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Recording Industry Dept nation's largest: study

'Quality came first, quantity came next': Chairman Barnet

By Kris Wetzel/staff

With 1,052 students enrolled, MTSU's Department of Recording Industry has been named the largest program in the nation by the Music and Entertainment Industry Educators Association Guide to Music Business Programs.

"There is no school or university that has anywhere near the number of students MTSU has," said Harmon Greenblatt, director of Music Management Program at the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music and the researcher.

Greenblatt's study found MTSU's program larger than the 35 schools examined, including Belmont University, Loyola University, New York University, Hofstra University and the University of Memphis.

According to department chair Richard Barnet, the success of the program should be attributed to the diversity of the curriculum.

"We offer more courses than any other program," Barnet said. "Recording Industry students are required to learn a little about all the media fields."

Barnet estimates that half of the out-of-state students at MTSU are Recording Industry majors. Students come from 37 states and nine foreign countries.

"Quality came first, quantity came next," Barnet said. "When you become the best, enrollment naturally goes up."

The National Association of Recording Merchandisers said MTSU has "the most comprehensive four-year course in music merchandising." The program has received Technical Excellence and Creativity nominations from MIX magazine for nine consecutive years.

"It's the only College of Mass

Communication that has a recording industry program, so obviously it gives us a unique character and quality that sets us apart from every other college or university in the nation," said Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Mass Communication.

The Department of Recording Industry is housed in the \$15.5 million Bragg Mass Communication building. The building contains two audio recording studios, digital audio edit-dubbing suite, MIDI lab and a digital imaging and animation lab. MTSU is the only university currently authorized to teach Dolby surround encoding procedures, according to Barnet.

Students can pursue a Bachelor of Science in Recording Industry with an emphasis in either "Production and Technology" or "Music Business." Minors include entertainment technology, music industry, business administration and marketing and electronics.

Fourteen full-time faculty members run the Recording Industry program. When the program began in 1973, Geoff Hull was the only full-time professor until Chris Haseleu was hired in 1978.

"One of the best things about the enrollment here is it allows us to hire very specialized faculty members who have a wealth of industry experience plus academic credentials," Barnet said.

Faculty members work with music industry employees on an advisory committee to insure that the Recording Industry program is addressing the needs of the music business.

"We [provide] such a unique degree that we require daily updates from the music industry," Barnet said.

The advisory committee is participating in the newly instigated "Master Teacher" program which couples a faculty member with an employee of the music industry to share information and discuss ways of applying education. ●



Recording students in one of the Department of Recording Industry studios.

Proposed SGA bill would open lots for special nighttime parking permit

By Amy Carpenter/staff

Safety for night students was the main topic of the SGA Senate's second meeting of the semester last Monday night.

Junior senator Scott Davis presented a bill concerning parking for those students who attend classes at night. The bill allows for students to have some access to white parking places after 5:30 p.m. so they may feel more safe walking from their cars to the classroom buildings.

The bill excludes parking around the loop at Peck Hall, the KOM lot, the Raider Drive lot and the Davis Science Building (DSB) lot. After a further review of how many instructors teach at night, the DSB lot may be taken off the list.

Davis served on Traffic Court last year and heard several female students voice their concerns about

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Scott Davis, junior SGA senator

parking at night on campus.

"One student discussed being attacked after a night class at the school she previously attended," Davis said. "She would rather pay the \$10 ticket than risk putting herself in that situation again."

The bill allows students who go to class at night to pay an extra \$10 or \$25 for a sticker to put on their green or black permits, respectively, making the total cost of a night permit \$35. The sticker would allow those students to park in the available white spaces.

Some senators questioned the added cost.

"I don't see how I could support the bill as it is written now, because [of] all of the fees already put on the students this semester," said junior senator Chad White. "I don't think this is in the students' best interest. Why can't we charge \$10 for the tag?"

"This is for the night students only, this is for their safety," Davis added. Davis worked on this bill in conjunction with Traffic Court in order to get their approval before presenting it to the Senate.

The bill passed the Senate by a 7-4 margin and will now go to the House. If approved by the House it will go through several more channels. If approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents, the bill will be implemented in Fall 1996.

The next Senate meeting will be held Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in KUC room 316. ●

Enrollment climbs 1.78%

By Heather Hybarger/staff

MTSU has broken enrollment records for headcount and full time equivalents as well as first-time freshmen and first-time African-American freshmen, according to Dean of Admissions Cliff Gillespie.

Total headcount for Fall 1995 is 17,424, up 1.78 percent, or 304 students, from last year. Full-time equivalencies (FTE) are 14,504, up 1.96 percent.

Headcount consists of the actual student body and represents every student at MTSU, while FTE is calculated by dividing the total number of students by the total number of hours taken by the graduate and undergraduate student body.

Gillespie said FTE is always a percentage below actual headcount because MTSU has so many part-time students.

First-time freshman enrollment is up 14.37 percent, at 2,157, with an increase of 271 students.

African-American enrollment in the freshman class is up 49 percent, with undergraduate African-American enrollment at 1,633, or 10.59 percent of total undergraduate

enrollment. According to Gillespie, the dramatic increase in African-

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Brian G. Miller/staff

Rainy day blues

Charlie Lynn assists Melissa Garrett in an attempt to repair her car's bad ignitor on campus during Wednesday's rainstorm.

Consul General of France to speak at luncheon

By Joanna Hart/staff

Mr. Andre Baeyens, Consul General of France, will speak to an invitation-only luncheon Monday at 12 noon in the Tennessee Room of JUB.

Baeyens is a guest of the College of Business and the Jennings S. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise.

"This gives students access to types of information they don't normally have access to," said Political Science professor Anne Sloan. "Students get a small, birdseye view of a different culture."

Baeyens entered diplomatic service in 1957 and has since held posts in London, Bonn, Washington, D.C., and Rome. Baeyens headed the Press and Information Service of the French Embassy in New York from 1977-1982 and served as Ambassador to South Korea from 1982-85.

Before assuming his current position of Deputy to the Director of Cultural Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris. He has also served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the Office of the United Nations and to the International

Organizations in Vienna, Austria.

"Although he may be addressing topics such as French Foreign Policy, there really is no set topic," Sloan said. "Speakers like Mr. Baeyens usually talk about their experiences and answer any questions students may have."

Baeyens will be welcomed by Joe M. Rodgers, former U.S. Ambassador to France and holder of the Jones Chair. The Chair was dedicated in March 1986 and Mr. Rodgers, the only Chair holder, has held the Chair since November 1988.

"This chair is different in that it is the only Chair not held by a full-time faculty member. Mr. Rodgers has a contractual position," said accounting professor Jim Burton.

The Jones Chair recognizes those who demonstrate excellence in free enterprise. The Chair holder orchestrates and promotes local and international free enterprise education on campus and in the community.

Baeyens will also speak to Helene Preioni's 10 a.m. Intermediate French Class in KUC, room 305 and to Jack Turner's 11 a.m. Foundations of Government class in Peck Hall, room 201. ●

Total headcount

Fall 1988	13,165
Fall 1889	14,136
Fall 1990	14,865
Fall 1991	15,673
Fall 1992	16,787
Fall 1993	17,383
Fall 1994	17,120
Fall 1995	17,424

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The Student Government Association is holding an organizational fair on the knoll behind the KUC on Thursday, September 21 from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved. Call Jaime Groce at 898-2464 for more information.

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

secretary, and treasurer. We will also be voting on an amendment to our bylaws. Questions or comments call Naullain Kendrick at 898-3582 or e-mail at enviood@frank.mtsu.edu

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.

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. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will be meeting Tuesday, September 12 for fellowship and worship

The Wesley Foundation activities for the week are: Monday, September 11 at 6 p.m. Munch Bunch; Tuesday Supper at 5:30 p.m. and Roller Skating Afterglow at 7 p.m.; Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. Esprit auditions; Friday 15, "Friends" marathon; Saturday 16, Service Project in Manchester; Sunday 17, University Workshop at 8 p.m.

Student Organization updates deadline for student organizations is 4:30 p.m. on September 21, 1995. Applications may be picked up at the mandatory student organization meeting.

The Wesley Foundation will be holding auditions for "Oklahoma" on September 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. No prepared material is needed, but it is important to attend both nights.

Negro Airmen International is trying to establish a charter on the MTSU campus. This organization is for aerospace students of every emphasis. Khary Bates would like to invite interested students to the 1995 Smyrna Air Show on Friday, September 15. The air show and Blue Angel Team will hold its practice demonstration for Navy personnel and charity groups free of charge. It will not be shown to the general public but, I have been authorized by my superiors to escort prospective members of Negro Airmen International to go on Friday. This would be a great opportunity to see a great air show and find out more about the Negro Airmen International. Contact Khary Bates at 895-9021 for more information.

Applications for **student activity fee requests** must be turned in to KUC 122 no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 25, 1995. Applications and student activity fee guidelines are available in the KUC 112.

The Wesley Foundation sponsors ongoing activities every week. On Wednesdays lunch begins at 11:15 a.m.; Koinania at 7 p.m. and Wesley Singers rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

MTSU College Democrats Meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 5 p.m. in KUC 314. We will be having elections and discussing upcoming events. Contact Mary at 890-6314 for more information.

The College Republicans is having general interest meetings on Tuesday, September 12 and on Wednesday, September 27. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the KUC 314. Mae Beavers will be speaking at the September 12 meeting. Call Brian Lewis at 890-6478 for more information.

The Student Leadership Conference will be September 15 and 16. Interested students must register by stopping by KUC 122 to fill out registration materials. Registration is required to attend.

Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity interest meetings on Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m.; Tuesday 19, and Wednesday 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the KUC room 316. Open to all business majors and minors. Must have a 2.5 GPA or better. Contact Anna Coble at 898-3133.

The Placement and Student Employment Center is hosting a Career Placement Orientation workshop titled "Your Job Search". The workshop will begin at 11 a.m. on September 26, 27, 28. 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.

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.

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

The Student Affairs Technology Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 14 in the KUC 210. Thank you for your cooperation in rescheduling this meeting.

