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Higher enrollment stifles students

Increase causes
closed classes,
shortage of
professors

By Becky Pickering
Assistant News Editor

Higher than normal enrollment numbers for the spring semester have administrators looking to the future.

Center Director in the Scheduling Center Crickett Pimentel said that there were 14,566 students enrolled for the spring semester as of Wednesday.

Compared to this time last year, there is a 1.3 percent increase in enrollment.

"There's always a small increase from spring to spring," Pimentel said, "and there are always more students in the fall."

This fall, total enrollment was 19,166; 173 students more than the fall of 1999.

With this continued growth, "prime teaching times — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — fill up quickly," Pimentel added.

Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs Barbara Haskew said that "some of our students were not able to get courses for the fall that they needed."

Freshman English was one of the major problems in the fall.

"We are hiring adjuncts and additional professors to accommodate those needs," Haskew assured.

Haskew attributes the steady growth of the university to the demographics

of the region.

"With the tremendous population and industrial growth in our area enrollment is also impacted," Haskew said.

While this community growth has affected enrollment, it is not affecting on campus housing.

Dean of Academic Support Programs and Director of Housing and Residential Life Debra Sells said that housing applications are holding steady for this time of the year.

"The [off campus] apartment complex market has absorbed that [enrollment increase] number," Sells said.

For students who registered between Oct. 30 and Dec. 14, fee payment and confirmation must be made by Dec. 14.

Open registration on TRAM and WebMT will continue through Jan. 4 for students who have yet to register, or those whose schedules got dropped.

Fall 1999
18,993

Fall 2000
19,166

Spring 2000
14,293*

Spring 2001
14,566**

* as of December 6, 1999

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Every year, enrollment has risen steadily overall, generally peaking in the fall and taking a dip in the spring. Enrollment for next spring is currently 1.3 percent higher than last year. However, spring enrollment for 2001 will not be finalized until January. Final enrollment for Spring 2000 was 17,506.

Campus dummy hits the big time

MTSU ventriloquist featured on Learning Channel



Photos by Leslie Carol Boehms | Staff

Carla Rhodes performs with dummy David Bowie. Rhodes will be featured on the Learning Channel in a documentary filmed when she was 16, featuring many aspects of her act that she no longer performs.



By Leslie Carol Boehms
Staff Writer

You may not know it, but there is a future star walking around the MTSU campus.

Not only does freshman Carla Rhodes have to adapt to the struggles of college life, but she also has the extra baggage of being a world-renowned ventriloquist and stand-up comic.

Rhodes has performed in numerous cities across the United States, including Las

Vegas, locally at Zanies and now regularly at Trafalgar Square.

Even though Rhodes is originally from Charleston, Indiana, she quickly got her foot in the door here in Nashville.

Rhodes has been covered by her share of media, from *Good Morning America* to the *New York Times*.

But lately there's added excitement in the eyes of Rhodes. That's because the Learning Channel will be air-

ing a documentary on ventriloquism in which she is the main focus.

The documentary was made when Rhodes was 16-years-old. Though it has been sold to 27 countries and shown this summer in Australia, Rhodes stills feels self-conscious about seeing herself on television.

"Some parts of the film are embarrassing because my act has changed a lot since then," Rhodes said. "I get embarrassed when I see

myself on T.V. because I'm very critical of myself. Especially since it's been two years since the film was made. But it is very entertaining and great for where I was at the time."

Filmmakers for the documentary specifically followed Rhodes and one other ventriloquist throughout the film. Rhodes is one of the top ventriloquists in the field.

She's gained so much suc-

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Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

[Pictured Above] Felicia Stephens, Antony Hirsch, Don Stewart, Josh Hudgins, Jennifer King and Scott Griswold.

MTSU best in mediation tournament

By J. Michael Neal
Staff Writer

Students from MTSU's fledgling mediation team won first place in the first ever National Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Students reported that through Dr. Willis' leadership and training, they felt as though they were the best prepared team at the tournament," says John Vile, chair of the department of political science.

Clyde Willis, associate professor of political science, coached the team from the beginning, the third week of school this semester.

"He [Willis] did a phenomenal job. Without him, we'd have been completely lost," said Scott Griswold, one of the students representing MTSU in the tournament.

