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Memorial service to be held for Poklemba

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

The MTSU Department of Military Science will hold a memorial service for Andrew Poklemba, the 25-year-old ROTC cadet and MTSU student who was murdered last week, at 10 a.m. Friday in the KUC Theatre.

Rudolph Munn, an 18-year-old freshman and Poklemba's roommate, has been arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the killing.

Poklemba, "P.K." to his friends, was a junior history major and was contracted with the Army to be commissioned as a second lieutenant

following his graduation.

Unlike many cadets, Poklemba was an experienced soldier. He served with the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) division and was a veteran of Operation Just Cause in Panama and Operations Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia. At the time of his death he held the rank of Specialist in the Tennessee National Guard.

His many awards include two Combat Infantryman Badges, signifying two combat tours.

"P.K. was a very knowledgeable, very open, very jovial sort of guy," said Assistant Professor of Military Science Capt. Christopher Scalia.

"He always wanted to be involved in what was going on. He was very experienced and always willing to share that experience with other cadets, without being overbearing."

"He was a very likable young guy," said Capt. Anita Felice. "He would have made an outstanding officer. He was very intellectual, very intelligent."

"He knew what it would take to become an officer," Scalia said, "and he was working hard toward that goal."

Scalia said Poklemba's death has had a "sobering effect" on the other cadre, as well as the cadets.

"Being in the military, there's always a risk of someone being killed, but you just don't expect that sort of thing in an ROTC unit at a college."

"When something like this happens in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, it's much more of a shock."

"He was well-liked and well-known by his fellow students; naturally they knew him better than we [teachers] did," Scalia said. "P.K. had been on campus for two years and he'd built up a lot of relationships in and out of the ROTC department."

The service will be a military ceremony, with a chaplain from the Tennessee National Guard officiating,

and is open to all members of the MTSU community. All students are invited to attend.

Poklemba is survived by his fiancée Valerie Roscoe of Nashville, his mother Sonia Azam of Jacksonville N.C., his father Albert Poklemba, stepmother Patricia Poklemba, and his sister Janet.

Poklemba will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Dec. 11 with the rank of Specialist.

Editor's Note: The staff of Sidelines would like to express our sincerest condolences to the friends and family of Andrew. ●

Flu shot helps prevent cold complications

By Martha Stroud/staff

The flu season is in full swing at MTSU, but there is still time to get an inexpensive flu shot.

The Rutherford County Health Department, located at 303 N. Church St., is offering flu shots at their offices until May for only \$5. They are open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Health Department said nearly 300 people were vaccinated when they came to campus in October, almost three times the number receiving vaccines last year.

"To lower your chances of getting

the flu you should wash your hands regularly, avoid contact with those people who are infected with the flu, eat right and get plenty of sleep," said MTSU Director of Health Services Barbara Martin.

Being vaccinated against the flu does not guarantee that you will not catch the virus. The shot only protects against the worst known strains of the virus, giving those who become infected a light case instead of a full-blown sickness.

Everyone reacts differently to the shot, and some get no help at all from being vaccinated. It is best to check with your doctor before getting it. ●

Symphony celebrates holidays

By Todd R. Cruse/staff

The Middle Tennessee Symphony will host "A Holiday Festival of Music" Monday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Tucker Theatre with special guests the Nashville Children's Choir.

They will perform a snow maiden suite, a special work titled "Twas In The Moon of Wintertime," commissioned for the symphony and choir by MTSU adjunct Music Professor David Bridges, and other selected works.

Tickets are priced at \$9 and \$11 for the program. A \$5 discount price

for students with valid identification will be on sale 30 minutes prior to the performance subject to availability.

"Tickets should be bought in advance to obtain good seating," says Lynn Wardell, executive director of the Middle Tennessee Symphony.

The Middle Tennessee Symphony consists of 65-70 professionals, students and community members, depending on the piece being performed. Symphony conductor Laurence Harvin has been the music director at MTSU for 29 years. The

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Carl E. Lambert/staff

Twas the Night

Mary Katherine Rooker, a member of the Chi Omega sorority, reads "The Night Before Christmas" to underprivileged children at the Panhellenic Council Christmas Party. After the reading, the children told Santa Claus what they wanted for Christmas. Members of various campus organizations brought the children the presents they wanted for Christmas. Campus organizations collected money to buy each child their Christmas wish.

New organization nurtures young African-Americans

By Charles A. Harrington, Jr./staff

The Middle Tennessee chapter of the 100 Black Men of America has chartered the first-ever chapter of Collegiate 100 here at Middle Tennessee State University.

Beginning with 26 charter members, the Collegiate 100 will be assisting the 100 Black Men in their mission of nurturing and enhancing the roles and development of young black men in Middle Tennessee.

The 100 Black Man have developed a platform that focuses on community service. Called "Four for the Future," the platform consists of economic development, education,

youth mentoring and anti-violence.

"Our focus is on our kids," said Quenton White, the executive director of 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee. "In most of our programs we serve as role models and mentors to kids in the local community through school based programs. We want to be able to reach as many young boys as possible...the creation of the Collegiate 100 will help us to do that."

The Concerned Black Men was a group started in the late 1970's by former Mayor David Dinkins in New York. After determining the need of becoming a national organization, the group was incorporated as the 100

Black Men of America in 1986. Currently there are 55 chapters nationwide in 29 states with the national headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

The idea for the Collegiate 100 was originally conceived by Board president Poland Jones. MTSU President James Walker, who co-chairs the Programs Committee along with Walter Hunt, played an intricate part in the development of this first chapter. "Dr. Walker should be commended for his efforts in all of this," White said.

There is a basic criteria that all Collegiate 100 members must meet. According to the members, they are welcoming men who are fairly secure academically, well-rounded, and have a good pension for personal growth.

"It is important for [the members] to also understand the concept of volunteerism and community service," acknowledges a member. The Collegiate 100 and the 100 Black Men will act jointly on their community service programs with the former possibly devising their own programs.

The organization will formally enter into a relationship with Bradley Elementary School in Murfreesboro Dec. 14. The 100 Black Men members will serve as speakers while the Collegiate 100 will take on

Student radio hits air

By Todd R. Cruse/staff

WMTS, the Middle Tennessee State University student radio station, officially went over the air at 88.3 on the FM dial Nov. 28.

The station had previously been broadcasting on the MTSU cable television channel.

WMTS began in — as WNAR, short for "We Need A Radio Station." The station obtained its current call letters from Murfreesboro station WMTS 810 AM, who gave the letters to the university due to the fact that they received numerous calls from people assuming that the station was part of the university. They agreed to relinquish the letters last spring.

"We are going to try and play things that you won't hear anywhere else on the dial," said WMTS station manager Lisa LaCour.

The station has many specialty shows featuring music that cannot be heard on any other station in the Middle Tennessee region, including an acid jazz show, European show, surf show, and three hip-hop shows.

There is also an alternative Christian music show and a sports talk show that features guest

speakers discussing local sports.

When the specialty shows are not on the air, a free form format is in effect. The free form format allows student disc jockeys to play any type of music they desire as long as it is not heard consistently on everyday radio.

"The idea is to promote bands and give them a chance to be heard, which I think is the basis of college radio," LaCour said.

Funding for WMTS comes mainly from the SGA. The music heard comes from record labels wanting to promote their bands. Most record companies are more than pleased to provide the music as a promotional deal.

"We are very thankful and appreciative of the SGA for the funding they have provided," said faculty adviser Rush Hicks.

Hicks, who works as a copyright lawyer and Assistant Professor of Recording Industry, is very satisfied with the new station.

His job as faculty adviser is to be the liaison between the station and the College of Mass Communication. He attends some of the office meetings and works out any problems that may occur between the station and the College.

"I am very pleased with the students that run the station, particularly with Lisa LaCour, the station manager," Hicks said.