The International Television Association is hosting with the Dean's office a Mass Comm Kickoff on September 13 from 4-6:00 p.m. in the Mass Comm building. Everyone is invited to get information from the mass communications clubs. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call Heather DeVaney at 385-3652.

1995 Homecoming Parade on November 4. Those organizations interested in participating need to notify the SGA office by October 2.

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.

MTSU Placement and Student Employment is hosting a Career Day on Tuesday, September 19 from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. around the track area of Murphy Center. Over 100 employers and graduate schools will send representatives to campus to provide career information for students and will have exhibits and handouts to assist in career planning. Rosters of participating organizations will be available at the registration tables.

Phi Beta Lambda the Collegiate Division of Future Business Leaders of America is holding a membership interest meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the Midgett Business Building room 303. For more information contact the president James Roberson at 898-3051 or the advisor Dr. Robert B. Blair at 898-2036.

The second lecture in the **Honors Lecture Series "An American Checkup"** will be Monday, September 18. The lecture "The State of American Public Education" will be given by Dr. Bob Eaker. All lectures are in Peck Hall 107 and begin at 3:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

The Christian Music Society will meet Thursday, September 14 at 6 p.m. in Mass Comm room 150. If you desire to make Christ known through music, come join us! For more information, contact Joyce Reed at 848-0448.

The Student Advisory Council for the College of Mass Communication will meet Tuesday, September 19 in front of the Lexis/Nexis Lab in the Mass Comm Building. If you are a declared major within the College of Mass Communication, have completed at least one course in your major, and are interested in becoming a member you are invited to attend.

1995 Family Day is set for September 30. Registration will be from 11 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. on the KUC knoll. Registration information has been mailed to every enrolled student's permanent address. The fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and includes the events of the day, barbecue, and a football ticket. There is no charge for MTSU students if family members are registered for Family Day. For more information contact New Student Orientation at 898-5533.

The Erudite Emancipators, a student service organization committed to multicultural awareness and harmony, invites interested students to our first open meeting on Friday, September 15 at 1 p.m. in Peck Hall room 311. Regular meetings will be on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Please come with open arms and open minds. Contact Inez Chopfield at 898-4312 or 898-2655.

Society of Professional Journalists interest meeting on September 21 at 5 p.m. in the Sidelines newspaper office. All public relations, broadcast, and print journalism majors are welcome.

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Internet workshop teaches utilities, ethics of medium

By Shannon Russell Holt/staff

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) is offering a free, non-credit student workshop on the Internet.

The class will address electronic mail, use of Internet, mailing addresses, and the ethics and etiquette of computer use, according to Jim Adams, academic service manager of the OIT.

Adams said that Internet workshops have been available to faculty and graduate students in the past, but more and more computing accounts have been set up for undergraduates. Four workshops were conducted last Spring semester and more are expected next semester.

To obtain a computing account through MTSU's central server, a student should bring a valid MTSU ID to the OIT, Room 003 in the basement of the Cope Administration Bldg. After filling out a short application the student will be presented with an account username, a password which will be personalized by the student upon its initial use, and instructions and guidelines for using the computer system.

The account is free to students and will enable them to access numerous sources of information and to get involved in E-Mail and the Internet.

The computer system used by MTSU is a Hewlett-Packard

9000. It is a RISC-based machine that runs the UNIX operating system which means that it is state-of-the-art and fast.

Dates and times for the workshops are as follows: Sept. 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; Oct. 9, 12:00-2:00 p.m.; Oct. 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Oct. 25, 12:00-2:00 p.m.; Nov. 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m. All workshops will be held in Room 123 of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Bldg. except for the Oct. 9 workshop which will be held in Peck Hall, Room 218.

Student interested in attending the Internet workshop should contact the OIT at 898-5345 for registration information. ●

Urban renewal program puts students in the community

By College Press Service

CHICAGO—Spertus College students take their housing seriously.

It's not that they're overly concerned with their dorm rooms, since the Chicago college has no residence halls. It's just that many Spertus students have chosen to make a career of creating the best possible housing for others.

The school's Urban Developer's program, claimed by Spertus to be the only one of its kind in the nation, gives students a chance to learn the strategies of rehabbing urban neighborhoods in the most affordable way possible for the area's residents.

The one-year master's degree was created by Peter Levine, the school's associate

dean, who hopes students can learn to compete for housing funds in an effort to develop

"It gives them an opportunity to learn about and connect with the people and communities they will be helping."

Peter Levine
Associate dean of Spertus College

low-income areas without displacing residents.

"Too often you see gentrification occur in an area without any real concern for the original residents," says Levine. "And people are forced

to move out because their rent can triple in less than a year. It's good for the businesses and the people who move in, but what happens to the original residents?"

Levine said the Spertus program teaches ways to rehab neighborhoods from the inside out, creating jobs and businesses for the long-time inhabitants.

"Students work in the community while they study," he said. "It gives them an opportunity to learn about and connect with the people and communities they will be helping."

Levine said Spertus grads often work with community organizations and block clubs to help develop rehab programs. ●

Leadership conference open to all students

By Mark Blevins/staff

Enriching leadership skills is the focus of a workshop this weekend on campus, and it is open to all students.

The 1995 Student Leadership Conference is designed to help students find and develop their leadership abilities. The Student Government Association is sponsoring the workshop, scheduled to take place Friday evening and all day Saturday. (See schedule.)

The conference is the first step in a long-range plan aimed at helping students develop these abilities, according to Associate Dean of Students Gail Stephens. She said the plan will eventually culminate in a for-credit course.

Stephens said that most other universities have been

offering these kinds of workshops for some time, and that MTSU is "behind the times."

"It's time MTSU started offering its students the same kinds of skills that other universities are offering," Stephens said.

"We want people to learn who they are, work on their strengths, and recognize their weaknesses—and work on them too."

This is the first year the workshop will be open to all students. In the past, it was open only for members of SGA.

One session of the workshop will focus on determining the communicating styles of student participants, so that students can understand the strengths and weaknesses of their own style. ●

Leadership Conference Schedule

Friday, Sept. 15

4:30 p.m. Student/Administrator/Coed Softball Game, Recreation Fields

6:00 p.m. Cookout, Alumni Lawn

7:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion, Alumni Center

Saturday, Sept. 16

**All sessions are in KUC 322
8 - 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30-8:45 a.m. Welcoming by Dean of Student Life Thomas Burke.

8:45-9:15 a.m. Icebreaker by Associate Dean of Women Holly Lentz-Karstens.

9:20-10:45 Determining Your Communicating Style by Associate Dean of Students Gail Stephens. Participants will use a survey instrument to discover their style of communicating with others and will learn why, when and how to use each of the four communicating styles.

10:45-11:45 a.m. Speaking as a Leader by Professor of Speech and Theater Ralph Hillman. Have you

ever noticed how people react to you when you are speaking? Discover how you've been speaking and the proper way to project yourself to get people to listen.

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch, 1:00-2:00 p.m. All Work and No Play Makes Jack and Jill Dull by Assistant Director of Campus Recreation Jocelyn Hill. Often, emerging leaders are caught up in hard work, pushing themselves to excel. Learn the importance of wellness and recreation in your life.

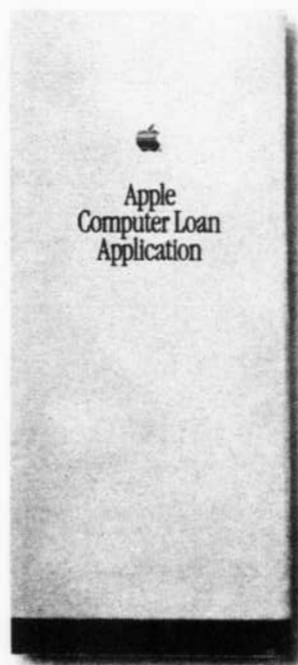
2:00-3:00 p.m. Writing a Personal Mission Statement by Assistant Dean of Students Rodney Bennett. What is important to you? Which direction are you headed in? In this activity, you will get the answers to these questions down on paper and talk about them in small groups.

3:00-4:00 p.m. Community/University Leadership Panel. Meet leaders of the university and local community. They will discuss their trials and tribulations on the ladder to success and provide you with an opportunity to ask questions.

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Todd Sorum/staff

Tonya Peters, junior English major, helps wrap up Tuesday's phone-a-thon in the JUB.

Biannual phone-a-thon funds scholarships

By Lori Lill/staff

MTSU's Development office kicked off its biannual phone-a-thon Monday with hopes of raising \$60,000 this fall.

The phone-a-thon serves two purposes: to raise money for scholarship funding and to encourage alumni to visit the campus for homecomings, class reunions or observing campus development.

The phone-a-thon was started several years ago. Groups of students used offices in the Cope Administration building to call alumni for scholarship donations.

But because office use became an inconvenience, professionals were hired to make these calls. This arrangement wasn't as successful, so the program was discontinued.

In the spring of 1993, the phone-a-thon started back up twice a year, this time with its own offices. Students

were hired and trained to call alumni.

Students call alumni who have donated before and those who have never donated. Besides the \$60,000 goal this fall, they hope to raise \$90,000 in the spring. Money raised has no impact on state funding for the school because it is raised for scholarships.

The phone-a-thon lasts anywhere between 28 and 32 nights. Twenty-five phone lines are used, and 50-60 students are hired to do the calling. Students are asked to work two nights a week to ensure they have time to study. Phonethon callers report to work at 5:45 p.m for a brief meeting, and actual calling takes place between 6:00-9:15 p.m.

"Students working for the phonethon gain useful skills in listening and communicating, as well as gaining job experience and getting a chance to meet other students. ●

Dot Harrison makes way for new PR director

By Gregg Mayer/staff

MTSU's Office of Public Relations is reorganizing, expanding, and searching for a new director to oversee the growing changes.

The announcement to hire a new director came last Friday from Linda P. Hare, vice-president for Development and Public Relations. Harrison

"The dramatic emergence of MTSU as a major university calls for a direct expansion of its Office of Public Relations," Hare said. "I am most excited about the great potential this reorganization holds for the better telling of the wonderful MTSU story."

