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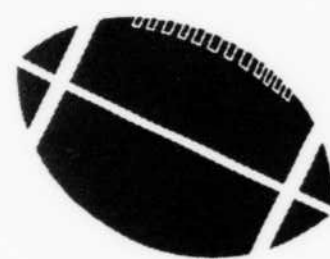
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SGA investigation committee interviews Walker

Fee increase debate quiet in spring purposely to thwart other universities from squashing plan: Walker

By Mark Blevins /staff

President James Walker met with the Senate Investigation Committee last night and defended the university's June \$65 fee increase proposal.

Walker also said the university purposely moved quietly last spring to prevent other universities from interfering with MTSU's move to Division I-A in football.

"Something of this nature becomes very highly guarded for a various number of obvious reasons," Walker said.

This is the first time Walker has publicly stated the university sought to keep the discussion quiet last spring.

"There are some universities in this state that have actively lobbied against us making the move to I-A because they do not want us in that pool, they don't want us in that venue.

"Many of them don't want to have to deal with us in terms of competing for athletes.

"There are universities in the east and there are universities in the west and there is a university in middle Tennessee that is not very much of a football powerhouse, but they are concerned as well," Walker said not implicitly stating that the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, University of Memphis and Vanderbilt were those universities.

"So it's not something that we can go out and wave the flag and wave the banner and say 'here we are, we're ready to do this.'

"So the discussions were quiet, they were very quiet, in terms of other than the forum . . . we have confidence in our students that they were not going to go blasting it all

over everything until we were ready to make the move," Walker said.

Walker said there are people who want MTSU to stay a small school, but that the university has potential to be something much greater.

"When people talk about what happens in the state system they worry about the most and they'll tell you its MTSU," Walker said.

SGA Senator Chad White told Walker that students should have been more involved.

"The problem is the students don't feel they were involved in the debate," White said.

Walker responded that maybe the administration placed too much trust in past SGA presidents to get the word out to the rest of the students.

"If that's not working, and it sounds like it hasn't worked, maybe we need to change something," Walker said.

"If [students feel like they were left out of the debate], then I want to personally apologize for that . . ." Walker said adding that he and all of the administration have the best interests of students in mind.

"We all want what's best for MTSU," Walker said.

White said after the meeting that he thinks the university proposed the fee increase with "ill will."

"But I do thing the administration is sadly mistaken [in its understanding of the student body]," White said.

Asked how he would react if the students voted the fee increase down in the Oct. 24 and 25 referendum, Walker said he would present the results to TBR.

"I don't have any authority to overrule the board," Walker said.

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Brian G. Miller/staff

Scott Davis questions Dr. Walker at yesterday's SGA Senate Investigation Committee Hearing regarding the activity fee

President Walker's opening statement at Investigation Committee Meeting

"I want to thank all of you again for inviting me to be with you this evening. Though there has been and continues to be some negative press regarding the stadium issue. I want speak clearly, forthrightly and sincerely to you about the matter. I have no desire to dispute *Sidelines'* accounts and no desire to be defensive. I hold the right to the freedom of the press and editorial license in high regard. With that said, what I do want to say is that I believed in June at the Tennessee Board of Regents meeting and I still believe today, that this issue had been widely discussed and communicated across campus and in the university community. There has been never any intention on my part or any member of my staff to mislead any student or anyone else concerning how the stadium renovation would be paid. We are growing in all areas at the university. Growth in athletics is a natural evolution of our progress. I want our student body to take pride in its academic programs, the athletic programs and the extra-curricular activities that are provided by the university. I want the university to move forward. I see stadium renovations and the move to I-A football as one component in the move forward for MTSU. Let me reiterate that I felt then, and I feel now that there is support among the students for this move. No, I did not talk to every student on campus during the past four and a half years regarding this issue, but I felt sufficient discussion had been held with representative student groups. I hope that we can work together to make our university a great university. This is not my university, it is our university. It's future success or it's future complacency will result in our collective efforts. What we do here today will be remembered for a long time in the history of MTSU." ●

Local rapes have police searching for offenders

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

Four recent rapes in Murfreesboro have investigators working overtime trying to locate the perpetrators.

Murfreesboro Detective Ken Roberts said that the rapes, though still under investigation, do not appear to be related to each other.

"There is a possibility that two of the rapes are somehow related, but we may very well be looking for four different men," he said.

According to a report by *The Daily News Journal*, one rape involved an 87-year-old woman raped during a burglary of her home; another involved a 34-year old woman who was raped on Sevier Street; and a third involved a 13-year-old girl who was allegedly raped by a friend of the family.

Roberts would not release any specific information about the rapes, due to the nature of the crimes. Additionally, he said, releasing certain information might jeopardize the investigations.

A fourth rape occurred near the MTSU campus. Roberts would only say that it happened "between the hospital and MTSU."

Many students are obviously concerned about their safety, but MTSU Investigator Darrell Collins said that MTSU has taken a very aggressive stance about rape.

"Last year there were two reported rapes on campus," Collins said. "Female students should always be aware of the situation around them. They should always stay on lighted paths at night and

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Family fees remain unsolved

By Brent Andrews/staff

A meeting Tuesday night in the Family Housing Center addressed student complaints about the fees required for their children to use MTSU's new \$15.5 million Student Recreation Center.

Since the Center's opening last Wednesday students must pay \$3 per child per day for use of the facility or they must purchase a membership to the Center. The smallest family membership fee at this time is \$70 and allows a student's spouse and children under 16 to use the center for four months.

Students voiced anger at Tuesday night's meeting, most agreeing that

the \$50 they are currently paying each semester for the Center's construction costs and upkeep should be enough to cover their children's' access to the Center as well.

Campus Recreation Director Dr. Glenn Hanley and Dean of Student Life Tom Burke made it clear from the start that the meeting was not meant to be conclusive, but that it was merely an opportunity for them to listen to complaints and perhaps gain new insight on what can be done about the problem.

Some complaints that students voiced at the meeting:

- Student parents will not be

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LAMBDA fight for sexual orientation clause

By Mark Blevins/staff

Sexual orientation will be included in the university's non-discrimination statement if the campus gay, lesbian and bisexual student group convinces the university community the addition is important.

MTSU LAMBDA committee the Uniform Equality Committee (UEC) in June with hopes of making sexual orientation part of the university's non-discrimination statement.

Since June, UEC has gathered formal support from eight campus organizations including the Faculty Senate, Honors Student Association,

Panhellenic Council and Wesley Foundation.

"We felt like the Faculty Senate would send a strong signal of support that other groups will see," said Michael Grantham, chairman of UEC. "The quality of support is more

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Brian Galvin

Michael Grantham, chairman of the UEC, discusses the adoption of the sexual orientation clause. Mark Lopez, the HRCF representative for Nashville, lends his support.

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MTSU Theater Department is sponsoring the production *A Piece of My Heart* in the Arena Theater, Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. The production will run Oct 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. All shows begin at 8 p.m. General admission is \$5, MTSU students free admission with student i.d.

National Depression Screening Day is Thursday Oct 5 from 1-5 p.m. The test is free of charge and includes a written self-test for depression, screening with a mental health professional, and an educational presentation. The screening will be held at Mid-South Psychiatric Associates, 1830 Heritage Park Plaza. For further information call 895-8104.

The University Rules Committee-Sub Committee A, General Regulations on Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions, will meet Thursday, October 5 at 3 p.m. in the KUC 210. Contact chairperson Dr. Michael Hinz at 898-2907.

College Democrats are holding a meeting Thursday, Oct 5 at 5 p.m. room 314 in the KUC. The speaker will be Representative Mary Ann Eckles. For further information call Mary at 890-6314.

Tau Kappa Epsilon is sponsoring Tekepalooza Friday Oct 6 starting at 7:00 p.m. at 527 Mainstreet. Tekepalooza will feature The Nationals, Old Mother Haggard, The Honeyrods, and B.A.T. Admission is \$5. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics.

The Wesley Foundation's weekly events: Oct 6-Oct 8 Wesley Singers Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.; Friday -Sunday Fall retreat.

Homer Pittard Campus School PTC is sponsoring a Fall Round-Up to benefit Computer Technology on October 6 from 3-7 p.m., 923 East Lytle Street, Murfreesboro. Games, rides, food and concessions, a barbecue plate dinner, bake sale, and casserole sale will be offered.

Blue Raider Baseball will be hosting a Fish Fry and Gumbo dinner and Grand Slam Auction to raise funds for the team, Monday Oct 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the MTSU Livestock Center. Tickets are \$12, children under six free. For more information call 898-2984 or 898-2926.

Student Government Association— Anyone interested in running for Freshman Senator or Homecoming Queen should pick up their petition in the SGA office (KUC 208). Petitions are due by Monday, October 9 at 4:00 pm. Be sure to get

involved...college is a contact sport.

The University Rules Committee-Sub Committee C, General Rules on Student Organizations and Off-Campus Speakers, and Guidelines for Social Activities, will meet at 2:30 p.m., October 10 in the KUC 210. Chairperson, Dr. Dennis Mullen, 898-5972.

The Placement and Student Employment Center is hosting a Career Placement Orientation workshop titled "Your Job Search". The workshop will begin at 2:00 p.m. October 10 and 11, and Oct 25 at 4:00 p.m. and Oct 26 at 5:00 p.m.. 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.

Phi Beta Lambda will be holding a meeting Wednesday, Oct 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Middlet Business Building room 303. The guest speaker will be Ron Vaughn from the Rutherford Chamber of Commerce.

Bankers Trust Company is hosting an information on career opportunities Thursday, Oct 12, 5:00 p.m., KUC 322. *Required for students interviewing on Oct 13* Open to anyone interested in career information. Please sign reservation list in the MTSU Placement Center if you plan to attend. For more information on the meeting or company, contact the MTSU Placement Center KUC 328, 898-2500.

Erudite Emancipators will be having a doughnut sale Friday, October 13 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the first floors of Peck Hall and Keathley University Center. The sale was rescheduled from Oct 6. Contact Inez Chopfield at 898-4312 for more information.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 Seaman 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 Latresia 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 Jason 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.

LAMBDA: statement reflects basic human rights: Grantham

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important [than the number of groups that support the proposal]."

Grantham said UEC wants to demonstrate that the proposal has on-campus support and that such statements are supported by national academic organizations.

UEC has put together a package for presentation to campus organizations which includes statements by professional groups that have indicated support for such statements.

Those professional groups which support such additions include the National Education Association, American Bar Association, American Psychological Association and the American Association of University Professors.

The UEC proposal excludes campus ROTC (pursuant to separate federal policies) and Affirmative Action non-discrimination policies.

In the Tennessee Board of Regents system, the decision to include sexual orientation in the non-discrimination statement is left up to each institution, according to officials in the legal department of TBR. Currently, no TBR or UT-system school includes sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause. However, Austin Peay State University mentions sexual orientation in their statement of philosophy.

The reason UEC wants the statement amended is to improve the university experience for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, according to Grantham.

"The feeling that I have of why it is important is that it is a basic human right for a person to get an education without having to go through something extra," Grantham said.

"A lot of people think a university is its buildings and the size of campus," Grantham said. "It's not. It's the quality of students and when that's brought up to that level, you don't have a good university, you have a great university."

The university has not taken any position on the matter.

"I am concerned about all of our students in an [educational] environment that is conducive to that end," said Robert LaLance, vice president for Student Affairs.

"I think the possibilities run a gamut of [university life] being enhanced in the eyes of some and being tarnished in the eyes of some," LaLance said. "The fact is a lot of people do accept them as gay people, and that's just my opinion."

"All the other [distinctions] included in our statement are pursuant to federal laws or presidential edict, and sexual orientation does not enjoy that status," LaLance said.

He said the concerns of the university are mostly political.

"We're postured in a conservative part of the country," LaLance said. "Tennessee is not on the cutting edge in terms of gay rights."

