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Middle Tennessee State University
Special Edition

NEW STUDENT EDITION

Welcome to
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Tips for new students

How to survive your first year and keep your sanity

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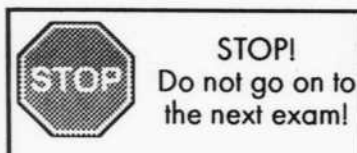
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certain that with proper maintenance and regular care, you will get years of service from this model.

We at *Sidelines*, your campus newspaper, would like to take this opportunity to welcome all you new students to your future alma mater.

Please pardon our mess. We're trying to make a few technological changes around here and we're afraid the landscaping is having to pay the price. If you find yourself trapped behind a fence, just follow it around (keep the fence on your right) and you'll eventually find Peck Hall, which is another maze in itself.

This campus works very much, but not quite, like the real world. We have two presidents; Dr. James Walker is president of the University and Drew Bergman is president of the Student Government Association. There are student and faculty senates. The administration is broken

The System Works

By Mike Reed,
Editor in Chief

into divisions that have vice presidents. These things probably sound familiar.

Think of it as high school, except everyone here doesn't want to think about high school anymore. There isn't as much enthusiasm for things here that you might have experienced in high school. That's okay. There are a lot more of you now.

Fall enrollment will probably exceed 17,000 students. That means that you can probably find a few you like. That also means that there are going to be a few you don't. That's okay. You don't have to say "howdy" to everyone you meet.

Congratulations on choosing Middle Tennessee State University.

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For many of you, this will be your first time away from the supervision of your parents. Cool. Live a little. Don't be stupid, though; people get caught all the time doing things they shouldn't be doing.

If you're living in the dorm, try to respect your roommate's stuff and keep your space tidy. Then there's nothing to fight about later.

College is a time for learning. You're supposed to be learning skills and sciences that will help you support yourself when you're forced to enter

the job market. You're supposed to learn independence and responsibility. You're supposed to gain leadership skills and real-world savvy. You're not supposed to know anything going in. Some of you do. That's okay. Some of you only think you do.

College is a time for change. We've known people who've changed their majors upwards of five times. These people are wandering around the campus with 150 hours on their transcript and not one class that doesn't have the word "intro" in the title. It's really easy to see one of your friends doing something really interesting for a class and the next thing you know you're a pottery major and your parents are wondering why you haven't picked out a law school yet. Stand your ground. MTSU has a lot to offer curriculum-wise. Don't be afraid to look up the extension of a department chair and make an appointment. Until you fill out those upper division forms it doesn't cost anything to change your major.

Remember this magic number: 132. MTSU requires you to have 132 hours of classes to earn a bachelor's degree. It's possible to complete all the classes required for a major and two minors and still not attain 132 hours. It isn't easy, but it can be done.

Your advisor should be able to help you with

all this, but if you want more practical advice on curriculum choices, ask another student with your potential major. They all love to talk shop.

Above all, college is a time to think. In the next few years you are going to be bombarded by ideas and philosophies that will not only be different, they'll be contradictory. At its most fundamental level, that's what a university is: a huge marketplace for ideologies. You have to make up your mind how you feel while you're here. It isn't smart to go out into the real world without convictions.

College is a time for fun. Enjoy yourself. This is the period in your life when the whole world looks at you and says: "Aaaahh, what does that kid know? She's not in the real world. She's in college."

Well, college is as real as you make it. The more serious you take it, the more serious it'll take you. Do you really want to be taken that seriously?



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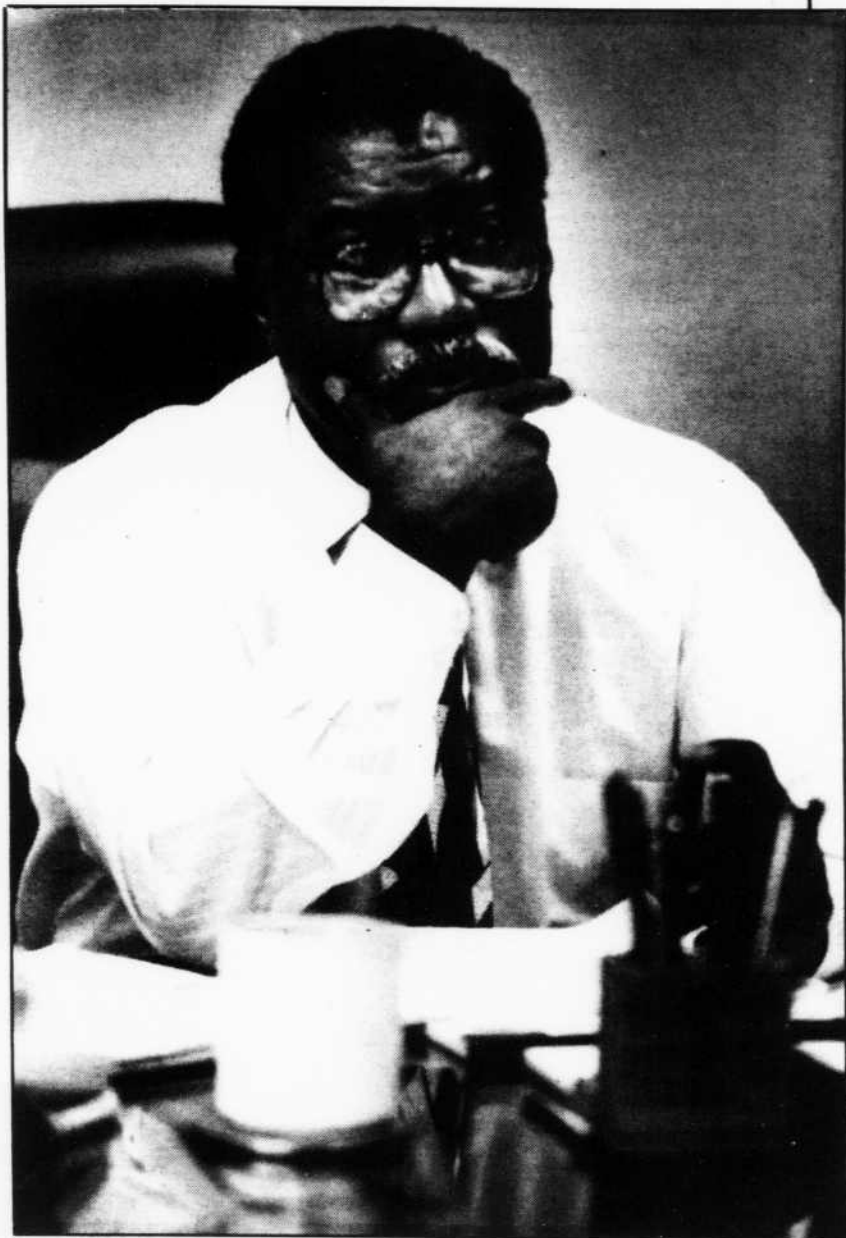
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These are exciting times for MTSU. As you can see firsthand, there are many construction activities taking place on this campus. The nursing building should be fully operational very soon and the recreation building should be completed by Spring, 1995. The infrastructure project is on schedule and the construction of the business/aerospace building is scheduled to begin later in the semester. Planning for a new library is also underway. New academic programs are being instituted and others are being continually reviewed.

The University offers you a variety of social, cultural, and extracurricular activities. Let me encourage you to take advantage of your university experience – academic and otherwise. Put forth your best effort and have a good year.

Sincerely,

James E. Walker
James E. Walker
President

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- ❖ To identify barriers preventing disabled students from achieving equal learning opportunities
- ❖ To keep records of all disabled students
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Come by our office if we can help
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Fellow Students :

I would like to welcome you to Middle Tennessee State University. As a part of MTSU, you are also a part of the largest student organization on campus. With over 17,000 members, the Student Government Association exists to improve and compliment student life.

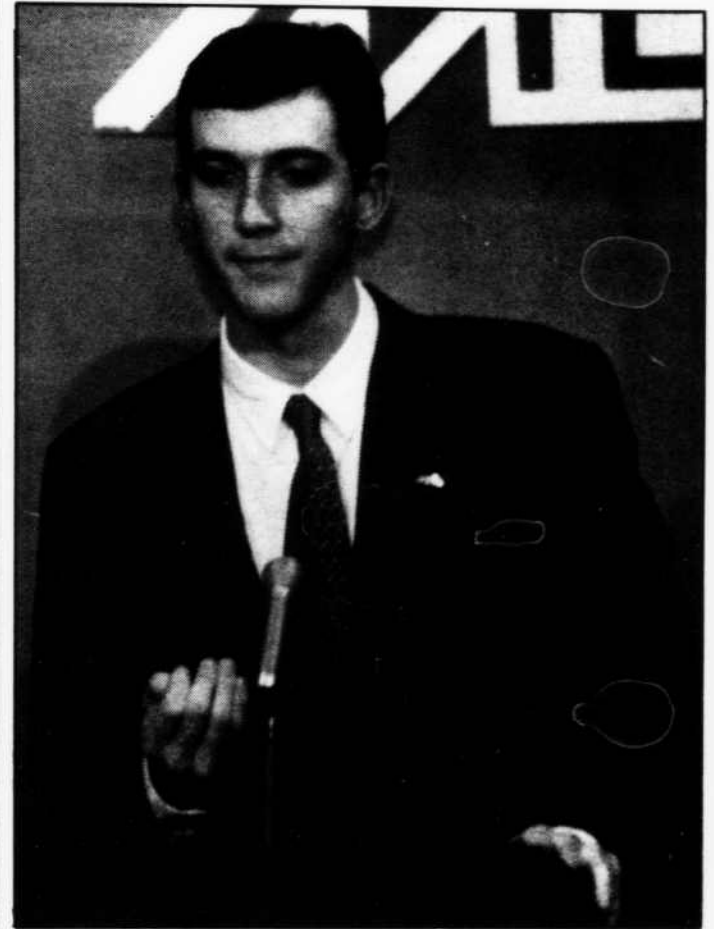
The SGA involves itself with just about every issue that faces students. These issues range from parking, academics, and residence life to student organizations, University committees, and MTSU athletics. The first step of your involvement has been taken by your choice to attend MTSU. The second step will be your decision on how active to become in SGA or MTSU.

I urge your involvement simply to better your experience at MTSU. If I, or any of the other SGA officers, can help you with any questions or problems (or if you would just like to come hang out), stop by the Keathley University Center, Room 208. The phone number is 898-2464. Good luck and much continued success in your experiences at MTSU!

Sincerely,



Drew Bergman
SGA President



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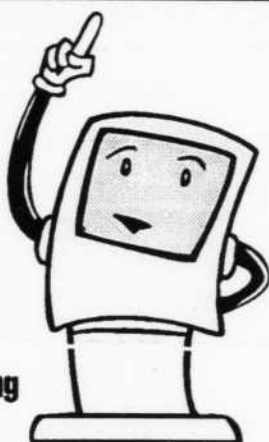
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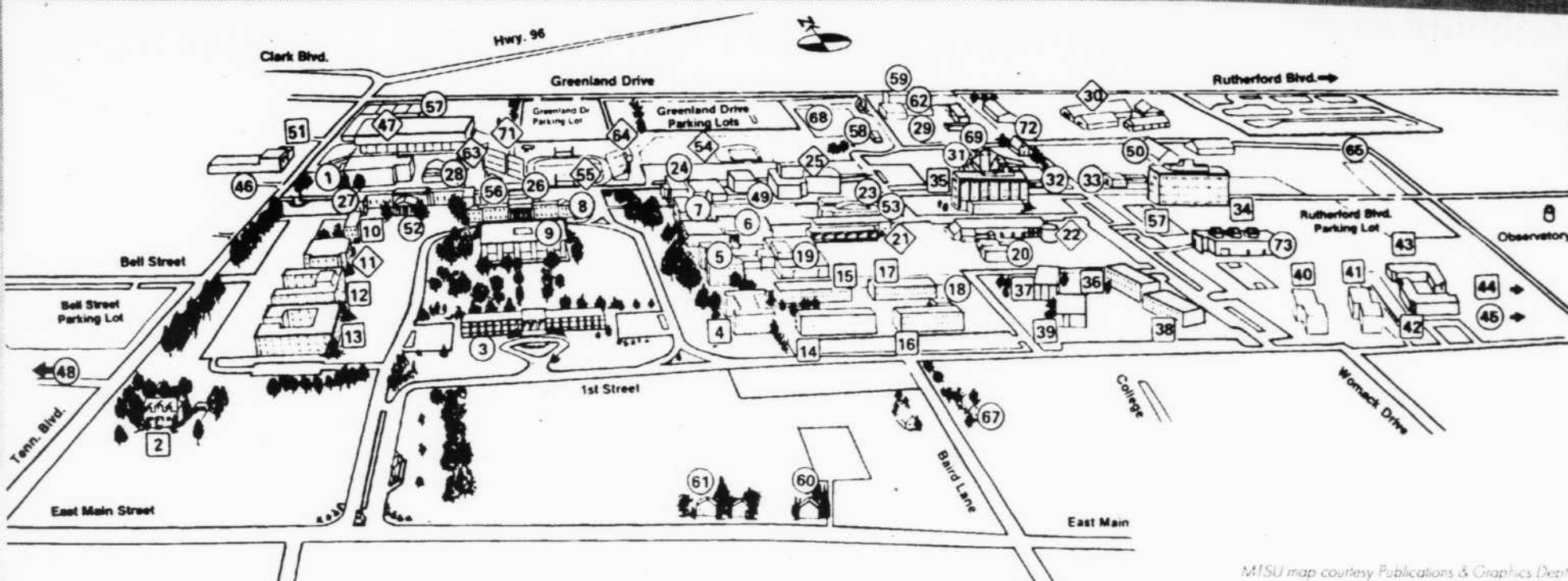


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For more Information, Contact the Associate Dean of Students
MTSU Box 39, Murfreesboro TN 37130. (615)898-2808.

