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MTSU Agriculture Professor Cliff Ricketts looks on as a Super M tractor, modified to run on water, undergoes an emissions test at a demonstration last Thursday. The tractor is a project of Ricketts and his agriscience education students.

At Minority Recruitment Seminar

\$250,000 scholarship unveiled

From Staff Reports

A \$250,000 scholarship program for minority students, and a training program for university faculty, staff, and administration on educating minority students, were unveiled at a Minority Recruitment Seminar for community leaders Monday at MTSU.

Organized by the Office of Admissions, the event attracted several business, religious, and civic leaders.

"Money has been made available to allow us to make the most concentrated effort, to my knowledge, in the state of Tennessee to provide scholarships to black students, particularly those students who have performed well in high school," Winston Wrenn, director of financial aid said.

American College Testing (ACT) scores, overall high school grade point average, and recommendations of counselors and community leaders are all factors in determining recipients of the scholarship awards, according to Wrenn.

"I believe this scholarship program will allow us to compete very favorably with almost any school in the country," Wrenn said.

During the seminar, also attended by MTSU faculty, staff, and administrators, Ted White, director of Student Organizations and Minority Affairs, described the new program designed to assist university officials in minority retention and development.

"We're the first institution in the state with the

support of MTSU President Sam Ingram, and with the sponsorship of the Office of Continuing Education, to sponsor a Multi-Cultural Education Enrichment and Training Institute," White said.

"The program, a one-week training program for faculty, staff and administrators from all across the state, is designed to prepare them to better educate our ethnic minority students," White said.

MTSU President Sam Ingram pledged the university's support in aiding minority students.

"We're interested in not just recruiting minority students, but recruiting and retaining minority students," Ingram said.

Cliff Gillespie, dean of Admissions, Records, and

Information Systems, Dorothy Huston, director of Minority Recruitment

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Professor, students demonstrate water powered tractor

By JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

MTSU professor Cliff Ricketts and his agriscience education students demonstrated Super M Farm-all tractor they have modified to run on water on Friday, March 31, for MTSU students and interested faculty, and several High School classes at the Vocational Agriculture Building.

"The process works by converting solar energy into chemical energy which, through DC Motor provides electrical energy," an MTSU News Bureau press release stated. "Electrical energy powers an electrolysis unit which manufactures hydrogen from water. The hydrogen is ignited in the combustion of the internal combustion engine, causing rotary motion, which powers the tractor."

"The tractor project is part of the Department of Agriculture's ongoing energy project," Harley Fouch, department chairman, said. "The energy project has been going on since the early 80's. We have worked

with alternate fuel sources before, like Ethanol and Methane, but work with water and hydrogen began two years ago."

Fouch said that despite the engine's lack of cost efficiency in this early stage of development, it represents an important step in engine development.

"60 percent of all pollutant emitted into the atmosphere, some 125 million tons each year in the USA alone, come from internal combustion engines burning fossil fuels," the department chairman said. "The hydrogen engine would represent a great improvement, it does not emit any of these pollutants," he said.

Other research has been conducted in the area of hydrogen fuels, Fouch said, but MTSU's research was significant.

"This is the first time a tractor per se has ever been successfully modified," the department chairman said.

Funding for the project

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Publications Coordinator resigns

By JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

After four years of service, MTSU student publications coordinator Jacqueline H. Solomon will be resigning June 30.

"I just felt that my personal growth and development required me to move on," Solomon said, adding that she was looking for full-time employment and considering graduate school.

"Jackie has made significant improvements in the student publications program, particularly in its business aspects," Robert LaLance, Jr., vice president for student affairs and Solomon's supervisor, said. "There were several loose ends when she came in, and she did quite a job in taking care of them."

Solomon's responsibilities as student publications coordinator include general management and editorial advisement of *Sidelines*, *Collage*, and *Midlander*.

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Jacqueline Solomon

Campus Capsule

Entries to Campus Capsule are encouraged from any organization or department of the MTSU campus. No staff member of the paper can guarantee publication of the entry. All submissions are subject to editing in the interest of space and clarity. Deadline for submission is the day prior to publication.

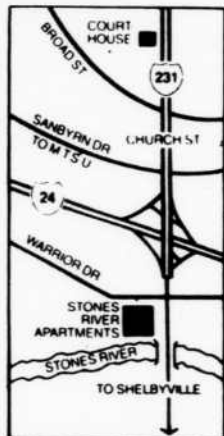
The Faculty Development Committee still has a small amount of money for full-time faculty who wish to apply for faculty development grants. Today is the deadline for submitting applications for this year.

Discover Scuba, a class being offered through the Office of Continuing Education, will meet from 8 a.m. until noon at the MTSU pool on April 8. To reserve a place in the free class, call 890-5542 or 898-2463.

Nissan Motor Manufacturing Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer Jerry Benefield will give a lecture entitled "Globalization of the American Economy and Business" on April 6, at 3:30 in the Faculty Senate Lounge, located on the ground level floor of the James Union Building. The lecture is sponsored jointly by Omicron Delta Epsilon and Gamma Iota Sigma, and is free and open to all faculty, administration, and interested students.



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ASB surveys students on ARA opinions

By JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

The Associated Student Body (ASB) and Mariott, a food vender, conducted a survey of several students early in March in order to determine their opinions regarding campus food services, Leslie Higinbotham, speaker of the ASB Senate, said.

Four freshman, two juniors, and one sophomore participated in the survey, which took place in Room 210 of the KUC, an ASB report states.

The report states the students' major concerns regarding ARA's campus food services organization. A listing of top concerns follows:

- Freshmen felt very strongly about having to buy meal tickets, stating that they never got their money's worth. They

suggested the implementation of a system of deductions, similar to the existing budget card, that would carry over unspent funds into the following semester.

- Garbage disposal in The Grill was cited as being problematic. The stacking of trays in the upright shelves located above garbage containers was deemed unacceptable by the students. Complaints about juice or artificially flavored drink on the floor surrounding the garbage containers were also voiced.

- Renovation of The Grill, Highrise, and Woodmore cafeterias was discussed. The students present preferred eating in the JUB's Sub, due to its "atmosphere."

- When asked what they personally would change about food services, students listed more fresh

fruits and vegetables, an improved salad bar, less grease content in food, better waste disposal, increased variety, longer hours of operation, optional meal tickets, and an end to the continuous presence of bugs as their top priorities.

The Marriot-ASB survey represents only one phase of the ASB's ongoing efforts, which have included a *Sidelines* survey, to determine students' feelings about campus food services, Higinbotham said.

"We've been involved ever since the *Sidelines* article came out," Higinbotham said. (Ed. Note: "ARA food services may have violations," Vol 63, Number 43, Feb. 13, 1989) "We just felt something needed to be done."

The ASB plans a much more comprehensive food service survey in the near

future, Higinbotham added. It will consist of a one-day polling of all present at all four cafeterias, for all three meals. Higinbotham hopes for "excellent" student participation.

"If students really care, then they need to get involved," the Senate speaker said. "We need their input. That's why we have a suggestion box outside Peck Hall, that's why we're doing this next survey. We need to know how students feel before we can really do anything."

Higinbotham added that the next survey will require only a few minutes to take, that students do not need to register in order to participate, and that they may take the survey during their regular meal times.

ASB sources said they plan to administer the survey sometime in April.

ROTC cadets to be tested

By STACYE LANGSTON
Assistant News Editor

The leadership abilities of 57 MTSU ROTC cadets will be severely tested April 5-9 at a camp designed to prepare them for a six-week training course this summer, military science officials said.

The cadets will be involved in five days of continuous "hands on" training beginning at 5:30 a.m. and ending at midnight.

"The upper level students will be placed under constant stressful conditions," Capt. Reginald

Beaty said.

The purpose of subjecting students to these conditions is to monitor their ability to react and lead under pressure, Beaty added.

At the camp, cadets must recall and apply about 15 weeks of classroom training, Michelle Cherry, a cadet who attended last year's camp, said.

"You don't have a spare moment," Cherry said. "You train all the time, with maybe 15 minutes to eat."

The cadets will be al-

lowed three 15-30 minute meal breaks a day.

"I lost about four or five pounds," Cherry said. "I think just about everyone lost weight."

MTSU's cadets will be joined by approximately 50 other students from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga during the five-day course.

"This will prepare us to deal with other people. We will integrate together," Francine Hall, an upper-level cadet who will attend the mini-camp session, said

concerning the interaction between MTSU and UT cadets.

The purpose of the mini-camp is to show cadets their strong and weak points, before they attend the six-week summer session.

"I'm nervous about it," Hall said, referring to the summer camp. "My whole future will be decided by a judge that will see me for six weeks at the summer camp."

A total of 24 officers will watch over cadets to ensure their safety.

The Student Publications Committee

is now accepting applications for

Summer Sidelines Editor
Fall Sidelines Editor
1989-90 Collage Editor

Candidates must have a 2.5 GPA, must be full-time MTSU students this semester, and must plan to enroll for at least nine hours of coursework each semester they serve as editor.

