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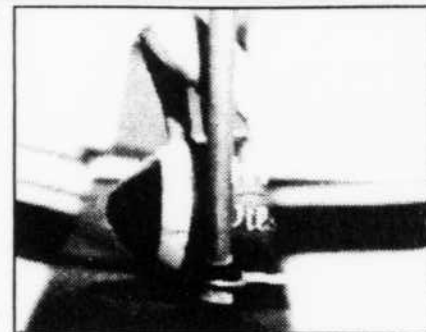
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Rec Center family rate angers student parents

Meeting on Tuesday to discuss family rates

By Brent Andrews/staff

Some students have been surprised to find that the \$50 fee they are paying each semester for the Rec Center is not enough to buy access for their children and spouses.

The issue, which has caused anger among students with children, will be addressed in a meeting Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in the Family Housing Center.

All MTSU students currently pay \$35 each semester toward retiring the \$15.5 million debt for construction of the Center, plus another \$15 that finances operational costs of the high-tech activity building.

To some, the additional money required for their children and non-student spouses to use the center—\$3 per child, per day, or \$70 for a four-month membership that includes spouse and children up to 16 years old—is too much.

"I can understand them asking for us to pay something, because the students do pay the recreation fee," said sophomore nursing major Terri Martin, a resident of Family Housing

and parent of a six-year-old girl. "But I think if nothing else, for little kids ... they can only use the swimming pool, and I think that's too high of a price for kids who can't use all the facilities."

Campus Recreation Director Glenn Hanley said Friday that the money students have to pay for their spouses and children to use the Center is considerably less than what they would have to pay to use similar facilities in the area.

In addition, he said the Rec Center was built for the use of MTSU students, and therefore, charging a fee for spouses and children is not unreasonable.

"We [checked] with folks around the city," Hanley said, "and say your kid's under 16...and you have three, four, five members of your family, or one member or whatever, that's still better than any rate you can get, whether it's SportsCom...or the YMCA."

"We tried to make sure that we weren't having a lot of children in there," Hanley continued. "Our whole focus in doing the membership thing was to make sure that the place

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Carl E. Lambert/staff

For the promotion of multi-culturalism

Vice-President for the Native American Heritage Society Gabe Smith (left), Dennis Dudley (center) and Monty Casto make necklaces during the Arts and Craft Fair last week. Proceeds from the fair will finance expenses for the Turkey Dancers of Fire for Native American Heritage Month in October.

Congressional candidate Massey defends Republicans

By Heather Hybarger/staff

U.S. Representative Candidate Walt Massey spoke at the College Republicans meeting last Wednesday about the Republican student financial aid plan and how to abolish income tax.

Massey is Vice President of J&S Construction Co. and a veteran of U.S. Navy and Persian Gulf War.

He also formally challenged U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon to a debate on campus over the financial aid situation.

Massey accused Gordon of using a "scare tactic" to frighten college students about proposed financial aid cuts.

"[It is] cheap politics and an attempt to distort the truth," Massey

said.

According to Massey, the Republican plan includes loan increases and no cuts in any of the government funded programs.

Republicans propose an increase in student loans from 6.6 million loans in 1995 to over 7 million in 1996, according to Massey. Funding for student loans will increase 50 percent over the next seven years from \$24 billion to \$36 billion in 2003, Massey said.

The House has already proposed to end the six-month, interest-free grace period for students with federal loans. Early in the debate, House Republicans discussed ending even in-school interest subsidies.

Pell grants will not be cut, just reapportioned, Massey said. The

Republican plan increases the maximum Pell Grant to \$2440 a year, while raising the minimum award from \$200 to \$600.

According to Massey, money from the federal government for the Perkins Loan programs was intended to be "seed money."

"The program is up and running," Massey said. "It's healthy."

Work study programs, SEOG programs, Trio programs and Historically Black College and Graduate Student programs will all be funded at the same level, under the Republican plan, Massey said.

On the table for Republican cuts does include the State Student Incentive Program which makes up about half of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation grants.

Senate Republicans have proposed imposing a tax on the loan volume at universities. Originally, a two percent tax was discussed, but the Senate will now debate a .85 percent tax on loan volume. MTSU financial aid officials have said that the extra loss of revenue will likely be passed onto students through tuition costs.

Massey accused President Clinton of trying to create the "biggest living bank in America" by folding the guaranteed student loan program into the Department of Education.

"The GOP is attempting to balance the federal budget," stressed Massey. "A balanced budget would create a 2% decrease in rates for [all] borrowed money," which includes

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SACS submits five-year plan for library

By Esther Campi/staff

A five-year plan for providing the library with adequate resources was submitted last month to the Southern Association of Colleges and School (SACS), MTSU's accrediting association.

The plan was in response to a SACS review last March which found library collections, services and physical facilities inadequate to support its undergraduate and graduate programs. The SACS visiting committee noted that "Present demands on the library facility far exceed its capabilities to provide quality service."

The MTSU action plan covers the five-year period beginning in fiscal year 1996-97, and states that "as

additional funds become available to the university, the library will receive the highest priority for the additions to its projects."

The plan will be implemented in three phases, according to the report. In the first phase, expenditures per student will be raised to \$244, up from the current spending of \$216.

This phase will take five years to implement and will require annual increases of \$154,374 to the base budget.

The second phase, beginning in year six, will increase expenditures to \$281 per student and is contingent on the state's approval of the formula used to justify increases.

That formula is the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) peer funding formula and is

based on spending comparisons of other Tennessee universities.

In the third phase expenditures per student will be raised to \$296, the current per student expenditure at the University of Memphis.

In the current fiscal year, the university will spend a one-time budget supplement of \$200,000 on library materials.

"I believe you will agree that this is an early indication of the university's recognition of the need for increasing library materials expenditures as a result of the recent self-study and the recommendations of SACS," said Don Craig, Dean of the Library, in an Aug. 22 on-campus memo to Faye Johnson, SACS self-

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ROTC gives annual salute to 300 veterans

By Keith Mayo/staff

The ROTC program held their 14th annual "Salute to Veterans" Saturday as a part of MTSU's Family Day activities.

The event, which included speeches, a free picnic and a halftime salute, attracted some 300 veterans from around Middle Tennessee.

"We are glad that the younger ones are interested," said W. M. Wakeland, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. "I've been coming up for all 14 of these."

The university's ROTC program currently has 105 cadets enrolled. Around 50 cadets were in attendance during the event.

Cadet Andrew Poklemba is a veteran of both Operation "Just Cause" in Panama and the Gulf War. Two-thirds of all cadets in ROTC have prior military experience.

Poklemba says he would have "no other way" to attend college if it wasn't for the ROTC program.

Poklemba spoke about what he regards as the "negative attitude" most of the student body has

regarding the ROTC program. "[Most students] seem to think we're a joke," Poklemba said.

Being fresh out of the military, Poklemba says it was "kind of hard to blend into college life." He said the ROTC program teaches "academic discipline" and gives its cadets practical experience that is an alternative to the more typical liberal arts program.

For more information regarding the ROTC program, contact Capt. Anita Felice at 898-2470. ●



Todd Sorum/staff

Tennessee veteran march to Horace Jones Field for the ROTC salute during Saturday's Family Day football game against UAB.

FAMILY: Recreation Center charging fair price; Hanley

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was reserved for students. At one time there was not going to be any children, or any spouses, but we got permission to allow those in.

"We're confident that we've tried to do what we thought was right. I know there are some people bothered by it, so we've just got to work it out."

After the decision was made to allow children and spouses of students to use the Center, Hanley and other university officials looked to the community and to other universities to find the most reasonable price to charge for the privilege.

"What we did is check with a lot of the universities that have similar buildings, and a lot of them don't even allow children in," Hanley said. "We

thought, being this close to Family Housing, that we would set up something. But we did want the building set aside for students."

Tuesday's meeting will provide an opportunity for Hanley to listen to suggestions and complaints from students, and may offer a chance to appease the anger some students have expressed over the fees.

In a memorandum posted on apartment doors in Family Housing last week, Maintenance coordinator Tommy Wright urged students interested in discussing the fees to attend Tuesday night's meeting.

"Several people do not like paying for their children to use the facility," the memo read. "... if you are concerned, you are strongly urged to attend." ●

MASSEY: Gordon challenged to debate

student loans.

"I will be happy to debate him about this issue to the student body," Massey said, challenging Gordon to an on-campus debate. "We will talk about the facts as they stand, and the facts will prove themselves."

Massey also discussed his plan to abolish the national income tax and the IRS. His plan includes a national consumption tax of 17 percent which will be added to everything except food and medicine. The consumption tax will simplify taxation and encourage savings, Massey said.

Also speaking at last weeks College Republicans

meeting was Republican candidate for the Tennessee State Senate John Bumpas.

Both candidates commended the MTSU College Republicans for their reputation among Republicans throughout the sixth district, which includes Murfreesboro.

"These are the organizations that are going to advance the Republican Revolution," said Massey, "and they are going to make it happen in the sixth district."

Blaine Little, chairman of the College Republicans, said, "We have been here, we've been consistent, we've had meetings every month and many functions all along, [since 1991]." ●

Gamma Beta Phi will meet October 2 at 4:30 in LRC room 221 and October 3 at 5 PM in LRC room 221. Mail questions to Kirsten Betak at MTSU box 589.

1995 Homecoming Parade on November 4. Those organizations interested in participating need to notify the SGA office by October 2.

The Plant and Soil Science Club is holding a meeting Monday, October 2 at 4 pm, room 212 Stark Agricultural Center. Topics will include upcoming events and fund-raising activities.

The Wesley Foundation's weekly events: Oct 3, Wesley's Kitchen 5:30 p.m.; Oct 4, Wednesday Lunch 11:15 a.m. Koinonia Worship 7 p.m.; Oct 6-Oct 8 Wesley Singers Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.; Friday - Sunday Fall retreat.

National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) is holding a student chapter meeting Tuesday, Oct 3 at 5 p.m. in Wiser-Patten Science Building room 301.

The Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women is sponsoring a Promotion and Tenure Workshop on Tuesday, October 3. The workshop will be from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Hazelwood dining room. The workshop is free for CFAW members and \$5.00 for non-members. Please call Denise McMahan by September 29 for reservations.

The Student Alumni Association will be holding a New Member Interest Meeting on Tuesday, October 3 at 5:30 pm in the Alumni Center. Anyone interested in being directly involved with alumni, participating in campus activities, and promoting MTSU is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office, 898-2922 or 898-5099.

MTSU Pre-Law Society is going to see the Tennessee Supreme Court hear a case in Murfreesboro on Tuesday, October 3. You will need to arrive at the Judicial Building no later than 12:30 pm. Please contact Paul Lawrence (832-8883 or unde0001@frank.mtsu.edu) or Renee Patterson (898-3842) if you would like to attend as there are further details that you need to be aware of. Any person with an interest in the law, regardless of your major, is invited to attend with us. We will also be attempting to organize some transportation for this event.