This is a campus map showing you the some of the major highlights. Included is the building's number on the map and a brief highlight of the services offered in each one listed. For a complete listing of buildings on campus, consult your MTSU Catalog's inside back cover. (Compiled by Brian Mayzure)



MTSU map courtesy Publications & Graphics Dept

(21) Keathley University Center [KUC]

Post Office, Phillips Bookstore, Minimart & Gameroom, & The Grill.

(11) James Union Building [JUB]

This building features a large lounge, The Sub (Named after the building's former name) which has a Taco Bell Express, and a full Subway. This building is also home to the Sidelines.

(3) Cope Administration Building

Business Office, Records Office, Financial Aid Office

(33) Health Services

Free medical care for all students providing it is a non-emergency.

(9) Peck Hall

This is the odd shaped building in the center of campus where it seems like all of your classes will be.

(35) Corlew Hall

This female dorm features a pool table, TV and a cafeteria.

(18) Woodmore Cafeteria

This cafeteria serves the football team, and all other meal plan students.

(6) Todd Library

This is where you'll be spending a lot of time.

(4) Smith Hall

This male dorm is the only dorm on campus that has a 24-hour staffed lobby. Features pool table, TV, 24-hour computer lab, and lots of late night conversation.

(1) Alumni Memorial Gym [AMG] and (47) Murphy Center

Both of these buildings offer recreation and exercise opportunities. The AMG is also home of the Campus Recreation Dept.

(12) Learning Resources Center [LRC]

This building features the newly renovated Learning Lab, Computer lab, Photo Gallery, WNAR Student Radio, WMOT Public Radio, and Channel 8.

(73) Mass Communication Building (MassComm)

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Campus life

We dug into our photo files to put together this view of life at MTSU.

Clockwise from right, Dr. Principe's logic class meets on the steps in front of the James Union Building. Dave Friedman fills out paperwork while Officer Beasley looks for the serial number on his bike (students can register their bikes with security). President walker enjoys a spaghetti dinner with the students. Brother Tom preaches the gospel in front of the Keathley University Center



Center for more information!

Just who is in charge around here?

One of the first rules at MTSU is you have to follow the chain of command. If you skip a step, they'll just send you back across campus to home base (the business office) to start over again.

In the interest of fair play, We've put together this list to keep by your phone. Clip and Save.

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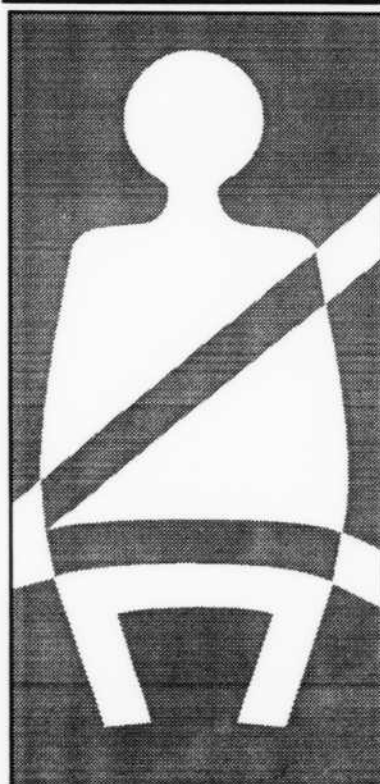
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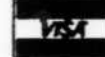


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Tuesday, August 23

☆**Cartoon Portraits**☆

by Steve Gibson

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☆**Alpha Experience**☆

3D Virtual Reality

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☆**Hip Hop Concert**☆

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Emma Gay

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Wednesday, August 24

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Thursday, August 25

☆**Prez's Picnic**☆

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Friday, August 26

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What is
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It is a week of
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attend any event.
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101 says "did well.")

What is
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BRINGING YOU THIS MESSAGE: A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

JENNY TENNPENNY-CROUCH, STUDENT PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

So you think you want to be a writer when you grow up. So do many people.

One thing you will discover as you embark on a college career is there are many forms of writing, not just fiction. The forms are often confused, particularly to the novice; and while you may think you have a talent for writing, you may not have discovered the form of writing which best suits you.

MTSU's Student Publications Department offers experience for would-be writers: journalists, essayists, fiction writers and poets. But you have to find the right niche for yourself.

And while you may think that the department is solely for those interested in writing, there is a plethora of experience available at Student Publications, even for those not interested in writing.

The department publishes three publications: the student newspaper, *Sidelines*; the yearbook, *Midlander*; and creative magazine, *Collage*. Each publication has its own identity, editorially independent of the others—and the university. The editor of each publication chooses the staff, sets the priorities and proceeds to produce the publication to the best of the staff's abilities. With the guidance of the student publications director and a graduate assistant, these staffs produce professional-quality, award-winning publications.

Sidelines, the backbone of the department, has a long history of editorial excellence and has won a variety of recognition from such organizations as the Associated Collegiate Press and the Southeast Journalism Conference.

There are three distinct departments: advertising, editorial and composing, each offering employment opportunities. And while each department is technically independent of the other, they must all work together in order to produce the newspaper on a regular basis by the designated deadlines. The editor, who is chosen by the Student Publications Committee, hires the support staff for the editorial department. The advertising manager and production manager, who is hired by the department director, each hire for their respective staffs. At any given time, there are openings for writers (news, features, sports and editorials), graphic artists and advertising sales people. Most of positions require no prior experience, just interest and commitment.

Without going into all of the details, producing an issue of the paper is a complicated series of deadlines. There must be a little give and take among all the departments to produce the final product. And to make a long story short, there is a lot of stress, some short tempers and a great deal of fun and comradery.

The paper distributed free on campus Monday and Thursday during the fall and spring semester and on Wednesday during the summer.

Midlander is published once a year and is distributed in August. Unlike the newspaper, the yearbook must be purchased in advance; but at cost of \$20, it is one of the few real book bargains to be found.

But like the newspaper, the editor hires support staff, many of which are paid positions. *Midlander* offers the opportunity for many students who are interested in magazine writing and production to get needed experience. Working on the staff also provides unique experience in management and long-term planning.

All students may have their portraits included in the yearbook free of charge, and a student photographer will be available during the fall semester at specified times to take these photographs. Look for the notices in your post office box or for the ads in *Sidelines* for the specified dates and times. To purchase the book, orders can be placed at the Student Publications Office, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and there are a few payment options.

The creative magazine, *Collage*, offers yet another venue for communications experience. The magazine publishes a broad range of art, from painting and sculpting to photography and wearable art, as well, poetry, short stories, essays and feature articles. The direction the magazine takes is determined by the editor, staff and the types of submissions received by deadline.

As with the other publications, the editor hires the staff. And though the number of positions are limited, most are paid.

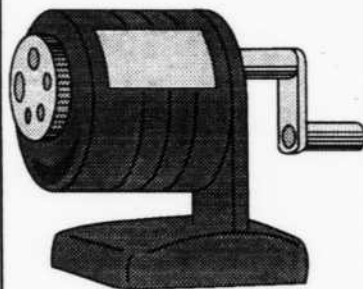
Collage is published once each semester and distributed free on campus. Deadlines vary from year to year, but are posted around campus and through ads in *Sidelines*. If you are interested in submitting material for the magazine, be sure to watch for the dea

Each of the publications provides a variety of opportunities to express yourself creatively and in a professional setting which is an important as learning the fundamentals in the classroom. These publications give you the opportunity to use your skills and talents and help you prepare for your future careers.

Student publications are students reporting, entertaining and providing opinion that is often controversial and thought-provoking for the campus community. We often hear complaints that we are not doing what some think we should be doing, that the writing is poor and not representative of the true campus community, we offer the campus the best that we can with the resources and personnel that we have.

It is often said of journalism: "If you don't make someone mad, then you are not doing your job." We must be doing our job.

And the door is open to anyone who wants to join us in any of these pursuits, you are encouraged to do so. Even though staff positions are limited, students are encouraged to submit materials on a free-lance basis. Our staffs are diverse. There is a place for you if you are diligent, persistent, willing to make commitment to long hours, hard work, constant criticism, a little praise and a great deal of pride when you see that final product on the stands for the world to read.



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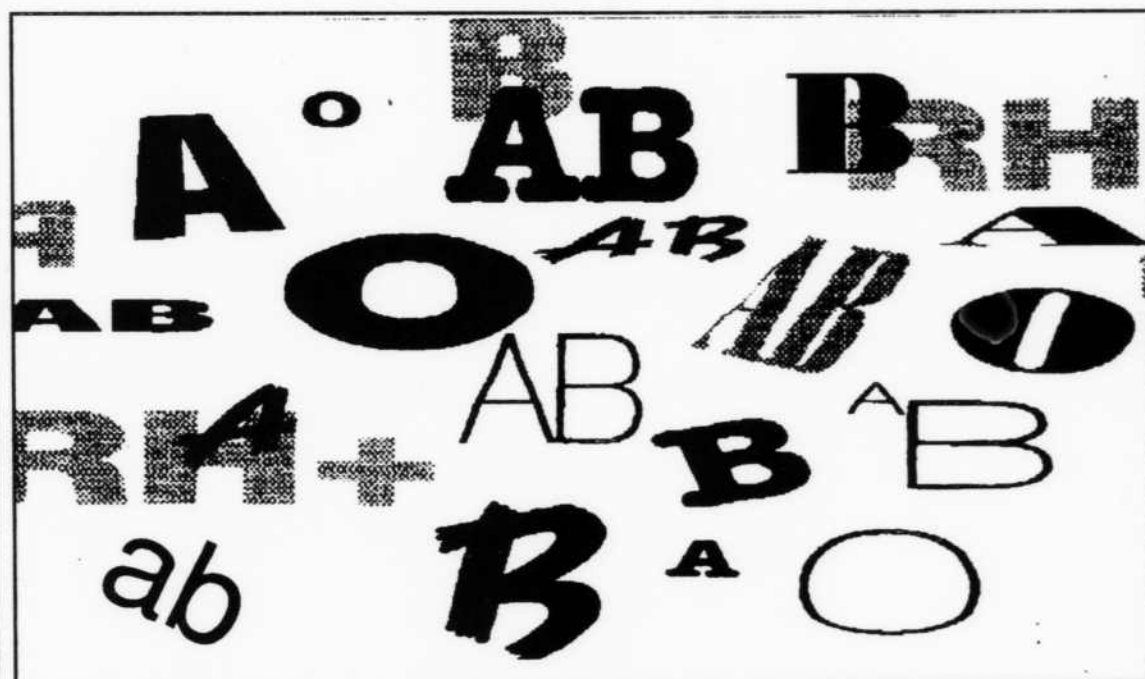
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WE INTERRUPT THIS NEWSPAPER WITH SOME IMPORTANT TIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS

BY WARREN WAKELAND, NEWS EDITOR

Welcome to MTSU! We're glad to have you! Enjoy your stay!

Now let's get serious. Getting through college is a grueling process, and that's if you *don't* have to get a job outside of school. For most of you, this will be your first time living away from home for any length of time. You will have a lot of fun, but it also signals that it's time to grow up. In order to help you get through this learning and growing process, we have some tips designed to get you through the hard parts of adjusting to MTSU college life.

