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Hazing raises stench with fraternity

*Kappa Alpha Order
suspended after allegations
of hazing fall 1993 pledges*

JASON WHATLEY
Editor

Disciplinary actions have been enacted against the Delta Lambda chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order in wake of reports concerning the hazing of Fall 1993 pledges.

The National Administrative Office of Kappa Alpha Order suspended the MTSU chapter as of Nov. 18, according to Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

Richard Barnes, executive director of Kappa Alpha Order's national organization said the charges claimed that on Oct. 17, members of the organization hazed pledges by "purposely dumping refuse and other

'I cannot overemphasize the seriousness with which I view hazing in any form'

RICHARD BARNES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,

KAPPA ALPHA ORDER NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

items in the chapter house and requiring the pledges to clean it."

According to sources, the "refuse" used in the hazing allegedly consisted of both human and animal excrement.

Cantrell added that in response to the hazing, the organization's letters and other symbols cannot be displayed on or off campus.

"At least for now, there is no Delta Lambda chapter of Kappa Alpha Order here at MTSU. The charter and regalia have been removed."

In the punishment handed down from the national organization, Barnes stated in a letter that the terms of the suspension are:

* "All chapter activities are to cease immediately. This includes chapter meetings, rush, initiation, social functions, intramural athletics and any other activity which could be inferred to be KA related.

* Any outward physical symbol of the relationship of the chapter house to the Order will be removed. The house is off limits to all members of the chapter except residents.

* The charter, regalia, customs and other paraphernalia of the Order will be collected by the Alumnus Advisor and delivered to the Province Commander."

Barnes went on to state that three local officers have been removed from office.

He went on to say the highest ranking of the three officers is prohibited from holding any more offices in KA.

The suspension of KA activities will be in place until Jan. 12. At that time, according to Cantrell, "one of their first functions will be to elect a new slate of officers."

Other disciplinary actions will also take place on Jan. 12 as well. In these sanctions, the brothers who participated in "trashing" the house must "participate in mandatory house improvement workshops, apologize to the pledges, and set up a mini-NLI."

According to Cantrell, "NLI" refers to the National Leadership Institute. In the workshop, fraternity brothers will work on educating others about "hazing, risk management, ritual, etc" and "will do things for their brothers, other campus organizations, and other chapters within

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Students rule at state collegiate legislature

TINA HARVEY
Staff Writer

The state government is now dominated by MTSU students — at least on the collegiate level.

The MTSU delegation of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislation walked away with six Douglas Carlisle Awards and four state legislative offices during mock legislature held at the state capitol in Nashville from Nov. 18-21

Kristen Baker, Deana Crawford, Toby Gilley, Maggie McLean, Elizabeth Millsaps and Woody Ratterman were awarded the Carlisle Award based on their performance throughout the weekend.

"The Carlisle Award is presented on the last night to delegates who display outstanding legislative performance and leadership skills and abilities," said Brent Downs, T.I.S.L. director of MTSU's delegation.

MTSU was represented with 21 delegates including senator Brian Hopper with 20 members

serving on the House of Representatives for the annual event.

At the convention, Toby Gilley acted as secretary of state, Elizabeth Millsaps as speaker of the house, Maggie McLean as press secretary and Woody Ratterman as chairman of transportation and energy in place of elected delegates who were unable to attend.

Elizabeth Millsaps was elected as Secretary of State, Woody Ratterman was appointed as fundraising chairman and Dana Cook as Chief Clerk of House for the '94 year.

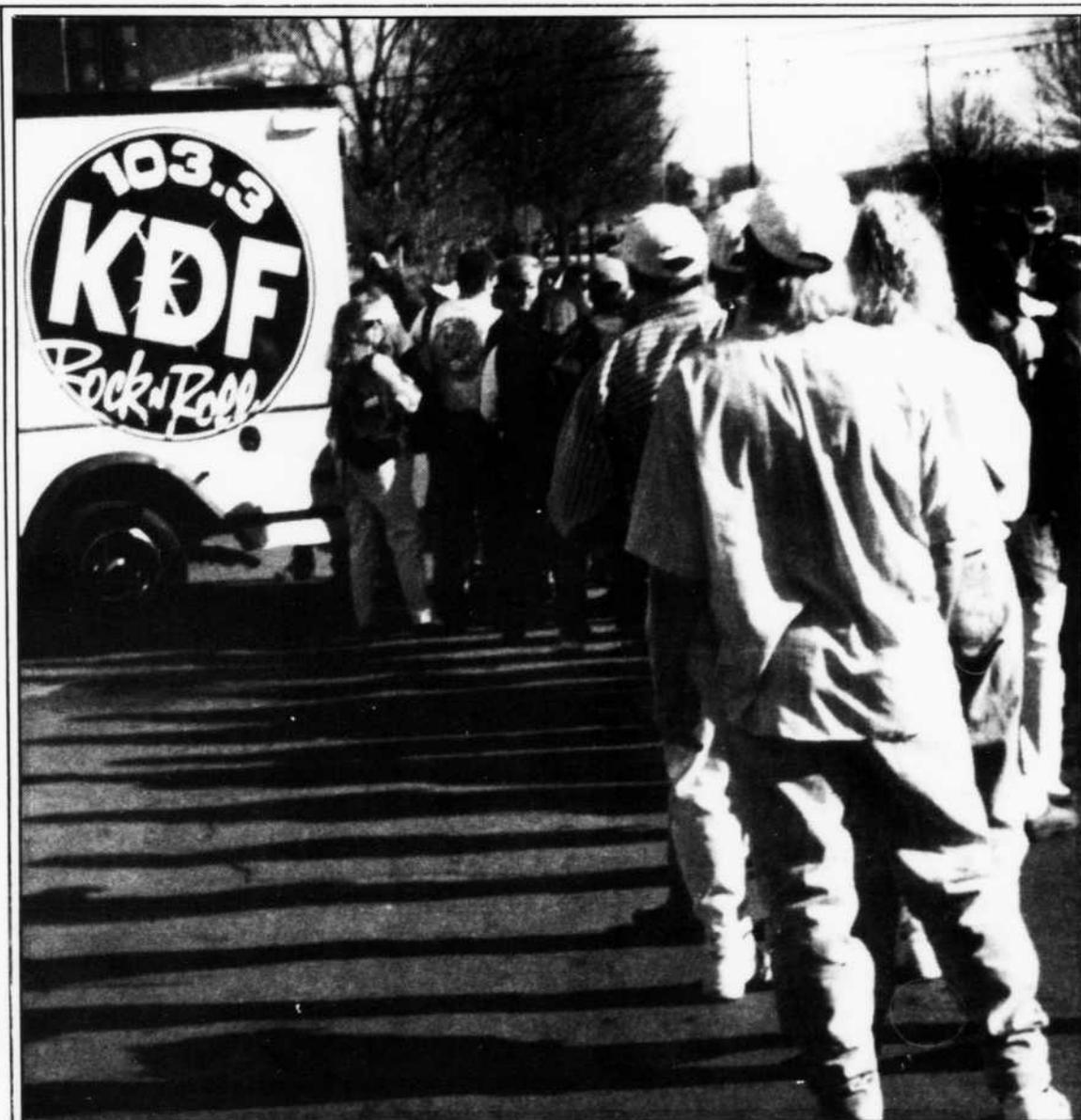
About 250 students representing 28 universities from across the state participated in the event.

Each school presented their bill to the legislature. Bill topics on both state and college levels varied from transportation to higher education, said Downs.

MTSU's bill introduced a way to lower income taxes and raise revenue.

"Our bill passed the committees, Senate and House of

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\$25,000! Students line up for KDF "Cash Bash" tickets in hopes of winning \$25,000. The prize will be awarded this Saturday at the Jackyl and Brother Kane concert in Murphy Center.



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the close of a successful year at 7 p.m. at Toot's Restaurant. Members and interested Democrats ages 13 to 41 are invited. Contact Kim Harris at 893-4555 for more information.

MENTAL ACTION meets every Monday at 7p.m. in KUC 305. New members are welcome. Call Andrew Welug at 890-5097 for more details.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

THE LAMBDA ASSOCIATION will meet at 6:30 p.m. to hold elections for the spring semester. Call the hotline at 780-7293 for the location.

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THE SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS meets the first and third Thursdays of every month at 5 p.m. in the Wiser Patton Science Building Room 201.

SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT will have a meeting at 4 p.m. in Peck Hall 212. Myra Wheeler and Marlene Akin will discuss employment interviews. Contact Gary Mobley at 896-5448 for more information.

THE PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meets from 9 to 10 p.m. at the PSF House every Wednesday. Anyone interested should contact Bryan Hume at 849-3490.

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THE LAMBDA ASSOCIATION holds their weekly gatherings on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on campus. Lambda is a an open support group for gays, lesbians and bisexual students, as well as advocates of the gay community at large. For the location of these gatherings call the hotline at 780-7293.

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Multicultural Center educates students about race problems

BRENT ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Campus administrators are encouraging students of different races to find ways to work with each other through new programs offered by the Multicultural Affairs Office.

A program about racism was held Nov. 16 through the office's mentoring program as part of its continuing goal to educate students and faculty.

The program included a discussion and film presentation by Roderic Terrell, president of Terrell and Associates, which focused on racism and forms it takes on college campuses.

"We have a problem on campus with black and white students not interacting enough," said Director of Multicultural Affairs Ralph Metcalf.

