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MTSU's Economic Outlook Conference to promote economic understanding

By Dylan Ross / staff

Small business owners, economics students and other individuals interested in knowing where the money is going in the Southeast might consider looking into MTSU's annual Economic Outlook Conference, to be held on Friday, Sept. 6.

This year's conference will feature four speakers presenting programs on a variety of economic topics. These speakers are among the nation's leading experts in their fields, according to Tom Tozer, Assistant Director of Media Relations for the College of Business.

"Economics students would benefit from hearing these speakers," said Tozer, "because of who they are and the positions they have attained."

Donald Ratajczak, professor of economics at Georgia State University, has spoken at the conference for the past three years, according to Tozer. He directs the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State, and he produces eight publications on economics in the Southeast.

His articles on economic trends are regularly published in several prominent national periodicals. Ratajczak will present an overview of the economic trends in the Southeast.

Betsy L. Child, an MTSU alumna, is senior vice president of economic

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Asst. Director of
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development with the Tennessee Valley Authority. She will describe the TVA's economic impact on the Southeast and the seven states in the Tennessee Valley region.

Michael McClure, executive vice president of administration for the Houston Oilers, will discuss the effects of the Oilers' move to Nashville on the Southeast and on Tennessee in particular.

Dennis Chookaszian, chief executive officer for Chicago's CNA

Insurance, is a nationally recognized expert in the insurance industry. His speech will deal with changes in the insurance business over the last few decades and how these changes affect the average consumer.

The conference is designed to "promote understanding of economic concepts that build this country among students and faculty at large," said Jim Burton, the College of Business' Assistant Dean for Conferences and External Affairs.

The conference is sponsored by the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise, MTSU's business professorship founded for the purpose of "promoting and developing an increased understanding of free enterprise," according to a document released by the College of Business.

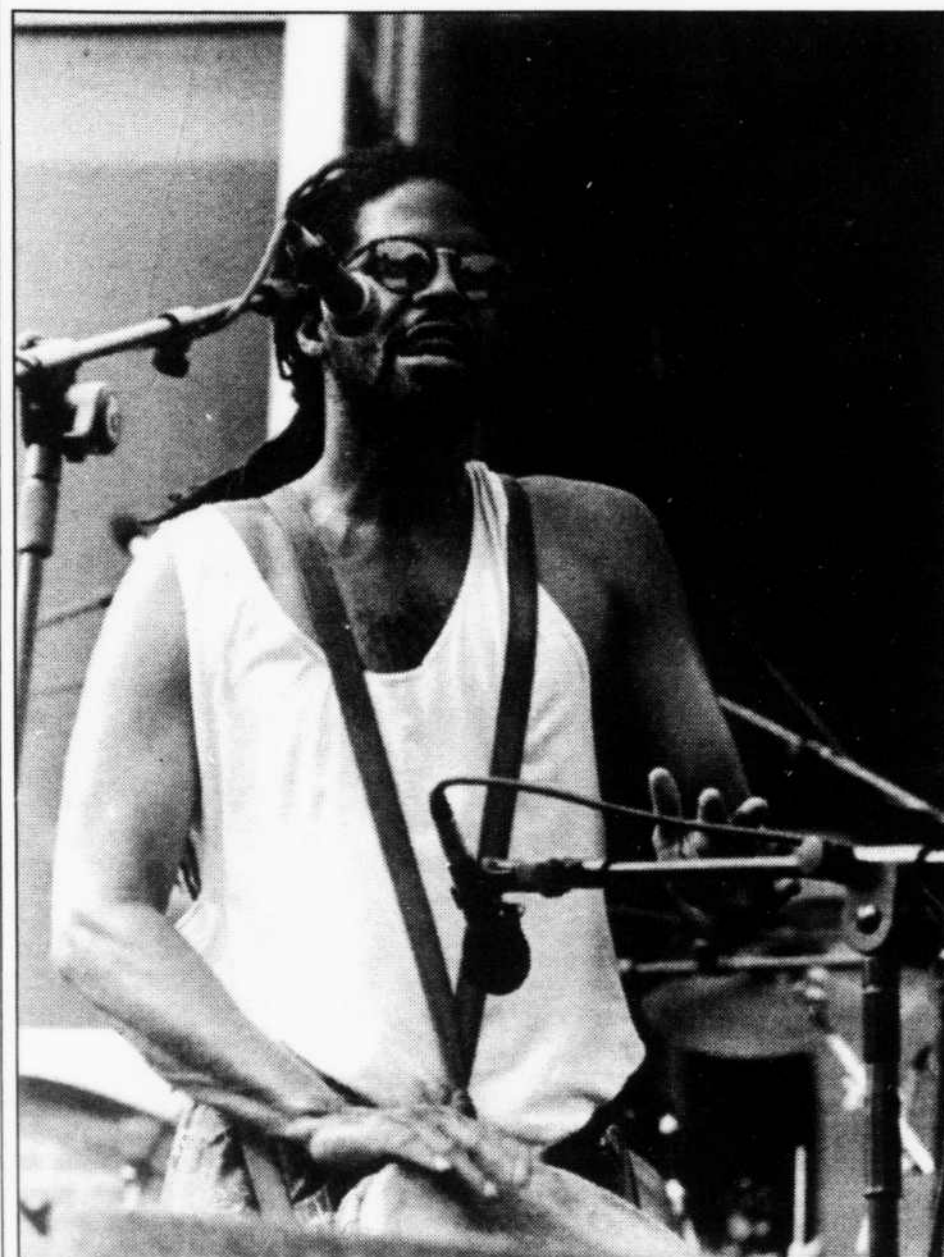
The Jones Chairholder is Joe Rodgers, a former US ambassador to France. Rodgers will conduct the conference.

Registration fee for the conference will be \$30 per person, including luncheon. The fee for MTSU faculty and business students will be \$10.

"The basis for the conference is fairly broad," Burton said. "It should appeal to individuals with a wide variety of economic interests."

The conference will begin at 8:45 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. ●

Music on the Knoll



Brian G. Miller / staff

Mustafa of Mystic Meditations, played on the KUC Knoll Friday. There are shows on the knoll every Friday as weather permits.

Coming year optimistic: SGA President Baker

By Jennie Treadway / staff

This year's SGA president, Christin Baker, is roaring and ready to begin her first semester in office.

Over the summer, ideas were proposed by SGA leaders to make this year better than the last. Sharing Baker's enthusiasm are Susan Guin, speaker of the house and Ryan Durham, the speaker of the senate.

The SGA has plans to reshape not only several physical and social aspects of the university, but also the mentality of the student body.

"Although we each have our own agendas for this year, our main goal is to achieve pride in our school," Baker said.

When considering the additions to MTSU, such as the nursing building and the Recreation Center, along with projects in the works like the new Business and Aerospace Building and moving to Division I-A, the university has a great deal to offer and be proud of.

"We want students to wake up to what this school has," she said.



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SGA President

Christin Baker, who is the second female president of the SGA, following Holly Lentz in '86, has a full agenda to tackle. Her plans for MTSU involve increasing the safety on campus, boosting school spirit, developing a more effective communication system among the students and the SGA, and lastly, encouraging activity between the businesses of the Chamber of Commerce and the university.

Although these sound like incredible tasks, Baker assures that the SGA will work hard this year to pass bills through the administration, despite the fact that "things take time."

One of Baker's goals already in effect is the "President's Report," which is a monthly newsletter sent out to all campus leaders in order to keep them informed of SGA events. Not

only does this increase the communication among university ringleaders, but also provides a forum through which the SGA hopes to gain a greater respect for their position and purpose.

Senate Speaker Durham will be the backbone of the monthly news and hopes to correspond as much as possible with the rest of the campus.

As of now, Baker is working to appoint student representatives for campus committees, while the SGA is planning MTSU's 85th Anniversary celebration and parade coming up on Sept. 11. This will also happen to be during the \$34 million library groundbreaking, where Baker will be speaking.

The SGA has great pride in the university and hopes to dignify the school's anniversary with the presence of the mayor, and possibly, Vice President Al Gore.

Along with these celebrations, Homecoming is around the corner and "The Sensational Seventies" will be this year's theme. According to Baker, Jim Cabbage, the Homecoming director, is sure to do an incredible job while the SGA tries to "break away from the Greek tradition."

On Sept. 4 the SGA is holding the "Organization Fair," which they hope will raise interest and activity in campus organizations. Although this fair is more for the freshmen, everyone is invited and encouraged to come.

"It's not our job to run the activities for freshmen," says Baker. "We just want to make sure something is happening."

While years past have shown that the SGA is not always on top of university affairs, this year seems to have more promise. The first meeting of the house will be this Wednesday in KUC Theater at 4:30 p.m. ●

Uniform Equality Committee continues to support gay, lesbian rights

By Heather Hybarger / staff

The Uniform Equality Committee held the first meeting of the year with university officials, at the university's request, on Thursday, Sept. 22.

This is the first meeting with the UEC called by university officials. It was attended by David Hays, assistant vice president of Student Affairs and Michael Grantham, UEC chair.

The focus of the meeting was the upcoming University Rules Committee meeting, which plans to address the issue of sexual orientation on campus.

"(Hays) wanted to make sure the university and the UEC were working together," Grantham said.

Hays agreed, adding during a telephone interview, "I wanted an idea of what (Grantham) saw as issues that needed to be reviewed."