The first thing you need to know concerns your orientation session. The Customs leaders are good people, but they are trained before you meet them to brainwash you and tell you how wonderfully things work here and how you will just love this experience for the rest of your life. Some of this is true, some is not. You will love the experience of college life. You will make friends here who will stay with you for the rest of your life. Some of the things you do outside of class will surprise you when you reflect back, like the night you went to The 'Boro with friends and got so plowed they had to tell you how you got up on the tables and sang "Feelings" in your worst voice for the overflow crowd. These will be the things you relate to your children in later life. In this respect, college life can't be beat.

Paying fees here, however, is a pain in the rear. If you are obtaining government loans to pay your fees, it is a pain in the neck as well. Registering through TRAM will get easier as you accrue hours, but at first you will get frustrated and angry trying to call TRAM to register and getting a busy signal for an hour. Be patient—eventually you will get through, and your hair won't go gray waiting. Oh yes—and you will yell about parking (but more on that later).

Of course, as you get further into your pursuit of a degree, the number of sections available for some of the courses you need will decrease. You may come across something you need, like PS406 (U.S. Congress), that is only offered once every three semesters. Prepare for this by planning your semester schedules two or three semesters ahead of time. When that hard-to-get course appears in the schedule, if you hadn't planned to take it during that particular semester, then

make adjustments to your schedule so you can take it. If the class is closed when you register, talk to the instructor. If you can show that you have to have the class, most will allow you in, even if that means the class will have more students than it is supposed to have. But don't try to get away with this too often—it's still best to plan ahead.

Now we need to clear something up before we go any farther. If you think you're going to graduate in four years, think again. It is almost impossible to graduate in four years, so count on at least five years. The typical college student in the United States today takes four years and 11 months to graduate from college. That student also changes his or her major at least once and takes four classes that will not count toward the degree. This does not mean you will do the same, but chances are you will. It takes 132 hours to graduate from MTSU, but if you are a typical student you will have 144. So count on somewhere between 132 and 144. Some seniors here now have upwards of 170 hours.

If you take a normal class load of 15 hours per semester and don't take classes in the summer, at the end of four years you will be 12 hours short of qualifying for a degree—and that's if you haven't changed majors or taken any extraneous classes that won't count toward your degree. This essentially means that unless you want to go to college nonstop for four years, you will be here longer. Accept this as fact and move on.

Now let's talk about going to class. Do it. If you don't, you will fail. Real simple. This is not high school—you cannot get away with going to Burger King during study period and making "B's." There is no study period. You are expected to be motivated enough to do your schoolwork on your own terms. If you're not, you can go for the career title "burger flipper," because you won't be here long.

Many instructors do not take attendance—you will be on your honor. Most will tell you it's important to attend class. Heed their words. They know if you've

been in class, even if they don't take roll. They know if you participate. They know if you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness' sake. (Sorry.) They remember you. Many of the faculty here are well-respected outside of the university in their fields. They have connections. They can help you later on in life if you make a good impression on them now. And you will need all the help you can get after you graduate.

What about bringing an automobile on campus? Many of you will have a car with you, so pay attention. If you'll be living in one of the dorms and bringing a car with you, park your car in one place close to your dorm when you arrive in August and leave it until

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Thanksgiving break. If you move it between those times, you will never find another place within a \$20 cab ride of the dorm. Seriously, on-campus parking is a problem. So don't move your car unless you

have to. If you plan to live off campus, get to school at least 15 to 30 minutes before your scheduled class time; otherwise you will be late to class.

Parking permits are another subject about which you need some guidance. If you plan to live off campus, no matter what anyone tells you, get the black permit for spaces on the perimeter of campus only. Do not get the green permit. Public Safety and Security will tell you there is plenty of green space parking, but don't believe them. The green permit is for student parking on the perimeter and interior of campus, but there are about seven green permit spaces in the interior of campus. You will have no prayer of parking in those spaces. Accept the fact that you will have to park in east or west Bangladesh, and *park* there. Do not spend the extra money for the green permit—the school will take enough money from you in debt service fees.

If you live on campus, you pretty much have to have a green permit. Sorry.

The Raider Xpress is a nice service, and your Customs orientation leader will tell you the

buses get around campus in five to seven minutes. Not true. I have waited 15 minutes during peak class hours (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) for a bus. Get here early if you live off campus, especially during the first three weeks of each semester. After that, enough people will withdraw from school so that parking will only be difficult and not impossible. The buses will move a little faster, but they won't get around campus in five to seven minutes.

Greek life is another aspect of college life about which you may have some interest. I do not know much about this subject, except it seems to me that Greeks drink a lot more than the normal human being. I may be wrong. I am sure, however, that there is something to that brotherhood and sisterhood stuff. Look further into this paper for more information about Greek life. If you want to know more, just walk into any fraternity house or sorority meeting you choose. You'll always be welcome.

Another point you need to know concerns the administration. Never argue with administration policies. It's pointless. If you're sure you have paid a parking ticket, but it is not registered in the computer as having been paid, you have not paid the ticket. (If it is in the computer, it's gospel.) Accept this as fact and pay the ticket again. And you do need to pay it again—because if you don't, they will put a "hold" on your records, meaning they will *hold* you from trying to register for the next semester, they will *hold* all copies of your transcript and they will *hold* you back from graduating. (Which is, of course, the goal of all you bright new minds— isn't it?)

Finally, the most important thing you need to know. When ordering pizza delivered, whether you live on or off campus, remember to have some courtesy for the driver and give him or her a tip. They work hard for you, even if it sometimes takes a little longer than usual to get your pizza. A dollar tip for an \$8.00 pizza is a nice way to say thanks. It also shows you have some class.

You will come across many other things not discussed in this column during your time here that will make you scratch your head and think. This is, of course, what college is all about—to make you think. Think hard, and good luck to

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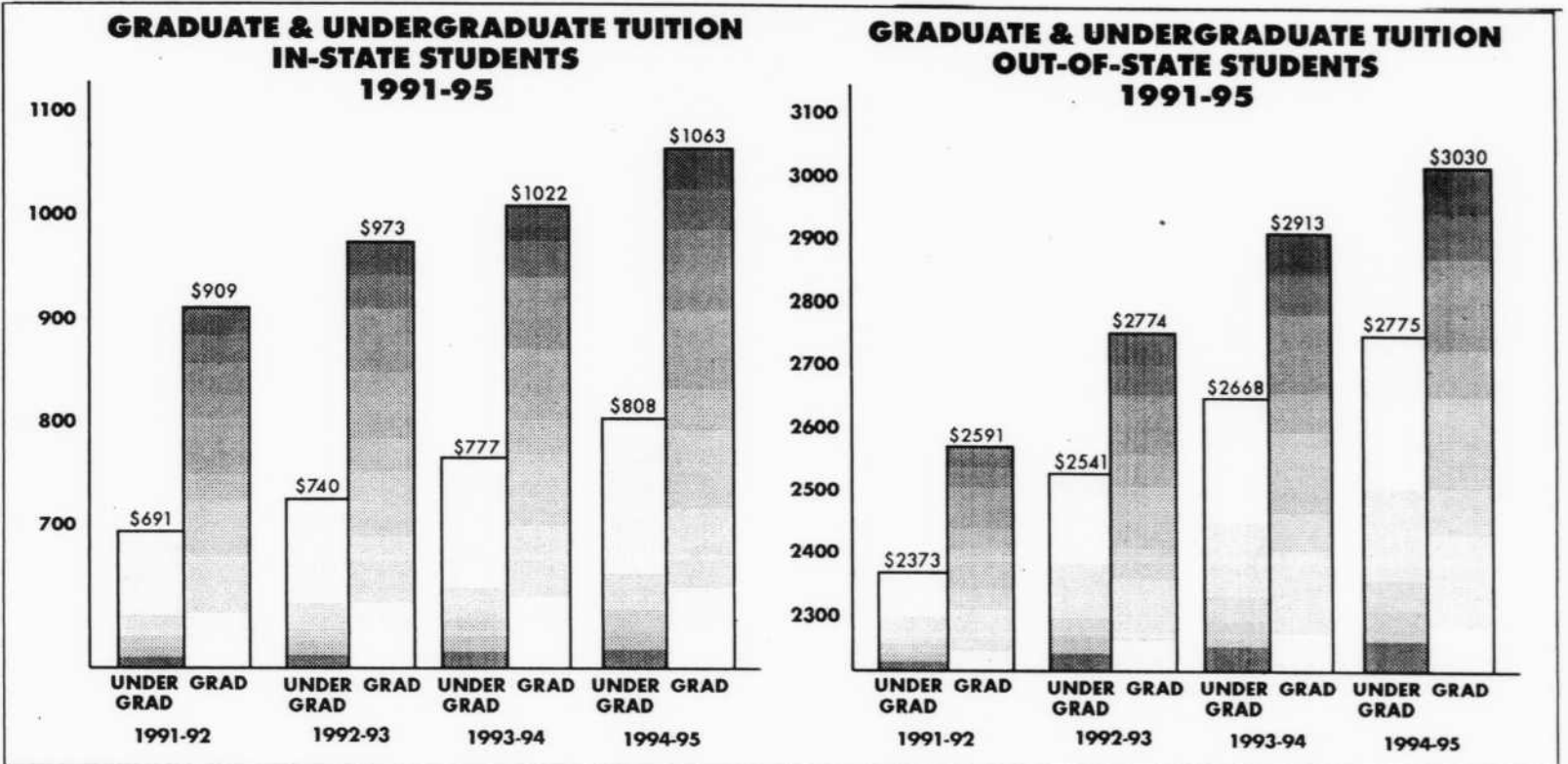
STAFF REPORTS

The Tennessee Board of Regents officially approved a 4 percent increase in tuition for all two-year and four-year institutions governed by their organization, including MTSU, at their quarterly meeting held last Friday at Motlow State Community College in Tullahoma.

The board approved the recommendations made by the Committee on Finance and Business Operations during the committee meeting Thursday afternoon. The new rates go into effect immediately.

"If you look at the rate of inflation, our 4 percent increase is pretty well in line with that," Regents Chancellor Charles Smith told the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

Under the increase, tuition at MTSU will increase \$31 per semester for in-state full-time undergraduate students, from \$777 during the 1993-



Graphs by Brian Mayzure/Art Director

94 academic year to \$808, and \$93 per semester for out-of-state full-time undergraduates, from \$2,668 to \$2,775. Including extra fees which all full-time students must pay, the 1994-95 totals for tuition and fees will be \$1,792 for in-state and \$5,726 for out-of-state full-time undergraduate

students.

The tuition figures represent an approximate 17 percent increase in undergraduate rates since the 1991-92 academic year. Including fees, the increase is greater than 20 percent.

Graduate student tuition rates increase to \$1,063 per semester for full-time in-state students, up

\$41 from last year, and to \$3,030 per semester for full-time out-of-state students, up \$117 from last year.

Tuition for part-time students will also increase, from \$69 to \$72 per semester hour. Graduate tuition will increase from \$103 to \$107 per semester hour.

Compared to the

University of Memphis (formerly Memphis State University), a member of the Board of Regents system as is MTSU, in-state undergraduate students at MTSU will pay \$69 per semester less in tuition than their Memphis counterparts, while out-of-state undergraduates will pay \$808 more in tuition.