Applications are available in Room 306 of the James Union Building. A transcript and letters of recommendation are required. Deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, April 14. For more information please call Jackie Solomon, Student Publications Coordinator, at MTSU ext. 2338.

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DRESS CASUAL

Nissan President to speak Thursday

From Staff Reports

Jerry Benefield, USA president and chief executive officer for Nissan Motor Manufacturing Corp. will present a lecture entitled "Globalization of the American Economy and Business" April 6 at 3:30 p.m. in the Faculty Senate Lounge of the James Union Building.



Jerry Benefield

The speaker joined Nissan in October 1980 as Vice President of Manufacturing and held that position until his promotion to President and CEO in January 1988.

Before joining Nissan, the speaker worked for Ford Motor Company for 18 years as industrial engineer, held managerial positions in engineering and production, and served as a plant manager.

Benefield was named 1987 Businessman of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, is chairman of the Japan-Tennessee Society and of the Corporate Advisory Committee of the Tennessee Minority Purchasing Council, and is a board member of several organizations, including the Business/Education Partnership of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County, Japan Center of Tennessee, the Tennessee Business Roundtable, and the Tennessee Association of Business.

The Nissan President received his B.A. in industrial management from Georgia Institute of Technology, and his M.B.A. degree from Georgia State University.

Thursday's lecture will be sponsored by Omicron Delta Epsilon and Gamma Iota Sigma, and is free and open to the public.

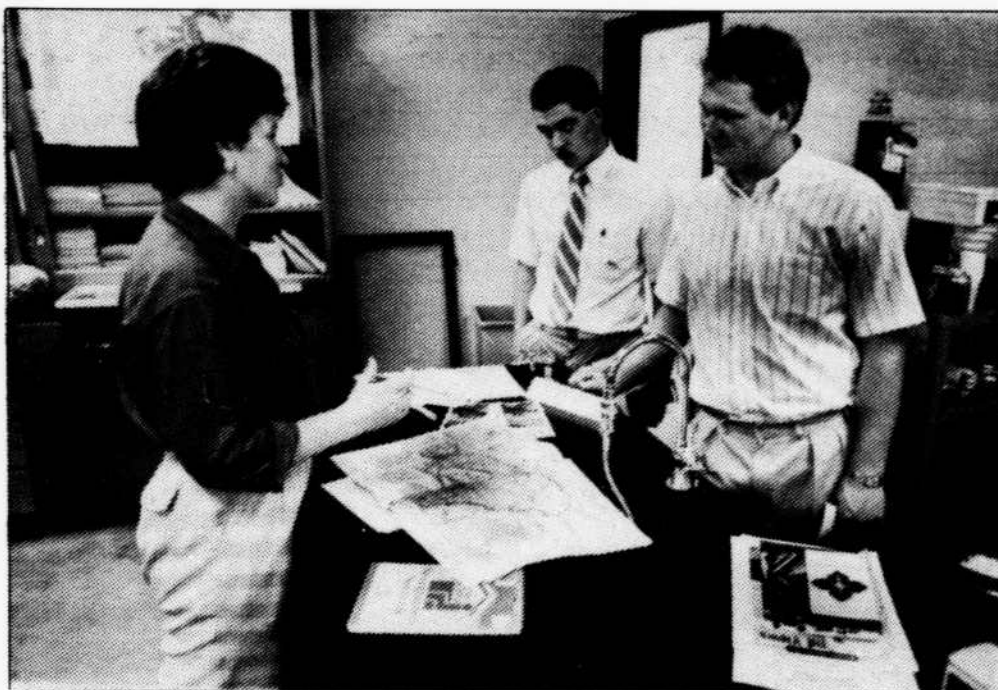
Campus Briefs

Director presents paper at meeting

Dr. Ron Aday, director of MTSU's Gerontology program, presented a paper entitled "The Gerontology/Geriatric Newsletter as an Educational Resource" at a meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in Tampa, Fla.

MTSU professor gives workshop

Don Schneller, a professor in the department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work was selected to present a workshop entitled "Family Needs and Family Services: Research Questions, Research Answers" a North American Conference on the Family and Corrections. Sponsored by the Family and Corrections Network, the sessions were held in Waynesboro Va. last month.



Frank Conley/Staff

Mary Shick, a representative of Carroll's Foods of Virginia, Inc., a company specializing in swine production, speaks with Agricultural Business majors Brent Neal and Danny Pickle at last week's annual Agriculture Career Day.



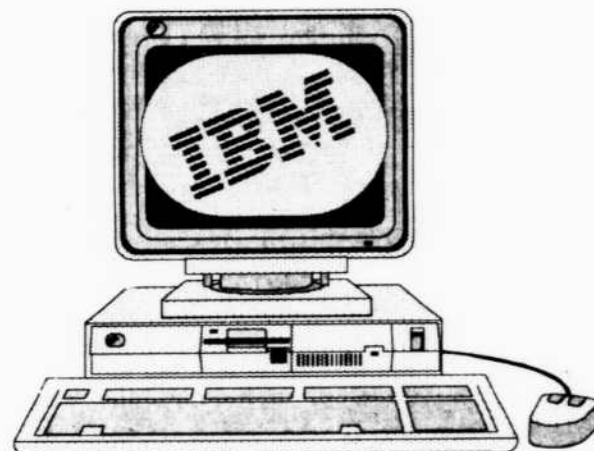
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Also included in the coordinator responsibilities are budget preparation and long-term planning for all three publications.

"Jackie did a beautiful job in creating the working papers," LaLance said, referring to the documents that outline MTSU's student publications program. "She spent a lot of time collecting the most accurate information available. The Student Affairs Sub-Committee of the State Board of Regents requested her working papers to distribute as a prototype, a model for anyone setting up a student publications program."

Solomon sees many possibilities for the future of all three student publications.

"Sidelines has a very professional advertising department for a college newspaper," the coordinator said.

Solomon said she felt the newspaper had been successful in what she considered its primary functions.

"The purpose of Sidelines is two-fold. First, it is to provide a forum for the discussion of important topics by the campus community. We've been successful to the point that some people have been very unhappy with us. The second is to provide students interested in journalism with an educational opportunity, whether they're majoring in mass communications or not. Sidelines graduates work for newspapers over the state."

"I think Jackie has done a good job of backing us up when we've pulled the big boner," D. Brian Conley, Sidelines editor-in-chief, said. "However, it could be said that student publications could stand to take on new directions."

"Jackie's leaving is probably the best thing for all involved," M.A. Brown, Sidelines sports editor and former Sidelines editor-in-chief, said. "I feel student publications could use new leadership, and the move will probably benefit Jackie as well. Although Jackie and I have had our differences in the past, I wish her the best of luck."

"Sidelines will visibly depreciate when she leaves," Tony Stinnett, former Sidelines editor, said. "But Jackie is a smart person and will do what is best for her."

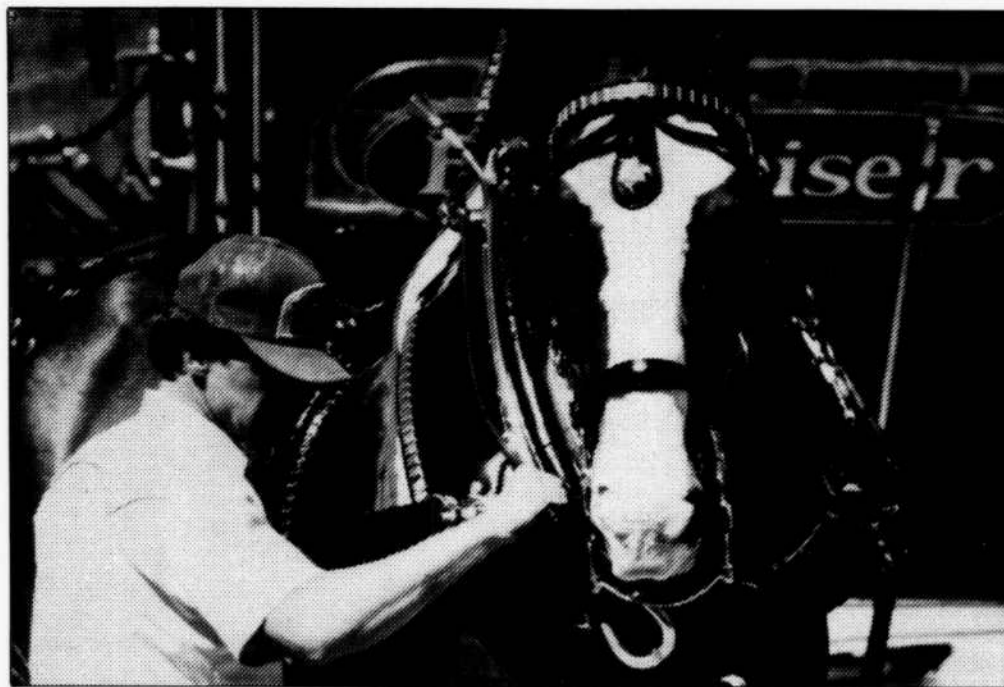
"The new student publications coordinator will need to keep a close eye on Midlander," Solomon said, referring to the trouble the yearbook has had in retaining student participation. "Strong student leadership is essential," Solomon added, noting that this was true of all publications.