The Uniform Equality Committee is a committee under the Lambda

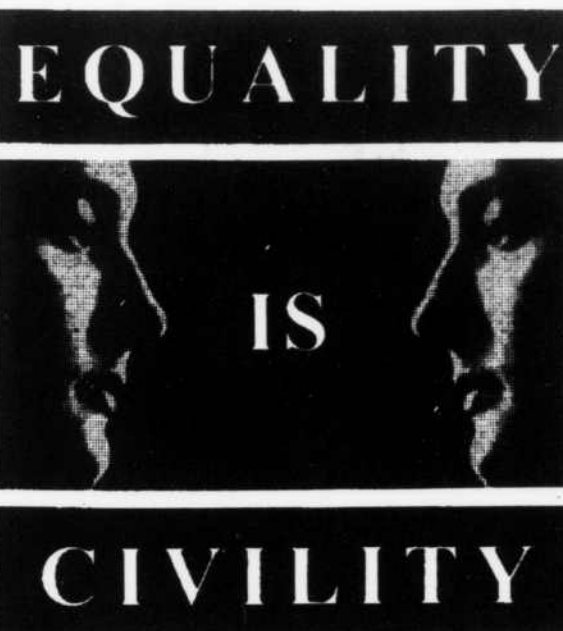
Association, the campus organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

On Sept. 5 1995, the UEC issued a 90-page report assessing the campus climate toward sexual orientation, in the hopes the university would include sexual orientation in the non-discrimination statement.

The "Equality is Civility" campaign, in support of changing the non-discrimination statement, received encouraging response from President James Walker and the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR).

UEC, in its mission to protect the American vision of inclusion for gays and lesbians, also networks information with similar organizations across the state.

Since its inception, Grantham feels the progress made by the UEC



has been "acceptable."
"It has taken us a year to get to

this point," Grantham said, "but the fact that TBR and the university have responded within that time frame is magnificent."

Earlier this month, several Lambda student leaders attended OUTVOTE '96 in Chicago, hosted by the Human Rights Campaign.

Lambda members were personally encouraged by the Rev. Jesse Jackson to continue their work for gay and lesbian equality.

"(The conference) stirred a number of our representatives to put things in perspective and say 'we are going to help with UEC,'" Grantham said.

To further their cause, the UEC and Lambda have several events on this year's agenda.

On Feb. 14 and 15, Lambda will host the 6th annual Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Conference at MTSU.

The conference will include about 20 workshops as well as several guest and keynote speakers.

"The conference will bring 400 to 500 students from all over the Southeast to MTSU," said Grantham. "It will also help to orient our goals toward a lot of the work that needs to be done on campus before it comes."

Grantham realizes the controversial nature of the conference.

"Some people might have problems with it, but we are just another student organization holding a conference on campus," he said.

The organization wishes to plan more activities with the Multi-Cultural Affairs office on Martin Luther King Day.

"We want to honor Martin Luther King in his efforts, because that is very closely related with what we are trying to do," Grantham said. ●

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CAMPUS CAPSULE

MONDAY, August 26

New Students: Go "South of the Border" with an All You Can Eat Taco Supper at 6 p.m. at the MTSU Christian Center, 1105 E. Bell Street.

TUESDAY, August 27

College Republicans will cookout from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the KUC Knoll. Free hamburgers, drinks, etc. are offered at the cookout as part of the College Republican's voter registration drive. For more information, contact Brian Lewis at 890-6478.

New Students: Join in the Summer Olympics with a twist! Enjoy Olympic Games, mixers, Guinness volleyball, and lots of fun at 6:30 p.m. at

the MTSU Christian Center, 1105 E. Bell Street.

College Republicans invite you to meet the many Republican candidates of Rutherford County by attending a 7 p.m. meeting in the KUC 324. Candidates will have information booths, volunteer sign-ups, plus voter registration. For more information, contact Brian Lewis at 890-6478.

WEDNESDAY, August 28

A University's class will be held at the North Boulevard Church of Christ, 217 N. Tenn. Blvd., at 7 p.m. The class will feature Willie Franklin, former member of the NFL's Baltimore Colts and Los Angeles Rams. An ice cream social will follow.

THURSDAY, August 29

New Students: A devotional under the stars will be held at 8 p.m. at the MTSU Christian Center, 1105 E. Bell Street.

Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity will have a bake sale fundraiser on Aug. 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the KOM Lobby. For more information, contact Marcus Pipkin at 849-6919.

Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity will have its first meeting Aug. 29 at 1:15 p.m. in KOM 206. For more information, contact Marcus Pipkin at 849-6919.

FRIDAY, August 30

New Students: Come see

Movies 'Til Dawn. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the MTSU Christian Center, 1105 E. Bell Street, for pizza. Movies will follow.

SATURDAY, September 23

Alpha Delta Pi will host a 3-on-3 sand volleyball tournament benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Nashville. For more information, contact Jennifer Russell at 890-4298.

ONGOING

Seniors and Graduate Students: Get help with you job search at the Career Placement Orientation, sponsored by the MTSU Placement Center. Times for orientation are: Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2 p.m. in KUC 322. Thursday, Sept. 5, 3 p.m. in KUC 322.

MONDAYS

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry meets Monday evenings at 7 p.m. for dinner and program at St. Paul's Church, 315 E. Main Street. Contact Andrew Wright at 898-3780 for more information.

TUESDAYS

MTSU LAMBDA Association is one of the largest campus groups providing supportive, social and political programming for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students and their friends. Meetings are every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the LRC Amphitheater. For more information, call the LAMBDA

Infoline at 780-2293.

WEDNESDAYS

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship will cookout and worship every Wednesday starting at 6 p.m. at 615 Middle Tenn. Blvd. Contact Micheal Malone at 893-1787 for more information.

THURSDAYS

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry meets for lunch on Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the KUC Grill. Contact Andrew Wright at 898-3780 for more information.

Ayn Rand readers meet every Thursday to discuss the philosophy of Objectivism. For more information, contact Lee Sandstead at 898-4048. ●

More students taking longer to finish college, new report concludes

By College Press Service

For Rodney Booker, 22, weekends are a time for rest, not partying.

A senior marketing major at the University of Texas-Arlington, he juggles five business classes and a 20-hour work week as a counselor at the school's employment center.

"I thought it would be...not exactly easy, but more tolerable," he said. "By the time I get home, I'm tired and I go to sleep."

For Booker and an increasing number of college students, work is a necessary part of earning a college education.

"I'm a first-generation college student," he said. "My family just didn't have the financial means to pay for my education."

Compared to a decade ago, a greater number of students require financial aid, juggle a job while in school and take longer to finish a degree, a new report says.

In fact, increased college expenses ranked among the most significant changes affecting students in the last 10 years, according to "Campus Trends 1996," a report released

campus.

At UT-Arlington, about 80 percent of the 23,000-student body hold jobs on or away from campus, according to Frank Gault, director of counseling and career development.

"We have a lot of non-traditional students and a pretty large evening enrollment," he explained. "We recommend not more than 20 hours a week, [but] we do have a large number of students who work 30- to 40-hour weeks."

One symptom of students juggling study and work obligations is the delayed

completion of degrees, according to the report.

For Booker, his 20-hour work week means he'll get his degree in five years rather than four.

"If I didn't work, I could take more [credit] hours in the summertime," he said. "With working, it's just added pressure for me."

Gault agrees that too much time on the job can be overwhelming on a student.

"If they work more than 20 hours, they do need to reduce their college load a bit," he said. "Their grades become low."

The report also found that more schools are enrolling low-income students, who must work while in school.

But Gault also is quick to point out some of the benefits of working while in school.

"Research has shown to indicate that people who are more likely to find jobs—and better-paying jobs—are those who were employed while they were in undergraduate studies," he said.

Many companies prefer to hire graduates who have real-world work experience, he said.

But to make the road to graduation easier, the university is beginning to teach people how to manage their time and balance their busy schedules, he said.

That's what lies ahead for many universities, according to Elaine El-Khawas, author of the report.

Most campuses "are adapting to their new circumstances and, rather than waiting for things to return to 'normal,' are actively working to find their niche in a changed environment," she said. ●

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August 28 **Wednesday**
"Bible Study & Fellowship"
Willie Franklin, former professional football player for the L.A. Rams and Baltimore Colts, to speak at University Bible Study and Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social 7 p.m. at the North Boulevard Church of Christ, 217 N. Tenn. Blvd., (across from the President's home)

August 29 **Thursday**
"Sing Out!"
Devotional Under the Stars! 8 p.m. at the Christian Student Center

August 30 **Friday**
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Debate Team welcomes those who like to argue

By Ann Repasy / staff

"If you have an opinion about everything..." explains Scott Pejaver, president of MTSU's debate team, of the slogan that convinced him to join the team.

The award-winning eight-member team is looking for more students, with or without experience, to join an activity that increases one's education.

"Most of the people who join the team have no experience," said Russell Church, a coach of the team. "It's a fun way to get an incredible education. If I get a student involved, they usually stay involved."

Church also mentioned the beneficial credit hours that can be acquired as a member of the debate team.

The team enjoys traveling across the country, meeting other students and, of course, arguing. Phillip Dubarry, a second-year member, feels that debating also "keeps your educational skills sharp."

This semester's topic pertains to the government's role in protecting the environment from pollutants, a slight contrast from the last topic on how Mexico may or may not be an economic burden on the United States.

A national committee made up of some members of the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) and elected officials worked on creating the topic for this semester. Church happened to be on this committee and explained the process of choosing the topic.

"We met this summer; in fact we met in Murfreesboro," said Church. The committee proceeded to write up a list of possible topics and then presented them to each college that is a member of CEDA.

Finally, after each college had cast its vote, the environmental topic was presented on August 15.

The team is currently working on gathering all the research and notes concerning the topic and filing that information. After the information is compiled, the members will write their speeches using excerpts from the extensive research as well as their own persuasive writing.

Dubarry explains that one "can't say anything without an

expert backing it up."

Last year Pejaver and his partner won the Pi Kappa Delta Junior Varsity Championship award. The Pi Kappa Delta is awarded to schools in the Southeast and Midwest regions.

