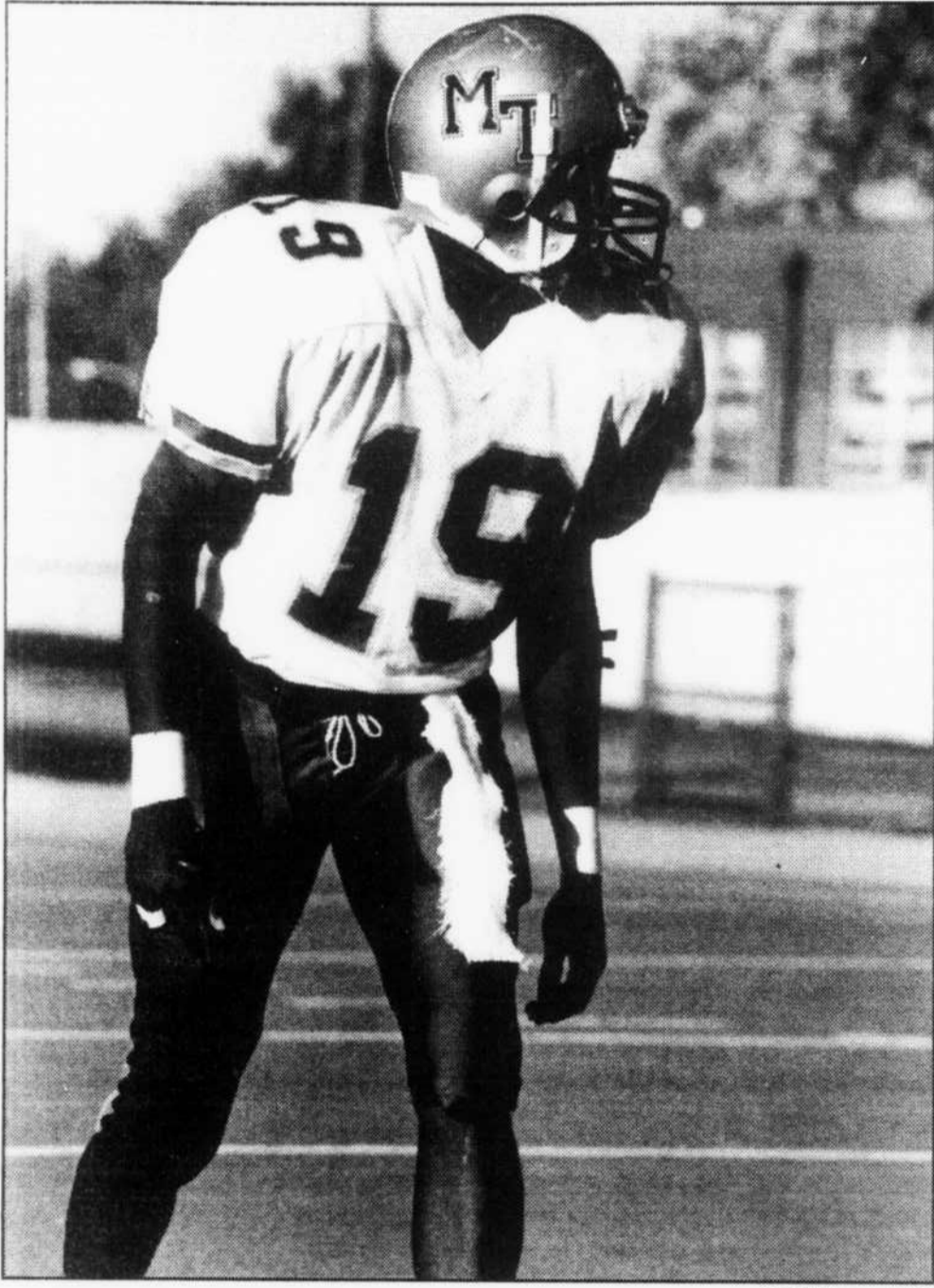
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Struggling offense, costly penalties hurt Blue Raiders in 34-21 EKV loss



Todd Sorum/staff

Sophomore flanker Toby Walker caught a 60-yard touchdown pass late in Saturday's 34-21 loss to OVC rival Eastern Kentucky.