The coordinator was also proud of Collage, MTSU's twice-yearly literary magazine.

"It serves a real need; and fills a void," Solomon said.

Sidelines sources close to the student publications committee have reported that Solomon's position has not yet been advertised as being vacant.

Personnel director Linda Kemp was unavailable for comment.



The Budweiser Clydesdales, official symbols of Anheuser-Busch Inc. for more than 50 years will appear at MTSU today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Agricultural Center.

40 Companies to interview graduating Seniors in April

By **SHERY MARTIN**
Reporting Student

Employers from 40 companies, including Metropolitan Life, Southeastern Paralegal Institute, the Memphis Police Department, and Eckerd Drugs will be on campus in April to interview graduating seniors, Martha Turner, director of the placement office, said.

Turner said she felt all seniors graduating in May

should take advantage of this opportunity to talk with employers.

"Students looking for jobs need to come to the placement office as soon as possible to sign up for interviews," Turner said, adding that looking for jobs now would be one way to avoid any "panic attacks" that might occur after graduation.

"Seniors should be sending out resumes and arranging interviews in order to consider job offers before graduation," Turner said, adding that there were also summer jobs available for MTSU students.

Interested students should go to the placement office, Room 328 of the KUC, for more information.

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with the State Board of Regents, and Gloria Jordan, an admissions officer, also participated in the program.

"I was very pleased with the number of members of the Murfreesboro community that attended and their willingness to assist MTSU in our efforts to continue to try to improve minority access to our institution," Gillespie said.

One of the primary goals of the seminar, according to Gillespie, was to receive community input.

"We exposed the community to some of the programs available at MTSU, and we were able to receive input on some of the things we need to do to make this institution more attractive to minority students. The question and answer period of the seminar was very helpful to both the community and the university," Gillespie said.

"This is the first program of this type and judging from today's turnout we will be doing this again," Jordan added.

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was financed through the Department of Agriculture Foutch said.

"Dr. Ricketts is always on the lookout for funding from a private individual or company," Foutch said, noting that there were limits to the projects departmental funding.

"We're very limited to what we can do without additional funds" he said, adding that there were "few limits" on the possibilities for further research.

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Admissions report misleading

By JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

The reporting of a decrease in undergraduate applications for the month of March by an Office of Admissions memo does not actually represent a real decrease in the number of students applying to MTSU, Rick Parrent, director of admissions, said.

The report compares the total number of undergraduate applications (2058) as of March 1, 1988, with the total number as of March 2, 1989 (2030), for a net decrease of 1.36 percent.

"To say that admissions were down would be grossly inaccurate," Parrent said. "We're just not processing applications at the same rate we were last year," the director said, attributing the slower pace to the complications presented by the implementation of the new Fall 1989 admissions standards.

"The Admissions Office must receive a final high school transcript, showing graduation validating a student's completion of the State Board of Regents 14-unit high school curricular requirements in order to complete freshman applicant files," the admissions report states.

"The 14-unit system requires applicants to have four credits of English, two of algebra, one year of geometry or an advanced mathematics course with geometry as a significant component, two credits of natural or physical science, one year of social studies, one year of U.S. History, and two years of the same foreign language," an admissions booklet states.

Parrent cited the new standards as the principle reason for a 40.9 percent increase in incomplete applicants, stating that if information regarding any of the 14 units required was missing from the application, that application was considered incomplete.

"Verifying all that information in order to confirm an application is a very laborious process," Parrent said, adding that he felt his office was operating "as efficiently as possible" with its current staff.

Undergraduate Application Activity Report

Comparing	3/1/88	3/2/89	+/-	% change
Freshman	1722	1653	-69	-04.01
Accepted applicants (female)	548	257	-291	-53.10
Incomplete Applicants (female)	478	701	+223	+46.65
Accepted Applicants (Male) ¹	345	178	-167	-48.41
Incomplete Applicants (Male)	351	517	+166	+47.29
Transfers	306	331	+25	+08.17
Accepted Applicants (Female)	97	97	0	0
Incomplete Applicants (Female)	90	90	0	0
Accepted Applicants (Male)	66	86	+20	+30.30
Incomplete Applicants (Male)	53	58	+5	+09.43
Readmissions	30	46	+16	+53.33
Accepted Applicants	24	34	+10	+41.67
Incomplete Applicants	6	12	+6	+100.00
Summary				
Accepted Applicants	1080	652	-428	-39.63
Incomplete Applicants	978	1378	+400	+40.90
Total	2058	2030	-28	-01.36

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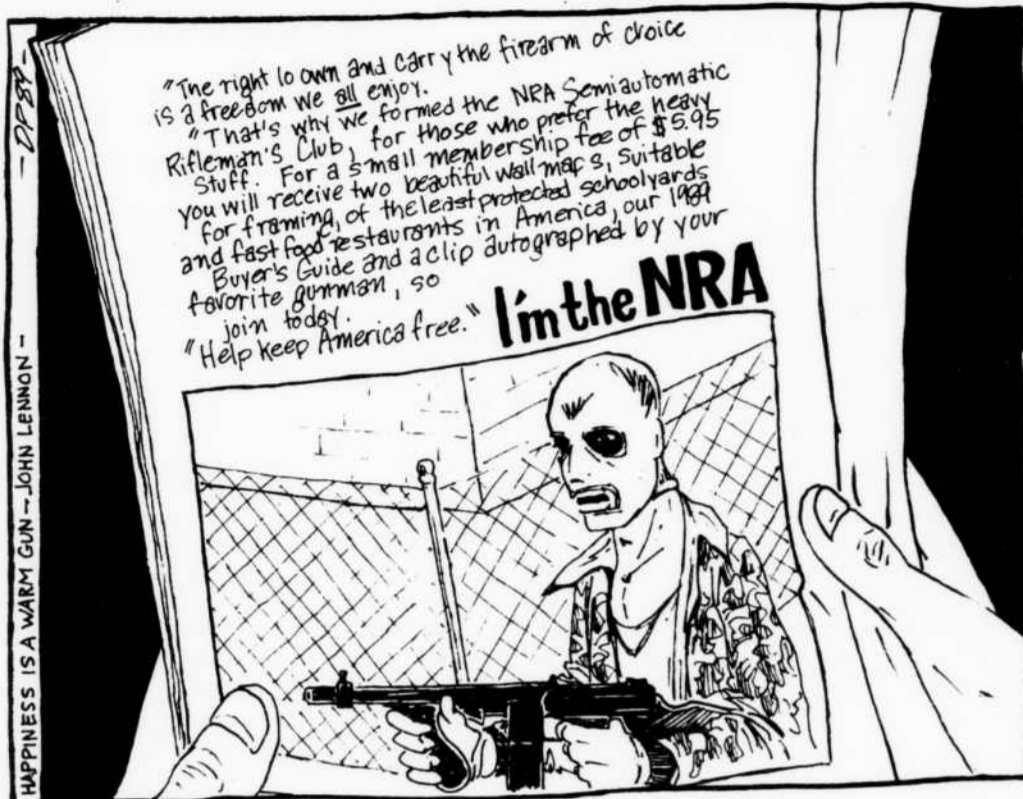
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Collage will be available in late April. Watch Sidelines for information!

Opinion

Is more gun control needed?



Guns are evil, ban them



Jeremy Rolfs
Mr. Rolfs' Neighborhood

is something flawed with this logic. Gun accidents, of course, need not even be mentioned. Numbers, and coffins, speak far louder than rationalizations.

Look Neighbors, the responsibilities of defending that dying breed of open-minded thought called "Liberalism" (or "commie-pinko-yankee-slop," for those of you voted for Bush) in this whole gun-control thing falls on yours truly. How groovy.

citing. They feel it proves something about man's strength.

Let me begin by sharing with you an advertisement taken from a somewhat local newspaper.

As a matter of fact, one could question whether hunting folks) itself should be legal. That, however, is another column. (What's more, a *Sidelines* staff member, and proud member of the NRA, is pointing a gun at my head.)

MACHINE GUN SHOOT

Do hunters need guns like these? Does America

If you have ever wanted to shoot a machine gun, now you can! On Friday March 25, Gun City USA and Automatic Weaponry will sponsor an open to the public event where you can shoot the machine guns of your choice. There will be Uzis, Thompsons, Maac-10s, suppressed firearms and many more. . . See you there.

"What about the civil liberties of those beings you plan to kill?"