Utility and Infrastructure Improvement Project (6/20/94)

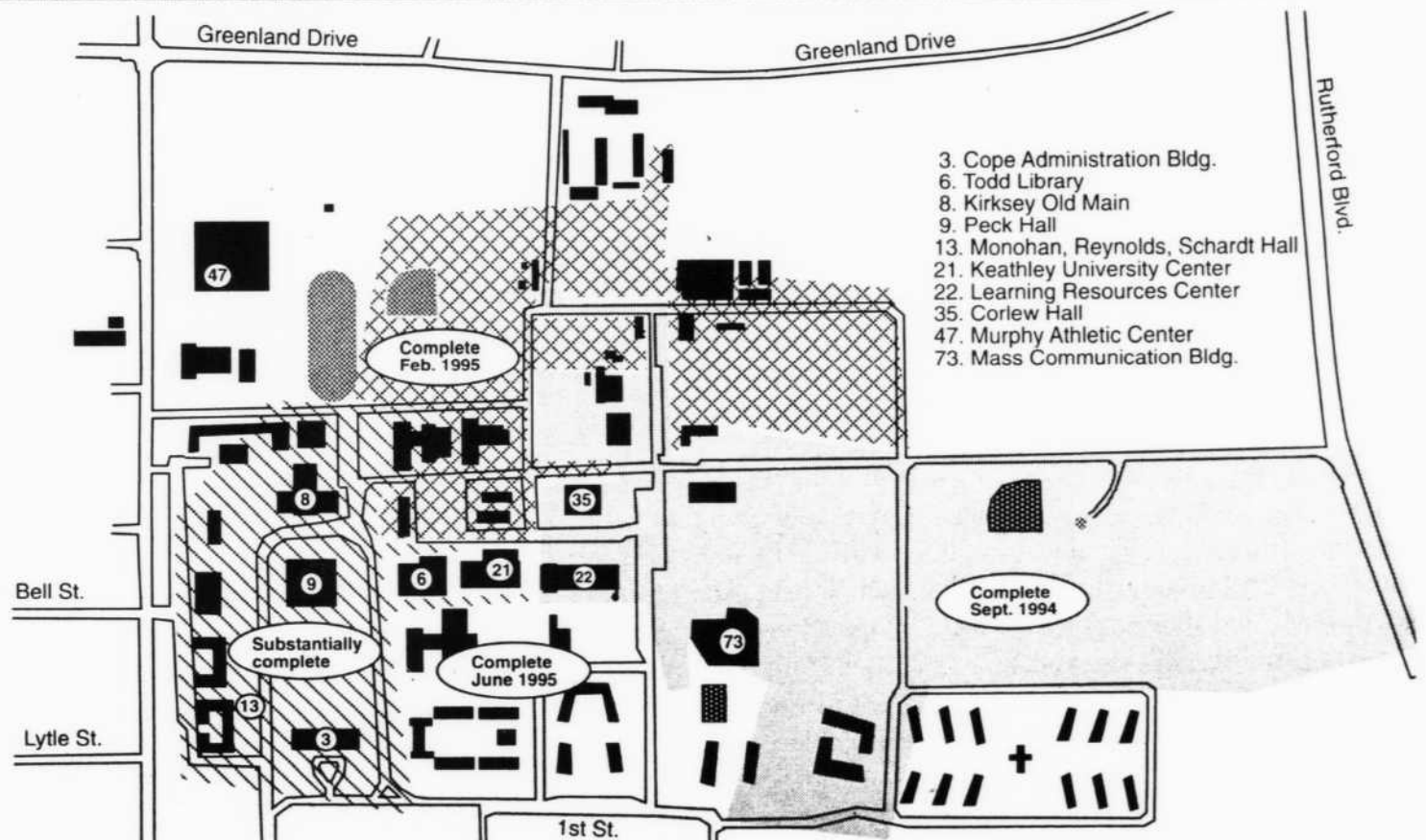
What's with all the digging and fences on the MTSU campus? It's a definite pain if you're in a hurry, but it's also a sign that MTSU is committed to your future.

The Utility and Infrastructure Improvements Project is an 18-month program scheduled to be completed next summer. Bill Smotherman, director of physical plant, says the project, part of the MTSU Master Plan approved in December 1991, has several major objectives — to move existing utilities away from the site of future buildings, to increase the size of pipes and ducts to accommodate new buildings, to provide future underground pathways for electrical, telephone, and data lines, to install new drain pipes which will help regulate storm water runoff, and to re-pipe the chilling plant for better control of water flow and increased efficiency of operation.

The project divides the campus into four sections (see map). Work on the west section, centered near the Cope Administration Building, has been completed except for restoration items such as planting new grass and repaving Loop Drive. Restoration should be finished by mid-July. The east side of campus will be finished near the end of September. The north section should be finished in February 1995. The final section on the south side of campus is scheduled for completion in June 1995.

MTSU's enrollment is expected to top 21,500 students before the end of this decade. The Utility and Infrastructure Improvement Project is laying the groundwork for the classrooms of the 21st century. Sometimes the construction and fences are inconvenient, but the results will be well worth it.

If there are concerns about programs or events please call Bill Smotherman, director of physical plant, at 2414.



Blasting Notice

When explosives are to be set off to blast rock in ditch lines, the following sequence will alert MTSU Security and individuals near the area.

1. MTSU Security will be notified a minimum of one (1) hour ahead.
2. Three (3) short blasts of a loud horn will be sounded 60 seconds prior to one (1) long blast of the horn which shall be sounded immediately prior to setting off the explosives.
3. Following the explosion, one (1) long blast of the horn shall be sounded to signal "all clear."

FEELING SLUGGISH? RUN DOWN? GET WELL AT THE MTSU WELLNESS CENTER

BY WARREN WAKELAND

PHOTO BY CARL E. LABBERT

So you've finally decided it's time to get into some kind of decent shape. You've been sitting on your butt all spring and summer wanting to do it, but the gym's too far away, or you don't have a car so you can't get to the gym, or it's too expensive, or it's too dang hot, or whatever other excuse you can come up with today.

Well, there's no reason to be lazy anymore. The answer is lying right under your nose—the MTSU Wellness Center, located in the Alumni Memorial Gym between the gym building and the pool.

"A lot of people don't realize we're here," said Center director Dr. Timothy Michael, HPER associate professor and a doctor of exercise physiology. "That includes faculty, staff and students."

Membership costs \$15 per month, the best value in Murfreesboro. They ask that you pay for your first two months up front. They currently have between 150 and 200 members, of which 60 percent are students. Faculty, staff and their spouses as well as students are eligible for membership.

During the summer the Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Hours vary from semester to semester.

The Center is equipped with Nautilus-like weightlifting equipment, aerobicycles, treadmills, rowing machines, a Nordic Track cross country ski simulation machine and a StairMaster stair stepper, and offers written information on stress management, good nutrition, cholesterol control and other health-related subjects. "We try to keep students informed of the latest [health-related] information," Michael said.

There are also fully-equipped men's and women's locker room facilities available. But their services don't stop there.

Michael and his graduate assistants do a complete health risk appraisal, where you will answer a series of questions designed to determine whether it would be dangerous for you to begin a workout program, before you are accepted as a member.

"We go by the American College of Sports Medicine guidelines," Michael said. "We screen people. If they are high-risk, I talk with their doctor to see if a program can be designed for them."

"We are concerned that people get the proper information and the best information on how to work out. We want to keep students informed about the latest things," Michael said.

Across the hall from the Center is the human performance lab, designed to help you maintain peak physical and mental condition. With the lab the Center can offer complete fitness, cardiovascular, body fat percentage and blood pressure evaluations.

Beginning in the fall, the Center will also offer blood screening once a month through the Veterans Administration hospital in Murfreesboro. The Center will be contracting with the VA to run urinalysis tests, tests for cholesterol levels, and even possible blood diseases.

Members will be able to get discounts on normal lab work. A complete blood workup, a normal \$50 value through a doctor, will cost \$7.50 for members, according to Michael. Males over 35 years old will be able to be tested for prostate cancer for just \$30.

Best of all, members will only have to go to the Center to take these tests. The VA will come to campus and pick up the specimens for testing and send the results to the Center.



PUMPING UP: Bruce Barlar, Sr. works out at the MTSU Wellness Center. He's performing "lat rows" to build upper body strength.

"It's going to be a big thing," Michael said. "We're going to be able to offer full service to our members. It's going to be a definite asset."

Once the new recreation center is open, the Wellness Center will move into a space six to seven times larger than its current space. Michael expects the Center to be able to move by March 1995.

"We have had a hard time offering anything more than what we have [in this building]," Michael said. "That will change once the Rec Center opens. We'll be able to offer a lot of options [like blood screening] on a regular basis."

"This facility will be used as a learning lab for classes and research purposes after the rec center opens," Michael added. "A lot of our wellness/exercise science majors will need to know how to use this equipment when they go out on job interviews."

Michael said all students should be interested in keeping fit.

"We're very convenient for the students," Michael said. "They can come in between classes. Two to three hours a week is all they need to do."

"Good physical fitness also helps your mental state," Michael said.

Keeping fit, however, is not the only reason to join the Wellness Center, according to Michael.

"It's a social thing, too—for freshmen in particular," Michael said. "The Center is a place to meet people and become workout partners. When someone depends on you to come and work out, it makes you come in."

"It is also a good way to relieve stress," Michael added.

"Wellness is an all-encompassing term," Michael said. "We like to give people the information they need and be able to tell them where to go if we can't help them."

For more information about the MTSU Wellness Center, call 898-5549.

HOW TO BEAT THE HEAT

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It's summer, and it's hot. But you know that.

What you may not know is how to cool yourself off when you stay out in this inferno too long.

The MTSU Wellness Center has recommendations for taking care of yourself during the stretch of hot weather that accompanies summers in Tennessee.

* Dress appropriately for the environment.

Wear light-colored cotton clothing. Cotton allows more air next to the body than other materials. Also, wear a hat to protect your head from the sun's rays.

* Drink large amounts of fluid.

Always drink water or a sports drink to replenish the fluids your body loses in the heat. Never drink fluids with caffeine or alcohol in them.

* Take frequent breaks from activities in the heat.

* Avoid the hottest part of the day.

Try to schedule your outdoor activities for before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

* Change your activity level according to the temperature.

The hotter the weather, the more chance you have to suffer heat exhaustion. You need to be aware of the signs for this dangerous condition.

Signs to watch for with heat exhaustion include normal or below-normal body temperature; cool, moist, pale or red skin; headache; nausea; dizziness and weakness; and exhaustion. Ways to treat heat exhaustion include lying down in a cool area and drinking plenty of cool water.

Rush

An introduction to Greek life at MTSU

By Tina Denise Harvey, Contributing Editor

MTSU's Fraternity and Sorority Rush will be held at the beginning of the fall semester.

Webster's Dictionary defines fraternity as "the state or quality of being a brother; fraternal relationship of spirit." Sorority is defined to be "a group of women joined together by common interests, for fellowship."

To be in a fraternity or sorority, aspiring members must participate in Rush.

During Rush, fraternities hold smokers and parties at their fraternity houses. Sororities hold a variety of parties in their chapter rooms. All Rush parties are alcohol-free.

"Rush is an opportunity for young men and women to be introduced to every fraternity and sorority MTSU offers, and then decide where they feel most at home," said Lisa Battles, sorority member.

MTSU has 14 fraternities and 10 sororities.

Members of the National Interfraternity Conference (IFC) at MTSU include: Alpha Gamma Rho, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

IFC Fraternity Rush will be held Sept. 12-28. Interested men should fill out a Rush card, available in Keathley University Center (KUC) room 126.

Members of the National Panhellenic Conference include: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Panhellenic Sorority Rush will begin Aug. 24 through 29. Sorority applications are available in KUC room 130. Applications are due Aug. 24.

The United Greek Council (UGC) is made up of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The UGC organizations are also members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. These international fraternities and sororities recruit new members at their discretion. New recruits must have at least 12 hours of college-level courses before they can be considered.

Every Greek organization supports national and/or local philanthropies. The Prevention of Child Abuse, the Arthritis Foundation, United Negro College Fund, Special Olympics, the Multiple Sclerosis Walk for the Children's Discovery House and the "We Care" food program are some service organizations that receive support from the MTSU Greek community.

"Greeks are actively involved in the community and put in countless service hours and raise thousands of dollars for both the University and community each year," said Holly Lentz, associate dean of students.

Greek organizations participate in intramural sports. Fraternities compete in flag football, softball, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, Wiffle ball, soccer, racquetball and bowling.

Sorority members may choose among flag football,



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driving back and forth.**

Instead of fighting traffic and lining up for gas, stroll across campus and line up at the box office for the campus cinema. Arrive at class in only minutes and stay at the library until closing time, if you wish, because your residence hall is only a short distance away. Take your meals in a nearby cafeteria--there are three on campus--or snack in your room.

**Put yourself in a position to maximize your
academic performance.**

The time you save by not commuting often allows you to spend additional time studying, doing homework, or researching. Repeated surveys around the nation have

shown that on-campus residents maintain a higher grade point average than students who live off campus.

Find help when you need it from Resident Assistants.

These are experienced students who have become student-workers. They keep you posted on events within the hall, guide you to medical help in an emergency, let you into your room if you've forgotten your key, arrange for maintenance if some part of your room needs repair, or just sit and talk when you need a friend.



Live close to campus facilities.

The MTSU campus offers a cinema, outdoor stadium, music hall, theater, post office, bookstore, tennis and basketball courts, library, computer workstations, music practice rooms, swimming pool, and more.

Take part in the active social life of residents.

You'll build friendships that last a lifetime with people from all parts of the state, from everywhere in the U.S., and from countries around the globe.