"The black students seem to voluntarily segregate themselves from other students at gathering places such as the Grill and

'Racism is not always easily distinguishable. Things we see as racism may not really be (racism), and it may be present when we least expect it'

RALPH METCALF
DIRECTOR OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

basketball and football games. The different races on campus are only existing together, not living and doing things together," Metcalf said.

The coordinator of the program, MTSU graduate assistant Phillip Watson, was optimistic about the decline of racism on campus.

"I think racism on campus is declining as people become more aware of it and the forms that it takes," Watson said.

Watson does not have any account for specific instances of racism at MTSU, but Metcalf still cautions students to be careful and take heed.

"Racism is not always easily

distinguishable. Things we see as racism may not really be (racism), and it may be present when we least expect it," Metcalf said.

The Mentor Program, made up of volunteer faculty members and incoming minority mentees is sponsoring the year's programs ranging from campus racism to special programs on sexual awareness.

The Multicultural Affairs Office will also be sponsoring events during Martin Luther King Week, Jan. 17-21. Events are also planned for African-American History Month in February and Women's History Month in March.

Dispute over discriminatory clause finally resolved

HEATHER SMITH
Staff Writer

A month-long debate surrounding the nondiscriminatory clause in the SGA Constitution finally ended in the House of Representatives Tuesday.

The House passed the resolution to amend the nondiscriminatory clause under the "Mandate of Student Rights" in the SGA Constitution.

Originally, the clause read: "Admission to the university's services, facilities and activities is open to all full-time students with out regard to race, creed, sex or national origin."

Debora Jackson, member of the Constitutional Revisions Committee, sponsored a resolution in the House to add to the list of specifications sexual

orientation and disabilities.

The proposal from the committee was a "cosmetic measure," said Brian Hopper, committee member and Speaker of the Senate.

House member Denny Nestoros amended the proposal from the floor. He said he felt that the clause was getting out of hand. The new amendment removed specifications in the clause and specified that the clause should read "...facilities and activities is open to all full-time students."

"I am scared that the new amendment is too ambiguous," said Speaker of the House Drew Bergman after the House voted on the new amendment.

The amended resolution went back to the Constitutional Revisions Committee. The

committee agreed that the nondiscriminatory clause was needed but there was no need to point out individual groups.

"Our school constitution should see all people as equal. No distinction should be warranted," said Nestoros. "Identity, recognition and heritage is important, but community is much more important."

The committee decided that the clause under the "Mandate of Student Rights" should read: "...facilities and activities is open to all full-time students without discrimination."

Both the House and the Senate approved the final proposal.

Woody Ratterman, SGA president, said he sees the amendment to the Constitution as a positive thing.

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their region," Cantrell said. In addition, KA members will be required to perform 500 hours of community service within 90 days of the organization's reinstatement, including charitable work for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Members are also required to sponsor an Inter fraternity Council/Panhellenic speaker on hazing, Barnes said. Barnes added in his letter that "I cannot overemphasize the seriousness with which I view hazing in any form" and that the organization will remain on "social probation" until April 1. Cantrell said that the university approves of the measures brought against KA in response to the alleged hazing. "The university is in complete support of the action taken by the national and alumni."

Further measures toward KA may be taken by the university according to Cantrell. "Once officers are elected and the charter is returned, the university will either accept the disciplinary actions of the national organization and/or pursue further disciplinary action," he said.

Student Government Association president Woody

Ratterman said KA will eventually regain its good standing with their national organization.

"I feel the situation is unfortunate but I believe that once new officers are elected in January, the organization will come back," Ratterman said.

"There have been a lot of men in that chapter who have done some very great things for the university...I hope they continue to be a part of the MTSU campus."

Former president of KA, Jimmy Craighead, was unable to be reached for comment.

Legislature...

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Representatives by acclamation," said Downs.

He added, "Every delegate made a large impression on the other participating schools. Our delegation as a whole was one of the strongest to ever represent MTSU."

Downs previously served as T.I.S.L. director at Nashville State Technical Institute where he was awarded a Carlisle Award. Downs has served as MTSU's delegation director for one year.



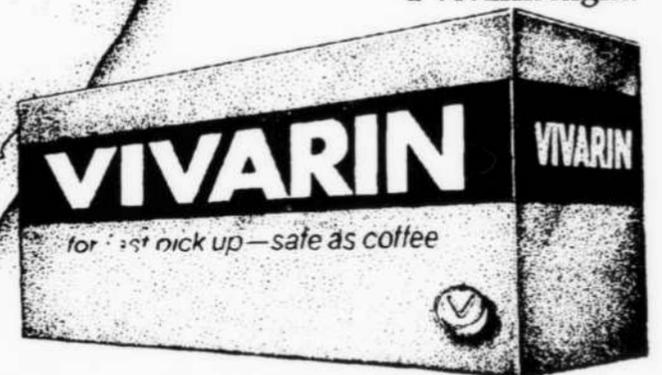
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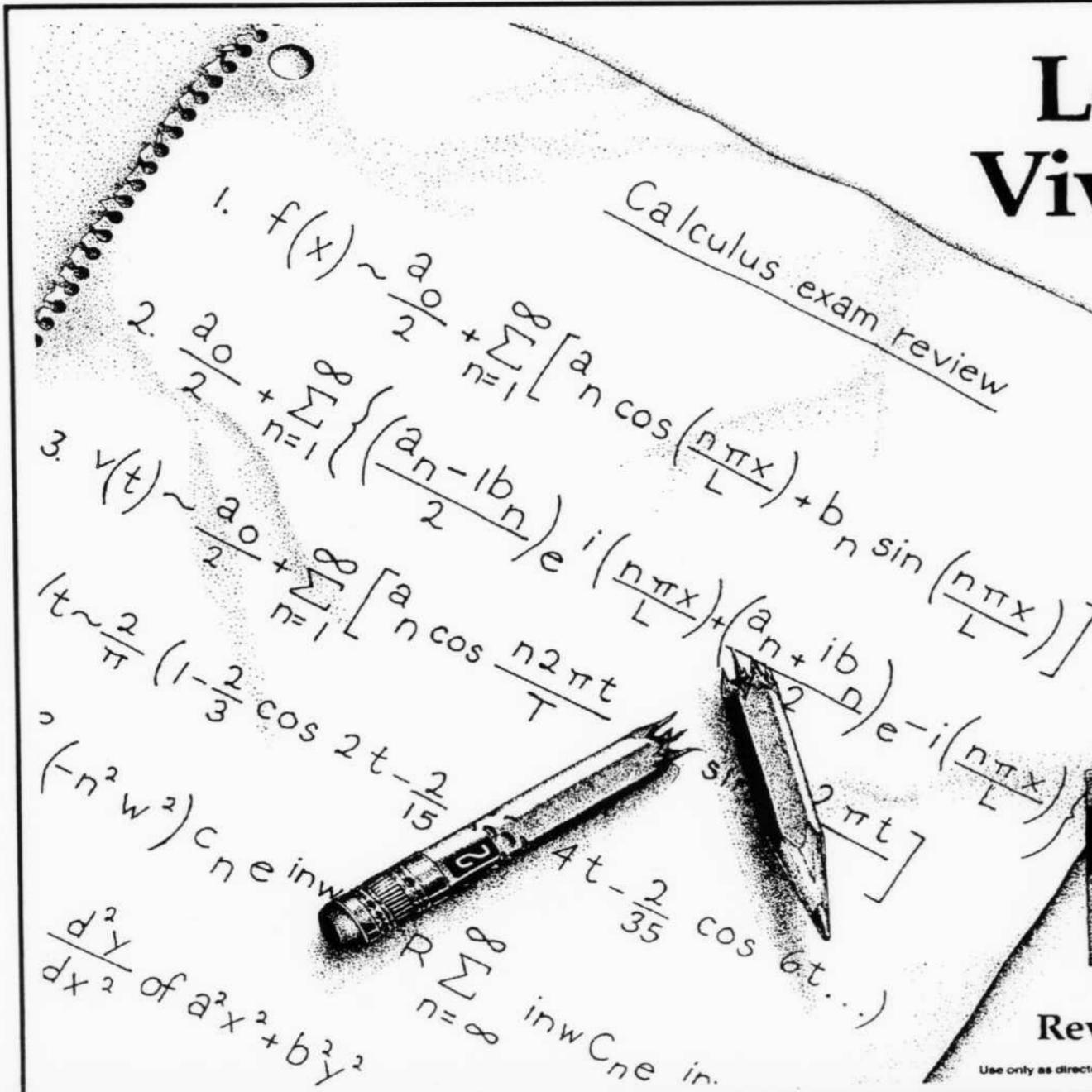
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Nashville club targeted for student production

Concert Promotion's class presents charity show at Ace of Clubs

BRANDY BERRYHILL
News Editor

MTSU Mass Communications students are going to experience concert promotions first hand when their class project debuts at the Ace of Clubs in Nashville Monday night.

Music City Unplugged is a chance for two MTSU entertainers to show their stuff and play with known label artists such as the Oak Ridge Boys, Exile, The Goldens, Great Plains and Stacy Dean Campbell.

The concert is a charity show to raise money for MTSU's RIM department and is in memory of Bob Griggs. Griggs was the former concert promotions teacher who died in a car accident last year.

The class was assigned to promote and produce a concert together given no budget to work with. One student, Jamie Allen

talked to the owner of the Ace of Clubs about using the club. The owner agreed as long as it is a 21-and-over show so that he wouldn't have to pay to have arm bands made for those that may be under 21.

Junior Dee Allen is helping his sister Jamie by doing some backup vocals for the opening act, Two AM, which includes Jamie and friend Leslie McFerrin. Along with Allen, Paul Martin of Exile is doing some backup vocals and piano for the duo.

