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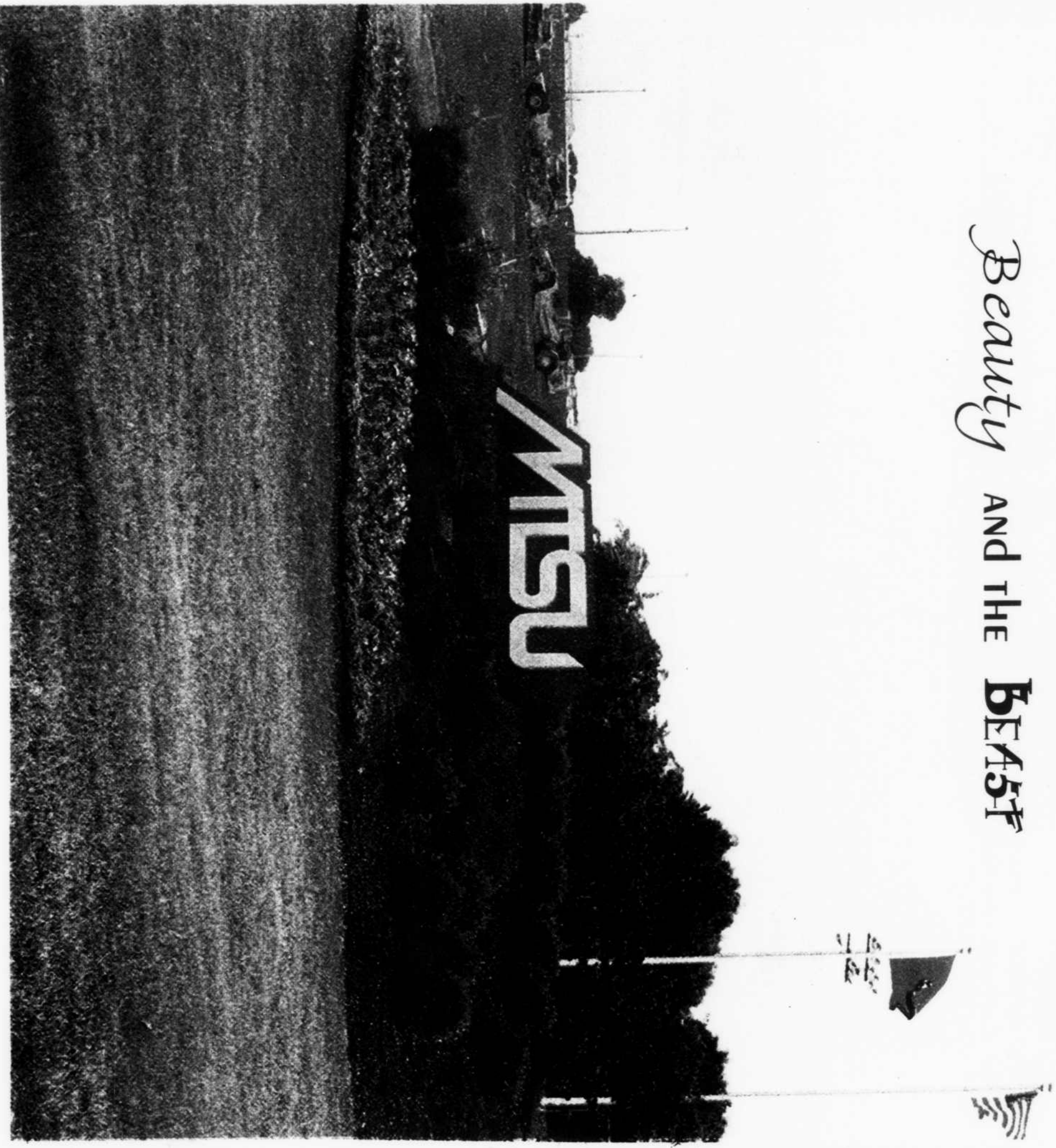
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Welcome, from the President



Dear Students:

Welcome or welcome back to Middle Tennessee State University for the 1997-98 school year. We believe your decision to attend MTSU is a most significant one. At no other time in history has our fine institution had such a bright and challenging future. New academic programs are being instituted, and others are being continually reviewed. A variety of social, cultural, and extracurricular activities are available to you.

Middle Tennessee State University is a growing, progressive university. In terms of enrollment, it is third largest university in Tennessee; in terms of quality, it is second to none. And, as you have witnessed firsthand, the university is in the midst of a construction boom.

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listen to you, serve you, and help you accomplish your goals. You are surrounded by fellow students eager to encourage and to help. In short, you are our number one priority, and every member of the MTSU family is committed to helping you succeed.

As this new year begins, let me challenge each of you by reminding you that you will get out of your university experience—academic and otherwise—in direct proportion to what you put into it. Put forth your best effort and have a good year

Sincerely,

James E. Walker
President

To the students, faculty and administration

As the new editor-in-chief of *Sidelines*, I would like to take this time to welcome the entire student body, faculty and administration to campus for another fun-filled semester.

The fall semester is always the most hectic as we return with the lazy, hazy days of summer fresh in our minds and hundreds of new faces gracing our campus. I would like to challenge each and every one of you to make your college experience this semester the best it has ever been. The way to do that is to **GET INVOLVED!!!**

It will not be long before the semester is in full swing, and there will be activities galore to spark your interest and broaden your horizons. Of course, classes and studying will be of utmost importance, but I encourage you to take the time to enjoy the many functions that the campus has to offer.

All of the Blue Raider athletic programs desire and welcome your continued support as they represent our university in competition. The football stadium is under construction and there will only be a few home games so now more than ever, the team needs your encouragement. There are also many organizations with which to become involved.



Whether academic, athletic, cultural, or social there are clubs and organizations for everyone.

Although the campus is cluttered with construction, there are still several locations that need no improvement. Before the weather begins to change and the season becomes cooler you should take time to appreciate some of the nicer locations on campus.

Smell the flowers as you walk down the sidewalk in front of the library; or, share your lunch with a friend on one of the picnic tables located under the walnut trees between the Cope Administration Building and Peck Hall. The Rec Center is also there for your enjoyment so take advantage of the services they offer.

Those students with special needs will find that numerous places on campus are always glad to offer assistance. The Student Government Association, Adult Services Center, Disabled Student Services, and The June Anderson Women's Center are just a few of the many locations developed to help you throughout your time on campus.

Last, but not least, we at *Sidelines* and the rest of Student Publications both welcome and appreciate your criticism and feedback. It is our desire to please everyone and create a paper that all will want to read. Please let us know if there is any way we can better serve you.

I would also like to encourage anyone interested in staff positions on the newspaper, yearbook or literary magazine to please call us or come by our office at JUB 306. We can use your help. Thanks for your time and have a wonderful semester.

Sincerely,

Trevor Tenpenny
editor-in-chief

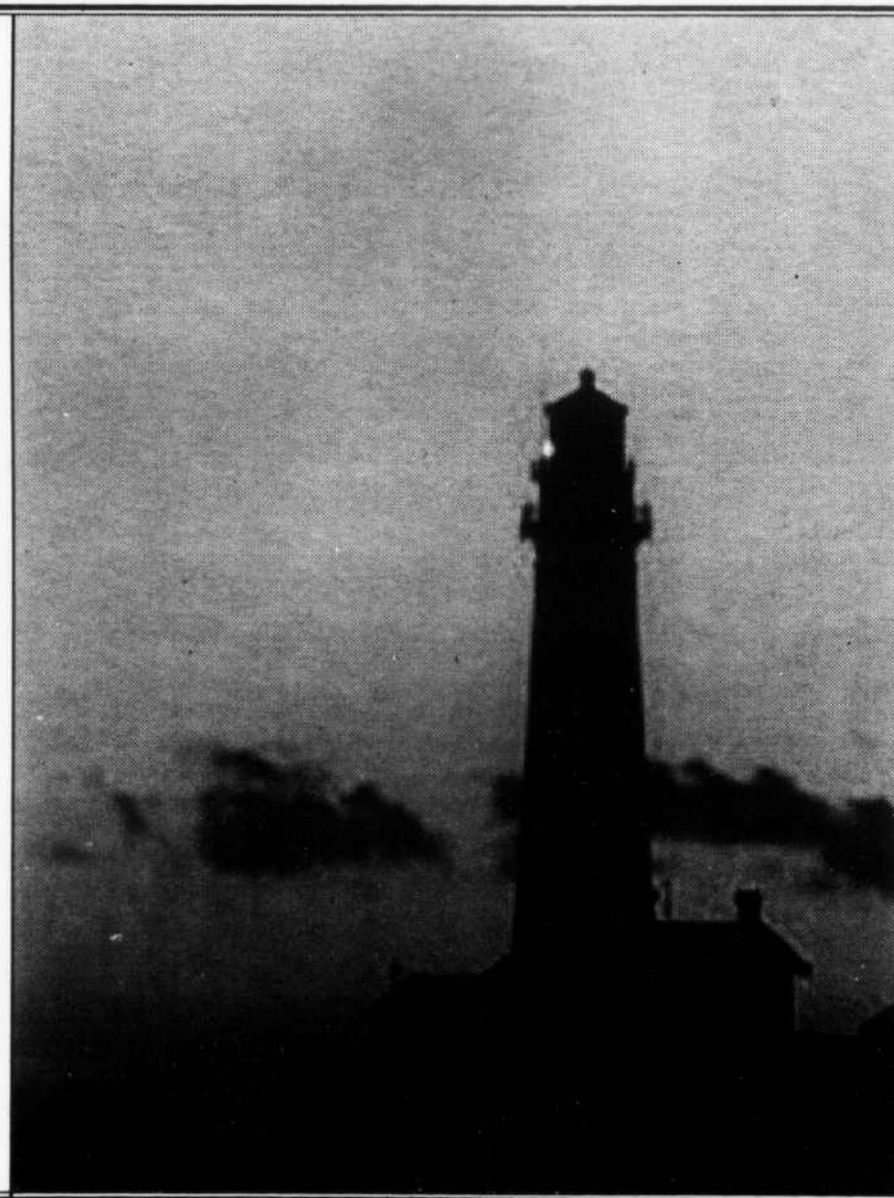
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For first-time freshmen only

□ Trevor Tenpenny / editor

On behalf of the entire staff at *Sidelines*, I would like to welcome all first-time freshman to this wonderful campus of ours. At nearly 20,000 students and still growing, we may one day be the largest campus in the state.

Although the busiest, this is probably the best time of year to be enrolled. It will most certainly be hot at first, but as the days get shorter and cooler, the campus will be alive with color as the trees give up their different shades of green to glow with autumn colors of red, orange, and gold.

As these changes take place, you will find that you are also changing and your thoughts will be alive with new found knowledge. New friendships, expectations, and ideas will develop as the semester swiftly passes by. You will look back at the end and wonder how the time passed so quickly.

While you are here I advise you to familiarize yourself with and enjoy the many activities and organizations related to the university.

Construction seems to be taking place all over campus and has become quite an eyesore, but it is for the greater good of the university. It will not be too long before nice new buildings will become the norm on campus. Hopefully, all of you will be here to see the completion of many of these projects and benefit from their use. I am sure that these all of these changes will be appreciated once complete.

Be sure to make full use of the Rec Center. It was designed for your use.

Aerobics, basketball, rock climbing, swimming, walking, and weight lifting are just some of the activities you will find here. There is also a rental service where canoes and kayaks can be aquired for a minimal fee. MiddleTennessee is home to several beautiful locations in which to spend a day on the water.

While many of you live outside the Murfreesboro area and commute home for the weekends, I urge you to familiarize yourself with the town and spend some of your weekends here. Art exhibits, clubs and restaurants, plays and movies, and many other activities can be found within close proximity to the campus, so take advantage of these in your free-time.

Also, any of you wishing to participate in the production of any of the student publications are welcome to come by the office at JUB 306 for information. Let us know how we can better serve you. This campus is one of the best in the state and with your help, it can remain that way.

At this time I would like to close by thanking you for choosing MTSU as your university. This is a great place to receive your college education and you can make the most of it by getting involved with the campus.

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Steve Purinton/staff

Chemistry students mixing-it-up in the lab.



Celeste Castillo/staff

These empty sidewalks will soon be bustling with people.



Celeste Castillo/staff

New students Kristie Mitchell, Noel Ball and Mike Barbieri take time to compare schedules during a break from Customs.



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Tuition rises 6 percent

□ Susan McMahan/news editor

Students will have to pay higher tuition this fall—an increase to \$1,098 for in-state students—to help offset the cuts in the Tennessee higher education budget proposed earlier this year by Gov. Don Sundquist.

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) followed a recommendation made by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to increase tuition 6 percent at all TBR institutions “since higher education took such a large cut this year,” said Julie Goodyear, director of media relations at TBR. Funding for higher education was cut \$40 million in Tennessee.

Jennifer Gamble, administrative assistant for public affairs at THEC, said a 6 percent increase will have MTSU undergraduates paying \$51 more per semester and graduate students paying \$69 more per semester.

According to Sen. Andy Womack, D-Murfreesboro, the state legislature was able to recover \$17.5 million to help fund state institutions, including MTSU.

Womack initially proposed a plan to restore only \$10 million to the higher education budget, but additional funding was available after an examination of the budget at the end of the Assembly session.

The added money was more

addressed to growth institutions, Womack said, adding that MTSU is considered a growth institution.

Goodyear said that a raise in tuition is not the only increase students will have to bear this fall: all students at state universities can expect an increase in technology access fees as well. The fee will increase to \$50 state wide, meaning \$30 million statewide to be used for technology.

Goodyear said the money is restricted for technology use only and the use of the money will be monitored.

“All of our schools are going to try to put emphasis on the classroom,” said Goodyear.



Steve Purinton/staff

Kelly “Elroy” Towry works the sound boards at WMTS last month. Towry’s show airs on 88.3 from 10 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursday and whenever he can get into the station.

Parking fines to increase

□ April Jacobs/staff

Parking fines and permit fees will increase again this fall, and will probably increase again next year as well.

Charlotte Hunt, director of Parking Authority, cited increased enrollment and expensive maintenance fees as the two reasons faculty will be paying 25 percent more for their parking permits and students will have to pay more than a 30 percent increase. The revenue this fall will still not be enough to cover next year, and the passes and fines will probably increase again. Parking Authority receives no money from the state, relying strictly on its own revenue.

White passes (faculty/administrators/staff parking) will cost \$50, up from \$40 of last year; green passes (inner core parking for students) will cost \$35, up from \$30; and black passes (perimeter parking) will cost \$20, up from \$15.

The permit increases will assist the costs for new parking lots under construction and maintenance of the current ones.

The fine increases (e.g. an increase to \$25 for parking in an unassigned space), Hunt said, will hopefully deter students and faculty from parking illegally in the inner core of campus, where there is excessive congestion. Fines have not increased since 1993.

Vistors to campus are asked to park near the Tennessee Livestock Center, and students are encouraged to park at the perimeter of campus and ride the Raider Xpress buses into the core of



Steve Purinton/staff

An illegally parked student is the recipient of three parking tickets. Parking Authority is raising the cost of the tickets to cover costs.

“An occupancy count report with statistics for each lot shows that overall there is a small surplus of parking,” Hunt said, citing the Desman Associates—a New York surveyor—study that monitors the parking capacity on campus. “There counts were conducted at the top of every hour during a day toward the end of January.

“Desman considered a lot that is 80 percent full to be at capacity. The occupancy counts

(number of spaces in ratio to occupancy) show black lots still have vacancy—even at peak times of the day, including special events.” The black lots were at 70 percent capacity during peak times.

The white and green lots were above 94 percent capacity each during peak hours—14 percent over capacity.

In addition to the increases, Parking Authority will not issue parking permits to students who have unpaid fines.

OIT offers new way to establish Frank account

□ Staff Reports

Students who want to get a Frank e-mail account now have a new option for establishing an account that doesn’t require a trip to the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

In the past, students had to go to the OIT office in the basement of Cope or in the ROTC annex during 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. An account is established by an assistant while the student waits and will be available for use the following day.

To use the new option, a student must have access to a computer with Telnet, which is available at all campus computer labs, such as the ones in KOM and the John Bragg Mass Communication building.

The steps to getting a Frank account from a computer are:

- Connect to acad1 using Telnet. For students using the campus-wide computer network, click on the Internet applications folder. To connect to acad1 from an IBM-compatible computer, click on the Telnet icon. From a Macintosh, click on the acad1 icon.

- Students working a campus computer lab should press the return key until they see the Local> prompt. This prompt indicates the computer

is connected to the MTSU server. At the prompt, type in telnet acad1 and press enter.

- Students connecting to Telnet from outside a campus computer lab should use a modem and a terminal emulation package such as Kermit, Reflection or HyperTerminal to dial the MTSU server. The modem should be set to 8 bits data, 1 stop bit and no parity. To dial the server with a 1200 to 14,400 bps modem dial 5908 or 5176 (898-5908 or 898-5176 off campus). For modems faster than 14,400 bps, dial 5350 (898-5350 off campus). After this, students will see the Local> prompt and should type in telnet acad1 and press enter.

- At the login: prompt, type MAKEID. Frank will ask students for their identification number and birthday. After this, the student will be shown responsibilities about a new userID. To accept the responsibilities by typing Y.

- Frank will display the userID and will guide the student through the process of creating a secure password.

The account will be ready the next business day.

To change a userID, a student visit the OIT in the basement of Cope. OIT will also continue to establish accounts for students in person.

Faculty senate president Stivers addresses summer graduates

□ Staff Reports

MTSU Faculty Senate President Mary Elizabeth Stivers will address approximately 720 graduates on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. in Murphy Center.

Stivers, an associate professor in the department of Human Sciences, has been with the university since 1990. She earned her bachelor's in Vocational Home Economics from Morehead State University in 1979, and her master's in child and family studies from UT Knoxville in 1981, and a Ph.D. in child and family studies from UT in 1984.

Stivers serves on the National Council on Family Relations, the National Association of the Education of Young Children, the Southern Association of Children Under Six, the Tennessee Association for Young Children and the National Family Life Network.

At MTSU, she serves on the Academic Master Plan Steering Committee, Master's Proposal Committee, Chairperson of the Task Force on Graduate Studies,



Stivers

President's Executive Council and the Logo and Mascot Committee.

In her department, Stivers is coordinator of the Early Childhood Development Program and is chairperson of the Curriculum and Program Development Committee. She is also faculty advisor to Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society.

In addition to serving as Faculty Senate president for 1996-97, she was secretary/treasurer in 1994-95.

Stivers was named Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year at Berry College in 1990.



Celeste Castillo/staff

Enrolling new students take a break from Customs on the steps of the JUB earlier this summer.

Enrollment will increase again this fall at the university, according to Dean Gillespie, dean of Admissions.

As many as 375 more students will be here, increasing enrollment to 18,299, the highest in the university's history.

For the past nine years, MTSU has had a steady increase in total students, gaining almost 5,000 more students since the Fall of 1988.

Gillespie said most of the increase this year seems to be in undergraduate enrollment, explaining graduate numbers are the same but might increase because graduate students often register later. More accurate figures will be available once school gets underway.

The ACT average for last year's freshman was 21.5, above the national average of 20.9 and the Tennessee average of 19.3.

Officials have said that part of the university's Academic Master Plan—a blueprint of the university's future for the next fifteen years—is to increase enrollment with students having higher ACT scores.

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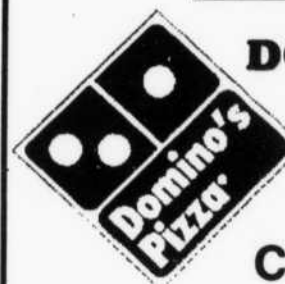
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Campus construction is at a peak

□ Celeste Castillo/staff

Campus construction is at a busy peak this fall with an assortment of new projects underway, including: a new library; expansion of the football stadium; a new Business and Aerospace building; new track and soccer field; a baseball fieldhouse; a new generating plant; a new greenhouse; and a new roof on Ezell and Abernathy dorms.

The new library, in construction since last year, is due to be finished by July 1998. It will not be open for student use until January 1999, allowing time to move in equipment and books paid for through state-appropriated funds.

The expanded football stadium is scheduled to host all the home games, beginning Sept. 27, though only the East-side bleachers will be used from the goal line to the grid lines. Construction was paid through student money.

The Business and Aerospace building was paid with state-appropriated funds, including a \$4 million furnishing budget and \$1 million for computers. This fall the building will provide 15 new classrooms, adding an

additional 15 by next spring.

There is a new track and soccer field in construction where parking lot D was. It will be finished in November—not in time for either teams to play on this 1997-98 season. This project was paid with student funds.

There is also a baseball field house being constructed by first base. It will contain a locker room and training facility, expected to be completed by November. A new heating plant will replace the old one by Kirksey Old Main. It has been dubbed the Cogeneration project (Cogen). The new plant will be built at the S curve and will be an add on to the Central Chilling plant.

Using natural gas, Cogen will provide half of all needed campus electricity and all of the needed steam. According to Bill Smotherman, director of Construction Administration, Cogen's natural gas will "turn the jet engines or turbine, which will drive the electric generator to produce electricity."

"We then take the heat from the electric generation process to produce steam for campus cooking, heating, heating water, and milk production," Smotherman said.

This also means there will



Steve Purinton/staff

The new library, pictured earlier this month, is currently slated to open in January 1999 for student use.

be a total underground distribution system, which is a large steamline connector between the new Cogen plant and steamlines leading out. This was funded through the State Bond Authority to be paid back with the savings from the new plant. It will be finished in December 1998.

Construction on a new

greenhouse will be underway in less than a month, located near the existing greenhouses. It was paid for through federal grants and is slated to be finished in Spring 1998.

