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SIDELINES

Photo program could change

Students concerned about possible move to digital

Jamie Evans, Heather Glass and Pam Hudgens
Staff Reporters

Mass Communication officials have announced a curriculum change in the college's photography department, which concerns some of the students in the program.

Traditional chemical photography at MTSU may be a thing of the past if Mass Communication officials are successful in their efforts to convert the photography department to an all-digital program from a curriculum of "wet" photography.

"We can no longer give resources to a wet lab," said Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Mass Communication. "We just don't have any choice. The world of communications is moving very, very rapidly."

Leaming plans to replace wet photography with digital by next fall. For the last two years, there has been discussion of changing the department to an all-digital program, Leaming said.

Leaming said he thinks the conversion is necessary to keep MTSU photography students competitive in the job market.

"The demand is for those who have experience in digital photography," he said. "It's what all the universities across the country are doing."

"As a school we should be trying to expand all aspects of creativity," said junior Ron Hawk. "Instead, it seems they are just trying to hinder us."

Students say they feel their education in photography should be more well-rounded.

"When you graduate, if there are no photojournalism jobs open, you better know how to do some other type of photography," said Herman King, senior photography major.

The fate of wet photography is still up in the air. Leaming said there could still be a place for wet photography at MTSU, but photography students aren't completely convinced.

To debate the issue, concerned students of the MTSU Photographic Society asked Leaming to attend a meeting held Tuesday evening to discuss their future.

"The photography program is not going to be abandoned," he said. "What we're doing is improving the program. It's going to remain vital and alive, and I don't see how anyone can be hurt."

However, photography students are still discouraged.

"My major concern is that there won't be a wet photography program," said Linda Overby, a senior photography major. "They've made their decision to go all digital without having a definitive plan for what's going to happen to wet photography and the professors."

While the students see the advantages of a digital addition, they aren't convinced that their education will be complete without fundamental darkroom techniques.

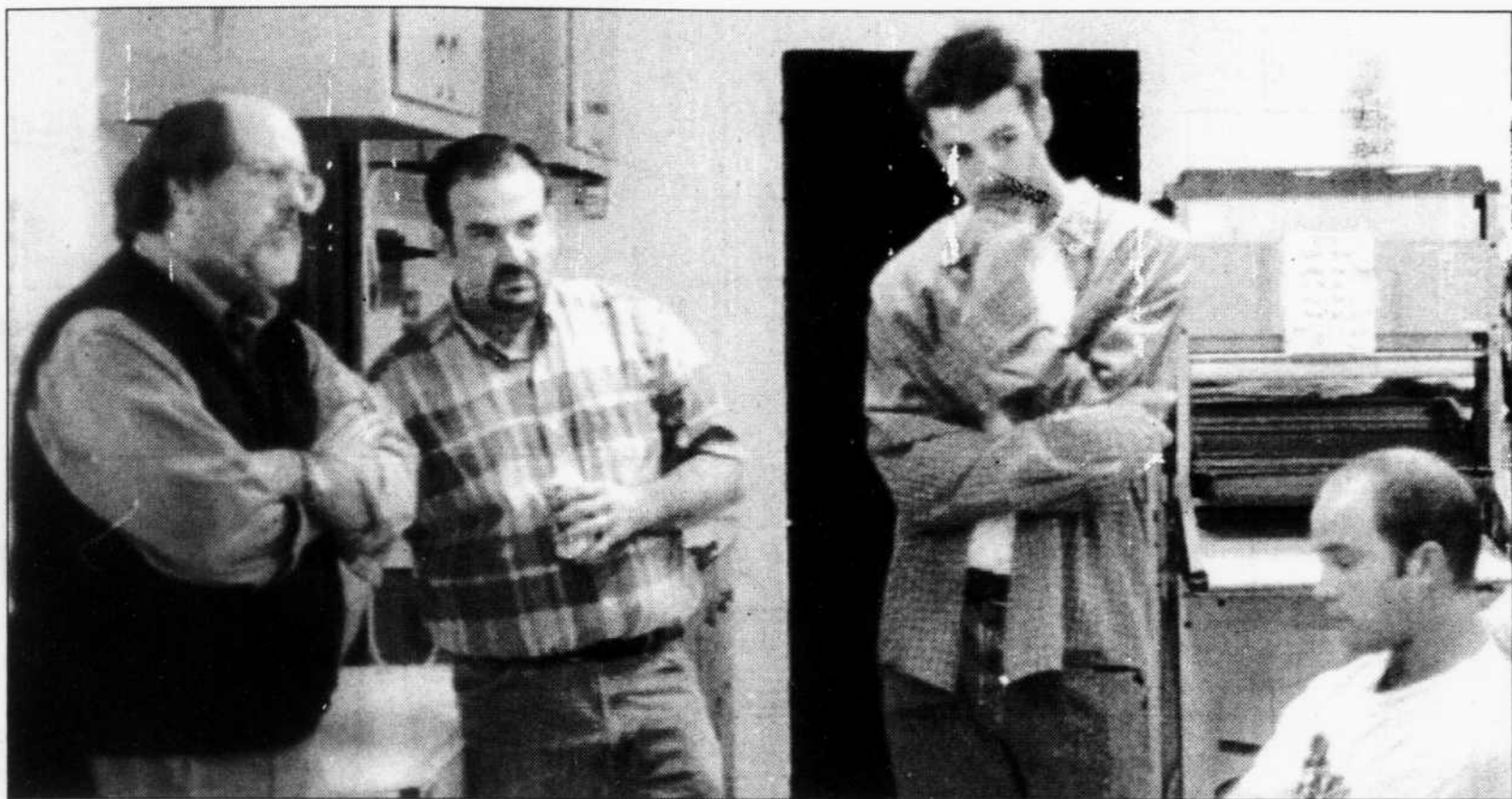
"I'm all for digital, but not at the expense of wet processing," said Ashley Lynch, a senior photography major. "I don't think anyone's communicating well with the students. They're all going about it wrong anyway."

Leaming said he asked faculty members involved in the discussion to withhold the information from the students until a final decision had been reached, but students found out anyway.

"The administration is toying with our educational future without the consent or knowledge of the students," said sophomore Melissa Gascon.

Leaming said he would like to see traditional photography stay somewhere at the university, but not in Mass Comm. He said one possibility is to move the chemical photography program to the fine art photography.

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Photos by Erika Pryor

Above, photography professor Tom Jimison discusses the future of the department with students Jon Carter, Ashley Lynch and Joe Shay. Some students are concerned about the program's future, if Mass Communication officials follow through with a plan to move the photography program to another department.



Left, Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Mass Communication, explains to photography students the possibility of changing the program's curriculum, while students Stephanie Tennis and Travis Choat listen.

1500 tickets left for Goo Goo show

Staff Reports

There are still 1,500 tickets left for Sunday's MP3.com Music and Technology Tour concert featuring the Goo Goo Dolls and Tonic, Student Programming officials said Wednesday.

Rob Croisdale, Special Events concerts chair, said students wanting to purchase tickets at the student rate of \$10 should be sure to purchase them in advance.

"If students wait until the last day, they're going to end up paying \$20 like anybody else," Croisdale said.

Croisdale there will be 3,500 seats available for the concert, but that fewer than 2000 have been sold.

Tickets will be available at the door, but students will not receive the discount for tickets bought the day of the concert.

"The seats are the same for students as they are for the general public," Croisdale said. "The more expensive tickets are the same exact seats as the \$20 tickets. It's just that because they're MTSU students, they're getting a discount."

The MP3.com Music and Technology Tour concert begins at 8 p.m. Doors will open at 7.

Events sponsored by MP3.com will begin at 11 a.m. in the field located next to Murphy Center and the tennis courts.

The Village, a 300-foot by 500-foot tent, will feature various entertainment for 100 hours before the concert.

Artists scheduled for that event include Fono, Moke, Justin Clayton and hardknock.

To purchase tickets, go to the MTSU box office or call 898-2103.

MTSU funding future depends on actions in legislative session

Tennessee's problems of taxation and debt directly impact the lives of college students and faculty.

The needs of Tennessee have well exceeded the pool of revenue brought in by the 6 percent sales tax system. This means that funding for higher education, along with other state-supported programs, will remain the same, but will more than likely be cut to maintain a balanced state budget.

Students and faculty alike feel the state's financial pain in their wallets. The shortfall in the state's budget this year led to an 8 percent MTSU tuition increase due to the insufficient amount of higher education funding.

MTSU would need about \$3 million just to raise faculty salaries enough to make the university competitive with other institutions, according to Barbara Haskew, vice president of Academic Affairs, in the Sept. 20 delegation.

With the lack or decrease of state funding, MTSU will not be able to meet the university's needs, such as new art and science facilities. The university also will not be able to maintain a quality faculty that is not understaffed, as it currently is understaffed by 60, university officials said.