**Take advantage of a wide range of
activities organized solely for on-
campus residents.**

Films, sports, parties, mixers, games, guest speakers, fashion shows, and picnics, are some of the activities offered.



Other services now available:

• **Cable TV** at no additional cost.

Residents no longer have to buy basic cable service from the cable company; it is included as part of the benefits of living on campus, without additional charge.

• **Computer rooms.**

For residents only, there are now four computer rooms in the residence halls: Lyon, Smith, Corlew, and Wood all offer desk-top computers as well as dot matrix and laser printers. These are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and they provide great tools for writing, and revising papers. Computer games are also available.

• **Upper class co-ed student housing.**

The two-person units in Abernathy and Ezell halls are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, irrespective of gender. Although males and females will not live in the same apartment together, it is likely that they will have persons of the opposite gender as neighbors.

• **24-hour desk services.**

Selected buildings offer round-the-clock desk services in the lobby. Desk attendants accept deliveries of packages and flowers, take maintenance requests, provide campus and building information, and lend sports equipment, games, and small household appliances.



• **Exterior corridor female building.**

In response to popular demand, Deere Hall now houses female residents. This building features an exterior corridor arrangement that offers a bathroom for every four rooms.

• **Smoking corridors.**

Students who wish to smoke in their rooms can request accommodations on the smoking floor of their building. If there are enough requests for smoking rooms, University Housing can expand the number of corridors designated for smokers.

• **Study environment.**

The WOMEN'S STUDY FLOOR AT CUMMINGS HALL and the MEN'S STUDY FLOOR AT SIMS HALL are for students who intend to spend the majority of their time in the residence hall reading, studying, doing homework, and writing papers. (Both floors have smoking and nonsmoking areas.) In order to maintain the proper environment, these floors operate under round-the-clock strict quiet hours. Regulations for smoking, visitation, room check, etc., are the same as for other residents.



To request an application for campus housing . . .

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Sorority members may choose among flag football, softball, basketball and volleyball.

Fraternities and sororities participate in MTSU Homecoming events, campus phone-a-thons and All-Sing.

All-sing is an activity sponsored each spring semester by Tau Omicron, a women's honorary society.

"Participating in intramural sports, scavenger hunts, All-sing and Greek Week not only creates great memories and enhances your college career," said Marla Frisby, sorority member, "but at the same time, one learns group compatibility, leadership skills and time management."

The Mr. and Miss MTSU Pageants are sponsored by Greek organizations.

The Miss MTSU Scholarship Pageant judges contestants on beauty and talent. The winner represents the University in the Miss Tennessee Pageant.

The Mr. MTSU Pageant is a "fun" pageant where male students model dress and casual fashions and respond to questions for the title of Mr. MTSU.

"There is something for everyone," said Jim Cabbage, fraternity member.

Ninety percent of MTSU's Student Government Association presidents have been Greek.

"Being in a fraternity caused me to have a better understanding of my friends and colleagues," said Paul Cantrell, former dean of students. "It improved my social skills and enhanced my leadership ability."

Bill Cosby, Carol Burnett, Tracy Lawrence, Dionne Warwick, Jimmy

Buffet, David Letterman, Jane Pauley and John Wayne are a few famous Greek members.

"Most of your black leaders in the world are members of a United Greek Council organization," said Ralph Metcalf, director of minority affairs.

All but three United States presidents since 1825 have been Greek. Eighty-five percent of the US Supreme Court justices belong to a Greek organization.

Dean Barbara Haskew said, "Being president of my sorority provided me with leadership experience and permitted me to participate in issues that affected students and student life."

For more information on fraternity and sorority Rush, call the Dean of Students office at 898-2750 or the Minority Affairs office at 898-2987.

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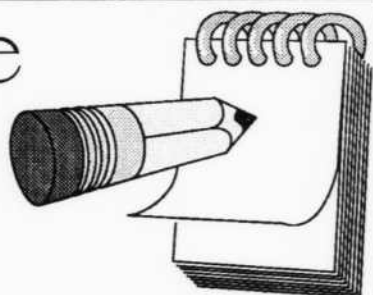
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BRINGING THE LAUGHTER HOME: ORIGINS OF MURFREESBORO'S FIRST COMEDY CLUB

ROBIN DIXON, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

There is something about Rich Vaughn that lets you know he's going to succeed. The cellular telephone strapped to his waist, the pager in his pocket or the intensity on his face—you just know he's going to make it. And on June 23, he'll be surrounded by a roomful of strangers laughing hysterically but not at him.

At the moment, the top floor of the Mediterranean Restaurant looks more like the inside of a saloon than a comedy club. The antique bar at the end of the room looks as if it has been used in every John Ford movie ever made. The lavender walls conflict with the hardwood floors and the dozen or so round tables that look abandoned and unused. Neon beer signs glow across the room as Michael Jackson dances on the

projection screen.

"We still have a lot more to do," says Vaughn, pointing to the ceiling. "Those lights in front of the TV will have to come down, and there's still more construction work to do."

After a few minutes of watching the Michael Jackson concert, Vaughn very casually walks over to the control panel, and the man formally known as Prince appears on screen.

"In between acts we'll probably show videos for the audience," he says and settles onto a bar stool.

As Vaughn continues to talk and the man formally known as Prince continues to—whatever, a couple in the background look around as if they were the owners. Comedy on the Square, however,

is Vaughn's dream, and it has taken two years to come true. Oddly enough, the origin of Comedy on the Square began several years ago at a comedy club in Kentucky called Comedy Caravan.

"After I got out of the service, I went to a comedy club at the Midtown City Mall in Louisville," he says, with a distant faraway look. "I got to see everything and I just got into it ... If you've ever been to a comedy club, you'll know what I mean."

Unlike a typical fan, however, Vaughn was influenced by the business side of comedy. After the night at Comedy Caravan, Vaughn called the owner's mother who introduced him to her son, Tom Sobel. Sobel not only helped Vaughn to start

his own comedy club, but became his friend as well.

"He's been working with me ever since," explains Vaughn, as his pager starts to beep.

Perhaps even more important to Vaughn than Comedy on the Square is his commitment to the community. He coordinates a number of activities, including back-to-school and out-of-school parties for children of all ages.

"Tomorrow, I'm having the out-of-school party for all the kids," he replies, walking back from the phone. "I do it twice a year and this will be the third year."

Vaughn also wants to talk to President Walker about bringing different comics on campus.

"As a matter of fact, I was going to call him today, but I

never got around to it," he shuffling papers in his briefcase.

Although Vaughn doesn't know who his first act will be on June 23, he isn't fazed. The literally thousands of comedians to choose from, he explains, a beeper goes off.

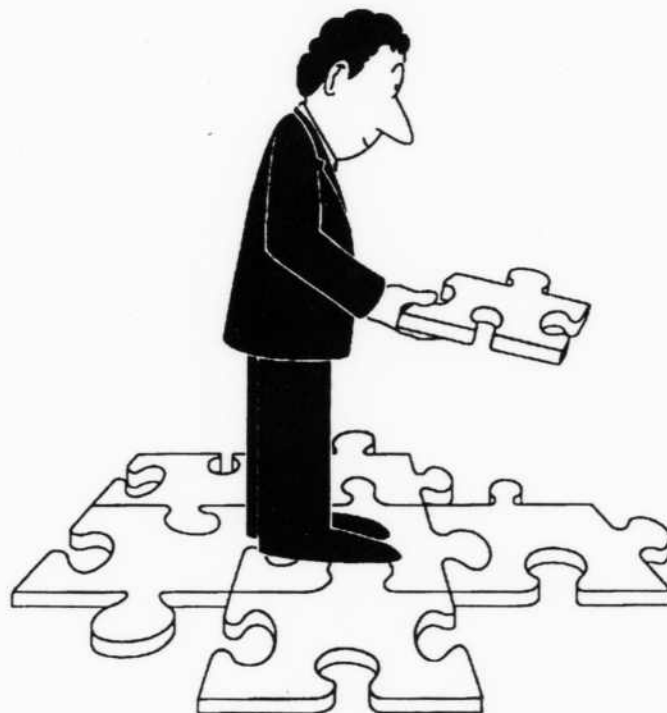
"I think it's going to take a while," he admits openly. "I've already done some TV and news and I've had some really good reception so far."

Near the entrance, a man with a pink cap and worn-out shoes stares down at the cash register with a bewildered look across his face.

"I think there's something wrong with your cash register, Rich," he says. "It ain't working enough."

It probably ain't.

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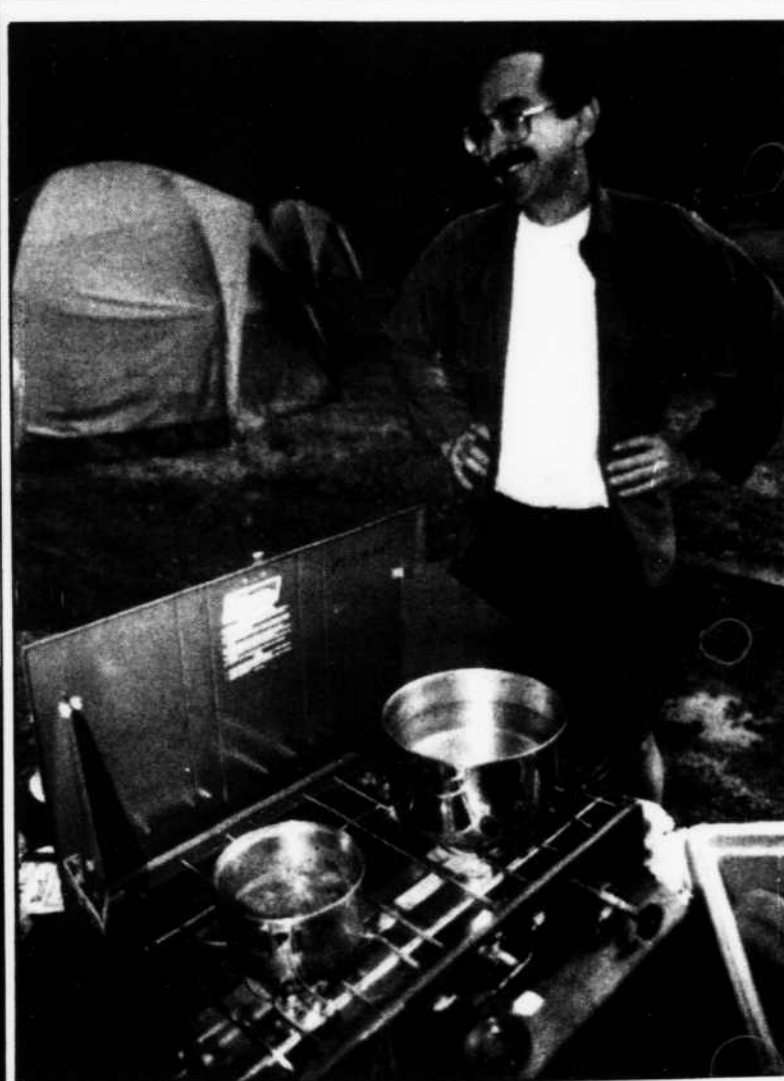
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ROLLING DOWN THE RIVER

Whitewater rafting with Campus Rec
Photo essay by Charles Hogue



THE MIGHTY OCOEE: Students traveled down the Ocoee with the Campus Recreation department. Campus Rec offers several trips every semester. (Above) Charlie Gregory leads his rafting group through the rapids. (Above, right) Doug Wellman of Chattanooga, Tenn. rides the waves of "Hell's Hole" in his kayak. (Right) Derrick Wisener is suited up and ready to hit the rapids. (Far right) Alan Musicant prepares dinner at the Ocoee campsight. (Below) Z. Carson sets up his tent for the night.



20 MILLION DOLLAR GIFT MAKES A LOT OF HORSE SENSE

DONATION TO GO TOWARD HORSE ARENA AND SCIENCE PROGRAM

BY WARREN WAKELAND

At the beginning of May, MTSU's horse science program became the beneficiary of a \$20-million-plus donation from the estate of Mary Elizabeth Miller, who passed away April 25.

The donation is the largest single gift ever given to a state university in Tennessee.

MTSU President Dr. James E. Walker. "We are committed to carrying out her wishes and working with the [MTSU] Foundation to that end."

Miller was the widow of the late John C. "Tennessee" Miller, who passed away in 1984. Together, the Millers established the Walking Horse Owners Association,

PHOTO BY CHARLES HOGUE

held each year at the Tennessee Livestock Center on the MTSU campus.