Ezell and Abernathy dorms are receiving new roofs and new insulation. The Housing Department is funding this and has contracted with a major

construction company to have the roofing and insulating done within 2 months.

There are some additional projects at the Rec Center, according to officials, which are still on the drawing board but are said to have the go-ahead, including an outdoor pool, new locker rooms and an indoor soccer field.

Annual president's picnic planned for tomorrow

□ Staff reports

The president will host his annual picnic this week on his lawn.

The picnic will be Tuesday, Aug. 19 from 4 until 7 p.m. The event will be free and open to the public.

The picnic will feature food, music, live entertainment and games.

According to Harold Smith, director of Student Unions and Programming, free food will be provided by Aramark Food Services for people attending the picnic.

Several games will be set up to entertain people in the picnic. The games planned for the picnic include bouncy boxing, a gyro ride and an obstacle course.

Campus recreation will have volleyball set up for people to play while at the picnic.

There also are several live acts set to perform at the picnic.

Bill Fry, a comedian, juggler and roving artist will be performing for the crowds

during the picnic.

"He's been a part of the picnic for many years," said Smith. "He's really done a fantastic job."

The MTSU cheerleaders will perform for the crowd.

A steel band called Island Wave will be performing at the picnic from 5 until 6 p.m. and again from 6:30 until the end of the picnic.

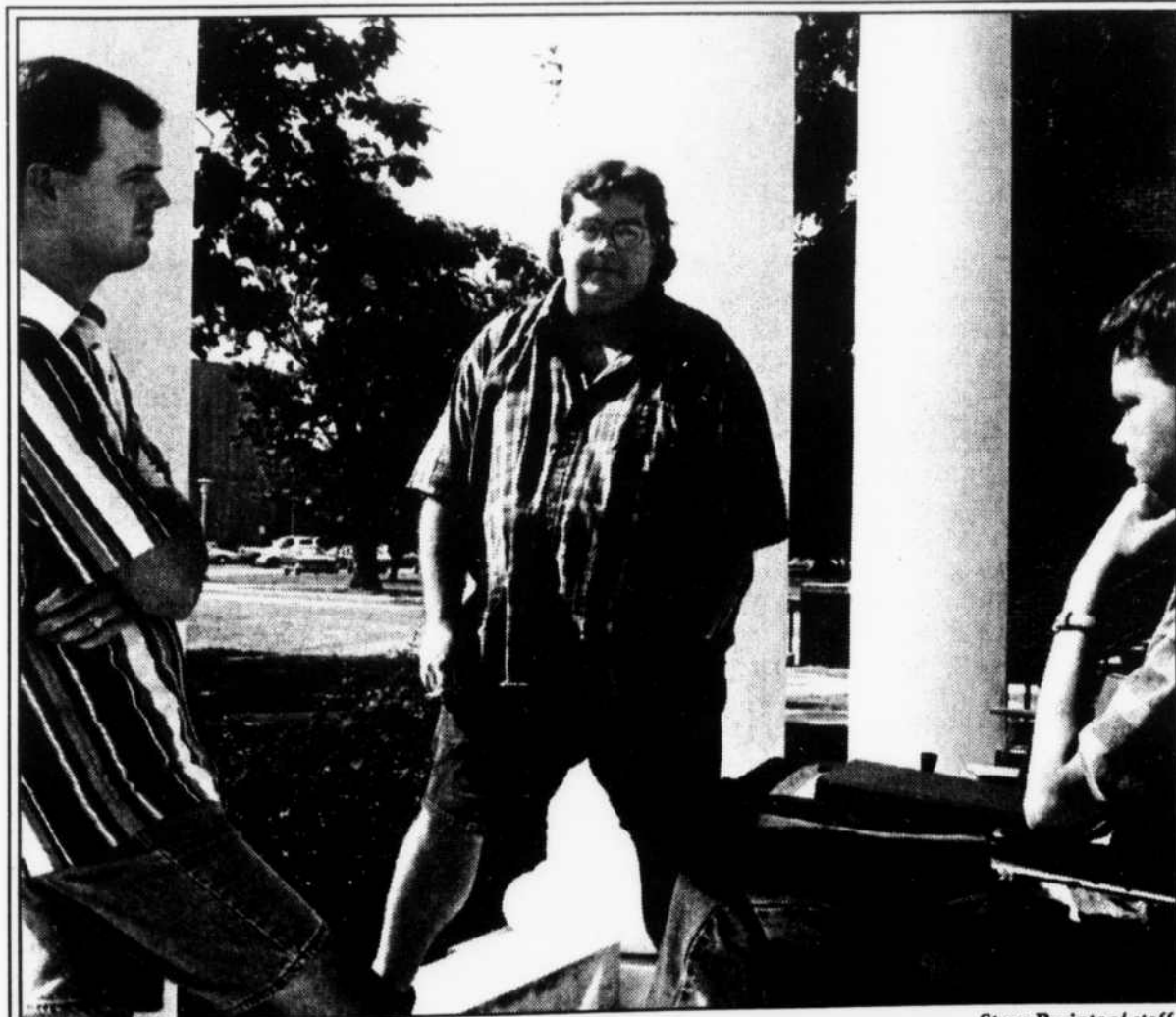
The MTSU Band of Blue will perform for the crowd from 6 until 6:30 p.m.

Island Wave is directed by Lalo Davila, an assistant professor of music who teaches percussion classes.

Smith said that all of the members of the band Island Wave are either MTSU students or alumni.

The president's house is located near the main entrance of the university next to Cope Administration Building on East Main Street.

After the president's picnic, there also will be a free concert held in front of Kirksey Old Main.



Steve Purinton/staff

Jason Newcomb, left, Bob Doran, center, and John Jennings, right, all clinical psychology graduate students, take a break from their Psychology 625 class in front of Jones Hall last month.

Raider Extravaganza set for Saturday

□ Susan McMahan/news editor

Military equipment and weapons will be on display this week at Raider Extravaganza '97.

The event, a recruiting tool for military science classes, will be held Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Forrest Hall and is open to the public. Maj. Robert Ogden, event coordinator, said the event usually attracts about 100-150 people.

"It's a good general awareness for not only students, but also for faculty," Ogden said.

According to Ogden, the event is scaled back this year because of recent construction projects on campus. For example, the field that last year was used to land helicopters is a parking lot this year.

Events included at the Extravaganza this year include a cookout, rappelling and the display of military vehicles.

The vehicles on display include an all terrain military ambulance and the Light Armored Vehicle (LAV), which is used by the Tennessee National Guard for counter-drug intervention.

All students enrolled in a



Celeste Castillo/staff
Robert Ogden, left, and Matthew Thompson recruit students at a table in the JUB during Customs last month. They are event coordinators of the annual military science event Raider Extravaganza '97.

military science class this fall, even if they have never taken a military science class yet, may rappel down a training wall used by cadets.

"It's a good opportunity for students to talk to some cadets and instructors," Ogden said.

Military science classes

count for HPERS credit and use the recreation center and rifle range.

"You get to do some neat things that you wouldn't in a class like bowling," said 2nd Lt. Matthew Thompson, a recent aerospace graduate and a coordinator for the event.

Tentative homecoming week schedule planned by SGA

□ Celeste Castillo/staff

Student Government Association members Susan Sweetman and Ryan Durham, in cooperation with the Student Programming office, have arrived at a tentative Homecoming 1997 schedule.

Starting on Sept. 19, all the entry forms are due into the SGA office at KUC 208 by 4 p.m.

Banners also will be picked up in the SGA office this week. Window painting begins on Friday, Sept. 26.

On Monday, Sept. 29, banners will be due at 4 p.m. and Casino Night and a costume competition will be held in the JUB Tennessee Room from 7 until 10 p.m.

Although the time is still

undecided the chili cook-off and Step Show are to be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center on Tuesday, Sept. 30, with a Food Drive planned at chili cook-off.

Also, still possible is the Wednesday, Oct. 1, Carnival on the Knoll.

Thursday Oct. 2, the fight song, pep rally and Bonfire will be at the Bell Street parking lot. The time for the event is still undecided.

The Office and Hall decoration competition is on Friday, Oct. 3.

The homecoming parade starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Durham, SGA President, said they are "looking forward to a good homecoming with exciting and enjoyable activities that will involve as many students as possible."

Got a news tip?

Call the *Sidelines* news desk at 898-2336.



MTSU CAMPUS RECREATION

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1997 FALL/WINTER ADVENTURE SCHEDULE

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3-4	Kayak Roll Clinic	Rec Center	\$10/14 (10)	16-19	Backpack the Smokies	East TN	Coop w/ UT-M \$ TBA
10	Belay Clinic	Rec Center	\$10/14 (10)	16-19	Bicycling Natchez Trace	TN/AL	\$25/35 (12)
11	Adopt A Highway Cleanup	Rutherford Cty	Free (inc. lunch)	31	Adopt A Highway Cleanup	Rutherford	Free (inc. lunch)
12	Pro-Sports w/IM Sports (Braves vs. Rockies)	Atlanta	\$25	November			
13	Canoe the Harpeth R.	Dickson, TN	\$12/16 (14)	1-2	Backpack Stone Door	So. C'land, TN	\$25/30 (12)
14	Raft the Ocoee R.	East TN	\$23 (18)	5-8	NTRSA Region II Conference	Gulf Coast, MS	
17	Full Moon Canoe	Stones R., TN	\$8/12 (14)	15	Caving @ Southport C.	Maury County	\$10/14 (12)
20	MiniTriathlon (300 swim/10 bike/2.5 run-all on campus solo or team entry)	Rec Center	\$10/15 (30) (\$5 late fee on 9/20)	19	Belay Clinic	Rec Center	\$10/14 (10)
21	Raft the Ocoee R.	East TN	\$23 (18)	19-20	Roll Clinic	Rec Center	\$10/14 (10)
26-28	Raft the Pigeon & Ocoee	East TN	\$40 (15)	23	NFL w/IM Sports (Oilers vs. Bills)	Memphis	\$35/45 (11)
28	NFL w/IM Sports (Broncos vs. Falcons)		\$30/35 (11)	25-30	Backpack Grand Canyon	GCNP, Arizona	\$395/445 (9)
30	Belay Clinic	Rec Center	\$10/12 (10)	December Break			
October				14-20	Snow Skiing @ Steamboat	Steamboat Springs, CO	
1-2	Roll Clinic	Rec Center	\$10/12 (10)	-Billy Kid Pkg- \$625/680- fly American Airline- nonstop (40 spots) 6nites/4day ski			
4-5	Backpack/Rappelling	Sipsey Wild., AL	\$25/30 (12)	-Amarillo by Morning Pkg- \$450/495 Driving- (9 spots) 7nites/4day ski			
6	Climbing Clinic	Rec Center	\$10/14	-Meet Us There Pkg- \$325/365- (20 spots)- 6nites/4day ski			
11	Raft the Ocoee R.	East TN	\$18 (Univ. only)	12-27/	Canoe the Everglades	Florida	
10	Kids Kanoeing	Stones River	\$8 (\$2 parents)	1-4	-Turner R. & Sunday Bay (5 day/4 nite permit)-2 groups (5) @ \$135/175		

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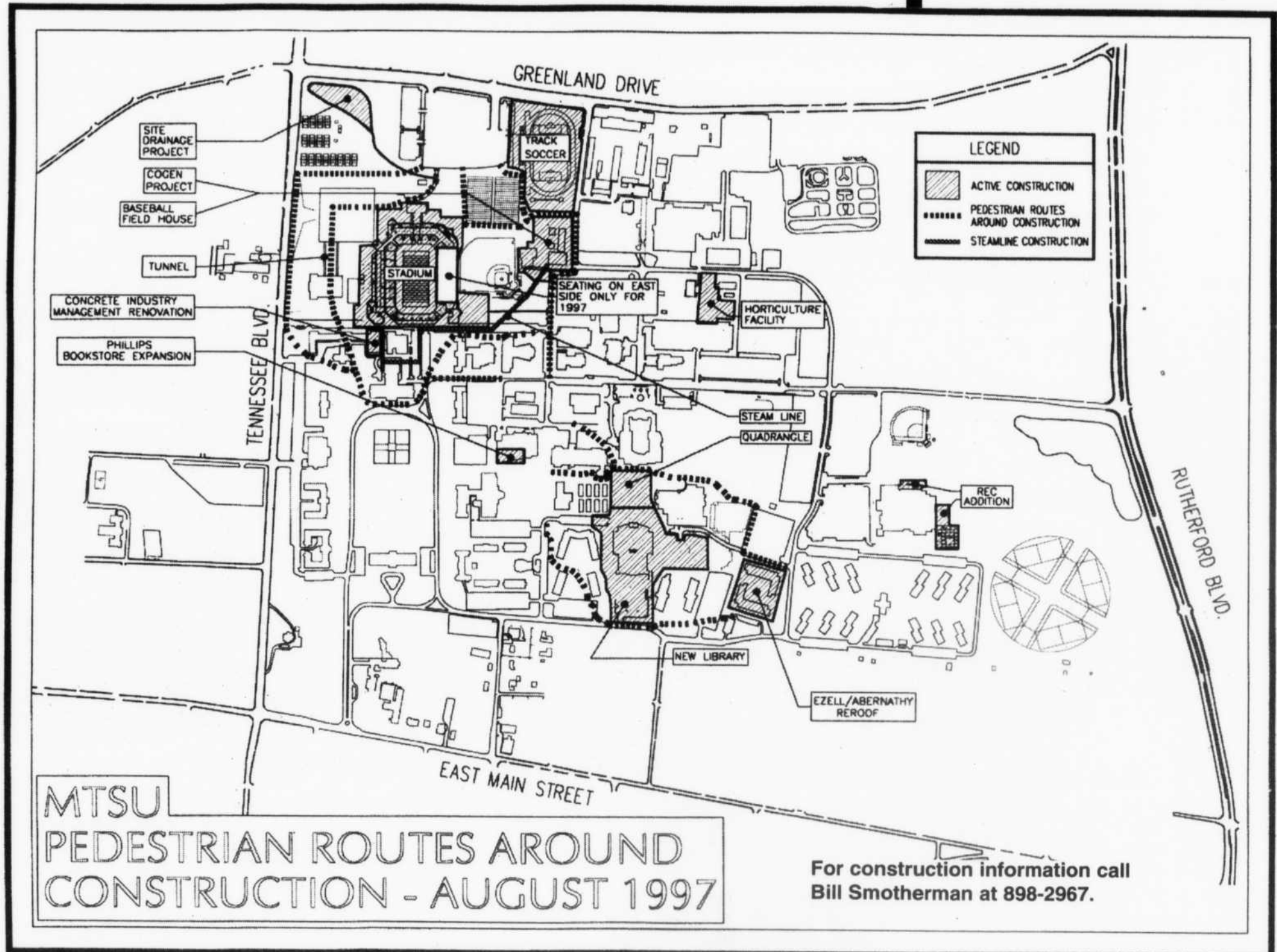
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Construction Update



The following are the current building projects on campus. The dollar values stated are the amounts for construction. The date is estimated completion. The accompanying map shows current projects, pedestrian routes around the construction, and the steam line construction path.

Baseball Field House	\$300,000, Haury & Smith Contractors	10-97
Cogeneration Project and Steam Line (connecting Cogen to heating plant)	\$9.2 million, Stanley Jones Corp.	2-99
Concrete Industry Management/Voorhies Renovation (not yet bid)		1-98
Ezell/Abernathy Reroof	\$248,000, R.D. Hubert	10-97
Horticulture Facility	\$555,000, Dow Smith Construction	3-98
Library	\$18.4 million, Hardaway Construction	12-98
Phillips Bookstore	\$437,000, J. Harold Shankle	2-98
Site Drainage Basin	\$225,000, Rawlins Excavation	12-97
Stadium	\$27 million, Turner Construction Co.	8-98
Track/Soccer field	\$1.1 million, Turner Construction Co.	11-97
Underground Electric Project	\$1.6 million Wolfe and Travis Electrical Contracting	10-97

Capital projects completed this summer:

- Airport Teaching Facility, \$450,876—In use since about the first of July.
- Business and Aerospace Building, \$22 million—15 classrooms will be ready to use for the fall semester. Business faculty and staff started moving in July 28. Aerospace faculty and staff will begin relocating in September.
- LRC and Forrest Hall re-roofing
- Sanitary Sewer Project, \$288,165—Construction area north and south behind JUB will be asphalted before school begins.

Construction projects starting this fall:

- ADA Modifications
- Earthman House Renovation
- Recreation Building Addition, \$2.5 million
- Tennessee Miller Coliseum, \$22.5 million—This will be bid in two separate packages; one for utilities and the other for the actual structure.

Corlew cafeteria undergoes major renovations

□ Cynthia Ryan/staff

Corlew cafeteria will look more like a "food court" when renovations are completed on the 1969 cafeteria before the end of this month, according to Doug McCallie, director of Food Services.

"We're redoing the serving area and putting in a kind of food court [to include a deli, steam table, self-serve pasta bar, pizza area, and short-order grill]," McCallie said. "Our target date for finish is August 12." The salad bar, dessert area, and drink stand will be located in the dining area.

The large wooden doors have been replaced with glass ones. The front lobby is being redecorated, and McCallie said that the cafeteria will probably have a name change sometime soon to keep up with its new look.

With the short-order cook on hand, students can have special-order food, such as eggs sunny-side rather than having only one selection.

"We started [planning] back in January," said McCallie. "We've been working closely with the food committee



Steve Purinton/staff

Corlew cafeteria underwent a major renovation to update the facilities. The finished cafeteria have extended operating hours this fall.

student leaders in SGA." In addition to the new look, Corlew will stay open an hour longer in the evenings—to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. To compensate, however, for the later hours, Woodmore cafeteria will no longer be open for breakfast,

which means an additional 50 or so students might be dining in Corlew in the mornings. McCallie said that the increase will not have a significant impact on students' wait for breakfast in the morning, since some students will go to the JUB.

"[The renovations and new hours] has been a team effort," said Paul Stuart, assistant director of food services. "We work very closely with Ryan Durham [SGA President]."

"We had talked to a lot of students, and continually, freshmen would tell us they

would like a nicer place to eat," Durham said. "We've had some pretty good luck working with food services this summer."

"We just hope the students like it and give us feedback," said McCallie, "you know - about what we're doing wrong, or what we're doing right."

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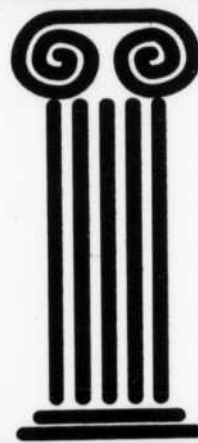
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University Standing Committees

SGA President Ryan Durham has prepared his student recommendations to serve on the several university committees. President Walker will request Durham's recommendations and confirm (or deny) them later next week. Here are Durham's recommendations:

Committee	Student Name	Committee	Student Name
Academic Appeals Committee	Stephen Giannotti	Library Committee	Christopher Goodmaster
College of Basic and Applied Sciences	Richard Stone, II	MTSU Planning Committee	Jennifer Hays
College of Business	Dawn Throneberry	Public Service Committee	Dale Parker
College of Education	Diane Broyles	Loan and Scholarship Committee	Tinisha Buttrey
College of Liberal Arts	Gregg Mayer	Traffic Committee	Jennifer Navarre
College of Mass Communications	Sherry Baker	Committee on Programs for Students with Disabilities	Jason Lawson
Undeclared/ Developmental Studies	James Gilliam		Jay Williams
Committee on Admissions, Standards, and General Studies	Bo Logan		Matt Talbot
Animal Care and Use Committee	Robert Payne, III		Mark Petty
Computer Executive Committee	Shane McFarland		Andrae Crismon
Academic Computer Committee			Sam Wood
Administrative Computer Committee	John McGaugh		Stacey Scales
Council on Teacher Education	Mark Baird		James Brown
Curriculum Committee	David Linton	Student Appeals Committee	David Underwood
Grade Appeals Committee	Dawn Throneberry		Sherry Walker
College of Basic and Applied Sciences	Mary Bernard	Student Publications Committee	Andrew Margrave
College of Business	James Scott Demers		Richard Lucas, Jr.
College of Education	Alyssa Crutcher		Ed Salo
College of Liberal Arts		University Discipline Committee	Philip Voorhees
College of Mass Communications	Wayne Sok		Jonathan Legg
Undeclared/ Developmental Studies	Ethan Myrick		Joshua Womack
Graduate Council	Laura Cary		David Bloemker
Honors Council	William Ross		Sean P. O'Toole
Institutional Review Board	Nikki Bagwell		Chad Nikazy
Instructional Evaluation and Development Committee	Margie Shelton		Robert Holder
	Shane McFarland	University Rules Committee	David Bloemker
	Jennifer Hays		Andrae Crismon
	Rebekah Brown		Dana Rawlins
	Randy Higdon	University Relations Committee	Jon West
	Jeff Beaumont		Ed Salo
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Summer retro

A recap of summer's biggest stories

Activity fee policy changed

□ Susan McMahan/news editor

A new law passed recently by the state legislature may have MTSU students spending more money on student activity fees in the future.

The new law says that a state university may propose any amount of increase in student activity fees.

According to Robert LaLance, vice president for Student Affairs, the law is actually a revision of an older law that limited state universities to a \$1 increase in student activities per year.

The student activity fee is currently \$5 per semester at MTSU.

Ryan Durham, Student Government Association president, said there are currently no plans to raise the fee at MTSU.

SGA must propose increases in the student

activity fee to the Tennessee Board of Regents for approval.

"We are pleased we have the power to raise the fee," said Durham. "Right now, there are no plans to ask for an increase."

All the money raised from student activity fees is used to fund student organizations.

Durham said that last year SGA received 87 petitions requests for money from the student activity fee totaling \$207,000.