The University Rules Committee-Sub Committee B, Housing Regulations, will meet Tuesday, October 3, 1995, at 3:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Ellington Human Sciences Building. Chairperson, Dr. Paul Kline, ext. 5466.

MTSU Theater Department is sponsoring the production *A Piece of My Heart* in the Arena Theater, Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. The production will run Oct 4,5,6,7,10,11,12,13,14. All shows begin at 8 p.m. General admission is \$5, MTSU students free admission with student i.d.

Omicron Delta Epsilon (International Honor Society in Economics) in collaboration with Financial Management Association (FMA) and Gamma Iota Sigma (GIS), National Insurance Society, is delighted to present former Congressman Mr. Jim Cooper as its first guest speaker. The speech will be Oct 4, from 12 to 1 p.m. KUC room 314, and is open to members, sponsors, interested students and faculty free of charge.

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a Blood Drive in conjunction with the SGA on Tuesday, Oct 3 and Wednesday Oct 4. The blood drive will take place 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day in KUC room 324. Everyone who participates will receive a free Red Cross T-shirt. Please come out and help save a life.

A rare screening of *Buster Keaton's "Sherlock, Jr."* will be shown Wednesday, Oct 4 in room 103, Mass Comm Building, at 7 p.m. The showing is free and open to the public with brief prefatory remarks by Dr. David Badger, Dept. of Journalism.

National Depression Screening Day is Thursday Oct 5 from 1-5 p.m. The test is free of charge and includes a written self-test for depression, screening with a mental health professional, and an educational presentation. The screening will be held at Mid-South Psychiatric Associates, 1830 Heritage Park Plaza. For further information call 895-8104.

The University Rules Committee-Sub Committee A, General Regulations on Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions, will meet Thursday, October 5 at 3 p.m. in the KUC 210. Contact chairperson Dr. Michael Hinz at 898-2907.

College Democrats are holding a meeting Thursday, Oct 5 at 5 p.m. room 314 in the KUC. The speaker will be Representative Mary Ann Eckles. For further information call Mary at 890-6314.

Erudite Emancipators will be having a doughnut sale Friday, October 6 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the first floors of Peck Hall and Keathley University Center. contact Inez Chopfield at 898-4312 for more information.

Homer Pittard Campus School PTC is sponsoring a Fall Round-Up to benefit Computer Technology on October 6 from 3-7 p.m., 923 East Lytle Street, Murfreesboro. Games, rides, food and concessions, a barbecue plate dinner, bake sale, and casserole sale will be offered.

Student Government Association— Anyone interested in running for Freshman Senator or Homecoming Queen should pick up their petition in the SGA office (KUC 208). Petitions are due by Monday, October 9 at 4:00 pm. Be sure to get involved...college is a contact sport.

The University Rules Committee-Sub Committee C, General Rules on Student Organizations and

Off-Campus Speakers, and Guidelines for Social Activities, will meet at 2:30 p.m., October 10 in the KUC 210. Chairperson, Dr. Dennis Mullen, 898-5972.

The Placement and Student Employment Center is hosting a Career Placement Orientation workshop titled "Your Job search". The workshop will begin at 2 p.m. October 10 and 11. All workshops will be held in KUC room 322. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about placement services, how to write a resume, campus interviews, and employment opportunities. Call the director, Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more information.

Fulbright Graduate Scholarship Deadlines Approach. The 1996-97 competition for Fulbright grants for graduate study abroad is continuing. Top ranked seniors or graduate students may apply for one of approximately 800 scholarships. Application forms and further information for MTSU students may be obtained from the Fulbright Program Adviser, Dr. Fred Rolater in Peck Hall room 279. The deadline for filing an application is October 16, 1995.

The Walk To End Domestic Violence sponsored by PEACE, YWCA Domestic Violence Program, and NAMA will be held Oct 21 in the Legislative Plaza in Nashville. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Special Guest Denise Brown will speak after the walk at 11 a.m. There is a \$15 registration fee. For more information call PEACE, INC. at 615-255-0711.

The Student Government Association would like to remind everyone to voice your opinion, pro or con, on the \$65 activity fee increase for the proposed stadium. The following are names and numbers of politicians who can get things changed.
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366-4400
Governor Don Sundquist
741-2001
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Representative Andy Womack
741-1066

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

The Japan Center is also sponsoring many off campus exhibitions. The exhibit Photographs of Japan will be on display at the Felix G. Woodward Library at Austin Peay State University. The exhibit consists of photographs taken by the Director of the Japan Center of Tennessee, Dr. Esther Millon Seeman during her trips to Japan. A Japanese Doll Exhibit will be on display at the Arrowhead/Aerospace Cultural Center in Manchester. A Japanese Good-Luck Charms Exhibit will be on display in the Jean Keener Room, 442 W. Second North St., Morristown, TN. For more information on all these exhibits please contact The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

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

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

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

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

MTSU LAMBDA is a gay, lesbian, and bisexual student group. It meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Communications Building room 104. All are welcome. For more information call Jason at 780-2293.

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry is meeting Tuesdays from 7-9 PM at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 315 E. Main Street. Everyone is invited to join them for a meal, fellowship and worship. They also meet Thursdays from noon until 1:30 in the KUC grill. Contact Rev. Andrew Wright with questions at 893-3780.

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

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

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Economic conference examines job market

By Brenda D. Warren/staff

Students, faculty and the community learned the condition of the job market at the Economic Outlook Conference held last Friday at the Murfreesboro Holiday Inn. The conference looked at the economy regionally, locally and nationally.

Sponsored by the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise and the Business and Economic Research Center at MTSU, the conference featured two key speakers and a panel discussion.

John Bachmann, managing partner of the brokerage firm of Edward D. Jones and Company in St.

Louis, presented the national economic outlook.

Dr. Ronald Ratajczak, a nationally-known economic forecaster and head of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University, gave an overview of the regional economy.

"[If the] job market's good, students find it more attractive to work and go to school," said Dr. Jim Burton, assistant dean of the College of Business.

The conference is an annual event usually held on campus to make it more accessible to students and faculty. This year scheduling conflicts delayed efforts to obtain a campus facility. ●

Plans for new library increase facilities and student accessibility

Library to focus on student needs, technology

By Esther Campi/staff

A student walks into the library and locates a study carrel in the Noise-Free Zone on the third floor. He sets down his books and hooks up his laptop computer into a connection point that is part of the desk. It is one of the 1,400 connection points in the building.

Within seconds, he is hooked into the campus fiber optic network, with access to library systems, the academic computer, and the Internet.

Another student enters the Electronic Information Center, chooses from among 60 public computer terminals, and begins an interactive computerized search of information networks and data bases that will help her write a research paper.

In a different part of the building, a visually impaired student places a textbook on a computer that scans the page and "reads" aloud the text.

This is not a scene from a science fiction movie. It is MTSU, circa 1999.

Groundbreaking for the new four-story, 250,000-square-foot library should begin in the fall of 1996 with a scheduled opening in 1999, according to Dean of the Library Don Craig.

The \$32.7 million building will form a major new campus quadrangle with the Mass Communication Building, The Learning Resource Center and the Business/Aerospace Building, according to a press release.

"President Walker is optimistic about Bob Jones' funding coming in the next legislative session," said Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Bob Jones.

In response to recommendations made in March by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), MTSU's accrediting association, the new library program includes:

- A capacity for 800,000 books,
- A reader area with 2,195 seats,
- 392 study carrels,
- 48 study rooms,
- 60 faculty research rooms,
- 164 public computer terminals,

- 67 microfilm study stations,
- 108 offices/workstations.

Three new special areas will provide students with better and more access to campus resources:

- The Electronic Information Center will house about 60 computer terminals with access to interactive computerized searches of information networks and data bases,

according to Craig.

- A Disabled Services area with specialized facilities and equipment for persons with disabilities will be set up.

The University already has some equipment for the visually impaired, including OSCAR, an optical character recognition system that scans a printed page and audibly reads the text, Craig said.

As plans progress, library officials will be working with Director of Disabled Student Services John Harris on what types of equipment will best aid students, according to Craig.

The new library will be completely wheelchair

accessible, according to a press release.

- A 24-hour student study room will be located to the left of the vestibule, before the lobby, complete with desks and a vending machine, Craig said.

In addition to new equipment and new resources, new procedures and rules will improve the library. According to Craig, noise control is also in the plans.

"We plan to zone it [the library] noise-wise, with most of the noise production on the lower two service floors," Craig said. "The third and fourth floors will be dedicated to book space and reader space, to create a research-type environment."

Craig said the biggest challenge now is creating an interior layout that will provide optimum reader space and shelving space. The layout should be complete by the end of this month.

Last month a progress report was submitted to SACS by Faye Johnson, director of SACS Self Study. Johnson said SACS will make a decision on reaffirming MTSU's accreditation in December. ●

LIBRARY: graduate programs require more periodicals for future accreditation

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study director.

According to the plan, providing adequate resources to support the graduate programs will require a "significant amount of retrospective purchasing of materials."

Particularly important to the graduate program are periodicals. Currently MTSU subscribes to only 3,500 titles. In the 1993 survey of 638 faculty members, 59 percent indicated that the periodical collection and electronic databases were inadequate to support graduate programs.

MTSU's goal is to move the number of volumes per graduate student from 41 to 58, the average of other TBR libraries.

The first phase of the graduate school program will include providing graduate students with access to information through formal agreements with other area libraries and access to remove information via electronic technology.

Some purchases will be made in the phases. In the

second phase, supplemental funding increases for the library graduate school collections budgets will be implemented under the plan.

The university's action plan provides for adequate physical plant facilities. Initial plans for the new 250,000-square-foot building estimate the cost at \$26 million.

In March, SACS noted that "if the university continues to expand and assess new programs and increase graduate enrollment, the proposed facility will be inadequate to accommodate a full library program when it is completed."

In response to this, MTSU proposed in its action plan to submit a project plan by November to the State Building Commission at a cost of \$33 million.

Planning funds of \$1,050,000 have already been made available to the university, according to the report. SACS will review the report at its December meeting to decide if MTSU's accreditation will be reaffirmed. ●

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Student internships available in legislative offices

By Anissa Bartley/staff

The Tennessee legislative committee is now taking applications for student interns to work with the 1996 legislative session.

The internships provide opportunities to work with legislative leadership offices and committees. The program, which runs from Jan. 4 to May 31, is open to all undergraduate and graduate students.

Interns will receive 12 hours of academic credit for participation in the program.

MTSU usually submits about four people, who are assigned legislative leadership

offices and committees.

A stipend of \$250 a week and limited travel expenses will be provided. Other

benefits include "a greater interest in Tennessee politics," according to assistant professor of Political Science Mark Byrnes.