(Writer's note: kind of depressing when reality is more ludicrous than imagination.)

need guns like these? Here's one: Do we need guns at all?

Time out Jer — "just exactly why do we need semi-automatic weapons," you may very well ask.

Granted, prime time TV would be pretty boring without firearms. Criminals would have to find some other form of weaponry. (One move, and I'll, I'll, I'll say something really mean to my hostage! Go ahead copper, you'll never take me alive, ha, ha, ha!)

Why for sport of course! For killing defenseless animals, which some find ex-

Entertainment aside, what good do they serve? "I need them to protect my home from criminals," the foolish moan.

Warning. Anyone who calls me a bleeding heart liberal had better be prepared to live as the other half lives, by bleeding. What's more, I'm sure the founding fathers of our fine country did not mean to include furry-animal slayers in their definition of "well-armed militia." In my book, a well-armed militia should protect lives - not take them. Let's not bend a 200-

year-old document to fit our fleeting desires, shall we. What about the civil liberties of those beings you plan to kill? Or is that different?

Prey excuse me, I seem to have lost sight of the purpose of this column, which was to discuss the validity of semi-automatic firearms. It's just that they both seem awfully silly, like sitting around discussing the best way to pull a bullet out of ones foot. My brain just won't think that way.

Instead, it would ask me why I shot myself.

Guns are good, buy them



D. Brian Conley
Bongo's Beat

Once again the bleeding heart liberals are trying to destroy the rights of all Americans.

I am talking about the recent push for gun control by the liberals began by that supreme bleeder Michael Dukakis (you know, the guy who was destroyed by George Herbert Walker Bush last November in the presidential election).

In the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, our forefathers (the same men who laid their lives on the line to give us the freedom we enjoy today) guarantees the right of Americans to own guns.

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," states the Second Amendment.

Since the Constitution is the supreme law of this land and since all other laws and the government are subordinate to this document, no laws can be made to infringe the right of Americans to own guns.

Of course, the bleeders will argue that semi-automatic assault weapons are not needed by Americans

because they can be used to kill small school children or McDonald's patrons.

Since a few insane psychopaths decided to go off in a crowded place with semi-automatic assault weapons, these liberals are calling for laws making the ownership of such guns illegal.

This argument is pure male cow doo-doo.

By this same argument a case could be made for the

children in California. However, the same damage could have been done with a 9 mm Beretta — it just would have taken about six seconds longer.

Instead of talking about banning guns, the liberals need to realize that the only way to stop the violence is for the whole of humanity to cease to exist. As long as there are humans left on this planet, there will be violence.

There is no way to stop people from using guns to kill other people. Banning guns will work just like prohibition. Forcing people to wait to buy a gun will not

The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

The Second Amendment

illegality of piano wire, rope and panty hose.

A stereotypical bank robber will wear panty hose when doing his deeds. Some killers use rope and piano wire to kill their victims.

Thus, according to the bleeding heart liberals, these weapons should be made illegal. Of course, most sane human beings will find this argument ludicrous.

As many people have said before me "Guns don't kill people, people kill people."

Naturally, I am saddened by the deaths of the school

work as the sleaze just get them from the black market — it will just cost more and force the criminal to steal more.

However, the death penalty for crimes involving guns will help curb the rise in such acts. The hardened criminal will still waste the Stop 'n' Go clerk, but many other crooks will think twice and may not use a gun.

Of course, this will work if and only if the bleeders get some balls and let death row inmates be executed.

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Terrorist threats nearly ruin trip



Jacqueline Solomon
Guest Columnist

Until Good Friday, it never occurred to me that being an American and a Christian might put me in mortal danger.

All my life I've worn my national identity loosely, taking it for granted as my birthright. My Christian heritage is family-based, socially-acceptable Methodism of the white-gloves-on-Easter sort.

I have tended to use both my patriotism and my religious faith rather like my ability to ride a bike, exercising them when it's convenient, comfortable and safe.

I felt neither comfortable nor safe March 24 in Frankfurt, West Germany, as I waited for Delta Flight 15 to take off for Atlanta. I was, in fact, frightened and angry.

I was part of a group of 70-plus members of the MTSU Chamber Choir and

Middle Tennessee Choral Society who had been in Austria for a 10-day tour. We had known for months that we would be returning to the United States on Good Friday, but few of us regarded that circumstance with any trepidation until last December when a Pan Am flight was blown out of the sky over Scotland by terrorists in retaliation for the U.S. downing of an Iranian jetliner earlier in the year. Even then, the worries about being a group of Americans returning from Europe on a Christian holy day took the form of jokes, passing references in the rush of preparation for the trip.

However, about a day before our return, someone in our group heard that threats of hijacking or bombing had been made against an American airliner in Europe for the Eas-

ter weekend, and fear snaked into our hearts as we all tried to enjoy our last day of shopping and sightseeing in Vienna. Shopping in a downtown department store, I splurged on a too-expensive dress, thinking it might be the last I'd buy.

Some in our group briefly considered staying in Europe until after the holi-

I have tended to use both my patriotism and my religious faith rather like my ability to ride a bike.

day weekend passed, but we all ended up together amidst the machine gun-toting soldiers at the Frankfurt airport early on Good Friday. Security was tight; tension showed in the faces that had become familiar and dear to me during the week. Hidden prejudices emerged as we scrutinized our fellow passengers. Weak jokes were made about the likelihood that one of us was a terrorist, and those with a more serious turn of mind

spoke of the statistical improbability that we would be victims.

And then, the kicker. Once on the plane, we were told that we had a two-hour wait until take-off, which meant spending 11 rather than nine hours on this possibly bomb-laden flight and missing our connection for Nashville in Atlanta. More

time, more to worry about!

As we waited for take-off, I nervously jotted down a few of the things that ran through my mind:

"Fear is what they want."

"I don't have enough faith."

"Would I admit to being a Christian if a hijacker confronted me?"

"I wish I didn't know about this."

"Why?"

As a journalist, I have always defended the media's

right and responsibility to report the truth about events and situations of interest to the public.

As a victim of the fear generated by my knowledge that I might be in danger, I lost sight of the importance of that responsibility. I found myself not wanting to know and blaming the media for my fear. In that moment the terrorists won a victory against my patriotism.

In facing my fear, I had to admit to a lack of faith. If I am a Christian, I must

believe that God's plan for me is immeasurably perfect, and that all that happens to me beyond my control is part of that plan. Fear eroded that belief — another victory for the terrorists.

We arrived home safely, but I am still shaken by how easily the war in me — a little American Christian — was almost lost Good Friday. Perhaps this happened so that next time, if indeed I am destined to experience such a thing again, my patriotism and faith will be firm.

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Drinking laws discriminate 18 to 20 year olds Change needed now



*Frank Lannom
Just an Opinion*

As usual, the great debate over under-age drinkers having their fill in Florida has begun with the coming of spring break.

Tennessee's current legal drinking age of 21 was set under pressure from the federal government to either raise the age from 19 or lose the majority of the state's highway funds. From this prompting, Tennessee's state legislature decided that an individual needed to be 21 years of age to be considered responsible enough to drink alcohol. This decision is a legitimate one since our legislature is given the responsibility to make the laws of our state.

My problem with the drinking law doesn't stem from the fact that it is set at age 21. My problem is with the disparity between this law and other age-related laws. At present, a 19-year-old is prohibited from consuming alcohol, we assume because of his or her inability to handle the effects of the drug. However, when this same person does obtain alcohol and under its influence commits another crime, the person is held fully responsible. What we have is a person who has

been, by law, labeled irresponsible being held responsible for his actions.

Traditionally, juveniles under the age of 18 have not been held fully accountable for their actions. For this leniency the state reserves the right to make certain decisions for the child. However, under the current drinking laws, there is no such trade-off. A privilege is taken away for the protection of 18 to 20-year-olds without the benefit of leniency because of their apparent youth and in-

experience. Youth and inexperience are taken into consideration only when privileges are being stripped for the young person's protection, yet are not afforded when accountability is imposed for their actions.

Regardless of the age, if a person is deemed to be not responsible enough to drink, then his actions under the influence should not be punished in the same way as one who is deemed responsible enough to drink. Our government is saddled with the duty of creating laws for the protection of its citizens. Setting a legal drinking age is one of those responsibilities. Included in that responsibility, however, is a sense of fairness. This fairness should be applied to the discriminated, forgotten group of semi-citizens from age 18 to 21.

If we are to hold 18-year-olds responsible for their

If we are to hold 18-year-olds responsible for their actions, we must give them freedom of action.

actions, we must give them freedom of action. If our society decides they are not responsible enough to handle the duties of full citizenship, then they should be given a protective status. Responsibility is a two-way street, there has to be some give and take. One age of responsibility should be set, maybe it should be 18, or maybe it should be 25, or even higher. Regardless of the age, let all such laws regulate responsibility with fairness and equality.