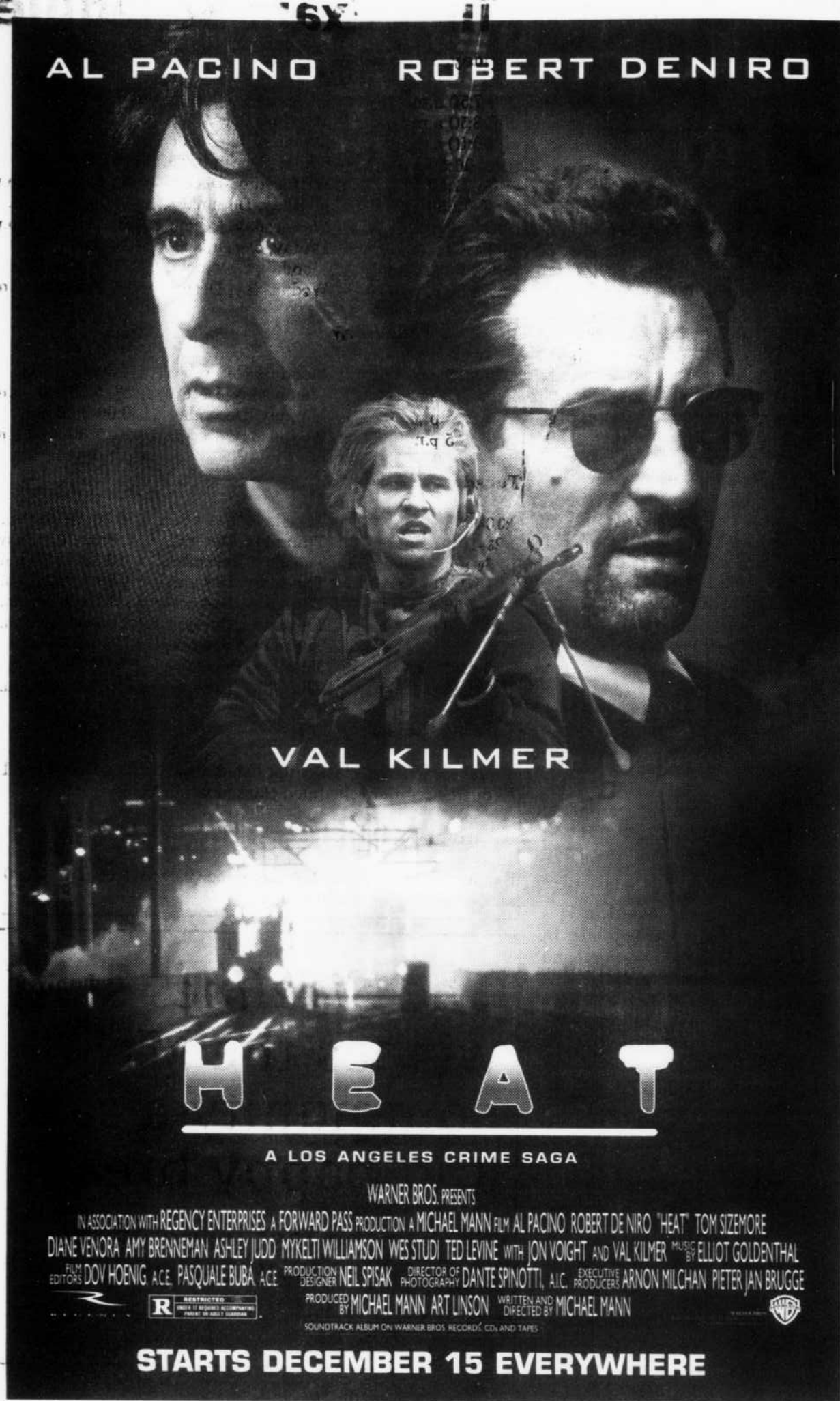
WMTS is located on the top floor of the Learning Resource Center. They encourage any input or requests for music that students would like to hear. The number to the booth at WMTS is 898-5051. ●



Quenton White initiates the Collegiate 100.

Brian G. Miller/staff

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MEN: community work on agenda

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enter into a relationship with Bradley Elementary School in Murfreesboro Dec. 14. The 100 Black Men members will serve as speakers while the Collegiate 100 will take on tutoring duties.

"Essentially, the programs that they work on will deal with young black males," White said. "We want to impact academic achievement...to ensure that in years to come there are more boys in college than in prison."

"We want to impact their work ethic...give them drive and enthusiasm to feel good

about themselves so that they can be viable contributors to the work force in the 21st century."

The tone of the evening was one of excitement for the campus, as well as, the chartered members.

"[The Collegiate 100] will bring a new sense of direction and professionalism while setting an example that it is OK and acceptable to be about business and achievement; that it is also smart and right to have goals and solid morality," said MTSU Assistant Dean of Students Rodney Bennett, who serves as a co-adviser for the Collegiate 100.

The charter members are: President Vincent Phipps, Vice-President Sterling McNeal, Secretary Eugene Sparkmen, Treasurer Brian Miller, Co-Secretary Eric Crawford, members Steven Barnes, Cameron Burrell, Larry Crismon, Montrell Dobbins, Andre Dooley, Bernard James, Ernest Jenkins, Jeffrey Jenkins, Brian Jones, Kevin Kerr, Ernest Lewis, Donald Littlejohn, Omari Neal, Samuel Neil, Edward Osuigwe, Dedrick Roberts, Bryant Russell, David Hill and Micheal Evans. ●



Members of the new campus group, the Collegiate 100.

Brian G. Miller/staff

SYMPHONY: concerts continue through April

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Symphony itself is currently in its 15th season.

The music festival for the holidays is just one of the special events the symphony will be performing for their regular season.

The symphony will hold a Jan. 26 Cabaret Concert and dinner in the Tennessee Room of the JUB consisting of music from Julie Wolf.

A Mar. 4 performance of "From Russia with Love" will feature Siberian guest

conductor Victor Barsov and Van Clyburn international piano competition silver medalist Panayis Lyras.

The symphony concludes its season Apr. 29 with a Pops Britannia performance featuring guest violinist Daniel Phillips and bag pipe artist Jay Dawson.

For advance ticket purchases for the holiday performance call 898-1862. The tickets will be available at 6:30 p.m. the night of the performance in the box office. ●

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Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Fraternity will hold their next meeting Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m. to "whenever" at 141 Popular St., Murfreesboro. We will have a social time and discuss O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi." Members, guests and interested people are welcome. Call 893-2606 for directions or information.

The Final Date to pay outstanding debts to the University to hear your grades via Tram and/or receive a printed grade report upon request is Dec. 15.

Applications will be accepted for a graduate assistant, CUSTOMS student coordinator, and Student Orientation Assistant (SOA). The deadline for CUSTOMS student coordinator is Jan. 12. The deadline for a graduate assistant has not been determined at the present time. The application deadline for SOA's will be Jan. 16. Applications can be picked up at the KUC, room 122, Dept. of New Student Orientation.

The Women's Leadership Conference is now accepting nominations for the Women of Achievement Awards is held on Friday, March 8, 1996. Nomination forms are available in the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206. Nominations may be made by

anyone who is currently a student, faculty member or administrator. Deadline for nominations is December 15, 1995. For more information, contact the JAWC at 898-2193.

The Women's Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, March 8, 1996, at MTSU. The conference is open to any female college student. The conference features Harriett Woods as keynote speaker, three leadership workshop sessions and the Tennessee Women of Achievement Awards. Cost of conference is \$15 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and an afternoon reception. Registration forms are available in the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206. Registration deadline is February 15, 1996. For more information, contact the JAWC at 898-2193.

Honors Student Association Friday Night Flings begin not-so-promptly at 5:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 108. Two movies are shown on the first and third Fridays. On the second Friday, special interest workshops are held. The fourth Friday features roundtable discussions to explore the opinions of students and faculty on various issues of debate. All events are open to HSA members and one guest per member. Come find out what you've been missing!

Anyone interested in tutoring of who would like tutoring assistance please call Tanisha Harris at 898-4056. This Tutorial Program is sponsored by the NAACP (educational committee).

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a Japanese Tea Objects Exhibit through November in the lobby of Cope. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Japan Center is also sponsoring many off campus exhibitions. A Japanese Good-Luck Charms Exhibit will be on display in the Jean Keener Room, 442 W. Second North St., Morristown, TN. A Japanese Kite Photographs Exhibit will be on display at the Arrowhead/Aerospace Cultural Center Museum, 24 Campground Road, Manchester, TN. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday-Saturday 9:30-4:00, with admission charge. The kites pictured are traditional Japanese kites crafted and photographed by Joy Smith of Murfreesboro. For more information on all these exhibits please contact The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. hosts a cookout and discussion beginning at 6:15 every Wednesday evening and luncheons every Monday at noon. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

MTSU Speech Clinic is sponsoring ongoing speech testing and therapy clinics in Boutwell Dramatic Arts room 232. MTSU students who need speech testing or therapy services should call the clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.

The Voices of Praise Gospel Choir will have weekly rehearsals on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 11 at the Baptist Student Center. Contact Latresa McCamoll at 898-3989. Come join us!

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship has weekly meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in KUC room 312. Call Trista at 898-3256 or Chris Ward at 898-3244.

MTSU LAMBDA is a gay, lesbian, and bisexual student group. It meets every Tuesday

at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Communications Building room 104. All are welcome. For more information call the LAMBDA information line at 780-2293.

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry will meet Thursday, Nov. 30 at the KUC grill. Next Tuesday Canterbury will meet at the home of the Rev. Gene Wise, 143 Cherry Lane, at 7:00 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. Contact Rev. Andrew Wright with questions at 893-3780.

Equestrian Team Meeting every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the TLC sales Arena. Contact Lia Grove at 849-9876. Everyone is welcome.

Raiders for Christ meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center at 1105 E. Bell St. Contact Mike Stroud at 896-1529 or Eddy Dyer 890-0488.

The MTSU Anthropological Society will meet every second and fourth Monday of the month from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 320. Students majoring, minoring or expressing an interest in anthropology are encouraged to attend.

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

DEADLINES FOR CAMPUS CAPSULE SUBMISSIONS:

**MONDAY EDITION
4:00 P.M. FRIDAY**

**THURSDAY EDITION
4:00 P.M. TUESDAY**

Final Exam Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7:00-7:50 a.m.
8:00-8:50 a.m.
9:00-9:50 a.m.
10:00-10:50 a.m.
11:00-11:50 a.m.
12:00-12:50 p.m.
1:00-1:50 p.m.
2:00-2:50 p.m.
3:00-3:50 p.m.
4:00-4:50 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13, 7-9 a.m.
Monday, December 11, 7:00-9:00 a.m.
Monday, December 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Friday, December 15, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Monday, December 11, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Friday, December 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 11, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday

3:00-4:15 p.m.
4:30-5:45 p.m.
6:00-7:15 p.m.
7:30-8:45 p.m.