By Tony J. Arnold/staff

It's a given in football that it takes offenses longer to mature than defenses.

In MTSU's case however, its defense to be a little ridiculous.

Squandered offensive opportunities, poor special teams play and numerous untimely penalties all contributed to a 34-21 loss to OVC rival Eastern Kentucky in Richmond Saturday night.

"Defensively we played well enough but the offense gave us no support whatsoever and being as young as we are you can expect to make mistakes and stay in the ballgame like we did," commented Raider head coach Boots Donnelly. "At this stage we had hoped to be further along and I'm pleased with our defense. However, it seems as if our offense is getting worse and worse."

The final score itself was deceiving as the Raiders scored 14 late points on a 60 yard pass to Toby Walker from Johnathan Quinn (who came in in the second quarter) and Reggie Upshaw rumbled in with a 68 yard fumble return after the Raiders were staring a 34-7 deficit in the face.

Yet, then again, the score was deceiving because the Raiders had a number of opportunities to be in the ballgame. The defense held on numerous occasions and usually the Raiders had good field position although it was unable to capitalize and it wasn't long before the tide started turning.

After a scoreless first quarter the Colonels got on the board via a 31 yard touchdown pass from Tommy

Luginbill to Diallo Burks. That score was set up by costly penalties.

On Eastern's previous possession, MTSU's defense held forcing a punt. The punt was shanked and Middle had good field position. But a Raider lineman lined up offside, EKV got another chance to kick the ball, and MTSU ended up with first and ten from its own 2-yard line.

"That's the kind of silly mistakes we're making," said Donnelly. "The guy who lined up off sides is the same guy who's supposed to make sure no one lines up off sides. They get to punt again, get us deep and our offense sputters."

The Colonels' next score was set up in similar fashion forcing a Raider

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Blue Raider head football coach Boots Donnelly

punt into the wind and getting the ball on MTSU's 44. William Murrill scored on a 1 yard plunge after Middle's defense blew a coverage allowing a 29-yard pass to the 1-yard line.

The Raiders did respond with a lengthy drive as starting quarterback Shelby Parker had a 3-yard touchdown run late in the half to cut the margin to 14-7.

"I've been to Eastern Kentucky several times and been down a lot worse than 14-7," Donnelly said of his MTSU teams that haven't posted a win in Richmond since 1984.

But things took a dramatic turn for the worse. On MTSU's first offensive play of the half Parkers pass was picked off setting up a 19 yard TD run by Murrill. On MTSU's second possession of the half, Murrill returned a punt 63 yards for a score. It was the second returned punt for score against the Raiders this year and only the second in Donnelly's 1 year career at MTSU.

Within a five minute span the Raiders went from seven down to 2 (EKU missed an extra point).

"Naturally when something like that happens, it takes the wind right out of your sails," MTSU's mentor admitted. "Being down 14-7 isn't bad but when Eastern scored those two touchdowns, our offense knew it wasn't capable of making up those type of points. We weren't executing the whole game."

MTSU was able to gain 283 yard of offense by games end while giving up 331 yards to the high octane offense of the Colonels. However, 1 penalties for 85 yards by the Raider aided Eastern on several occasions.

The loss dropped MTSU from OVC title contention. The Blue Raiders overall record lies at 4-3 and 3-2 in the OVC. Eastern, ranked 9th nationally in Division I-AA, improved to 5-1 and 3-0 in league play.

Middle will try an get back on track next week when it hosts Southeast Missouri at Jones Field.

"The OVC title might be gone but we still have a shot at having a good season," said tailback Brigham Lyon who amassed 79 yards on the ground. "There's no reason to stop playing hard. We've still got a shot at having a winning season."