The amount raised was only \$57,000, which is a difference of \$150,000.

SGA will probably receive about the same number of requests this year, Durham said.

Durham said that eventually he would like to see the fee increase to \$10 per semester, making the amount raised close to \$180,000.

An increase in student activity fees could be used to

bring "many, many more" conference speakers to campus, Durham said.

This fall, Durham will meet with student groups to determine their needs.

If a group of students want to have the fee increased, Durham said they can put together a petition requiring a minimum number of students.

In a memo to Durham and Tom Burke, dean of Student Life, LaLance warned against SGA quickly raising the fee amount.

"I urge you to proceed prudently," LaLance wrote. "Too much, too fast, across the state could result in future restriction."

Durham said that MTSU could impose an institutional cap to where SGA and student petitions could not propose a fee over a certain amount in the future.

The new Blue Raider?



Although speculations are still flying wild, according to a source close to the Task Force approving the new university mascot, a winged horse- similar to but not the one pictured above- is presumed to be the finalist for MTSU's new image as the football team moves into Division I-A. The source said the university intends to keep the university will still be called the Blue Raiders.

SGA President Durham named Student Regent

□ Susan McMahan/news editor

Student Government Association President Ryan Durham has been named the Tennessee Board of Regents' Student Regent.

Durham, who will be one of the 19 members of TBR, is the only Student Regent for the state of Tennessee.

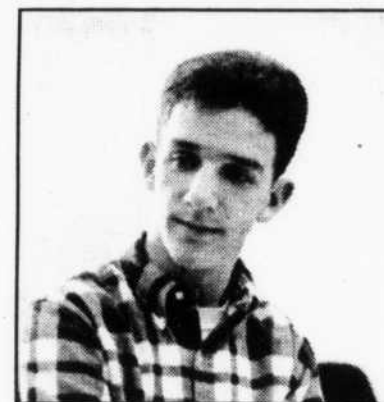
He was chosen for the position by Governor Don Sundquist after he was selected as one of three finalists.

According to Donna Ashford, coordinator of Geier internship programs at TBR, said that each TBR school nominated a student to serve on the committee.

Durham had to submit a resume and three letters of recommendation.

Durham's recommendation letters were written by MTSU President James Walker, Robert LaLance, vice president for Student Affairs and Thomas Burke, dean of Student Life.

After a conference of university presidents, three finalists are selected. One candidate is chosen from a four year school, one is chosen from a two year school and the third can be from either type of



Durham

school.

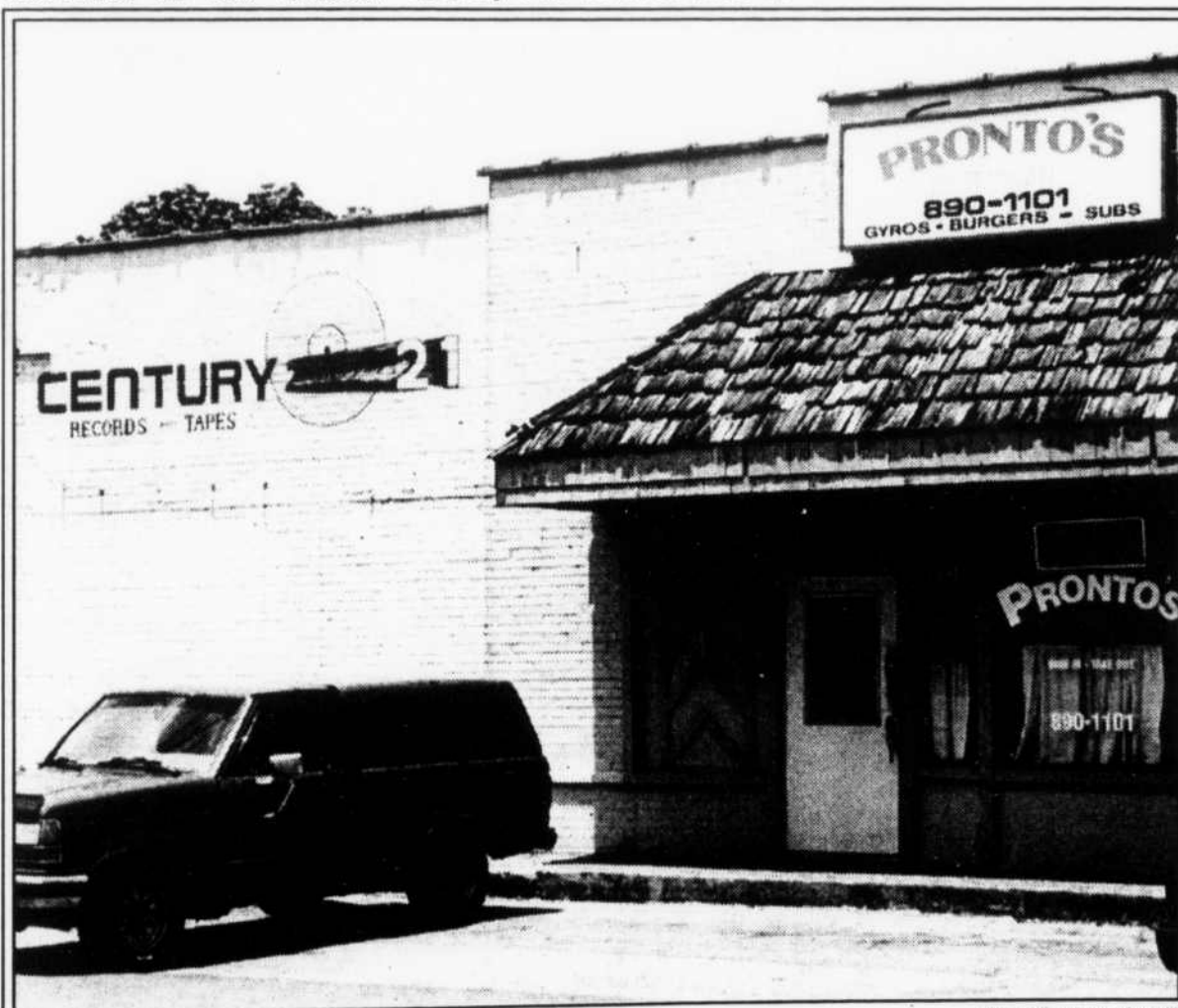
Durham said he was surprised when he was named the Student Regent.

"I can confidently say I wasn't sure," Durham said. "I was just pleased to make it through the nominating process."

Durham will meet with the other members of TBR at least four times over the next school year without compensation.

Ashford said that as a member of TBR, Durham will help establish policies pertaining to student issues like academic policy, finances and student life.

"He is just an extraordinary person," said Ashford. "He's considerate, hardworking and an excellent for the Student Regent."



Steve Purinton/staff

Campus favorites Pronto's and Century 21 will soon be closed to relocate after MTSU's purchase of their building located at the corner of East Main and North Baird Streets. The building will probably be leveled and turned into an MTSU parking lot. Century 21 plans to open a new store at 125 Lasseter Dr. Pronto's owner Ned Risheq said that he plans to relocate his restaurant, but has not found a location yet because he would like to stay close to the MTSU campus. Pronto's current lease expires this month.

Greek Row planned for completion in 1999

□ Gregg Mayer/staff

Million dollar Greek Row houses were approved by the State Building Commission this summer, and MTSU officials said the project should be completed by June 1999.

"The [Greek Row] site will be located on Rutherford Boulevard behind the Rec Center," said Vic Felts, director of Greek Life. Ten acres of university-owned property have been set aside.

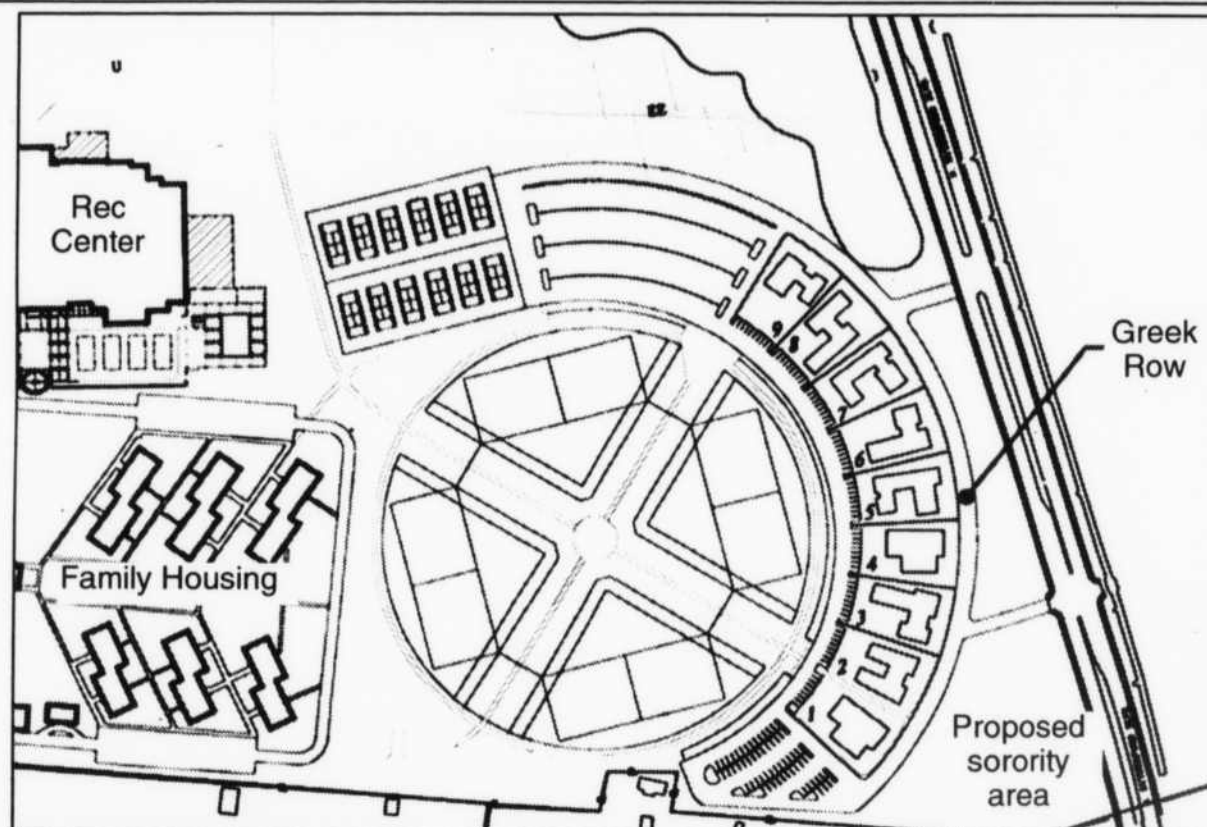
Nine lots have been designated for the project; eight fraternities, so far, have made the commitment to move in after the houses are completed: Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Sigma Nu; Pi Kappa

Alpha; Alpha Gamma Rho; Kappa Alpha; Kappa Sigma; Beta Theta Pi; and Sigma Chi.

The new houses will vary in size, but the largest will sleep as many as 36 Greeks; costs will range from \$600,000 to one million dollars.

Money for the project is coming from a bonding authority to be paid back by the respective fraternities on a 30-year mortgage, according to David Hays, assistant vice president for Student Affairs; all committed fraternities deposited \$10,000 to the university.

Bids will be put out this winter, and construction should begin in summer 1998.



Parking authority changes location

□ Susan McMahan/news editor

Parking authority opened their new doors earlier this summer in the Tennessee Livestock Center parking lot.

The new double wide module was planned since last August to provide parking Authority with more space, according to Charlotte Hunt, Parking Authority manager.

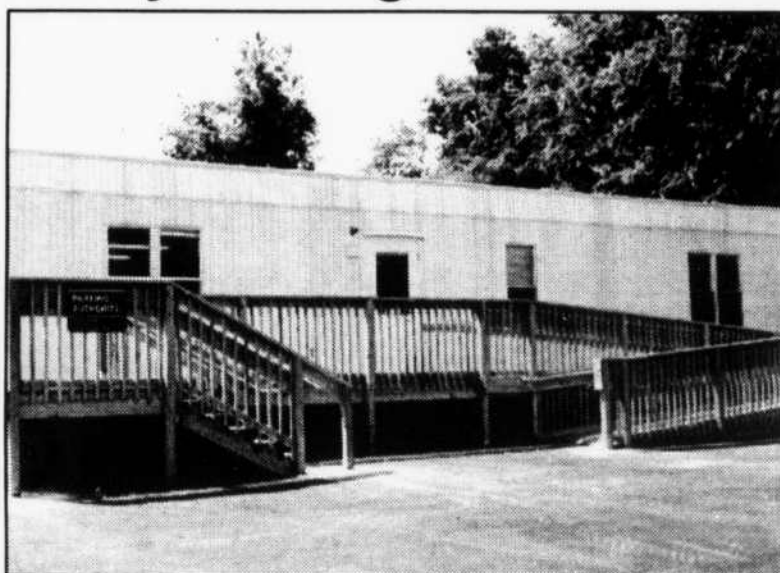
"We have three times more space as we had," Hunt said. "We're glad to have our own space."

Hunt said she hopes the move will help students differentiate between Parking Authority and Public Safety.

At one time, the two were combined, but they are now two separate departments with separate mailboxes.

Parking Authority is box 147, and Public Safety is box 141.

Parking Authority has



Susan McMahan/staff

Parking Authority is located in the Tennessee Livestock Center lot.

kept the same phone number, but has a new fax number, 904-8109. The new Parking Authority building includes a larger waiting area which Hunt said should hopefully

keep students from waiting outside.

"We hope we'll be able to accommodate more people," said Hunt. "We really do see a lot of people."

New assistant student life dean hired this summer

□ Susan McMahan/news editor

The new assistant dean of student life completed his first weeks of work at MTSU this summer.

Gene Fitch, formerly of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, was recently hired to fill the position vacated by Rodney Bennett of assistant dean of judicial affairs and mediation services.

While in Arkansas, Fitch was both the assistant dean for judicial affairs and assistant director of campus activities.

Fitch said he decided to apply for the job at MTSU because the assistant dean position at the University of Arkansas was reduced to only a part-time position in summer 1996, before he took the job. He said that in December of last year, he approached Arkansas university officials to ask if the position would be returned to a full-time job.

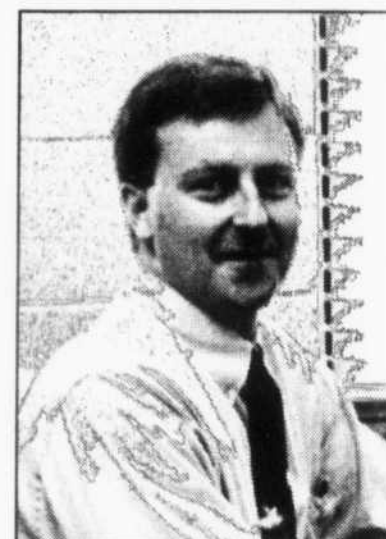
When he was told the position would not be changed, he decided to apply at five other universities, including MTSU.

Fitch said MTSU was his "first choice on paper."

He said he was impressed with the area when he visited the campus.

"I envisioned this area to be like the area I came from," said Fitch.

Tom Burke, dean of student life at MTSU, said that the committee that selected Fitch chose him because he held the same position at a large university and he had done his dissertation in the



Fitch

area of judicial affairs when he completed his doctorate in May of this year.

Burke said this showed that Fitch had a "professional interest" in judicial affairs.

"We're excited he's here," said Burke. "He's trying to do new things."

Fitch said there is "a lot of opportunity" at MTSU. He said he hopes to do more training of students to do mediation.

Burke said that Fitch will bring a "new perspective" to MTSU issues such as traffic court because he has no previous ties to the university.

Fitch was selected after a series of interviews and open forums conducted earlier this summer.

About 100 people applied for the position and six people, including two from MTSU, were interviewed for the position by several university officials.

Public Safety looking for robbery suspect

□ Staff Reports

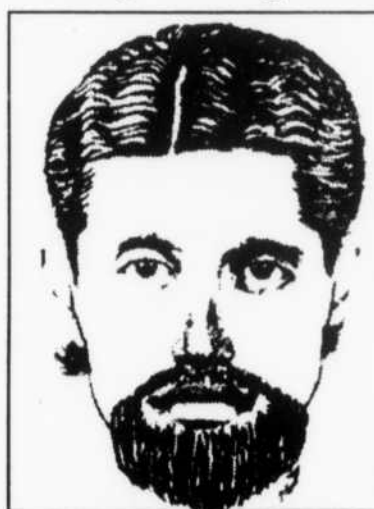
Public safety is still looking for a suspect who used a box cutter in a failed attempt to rob an MTSU student of a VCR on July 3.

The attempted robber, approximately 25 years old, was knocked down by the victim during a fight over the VCR in Gracy Hall parking lot, chased to James Union Building before disappearing around the corner. He is approximately 5 foot 7 inches tall and weighs about 160 pounds with green or blue eyes.

Anyone with information should call Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP. Crime Stoppers will issue a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case.

Public Safety has issued these tips for students to avoid a similar incident:

- Students should not walk alone, especially at night.
- Never talk or accept rides from strangers.
- Call public safety for an escort to avoid being alone
- NEVER leave your dorm room unlocked, even if stepping away for only a few minutes.



Attempted robbery suspect

MTSU competes in Sunrayce 97

Susan McMahan/ staff

After two years of planning and building, the MTSU Solarraider team left for Indianapolis to compete in the biennial Sunrayce 97 this June.

The car, which was built for the race by a team of 17 students, went to Sunrayce to compete in the race against 60 cars from other universities around the county. There were 40 available slots in the race.

MTSU was not able to compete in the race after a miscommunication with Sunrayce officials led to the Solarraider missing a qualifying test for the race.

According to Paulina Soria, Solarraider team captain, the team found out they had to take the dynamics test again at 5:45 p.m. The testing closed at 6 p.m. that evening, but race officials told the Solarraider team they would wait for them to finish their solar array judging.

The team arrived at 6:45 p.m. that night after their solar array was judged the best in the competition. Race officials had left the track at 6:30 p.m. and the team was unable to complete their test.

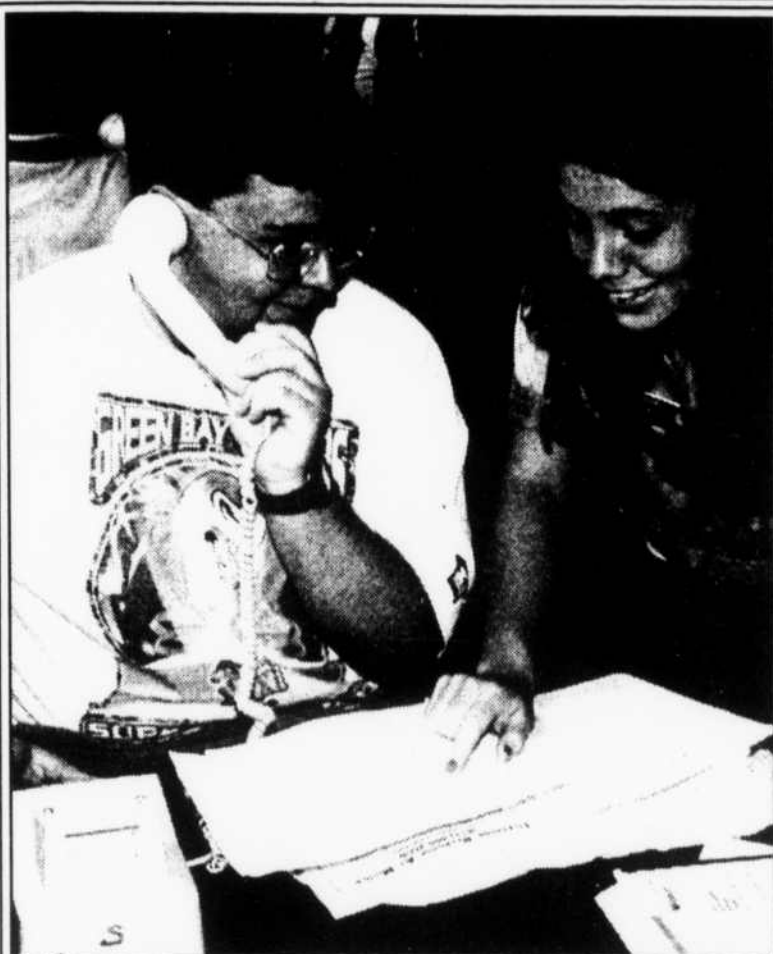


Steve Purinton/staff

Onlookers watch as Bryan Meadows of Parsons, TN, exits the car.

As a result, the team was not allowed to compete in the race, but they decided to follow several miles behind the cars competing in the race. The team was "actively discouraged" by race officials after

reaching Terre Haute, Indiana, the first night. The team was told they were not allowed to use Sunrayce facilities if the car should have problems, which forced the team to return to Murfreesboro.



Steve Purinton/staff

Ashlee Allen, a Customs aid and junior advertising major, helps new student Brandon Schlosser select his classes on TRAM. The MTSU population grew by the hundreds several times a week throughout the months of June and July when new students occupied the campus for Customs, a program aimed at orientating incoming freshmen and transfer students to life at MTSU.