Current Public Relations director Dorothy Harrison will be appointed to head the

public relations internal programs, and a new director will be hired to be "in charge of the entire umbrella," according to Tom Tozer, newly appointed assistant director for media relations.

"[The new director will be] somebody who is real media set, electronic and print," Tozer said. "Somebody who will get out and meet producers, editors, news journalists, etc."

"The university is receiving a lot of applicants. Hopefully by November [a new director will be hired]."

MTSU has no current prospects for the position.

"We desperately need more help," Harrison said, "if we are going to continue to serve the university's needs."

Harrison has been director of Public Relations at MTSU since 1976. ●



Harrison

Liberty drops suit to reinstate prayer

By College Press Service

LYNCHBURG, Va.—Liberty University's football coach and several players dropped their lawsuit against the National Collegiate Athletic Association after the NCAA issued a "clarification" of its policies for praying on the field.

The university, founded by Jerry Falwell, filed a lawsuit Aug. 31 in federal court alleging a NCAA rule against praying after games is unconstitutional.

Sam Rutigliano, coach of the Christian Division I-AA Flames, and four of his players wanted to challenge a N C A A

sportsmanship regulations three years ago when a growing number of players began choreographing fancy dance moves after scoring touchdowns, removing their helmets to pose for cameras and excessively taunting opponents.

A NCAA spokesman said the organization does not want to eliminate enthusiasm about the game but seeks to limit players' "excessive celebrations" that draw too much attention to them and detract from the game.

The NCAA keeps a videotape of examples of unsportsmanlike behavior, which includes kneeling in the end zone after scoring a touchdown, he said.

"Why should you—the NCAA—tell me where I need to pray?"

Sam Rutigliano
Coach of the Liberty University football team

sportsmanship regulation that says kneeling in prayer after scoring a touchdown is unsportsmanlike. The lawsuit claimed the NCAA rule violates both the freedom of religion and the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

"Why should you—the NCAA—tell me where I need to pray?" Rutigliano told about 150 students at a press conference at the school on Aug. 31, the day he and the players asked a U.S. District judge for a temporary restraining order against the rule.

The NCAA instituted the

On Sept. 1, Vince Dooley, chairman of the NCAA Football Rules Committee, issued a clarification, adding "it is not the intent of the Football Rules Committee to prohibit prayer on or off the playing field."

Religious broadcaster Jerry Falwell, who founded and is chancellor of the private Christian college, earlier had told the Associated Press that the NCAA "has enough problems with drugs and crime and violence, sex and rape" without considering prayer a problem, too. ●

NUMBERS: More African-American students enrolled

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American enrollment is due to extra scholarship money and increased staff, including Ron Malone and Kenny Donaldson. Gillespie described Malone and Donaldson as "wonderful," adding "they understand what motivates young people to go to college."

"It is better to be in an institution where people want to come," Gillespie said. "If enrollment is up people think this must be a good place to go to school."

Enrollment is up only by MTSU standards but in relation to other Tennessee colleges as well. Figures from the Tennessee Board of Regents Enrollment Update show enrollment at East Tennessee State University up .89 percent (as of Sept. 10), Tennessee State up .99 percent (as of Sept. 10) and the University of Memphis up 1.86 percent (as of Sept. 10), while Austin Peay's enrollment is down 4.01 percent and Tennessee Tech is down .94 percent. ●



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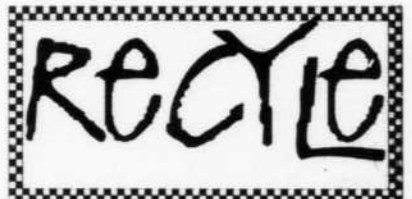
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Before the rain

Sheila Bacon takes advantage of Friday's cool weather to hold her English 111 class outside Peck Hall.

Recent graduates scoring higher on SAT

By College Press Service

NEW YORK—This nation's high school graduates are entering college this fall with the highest Scholastic Assessment Test scores in 20 years.

Math scores on the newly revised and recentered SAT, which emphasizes problem-solving over rote memorization and allows students to use calculators, rose three points to 482.

Verbal scores for the 1995 high school graduating class increased five points, to an average of 428.

This is the best math scores since 1972, and the highest verbal result since 1988. The combined eight-point gain brought test results to their highest overall level since 1974. A perfect aggregate score is 1600. The national results were issued in

late August by the College Board, which administers the entrance exam taken by 90 percent of incoming freshmen at four-year colleges and universities.

According to statistics compiled by the College Board, more high school students took honors courses, concentrating their studies in English, math and science. Better preparation, said College Board president Donald Stewart, lead to the higher scores nationwide.

"Most of the increase was shown by better-prepared students, illustrating the

results of hard work and rigorous instruction," said Stewart. "This is evidence that students are taking some of the most difficult courses in their schools."

Those students who had the highest grades tended to get the best test scores. Scholars with an "A" average, for example, scored an average of 104 points about a "B" student. Critics of the test, though, insist that the new and improved SAT still doesn't measure male and females' abilities equally.

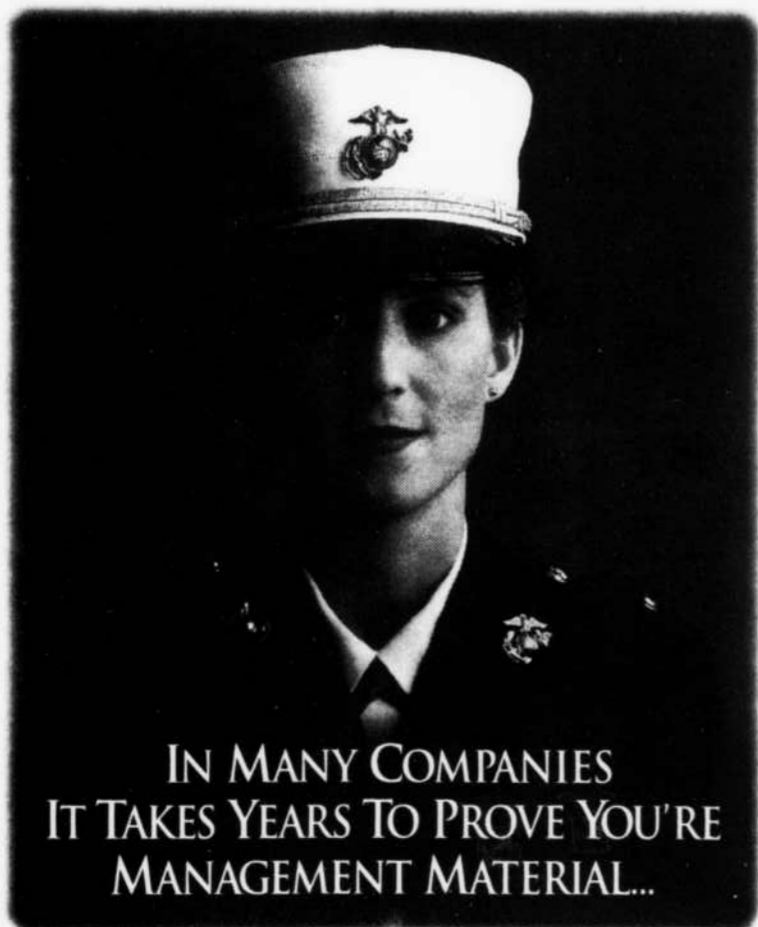
Although a record number of women took the test last year, their scores still lagged

behind their male counterparts.

Women comprised 54 percent of the more than 1 million high school graduates who took the test. Yet, while both high school and college women get better grades than men when matched class-for-class, they continued to score three points lower on the verbal section on the test and 40 points lower in math.

"The [test administrators] have been told by its own researchers that the exam consistently underpredicts the abilities of young women," said Dr. Pamela Zappardino, executive director of Fair Test. "And this year's report gives no indication that there's anything new about the 'new' SAT in terms of this bias. At this rate, it will be more than two decades before the gender gap is eliminated." ●

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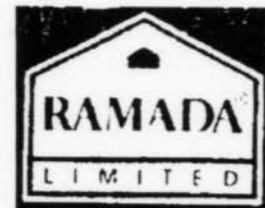
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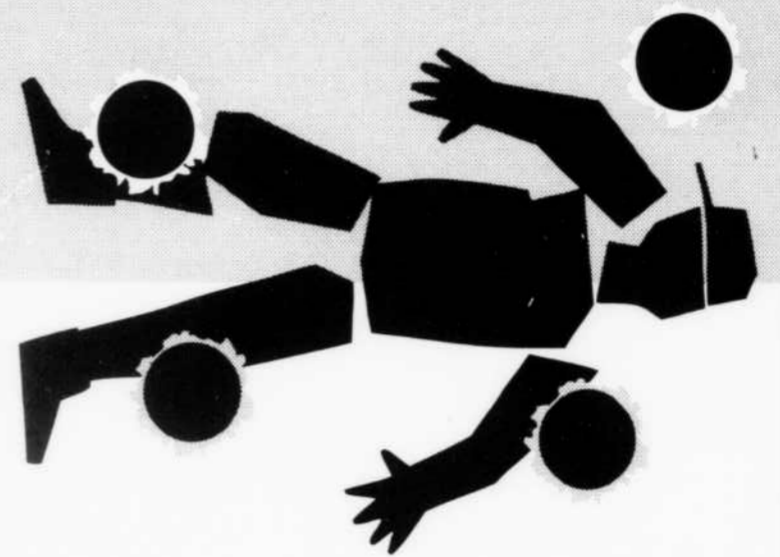
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In our view

By the Sidelines Editorial Board

Workshops worthwhile

There are a couple of workshops coming up that might benefit you. The Student Leadership Conference is this weekend, and five internet workshops will be held in September and October. They are open to all students.

Education is offered in places other than the classroom.

Interpersonal communication, developing your goals and living healthy while working hard are parts of this weekend's conference.

The internet workshops should be very beneficial for the person inexperienced with the electronic medium.

Ask anyone who uses the net for research, communication or recreation. Once you understand some basics of the internet, you can learn while exploring on your own.

So if you have the time, there is some valuable education being offered outside of the classroom. Check the news section of this paper for the details.