Many students who complete the program continue in graduate school or law school.

"The opportunity helps further your understanding,"

said Darin Gordon, a Spring 1995 intern. "It creates a reality check between classes and the professional atmosphere.

A process and experience are exposed that are not learned in school."

Contacts and future jobs

are also additional benefits, according to Gordon.

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Although most of the students have a political science or journalism background, Byrnes encourages law, history, administration, social work, economics, sociology, and other related fields to apply.

"The internship is more eye opening for someone who is a non-political major," Byrnes said.

The application procedure consists of an application form and two reference forms, submitted by faculty.

The application must be received by this Friday.

For more information, contact Mark Byrnes at 898-2351, Peck Hall room 247. ●

Prep courses offered for GRE/GMAT and NTE/PPST

By Martha Stroud/staff

The Division of Continuing Studies is offering preparatory courses for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), National Teacher Examination (NTE), and Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST).

The GRE/GMAT review course will be held Saturdays from Nov. 4 to Dec. 2 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in KOM room 160. The NTE/PPST review course will be held Thursdays from Oct. 12-26 from 7-10 p.m. in JUB room 202.

The courses will cover test-taking strategies, familiarize participants with the different

topics on each test, and prepare the participants to be at their mental, physical, and emotional best for the test.

Harvey Anton, instructor for the review classes, students should take the test first to know whether or not they need

to take the review course.

Eighty percent of the students who have taken the course say they have been pleased with their improved scores.

The review courses cost \$195 for the 12 hours of

JAWC provides free legal clinic monthly

By Nikki Bagwell/staff

The June Anderson Women's Center (JAWC) is sponsoring a free legal clinic for students, faculty and staff to consult local attorneys about legal problems.

Participants can obtain confidential legal advice on job related issues, personal claims,

transfer of titles and eviction notices.

Malinda Richardson, student worker at the JAWC and coordinator of the legal clinic, explained that each client gets a 30-minute appointment with one of the two lawyers that volunteer their services.

Eight appointments are

preparation provided, compared to the \$500-\$600 private companies charge for similar review courses.

For more information about the review courses, call Continuing Studies at 898-2462. ●



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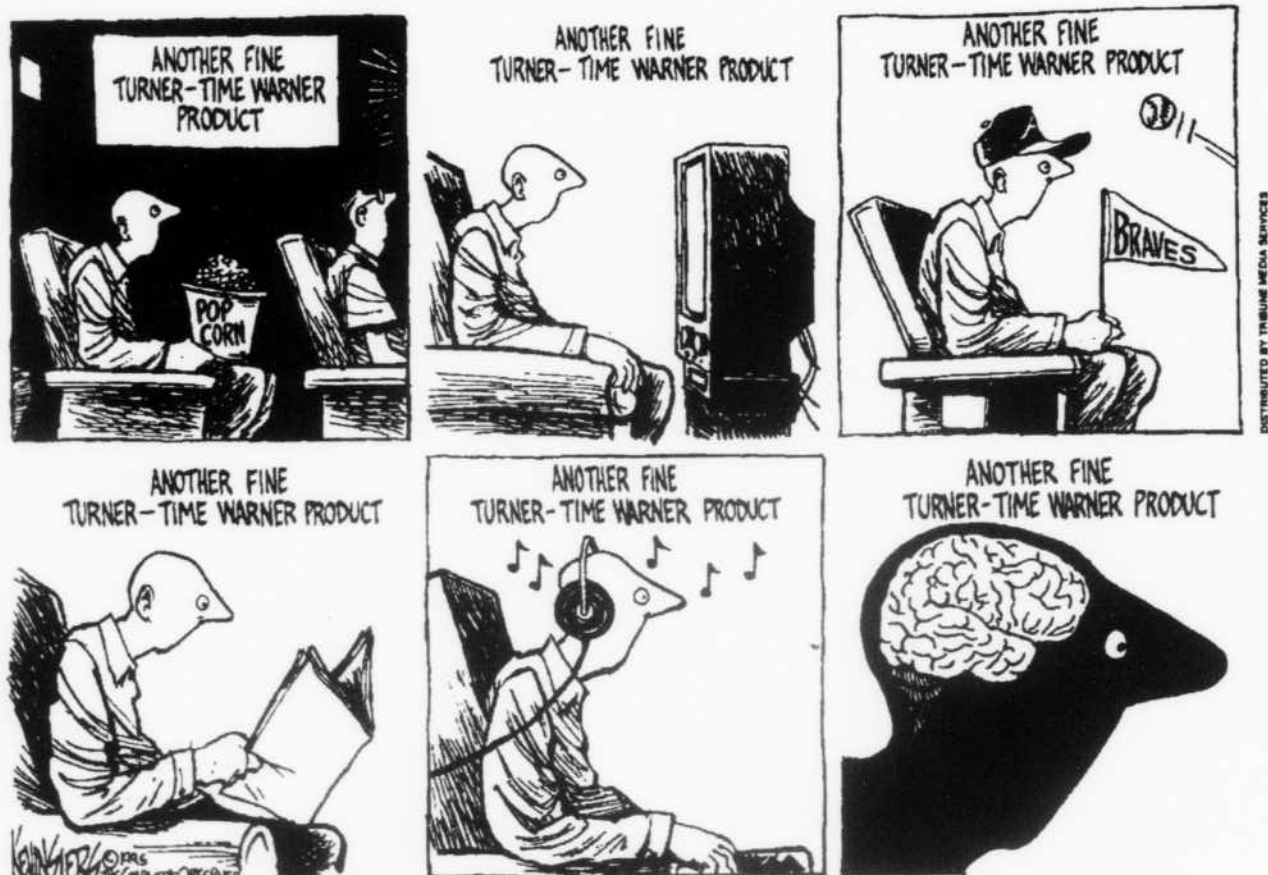
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Letters to the Editor

Walker, McFarland, Whiteside assured TBR 'unequivocally' that 'vast majority' supported fee increase: Board member

To the Editor,

I am a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents, and was serving as Vice-Chair of the Board through our June, 1995, meeting.

I have recently received a copy of your August 31 paper, and have read with interest your editorial "TBR NEEDS TO DEVELOP A CLEAR RULE ON STUDENT FEES."

I would like to set the record straight. When this matter was presented to the Board, there was extensive questioning by Board members, including me, regarding the involvement of the students and their position regarding this fee raise. We were addressed by Dr. Walker, the President of your student body, and the President of the Faculty Senate.

All assured the Board that this matter was the will of the vast majority of the students, that it had passed overwhelmingly through the Student Government Association.

I specifically recall asking the question concerning student

participation at ball games and whether or not they felt this advancement to Division I-A football would be for the good of the students. We were advised unequivocally that this did represent the substantial consensus of the students.

I assure you that I would, under no circumstances, have voted for that sizable an increase in student fees for the purpose of funding the stadium for the move to 1-A football had I not been assured that the students had been involved and given an opportunity to express their feelings, and that such expression was overwhelmingly favorable.

I have also recently received a copy of your Thursday, September 7, *Sidelines*. I note, with interest, in the article, that you have scheduled a student referendum, which will be conducted in connection with the Student Government Association and Homecoming election.

I also note your editorial wherein it stated "The SGA member who has pushed for the referendum says that he will seek

reversal of the fee from the TBR if it gets voted down."

If you will furnish me certification as to the outcome of this referendum, I assure you it will be presented to the Board at the December meeting, which will be held Thursday, December 14 and Friday, December 15 at Vol State in Gallatin. I will not assure of what action the Board will take, but I assure you that I will bring the students' concerns to the attention of all Board members.

The Board of Regents has, at all times, been focused on the good of the students and that which is for their best interest. I am very much aware of the increased cost of college education, and feel that we are approaching the point of jeopardizing our students by increasing their costs.

I trust the above is of some benefit to you, and look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Yours very truly,

F. Evans Harvill
Member of TBR

Drinking at games not as bad as sports editor portrays

To the Editor,

I read Rob Nunley's article concerning the alcohol situation at Floyd Stadium and I have to disagree with him on several points.

Mr. Nunley asks why fans "have to get 'faced' just so they can have a good time." The vast majority of persons drinking at the games are drinking and having a good time, not drinking to have a good time. There is a difference.

He also makes it sound as if we're all raging drunks, ready to throw our bottles at those who refrain from drinking. In fact it's the smallest minority that becomes belligerent and usually it's

amongst themselves. If the behavior was as bad as Mr. Nunley would like a reader to believe, there surely would have been a full scale riot after our defeat.

I thought Mr. Nunley's "Animal House" comparison was more cliché than anything. What gives him the right to proclaim himself professor of what is "cool"? For all the complaining Mr. Nunley has done about us not paying attention to the game it seems as if he was more occupied with counting bottles and grumbling about the odor than watching it himself.

Also, the police certainly do not stand idly by, as Mr. Nunley claims, and allow drinking to go

on. They do the best job enforcing the law that they can, given the number of drinkers.

It definitely does not take "chucking a bottle" at one of them to be taken away. They actively patrol the stands, removing people caught drinking.

Lastly, if all those who drink before or at the game did not attend, the stands would be considerably less full. That would certainly not be beneficial to an athletic program that's trying to move to a bigger division.

Scott Winslow
Soph., Undeclared

College Democrats seek to clarify specifics on aid cuts

To the Editor,

When libelous name-calling pervades the political spectrum, one can always assume that the parties involved lack a grasp of the issues. This seems to be the problem with an issue brief entitled "Big Lie on Campus" recently released by the House Republican Conference. Rather than debating over partisan interpretations of the truth, we should simply take a look at the actual student aid legislation passed by the House of Representatives.

For instance, the Republican brief claims that "student aid is not cut" and proceeds to list five programs that happen not to be cut under the provisions of the Republican budget resolution. What the brief neglects to state is that there are four other programs of greater significance that are cut

under the plan. These include Stafford loan cuts of \$10.1 billion (source: the final GOP budget resolution adopted by the House on June 29), and slashes of the appropriations for the Pell Grant, the Perkins Loan Program, and State Student Incentive Program (source: the Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill, Passed by the House on August 4).

First of all, the Republican brief asserts that the "GOP funds biggest Pell Grant award" but fails to mention that, while the Labor HHS Appropriations bill modestly increases the maximum award by a hundred dollars, it cuts the entire appropriation by \$482 million, a cut that will drop 280,000 students from the program. Furthermore, another misleading statement by the brief claims that "Congress' balanced budget proposal does not eliminate . . . the in-school subsidy for students," while the GOP has

acknowledged that it will increase the costs of loans to students by \$3.5 billion by eliminating the interest subsidy for the six-month grace period following graduation, for both undergraduate and graduate students.