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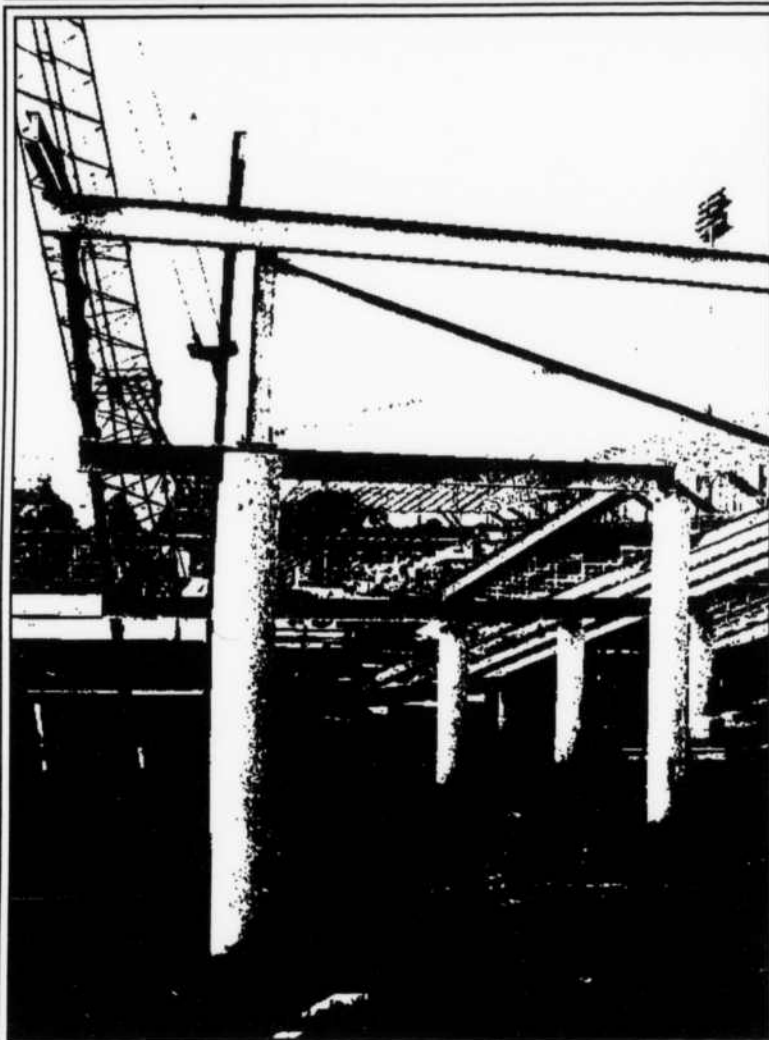
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Progress continues on the expansion of the football stadium as MTSU prepares for the move to Division I-A football. The stadium will still be used for home football games this fall.

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Phillips bookstore expansion to begin soon

□ Gregg Mayer/staff

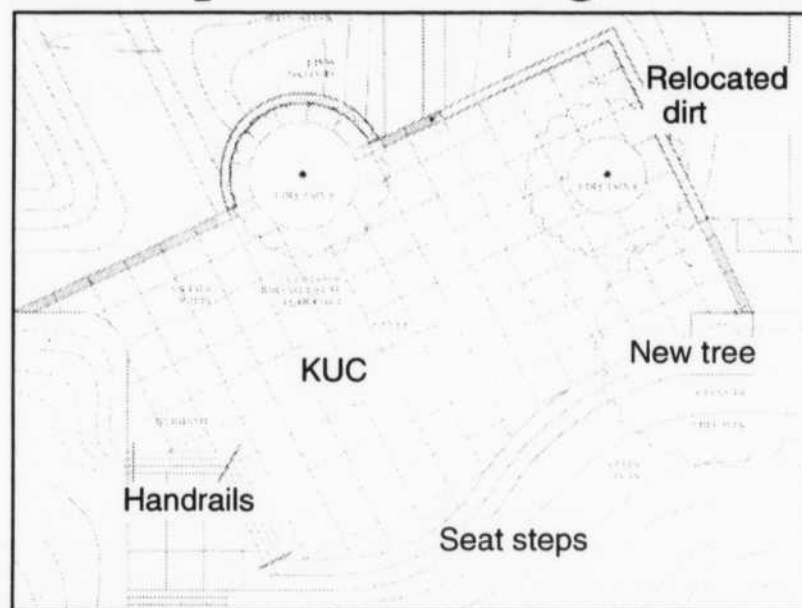
Phillips Bookstore and the KUC Knoll will be under construction beginning sometime in the next two months, according to university officials.

The bookstore is adding 3,800 sq.ft. to accommodate the increasing student demand at the university, according to Earl Harris, director of the bookstore. Construction crews will be digging out solid earth and replacing it, with improvements, after the expansion is complete.

"The store as it is right now was built for 10,000 students," Harris said. Enrollment at MTSU should peak at over 18,000 this fall, according to officials in the Admissions Office. The 8,000+ deficiency is too much demand on the space the store currently occupies, he said.

"We're happy with what we can get," he said, explaining even with the expansion the bookstore will be too small to accommodate fully the 18,000+ students. "We'll do the best we can."

Duane Stucky, vice president of Finance and



The KUC and the Knoll are pictured as they will look after the renovations to Phillips Bookstore. The renovations will be started

Administration, said J. Harold Shankle Construction of Nashville has been given the contract, bidding in at \$438,000. The bid—although it was the lowest bid of two contractors—was about \$30,000 over bid, but the university will "dig deeper" into reserve funds to make up the costs, Stucky said.

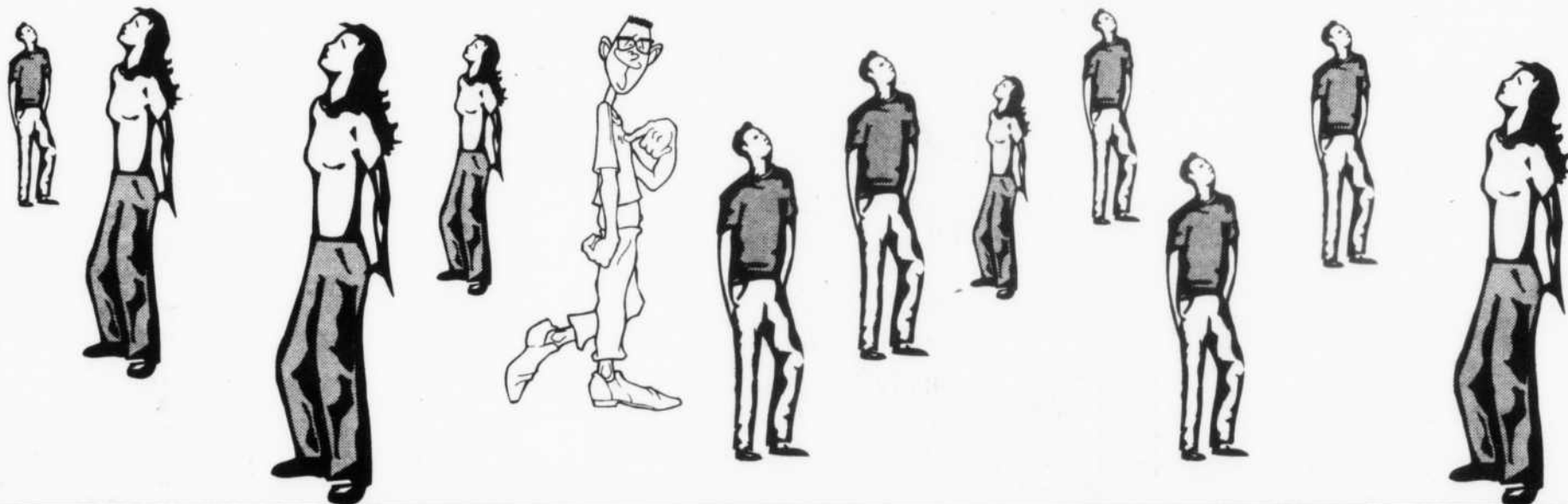
Phillips Bookstore does not plan to close down at anytime

during the construction, Harris said. The wall currently in place will serve as a partition as the construction crews tear out the knoll, and it will come down only when the workers are about completed with the work. The new knoll area will "be an improvement," Harris said. "I look forward to it."

Patti Miller, director of Campus Planning, could not be reached for comment.

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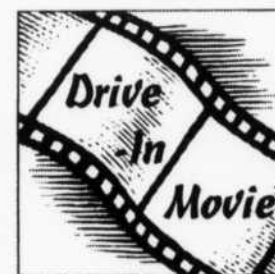
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Bicycles best bet against parking problems

□ Trevor Tenpenny/editor

Since I began my college career, one problem has continuously occurred. There never seems to be enough parking spaces. While many feel this problem can be solved, it probably never will.

At this university, a couple of solutions have been brought to light. New parking spaces have been added and more are in the works. An out-of-state firm has even been called in to supposedly tell us how to efficiently and effectively park our cars.

What everyone needs to realize is that other forms of transportation are adequate enough to bring them to and from their destinations on campus.

Buses already run between the campus and perimeter lots and some students prefer to walk.

The university could purchase or build lots further from the university and provide transportation both to and from campus. I attended a school in the past that owned a parking lot about two miles from campus, and numerous buses brought the students to the university.

Carpooling can even be an answer for some. Still, other solutions exist and the one that makes the most sense is using alternate forms of transportation such as bicycles.

With car costs continuously on the rise, a bicycle can be a college students best friend.

Bicycle racks are located virtually all over the campus, so it makes sense to have a bike.

Many students live within close proximity to the campus and could use a bike as their sole transportation to school. For those not fitting into this category, a bike rack is a nice option. Your car can be driven to a parking space near campus, then you could ride your bike the rest of the way.

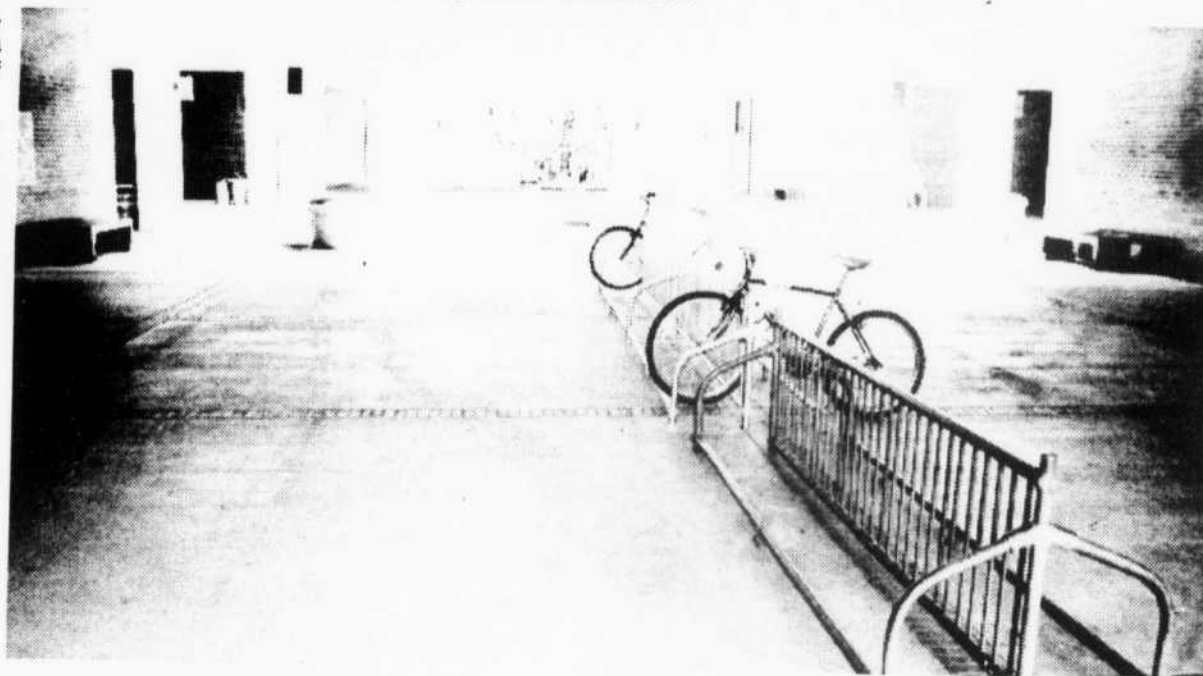
With the university in a continual state of growth and becoming more spread out, your bike can get you between classes on opposite sides of the campus with time to spare. Some may even prefer to use a bike as their only form of transportation. This is a feasible idea considering the size of Murfreesboro.

Not only are bicycles an adequate form of transportation for today's college student, they are also inexpensive compared to motor vehicles. From Wal-Mart to any local bicycle shop, there are bikes to fit anyone's budget.

When your day is over and you feel like relaxing, you can once again put your bicycle to use. Bicycles easily make the transition from transportation to recreation, and a nice evening ride can be refreshing and fun.



With bike racks like the one above at the Rec Center, and the one below at Peck Hall, a bicycle can be a college students best friend. Photos by Steve Purinton/staff



MTSU looks for change, not cents

□ Chad Gillis/features editor

A new library, business and aerospace building, Raider Express, mascot change, school name change, what else is in store for this change happy university?

MTSU, or UMT, is definitely in the process of developing an identity, but what does it signify. Sure, I want to graduate from a Division I school. And yes I would like to have an extravagant law library just like Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee, but what would that signify?

Higher tuition and the cancellation of classes is all that I have seen change from my freshman through senior years. MTSU has always

provided a niche for those students that could not afford to go to the "Division I" schools.

Middle has, and hopefully always will be, a university in which the median of incomes can experience the wealth of an education. Without this school who knows where I'd be or how much \$ I would be in debt.

I mean come on, it is cheap as hell to get an in-state education at this institution. Raising 7 or 8 hundred dollars is a huge task, but it is nowhere in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

Tuition is going up this semester, as always, and it is accorded to that \$2.8 million budget cut, but I read in the Daily News Journal that Sen.

Andy Womack passed legislation that gave back \$1.77 million to the university. The other million is left to the burden of you. I think that a university debt board should be placed in front of the new football stadium that shows each individuals percentage.

That %6 tuition hike amounts to around \$60 per student. That amounts to somewhere in the area of \$840,000. So, in all actuality MTSU has lost about \$160,000 for the next fiscal year.

Granted, this university has no say so in education funding for the state, but when 16 classes are canceled when only a couple hundred thousand dollars are lost,

what will happen as this university gets larger and changes more? \$160,000 will not pay the salary of 16 university professors, who knows at this school it may.

And those classes in reference are in one department. I have only had college algebra, but I do consider myself somewhat mathematical. Where is the cash going, and who can bring it back? That is the question.

Bottom line is that this university can not compete with the University of Tennessee Volunteer football team. Not in Boots Donnelly or President Walker's wildest dreams will MTSU be able to compete with even Vanderbilt's grid iron

squadron, not to mention academics.

The only advantage that this university has is an economical one. Providing that niche education to people who are financially challenged is what this school is known for and what it should continue to pursue.

This university is dead locked on change and change is great sometime, but sense is more important.

With all the prospects now facing campus all we may get is cents, and I'm not referring to receiving money for we shall all be in debt for life if tuition continues to hike as it has and does.



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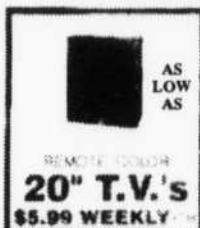
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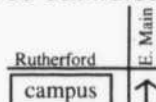
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Student loan default default declines

□ Charles Devantes/College Press Service

WASHINGTON—The percentage of college students who defaulted on their student loans has declined to its lowest level ever, according to the U.S. Education Departments.

About 10.7 percent of students were in default on their loans in 1994, the most recent year for which data is available, the department said. This rate is less than half the 22.4 percent rate recorded in 1990.

"We have used every tool available to slash the default rate and save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, and these efforts will continue," said Education Secretary Richard Riley.

New enforcement power, improved loan collections and new technology all contributed to the turnaround in default rates, the department said. Congress in 1990 and 1992 gave the department more leverage to deny schools access to financial aid dollars if they maintain high default rates.

Under these policies, colleges with default rates above 25 percent for three consecutive years can lose the right to participate in student loan programs.

Also, those schools whose latest one-year default rate exceeds 40 percent can lose eligibility for all financial aid programs, including grants to students.

In 1996, 144 schools were deemed ineligible to participate in student loan programs because of high default rates. Private trade and technical schools make up the bulk of these institutions.

The progress in combating loan defaults

earned praise from President Clinton, who hosted Riley and college students Jan. 10 in an Oval Office meeting.

"We have tracked down defaulters and made them pay," said Clinton, who also acknowledged that an improving economy contributed to the higher repayment rates.

Overall, collections on defaulted loans increased from \$1 billion in 1992 to \$2.2 billion in 1996.

Despite the progress, the department on Jan. 10 also put more than 350 schools on notice that they risk losing eligibility for some or all student-aid programs in the next year. Most of these institutions are for-profit trade and technical schools.

About two dozen public or private two- and four-year colleges also are on the list of those at risk of losing eligibility. Most of these institutions are two-year community colleges or small, four-year church-affiliated colleges.

College students who attended the White House event also credited the Clinton administration's new direct loan program with helping lower default rates and improve efficiency. Under this program, the government provides loan capital directly to institutions without requiring help from banks.

Students have various options to repay their direct loans such as income-contingent repayment, in which borrowers have smaller payments immediately after they finish college and repay more of their debt as they earn higher wages.

"This is government policy at its best," said Fiona Rose, student government president at the University of Michigan.

By cutting out banks, the direct loan program also allows for more timely loans to students, she said.

Nonetheless, Rose acknowledged many college and university students still remain apprehensive about college costs and their mounting debt burdens. "It's making me rethink plans for graduate school," she said, adding that most of her fellow classmates remain concerned about heavy debt after they leave college.

The three volumes of data released at the White House ceremony also contain school-by-school default rates on more than 8,000 colleges and universities.

Data lists student default rates from 1992 through 1994. To find out more information about an individual institution, contact ED's Office of Public Affairs at (202) 401-1576.

Historically black colleges and universities and tribally-controlled schools and colleges are exempt from the loan default sanctions through July 1998. These exemptions, along with other student loan policies, will get a detailed review later this year as Congress begins a required re-authorization of the federal Higher Education Act.

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High School senior finds error in SAT

□ Colleen Debaise/College Press Service

NEW YORK—For once, SAT takers had a really good reason to be stumped by a question.

The College Board made a mistake on the math section, and Colin Rizzio, a 17-year-old aspiring physicist, discovered the flaw while taking the test last October.

Chagrined SAT officials say its the first defective question in 14 years.

"Since we cannot determine how this might have affected test takers as they attempted to answer the question, we decided to treat all answers as equally correct," said Gretchen W. Rigol, the executive director of admissions and guidance services at the College Board.

As a result, the scores of some 45,000 students who took the SAT on Oct. 12 will be boosted by 10 points, and a few will increase 20 to 30 points.

"We're rushing to get the revised score reports out as quickly as possible, because we realize that college admissions officers have already begun reviewing applications," said Brian O'Reilly, director of the SAT Program.

The question, which SAT officials say was designed to be one of the test's toughest, was an algebra problem whose answer changed depending on whether a positive or negative number was plugged into the equation.

"I was kind of hesitant when I circled that one in, so I proceeded through the test," Rizzio told ABC's Good Morning America.

Afterward, he got in touch with Princeton, N.J.-based Educational Testing Service, which develops and administers the test for the College Board.

SAT officials report

that they were amazed at his astuteness, to say the least.

"Not only did this exceptional student find a flaw that had been overlooked by internal and external math specialists during extensive reviews, but he did so while taking the SAT," O'Reilly said.

Now, Rizzio is being courted by Clarkson University, where he has already been accepted. In a letter read on Good Morning America, Clarkson president Denny Brown said: "I think he is precisely the kind of student we're looking for—inquisitive, exacting, committed to excellence."

Rizzio also has applied to Duke University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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Men's studies gaining equal time in college classroom

□ Adolph Mendes/College Press Service

When David Ulbrich went off to college, he expected to take courses in literature and chemistry. But the University of Dayton graduate says he never imagined he would sign up for a course whose central subject explores what it means to be guy these days. So when he saw "Modern Men: Images and Reality" offered in UD's course catalog, his curiosity was piqued.

"I really wasn't sure what to expect," says Ulbrich, who's since graduated. "I was worried it would be undignified whining and complaining . . . 'Woe is me, I'm a man.'"

Despite his concerns, Ulbrich says he decided to enroll in the course and learned a lot. "It was a class on how men are perceiving social, cultural relationships and how they're perceived because they're male," he said. "The idea is to see how men are looking at the world through men's eyes."

"Until recently, college courses on gender studies largely have focused on women's role in society." Male students pay the same tuition as female students, but the opportunities for men to study males in a gender-conscious way is just not there," says Eugene August, an English professor at the University of Dayton. August has compiled a bibliography of more than 1,000 books dealing with men's studies.

That may be changing. After 30 years of courses on women's studies, men are finally getting equal time in some classrooms. Through classes, workshops and lecture series, students are examining what it means to be male in a changing society.

Students are signing up for such courses as "The Nature of Men" at Ohio University, "King Lear and Fathering" at St. John's University in Minnesota; and the "Masculine Mystique" at Dartmouth College. At Hobart College in upstate New York, students can enroll in a course entitled "Theories of Masculinity." At Colorado State University, sessions on masculinity

include subjects such as, "From Intimacy Phobic to Intimacy Junkie: A New Path for Men."

"According to the American Men's Studies Association based in Youngstown, Ohio, the number of men's studies courses being offered on college campuses jumped to 300 in 1993 from 30 in 1984. Today there's about 500 courses offered, says Sam Femiano, association's founder. However, although students can earn a degree in women's studies, no college offers a major in men's studies, says Femiano, who works as a psychologist in Northampton, Mass. Many scholars say they view men's studies as a natural outgrowth of feminism. "If you're doing gender studies, you have two genders and you have to study both genders."

I see [men's studies] as the logical complement of women's studies," August says. But some critics say they wonder whether classes in men's studies are necessary when traditional course offerings already reflect a male-dominated culture. Others argue that men's studies and its tenets are not an outgrowth of feminism—but a backlash against it.