As Vile also stated, Griswold believed that "our level of preparedness was by far above that of the other schools there."

The students from MTSU had been in training twice a week since the third week of school, and according to Griswold, most of the other schools had trained about a month before the tournament.

"There were lawyers from John Marshall and other schools there,

some big wigs, and most everything they had to tell us Willis had told us long before," Griswold continued.

"People would stop us in the halls," he said, "and recognize us as being from MTSU, and say, 'Oh, you have Dr. Willis on your team. Can we steal him?' They openly tried to recruit him."

"The students were the ones who learned, practiced and competed in the mediation tournament," said Willis. "Frankly, my name need not be associated with the team. I am extremely privileged and proud to be associated with this wonderful group of people at MTSU."

One week during last summer, he took a course in mediation, "which is also a part of becoming a court-certified mediator," which not only helped him teach mediation to the students but also gave him the idea to create a team in the first place. After he had gone through the training sessions, he "started talking about all these things," said Griswold, "and had the idea to start a mediation program."

The students met with Willis on Mondays and Tuesdays every week from the third week of school until the last week of November, the

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WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Associate News Editor

Greenspan's words of concern send stock market soaring

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, worried about the economic threats posed by rising energy costs and plunging stock values, signaled that the central bank stands ready to cut interest rates to ward off a recession. His comments Tuesday triggered a powerful rally on Wall Street that propelled the technology-heavy Nasdaq index to its biggest one-day gain in history - up 274.05 to 2,889.80, an increase of 10.4 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average surged by 3.2 percent to close at 10,898.71, a gain of 338.62 points, its third-largest point gain ever. ♦

Gore suggests rejection of appeal may not drive him from race

UNDATED (AP) - Al Gore suggested Tuesday that even a rejection of his Florida Supreme Court appeal might not drive him from the presidential race. Many Democrats said that would be the limit of their loyalty. "I don't feel anything

other than optimistic," the vice president told reporters, his tone a stark contrast from the sense of foreboding expressed by Democrats across the country. George W. Bush confidently declared himself ready to "seize the moment" as the nation's 43rd president. The Florida Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal of Gore's historic election challenge to Bush's certified Florida victory; briefs were filed in reaction to U.S. Supreme decision; and oral arguments were heard at a federal appeals court in Atlanta. ♦

AMA recommends selling morning after pill over-the-counter

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Stepping into a morally charged debate Tuesday, the American Medical Association called on the Food and Drug Administration to consider making the "morning-after" pill available over the counter. The AMA's policy-making House of Delegates approved the resolution without discussion during a convention in Orlando. Taken within three days of sexual intercourse, the prescription morning-after pill prevents ovulation or, if that has already occurred, blocks implantation of a fertilized egg in the uterus. AMA members suggested that some women might not be able to get the pill in time to prevent a pregnancy unless they are

made available over the counter. ♦

U.S. students improve, but still trail other nations in science, math tests

WASHINGTON (AP) - American students performed a little better on the latest round of global science and math tests, but still lag behind students in nearly half the countries that gave the uniform quiz - including Australia, Canada and several European and Asian nations. Although U.S. eighth graders in 1999 tested better than eighth graders four years earlier, American children appeared to decline in comparison to foreign students as they moved through the school system. The report showed prosperous Asian nations such as Japan and Singapore topping most categories over wealthy nations on other continents. ♦

Hillary Clinton, 10 other senators make freshman debut

WASHINGTON (AP) - Flanked by Secret Service agents and pursued by a throng of reporters, Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton

made the short trip Tuesday from the White House to Capitol Hill for an orientation dubbed "Senate School." The first joined 10 other freshman senators for a whirlwind day of seminars, tours and class photos, capped off with a formal dinner at the Supreme Court building. Clinton is among a record four women in this year's 11-member freshman class. The class includes nine Democrats, two Republicans, three millionaires, three governors and a widow. ♦

Malone needs eight points to pass Wilt

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Eight more points and Karl Malone will pass Wilt Chamberlain on the NBA's career scoring list. That would put the Utah Jazz forward in second place, trailing only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387). Malone will get his chance during a home game Tuesday night against Toronto.