Practices are set around each student's schedule, so team members do drills when they can. The "drills" are when each team member recites their eight-minute constructive speeches to make sure speed and diction are accurate.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the debate team should drop by Boutwell Dramatic Arts Room 220 or contact Dr. Russell Church at 898-5607 or Michael Druegar at 898-2273. ●

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ELI instructing tomorrow's leaders for a better future

By Dustin Schrimpsheer / staff

University officials and faculty are not insulated from worries that today's students may not be great leaders for tomorrow.

MTSU sponsored Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) was started in Spring 1996 to help students be prepared as better leaders for tomorrow.

The ELI is a program created to allow students with one or more years at the university to attend lectures designed to help him gain valuable business skills and increase their future potential.

Associate Dean of Students, Gail Stephens, says "people may learn that they can overcome things they may have felt they never could have in the past."

The sessions scheduled for the fall include Eleven Habits of Highly Motivated People,

Building Teams via a Challenge Course, and Managing the Time of Your Life.

Any student attending nine or more of the 11 sessions scheduled for this fall, will receive a certificate and can request a transcript of his performance.

Stephens stresses that the sessions are of real benefit of today's students.

"Students have so many obligation," she says, "classroom obligations, work and family obligations. We hope to help them deal with everyday life better."

For information about participating in the ELI program contact the office of Gail Stephens at 898-2454 or stop by KUC room 122. ●

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, Sept. 10, 3:00-4:30 p.m., KUC 314; What Kind of Leader are You?
- Thursday, Sept. 12, 3:00-4:30 p.m., KUC 314; Advertising to Get the Most for Your Group
- Wednesday, Sept. 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m., KUC 314; What is Leadership? and Planning for Effective Meetings
- Tuesday, Sept. 24, 3:00-4:30 p.m., KUC 314; Seven Habits of Highly Effective People
- Saturday, Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m., tba; Building Teams via a Challenge Course
- Wednesday, Oct. 2, 3:30-5:00 p.m., KUC 314; Managing the Time of Your Life
- Tuesday, Oct. 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m., KUC 314; Personal Life Planning
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 3:30-4:30 p.m., KUC 314; Your Constitutional Rights
- Wednesday, Oct. 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m., KUC 314; Conflict Mediation
- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 3:00-4:30 p.m., KUC 314; Communication Styles
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 3:00-4:00 p.m., KUC 315; Fundraising: Making Something from almost Nothing
- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 3:00-4:00 p.m., KUC 314; Easing the Stress Load on Your Bridgel' What Color is Your Stress?

UC system begins new policies

By College Press Service

Affirmative action is no longer a factor in admission at University of Californiaschools.

The University of California system released new guidelines for admission, replacing what its regents deemed "asystem of artificial preferences."

For years, the nine-campus system had used affirmative action policies to boost enrollment of women and minorities.

The new guidelines come in response to a regents' vote last year to ban policies that "use race, religion, sex color, ethnicity, or national origin as criteria for admission to the university or to any program of study."

Instead, the new guidelines will place more emphasis on an applicant's standardized test scores, grade-point average and content of high school courses.

The UC system stressed, however, that no less than 50 percent and no more than 75 percent of the admitted class would be selected solely on academic achievement.

Instead, the guidelines would also look at an applicant's background, personality traits, accomplishments and experiences.

The new guidelines are set to take effect for the 1998 spring quarter, and later in the 1998 fall term fo the UC-Berkeley campus, which is on a semester system. ●

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Long lines at Phillip's



Dustin Schrimpsner / staff

Students crowd the first floor of the KUC as they wait in long lines to return books bought this semester at Phillip's bookstore. September 11 is the final day for students to bring in books for a full refund. After that date students receive only half of the original cost for both new and used textbooks. As a result of dropping and adding classes, or because the wrong books were purchased, students must bring their receipt as well as a valid student ID to get their money back.

Cadavers identities revealed in anatomy classes

College Press Service

A nameless body lies cold and lifeless on the dissection table in Anatomy 101.

That's how generations of medical students have been exposed to their first "patient."

But a new style of gross anatomy courses, such as one offered by the University of California-Berkeley, works to

combat the potentially dehumanizing effects of probing and examining body parts.

In the class, students are able to learn about the cadaver's identity, including the person's profession and family life. When the 8-week course is over, the classmates hold a memorial service complete with music and poetry before laying the body to rest.

The course is taught by UC-San Francisco anatomy professor Hugh Patterson, who hopes the experience will increase the sensitivity of physicians toward dying patients.

Past generations of doctors considered it taboo to talk about death in the anatomy course, he said.

"It was horrendous," he

said. "Here you were as a new medical student, taking apart the body bolt by bolt, with your emotions boiling under the surface, and you could not talk about it."

Patterson encourages students in his class to talk about their feelings and recount disturbing dreams to one another. ●

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In our view Time to let our voices be heard

Every year students have complaints about such issues as parking, dorm space and safety on campus. It becomes frustrating when they feel they are not being heard.

Students do have a voice on this campus - the Student Government Association.

In the past, SGA was not utilized by the student body as much as it should have been. As a result the students voice has been weak.

Last Spring the House of Representatives had a hard time coming up with a quorum (half plus one of the total enrollment in the House). Out of 170 House members about 60-80 showed up on a regular basis.

It is the responsibility of organizations to nominate members to the House and make sure they attend the meetings.

How can the SGA help solve students' problems when the students don't participate or even attend the meetings?

As SGA President, one of Christin Baker's jobs is to assign student representatives to each of the committees on campus. These students represent the only student voice on committees such as parking and

transportation.

After the student is assigned to a committee it is up to that particular student to show up. SGA officials are not notified if that student does not attend the meeting.

If you are concerned your voice is not being heard:

- insist the organizations you are involved in appoint a representative to the House and make certain they attend,

- push for SGA legislation which would call for notification if an appointed student fails to attend a university committee meeting, and
- know who your elected senators are (students within each college elect senators).

If you are concerned that your senator does not represent you adequately then think about that next April when elections are held.

Last semester only 1,333 students voted in the SGA election. That is a small percentage of the more than 17,500 students eligible to vote in SGA elections.

As individuals our voice is very weak. Together, using SGA as a vehicle we can be heard.

So, know the people responsible for voicing the students' wishes to the administration - your SGA senators and representatives.●



How intelligent are bees

By Dave Barry/ syndicated columnist

TODAY'S SCIENCE TOPIC IS: Insect Intelligence. I don't know about you, but I've always taken comfort in the idea that insects are stupid. For example, if I'm outdoors and a bee lands on me and starts walking around on my head causing me to turn rigid with fear, terrified that, if I move, the bee will become angry and sting me in the eyeball, I've always reassured myself by thinking: "This bee does not wish to harm me! Its tiny brain is confused! It thinks I am a flower!"

But now I have received, from alert reader Greg Stevens, a news item by the Reuters (pronounced "Associated Press") news service concerning an experiment, conducted by bee scientists at the Free University of Berlin, suggesting

that bees are not so dumb after all.

The article states that these scientists, whose names are "Lars" and "Karl," set up various landmarks between a beehive and a bee feeder. After the bees had located the feeder, Lars and Karl started changing the locations of the feeder and landmarks. The surprising result: Lars and Karl were both killed by eyeball stings.

No, seriously, they discovered that the bees were locating the feeder by COUNTING THE LANDMARKS. Yes! Bees can count! This means that bees, in terms of math skills, are ahead of most American high-school graduates. It also means that, contrary to my earlier belief, when a bee is walking around on my head, it knows exactly where it is and what it's doing. It's thinking: "Ha, ha! He thinks I'm looking for a flower, when in fact I am here for the express written purpose of watching him turn rigid with terror while I poop in his hair! I can't wait to get back to the hive and tell everybody the landmark coordinates for THIS bozo!" The German discovery makes you wonder what ELSE bees have been hiding from us. For example: I have always wondered how they REALLY obtain honey. I do not believe that they make it themselves. What would they use for utensils? I've never made honey, but I have made fudge, which belongs to the same chemical family (technically, the "Family Of Things You Can Put On Ice Cream") and I know for a fact that you need, at minimum, a stove and a candy thermometer. My guess is, if you were to poke around in the bushes near a beehive, you'd find piles of empty plastic squeeze bottles shaped like little bears. But here's what really concerns me: If bees can count, the logical assumption is that they can also read. Therefore, I wish to make a sincere announcement to any bees walking around on this newspaper: I DID NOT BLOW UP THE HIVE NEAR EVAN THOMPSON'S HOUSE IN ARMONK, N.Y., IN 1961. I WAS PRESENT, BUT IT WAS EVAN WHO LIT THE CHERRY BOMB. PLEASE DO NOT HURT ME. IT IS VERY FUNNY WHEN YOU POOP IN MY HAIR. HA HA! I

Popular Science states that headless cockroaches can, when prompted by electrical shocks, LEARN TO RUN A MAZE. Without heads! They can learn a maze IN 30 MINUTES. I seriously doubt that headless humans could beat that time...

BELIEVE EVAN STILL LIVES IN THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA. THANK YOU. Here is another troubling thought: Bees are not the only smart insects. I have here an item from the November 1995 issue of Popular Science, alertly sent in by Frank Schropher, which states that cockroaches can display intelligent behavior EVEN WHEN THEIR HEADS HAVE BEEN REMOVED. I don't know about you, but I didn't even know cockroaches HAD heads. I thought that, as members of what biologists call the "Family of Animals That It Is Morally OK To Drop An Unabridged Dictionary On," cockroaches were just icky little brown bodies with legs and feelers sticking out. But it turns out that they do have heads, and according to Popular Science, they "can live for several days" without them. But here's the amazing thing: Researchers have found that cockroaches, when their heads are removed, immediately start performing country-style line dances.

No, seriously, Popular Science states that headless cockroaches can, when prompted by electrical shocks, LEARN TO RUN A MAZE. Without heads! They can learn a maze IN 30 MINUTES. I seriously doubt that headless humans could beat that time, although just to be sure we should definitely run some experiments using volunteer

Tobacco Institute scientists.