Since Tuesday, 50-100 students from University of Tennessee at Knoxville, have been lobbying the senators at the capitol to vote in favor of the tax reform plan.

Yesterday, MTSU attempted to join UTK and other universities' students to make their voices heard, but the lack in time to let students know of

this opportunity resulted in only five interested students.

Although this trip was canceled, students will have a second opportunity to express their opinion Nov. 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at a debate on the

governor's tax reform plan. MTSU and the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise will host the debate in the State Farm Auditorium, Room S102 of the Business and Aerospace Building.

The Budget Crisis

State legislators have been in special session this week, which was called by Gov. Don Sundquist, to reform the state's tax plan with the purpose of preventing Tennessee from slipping into a tremendous deficit.

By July, Tennessee could face a debt of \$383 million, Sundquist projects, if the state remains under the current tax system of a six-percent sales tax.

This possible debt would bring the state in direct violation of Tennessee's state constitution.

To prevent the financial crisis, Sundquist has proposed a tax reform plan where the six-percent tax on groceries would be dropped and a decrease in the state sales from 6 percent to 3.75, which is coupled with a 3.75 percent income tax.

Until the Senate Finance Committee hears the suggestions of senators who claim that there are better means for balancing the state's budget, the vote on a state income tax has been put on hold by the state Senate.

The Senate Finance Committee reviewed the goods and services that are not taxed, heard explanations on the state's various "trust funds" and of how the funding board estimates the amount of revenue the state will collect.

Today, the committee will hear suggestions of areas to cut spending from senators that feel the state does not need to raise taxes.

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On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements may be held.

Nov. 6

The ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi are hosting their third annual "Smoke Arthritis Barbecue" on Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Blue Raider Book Store on Greenland Drive. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or from a collegiate member. For further information, contact Tasha Bandy, philanthropic chair, at 867-2569.

Nov. 8

Scarlett Commons Area Government is hosting "Open Mic Night" in the Scarlett Commons Clubhouse from 7 to 10 p.m. For further information, call Erika Pryor at 898-3196.

Nov. 9

The African American Student Association is hosting a career search and job training program at 2 p.m. in BAS S126. Career Services will facilitate the program. Contact Genora Reed at 898-4085 for more info.

Nov. 9-10

The Psi Chi Psychology Club invites all psychology students to attend meetings on Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 3 p.m. in KUC 305. Contact Shannon Walker at 364-7111 for additional information.

Nov. 10

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism is hosting a lecture titled "Neo-Puritanism's Assault on Sex and Pleasure" by Dr. Gary Hull of Duke University. The lecture is free for students, faculty and staff and is \$5 for others. Contact Luc Travers at 893-9531 for more information.

Nov. 11 and 12

The Placement and Student Employment Center will host a series of graduate orientation meetings for seniors and graduate students regarding their career plans, the job search, resume writing, interview preparation and placement services. The meetings are at 3 p.m. each day in KUC 318. For more information, call Martha Turner at 898-2500.

Nov. 13

The 73rd annual Miss Murfreesboro Pageant will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Riverdale High School. Contestants must be 17-24 years of age and do not have to be residents of Murfreesboro. For further information, call Patty Drewry at 894-9392.

Nov. 14

Gamma Beta Phi is inducting its new members at 3 p.m. in the Alumni Center.

Nov. 12

The MTSU Department of Engineering and Industrial

Studies, TN Solar Energy Association and MTSU Center for Energy Efficiency is presenting the Solar BikeRacy USA at the Voorhies Building, Room 169 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Linda Hardymon at 898-2119 or 904-8096 for additional information.

ONGOING

Lambda Association invites everyone on campus to attend meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact the president, Tony Gowell at 867-3658 for any questions or concerns, or visit the web site at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlmbda.

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 SEC Champions and were ranked ninth in the nation last year. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for further information.

MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold CRU, its weekly meeting, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in LRC 221. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rich Humphrey at 896-2039, or e-mail him at rich.humphrey@uscm.org.

Raider Victory Ministry is holding Sunday Celebration church services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the MTSU Music and Gym. The service features Generation X music, food and relevant messages on campus each week. Contact Pastor Franco Gennaro at 896-2348 for more information.

Champions for Christ is sponsoring campus Bible talks every Monday at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons Building 7, Room 713, for all students and athletes. Food will be provided.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Women, Food, and Body Image," an ongoing support group for women students who have eating disorders or concerns about body image and food. The meetings are held every Tuesday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Looking Forward," an ongoing support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The meetings are held every Thursday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.



World News

Paddington train crash death toll rises to 31

LONDON (AP) — The death toll from last month's Paddington train crash rose to 31 on Wednesday when a 25-year-old woman died in a hospital of injuries suffered in the collision.

Sunni Hah sustained burns over 70 percent of her body in the Oct. 5 crash. The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital said she died from her injuries.

The collision — which also injured 244 other people — happened after the driver of a Thames train heading out of London's Paddington Station went through a red light during the morning rush hour. It collided with an incoming high-speed Great Western commuter train.

Hah was among five victims of the train crash being treated in the London hospital's burn unit. The other four were in stable condition, the hospital said.

Cyclone in eastern India kills thousands

PARADWIP, India (AP) — Angry mobs looted aid trucks, robbed desperate survivors and fought over food in cyclone-ravaged eastern India on Wednesday.

Officials used bulldozers to collect hundreds of bodies.

Five days after eastern Orissa state was pounded by one of India's worst cyclones, officials had no way to estimate an accurate death toll.

A senior army officer involved in the rescue operation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that it could reach 10,000 to 20,000.

More than 15 million people live in the area hit by the cyclone.

The storm was one of India's worst, possibly more deadly than a cyclone in 1971 that killed 10,000 people.

Officials have said the storm has set back the state's economic development more than 20 years.

Study says North Korea threat increasing

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Korea's development of weapons as a means of protection is posing an increasing threat to the United States and its allies, according to a congressional study.

In addition to chemical and biological weapons, there is "significant evidence" that North Korea is continuing to develop nuclear weapons despite a commitment five years ago to remain nuclear free, the report released Wednesday found.

Also, a dramatic improvement in North Korea's missile capabilities now permits the country to reach U.S. territory with a "high explosive chemical, biological, or possibly nuclear weapon," according to the report. "Currently, the United States is unable to defend against this threat."

The study was carried out by the North Korea Advisory Group, made up of senior members of Congress.

The group was formed at the request of House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., who asked for a report on North Korea's military capabilities.



National News

Two killed, two wounded in Seattle shootings

EATTLE (AP) — A gunman opened fire Wednesday in a commercial building, killing one person and wounding three others. One of the wounded died later in the hospital. A search was under way for the attacker.

Police used dogs in the hunt through the largely residential Wallingford neighborhood. Three schools in the area north of downtown Seattle were locked down with the children inside while the search continued, police said.

The shooting happened about 10:30 a.m. in an office at the Northlake Shipyard building on the north shore of Lake Union, police said.

"He walked in and started shooting. That's all we know," said Pam McCommon, a police spokeswoman.

The suspect, described as possibly in his 30s, was wearing a camouflage jacket and brown hat when he walked in a back door of a business and started firing a gun, police said.

The injured were taken to Harborview Medical Center, where two men were in critical condition — one with a gunshot wound to the chest, the other with gunshot wounds to the chest and abdomen, hospital spokesman Larry Zalin said. The third person, a 19-year-old man, was in stable condition with a wound in the right arm.

Paleontologists discover new dinosaur species

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Paleontologists have found bones in Oklahoma from a previously unknown species of dinosaur and one of the biggest ever discovered: a 60-ton giraffe-like creature that could have peered into a sixth-story window if there had been any buildings around 110 million years ago.

Matt Wedel, a leader of the University of Oklahoma research team, named the 60-foot-tall species of sauropod Sauroposeidon, or "thunder lizard." Its name is derived from Poseidon, the Greek god associated with the sea and with earthquakes.

Cifelli said the creature is "among the biggest or arguably the biggest" dinosaur ever. Cifelli said the Sauroposeidon was definitely the tallest dinosaur and definitely had the longest neck. But he said there were probably heavier and definitely longer dinosaurs.

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Terminix loses state contract after violations of safety laws

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The state has reversed its decision to award a \$676,000 pest control contract to a Tennessee-based company that lost three of its four commercial licenses in Connecticut for repeated violations of safety laws.

Barbara Waters, the commissioner of the state Department of Administrative Services, on Tuesday terminated the three-year contract with Terminix International Company, L.P. The contract called for the company to treat more than 300 state buildings.

The Department of Environmental Protection in March stripped Terminix of its licenses in North Haven, Trumbull and Waterbury because of violations including improper use of pesticides, falsifying records and questionable billing practices.

The company's South Windsor office was not cited.



State News

Four sentenced in attempted murder of actor's family

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Three men and an accomplice have been sentenced for opening fire on the home of actor Brad Renfro's grandmother in an 1997 plot to kill her for \$50 and whatever they could steal.