We must no longer succumb to any agenda filled with weak distortions and blatant half-truths. These cuts are no "Big Lie." They come directly from the bills that your Congress has put forth. Educate yourselves and realize that this so-called "fiction" is truly nonfiction.

Mary Cummins
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In our view

By the Sidelines
Editorial Board

PREZ WALKER'S BIG BLUE SCREW

An SGA special investigative committee will be interviewing President James Walker and SGA President Shane McFarland this week concerning the \$65 fee increase.

President Walker has some hard questions to answer which deserve more than his usual ho-hum about "vision" and "university pride." Mr. Walker, take your "vision" and shove it under your tie for a few hours to answer some questions from students that deserve your honesty. The topic is how the fee increase proposal was presented to the Tennessee Board of Regents for approval.

Members of TBR have said from the beginning that the delegates from MTSU presented the case for a fee increase as one that was widely supported by the students. A letter to the editor from one TBR member highlights this today.

There is one major flaw with Walker's theory that the majority of students support the fee increase: NO ONE BOTHERED TO ASK THE STUDENTS.

Walker says the university gauged support three ways: a student survey, three open forums with Athletic Director Lee Fowler and meetings over 4.5 years with many student organizations.

But there are holes throughout Walker's "gauged support."

First, the survey did not mention anything about a fee increase, and only 37 students (out of the 1,000 sample group) returned the survey. Mr. Walker, do you see the problem here?

Secondly, the open forums with Fowler were not advertised as forums on the development of student fees. They were exclusively advertised as discussions about MTSU's athletic program. A student who is not interested in athletics could still be very concerned with how his/her student fees are spent. By not announcing it as a student fee issue, the university did not bring the student community into the debate.

Walker says that if students did not attend those meetings, they missed their opportunity to be involved. Well, President Walker, if students did not get involved in the meetings, how do you justify that you told TBR that a majority of students support the fee increase? You admit that a small amount of students got involved in those discussions, yet you tell TBR that you have the majority of student support behind you. President Walker, do you see the problem here?

Lastly, it is hard to believe Walker's claim that 4.5 years of discussion with student organizations gave him the knowledge that a vast majority of students support this fee increase. Given that neither the survey nor the forums openly brought the discussion of student fees to the table, how can students believe what comes out of your mouth, President Walker? Most importantly is the fact that no member of the Student Government Association knew about the fee increase until one week before the university presented its case to TBR. Furthermore, the Faculty Senate expressed surprise over the fee increase and went on to pass a resolution disapproving of how the increase was passed. President Walker, your 4.5 years of discussion seem to have had no real communicative effect with the university audience.

Do you get the point, President Walker? Do you feel a need to speak directly to the situation, or will you insulate yourself with the rhetoric about your vision for the university?

While *Sidelines* supports the move to I-A, that move should only receive funding after the majority of students voice support for it. *Students* ultimately have the choice to decide if *student* activity fee increases should be presented to TBR for approval.

Fortunately, members of the SGA are questioning the completely bogus claim of Walker and his gang.

And fortunately, these members have gotten a referendum on the Oct. 24, 25 SGA election ballot.

If the students vote the fee increase down, the SGA should explain what this means to President Walker because it is apparent that his "vision" needs help focusing on reality.

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...days until the Oct. 24, 25 SGA fall election which will include the referendum on the \$65 student activity fee increase, the freshman SGA ballot and the homecoming court/queen election. The \$65 fee increase is being used to fund stadium renovation to facilitate MTSU's move to Division I-A football. Though students have been charged the extra fees this semester, some students are arguing that students had no say in the increase. One SGA senator who helped get the issue on the fall ballot says he will seek a reversal of the fees if students vote it down. He says he will drop it if students show support for the fee increase. Your vote will count.

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MTSU shows off campus to visitors on 'Family Day'

By Michelle Schafer/staff

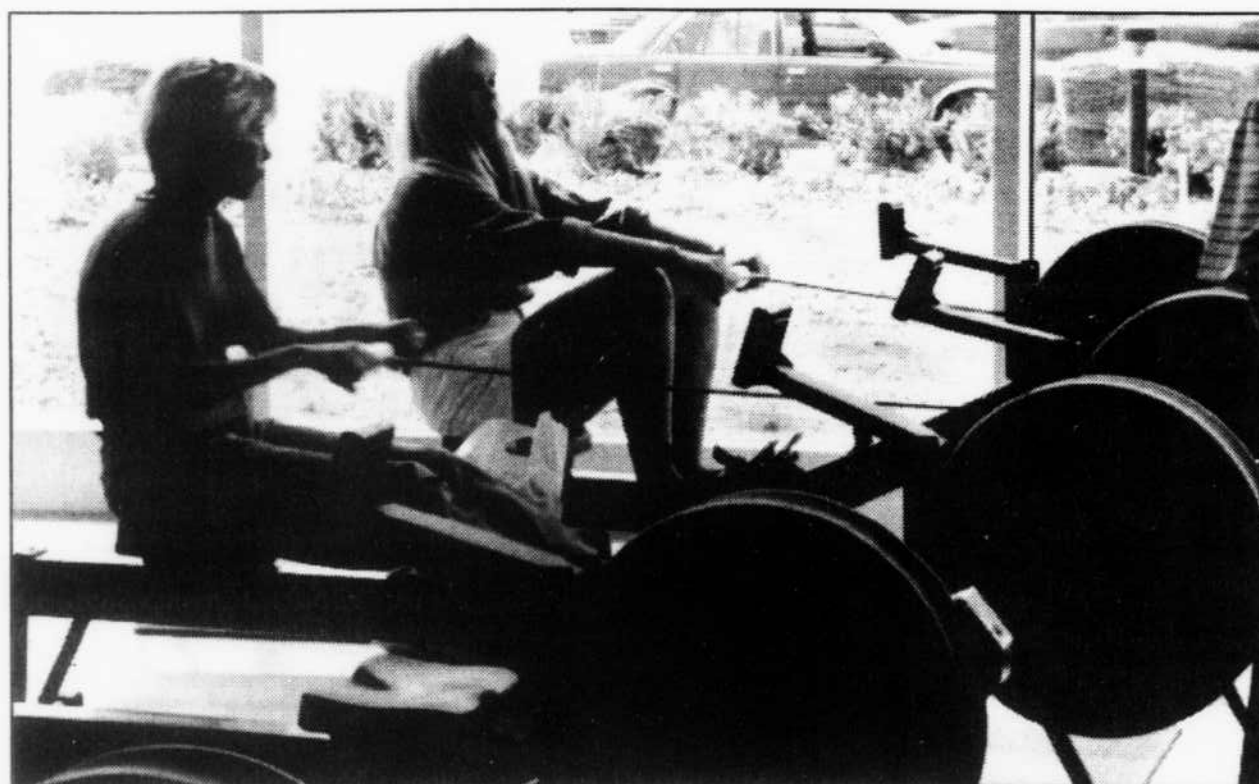
On September 30, the first Family Day in five years was held. Parents from around the area showed up to check up on their students. Most people were from Tennessee, but a few parents showed up from Arkansas, Alabama and surrounding states. "Over 900 people had pre-registered for Family Day, and the turnout was around 1000," said Hall Gibbs of the New Student Orientation office.

Registration kicked off at about 11 and by 12:30 there was still a line of parents and students. An Organization Fair was also held during the registration period and The Rolling Dixieland Band played during the registration.

Some of the organizations included Greek fraternities and sororities, The Christian Music Association, Right to Life, College Republicans, and Campus Recreation. Gina Poff said that the purpose of the Organization Fair is "to show the parents what organizations their students are involved in."

ZTA, one of the sororities, was a participant of the Family Day. Stacey Elkins of ZTA said that they had organized a day to show parents what activities they are involved in and to show off the chapter room. From their booth, they were handing out pamphlets and information about October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month to kick off the month. They are also planning to set up booths later in the month to hand out more information to students and faculty. The chapter room would be a place for the parents to come for refreshments.

The College Republican's also came out to recruit new members. Blaine Little, the Chairman, said that



Michelle Schafer

Student, Kelly Bailey, and her mother, Carol Bailey, spent part of Family Day putting in a good work out in the new Campus Recreation Center. Carol said the center is, "really impressive."

the organization meets twice a month and that they participate in political and social functions. They were also selling T-shirts to raise money.

Dr. LaLance made the opening address saying Family Day is a day "to see what college and the campus is like" and to check up on the student. He spoke of all the exciting developments happening at MTSU like the completion of the infrastructure project and the grand opening of the new Recreation Center which on opening day 4,003 students passed through the gates. He also announced that the Greek house's, chapter rooms, the Mass Communication Building, the Nursing Building and the Recreation Center would be having open visitations and tours.

Door prizes were handed out by Shane McFarland and included umbrellas, sweatshirts, T-shirts, an MTSU planner, 500 hundred free business cards, a pizza party, and a grand prize of a watch and a weekend for two at the Garden Plaza Hotel.

Allison Johnson, a host at Corlew Hall said that she was surprised at the turn out and that there was so much traffic. She said that the halls were to provide a place for the parent's to come rest and check out their students' rooms.

Ellen Fernandez, mother of Sonia Fernandez said that she enjoyed the booth's and that she had been waiting to see the new Recreation Center open. Whenever she had come to visit

before she had always asked "Is it open yet?"

Sonia said that at the picnic the "band was really good" and that "Ole Blue went around harassing people."

Tarah Prater also had her family come for Family Day. "They were very impressed with the Recreation Center," Prater said. "They really got into the game," she said about her step-mom and dad. Prater said that they came because they "wanted to see where their money was going." Prater showed her family her room and they got to see what she needed.

"We need carpet." Prater concluded that "Family Day is for us to hit them up for more money. It worked." ●

How to have a date for under ten bucks!

A column by Jason Young/staff

Saturday night comes around and you don't know what you are going to do. If you are like me and in a serious relationship, you will probably find yourself trying to come up with some form of a date.

This past Saturday night was not unlike any other, except for one thing: I only had \$10. I know that ten bucks will feed a foreign family of twelve for up to nineteen weeks, but ten bucks usually can't make for an exciting date. Until now!

I called Shannon, my girlfriend, on Friday night and asked her what she wanted to do. This is a situation I think many people are familiar with, you want to do what the other person wants to do and the conversation ends up something like this:

Jason: Hi Shannon, what do you want to do tonight?

Shannon: I don't care, what do you want to do?

Jason: I asked you first. What do you want to do?

Shannon: I don't know.

For the sake of space I will stop and just tell you that I could fill up the entire paper with our "I don't know/care" conversation and still reach the same conclusion: Neither one of us cares. However, the conversation was a little different when I added a new element to our conversation.

(Continued from above)

Shannon: Jason, I really don't care what we do as long as we can spend some time together.

Jason: Okay, then what can we do for under ten bucks?

Shannon: Are you there? Hello?