I also think we should find out what, exactly, the researchers do with the cockroach heads. You would definitely want heavy security for those babies. You would NOT want them to fall into the wrong hands.

TOM BROKAW: In our top story tonight, terrorists have threatened that, unless the United States government gives them Cincinnati, they are going to dump cockroach heads into the nation's vulnerable supply of movie popcorn. For the Clinton administration's reaction, we go now live to White House press secretary Mike McCurry, who has a statement. McCURRY: I'm going to throw up. In conclusion, we see that the issue of insect intelligence is not as simple as we thought it was before we started to think about it. So the next time a mosquito lands on our arm, and we are tempted to whack it, we should pause and remind ourselves that the mosquito is a thinking being just like us; and that, with proper training and encouragement, it might be able not only to count and run mazes, but perhaps also to laugh, to sing, to philosophize, even to write poetry.

And then we should whack it. Because we hate poetry.

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Perspectives

**Sidelines interviewed six MTSU students Friday afternoon to find out:
"What do students think of parking this year?"**

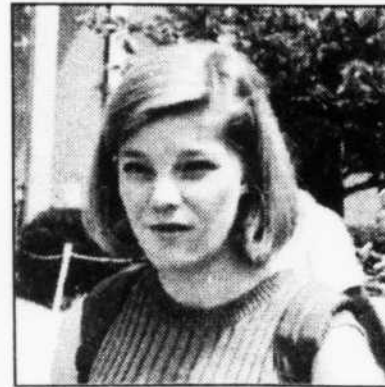
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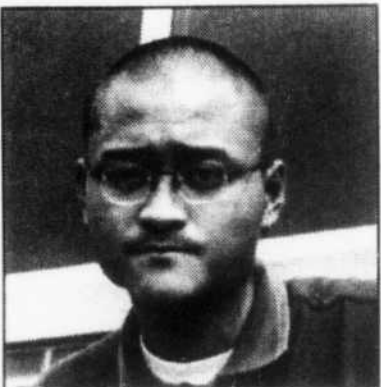
Kenneth Abernathy

"I think parking is cluttered. You have to park too far out. They're taking away more than they are providing."



Monica McAnally

"It seems to be worse. This summer I was able to park closer and now I have to park farther out."



Ben Cheng

"I haven't run into any problems at all. I think perimeter parking is alright. I don't have a problem with walking because MTSU is a real easy campus to get around on."



Daphne Young

"I don't park, I walk. I don't want to pay the \$30 for a permit. You should be able to park in front of your residence hall."



Mary Carr

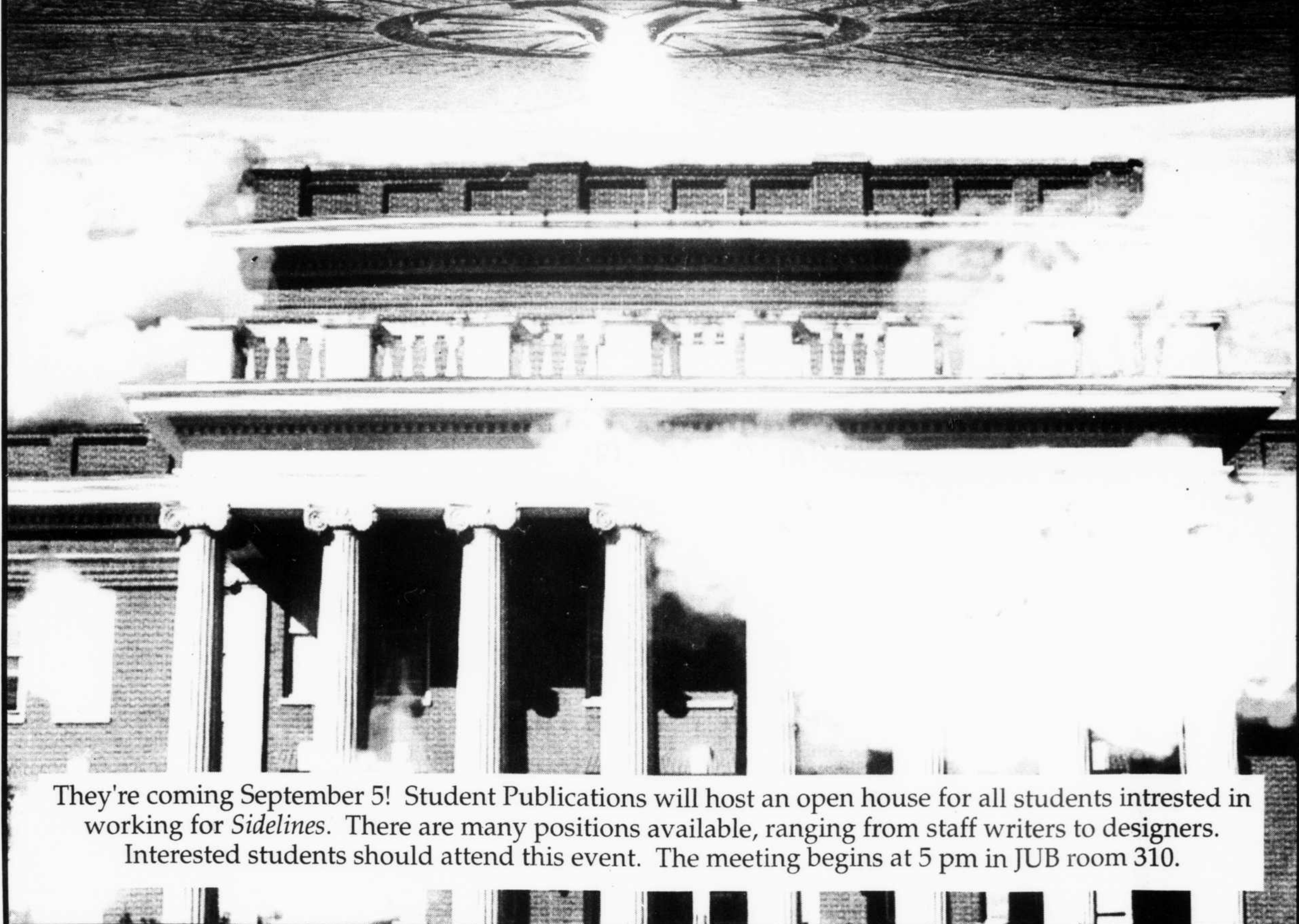
"I think it's terrible. I live in Wood Hall. There they made one green parking lot white and then took one away."



Michael Higginbotham

"I live on campus. It would be beneficial if residents already had some spaces, or priority parking near where they lived."

We're gonna blow open the house!



They're coming September 5! Student Publications will host an open house for all students intrested in working for *Sidelines*. There are many positions available, ranging from staff writers to designers. Interested students should attend this event. The meeting begins at 5 pm in JUB room 310.

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Poet of the people



Maggie Vaughn, voice of the common man, speaks to a group at the Linebaugh Library on Thursday. Vaughn doesn't try to accommodate many of the styles many scholars appreciate, instead she touches the hearts of people with a down to earth, everyday words.

Brian G. Miller/ staff



Who We Are

The Bicentennial of Tennessee
1796-1996

The fertile soil of Tennessee
grew more than corn, tobacco, and cotton.
It grew a crop of people who are
Trailblazers, child raisers, flag wavers, soul savers.
Like the roots of the tulip poplar,
Our feet are planted deeply
Into good living, neighbor giving, god fearing.
Like the iris, buttercup and wild daisies,
Our towns have sprung up
In valleys, basins, mountains, plains and plateaus
That house cabins, mansions and hillside chateaux.
We're the one-room schoolhouse in the hollow;
We're the university grad and the front-porch scholar.
We're Davy Crockett at the Alamo,
Sergeant York, World War I hero.
We're Cordell Hull who served Roosevelt;
We're Chief Sequoyah and his Cherokee alphabet.
We're W.C. Handy and the Memphis Blues;
We're Ida B. Wells and Civil Rights news,
And grand Ole Opry with old wooden pews.
We're "Rocky Top" and "Tennessee Waltz" the same,
We're "Star Spangled Banner" before the game.
We're mockingbirds singing Appalachian folk songs;
We're country church sing-alongs.
We're hand clappers, toe tappers, knee slappers
And Mama's lap lullaby nappers.
We're Jackson, Johnson and James K. Polk;
We're city slickers and poor hill folk;
We're Anne Dallas Dudley and the Suffrage Vote.
We're John Sevier, Don Sundquist and governors galore;
We're congressmen, mayors and Vice President Gore.
We're Wilma Rudolph's run for the gold
And Sunday golfers' eighteenth hole.
We're Christmas Eve and the Fourth of July;
We're 4-H and homemade chess pie.
We're TVA rivers, creeks and man-made lakes;
We're ruts in dirt roads and interstates.
We're all religions, creeds and peoples of race;
We're Tennesseans who love the home place.
We're the Volunteer State and will always be
Ready to go when someone's in need.
As our trees turn green and our barns turn gray,
We celebrate our two hundredth birthday.
We know we've done our best, stood the test,
And will be laid to rest
In the fertile soil of Tennessee.

Margaret Britton Vaughn
Poet Laureate of Tennessee

By Gregg Mayer/staff

Writing "poetry for the people" is at the heart of becoming the Tennessee state poet laureate, said Maggie Vaughn during her poetry reading last Thursday, Aug. 22, in the Linebaugh Library of Murfreesboro.

"Study poets, go to meet all the poets you can, find your own voice and write poetry for the people," Vaughn said to the small group of people sitting in the reading room of Linebaugh Library. Most of them were family and friends, gathered together to hear familiar poems from their favorite poet, and to listen to Vaughn's amusing, homespun anecdotes, told

with the endearing wit of a great southern storyteller.