Monday, December 11, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday

8:00-9:15 a.m.
9:25-10:40 a.m.
10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
12:15-1:30 p.m.
1:40-2:55 p.m.
3:05-4:20 p.m.
4:30-5:45 p.m.
6:00-7:15 p.m.
7:30-8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 14, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 12, 10:30-12:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 12, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Evening Classes

Exams for evening classes not listed above will be December 11-15 during regular scheduled class meeting times.

Saturday Classes

Exams will be on Saturday, December 9, from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Sidelines staff wishes the MTSU community a safe and happy break.

This is the last issue of the semester. We'll return on January 11.

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Does final time mean caffeine?

By Amy Bukdoll/
College Press Service

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (CPS)—Gordon Braun, a third-year University of Florida exercise and sports science major, slept a total of four or five hours during finals week last semester between studying for general chemistry and qualitative analysis, human anatomy and personal growth.

In that time span he said he went through two boxes of Vivarin and about 20 cans of Mountain Dew or Dr. Pepper.

"I was just so...so...wired," he said, describing how his knees and hands shook from all the caffeine.

Eric Bragger, a second-year UF microbiology major, described how an all-nighter actually helped him pull off a B+ on a western civilization exam, for which he said he had "no clue."

"It's so quiet, and it's so dark, and you've got your desk lamp on or something, and you're concentrating so hard..."

Bragger said. "But then on the other hand, you're so tired...and all of the sudden your brain just stops, and you're like, 'I need another soda.'"

Most students have at one time or another used caffeine to pull them through a long night of studying. According to Loren Chastain, a student in UF's pharmacy program, the caffeine is a stimulating drug that when taken in moderation can improve awareness, performance and mood.

"The system is acting on an increased level in carrying out its normal functions," he said, describing the drug's effects.

On The Down Side

Though caffeine is primarily found in coffee, tea, coke and chocolate, according to a Food and Drug Administration consumer report, it also is found in baked goods, frozen dairy desserts, gelatin, puddings, pie fillings and soft candy.

Excessive caffeine intake, a dosage of 500 to 600 milligrams per day for an adult, can cause headaches, insomnia, irritability, dizziness, sudden tremors, anxiety and loss of appetite.

In addition, it can cause racing and irregular heartbeat, facial flushing and gastrointestinal problems such as nausea and vomiting.

Gretchen Erwin, an elementary education sophomore, said she has felt such symptoms. When she was in the 10th grade, she and a friend each took Vivarin, an over-the-counter-caffeine-based stimulant.

"We've gotta be really cool and do this," she said describing their reasoning at the time. "We heard about how awesome it was."

After taking just one pill each, she and her friend began to feel sick.

"It felt like my heart was pounding out of my chest...it was painful...I seriously thought I was having a heart attack."

"We couldn't believe what it did, but we both vowed never to use it again," she said.

Over-the-counter medications like Vivarin offer the same effects as soda or coffee, only more intense, Chastain said, usually causing an upset stomach and nausea.

"You're dumping a lot of caffeine on the body at once,"

Chastain said. "It tends to shock the body."

Going Without

Caffeine is addictive and can induce withdrawal symptoms including irritability, nervousness, restlessness, drowsiness, headaches and lethargy, Chastain said.

However, Dr. Michael J. Huey, director of Student Health Care at the UF Infirmary, said it is possible, though difficult, to eliminate caffeine from the diet. It is important to do it slowly in order to avoid withdrawal effects.

Caffeine, unfortunately, is found in some unlikely places, Huey said. For example, he said that Anacin brand aspirin used to include caffeine. The company found that most people drink more caffeine during the week to get them through. As a result, they got more headaches on the weekend from caffeine withdrawal.

"It's so quiet, and it's so dark, and you've got your desk lamp on or something, and you're concentrating so hard.... But then on the other hand, you're so tired...and all of the sudden your brain just stops, and you're like, 'I need another soda.'"

Eric Bragger
Second-year University of
Florida microbiology major

systems of the body. It causes the stomach to secrete more acid, the heart to beat more quickly, and the blood to flow faster to the brain. An increased amount of blood to the brain is what causes that thumping feeling associated with migraines, Huey said. Using caffeine to get through an all-nighter won't help on any exam, Huey said.

"Just because caffeine is a stimulant doesn't mean it'll make you at your best in processing information."

Although caffeine can increase brain activity, sleep deprivation still will slow the clarity and precision of thinking.

However, if there's no way around an all-nighter, Chastain suggests that "the healthiest way would be to study with friends, stand up when studying and splash cold water on your face."

Regardless of whether it can be avoided, some students still prefer to use caffeine to push them through that early morning stretch.

Pulling It Off

When Gordon Braun pulls an all-nighter, he said he takes one caffeine pill before he begins. That pill will usually last about four or five hours.

"I study as long as I can until I feel tired again," he said.

Then at about 2 a.m., he'll get a soda. That keeps him going until 6 or 7 a.m. If he starts dozing off he might consider taking another pill, but he usually tries to take no more than one.

The day of the test, he'll eat a good breakfast and if necessary will have a cup of coffee or another pill. And he said he usually does well on his tests. He got A's and B's on his final exams last semester.

"It doesn't make you think better, it makes you more aware. It just gives you that edge to stay awake a little longer." ●

Donating plasma can help financial woes

By Beth Skinner

It's the middle of the month, and you're down to the last few dollars in your bank account. Your paycheck is at least three days away and the weekend starts tomorrow. No beer money, no pizza money. You're despairing, and you'd give your right arm for a little extra money. Well, guess what? There is a place that will pay you \$30 to have your right arm, or your left arm for that matter. The place I am referring to is Plasma Alliance, a plasma donating center located at 1620 Church St., in Nashville, Tenn. They'll be happy to borrow your arm (you can have it back), your time, and pay you enough to have that beer and pizza this weekend.

Now this may be where your red flags go up. Like me, you've probably seen the ad in Sidelines, "Need Cash, donate Plasma" and thought to yourself "it sounds too, ah, clinical, and it, ah, might hurt or something." So you say "no thanks" and search the want ads. Well I, too, had my doubts, but the \$30 they were offering to first-time donors brought thoughts of the niceties that \$30 extra can

bring: a movie, a CD, a cheap pair of jeans. So I gave them a call and was on my way.

"Make sure to bring a valid Tennessee Driver's License (any license, as long as it's valid) with you and eat before you come down" was the Plasma Center's advice to me over the phone.

I am called to the desk, and another friendly face in a white coat hands me a "new donor payment plan." Now we're getting somewhere! This is where you learn just how much money there is to be made in this business. You're paid \$30 for your first visit, and between \$15-\$25 for each consecutive visit within a 30-day period. On your last visit, you gross a whopping \$50! Is this sounding lucrative enough to quit your job, or what?! I also realize, as I read over the payment plan, that the bigger a person, the more bucks that person is paid. For example, while \$30 is standard for everyone's first visit, a person weighing 175+ pounds earns \$25 for their second visit, while someone weighing 150-174 receives \$20, and lightweights (110-149) will be paid \$17. Interesting. Of course this makes perfect sense, as the bigger you are, the more

plasma they can squeeze out of you.

At this point, I am weighed and asked to bare my arms for a vein assessment. The deal is to see if you have nice, healthy veins, as opposed to veins riddled with bruises, needle marks, or sores. This is their first step in making sure you are a healthy donor and are not, for instance, using illegal drugs.

I pass this test and am ready to move to booth #2. This is where the infamous pin-prick to your finger occurs. Your blood

will then be tested for various things such as infections, sugar and iron levels.

In no time at all (remember, I get to watch the tube while I wait!), I find myself in a booth having a private consultation with one of the health care staff. My temperature and blood pressure are checked, and I answer a few questions about my medical history. Any recent head injuries, illnesses, or operations will eliminate me from donating. If your after hours don't entail using drugs with a needle while having sex with a prostitute, you are probably not in this category.

I am moving closer to donating now, but there is one last obstacle I must overcome. To ensure they are getting good plasma, and the center is picky about getting good plasma, first-time donors must pass a short and sweet physical. Never fear, this amounts to nothing more than a brief test of reflexes, a heart, lung and blood pressure check, and of course, a urine specimen. With all of this good stuff behind me, I am deemed healthy enough to donate and return briefly to my old spot in the waiting room.

As the procedure begins, my nervousness slowly resides. While the needle in my arm is mildly uncomfortable, I feel absolutely no need to writhe or cry out in pain. The plasma machine, which resembles kidney dialysis machines I've seen on television, now comes

to life as two big bowls inside it begin to spin.

I now become an active participant in the first of the machine's two cycles in the donating process. In the first cycle, called collection, the machine collects my blood and plasma into a bowl spinning around 7,000 RPM's. Here, the plasma is being separated from the blood. I "help" the machine

out by clenching and unclenching my fist in an effort to pump blood faster to my vein.

A little less conspicuous than the

machine but still of great importance, is the little plastic bag beside the machine slowly filling with a pale, yellow liquid. This liquid is your plasma, the stuff of which your money is being made. A white tint in the plasma indicates the presence of fatty cells. Mine has a few of these, which makes me think twice about that Big Mac I had at lunch.