The Millers accumulated their wealth through the construction business and through real estate ventures in Alaska.

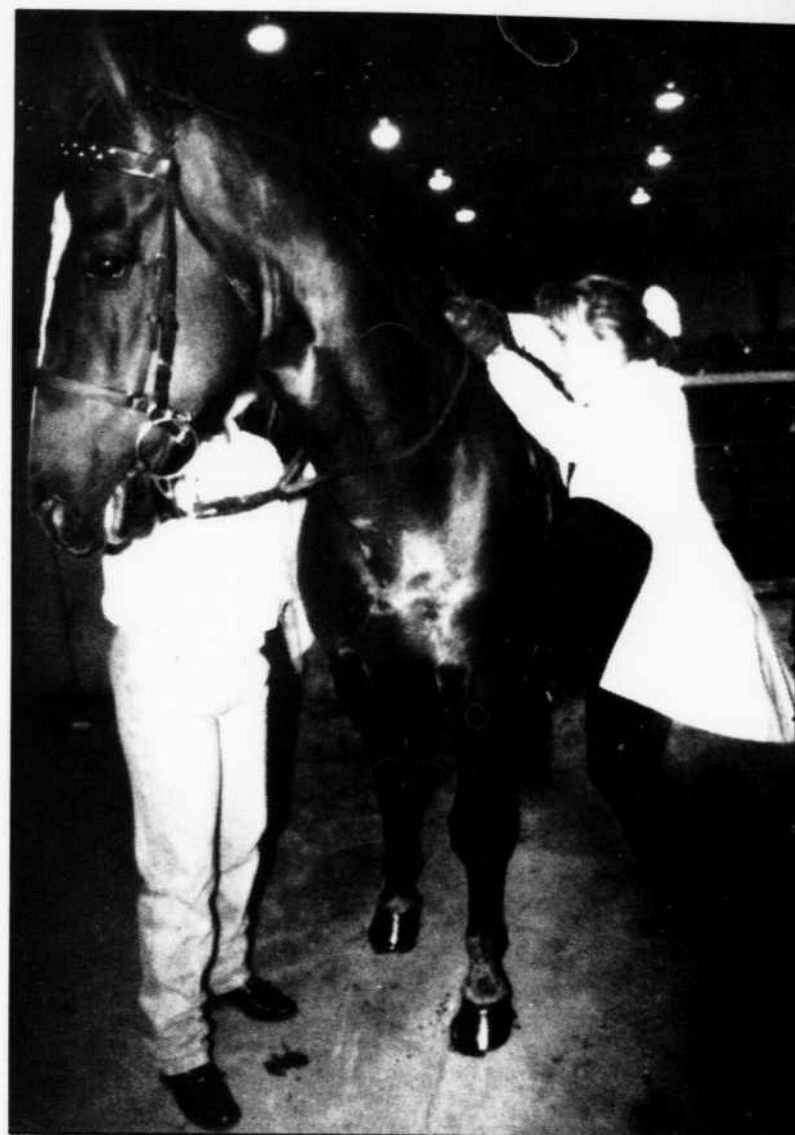
Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles E. Smith echoed Walker's thanks to the Millers.

"We are overwhelmed by the generosity and support that the Millers have shown Middle Tennessee State University through this endowment," Smith told *The Daily News Journal* in Murfreesboro.

"This endowment will benefit the MTSU campus and all of the communities surrounding the university for years to come."

"The Tennessee Board of Regents joins MTSU in expressing tremendous gratitude to the Miller family," Smith added.

The initial figure stated in the donation was \$20



SHOW TIME: The \$20 million donation will help build a new arena for showing horses on the MTSU campus.

million, but after meeting with the trustees of the estate, Walker believes the final figure could exceed \$25 million.

The intent of the donation is to build a horse show arena at the Tennessee Livestock Center and for other related activities in the horse science program, according to MTSU

Director of Public Relations Dorothy Harrison. The arena will be called "The Tennessee Miller Coliseum."

A planning committee made up of MTSU staff, MTSU Foundation leaders, and community leaders has been established to begin developing a plan to maximize the use of this gift.

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based in Murfreesboro, and were among the most influential people in the Walking Horse industry in America. John Miller was instrumental in starting the International Horse Show,

GET FAMILIAR WITH THE PLACEMENT CENTER

BY WARREN WAKELAND

Are you planning to get a job before or after you enroll in classes? Then you need to go to the Placement and Student Employment Center, located in room 328 of the Keathley University Center (KUC).

The Center offers a variety of services to help students get part- and full-time jobs on campus, in the Murfreesboro community and throughout Middle Tennessee.

"Any employer who comes into our office and says 'we need help,' we try to help them," said Ramona DuRant, assistant director of the Center.

The Center has listings offering part- and full-time

jobs for all different types of fields for students, depending on the number of hours you want to work. They produce separate newsletters on a monthly basis for jobs in government- and education-related fields, and have business job listings in notebooks in their office.

DuRant says employers are looking more to the Center for labor help than ever before.

"The number of referrals [employers calling for potential interviewees] doubled in April from April a year ago," DuRant said. "Each month this year the referrals have increased from the previous year."

The major advantage of the Center is the Resume Expert resume writing system. Resume Expert is a series of disks that allows students to create their own employee resumes from any IBM-compatible computer. The one-time purchase fee for the system is \$20. The Center currently lists 851 students in their resume database.

"You can develop a lot of different styles," DuRant said. "The resume can be as simple or as complicated as you want it to be."

Resume Expert can be used at any of the IBM computer labs on campus. The two labs open to all students are in Kirksey Old

Main (KOM) room 351, and in KOM room 252. Other labs are available in University Housing, the Mass Comm building and the Stark Agriculture building. Your orientation packet should have the location and hours of operation for the labs.

Resume Expert can also be used at other institutions in Tennessee and institutions in other states that utilize the system.

"Resume Expert helps you develop an investment for the next 30 years," DuRant continued. "Most people change careers at some point in their life. This is the easiest and most efficient way to help do

that."

"Some of the employers who come here say these are some of the best resumes they've seen," DuRant said.

DuRant encourages all freshman to get involved in other activities outside of class, whether a job or organizations related to the school.

"Employers look for internships or cooperative programs, activities on and off campus and any leadership positions attained in those activities, and good communication skills," DuRant said.

"Even if you've worked at Burger King or Wendy's and have a good reference,

(Continued on page 21)

employers will look at that," DuRant said. "The experience makes you more marketable to employers. The more experience you have, the better the chance you have to get a good job when you graduate."

The Counseling and Testing Center can help show students the best skills they have if they need to know what type of job to obtain, according to DuRant. Students can also go to the monthly orientation meetings held at the Placement office.

"The number one thing you need to be thinking about is internships and practicums," DuRant added. "Those won't come up until you are juniors or seniors, but you need to plan ahead so you can get the best selection possible."

"Everything you do is going toward finding a job when you graduate," DuRant said. "The time to start is when you are a freshman."

For more information about the Placement and Student Employment Center and the Resume Expert system, contact the Center at 898-2500 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

REMEMBER, IT'S NOT JUST YOU THAT'S ADJUSTING TO COLLEGE LIFE

A BRIEF GUIDE FOR THE PARENTS OF NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS

When your college freshman arrives home for the first time wanting only to raid the refrigerator and lounge in bed, don't panic—it's a healthy sign, according to Emory University associate chaplain Bobbi Patterson.

"The students have been working at a very high adrenaline level, so when they arrive at home for the first time in the fall, all they want to do is crash," Patterson said. "Fulfilling the body's need to rest and replenish itself is a positive response."

Communicating with this "new member of your family" can be a challenge, said Patterson, who offers the following tips to parents of freshmen who are bewildered by the changes in their children:

- Give students home for the first time a chance to rest and recuperate.

- Parents often expect their children to participate in parties and family gatherings as soon as they arrive home, particularly during the holidays.

- Give students time to rest and rejuvenate. Parents need to understand that life has been a roller-

coaster ride for many freshmen, and they need time to relax. Students also may have gained or lost weight, which is a normal part of the adjustment to the first year of school," Patterson noted.

- Listen to and acknowledge your child's feelings. While building a new life away from home, students may be in touch with their feelings of anger and sadness, but may not be able to express these feelings appropriately.

"This change can be very scary for parents," Patterson said. "Don't dig for answers because your children won't know how to explain their feelings. Just keep in mind that you are probably the most trustworthy person in your children's lives and that sooner

or later they will be able to talk to you. Make small observations such as, 'I've heard more angry things than I used to hear' and let it go at that."

- Respect your child's new ideas. Patterson suggests parents not be overly concerned when freshmen come home with ideas and

philosophies that have not been considered, or may be considered "taboo" by the family.

"Freshmen are not only novice adults but are also novice thinkers. They like to try out new emotions and theories," Patterson said. "Within six months, these new ideas may be passe. Don't be disconcerted. Their intellectual perspective will shift throughout their college years."

- Give students space to develop their own spirituality. A college freshman may need to challenge his religious heritage in this period, and this needs to be respected by parents. However, Patterson recommends that if parents are concerned about a group the student is involved with, they contact the university chaplain.

"Students will develop their own way of making meaning out of life and integrating those values into their daily lives," Patterson said. "Continue to embrace your religious heritage, but give students the space to decide what matters to them spiritually."

Activity Hours

Complete information on each activity is available prior to the entry deadline in the Campus Recreation Office, located in Alumni Gym, 201, or phone 898-2104. All sign-up meetings are scheduled for 5:30 in Alumni Gym, 219. When the Student Recreation Center is completed the office and meetings will move to that facility.

Campus Recreation Office: (Located in Alumni Gym Room 201)

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Swimming Pool Hours:

	Recreation Swim	Fitness Swim
Sunday	4 - 6 pm	
Monday	6 - 8 pm	12 - 1 pm
Tuesday	8 - 10:00 pm	7 - 8 pm
Wednesday	closed	12 - 1 pm
Thursday	6 - 8 pm	12 - 1 pm
Friday	1 - 3 pm	12 - 1 pm
Saturday	12 - 2 pm	

Free Weights Room Hours: (Located in Alumni Gym Room 216)

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday	4:30 - 9 pm
Friday	2 - 6 pm
Saturday	12 Noon - 4 pm

Climbing Wall: (Located in Alumni Gym Room 216)

Tuesday and Thursday 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Equipment Checkout: (Located in Alumni Gym Room 204)

A wide variety of sports equipment is available for checkout with your student ID card. Outdoor Recreation equipment can be rented.

Monday through Thursday	12 noon - 8 pm
Friday	12 noon - 6 pm
Saturday	12 noon - 4 pm

Racquetball Court Reservation: (Located in Murphy Center)

To reserve a racquetball court call the Campus Recreation Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The courts are reserved for one hour per day one day in advance.

MTSU CAMPUS RECREATION 1994-1995 SCHEDULE

FALL 1994

Activity	Entry Deadline & Meeting Date	Activity Date
Softball League	August 31	Sept. 6 - Oct. 6
Coed Softball League	August 31	Sept. 6 - Oct. 6
Cohutta Wilderness Backpacking	August 31	September 3 - 5
Parent/Child Canoe Trip	September 8	September 9
Ocoee Raft Trip	September 8	September 10 - 11
Sand Volleyball	September 12	Sept. 14 - Oct. 6
Water & Jet Skiing Afternoon	September 12	September 16
Rock Climbing Trip	September 12	September 17 - 18
Tennis Singles	September 13	September 19 - 23
Sunday Football League	September 13	Sept. 25 - Nov. 13
Three Person Volleyball	September 15	September 17
Ocoee Raft Trip	September 19	September 24 - 25
Horseshoes	September 22	September 22
Weight Lifting Clinic	September 26	September 26
Atlanta Falcons Game	September 26	October 16
Home Run Derby	September 29	September 29
Colorado Ski Trip	October 3	January 3 - 10
Homecoming Run - 5k	October 3	October 2
Flag Football	October 3	Oct. 10 - Nov. 17
Coed Flag Football	October 3	Oct. 10 - Nov. 17
Rock Climbing & Boulderering Clinic	October 10	Oct. 12 - 21
Parent/Child Day Hike	October 12	October 14
Golf Tournament (2 person scramble)	October 12	October 14
Timex Fitness Week	October 12	October 17 - 23
Fall Backpacking	October 17	October 22 - 23
Billiard	October 17	October 20
Outdoor Soccer Tournament	October 19	October 21 - 28
Weight Lifting Clinic	October 24	October 24
Schick Super Hoops (3 on 3 B'ball)	October 24	October 26 - 31
Chess	October 24	October 25
Ropes Course & Climbing Weekend	October 24	October 29 - 30
Tsali Mountain Bike Trip	October 31	November 5 - 6
Backgammon	November 1	November 1
Volleyball Tournament	November 1	November 5
Handball Singles	November 1	November 7 - 11
Cross Country Ski Trip	November 1	January 14 - 16
Table Tennis	November 7	November 8
Power Volleyball Clinic	November 7	November 8 - 17
Flag Football Tournament	November 9	November 11 - 13
Spades	November 14	November 17
Smoke the Smokies Backpacking	November 14	November 18 - 20
Thanksgiving Whiffleball Tourney	November 23	November 29 - 30
Weight Lifting Clinic & Contest	November 23	November 30
Season Basketball Tournament	November 23	December 1 - 8
Go-Rama	December	December 5

MTSU: BUILDING BRIDGES INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

As you may have noticed, there is construction work going on all around campus. This is called the Utilities and Infrastructure Improvement Project, and is being done for the benefit of your class and future MTSU students. It all should be completed by next June. *Sidelines* photographer Blair Mitchell shot these photos of what happens when an explosion takes place. Remember to listen for the whistles to know when they are about to do what you see in these photos. The construction crews are clearing the way for progress. Work your way around the construction fences now and before you know it, MTSU will be transformed into the 21st century.