Murray State remains unbeaten in Saturday's conference action

Associated Press

A quick look at the other games this weekend in the Ohio Valley Conference:

Austin Peay 20 Tennessee Tech 17

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Austin Peay cornerback Kirk Pointer returned a punt 86 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown Saturday to lead the Tigers to a 20-17 victory over Tennessee Tech.

Austin Peay (2-5, 1-3 OVC) had trailed 17-10 with 5:15 in the game when Pointer's play set a new school record for punt returns.

With the score knotted at 17-17, the Austin Peay defense forced Tech to punt. The Governors then drove 78 yards in six plays, including a 53-yard pass from Lance Hoeltke to Gary Williams, to set up the game-winning field goal by David Young. It was Young's second 28-yard field goal of the half.

Tennessee Tech (1-6, 0-4 OVC) tried to rally with 1:30 remaining, but completed only one out of seven passes.

Tech dominated Austin Peay for

most of the game, enjoying a 10-0 halftime lead after Jamie Sander threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Steven Bowen. Tech built a 17-7 lead in the third quarter on a 50-yard pass from Sander to Gerald Bentley.

Murray St. 63 Morehead St. 13

MURRAY, Ky. — Derrick Cullors ran for four touchdowns and caught two scoring passes to tie an NCAA Division I-AA record in Murray State's 63-13 victory over Morehead State in the Ohio Valley Conference Saturday.

Cullors, a senior tailback, had touchdown runs of 6, 52 and 1 yard and caught a 51-yard TD pass from Mike Cherry in the first half as Murray ran up a 42-6 advantage.

Cullors completed his scoring with a 34-yard reception and an 8-yard run in the third quarter.

He tied NCAA records for touchdowns and points scored in a game.

Cullors finished with 196 yards on 18 carries and two catches for 85 yards for Murray (7-0 overall, 5-0 OVC).

Morehead (1-5, 0-4) got touchdown runs of 5 yards from Tim Smalley and

8 yards from Chris Berry.

Tenn.-Martin 28 Tennessee St. 7

MARTIN, Tenn. — Jeff McCrone passed for a school-record 435 yards Saturday and Fred Thomas intercepted three passes as Tennessee-Martin stopped Tennessee State 28-7.

McCrone completed 31 of 42 pass attempts and connected on scoring strikes of 4 yards to Deumaine Reeder, 65 yards to Lenny Harris and 45 yards to Demond Fason.

McCrone hit Reeder with 14:55 to go in the second quarter for a 7-0 Skyhawks lead. Thomas returned his second interception of the night 29 yards with 9:27 remaining in the half for a touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

Tennessee State (2-4, 1-2 Ohio Valley Conference) pulled within 14-7 when Richard Freeman intercepted McCrone at the Tiger 15 and raced 85 yards for TSU's only score.

The Skyhawks (4-2, 3-1 OVC) led 21-7 at the break after McCrone hit Harris for a touchdown with 1:29 on the clock.

Martin added McCrone's 45-yard scoring toss to Fason early in the fourth quarter. ●

Ohio Valley Conference football standings

Team	OVC	All
Murray St.	5-0	7-0
Eastern Ky.	3-0	5-1
UT-Martin	3-1	4-2
MTSU	3-2	4-3
SEMO	2-2	2-4
Tenn. St.	1-2	2-4
APSU	1-3	2-5
Morehead	0-4	1-5
Tenn. Tech	0-4	1-6

next Saturday's games

- TSU at Austin Peay
- UT-Martin at Eastern Kentucky
- SE Missouri at MTSU
- Tenn. Tech at Morehead

Fall Break '95 a great chance to get away from the grind

OK guys here's the deal. Your friends in student government, some present, some past, fought long and hard in giving MTSU a fall break this year.

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The majority of you all go home every weekend anyhow so why not be creative and go to a place where Mom won't be doing your laundry?

Although my job will keep me in town over mini-vacation, I still find myself daydreaming of the possibilities. Let me share a couple. ●

I know if I were a fan of the Atlanta Braves the only place I would be this weekend, as a poor college student, on a shoestring budget, living on a diet of Diet Coke and Twinkies, is the Peach State.