The second cycle, called reinfusion, begins as the machine grows quiet. This comes as a relief, as I can cease the fist action for a while. Here, the force of the spinning bowl is returning the blood to my arm along with an anticoagulant. I am relaxed, and my focus is not so much on my arm as it is on the movie "Tombstone" as it nears the climax. The cycles are repeated, usually three or four times, until the little plastic bag is adequately filled. The cycles last from 10-15 minutes.

Plan to spend anywhere from two to two and a half hours at the center your first time. Actual donation time will be around 45 minutes if you're female and an hour or so if you're male. If you donate again (and it must be within 31 days of your first donation), the time spent will be much shorter.

Walking to my car, I found this new money-making experience to be well worth it. Not only will my plasma benefit someone in need, I am \$30 richer and I didn't even have to punch a time clock! ●

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Honors society offers \$7,000 scholarships

Staff Reports

The MTSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society is inviting applications from outstanding senior students for competitive fellowships worth up to \$7,000 for first-year graduate or professional study. Application deadline is January 29, 1996.

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The criteria used in the selection process include scholastic achievement, high standardized test scores, honors and enrichment programs, leadership and participation in university and community activities,

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Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 and has more than 250 chapters at universities and colleges throughout the nation. It is the only major national scholastic honor society which recognizes academic excellence in all disciplines. The Fellowship Program was established in 1932 and since then has given more than 1,200 fellowship awards and 400 honorable mention awards.

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Find your music on the internet

The Internet



Joe Legge

The music industry knows a good thing when they see it, and the use of 90's technology appears to be just the tool they've been

that visits the site can vote for the weekly chart, play the HitPicks Game to find out how good you are at picking hits, and link to other charts. Their Spotlight page has everything you need—Billboards Top 40, Casey's Top 40, Rick Dee's Top 40, MTV's Top 20—you get the point.

A majority of us have fantasized about becoming rock and roll superstars. But few have actually followed those dreams. The Internet Underground Music Archive (<http://www.iuma.com>) was one of the first websites ever available. For a special fee, IUMA will post your music on-line for the world to listen to. Music rep's occasionally stop by the website searching for new talent, and a few of the bands featured on IUMA have received record deals. IUMA is well respected in the industry and tries to ward off the good from the bad.

As I've said before, spending money on the Internet is a "shop at your own risk." However, there is one music retailer on the net that I've dealt with and can recommend to those wanting to shop at home. CD Europe (<http://www.gate.net/~dutch>) is probably the best music service going on the net, offering imports from all over Europe and Asia, as well as hard to find US releases. After ordering a disc, a special on-line service allows you to see where in transit it is. The one downside to CD Europe is that they don't keep a stock, so anything ordered has to be sent from the distributor to CD Europe and then to you, adding a week or two to the already long delivery time.

A few other music ordering sites that are untested are CD Now (<http://www.cdnow.com>) and World Wide Music (<http://www.worldwidemusic.com>).

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looking for. It took almost two years before they listened to experts about how they could add videos, album notes, interviews, and just about anything on a special CD-ROM that could hold all of that information, as well as the music for the album itself. They have finally come around, and now they are dabbling in all aspects of the computer revolution.

One of the more recent accomplishments of the industry is its use of the Internet as a promotional tool. World Wide Web sites like Sony Music (<http://www.sony.com>), Warner Brothers (<http://www.wbr.com>), and Geffen (<http://geffen.com>), offer samples from their latest releases. For years now, consumers have asked to be able to listen to albums before buying them (Yes, I know the retailers do this now). But finally, the labels are delivering. In addition to the samples, a majority of them offer song lyrics to download, extra pictures, concert information, and clips from the videos.

If you're one of those chart conscious music lovers and need to know the current position of your new favorite song, there is only one stop you need make. HitsWorld Music Charts (<http://www.hitsworld.com>) keeps a weekly chart of songs voted on by music experts on the Internet. Of course their chart isn't the official medium the industry goes by, but it's still a lot of fun. Everyone

WMOT needing new broadcast tower

By Scott E. Livingood/staff

WMOT, MTSU's National Public Radio station, is focusing their fundraising efforts this year on a new broadcast tower.

"We're moving to another tower site," said WMOT Director of Development Laura Dunn. "We just got the clearance and contracts done. A directional antenna will be completed in about three months. This will give us a much better signal and signal range."

"We have problems reaching Nashville with our current tower," Dunn continued. "Some of our members can only get us in their cars but not at home or vice versa. The site will be closer to Nashville and will increase our primary signal

range in the Nashville market. We will be able to reach all of Nashville."

In order to pay for reaching all of Nashville, WMOT has to meet its fundraising goals.

Dunn said they are well on their way to their goal.

"Our goal is to reach half of our need by the first of the year," Dunn said. "Right now, we're a little over \$12,000. We're hoping by the first of the year to get \$27,000."

"We have two fundraisers in the spring and fall every year," said WMOT program director John High. "We're running ahead of last year's

fundraising totals. We need to reach our goal of \$54,000 before the end of this fiscal year—half in the fall, half in the spring. We had a record year last year and we're on track this year."

"Right now, we're a little over \$12,000. We're hoping by the first of the year to get \$27,000."

Laura Dunn
Director of Development

from program underwriters, usually businesses, corporations."

"But our primary source of private money is from the listenership, the individual members of the financial support groups. We count on

individual contributions.

Part of WMOT's funding also comes from the federal government. But WMOT is trying to get less money from Washington and more money from local people.

"Thirteen percent of our operating revenue comes from the Corporation of Public Broadcasting," High said. "The lion's share of our operating funds (roughly 69 percent) come from MTSU. The remaining percentage is private donations."

"Congress is debating the budget. We don't really know the outcome. We'll probably see some continued cutbacks. That could really hurt us."

"Our plan is to increase the amount of private financing. We can offset the possible loss of federal funding over the next few years." ●

Deer cause devastation to drivers

By Sue Gernt

Beware! When traveling the highways and byways of Tennessee, do be careful. There's a multitude of four-legged creatures lurking about.

They're lurking in dense, brushy thickets. They're lurking along interstate highways and they're lurking in quiet residential areas.

You may not see them. You may not hear them. But they are there!

They are deer—Eastern white-tail deer. You know—like Bambi and his mother. And although we may think of them as lovable, gentle creatures, they can be potentially deadly.

This potential develops when they are mixed with fast-moving traffic such as that found on an interstate highway or when they wander into areas of heavy traffic in populated locales.

Over the last several years the deer population has increased for a number of reasons. Some of these reasons are better management, better protection of their habitat and milder weather. Everything has come together to produce larger numbers of deer.

Deer are traditionally big woods animals, but now they are found in just about any area where there is food and cover. As their numbers have increased, they have been moving from the woods and coming ever closer to more populated areas.

And what happens when they do come into populated areas? Well, that's when trouble begins.

"Accidents involving deer have increased dramatically," Sgt. Richard Hudson of the Tennessee Highway Patrol says.

"There are deer wrecks all through the year, but there seems to be more in the fall."

The frequency of accidents in the fall may be due partly to this being hunting season and guns are being fired. But more likely than not it is because this is also mating season for the deer, and they are on the move.

"When a vehicle hits a deer, it will often do a lot of damage," Hudson says.

Ben Daley, a statistician with the Tennessee Department of Safety, says that two variables that determine the seriousness of an accident involving deer are "how big the deer is and how large the vehicle is" that strikes it.

"The potential is there for that being a dangerous situation."

Damage and serious injury can also be incurred when one swerves to avoid hitting a deer.

"Sometimes an accident that starts with a person swerving to avoid hitting a deer or other animal goes on and results in a person hitting something else such as another vehicle," Daley says.

Two areas along Interstate 40 where deer are often spotted and accidents involving deer sometimes occur are from

Monterey up to the Putnam County Line and from the Smithville Exit at Silver Point down to the Gordonsville-Carthage Exit in Smith County. There are wide grassy medians in the Putnam-Smith County area which the deer seem to like.

Fatalities do occur from vehicles hitting deer and other animals. Injuries occur for the same reason. And property is damaged.

So what can we do to avoid hitting a deer at this time of year or any other?

"This is really tough," Daley says.

There are no easy answers to this question and it finally just comes down to a few common-sense suggestions.

Be alert. This may not be something earth-shaking, but it is one of a person's best defenses in this situation as well as in others.

Another suggestion is to slow down.

As well as being more likely to spot an animal and have more time to react, overall, there is less likelihood of serious injury at a slow speed than at a high one.

"Speed is directly related to injury severity," Daley says.

Some stores that carry automotive supplies sell a whistle-like device that attaches to the front bumper of an automobile. As an automobile travels down the highway, this device emits a unique sound as air rushes through it, thus alerting any deer that may be nearby.

Many people however question

the value of such items.

And what should you do if you hit a deer?

"You should report it," Hudson says. Then a trooper will be sent to investigate.

"If the deer is still alive and in pain, the trooper is authorized to kill it. If the meat can be salvaged, they will contact the local sheriff's department. They can have the meat processed at their own expense and they can feed it to the prisoners."

Daley points out, "You would probably want to report the accident to document it for your insurance company."