Reasons for the drinking age of 21 are numerous. The law may need to be changed to 25, 35 or even down to 18. It may well be that no one has the ability to operate fully under the influence of alcohol. Re-

Letter to the Editor

MTSU Blue Raider basketball team can be proud of their season

An Open Letter to the Blue Raiders,

Well, it's over. After six months and 31 games, it comes to an end, or does it? How many years will the 1988-89 MTSU basketball season linger in our hearts and minds? A very long time, I'm happy to say. Who will forget the win over the Russian National team or Kerry Hammonds' basket and free throw to win the conference tournament? Or Mike Buck and his part in the "miracle at Memorial" — a game that, for anyone who was there, will never be forgotten. Yes, this squad is a special one and deserves thanks and recognition.

First, there is Coach Bruce Stewart — a class act if there ever was one. I've met only a few college coaches, but I don't think they get much better. You deserve all your past, present, and future success.

Thanks to Tommy, Ricardo, Carlos, John, and Al for your hard work and enthusiasm.

And of course, tribute and thanks must go to the players. To Kerry Hammonds, for his leadership and steady work on the boards. To Chris Rainey, who along with having the smoothest 3-point shot around, is a really nice guy. To Randy Henry, for his amazing consistency and the ice cream. I still owe you one. To Gerald Harris, for keeping the machine running and his infectious smile. To Quincy Vance, for his super defense. To Mike Buck, who can play pretty good defense as well as shoot. If you're this good already, I can't wait to see you in your senior year. And last, but definitely not least, to Chris Ingram, Malandrick Webb, Kevin Wallace and Jeff Hunter, our stars of the future. It's gonna be a fun ride with all of you leading the way.

So you lost...or did you? Yes, the scoreboard says you lost, but only a game. What you won was even greater. You can all be proud of the fact that you never gave up. All of you showed guts and determination this year. Remember, you may have lost 8 games, but you won 23. Be proud of that.

Thanks again, Blue Raiders. I, along with everybody else, am proud of you. And to those who can only look at the downside, or just didn't pay attention at all this year, they will have missed out on one hell of a ride.

Chuck Lawson
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Lifestyles

In Murphy Center show

R.E.M. shows why they're honored



R.E.M. lead singer Michael Stipe croons a tune through a bullhorn during Friday night's show at Murphy Center.

Frank Conley • Staff

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

During a show Friday night at Murphy Center, R.E.M. showed why garage bands across America have attempted to imitate their every move and sound.

What R.E.M. didn't do is earn the title of "America's Best Rock 'n' Roll Band" which *Rolling Stone* gave them a few years ago.

While R.E.M. is one of the better rock bands in the country both live and on vinyl, they can't compete with the Springsteens and Mellencamps.

However, R.E.M. did give the crowd packing Monte Hale Arena what it wanted — good, energetic rock 'n' roll.

Despite lead singer Michael Stipe's acting as if he was God's gift to music fans (but I expected that), this five-man band from Athens, Ga., projected an immense stage presence.

The sound wasn't just played out of a loudspeaker, it blew out of the speakers with an intensity which nearly overwhelmed the au-

dience and did bend them to the will of the band.

R.E.M. also showed they are not part of the mainstream music scene (you know the bubblegum Debbie Gibson or heavy metal spandex with bouffant hairdos types).

This group was definitely on stage to just rock 'n' roll.

Peter Buck's forceful guitar provided a definite edge to the music R.E.M. fans have come to expect. The drumming of Bill Berry and the bass of Mike Mills provided excellent backbone for Buck's guitar.

Stipe's singing made up for his lack of communication with the audience. He would talk about things but it was abstract and not directed toward the audience. It was as if he was talking for the sake of talking. Mills was the only band member to thank the audience for the applause. Stipe would sometimes stand still with his arms folded on his chest waiting for the applause to come to him instead of earning it through his music.

Another disappointment was that R.E.M. played mostly new songs from *Green* and *Document*; their last two albums. They generally ignored the old stuff which not only made them famous, but also gave them the image of being a "garage band."

For instance, they neglected to play "Driver 8" and "Superman," two of their biggest hits. Luckily, they did perform "Radio Free Europe."

In addition, there were several unexplained lulls while Stipe went off and "did something."

But R.E.M. did do a good job overall in entertaining the crowd. They played three encores, but these were more like short breaks for the band than actual reactions to the applause — but with Stipe, that is to be expected.

On the whole, R.E.M. was worth the \$17 despite the shortcomings. For the rock 'n' roll fan, this was an excellent performance. However, for the R.E.M. fan, this was average.

AKA celebrates heritage

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

The Eta Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will be celebrating its heritage this week with many activities and programs.

Activities scheduled for the week include:

Monday

A display by the members about their sorority will take place in the bottom

of the KUC from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A beauty consulting seminar, hosted by Nashville beauty consultant Anne Watts, will be held in the KUC Room 318 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday

A program called "Girl Talk" will be hosted by Rebecca Rice, director of the Women Studies department, in the KUC Room

318 at 7 p.m. This will be an open discussion concerning the problems of modern women.

Wednesday

A "Dress for Success" program will be led by Sharon Robinson of the Home Economics department in KUC Room 318 at 7 p.m.

Thursday

A fashion show will be presented in the LRC Multi-Media Room at 7 p.m. Admission for the show is \$2.

Following the show, a dance will be held in Murphy Center Dance Studio A. There will not be an admission charge for students holding talent show ticket stubs. Others will be charged \$1.

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Versatile musician playing Thursday

By BLAKE BAIZE
Reporting Student

The Special Events Committee presents the intrepid traveler and talented singer/songwriter Kirk Edwards at noon in the KUC Theatre on Thursday.

His music is a blend of folk, country, rock and blues introduced by imaginative and memorable stories about people, places and feelings.

Edwards' 14 years of exploring life on the road is evident in his music.

Through it, one can experience the sounds of the soaring wind in the New

England mountains, the light of a full moon over the Canadian Rockies, the silence of a remote lakeshore in the Smokies of Tennessee and the bright lights of any city you'd care to name.

Edwards has performed extensively at colleges and universities throughout the south.

He has released one LP, "Songs of the Low Road" for Adirondack Records and his second LP, entitled "First Light Second Wind," will soon be released.

The show is free to all students and faculty.

ARMS sponsors 'Boro Musicfest

By WENDY GRIFFIN
Lifestyles Editor

Ten local bands will gather to perform the second annual Musicfest, sponsored by the Association of Recording Management Students this Tuesday and Wednesday at City Limits.

Co-sponsoring the event

are BMI and Turtle's Records. WKDF and WRVU will be doing a special segment on Murfreesboro bands with KDF giving tickets away for the shows.

The bands performing will cover a range of musical styles: traditional blues, alternative pop/rock, and heavy metal.

Anderson, director of the play, explained.

The production includes portrayals of popular movements of the day including ecology, civil rights and anti-war activities.

"Rehearsal is going very well," Tim Davis, a cast member, said. "I think the show will be fabulous. Our cast is versatile and very talented."

Many of the actors in this play have been in several MTSU plays.

Keith Duke, for example, performed in "Dark of the

Moon" and "Crimes of the Heart."

"The cast members are really excited," Duke said. "We were afraid we wouldn't get everything together because the production is so big, but we did."

Shannon Parnell, who is also in "Hair," has performed in "A... My Name is Alice." Last fall, she was the first student to direct a play, "Crimes of the Heart."

Tickets for the play go on sale Monday. The show is free to students and \$3.50 for the public.

The bands to perform include: (in order of appearance)

TUESDAY

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Eleven 59
Tiger Radar

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Ticket prices are \$5 per night or \$7 for the two-night ticket. For more information, call the ARMS office at 898-2088.

Cruel Blue has interesting problem



By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

Cruel Blue, an MTSU-based quartet, has an interesting problem — they seem to get a better response from crowds outside their home area than from audiences in Murfreesboro.

While opening for bands such as Men Without Hats and The Wild Seeds on the Tennessee club circuit the past few years, Cruel Blue began to slowly gain a following in every area except Middle Tennessee.

"We must not have the 'twang' necessary for crowds in this area," said bassist Tony Morreale.

The band's demo tapes get extensive play outside Middle Tennessee, but only KDF and 91 Rock in Nashville are playing them.

Another reason for Cruel Blue's relative lack of success in this area lies in the fact that their music is very unique.

While their sound has the

feel of power pop, Cruel Blue is more grinding, powerful and energetic than the typical power pop band.

They are bouncy at times, but on the whole, their music is just power without the "pop."

Morreale's punk and progressive influences on bass blend well with the voice of Bob Bowden and the drums of Tim Hunze.

"We like to create a wall of noise," Morreale said.

Hunze brought a jazz/top 40 feel to Cruel Blue when he joined the band after drummer Doug Smiley left last year.

Bowden doesn't sing as much as the lyrics force themselves out of his throat in spurts. In addition, Bowden's guitar and Morreale's bass complement each other to perfection without losing their respective identities.