Guys and girls this could be the road trip you end up telling your grandchildren one day.

"Yea we drove down to Atlanta on a Friday as I recall, got two flat tires, waved down a paroled hitchhiker in a driving hail storm, burned up every bit of credit we possessed and still made it to Fulton County by six in the morning to beg for tickets."

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

Visitor	Game	Home	Visitor	Game	Home
	SEMO at MTSU			App. Coach at Marshall	
	Vandy at South Carolina			Kansas St. at Nebraska	
	TSU at Austin Peay			South. Cal. at Notre Dame	
	Tenn. Tech at Morehead			Kansas at Oklahoma	
	UT-Martin at EKV			Wisconsin at N'Western	
	Kentucky at Georgia			Virginia at Texas	
	Alabama at Ole Miss			Penn St. at Iowa	
	Citadel at Ga. Southern			Marist at Canisius	

Congratulations!

Four pickers finished tied for the best record for week six.

Tracy Hazelwood, Brad Warden, Jeremy Keene and Karl Vanderburgh correctly picked 13 out of 16 winners for Saturday's games.

Due to fall break, there won't be an issue next Sunday, but this week's picks are still for Saturday, October 21's games.

Don't forget to turn in your picks before you leave for break!

TOP PICKERS	W - L
Brad Warden	73-23
Brent Fiore	65-27

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Blue Raider basketball team readys for 1995-96 season

By Rob Nunley/staff

With Major League Baseball's playoffs coming down the home stretch and football season in full swing, it's easy for everyday people to forget that March Madness is only five short months away.

But on the arena floor of Murphy Center, the Blue Raider basketball team is well aware that the season is just around the corner, and they are looking forward to their first games with confidence.

"It's an exciting year," Raider head coach David Farrar said. "There's more competitiveness on this team than on any team we've had since we've been here. We have no bad players and that's going to make for better practices, and that competition will carry over to our ability to perform on the court."

Last year saw Coach Farrar's Blue Raider squad finish with a 12-15 overall record (5-11 OVC), but by conference tournament time the Raiders had shown a great deal of improvement. The squad came through with huge wins over Vanderbilt, Tennessee State and Eastern Kentucky, and coaches, players and fans alike were eagerly anticipating the start of the 1995-96 season.

"I think that's with good reason," Farrar said. "We had four big overtime wins late in the season, and that gave us some momentum."

"We let some games slip away when some of the kids were just getting eligible right around Christmas time, and that would've made a heck of a difference in our season."

This season is the first time since Farrar and his staff have been at Middle that the team has more veterans than newcomers. The Raiders are returning eight of 12 lettermen from last season, and four of the five players who started the most games last season are also returning.

But just as important as the experience factor, this year's version of the Blue Raiders is looking to be much more effective in areas where past teams have fallen short, namely spreading out the court

and outside shooting.

"This particular year, for the first time since I've been here, we have perimeter scoring," Farrar said. "And not just scoring, but we have what I like to call shooters."

"A shooter in my mind is a person when left wide open if he doesn't happen to make it, everybody is surprised."

We have five of those right now and have two or three more that are working to be what we call 'green light' shooters, which simply means that they have the green light to shoot it depending upon the score and the time remaining, if someone is not in front of them and they're in a position of advantage."

Three-year starting guard Tim Gaither is confident that the addition of solid outside shooting will improve the Raiders' overall game.

"We've never had a team that's had this many outside shooters before," Gaither said. "This year we've got a whole team full of shooters that can make the 3-pointer and that's just going to open it up for the big men down low, and that's going to make our game a lot easier."

Gaither will most likely be starting out the season at the point guard position, then moving to the second-guard slot later in the year, allowing junior Tyrone Barksdale, a 6-1 transfer from St. Petersburg Community College, to take over at the point. The move to the two-guard position should allow Gaither to take better advantage of his ability to challenge the goal and make baskets.