So, when you are traveling the highways of Tennessee this holiday season, take care and remember: Humans are not the only ones on the road ●

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Letters to the Editor

Civility, decency goal of UEC bid for amended statement

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to Professor Sokoya's letter in your Monday edition. There are a number of minor points which really do need to be addressed. For example, his statement that one can tell the religion of an individual based on that person's name, which probably tells us more about his one dimensional view of the universe than anything else. (For the record, as is Bishop Tutu, I am an Anglican, but I guess the good professor could tell that from my name.) Also, the majority of his letter does nothing more than prove the key point in my original letter—discrimination against gays and lesbians is perfectly legal. Other than some corporate and university policies of non-discrimination and some laws in units of local government there is no overarching body of law on sexual orientation. Contrary to his presentation, the Supreme Court has never fully ruled on sexual orientation. (The fundamental right at stake in Bowers v. Hardwick was the right to privacy of a citizen versus the police power of the state, not a right to sodomy.) In the current term the court is hearing its first case based on sexual orientation in the appeal of a Colorado court decision which held the prohibition of non-discriminatory laws on sexual orientation by public referendum to be unconstitutional.

All of the above really has only marginal meaning for the UEC statement and the MTSU campus. What does have meaning is the most pernicious part of his argument, which he calls "attitudinal discrimination." He describes discrimination as physical violence and harassment, and "attitudinal discrimination." As to physical violence and harassment, it is true that the Hate Crimes Act does exist, but it is mostly about how to categorize and report violent crimes of bias, not protection from such crimes. Also, violence is not discrimination; it is violence. The only tie between discrimination and violence is the mistaken notion potentially held by some that the approval of discrimination of any sort against a group grants cultural acceptability to violence against that group. For that reason the issue on the MTSU campus is not violence, but the possibility of discrimination. Professor Sokoya's "attitudinal discrimination," from which he says

no group is entitled to protection, lends itself to the creation of just such an atmosphere as described above. Though he does not define the term, I take it to mean that it is acceptable to "attitudinally discriminate" against a group which one finds personally offensive. On a university campus I suppose this could include a professor shunning or ignoring a student in their class solely because of their religious ideas or sexual orientation. Clearly in the case of religious ideas this is not acceptable behavior because university policy says that it is not.

MTSU should not participate in any type of discrimination, attitudinal or otherwise, because a university campus should be a place of tolerance for those different from ourselves. All the UEC statement seeks is to make our little corner of the world, the MTSU campus, a more civilized and decent place for all of the members of the MTSU family. For that reason, MTSU should adopt the UEC statement.

Sincerely,

F.E. Beemon
Associate Professor of
History

UEC statement does not create gay advantage laws

To the Editor,

"Some religions are passed down through the family unit. This immutability (which is not the case with sexual behavior) as expressed in some religious beliefs make it appropriate for the courts and the State to protect individuals' religious beliefs while at the same time not promote any religious belief (as expressed in the first amendment to the U.S. constitution)." So reads a portion of Dr. S. Kim Sokoya's recent letter to the editor. If this and other portions of Dr. Sokoya's letter were printed exactly as submitted, I can only marvel at their possible meaning. Equally marvelous is the thought that MTSU or any other university would engage in drafting "special gay advantage legislation." Someone of my meager intellect is unable to fathom exactly how the words, sexual orientation, would provide a gay advantage if added to MTSU's nondiscrimination statement. Are elderly, Buddhist, female, disabled veterans of color at an advantage because the university says it does not discriminate on the basis of "race, color, national origin,

sex, religion, or age" nor "against veterans or individuals with disabilities"?

I do not claim to speak for God, Desmond Tutu, or anyone else regarding which human behavior is or is not pleasing to God. I don't even claim to have "intellectually and spiritually satisfying answers to life's most important questions" despite the fact that I was schooled in the Lutheran faith and consider myself a Christian. I hope that my sarcasm doesn't seem like nonsubtle bigotry to some.

Wayne C. Rosing
Professor of Biology

Student responds to criticism; Crime Alert overblown

To the Editor,

Instructions for igniting powder keg: light fuse and get away. I'd feel more comfortable following instructions here, but, unfortunately, Msrs. Butler and Myers have brought up some good points for clarification. I'll just say, firsthand, that I was disappointed to see that there were no women or acknowledged minorities in the response arena. I mean, that's who this open letter was on behalf of...what did they think? But, to address my complainants, I want to state clearly the sources of information I used, the crime alert posters and the *Sidelines* article which covered the incident. Mr. Butler must've talked to an officer involved, because I don't see any mention of the victim getting "cornered" anywhere. In fact, the event took place in a breezeway, which to fulfill its hallway oriented purpose, has two exits. As far as I can tell, that leaves two choices; the pimp daddy route and the non-pimp daddy route. As well, I didn't say there was a conspiracy here. Just for the record, there is more than one member of The Police Force and since they pool information, that is, by definition, a conspiracy. But, the key is whether a wrongful act was premeditated. In response to that, of course not! Are you kidding me? That would be far too overt. What I saw happening was...

This guy approached the alleged victim and attempted to persuade her to have sexual intercourse with him. He more than likely used and Afro-centric dialect of the English language, thereby decreasing the odds of successful communication. Then, after he "fled" the police were summoned. After arrival, they were confronted with a woman who

obviously had had a traumatic experience and couldn't effectively communicate the course of events, due to another language impediment. An interpreter was called in and through his translation, relayed the events to police, as a person foreign to our culture related them (good point, Mr. Butler!) From that point, the police had to decide what laws were allegedly violated and translate the transgressions into law-based jargon. Hence, "...attempted to coerce her..." and Sexual Battery. More than likely, Mr. Butler, Joey if I may, something has gotten lost, and probably gained as well, in the four "translations" of dudeman's original intent. I'm fairly sure a round of "the telephone game" with a black guy, a cop, a woman from a foreign country and someone who's bi-lingual, would prove just how inadequate verbal intercourse can be, especially in high tension situations. Given all of these variables, I can't help but feel as though this response to this incident was adjudicated with a blind eye to proportion. Once a person becomes afraid, I'm afraid, rationality is out the window. When someone lives in fear, they're prone to acts of desperation and as we all know, a cornered and therefore desperate animal, even a human animal, is dangerous.

For some reason, people, when they get riled, refuse to look at just the situation at hand. I thought that there had been another rape committed when I saw the signs up. Rape, just to be crystal clear, is an act of violence and violation of the right to choose with whom one engages in intercourse. But, when I read the notice, I realized this man didn't rape anyone, it's more than likely he didn't even do permanent harm to anyone and yet Mr. Myers, looking at "The Facts" assumed that since the alleged perpetrator in this case was an African-American male and likewise of the rapes which were recently committed, that they are the same person!!! He refers to the alleged assaultist as "the rapist himself," in the last paragraph of his letter.

As well, he assumes that this Crime Alert represents an "impending danger" to female students. After this, in his infinite knowledge of the intricate workings of the MTSU security system, he assures me that signs would be posted if the assailant were white. Oh... well, that assurance amounts to, just about, well, at least somewhere in the neighborhood of... SHIT!

I'm sorry, but you probably know just about as much about the MTSU police's code of operations as I do, nearly nothing. Mr. Butler assured me, as well, there would be a "swarm" of notices, but who's to say...

In my opinion, there is a good

possibility, that another assault oriented hip-pinching has taken place on this campus this year. It is also possible that this event was reported to the police ("burdened" is your word, Mr. Butler, not mine.) I, being a white male, could imagine if I were in this circumstance, things would've been a bit more low key. I could imagine an officer consoling my victim, saying, "It's all right ma'am we're gonna find this guy and book'em hard. We've got a counselor you can go see, they'll help 'ya feel better (nothin' 'coupla valium won't fix, huh?) But, 'fer now, don't worry your pretty little head 'bout it, 'cause we'll git 'em good..." And that would be about all that would come of it...

Many people assume that they understand exactly what someone means when they assign definition to the words spoken (or written) to them. This is absolutely impossible. Unless you and this person were cloned and raised in identical environments, the "filtration system" our memories act as will yield a differing interpretation of the expression.

I really don't know what else to say...

I think a poem I've written pretty much sums it up...

I no more hear you than you I.

Apart we stand, yet tethered by this thin strand
communiqué.

Sounding these lines sends resonance to the body of Imagination.
Tempered by Memory, words so related,
sing silent songs of sensations.

But O, the resistance the troubled mind meets
in condensing a thought into words.
Discordant strains spill, running, shrill,
screaming, streaming,

after it all, never heard.

So now, as I hold both my hands poised above
the slight, slender line that so lightly binds us,
I hope that I my fingers might tap out the note
that briefly, when felt, intertwines us.

Jon Labahn
Soph., Recording Industry

Editor's Note: The spacing of Mr. Labahn's poem was severely compromised due to the nature of the newspaper's column format. Also, all of the punctuation in his letter belongs to him.