Mimi White, director of women's studies at Northwestern University, says she is not necessarily opposed to the idea of men's studies but adds she would dispute the "facts" presented in such courses. "I'm not sure we teach mothers' rights," she says, disputing the notion, for example, that men have a disadvantage in child-custody cases, a view taught in some men's right courses.

Generally, men's studies attempts to explain how the male gender has been shaped by social, cultural and historic factors, August said. But approaches to men's studies are as varied as "the feminisms," say instructors.

For example, Edward Barton, who just finished teaching a class called "Men's Discussion Group" at

Lansing Community College in Michigan, says there are three approaches to examining men. "One is pro-feminist/gay affirmative," he says, "Another is mythopoetic," an approach that explores the ancient rituals and symbols of manhood and at times encourages men to rediscover their roots by going into the woods, beating on drums and bonding. "Third is the father's rights/men's rights approach," says Barton, arguing that in child-custody cases, courts are biased in favor of women.

In his course, students are encouraged to keep journals and discuss such topics as domestic violence, father's rights, men's friendships and work. Barton admits that "men's studies can look at things that are not politically correct." For example, his class discusses studies that have found women to be as equally violent as men, he says. August also says what he teaches is not always easy to swallow for some students.

"One issue that always causes some uncomfortableness is the issue of men as victims," he explains. "Some people can deal with it easily; other people have a real problem with it." There's almost a total denial that there are battered men as well as battered women. "Still, August says, "I try to emphasize that men and women aren't enemies. Those people who try to set men and women against each other as enemies are doing a disservice to both sexes."

"While the debate of the relevance of men's studies continues, some feminists say men studies pull dollars away from women's studies courses." Women studies programs have been notoriously underfunded and have to struggle for resources," White says. "New programs, like men's studies, also require funding. So I think there's an indirect competition."

Female grads typically prepare for lesser paying jobs, study finds

□ Laura Gridsby/Northern Star/Northern Illinois University

DEKALB, Ill.—A recent study on the lifetime earnings of men and women who graduate from Northern Illinois University finds women will make over \$300,000 less than men in their lifetime.

Margie Cook, program coordinator for the NIU Center for Women's Studies, said the main reason for this is something she calls "the segregation of the work force."

As she explains, men and women still are expected by society to take certain types of jobs according to gender. These jobs typically are split by the amount of pay available.

"It has more to do with gender roles," she said. "There is still a lot of gendered thinking about the kinds of jobs that men and women should do."

Cook said more women end up working in sections of the economy that have lower paying jobs, such as social science, teaching and child care.

Men typically work in jobs that have high wages, such as plumbers, airplane pilots and auto mechanics.

And while the majority of students attending college are women, according to Cook their education is geared

toward these specific fields, so they still are making less money than men.

John Lewis, head of the study from the NIU Center for Governmental Studies, said he thinks a major reason is because women leave the work force to raise children.

Even those who do re-enter the workforce at some time have to start at the bottom of the corporate ladder again.

"When women take time off to raise families, when they try to re-enter again, then they have lost that time and the salary increases from that time that the men have received," he said.

He also said women typically do not pursue the same kinds of jobs men are interested in obtaining.

"The difference may simply mean the value systems of women are different," he said. "Women don't usually like the high-pressure jobs men take on."

Cook also suggests there is still a very distinct "glass ceiling" where women and men working in the same positions will get unequal pay, with the men received more.

"It appears to be simply linked to

gender—men get hired with higher salaries and higher promotions," she said. "Overall, when a woman and a man are in the same business field and have the same qualifications, the man will typically get a higher rank and higher pay."

In 1994, women were still only making 72 percent of a man's salary, a census report in the Houghton Mifflin Almanac said.

Both Cook and Lewis agree that this issue should be addressed more and that NIU students should be educated more on the situation.

Right now, Cook said there is only one class at NIU devoted to women in the job market called "Women in Contemporary America."

"I certainly think a lot of young women today do not realize this is the reality they face after graduation," she said. "They think that judgments are based on merit and qualifications, but in reality, gender plays a huge role in employment opportunity, financial stability and future savings."

Middle Tennessee Underground Music Scene moves to Exit/In

□ Chad Gillis/features editor

Roland Gresham boards center stage at the Exit/In. He has brought with him on this occasion Aventura Lane, bass, Ross Lester, drums, and of course Annie Sellick, vocals, to represent Murfreesboro and the jazz community at large.

Free CDs fill the Nashville venue. Free so are band stickers, cassettes and various other paraphernalia. The only charge is the door and the beer.

The Middle Tennessee Underground Music Scene (MUMS) celebrates its recent move to Elliston Place, from 527 Mainstreet, with a four star line-up. Each month the showcase features four bands from the area. Head-liners from the first four MUMS have included bands such as Very George, Rub, Fluid Ounces, and Slump.

An array of hues dawn the once blackened stage and await a tossed salad of green leaf jazz, funk spicy cheese dressing from the '70s, and rock and roll with the consistency and texture of stale, hard croutons.

Gresham, fond of jazz standards such as the theme song to Spiderman, kicks the set off with a lounge type melody that suspends the crowd with expectation. Midway through Roland Gresham Jazz, Sellick is called to stage. Wearing sensual evening attire and sporting vocal presence rarely seen from male or female, Sellick takes command of the night with a rendition of the classic Route 66.

Though if done in a rock and roll style the song would surely bore, adding a dash of jazz concealed the number well into the chorus. Next is House of the Rising Sun.

Sellick, formerly of Cotton Appleseed, is a Nashville native and MTSU sociology major intending to graduate in December. She is one of a variable line-up that Gresham showcases regularly. Often players from different bands and areas sit in with Gresham Jazz. Tonight on skins is Lester, formerly of Celebrity Toast and Jam and Sister Ray, who currently keeps time for Dorothy Parker and the Kenny Bunkport Jazz Workshop. Lane is generally a staple who misses an occasional show, with Gresham is the only sure, 100% member. His band can be seen on a somewhat regular schedule consisting of Thursdays at Sebastian's on the square and Sundays at the 'Boro. Gresham's shows charge no cover but it does

take contributions.

On a strongly contrasting note, the second Murfreesboro band, Canvas, storms the stage. This hard thumping trio uses very little vocals with a lot of punch to switch the night's tempo to overdrive. Images of Primus and Ministry, without the accenting samples, fill the air along with huge waves of sound and the smell of alcoholic beverages.

Next to entertain is Nashville based band Four Hundred. This foursome is extremely tight with great guitar riffs and excelling stage presence.

The Guy Smiley Blues Exchange, from Nashville, is the closing act. Founded in 1993, the Blues Exchange is a seven member band full of funk and flavor. According to members their sole mission is to move butts.

The core of the band includes Frank Reynolds on bass, Howard Connell on drums, and Graham Spice on guitar and lead vocals. Spice is the frontman of the band that also incorporates a three piece horn section consisting of Patrick Dolan on alto sax and flute, Chris West on tenor and soprano sax and flute, and Bill Schultz on big bari. Andrew Swift rounds out the line-up on percussion and vibraphone.

Guy Smiley is definitely a butt moving band representing all that was brilliant in the 1970's. Good times, crazy horn section James Brown imitations, and various danceable tunes now downshift as Smiley takes the audience into the late hours. Of all the comparable prime time acts Stevie Wonder and the Village People are closest to the mark. The Guy Smiley Blues Exchange is definitively entertaining. This must see act play Murfreesboro on occasion, their next being Sebastian's on August 23.

The Middle Tennessee Underground Music Scene occurs on the last Tuesday of every month. September's show features, in order, Those Legendary Shack Shakers, the Katies, Big Jim Slade, and Ten Cent Whiskey. Acts wishing to perform in the showcase should send tapes or CDs to MUMS, care of Jenni Leeds, 1620 Battleground Dr. B-27, Murfreesboro, TN, 37129, (615) 849-1361. The next onslaught of musicality will be August 26, see you there

SEE page 33 for additional photos



Above: Four members of the Nashville base act Four Hundred dance rabidly. Right: Graham Spice sings and pounds out the funky rhythms of The Guy Smiley Blues Exchange. Below: Shortly before the horn section of Guy Smiley does their James Brown 'barking' the trio take time to pose for a group photo by Trevor Tenpenny/ editor.



Barn Gallery preview

□ Chad Gillis/features editor

The Barn gallery, located in the Art Barn on campus, is preparing for another featuring many interesting exhibits. First of which will be *Pattern and Media*. The exhibit presents the paintings by Anne Bagby of Winchester Tennessee and Carole Quam of Alaska and quilts by Carolyn Mazloomi of Ohio. Opening reception is August 25 from 4 until 6 pm. The month of October presents the works painters Bob Short of Sewanee and Chuck Wood. *Insider/Outsider Art* reception is scheduled for the first day of the month from 4 to 6 pm. Senior Exhibits for this semester, consisting of graduating senior in the BFA program. The Juried Student Show will feature artwork of ceramics, graphic design, jewelry, painting, printmaking and sculpture and will be shown from January 5 through 23. February will

host *Chicago: Memories and Fantasies*. The show run from the second day of the month through. Painter Robert Graham's, of Virginia, opening reception is scheduled for February 2 at 4 pm. Drawings and paintings of Julie Mitchell, Ohio, and Teresa Prater, South Carolina, will run from March 9 until the 31st of 1998. Opening reception-March 9, with the presentation beginning at noon of the same day. The Senior Exhibits, graduating senior in BFA program, for the spring semester is scheduled to begin of April 6 and run through May 4. Art Gallery hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday except when the university is closed. There is no admission, for more information contact the department of Art at 898-5653.

Right: Charcoal drawing titled *Bullseye House*, a 15"X22" by Julie Mitchell. Below: The work of Bob Short known as *The Fly* which is oil on canvas, 24"X18"



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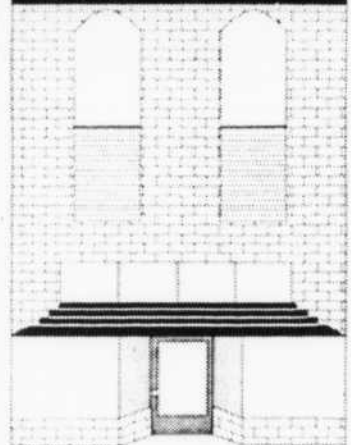


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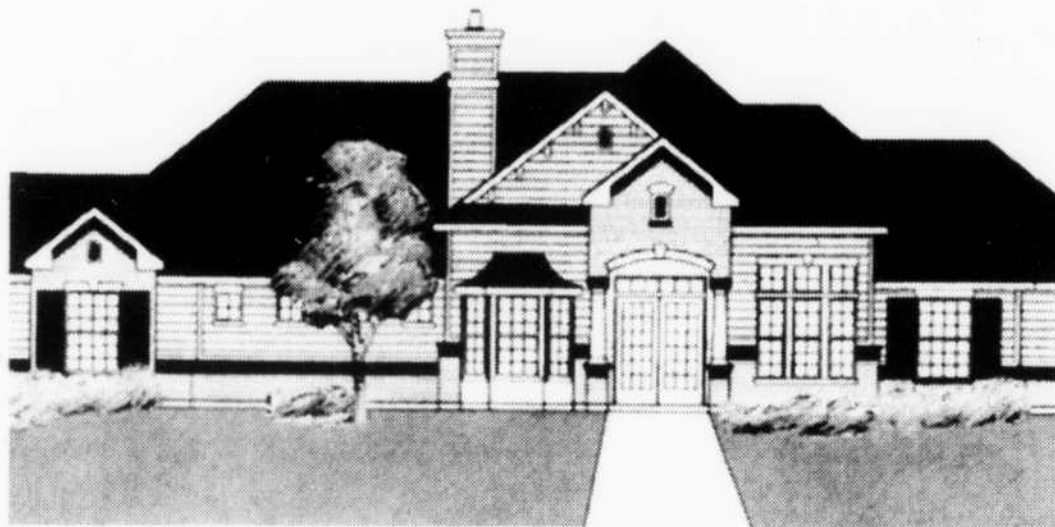
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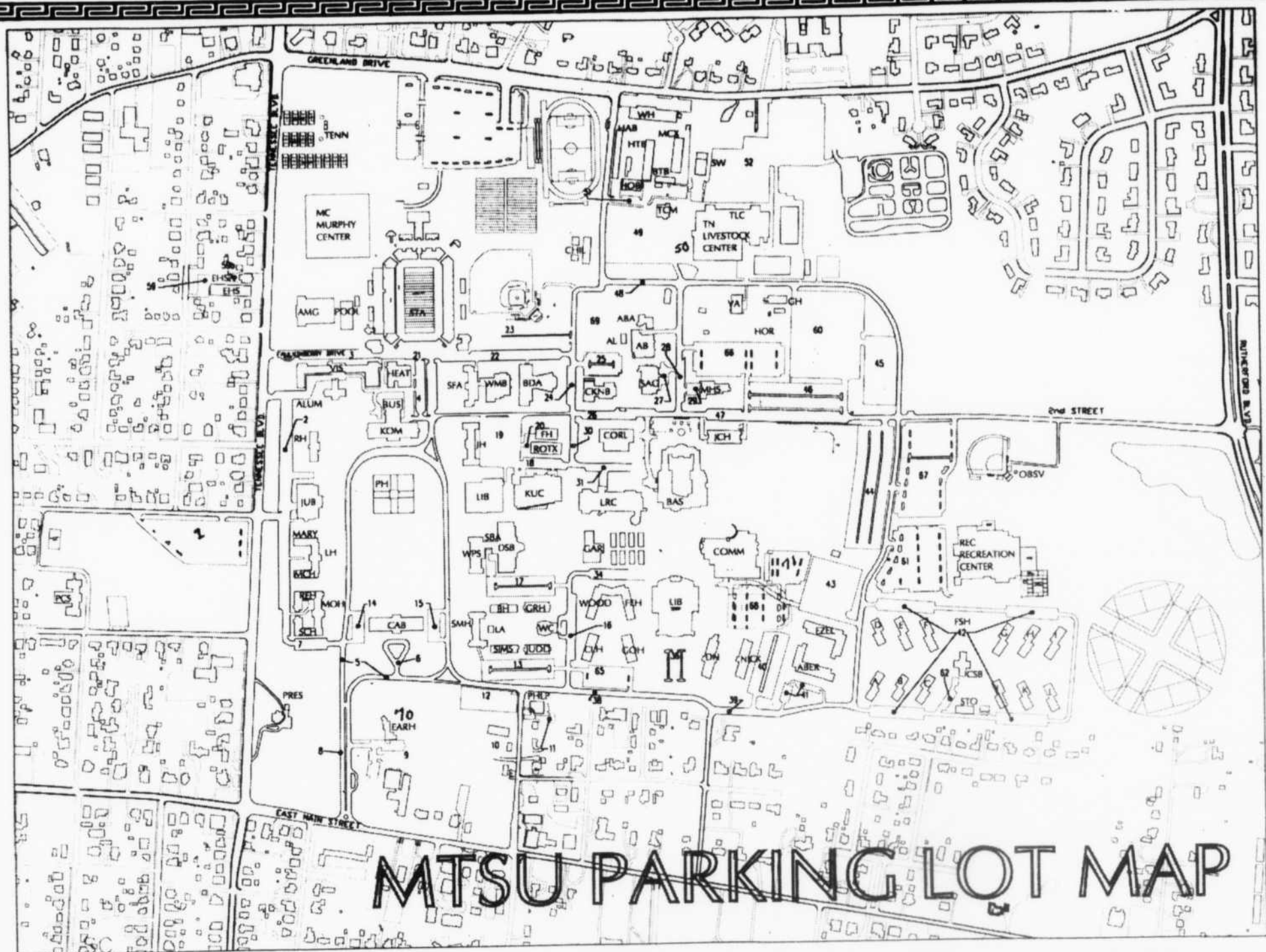
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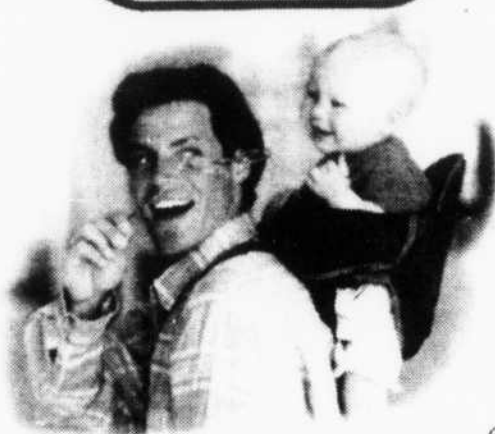
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MTSU Theatre season preview

□ Cynthia Ryan/staff

MTSU's Theatre department makes its home in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. The troupe, technically named the Buchanan Players, provides students with a diverse theatre season every year.

The growing department consists of approximately 150 theatre emphasis majors and six full time faculty members according to department secretary Mary McKee.

The department has announced it's prospective season for the 1997-98 school year. The season consists of five shows directed by a variety of people, both faculty and students. MTSU's regular theatre season opens in October and runs through the middle of May.

The first show they are awaiting contract approval for "The World Goes 'Round," a musical review to be directed by Dale McGilliard. This show is a collection of songs by John Kander and Fred Ebb.

"They are a collaborative team that go way back," said McGilliard. "They are still writing." The collection includes songs from such Broadway hits as "Chicago," "Cabaret," "Funny Lady," "New York, New York," and "Kiss of the Spiderwoman."

Performances of "The World Goes 'Round" are October 1-5, 1997 and October 7-12, 1997.

Auditions are scheduled for August 25 and 26, 1997 at 7 pm in the Studio Theatre.

The next show, "The Hostage," by Brendan

Behan, is scheduled for November 18-22, 1997. Auditions will be September 3 and 4, 1997 at 7 pm in Tucker Theatre.

Directed by Deborah Anderson, "The Hostage" combines several theatrical elements including comedy, satire, tragedy and musical to captivate its audience. The cast includes the zany inhabitants of a Dublin lodging house, IRA terrorists and a British soldier.

The story concerns a touching situation about a young British soldier who has been captured by the Irish Republican Army and is being held as a hostage for an IRA member due to be hung for shooting a policeman.

The inhabitants of the seamy Dublin rooming house whose antics divert the young soldier through his night of capture include several "ladies of the evening", a fruity "sociable worker", a mad Anglo-Irish patriot and other zanies. A tender romance also develops between the soldier and a simple orphan girl who is the maid of the house.

The student directed One-Acts will be presented February 11-14, 1998 and February 17-21, 1998. Audition dates have not yet been established.

Selected for artistic direction are students Brandon Reece and Seamus McNally. The shows have not yet been announced.

"We are sure they will bring exciting entertainment to all," said Tucker Theatre Manager, Jeff Gibson. "These features are always a sellout and the audiences love them."

"It's such an honor, such a privilege to have that kind of experience," said Brandon Reece, junior theatre major. Reece previously directed "Ludlow Fair" by Lanford Wilson.

"I am nervous. It's a vast undertaking," said Reece, "but I'm excited about it. I can't wait to get started. It says a lot about the department and everything. It's very cool."

Seamus McNally, a senior theatre major, previously directed "Affections of an Alleycat" by Will Calhoun.

In early March of 1998 MTSU will host the ACTER project in association with the College of Liberal Arts, the department of Speech and Theatre and the Department of English. The ACTER project will present William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The comedy is set in an enchanted wood inhabited by dancing fairies, sweethearts befuddled with love potions and a group of country bumpkins rehearsing a preposterous play. In effect it's a picnic, all of a soft summer's night.

With wit and incomparably lovely flights of poetry, the Bard interwove four stories in this entertaining play.

One deals with the quarrel of Oberon and Titania, the king and queen of the fairies; a second with the mix-ups of the four "mortals" resulting from mischievous Puck's having given a love potion to the wrong man; a third with the rehearsals of a mock

tragedy; and the fourth with the wedding party of the duke of Athens and his bride.

A group of professional performers from England, the ACTER project includes many performers who have performed with the Royal Shakespeare Company put together by Patrick Stewart of Star Trek: The Next Generation.

"Several years ago he decided Universities were not getting proper training on literature and drama," said Gibson. "He put together this troupe to tour the states. They perform, talk to English classes and acting classes, teach workshops, sword fighting, etc."

The ACTER project brought Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" to MTSU last year during their week long residency.

McGilliard will return in the director's position for "God's Country" by Steven Dietz scheduled for April 7-11, 1998.

"We're all really excited about that one," said McGilliard. "It's a really scary show about how they are right out there and waiting and ready."

Successfully combining fact and fiction, "God's Country" uses the theatre as a social forum to expose the brutal ideology and activities of a white-supremacist group. Fast-paced and emotionally gripping the provocative play forces the audience to confront the fact that there is no easy formula for ridding today's society of the racism entrenched in our culture.

Dietz has mixed his play into a montage of actual courtroom

testimony (from the trial of Jewish radio disc jockey Alan Berg - killed by a white supremacist group), reenactment, narration and monologue. The show also includes mixed media and should prove to be a powerful experience in theatre and real-life situation.

"It shows how they work, what their goals are and the fact that they're still here," said McGilliard. Auditions will be January 12 and 13, 1998 at 7 pm in Tucker Theatre.

"Androcles and the Lion" by Aurand Harris is the final show of the season. This lively, entertaining musical version of George Bernard Shaw's classic tale will be directed by Jette Halladay.

It is the story of a wanderer who plucks a thorn from the paw of an anguished lion and later, "flung to the lions" in a Roman arena, is recognized and fawned upon by the beast he has befriended.

Auditions are set for January 27 and 28, 1998 at 7 pm in Tucker Theatre. The play will be performed for area schoolchildren in early May 1998 matinees. There will be two evening performances for the community to attend.