The motion will be presented to the TBR sub-committee for student affairs in December, according to LaLance, though TBR has said the decision is in the hands of each institution.

LaLance said LAMBDA's push to amend the statement may cause gay students to receive heightened criticism instead of greater acceptance. He added that non-gay students might feel alienated

because of the university's position.

Vanderbilt University adopted such a statement in 1992—nearly four years after the Vanderbilt LAMBDA group began calling for the amendment, according to K.C. Potter, Vanderbilt dean of Residential and Judicial Affairs.

The debate began after the literary magazine *Versus* published an article which used the word "fag" derogatorily.

"So I was concerned about the atmosphere on campus—about the homophobic atmosphere on campus," Potter said.

Vanderbilt began to hold open discussions with LAMBDA members, psychologists, philosophers, sociologists, lawyers, evangelical students and a "distinguished professor of the Hebrew Bible," Potter said.

After the university chancellor rejected the amendment, the Trustees of the university stepped in to assist the re-phrasing of the amendment and it became an official statement. Many students and faculty

participated in speak-outs and rallies to protest the chancellor's rejection of the statement, according to Potter.

The statement is not included as part of the actual non-discrimination statement but stands separately because of the legal wording of the non-discrimination statement.

"[The statement] says to students in general that the university will not tolerate students acting on their homophobia," Potter said. "That's very important. It's an institutional value."

"It also states to students who are gay that want to come to the university that they are welcome—and there are many ways to make someone feel unwelcome."

Vanderbilt is a private university.

LAMBDA has a World Wide Web home page at MTLAMBDA@FRANK.MTSU.EDU and a mailing address at MTSU BOX 624. Anyone interested in voicing support for the proposal can contact LAMBDA at those addresses.

WALKER: President says probably more knew in 1993

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"The board makes decision about fees."

Asked if he would change the process if he could do it again, Walker responded that he would have sought a fee increase in 1993.

"In terms of the whole process of the discussion and everything, there was probably more knowledge among the students [in 1993]," Walker said.

Walker said the student survey which was conducted last Spring really carried no weight in the university decision to ask for a fee increase.

However, the President's Executive Summary which Walker said he read to TBR about the stadium proposal states: "We have formally surveyed our students, the faculty, and the alumni. We have majority support from all three groups for stadium renovation and moving our athletic program forward."

It also states that "[d]iscussions have been ongoing for the past three and one half years, and the matter has been discussed extensively

on campus with students, faculty, and staff and in the university community. The general consensus of these meetings was overwhelmingly supportive of the move to I-A football and the stadium proposal."

SGA senators asked Walker about the Faculty Senate resolution which passed soon after the fee increase was approved. It stated that the Senate was concerned with how the increase was passed.

Walker said he never received the resolution and that he depends on the Faculty Senate president to inform the body of what the university is doing. Walker said the Senate president meets with Walker in regular counsel and was informed of the university's action.

"There is no process for faculty to be involved in fee increases," Walker said. "In fact, there is no process for students to be involved in fee increases. But it is not in the process of how fees are approved so there would not have been any reason to go to the Faculty Senate to ask for their approval since they are

not an approval authority."

Walker emphasized the positive aspects of I-A football and that university officials are doing what they believe is best for the university.

"My background, you know I come out of the academic aspect of the university... and I know that that's what the university is about... but I think we have to be realistic and realize that athletics do bring a lot of attention to the university, athletics do bring a lot of visibility to the university."

Walker said becoming successful in I-A would take a lot of effort and 10, 15 or 20 years.

"We're going to be everybody's homecoming for five years, I can assure you," Walker said.

Division I-A teams need a certain number of wins, Walker said, and this will insure that MTSU gets to play the big teams.

White said the investigation committee should have a full report of their investigation before the referendum.

—additional reporting by Amy Carpenter.

Rape recovery takes time, understanding from others

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

A rape counselor in Nashville would like to clear up some of the myths and half-truths which surround rape.

Dr. Charlene Creson, clinical therapist with the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center in Nashville, says that mistaken ideas contribute to the reluctance of victims to report their assault.

"Because of the shame of rape, the fact that victims so often blame themselves, many rapes go unreported," Creson said. "According to 'Rape In America,' a 1992 study released by The National Victim's Center, only 16 percent of rapes are reported."

Creson added that most rapes are committed by men whom the victim knows.

"Twenty-five percent of rapes are 'stranger' rapes, but 75 percent are date or acquaintance rapes," she said.

According to Creson, while the physical trauma of rape may be significant, it is not the only serious issue.

"The body has been traumatized, but there are still mental wounds that have to heal . . . they need to talk, to begin the mourning process."

Because of the severity of the trauma, "flashbacks are common," Creson said. "They relive it in their minds . . . sometimes they just keep going over and over the situation, as

though they can change it. But they can't, obviously, they have to get on with their lives.

"A rape easily takes a year out of your life. Many people may recover in six to nine months, but there are a lot of factors involved in how long recovery will take, including the physical severity, the emotional health of the victim prior to the rape, the number of assaults, any confinement period—every person and every situation is different."

Many victims, she said, suffer emotionally to the point that their jobs may be threatened. They may not be able to approach any area that reminds them of the rape.

"They may be extremely

self-conscious of how they dress or how they behave," she said.

The "blame the victim"

"No one deserves to be raped. Period."

Charlene Creson
Clinical Therapist at the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center

mentality is pervasive, she said.

"Look, a woman may go to a party and get drunk. That's a very risky situation. But she doesn't deserve to be raped for that. She may wear a tight dress that never, ever excuses a rape. No one deserves to be

raped. Period."

The effects of rape can go beyond the victim, she said, saying that boyfriends, husbands, and family are actually "secondary" victims.

"I hear doctors say all the time that 'I did everything wrong, I shouldn't have left her, I should have done something different.' The best thing anybody can do for a rape victim is to just ask 'what can I do?'"

"Maybe you can offer to sleep over the night in the living room or downstairs, or ask her if she'd like to take a nap or get a shower. The victims just feel extremely vulnerable and may have

extreme difficulty dealing with day to day living."

The Rape and Sexual Abuse Center has a 24-hour hotline where victims or those who know victims can find answers or help with dealing with the aftermath of rape. That number is 256-8526, and is manned 24 hours a day by trained volunteers. A professional is also available at all times, she said.

On campus, students may call 2424 for an escort or emergency, and if they see something suspicious or become frightened, they may use the blue-lighted call boxes located around campus. ●

Vision linked with academic troubles

College Press Service

NORFOLK, Va.—A new study by Old Dominion University researchers has found a link between vision problems and at-risk college students.

In the study, the vision skills of students whose chances of completing college are minimal were compared with graduate students. Eighty percent of the academically at-risk college students failed at least one

vision test, said researchers.

The at-risk college freshman scored significantly lower than graduate students on Vision Tracking; the ability to move the eyes across the printed page; on Near Vision Acuity for reading distance; and on Convergence, the ability of the eyes to work together as a team.

Possible symptoms of vision problems include: turns head while reading; loses place often during reading; needs finger or marker to keep place;

displays short attention span in reading or copying; squints, closes or covers one eye when reading or doing desk work; tilts head extremely while working at desk; uses hand or fingers to keep on the page of print; mistakes words with same or similar beginnings; or holds books too closely.

Zaba said in college, the large amount of reading makes it harder for students to succeed by using the listening skills they probably relied on in high school. ●

RAPES: campus police escorts available to students

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should never, ever walk by themselves at night," he said.

If no one is available to walk a student to her destination, he said, she should call 2424 for an escort.

"Either someone will meet them and walk them to their destination, or they'll be driven in a golf cart or a patrol car," Collins said.

"If they're off-campus they can call ahead of time, and they'll be met at their parking lot and escorted to their destination," Collins said.

Officer Dustin Miller said earlier that "between 50 and 60 escorts are made a night."

"It's a shame that it takes a rape to get people aware of the situation," Roberts said, "but it's really something that everyone, even men, should be

aware of constantly. I highly urge anyone who is concerned to take a rape awareness course whenever they're offered."

Anyone with information regarding any of the rapes which occurred is urged to call the Murfreesboro Police Department at 849-2670 or 893-2717. ●

Take Back the Night Rally to be held later this year

By Shannon Holt/staff

MTSU will not host the Take Back the Night celebration this semester due to an inability to secure a convenient time for the event.

The event is described as a sexual violence awareness-raiser that features music, drama, art, and speakers to confront sexual violence and abuse, and to celebrate and encourage the victims who have survived it.

In previous years the Women's Political Action Group assisted in bringing the awareness program to MTSU, but the time element has postponed it for this year.

Since being introduced in 1990, the event has enjoyed a good turnout by faculty and students at MTSU, said Janice Duncan, president of the Women's Political Action Group.

The group gets information

on violent offenses occurring on campus during the year for the celebration. They devise a route across campus, including several of the locations of these offenses where they stop to describe what transpired there. They may have a moment of silence and read a poem in commemoration.

As they tour the locations, participants yell chants such as, "We have the power, we have the right, people unite, take back the night!" according to Duncan.

"It's very emotional and a very moving experience," Duncan said.

The group intends to hold the celebration next semester, possibly in February.

For those who can't wait until the Spring semester, the Take Back the Night celebration will take place at Riverfront Park in Nashville this Saturday beginning at 6 p.m.

Members of the Women's Political Action Group will be present at the Riverfront event, specifically to assist in public relations responsibilities, Duncan said.

The public is invited to the Riverfront celebration, which is free. Among the guests featured will be Sha Sha Boom, Ellen Britton, the PG-13 Players, and testimonies from men and women who have survived the shame and guilt associated with rape and sexual abuse.

Take Back the Night began in England in 1977 and has since expanded across the world.

The Women's Political Action Group is involved in both academic and active programs including the annual National Women's Study Association Conference, the National Women's Day of Action, and National Coming Out Day. ●

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Science students eligible for graduate fellowships

By Keith Mayo/staff

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), part of the United States Department of Energy, is offering fellowships for students pursuing careers in nuclear engineering, applied health physics, radioactive waste management and industrial hygiene.

The institute has set aside tens of thousands of dollars for students pursuing master's or doctoral degrees in these fields. The fellowships provide full payment of tuition and fees, monthly stipends, and the opportunity to gain practical experience at a DOE laboratory.

Selection for these fellowships are based on

academic performance, recommendations, and a statement of career goals by the applicant. Students must

"They need to do research and find out as much as they can about the Dept. of Energy and their needs."

Tom Richmond
Program director of ORISE

also received their undergraduate degrees in a science or engineering discipline by August 1996.

Tom Richmond, one of the program directors of ORISE, says that to stay competitive, "applicants should have a 3.4 GPA or above and a GRE score of 1720-1820." Richmond also emphasized the importance of prior experience.

"They need to do research and find out as much as they can about the Dept. of Energy and their needs," Richmond said. "This would give them an edge on the competition."

On the average, about 10 of the usual 70 applicants are awarded fellowships by ORISE. All applications are due by the end of January.

For more information about the fellowships, students can call Tom Richmond at (423) 576-9279. ●

Student loan debt increases threefold

College Press Service

A few years ago, Anthony Rosati had every intention of becoming a full-time educator. "I wanted to teach chemistry because I know I could do it well," says Rosati. "I wanted to find a good liberal arts school and help students learn."

But after pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at Georgetown University, Rosati felt the weight of something far greater than his life's calling: \$86,000 in student loans. And because of those loans, the Philadelphia native is rethinking what he should do with his life after college.

"I just wouldn't be able to afford to pay back my loan if I took a job teaching somewhere," said Rosati. "It would be practically impossible."

Although few students find themselves in Rosati's position, there is a growing number of college seniors who accrue debts of \$10,000 to \$50,000 come graduation time.

"The situation is growing

completely out of control," said Ted Freeman, president of the Education Resources Institute. "Students and their families have to readjust their lives to pay off their student loans."