Being on a budget really stinks sometimes, but I was determined to make the most of our ten dollar date. My first idea was to go to the mall, get a couple of gigantic pretzels and walk around for four hours.

Shannon wasn't too hip to that idea.

Then my super smart girlfriend suggested we go to a fast food restaurant and then take in a movie at Franklin's very college friendly theaters where tickets are only \$1.75 (located behind K-Mart off of highway 96).

Great, a plan!

I picked Shannon up at five and we headed off in search of a fast food restaurant with style, Arby's. We enjoyed our dining experience, complete with soft and melodic contemporary country music, for around seven bucks.

After eating, I suggested we buy our tickets for the movie in the event of a sell out. Ha Ha! Since it took all of fifteen minutes for us to eat, we had about an hour to kill. We decided to see *The Net*, and just as I had suspected, we weren't required to stand in a long line for tickets one hour before the show.

With an hour of free time on our hands, we decided to do what any young couple that is head over hills in love would do, we went to K-Mart.

K-Mart is a really neat place to go when you don't have any money. Why? Because you won't blow it on crap that you think you really need. Example: I found some of the coolest Halloween stuff inside K-Mart, but because I didn't have any money, and Shannon would have thought me mentally disturbed, I didn't buy anything.

While I'm on the subject of K-Mart, did you know they already have Christmas stuff out? I mean, they had trees, bells and the whole nine yards! I know I'd love to see a nativity scene if I were still trick-or-treating! "Oh, this Halloween we are handing out stale Christmas cookies!" Perfect.

After an eventful tour of K-Mart, it was time to hit the movie. All in all, the movie was entertaining. Since *The Net* was in its first weekend of play at this theater, there were no breaks in the picture, the sound was working properly and the screen didn't have those annoying little hairs running up and down throughout the film.

When the date was over, Shannon said she had fun. I can usually tell when she is trying to "pull one" on me, but this time she seemed to be for real. I don't know if she would particularly like all of our dates to be under ten bucks and I don't think I should push it! ●

MTSU photo gallery brings Chatman exhibit to campus



Larry Chatman

One of the forty prints currently on display Photographic Gallery.

By Heather Hybarger/staff

Larry Chatman's 40-print exhibit, "Between Darkness and Light" is available for perusal in the LRC Photographic Gallery through October and November. The exhibit is being brought to campus by the MTSU Photo Gallery.

The exhibit features two parts. The first represents a ten-year investigation of relationships between patrons of taverns located in poorer intercity neighborhoods. The photographs center on intercity Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is composed of twenty 16"x20" black and white shots.

The second part of the exhibit deals with plays of light. Twenty color photographs of interiors represent what Chatman feels was a restorative period for his work after the darker tavern series.

Chatman will give a Slide/Lecture Monday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., Mass Comm Building, room 104. A reception will follow in the gallery.

Currently, Chatman serves as Vice President of the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Sundays 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. ●

Ben Harper's new disk rocks from the 'Ground On Down'

By Jason Young/staff

Ben Harper may not be a "Big Star" yet, which could be a good thing. In his latest release, *Fight For Your Mind*, Harper plays with what seems to be missing from much of today's mainstream music: soul.

It is difficult to put a finger on Harper's style, but if I had to pick one, it would be folk. The lyrics seem to paint vivid stories on a tapestry of musical groove that reminds me of Lenny Kravitz's album, *Let Love Rule*.

"I can't define my songs because they have different meanings to me at different times in my life. I know it sound like a cop out," says Harper, "but it's true! When a song drops it'll mean one thing, but then I come to understand it better later on. The

songs evolve even after they're written — the meaning can change just by turning up the volume."

It really can. Listening to "Power Of The Gospel," one track on the disk featuring a string quartet arrangement, really sounds, kind of boring. However, when you crank it up late at night, the song brings out an emotion that seems to gently ease the listener into an altered state of mind.

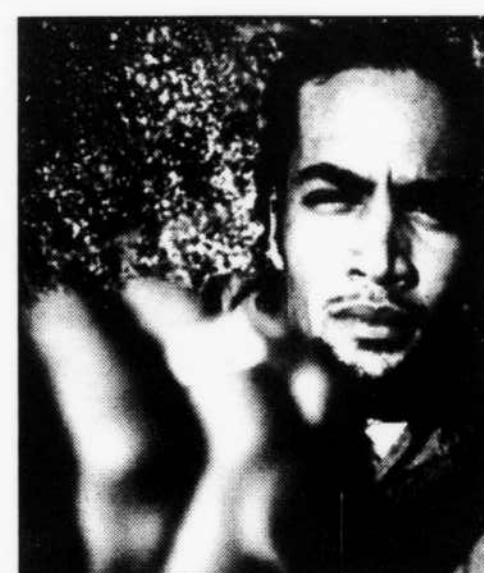
Speaking of altered states of minds, "Burn One Down" is a rhythmic anthem for dope smokers or state parks, it could go either way. I guess that is part of the mystery of Ben Harper. This performer has many mysteries especially in the fan base he has acquired over the years. Hippies, skateboard punks and hip

hop fans have all been know to groove on the Harper.

The beauty of this recording is best seen in the triumphant single, "Ground On Down." This one single alone is worth a listen. The rest of the recording seems to pale in comparison with this one track. The guitar is refreshing, simple and acoustic.

"Anyone who says they're playing acoustic," says Harper, "but has a pickup in their instrument and is plugged into an amplifier, is not playing acoustic. That instrument has its own sound—different from acoustic, different from electric."

So do you, Mr. Harper. ●



Annalisa

Ben Harper

Friends love story has people asking: Will they or won't they?

By Janet Singleton
College Press Service

MONTREAL—Will they or won't they?

The question has been asked before by TV viewers. Take, for example, Dave and Maddie in "Moonlighting," or Sam and Diane in "Cheers."

This season, it's Rach and Ross in "Friends." And what viewers really want to know is whether the sensitive paleontologist Ross Geller and waitress-buddy Rachel Green will work out their star-crossed crush and get together.

David Schwimmer, who plays the slightly nebbish Ross, isn't telling.

However, the Emmy-nominated star is sharing at least one secret—which is how did a Gen X guy like him make the big time? His story is simple, he says.

"Once upon a time there was a guy who worked really, really hard to try to pursue his dream," says Schwimmer. "It's just a lot of hard work and perseverance."

Of course an uninformed outsider might assume the lanky actor took the plunge into stardom pretty abruptly. A year ago before "Friends" sizzled onto NBC and exploded into the Top 10 ratings, the only people for whom Schwimmer was a household name were likely his real friends and family.

These days people stand in line to hear the earnest-sounding voice of his and look upon that pensive face. Backstage at the St. Dennis Theater in Montreal, where Schwimmer recently co-hosted a yearly Quebec comedy festival, the line of reporters who waited to interview the 28-year-old actor included those representing USA

Today, TV Guide and Variety.

On stage the night before, Schwimmer had told the Canadian audience: "When I told my friends I was going to be on a sitcom, they said, why would they want to put you on a sitcom? You're not funny."

"Well, I am funny," he said, in a tone that was bravely assertive yet puppy-doggish. To this, the audience applauded loudly, and one female fan screamed, "We love you, David."

This misssive went out from a man who describes himself as a "fat geek" during his years at Beverly Hills High School.

But today when interviewed backstage, Schwimmer admits, "I'm stressed." He's been going through his intros for the next night, and he's been spending some time doing some rewriting. The shows are being taped for a Fox Network special that will air later this fall.

His manager pops in with a late, styrofoam-boxed lunch. The dark-haired Schwimmer bites into his sandwich and says the problem with stardom is the vicious time crunch.

"There is as much energy directed to publicizing the work as to the work itself," he says.

A son of two attorneys and educated at Northwestern University, Schwimmer gives no impression of being a candidate for Hollywood's bimboy squad.

And for now, he says he's not taking any of his newfound fame for granted. "There's a sore mad man with a spotlight in the sky who's random about where it falls, and just as quickly as it has fallen on you, it could move onto somebody else," says Schwimmer.

Through he admits to a

healthy dose of cynicism, Schwimmer says he's not the sad sack shadow of his vulnerable TV character Ross. "I don't think I'm as petulant. I'm usually pretty happy-go-lucky."

But he looks so worried on TV. "The character has a lot to worry about," he replies.

True. Ross's pregnant wife left him for another woman. Then he fell in love with Rachel, played by Jennifer Aniston, who saw him as nothing more than a friend until the slickly orchestrated last show of the season. She finds out about his feelings and rushes to the airport, gripping a bouquet, to greet him upon his return from a weeklong business trip to China. Unfortunately, he's about to deboard with a new girlfriend he met while away. As Madonna's farewell-flavored "Take a Bow" plays in the background, an eager-eyed Rach awaits unbeknownst heartache, and the story fades until next fall.

In the season opener, it's Rachel whose struggling with her feelings for Ross while he tells her just how great things are going with his new sweetheart. Suddenly, it's Rachel who has a bad case of an unrequited crush.

"I hope they get together," gushes one of Schwimmer's publicists.

It's possible a large chunk of the nation addicted to "Friends," like the PR woman, are rooting for Rachel and Ross. But it'll be a few more episodes before anyone gets the answer to the "Will they or won't they?" question.

Meanwhile, Schwimmer says he didn't originally head for the sitcom track. He studied drama at Northwestern and co-founded the Chicago's Lookingglass Theater Company. As a junior he patchworked an off-campus production of "Alice In Wonderland" that went over so well he knew he wanted to keep up the theatrics.

He started edging his way into television a few years ago. He was scorched by the crashed-and-burned series "Monty," Henry Winkler's failed comeback attempt. But an "NYPD Blue" role as a mousy bully-bait mugging victim won him attention.

David Crane and Mara Kauffman, "Friends" executive producers fingered him as perfect for the role of Ross. Now there's talk of Schwimmer becoming the show's breakout star.

Though he admits to a healthy dose of cynicism, Schwimmer says he's not the sad sack shadow of his vulnerable TV character Ross. "I don't think I'm as petulant. I'm usually pretty happy-go-lucky."

"I can't go anywhere without being recognized," he says. "I'm careful about what I say. You feel the impact of something like this touch every part of your life."

"I'm responsible for projecting a positive role model." He says that means "treating people decently." So he makes sure he's nice to off-camera types such as the make-up and wardrobe folks.

Actually his only publicized riff is with Marcel, the long-tailed actor who played his monkey companion on the show. Reportedly, Schwimmer didn't like working with an actor who couldn't speak English, or rather just couldn't speak, so the monkey is looking for a new job now.

And Schwimmer knows it could happen to him one day. The roller coaster of fame features no safety seats. "No way to tell how long you'll last" he says. "People are fickle, especially in this day and time. There's so much hype, so much media, no one takes you seriously until you can prove yourself. I hear other people say make as much money as you can and get out of the business."