Presented by the Lynn Brown Players, "Androcles and the Lion" has been scheduled for May 15 and 16, 1998.

All auditions are open to anyone interested. All proceeds go into the show budgets with the exception of the children's show, which benefits scholarships for the Department of Speech and Theatre.

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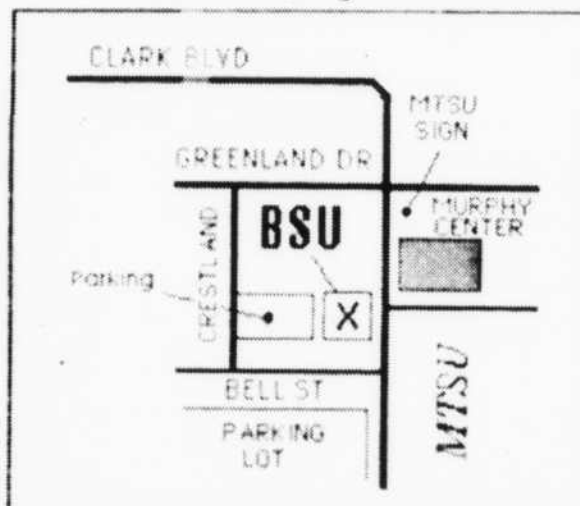
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Campus concerts experience hick-hock delay

□ staff reports

The knoll will miss three shows this semester due to construction that will expand Phillip's Bookstore.

"The Knoll will be put back," said MiMiJohnson, MTSU programming director. "The little hickhock will come back when the reconstruction is complete."

Programming is planning 3 shows this fall on August 22, September 5 and 12. When asked if the

venue could possibly be moved to accomodate entertainment needs Johnson replied that the university must be careful with the intense volumes at the Knoll shows. Amy Watkins Band will be the August act, with the Raider Victory Fellowship Christian's performing on the 5th of Septmeber.

The first campus concert of the fall will be Tuesday, following the President's Picnic, on the steps of Kirksey Old Main. The show features Fluid Ounces and the Features.



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Spongebath recording artists Fluid Ounces will open MTSU's concert season.

White House hires college columnist

□ Maggie Welter/college press

Like many college newspaper columnists, Andrei Cherny probably wondered at one time or another whether anyone was reading his words or not.

Cherny isn't doubting it anymore, though.

A column he wrote for his school newspaper, the Harvard Crimson, not only caught the attention of a White House staff member, it eventually led to a job.

A few months before he graduated from Harvard University in June, Cherny, 21, was hired as a White House speech writer, one of the youngest in history.

Cherny's key to the White House door was a political column he wrote for the Crimson last November. It analyzed the strategy behind President Clinton's election victory, and described Clinton as a "raging centrist, who would fight for middle class interests and mainstream values."

The opinion piece packed enough punch to be noticed by a White House staff member who was on

campus for a conference.

"The White House representative thought Cherny really understood what Clinton's ideas are," said Catherine McLaughlin, deputy director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard, where Cherny worked for four years. McLaughlin said the White House staffer clipped the column and eventually it landed in four very powerful hands—Clinton's and Vice President Gore's.

That's when Cherny's saga became fodder for Washington tongue-waggers. According to Al Kamen, famous for keeping tabs on politicians in his column in the Washington Post, the White House engaged in a bidding war for Cherny's talents with House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.). Apparently, Gephardt's office offered Cherny a job before the White House did. But, Kamen wrote in his June 18 column, "Vice President Gore and President Clinton were determined not to let Gephardt get Cherny," adding, they "jostled big-time over the youngster." In

the end, Cherny opted for Pennsylvania Avenue.

Once he started, the White House Press Office forbid Cherny from giving interviews with the media. But before he left his parents' home in Los Angeles for Washington, Cherny told the Los Angeles Times that his hiring was just a "right-place, right-time situation."

Contrary to the Post report, Ginny Terzano, a Gore press aide, said no one in the White House went out of the way to hire Cherny. She also said the Harvard grad was not hired just because of his column. "We were looking to fill a position, and he's a very talented writer," Terzano said. She, however, admitted that Gore was impressed by Cherny's views and added, "The Vice President has always sought young people with energy to get involved in White House projects."

Cherny has a long history of being involved in political projects. "He came here his freshman year and handed me a three-page resume with all these political things, like

working for local candidates, before he even got to Harvard," McLaughlin said.

To label Cherny a political junkie would be an understatement, according to his friend and Harvard roommate, Doug Pravda. Apparently Cherny gets cranky if he doesn't get his daily dose of the Hotline, a publication that details what happened on Capitol Hill and in other arenas in national politics. Pravda also said his former roommate didn't have much free time because "he was always reading or online following politics or watching 'Meet the Press.'"

When he did take a break from politics to watch TV or a movie, Cherny didn't stray far, says Pravda. "Andrei really liked 'Spin City' because it's about this deputy mayor." And Pravda recalls walking around campus with Cherny one day when the latter spotted a poster advertising the movie "The American President," with Michael Douglas. Cherny took the poster home and hung it in his room. "I don't know if he

even likes the movie," Pravda said, "but he certainly is a big fan of anything political."

He's also a big fan of Bill Clinton, which should suit him well in his new role. "He has been a Clinton supporter and very much agrees with Clinton politics. Andrei views himself in Clinton's New Democrat mold," said Pravda.

McLaughlin, too, is certain Andrei will do well in his new digs. "He's just a very intelligent person. The President was very lucky to get him." She also said she wouldn't be surprised if Cherny runs for office one day.

If he does, he'll probably start at the local level. While Cherny is working at what may be considered ground zero of the American political power center, he told the LA Times the local level is where politics can have the biggest impact. "I see the White House as a chance for me to get some experience and maybe help some people . . . the real politics are going on at a local level."



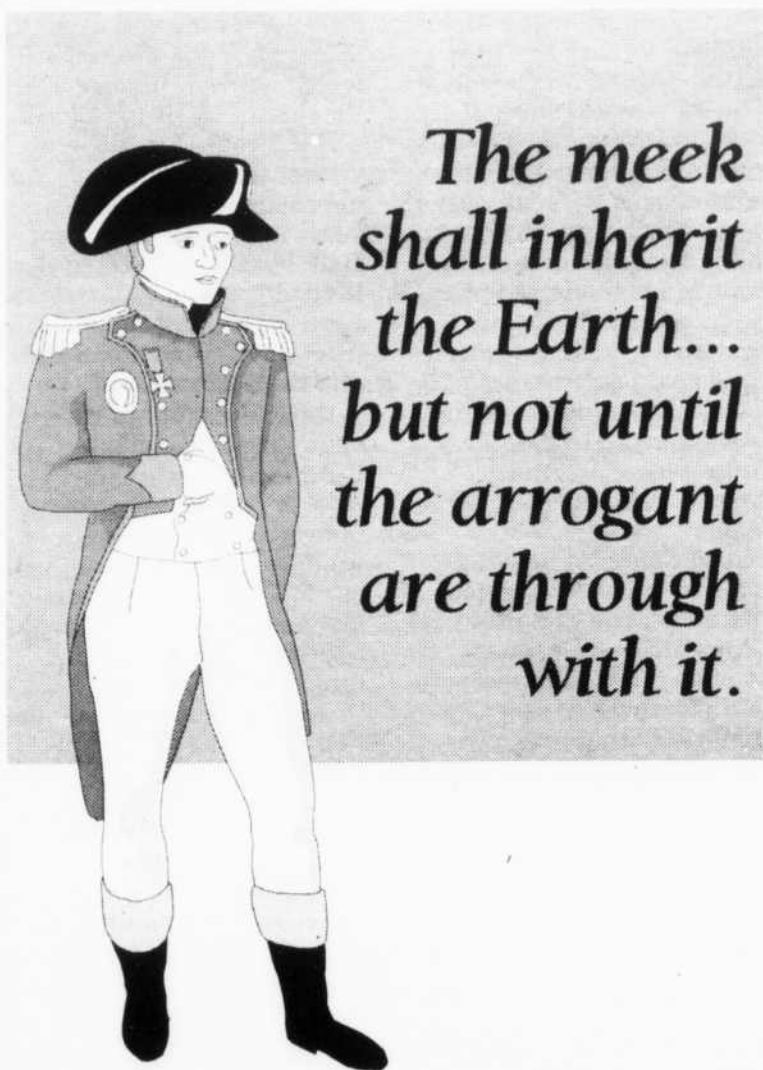
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Big Jim Slade is scheduled to make a MUMS appearance in September. Slade is from left, Jonathan Sirls, Brett Conti, Robert Sirls, Chris Belt and Clay Fuqua.



Trevor Tenpenny/editor

Annie Sellick, singer for Roland Gresham Jazz, delivers her swinging rendition of *Rout 66* to a much pleased crowd.



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Center for the Arts schedules spectacular season

□ Cynthia Ryan/staff

The Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts' 1997-98 Celebration Series is scheduled to run from September 1997 to June 1998. The Center opened on December 1, 1995 and is dedicated to providing the Citizens of Rutherford County with a variety of arts experiences.

The season opener, Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians" will be directed by Israel Tovar. Tovar is a senior theatre major at MTSU.

Billed as one of Christie's favorite mysteries, "Ten Little Indians" takes place in a weird country house on an island off the coast of Devon. Eight guests and two servants are trapped on the island for the weekend.

One of the guests is poisoned and everyone is suspected. Presented by Murfreesboro Little Theatre, performances are scheduled for September 19-21 and 25-27, 1997.

Just in time for Halloween, the spell-binding, one-man presentation of "Poe Alone: The Last Lecture" will come to the stage October 28-31, 1997. A compelling recreation of Edgar Allen Poe's last public appearance, made two weeks before his death in 1849, the tour de farce was adapted for the stage and is performed by Norman George.

George includes riveting treatments of "The Bells," "Annabel Lee," "Cholera," and "The Raven." The New York Times has been quoted as saying "Poe scholars who have seen him say Mr. George is the nearest thing to Poe in the flesh."

MLT, the Centers' resident theatre company, returns to offer "The Boys Next Door" by Tom Griffin. Performances, directed by MTSU theatre graduate, Jenny Rainwater, are November 14-16 and 20-22, 1997.

This funny and touching play focuses on the lives of four mentally challenged men and their social worker. The four live in a communal residence under the watchful eye of a sincere but increasingly despairing social worker.

Filled with humor, the play is also marked by compassion and understanding as it peers into the world of these delightful characters.

Everyone's favorite holiday tale, "A Christmas Carol," will come to the Center December 17-21. This version of the Dickens classic has been adapted for a company of six actors with the accompaniment of a fiddler.

Presented by the Center for the Arts, dates are also available for Private Performances and Business or Organization Holiday Parties. The director has not yet been determined.

February 13-15 and 19-21, 1998, MLT brings an unusual spin to the works of humankind's most well-known author. "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" by the Reduced Shakespeare Company is scheduled to be directed by MTSU faculty Joe Sturgeon.

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The Neil Simon comedy "Jake's Women" is being presented by MLT April 24-26 and May 2-3, 1998. Directed by Center for the Arts Executive Director, Brad Evans, "Jake's Women" is the last MLT show of the Celebrations Series.

Jake, a novelist who is more successful with fiction than with real life, works through a marital crisis by daydreaming about the women in his life, past and present. The wildly comic and sometimes moving flashback and fantasies played in his mind are interrupted by visitations from the living females of his life.

To close the season, Blue Moves Modern Dance Company will celebrate its first anniversary as an invited performing group at the Center. Blue Moves, celebrating its ninth anniversary as a company, promises an evening charged

with the rich power and timeless beauty of contemporary dance.

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The Center for the Arts building, located at 110 W. College Street, Murfreesboro, is an 88 year old work of art. A grand Italian Renaissance structure built in 1909, the building was originally used as the Murfreesboro Post Office and later became the home of Linebaugh Library.

The Center is rich with local history and now boasts a 168 seat performance hall and a 1,840 square foot fine arts gallery. The Center unites visual art, music, theatre and dance in a single venue.

The Center is now the home to the Murfreesboro Little Theatre, The Blue Moves Modern Dance Company, The Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra, as well as numerous other arts, civic, and private organizations.

The Gallery at the Center for the Arts features monthly exhibits focusing on regional and national artists. The Gallery has hosted exhibits from the National Association of Women Artists and the Smithsonian Institution. The Center's Gallery is always free and open to the public.

Resident theatre company, Murfreesboro Little Theatre is 35 years old. MLT was started by 4 couples in town and did their first show at a local school. They then made their home behind a funeral parlor, in a location which is now home to The Front Porch Cafe. After moving from there, MLT got a log cabin which has now become The Playhouse on Ewing Street.

MLT moved into the Center for the Arts approximately one and a half years ago. MLT President, Dale McGilliard, stated that they "don't pay rent, but we get a segment of the income from the Celebration Series and the door receipts."

MLT does four of the eight shows for the Center's Celebration Series.

"For the next year we've budgeted more money, and we have a better season with our four shows than we did last year," said McGilliard. "And we have really good directors lined up."

At the present time, The Center for the Arts receives no finding from the City of Murfreesboro or Rutherford County. The Center's operating budget is dependent on the generous donations of businesses and individuals. You are invited to support the center and its endeavors with a tax deductible contribution.

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The Long Gone Daddies with Lonnie Wayne Flemmer will be at Springwater for some hot dog roots rock and trailer park barbecue music

*Sunday August 24

Roland Gresham Jazz will be at the 'Boro

Springwater hosts Davis Deluxe--a big easy duo for a Sunday afternoon

*Wednesday August 27

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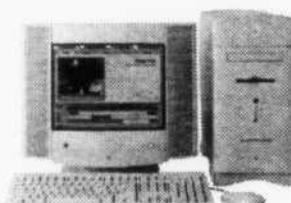
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What goes on in this Mecca

□ Chad Gillis/features editor

After much deliberation, conformation of fall attendance, payment of fees: via credit card, check or cash, many students find a brief moment to wonder of the social possibilities of Murfreesboro.

What, in the geographical center of Tennessee, could one do to pass 4 to 6 years of their life? **NOTHING!**

Of course, this is one of the hottest recording industry schools in the free world. And studios attract musicians, therefore many are around you. Local music seems to thrive in this region, and is quite contrary to the Nashville stereotyped country scene.

Local staples of bohemian atmosphere such as Dr. Gonzo, the Laughing Storm Dogs, and Slump demonstrate interpretations of life and liberty on a daily basis.

The stage on which the majority of non-contemporary acts act is located just across from Murphy Center at the 'Boro Bar and Grill. The 'Boro offers the best selection of draft and bottled beverages in town.

Local talent is not alone. Many area and national acts participate in the arts. Bands such as Roland Gresham Jazz and Godwater have migrated to this quickly rising musical scene.

Not long forgotten are the antics of deceased performance artist GG Allan at 527 Mainstreet. This is an ever changing venue that sees a new administrator every couple of years and is more on the west side of town.

Other places of musical interest include Sebastian's—just a few doors down from Spongebath Records on Maple Street, Johnathan's on the square, and the Bunganut Pig on Northfield Blvd.

For those interested in theater and television productions, Murfreesboro Little Theatre produces 4 works per year. The performances range from straight dramas, to musicals, to comedies. The MLT is located on the east end of Ewing Blvd. Occasional MLT offers weekend workshops at the Rutherford County Center for the Arts located on College Street nest to the square.

The Center for the Arts provides Murfreesboro with a gallery and stage adaptable to musical act as well as dramatic performances and comedy acts. The Center offers a chance for local and national artists to display works for sale and provides musical acts and various other artists an alternative location to display themselves or their work.

The latest theater to join the area is the Murfreesboro Ensemble Theatre. The group performed its debut show earlier this month and should prove to be a very worthy venue.

Tucker Theatre produces around 5 plays per year. On the fall list is "Roar of the Greasepaint, Smell of the Crowd" and "The Hostage." For listings of theater productions and auditions check the callboard located in the first floor lobby of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building.

MTSU also has a local television station. Channel 8 is ground in the Learning Resource Center on campus. Channel 8 has really exploded onto the local television scene and hopefully will continue with programming such as *Creep*

Show. Studios A and B of the Center are administered completely by students with a faculty advisor. Channel 8 holds interest meetings at the beginning of each semester where students can express their concerns and ideas, and maybe even get involved.

WMTS, 88.3, has recently gone stereo and now have an actual antenna. It has proven to be one of the areas best

during season. Middle has often been cited as a 'suitcase' school and Music on the Knoll is another attempt to change that condition.

Movie buffs will be glad to know that a VCR is not necessary to provoke images of the silver screen. Occasionally 9on the KUC courtyard features full-length films. Students are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs

for free entertainment under the stars.

Tucker Theatre offers popular films regularly for students throughout the semester, as well as comedy acts, local musical acts and regularly scheduled



college radio stations, maybe the best. Students DJ's have the opportunity to program a radio station while gaining the attention of the campus. MTSU also has a jazz station by the labeled WMOT 89.5. WMOT is a firstclass traditional station that offers soothing sound at reasonable hours. Both are located in the Learning Resource Center; WMTS is student oriented with WMOT hiring and offering internships.

MTSU also sponsors Music on the Knoll. The grassy area located in front of the Keathley University Center is the area in reference and hosts around 5 show per semester. Local, regional, and national acts perform on a weekly basis with weather permitting. When show are scheduled and disturbed by uncontrollable conditions the venue is moved into the KUC. Bands, comedians, and more bands perform each Friday after school

programming.

For those of you looking for a quiet atmosphere with a slight intellectual approach, Murfreesboro has an adequate facility. The Red Rose Cafe, located on West College Street, is the Mecca for caffeine freaks and lovers of bagels and such. The Rose offers the best coffee and related items in town and also owns a bakery next door. For the best in Boston creams and blueberry muffins try this little venue.

If it is night life you are after, and the above mentioned is not your cup of tea, Nashville might fulfill your needs. The capitol city offer many art and musical venues appealing to most genres. Lucy's Records on Church Street is an all ages club/record store that houses local and national acts every weekend. Last February DooRag held a show in the streets of downtown, with patrons leaping on and off a Ryder truck as a beer drinking

crowd gathered for blocks. There is also 328 Performance Hall and The Bongo After Hours Theatre, located at 2007 Belmont Blvd.: offering the best in spoken word, independent film, and comedy. 12the&Porter-114 12the Avenue, Zanies comedy club--2025 8the Avenue South, 3rd&Lindsley--818. 3rd Avenue South, the Station Inn(Bluegrass)--402 12the Avenue South, Springwater--115 27the Avenue South, and Exit/In--2208 Elliston Place round out this shallow but slightly admirable list.

The trendy cliché term around MTSU lately has been apathy. Students can avoid being labeled so by attending the normal array of activities such as: football games, poetry slams on campus, Greek week, student government, homecoming, rush, or you could just get involved in students publications and write. MTSU offers a unique experience in Middle Tennessee to say the least. The best times in this town often occur at unexpected places with unexpected people. Halloween and New Year's Eve are two to mark on the calendar. MTSU tuition is cheap and the atmosphere is laid back, so make the most of it and do not ever mention the word apathy.

Even though this is definitely not a college that offers the utmost in social life, free time is as happening as you make it. Besides, where in the world would students get the idea that free time exists. Social life is reserved for those who don't plan to set up permanent camp at Todd Library, and surely that is the true goal of every MTSU student. Good luck finding an outlet for the stresses this university is bound to bring upon your shoulders. Get involved.

Raider football return for a winning season

□ Doug Malan/staff

By all preseason indications, the Blue Raiders resemble their home field—under heavy reconstruction.

Questions remain if the team will take shape as quickly as the expansion project of Floyd Stadium.

Head coach Boots Donnelly enters his 19th year as Middle Tennessee's leader forced to replace 12 starters on both sides of the ball from the 1996 squad that finished 6-5.

This season's team was picked to finish fourth in the OVC behind Eastern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky and Murray State.

Donnelly's focus after spring practice centers on the offensive and defensive lines. The offensive side was laced with inconsistency a year ago while the defense prospered. The Blue Raiders must replace all four starters plus the top reserve from the defensive side.

"We absolutely have to establish a nucleus of five strong starters on the offensive line," Donnelly said. "That's the starting point to build maturity and cohesiveness up there. We have not seen our lines of the past two seasons build the kind of pride as a unit that we must have."

Overall, the line is young and inexperienced as only one senior is listed on the preseason depth chart. Of the ten players on the chart, only three have earned letters at Middle.

Left tackle Wes Langford (6-5, 295 lbs.) and right guard Konrad Kaul (6-5, 265 lbs.) are the lone returning starters on the offensive line. Langford, a sophomore, is questionable due to neck and shoulder problems.

Andrew McDonald, the lone senior who is letterless at MTSU, is slated as the starting left guard. The 6-2, 285-pounder transferred to Middle last season.

Junior college transfer Matt Norwood (6-1, 270) was the starting center going into fall camp. Sophomore Barry Hall (6-6, 280) anchored the right tackle position after spring workouts.

Gary Davis returns as the starting tight end although he may be a bit undersized at 207 pounds.

Quarterbacking duties fall in the lap of Jonathan Quinn, who threw for 931 yards last year and 1,700 yards in 1995. Chances are slim that the 6-6, 230 pound

Quinn will battle the platoon situation of last season.

Sophomore Judd Moore is the backup and freshman T.J. Mahan is the third-stringer heading into August.

The rest of the receiving corps is thin compared to last year. Gone are record-breaking receiver Dee Mostiller and Toby Walker.

Matt Lowe, who caught 27 passes for 365 yards last year, returns as the main threat. Juco transfer Tri

Heard earned the starting split end job and will be challenged by Larry Ridley and Rashad Craft, neither of which saw considerable playing time at receiver in 1996.