Freeman's organization recently released a study on college borrowing, indicating that college loans have reached a total of \$24 billion nationwide.

The ERI report states that the rate of student borrowing has increased three times as fast as college costs during the past five years. During the same period of time, the borrowed amount has increased four times as fast as personal incomes.

Today's college student averages \$8,474 in student loans, up from \$7,675 in 1990 and \$2,500 in 1980. The Department of Education estimates that of the \$183 billion borrowed in the student loan program since 1966, more than 22 percent of that figure was borrowed in the last two years.

Freeman said the debt

problems have become a growing concern for students and their families. "People don't know how to handle this," he said. "They're worried about their futures."

In a survey of Americans dealing with higher education costs, the ERI, together with the Institute for Higher Education Policy, found that:

—87 percent said college costs would be "out of reach" in five years.

—68 percent consider student loans necessary, yet a major financial hardship.

—52 percent said any additional debt would cause "serious financial risk" for their families.

—43 percent said student loans represented a large portion of their household debt.

—42 percent said education was the most necessary reason to borrow money.

—17 percent said the increasing costs of student loans have resulted in members of their families taking less classes. ●

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FAMILY: parents contend that Rec fees unfair

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able to use the facility if they have to leave their children at home because of a lack of a day care-type setup.

Complaints were made about the noise that residents have had to deal with during construction of the Center.

Family Housing resident and mother of two Bonnie Goins said that the construction noise has kept her children up late at night on

some occasions, and complained that construction began early in the morning.

Residents feel, she said, that since they have dealt with these and other inconveniences from the Center's construction, they should be able to use the Center for less than the present price.

Family Housing resident Dallas Nichols, president of the non-traditional student advocacy group OWLS (Older,

"We put our children last . . . I would really like to see MTSU be at the forefront of [putting children first]."

Glenn Murphy
Social work major
and parent of three

Wiser Learners) and mother of two children, said that she, like many other non-traditional students, could not afford the \$3 daily fee for her children to use the facility due to a tight budget.

"[My children] live right across the street from the Rec Center but they can't go because of prohibitive costs," Nichols said. Later, she asked, "How much does it cost the Center for them to be there?"

Parents also complained that small children who can only use the swimming pool are being charged the same rate as older children who can only use all of the facilities.

Overall, students seemed to agree that there should be some fee charged for their children's use of the facility. The dollar amount, though, could not be agreed upon.

When asked by Burke what amount would be reasonable to charge for a coupon worth 20 Center visits, answers varied from \$10 to \$15 to \$20 per semester.

Students agreed that the fee should be charged at the beginning of the semester, when most students are already paying school tuition and fees.

All agreed that the \$70

currently being charged for membership was too much.

Some suggestions for changes in the current Center policy were:

• Setting up times each day when children are allowed to use the facility, for a minimal fee.

• Suggestions for a per-visit fee ranged between \$1 and \$25.

• Creating a day care center in the facility, perhaps using one of the Center's 6 racquetball courts as a place to keep children during certain hours. It was suggested that Center officials could look to child psychology/early education majors to staff the facility as part of their research.

Burke, though, later said that this was unlikely to happen unless "something was added to the building."

• Allowing children to use only certain areas of the facility, such as the pool and the gym. It was agreed by everyone that children should not be allowed into areas where they might be in danger, such as the weight room or the cardiovascular room.

• Allowing parents to leave children unattended in the pool area while they worked out, as long as the children were a certain age and were adequate swimmers.

• Permitting non-students to use the Center and charging them for the Center, thus eliminating the need for the money of student parents.

One parent in the audience, Glenn Murphy, a social work major and parent of three children, suggested that MTSU set an example for other universities to follow by reaching out to area children through the Rec Center.

Murphy said that children are too often ignored by the societies responsible for nurturing them, and that MTSU has an opportunity to set up programs that will let area children know that they are important to the MTSU community.

"We put our children last," he said. "I would really like to see MTSU be at the forefront of this." ●

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Waste makes haste

Brady Witt (left), graduate student in biology and anthropology, collects papers with Marcus Pipkin, a junior majoring in finance. The MTSU Recycling program picks up 8,000-10,000 pounds of white paper and newspaper every two weeks. The program also recycles 2,400 pounds of aluminum cans each semester, 18 times the amount recycled by Murfreesboro, according to Pipkin.

Campus Police Blotter

September 28, 1995

H A R A S S M E N T : Harassing/Threatening phone call

LOCATION: Family Apartment J
SUMMARY: Caller advised that he and his wife were receiving harassing phone calls at their residence. Both the caller and his wife seemed upset because their daughter had also talked with the subject making the harassing calls. Caller was instructed how to transfer the phone calls to the department of public safety. Caller's wife requested a report be taken to document the incident.

VANDALISM:
LOCATION: Ezell Hall Lot-North End
SUMMARY: Caller advised that her passenger side rear window had been shattered on her blue Dodge Dynasty.

H A R A S S M E N T : Harassing/Threatening phone call
LOCATION: Corlew Hall-4th Floor Room
SUMMARY: Caller advised she has been receiving harassing phone calls since last Spring.

ARREST
LOCATION: Pittard Campus school
SUMMARY: Sarah A. Gooch, 49, was arrested for public intoxication and issued a trespassing warning.

TRAFFIC: Leaving the scene of an accident

LOCATION: Womack Lane at K Blvd. at BLD FSH
SUMMARY: Caller advised that her car had been hit

September 29, 1995
THEFT: Theft from Building under \$500
LOCATION: Corlew Cafeteria-Loading Dock Area
SUMMARY: Caller advised that 40 lb. box of chicken had been stolen, valued at \$36.50

VANDALISM: Vandalism under \$500
LOCATION: Ezell Hall Lot
SUMMARY: Caller advised that her car had its side view mirrors broken, antenna bent, a piece of the spoiler broken off and the trim torn.

September 30, 1995
ARREST:
LOCATION: Horace Jones Field Football Field-behind stadium
SUMMARY: Brett A. Alfred, 21, was arrested for public intoxication

ASSAULT: Other assaults - simple, to aggravated
LOCATION: Horace Jones Field Football Field
SUMMARY: Compliant stated that subject sprayed pepper spray on her, her daughter, her two sisters and several other subjects in the student section on the eastside of the stadium.

ASSAULT: Communicating Threat/Verbal Assault
LOCATION: Horace Jones Field Football-student section
SUMMARY: Complaint advised that someone had

threatened to get a gun and shoot her

October 1, 1995
HARASSMENT: Harassment A/M
LOCATION: Bayer-Travis Bldg
SUMMARY: Subject advised that he had received a threatening message on his answering machine.

October 2, 1995
VANDALISM: Vandalism under \$500 A/M
LOCATION: ROTC lot
SUMMARY: Caller advised that someone had scratched the hood of his car.

HARASSMENT: Harassment A/M
LOCATION: Learning Resource Center-Lab and Hallway
SUMMARY: Lab assistant in the Learning Resources Center advised that when she was closing a lab, a student did not wish to leave and became very rude, yelling profanities and threatening to fight with her.

THEFT: All other under \$500
LOCATION: McHenry Hall-laundry room
SUMMARY: Caller advised that a pair of jeans had been taken on September 29.

TRAFFIC: Driving on suspended license B/M
LOCATION: Loop at Lyon Hall
SUMMARY: Michael D. Cadet, 22, was issued a misdemeanor citation for driving on a suspended license.

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Illinois State athletes sue against fraud, racism

College Press Service

NORMAL, Ill.—When officials at Illinois State University decided to pull the plug on men's wrestling and soccer, they said the decision was made to comply with Title IX regulations.

But the decision angered many student athletes, who have joined together to file a federal lawsuit against the university not only for gender bias, but for sexual harassment, fraud and racism as well.

"The lawsuit stems from a reluctance by ISU officials to look at their decision to cut the wrestling and soccer programs and admit they were wrong," said Robert Smith, the attorney representing the students. "And after looking at other issues, we decided

that there were matters of racial discrimination and sexual harassment that needed to be dealt with."

The lawsuit contends that ISU failed to follow the rules stated on its constitution when the decision was made to eliminate wrestling and soccer. In addition to violating Title IX provisions against quotas, the school allegedly dropped wrestling and soccer without addressing the Academic Senate, the suit claims.

Title IX is a federal law that mandates schools offer equal sporting opportunities to both sexes.

The suit also claims that officials continued to allow coaches to recruit student wrestlers and soccer players, despite knowing the programs would be cut. ●

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In our view

By the Sidelines Editorial Board

New dimension added to debate

Let's have the debate before the referendum. There's still time.

President Walker graced the university community yesterday with some new information about the \$65 fee increase to fund stadium renovation.

The SGA Senate Investigation Committee is trying to find out how the administration justified its proposal for the student fee increase to the Tennessee Board of Regents who alone can approve the increase. Walker testified yesterday in front of the Committee.

Walker told the committee the open forums last spring were "very quiet" because other Tennessee universities sought to keep little ol' MTSU in its place. These mysterious schools (UT-Knoxville, University of Memphis and Vanderbilt) were plotting behind the scenes, Walker said, to squash MTSU's hopes to move up to Division I-A in football.

If this was the case and TBR would turn on its own students because of pressure from other universities, Walker should have been bold enough to point out TBR's irresponsibility, and TBR heads should roll. If this is the case, TBR is dysfunctional.

Students did not receive a fair shake in this fee debate, and while Walker says the university conducted thorough discussions for 4.5 years, it is hard to swallow for two reasons.

First is Walker's new statement that the open forums last spring were not that important. Before, they were said to carry weight, but now they do not.

Secondly is Walker's statement that the survey (with 37 student responses) was not that important for gauging student support, even though the executive summary to TBR (which Walker says he read to TBR) states that the university "formally surveyed" students and found "majority support."

Students are now left to trust that those 4.5 years of debate were genuinely open and up-front.

We will not. This debate should be reinitiated. There are 19 days left until the student referendum. Walker and the administration should wisely use these days to hold some open debates where the arguments can be made.

Since Walker is confident that moving to I-A is the best thing for MTSU, he should make his argument clear to the students.

Sidelines' opens its pages to you, Dr. Walker. Make your case, if you will. An open debate might be a good idea. This time, everyone can be included for sure.

There is time yet for students to decide on the best argument. After the referendum, the vote goes elsewhere.

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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. The \$65 fee increase is being used to fund stadium renovation to facilitate MTSU's move to Division I-A football. 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.

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Letters to the Editor

Women come out, meet your neighbors, battle rape: student

To the Editor,

This challenge goes out to all of Murfreesboro but especially to those who live on and around the MTSU campus that have experienced four rapes in the past seven days. COME OUT! Come out of your homes, your dorms, your apartments. Sit outside and enjoy the pleasant fall evenings. Turn on your outside lights. Meet

your neighbors. By doing this, we send a message to everyone that if you are in our neighborhoods, we will see you. This could be enough to prevent any more horrific rapes from occurring.

The women in this community deserve protection so stand up and come out for your wives, mothers, sisters, aunts, daughters, co-workers and friends. It's the least we can do for ourselves. Let's take

control for our own safety and stop relying totally on the police department to protect us. Remember, there is safety in numbers. If we do this together, we'll all be safer.

I hope to see you tonight. I'll be out looking for you.

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Drivers who hit other cars in parking lots still responsible

To the Editor,

Students, please be aware of the rules of courtesy and the laws of the state in regard to reporting accidents. Accidents in parking lots do happen. When you happen

to cause one you have an obligation to find the owner of the vehicle that you damaged and report the damage. If you are unable to find the owner you must leave a note with your name and phone number on the damaged vehicle. This is

the responsible adult thing to do, as well as the law. If you are adult enough to drive, then be adult enough to act responsibly!

Melinda Johnson Lickiss
History graduate student

Financial aid helps free society from uneducated poor

To the Editor,

This is a letter in response to Lee Sandstead's opinion (Opinion, 9-28-95) to abolish all financial aid for the benefit of the nation and people. In this letter he explicitly resents being "chained to other's needs," and cites education funding as an example.