McFerrin's husband, who is a graphic designer, made the flyers for the show at no cost to the class.

The talents that have agreed to perform at the concert free were arranged by students with connections to management companies, friends and connections to the talents themselves.

"The show will be interesting because we can hear these talents using the power of their voices instead of the usual high volume barrage of drums and other instruments," said Dee Allen.

According to Dee Allen, this

is the first time he and his sister along with Exile's Paul Martin have sung together although they have been prompted to do so for a long time.

The class has had a lot of fun being part of this kind of project and want the chance to help improve the RIM department for MTSU.

"It's just going to be a lot of fun for everyone. The class has worked hard to put it together and make it a good show," said Jamie Allen. "We hope to sell out the show." The performers involved are also excited about the show.

"It will be an honor to share the stage with these long-time greats to raise money for the RIM department, because usually I perform for colleges and high schools alone or with my band," Dee Allen said.

Doors open at 7 pm, Monday and the show starts at 7:30 pm.

Tickets for the Music City Unplugged are \$5 for students 21 and over. Tickets are available at Murfreesboro Sound Shop, MTSU Box Office or call 898-2578 for reserve tickets.

MTSU senior pleads guilty to bank robbery

BRANDY BERRYHILL
News Editor

A MTSU student who allegedly robbed an Eagleville bank in July has pleaded guilty to bank robbery charges in federal court last month and faces up to 20 years in prison.

Donald Ray Gandy Jr., a MTSU senior, was indicted on federal bank robbery charges and put in the custody of the FBI in September. The hearing was held at the U.S. District Court in Nashville Nov. 22 where he entered the guilty plea.

Even though he was in FBI custody, he was allowed to continue classes at MTSU this fall.

According to FBI special agent Walsh, maximum sentencing for bank robbery is

"imprisonment for no longer than 20 years and a \$5,000 fine."

"Congress passed a bill a few years ago for federal judges sentencing options, but the minimum sentence is 41 months in prison," Walsh said.

Sentencing for Gandy will be in late December. If he receives the minimum sentence, he will be in prison for the entire 41 months. There will be no early releases or parole, Walsh said.

Gandy was arrested by Rutherford County Police on July 2 about 15 minutes after allegedly robbing the First National Bank of Eagleville.

He was wearing a wig when he entered the bank, approached a teller and demanded money. Tellers said they thought they could see a handgun in his shorts,

even though a gun was never visibly seen.

Bank officials activated the alarm, and a dye bomb exploded when Gandy exited the building. He threw the money into the middle of the highway in front of the bank, and bank officials were able to pick up all the funds which had been taken.

The sheriff's deputies and detectives stopped Gandy just minutes later on state Route 99 near Rockvale. He was driving a car described as the getaway vehicle. Evidence including a wig and a gun were found, as well as dye from the exploding bomb.

The mathematics major had been involved with student government, CUSTOMS orientation and Kappa Alpha fraternity.

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Student loan reform big item on House agenda

CORRIE CRON
Assistant News Editor

While the Packwood Diaries are heating up the United States Senate, the U.S. House has been tackling how governmental funds should be dispersed to students wishing to apply for federal aid.

Tennessee Rep. Bart Gordon is leading a battle to make changes in the Higher Education Act which would move to replace the public/private partnership with direct lending to students from the federal government.

Gordon's main push is to prevent putting unnecessary burdens on schools who are not willing to participate.

"I wanted to make sure participation was voluntary," Gordon said.

Rep. William Ford, chair of the Education and Labor Committee, accepted changes that would make it clear that the Education Department could not

force institutions of higher learning to participate in direct government lending simply to meet target levels of participation.

Steve Rogers, a Gordon spokesman, says that Gordon is not opposed to a program of direct lending.

"Our biggest concern is that we're going to a program that has never been tested," he said.

Winston Wrenn, director of Financial Aid at MTSU, says it will be awhile before the university switches to direct lending.

"We are moving in that direction," said Wrenn. But he added that right now administrators are waiting "to see how this thing kicks off."

The first year of the program, only 5 percent of total schools will participate, and the list of those school has already been released. The second year, 40 percent of schools will switch to

direct lending by the federal government.

What it would mean for students is that the schools would be the banks. After the loan is approved and certified by the university, the financial aid office would write the student a check for the amount necessary. What this process does is eliminate the confusion of taking the certification to a bank, then waiting indefinitely for a check.

"There's nothing more difficult for teachers, students, the president and families for a check to be floating around out there," said Wrenn.

With direct lending, someone in the Financial Aid Office would know the whereabouts of a student's check throughout the entire process.

For now, the university is letting other schools iron out the bugs.

Campus problems for handicapped topic of Wednesday's discussion

PEYTON HIBDON
Special Assistant to the Editor

Students from Handicap Services met with leaders of the university in an open forum to discuss accessibility of campus areas Wednesday at the Alumni Center.

A group of about twenty students were present to talk top speakers President James Walker, Vice President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance and Director Of Disabled Students Office John Harris.

The purpose of the forum was to inform the faculty of the "things that were being done right so they could continue to do so and he also "wanted to know of things that could be done better," Walker said.

Questions by students were addressed and answered with candor. The focus centered around accessibility to many areas on campus and making the facilities user friendly to handicapped students.

It was made clear there are several high traffic areas which are difficult to access by disabled students. The fact that the ramps in existence are apparently too steep for many of the students to be able to maneuver without help

was one of the first issues to be addressed. Harris stated that "this problem had already been evaluated and is scheduled for rejuvenation in the near future."

Another problem addressed was accessibility to the elevators. One student stated many of the elevators often required a second person to open and close the safety gates. This makes it time consuming for the students because there is not always someone to help them.

One specific area cited was the freight elevator that students must use in Murphy Center during registration. Walker said this problem would be looked into and addressed before spring registration if at all possible.

Handicapped students now receive priority registration but, they still have to complete certain functions in Murphy Center such as pick up grant checks.

"I may be able to accept these functions to my office to ease the problem for the students," Harris said.

Another problem which arose was the problem of students not knowing which areas of the buildings were the easiest to access

"A master map showing which areas are accessible is

available in the Handicapped Services office to help with this problem," Harris said.

A big problem is crossing the road in front of the Mass Communications building due to fast-moving traffic. Walker said he would address this problem in the very near future.

On the issue of traffic another problem arose.

The students felt the Raider Express routes needed to stop closer to some areas. Walker stated he felt a survey was needed to show exactly which areas the shuttle needed to be more attuned to students needs.

"The shuttle had eased some of the parking dilemmas. The amount of shuttles will hopefully be increased in the spring as well as going to other areas such as the Bell Street lot," president Walker said.

The problem of living on upper floors was also mentioned as inconvenient as well as dangerous for the students.

"The problem has been addressed and would be solved by the spring semester," Harris said.

The meeting displayed the willingness and concern of the faculty and administration to comply with the student needs.

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A word from the Editor...

It's almost over. Thank God.

For the duration of this semester, the "Letters to the Editor" section of the *Opinions* section of this publication has sported an array of vehement feelings. Many of you have written in response to columns appearing in *Sidelines* concerning topics such as gun control, AIDS, NAFTA, or the Confederate flag. Still others of you have ventured out on your own, bringing issues important to you to the forefront of student discussion.

Now the semester is nearing an end and *Sidelines* will print only two more issues this semester: Monday, Dec. 6 and Thursday, Dec. 9. Unfortunately, even those who try to bring you the news need a break before finals.

Nevertheless, I would like to encourage all of you who still have something to say to write your thoughts down and send them to Box 42. You must realize, however, that not all letters sent to the editor can be printed. If we printed every letter, not only would we go out of business, we would be sued for libel, since many letters contain very sensitive information often written during the height of anger.

Letters are selected for printing based on a consensus decision of several of the section editors. Whether a letter condemns or praises the staff of this paper, letters are solely selected based on their originality, timeliness, and ability to arouse interest with the students. Letters ARE NOT screened by political opinion.

Over the course of the next two issues, we hope to bring you the most interesting letters possible. With the backlog of opinions that we now have, this task will definitely not be difficult.

President Clinton celebrates AIDS awareness...

Oh, to be a lightning rod

Yesterday the world celebrated "AIDS Awareness Day." To commemorate that "glorious" event, Parisian proponents of more education and research for AIDS shrouded a 200 foot oblique with a giant condom. In cities both large and small across Europe and the United States, much of the same action was taken as thousands of protesters, angry at the "lack of attention" AIDS has received, stormed into the public to have their voice heard. In one city in particular, a "brave soul" dressed in a body condom stood on a busy street corner passing out prophylactics to unwary passersby. While I personally avoided the festivities (What a shame!), our president



JASON WHATLEY
Editor

did not; but he may have wish he had.

Mr. Clinton went all out for the celebration. While he gave an impassioned speech to AIDS researchers at Georgetown Medical Center, his Health Secretary Donna Shalala and Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders exchanged their princely robes for aprons and served scrambled eggs and sausages to homeless AIDS victims.

Amidst all the fun, a

protester broke in the conference room and had some words for Mr. Clinton. Standing near the podium, screaming at the top of his lungs, the young AIDS activist trumpeted "Slick Willie, the Republicans were right. It's time to put up or shut up...One year, lots of talk, no action!"

The President, acknowledging his responsibility to hear the concerns of the public, said that it was "...part of my job to be a lightning rod."

How correctly said! It is Mr. Clinton's job to be a lightning rod and take the heat from an angry electorate. Just as it is my job listen attentively to the complaints of the some 20,000 readers of this newspaper.