She could hardly keep her hands at her side as she told stories about her "mamma," her dead Aunt Margaret, and her doctor, whom she was going to see after the reading, "about this lump on my head."

She continued, "That's the great thing about doing poetry readings. Your doctor comes every once and awhile, and you get a free examination."

Maggie Vaughn, 58, travels all over the state, often meeting the Bicentennial Train for whistle stop poetry readings of her bicentennial poem, "Who We Are."

It is a poem reminiscent of what one might hear from

Whitman, and she read it last Thursday with tacit passion and loyalty to her state.

Vaughn also preached the importance of "poetry for the people" last Thursday, as she does at all of her whistle stops.

"The academics, they write for a very small group. I write for everyone. People come up to me, in big cities and small towns, and say, 'When you read poems about your family, it's like a poem about my family. You're writing about my family.' That makes me feel good."

Vaughn ended her reading to a standing ovation. Everyone was on their feet, clapping, smiling, and a little happier for having heard her read her poems.

"She sees the human in life a

lot of people don't see," said Nell Blankenship, a member of the county library board.

Vaughn will continue to travel the state for whistle stop readings after a quick trip home to Bell Buckle. She will also continue to work on her new book of poems, *Life's Down to Old Woman Shoes...*

Grand Ole Saturday Night (Bell Buckle; \$9.95); *The Light in the Kitchen Window* (Bell Buckle; \$9.95); *Kin* (Bell Buckle; \$9.95); and *Acres That Grow From Stones* (Bell Buckle; \$9.95).

New twist on campus movies

By Dave Weber / staff

Changes are underway this semester for MTSU Films, a committee of Student Programming, which selects the movies shown at the KUC Theatre.

Films has decided to move away from the mainstream blockbuster genre and showcase movies which cover a variety of themes.

Cultural awareness, foreign films, and social and political issues are a few of the themes Films will showcase this semester.

John York, the co-chairperson of Films, comments that the reason for the change was the lack of interest in the blockbuster films shown in previous semesters.

"Although the blockbusters were good films and did well in the big theaters," York says, "by the time we were allowed to show the films, people had already seen the films or they could just as easily watch the movie on HBO or rent it at a video store."

Another reason Films changed their format was to steer away from the typical and cliché-ridden blockbusters filled with explosions, corny one-line phrases and plot holes big enough to sink a Buick through.

According to York, one of his main goals was to get "films which make people think, either because of the intentional message of the film or the unintentional message which is conveyed by the film because of the prejudices of the time period when the film was made" (for example: *Reefer Madness* and *Cleopatra Jones*).

With this new approach, Films has doubled the number of movies normally shown per semester, giving students more of a choice in movies.

This change may seem drastic from the old schedule, but York feels that it was necessary.

"I wanted to get classic/nostalgic films as well as foreign and artistic

films which would be more appropriate to an academic environment.

This semester we have several movies by world-renown foreign film directors: Jean-Luc Godard, Wm. Wenders, and Thomas Alea. We also have government propaganda films on the evils of sex, marijuana and Communism."

Not all the movies will be of the cerebral nature. Next semester, Films plans to get cult classics such as Pink Floyd's *The Wall*, *This is Spinal Tap*, and some Jackie Chan movies.●

Movies are shown at the theater in the KUC on the second floor across from the Grill. Movie times are at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. The first week (Aug. 25-29) will be Sci-Fi week with George Lucas' THX1138, H.G. Wells' *Things to Come*, and *Planet of the Apes*.



The new and improved Colonel Bruce



By Dylan Ross / staff

It would appear Colonel Bruce Hampton, former mastermind of the semi-legendary Aquarium Rescue Unit, has relocated his muse to the South Pacific, namely Fiji. Fortunately, the move from the fish tank to Fiji has translated well, and it's still the same old Col. Bruce.

With the Fiji Mariners,

whose eponymous first release is now available on Nashville's Capricorn label, Hampton continues to add ingredients to his heady brew of whacked jams and weird jazz. It's extremely fun stuff, without a hint of angst or anger anywhere.

The Mariners are anchored around Dr. Dan Matrazzo's lounge-jazzy, cheesy-but-cool keyboards,

with the Colonel's guitar providing color. Some way goofy lyrics and Hampton's booming vocal delivery round out the whole mix.

The disc features a couple of surprises, especially the trippy tune "Pleasure Seeking Fiji Disco Women," complete with female backup singers and the ubiquitous disco bassline. Also notable (although the entire disc is good) are the fractured lyrics of "Raining In My Car."

The Fiji Mariners made landfall Friday at Murfreesboro's Mainstreet, accompanied by MTSU's own Redstone. It was a less than ideal evening for a show, being about 200 degrees in a large, indoor, non-air-conditioned space, but the Mariners fared well.

After getting the crowd juiced with two hours of waiting, Col. Bruce and his three-piece touring unit (guitar, drums and keyboards) delivered carbon-copies of their new songs, with little of the signature improvisational behavior. A bit of jamming was exhibited on some older Rescue Unit material, though.

The Mariners' version of stage presence doesn't go very far beyond the "presence" part, but even that is commendable considering the sweltering conditions. I know I personally wouldn't have felt like doing any Pete Townsend leaps.

If you find yourself developing a terminal scowl as the result of a steady diet of hard-core and industrial Armageddon soundtracks, I recommend vacationing in Fiji for a while.●

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Murfreesboro's own **Redstone** opened up for the Fiji Mariners' Friday show at Mainstreet and will follow them to Memphis next week. If you want loud guitars, congas and songs about Tijuana, Redstone is your answer.

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of Valianti's book may do so for \$15.95 at William's Booksellers in Murfreesboro. •



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MTSU Films presents
Science Fiction Favorites
THX1138



A visually hypnotic film directed by George Lucas (Star Wars fame) in the same class as 2001: A Space Odyssey. Set in the 25th century, the story centers around a man and woman who rebel against their controlled society. (G)

Monday, August 26, 7 & 10 pm

Things To Come

Tuesday/Wednesday, August 27/28
7 & 10 pm

H.G. Wells epic morality tale of the future is still visually stunning and exciting. Following a devastating war, the world has been rebuilt by engineers and scientists into a place of calm and serenity. Radical factions intervene to keep man from venturing into outer space. (Not Rated)



Planet of the Apes

Astronaut Charlton Heston and crew land on a primitive planet where apes have evolved into superior beings who hunt humans for sport. Heston is captured but escapes and discovers the secret to the evolutionary reversal. (G)



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Will Smith rockets to stardom with blockbuster role this summer in ID4

By College Press Service

This summer it was Will Smith's mission to save the world.

As fighter pilot Captain Steve Hiller in "Independence Day," the sometimes rapper and TV's former Fresh Prince and TV's former Fresh Prince of Bel-Air joins teams with Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman, Robert Loggia, Randy Quad and others to try thwarting an alien invasion.

"I'm probably the first black guy to ever save the world," says Smith, during an interview at a Manhattan hotel. "I feel like the Jackie Robinson of saving the world."

For Smith, an admitted sci-fi fan, landing the starring role in the genre epic - which is breaking box-office records - almost was too good to be true.

"Independence Day" is on of those projects that comes along once in a career. It has everything," he enthuses during an interview at a Manhattan hotel. "You laugh, you cry and it has action. It has that ensemble cast. It's everything that you could want from a movie."

So, what appeals to Smith about sci-fi? "I believe it's arrogant for us humans to think we're the only beings that exist in this vast universe. That's deep, right?" he says, laughing. "There are a lot of different planets and things, and unexplained occurrences. So, there HAS to be something else."

"Humans naturally gravitate toward the unknown. Things that we don't understand excite us. That's what it is about sci-fi. You can actually see the planets and stars, but you can't get close enough to them to really know what's there. [The writing-producing-directing team] Dan Devling and Roland Emmerich have done an incredible job of allowing us to glimpse into



Will Smith plays Capt. Hiller in ID4. Look for his new movie "Men In Black."

that 'what if?' The film is just so real."

As part of his preparation process for playing Hiller, Smith looked at the examples set by Bruce Willis and Harrison Ford. Willis, in his "Die Hard" adventures, mastered portraying heroes, while Ford's playful performances were something to which Smith aspired. Though Smith acted in such films as "Made in America," "Six Degrees of Separation" and "Bad Boys," he knew "Independence Day" demanded of him a different type of performance.

"Willis plays heroes that don't want to be heroes. The last thing Bruce wants to do (in the original 'Die Hard') is step on that glass. If he could do anything to get out of stepping on it, he would. Ford plays his characters that way, too,"

he explains. "That was the one thing I already concentrated on: Don't be the guy who walks out with the gun in hand and stands in the middle shooting away while everyone is shooting all around him. I want to be the guy who says, 'Why are you all shooting at me? I want to be the guy who does heroic things out of necessity, not out of an enjoyment of it.'"

Those moviegoers who read the film's credits will realize that Smith is the first-billed actor. As Smith hinted earlier, it's a bit of a surprise to see an African-American handed so vital a role in so big a film. Hopefully, he offers, it will start a trend. He also comments on the fact that it's an African-American and a Jew (Goldblum) who attempt to save the day.

"I feel that I'm talented and that there are a lot of people who are talented. But Hollywood recognizes green. If you could put asses into the seats, they would put you into the movies, too," he argues. "What was special about [having himself and Goldblum join forces] is that it was never an issue. It wasn't discussed on the set. That's the way it should be, too."

While Smith won two

Grammy Awards as part of the rap duo D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince, he plans to stay with films. A "Bad Boys" sequel is on likely project and Smith is currently in Manhattan shooting "Men In Black," co-starring with Tommy Lee Jones and Linda Fiorentino. "I'm an NYPD officer and Tommy is a Man in Black," reveals Smith. "The Men in Black was a government agency put together to police and monitor alien traffic on the planet Earth. They are starting to get old and they need a new member. So they recruit me."