As much as Chamberlain's 31,419 points are a tribute to his dominance during a 14-year career, Malone's 31,412 are testimony to his consistency and durability. Now in his 16th season with the Jazz, the 37-year-old Malone has missed just seven games out of 1,208 - four of those because of league-imposed suspensions. Malone has been league MVP twice (1997 and 1999) and guided his team to consecutive NBA Finals appearances (1997-98). ♦

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November 28, 2000
10:23 AM
ROTC Dept.
Theft over \$500 - stolen bike

November 29, 2000
12:38 PM
Corlew Hall
Theft under \$500 - stolen bike

November 30, 2000
9:42 AM
Gore Hall
Simple Assault

November 30, 2000
6:33 PM
Scarlett Commons
Juan Enriquez, Jerald Davis arrested - Criminal trespassing - soliciting on campus

December 1, 2000
12:13 AM
MT Medical
Joshua Bland arrested - 1st offense DUI

December 2, 2000
5:41 AM
BAS
Vandalism over \$500 - Spraypaint

December 2, 2000
4:43 PM
Greenland at Kwik St.
Leaving the scene of an accident w/ property damage

Tournament: multiple trophies won

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week before the tournament.

The other students involved were: Don Stewart, Jennifer King, Felicia Stevens, Andrew Roney, Tony Hirsch and Josh Hudgeons. These students not only won the trophy for best team, but also won individual trophies for being All American Participants.

"Mediation appears headed for the same kind of growth as mock trial has experienced over the last fifteen years," said Vile. He said that winning the first ever tournament is particularly rewarding because "national

mock trial programs still note winners of all past competitions and there is special prestige involved in winning the first competition."

Griswold agreed, and although he believes that "no one will remember our names, it is a big deal to know that at every Mediation Tournament they will talk about MTSU."

As far as the future goes, Willis only hopes, and expects, for the students to "be true to the mediation concept and not look at the event as so much a competition."

Both he and Griswold point out that, as Willis said, "there

was as much time given to instruction at the tournament as there was to 'competition'."

"They [the teachers there] kept throwing around the word peacemaking, as opposed to most court cases that are adversarial," Griswold noted.

The ethic they seemed to be teaching, said Griswold, is "lets come together and see what we can do, and maybe we can both win together."

This new perspective of courtroom litigation seems to be a welcome trend in the age of mudslinging, "teaching people to work together," as Griswold explained. ♦

Dummy: documentary airs Dec. 30

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cess partially because of the unique and often eccentric tactics she displays in her act. Her current stage performance is quite different now from what is displayed in the film.

Throughout the film, Rhodes is seen with a dummy named Victoria, which is no longer used in her act. She is now famous for her trademark dolls, David

Bowie, Keith Richards and Mick Jagger. "My act is much different now because overall it is more humorous," Rhodes said. "I use my guitar in my act and do funny songs. I also do a lot more standup." The mixture of well-known puppets along with her original off the wall songs and humorous ad-libs makes her act unique and stand out in her field.

The ventriloquist documen-

tary will air on The Learning Channel Dec. 30 at 9 p.m. and 12 a.m. and Dec. 31 at 3 p.m.

Rhodes and her famous celebrity dummies are performing at Trafalgar Square — formerly known as the Mix Factory — Wednesday through Sunday nights at 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. from now until February. You can also read more about Rhodes on her official Web site at <http://carlarhodes.tripod.com>. ♦