Brothers Ted Ogle, 22, and Terry Ogle, 33, and friend Thomas Faulkner Jr., 20, were each convicted of four counts of attempted first-degree murder in the attack on Renfro's grandmother, Judy Hurt, and family at her Grainger County home. Two people were wounded.

The Ogles' brother, Ronnie Ray Ogle, 26 was convicted of facilitation of first-degree murder for driving the getaway car.

Circuit Judge Rex Henry Ogle, no relation, sentenced the four on Monday. Ted Ogle was sentenced to 67 years in prison; Terry Ogle and Faulkner were sentenced to 73 years, and Ronnie Ogle received 30 years.

State prisons win EPA award for cutting waste

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Inmates are pitching in to make the state prison system a little greener. Last year, the system kept 1,988 tons of waste from landfills through recycling, reusing and other measures.

As a result, the Tennessee Department of Correction has become the first prison system anywhere to win a Waste Wise award from the Environmental Protection Agency.

"We've got plenty of labor to do it," said Tom Mathis, special projects director for the department. The 16,000-inmate system joined corporations like Bell Atlantic Corp. and McDonald's as a Waste Wise winner.

The department also was named an EPA "Partner of the Year."

Prisoners composted 837 tons of food waste and recycled 985 tons of cans, plastic and other items.

By making prisoners darn their worn-garb, the department prevented 28 tons of used clothing from being thrown out.

Source of gasoline leaking into Stones River unknown

WOODBURY, Tenn. (AP) — Traces of gasoline are still leaking into the Stones River from an unknown source, county officials said.

The county has paid two companies more than \$50,000 to search for the source of the gas and keep the river clean for the past six months, Cannon County Executive Dale Bush said.

The Cannon County Highway Department has been ruled out as the source of the leak, even though an underground fuel line was found leaking at the county garage during mid-summer.

"That places us back at square one," Cannon County Emergency Services Coordinator Faye Morse said Monday.

"It's not much gas, but traces of it are still flowing into the river," she said. "We still have to maintain booms on the river to gather the gas."

The booms soak up the gas getting into the stream about two miles upstream above the Woodbury Water Plant, which supplies most of the water to Cannon County.

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Lambda group hosts first-ever gay pride week

Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

The MTSU Lambda Association will host Lambda Pride Week Nov. 8 through Nov. 14 with events scheduled for each night.

This will be the first Lambda Pride Week held on MTSU's campus.

Tony Gowell, the president of MTSU Lambda Association, encourages everyone to attend.

The purpose of Lambda Pride Week is to reach people who are interested in Lambda but are unable to attend the regular meeting, Gowell said.

"This is a fresh approach to build up membership and audience," Gowell said.

A cookout at the home of Patricia Davis, Lambda's events coordinator, will kick off the week's festivities on Nov. 8. The cookout will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A surprise guest will speak on Tuesday at Lambda's regular meeting. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Business Aerospace building in Room S118.

On Wednesday Lambda members will meet at the Red Rose for coffee, poetry and music at 9 p.m.

"Boys' Night Out" will be Thursday at The Connection, a club in Nashville. Anyone interested in coming should meet in the Business Aerospace building, Room S118 at 10 p.m.

Lorne Newman, a comedian who has performed on Comedy Central and Showtime, will perform Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Business Aerospace building, Room S118.

Newman will perform a stand-up comedy routine and possibly a monologue. Gowell

said he hopes Newman will also discuss what it's like to be openly gay and involved in the show business industry.

"He is obviously giving back to the community by coming to campus," Gowell said.

"Girls' Night Out" will be Saturday night at the Blue Voodoo Club. Those who plan on going should be in the regular meeting room at 9 p.m.

Boys' and Girls' Night Out will be a "good transitional period for those [hesitant to go to gay clubs] to go out as a group with responsible people," Gowell said.

The week will come to an end on Sunday morning, when the members attend MCC church services in Nashville.

A showing of the movie, "Harvey Milk," will take place Nov. 16. The movie tells the story of the first gay elected official in San Francisco and his murder.

MTSU Lambda Association also plans to participate with NashvilleCares to promote safe sex at their meeting on Nov. 30.

Regular meetings take place every Tuesday night at 7 p.m., and there are also meetings every other Thursday at 7 p.m.

If you would like to attend any of the activities or have any questions, call Tony Gowell at 867-3658 or e-mail MTSU Lambda Association at MTSULambda@aol.com or mtlambda@frank.mtsu.edu.

Lambda is "a support network for people who are just coming out of the closet," Gowell said.

Lambda is the MTSU organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight supportive organization students. ■

Apathy kills town hall meetings

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

Low student turnout has caused student government officials to cancel the remaining town hall meetings indefinitely for this semester, but Andrae Crismon, president of the Student Government Association, said he's not giving up.

"I'm not one to roll over," Crismon said.

Initially, the third town hall meeting of the semester was supposed to be held Nov. 2, but it was canceled because of the apparent lack of interest, Crismon said.

Crismon has appointed another SGA member to reorganize the meetings so that students become more interested.

Until now, the meetings have been held at the Woodmore Cyber Cafe in the late afternoon. Crismon said he thinks the venue might be one reason student participation has been low.

The appointee, Crismon said, is working to change the location and time of the meetings so that they will be more visible and possibly attract more students.

Crismon said an ideal location would be the grill in the Keathley University Center during its peak business hours.

"There is progress; we just have to set the date and time," Crismon said.

The first meeting in the series was held Sept. 7. Less than 10 students — including SGA members and the media — attended. At the time, Crismon said he attributed the low turnout to a

lack of adequate promotion for the event.

However, the next meeting, which was held Oct. 4, was cancelled because no one showed up, even though representatives from parking, housing and financial aid were present.

Crismon and other SGA members originally set up the town hall meetings to create a forum where students and administrators could openly discuss issues and problems.

In the past, these types of meetings have primarily been used for special issues, like a parking crisis.

However, as part of his term as president, Crismon wanted to hold these meetings monthly because he said he thought it would potentially keep a dialogue flowing between the students and faculty. ■

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"I think there's room for both digital and wet processing," Lynch said. "but I don't think it's a viable option for it to split up."

"There's got to be some way that it can all be taught together," said sophomore Travis Choat.

A question some raise is how the program would be funded if it is moved to the art department.

Leaming wants to use some of the funding currently provided for wet photography to convert the department to digital.

But because each department's funding is dependent upon the number of student credit hours, some of the funding will go to the fine art photography department.

Even if wet photography and its funding move to the art department,

it is unclear who will provide the salaries for the photography professors who make the switch to the art department.

Although Leaming has said that all funding will make a seamless transfer to the art department, the same assurances were made but not carried out in the summer of 1998 when a similar proposal was discussed, said Tom Jimison, associate professor of photography.

When the time came to make the transfer, those involved were informed that the art department would have to pay the salaries of Norton and Jimison from its current funds.

Last spring a team visited the Mass Comm College to evaluate and renew the accreditation for the college. The team told Leaming that wet photography does not belong in the College of Mass Communication.

Leaming and Chris Harris, associate professor in radio-television/photography, have been conducting a national poll to determine what employers are looking for in job candidates. Leaming said media employers said if there was a digital photography program at MTSU, they would hire as many graduates as the university could turn out.

In an effort to address the


students' complaints, Leaming is forming an advisory committee for the College of Mass Communication which will include two photography students.

If a compromise is not reached, photography students might have to find a new home for traditional photography education. ■

Erika Pryor contributed to this article.