Photos by Blair Mitchell

HOW GROUND GO BOOM

Left - Explosive technicians Donald Baines (light shirt) and Craig DeMoss set the charge for the explosion about to take place next to the tennis courts by Cummings Hall June 29.

Right - the explosion as it happens.

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Monday through Friday	
Breakfast	7:00AM - 9:30AM
Lunch	10:30AM - 1:30PM
Dinner	4:30PM - 6:30PM
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Brunch	11:30AM - 1:00PM
Dinner	5:00PM - 6:00PM
Sunday	
Brunch	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Dinner	4:30PM - 6:00PM

James Union

Monday through Friday Lunch	
Breakfast	7:00AM - 9:30AM
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Dinner	4:30PM - 6:00PM

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Dinner	4:30PM - 6:00PM

MOVIES: WHAT TO WATCH AND WHERE TO WATCH 'EM

ROBIN DIXON, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

The Client

Does it seem like all John Grisham novels are about somebody discovering something they shouldn't have and needing FBI protection, or is it just me? Regardless, this movie promises to be better than "The Firm" or "The Pelican Brief." Like that's saying a lot.

The Lion King

I don't know how this movie will go over with Disney's usual audience, but I can't wait to see it. A young character seeking vengeance for his dead father and the voice of James Earl Jones! May the force be with you.

I Love Trouble

Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte are rival journalists both wanting the big story. After Ron Howard's "The Paper" this movie will have to be damn good to catch my attention.

The Mask

I'm one of a few people ready to admit I saw "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" and liked it. From the previews, "The Mask" promises to be every bit as wild as "Ace Ventura." This makes the second movie this summer based on a comic book. I can't wait to see Carrey as the Riddler in "Batman Forever."

True Lies

From what I understand, Arnold Schwarzenegger is married to Jamie Lee Curtis, but secretly he's a James Bond-type super-spy. The plot has been done to death, but it still could prove to be an interesting movie.

The Prices:

All the theaters in Murfreesboro (with the notable exception of MTSU's theater) are \$5.50. The prices for matinees vary, but are definitely cheaper than the standard \$5.50. For the MTSU theater, the price is usually right around the \$2 range.

The Theatres:

Stones River Cinemas

This is without a doubt the best theater in Murfreesboro. Since it's located in Stones River Mall, there's always something to do if you go there a little early. The theaters are spacious and the sound is incredible.

Carmike Cinema Six

Cinema Six is just a step down from Stones River. The parking can get a little crowded at times and the theaters aren't as nice, or as spacious, as the ones in Stones River. It doesn't really matter since these two theaters don't show the same movies.

Cheri Theatre

This theater only shows two movies at a time, but it does have an advantage over the two bigger theaters. From time to time, Cheri shows movies on their last leg—films about to go to video—for a reduced rate.

MTSU Theatre

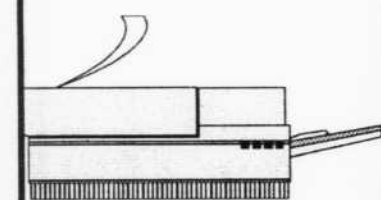
The campus theater, on the other hand, specializes in movies right before they go to video. It also shows classics from time to time that may be difficult to find at video stores.



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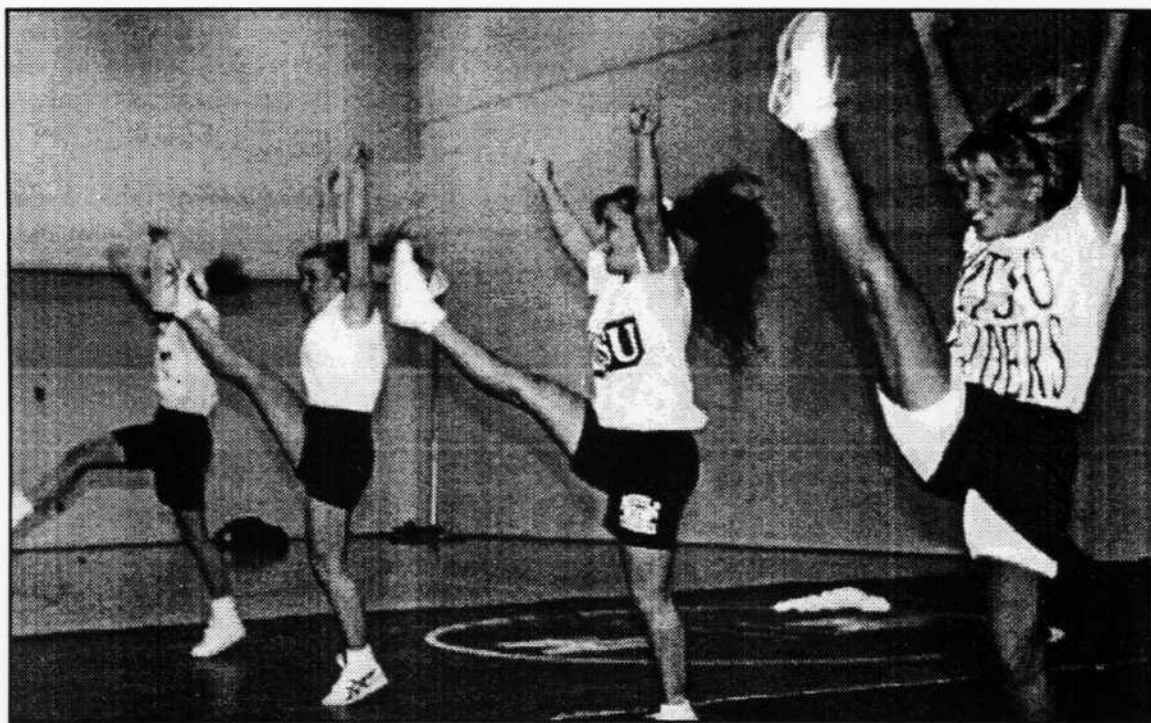
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WELCOME TO BLUE RAIDER SPORTS

BY JESSICA DENISE CLAYBORN SPORTS EDITOR / PHOTO BY CHARLES HOGUE



MTSU cheerleaders strive hard on a daily basis for excellence in Blue Raider Athletics

Welcome to the Middle Tennessee State University, home of the Blue Raiders!! As you already know, sports can be a major part of the college experience, and MTSU wants to help you make it a pleasant experience.

MTSU is a proud member of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC). For those not familiar with OVC schools, here are the others: Austin Peay State University, Clarksville (Tenn.); University of Tennessee at Martin; Tennessee State University, Nashville; Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville; Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.; Morehead (Ky.) State University, Murray (Ky.) State University; and Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

For those of you who crave rivalries, MTSU's rivalry with Tennessee Tech (which dates back to pre-historic times) should satisfy the hunger of many. We also get a kick out of booing Tennessee State whenever possible (Hey, sports isn't sports unless you have a rival within 30 miles!!).

If you haven't figured it out by now, our school colors are blue and white (so it's easy for you to find

clothes for home games). Our nickname is the Blue Raiders, and our slogan is "Go Blue." Our mascot, "Ole Blue," is a friendly blue-and-white hound who goes around hugging little kids during the home game. If you're lucky and he finds you, he might hug you, too. Ole Blue is very involved in Blue Raider athletics, and should be commended along with the cheerleaders and band for a fine job.

For those who like to participate in athletics, there are eight sports for

men and six for women. The Blue Raiders (men) have Division I-AA football, and Division I basketball, baseball, cross country, track, golf, and tennis, along with a rifle team. Lady Raiders have Division I basketball, tennis, cross country, track, and volleyball. A recent addition to Lady Raider athletics is softball, so if you ladies want to try something new and exciting, then softball may be right up your alley!!

Last year was a down year for Raider Athletics—

there were some unexpected disappointments—but in continuing the Blue Raider tradition, high hopes for the future have been firmly planted. Expect Raider pride to be at an all-time high this season!!

MTSU coaches and athletic staffs should be commended in both good and bad years. They have been noted for their accomplishments on and off the field, both locally and nationally. They prepare our athletes for competition on and off the field. Blue Raider athletes score high on the court and in the classroom, completing the winning tradition.

MTSU home games are free for all students with a campus ID. Football games are played at Horace Jones Field, basketball games in Murphy Center, and baseball games at Reese Smith Field.

Campus athletics have not been without controversy. A great deal of debate was sparked last year when President Walker and other members

of the community supported the idea of building a new football stadium for the Blue Raiders. Many people argued that MTSU should try to improve academics, while some claimed the stadium would bring prestige to MTSU and the extra money could be used toward academics. Who will win this war? Nobody knows, but maybe a new crop of students can help.

Another controversy has been over the new Recreation Center, due to open next spring. When you pay your fees, you'll find that an allotment has been taken out for debt services. Part of that debt service fee is for the Center. The student body voted on the Center four years ago, but complaints come from many. There's a story about the Rec Center in this section, so check it out.

Again, welcome to MTSU. Blue Raider Athletics will be looking forward to meeting you.

1994 MTSU Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time (CST)
Sept. 3	*Tennessee State	Nashville, Tennessee	6:00 pm
Sept. 10	James Madison	Harrisonburg, Va.	6:00 pm
Sept. 17	OPEN DATE		
Sept. 24	*Murray State	Murray, Ky.	7:00 pm
Oct. 1	*Eastern Kentucky	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:00 pm
Oct. 8	*UT-Martin (HOMECOMING)	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	1:30 pm
Oct. 15	*Morehead State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	1:30 pm
Oct. 22	*Southeast Missouri	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	2:00 pm
Oct. 29	Jacksonville State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	1:30 pm
Nov. 5	*Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn	1:30 pm
Nov. 12	Illinois State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	1:30 pm
Nov. 19	*Tennessee Tech	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	1:30 pm

All Times Are Central

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

What About the New Recreation Center?

campus recreation department separates myth from reality

By Jessica Denise Clayborn / Sports Editor

In the spring of 1991, the MTSU student body voted to build a new recreation facility on campus. The measure was passed by only a small percentage of students.

Student complaints about the Rec Center are widespread. Campus Recreation is trying to erase the students' fears, apathy, and hostility about the Center. They want students to become excited about the opportunities that will be available when the center opens.

"The Center will be self-supported by students," said Charlie Gregory, assistant director of Campus Recreation. "It will be an inexpensive way to gather and hang out, especially on the weekends."

MTSU students have been paying for the Rec Center out of their debt service fees since the Fall 1991 semester. This has angered some students, especially those who will



Charlie Gregory

bikes, treadmills, simulated cross-country skiing and rowing machines.

A 4,000 sq. ft. aerobic dance/exercise room (similar to the dance studios at Murphy Center) will be available for exercise classes. There will be six racquetball courts, six basketball/volleyball courts, and an indoor running track (1 lap = 1/6 mile). There will also be a 30-by-30-foot climbing wall similar to those seen on "American Gladiators."

Another prestigious feature will be a 25-yard-by-33-meter indoor swimming pool. Included will be an outdoor sun deck, fenced in for activities such as parties and bands, and four sand volleyball courts.

Intramural

sports, continuous open recreation, simultaneous recreation swimming and fitness swim classes (which is not possible now), and kayak roll clinics will also be featured.