Musician. TV star. And now movie star. It would seem Smith's greatest challenge would be keeping his equilibrium. He figures it's not even an issue.

"I enjoy life. I enjoy people and having fun," Smith says. "I was never insecure enough to have to validate myself through my work. If I had a record that was a hit, that was great. If it wasn't a hit, I didn't need that to say who I was. It was something I did for fun."

He felt that way, too, about his TV series, and he feels that way about his burgeoning film career. "If I put my all into it, whatever happens, happens."

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Candidates will also be required to pay a photographers sitting fee for the pictures to be placed at the polling sites. The pictures will be made Sept. 4 and 5 between the hours of 11:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00 at Loveless Photography and will be passed on to the candidates at a later date. Please make an appointment on the sign-up-sheet in the SGA office in KUC 208.

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Mostiller comes up big when it matters most

By Keith Russell / staff

As classes get underway this week, there's no doubt that a great many MTSU students will be running about to take care of all of that back-to-school shopping that inevitably piles up like a freshman's dirty clothes bag during his first month away from home. For Dee Mostiller, however, there is one part of his fall wardrobe that we won't be looking to acquire at Phillips Bookstore anytime soon.

His game face.

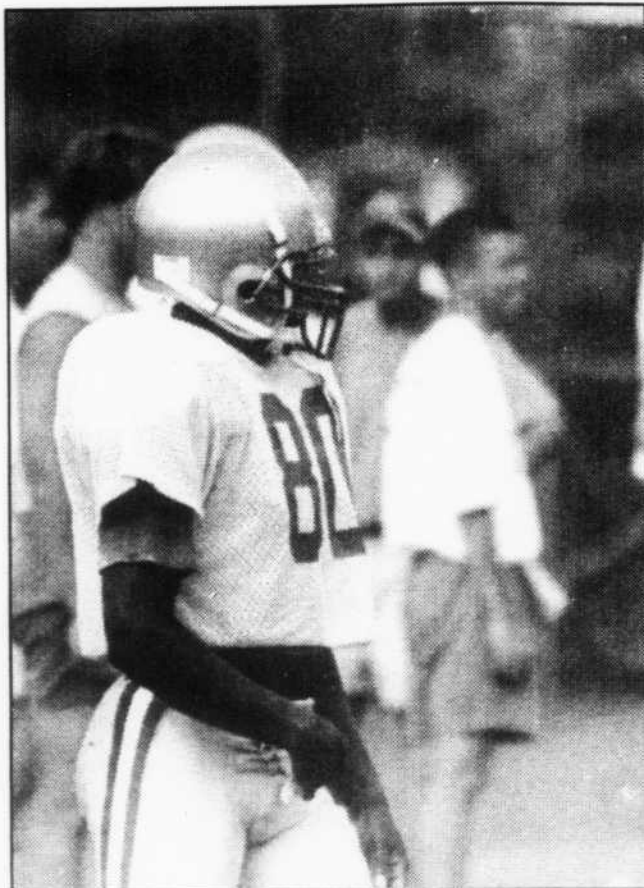
That's because the Blue Raiders' returning All-OVC split end already happens to be wearing it. And even under the muggy might of the hot August sun, and with the season opener at Louisiana Tech still nearly two weeks away, it is an expression that won't easily melt away from the east Tennessee native's countenance.

Of course, it's probably not hard to understand why Mostiller wouldn't have his eyes centered squarely on the road ahead. This is, after all, the criminal justice major's senior season, meaning that the next three months will serve as the final imprint on a career resume that has already seen the number "17" stamped at the top of an array of MTSU receiving records.

In just last year alone, Mostiller posted not one but two of the school's top 10 receiving yardage games (including a phenomenal 8 catch, 244 yard performance against UT-Martin), in the process shattering Jerry Smith's 30-year-old school season record for receiving yards. And as if that weren't already enough to chew on, the Chattanooga City High School graduate hooked up with quarterback Jonathan Quinn for a 98-yard TD pass in the final OVC game versus Tennessee Tech, the longest reception in both school and conference history.

This season, Mostiller is in position to surpass yet another 30-year-old MTSU receiving mark (this one for career receiving yards, currently held by Herbert Newby), and even the words "All American" are being bantered about. Still, while records and awards are fine and dandy to look at once one takes off the uniform and pads for good, Mostiller knows they do little good for him now, as the Blue Raiders try to avoid repeating last season's disappointing start.

"Right now, I'm thinking more about team goals, and what we need to do to get better as a team," he



Brian G. Miller / staff

"Afternoon Dee-lights" . . . Senior Dee Mostiller walked on to become MTSU's leading receiver.

says. "And if we become a better team, then the records will take care of themselves."

And as a senior, the soft-spoken 21-year-old has shouldered some added responsibility this year. "Being a senior, there is a lot of pressure to be a leader," he admits. But instead of grabbing a pom-pom and lighting a fire under teammates with high-fives and cheer leading, Mostiller finds that it is best to stick closer to his own, quieter personality.

"Guys lead in different ways. Some guys might talk a lot. I don't consider myself very vocal, so I just try to go out and make plays and hope people take after that."

It is leadership by example, and a compelling

one for those who are around him.

The oldest of four children, Mostiller was raised by his grandmother, who taught him "to work hard and keep your faith in God." Unfortunately for Dee, however, one thing that his grandmother's guidance couldn't improve upon was his size. Standing a robust 5-foot-7, many larger schools, perhaps leery of his diminutive stature, passed up on Mostiller (then a tailback) coming out of high school.

As a result, his options narrowed to either accepting an offer from a number of smaller schools—many of whom had less-than-stellar histories of winning—or to walk-on at MTSU and take his chances. For Dee, the choice was easy.

"I came here because of the winning tradition, and I just wanted to prove to people that I could play."

And once the opportunity presented itself, Mostiller proved that his stature on the football field was greater than what any yardstick could ever measure.

"He's always played like the biggest player I've got," says MTSU receivers coach Eric Roark, who has known Mostiller since watching him in junior high. "Nothing has ever bothered him. Even when he was on the scout team, he'd go up against guys like (former MTSU OVC Defensive Player of the Year and current Chicago Bears safety) Marty Carter, and wouldn't back down for nobody. He never lets his size get in the way."

Such determination, Roark believes, has made the difference in ensuring Mostiller a reserved spot among the Blue Raiders' list of all-time great offensive players.

"I've been here eight years, and very clearly, he's the best receiver that I've ever had here. There are people with a lot of gifts with their size and speed, but Dee has got a tremendous knack for making big plays."

Ask where he gets his desire to make plays at times when others might fall short, and Mostiller returns to his foundation in the team concept. This is his senior year. Every game, every play, counts that much more.

"I like the respect that guys give you for making plays and the love that you get from your teammates," he says. "It's all surrounded by the idea of just helping the team."

And when it comes to the team, there's only one record that matters.●

Out of the blue



Keith Russell
Sports Editor

These first few weeks of the college football season are always packed with excitement. The pigskin pundits and prognosticators have all had their due time to show how little anyone really knows who the best team will be come January (yes, even you, Vols fans), but now we finally get to see the players prove their worth where it counts—on the football field.

In addition to the simple pleasures of seeing a new season get underway, the early stages of the college football schedule are also intriguing because teams are winding their way through a few weeks of non-conference competition. As coaches try to prepare their squads for the rigors of league play, fans get an opportunity to watch games that usually aren't on the horizon until bowl season arrives. This gives us the chance to answer such wondrous questions as What in the name of the Four Horsemen does Vanderbilt think they're doing squaring off against Notre Dame?

But that's the beauty of playing in August and early September. Everyone is undefeated and an All-American before that first kickoff. And besides, does anyone else recall a certain Notre Dame squad that fell flat on its golden-domed rear end against another academically prestigious yet athletically challenged university in the opener last season? Granted, the Northwestern Wildcats proved later on to have more of a lion's roar than a kitten's meow than had been seen in prior years, but the 'Dores should take inspiration. My guess is that Vandy, coming off a season in which they scared the socks off of Alabama and Tennessee, will have enough confidence to give the men from South Bend a run for the NBC-laden money (note to reader: please recall the earlier reference regarding the merits of predictions).

Speaking of upsets, BYU proved to Texas A&M last Saturday that they are the one team in the nation that a national powerhouse would be foolish to run up against. Every year it seems Lavell Edwards manages to coyly lure a top 10 program to Provo, where the high altitude and revivalist crowd atmosphere stack the deck in the Cougars favor. Add that to the fact that each season the school seems to recruit some overlooked quarterback who has choir boy manners but the accuracy and poise of a bomb squad defuser, and you might not even call the 41-37 comeback victory by a WAC school (if ever a conference had a more apt name, this pass-happy league has it) over a Big 12 favorite even a minor upset. Miami learned that painful lesson a few years back with Ty Detmer, and the Aggies saw their fortunes trampled on by the last second heroics of Steve Sarkisian (536 yards passing, 6 TDs).

As great as the folks in Provo must feel with the big win, it is probably even more special given the fact that the last time BYU faced A&M they were steamrolled.

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Kissee has OVC Champs primed for repeat

Fall Sports Preview: VOLLEYBALL

By Doug Malan / staff

No one can accuse the Lady Raider volleyball team of resting on its laurels.

Despite the 1995 squad's posting of a 32-7 record and winning the OVC tournament in Coach Lisa Kissee's inaugural season, the collective mentality of the Lady Raiders places them back to square one for 1996.

"We have the same goal as we did last year," Kissee said. "We want to improve from match to match."