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With semester's end, time is right for changes

Well, the semester is drawing to a close and I for one am sitting here writing term paper after term paper, as I suppose are the rest of you. That mad dash at the end of the semester is a time-honored tradition here at MTSU, and far be it from me to end it now by actually writing a paper ahead of its due date.

Our just-in-time approach to writing our papers (and I do mean OUR, as I would venture a guess that the vast majority of you are as guilty of procrastination as the rest of us, myself included!) is just a reflection of how we seem to be living our lives. Our generation is inclined to put off



JAY TRAVIS
Copy Editor

until tomorrow what we should have done the day before yesterday. The sad part of it is that we as a whole don't seem to realize the cost.

That cost is in the one thing which we cannot replace in our modern-day disposable society; time. Yes, I realize that time is the one natural resource that never depletes. No matter how much time you waste, there will

be more time tomorrow to replace it.

But I don't just waste time, you say? In fact, there isn't even enough of it to do all the things which I need to get accomplished, much less time to waste. Besides, what else can I do? This paper simply MUST get done, and everything else will just have to wait. So, you get all stressed out and work feverishly and at last, the paper is done. Then you hand it in and move on to the next overdue assignment. After all, that's what college is all about, right?

Wrong! This is supposed to be an institution of higher learning. The key word here is

HIGHER. A room full of monkeys set loose on a room full of typewriters may well eventually type out the complete works of Shakespeare (O.K., knock off the jokes about our editor's columns; I'm trying to make a point here!), but how many of those simians will realize the beauty of those words, or appreciate the enactment of those plays?

My point here is this; if we spend all of our time here racing from one meaningless regurgitation to the next, when are we supposed to have the time to learn the real meaning and significance of any of it? Surely I'm not the only one out here who

feels a little frustrated by the way our educations have boiled down to being simply a matter of having the ability to recite from some textbook.

There are a number of very talented teachers on this campus who probably feel the same way about this matter. I can only imagine that for someone who decides to make a career out of teaching, especially on the college level, there might be a bit of frustration at being restricted to a strictly textbook-oriented curriculum. Instead of such a limited, rigid structure, perhaps our university could encourage more research-based courses in

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disgruntled art professor will see Christians in Hell

To all the "Christian" Bible zealots who feel compelled to point out the iniquities of others (in the newspaper!) I'll see you in hell. I'll take my chances with God Almighty, but not with neighbors and fellow citizens like you. I'll thank you to keep your hate-mongering opinions to yourself and remind you of words penned by Holocaust survivor, Pastor Martin Miemoeller:

"In Germany they first came for the communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me—and by that time no one was left to speak up."

Couldn't happen in America? Think again and remember the recent speeches of Pat Buchanan and David Duke.

"Christians" who lay a foundation for hate and persecution in this world should think about their own immortal souls. In the New Testament—where what it means to be a Christian is explored—Matthew 7:1 says: "Judge not lest you be judged." "Christians" who obey the letter, but not the spirit of scriptures will have their own day before God.

CHARLES R. JANSEN
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART
BOX 229

RIM professor praises Jesus, Rush Limbaugh, and Sidelines

Hallelujah indeed! It sure did take doin some fancy footwork and a bit of 'arm twistin', but the good brothers and sisters of student journalism have fought the good fight and y'all emerged victorious. By virtue of their Christian work ethic, exemplary moral values and persuasive writing techniques, they have completed a miraculous task.

From this glorious day forward, no longer will any faculty, staff or student of MTSU...

Clinton needs to reexamine his policies on AIDS...

From Page 8

President Clinton responded to the accusations of inaction by claiming his administration has increased funding for AIDS research some 21 percent since he took office. Furthermore, he added that he has sharply increased support for programs to take care of homeless AIDS victims. In fact, the President, Donna Shalala, and Joycelyn Elders have initiated huge federal awareness programs boasting condoms as the last best hope for stopping AIDS.

However, the protester who so rudely interrupted Mr. Clinton's eloquence, while rather crude in his delivery, did have a point. While his intent may have been otherwise, he brought a very

interesting fact to the surface of this nation-wide debate: The current policies in dealing with the spread of AIDS are not working; and they never have.

As stated many times before, there has never been a cure for a virus; not even for the common cold. Since AIDS is caused by the HIV virus, logic would follow that the probability of finding a cure for what many call "the plague of the century" is unrealistic. In fact, most doctors agree that if such a cure were ever discovered, the HIV virus, with its many hundreds of strains, would have already mutated into a slightly different, albeit incurable disease. While Mr. Clinton brags of spending 21 percent more federal dollars on AIDS research, funding for

cancer research, of which many types are curable or will be curable soon, is strained for money. This is with the understanding that cancer affects one in four Americans.

Many will take this argument to mean that we should not diligently search for a cure for AIDS. That's ludicrous. We should, however, seriously reevaluate our priorities and Mr. Clinton's liberal awareness programs.

What Mr. Clinton doesn't tell his condom waiving followers and the many millions of uninformed youth, is that his health department has proven that even the very best condoms are only 85 percent effective in preventing pregnancy. How much less effective is the

president's latex in preventing the spread of a virus? This false sense of security is killing hundreds of thousands of the irresponsible; and our government is paying for it.

How long will we go on calling those who still believe in the virtues of marriage by such common, unthinking terms as "stupid" and "backward?" Is it so "chic" to risk your own life and then condone that same lifestyle to school children?

Oh, don't listen to me. I'm just old fashioned. Far be it from anyone to suggest that our "educated" humanist generation live a somewhat pure, maybe even moral, lifestyle! Certainly it is too much to ask those who wish to pervert nature to keep it to themselves.

Hasn't anyone noticed that the real cure for this "plague of the century" lies within our own free will?

The Clinton Administration along with most of our "MTV" generation will no doubt continue in the arrogance of blaming everyone and everything except ourselves for the inability to control our own impulses.

Just as Mr. Clinton was a lightning rod for the heated rhetoric of that young, misguided radical, so will I be for the opinions written herein.

Just as I have for a semester, I once again welcome your responses. For two more "backward" issues of *Sidelines*, I will listen attentively.

Send your thoughts to Box 42.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

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CHARLES R. JANSEN

'Do you think y'all could look into the possibility of getting Mr. Rush Limbaugh to speak here on campus?'

JULI KRYSLUR

'If MTSU is to be taken seriously as an educational institution the last thing we need is some knee-jerk conservative, paranoid religious fundamentalist running the paper.'

JIM BUTLER

be homosexual
Have adulterous or pre marital sex
Vote for a Democrat

Now all you got to do is take them sinners outta killin' their unborn babies and paradise will be ours. What ever did us lost souls do without your spiritual and political guidance? Praise Jesus, praise *Sidelines*, we are saved!

P.S. Do you think y'all could look into the possibility of getting Mr. Rush Limbaugh to speak here on campus?

JULI KRYSLUR
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RIM
BOX 21

Since Whatley took over we've had not one but two long articles from Scott Armstrong, a nut who is under the delusion that this is 1865 not 1993, and that the South is occupied territory. Armstrong also has divined that over 60% of Southerners are in favor of secession. Armstrong needs to be locked up, not writing articles for *Sidelines*. Well, maybe you shouldn't replace Whatley because he allows me to have a healthy violent emotional release every week!

JIM BUTLER
BOX 2218

Student has kind words for driver of Raider Xpress

I would like to acknowledge one of the "Raider Xpress" drivers. Tuesday night, Nov. 9, I caught the bus at Peck Hall for a ride to family housing. Before we got to my car, the driver let a woman off of the bus. Her car was pretty far from the stop, and was parked in an unlit area. The driver waited for her to get to her car. I thought, wow!, that was really considerate. But then he even waited for her car to start. I know I won't complain anymore about having to wait for the bus. It is worth a few minutes to ensure someone's safety. I don't know your name "Mr. Bus Driver"

LAURA AUSTIN
BOX 227

but I feel a lot safer on campus knowing there is someone like you to help protect us. Thanks!

JAMIE CARTER
BOX 1757

Cheating on tests only cheats you out of an education

A recent article in the *Sidelines* stated that eighty-one percent of college students studied have cheated on a test or paper in college. While reading this, I was reminded of the many times I have heard students openly boasting about "getting away" with cheating. These occurrences have led me to believe that, sadly enough, the University of Nebraska surveys are probably an accurate estimate of college studies nationwide.

There also seems to be a general opinion among students that one shouldn't "rat" on a fellow student if they catch them cheating. What these students don't realize is that cheating is stealing, and in EVERY instance they are among the victims to some degree just as they are when a person shoplifts (owners recoup losses by raising the price or lowering the quality of their goods). The detrimental effects of cheating encompass much more than the diminishing value of grades as a measure of ability. Cheating also diminishes the value of a college diploma. When students cheat, they are in effect getting unearned college credit. They are shoplifting the integrity of the academic degree. If they get through several classes this way (and they will), how efficient and able do you think they will be in the workplace? How many times must an employer hire an inept college graduate before the weight given to education level is decreased?

The result is that the explicit and implicit costs of going to college buys me a product of lesser value than would be possible if cheating were more strongly looked down upon. As Dr. Peter Rob, Professor of Computer and Information Systems, often says, "If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck". Whatever name you call it, cheating is stealing.

LAURA AUSTIN
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Time management key to success...

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which our abilities to approach problems in new and creative manners would be developed.