"A lot of times someone will tell us we aren't together," Morreale said. "We always tell them 'We are, but you aren't used to hearing this type of music.'"

One of the things this

band prides itself on most is technical perfection inside the studio and on the stage, Morreale said.

"We try not to record anything that we can't do on stage," he said.

And when this power trio does get on stage, technical perfection is, to say the least, evident.

Morreale plays with more energy and zeal than Pete Townshend ever thought he had. Hunze keeps up with Morreale's energy without any trouble and Bowden pounds the guitar and belts out the lyrics.

"We try not to do too many covers," Morreale said.

"And when we do, they aren't normal," Hunze said, while explaining that Cruel Blue likes to put their touch on tunes done by other artists.

Cruel Blue will once again try to make a dent in the 'Boro music scene with an appearance at the Murfreesboro Musicfest Thursday at City Limits.

Cruel Blue is making its return to the 'Boro Tuesday during the Musicfest. They are (L to R) Bob Bowden, guitar/vocals; Tony Morreale, bass; Tim Hunze, drums; Michael Praytor, keyboards/sound.

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Raiders sweep weekend games



MTSU makes record catch in 29-7 victory

By **KEN SALTER**
Senior Staff Writer

MTSU set three team records and tied three individual marks as they literally walked to a 29-7 win over the Tennessee State University Tigers to sweep the three-game weekend series.

The win raised the Blue Raiders' record to 12-11-1 and 4-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"This puts us right back in the race," coach Steve Peterson said. "It's not easy to beat a team three times in a row."

MTSU's 29 runs broke the old record of 21 which was set in 1979 against Belmont.

TSU pitchers also walked 21 to set another record to break the old record of 16.

The Raiders drove in 24 runs to break the old mark of 19 RBI's.

Anthony Avery and

Dwight Robinson each scored five runs to tie the team record, while Cale Lawson also earned a share of the team mark in RBI's as he drove in eight.

Jay Owens also added his name to the record book as he walked four times to tie another team record.

Lawson had two of four Blue Raider homeruns on the day. He hit a three-run shot in the fifth and a grand slam in the eighth.

TSU began the day on a positive note as they scored two runs off McCormick in the first, but the Blue Raiders stuck back quickly as they sent 10 men to the plate in the bottom of the inning as they tallied six runs, three on a bases loaded double by George Zimmerman.

Robinson and Avery hit back to back homeruns as the Raiders blew the game

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the Tigers...

and baseman Darryl Steakley holds the following a double from shortstop...
RIGHT: Righthander Tom Wegmann to the plate against the Tigers'...
son. Wegmann beat TSU 5-1 in...
t game.

by Frank Conley • Staff

Raiders to play Sounds Tuesday

From Staff Reports

see State University's baseball team, the Ohio Valley Conference champions, will travel to Greer Stadium Tuesday, April 4 for a date with the Nashville Sounds, the AAA affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds.

The Raiders are now 12-11-1 following a three-game sweep of their OVC foe Tennessee State in Murfreesboro...
The team had struggled during early spring training but will open their 1989 season April 5 at In-
dianapolis.

[CDT] matchup is the first ever game between a college team against a professional team.

The Raiders are able to play the Sounds," MTSU head coach Steve Peterson said. "Nashville will have a good team and will give them plenty of good players."
Tickets are available for \$3 each, although blocks of 25 are available for \$25 each.

Tickets are available at the MTSU Blue Raider Athletic Association office, the main branch of the First City Bank, the main branch of the First City Bank and Trust and Sovran Bank, and at the Nashville Sounds, the AAA affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds, and Snow and Wall Realtors.



Tickets are available at Crosslin Supply, the Grand Slam Batting Cages and Bob Parks Realty in Smyrna and at the Nashville Sounds' ticket office at Greer Stadium.

Peterson announced Sunday afternoon that senior left-hander Scott Duff would start against the Sounds. Duff enters the contest with an 0-4 record with a 7.90 ERA.

"Pump this up ... we would like to get a lot of people out there," Peterson said.

"For a lot of our players, this is a chance to compete against a professional baseball team," he said. "Not many players get that opportunity. Even though it's a night game, it is also a chance for a lot of our team to show what they can do."

Strong pitching keys twin-killing Saturday

By **KEN SALTER**
Senior Staff Writer

MTSU's Blue Raiders got two complete game victories en route to a doubleheader sweep of Tennessee State University Saturday.

Pitcher Tom Wegmann went the distance in the first game as the Blue Raiders beat TSU 5-1 and Scott Morgan pitched a six-hit shutout to cage the Tigers 3-0 in the nightcap.

The sweep raised MTSU's record to 11-11-1 and 3-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The wins mark the first time since February that the Blue Raiders have been shut out.

Coach Steve Peterson downplayed the significance of the team evening up its record.

"I think it's a good thing," he said. "But what we do in the conference is more im-

portant to us."

In the first game, the Raiders scored all of their runs with two outs, posting all of their scores in the first three innings, and rode the pitching of Wegmann to the victory.

TSU came into the game hitting nearly .300 as a team, including the nation's leading hitter Derek Henderson. Wegmann, however, surrendered just four hits and struck out Henderson all three times he faced him in posting his fourth victory in five decisions.

"The coaches said that they swing at a lot of pitches," Wegmann, who struck out nine Tigers, said. "They told me to keep the change up and curve down and that's what I tried to do."

The only run off Wegmann came on a two-out

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Same old song for '89 Blue Raiders

From Staff Reports

It sounds like the same song, with a slight twist.

When Middle Tennessee Football Coach Boots Donnelly and his staff started spring practice a year ago, they were looking for replacements for seven starters — all on offense.

When Donnelly and his staff opened this year's spring practice last Monday, they were looking for replacements for seven

starters — all of defense.

"Yes, it's the exact opposite of last year," Donnelly said. "We've got a chance to be pretty good on offense, but we're missing an awful lot of talent and experience from last year's defensive unit."

That defensive unit, by the way, was good enough to lead the nation's Division I-AA team in pass defense [giving up just 90.8 yards per game through the air],

and yielding an average of only 247 yards per game in total offense and 10.5 points.

Along the way, the defense led the Blue Raiders to a 7-4 overall record and a tie for second place in the Ohio Valley Conference at 4-2.

Yet, with all the talent missing from the '88 defense — including All-OVC players Jack Pittman at tackle, Kenny Tippins at

end, Tommy Barnes at free safety and OVC Defensive Player of the Year Don Thomas at linebacker — Donnelly's number one concern in spring practice comes on the offensive side of the ball.

"We need most of all for somebody to come out of spring practice as having established themselves at quarterback," Donnelly said.

The reason for the concern is the departure of four-year starter Marvin Collier from the quarterback slot.

Collier was the OVC Offensive Player of the Year as a freshman and holds the MTSU record for career yards in total offense at 5,886.

Collier will be the only starter missing next fall from the offensive unit that started last year's final game against Tennessee Tech.

The rest of the offensive backfield is intact, including a pair of outstanding young tailbacks.

Joe Campbell ran for 626 yards and nine touchdowns

last year as a freshman, while Ricky Martin, then a sophomore, had 394 yards and seven touchdowns.

In addition, diminutive fullback [5-10, 195 lbs.] Wade Johnson added 534 yards and four TDs.

Seeing limited action as Collier's back-up last season, Phil Ironside enters spring practice as the quarterback with a head start on the field. He completed 23-of-35 aerials last fall for 253 yards and two touchdowns as a sophomore.

Also in the running this spring are Jeff Taylor, an untried sophomore-to-be, and junior Chuck Daniel, who adds quarterback chores to his established role as an All-OVC punter.

The Blue Raiders were further hampered at the top offensive slot recently when 5-10, 170 lbs. redshirt freshman quarterback O.J. Smith was declared academically ineligible for the spring.

Smith, however, is expected to be back with the team before fall practice again.

The number two need for the Blue Raiders this spring, according to Donnelly, is to find a player to take charge at the free safety spot on defense. Barnes was the latest in a long line of outstanding players for Donnelly at that position, a key one in MTSU's wide-tackle six defensive scheme.

Donnelly indicated he would give a look to junior Jimmy McCamey and sophomore Marty Carter, both of whom would be moving over from their accustomed cornerback slot.

Donnelly indicated he would probably work his troops on a Monday-through-Friday routine, as much as possible, this spring, with the possibility of "maybe one or two Saturday scrimmages."

He also indicated he has not made up his mind whether to have a "Blue-White" game at the end of spring drills.

"We'll probably wait and see what our injury situation is like as that time approaches," he said.



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Lecturing the troops...

MTSU head football coach Boots Donnelly, shown here during practice last season, has spent the majority of this year's spring practice searching for a replacement for departed quarterback Marvin Collier.

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open with a five-run second inning. The key blows came when Robinson blasted a three-run shot off Tiger pitcher Leonard Williams' last pitch of the day. Avery then took new TSU pitcher Carlos Thomas' second pitch deep over the right field wall for his first homer of the season.