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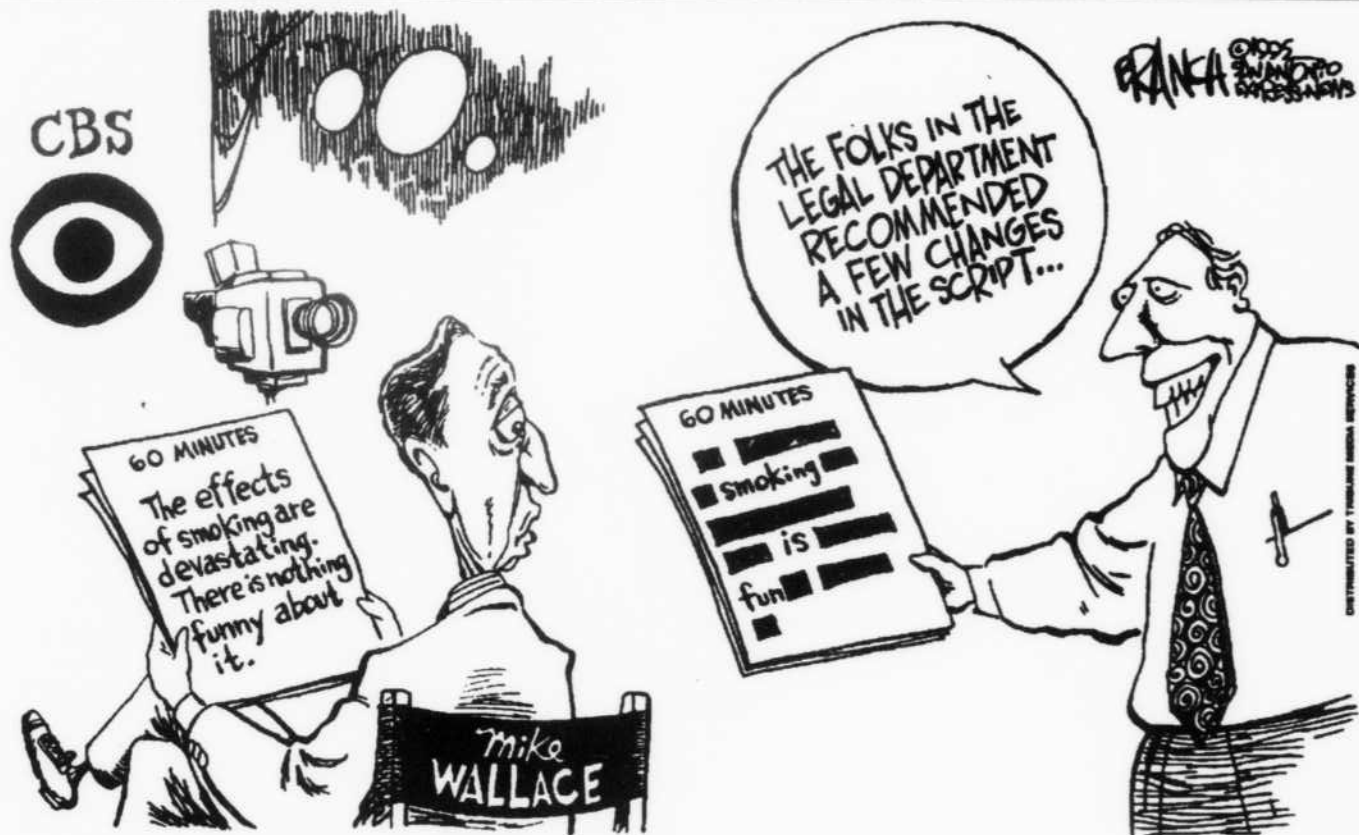
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Raiders collar the Bulldogs, 66-51

By Rob Nunley/staff

If it is ever possible to be disappointed after a win, the Blue Raider basketball team was just that after Monday's 66-51 victory over the Division II Northeast Missouri Bulldogs.

Although the Raiders never trailed in Monday's game and won by a comfortable margin, both players and coaches agreed that they allowed the Bulldogs to keep the game too close, perhaps because they overlooked their Division II opponents.

"I don't think we played as well as we could have, especially in the first half," Raider center David Washington said. "I think we came out and half-heartedly did some things because of the competition."

"I don't think it's a matter of overlooking in that sense," Raider head coach David Farrar said. "But I don't think there's any question that they didn't get real excited to play."

"I said winning was not enough in this game. Beating this team by a number of points was not enough," the coach added. "I was looking for accountability and playing better."

The Blue Raiders seemed to be making poor shot selection and forcing a lot of shots early in the first half. The Bulldogs capitalized on Raider misses and turnovers to keep the score close throughout the half, and senior guard Derrick Johnson's 3-pointer with just under seven minutes remaining in the half tied the score at 17 apiece.

Junior Aylton Tesch almost single-handedly rebuilt the Raider lead late in the first half. The 6-8 forward from Vitoria, Brazil scored six straight points to give the Raiders a 23-19 lead with 5:30 remaining, including taking a steal the length of the court and finishing with a two-hand slam.

On the Bulldogs' next trip down the floor, Tesch managed to steal the ball again, and sent an impressive behind the back pass to guard Roni Bailey, who also slammed it home.

Tesch, who scored 12 points in the game, finished the half with a jumper off his own miss to give the Raiders a 29-22 lead at halftime.

"That's the way I've played the game my whole life," Tesch said. "I

just like to make it fun."

But the Raider lead didn't last very long after halftime. The Bulldogs came out of the locker room and rattled off seven straight points to tie the game at 29-29.

Middle slowly rebuilt its lead, and two straight baskets from newcomer Paul Bruns gave the Raiders a 54-43 lead with 7:13 remaining in the game, the first time their lead had been over ten all night.

In the remaining minutes of the game, the Raiders continued to build on their lead. After a NEMO defender stripped the ball from Tim Gaither in the lane, Washington came up with the loose ball and scored to give the Raiders a 66-47 lead, their biggest lead of the game.

The Bulldogs scored the final two baskets of the game, but it was too little and too late, as the Raiders grabbed the 66-51 win.

Washington led the Blue Raiders in scoring with 13, while Tesch and Gaither scored 12 and 11, respectively. Tyrone Barksdale and Nod Carter added eight apiece. Gaither and Carter also added five rebounds apiece.

Point guard Brian Basich led the Bulldogs in scoring with 13, and as a team the Bulldogs out-rebounded the Raiders 31-23.

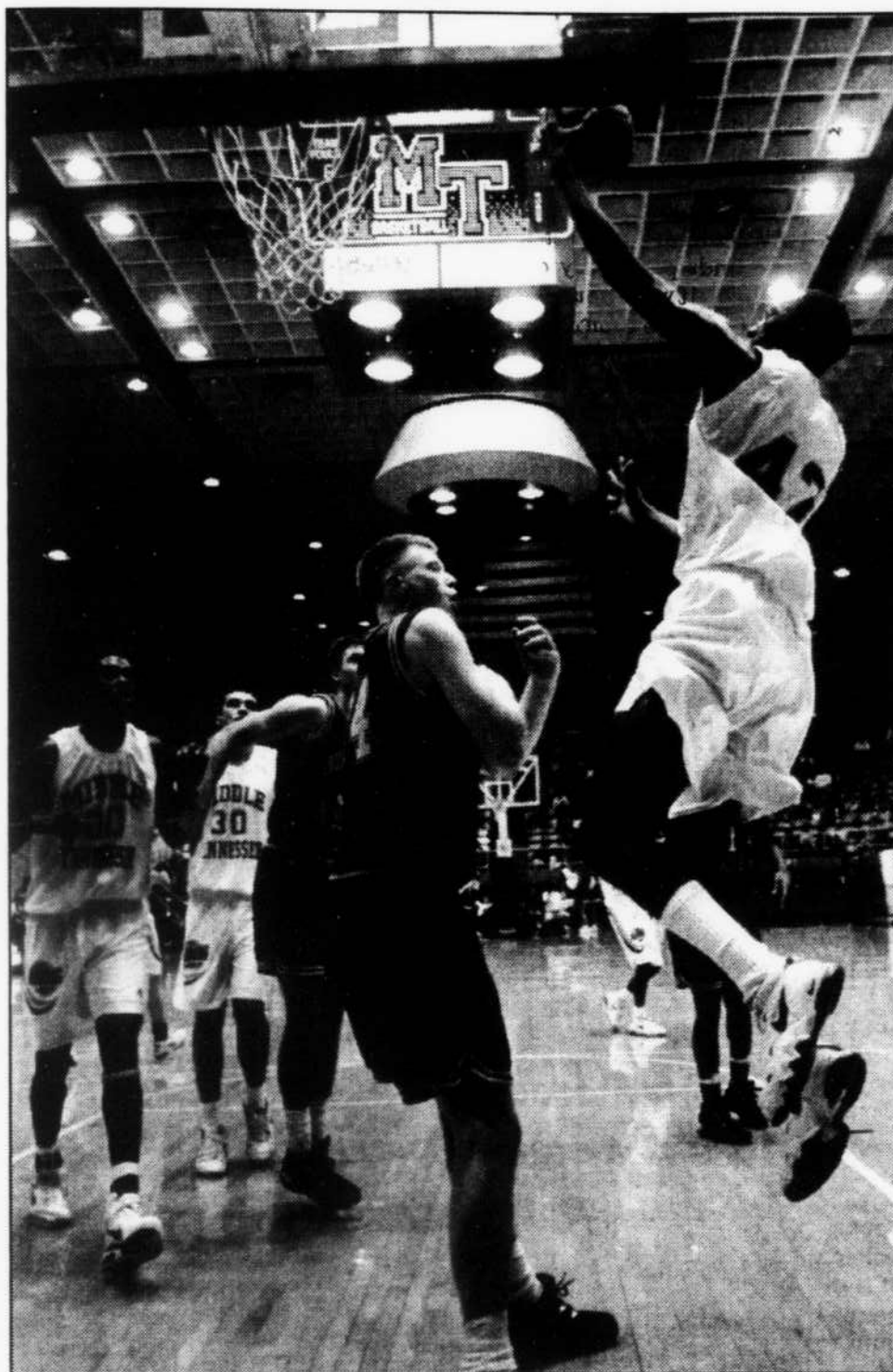
Middle shot 59.6 percent from the field, while the Bulldogs shot only 39 percent. Farrar said, that while the Raiders' 52 shot attempts were not enough, and the team was committing too many turnovers to be successful.