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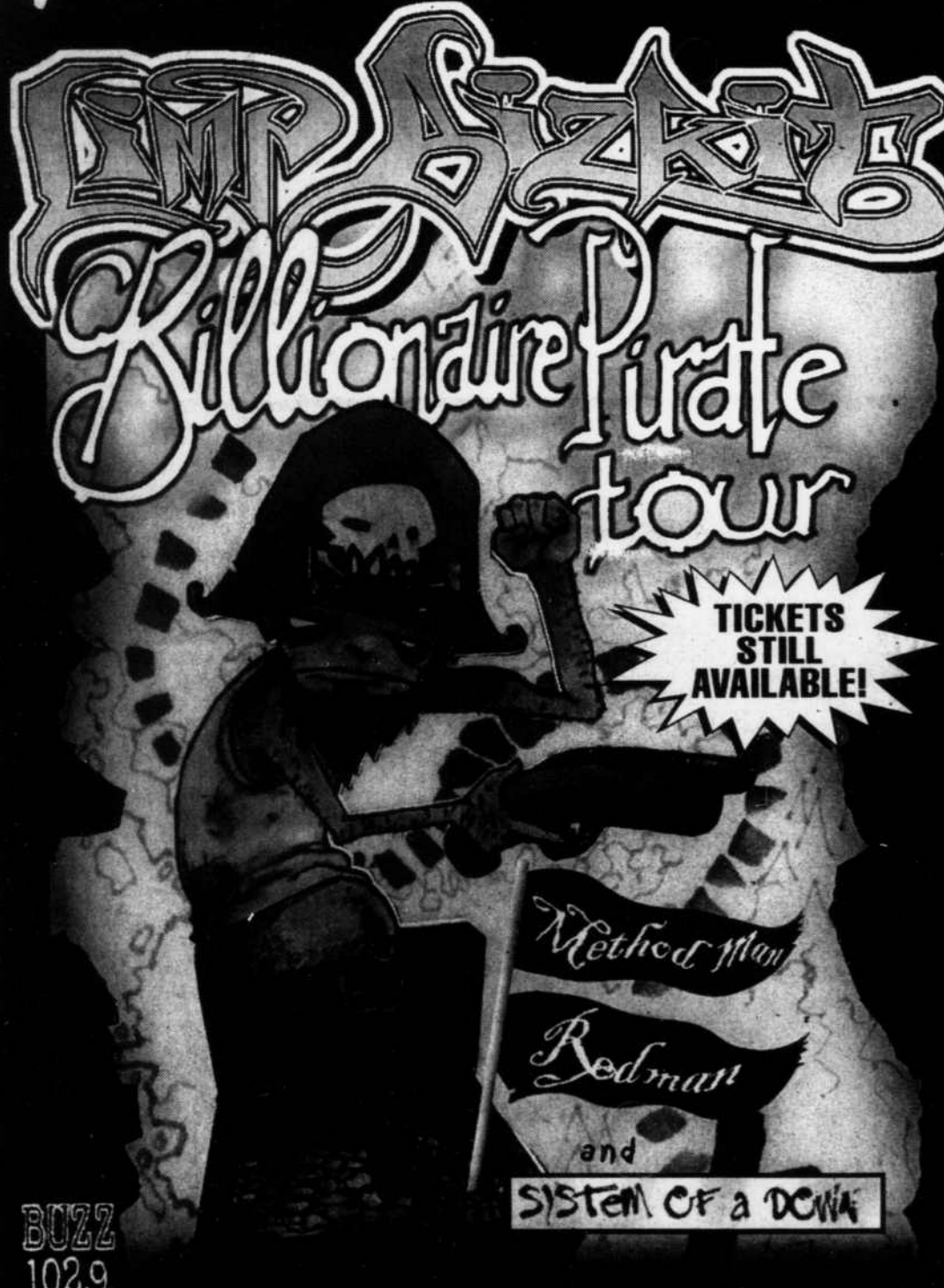
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Sigma Chi raises money for Children's Miracle Network

Staff Reports

The brothers of Sigma Chi raised over \$1000 for the Nashville branch of Children's Miracle Network last week during the first-ever "All Greek Derby Week."

Most of the money was raised through the sale of CMN balloons, sold at the Keathley University Center. The balloons cost \$1 each. Other money was raised through events such as the

Trampoline-a-thon held on the knoll and the Deck a Greek contest held at 527 Mainstreet.

"We set a goal to raise \$1000 for CMN and we reached it and then surpassed it, which says a lot for the Greek community at MTSU," said Matthew Hutton, the organization's Derby Chair. "All of the organizations came together this week, and we appreciate all their help."

Derby Week has been a Sigma Chi tradition for over 50 years, but

in the past, the week-long fundraiser was open to sorority members only.

Hutton planned the Derby activities this year to include fraternities, according to Sigma Chi President Ryan Donald.

"By including fraternities in Derby Week," Donald said, "we were able to promote Greek unity and raise more money for Children's Miracle Network at the same time, which was our ultimate goal."

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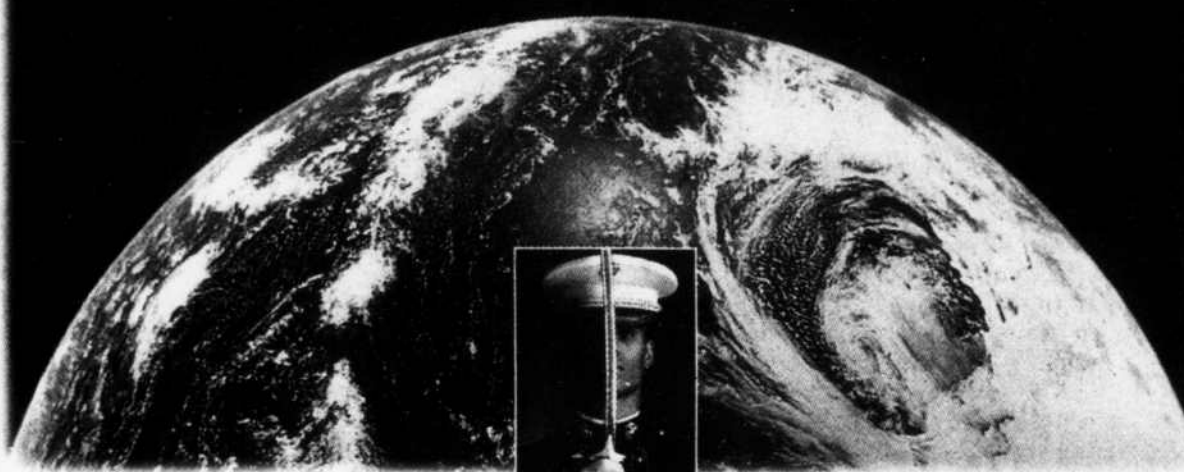
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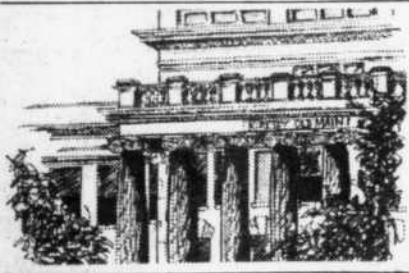
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN



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Editorial

Photography is nothing without wet process

There is an illustration about a man and his son. The man told the son to climb to the top of a loft in the barn and jump into his arms.

The little boy climbed up and did exactly what his father told him with the absolute assurance that his father would catch him.

As soon as the kid jumped to his father's arms, his father moved and the son hit the ground.

The man then told his son, "Never trust anybody."

Students in the photography department should feel like the boy in the analogy.

The dean of Mass Communication wants to change the process of photography from chemical to digital, and even though digital photography can be a valuable tool for all photography students, it is not strong enough to support an entire curriculum.

Dropping the wet process is actually dropping photography. Any student who has taken the dreaded History of Photography class is aware that the third requirement of photography is that there must be "a reasonably predictable chemical process."

The uninformed powers that be (Leaming) want to make the wet process of photography be done by labs such as Wal-Mart and Walgreens.

But that is like buying McDonald's for your cooking class and then assembling your burger in class.

Maybe we should take the human voice out of the recording industry because it is possible for computers to totally change the vocals anyway. Or maybe we should not learn how to type in our computer classes. We can just use computers that write what we dictate to them.

We should have expected hasty decisions like this from a school that sells more parking permits than it has in available parking spaces. And the same school that went to division I-AA football when they were not competing well in division I-AA.

Photo Editor & photography major,
Derrick Wilson

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Modern Dysfunction

by Rob Evans, Staff Columnist

Smokers make the world go round

The debate continues.

Or at least what I think is a debate. Everyone and their dog has to put their two cents worth into it, which is basically what it's worth per person.

Actually, it seems like a war, just one attack after another.

"Well, we claim smokers' rights."

"Well, we claim the right to breathe fresh air."

Blah, blah, blah... blah.

Truth of the matter is we actually need smokers in the world. Without cigarettes, planes would just drop out of the sky, computers would crash, global economies would fail and we would be thrust into a long and serious depression. Well, maybe not. That is a bit of an exaggeration, but there are many things that we can thank smokers for.

How about helping the economy? I see this is the biggest benefit from smoking. If cigarettes were banned, the companies that make them would be forced to lay off their entire work force. This would sky-rocket the

unemployment rate and push many more Americans onto an already overburdened, outmoded social-welfare system. This would cause other non-smoking taxpayers to dig deeper into their pockets to pay the increased tax hike.

Health insurance companies and hospitals would lose money and patients.

Once the last generation of smokers die, who is going to come to the hospital with lung cancer and emphysema? Who are they going to try to keep miserably alive?

Healthcare cost would level out, and coverage would be provided for all. But then we'll lose our all-important caste system. A poor person would have the same care coverage as Bill Gates. Wealthy, middle-class and the poor would no longer get different treatment in emergencies.

Indirectly related, funeral homes and undertakers would see a drop in the number of "patrons" rolling in. At least until old age catches up with us.

If the cigarette companies go

out of business, how are they going to pay off all those lawsuits? How are the lawyers going to get their well-deserved, hard-earned, carpet-bagging, mud-slinging paychecks?