We need a new, energetic curriculum which would be similar to the honors program. These types of courses may not be as easy to pass as the current ones, but they would offer the students the opportunity to accomplish something new and relevant to the state-of-the-art in

their respective fields. This is the type of education which makes for legendary universities, such as MIT and Harvard.

After all, our time here at MTSU is both expensive and valuable. We should be able to make the most of it for improving our skills and educating ourselves not only to be adequate for the job market, but superior to our competition from any university anytime, anyplace.

Et Cetera, Et Cetera

"I don't think I'll get married again. I'll just find a woman I don't like and buy her a house."

LEWIS GRIZZARD

"Man is without any doubt the most interesting fool there is. Also the most eccentric. He hasn't a single written law, in his Bible or out of it, which has any but just one purpose and intention - to limit or defeat a law of God."

MARK TWAIN

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Hopefully TRAM a sign of things to come

Recently, I got my shot at TRAM. For those of you who don't know, Telephone Registration at Middle (TRAM) is the new way to register for the coming semester's classes. You should know this by now.



WARREN WAKELAND
Staff Writer

No more taking time off work to wait in lines at Murphy Center or the scheduling center. All is now right with the world.

When I first heard about this new idea, I was quite skeptical. I felt there were many better ways the school could spend the money than to replace a system that wasn't that bad.

I could also see, among other things, everyone calling at once, thereby allowing me to get a busy signal for an hour while grinding my teeth down to my gums with impatience.

I'm glad to report that my fears were unfounded.

I had talked to three friends who used the system in the first week, and all three reported no

problems. They got their schedules done in five minutes.

But all three also have over 100 hours toward a degree, and I reasoned that the majority of students here have less hours completed. I reasoned that my friends were the exception.

Well, here's what happened.

I got through the first time I tried to call. I went through the well-worded directions, then got to the scheduling part.

I put in the call numbers individually, and the computer took about ten seconds to register each class. In about three minutes, I was done.

I said, "Geez, that was a breeze," and hung up on the phone.

Registration was done. That was almost too fast.

I am no longer a skeptic of TRAM.

TRAM will be terrific for the many students who live more than 10 miles from campus. Most all of them incorporate another life into school (a job or a family or both), and registration for them was always a time-consuming and difficult venture.

Now these people have one less big worry.

TRAM allows the school to cut the payroll and save some money, even if it is only a little. With the new report that MTSU gets ripped off by the Board of Regents in terms of receiving state funds, every penny counts.

I do not know how much the new computerized system costs to operate but if it is less than the previous system, it is a benefit.

TRAM will also cut the time and paperwork necessary to go through drop/add both in the first few days of the semester and at

midterm. Instead of going to Cope at midterm, filling out a form and paying \$5 right there, you call and get billed.

No more need to track down instructors for signatures.

There are also a few bugs still in the system.

During the procedure, I made a mistake punching in call numbers. I realized the mistake immediately and stopped inputting.

I waited for the computer to recycle and tell me to start again, or how to correct the mistake, or something. It told me nothing. They need to put this step into the computer program so we don't go hitting buttons wildly trying to make something happen, like I did.

I also think that anyone who hits the "9" to end the call, rather than just hanging up should get hit over the head with a baseball bat.

We all are (supposedly) intelligent college students with

some semblance of brainpower, except for after the party that lasts until 5 a.m.

Don't hit the "9." Hang up the phone.

Another problem is the hours available. It needs to operate 24 hours a day right now.

I understand that 24-hour service is in the plans. I just wish the Administration would have enough confidence in their changes to not inch into them, like they have with the Raider Xpress.

The only other conceivable problem we could have with TRAM is if a virus gets into the computer program and wipes out every student's transcripts. Wouldn't that be a riot? Or cause one.

Overall, TRAM should be a very positive change for the student body. I just hope this is a sneak preview of more positive changes to come.

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When abortion is not the issue

Guinevere's
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Staff Writer

The most popular method of abortion is the suction aspiration method, used during the first twelve weeks of pregnancy. A general or local anesthesia is given to the woman. The mouth of the womb is dilated. A hollow tube with a knife-like edge is inserted into the womb, tears the fetus to pieces, and suctions them into a container.

Whether you see it as a child or a choice, face it, no one *likes* abortion. This surgical procedure has been made a controversial issue over the past 50 years. Most of you have decided whether this operation should be legal or not, but does it make a difference?

The issue here is no longer about abortion; it's about women: women in poverty, teenage girls having babies, women who are placed in a situation where they have to make a choice, women who, in the midst of a political battle, we have forgotten.

For years the battle of pro-choice and pro-life organizations have fought a time and money consuming battle to legalize or stop abortion.

Pro-lifers seem to be more concerned with saving the child than the woman. They feel putting a complete ban on abortion to stop the "killing of the children." I interviewed a pro-life lobbyist recently who stated that the children that abortion "kills off" are greatly needed for an abundance of jobs.

There were 22 thousand abortions performed in Tennessee alone last year. Those 22 thousand youngsters would have added to the almost five million people living here and increased the already 30 percent of people in poverty. "Where are these glorified jobs?"

Ninety-eight percent of abortions are done for non-medical reasons. These are not unwanted pregnancies unwanted children. Who's to tell a woman she must bare a child she can't afford or raise properly?

Pro-choice groups, on the other hand, feel women should have the choice; the choice to have an abortion that is. Pro-choicers contradict their own intentions by trying to make a "choice" for all women. They don't mean, "give women the choice"; they mean, "have an abortion." Hence forth, they are pro-abortion, not pro-choice. If they wanted to give women a choice, why not fight to give women a choice of a good education, a choice of jobs, a choice on when they would like to have children and how they want to raise them?

Pro-choice? Pro-life? It is a redundant battle. These lobbyists, on both sides, live on the poverty level themselves to support what they believe. They bribe legislators

with campaign contributions. Where do *these* large sums of money come from? Hospitals and other large organizations donate to these lobbyists. Am I the only one who feels this money could be made more useful?

Abortion is legal here in Tennessee and in every other state; therefore, the pro-abortion movement has nothing left to fight except the pro-life movement. If a law were made to stop abortions all together, what would that mean? — women taking more time off work, driving further, breaking more laws, spending more money, taking more health risks.

This time and money, spent by both groups, is not making any improvement. Meanwhile, the women of this country are suffering.

Teen pregnancy and women in poverty are the two major problems among women.

Teen pregnancy is not new, however, the age of consent has changed. One out of every ten girls in this country gives birth before the age of 18. I looked in my Woodbury Grammar School sixth grade annual to find out of my 35-40 classmates, seven of them had become pregnant before 18. That's higher than the given statistics! Too many of us come from small towns such as Woodbury where fertility seem to run in the water. More than 50 percent of high-schoolers are having sex. Moreover, few teenagers have an adequate idea of what it means to be a parent.

A great majority of these teen parents join the astronomical number of women in poverty, otherwise known as the "feminization of poverty." The circumstances that contribute to this problem are many: the rise of the female head of the house hold, women's low pay in the job market, lack of child support enforcement, the welfare state itself and the list goes on.

Another problem is the huge percentage of black women in poverty. Sixty percent of all black births are to women not supported by a male partner. Forty percent of black teenage males are jobless, so many young fathers cannot support their offspring. Black women have a higher divorce rate and lower marriage rate, making them vulnerable to raising children alone.

The problem has gotten worse for women. An increase in female headed families has raised the proportion of all poor children who live in them.

If I was in charge I would convert us to complete anarchy and enforce a culture change, but right now we are forced to deal with this in a more rational fashion.

There is no ideal solution, but there are things both the government and we the people can improve. We could put more influence in sex education classes on being comfortable with their young sexuality and emphasize seriousness in the matter.

We could change the welfare system. If it wasn't for student financial aid, I

wouldn't be going to school; however, had I been pregnant, I could have received numerous help: welfare, food stamps, family housing.

That is not to say women with children should not be able to go to school. But, right now the welfare system encourages women receiving funds to have more children because they will, in turn, get more support. Teen parents that go straight into this program are more likely to stay there for eight years or more, compared to older people who may go through a small unemployment lull.

Women who have obtain jobs through the government's employment programs still have not been able to escape poverty. Why? Patriarchy and white supremacy keep women from a fighting chance in the work force. Patriarchy dates back to when the work place was a secondary responsibility for women and the house and the children was their first.