Another newcomer to the Raiders that has the potential to improve on many areas of the team's overall game is Nod Carter. Carter graduated from Murfreesboro's Oakland high school and played at Appalachian State for two years before transferring back to Middle. The 6-6 forward had to sit out last year, but is eligible and looking forward to playing with the Raiders this season.

"Being back last year, I learned a lot from being with the program," Carter said. "Sitting on the bench for the



File photo

Sophomore guard K.J. Harden started half of the Raiders' games last year, averaging 3.3 points per game and recording 53 assists and 12 steals.

whole year didn't necessarily tickle me to death, but just the fact that I knew I was coming back and going to get to play here for two years was satisfaction enough for me."

"I can already tell right now that we have more team cohesiveness than we did last year," Carter added. "We didn't play together at all really last year, and this year I think we've had people come in with the right attitude, the right mindframe, and some people that are going to really contribute to the program this year and for years to come."

While the outside game has been improved by recruiting, the Raiders' low-post play has been improved by conditioning.

Coach Farrar noted that the team has taken a different approach to conditioning this year, only working out two mornings a week, as opposed to seasons past where workouts were held three or four days a week. Farrar cited the amount of fatigue and number of stress fractures the team has had to deal with as the main reasons

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HOOPS: post players take conditioning seriously

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behind the reduced amount of workouts.

Junior forward Chad Wampler will be returning to the Raiders after being medically red-shirted last year because of one of those stress fractures. Wampler will be bringing his experience and leadership to a group of low-post players who have been working very hard in the off-season to physically ready themselves for the year ahead.

Senior center David Washington has spent a lot of time in the weight room since last season, something Farrar says gives him the potential to improve his game.

"David's weight up to this point has been more of a detriment," Farrar said. "If he gets it down to a playable weight it could become more of a strength for him. But he's got to be able to run the court and he's got to be able to finish plays. Then some of that power and added strength will help."

Farrar expressed a great deal of pride in the off-season conditioning of senior Brent Secrest. At the end of last season, Secrest tipped the scales at 255 pounds. When Farrar told the 6-7 Houston native he needed to be at 237 by August to be effective, Secrest took the advice seriously. By the end of classes last spring he weighed 228, and came into this August at 218.

"That's a lot of salad, a lot of chicken and a lot of careful habits," Farrar said. "His conditioning has been excellent."

"It's that kind of interest, that kind of investment that makes us feel like overall we've got a nice group of guys that are competitive people and talented, and can make basketball fun and exciting."

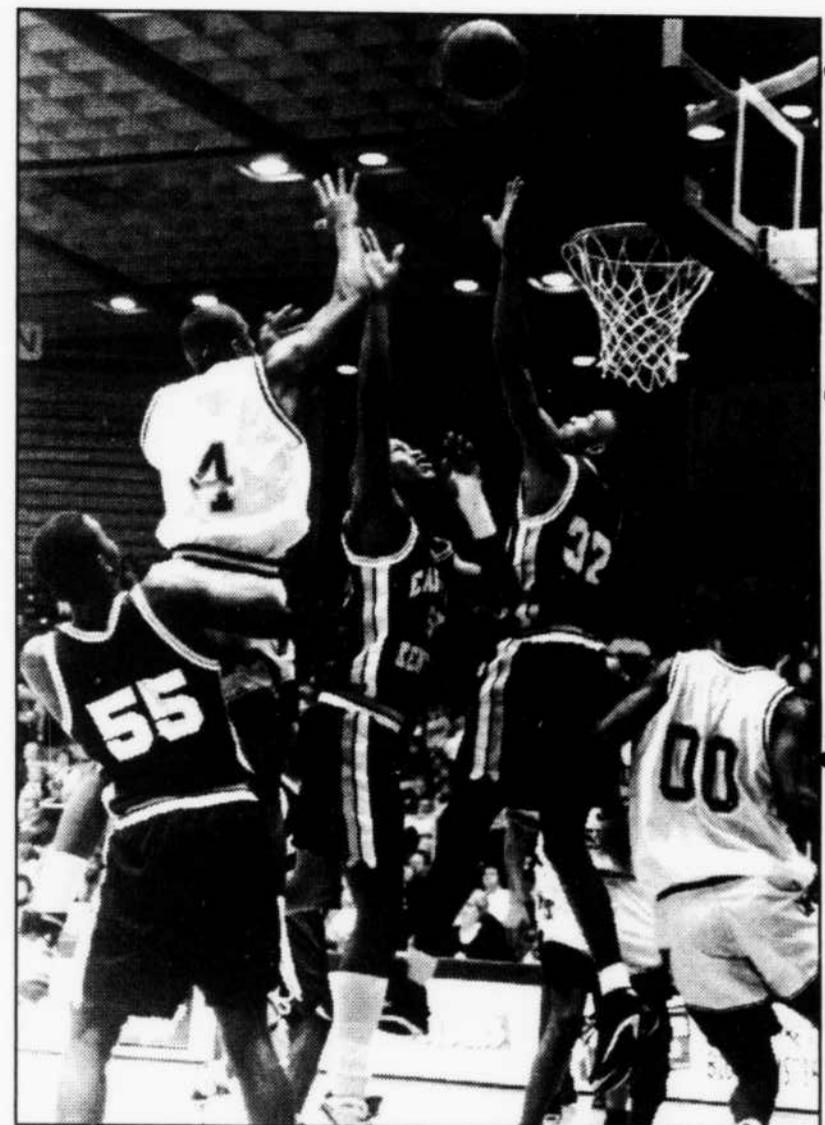
Wampler's return, Secrest's added quickness and senior Velvious Goodloe's strength and talent should all contribute a great deal to the Raiders' inside play. But according to Farrar the biggest plus this year is the addition of 6-8, 220-pound forward Aylton Tesch.