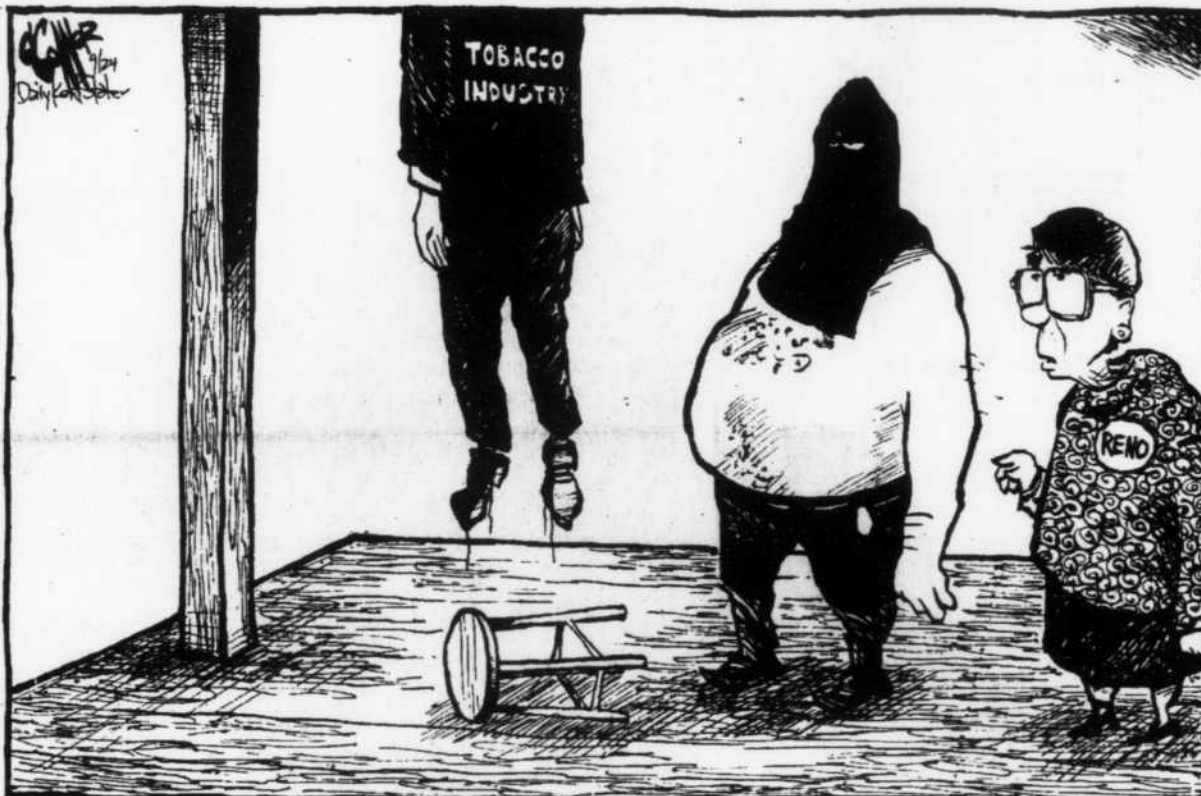
There would no longer be a reason to sue these companies. Who would we sue for walking through a cloud of second hand smoke? Lawyers everywhere would lose their jobs and be put out on the street with the others.

Dentists would lose a significant portion of their business as well. There will be no more nicotine stains for them to remove.

There would no longer be a humbling form of rehabilitation for criminals. They won't be able to leave prison and walk along the roadside, picking up the fractions of cigarette butts carelessly tossed out of cars.

The government would even be hurting itself. It would lose the billions of dollars in taxes it gets from squelching the last two cents out of the common smokers.

So there, now you have my two cents. ■



National health plan would be good for college students

Donald White

University Times - University of North Carolina

One in six Americans lacks health insurance. That's 44 million people, including your friends and neighbors.

If that number doesn't frighten you, how about this fact: "Those more likely to lack health insurance continue to include young adults in the 18- to 24-year-old age group, people with lower levels of education, people of Hispanic origin, those who work part time and people born in another country." That's according to Jennifer Campbell, the author of a Census report released last week.

Eighteen to 24-year olds - that's college-age people. We're among the least likely to have health insurance. This issue affects all of us directly, since most Americans are only one serious disease away from the poverty line. Americans who aren't insured literally can't afford to get sick.

The American health care system is badly broken. According to Physicians for a National Health Plan, more than 100,000 Americans lose their health insurance every month. Even many of those who are insured can't get the care they need.

Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) actually provide financial incentives for doctors to offer less care.

This is a national disgrace. That it's happening in the richest country on Earth is obscene. Health care in this country shouldn't be a privilege only the very richest can afford; it should be the birthright of every citizen.

That's the way it is in every other industrialized nation in the world.

And it can be that way in the United States as well. The answer is a single payer national health care system.

Yes, the cost of health care would be "socialized" under this type of plan, in much the same way that

parks, police and schools are "socialized" - paid for by public funds for the benefit of all Americans. And furthermore, the cost of health care in the United States would actually go down under a single payer plan.

Under the current U.S. health care system, 30-35 percent of all health care costs goes toward bureaucratic red tape, like administrative costs, billing and marketing and profits for insurance companies.

Between 30 and 35 cents of every dollar spent on health care just goes to pay for administrative costs.

Under a single payer plan, this number could easily be cut in half. In Canada, which has a national health plan similar to the one many single payer proponents advocate, only 8-12 percent of health care costs go toward administration and bureaucracy.

You think government is inefficient and managed care plans like HMOs are more cost-effective?

Dream on! The Medicare system - run by the government - consumes only 2.2 percent of its revenue for administration.

Compare that to the 30-35 percent under the current profit-driven health care system in the U.S. and tell me which one is more efficient and cost-effective.

The current system is already a disgrace, and as those recent statistics show, it's getting worse. The problem is that health care in America today is based solely on what's best for the bottom line of greedy insurance companies.

When health care becomes just another commodity to be bought and sold, we all suffer, especially those who don't have access to the resources that will afford them quality care.

It's long past time for the federal government to institute a national health care system based on the single payer model.

Health care for people, not profits - there's a slogan all of us, especially college students, can rally around. ■

The Codebreaker's Almanac

by Dylan Ross, Staff Columnist

Bored? Run for President!

Please note that the following piece is saturated with irony and not a small amount of anger...

Well, well, well ladies and gentlemen. We here at the Codebreaker's Almanac think it's high time for some increased awareness about the most exciting new hobby in America today. Running for President is a great way to contribute something to the country that has done so much for you. Think about it: all those tax breaks that let you open your last casino, the passage of the NAFTA, which made investing in multinational industrial corporations a better idea than it had been for years, and who could forget stabilizing all those foreign markets with a well-placed bombing raid here and there? Don't you think it's time that those of us who really care stop whining about the small stuff (like universal healthcare, education and all those costly social programs), follow Donald Trump's lead and go for the biggest, most secure office space in the country?

Wait ... I know what you're going to say. Your taxes are just as high as they were eight years ago, because in between those little things eating and paying bills, you just couldn't scrape together \$5,000 to open up a modest investment portfolio. And you would never even notice that NAFTA existed the way this supposedly huge boon for the entire free world has flown under the radar, becoming just another forgotten element in the stew of the "global economy."

Maybe it's time for Americans to take the world into their own hands, before it gets permanently stained by the grubby hands of politicians.

And pay no attention to the man behind the curtain, especially when everything we read, see or hear in the mainstream media assures us that the wholesale dismantling of economic regulations has nothing to do with the fact that anyone's chances of having a more prosperous life than their parents are pretty slim, to say nothing of where those high-paid industrial jobs are going. You see, we have to have our Nike and Gap gear manufactured in third-world plants with no unions or labor regulations and no one to get in the way of all those workers being maximally efficient - those profits have to keep on coming, you know. And as for these muckrakers who insist that there are no sweatshops in America ... well, all we can say to that is whatever. This is America, after all.

But let's not worry about any of that. There's some heavy news going down people, a bonafide American presidential race - the center in this great political circus! And what astounding developments have occurred this year? With only \$50 million and enough media connections to make your head spin, you can be well on your way to being our nation's next president! Hell, these days you don't even need a platform. Look at Dapper Donald and his Reform Party chums. I personally think they've made the astute connection that, since there's no significant difference between the Democrats and Republicans, power politicians in America don't even need to play the game anymore. And it's so useful not to have to make any of those bothersome campaign promises. You might just have to break them later, after all.

Clearly, we don't need platforms when we have proven money-making power and the charisma of a man who has written three books, all with his own name for their titles. Look, there might be people in America with unshakable morality and profoundly deep political commitments to fighting human suffering (like Barbara Ehrenreich or Noam Chomsky), but we don't see any of them spending the time or energy to run for president. I bet they don't even have the cover charge. And I think the fact that almost no one has heard of these folks shows that they just don't have what it takes to go after the Oval Office.