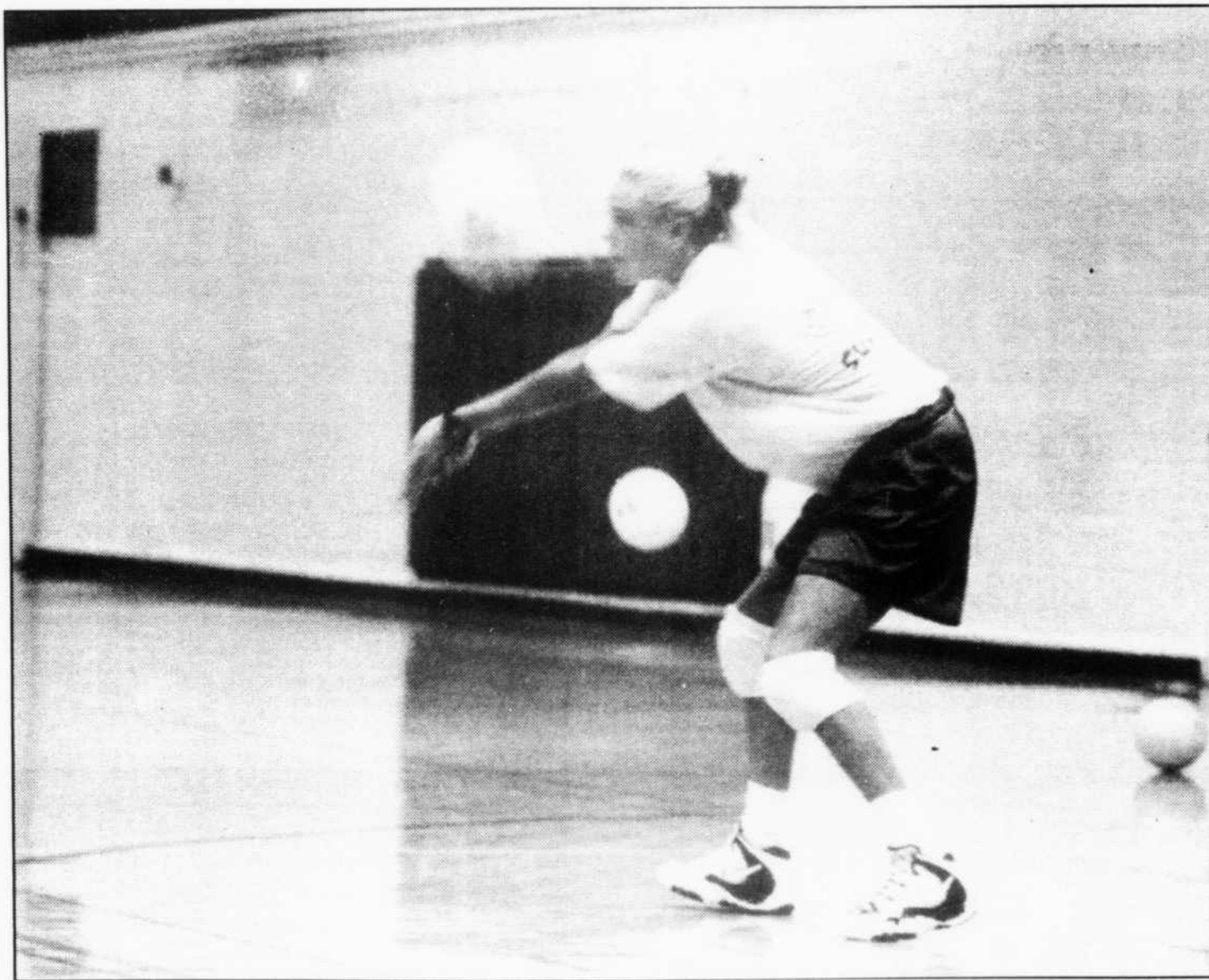
The modest expectations are partly owed to the fact that six newcomers dot this year's roster.

"We have a lot of kinks to work out," Kissee said.

Helping to sand the rough edges are three of the returning letter winners. Junior setter Nidza Castillo returns after a prosperous 1995 campaign in which she set an OVC single season record with 1,746 assists. She was also the team leader with 91 service aces.

Senior middle blocker Susan Bishop also returns, continuing to bolster her position in MTSU's volleyball history books. The three-year letter winner tops the list in career blocks with 272 after stuffing 106 of opponents' spikes last year.

Senior outside hitter Deb Anderson put together an impressive season last year, while at the same time becoming a stat-sheet stuffer. In her first year out of Neosho County Community College, Anderson was one of only two Lady Raiders to be among the top four team leaders in kills (2nd), aces (2nd), digs (4th), and



Brian G. Miller / staff

Tara Miller and the Lady Raiders hope to bump their way back to the top of the OVC standings once again.

blocks (4th).

The other player joining Anderson in that select class is Yanira Santiago, who led the team in kills and digs last season. After a grueling stint with the Puerto Rican National Team this spring, however, she will take a one-

year hiatus from the MTSU volleyball court.

No matter how the roster fills out, though, Kissee believes it will take more than just talent to win the OVC in 1996. "Mental toughness will be the key in deciding this year's champion,

and all of our kids are tough."

She offers some explanations for the intense focus on mental make-up. "This is the first year that the OVC has had talent from top to bottom," she

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Campus Recreation kicks off 1996 Fall Intramural sports season

By Marcy Eibel / staff

The Campus Recreation Department is once again allowing students, faculty and staff to come together and participate in various team and individual sports through the MTSU Intramural Sports Program. The program was designed to offer individuals different opportunities while here on campus.

"The program is a great opportunity for individuals to develop

skills, work together to promote sportsmanship, and most of all to have fun," said W.T. Taylor, director of the Intramural Sports Program.

Any student is welcome to sign up to play a sport. This is not a collegiate program. Teams in the Intramural program play other teams in the program here on campus. There are a number of sports to choose from including, tennis, soccer, flag football, volleyball and 3-on-3 basketball.

Registration begins August 26, and team rosters, schedules and informative hand-outs are available at the Campus Recreation Office, which is located on the second floor of the Recreation Center. There is a \$20 required refundable fee, and all participants must bring a valid MTSU ID or they will not be allowed to participate.

Intramural Sports is also seeking new officials. There is no prior

experience required; the Recreation Department will train you. The only requirements for the job are a knowledge of sports, a cool head and a dependable nature.

Along with the Intramural Sports, the Recreation Department is sponsoring the first MiniTriathlon, referred to as "Scalp the Mocs." The event will take place here on campus September 14 the morning of the football game against UT-

Chattanooga.

The MiniTriathlon will consist of a series of events including 300-yard laps, a 10-mile bike ride, and a 2.5-mile run. There will be 10 teams with 30 individuals, and T-shirts will be awarded to all finishers. The fee is \$10 for students, faculty and staff and \$15 for guests. Registration forms are available in the Campus Recreation Office, or for more information phone 898-2104.●

Sports Shorts

This week's schedule of games and events of local interest (all times are Central):

OVC FOOTBALL

Thursday, August 29
Eastern Illinois at Western Michigan, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 31
MTSU at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Florida A&M at Tennessee St., 6 p.m.

SEC FOOTBALL

Saturday, August 31
Bowling Green at Alabama, 2 p.m.
Southern Miss at Georgia, 3 p.m.
SW Louisiana at Florida, 5 p.m.
Ala.-Birmingham at Auburn, 6 p.m.
Idaho St. at Ole Miss, 6 p.m.
Louisville at Kentucky, 5:30 p.m.
UNLV at Tennessee, 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wednesday, August 28
MTSU vs. Cumberland College (scrimmage), 4 p.m.
Site: Murfreesboro Soccer Club fields, 1930 Memorial Blvd. (near the Murfreesboro airport).

LADY RAIDERS VOLLEYBALL

UMass Tournament, Amherst, Mass.:
Friday, August 30
MTSU vs. Providence, 8 a.m.
MTSU vs. SW Texas, 1 p.m.
Saturday, August 31
MTSU vs. Tulane, 8 a.m.
MTSU vs. UMass, 6 p.m.

INTRAMURALS

Sign-ups are now being collected for the Campus Recreation Department's Fall intramural sports leagues. Call 898-2104, for more information.

SPEAKERS

Willie Franklin, a former NFL player for the L.A. Rams and Baltimore Colts, will speak Wednesday, August 28, at the North Boulevard Church of Christ's "University Bible Study and Ice Cream Social," 217 N. Tennessee Blvd., beginning at 7 p.m. Phone the MTSU Christian Student Center, 896-1529, for further details.

VOLLEYBALL: tournies to begin season

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said. "It's been a great recruiting year in the conference, too."

The Lady Raiders will have plenty of opportunities to establish themselves while being challenged early in the season.

That's just how Kissee wants it.

"Last year we struggled early in conference," she said. "This year we needed a tougher

pre-conference schedule, so we stepped up the competition."

Three regular season tournaments will immediately test the team's mettle, beginning on August 30 at a round robin affair in Amherst, Mass. MTSU faces Providence and Southwest Texas on the 30th, followed by games against Tulane and host UMass on the 31st.

The next weekend, the Lady Raiders travel to Memphis for games with Southeastern Louisiana and Memphis on

Friday, with Davidson and Ole Miss providing the competition on Saturday.

Then it's back to Murfreesboro to entertain UAB Sept. 10, before embarking on a road trip to Indianapolis for another tournament.

In Indy, Bowling Green and Arkansas State are on tap for the Lady Raiders Sept. 13, with San Francisco and Butler forming the next day's doubleheader.

The early season certainly

offers intriguing precursors to a difficult OVC slate. "We feel these tournaments will prepare us for conference play, which is the most important," Kissee said.

The Lady Raiders continue to work toward their season opener with few outside expectations and a Dangerfield-esque attitude.

"We don't feel pressure to repeat as OVC (tournament) champs," Kissee said. "We still don't get the respect from other teams that we deserve." ●

BLUE: MTSU remembers Bulldogs

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like a stretch of wet pavement, getting crushed 65-14 in the 1991 Holiday Bowl. One of the most satisfying moments in sports is paying back those who have dealt you the harshest of blows, and the Cougars serviced their debt in entertaining fashion.