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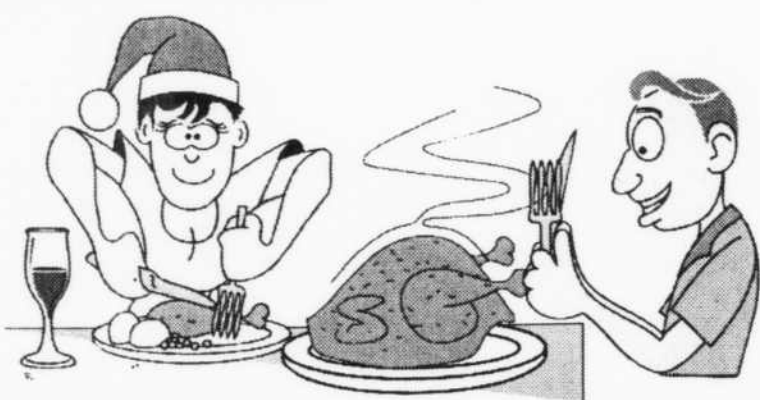
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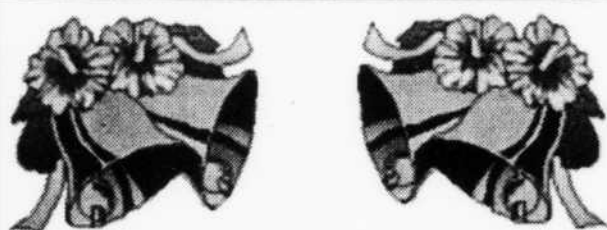
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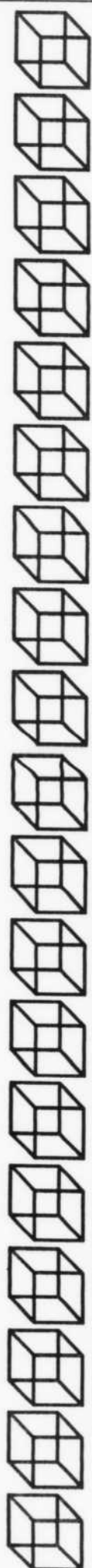
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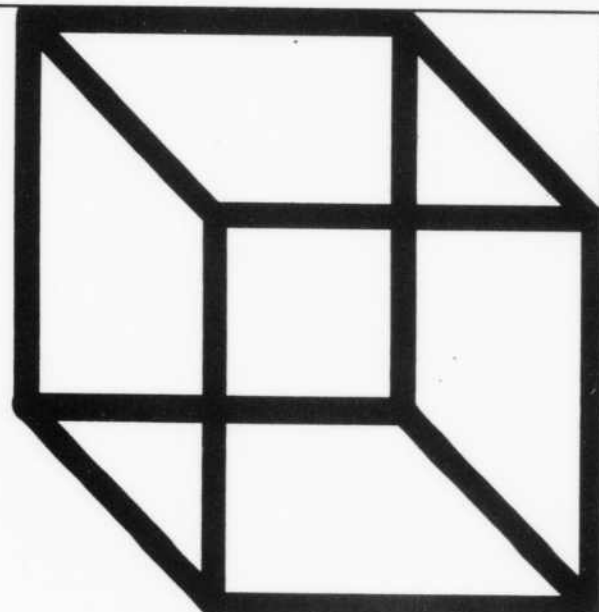
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OPINIONS

Murfreesboro, TN

Thursday, December 7, 2000

SIDELINES ♦ 5

From the staff Lack of classes only beginning of problems

Most students undoubtedly know the feeling of trying to register for a class they really want or need, only to find that it's closed for the semester.

Usually the course has few sessions available to begin with, is an upper-division course or is extraordinarily popular, like Yoga.

But what if the class that is hopelessly closed for the semester is English 111 or 112?

Last fall, this became reality as freshman English classes filled before demand for them was met.

According to WebMT, more than 80 sessions of ENG 111 were offered that semester. While that may seem like more than enough classes to accommodate the needs of freshmen and procrastinating upperclassmen, the increasing enrollment of this university is

creating a demand that our current facilities simply cannot meet.

The administration's solution to this is to hire more professors. But how exactly do they plan to accomplish this when they can barely pay the ones currently on staff?

This is just the beginning. We have no money, no space and too many students.

The only solution to this paradox is an increase in funds, which under our current state government is not going to happen by the time most of us are ready to graduate.

Of course, they may be proven wrong if students can't even get into the most basic classes needed to begin that process.

Maybe somebody will finally listen when freshman English classes are being taught on the Knoll by graduate students.

Thanks for writing to us this semester

On the Real



Shawn Whitsell
Opinions
Editor

This is our last issue of *Sidelines* for the semester. This semester seems to have flown right by, but I must admit I do need a break.

Anyway, in our first issue, I wrote a column encouraging you all to get involved with the opinions section of our paper by writing in and letting us know how you feel.

Well, you guys came through by writing to us about parking, parking fees, idiot drivers, school spirit, politics, abortion, the GAP exhibit, racism, sexism etc.

At times we were so overwhelmed with letters that we couldn't even publish them all. However, we did publish most of them, and if yours didn't get published, I hope that doesn't discourage you from writing to us in the future.