But Schwimmer says he's come too far to take a bow. He intends to act long after his Generation X calling card has grown old and dusty. "I intend to be here for the long haul," he says. ●

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Frogs popping up in frozen dinners causes national epidemic

By Dave Barry/
syndicated columnist

As a part of our continuing effort to keep you, the voting public, alarmed, today we present a Special Report entitled: Frogs Making News.

Our lead frog hails from West Virginia, where it was the subject of a news story in The Charleston Daily Mail, written by Evadna Bartlett and sent in by alert reader Jeremy Scott. The headline states: PUTNAM WOMAN FINDS FROG INSIDE HER FROZEN DINNER

The story—which is one of the most thorough frog-related stories we have seen in 24 years of journalism—quotes the woman, Emily Stover, as stating that she had eaten about three-quarters of a "Healthy Choice" brand Chicken Cantonese frozen dinner, and was about to eat the broccoli ("her favorite vegetable," the story states) when she came across what she at first thought was a piece of asparagus. Upon closer examination, however, she discovered, to her horror, that it was a frog.

"I love frogs," she is quoted as saying, "but I don't want them in my food."

The Daily Mail published a color photograph of a concerned-looking Stover holding a small green object, identified as the frog in question, next to a Healthy Choice box. The story states that Stover notified the company that makes Healthy

Choice, ConAgra Frozen Foods, which sent a representative out to pick up the frog, pack it in dry ice and send it to Omaha, Neb., "for laboratory analysis." (It is only a matter of time before it shows up in the O.J. Simpson trial.)

The ironic thing is that some people actually eat frogs' legs on purpose. It is conceivable that we could some day receive another newspaper article concerning a consumer who had come home from the supermarket with a Healthy Choice Frog Cantonese frozen dinner, heated it up in the microwave, then discovered, to her horror, that it contained a piece of chicken.

(NOTE FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT: Barry is not in any way suggesting that there actually is any such product as Healthy Choice Frog Cantonese, or Healthy Choice Snake Cantonese, or Healthy Choice Leech Cantonese, or Healthy Choice Hundreds Of Baby Spiders Cantonese; nor is he suggesting that, if these products DID exist, they would be contaminated with chicken. Thank you.)

If you read this column regularly but have nevertheless somehow retained at least some brain functionality, at this point you are scratching your head and saying: "Wait a minute! Didn't you print an item in 1993 concerning a woman in Manchester, N.H., who discovered a one-inch frog baked on one of her pretzels?"

Yes, we did. This means that, in just two short years, there have been two reported instances of frogs showing up in people's food. And any law-enforcement expert will tell you that, because the shame experienced by the victims, the vast majority of these cases are never reported to the authorities. The actual number of frogs found in people's food, per year, is probably much closer to 63 million. That is what we here in the professional news media call a Major Epidemic.

What is the federal government doing about it, you ask? Please do not cause us to laugh in a harsh barking manner. We have here a "Science Watch" column, sent in by alert reader Dale M. Lang, that appeared in the March 18, 1995, Atlanta Journal and Constitution under the heading FROGS BREED ON SPACE FLIGHT. It begins:

"A decades-long question of whether gravity is required for the fertilization of amphibians and the development of embryos has been answered, say researchers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. ... In the virtual absence of gravity during a space shuttle mission in September 1992, female frogs were induced to ovulate, eggs were collected and fertilized with a sperm suspension, and resulting embryos developed to a free-living stage."

Do not adjust your

eyeballs. You are reading this correctly. At a time when millions of Americans are afraid to go into the frozen-food sections of their supermarkets because of the burgeoning epidemic of entree-dwelling frogs, an agency of our federal government has been spending billions of estimated dollars to see if it can produce frogs in space. As if we, as a nation, really need to know this. As if every time you walked into a bar, you heard ordinary American taxpayers sitting around saying: "Yo, Vince, is gravity required for the fertilization of amphibians and the development of embryos? I've been wondering for decades."

And there is the whole issue of safety. As Aristotle once wrote: "When a nation, no matter how powerful and secure within its own borders, reaches the point where it is launching suspended frog sperm into space, watch out." Think about it: What if something goes wrong? What if the shuttle pilot, played by Tom Hanks, glances out the window and notices that a small meteor has punched a hole in one of the tanks, causing suspended frog sperm to spew into space, forming a frozen chunk that could some day fall out of orbit, with the friction of atmospheric re-entry turning it into a steaming, glowing glob, hurtling toward Earth at over 3,000 miles per hour, and perhaps ultimately smashing, with devastating effect, directly into—we do not wish to create panic, but it is a distinct possibility—boxing promoter Don King. We don't know about you, but we would pay our local cable company a flat \$1,000 to see this event.

Obviously there is much, much more that needs to be said about this issue, but unfortunately we have no idea what it is. Also we have run out of space, and it's time for our dinner. We're having Prozac Cantonese. ●



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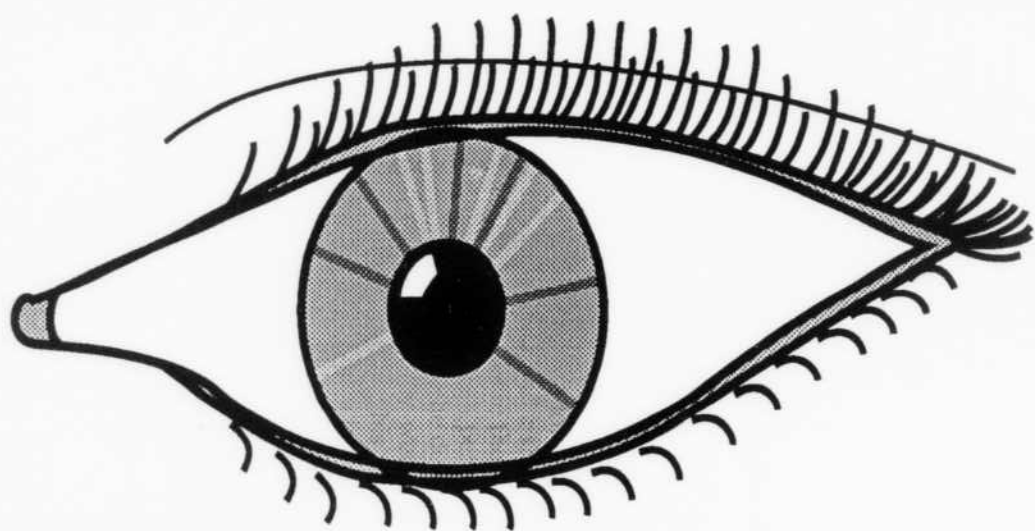
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Blue Raiders light up UAB Blazers

Solid 'red zone' defense, turnover recoveries help Middle in 28-13 win

By Dan Lewis/staff

Big plays. That's what MTSU could not seem to come up with at all against Middle Tennessee State, but with a difference a few plays.

The big plays found their way onto the Blue Raiders' side all game long in Saturday night's win over Alabama-Birmingham, 28-13.

It was not a game for the defensive-minded as the two teams combined for 830 yards of total offense, but the big plays inside the 20-yard line, especially by the Blue Raider defense, decided the outcome.

"I was impressed with their team, I thought they played exceptionally well," said MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly after the game. "I thought our team displayed tremendous character in the way they came back from last week. They stood in there, they fought and they battled like crazy. I thought the attitude was extremely good."

There were some big plays on our defensive side of the ball. Exactly how many, I don't know, but there was a lot of effort given out there tonight."

MTSU (3-2, 2-1) wasted little time in showing that its offense was better than what was seen a week ago by marching 80 yards in six plays on the first possession of the game to score. Tailback Brigham Lyons, who rushed for 127 yards on 23 carries, took an option pitch around the right corner and broke several tackles on his way to a 20-yard touchdown run.

The drive took only 2:48 and the Blue Raiders quickly led, 7-0.

Poor field position strapped the MTSU offense for most of the remaining half, and the Blazers began to move the ball with consistency.

UAB (0-5) put together a 66-yard scoring drive in seven plays in the second quarter, but the PAT was blocked by MTSU's Reggie Upshaw to maintain a 7-6 Blue Raider lead.

It was just the beginning of Upshaw's big play night.

The Blazers managed another



Todd Sorum/staff

Blue Raider quarterback Jonathan Quinn catches a six yard touchdown pass from tailback Brigham Lyons in the third quarter of Saturday night's game against the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

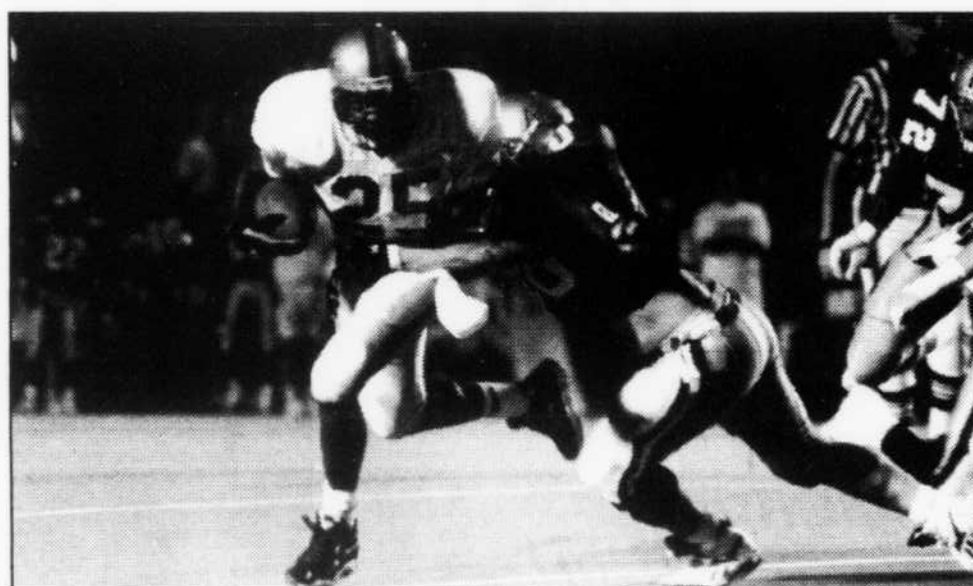
drive deep into MTSU territory just before the half. Starting quarterback Rodney Hudson was injured on a successful fourth-and-one play, and veteran Kevin Drake came on as the signal-caller.

Drake connected with fullback Keith Roland for a 34-yard screen play on his first pass of the game down to the MTSU 6-yard line, but his second found its way into the hands of Upshaw.

Upshaw, making his first collegiate start, lumbered down the sidelines 90 yards for the apparent touchdown, but it was called back for an illegal block giving the Raiders the ball on the UAB 40-yard line.