It is consensual that we must stop contributing to the national debt. Eliminating deficit spending calls for a balanced budget and for society to achieve a higher level of productivity. However, to approach solving "our nation's bankruptcies" by stamping out educational assistance lacks foresight. Consider that few issues in our economy are as perplexing and comprehensive as are

unemployment and subsidy programs such as welfare and Medicaid. Denying some people's education will in the long run decrease their individual productivity and thus contribute to both formidably high unemployment rates and further enhanced subsidy issues—which this approach was intended to eliminate. There are indeed viable areas subject to spending cuts for Congress' deliberation. Regardless, reducing government expenditures by way of cuts in education, an investment that by far yields the highest returns, is at most irrational. If not wanting to be "chained to other's needs," is a sincere concern, then inescapably, the education of those others should be a priority. How else will

they become both self-providing and contributing members of society?

No, financial assistance for education is not a right—however it is necessary to sustain an intelligent, prolific society. If only individuals could exist solely upon their fundamental rights.... The truth is we all rely on each other by the definition of our increasingly specialized society. Therefore, ignoring education can only prove detrimental to ourselves.

Admittedly, human nature avoids committing funds to public spending. Nonetheless, the priceless value of an education is unarguable.

Chad Alan Earnst
Junior, Accounting

Sandstead re-emphasizes that financial aid is form of slavery

To the Editor,

My letter to the editor on Thursday, Sept. 28 was rationalistic, and it probably left the reader asking: "Why is the guy vehemently against student loans?"

To borrow from Patrick Henry: "Is life so sweet or peace so dear, as to be purchased with the price of chains and slavery?" He thundered this question to the Virginia House of Burgesses when he was appalled by their lack of indignation against British despotism. He ended the speech with his hands high above his head holding an imaginary dagger. His voice boomed: "Give me liberty, or give me death!" as he plunged the

imaginary dagger into his heart.

Patrick Henry was passionately against the British seizure of the American economy, because he saw the connection between a free economy, liberty and life. Taxes and regulation, Henry realized, are the chains and shackles that bind a society in slavery.

To follow his thinking: Is the price of college worth the chains and slavery that the NECESSARY taxes will impose? Do you think that by forcing Americans to pay for your college education that they will not make demands in return? Do you understand that when they impose their demands that taxes will rise—30%, 40%...100%?

What good is your education if

you are bound hand and foot by taxes? What good will your degree be, if the government starves your occupation out of existence?

Once again, as I said last Thursday, I implore the student body of MTSU to live by their own efforts and for their own rewards. By doing so, we will send a signal to Americans that we are opposed to slavery in any form or fashion.

Finally, in answer to those who still do not understand why I am emphatically against government grants—I love my life, and I want to live it.

Lee Sandstead
Senior, Magazine Journalism

Politicians should give budget revision figures straight up

To the Editor,

I never cease to be amazed at how some people can take the same set of numbers and come out with totally different answers. This is especially true of political discussions about student aid, school lunch programs, Medicaid, and Medicare. May I offer an

example that may clear up the confusion.

You earn \$1,000 per month. You ask for \$1,500 per month. Your boss gives you \$1,250. One side calls that a \$250 cut. The other says it's a \$250 increase. Which one is right?

It's time both sides present the real numbers and let the people

determine the truth. Most voters are quite capable of addition and subtraction—or are they both afraid of "sticker shock" when the voters see what all of this really costs?

Richard E. Pearl, Sr.
Adjunct Faculty

Sidelines is hiring individuals seriously interested in developing their writing, layout/design and photography skills.

Student calls for meeting to prevent rapes



Charles A. Harrington Jr.

Rising again like the Grim Reaper, female students at Middle Tennessee State University have to deal with the rumors and fears of rape. Sending shockwaves like a California earthquake, the supposed incident at Bell Road is sending our fellow opposite sex to their dormitory rooms with the shades down scared of what might happen to them.

Is it unfair? Yes. Can something be done? Yes. Will something be done? It depends on you.

Because of the fact that I am a male student, this situation is definitely not a threat to me, but I have never been able to understand what can possess a man to rob a woman of her body and soul. I have always been hurt by having to deal with the thought of rape. Fortunately it has never happened to someone very close to me, but unfortunately it continues to become a part of everyone's life. This commentary is for every lady who has had their

life changed or altered because of rape. It affects everyone. Today is the last time that it affects me without me doing something about it. I have your back ladies. It is time that we all work together to end these disastrous acts.

For a female student, it is definitely not comfortable having to look over your shoulder wondering if some animal is going to come out of the bushes. We all know that any man that is willing to perform these type of acts is an animal that most definitely needs to be put away for a long time. Disrespecting a lady to the highest extent, these animals are indeed coming out of the dark. Sometimes these animals are your friends, boyfriends and classmates. I am not a female but I know how it is. I have been on the basketball court hearing some animal nonchalantly speak about getting his, even though she said no. I have sat down eating lunch and listened to some stupid, disgusting animal stressing the fact that his date

wanted it because she gave him signs. If that sign says stop, it does not mean that you are getting the green light to continue. Ladies these actions have to stop, but they will not if you do not show strength and clamp down on the disrespect. I was speaking with a coworker named Robin Tuesday night at work about these situations. She helped me to understand what flickers through the mind of a lady during these times. "It makes me nervous," she explains. "I work nights as a desk assistant from midnight to 8 a.m. I have to leave at eleven with an escort and calling campus security is kind of dumb." My friend lives on Ewing Boulevard which is adjacent to Bell Road, the area where the alleged incident occurred.

What irritates me even more about these situations is that after the incident, the information is always kept under wraps. The rapist could be sitting next to you in your English class, but you will rarely ever know. Another one

of my co-workers expressed the point that students definitely need to be informed about what is going on. "We deserve more than just a flier posted in the dorms. I want to know whether or not he is tall or short or if he has a scar on his neck," she explains. I can understand why the victim wants to be incognito, but I do not understand what Campus Police's views are.

Unfortunately, I do not know what is going through the minds of all the ladies of this campus, but I want to know. Any lady who want to take back your heart, soul and your campus, I know what you can do. Come to the *Sidelines* office in the James Union Building room 310 and sign your name on sheet of paper. I want to have an all female meeting on campus, faculty included, so you ladies can express your views on the situation and educate yourself on how to avoid this disastrous act happening to you. If I receive more than one hundred signatures I will pursue my ideas. If I do not, then at least I know I have done my part. Ladies, the world is yours, but you have to take control.

Charles A. Harrington Jr. is a Sophomore English student.

This commentary is for every lady who has had their life changed or altered because of rape. It affects everyone. Today is the last time that it affects me without me doing something about it. I have your back ladies.

Financial aid allows poor to get an education

By Lori Y. McClure

My initial reactions to Lee Sandstead's letter in last week's "Letters to the Editor" column was a combination of anger and disgust. I've had time to work through most of those emotions and would like to address his argument from a calmer standpoint than I had originally intended. I do not know Mr. Sandstead nor his circumstances, but I am assuming that paying for college has not been a difficult task for him. Whether this means that he has a family who is capable of financially supporting him or he pays his own way, I cannot say, although I am inclined to believe the former. As a student who comes from a less than affluent background, I know how incredibly difficult it is to find a job that pays well enough and affords the time off one would need to afford his or her own education—not to mention the cost of living even the most meager of lifestyles requires.

Thus I am forced to conclude (scholarship possibilities aside) that Mr. Sandstead has a pretty strong financial base, making the issue of financial aid irrelevant. This makes his assertion that government aide to college students is contributing to the "financial and moral" decline of this nation an apparently easy one, having never been forced to

confront the issue on a personal level. I am not so fortunate; every semester I file my financial aide forms and wait for the results, knowing that if something goes wrong I will not be attending school that semester.

According to recent figures, 10,000 other MTSU students are in much the same situation as I am. If, as Sandstead recommends, we elected officials who would be willing to "eliminate (financial aide) entirely" that means over half of the student body of MTSU would no longer be able to attend. Somehow I doubt that this university is atypical of most state schools around the U.S., that means a vast majority of people now attending college in this country would no longer be able to do so. This would mean not only a crisis in the collective education of the citizens of this rapidly eroding nation, but a major financial crisis for most colleges across the country.

If MTSU suddenly lost half of its students and the funds it

receives from them, how exactly does Sandstead believe this institution would survive? Most certainly its current growth rate would collapse like a black hole; make no

mistake—this institution is a money-making establishment and if it suddenly loses half of its customers what will it do? That's right—it will raise fees, and it will keep on raising them until it can pay for the massive amounts of technology and construction and pavement it has invested in over the past several years and still turn a profit. Sooner or later fees will become so exorbitant that few can afford to attend, and those that can, quite frankly, will probably opt for a more prestigious school, which will ultimately result in the closing of not only this but most other schools of its type.

I don't know how wealthy Mr. Sandstead or those who share his perspective are, but given the statistics on the distribution of wealth in this nation, I'd venture to guess that sooner than later they

Don't blame me and the rest of those of us trying to better ourselves with an education for that, Mr. Sandstead, and don't kid yourself into believing that we will sit idly by and be forced into an uneducated, peasant class without a fight. Because we won't.

Gordon writes letter to editor about aid

To the Editor,

I am writing to express my thanks to the SGA, *Sidelines* and the many students, faculty and staff who made our recent forum about student aid cuts a success. I can think of no better reason for all of us to have invested our time and effort than for the single most important investment our country makes: in your future.

Together, we are trying to stop the proposed cuts that threaten this investment...cuts

that threaten subsidized Stafford Loans, Perkins, Pell grants, State Student Incentive Grants, work study and other types of aid that allow many of you to attend school.

I know the importance of this financial assistance. When I attended MTSU, I had to work and live at home to make ends meet and still afford college. Now, a college education costs even more and a greater number of students need help to make their

educational goals and dreams reality. Thanks to your help we are starting to win this fight. We are making some progress as the new Congressional Leadership is starting to back off on some of the cuts and program eliminations.

WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. Please, keep up your efforts to speak up and stop these cuts. I urge you to write and share your opinions with the new Congressional Leadership:

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The Internet



Joe Legge

Find it on the Net, but beware of scams

Some call it the "Virtual Flea market," and for those who love to shop, the Internet can be a great resource. In today's fast paced world, not everyone has time to head down to the local shopping Mecca. Those that have visited Hickory Hollow, Cool Springs, and Rivergate malls understand that their favorite stores may not even be located in this market. Through the easy use of a computer, you don't even need to leave your home to run up your credit card bill.

The Internet Shopping Network (<http://shop.internet.net>) is one of the largest retail operations currently online. ISN offers well over 20,000 products from 600 vendors. After being brought by the Home Shopping Network in September of last year, ISN made a move to concentrate on more than just computer software.

One of the notable stores in this cybermall is FTD Flowers. Men and women alike can purchase flowers, whether it be a bouquet or long-stem roses. Prices are kind of high, but FTD will deliver to just about anywhere in the United States. If you have a graphic's browser, you can also view what you are ordering before buying Mom her birthday present.

ISN also offers a wide variety of computer software, electronics equipment, and miscellaneous goodies. Ever thought about ordering a steak via a computer before? New vendors are also being added daily, like The Sharper Image. The novelty store is currently listed in ISN's "coming soon" section and will surely offer the obscure and mind-boggling items that are associated with the company.

This time of year, many are looking at spending some big money on an automobile. There are a few ways to prepare for your purchase, and even haggle with auto dealers on the net. Edmund's Automobile Buyer's Guide (<http://www.ewnews.com/magazines/edmunds>) can help you find out how much the invoice is on a new car and the baselist, wholesale, and retail value of a used car. Ratings for safety, comfort, performance and other options are also available.