Some of you all bickered back and forth, which I found to be very amusing at times. Some of you were

damn near talking about each other's mamas.

I hope none of you met because that could've gotten ooogly (ugly, for you slow ones).

Some of you even become regular letter-to-the-editor writers. Let me give you a tip - if you're going to write that frequently, just join the staff and we'll pay you for your thoughts.

I just want you all to know that we here at *Sidelines* really appreciate your participation. We're glad you think enough of what's going on at our university or in our world in general to address it in a letter.

We're also proud that you thought enough of our publication to send it to us.

You may not agree with everything we write in our "from the staff" box or something that someone else says in an editorial, but it's still helpful to know how other people feel.

I have a tendency to ramble, so I'm about to cut this short with simply saying thank you, have happy holidays, and please continue to write us next semester.

Big up to all the people who write me and/or stop me on campus to compliment my columns.

PEACE AND BIG RESPECT Bredren and Sistren!♦

Snowfall should cause inspiration, not contempt

Frankly My Dear



David Sargent
Staff
Columnist

Inspiration, I've found, manifests itself in short bursts. It's either all at once or never. Yes, it comes in "packages, boxes, and bags."

But it also comes from the chaos and anarchy of nature. Especially when it kind of falls from the sky. I'm obviously referring to the once in a lifetime Tennessee "inspiratory" event, and that is snow.

If snow in Middle Tennessee can't breed a good bit of inspiration, then I will now retire to a nunnery in North Austria.

Some things just can't be ignored. And though it may sound sentimental and just plain mushy, who can resist the awe of waking up in a drowsy stupor and peering out your venetians to check for the paper, only to find to a fresh, gleaming white coat of heaven painted over your lawn and car? Then walking out to get your copy of the *Washington Post* while crunching over top of millions of little iced stars.

And then you spot your target 30 yards away. He doesn't see you, nor will he at any point in time during this mission. You see him go for his mail, and you slowly creep across the slushy mess.

Now you're at 15 feet, and within striking distance behind the bushes. The fool will never know what hit him. Then you take the projectile out of your pocket; a navy issue, urine-soaked, ice grenade that you bid for

on E-Bay. You strike quickly and sweetly. And as you watch him go into convulsions in the road-salted snow, you stride briskly across the street and into your warm abode to make your kids some fresh pancakes and hash browns. Victory at last!

But that's just one of the many daydreams that bittersweet cold weather brings to mind. Snow is something I took for granted over the first 18 years of my life. Then I came here. It's certainly not the same. This past weekend is definitely the most snow I have ever seen in the Middle Tennessee area. And it was the only snow since my freshman year two years ago that even showed up on the ground. Oh, the frustration.

And though simple weather patterns are to blame, I can't help but wish for a little more goodness from Jack Frost. It will be all for naught, but I can't resist, because it's just too good of a thing, in moderation, of course.

The reason I'm telling you all this is because I think we should overtly embrace any snow we get over here, because there won't be too much of it this winter, or ever for that matter.

I think the obvious reason for people's contempt for snow is that it stops the daily routine in its tracks. And when this happens, all hell breaks loose. This is another tragedy I'm beginning to notice more and more in the South.

It would be so ideal if everyone knew how to take a step back once in a while. But ideals rarely survive the wrath of a redneck, or a northerner for that matter.

I just urge you to take a break or two this season and remember that "packages, boxes, and bags" are no match for match for whitewashed city streets, and the feeling of a urine-soaked iceball upon your head.♦

Commercialization opens Christmas to all

By Michelle Drucker
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - I love winter. I love the feeling of my lungs filling up with cold, clean, fresh air. I love lusting marshmallows and campfires. And I definitely love wearing sweaters, as evidenced by the huge pile of them in my room. But there is one real reason I love, and that reason is Christmas.

This would be an incredibly normal reason to love winter, except for one thing ... I'm Jewish. Yes, that is right, I'm Jewish, and I admit it — I love red and green stockings, Christmas carols and blinking lights. This doesn't mean I am ready to run out and convert to Christianity. I like Christmas simply because it is, well, just fun.

It's candy canes, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, and cheesy Christmas movies, and they just brighten my day, especially now, with the sky getting dark before dinner time, and the crunch of exams starting. The Christmas season lifts people's spirits and everyone should relax and let themselves enjoy it just for that reason.