"I was just thinking about getting it as far as I could," Upshaw said. "I'm not used to running a hundred yards. I didn't think I'd ever get

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Brian G. Miller/staff

Sophomore linebacker Kris White hauls down a UAB running back during Saturday night's 28-13 victory at Horace Jones Field.

Lady Raider volleyball team splits weekend OVC matches

By Brandy Nichole Land/staff

The Lady Raider Volleyball team split a pair of matches with OVC opponents this weekend.

MTSU defeated the UT-Martin Skyhawks in three games on Friday but lost to defending OVC champions Southeast Missouri on Saturday.

The Lady Raiders established and maintained the needed focused defeat UT-Martin 15-8, 15-11, and 15-3 on Friday night. According to Raider head coach Lisa Kisse, all of the players played well together and the team's defense became much more efficient.

"We got a lot more out of our middles and that let the pressure off of the outsides. We could see the holes and make the kills," said Coach Kisse.

The team also had some options this week. Tara Miller and Tammy Eichholz came in for the Lady

Raiders to add some flexibility and to improve the team's defense.

Yanira Santiago scored 13 kills in Friday's match, and Angie Parkinson contributed 11 kills on only 19 attempts, an attack percentage of .526.

Nidza Castillo was also a big contributor to the Lady Raiders' winning effort with 39 assists and a hitting percentage of .308.

"I just got focused and played for fun. The middles played well, which made it easier. Plus we served pretty good," Castillo said.

But all of the focus seemed to be gone on Saturday as the Lady Raiders lost to the OVC defending champs Southeast Missouri State 16-14, 15-10, and 15-7.

"We were just not mentally prepared. We weren't taking them lightly by any means, but we thought that somehow things were just going

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Fowler denies he is a candidate for Vanderbilt's A.D. position

By Warren Wakeland/staff

Don't worry. Lee Fowler isn't going anywhere.

The MTSU athletic director's name has surfaced in media reports as a possible successor to Paul



Fowler

Hoolahan, the Vanderbilt athletic director who announced his resignation effective at the end of this year Thursday afternoon.

"I've got so much on my plate right now, I don't even want to think about it," Fowler

said.

Fowler attended Vanderbilt from 1971-1974, starting on the basketball team that won one SEC

championship. After graduating, he served as a Vanderbilt assistant basketball coach until 1979.

Fowler said Friday he has not been contacted by Vanderbilt and does not consider himself a candidate for the job at this time.

"As far as being athletic director, I don't have any reason to think about it right now," Fowler said.

Fowler reasoned that his ties to Vanderbilt make him a natural candidate to replace Hoolahan, who has been the athletic director at Vanderbilt since March 1990.

"I'm a Vanderbilt alum and I'm the only one in athletic administration; that's why my name has come up," Fowler said.

"But I'm a whole lot more interested in thinking about MTSU right now and moving this program forward than I am about moving on."

Fowler has been the athletic director at MTSU since June 1994. ●

ON THE LINE

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Place a mark beside your predicted winner. Entries must be received no later than Fri., Oct. 6.

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

Visitor	Game	Home	Visitor	Game	Home
	MTSU at Austin Peay			Notre Dame at Washington	
	Tennessee at Arkansas			Texas A&M at Texas Tech	
	Florida at LSU			Kansas at Colorado	
	N.C. State at Alabama			Morehead at TSU	
	Miami at Florida State			UT-Martin at Murray St.	
	Ohio St. at Penn State			Tenn. Tech at SE Missouri	
	N'western at Michigan			Iowa at Michigan State	
	Miss. St. at Auburn			Ball State at Toledo	

Congratulations!

Brad Warden, Jeremy Keene and Sean Shockey finished week four with 13-3 records.

Everyone got a win for the LSU-S. Carolina tie, and for the Fla. State-Miami game, which is this weekend (I screwed up again.)

Remember, the winner will be the person with the best overall record at the end of the season, so be sure to send in your entry every week.

TOP PICKERS	W - L
Brad Warden	48-16
Brent Fiore	46-18

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Rec sports offer more benefits than bruises

As the night air developed a distinct nip, the steam steadily rising from the combatants' heads, along with the beads of sweat along their brows, became increasingly more apparent.

4th and goal, last play of the game, ball on the ten yard line, down by six.

The intensity level in the huddle was reaching its climax.

The quarterback's eyes darted back and forth from player to player as he silently begged one of them to step up and say, "Throw the ball to me. I won't drop it."

After what seemed an eternity, the offense finally decided which play would be run in the final attempt to win the game.

The two opposing sides took their positions on the field daring not to so much as blink at the person across the line from him.

Bloody elbows, cramped muscles and aching bones no longer mattered in this do or die situation.

As the quarterback began shouting out his vast array of confusing signals and cadence, he gave a quick wink to the man he wanted.

The play slowly began to swing into motion as the ball was hiked from center to QB.

With a quick fake to the left and a gentle push-off the referee would never see, the wide receiver turned to the quarterback silently begging for the reception.

Finally, the ball was released...

It's too bad most of you sports nuts out there don't realize you could have possibly placed yourself in a glorious predicament such as the aforementioned by simply signing up with Campus Recreation in its annual flag football league.

Now believe me I am not trying to compare intramural flag football with any sort of other "real" football with helmets, tackling etc.

However, I am trying to promote a facet of MTSU student life that, unfortunately, is not being taken advantage of fully.

While I truly enjoy the competitiveness and teamwork associated with intramural athletics, even more rewarding to me is the chance to socialize with a group of guys or girls who have an area of common interest and to make new friends.

Isn't this what college is all about?

Take the team I am playing for this year, the Reynolds Hall Munks.

(I know, what the hell's a munk, perhaps another column)

Anyhow name aside, here is a group of guys who began playing softball through campus rec last spring, added a couple of new guys for softball this fall, and now have made the switch from bats and gloves to the pigskin.

When we first began playing together a few of us knew each other from around the residence hall but for the most part we were strangers.

However, by the end of last spring, not only were we eagerly awaiting the chance to play together, again, we had all become pals in the process.

Unheard of you say? Students at MTSU, the greatest commuter college of all time, meeting new people from other counties or, perish the thought, a whole different state.

Mind boggling.

The ball was thrown slightly behind the receiver and he was forced to make a quick adjustment to the left.

His flag fell off as he made the dive for the ball.

He caught it. No one on the field doubted he would miss.

However, his momentum carried him to the ground, one yard short of glory.

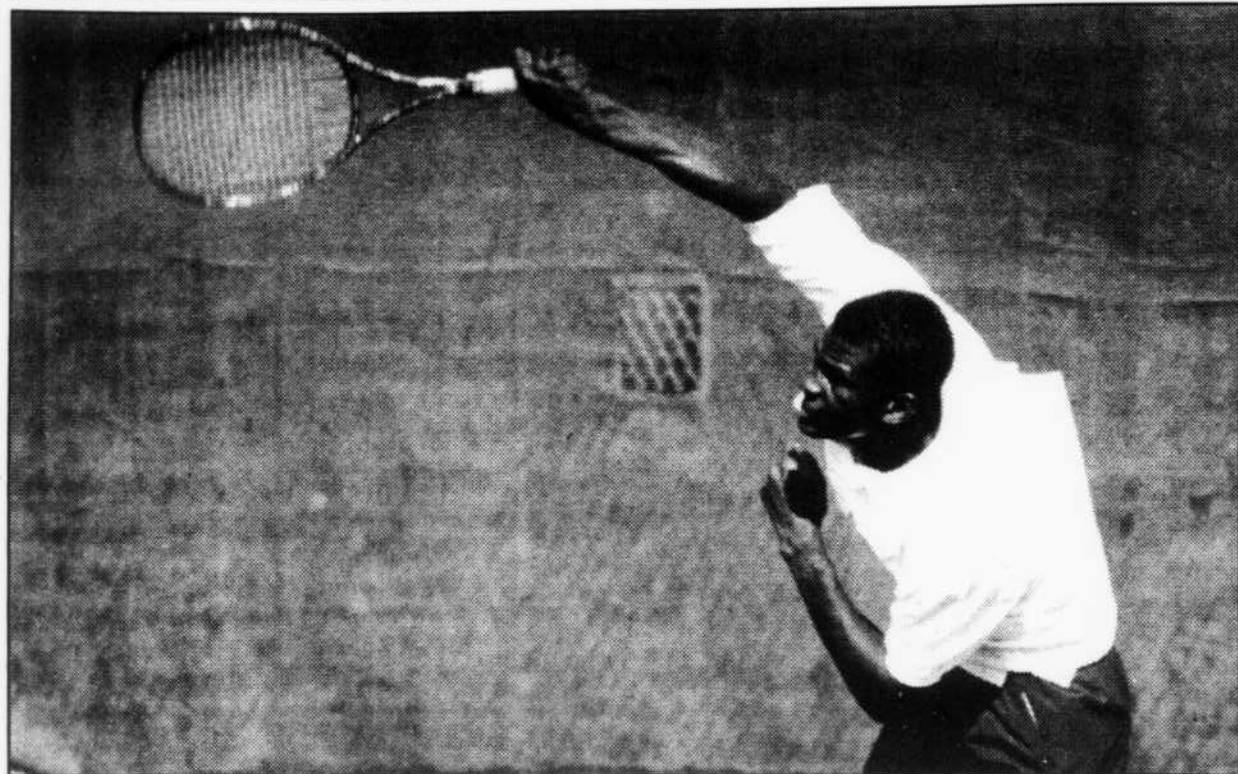
His teammates came, congratulated him on the nice catch, and made their disappointed pal two promises.

A win next week and a cold one down the street in about ten minutes. ●

COLUMN



Joel Frey



Brian G. Miller/staff

Sophomore Marshall Brown delivers an overhand smash in this weekend's MTSU Fall Classic tournament. Brown won the flight two championship Sunday.

Blue Raider tennis squad prevails at MTSU Fall Classic tournament

By Joel Frey/staff

Blue Raider tennis dominated weekend play at the annual MTSU Fall Classic in staking yet another claim to national prominence.

MTSU's Fred Niemeyer, Anthony DeLuise, David McNamara and Julius Robertts guaranteed a Blue Raider victory in flight one singles on Saturday as all four advanced to the semi-finals.

In those matches Niemeyer defeated Robertts 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 and, in a bit of an upset, McNamara beat DeLuise, the top seed in the field, 7-6 (4), 1-6, 6-4.

Sunday morning in the all-Raider final, Niemeyer was able to get the better of McNamara 6-1, 6-3 in winning the championship.

Although Blue Raiders were forced to play one another, Robertts said this

situation did nothing to hurt the team.

"The atmosphere out there on the court while we were all playing each other was great," Robertts said. "Something like this only will bring us more together as a team next spring."

Niemeyer was not the only Blue Raider to win a flight over the weekend.