Farrar called Tesch, a native of Vitoria, Brazil who transferred from Southern Idaho, a very smart basketball player who has the opportunity to help the Raiders' inside play considerably.

"What I find in some foreign players is their lack of conditioning, being used to practicing, or their competitiveness," Farrar said. "Tesch on the other hand is very conditioned, very bright with the way in which we play, and extremely competitive. So from that point of view he breaks the mold a little bit."

Middle fans will have the opportunity to get their first glimpse of the 1995-96 version of the Blue Raiders November 10, when the team will host the Sports Reach Crusaders in an exhibition game. The regular season begins at home November 25 against Indiana State.

Tim Gaither offered his opinion of what Raider fans



File photo

Senior forward Velvious Goodloe (4) has outstanding leaping ability, and his inside scoring potential should be a large factor in the Raiders' offensive gameplan.

can expect this season.

"People are going to see a difference this year," Gaither said. "We're going to be real good and I think we're going to

be up at the top."

"I think we just have to go out and play hard every night."

JOEL

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"Your mom got in a fight with a Native American activist opposing Atlanta's nickname."

"But we still got tickets and as I recall Greg Maddux threw a no hitter and Ken Griffey hit a grand slam in that game."

I know, I know. Maddux and Griffey are on different teams. But I have a feeling if any of you are lucky enough to end up in the stands this weekend, it won't matter too much whose playing for who.

I'm not suggesting getting smashed at the World Series this weekend, or anywhere for that matter, but people, we here at MTSU, need to LOOSEN UP!! Everyone is sooo serious all of the time on campus. I feel like I am going to school with a bunch of zombies sometimes.

Anyway, if you aren't privy to baseball, try camping this fall break.

The only place to go, if you are not going to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and want to stay in the vicinity, is Fall Creek Falls State Park.

I know most of you have heard of this place. Believe me it truly does show the wonders of resourceful state funding. It's gorgeous, inexpensive and, if you are really feeling adventuresome, only two hours down the road from the Ocoee River and whitewater rafting.

Regardless of where your travels take you this weekend enjoy the time away from the grind of books, profs and lectures.

You have definitely earned it.



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Seniors David Washington (00) and Tim Gaither (3) will be leading the Blue Raiders onto the court this season. The Raiders open the regular season Saturday, Nov. 25 against Indiana State. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. at Murphy Center.

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