Well, "guess what?" It ain't like that no more! Women have changed their roles in society. There are too many women who head households alone for the white men, who run this country, to refuse making a

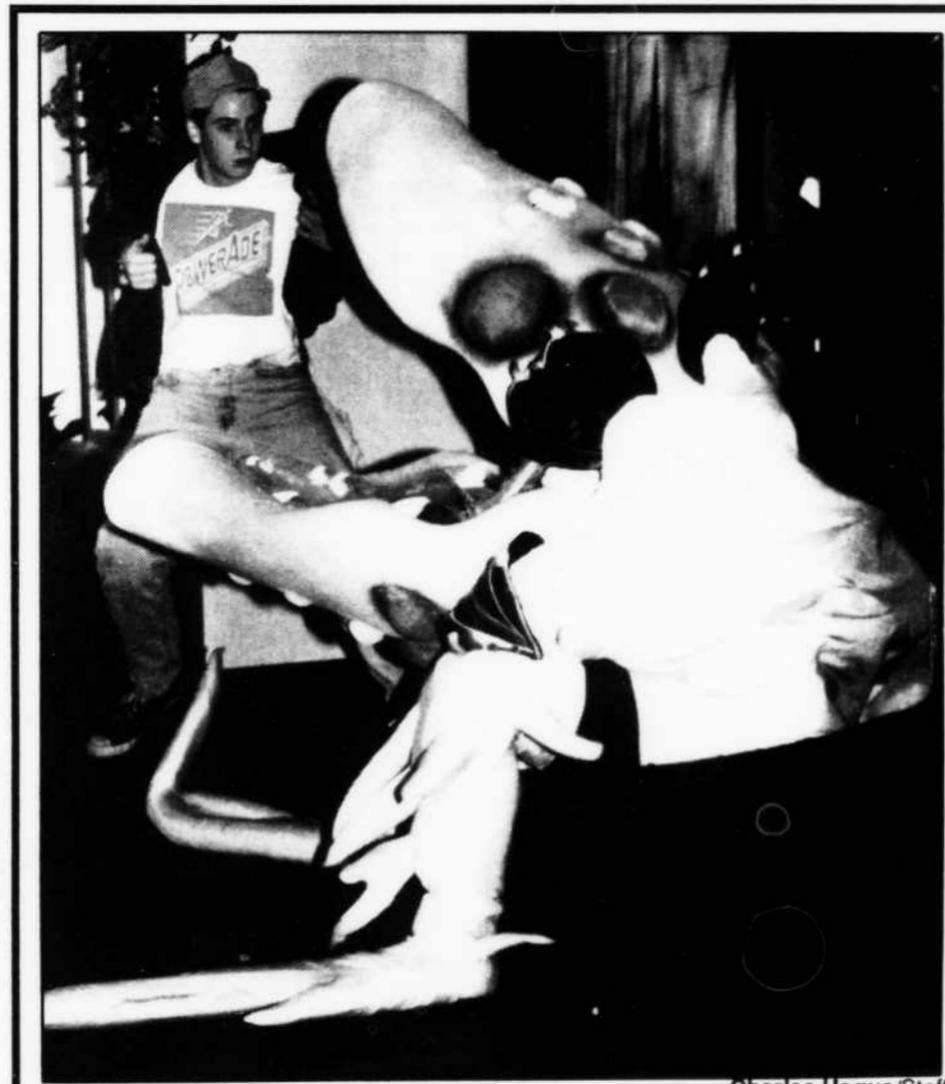
place for them. Women need better wages and working conditions.

For black women, these demands are met even more reluctantly. As I said before, black women make up the greatest population of single women in poverty. Black women and men are still discriminated against in the work force. So, we DO need a culture change, but this being the greatest challenge, could take an eternity.

Above all these suggestions the single most important thing is education. We have 23 million illiterate people and 35-45 more million people are semi-illiterate. Some of these illiterate people have graduated high-school. How the hell did that happen?!

Education needs more adequate funding especially for poor rural and inner-city people and women going back to school to further their education. Changes in the content of education should be made to tailor to the needs of people today not people of 50 years ago.

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Charles Hogue/Staff

University Theatre presents "Little Shop of Horrors" Friday and Saturday, and Dec. 7-11 at 8:15 p.m. And this Sunday at 2 p.m. Admission is \$4 and MTSU students get in free with a valid ID. **Above:** Tee Quillen, as Seymore in Little Shop of Horrors, talks to the plant. Directed by Dale E. McGilliard, MTSU production at BDA.

Mrs. Doubtfire blazes onto the screen

ELIZABETH DOMEN
Life! Editor

Daniel Hillard (Robin Williams), an out-of-work voiceover actor, is a man who will do anything to be with his three children. Unfortunately, the things that his kids love about him — his wild sense of humor and carefree view of life — are the traits which prevent him from being the husband his wife, Miranda (Sally Fields), needs him to be. After fourteen years of marriage she has asked for a divorce and has been granted temporary custody of the children in spite of Daniel's emotional protests.

Unwilling to accept the role of weekend father, possessed with only an inventive imagination, an actor's flair and the determination to go to any length to hang onto his kids, Daniel is going to have to become a whole new man — in a very unlikely fashion.

"Mrs. Doubtfire," which finds Robin Williams adding a sixty-year-old British woman to his gallery of brilliant comic portrayals, is the debut film for Blue Wolf Productions, the company run by Robin Williams and Marsha Garces Williams.

This story of a man who poses as his estranged wife's housekeeper in order to be near his children struck a chord in the couple that went beyond the initial hook of its comic, cross-dressing premise.

"Marsha and I thought it was an interesting way of looking at how children are dealt with in divorces," explains Robin Williams about choosing "Mrs. Doubtfire" as Blue Wolf's first production. "A lot of times children are little hostages being passed back and forth and this film uses comedy and the character to look at that. That's the whole reason I wanted to do it."

"I liked the grain of the idea when I read the book several years ago," adds Marsha Garces Williams. "For a father to be so desperate to see his children that he'd go to such great lengths really appealed to me. I loved the character's range. He's a man who is angry, sad, jealous, funny and warm at the same time."

The challenge of portraying the lead character in "Mrs. Doubtfire" was very appealing to Robin Williams. "It's wonderful to get to play a person inside of a person," he admits. "It's almost like possession, like the old Mardi Gras masks — you know there's a *someone* inside there. It's two different worlds at once. There's fun in that, but sadness too. Daniel hears things that he couldn't hear as himself."

"If Daniel has a flaw," Robin

Williams observes, "it's that he would let his kids do anything, and he'll do anything with them. He has no real boundaries. He doesn't discipline as much as just explore life with them. He can't take it when he's denied access to them. He says he's addicted to them and that the idea of not being around them is like saying he can't breathe. He has to take an extreme measure."

"We all wanted 'Mrs. Doubtfire' to be someone who would be the perfect grandmother," explains Chris Columbus, director of the movie. "We looked through hundreds and hundreds of photographs until we found a portrait of an older English woman. She had an incredibly sweet face: pretty, prim very proper and extremely warm. It became the key to Mrs. Doubtfire's look. But what makes Mrs. Doubtfire such a colorful character is that inside of her is Robin's energy."

The elaborate process to transform Robin Williams into Mrs. Doubtfire began with the makeup that was specially designed by Greg Cannon, Academy Award-winner for "Dracula." Four-and-one-half hours were required for makeup artist Ve Neill (Academy Award-winner for "Beetlejuice," Academy Award nominations for "Edward Scissorhands," "Batman," "Batman Returns") to apply the complicated series of latex pieces to Robin Williams' face and then paint the surface of the latex to simulate accurate skin tones. After the wig was secured by hairstylist Yolanda Toussieng ("Batman Returns," "Edward Scissorhands"), Williams would put on a body suit that changed his shape to that of a pudgy, older woman. Finally, the carefully fitted wardrobe designed by Marit Allen ("The Secret Garden," "Shining Through") completed his transformation into Mrs. Doubtfire.

"High heels are the most sinister invention of the last century!" jokes Robin Williams when reminiscing on the many long days as Mrs. Doubtfire. "I mean, what they do to your spine alone, even if they do make your legs look great!"

This reviewer had an excellent time watching the antics of Mrs. Doubtfire, not her legs. This is an excellent production for all ages. It's refreshing to see a divorced father portrayed as caring and interested in his children's lives. Young and old alike piled into the theatre to see Robin Williams at what may well be his very best film ever. The man just keeps getting better and better. This is the type of movie you can feel good about seeing, so go sit for a couple of hours and enjoy the film.



Top: Robin Williams is Mrs. Doubtfire.

Bottom: (clockwise from left) Pierce Bronsnan as Stu, Matthew Lawrence as Chris Hillard, Sally Field as Miranda Hillard, Lisa Jakub as Lydia Hillard, Robin Williams as Mrs. Doubtfire and Mara Wilson as Natalie Hillard in Mrs. Doubtfire.



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Health education is imperative for our physical well-being as much as disease control.

Children will continue to be the major consumers of education, so educational efforts should be made to prevent gender stereotyping. Children need to be educated about gender equality in careers, domestic responsibilities, parenting and other roles.

Regardless of age or race, female heads of households that fall at the bottom of the educational scale have far higher rates of poverty than LITERATE high-school graduates or those who attended at least one year of college. We have to give children, teens and adults, without discriminating, a

chance to do something better with their lives.

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Murphy move has students disgruntled

Student sections moved behind basketball goal

TRIPP BALLARD
Sports Writer

MTSU students are getting a surprise when they go to basketball games this year with the traditional student section being moved to a new location.

Instead of sitting in the regular blue seat sections D, E and F located along court-side, the student section has been moved to sections S, T and A located towards the end of the arena behind the goal. This move was done to make the regular student section available for people to buy season tickets.

The actual move is not as drastic as it may seem as it will place students just a section over from the traditional blue section. The section transition was made last spring when the athletic committee decided it would be beneficial to both students and for the sale of season tickets.

"Last spring John Stanford, then Athletic Director, came to me with the idea of moving the student section to bolster season ticket sales and to get the students closer to the pep band and the cheerleaders," said

Woody Ratterman, SGA president.

The move was also made in hope that it would get the students more involved in the games and bolster student attendance.

"The move was made after a recommendation from the athletic committee," said Stanford. "We felt like it would work like a football game by having the band, cheerleaders and students in one section."