Sophomore Marshall Brown, bouncing back from a disappointing first round loss at last week's Jackson Rotary, defeated Sergey Lubort, of UAB, in the flight two championship on Sunday 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Niemeyer and DeLuise also teamed up to win the flight one doubles title defeating Chad Copenhaver and John Fritts of Tennessee 8-5 in an abbreviated pro-set final.

MTSU will not have too much time to dwell over their

success as the team prepares for next weekend's Southern Intercollegiate in Athens, Ga. on the campus of the University of Georgia.

This tournament will feature top-ranked players from across the South and will give MTSU its best chance to date to gain the attention of national voters.

Coach Dale Short said he is excited about the opportunity his young Raider squad will face in Bulldog country.

"The environment down there this weekend will be extremely tough," Short said. "We usually play well at our own tournament so it will be interesting to see how we step up as a team especially against higher quality competition." ●

BLAZERS: starting QB still undecided

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there. I was waiting on somebody to cut my legs out from under me."

MTSU defensive coordinator Todd Tanney called the return the longest possession in MTSU history.

MTSU failed to score from there as freshman kicker Rhett Kopp missed wide on a 32-yard field goal attempt just before halftime.

The Blue Raiders took their second possession of the third quarter down to UAB 6-yard line.

On second-and-goal, Lyons took a pitch to the right, stopped and launched a pass back to the left into the end zone to a wide open quarterback Jonathan Quinn for the touchdown and a 14-6

lead.

"I was glad they called it," Quinn said. "Brigham threw a great pass. The line protected him well, and I was out there by myself. I had to catch it."

MTSU scored twice more in the fourth quarter as sophomore flanker Toby Walker, who caught four balls for 78 yards, hauled in a 34-yard touchdown pass from Quinn, and sophomore tailback Lebrion McGill scored on a 9-yard run.

UAB added another score in the fourth, but six turnovers (two inside the Blue Raider 10-yard line) and 14 penalties kept them out of end zone enough to give MTSU the 28-13 win.

Quinn ended the game 12-of-20 passing for 177 yards and a touchdown. Red-shirt

freshman quarterback Shelby Parker was slowed in practice with a thigh injury, which gave Quinn the majority of playing time against UAB.

"I thought he played well," Donnelly said of Quinn. "I thought he ran the offense reasonably well."

Have we settled on a quarterback? No, not necessarily. Jonathan was given the job simply because (Parker) could not perform. They'll both continue to compete, and I think they'll both continue to play."

MTSU continues its Ohio Valley Conference schedule this Saturday as it travels to Austin Peay. Kickoff is slated for 1:30 p.m. at Municipal Stadium in Clarksville. ●

Higgins leads field at Mizuno tourney

By Rob Nunley/staff

Blue Raider golfer Brian Higgins led an impressive field after the first round of team competition this weekend.

Coach Johnny Moore's Raider golf team is in Greensboro, Ga. for the eighth

annual Mizuno Peach State Invitational men's golf tournament, being played at the Port Armor Country Club, a course which is very popular with Moore and his team.

The 18-team, three-day tournament opened Sunday. The field of schools competing included Division II

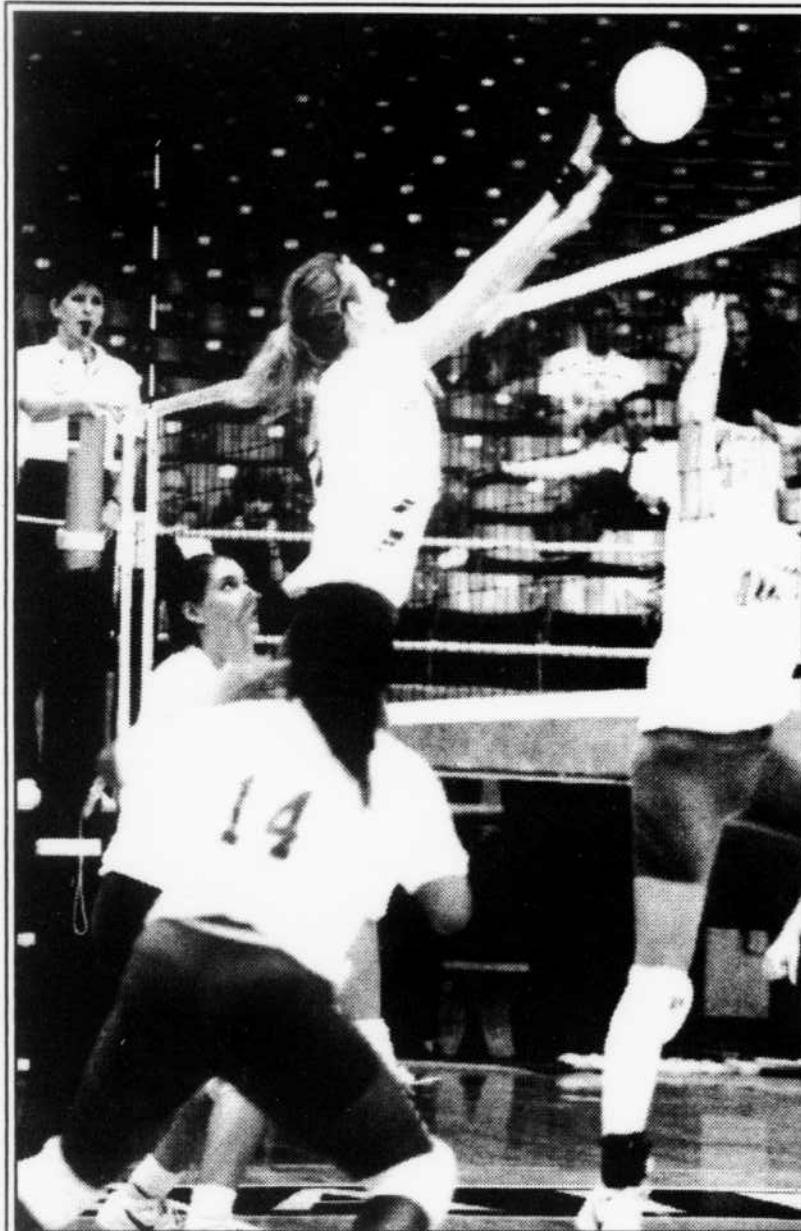
contenders Valdosta State and Columbus College.

Among the Division I schools participating in the event were South Alabama and Troy State, who faced the Blue Raiders earlier this fall in the Legends/Pepsi Intercollegiate tournament. Troy State is the defending champion of the event.

In Sunday's first round action, Higgins shot a tournament record score of 67 (five under par) to lead all individual scorers.

Higgins' score helped the Raiders to finish the opening round only three shots off the tournament lead.

The Mizuno is scheduled to end Tuesday. ●



Todd Sorum/staff

Right back atcha

Junior middle blocker Susan Bishop sends a shot back onto the UT-Martin side of the court in Friday's 3-0 victory over the Skyhawks in Murphy Center.

OVC

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surprise."

The Raider head coach also commented that the Lady Raider defense gave SEMO the perfect opportunity to take the match.

"As far as defense goes, we did nothing. It was like we were two different teams between today and yesterday," Kisse said.

The weekend performance moved the Raiders' overall record to 10-5 for the season, while their conference record moved to 2-2.

Kisse's squad hits the road this week with matches at Memphis, TSU, Murray State, Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay. The Raiders will return to Murphy Center October 17 to begin a four-match homestand by taking on UT-Chattanooga. ●

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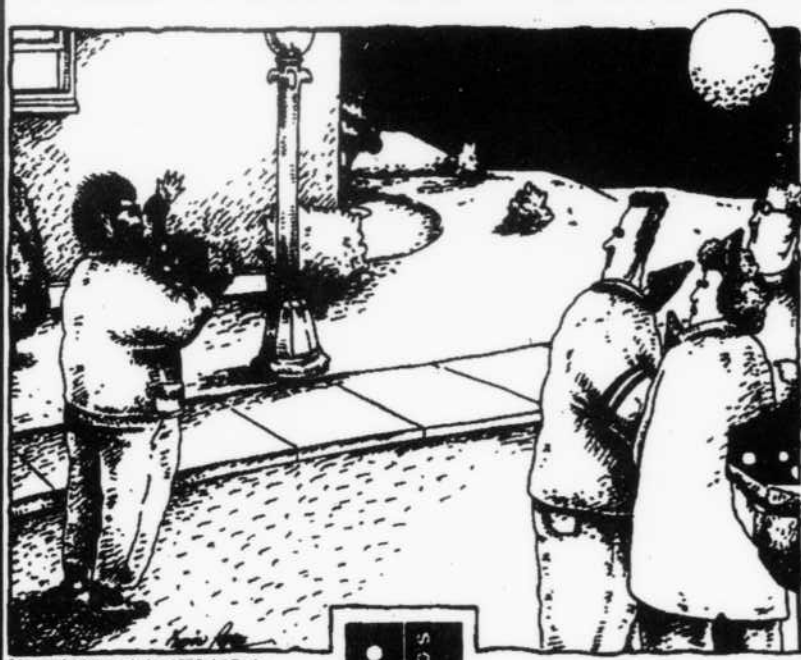
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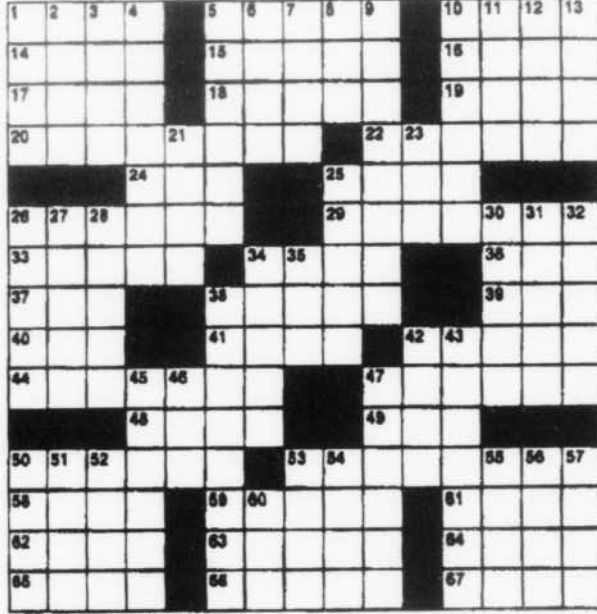
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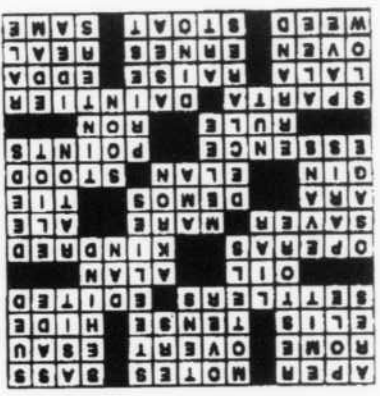


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