Upon finding a price on the car you want to buy, try contacting a dealer. You may need to do a little searching through Webcrawler (<http://webcrawler.com>) or Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>). A feasible search might be: auto, dealer, sale. If you can't come up with anything try contacting the manufacturer directly. For example, if I want to buy a Saturn—I'd link to (<http://www.saturncars.com>) and then look at their retailer list and find one in my region. You will want to make sure to get their e-mail address, fax number, and voice number. It is a lot easier to negotiate with dealers through the Internet or by fax and you'll find that they aren't as pushy.

Classified ads are also in abundance on the net. I!mall Classified (<http://www.imall.com/ads/ads.html>) allows Internet users to buy, sell, and trade. Believe it or not, just about everything imaginable is available. Topics for the classified include automotive, books, collectibles, entertainment (tickets & music), pets, and even real estate.

You will need to be careful when working out a purchase or sale with someone you've really never had contact with. A few helpful hints include never using a credit card unless the seller has a public-key encryption system (this should secure your credit card numbers from being stolen by a third party on the net). In addition, a preferred option is to take down the phone number, address, etc. of the person or persons you are purchasing merchandise from and touch base with them in person or on the phone. Remember, there are some companies that are out to rip you off, so ask questions with others on the Internet as to whether that company is reputable. One final suggestion is to never deal with anyone giving a post office box for their address. These persons generally jump from one post office box to another taking your money as they go.

Questions or comments should be directed to legman@knuth.mtsu.edu All MTSU students are encouraged to access the information site that coincides with this column at: <http://www.mtsu.edu/~legman>

A slice of pizza ...



Carl E. Lambert/staff

MTSU student Matthew Zarth holds Lisa Parente's hand while Karen Smith, an R.N. with the Red Cross, preps her arm. The Red Cross was on campus Tuesday and Wednesday for blood donations.

A pint of blood

By Jason Young/staff

The idea of someone sticking a needle inside your arm and drawing a pint of blood may seem a little odd, unless you were participating in the recent blood drive here on campus.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the American Red Cross paid a visit to the campus of MTSU in hopes of draining student's veins, as opposed to every other organization that wants to drain your wallet.

I remember the first time I gave blood in high school. It was really cool. Teachers would let us out of class for what seemed like 15 minutes so the people from the Red Cross could get the precious blood out of our hyperactive veins. We had a reason to give. Oh sure, we would talk about how we were concerned with saving lives and helping our fellow human beings, but everybody knew it was just a brilliant excuse for cutting classes.

So when the blood drive came to campus, I figured nobody would show up. We all know that once you get into college if you want to cut classes you simply continue to hit the snooze button on your alarm. Do students really care about giving blood? Considering it was taking two hours for some students to get stuck with a needle and bleed for about 15

minutes, I think the answer is YES!

Giving blood is really easy for many people. It involves about three different stages.

Stage One: Waiting. This stage is kinda self explanatory. You sit in a chair and get nervous.

Stage Two: Blood pressure, Ear Pricking and Answering lots of embarrassing questions. During this stage of the blood donation you can

Now, instead of having your finger pricked, they painlessly draw blood by sticking your ear ... Just remember to take the bandage off or everyone will call you a "freak."

expect to get your blood pressure taken. I really love having my blood pressure taken because they have to crank the arm band up so high that it feels like my arm is going to fall off.

You can also expect to get a blood sample taken. This used to be done by having the end of one of your finger stuck. Now, instead of having

your finger pricked, they painlessly draw blood by sticking you ear. I promise that this is as close to painless as you can get. Just remember to take the little bandage off of your ear or else everyone outside of the donation area will call you a "freak."

The final part of this stage is the Answering Lots Of Embarrassing Questions ordeal. I won't go into detail over what they say, but if you take drugs with a needle while having sex with a prostitute, you can count on being asked not to donate.

Stage Three: The Giving. This stage is the one that makes most people nervous. What happens during this stage involves a friendly worker taking a needle and sliding it into your arm with "just a little sting." I'm serious, the old fashioned finger prick hurts more than having a needle in your arm. Once your little bag fills up, you get to go eat pizza and cookies from the Red Cross.

If you gave blood in the drive, pat yourself on the back. If you can't give blood for whatever reason, don't feel bad, not everybody can. However, if you can give blood but didn't, next time the Blood Drive comes to campus, don't hit the snooze bar and give blood during class time. It'll keep you young. ●

Today's Student Songwriters' Association looks to the future

Group grows from sketchy past

By Joey Butler/staff

The MTSU Student Songwriters' Association had its first official meeting Wednesday night to discuss upcoming activities.

Their main objective this semester is to organize and perform a writers' night at a local club in Murfreesboro.

"It's part educational and part fun," said organizer Josh Kear.

The meetings are conducted in an audition-like atmosphere and members

perform songs to determine the level of the group. In Kear's words, they "toss stuff out and see what's there." Once the group feels confident, the writers' night will be scheduled.

The appeal of the organization is that players of all levels and any musical style can play together without feeling uncomfortable. Kear also welcomes those who don't play or write songs but are interested in music to attend.

"Anyone who is interested in the craft of songwriting can join," said Kear. "The organization can

be helpful to anyone who plans on working in the music industry. It can't hurt

"We're going to concentrate on what we do—songwriting—and we'll grow from there. All sorts of things could happen if people take an interest."

Josh Kear, organizer Student Songwriter's Assoc.

to develop an ear for a good song, especially when you hear it in its rough stages."

Kear and faculty advisor Bob Garfrerick are two of the few returning members. Both have been involved in the SSA for the past three years.

The SSA began years ago as the RIM Writers and had a strong membership. Over the years, though, membership has declined and there were even a few semesters where there weren't enough members to hold meetings.

Kear and Garfrerick hope to change all that.

There were 10 members at the Wednesday meeting and all expressed interest in performing soon.

"Long ago, the club had speakers, but right now, there probably aren't enough members to be able to get a Music Row writer out here to speak. We're going to concentrate on what we do—songwriting—and we'll grow from there. All sorts of things could happen if people take an interest," said Kear.

The next SSA meeting is scheduled around Oct. 25. Rehearsal and the writers' night is expected to happen in early November. ●

Knoll rap concert on Friday the 13th will pick up where last one left off

By Brent Andrews/staff

Yo, MTSU Raps. Student Programming will bring another rap show to Knoll on Friday, Oct. 13 after the first Knoll rap show was closed down due to noise complaints on Sept. 22.

The event, called Yo MTSU Raps, will showcase three bands including Kool Daddy Fresh—who did not get to perform before the Sept. 22 show was shut down.

Mimi Johnson, assistant director of Student Programming, said Wednesday that the Knoll series will continue and that she looks forward to the rap show going well.

"We expect the Knoll series to continue on as it has—as a positive activity for weekend programming," Johnson said. Johnson also said that

Student Programming has not made any changes in the shows since the complaints, and she does not expect any trouble from the rescheduled rap show.

"We're going to use the same speakers, the same sound system," she said. "That's why we rescheduled it. We're going to do it again."

"We're very excited about it," Johnson continued. "We pressed it on, and we're glad that it was able to come to fruition."

Besides Kool Daddy Fresh, Tuck and Terror Mob will also be performing. The show will start at 3 p.m. and will be free to everyone. In case of rain, the show will move into the KUC.

Tomorrow's Knoll show will feature heavy metal bands Near Dark, Today is the Day, and Shark Parlor at 3 p.m., rain or shine. ●

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Mimi Johnson
Assistant Director
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Entertainment Extra!

What to do in the area this weekend and beyond

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THE MTSU THEATER presents "A piece of My Heart," a play by Shirley Lauro, tonight. Call 898-2640 for more info.

THE BORO presents Cotton Applesed at 6:30 p.m., with For Kate's Sake at 9:30 p.m. \$3 at the door.

MAINSTREET presents Dash Riprock. \$4 at the door.

ZANIES (2025 8th Ave. S., Nashville) presents Billy Gardell at 8:30 p.m. Tix are \$6 at door or through Ticketmaster.

MTSU LAMBDA Association is sponsoring a movie night at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm room 104. Free and open. Food and drink available.

SQUEEZERS presents The Nationals with Janie Grey. **JONATHAN'S** presents live entertainment. \$3 at the door, first round free. 21 and over only.

Friday

MUSIC ON THE KNOLL presents heavy metal show with Near Dark, Today is the Day, and Shark Parlor at 3 p.m. All Knoll shows are free and open to everyone. In case of rain, show will move into KUC.

MAINSTREET presents Tekepalooza with 4 bands. **THE BORO** presents Obscene Gestures at 6 p.m.

328 PERFORMANCE HALL presents Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction at 9 p.m. **SQUEEZERS** presents Sister Ray.

ZANIES presents Billy Gardell tonight at 8 & 10:15 p.m. Tix \$10 at the door.

COMEDY ON THE SQUARE (Murfreesboro, 849-1256) presents headliner Bruce Haynes, feature comedian Tucker Forrest, and Sandi Davis as emcee tonight and tomorrow at 8 and 10 p.m. Tix are \$7 at the door, 18 and over only.

CAMPUS TWIN THEATER presents "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" tonight and tomorrow at midnight.

Saturday

JONATHAN'S presents baseball playoffs all weekend. Free admission to watch pay-per-view UT game today, kickoff at 2:30 p.m. Tonight: Too Boo Koo at 10 p.m., \$3 includes first round.

MTSU FOOTBALL: At Austin Peay, Clarksville, 2 p.m.

THE BORO presents Redstone, with Naked Sam.

SQUEEZERS presents Pools Rush In, with Junior at 9 p.m. \$3 at the door.

ZANIES presents Billy Gardell at 8 and 10:15 p.m. \$10 at the door.

COMEDY ON THE SQUARE presents headliner Bruce Haynes, feature performer Tucker Forrest, and emcee Sandi Davis. Shows at 8 and 10 p.m. \$7, 18 and over.

Sunday

SQUEEZERS presents the Holdouts.

ZANIES presents Billy Gardell at 8:30 p.m. \$6.

THE BORO presents burger cookout and keg party.

Monday

SQUEEZERS presents Mike Palmer. Free and open to the public.

THE BORO presents the Steve Emerso Schufert Band.

Wednesday

STUDENT Programming is sponsoring a lecture and slide show with music industry expert Barry Drake, who has been called "a walking encyclopedia of music. 7 p.m. Mass Comm room 103.