"We shot almost 60 percent and they shot 39 percent, that should make for a lopsided game most nights," Farrar said. "The reason it didn't was the unforced errors."

"Our defense and our attack mode is not doing enough to create shots," The coach added. "We've got to get 75 to 80 shots to be a productive basketball team."

The Raiders will be traveling to Radford, Virginia to face the Radford University Highlanders. Last year the Highlanders handed the Blue Raiders a 60-57 loss at Murphy Center.

"That game really took away some confidence from us," Farrar said. "That was a winnable game at home."



Brian G. Miller/staff

Junior forward Nod Carter goes in for a layup in Monday night's win over Northeast Missouri at Murphy Center.

"I think it will be a very difficult game, but it is one I expect to win and I'll be very candid about that," Farrar continued. "I'll be shocked if this team doesn't go in there with a very positive frame of mind. But it will be a very difficult game."

The Raiders will return home December 16 to take on the Privateers from New Orleans. Tip-off for the New Orleans game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Murphy Center, and admission is free to students with a valid ID. ●

Lady Raider classic features strong competition

By Tony J. Arnold/staff

The Lady Raider basketball team will be hosting the Lady Raider Classic, an annual four-team tournament, this weekend at Murphy Center. Teams competing in the tournament will be Belmont, Jackson State and 20th-ranked Alabama.

After a one-year absence from the NAIA Tournament, the Belmont University Bruins return four starters from last year's 21-11 team. In what was labeled a rebuilding year, the team finished fourth in the TCAC (13-7). However, the squad was ranked 25th nationally in the final NAIA poll.

Missing from last year's team is All-TCAC performer Wendy Truitt. Head coach Tony Cross will counter with post players Abbey Benton and Denise Farrell. Benton is the TCAC's best post defender, bringing excellent shot blocking and rebounding skills.

To best help Belmont, she must utilize her post moves to consistently

prove she can score. Farrell will provide the offensive punch lost by the graduation of Truitt. The Goodlettsville native has taken her game to another level after working hard in an off season weight training program. She possesses guard-like speed and tremendous leaping ability, which makes her a dangerous offensive threat. Her improved strength gives her skill and confidence to be able to defend opposing post players.

In defense of their 1994-95 Southwestern Athletic Conference title, the Jackson State University Lady Tigers will have to overcome the loss of 36 points and 21 rebounds per game, youthfulness and inexperience inside.

Gone are the "Towers of Power", seniors Tera Sheriff (6'1, forward) and Kim Linson (6'2, center). The duo "Tera-sized" the SWAC for three years, garnering national and SWAC awards including a national rebounding title (Sheriff) and numerous All-America listings.

During the 1994-95 campaign, Sheriff and Linson combined to average 36 points and 21 rebounds per game while leading the Lady Tigers to a 22-7 season. They provided a solid post game for the Lady Tigers who, as a team, averaged 48.8 rebounds and 78.5 points per game.

Sheriff and Linson were two of a total of seven letterwinners lost from the Lady Tigers' championship team. Returning are six letterwinners which include the "Dynamic Duo", sophomore guards Latisha Gibbs and Rosalyn Spann.

Gibbs, the playmaker, contributed 6.7 points and 5.3 assists per contest in the 1994-95 season, which ranked her third in the SWAC. The 5'6, Jackson native was a member of the inaugural SWAC all-rookie team and was named the SWAC Tournament Most Valuable Player after averaging 15.3 points and 5.7 assists in JSU's three tournament wins. She was one of three Lady Tigers to be named first-team all-tournament, joining Sheriff and Linson.

Spann, 5'9 and a native of Macon, Mississippi, finished the championship season third in scoring in the conference with 16.7 points per game. She ranked second in the SWAC in three-point field goal percentage (.295) and was seventh in steals (3.2 per game). Among Spann's post-season awards were Black College Freshman-of-the-Year, SWAC Freshman-of-the-Year and the SWAC all-rookie team.

Alabama coach Rick Moody says he loves a challenge; and if that's true, he's going to really love these next few months. They're chock full of challenges.

First up is countering for the loss of four starters, three to graduation, the other to an ACL injury, plus his supersub who also graduated. No longer in the picture are five of his top six scorers from his 22-9 team. "Actually, it's kind of refreshing," swears Moody who followed 1994's trip to the Final Four with a "Sweet

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MTSU track teams ready to run for OVC indoor title

By Marcus Randle/staff

The MTSU men's and women's track teams are anxiously anticipating the first shot from the starting gun to begin the 1995-96 indoor track season this Saturday when they will host the first meet of the indoor season.

All of the athletes on the Blue Raider and Lady Raider track teams are focussed and poised to bring the Ohio Valley Conference indoor championship to MTSU.

Track coach Dean Hayes, who was recently named as the head coach for the U.S. track team at the 1997 World Championships in Athens, Greece, feels both the men and the women can bring home the indoor championships with a little hard work and determination.

The swift feet of the Blue Raiders are not the only thing that will help them bring home the title, however.

Teamwork will be a key element.

"We need to work together as a team and stay focussed on winning the OVC indoor title again," junior Nadia Graham said.

As the reigning OVC indoor champions, the Lady Raiders know that everyone will be trying to knock them off the top. The OVC track woman of the year, Mia Florence, and Nadia Graham, the OVC champion in the 400 and 200 meter runs will play a large point in leading the Lady Raiders to repeat as indoor champions.

Some of the other returning stars for the Lady Raiders are Teljane Hall, Andrea Byars, and Meljane Phillips. Some of the new faces for the women this year are Bianaca Conley, Saran Dunmore and Rachel Parrish, all of whom have the potential to help make this year's Lady Raider indoor team even stronger than last year's.

"The women's track team will be

very strong and very competitive," Hayes said.

The men's track team finished in third place last year, and are looking forward to capturing the indoor crown this year.

Health is going to be a key factor in determining whether or not the Blue Raiders achieve their goal. Last year Middle was hampered with injuries that kept some of their key personnel sidelined. Keith Watkins, a semi-finalist in the 55 meters at the NCAA championships last year, and Jahez (Jaz) Salahuddin will be the keys to success for the Blue Raiders in their quest for the OVC indoor championship.

"Last year Jaz was hurt for most of the season, but right now he seems to be healthy and ready to run," Hayes said.

The Blue Raiders return a strong group of runners that should make them competitive for the OVC title. Some of the returning stars from last

year are Torrence Riley, Rashad Haynes, Marlin Cobwell and Shane Heavener. Freshman Lawrence Barham is new to the Raiders and should be a strong addition to this already potent team.

"As a team, we need to focus on having fun and winning some track meets," Watkins said. "We also need to stay in focus and keep the right frame of mind."

The men and women are set and ready to go for the championship. If last year was any indication of what we can expect this year, Middle could possibly bring home both the men and women indoor titles.

The first indoor track meet is Saturday, December 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Murphy Center. Other schools that will be participating are Tennessee State University, Western Kentucky, Murray State and Austin Peay. Admission to the meet is free and open to the public. ●

Wrapping up as Fall 1995 winds down

Well here it is, the last edition of the semester, and before I go there are just a few things I wanted to talk about.

First and foremost, I want to take this space to give a shout out to everybody who worked in the sports section this semester, and there were a lot of you.

Ryan, Tony, Joel, Sean, Brandy, Jay, Robby, Marcus, Tommy, and Brian all worked very hard to put this section out twice a week, and I'm very thankful to have had their help.

★ Well, the Lady Raider basketball team is 4-0, and looking better than they've been in a long time. All over town, from Slick Pig to the Boro, as people's thoughts turn from the pigskin to the hardwood, I'm hearing one phrase over and over:

"That women's team is supposed to be pretty good, aren't they?"

That's an understatement.

After winning last week's Pepperdine tournament, their confidence has got to be at an all-time high going into this weekend's Lady Raider Classic.

And they're going to need all the confidence and momentum that they can muster. One of the teams in this weekend's Classic is the Alabama Crimson Tide, ranked number 20 in the most recent AP poll.

The Lady Raiders have been getting a few votes in the polls recently also. If they continue their present hot streak and defeat Alabama in the Classic final on Saturday, Middle's squad just might jump into the top 25.

★ As long as we're talking roundball, the men's team isn't doing too shabby, either.

The Blue Raiders are 3-1, with their only loss coming on a last-second 3-pointer against Texas Christian last week. One of the Raiders' victims was Oral Roberts University, a team that kicked the you-know-what out of that yellow team from Cookeville last week.

(By the way, did you know that those Golden Buzzards were picked ahead of the Blue Raiders in the preseason polls? How ridiculous.)