The offensive backfield has a chance to be highly productive if the rest of the offense can jell. Tailbacks Kelverick Green and Lebrion McGill both showed flashes of brilliance.

Green finished with 655 yards rushing and seven touchdowns during his freshman year. He replaced

McGill, who broke his ankle in the seventh game. The injury forced McGill out of spring practice but he is scheduled to be fully healed for the season opener.

Sophomore Eran Miller (5-11, 220) and Jermaine Wilson (6-0, 185) are battling for the starting fullback spot. Both started a handful of games last season.

The defensive line faces the same problems of inexperience as its offensive brethren.

"We not only lost

"but we lost a lot of our quickness and leadership. We have to focus on developing a new set of starters."

"Our defensive secondary never really came together like we wanted last year and we'll shift some personnel until we get what we want."

The line lost Byran DeGraffenreid, Reggie Upshaw, Anthony McCord and Anthony Hicks, all starters, plus top reserve Jay Moore. Five sophomores, a senior and a junior must pick up the slack.

Senior Rick Holliday (5-10, 256) is one of the returning starting defensive tackles in the 4-4 set. Jeff Thomas (6-2, 262) is the other returning lineman, penciled in as a starting defensive end.

Mal Waldrep, who saw some time last year on the line, returns for his sophomore year. He's listed as Holliday's back-up.

Junior Jacob Sorrells (6-3, 240) is listed as a starting defensive end Sidney Bunch (6-0, 259) rounds out the line from his right tackle position.

The linebackers are solid with three players returning with considerable experience. Juniors Brian Chastain (6-3, 208) and Terrell Neismith (6-1, 220) and sophomore Clay Griffin (6-1, 220) have a lock on three of the linebacker positions.

Freshman Tim Hodges (6-2, 215) and sophomore Alex Londe are battling for the final spot. Hodges was the starter coming out of spring practice.

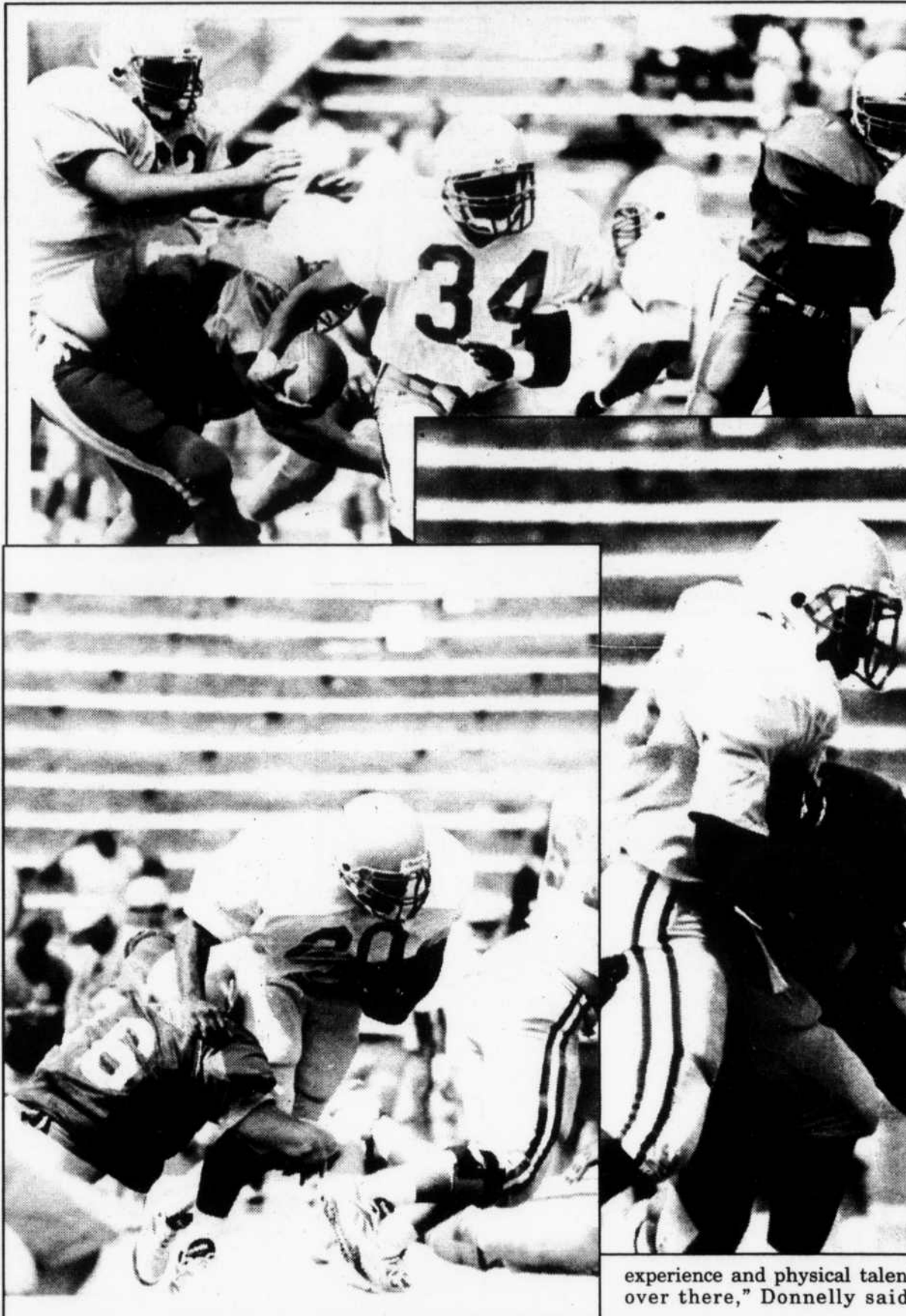
The secondary returns virtually intact with junior Cedric Stegall retaining a starting cornerback position and junior Darrell Love holding down free safety.

Freshmen Kendall Solomon and Brandon Wilkerson came into fall camp slotted for right cornerback.

The kicking game is in good hands with sophomore place-kicker Keegan Ray returning with his long distance leg. Punter Brandon Thomas, who struggled thorough an injury-plagued '96, will attempt to return to his All-American form of 1995.

Rhett Kopp serves as a successful back-up to both players.

Donnelly shifted his coaching staff for 1997, as well. Tom Fiveash became defensive coordinator after former Arkansas State head coach John Bobo was hired to run the offense.



experience and physical talent over there," Donnelly said,

Health and Fitness

Conquering the dreaded "Freshman 15" and having fun

□ Jenni Treadway/Special to Sidelines

Remember the fourth grade when going back to school meant a harder math book, a new book bag and having to sit next to the new kid?

The truth is that college is not much different than old grammar school days. However, there is one thing that college lacks: Recess.

Recess was what kept most of us thin as children. These days, we must create our own recess if we want to keep the pounds off and our minds sane.

Just as we make up our class schedule, it is up to us to incorporate some sort of recess in our everyday routine. It is up to us to decide if we workout at all.

The "Freshman 15," a colloquialism referring to the late-night pizza and diet coke weight gain some student catch their first year of college, applies to more than just the newcomers.

Every class has its difficulties and every weekend party has its appeal.

College is a new and exciting world and it is up to the individual to decide if he is going to let the pounds pack on or not.

It is too easy to get caught up in events of the new year, especially for seniors who have a lot to celebrate. However, it is just as easy to decide against the idea of letting your body wear the effects of neglect.

"Combined, good nutrition, exercise, and sleep give you the strength to ward off disease, the stamina and acuity to take a three-hour essay test, and the chemical balance to keep your mood on a relatively even keel," says Rachel Dobkin and Shana Sippy, authors of "Educating Ourselves: The College Woman's Handbook".

The Rec Center, is an open door to physical fitness. With such a variety of activities available, there is

something for everyone.

There are daily aerobics classes, an open weight room and pool, an outdoor track, volleyball courts, racketball courts, basketball courts, and a room packed with treadmills stair climbers and stationary bikes.

There is also no need to set the VCR to tape your favorite television shows. Just bring your cassette player and tune into the television sets above the treadmills.

Intramural sports, like basketball, volleyball, and rugby, go on year round.

Get a dorm floor together and get a team going.

Better yet, make it a double whammy and take a HPER class each semester and earn a credit hour while working off breakfast.

Take the long way to class by walking the perimeter of campus, that is, if you are not already running late.

Exercising may not be the hard part of staying or getting in shape throughout the school

year.

For some, eating is the bigger challenge.

When the Subway line is too long, do not resort to the taco or grill line for a fat-full burrito or hamburger.

Keep your patience and remember the good you are doing for your body.

Visit the salad bar a few times a week and limit the midnight pizzas to once every week, along with drinking more water than soda.

When you feel the urge to snack, reach for low-fat potato chips or pretzels, or keep fresh vegetables if you happen to have a refrigerator in your dorm room.

Going out to eat, which is a popular idea when last week's garbage looks more appealing than the cafeteria, can be bad health trap too.

Start with a salad or soup and remember to bring water rather than a high-calorie beverage.

Try to fulfill your hunger for the most part before the

main course.

This way, you will be less tempted to eat more than necessary.

Aim for grilled or broiled meats rather than fried.

Remember, fried vegetables carries just as much fat as french fries.

The key to preventing the "Freshman 15" is a mixtue of semi-healthy eating and a little activity.

Slipping into an "all work and no play" coma, or one of just the opposite, can lead to a college career of bad eating and living habits.

Schedule your workouts like a class.

Make yourself run or walk to the Rec Center. If you have to, take the Raider Xpress.

Just get there. After you've conquered the treadmill, go ahead and conquer the treadmill, go ahead and conquer the pepperoni pizza slice and diet coke.

Just make sure you take your recess the next day.

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* Devotional and Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social *

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Thursday, August 21

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on the Sundeck at the MTSU Rec Center (East side of campus)

Hamburger Cookout, Sand Volleyball (if you like), Hot pepper eating contest, mixers, etc.

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Friday, August 22

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Monday, August 25

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Alternative sports and recreation

Mountain bikers pursue their sport regardless of the risk

□ Trevor Tenpenny/editor

OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! was all I could mutter as I peeled myself off the rock and began to assess my damages.

A bit earlier I had been barreling down a nice hard-packed dirt track on my mountain bike. As I rounded a sharp corner, a large rock loomed in my path. I was ejected faced first over the handlebars.

It's too bad my speed had not been enough to clear this body-mangling obstacle. Pain seared through my chest as the full weight of my body slammed my ribs against the rocks.

Lying on the ground writhing in pain, I felt as though I had been hit with a ton of bricks.

The air had been knocked from my lungs.

Time passed and grunted and groaned, but once again mounted my trusty "steed" and set off down the trail.

I was thrown several more times that day. My bike bucked like a bronco over the rough terrain. Pain tore through my body with the crash.

Increasing numbers of mountain bikers take to the trail each year.

We risk life and limb to pursue our sport. Bruised bones and egos are part of the mountain biker's life.

Our bodies remind us of past rides. Scratches and scars are our battle wounds in our fight to conquer the trail.

Often the trail doesn't give and we are beat down with pain after a day's ride. The hurt from some crashes never seems to end, but still we must ride.

"It's safer than sex," says Chris Ivory about the risks involved in mountain biking. Chris has been riding both road and mountain bikes for years.

Since its conception in the early '80's mountain biking has slowly grown into what is now an Olympic sport.

Each day riders all over the world don their gear, grab their bikes, get out on the trail. All of them fall victim to the unavoidable crash sooner or later. Bones break and lives are at stake, but still we must ride.

Mark Dement,
owner/operator of



Murfreesboro Outdoor and Bicycles (MOAB), feels that "endorphins can cause our pursuit of adventure."

Dement described vividly his swift descent down a rock that abruptly ended in a V-shaped formation.

As his bike entered the crevice and came to a halt. The skin on his left arm and leg were scraped open as if done by sandpaper. The rock digging in to the bone.

Despite the pain, Dement amazingly finished the race. Afterwards he was immediately rushed to the hospital. Although many scars adorn his body, Mark continues his mountain biking career that has lasted nearly ten years.

Mountain biking, while dangerous can be extremely exciting. Energy flows through the body as the wheels turn. Participants find themselves refreshed and stress-free after a good, hard ride.

Beginners entering this sport will find much needed support as they take to the trail. The International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) offers information and help to mountain bikers and others interested in the sport.

While no lessons are

available in Murfreesboro, Dement notes that his shop "offers group rides, and if necessary, individual training for beginners."

Newcomers to the sport of mountain biking may find it expensive. No matter the cost, it's well worth the experiences you will encounter.

Chris Morrison, owner/operator of Skedaddle Bicycles in town, says that he can outfit the beginner with a trail-ready bicycle for around four hundred dollars.

Mountain bikers in Tennessee are lucky to be blessed with more than fifty trails across the state.

They are listed in "Tennessee Mountain Bike Adventures," by David Moore.

This book and other mountain bike literature can be purchased at local bike shops.

Hampton Creek, Fairview, Sewanee and several other trails are less than an hour away from Murfreesboro.

All offer excitement, and of course, danger.

Beginners need not be afraid but must "respect the trail," according to Chris Hardee, who began mountain biking only a few months ago.

He points to a scare on his chin and shares memories of

his "worst wreck."

He revealed how he was rapidly moving down the trail. Adrenaline rushes through his body as his speed increased and his bike flowed over the terrain. A rock suddenly stopped his bike and he was thrown. "I skipped like a rock on the water as my chest hit first."

Then he slid several feet on his chin. Hardee says he now understands the danger but will never quit riding.

In his book, Moore, reminds mountain biker to always "ride on open trails only leave no trace, control your bicycle, and always yield to other on the trail."

These are rules we must follow as we seek adventure mounted on our manmade horses.

Riddled with pain, mountain bikers ride, walk, and sometimes crawl to reach the end of the trail.

Memories of mishaps and mistakes are revealed in the form of scabs, scars and scratches.

We wince when we walk and are constantly reminded of our most recent wrecks. Some are in continuous pain, but still they must ride.

Several weeks have passed since I crashed into that rib-cracking rock. As I straddle my bike at the trailhead, I remember the pain I have experienced for the past few weeks. Still, the trail beckons and I begin my trek into the unknown.

The pain subsides as my heartbeat quickens.

I pedal furiously and adrenaline pours into my veins. Both carefree and cautious, I continue down the path. Like a knight mounted high on his horse, I attempt to slay the rocks that have become monsters in the trail, their teeth bruising and breaking my flesh with each mistake.

The pain runs deep as I bounce off the body-mangling obstacles.

Rocks and tree-roots greet me and send shivers down my spine. Dangers lurk around every corner, but still, I must



MTSU 96-97 year in sports

Doug Malan/staff

The calendar has flipped through then months of Blue Raider sports since last August, completing the 1996-97 athletic year and bolstering Middle Tennessee's image as an Ohio Valley Conference behemoth.

During that span, some sports surprised students with success, others disappointed by failing to meet expectations and some continued to foster their winning traditions. But overall, Blue Raider athletics profited the university with a feverish excitement that transcended the seasons.

The men's tennis team continued its time-honored practices of pasting opponents, capturing the seventh consecutive OVC title with an undefeated mark. Head coach Dale Short, the 1997 Region III Coach of the Year, guided the Raiders to a 24-5 overall mark, matching the school's best record reached in 1996, and a number-17 final national ranking.

Senior Fred Niemeyer garnered Region III Player of

the Year honors while advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Tournament. He ended the season ranked fourth nationally among singles players.

Junior Anthony DeLuise also qualified for the Singles Tournament and finished ranked 39th in the nation.

The junior tandem of David McNamara and Julius Robberts reached the NCAA Doubles Tournament.

Middle began its season playing nationally ranked non-conference foes in tournaments where success allowed them to surge toward the top of the rankings.

Ranked 20th in the preseason, MTSU upset tenth-ranked UCLA, a match many in the sport called the best of the year. At the time, MTSU was ranked fourth in the nation, its highest ranking in history.

The Blue Raider baseball team showed its resolve by winning eight of its last nine conference games to secure a share of the OVC title and the tournament's top seed. In the

process, Steve Peterson's squad one of the school's most prolific offenses, posting a school-record .323 team batting average.

However, inconsistent play caused them to lose the first two games of the tournament and their season ended with a 31-24 mark. It marked the second consecutive year that MTSU failed to win a game in the OVC Tournament.

Senior shortstop Clay Snellgrove batted .393 with eight homeruns, 56 RBI and a 20-game hitting streak. The four-year starter left as the holder of a litany of records and now plays in the San Diego Padres farm system after being drafted in the 24th round.

Freshman Brad Howard emerged as the ace of the pitching staff with a 7-2 record and a 3.80 ERA, both team highs. Howard was named to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American team.

Andrew Thompson led the team with a .409 average and 13 homers from his catchers position.

The Blue Raiders faced two

teams, Auburn and Alabama, that advanced to the 1997 College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

First year coach Randy Wiel inherited a previously underachieving men's basketball team and turned in a surprising 19-12 record.

Wiel has been lauded for his rebuilding of UNC-Asheville as well as his work under North Carolina coach Dean Smith.

Seniors Nod Carter, Torrey Moore and Roni Bailey were the backbone of a team that scrapped the half-court game for a more explosive full-court attack.

During the year, Middle picked up victories over Sweet 16 participants Providence and Chattanooga while making a road trip to face the Tar Heels in Chapel Hill.

The season ended with a second-round loss to Murray State in the OVC Tournament.

The Lady Raiders tennis team equaled the men by winning the OVC title and finishing with a 19-7 overall record.

Clare Sevier and David Thornton received OVC Player

and Coach of the Year honors. MT didn't lose a match after February 23, ending the season on a 17-match winning streak.

Jennifer Bryans, Kim Glassman and Michelle North joined Sevier on the All-OVC team.

The Lady Raider softball team saw its season end with a streak hurtling the opposite direction. Middle Tennessee lost eight of its final nine games, including the first two in the OVC Tournament, to end the season at 28-29.

Allison Cheatham led the squad with 32 RBI and a .374 average. Jackie Story logged 359 innings on the mound as the main pitcher, starting 56 of the team's 57 games and receiving all the decisions. She ended the year with a 3.08 ERA.

The football team rebounded from a 1-3 start and won its final three games to finish the year 6-5.

Ronnie Gordon and Jonathan Quinn split quarterback duties while

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7:00 PM

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(Casual Worship)

Thursday, August 21

7:00 PM

Block Party

Sunday, August 24

11:00 AM

Worship

12:00 Noon

Picnic

7:00 PM

Welcome Party

Tuesday, August 26

5:30 PM

Feeding of 5000

(Free Home Cooked Meal)

Wednesday, August 27

11:15 AM

Wednesday Lunch

7:00 PM

Koinonia

7:30 PM

Wesley Singers

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 Golf Scramble	9/29-10/9	10/10 @12:00pm
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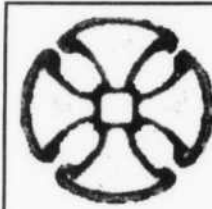
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Jaguars, Raiders pick up wins

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The Jacksonville Jaguars believe their best football is still ahead of them, and they couldn't wait to prove it - especially to the Carolina Panthers.

Running a balanced offense behind a dominant offensive line and creating havoc with a blitzing defense that produced seven said, the Jaguars opened their preseason Sunday with a 23-9 victory of mistake-prone Carolina.

"We brought paper plates to the party," said Panthers linebacker Michael Barrow. "And they brought china."

Quarterback Mark Brunell played only the first quarter and led the jaguars to touchdowns on two of three possessions.

The Panthers turned the ball over twice and managed only one sustained drive in the first half behind Kerry Collins, resulting in John Kasay's 40-yard field goal.

"We got off to a good start," Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin said. "It was an aggressive first half. That would be a style I'd like to see us develop for the personality of this football team."

Both teams made their NFL debut against each other in the Hall of Fame preseason game two years ago. They are trying to show that last year, when each came within one victory of the Super Bowl, was no fluke.

Jacksonville set the tone early. Behind the powerful running of Natrone Means and a dominant offensive line, the Jaguars drove 73 yards and led 7-0 on Means' 1-yard run.

Then they held Carolina to three plays, with Don Davey and Heff Lageman stopping Tshimanga Biakabutuka for a 3-yard loss and then combining to sack Collins.

"Look at what our offense did on the opening drive, and then we held them three-and-out," Davey said. "I think that's a little taste of how good we can be."

While it was the first preseason game for both teams, Jacksonville looked like it had something to prove.

"I've been in the league six years now, and I've never seen this many stunts in a preseason game," Carolina guard Greg Skrepenak said.

"Never do you want to use your trump card this early."

Collins was 8-of-16 for 77 yards and an interception, and he was sacked three times.

"They really came at us with everything today," Collins said. "It seemed like they had more in their package than we did. Offensively, we didn't come in with a lot - just basic stuff."

Means said it was simply a matter of intensity, something the slow-starting Jaguars lacked last season.

"I didn't know we were supposed to play not to win," he said. "That was an attitude check. I think everybody say a preview of what it's going to be like during the season."

Jacksonville never turned the ball over and came up with at least one big defensive play on every series in the opening half, twice knocking down passes in the end zone in the final minute.

On one Carolina possession, Eddie Robinson sacked Collins on a perfectly timed blitz, tripped up Biakabutuka for a 3-yard loss on a screen and then intercepted Collins, whose pass was slightly tipped by a hard-charging Clyde Simmons.

Raiders 34, Cowboys 27

IRVING, TEXAS - Jeff George made his Oakland debut Sunday night but it was backup quarterback David Klingler who provided the fireworks with three touchdown passes as the Raiders outgunned the Dallas Cowboys 34-27 in an NFL exhibition opener. Klingler burned the youthful and injury-riddled Dallas secondary with three touchdown passes in the second quarter after George, who has played for two other NFL teams, made his Oakland debut with an unspectacular first quarter.