Often people complain that Christmas has become too commercialized and has lost its traditional, spiritual meaning. This is true, Christmas has become commercialized. The obsession of gift giving, or even the story of Santa Claus, doesn't seem to emulate the fact that Christians are celebrating the birth of their Lord.

Advent calendars, counting down the days until Dec. 25, come with cool gimmicks, like receiving pieces of chocolate or little toys, for every day until Christmas. However, these traditions do accomplish something — they help people get into high spirits, and show love for their peers.

"Christians give presents on Christmas to commemorate the gifts the wise men offered to Jesus to honor his birth," second-year University of Virginia student Megan Moeller says. "When we go to church, our prayers and offerings are gifts in celebration of our

Lord. We give presents to each other to show our love and appreciation for others as well."

Christmas is a time for everyone to show respect for others, and just generally be happy. It's a time for families to get together and hang ornaments on the Christmas tree, eat cookies and just hang out. It's a holiday designated to be a time of joy and cheerful spirits, and we all need time like that every once in a while.

As far as commercialization demoralizing Christmas, anyone who wants to find spiritual meaning in the holiday can find it — it is there. Christians can go to church or worship in any way they feel proper. That is a personal decision. Therefore, gifts and other "materialistic" things that commercialize Christmas are in no way linked to spirituality of the holiday. In fact, they reinforce what the spirit of Christmas is built on — love.

I am in no way ordering that everyone should invest in \$200 worth of Christmas lights or millions of presents. After all, the holiday season is not about how much you give in material possessions to others. You don't have to shout your love for Christmas from the rooftops of your extravagantly decorated house. I am also not saying that it is required that all people celebrate Christmas. You have a right to not celebrate the spirit of the holiday, if that is your wish. But don't be a Grinch — don't grumble about how Christmas has become only about greediness and spending money. People should be free to show their love for others, to be happy, regardless of their personal faith.

Just this past week, my roommates and I set up our apartment Christmas tree — my first one ever. As we hung the ornaments and strung lights around the room, I thought to myself that this was the first activity we had done as a group in almost a month. As I came to this realization, I discovered that I finally had a logical explanation for why I love Christmas. It brings people together.

And if a few presents and some holiday tunes can accomplish that, then Christmas is definitely a worthwhile holiday in my book.♦

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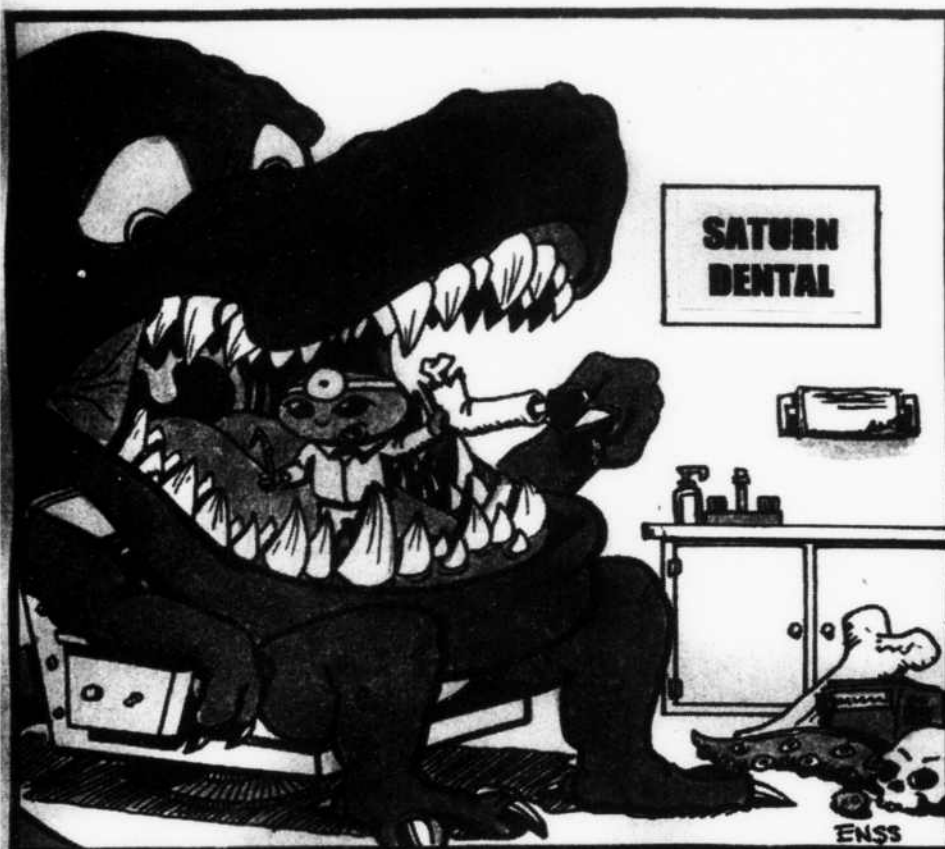
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Murfreesboro, TN