All right, all right! All of this might seem a little unfair. You might be shouting right now that politicians in the United States are, for the most part, a greedy, self-serving bunch that doesn't exactly represent the things you care about in this world. And you might insist that the mainstream politics of the United States are just a bunch of flash and noise, full of sound and fury ... yada-yada. Well, if you guys are going to play hardball, I'll just have to throw it back at you.

So, here are your alternatives. Try and change the world where you live...in your communities, at work, at your university or wherever. Okay, sure. This is fine if you feel like doing all the work. Sort of defeats the purpose of having politicians, doesn't it? What's that you say?

We can't trust them to do the work they're elected to do, what with their furloughs and the infighting-for-its-own-sake that takes up all their time in Washington (there being no difference in party lines anymore, unlike the good ol' days). Fine then. I can't argue with that.

Maybe it's time for Americans to take the world into their own hands before it gets permanently stained by the grubby hands of politicians. ■

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English professor also a published poet

Jeremy Rush
Staff Reporter

MTSU professor Gaylord Brewer peers into his empty office mailbox.

"I had to check," he says. "You know, you never know when that letter from the Pulitzer Prize Committee could arrive."

He's kidding, of course. But his second full-length book of poems, "Devilfish," just published by Red Hen Press, is hitting bookshelves this month.

The book is the winner of the 1998 Red Hen Press Poetry Award presented in Los Angeles.

Brewer's "Devilfish" is a pasting of three years of work spanning from 1995 through 1998. The book is filled with wry, satiric poems that playfully stab at irony. Titles such as "Vampire Western," "Everybody Loves the Devil" and "The King of Trash" give a peek

into Brewer's ironic sense of humor with everyday language.

"I wrote about 200 poems and picked out 60 that I was most proud of," says Brewer. "Not only did I pick my favorites, but I tried to choose ones that fit a particular theme, making it a book instead of scattered poems thrown together."

Although Brewer refuses to nail a label on his writing style, he claims his poetry has a "dark humor."

"You know - corpses, sex and death with an occasional environmental concern," he says.

But Brewer was not always a poet. In fact, in school he found poetry "dead" and "lifeless" and dedicated his time to fiction writing.

"It wasn't until my early twenties when I decided to seriously write poetry," says Brewer. "I was this hot shot fiction writer pumping out bad short stories - that obviously failed."

Brewer teaches a film class and English 112 this semester, but this summer plans to head up an English 355 poetry writing class.

He urges people who are seriously interested in writing poetry to sign up. The class is set up to hone student's poetry skills in an intimate class structure. Also, plans for this spring include a poetry workshop (English 600) for grad students.

Meanwhile, "Devilfish" is available at Hastings on Memorial Boulevard and has received good reviews.

David Kirby, a fellow contemporary poet, writes, "I love the edgy laughter I hear on almost every page; a smile seems to play about the lips even of the grimmest poems, just as there's always a drop of sweat on the brow of the funniest."

When asked if Brewer himself was proud of "Devilfish," he replies, "I'm happy with the overall tone. I

don't think it humiliates me, let's say that."

Although his book has just been released, Brewer's most recent poem in "Devilfish" is almost two years old. In the long process of releasing his book, he's already finished a new collection that has yet to be published.

But for now, he's focused on "Devilfish." He's held three local readings and book signings in Murfreesboro and plans to hit the road to promote the book.

He has two readings scheduled in Ohio - Capital University in Columbus and at Kent State University.

Brewer earned his Ph.D. from Ohio State University and recently has held writing residencies at the N.A.L.L. Art Association in France. He's published nearly 400 individual poems, several chapbooks and a full-length collection titled "Presently a Beast." ■



Photo provided

Along with teaching and writing poetry, Brewer has time to spend with man's best friend.

Something to chalk about...

Turner Hutchens
Staff Reporter

"Come draw with us," Gabriel Beeler shouts to strangers walking 30 feet away.

Beeler fidgets with a piece of pink sidewalk chalk. His baggy jeans and worn T-shirt have chalk on them. He even has a little in his goatee.

Beeler and six other MTSU students are drawing on the sidewalk in front of the Keathley University Center late on a Tuesday afternoon.

The sidewalk is covered with pastel colors. There are aliens in pink and blue, swirling abstract designs, stars clustered together. An eye floats in space, and yellow letters proclaim, "The next awakening is you!" Over each drawing a young person crouches

with a large piece of chalk in hand.

"It seems like everything costs money these days," Beeler says. "Chalk is pretty cheap."

The six-pack of multicolored chalk he shares with everyone cost him 99 cents. That's a pretty good price for what people can do with it.

"I can't draw," Beeler explains. "I just like getting people together."

And the chalk drawers don't seem to discriminate about whom they invite to draw with them. The chalk-covered students yell for everyone to join, regardless of how they look or their perceived social group.

"The most random people in the world come draw," says senior Jessica George, who wears a loose flowered top, jeans and has purple hair.

"Head-bangers, anarchists, skin heads, preps; we had a couple of fraternity guys drawing last time."

While they draw, the sidewalk artists talk about classes, parties or what they did last week. They don't talk much about what is being drawn, except to compliment each other's work.

"Wanna draw?" Beeler asks passing strangers who keep on going. "Guess not. People are scared of me or something."

But some people appreciate the work being done. Several passersby compliment the art.

"Y'all are making the sidewalk pretty," says freshman Nathaniel Mills, stepping carefully around the drawings. "No more 'Vote for John Davis' shit."

For years people have come

to this sidewalk to make it "pretty."

"It used to be a big thing," says Beeler.

A couple of years ago it happened every Thursday and other days if the weather was nice. People came out in the afternoon and drew. Recently it has been happening less, but these students are trying to revive the practice.

"I feel like I'm a messenger," explains chalk artist Mat Mitchell as he looks up from his 4-foot blue lettering. He still wears reflective sunglasses, though the sun has already set behind the Davis Science Building. "Really, it's just one more art."

"Relax your mind, and let your instincts FLOW," Mitchell's letters say. "Relax and let your instincts GO!" ■

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Lisa Prewitt: untitled: bronze and wood



Dustin Ogden: Figures With Gong (detail): wood, metal



Sarah Shelton: untitled: copper, enamel, wood



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Running vs. Walking:
Which is best for you?

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

Many people exercise each day by running or walking, with a portion of those right here on our campus.

Both running and walking are effective ways to burn calories, according to the American Dietetic Association. However, which one is the best way to get yourself into shape and improve your health?

Walking burns an average of 210 calories in 30 minutes while running blasts away about 350 calories in the same amount of time, according to the American College of Sports Medicine.

However, the intensity of your workout will ultimately determine the amount of calories your body will use during either a walking or running workout.

Both forms of exercise can be beneficial in achieving personal fitness goals; therefore, whether to run or walk is up to the individual.

For those who desire the thrill of speed, or who simply want to burn more calories in less time, running may be the best exercise option.

If keeping both feet on the ground at all times and swinging your arms sounds better, then walking may be an ideal way to workout.

A chief benefit of walking and running is that each are virtually expense-free. Aside from investing in a quality pair of shoes, walking and running can be affordable methods of keeping yourself fit.

With your student ID in hand, the means for performing either exercise are easily accessible via the Recreation Center. On the other hand, if the outdoors is your preference, visit Murfreesboro's Greenway or the sidewalks of a safe neighborhood.

You can run or walk regardless of your age, body type or fitness level, and you will increase your metabolism while exercising away stress.

Either way, you'll be a step closer to better health. ■

U.S. study says obesity now at epidemic levels

Dahleen Glanton &
Bob Condor
Knight Ridder Tribune

ATLANTA — Sedentary lifestyles and fast-food diets during the past decade have turned obesity into a national health epidemic that kills some 280,000 people a year, according to comprehensive new research released Tuesday.

One study, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, showed that the number of Americans considered obese, more than 30 percent above ideal body weight, soared from about 1 in 8 in 1991 to nearly 1 in 5 last year.

Even though a major factor, lack of physical activity, remained constant, obesity increased in every age group and across all

demographic groups in every state. The highest increase occurred among 18- to 29-year-olds.

Despite an obsession with dieting and a drumbeat of doctors' warnings about the dangers of obesity, the research published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association shows that more Americans are gaining weight at an alarming rate. Some doctors called for a high-profile campaign modeled after anti-smoking efforts.

"It is an extremely serious situation," said Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, director of the CDC in Atlanta. "We have had a 50 percent increase in just seven years, and to have 18 percent of a population, by a conservative estimate, be obese is an extremely serious risk factor."

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Researchers are at a loss to explain the increase but pointed to several possible contributing factors:

With the booming economy producing more discretionary income, Americans are eating out more, meaning they are more likely to consume higher calorie foods than those prepared at home. The workplace has become increasingly automated, with employees sitting at computer terminals all day, while busier schedules leave little time for exercise. More people prefer to drive than walk. And in a society marked increasingly by young couch potatoes, children are watching more television and playing video games while getting less exercise at school.