The Raiders continued the barrage as they got four more in the third on just one hit. MTSU was the recipient of six free passes in the inning.

The hunt continued as the Raiders again scored six runs. The rally was keyed by Zimmerman's second double of the day which

plated two and Lawson's first homerun of the day, a three-run shot.

MTSU kept the Tigers on the run in the sixth as they banged out five hits and benefited from two TSU miscues to add four runs and break the record for runs scored.

TSU fans finally had something to cheer about in the seventh as Charles Smith blasted a grand slam after the Raider loaded the bases on three errors.

Lawson closed out the scoring as he answered with his grand slam in the eighth.

Robinson and Avery each finished the game with four hits and George Zimmer-

man had a pair of doubles and four RBI's.

Blue Raider pitcher John McCormick got the win for MTSU as he went five innings. He gave up two runs on six hits, struck out four and walked two.

"McCormick pitched well," Peterson said. "He could of gone all the way."

MTSU blew the game open in the second as they sent 11 more players to the plate and scored five more runs.

Derek Henderson, who came into the weekend series as the nation's leading hitter with a .532 average, was shut down by MTSU pitching as he went 0-of-11 for the series.

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Netters roll through weekend with ease

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

MTSU's tennis team stormed through three meets this past weekend by losing only one match while rolling up 26 victories.

The Raiders kicked-off their tirade Friday afternoon with a 9-0 thrashing of Louisville on the Cardinals home turf.

They followed that up with an 8-1 victory over Ohio Valley Conference opponent Eastern Kentucky, and concluded the weekend by pummeling Morehead 9-0. Both victories were also on the road.

"We were pretty dominating," head coach Dale Short said. "We had a bad match last week against Vandy, but we had a three guys sick, and they are back now."

"We just hope we can stay on a roll and keep playing well."

Chris Haslam, Nick Sheumack and Jeff Raper were down with the flu against Vanderbilt, but were back in action this weekend.

Short complimented team captain Chris King, in particular as playing well.

"Chris played really well. He was 3-0 over the weekend, but so was just

about everybody else," he said.

King is now 15-7 overall, including a current stretch of 14-3 since beginning the season 1-4.

Overall, the team now has an 11-7 record, and is off to a 2-0 start in the conference.

"It was really important to get off to a good start in the conference because it is important to our seeding in the OVC tournament," Short said.

The Raiders will face a major challenge this Sunday when they face the Racers of Murray State at 1 p.m. in Murfreesboro.

"Sunday will be a critical match," Short said. "Murray has won the conference for 10 straight years."

"But I think we have our best shot in 10 years to win the OVC."

Prior to the Murray match, Middle will face UT-Chattanooga in Murfreesboro Tuesday afternoon, the University of Northern Alabama at home Wednesday and will travel to Bowling Green to face Western Kentucky Thursday.

"We would like to have a good crowd for the home matches," Short said.

Flyin' High...

Kris Williams, a junior, finds some spare time to enjoy the spring weather by flying a few kites with friends beside Murphy Center. Williams, Terry Rodgers and Pam Harrison [not pictured] bought the kites in a Michigan gift shop over spring break.

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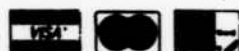
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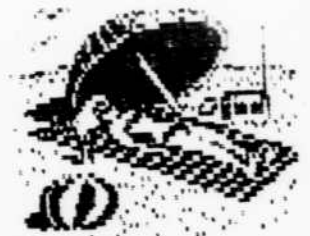
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Florida State's Kennedy to be named new Volunteer coach

From Staff Reports
SEATTLE — Although there are conflicting reports, it has been reported that Florida State head basketball coach Pat Kennedy has been offered the vacant coaching position at the University of Tennessee.

Kennedy, 37, who is attending the Final Four, has been reportedly offered the position by UT Athletic Director Doug Dickey.

However, Kennedy refused to deny or confirm that he had been offered the position which will re-

portedly earn him \$250,000.

"I can't say officially I've been offered the job," he said. "When you get these situations to this point, some decision-making has to go on."

"Anything can happen. As people in our business say, it's a funny business."

MTSU head coach Bruce Stewart, who many considered to be a top contender for the job, had no comment on the situation when contacted last night.

In another development

concerning the UT job, Oklahoma State head coach Leonard Hamilton said he had unfinished business with the Cowboys and was no longer interested in the Tennessee opening.

"I've come to the conclusion it would be in the best interest to stay at Oklahoma State," he said.

Dickey has had no comment of the situation, and an announcement concerning the Vols coach has tentatively been scheduled for Wednesday.

Soccer club shuts out Vandy

By BRUCE MINNIGH
Staff Writer

MTSU's Blue Raider Soccer Club boosted their record to 2-1 with a 5-0 victory over Vanderbilt yesterday at Looby Field in Nashville.

The first half was a defensive battle, with neither team putting the ball in the net. Defensive standouts Warren Juliano, Chris Maxwell, and Andy Mitchell played heads-up soccer by keeping the ball out of the backfield and pressing forward for a more offensively-oriented attack.

Just minutes into the second half MTSU's offensive

attack exploded when left fullback Andy Mitchell chipped a cross-field pass to right forward Marty Gilbert, who in turn fed the ball the center halfback Scott Hughes for the score.

The defense once again showed their prowess in maneuvering the ball up-field when sweeper Juliano dribbled forward and tapped the ball to Gilbert, who danced the ball in for the score.

Just seconds later, Hughes fired a shot from about 20 yards out that bounced off the goalpost and was banged in by Tracy Allen.

Right forward Keith Canter scored the fourth goal after left forward Jim Hull dropped him the ball amidst a confusing scramble.

Allen closed out the scoring with his second goal of the day after receiving a pass from left halfback Shannon Thomas.

MTSU will square off against Brescia College's varsity squad April 15 at 2:00 p.m. in Owensboro, Kentucky.

The club will also be entering the Dixie Amateur Soccer Tournament on April 23 at 100 Oaks Field in Nashville.

Lady Vols take national championship

By CHUCKSCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Olympic veteran Bridgette Gordon scored 16 of her 27 points in the first half, and Tennessee shut down Auburn star Vickie Orr in the second half as the Lady Volunteers won their second national women's championship in

three years with a 76-60 victory Sunday.

Tennessee rallied from an early five-point deficit to defeat its Southeastern Conference rival for the second time in three meetings this season, and they sent the Lady Tigers home as the second-place finisher for the second year in a row.

Gordon, a member of the

U.S. Olympic team that won the gold medal at the Seoul Olympics, also helped Tennessee win the 1987 NCAA title. The Lady Volunteers finished 35-2, their best record ever.

Auburn, which lost to Louisiana Tech 56-54 in last year's championship game, stayed with Tennessee for three-fourths of the game,

but eventually succumbed to the Lady Volunteers' intense man-to-man defense in the final 10 minutes.

Gordon did most of her scoring on baseline jump shots over Auburn's zone defense and got help from two youngsters — freshman point guard Dena Head and sophomore reserve Daedra Charles.

Head scored 15 of her 19 points in the second half and Charles added 13 points, including five in a 13-2 second half run that gave Tennessee control of

the game.

Orr, a three-time All-American, scored 10 points in the first half, but Tennessee's 6-4 Sheila Frost blocked two of her shots in the first 8:50 of the second half and that seemed to frustrate the 6-3 senior. She finished with 16 points.

Linda Godby scored 13 points and Carolyn Jones 12 for Auburn, which finished 32-2, with both losses to Tennessee.

Tennessee scored six points in the final 39 seconds of the first half and

broke the game open with its 13-2 run.

Orr's second basket of the second half left Auburn trailing 50-47 with 9:47 left, but the Lady Tigers were never that close again.

Gordon hit three straight baseline jump shots to stretch the lead to 56-47 with 6:58 left. After Patrena Scruggs scored for Auburn, Charles converted a three-point play, Head sank a jump shot and Charles made two free throws to cap the run, giving Tennessee a 63-49 lead with 5:25 remaining.

The lead never got below 10 points after that as Tennessee continued to keep up its defensive pressure.

Tennessee enjoyed its biggest lead at 76-58 on two free throws by Head with 12 seconds left and shortly thereafter, Gordon was leading the ceremonial cutting down of the Tacoma Dome nets.

Gordon was voted the outstanding player in the Final Four, in which Tennessee appeared for the fourth straight year, and finished her career with a record 388 points in NCAA play.

Cheryl Miller of Southern California set the previous record of 333 points in 1983-86.

Gordon was joined on the all-tournament team by Orr, Frost, Venus Lacy of Louisiana Tech and Deanna Tate of Maryland.

Tennessee overcame its 42 percent shooting by out-rebounding Auburn 45-30 and limiting Auburn to 43 percent shooting. Frost had 12 rebounds and Gordon 11.