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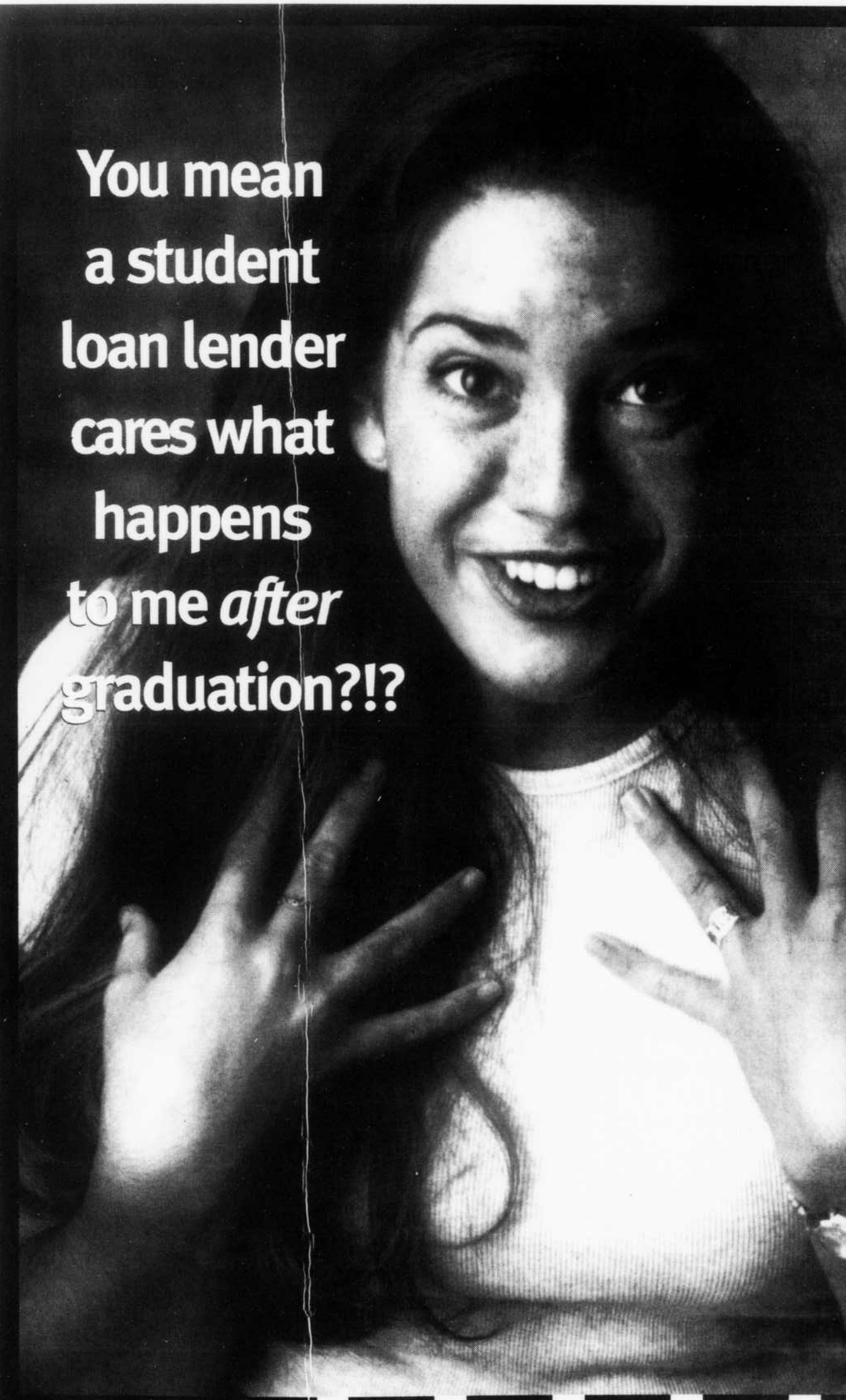
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Dave Barry: Forest creatures wage war on humankind

By Dave Barry/
syndicated columnist

Once again we are forced to ask ourselves, as a society, whether nature should be legal.

Consider a story from the June 22 Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader, written by Paul Tracy and sent in by alert reader Arnie Alpert. This story states that, on June 20, a Laconia, N.H., police officer was called to the municipal water-treatment facility in response to - and as you read this column, please bear in mind that I am not making ANY of these newspaper quotations up - "a report of a suspicious-acting woodchuck that would not let people out of the building." The officer sized up the situation and, according to the story, "determined that the animal needed to be euthanized and tried to run it over with his cruiser."

So far, so good. Law-enforcement experts will tell you, after they have had a few belts, that in a situation where a member of the marmot family is holding people hostage in a sewage plant (in police radio code, this is know as a "10-6"), the textbook response is to drive a police car over the alleged perpetrator, then, if necessary, advise it of its rights.

Unfortunately, things did not go exactly according to plan. The story quotes a plant employee as saying: "When he (the officer) got out after running over it (the woodchuck), I think he thought it was dead, then the thing sprung up and attacked him."

At this point the officer - and if you have never been attacked by a woodchuck, then do not second-guess this decision - pulled his 9mm pistol and commenced firing. "We think he emptied a clip," a plant employee is quoted as saying, "but we could only find eight casings on the pavement."

The story states that during the battle, the officer, seeking to escape the woodchuck, "jumped up on the cruiser and injured his knee." Fortunately, before anybody else could be hurt, the woodchuck went to that Big Burrow in the Sky.

I wish I could tell you that this was an isolated incident. I wish I could look you in the eyeball and say, "This was just one lone disgruntled woodchuck, possibly a former postal employee, who fortunately will never again terrorize humanity, thanks to a quick-acting police officer, who fortunately was not carrying nuclear weapons."

But I cannot say that. For one thing, I lack the lung capacity. For another thing, I have here an article from the June 28 Gaithersburg (Md.) Gazette, written by April E. Fulton and sent in by several alert readers, which states: "Nine residents of the South Village area of Montgomery Village - two adults and seven children - were playing near Decent Court on the morning of June 15 when they suddenly were charged by a band of about a dozen squirrels."

The article quotes one of the women - who was bitten on the foot - as saying: "We were just playing in the yard, like we do every day, and suddenly, out of nowhere, about 12 squirrels

front-page article in the Missoula (Mont.) Missoulian, written by Michael Downs and sent in by many alert readers:

FLAMING SQUIRRELS IGNITE FIRE

The story states that "two electrocuted squirrels fell from a power line Thursday morning, their flaming bodies igniting a small grass fire near Tarkio." A fire official is quoted as saying that it could have been a male and a female squirrel engaged in an act of "burning rodent passion" (The fire official does NOT point out that both "Rodent Passion" and "Flaming Squirrels" would be excellent names for rock bands; this was probably just an oversight.)

At this point you're saying: "Dave, you have presented ample journalistic evidence here to prove that the animal kingdom is attempting, for whatever reason, to wipe out the entire human race. But at least members of the news media are safe!"

I wish I could agree, but tragically I cannot - not in light of a June 21 Associated

I wish I could look you in the eyeball and say, "This was just one lone disgruntled woodchuck, possibly a former postal employee, who fortunately will never again terrorize humanity, thanks to a quick-acting police officer, who fortunately was not carrying nuclear weapons."

Press item from Kennewick, Wash., sent in by several alert readers, which begins: "A TV reporter's hair gel apparently attracted a swarm of bees

that stung him more than 30 times yesterday." The reporter was doing a story about beekeeping when the attack occurred; the story states that the beekeeper, in an effort to help, covered the reporter's head with a protective hood, but unfortunately the hood "also turned out to contain bees."

I am sure that you, as a person concerned about the First Amendment, have the same reaction to this story as I did, namely: How come this never happens, on-camera, to MY local TV reporters? Until we get solid answers to this and many other questions raised by this column (such as: "why would anybody print this column?"), I am urging everyone to avoid all contact with nature in any form, including vegetables. Speaking of which, you should also write your congressperson. ●

University of Colorado Greeks take buzz out of fraternity drinking

By College Press Service

BOULDER, Colo.—Although no one's been sneaking off with the suds, there's a shortage of beer on the University of Colorado campus.

The governing bodies of CU's 26 fraternities and sororities voted to ban alcohol from all functions held in chapter houses and to promote a "zero tolerance" policy against underage drinking by members.

"We voted for what's best about Greek life and voted against negative stereotypes," says Brian Phillips, president of CU's Interfraternity Council and a member of Alpha Tau Omega. "It was time to bite the bullet."

Phillips says that the idea for the ban came from within the 26 chapters in CU's Greek system after a tumultuous summer. Since May, more than 500 students have been arrested for underage drinking violations in fraternity houses and local bars.

The new policy, which was approved by vote of 21-2 with three abstentions, prohibits fraternities and sororities from serving alcohol on their property. If the organizations want to throw a party, they can do so off campus.

Phi Kappa Tau President Joe Love says the change signals a new era for his fraternity. "We've had our property threatened with seizure and our members threatened with jail time, not to mention the damage done to our house," Love says. "It's not worth the trouble anymore."

The Greek beer ban was the second blow to drinkers on the Colorado campus, which has enjoyed consistent rankings in Playboy's list of top party schools. Earlier this fall, the athletic department decided to stop the sale of beer in the stands at Buffalo football games at Folsom Field.

Although students who are of age still can make a trek to the concession stands for a cold one, they will be limited to a

purchase of one beer at a time.

CU is the only school in the Big Eight to sell beer at football games, probably due to nearby Coors Brewery corporate sponsorship. Still, school officials are determined to find ways to cut down on excessive drinking at games.

"This is something that is best for the students and the school," says Dave Plati, spokesperson for CU's athletic department. "We want to offer all fans a safe and enjoyable environment." ●

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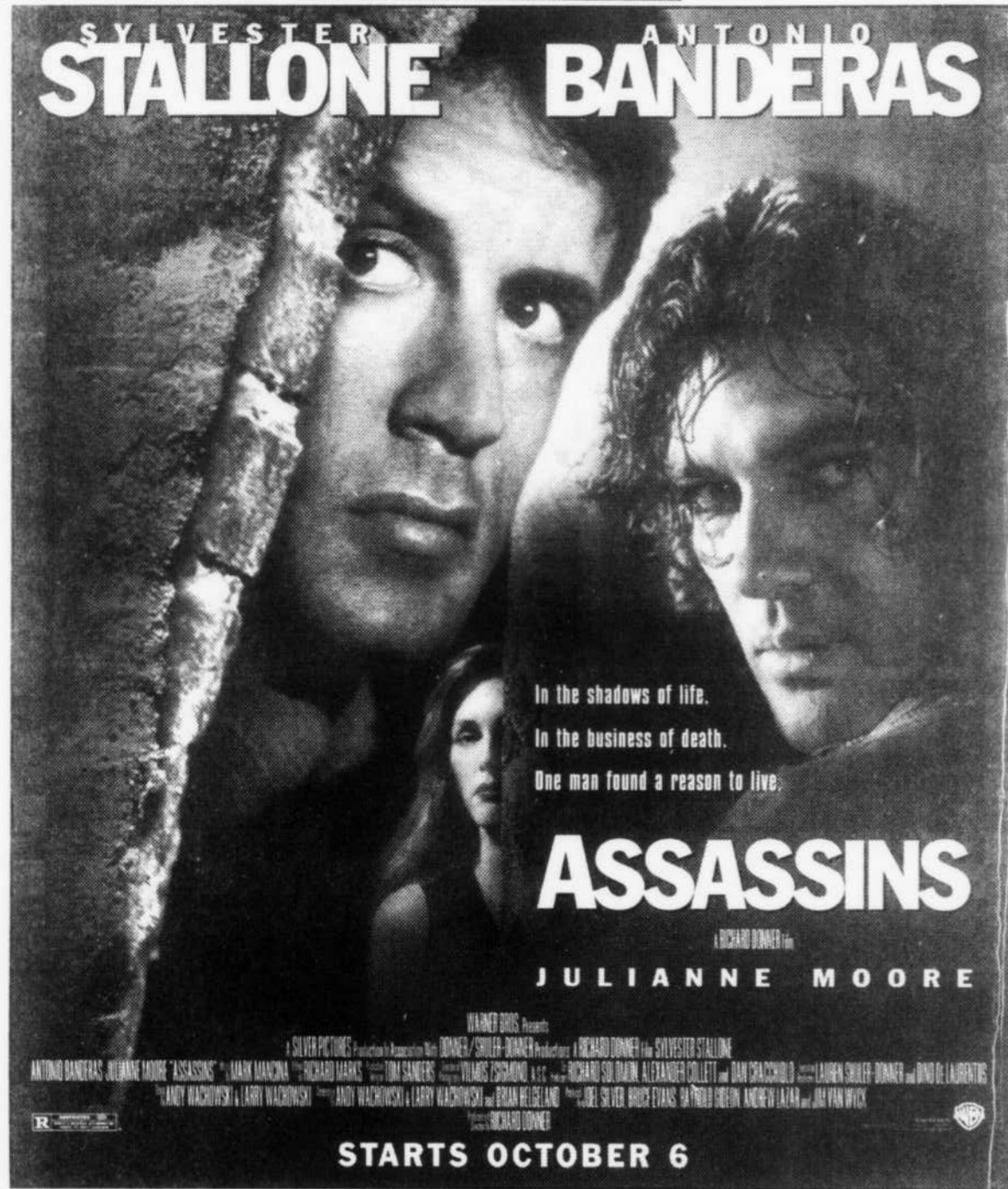
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Raiders prepare for unusual defense in Saturday's game with Austin Peay



Blue Raiders vs. Austin Peay Governors

AP

Saturday 2:00 p.m. Municipal Stadium Clarksville, TN

By Ryan Lewis/staff

The Blue Raiders take their show back on the road this week as they travel to Clarksville, Tenn. for a Saturday afternoon showdown with Ohio Valley Conference rival Austin Peay.