Joe Bugel, the former Arizona Cardinals head coach, got the win in his debut as Al Davis' new head man.

Klingler threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to rookie tight end Robert Rosenstiel. The he went deep for a 62-yard scoring pass to Olanda Truitt and a 74-yarder to Kenny Shedd late in the second quarter against a mix of free agent rookie defenders such as Singor Mobley and Montrell Williams.



Steve Purinton/staff

Recording industry majors, Brian Greene and Chris Fischer, enjoy an intense game of racquet ball.

Round up strikes again

□ Nikki Bagwell/sports editor

The Blue Raider Athletic Association (BRAA) held their fifth annual Raider Round Up.

The event became the brainchild of Alumna Beth O'Brien five years ago.

Round Up is held as a fundraising, spirit raising, football extravaganza.

The funds raised at the event helps provide school funds for student-athletes

according to O'Brien.

"This year it's more prevalent since tuition is up," said O'Brien.

Round Up Usually raises \$25,000-30,000 for the athletic department.

The event was divided into two parts. The first was the patrons party and the other was the actual round up which includes; entertainment dinner and the silent auction. Every year they auction a

Boots Donnelly coaching jacket.

Students are invited attend, but the price is usually a deterrent. "I can only hope students support our teams. They need our support," O'Brien said.

The BRAA are trying to gain student support.

Now they are scheduling games around primetime games, so they can assure a good turn out.

Rugby team works hard despite lack of support

□ Cynthia Ryan/staff

MTSU's Rugby team recently earned the title of number one Rugby team in the Mid South. This exceptional title has been awarded to MTSU for the second year in a row.

Since 1980, the rugby team has had a winning season every year. Much of their funding comes from the Old Boys according to long time rugby player Jason McAfee. The Old Boys is an organization of MTSU Alumni who played rugby during their college careers.

The rugby team appears to be quite lucky to have this funding since they do not have fair access to student activity funds.

Dace Schuck, one time

MTSU rugby captain, said that they normally have a variety of fund raisers. Schuck is now affiliated with the Nashville Rugby Club, but still remains active with the MTSU team.

Some rugby players have a problem with the lack of support from the university. Schuck stated that he believed the overall view of rugby was the cause of the insufficiency of support.

"I don't think they see Rugby as a big sport," said Schuck. "We are going to plan more philanthropic events," to help raise money for the team.

Despite the admirable record they have held for the past 17 years, the team is the last on the list of priority sports. They are unable to keep a constant practice

schedule because they have no field to call their own. Our rugby team is not even included in the sports list on the MTSU web page.

The lack of support has made the team member play harder to remain the best in spite of the problems they have without a field.

"Rugby is an organized sport and organization takes time," said Schuck. He says the players are not complaining, but they would like a little more campus support.

Team players are currently working hard to dispel the campus conception of the rugby team, the club, and its members. They plan to work on fund raising for charity as well as hopefully gain funds to purchase new uniforms.

MTSU Tennis teams plan for Fall season

Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders plan for exciting matches

□Anthony DeLuise/ Special to Sideline

Mens Tennis-

After seven straight OVC titles, three consecutive NCAA regional appearances, and a 1997 all time high NCAA ranking of fourth place, the MTSU mens tennis team knows that the next logical step is a national championship.

After cruising through last years OVC championship, the mens squad ended its 1997 campaign on a somewhat disappointing note. Seeded two in the regional qualifying, MTSU came up short, losing a heartbreaker to Alabama in the semi-finals.

"It was one of the most disappointing losses I have been associated with," said Belal Hamadeh, the returning sophomore from Memphis. "To mix it with the best colleges in the country early in the season only to miss out on a NCAA tournament birth, hurt."

Hopefully the pain of losing a 4-3 tie in post season play will remain with the Blue Raiders, serving the team a reminder not to let it happen again.

With the exception of Frederic Niemeyer, the team regains the services of its full 1996-97 squad, which includes four seniors looking for

vengeance.

Also coming into the line up is transfer student and local Tennessee native Matt Walker who will make his debut for the Blue Raiders this Fall.

"We certainly find ourselves in a favorable position this year," Coach Short said. "With almost the full team returning, and a couple of key additions, I think that this squad can definitely bye for a number one ranking and a championship ring."

Mush of this years' potential success will depend heavily on the teams summer activities. With a multitude of professional events throughout the United States, there are ample opportunities for the players to maintain and even improve their tennis for the fall.

Marshal brown, the three time all conference team player, spent his summer chasing a professional ranking in the satellite events located in the south.

"When you are consistently competing with some of the best players in the world, your game automatically improves, making the transition back to college so much easier," said Brown. Brown's summer performances warrant his standing as a player to look for this Fall.

Also returning after a

summer of tennis in Florida is David McNamara. McNamara will pair up, once again, with Julius Robberts to continue their outstanding success. The pair will begin the Fall ranked in the top 10 and are both looking to capture an ITA Grand Slam event held in Baltimore and Texas.

McNamara will also start the season with a top 70 ranking and hopes to improve on his solid performances of last year.

"I am really excited for a number of our players this Fall," Short said. "If we can harness the intensity of practice to work in our favor during matches I think this University will see some special things this year."

The Fall season kicks off with the MTSU Fall Classic which is held at the University courts from September 25-29.

Womens Tennis-

The MTSU women's Tennis team will be looking for their biggest year to date this season, and with a full squad returning there is an air of expectancy circulating around the Murphy Center courts.

Last year the Lady Raider's finished with a bang, easily capturing the OVC title. With a 19-5 record, Coach Thornton was extremely pleased with his squads overall season, not

only on the court, but off it as well.

"We not only have on court goals that we look to achieve each year, but academics are also important," Thornton said. "Our women also had an outstanding year in the classroom and we demand that this excellence continue."

Thornton will again push his squad as he asks them to rise to the new challenges that will be presented this season.

"We certainly have a much tougher schedule this season with possible matchups against womens tennis powerhouses Clemson, Georgia, and UT," Thornton said. "I think that we have a schedule that will give us a multitude of opportunities to reap the rewards. Much like the men's team, success will depend a great deal on how the women return from summer break."

"We may struggle initially if the girls come back not having played much, because then it is a matter of starting all over," Thornton said. "However, I am confident that the team has, as a whole, been competing and training in readiness for the 1997-98 season."

Leading the Lady Raiders for this season is Clare Sevier who took home the auspicious title of 1996-97 OVC player of

the year. Sevier is looking to improve on her past season and the senior from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee hopes to take her tennis above that of the conference level into the national scene.

Also looking to make her mark this year is Alex Toelle. Injury prevented the young German from reaching her true potential in the Spring of 1997 after an outstanding Fall season.

She will team up with Jennifer Bryans to make up a formidable combination. The pair already boasts a win over a top 25 opponent and hope to continue the winning ways in the Fall.

The rest of the line-up is rounded off with a perfect blend of experience and youth making the women's squad a force to be reckoned with.

Elizabeth Fares, the only in-coming freshman, is a Jackson native looking forward to her new home at MTSU.

"I am pleased to be coming into an organization with such a professional and upstanding reputation," Fares said. "I am excited about the opportunities that await me and hope to do the University proud."

Catch the Lady Raiders in action in their Fall Classic which will be held mid-September.

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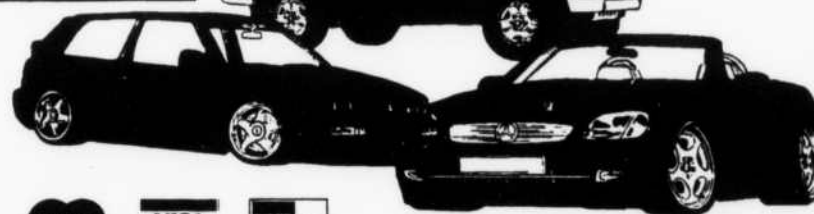
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The Rec Center gears up

□ Ramona Stubblefield and
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The Rec. Center is ready for the start of the new semester and the return of healthy conscious students.

The center offers everything you need for total body fitness, including a walking track (6.5 laps equals a mile), six basketball courts, four sand volleyball courts, six racquetball courts, the cardiovascular room, which includes treadmills, Nordicktracks, and stair climbers among the machines, and aerobics room, a climbing wall, a sun deck and a 25 yard by 33 meters indoor pool.

Plans have been discussed to make additions to the already enormous facility.

By the time the Rec center is done, it will span a great amount of campus.

The future of the Rec Center holds the construction of an outdoor pool, indoor soccer field, another male and female

locker room, and two offices.

There is still equipment rental. There is no fee for "in house," equipment but there is a small fee for the outdoor equipment. Students can check out golf club sets, racquetball equipment, softball equipment, tennis balls and racquets, volleyball equipment and weight belts among other things.

For those who are new to MTSU and doesn't know anyone here, but want to participate in activities, there are two programs you can get involved in.

If you need a partner for an activity, just look on the form rack adjacent from the front desk and fill out a "Hey! I'm looking for a partner!" sheet. Fill out the form and turn it in at the front desk and check later on the board to see if you have any interests.

The "Free Agent" program offers the chance for students to become team players and indulge in a little friendly

competition.

Intramural sports offer the student body a chance to play in team or individual sports within the campus community.

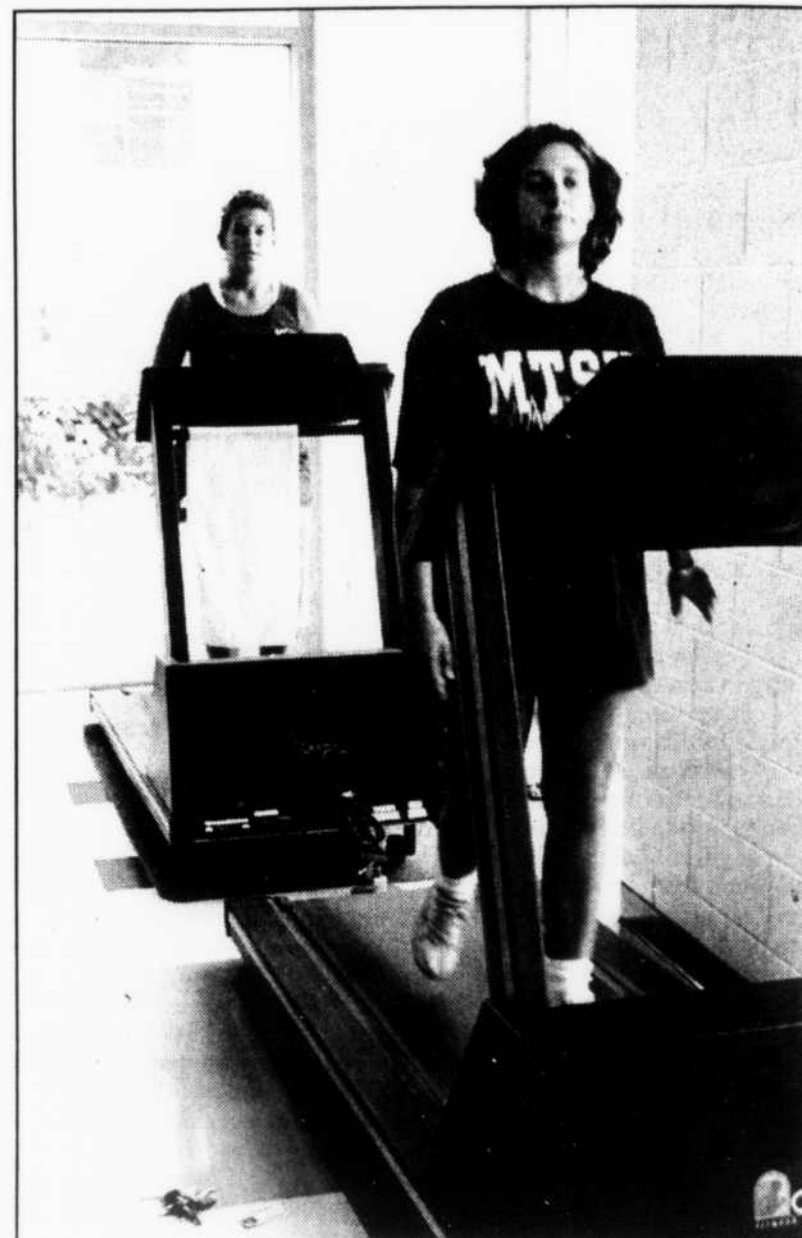
Annually, over 500 students, faculty and staff participate in some form of exciting sport.

Wayne Taylor, Assistant Director of the Campus Rec Center, said the participation varies from sport to sport.

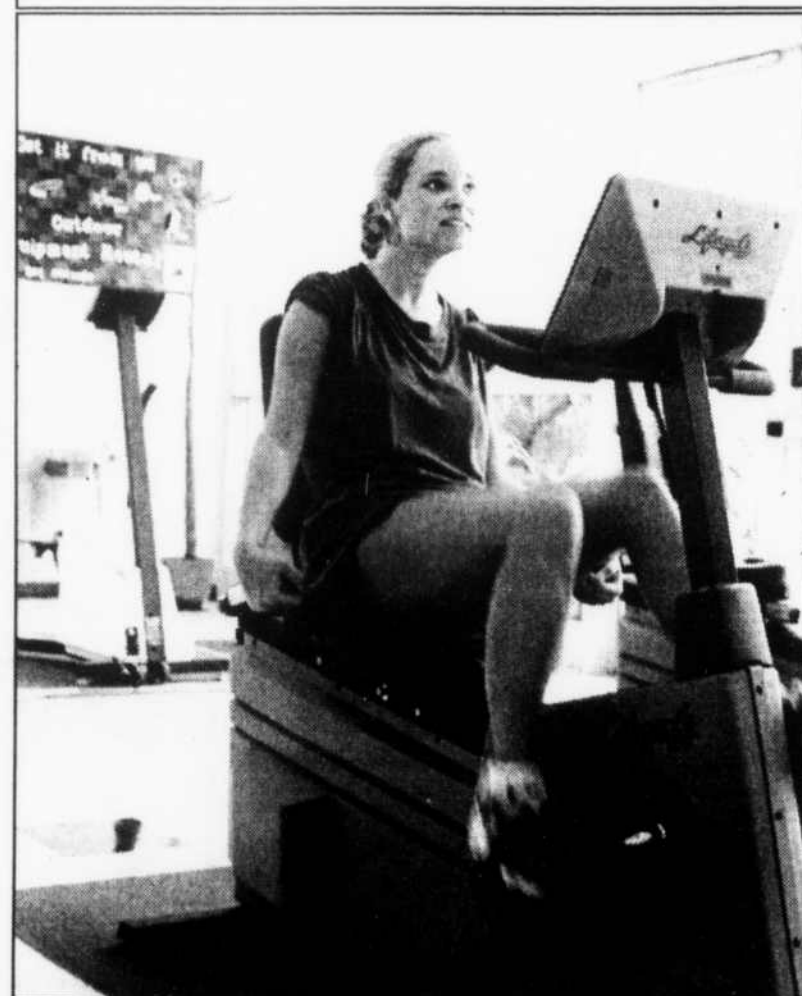
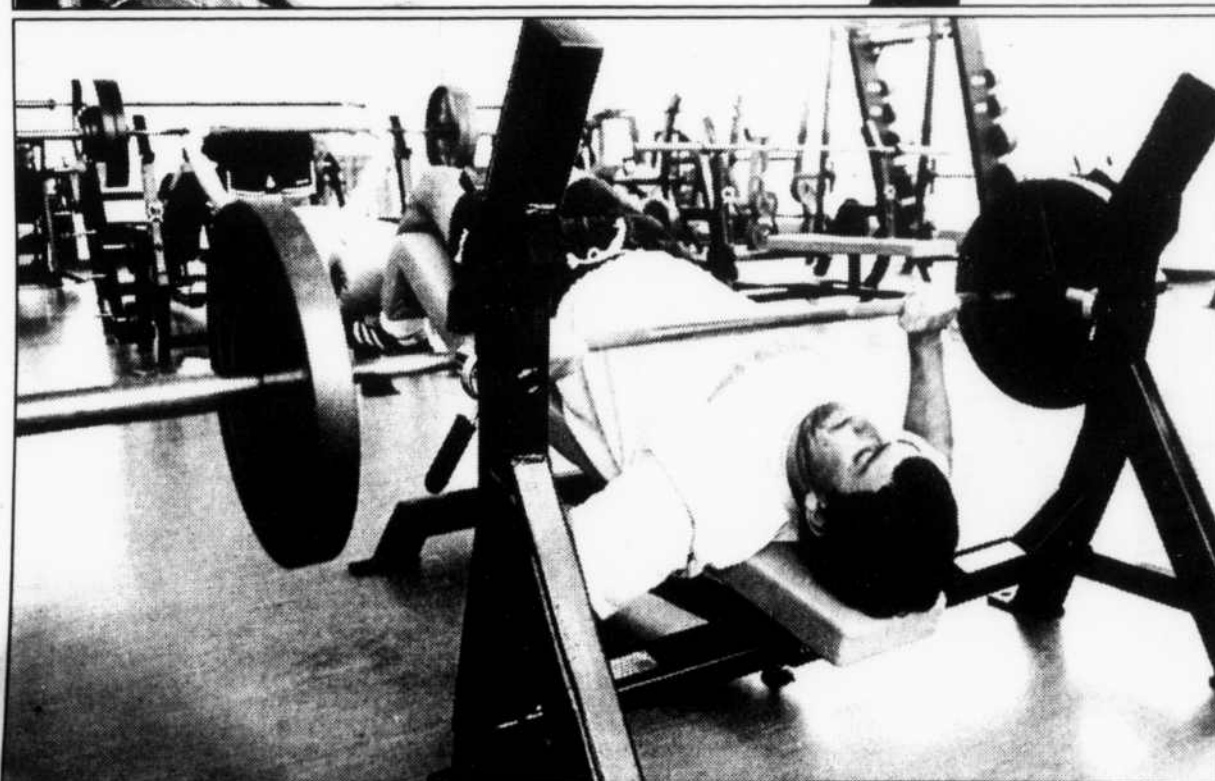
There are fourteen sports for would be athletes to choose from, including sand volleyball, indoor soccer and Wallyball, which is a variation of volleyball.

According to Taylor, intramural sports popularity coincide with the professional season. Flag football, volleyball, basketball, and soft ball are the most popular sports.

The Rec Center offers regular hours throughout the semester.



Steve Purinton/staff



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battling to achieve consistency in moving the ball.

Lady Raider basketball finished an uncharacteristic 10-20, backing into the conference tournament with victories in the final three OVC games.

Head coach Lewis Bivens, who guided the Lady Raiders

to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1996, resigned at the end of the year.

Perhaps the most poignant story involved the golf team, which finished third in the OVC golf tournament.

Halfway through the season, freshman Johnny Warren was diagnosed with cancer and he died within

weeks of the announcement.

The team rallied behind him and finished its season shooting a collective 1-over 865 in the tournament, five shots behind champion Eastern Kentucky.

Individually, Maine Brock placed third at 4-under, three shots back of the leader. Richard Spangler broke par at

1-under and placed sixth.

Brett Alexander finished tied for eleventh at 1-over par, Steve Ressler tied for 19th and Whit Turnbow tied for 44th.

The Lady Raider volleyball team ended the season 16-19, a year removed from a 32-7 mark and an NCAA appearance in Coach Lisa Kisse's first season.

Losing setter Nidza Castillo to injury early in the year forced the team to make strategical adjustments and use players, which at the time, were unproved.

The squad finished the season losing six of its last seven matches, with the only victory coming over Tennessee State in the OVC Tournament.

Health and fitness

□ Jenni Treadway/ Special to Sidelines

If your workout is boring you into a slump, then you're not adding enough diversity to it.

Step off the treadmill for a day and rent a video- an aerobics video, that is.

The key to a workout regimen that works is variety.

It is important to keep yourself interested in your health and avoid dreading the same 45 minutes stroll on the moving sidewalk everyday.

A monotonous workout is known to discourage beginners from continuing the life-long commitment to maintain a healthy body.

To avoid boredom and

frustration, use your imagination and don't be shy to try new sports.

Instead of going to the gym to sweat over the same treadmill or bike, visit your local video store and try the new aerobics videos on the market.

Reebok has a new wave of Versa Training videos coming out with fitness trainer Petra. Different routines are available based on style, intensity, and goal.

Other aerobics gurus, like Tammy Lee Webb, Kathy Smith, and Gilad, have libraries of tapes that are available at discount, grocery, and drug stores, not to mention at nearly every movie

rental.

If you want to avoid choosing from the variety of videos, turn to the cable channel, FIT T.V., and sweat it out on your living room floor with one of their Aerobics Conditioning shows.

Aired every hour, FIT T.V. offers a full range of aerobics and strength training shows that are easy to follow and convenient to watch.

Summer is the prime time to discover new outdoor activities.

If you've always wanted to try in-line skates, do it now.

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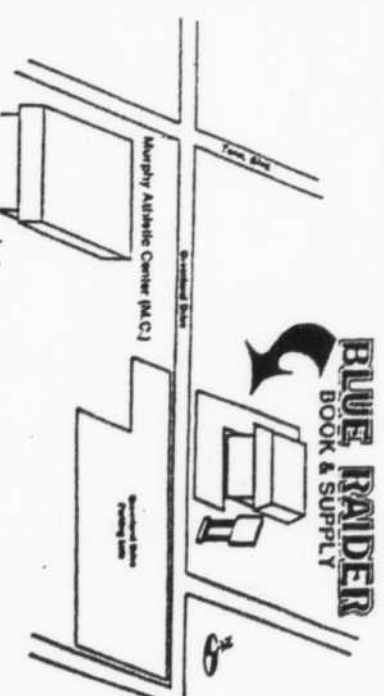
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