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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 on the matter. 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.



Letters to the Editor

Parent of freshman finds Housing's first week plan lacking

To the Editor:

"Students don't matter in debate over fee increase," the [Sidelines opinion piece in the Back to School issue] from Warren Wakeland, showed me that there was a need for me to write from my daughter's experiences.

Freshmen, go home! Why would anyone (in their right minds) instruct new students to move onto campus, leaving the world as they know it behind, and not have activities planned for them?!? My daughter received a letter from Housing instructing her to move into her dorm room Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 16, 1995. Since this was the only option offered to her, that is what she did. Big mistake. She anxiously awaited the arrival of others on her floor, meeting her RA, finding the list of activities available for the week, and meeting her roommate. Unfortunately for her, none of these things happened any time soon.

If nothing was planned for new students during this time period, why were they told to move in so early? She started calling various offices to see what was in store for these fledglings during this seven day period: "a picnic on Tuesday evening." That was the extent of activities on her "to do" list. When she got through to Housing, she was

told that since she was already registered, she could go home! What! Why move in only to turn around and go home? Does that make sense? Hasn't anyone stopped to analyze this situation? The freshmen, and other new students, are being set up for discontentment, boredom, anxiety and homesickness. Why would you put another human being through this? The whole situation has had an extremely negative impact on my daughter and on other students as well. Will she be back at MTSU in January? Only time will tell, but right now, the possibilities of that seem to be very slim. She would rather be at a college where students do matter, and that includes freshmen.

Margaret Johnson
Parent of a freshman
Maryville, Tennessee

Traffic a problem at TSU game; signs, officers could help

To the Editor:

Dave Watson (Sidelines, 9-7-95) had an excellent series of questions that need public address. I hope someone in administration will be willing to respond to the student body. However, this letter is not about that. It is not about the question of university/library v. prestige/stadium. It is not about the

outrageous expenditure on a pile of dirt, three flag poles and a sign (which isn't even in our school colors!) (But, I do wonder how many library books could be purchased with ten thousand dollars.) It is not even about the idiotic decision to block off a major street and parking area weeks before construction will begin.

This letter is about the fact that the Walker-Fowler-Donnelly Team (WFD) dropped the ball in the first quarter. Now it is up to Parking/Transportation and Public Safety to pick up the ball and try to get the play moving again. WFD was able to put on a good show at the TSU game by giving away numerous tickets. It was nice to have the stands nearly full. However, WFD gave no thought as to where all those spectators would park and how they would leave campus. My family and I arrived a half hour before the game and had to park behind the LRC; I have no problem with that. The problem came after the game. It took over 45 minutes to leave campus! Oh the joys of prestige!!!

So my letter to the Transportation/Public Safety divisions is this:

1. get street signs put up on every corner,
2. get an accurate map showing all closures and detours each week; now mark this map with the most expedient routes to leave the game and publish it in the visiting school's newspaper, the Murfreesboro paper, and the Sidelines, and
3. have officers on every corner enforcing those designated routes.

It isn't fair that the offense of the WFD team didn't do their homework, but hey that's life. Now, it is up to your defense to save the game. Good luck, I'm sure you will be understood and underpaid, but then we students are undernourished at our library too. It's just one of those facts of life that we have to live with.

Melinda Johnson Lickiss
History Graduate Student

Editor's Note: Athletic Director Lee Fowler said yesterday that the Athletic Department gave away no tickets beyond the usual 300 complimentary tickets for TSU and MTSU football players for which the Athletic Department paid \$1 each. Director of the Ticket Office Cindy Randles said that all other tickets were sold for \$12 each, except for TSU student tickets and 75 group tickets bought by a corporate sponsor for \$6 each.

Library more help than a recreation center or stadium

To the Editor,

Institution of Higher Learning or Sportscom II?

So. Last spring, when the question of accreditation came up at this esteemed bastion of education and free inquiry, we were on rather shaky ground because of the condition of our library (dear ol' Todd Library). Everyone who has ever tried to do research with the materials available there can tell you stories of frustration, lost books, missing journals and outdated information.

There has been some talk about a new library to be built near the Bragg Mass Comm building. However, there is a money crunch, you know, so we must order our priorities and build the most important buildings first.

You know. A new recreation building, a horse barn (I am willing to stipulate that the horse barn was a specific gift, but still), and, of course, we've all heard the word, now...TWENTY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR A NEW THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND SEAT STADIUM! Heaven knows we need it with the crowds we attract to our football games!

Where are the academicians who love learning and love to pass that learning on to others? Where are the faculty members who will stand up and shout, "Enough!?" Where are the students who are here to learn, not spend all their time in the Rec Building, the Murphy Center and at games? Most of all, WHERE IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AND WHAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP IS HE GIVING US WHEN HIS MESSAGE RINGS OUT LOUD AND CLEAR... "FORGET LEARNING, PARTY DOWN! YA'LL MIGHT AS WELL EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY BECAUSE YOU SURE WON'T FIND NO LEARNING HERE!"

Can someone please explain to me why a Rec center is more important than a library? If it wasn't for the fact that I'm one of the lucky ones with my own computer so I can surf the net and search the local

libraries from my desk, I'd be even more confused and frustrated than I am. Frankly, I'm tired of trying to earn a tuition at MTSU. Does anybody else feel this way.

Hey! Yo! Anybody listening?

Joyce Fox
Sr., Mass Comm/Magazine Journalism

Not all buildings on campus provide access for disabled

To the Editor,

An open letter to Warren Wakeland: [In regards to Wakeland's opinion piece, "Temporarily disabled student finds lifts, services awkward."] BOY! Were you led down the garden path!

I don't know about the state laws concerning handicap access, but I do know about the Federal "American's With Disabilities Act." Even if John Harris is right about state law, I know from bitter experience that MTSU does not come up to federal law. You see, Warren, the American's With Disabilities Act declares that all public buildings must offer access to the handicapped...and I had to drop a Drawing class this semester because I couldn't get to it. It was on the second floor of the Art Barn and the Art Barn has no elevator. Not only could I not get to that particular class, I could get to none of the Drawing classes because they are ALL held on the second floor of the Art Barn.

I mean, I know that a new stadium, a new recreation building and a new horse barn [granted, MTSU had no choice about that money] are MUCH more important than a new library or elevators in the two or three buildings that Harris admitted to me still have NO access to upper floors for the handicapped. But somehow I don't think the federal government would see it that way, and I'm just about to talk to a lawyer and find out!

Yours for a new stadium,

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MTSU students had the opportunity to get some on-the-scene archaeology experience this Summer at one of Tennessee's best historic dig sites



Digging up the past

By Elizabeth T. Fisher/staff

While most of us were taking a break from our studies in air-conditioned comfort, nine of MTSU's finest participated in a unique field school 45 miles from campus at Castalian Springs in Sumner County.

Modern day Castalian Springs is the site of the

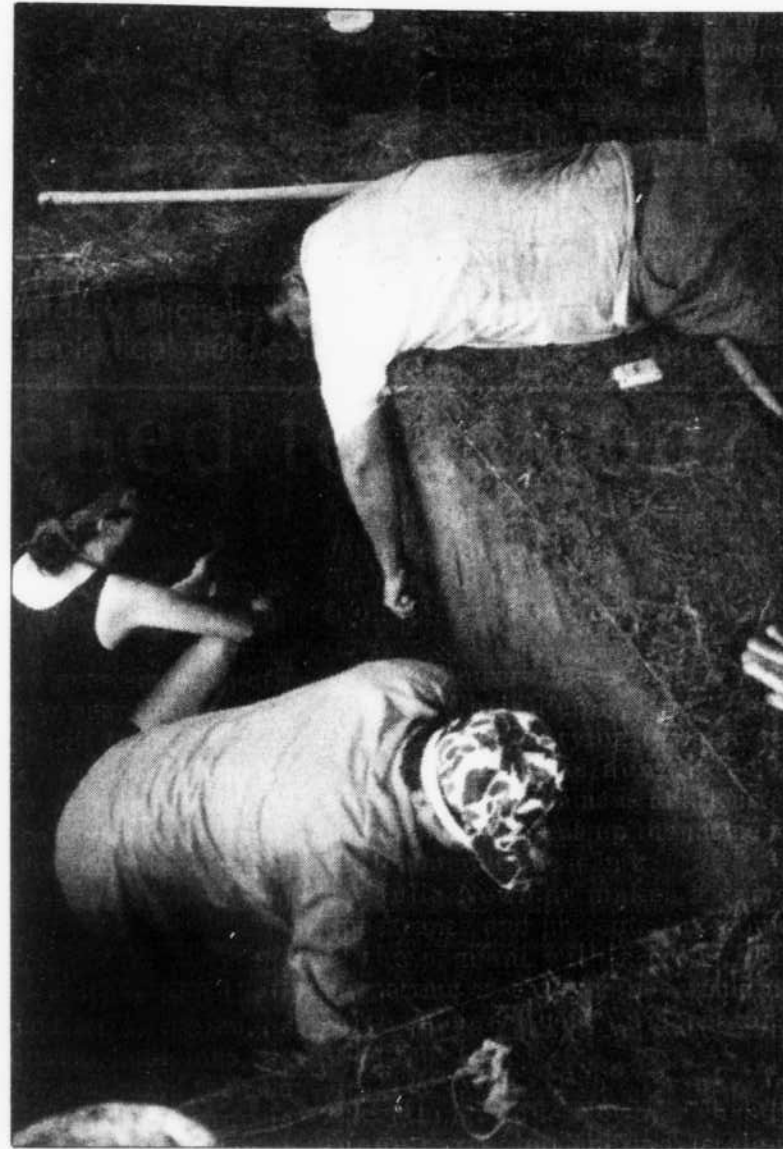
historic Bledsoe's Station, one of Tennessee's first pioneer settlements. One of eight agricultural stations in the original Cumberland Compact, Bledsoe's is the only one whose exact location is verified. With hopes of restoration, The Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association has enlisted MTSU's Anthropology department to realize their goal as Sumner County's Tennessee State Bicentennial Project.