Many experts believe that obesity in children and adults often follows a pattern in which obese parents have obese children, who then become overweight adults.

"Obesity is the second leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. after cigarette smoking," said Jennifer Petrelli, an American Cancer Society epidemiologist who co-authored the study published in the New England Journal of Medicine. "So far, we have found no links between obesity and cancer, but the research indicates obesity is a serious health

problem."

Another study being published in the AMA journal attributed an average of about 280,000 deaths a year to being overweight.

The CDC and other organizations are already trying to foster active lifestyles in communities. The efforts in some cities include constructing sidewalks and making neighborhoods safe for walking. The CDC recently published a handbook for health-care professionals on how to mobilize communities to increase physical activities.

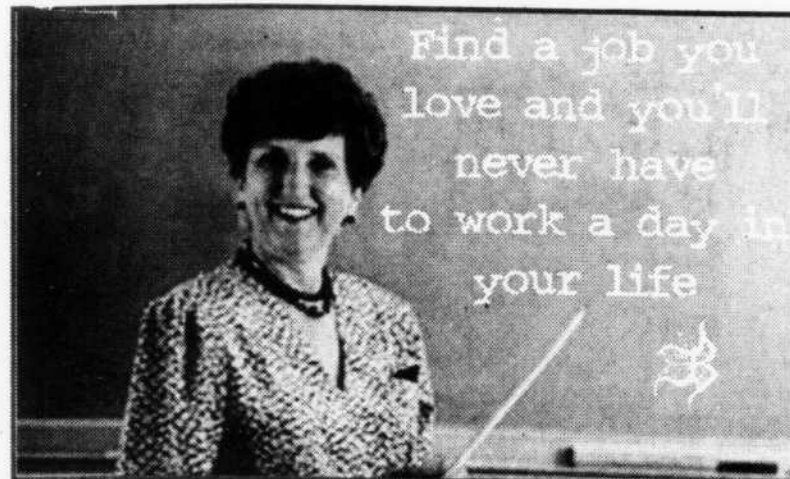
Despite the latest survey, a major challenge facing public health officials is getting obesity recognized as a disease.

"If these numbers were connected to diabetes or HIV-AIDS, the public would be in an uproar," said Judith Stern, a nutrition researcher at University of California at Davis.

Stern said people who suffer from tobacco-related illness are actually treated with more care than obese patients.

"If people are diagnosed with lung cancer, we care for them, treat them, give them chemotherapy," she explained. "We don't say, 'Well, you shouldn't have smoked.'"

"But if a person is overweight or obese, we tell them to stop eating so much. It's just not that simple."



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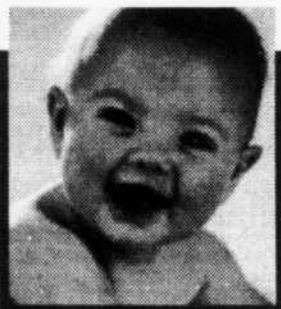
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The Skyhawks of UT-Martin have not defeated the Blue Raiders since 1993 and have an all time record of 19-7-1

Kelverrick Green rushed for 259 yards and scored four touchdowns last year against UT-Martin

For more information about the UT Martin game, visit goblueraiders.com the official website of the Middle Tennessee State athletic department.

MTSU moving to Sun Belt

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

MTSU will join the Sun Belt Conference beginning in 2001 in all sports, including the football program, which has not been affiliated with a conference since going I-A this season.

The Sun Belt will make the announcement on Thursday that MTSU, New Mexico State and North Texas have been invited to join the conference in two years.

Sun Belt Commissioner Wright Waters said he could not confirm that MTSU was joining the conference until tomorrow. But, he said the press conference is a good indication that MTSU will be joining the Sun Belt.

With the addition of MTSU, New Mexico State and North Texas, the Sun Belt will have 11 members. The league is expected to go to a two-division format.

Louisiana-Monroe will join the Sun Belt in football only.

Football coach Andy McCollum believes the move to the Sun Belt will benefit the football program.

"I'm very excited about the move to the Sun Belt Conference; it's a great step for the university," McCollum said. "It will help recruiting. Hopefully bowl ties will be in the future as a result of the move. The move will also give us a chance to develop rivalries."

Sun Belt members who don't play football include Western Kentucky, South Alabama, New Orleans, Arkansas-Little Rock,

Denver and Florida International.

Louisiana Tech is also a member of the Sun Belt, but it will join the Western Athletic Conference next year.

The Sun Belt was founded in 1976. It merged with the American South Conference in 1991, forming one of the nation's largest I-A conferences. The league was the first to sign a long-term contract with ESPN in 1979. ESPN will broadcast action of the Sun Belt for the 21st consecutive year in 1999-2000.

It conducts championships in 15 sports, seven for men and eight for women. In 2000-01, the Sun Belt will officially sponsor women's soccer.

Soccer coach Colette Gilligan is happy about the move.

"It's nice to be in a conference that complements women's soccer teams," Gilligan said. "I think it will be great for the school."

Since 1952, MTSU has been a member of the Ohio Valley Conference. ■



Raiders playing for pride

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

Coming to a stadium near you, actually Floyd Stadium, the Blue Raider football team has the chance to get back on a winning track against Tennessee-Martin.

When MTSU runs
Jamison Palmer and Kelverrick Green lead the Raider attack, which is averaging over 100 yards per game rushing. Palmer gains 53 yards per game, while Green is averaging 34 yards per game. Both are averaging almost 5 yards per carry. A year ago, Kelverrick Green broke Torin Kirtsey's school record with 259 yards at Martin. For MTSU, the ground game, and the offense for that matter, has been virtually non-existent. Luckily, Martin's run defense is perhaps the worst in all of college football. They have given an average of 269 yards on the ground per game.

When MTSU passes
MTSU's passing game is what the Raiders are all about, and that should ring true on Saturday. Quarterback Wes Counts leads the attack which ranks the Raiders 28th nationally. If Kendall Newson catches one more pass he will be the third Blue Raider to reach the

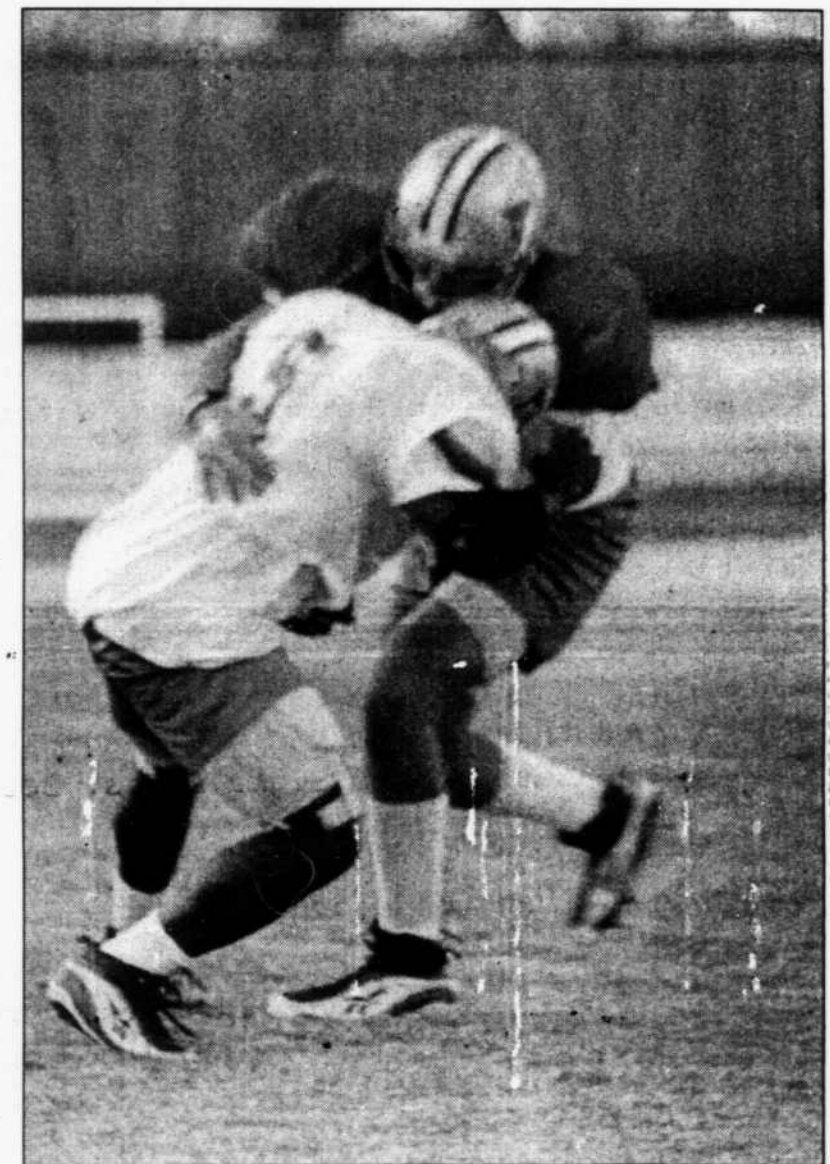
40 catch mark. This will be the first time in the 83 year history of MTSU football that this feat has been accomplished. Counts is averaging nearly 240 yards passing per game at an efficiency rating of 120.95. Martin's defense is giving up nearly 240 yards per game passing and 25 passing touchdowns.