MTSU (3-2, 2-1) enters the game after their 28-13 win over UAB a week ago. The Governors (1-4, 0-2) fell to an undefeated Murray State, 45-17, last Saturday.

For the Blue Raiders, a win last week was critical to reestablishing at least some confidence as they prepare to continue with their OVC schedule.

"I was very, very satisfied to just get a win, particularly the way that we had performed the way that we had performed the week before (MTSU lost to Murray, 34-0)," MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly said. "And now that we've got it, we get back into the conference. We're going to have to build on it and go on about our business."

The 1995 APSU squad has suffered through a disappointing season so far because this was expected to be one of the best Governor teams to come along in some time as it returned 21 of 22

starters from 1994.

"They have the size and the overall speed on both sides of the ball to be able to win," Donnelly said. "It's just a matter of the mistakes they're making. If they correct those mistakes, then I think you'll see Austin Peay turn things around very quickly."

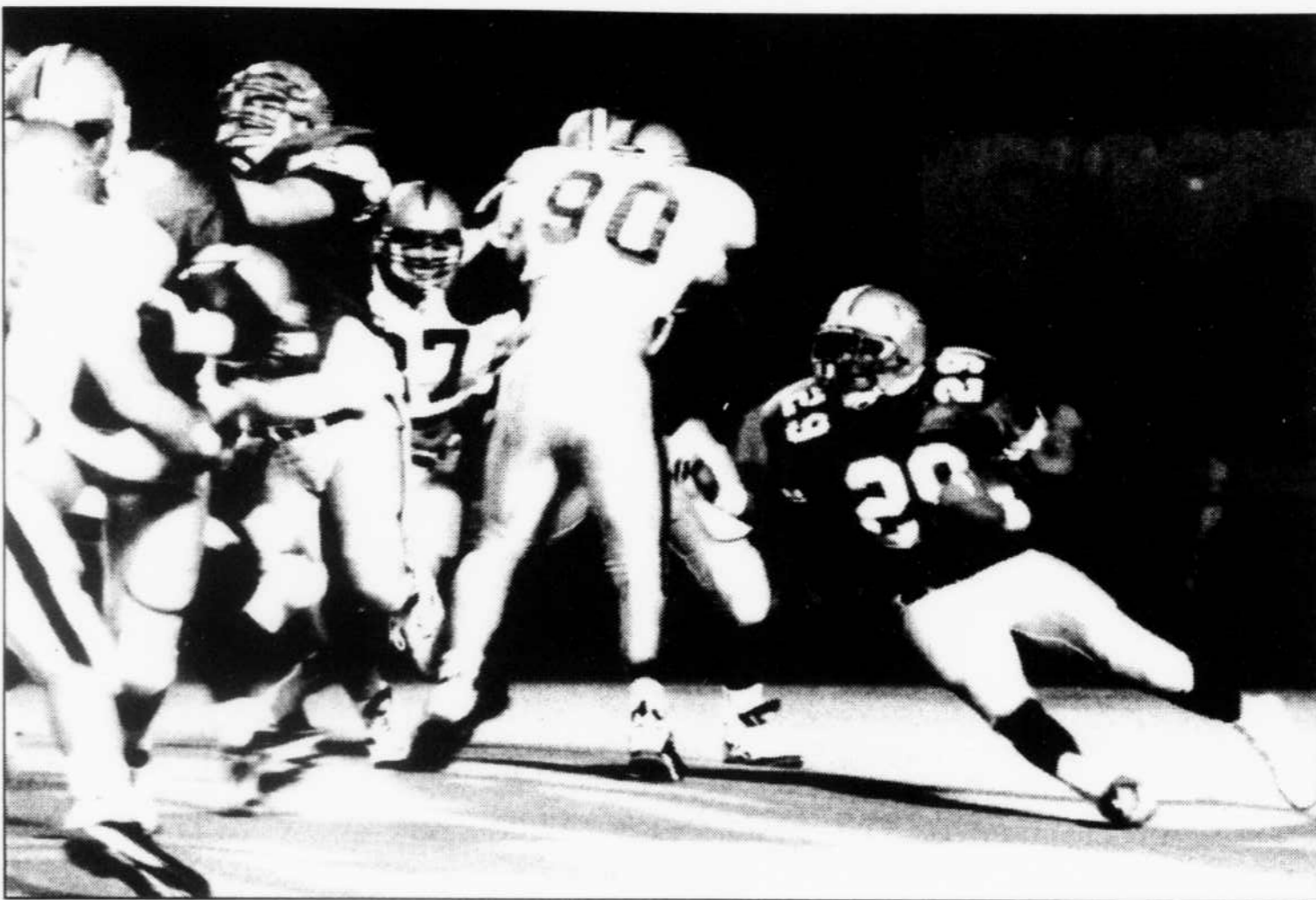
The Governor defense uses multiple fronts to confuse their opponents and seem to be doing a fairly good job of it.

"Their going to bring somebody, somewhere, all the time," Donnelly said of the APSU multiple defensive fronts. "They sell them all, and there is really not a rhyme or reason on why they stunt people and when they stunt them. Perhaps, since it's very unusual, it's very productive for them."

Offensively, junior fullback Jacob Dickson leads the team in rushing with 294 yards without losing a yard in his 71 carries. Dickson scored two touchdowns against Murray State which doubled the amount of touchdowns the No. 1-ranked defense in Division I-AA had given up all season.

Freshman quarterback Lance Hoeltke has started all five games under center, but veteran Daniel Williams stepped in during last week's second half and engineered two scoring drives. APSU head coach Roy Gregory maintains there is no quarterback controversy. "Lance is still our starting quarterback unless someone knows something I don't know," Gregory said. "We changed quarterbacks against Murray because we felt like we had to take advantage of what they were giving us."

MTSU should have a little extra incentive for this Saturday's game as



Todd Sorum/staff

Blue Raider tailback Brigham Lyons rushed for 127 yards and a touchdown last Saturday against UAB, and also threw a six-yard touchdown pass to quarterback Jonathan Quinn. Lyons is suffering from a bruised sternum but should be able to play Saturday at Austin Peay.

APSU welcomes the Blue Raiders in as their homecoming game.

The Governor coaching staff is wondering how that happened.

"You never like to play a team like Middle Tennessee for homecoming, but that basically is what the schedule left us," Gregory

said.

Sophomore quarterback Jonathan Quinn should get the start for the Blue Raiders this week coming off a 12-of-20, 177-yard passing performance. Donnelly affirmed that MTSU's quarterback situation has not been settled, and the only reason

Quinn played the majority of the UAB game was that red-shirt freshman Shelby Parker was slowed in practice with a deep thigh bruise.

Blue Raider senior defensive tackle Trent Young injured a knee in

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Lady Raiders come from behind to defeat University of Memphis

By Rob Nunley/staff

The MTSU volleyball team rebounded from Saturday's home loss to Southeast Missouri by defeating the University of Memphis in four games Tuesday night (10-15, 15-7, 21-19, 16-14).

The win over the Lady Tigers improved the Lady Raiders record to 11-5 on the season and was only the second time Middle has beaten Memphis in 24 meetings.

The Raiders dropped the first game of the match, 10-15, and according to head coach Lisa Kissee, seemed to resemble the team that fell to SEMO on Saturday. But the squad was able to turn it around in game two, with sophomore outside hitter Yanira Santiago assuming the leadership role she has displayed on the court so often this season.

"Yanira just carried the team," Kissee said. "She had some trouble leading early this year because she didn't know the other girls very well, but she's really come around lately."

Santiago set a school record with 33 kills in the match. Kissee speculated that she was particularly "fired up" because she was matched up against a very good (and very tall)

Lady Tiger middle.

In game three, the Raiders fell behind the Lady Tigers 11-4, but were able to right themselves and come back to win, 21-19.

Game four saw the Memphis team jump out to another early lead, first at 9-1, and later at 10-4. But Middle once again gathered themselves and the two teams went through six rotations of serve with neither side scoring.

"We really toughened up," Kissee said. "Although we didn't score any points during those rotations, we didn't give up any, either."

Memphis broke the stalemate and scored to take an 11-4 lead, but when the Raiders regained the serve junior middle Angie Parkinson served eight points in a row to knot the score at 11 apiece. The comeback gave the Lady Raiders the momentum they needed to take the game, 16-14, and win the match.

Kissee used ten players in the match, and was pleased with the play of all of them.

"Our substitutes played their roles very well," Kissee said. "They stepped right in and did whatever they needed to do in that situation."

Setter Nidza Castillo contributed 62 assists in the match, and scored

two service aces. Castillo is currently ranked fourth in the nation in service aces, averaging .85 per game.

Outside hitter Tanya Maltes and middle Angie Parkinson had ten kills each in the four-game match. Maltes added 13 digs, while Santiago and Castillo added 12 and 10 digs respectively. Sophomore outside hitter Tara Miller played three positions during the match, and coach Kissee commented that Miller played well at all three. She finished the match with eight kills and six digs.

The Lady Raiders will hit the road this weekend to face OVC foes Tennessee State and Murray State. The TSU Lady Tigers have not won a match this year, but Kissee said that they are improving and she is not going to take them for granted.

The Murray State Racers are 4-8 overall and 2-2 in the OVC. Freshman Stephanie Diebold is a large part of Murray's offense, and leads them in almost every offensive category. Kissee said that the Racers "have the talent to beat anybody."

The Raiders return home October 17 to begin a four-tournament board by hosting the UT-Chattanooga Moccasins. ●

MTSU golf takes ninth at Mizuno

By Rob Nunley/staff

The Blue Raider golf team had to settle for a ninth-place finish in the Mizuno Peach State Invitational men's golf tournament in Greensboro, Ga.

South Carolina-Aiken won the tournament, which was hosted by Georgia State University and played at Port Armor Country Club. Four players from Aiken finished among the top 30 in the three-day event.

Southern Mississippi, South Alabama, Columbus College, and Winthrop rounded out the top five.

"I'm very disappointed," Raider golf coach Johnny Moore said. "We'd

just beaten Southern Miss, Georgia State and N.C.-Greensboro last week and they all finished ahead of us."

Senior Brian Higgins had one of the most impressive performances the Raider golf team has seen in quite a while at the Mizuno. Higgins shot a tournament record 67 in the opening round on Sunday, and followed that with a 69 on Monday for a two-day record eight under par score.

Higgins began Tuesday's final round play with two consecutive birdies to reach -10, but finished the round with an 80 to shoot even par for the tournament and tie for fourth overall.

Blue Raider coach Johnny Moore was very pleased with Higgins's performance.