What is most intriguing about the Castalian Springs area is the ever changing uses of its landscape. Its sulfur and fresh water springs, along with a natural earthen mound, have attracted attention to the area since the Ice Age.

To the layperson the term archaeology conjures up images of Egypt and the deserts of the Middle East, but the beautiful rolling hills of Middle Tennessee offer equally exciting prospects. This summer MTSU offered its first archaeological field course which enabled students to experience a real "dig" in almost every aspect. Dr. Kevin Smith procured the field school course offering in order to teach his students the methodology of excavation.

"It was a valuable experience, even if we didn't find anything. Fortunately, we did," he smiles. Dr. Smith estimates the group found from 75-100 pounds of artifacts. The most fascinating attribute of the findings lies in the varying ages of the artifacts.

The Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association has allowed the MTSU field team to excavate on the premises of the Wynnewood Inn and mineral springs. Wynnewood is an immense log cabin built in 1828, the largest wooden structure east of the Mississippi River and now a Registered National Historic Landmark. While the cabin stands as a beautiful man-made landmark, it is the



(Clockwise from top left): Ali Elrod, Ron Borders and another student worker inspect a dig site at Castalian Springs, Tenn., this Summer as part of their archaeology class lead by Dr. Kevin Smith.

Photos by Professor Kevin Smith



MTSU students (clockwise from bottom left) Andy Asherbranner, Fred Heifner, Ron Borders, Michelle Poston, Ali Elrod and Jim Puckett investigate an archaeological dig site during MTSU's first archaeological field course.

Please see DIG page 8

To Wong Foo: What happened to action?

Snipes, Swayze play unusual roles; Williams spices up film

By Donnie Hitchcock/staff

What kind movie comes into your head when the stars are Patrick Swayze and Wesley Snipes? Most people would think of an action movie with guns and a lot of people being killed. So why would two of the more macho actors in Hollywood make a movie in which they portray Drag Queens?

"To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything! Julie Newmar" is a story about three drag queens who are on a trip from New York City to Hollywood, Calif. when their car breaks down in a little southern town called Snidersville.

Well they did, and I guess it took two of the more macho actors in Hollywood to pull it off.

"Too Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar" is a story about three drag queens who are on a trip from New York City to Hollywood, California when their car breaks down in a little southern town called Snidersville.

At the annual Miss Drag Queen pageant Vita Bohen (Patrick Swayze) and Noxema Jackson (Wesley Snipes) both have won the honor of representing New York City at the United States Drag Queen pageant in Hollywood. They are celebrating their victory when they run into a fellow contestant named Chi Chi Rodriguez (John Leguizamo). Vita and Noxema decide to take Chi Chi with them to Hollywood, so they go meet a friend who arranges to buy plane tickets for them.

The friend they meet is John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt (Robin

Williams). John arranges for them to get a car, and they head off for Hollywood.

Their journey goes smooth until they get pulled over near Snidersville. They run into Sheriff Dullard (Chris Penn), who tries to cause trouble. After taking care of Dullard, they go on until their car breaks down in Snidersville, where they are forced to stay for a few days--and the town will never be the same.

At the beginning of the movie the jokes about the clothes and their lifestyles are good for a few laughs but get old about an hour into the action. Patrick Swayze plays the role of the responsible person, and is funny in some parts but really plays a very dull role.

The real comic relief in the movie is from Noxema--whom Snipes plays perfectly. Noxema does not care what people say and she forcefully earns the respect of other people she encounters.

Chi Chi is the flirt of the bunch. John Leguizamo does a good job in the role, but the flirtations are not as funny after they are done twenty times.

The Supporting cast in the movie is okay. Chris Penn plays Sheriff Dollard, who is trying to catch the queens after he is humiliated by them. Robin Williams is hilarious, as usual, and brightens up the movie for the ten minutes he is in it.

Julie Newmar makes a cameo appearance and presents the winner of the pageant with a crown. The supporting cast is good but would not be complete without an appearance from Rupal.

"Too Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar" has its funny parts, but the movie slows down a lot about an thirty minutes in and never gets back any momentum.

If you can get by the slow moving pace of the movie and want a few laughs, go see it, but the movie is a little disappointing. It is rated PG-13 for language. ●

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Joe Legge

When will you die? Where should you live? Find out on the Internet

Those of us in college are at the point in our lives where what we do today effects our tomorrow. Some of us aren't sure if we'll make it or break it. Others are just in the dark as to who they are and why they're here. Like both groups, I've often wondered if my own interpretation of life will turn out as strategically as I have planned. So I decided to find out, according to some experts on the Internet.

I'm sure there are numerous surveys to fill out and receive instant evaluations, but I needed help with a few specific areas. Those sections deal with where to live, whether I'm at risk for crime, and how long to I have to live.

Money magazine recently published the top 300 places to live in America. Their conclusions were brought on by surveying crime rates, economic conditions, weather, and a host of other significant items. According to the survey, Gainesville, Florida is the best place to live in America. That may be true for the conglomeration of people surveyed, but not for Big Orange blooded folks like me. Money magazine on-line (www.pathfinder.com/money/monehometext.html) extended this survey feature by allowing net-people to take the poll, and discover their ideal place to reside. I attempted to fill out the lengthy survey twice before finally focusing on the questions.

My evaluation, composed from personal answers, stated Rochester, Minnesota is the perfect city in America for me to live. Anyone that knows me well understands I've had a Minnesota fetish for a while now...and would gladly make it home--until the first winter. It was interesting to learn how accurate the survey tended to be. Of course it will be a different case for everyone. Personally, my model place to live would be Denver, Colorado--listed as my 49th choice. The Nashville area, my present residence, fared 225 out of the possible 300.

As for life expectancy, I turned to the "Longevity Game" by Northwestern Mutual Life (www.northwesternmutual.com/longevit/longevit.htm). Their questioning wasn't as extensive as the Money survey, so I was able to finish on first attempt. Apparently, everyone starts out at the average age of death. For males, this is 73. Each thing you do, or don't do adds or subtracts years. Although some of the questions were confusing, I tried to answer them as honestly as I could. The final result added a grand total of nine years to my life. However, I'm not sure as to how legitimate Northwestern's tallies are. I filled out the questions again, marking all of the negative aspects. This time, instead of reaching 82, I was given only five years from today to live. Shocking!

The final stop on the tour is the always fun Metro Police Department (www.nashville.net/~police). Lieutenant Ken Pence and a host of others have devised several tests to inform us just how vulnerable we are. The first section, to give you an idea of the options available, is called "Are you gonna be murdered?" I was unable to finish my crime evaluation the first time, and when I went back the network was down. Nevertheless, the idea is an interesting one.

Of course none of these surveys can pin-point an exact answer for what they offer, but they are cheaper than a psychic. And like the Psychic Friends Network says, "It's for

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sulfur spring that has attracted animals and humans for thousands of years.

The site's attraction to Smith and his students is three-fold. The area offers a fresh water and mineral springs, but also a salt lick and a natural earthen mound. The lick has been named for Isaac

and Anthony Bledsoe who led settlers from North Carolina and Virginia to the area as its first European settlers.

The agricultural station the brothers founded is known as Bledsoe's Fort and is, as Dr. Smith explains, "One of eight agricultural stations established in the 1780's, the only one we know of that was not destroyed. The first

agricultural field in Middle Tennessee is there." Bledsoe's Station's location can be ascertained because it was fortified with palisades or stockades by necessity as a result of attacks from Native Americans defending their long-established hunting grounds.

As a result of the the Cherokees and Creeks use of the area as a hunting grounds for deer skins, the MTSU students found a great deal of what Smith describes as Indian manufacturing debris the stone tools and flakes left behind while making arrowheads. They also discovered food refuse and deer bone dating from 1600-1790. But these tribes were not the only people to use the area.

While most modern Middle Tennesseans are familiar with the use of the area as a hunting ground for the Creek and Cherokee, few of us realize that thousands of years ago a huge prehistoric Indian civilization flourished right here under our feet. Dr. Smith, who specializes in the indigenous peoples of North America as well as the history and prehistory of Tennessee, is hoping to find a link to the mysterious disappearance of at least 50 to 60 thousand people by 1450 AD—fifty years prior to European invasion. Smith states that at its height the region contained about "forty big Indian towns with hundreds of smaller ones. But by 1450 they'd vanished."

It is Smith's desire to find answers to this mystery. "They were reaching a level of civilization

approaching that of the Aztecs, but there was no writing," he said.

Smith believes the answer to the mysterious disappearance could hold vital information for us today, as it could have been a result of natural disaster.

The class consisted of nine undergraduate and graduate students: Shelly Johnson, Keith Moses, Michelle Poston, Ali Elrod, Jim Puckett, Ron Borders, Andy Asherbranner, Fred Heifner and Dan Allen. They spent the four week summer session on site at Wynnewood from 8-4:30 Monday through Thursday.

"At first, everything looked like a rock, but we learned what was chert and what was worked chert where someone had sat down and made a tool. We learned to distinguish rock from bone and how to identify carbon."

Shelly Johnson
MTSU Archaeology student

From pre-historic animals, such as the 12,000 year old peccary (wild boar) bones discovered by Smith in 1994, to the MTSU summer field school, the springs of Bledsoe's Lick have been an attraction. The site is perfect for students of archaeology because it holds information from so many periods.

The students also learned how to identify their findings.

Shelly Johnson explains: "At first, everything looked like a rock, but we learned what was chert [a flint like substance] and what was worked chert where someone sat down and made a tool. We learned to distinguish rock from bone and how to identify carbon."

The carbon, usually evidence of a fire, is crucial for dating artifacts. The artifacts discovered this summer still need to be radio-carbon dated and further classified in laboratories.

"It's all grunt work" Asherbranner says of his experience. "The glory comes when we take the artifacts and we're trying to date them in the lab."

When asked what was the most exciting find of the dig, Asherbranner lit up. He found a piece of reed eight feet below the ground which could possibly be 8000-10,000 years old, "depending on the radio-carbon dates." Asherbranner thinks it could be a pipe stem.