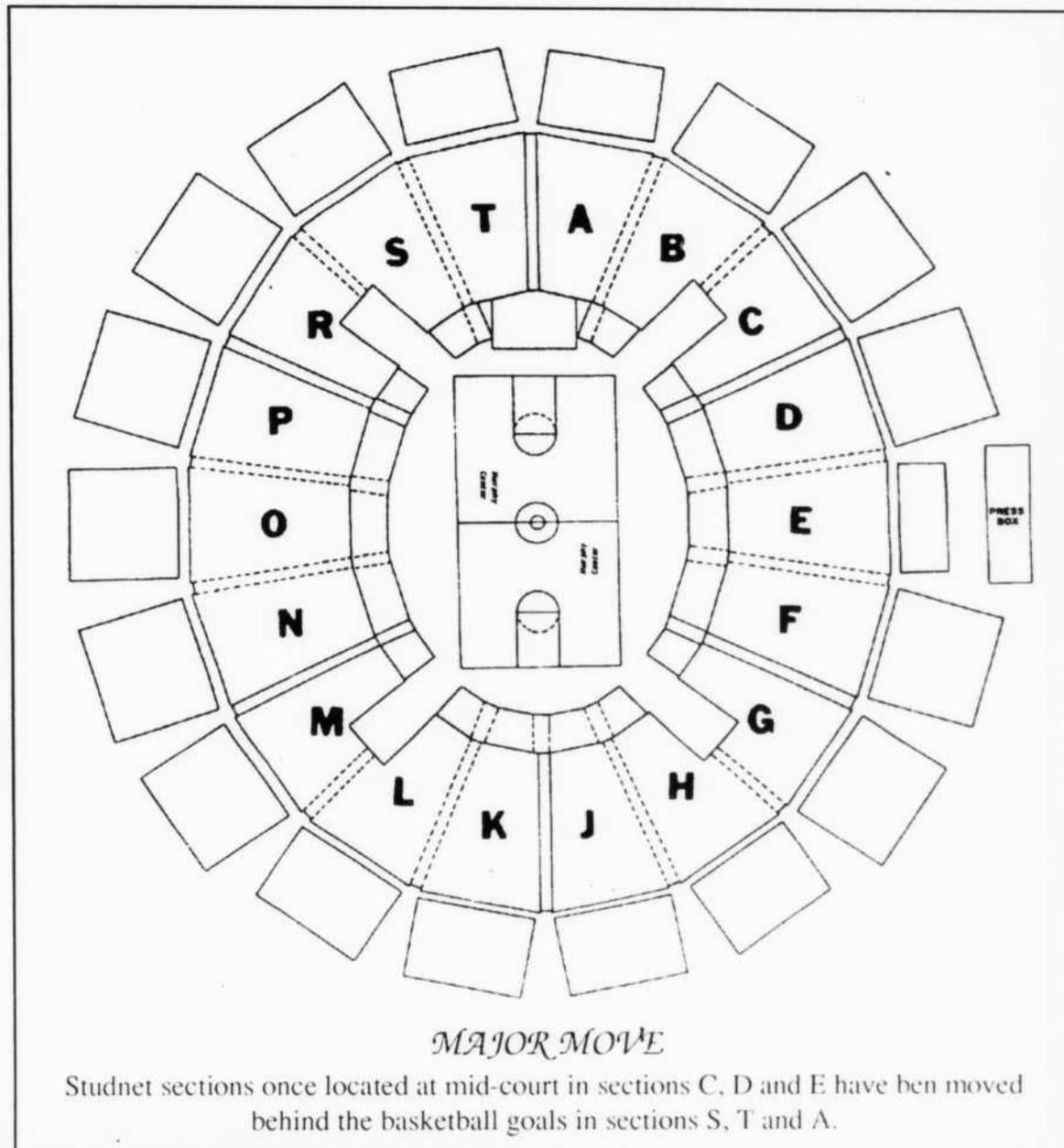
If there is more student participation during the games there may be action taken to move the student section closer to the floor where many of the bigger basketball schools have their student sections.

"I think the change will be very good. Hopefully we can draw more crowds and help get this program back where it belongs," Stanford added.

Of course the move also was made to help raise season ticket sales with the old student section possessing several prime seats.

"The athletic committee was also interested in making better

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Big night in 'Boro Friday

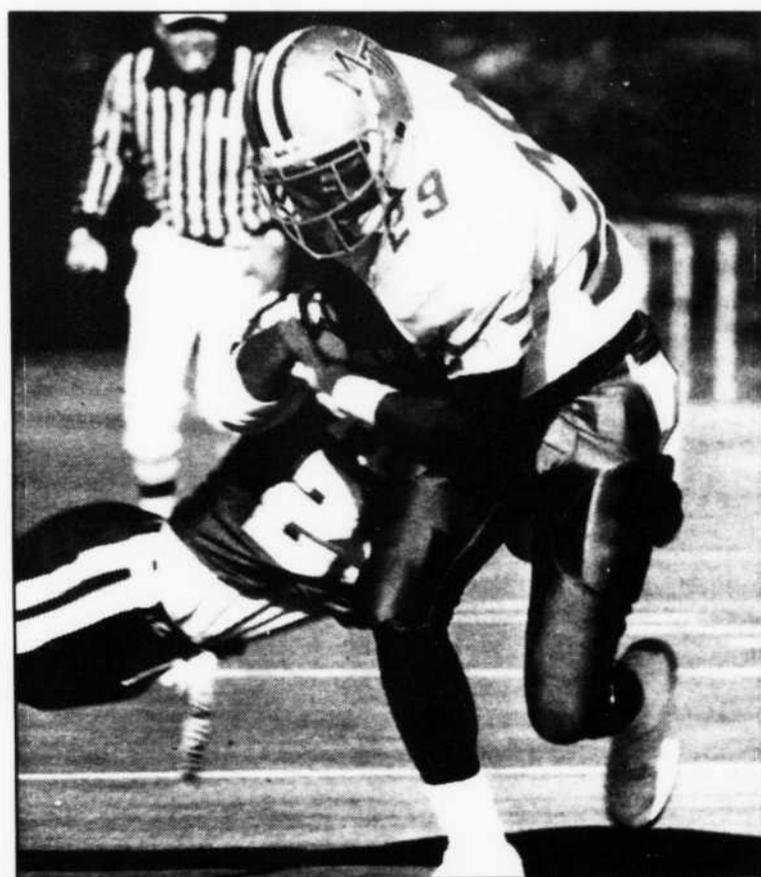
Whether you like your sports indoor or out, Friday night is the night in Murfreesboro on the MTSU campus.

Indoor action will be highlighted by nationally ranked Minnesota who comes to visit David Farrar's Blue Raider squad in Murphy Center.

The 15th ranked Golden Gophers recently made it to the final four of the pre-season NIT tournament.

If you feel like a night out in the brisk air, Murfreesboro Riverdale's football team will be in action on Horace Jones Field. The 12-1 Warriors play host to Oak Ridge (11-2) in the Tennessee Class 5-A state semi-finals with the winner advancing to the Clinic Bowl at Vanderbilt of December 11.

Both game-times are slated for 7:30 p.m.



Coley Jackson/ Staff

BREAKING AWAY: Brigham Lyons was expected to be MTSU's top tailback but an injury left the duties up to Kippy Bayless who responded with OVC Player of the Year honors.

Bayless the best offensive punch of the OVC bunch

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Before the 1993 football campaign began, most people felt like Blue Raider tailback Brigham Lyons would emerge as MTSU's top rusher. However, a knee injury left the duties up to Kippy Bayless who proved worthy with an All-OVC performance.

Earlier this week, Bayless was dubbed OVC Offensive Player of the Year after gaining more than 1,214 yards rushing. He set school records with 17 touchdowns and eight 100-yard-plus performances. He also caught 18 passes for 228 yards.

He becomes the only the sixth Blue Raider to attain the top league honor.

MTSU also placed two others on the All-OVC team. Garth Petrilli, a place-kicker, and

offensive tackle Pat Hicks made the squad.

Petrilli led all conference kickers with 76 points. Hicks was a pre-season All-OVC selection as well.

Junior wide-out Dennis Mimms, quarterback Kelly Holcomb and sophomore linebacker Anthony Hicks all earned second team honors.

Mimms caught 44 passes and Holcomb threw for 1,738 yards to become MTSU's all-time leading passer.

Eastern Kentucky's Chad Bratzke was chosen as the OVC Defensive Player of the year. Tennessee Tech mentor Jim Ragland was the Coach of the Year.

EKU placed eight players on the All-OVC first team and three on the second. Tech had five players on the first team.

Move....

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seats available for people interested in buying season tickets but, overall, I do think it is in the best interest for the student body because it will get them more involved in supporting the team," said Ratterman.

Many students are not fully aware of the change because basketball season has not really gotten into full swing, but some students that do know about it have some doubts about being moved.

"If we attempt to boost attendance by rearranging the seating, I suggest that we attempt to dip into the pool of over 17,000 students to encourage and promote attendance. It seems to me that this would complement the effort to support our basketball program," said Larry Beaty, senior and former SGA vice-president.

Other students thought that the section change would hurt MTSU because it jeopardized the home court advantage.