With so many activities available, will the Rec Center stay open 24 hours?

"No, we can't stay open constantly," said Gregory. "Preliminary hours have been set for something like 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. during the week. The hours will be curtailed, of course, during the weekends, but it will basically depend on student demand."

Campus Recreation will also need student help.

"We expect to create approximately 150 to 200 new jobs," said Gregory. "We'll only use students for the jobs, but we may hire a few instructors. Student positions will include lifeguarding, student officials, weight room attendants, equipment checkout positions, and front desk assistants."

The center will only be used by the university community with a special entry system.

"When you walk in the door, there'll be a turnstile," said Gregory. "At the turnstile there'll be a card reader that will read the strip on your ID card."

"The various activities available will help you stay fit, and good physical well-being can lead to good mental well-being," he added.

With everything moving to the new recreation center, what will happen to the AMG?

"The AMG is used mostly for academics and athletics," said Gregory. "There's a lot of offices there, too, so things there will remain the same."

Perhaps you can make a difference. With the Rec Center nearly completed, it will bring students years of enjoyment. With a positive attitude, maybe you can get the rest of the university excited about the resources available to them. Get involved. Your enthusiasm can help future generations bring more facilities—both academic and athletic—to MTSU.

Raider Roundup

MTSU names new Athletic Director

Lee Fowler, associate athletic director and director of Tiger Clubs at the University of Memphis (formerly Memphis State University) was named athletic director of MTSU April 11.

Fowler, 42, is a Columbia, Tenn. native. He earned his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University in 1974 and his master's from Memphis State in 1986.

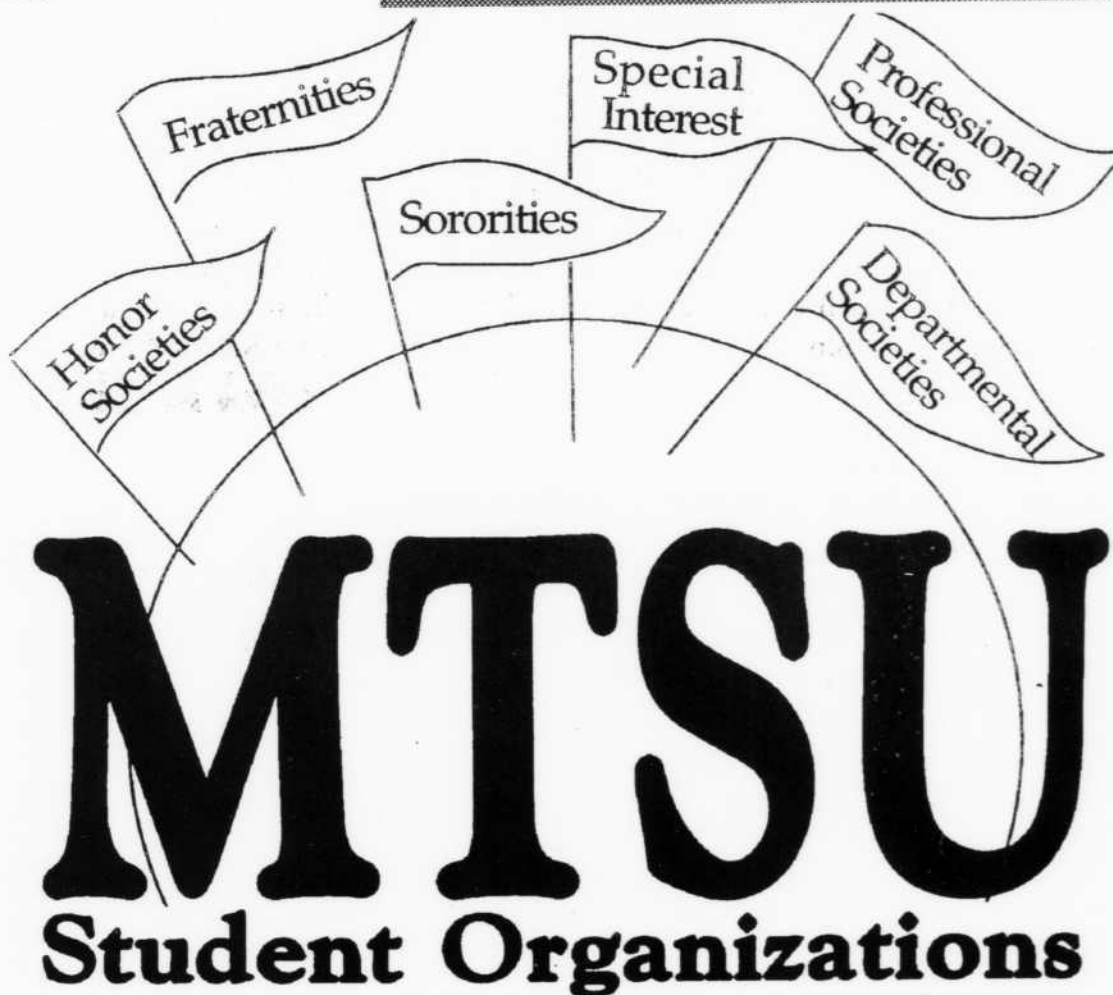
Fowler accomplishments include playing for the men's basketball team at Vanderbilt as an undergraduate and its assistant basketball coach from 1975 until 1979. He took a similar post at Memphis State shortly afterwards. He was named an assistant athletic director and director of MSU Tiger Clubs in 1986 and was promoted to associate athletic director in March.

Fowler is credited with increasing fund-raising totals at Memphis State from \$634,000 in 1985 to \$3,059,000 in 1993. In addition, he added more than \$550,000 to the Athletic Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Fowler will continue his duties at Memphis until June 10 and will begin his position at MTSU June 13. John Stanford, current athletic director, will then retire to become MTSU's first director of athletic relations, working in conjunction with Fowler and President Walker in managing MTSU's general athletic relations program.

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— Charlie Gregory
assistant director of
Campus Recreation

graduate before the building's scheduled April 3 opening. One of the most popular questions asked is, "Can I come back and use what I've paid for?"

"The final decision has not been made yet," said Gregory. "We [at Campus Recreation] have heard the complaints, but haven't decided yet."

The Rec Center is being constructed behind the Mass Communications building, next to Family Student Housing. When completed, the two-story, 120,000-square-foot building will be larger than the Mass Comm building.

The available resources in the Rec Center will be numerous and the room even more spacious. The weight room will be 6,300 square feet, compared to the 400 square feet currently available in the Alumni Memorial Gym. A 2,000-square-foot cardiovascular room will be added, including stationary

OVC trash talk a thing of past

Commissioner announces new guidelines

BRENTWOOD (AP) — Fighting, baiting and taunting will no longer be tolerated by the Ohio Valley Conference—not by fans, coaches or players.

OVC officials [recently] announced a sportsmanship policy which will set a standard for everyone involved with OVC intercollegiate athletic events.

"We believe this sportsmanship statement is the first of its kind in intercollegiate athletics and shows the OVC's commitment to proper conduct and fair play," OVC Commissioner Dan Beebe said.

The statement, which was unanimously passed [this spring] by the league's nine presidents, calls for referees to issue a warning to team captains and coaches prior to the start of each game in regard to unsportsmanlike conduct.

After the game begins, warnings will not be given. Penalties will be assessed to those who do not follow the guidelines. Coaches who protest a conduct call will be ejected from the game. Officials who do not read the warning prior to the game will be subject to suspension.

School administrators are to welcome visiting coaches, team and fans, and instruct security officers to protect visitors from home crowd abuse.

Game announcers will be required to cover the game fairly, expressing equal excitement for both teams.

Coaches must stress the importance of sportsmanship over winning, and remove players from the game who violate conduct codes.

Cheerleaders, pep groups and band members will be prohibited from disrupting or confronting groups of the visiting team.

Fans will be encouraged to applaud the efforts of both teams while supporting their own. Adults will be reminded to treat the young players as if they were their own children. Fans who taunt players, coaches or officials will be removed from the arena.

"This conference wants to lead the way in abolishing the notion that it is desirable to create a hostile environment for intercollegiate athletic contests," according to the statement.

OVC began formulating the statement more than a year ago at the direction of the league's nine presidents. Athletic directors, faculty representatives and coaches helped devise the plan.

Schools effected are Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro; Austin Peay State University, Clarksville; University of Tennessee at Martin; Tennessee State University, Nashville; Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville; Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.; Morehead (Ky.) State University, Murray (Ky.) State University; and Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Fallen Stars

Money, fame, and youth doesn't
always mix in the sports world

Jennifer Capriati took the tennis world by storm at the tender age of 13.

Today, at 18, she undergoes drug rehabilitation at an "undisclosed" location.

The stories of her troubled life have been discussed from pages of *Sports Illustrated* to TV's "A Current Affair." Some peer pressure, others her parents, and some even blame it on public.

Is there something wrong with blaming her?

This isn't meant to be cruel, but one of the keys to a successful life is responsibility. If she were middle class or poor, she'd be labeled "irresponsible" and out of jail on bond. No one would come to her rescue then.

But since there's money in the picture, Americans feel their civic duty to defend her. She's eighteen, a grown woman (even a teen-age girl) knows the detrimental effects of drugs. I don't know any pressure on earth that would drive me to do something that could kill me the first time.

Let's not forget it didn't begin there. Remember the problems she had last winter when she stole a piece of jewelry in Florida? Not to mention the problems she's had with her parents.

Granted, maybe the family problems were serious, but many other Americans have family problems. If every American who had a family problem stole something or used drugs, we'd be a nation in turmoil.

As long as there's a world, we'll always have an upper class. There's nothing wrong with having nice things, but some people, especially sports figures, let fame get to them so much they lose their function in society. I think that's what happened to Capriati. She got in a bad crowd of friends and they brought her down.

There's hope for Capriati. She has a chance now to turn her life around. Hopefully she'll be able to, if she wants to, or she can take a look at herself ten years down the road — a female D. Strawberry.

Strawberry was a sports prodigy as a youth, too. Destined to be a baseball hall-of-famer, many predicted Strawberry would have 500 home runs, a career .300 batting average, and several championship rings.

Today he has his walking papers from the Los Angeles Dodgers and 30 extra pounds.

In 1986, Strawberry was on top of the world. He had a championship ring from the New York Mets, and it seemed nothing could bring him down.

Then came the domestic disputes, divorce, drug problems and tax evasions. Not even returning to his hometown and playing for the Dodgers seemed to help change his attitude. The 1994 season was supposed to mark a turnaround for the troubled left-fielder, but now he's in more hot water than ever.

Ironically, shortly before his recent visit to rehabilitation, Strawberry discussed his past on ESPN's "Up Close" with Rod Firestone. Strawberry then claimed to have cleaned up his act and suggested young athletes should receive counseling when obtaining large sums of money. Perhaps this is necessary. Obviously not all professional athletes can deal with fame and fortune.

Now there's O.J. Simpson. Could the pressure of power and fame cause him to do the unthinkable?

And here I thought the real pressure was in physical competition.

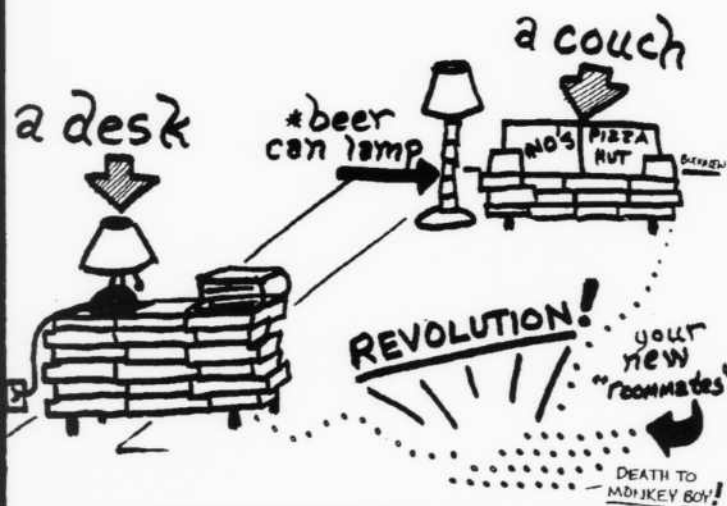
As long as there are sports stars, there will be fallen stars in their midst. The main idea is to follow the same rules as the rest of society and not to fall into self-made traps. Athletes should not only have strength in body, but also strength in character. Be careful of who you admire during your college years. You may be disappointed.

**Sports
Editorial**
by Jessica Clayb

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