"I get more excited over features such as trash pits, fire pits, remains of houses—the activities of the people," Dr. Smith said. He produced a photograph of a surface hearth from about three feet deep describing it as "probably belonging to the 1600's to 1700's and reflects Creek and Cherokee or Long hunters harvesting deer."

When asked if the students were frustrated with the

seemingly tedious work of excavation, Shelly Johnson said, "Only with the heat. But I think I can speak for the class in saying that it was a wonderful experience."

So how does the labor of MTSU's archaeology students impact Tennessee today?

"It serves three functions" answers Dr. Smith. "Students have a chance to look at the entire span of Tennessee history during a single month. That's rare, usually you'd have to do 3 or 4 field schools. Secondly, it provides publicity for the local community [Castalian Springs] and its historical sites...it's still more rural and hasn't been destroyed by development."

And lastly, he adds, "With Tennessee's Bicentennial coming up, we're looking at the sites which are the beginning of statehood. The first agricultural field in Middle Tennessee is here. Without the [agricultural] stations, west Tennessee couldn't have been settled." ●

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Next week, we are going to explore personal crusades on the Internet. These involve fans of television programs that have been canceled, and music albums unreleased but available for downloading on the net. If you have any questions or comments, email: legman@knuth.mtsu.edu. Those wishing to learn more about the Internet, access the FAQ website at: www.mtsu.edu/~legman. ●

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Entertainment Extra!

What to do in the area this weekend and beyond

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TPAC presents "Little Shop of Horrors" tonight. Call (741-7975) at 8 p.m. tonight. Call for ticket information.

Dancin' in the District presents the Lounge Founders, Max Vogue and The Winfields at 8:30 p.m. tonight at Riverfront Park in Nashville. Event is free and open to the public.

The Boro Bar and Grill presents Beblop. Call 895-4800 for time and cost.

Mainstreet presents Bruce Hampton and the Figi Mariners will play at along with Hank Flamingo. Music starts at 9 p.m., \$5 cover.

Zanies (2025 8th Ave. S., Nashville) presents James Gregory at 8:30 p.m. Tix are \$14 at door or through Ticketmaster.

The Mix Factory (300 2nd Ave. S., Nashville) presents Mudbrothers in the Zoo.

The Tennessee State Fair runs through Sunday at the State Fairgrounds, Nashville. \$3 Adult admission.

Friday

TPAC presents "Shenendoah" at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow. Tix are \$8 and \$10; also, TPAC presents the Nashville Symphony tonight at 8 p.m. with Mel Torme. Tix are \$20 to \$45.

Mainstreet presents Self, Fluid Oz. and The Features tonight. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. \$5 cover.

The Boro presents Thicket Grove. Call 895-4800 for time and cost.

Music on the Knoll presents

Country Line Dancing with BR5-49, Highwater and Old Mother Haggard at 3 p.m. today. All Knoll shows are free and open to everyone.

The Mix Factory presents Radioactive Flowers in the Zoo, 21 and over show. Dance music in Close Encounters room.

328 Performance Hall presents Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction DJ dance party. 21 and over only.

Zanies presents James Gregory tonight at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tix \$14 at the door or through Ticketmaster.

Comedy on the Square (849-1256) presents Lavelle Crawford, Jerry Walski and Randy Alexander tonight and tomorrow at 8 and 10 p.m. Tix are \$7 at the door.

Saturday

Mainstreet presents Slump and Mystic Reign tonight at 8 p.m. \$5 cover.

The Boro presents Dr. Gonzo, call for time and cost.

MTSU Football: 6 p.m. game at Morehead State, Morehead, Ky. \$5 general admission.

328 Performance Hall Johnny Jackson DJ dance party at 10 p.m. tonight. Tix \$4 at the door.

Jr. college baseball tournament today and tomorrow at Reese Field on campus. Call 2450 for more information.

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R.E.M keeps fans happy and wet

By Nathan Dowling/staff

"Six long years of waiting for Top 40 hits?" This is but one reaction overheard after Monday night's R.E.M. concert at Starwood Amphitheater. However, it is a rather uniformed and pessimistic view of the band's show. R.E.M. is no longer an "underground" (whatever that means these days) band. Since coming to the attention of most people in 1987 with the release of their fifth album, "Document," R.E.M. records have sold millions. To expect them to tour and play a set comprised of mostly older material would soon turn the band into the Rolling Stones. Anyway, despite all this criticism (not to mention, sporadic rain showers), they put on an impressive show.

The night began with opening band, Radiohead, taking the stage and sharing the emotional fury of the songs off their new album, "The Bends." "High and Dry," "Just," and "Nice Dream" were just a few highlights of their incredible performance.

R.E.M. took the stage soon after and opened up with "I Took Your Name," which has got to be the most monotonous song the group has put out since "Time After Time." The band droned on in front of a blank screen as a blinding light rotated under drummer, Bill Berry's kit. Thankfully the band soon kicked into "What's The Frequency, Kenneth" and the lights were turned on to highlight the band instead of the audience. From then on they went through all the singles from their latest release, "Monster," including "Crush With Eyeliner," "Bang and Blame" and "Strange Currencies." This last song was introduced by Michael Stipe, lead singer/enigmatic pop culture icon (insert sarcasm). "It's 1997, you're in high school, you're

got bad skin and you go to the prom by yourself, if you go at all." With these words, the band transformed a rather bland ballad on tape to a powerful live performance that actually sent chills up my spine...or was that the beginning of another thunderstorm?

Another strong performance was the band's rendition of "Man on the Moon." It was poignantly introduced by Stipe as he began talking to the crowd about the last time he was in Nashville. "About two years ago I was at this exact place with my friend River (Phoenix to see my dear friend Natalie (Merchant). This is for him. Let's make it a celebration." Guitarist, Peter Buck, and bassist, Mike Mills, jump-started the song as it went through its high and low rhythms which got everyone that had a pulse up on their feet.

Several new songs were also introduced by the band, who are reportedly already recording a new album. "Revolution," "Departure" were met with enthusiastic response by new and old fans alike. "Undertow," a song introduced as being about water had a harder edge to it than the band's previous releases.

Older fans were finally rewarded near the end of the show as the band played "South Central Rain," the only pre-1987 song featured in the set. Never has a song been so appropriate then when R.E.M. began the song and the sky responded with another downpour, as if on cue! As the rain came down even harder, the band ended their stellar performance with "It's The End of the World as we Know it" and the thousands in the crowd sang along that they felt fine. Overall, I would say the evening's concert was fine indeed. ●

BR5-49 picking on MTSU knoll Friday

By Joey Butler/staff

Robert's Western World is a honky tonk in the truest sense of the word. One wall is lined with cowboy boots for sale. The bar has more names carved in it than the Vietnam War Memorial. They sell Budweiser in a can and a bottle.

In the afternoon sun, it seems like a sleepy little bar with a loyal patronage of five or six good ol' boys. But when the sun sets on Broadway, Robert's is packed to the rafters because this, friends, is no ordinary little juke joint. This is the home of BR5-49.

Their name comes from a "Hee Haw" sketch, a pop reference that would leave Quentin Terentino and Dennis Miller scratching their heads. Their music comes from country's founding fathers and it's making Nashvillians tap their feet in earnest.

"We try to incorporate old styles of country ranging from swing and bluegrass to honky tonk and the newspapers call it eclectic and bizarre," says vocalist Gary Bennett. "But it's just raucous old country music to me."

For such an "eclectic and bizarre" band, their origins read like textbook country lore. Bennett was singing for tips ("biscuit money," he calls it) at Robert's while buddy Chuck Mead was doing the same at Tootsie's Orchid Lounge next door. As the story goes, they joined forces to play the good ol' country they loved, developed a devoted cult following and became Music City's Next Big Thing.

However, BR5-49 made sure they accepted success on their own terms. They made Robert's their base of operations because, according to Bennett, it was in the "real" part of town.

"We wanted somewhere to play where we didn't have to wear fluorescent cowboy shirts," says Bennett.

Fluorescent clothing or no, BR5-49 recently inked a deal with Arista Records and plan to release their first album next spring, which they hope will make them lots of biscuit money.


What does this have to do with MTSU? Well, the band has agreed to leave the tranquility of Robert's to perform at Friday's Music on The Knoll concert. Hey, they're on a major label now — they've gotta play somewhere else.

The concert starts Friday around 3 p.m. and also features Highwaters and Old Mother Haggard. This week's concert highlights local country acts, but Brook Blomquist of Student Programming explains that the aim of the concert series is to appeal to all groups of the student body.

"We're trying to present a balanced program that stays as diverse as possible," says Blomquist.

The diversity continues next Friday when Music on The Knoll presents a number of local rap acts.

So go check out BR5-49 on Friday. After all, this album deal could lead to major touring and THHPPPTT — they'll be gone. Catch 'em while you can. ●

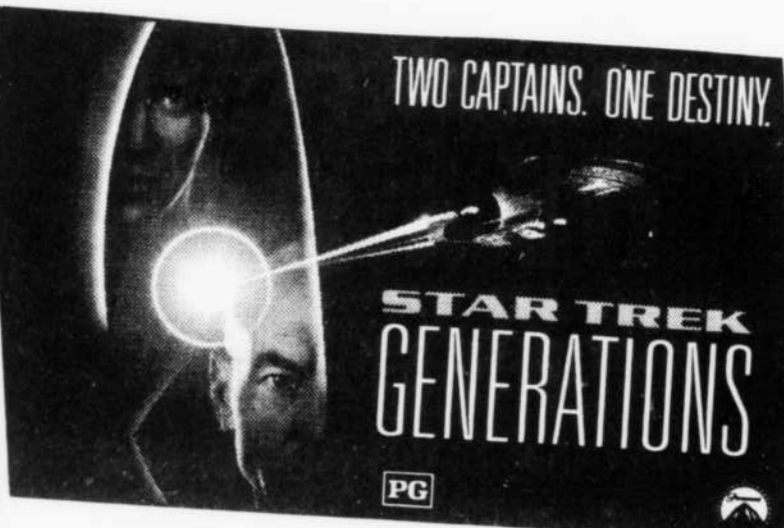


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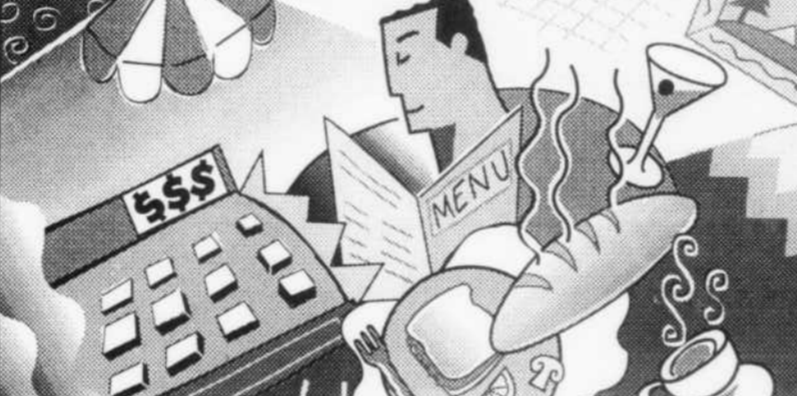
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Middle fans chill out at the dome

The Blue Raiders lost one of the greatest football games I have ever seen last Saturday.