Turning our thoughts to MTSU's own opener against Louisiana Tech this Saturday, one will notice that the Raiders

can also look for some redemption for a past defeat. The last time Head Coach Boots Donnelly led his troops into battle against the Bulldogs, Ronald Reagan had just won another four years in the White House, and MTSU was in the midst of what would be the school's longest run in the Division I-AA playoffs.

The year was 1984, and the fans and students in Murfreesboro were witnessing the school's first-ever entry into

the I-AA playoffs, having earned an at-large berth. After two road victories, including a win over that season's OVC champ Eastern Kentucky, Louisiana Tech rolled into Floyd Stadium to battle for a trip to Division I-AA championship game.

Unfortunately for Blue Raiders fans, a close game was broken open by the Bulldogs with a long touchdown run late in the fourth quarter. MTSU attempted to drive back down

the field to even the score, but were foiled by a late fumble. Louisiana Tech went on to run out the clock and win, 21-13.

Since then, both schools have gone their separate ways, with Louisiana Tech now learning how to win in Division I-A, and MTSU preparing to join them there shortly. As for how much of 1984's showdown will play into this Saturday's contest, it's anyone's guess. In any event, the time for predictions is over. It's game time. ●

Nittany Lions rush past Trojans 24-7

By Associated Press

Curtis Enis can't hide anymore.

The sensational sophomore ran for 241 yards and scored three touchdowns Sunday as No. 11 Penn State cruised to a 24-7 victory over No. 7 Southern California in the Kickoff Classic.

Enis, a 6-foot-1, 231-pounder who was rarely allowed to be interviewed last season, dazzled a Kickoff Classic-record crowd of 77,716 at Giants Stadium with scoring runs of 24, nine and four yards.

His 24-yarder, with 1:57 left in the first half, displayed

Enis' power and speed. He ran directly into safety Rashard Cook at the 15-yard-line, bounced off and sped into the end zone to give the Nittany Lions a 10-0 lead.

Penn State dominated so completely in the second half that coach John Robinson's team barely averted a shutout, scoring with 29 seconds left when linebacker Chris Claiborne recovered a fumble by tailback Chafie Fields in the end zone.

After a scoreless third quarter, Enis, who coach Joe Paterno said still has to work on his game, ran 57 yards to the USC 27 to set up his 9-yard

score with 13:22 left. Just 1:40 later, after Kim Herring intercepted a pass by Brad Otton, Enis was at it again, scoring from four yards out.

Enis, who had 27 carries, produced the fourth-highest rushing total in Penn State history and the most by a sophomore. Only Curt Warner, with 256 yards against Syracuse in 1981, Shorty Miller (250 vs. Carnegie Tech in 1912) and Bob Pollard (243 vs. Rutgers in 1951), ran for more.

His total was also the most ever allowed by Southern California. Russell White of California ran for 229 yards against USC in 1991.

Ottom, USC's Rose Bowl hero against Northwestern, had a poor day, completing just 11 of 28 passes for 144 yards and an interception. Penn State's Wally Richardson was 10-of-18 for 102 yards and two first-half interceptions. He was replaced late in the third quarter by Mike Queary.

Enis, who was moved from linebacker early last season, had 136 yards on 16 carries in the first half, nearly breaking the Kickoff Classic game record of 140 yards by Alonzo Highsmith of Miami against Auburn in 1984. As a freshman, Enis had a team-best 683 yards with three 100-yard games.

After a scoreless first quarter, one in which Richardson threw interceptions on both Penn State drives, the Nittany Lions finally broke through for a 3-0 lead.

And it came on a USC turnover. Darrell Kania's punt was fair caught by USC at the 12-yard line. On the next play, Otton fumbled the snap and defensive end Chris Snyder recovered at the 12. Richardson almost was intercepted again, but USC's Sammy Knight and Brian Kelly both bobbled the ball and it fell incomplete near the goal line.

Two plays later, Brett Conway kicked a 28-yard field goal with 7:12 left in the half.

USC blew a 60-yard pass to the Penn State 21. The Trojans moved to the 8, but Adam Abrams was wide right with a 26-yard field goal attempt.

Enis took over with 3:51 left in the half. He ran left for 11 yards, shedding tacklers along the way. Then, he ran 13 yards up the middle, carrying USC players with him until Knight finally made the tackle at the 50.

After Richardson hooked up with Joe Nastasi for 21 yards to the USC 24, Enis took a handoff, ran into Cook and broke loose for his first TD.


Just when it looked as if Paterno might give Enis a rest, back he went in the fourth quarter, running three times for 73 yards on the second TD drive. On his 57-yarder, he took a handoff from McQueary and ran around left end until he was forced out of bounds.

Before his final score, McQueary completed a 35-yard pass to split end Joe Jurevicius to the USC 4.

USC was last shut out in 1990, losing to the University of Washington 31-0. ●

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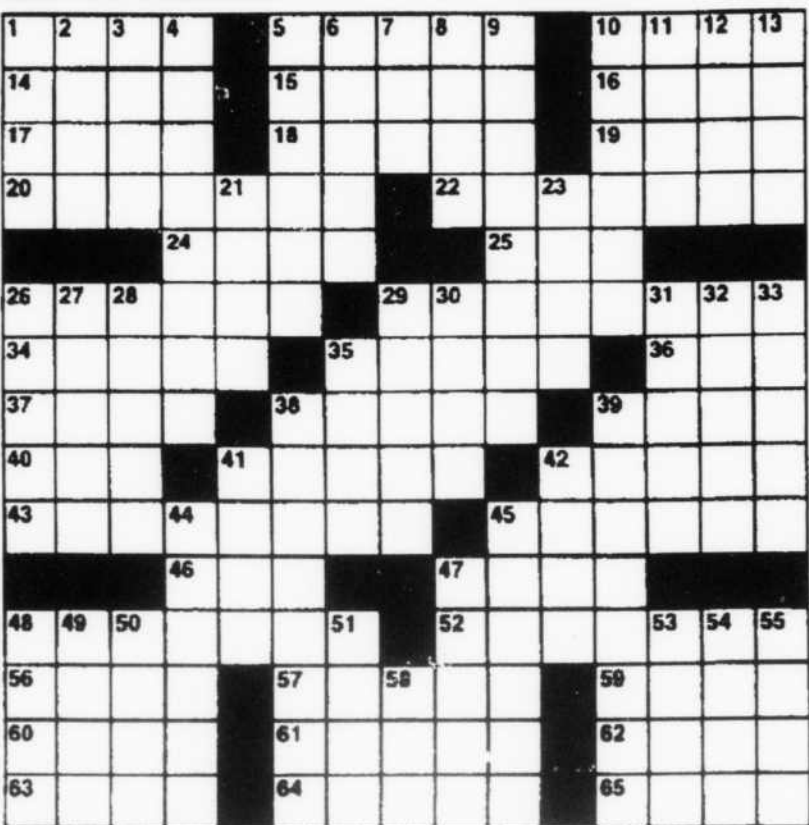
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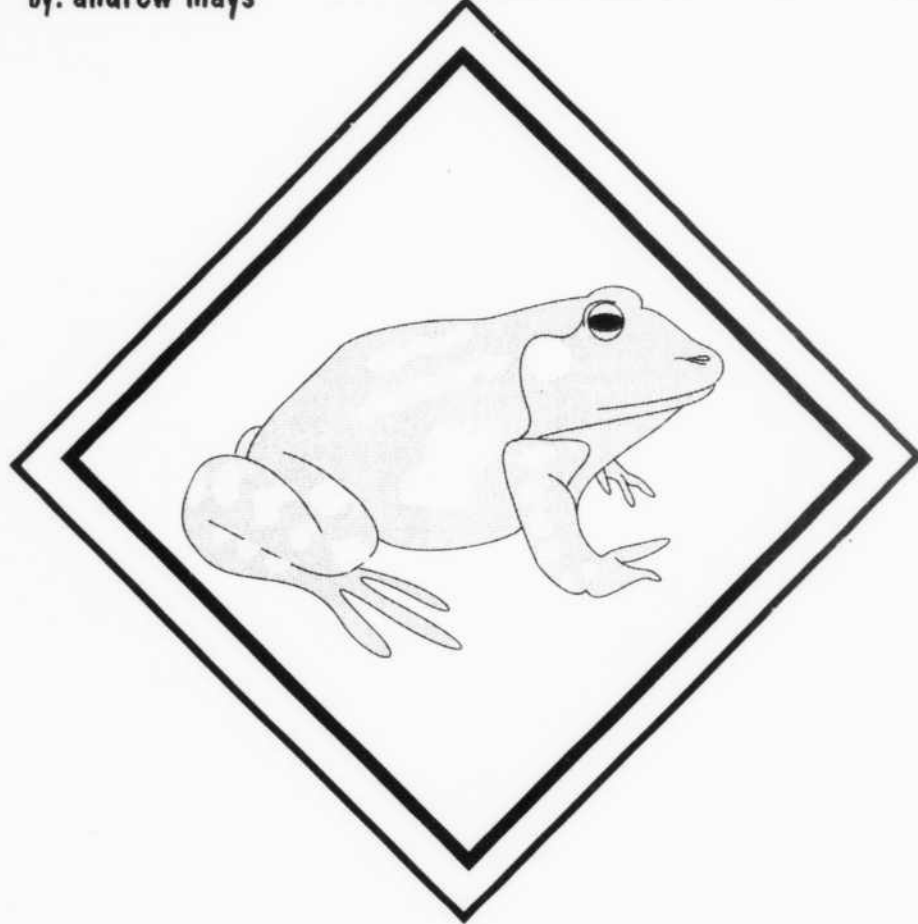
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