When UT-Martin runs
The Skyhawks are averaging only 86 rushing yards per game and have scored only six rushing touchdowns in nine games. Adam Joyner leads the team with 390 yards this season and one touchdown. As a team, the Skyhawks average less than three yards per carry. On the other hand MTSU's defense has been porous against the run, but last game, the Raiders held Louisiana-Monroe to 133 yards. The defense did step up last week and seem to be coming together as a unit. They have, however, given up 220 yards per game on the ground.

When UT-Martin passes
Edwin Robertson leads the passing attack for Martin with 134 yards per game. Robertson has been sacked 27 times in nine games. Leading receiver Rory Redmond is a good receiver and very athletic. He can make plays

and make big plays. MTSU will have to cover him well and avoid the big play. The Raider pass defense didn't show for the first seven games but reared its head last week, limiting ULM to 164 yards passing. Cornerback Jermaine Francis made an interception and had a chance to take it for a touchdown. For the season, MTSU has given up 253 yards per game. The defense will have to step up and become more sound for the final stretch of games.

The X-factor
This game is a no brainer. MTSU is better than UT-Martin and should win this game by a wide margin. UTM, however, is looking, just like MTSU, for its second win of the season. The Skyhawks have won one game against Lambuth by only six points. The closest margin of defeat was to Eastern Illinois, and that was a defeat of 21 points. The average score of Martin's games is 41-11, in favor of the opponents. The Raiders have lost seven games this year they should have won against good competition. The Raiders are playing to win but also to take out the frustrations of a long season. The Skyhawks are playing for pride. This game will come down to one thing—Pride. ■



Keith Dollar lays the smack down during practice.

Photo by Derrick Wilson

Walter Payton lives up to nickname, 'Sweetness'

View from the Top
A sports commentary



Michael
Edwards
Columnist

more impact on his life than he had on Payton's.

Payton's ascent to the top of the football world began at Jackson State University after playing three years in high school. Payton went to Jackson State after turning down an offer from Kansas State, in order to play with his brother. Following Payton's career at JSU, the soft walking Payton was drafted fourth in the 1975 NFL draft. One team that passed up the opportunity is the Dallas Cowboys. Steve Bartkowski was drafted in front of Payton. I know what you just asked. Who? Those are my sentiments exactly.

Payton entered the league in 1975 and continued his career with one of the worst teams in the National Football League in the late '70s and early '80s. One thing that stood out about Payton's career is not only the yards he gained but the offensive line he did it behind. Finally, in 1982 a man named "Iron" Mike Ditka came back to the windy city, taking the Bears to a Super Bowl four seasons later.

Payton was involved in the great team of the 1985 Bears that won 15 games in the regular season, shutting out every opponent in the playoffs before beating the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

Payton would not score a touchdown in that game. The only chance he had was when Chicago

had the ball inside the five-yard line, and Ditka called for William Perry to get the carry. Some say that left a black eye on the career of Ditka. Think about it. Walter Payton had basically been Chicago's adopted son for the previous 12 seasons, and he didn't score in the biggest game of his career.

During the 13 years of his Hall of Fame career, Payton became the NFL's all-time leading rusher with a total of 16,726 yards. He also scored 110 rushing touchdowns, where he ranks third all-time.

The two time Most Valuable Player was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1993. His son, Jarret Payton, fittingly gave Payton's induction speech July 31. Of the many legacies and memories Payton will leave behind, the most memorable will not be the number of yards he gained or how many touchdowns he scored, but the way he played the game. Payton never boasted about his talent or his statistics; he just played the game.

Hall of Famer Jim Brown said that Payton played the game the way it was supposed to be played. Walter Payton always showed up on time and ready to go full out. In the off season, he worked harder than any other player, Brown said.

After his passing, Payton will be missed by all football fans, but don't let his death overshadow his life. ■

Raiders have rough road ahead

It is unclear if the Sun Belt Conference announcement will change the Blue Raiders tentative schedule for the 2000 season, but it will most certainly bring changes to many games scheduled in the future.

Sept. 2 @ Illinois
Sept. 9 @ Florida
Sept. 16 Murray State
Sept. 23 @ Maryland
Sept. 30 @ Boise State
Oct. 7 Louisiana Tech
Oct. 14 Northeast Louisiana
Oct. 21 @ Arkansas State
Oct. 28 @ Mississippi State
Nov. 18 SW Louisiana

Lady rugby returns with a win, 44-0

Staff Reports

After a couple of weeks off, the Lady Moose dusted off their rugby cleats to face Murray State on Oct. 30. The Lady Moose completely dominated the game from start to finish, blowing out Murray State 44-0.

MTSU wing Tara Scheidegger started the ball rolling with a score in the first few minutes of play. By the end of the first half, co-captain Shannon Bustillos added two more tries, and forwards Heather Barnes and Shelly Christian had one score a

piece. During the second half, the Lady Moose did not let up. Forward Heather Ham drove through the Murray defense to add another score, and Nicole Wallace made a triumphant return with two scores after a knee injury sidelined her in September. Christian took over the kicking duties in the second half and completed two out of three conversions. "The team is starting to play up to its potential," said head coach Doug Wolfe. "With hard work and dedication, this team can continue to have such lop-sided victories." ■

FLAG FOOTBALL RESULTS AND SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct. 27

IFC-B Game 1 6 PM Sigma Nu "B" 18 vs. ATO "B" 12
IFC-B Game 2 6 PM SAE "B" 34 vs. Kappa Sig "B" 19
IFC-B Game 3 7 PM PIKA "B" 26 vs. TKE "B" 0
IFC-A Game 1 7 PM PIKA "A" 21 vs. ATO "A" 13
IFC-B Game 4 Beta "B" 19 vs. SAE "B" 0
IFC-A Game 2 Sig Ep "A" 19 vs. Sigma Nu "A" 7
IFC-A Game 3 PIKA "19" vs. Beta "A" 13
IFC-C Game 1 PIKA "C" 12 vs. SAE "C" 0
IFC-A Game 4 Kappa Sig "A" 30 vs. Sig Ep "A" 8

Tuesday, Nov. 2

MA Game 1 Cummings Wildcats 2 vs. Outback 0 (Forfeited)
MA Game 2 The Franchise 19 vs. High Rollers 6
MA Game 3 The Establishment 28 vs. Cummings Wildcats 0
MA Game 4 The Franchise 24 vs. Mud Doggs 12

Wednesday, Nov. 3

MB Game 8 6 PM Carpetlayers vs. A Team Field 1
MB Game 9 7 PM Wildcats vs. Black & Jay Field 1
IFC-B Game 5 8 PM PIKE "B" vs. Beta "B" Field 1
Sor Final 9 PM ADPi vs. Kappa Delta Field 1
IFC-C Final 10 PM PIKE "C" vs. Beta "C" Field 1

Thursday, Nov. 4

MB Championship Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 9 Field 1
IFC-B Championship Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 4 Field 1
Co-Rec Championship Jabronees vs. Water Buffaloes Field 1
IFC-A Championship Kappa Sigma "A" vs. PIKE "A" Field 1
MA Championship The Franchise vs. The Establishment Field 1

Monday, Nov. 8

IFC-B Consolation 6 PM SAE vs. Loser Game 5 Field 1
IFC-A Consolation 7 PM Sigma NU vs. Beta Field 1
All Campus Championship A Divisions
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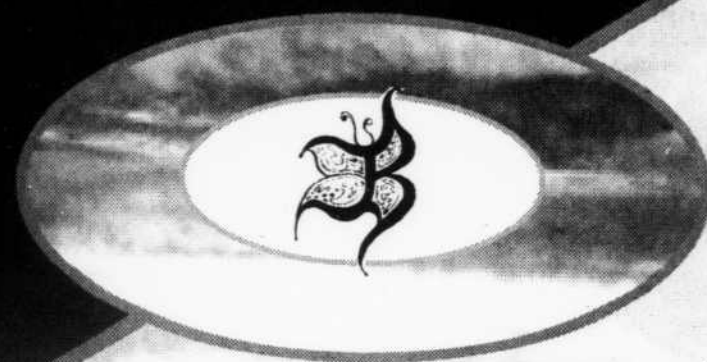


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