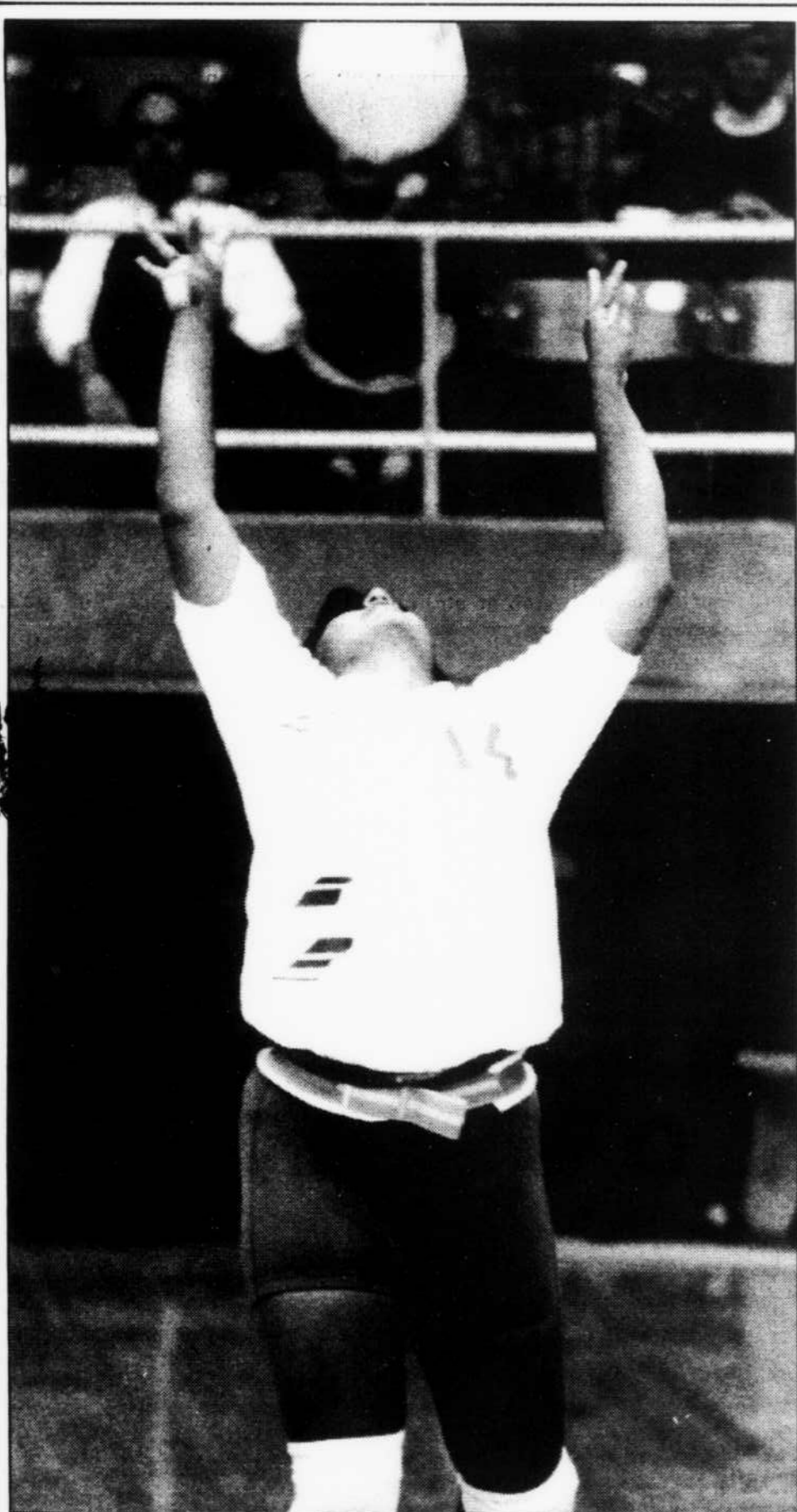
"Even though he finished even, it's still awfully good playing," Moore said. "Very few people have ever been ten under. That accomplishment still hasn't sunk in on me yet, how well he played."

"But anytime you have a player ten-under in a tournament and you're not leading it, you're not getting any help," Moore added.

Unfortunately, Higgins's performance was not enough to put the Raiders on top of the leader board. A poor final round and high scores from some of the other Raider players severely hurt the team's total score.

"We bombed yesterday," Moore

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Todd Sorum/staff

Setting it up for the kill

Junior setter Nidza Castillo recorded 62 assists in Tuesday's match against the University of Memphis. Castillo is currently ranked fourth in the nation in service aces per game.

Blue Raider baseball to host fish fry and auction to raise funds for team

Staff Reports

The Blue Raider baseball team is hosting a dinner and auction to raise funds for the program.

The all you can eat fish fry and cajun gumbo dinner and "Grand Slam Auction" will be

held Monday, October 9 in the MTSU livestock center. Money raised at the dinner and auction will go to fund the team's expenses and to raise money for a baseball clubhouse and training center.

The dinner, scheduled to be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m., will

consist of fried catfish, prepared by "Big Hoss Cartwright", and Cajun Gumbo courtesy of Placide Boudereaux. Live entertainment will be provided by the Jack Daniels Blue Grass band.

The Grand Slam Auction called by Clark Maples Realty and Auction Company will follow the dinner. Some of the items that will be auctioned off include golf bags, vacuum cleaners and baseball memorabilia.

Monday's event is the tenth dinner/auction the Raiders have held the will be the first time since 1992 that the team has held the fundraiser.

"This event has always been successful," Blue Raider head baseball coach said. "It always raises a lot of money for the program."

Tickets for the dinner are \$12, and are available at the Murphy Center ticket office, Vick's outdoor power and Crosslin Supply.



Blue Raider and Lady Raider tennis teams prepare for weekend tournament matches

By Joel Frey/staff

You might say the "exhibition" season is over for MTSU's men's tennis team.

After a successful opening weekend in Jackson, TN at the Rotary tournament, the Blue Raiders were nothing less than dominant last weekend

as hosts of the MTSU Fall Classic.

Although the men faced quality competition the past two weekends, team member Fred Niemeyer said he realizes the stakes will be higher beginning on Friday when MTSU participates in the Southern Intercollegiate in

Athens, Ga.

"We expect tough matches across the board," Niemeyer said. "However, we feel there is no reason to feel any pressure. After all every other player out there is not likely to take us too seriously."

Coach Dale Short will lead six Blue Raiders to the tournament in two different flights of play.

Niemeyer, along with Anthony DeLuise, Julius Robberts and David McNamara will play singles in the "A" flight.

Marshall Brown and Mark Follet will represent Blue Raider hopes in the "B" flight.

The Lady Raiders will also resume their fall schedule this weekend, traveling to Cookeville to participate in the Tennessee Tech Fall Invitational.

This will be the first action for the women since opening fall play at the women's Fall Classic two weeks ago.

Lady Raider teammates Emma Doyle and Malinda Ryan said they both feel this weekend's tournament will give them an opportunity to further prepare themselves for a grueling fall schedule.

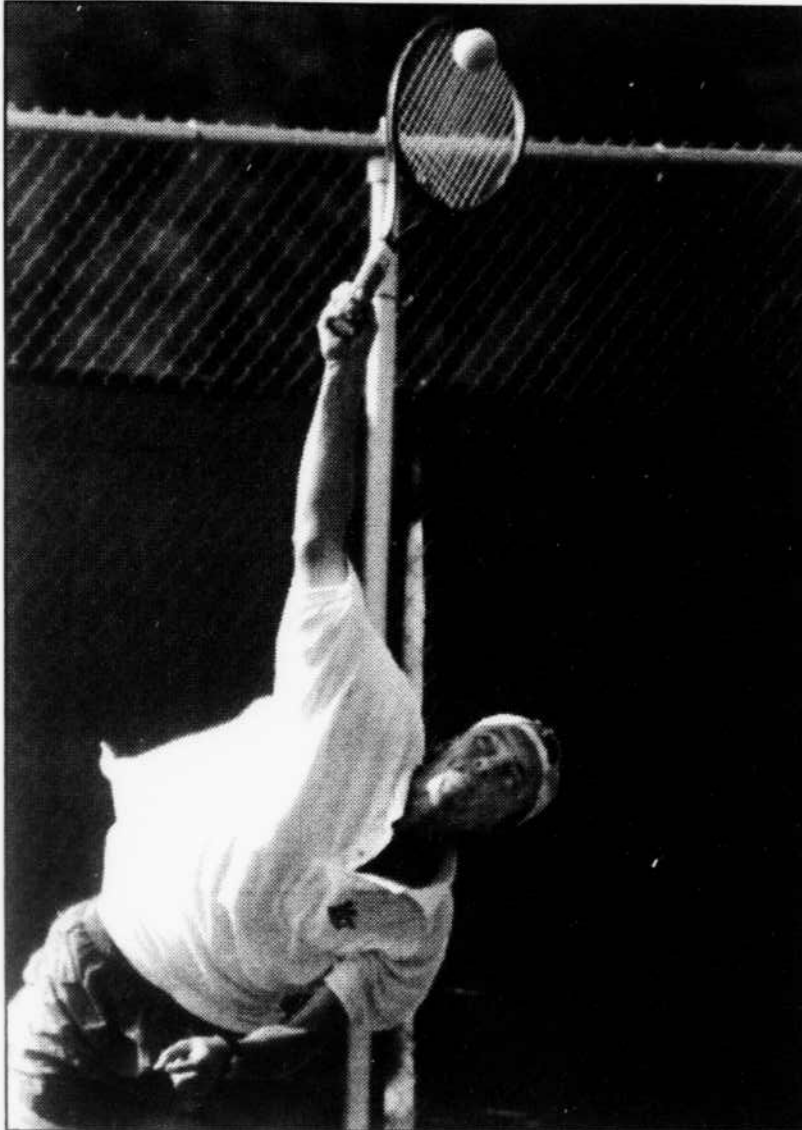
"We are really excited about the upcoming tournament," Ryan said.

"Hopefully we will be able to do a little better than we did at our tournament a couple of weeks ago."

Doyle echoed the sentiments of Ryan.

"We have had two solid weeks of practice and as long as we don't back ourselves into too many corners, I think we can do really well," Doyle said.

Weekend action in Cookeville will be divided into six different flights with one Lady Raider in each field.



Brian G. Miller/staff

Blue Raider tennis player Fred Niemeyer delivers a shot in last weekend's MTSU Fall Classic tournament.

GOLF: transfer Brock makes top 30

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said of the team's final round. "We just weren't ready to play."

Senior David Reed shot an opening round 77, followed by a second round 78. He closed the tournament Tuesday with another 77. Moore admitted that he was "very disappointed" with Reed's play.

Senior David Head (75, 80, 76 - 231) finished tied for 53rd in the individual scoring, but coach Moore was quick to

expound on his performance in the tournament.

"Head's score doesn't reflect his play over the weekend," Moore said. "He's been playing very strong from tee to green, but just hasn't been hitting his putts. That will come with time."

Central Alabama transfer Maine Brock finished at eight over, good enough to tie for 29th overall.

"Maine's been playing steady, usually he just has one or two bad holes in a round that really hurt him," Moore

said. "It's just a matter of time before it really starts to happen for him."

The Blue Raiders' next tournament will be hosted by the University of Memphis and will take place October 16-17. The team will play 36 holes on the opening day, and 18 to finish the tournament. Coach Moore is confident his squad will play much better than they did in Georgia.

"It's a good tournament, and I certainly expect us to be in the top three," Moore said.

APSU: several Blue Raiders playing hurt

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last Saturday's game and is not expected to play against APSU. Freshman defensive back Darrell Love, who missed the UAB game with an injured knee, is doubtful for this week as well.

Several players were nicked up last week, including

tailback Brigham Lyons (bruised sternum) and Shelby Parker (thigh bruise), but they should be ready to play Saturday.

"We have to play and right ourselves and get ourselves straightened out," Donnelly said. "How long is that going to take? I don't know. Hopefully, a win Saturday will

give us the opportunity to get our mental frame back to where it should be."

MTSU leads the overall series, 35-12-2, with APSU after a Blue Raider bouncing of the Governors, 28-3, in 1994.

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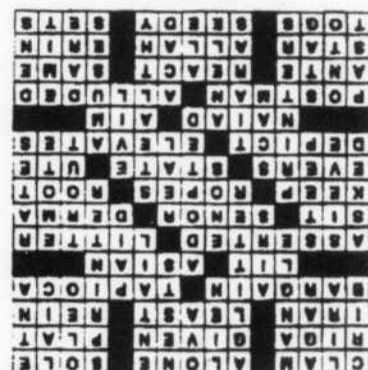
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