Now, the score didn't go our way when the battle for the inaugural "Eagle Classic" trophy was over, but I challenge anybody to find a three hour activity that could cause a person to experience such a wide range of emotional highs and lows.

And "Steel Magnolias" doesn't count. I can't look at Daryl Hannah without thinking about that big orange fish tail.

Anyway, I rode down with some friends to take in the game, and let me tell you, that dome is really cool.

OBSERVATIONS



Rob Nunley

Literally. Could they turn up the A/C any more? It's supposed to be indoor football, you know, played in the comforting confines of a modern domed facility. sometimes

during the game it felt like we were at Lambeau field.

Luckily, we arrived at the game early enough to go cruise the nearby CNN center mall and grab some lunch at a sports bar before the game. I say we were lucky because you wouldn't believe how expensive food was inside that dome. They must have a heck of a loan to pay off, because everything was just outrageously high. I'm not cheap or anything, but four dollars for a beer is insane. (Not that I would have bought a beer, Mom, it was just something I noticed).

But back to the game itself. In the second half, we looked absolutely unstoppable. Every play developed beautifully, and watching Jonathan Quinn rocket pass after pass to Dee Mostiller as we marched down the field at will left all the Raider boosters in attendance on the edge of our seats.

But unfortunately that first half just didn't go our way. I'll admit that while Georgia Southern's basic offensive set seemed to have our defense chasing its tail for most of the first half, they scored on some ridiculously lucky plays.

But the men in Blue came back pounding, and made quite a game out of it. If one more play had gone our way late in the fourth quarter, we might be celebrating one of the biggest comebacks in history right now. But it just didn't happen.

But let's not think about Saturday's loss as one game. Why not consider it two thirty-minute affairs, and say we split the double-header?

Because when you think about it, we played a great game in that second half. And after Saturday when we completely destroy Morehead, we'll have played one and one-half games of great football.

■ And speaking of people playing great football, the annual "Which team will Deion Sanders honor with his presence?" contest has finally come to an end, and the winner is the Dallas Cowboys.

I always really liked Deion when he was with the Braves. He packed a lot of flash into a package that, excepting his speed, I never thought had a lot of baseball talent. But just the fact that a player had enough skills to be able to play professional football and baseball just mystified me.

But he had to mess it up. I respected and admired him so much, and he had to go to the one team that in my mind I rank just under the Buffalo Bills and the American Nazi Party on my personal list of least favorite organizations. I just don't know if our relationship can go on, Deion.

But I can understand his reasons for signing the deal — all 35 million of them. "Prime Time" has inked a \$35 million deal to play for the 'Boys, which includes a \$13 million signing bonus.

Maybe he'll have enough cash to buy a cold one at Texas Stadium. ●

Raiders hope to put Georgia Dome loss behind them at Morehead State

By Ryan Lewis/staff

The Blue Raider football team loads up the bus for the second consecutive week to travel to Ohio Valley Conference foe Morehead State for a Saturday evening clash with the Eagles.

Morehead State (1-0, 0-0) suffered through a disastrous 1994 season by losing every one of their 11 games by substantial margins. This year, Eagles' coach Matt Ballard brings his squad into the MTSU game with a win under their belt. It was their first win in the last 15 games.

Morehead State topped Kentucky Wesleyan, 36-11, in its first game of the season back on Sept. 7, and a taste of victory has the Eagles craving for more.

"Morehead is a team that I'm highly impressed with mainly because of their coaching staff," commented Donnelly. "Morehead is a place that has de-emphasized football. How in the world they keep these players' attitudes up, I don't know."

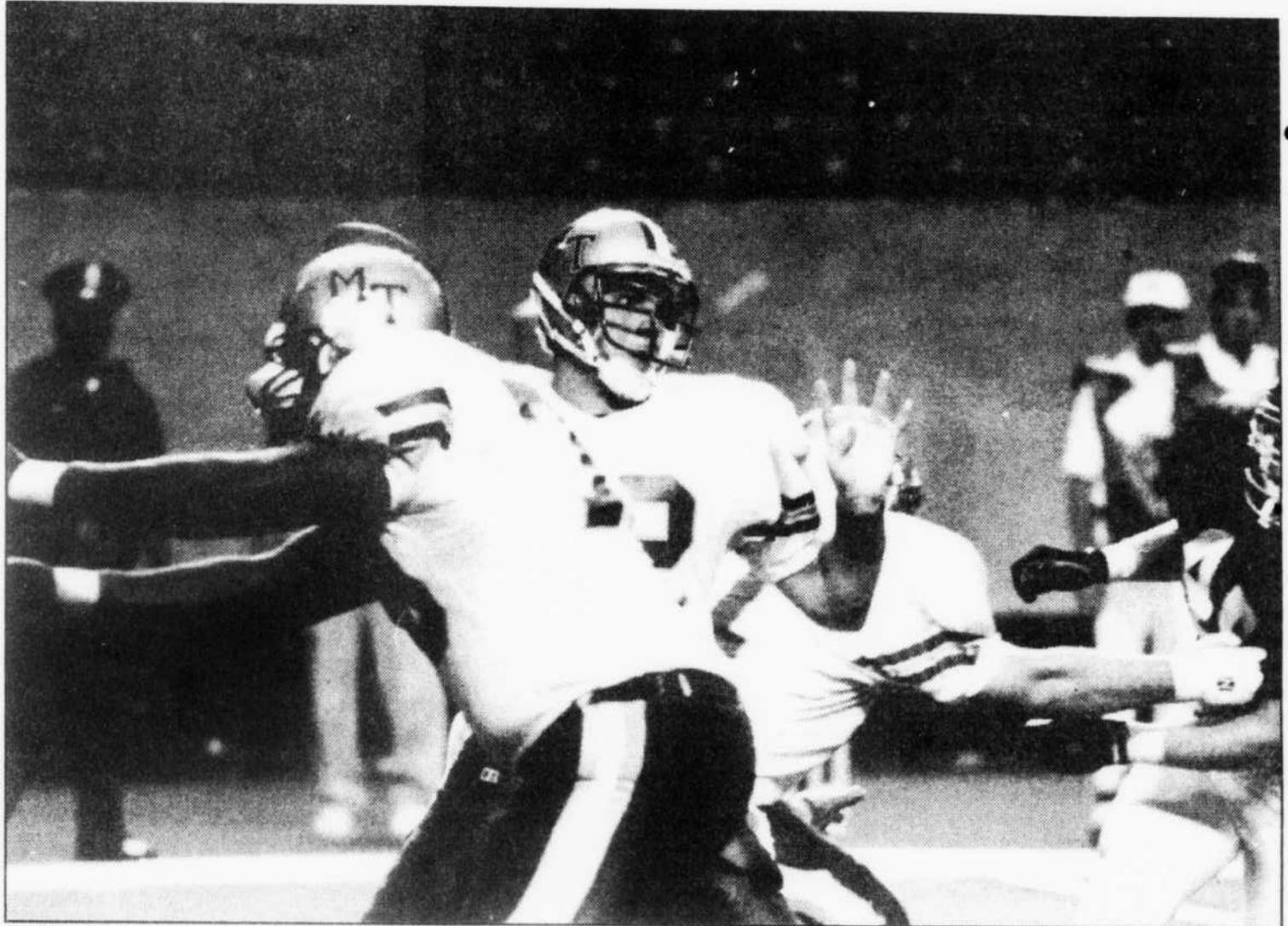
Indeed, even though the Eagles were trounced by the Raiders a year ago, they showed the same "never say die" attitude that MTSU has displayed in '95.

"In our game last year, the score was way out of line," affirmed Donnelly. "They continued to fight for every inch they could possibly get. They hit us as well as anybody else."

In 1995, the Eagles return 13 starters (seven on offense and six on defense), including quarterback J.P. Blair who blistered Kentucky Wesleyan with 17-of-30 passing for 243 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's an exceptionally fine athlete," Donnelly said of Blair. "He moves around pretty good and throws pretty good, and that creates us some problems mainly because of his direction of the passing game."

Morehead State's offense racked up 446 yards of total offense in their



Brian G. Miller/staff

Sophomore quarterback Jonathan Quinn and the rest of the Blue Raider football team will travel to Kentucky this weekend to face the Morehead State University Eagles. Quinn and Shelby Parker have shared time at quarterback this season, and it is still unclear who will become the permanent starter.

first game with most of it coming from Blair and sophomore running back Anthony Ravizee who rushed for 128 yards on 22 carries with two touchdowns of his own.

Defensively, Morehead State returns a solid bunch accompanying defensive back Cliff Freeman and linebacker Scott Marsh. Freeman recorded 90 tackles (53 solo) in 1994

to go with his four interceptions. Marsh had 81 tackles (46 solo) a year ago with one pick.

As another week goes by in MTSU's 1995 season, another decision on the starting quarterback has to be made. Sophomore Jonathan Quinn and red-shirt freshman Shelby Parker continue to trade time at the position. Even though both have

played well most of the time, neither has stepped forward to solidly claim the spot.