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The 'Boys of Summer' return for '89

The 1989 version of major league baseball will swing into action when the World Champion Los Angeles Dodgers storm into Riverfront Stadium to take on the perennial bridesmaids of the National League West — the Cincinnati Reds.

The following is the expert commentary of the *Sidelines* Sports Staff concerning who will be the winners and losers of the coming season.

[Editor's note: Each team was awarded one point for a first place vote. Two points for a second place vote, and so on. The column was compiled by M.A. Brown, Kevin Spain, Ken Salter, Tony Stinnett and D. Brian Conley.]

National League East

New York Mets: Strong pitching and Darryl Strawberry will make the Mets the "Beast of the East," according to Ken, Kevin and Brian. In fact, Brian went so far as to predict that the Mets' Gooden, Darling, Cone and Fernandez would all win 20 games

in '89. No team has had four 20-game winners since the 1971 Baltimore Orioles.

St. Louis Cardinals: Although they came in second overall, Tony felt this was once again the year of the Cardinals, because of their recent history of finishing first every other year. The acquisition of Pedro Guerrero also solved the Cardinals need for a power-hitting first baseman.

Pittsburgh Pirates: The Pirates have more young talent — including Andy Van Slyke, Doug Drabek, Bobby Bonilla, Barry Bonds and Mike LaValliere — than any team in the majors, and this will be their year, according to Mark.

National League West

San Diego Padres: Only Tony picked the Pads first, but everyone except Mark — who picked them third — predicted they would finish second. The acquisition of Jack Clark, Bruce Hurst and Louis Salazar among others will make them a force out west.

Cincinnati Reds: They always finish second, and

the recent troubles with Pete Rose should keep them there.

San Francisco Giants: Rick Reuschel barely missed a 20-win season last year, and first baseman Will Clark is now an established star.

Los Angeles Dodgers: "The Dodgers won't be able to fool anyone this season," Ken said, and the rest of the staff agreed, except Kevin, who felt the acquisition of Eddie Murray will improve the world champions.

Atlanta Braves and Houston Astros: The Braves have a future, and the Astros franchise is fading fast.

American League East

Toronto Blue Jays: The Jays are one of the most talented clubs in baseball, if they want to play. If they rid themselves of their personal bickerings, and George Bell returns to his MVP form, they will take the division, according to Mark and Kevin.

Boston Red Sox: The loss of left-hander Bruce

Hurst will hurt the Sox, Kevin and Mark say, but Roger Clemens, Dwight Evans and Mike Greenwell will pull them through, according to Tony and Brian.

Milwaukee Brewers: With a little power hitting, the Brewers could be serious contenders according to Mark, Tony and Ken. They already have a formidable pitching staff centered around starter Ted Higuera and reliever Dan Plesac. Injuries will doom the Brewers, however, Brian said.

American League West

Oakland Athletics: Mark and Ken felt the A's had the necessary combination of power and pitching to repeat as champions. However, Tony and Kevin felt that the pitching, particularly Dave Stewart and Dennis Eckersley would be nowhere near last season's form.

Minnesota Twins: The acquisitions of Wally Backman and Shane Rawley will propel the Twins back to the top, according to Tony and Kevin.

STAFF PICKS

	Mark	Tony	Ken	Kevin	Brian
National League East					
1. Mets	2	2	2	1	1
2. Cards	3	1	1	2	2
3. Pirates	1	4	3	4	3
4. Expos	4	3	4	3	5
5. Cubs	5	5	5	5	4
6. Phillies	6	6	6	6	6
National League West					
1. Padres	3	1	2	2	2
2. Reds	1	2	1	4	3
3. Giants	2	3	4	3	1
4. Dodgers	4	5	3	1	5
5. Braves	5	4	5	6	6
6. Astros	6	6	6	5	4
American League East					
1. Blue Jays	1	4	2	1	3
2. Red Sox	3	1	3	4	1
3. Brewers	2	2	1	3	6
4. Tigers	5	6	4	2	4
5. Indians	6	3	5	6	2
6. Yankees	4	5	6	5	5
7. Orioles	7	7	7	7	7
American League West					
1. A's	1	3	1	2	2
2. Twins	2	1	2	1	3
3. Rangers	3	2	4	3	1
4. Royals	5	5	3	4	4
5. Mariners	4	4	6	5	5
6. Angels	6	6	5	6	6
7. White Sox	7	7	7	7	7

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single in the sixth inning that found its way between second baseman Darryl Steakley and first baseman George Zimmerman.

In the second game, pitching was once again the story as Scott Morgan allowed just one Tiger to get as far as third base in posting his second victory of the season against one loss.

"Morgan did an outstanding job," Peterson said. "He had little trouble the entire game and pitched really well in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings."

The Raiders got two runs in the first inning on a one out double by Jay Owens that scored Mike Young, who led off the game with a double, and a bases loaded wild pitch by TSU pitcher Anthony Montgomery which plated Owens.

The final run for MTSU came on a solo home run by George Zimmerman in the sixth. The blast was the sixth round-tripper of the season for Zimmerman, which gives him the team lead in that department.

Though they won both games, Peterson wasn't satisfied with the team's offense as they had just 12 hits in the two games.

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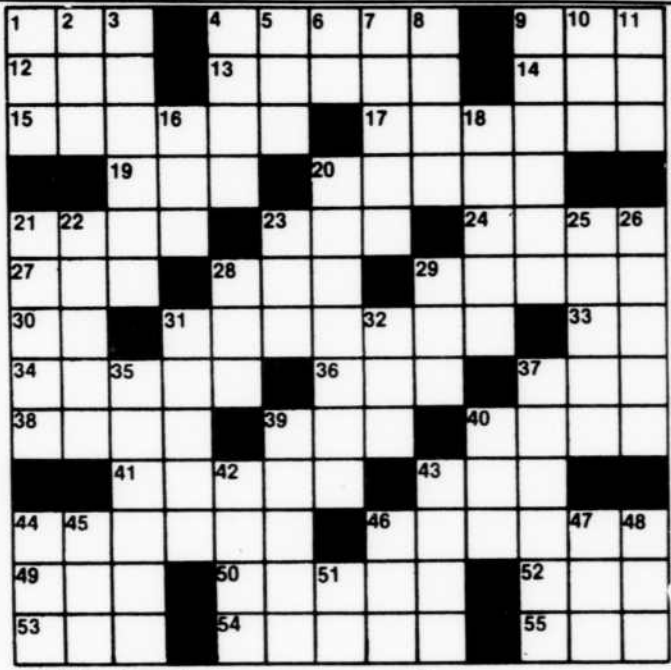


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24. Spouse
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29. Rent again
30. Street (abbr.)
31. Misconduct mark
33. 13th Gr. letter
34. Claw
36. Small bit
37. Seed vessel
38. Ireland
39. Speck
40. Paying passenger
41. _____ Pole
43. Light breeze
44. Catch
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50. Large deer
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53. Notice
54. Flammable liquid
55. Before (poetic)

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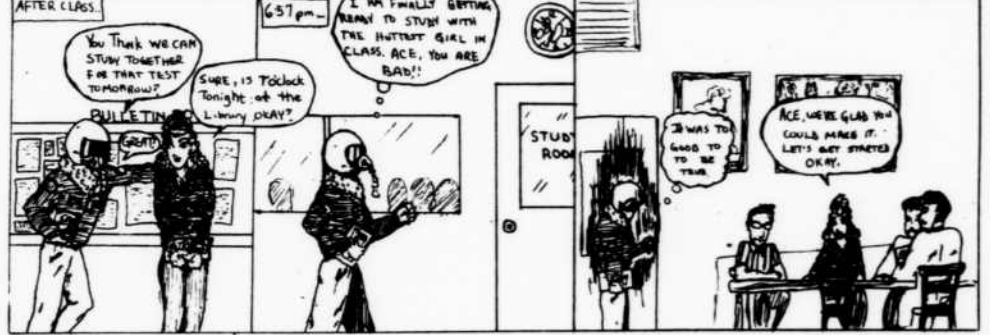
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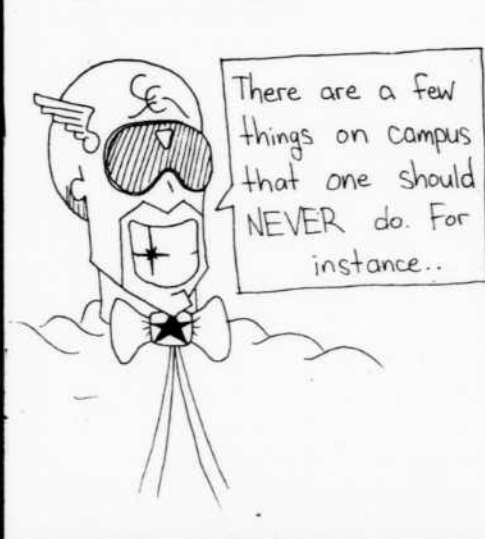
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