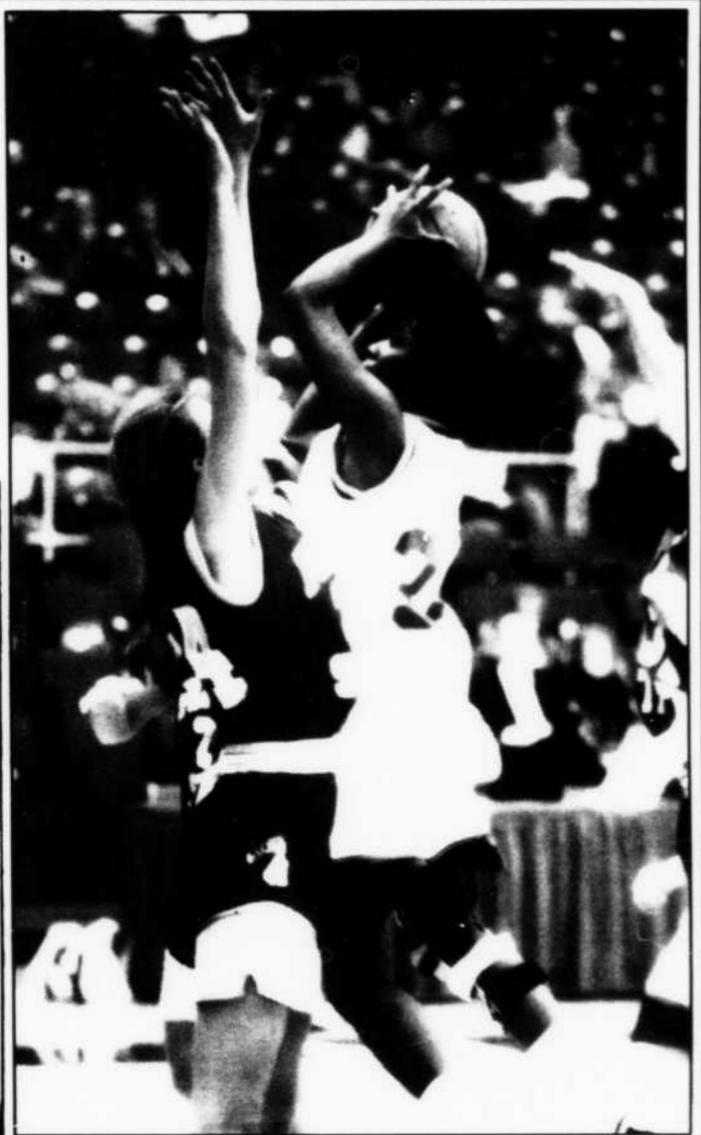
"I'm surprised that students were moved away from the visiting bench, possibly taking away some of the home court advantage. I personally think students should be near the court because it makes for a good college atmosphere," commented Jeff Ewing, junior nursing student.

Some students think that the change will be good if it helps the team and MTSU athletics as a whole.

Raider Roundball Action

MTSU's men's basketball team is 1-1 on the season after an impressive 94-77 win over Oral Roberts last night in Murphy Center. The Raiders dropped their season opener to UNC-Greensboro on Saturday and host nationally ranked Minnesota Friday night. Paul Washington makes an attempt to drive to the hoop below. On the other side of the coin, the Lady Raiders are off to a perfect 2-0 start with wins over Florida State and UT-Chattanooga. The Ladies will be on the road over the weekend participating in the University of Texas at Arlington tournament before returning home to host their own Garden Plaza Classic next week. Priscilla Robinson puts up a shot (right) last night.

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"If changing the seating arrangements increases fan support, wins basketball games and helps to financially support athletics, then the move is not entirely bad. I still feel it would be advantageous to allow students to sit in non-occupied seats near the visiting team," said senior aerospace student Chuck Buckholtz.

Blue Raider Baseball

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Aly takes two of three for 'Line' title

With the disagreement of three games, Charles Aly beat out Tony Arnold by virtue of winning two of them for his first 'On the Line' title.

"I told you I was going to take this thing. Arnold is all talk. He can't pick his own nose," Aly said. "He said my mouth had run up a credit card bill I couldn't pay but I'd say I've got an excellent credit rating right now."

Arnold, who missed the Arizona State and Mississippi games was humble in defeat.

"I congratulate Mr. Aly, but I'm still his boss and I determine who gets the paychecks. By the way, do you see any Aly stories in today's issue?"

Next week the entire 'Line' staff will return to make our annual bowl predictions. They will be joined by top guest pickers Ed Given and Jim Horton (who both went 8-2) and student 'Line' winner William Wood.

STUDENT 'ON THE LINE' FINAL STANDINGS

Mark J. Anderson 31-15	Emeri Gordon 23-9
Kevin Armstrong 23-7	Allen Grady 12-3
Kevin Autry 66-27	Chris Gray 123-63
Michael Barry 149-53	Ryan Gray 81-37
Brian Bates 47-15	Tim Harrell 99-58
Keith Bennett 143-59	Scott Hawksmith 23-8
Bryan Boles 14-2	Michael Herbert 53-39
Dennis Boyd 29-18	Liz Herlong 142-60
Jim Cabbage 58-35	Kurt Hermann 118-53
Chris Calvo 12-4	Greg Hoenie 133-69
Reginald Caldwell 112-58	Chris Hutton 14-1
Steve Carroll 9-6	Tommy Keith 152-50
Tonya Cheatham 80-43	Jim Kirkendall 145-57
Paul Christensen 99-39	Rick Kleban 140-46
Laura Cole 10-6	Ryan Lewis 120-49
Beth Coleman 11-5	Anne Lisle 133-53
Bryan Collins 101-40	Ken Malone 12-4
Buffy Cook 71-28	Jordan McCollum 41-20
Ginger Corley 22-9	James McCowan 12-4
Troy Cunningham 11-5	Betty McFall 9-6
Michael Danner 125-61	Bill Meyer 32-14
Marc Davis 83-41	Dennis Mitchell 10-5
Shawn Dozier 146-56	Forrest Moegle 148-54
Jay Fields 12-4	Brian Moore 150-52
Brent Fiore 113-58	Jeff Neal 141-61
Russell Fyre 8-7	Richard Neely 19-11
Mary Gardner 61-33	Michael Nichols 11-4

Congratulations to William Wood who reigned victorious for the season with a 157-45 performance.

The Rest of the Best

Tommy Keith 152-50	Forrest Moegel 148-54
Brian Moore 150-52	Bob Seedlock 147-55
Michael Barry 149-53	<i>Thanks to Everone for Your Participation!</i>

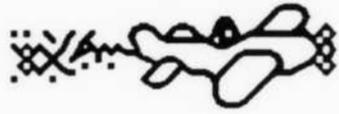
Laz O'Leary 126-60	Bob Seedlock 147-55
Scott O'Neill 8-8	Dale Short 36-11
Jamie Owens 9-6	Stacy Spicer 53-24
David Phillips 146-56	Corey Staggs 145-57
Daniel Pigue 84-25	Chris Tatum 10-6
Jennifer Poole 113-57	Jessica Teague 5-9
Chris Posey 20-10	Travis Teague 27-20
Tonya Powell 63-29	Dustin Tenedos 11-5
Marcus Randle 11-5	John Tucker 11-5
Jeff Redmond 11-5	Laura Valley 10-6
Jason D. Reed 144-58	Denita Wade 10-6
David Robinson 135-51	Jamie Walrond 23-9
Steve Robinson 17-14	Brad Weidner 33-13
Brian Rogers 129-63	Dr. W. Beryl West 9-7
William Rogers 10-6	Ray Wiley 60-16
Dianne Schneider 11-4	William Wood 157-45
Fiona Schneider 108-62	Paul Wulfsberg 12-4
Michelle Scott 19-12	Richard Zack 36-11

Final Line Standings

Name	Win	Loss	GB	Pct.
Charles Aly	87	43	-	.669
Tony Arnold	86	44	1	.661
Guest Picker	84	46	3	.645
Tripp Ballard	80	50	7	.615
Coley Jackson	77	53	10	.592



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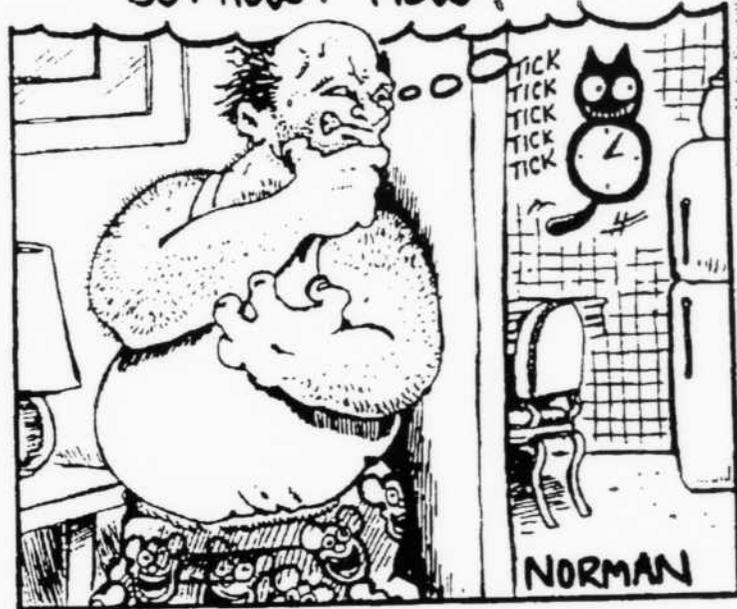
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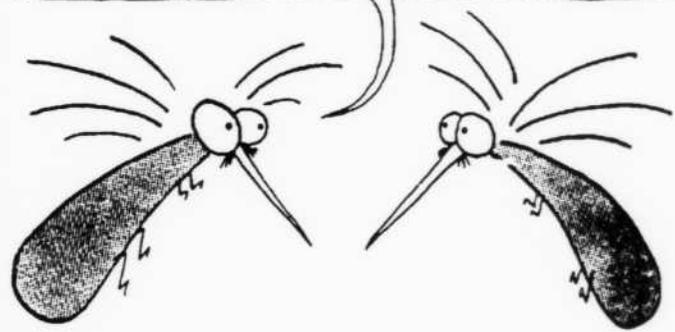
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