Tim Gaither told me before the season started that he thought the Raiders would be surprising a lot of people who predicted them to be a middle-of-the-road team, and it looks like he might just be right.

Speaking of surprising, David Washington has made a surprising recovery from his jaw, and has reclaimed the paint for the Blue Raiders.

When he was injured the doctors guessed it could be as many as six to ten weeks before David would be playing again. But after a speedy recovery he was on the court before the Raiders' opening game.

That kind of dedication to the team is what's going to make the Raiders a winning program, no matter what their record is at the end of the season.

And keep an eye on the Raiders' new forward, Aylton Tesch. The 6-8 forward from Vitoria, Brazil has stepped into a new program and taken a dominant role on both ends of the court.

It won't be long before the media (and hopefully the selection committee for All-Conference teams) takes notice of him.

Well that's it for the fall semester. It won't be long before this section is filled with stories about OVC basketball championships, track indoor titles, and baseball victories. But until then, have a good break.

And if you get a chance over the holidays, there's still going to be plenty of good basketball action at Murphy Center during break, and you get in free even when school is out. ●

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16" visit in 1995. "We're basically starting from scratch by bringing in a whole new crew. It's different kinds of players and different kinds of challenges, but life necessitates change. Change is imminent. And only those people who can accept change and deal with it in a positive way are the ones who can sustain success."

Challenges and interesting developments have long been a part of Moody's life at Alabama. He took a mediocre program and turned it into a Final Four participant in just five seasons. He produced Alabama's first female basketball All-American, brought home more than a dozen regular season tournament titles, led the nation in 3-point shooting and even managed to coax his players into winning nearly two-dozen Academic All-SEC awards along the way.

Facing Alabama's tall order is, well, one of the tallest orders Moody has had for a lineup. The five players he signed last year include three over six feet. Add them to 6-1 Sarah Smith and 5-11 Cara Crosslin, and Alabama's trademark guard-oriented

offense takes on a whole new look and direction. The bigger-bodied players will bring the ball inside more.

"We're not going to be the 3-point shooting team that we have been by any stretch. We just don't have the same kind of personnel. We're still going to run the ball and attack the basket. We're still going to be very aggressive offensively and defensively. But it does remain to be seen how much we utilize the 3-point shot."

Brittney Ezell, who will still uphold the 3-point shooting legacy at Alabama, stands as the lone returner from the Tide's starting lineup. She'll play at either the point or two guard in 1996. The Franklin, Tenn., sophomore started in 25 of 30 games as a freshman and averages 6.8 points. Her range from the outside included one five-of-five 3-point shooting rampage.

The Crimson Tide will face Jackson State in the opening game of the Classic Friday night at 6 p.m. That game will be followed by the Lady Raiders-Belmont matchup, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Saturday's consolation game will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the championship game at 8 p.m. ●



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Senior guard Tim Gaither cans a breakaway layup, as NE Missouri guard Brian Basich overruns the play.

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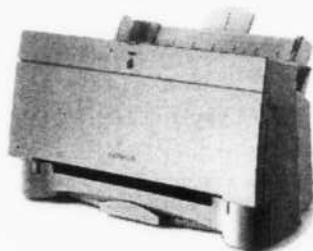
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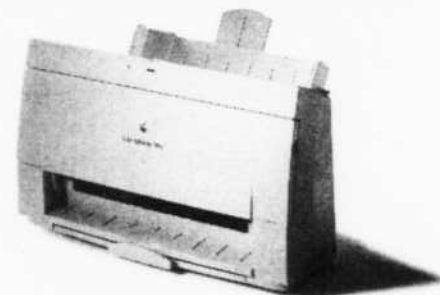
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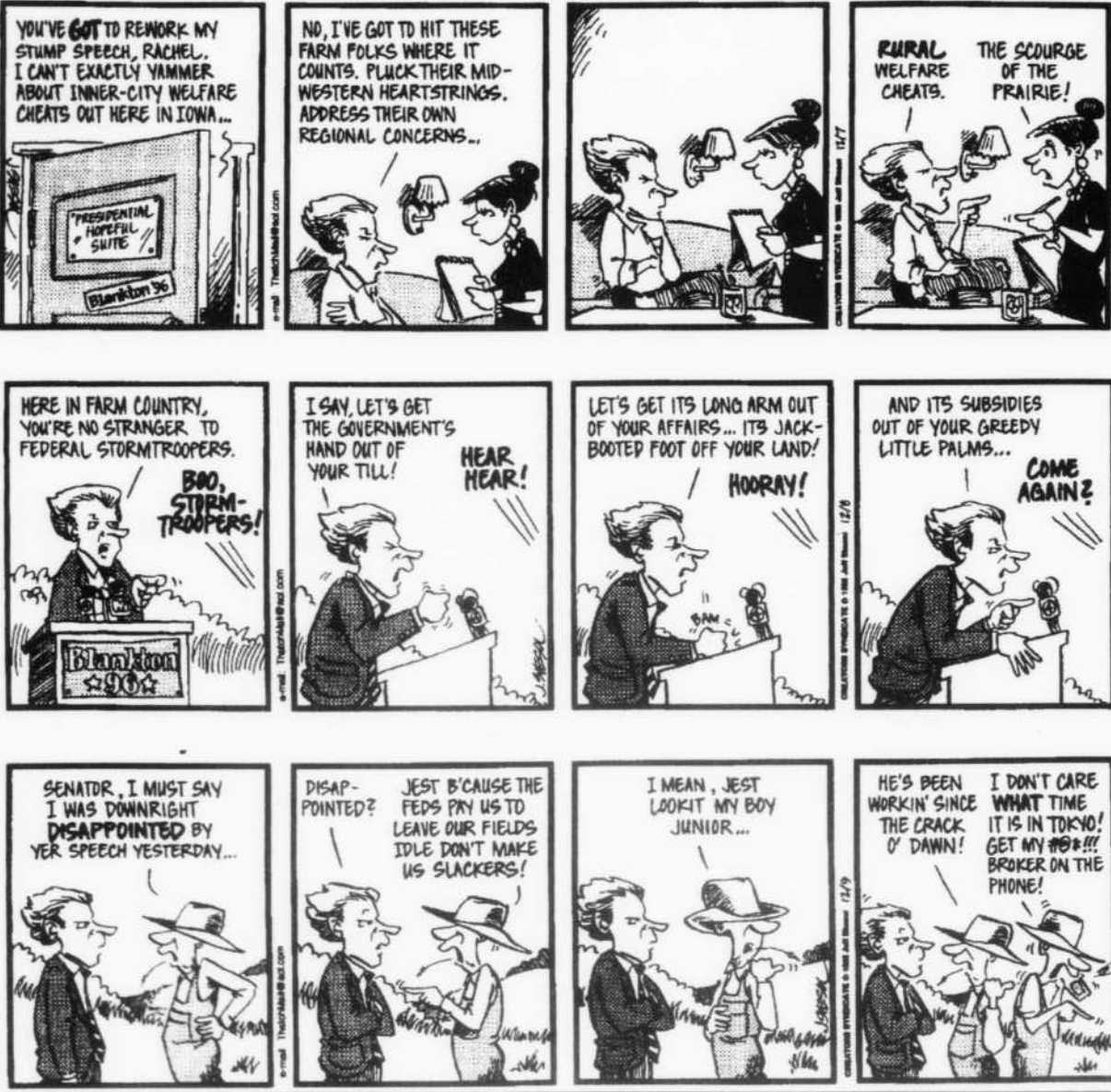
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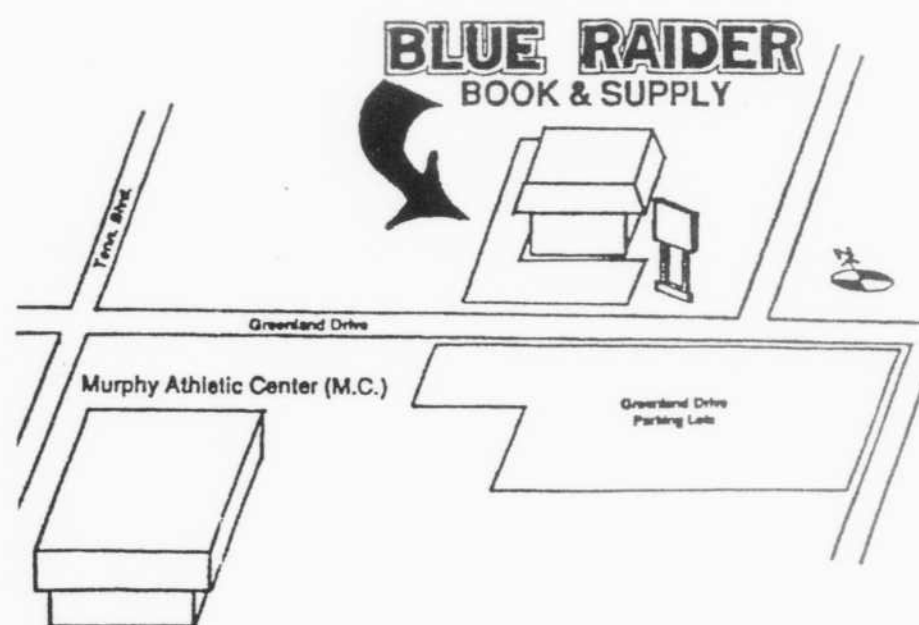
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