Parker got the start against Georgia Southern last week, but Quinn came on in relief in the second half and was extremely impressive as he threw for 275 yards on 16-of-29 passing and three touchdowns.

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7-0 volleyball squad gears up for New Orleans tournament

Staff Reports

The undefeated Lady Raider volleyball team will face its toughest challenge of the 1995 season this weekend when they compete in the Kathy Trosclair Memorial tournament in New Orleans.

The Raiders will be facing Tulane, Nicholls State, Alabama, and Central Florida in the two-day tournament.

The team will have to do without the services of one of its stars. Sophomore outside hitter Tanya Maltes is suffering from an ankle injury and will miss the tournament. Sophomore Tara Miller will start in Maltes' place.

"It (losing Maltes) will lessen our depth, but as a player Tara's just as good," Lady Raider head coach Lisa Kissee said.

This weekend's tournament will feature some of the most talented teams that the Lady Raiders will face this season.

The squad's first opponent, Tulane, finished last season with a 20-4 record. The Green Wave is 113-87 over the six-year career of head coach Sonya Harrison.

Nicholls State is scheduled to be the Raiders' next opponent on Friday. The Lady Colonels were 27-12 in 1994, and finished third in the Southland Conference.

Saturday morning, the Lady

Raiders will do battle with the Alabama Crimson Tide, probably the least challenging of the five teams in the tournament. Last year the Raiders swept the Tide in their only meeting of the season.

But the schedulers of the Trosclair Memorial saved the best for last as far as Middle's weekend schedule is concerned. The squad's final opponent of the tournament will be the Golden Knights of Central Florida.

Central Florida finished last season with a 31-11 overall record, but were 10-0 in the Trans America Athletic conference. The Golden Knights defeated 1994 OVC champions Southeast Missouri in last season's play-in series between the two conferences.

"We have some good matchups on the first day, but on the second day we will be playing teams with more experience on a higher level of play," Kissee said.

Middle opens conference play on the road with a trip to "Death Valley". The Raiders will travel to Eastern Kentucky on September 22 and Morehead State on the 23.

The Lady Raiders next home matches will be against UT-Martin on September 29 and preseason conference favorite SEMO on the 30th. ●



Todd Sorum/staff

Coach Lisa Kissee's Lady Raider volleyball team will travel to New Orleans this weekend for the Kathy Trosclair Memorial tournament. The 7-0 Lady Raiders are off to the best start in MTSU history.

Hall of fame ceremony set for Homecoming weekend

Sports Information

Three top-flight former athletes who all exhibited outstanding versatility in their talents will be inducted into Middle Tennessee State University's Blue Raider Hall of Fame on November 4.

Former football offensive and defensive end George Claxton, triple-threat former back and baseball player John Hambrick, and football and baseball standout G.E. McCormack will go into the Hall of Fame as part of the University's Homecoming celebration.

The induction will be held at the annual Letterman's Banquet, set for 6 PM in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The Banquet will follow a reception for all MTSU alumni at the University's Alumni Center — all scheduled after MTSU's Homecoming football game with UT-Martin, scheduled to start at 2:00 that afternoon.

Claxton was a four-year starter and three-time All-Ohio Valley Conference selection for the Raiders from 1964 through 1967. He helped lead MTSU to two OVC titles and was the team's alternate captain as a senior. In 1988 he was named to the

all-time All-OVC team. He is now in the insurance business in Winchester.

Hambrick, now retired and living in Marietta, Ga., was rated as one of the Blue Raiders' best all-around backs ever, according to former teammate and long-time MTSU Head Coach Charles (Bubber) Murphy. Hambrick's varsity playing days spanned the 1935 through 1937 seasons. He was also a talented left-handed hitter for the Raider baseball team and later coached football at Murfreesboro's Central High School for two seasons prior to a successful career with the Federal government in Atlanta.

McCormack was probably best known for his football prowess, but he still holds Middle's all-time record for single-season (1957) batting average in baseball (.443). As a football star, he was a three-year starter after transferring from SMU and earned All-American status as an end on the unbeaten 1957 team. He had a long and distinguished career as a high school coach and now resides in Dickson.

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"I thought Shelby Parker played well," allowed Donnelly. "I changed in the second half because quarterbacks, regardless of how smooth you are and how well you play, you've got to get people in the end zone."

"By all rights, Jonathan should start. Will he start Saturday at all depends on what we do getting ready to play this week, and how well Shelby responds this week. Who's going to be the starting quarterback? I wish one of them would step forward because we've got to have points, and we've got to have production."

The Blue Raiders (1-1, 1-0) will likely be without the services of senior outside linebacker Vince Akridge who injured a knee against Georgia Southern. Akridge had an MRI on Monday morning and will probably miss this week's game regardless of the test results.

Other injuries include sophomore outside linebacker Terrell Johnson who is day-to-day with a bad ankle. Freshman flanker Matt Lowe is also hobbled with an ankle injury, and tailback Brigham Lyons has been slowed in practice with a sore shoulder.

"How good is Morehead?" I don't know," remarked Donnelly. "How good are we? I think I know. I think we better do a lot from now until the time we go to Morehead, or else Morehead has a great opportunity to be 2-0, and we have a tremendous opportunity to be 1-2."

MTSU leads the overall series with Morehead State 36-8-1 after a 63-6 Blue Raider battering of the Eagles in 1994.

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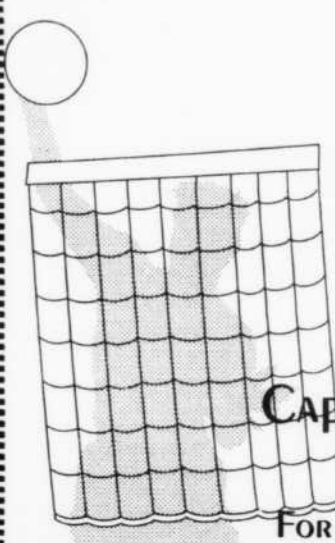
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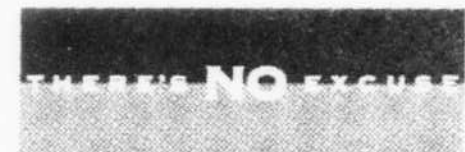
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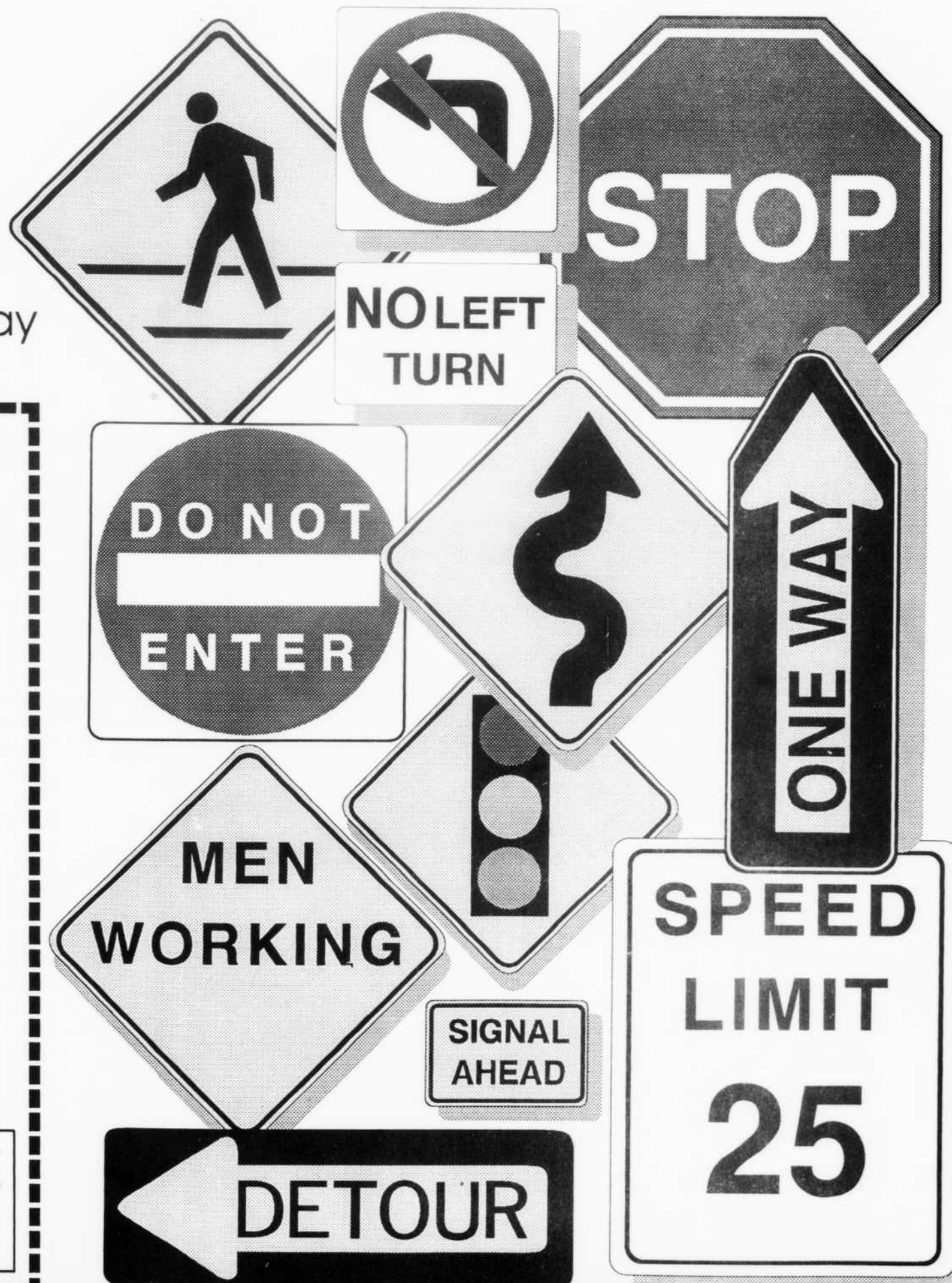
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