Smith makes himself at home

An inside look at the presidential family

By Robin Wallace
Flash! Editor

"So what - it's just an interview, and only with the interim president, not like it matters that much," said one of my friends as I ran around getting last minute loose ends pulled together in a nervous frenzy.

So what? I hardly saw her point because to me it was the same. My head was full of uncertainty. This was going to be a test — I had an hour and a half to tour and photograph the house, with enough time to have a relaxed, nonchalant interview.

I was like Thomas the Engine as I climbed out of my car and approached the towering prestigious house, chanting "I think I can, I think I can." I rang the doorbell and took a calming deep breath. This was it — the dawning moment of truth.

The mechanical grind of the bolt slid open, and the smiling face of Anne Smith greeted me. As we made our formal

introductions, my eyes went dancing around my new surroundings.

The spacious foyer leads into a huge staircase, where a Christmas tree decorated the landing. We stood in the center of the round carpet in the middle of the foyer, with the music room and a parlor to either side of us.

Resounding footsteps filled the air in a Dolby surround-sound effect, and I was face to face with the twinkling eyes of Dr. Eugene Smith, interim president. The next round of formalities began, and we commenced our getting-to-know-each-other dialogue.

As if on cue, the family's elusive cat Tiger, who was Anne's anniversary present to Eugene three years ago, came out of hiding and made her presence known to me. Much to the disbelief of the Smiths, Tiger not only shattered her reputation of avoiding strangers at all costs, but she also followed me around as I toured their home.

In a surreal way, I felt that the good omen was part of the classic story of a stranger who gains the instant trust of the timid animal, thus breaking the ice and establishing a lasting bond with the owners.

Our entourage, Tiger included, wandered through the elegant house chit chatting. In a familiar pattern of conversation, the couple relived their day. Like butterflies, they flitted in and out of their "catching up" to tell me interesting tidbits about the rooms, its previous occupants or to ask me questions about my day and life.

Finally, after winding a maze through all the rooms,

we ended where we had begun, and the transition was made into the parlor for the official interview. Once each of us got comfortable, the settling rhythm questions and answers began to weave a charming conversation, revealing a contrast of personalities.

"Anne is what brings me back to reality sometimes," Smith warmly reflected in a deep voice accented with an edge of gruffness and a Southern drawl. "And she is cool — cool under pressure. I react to pressure, but Anne — she's just cool."

Except for the first two, the couple has known every MTSU president personally and has at least met every Tennessee governor since the former Governor Clement. Yet they are only socialites when they have to be. But hobnobbing with the South's bureaucrats and aristocrats is not a necessity — the couple would be just as content to be out on the lake shore fishing.

In intertwining sentences, they spoke of the time they spend together on a daily basis.

"We don't have any idle talk," Eugene began.

"And we don't have to try to entertain each other," followed Anne.

"We have a lot of opposites, but we still really enjoy each other's time together," replied Eugene.

Before the official word came, the news of being the next MTSU president came through the grapevine, which was a pleasant surprise for the couple. Smith had been planning to retire from the University of Memphis within the year, so the opportunity came as a great way to end his career.

Once MTSU has chosen a new president, Eugene and Anne will begin their retirement together with the plans to "buy an RV and do some exploring in the northwestern states — the Dakotas, Wyoming, Washington

and in and around there," said Eugene.

While Smith claims that he is very competitive and unpredictable "to keep things stirred up," he has a much more deliberating side to him.

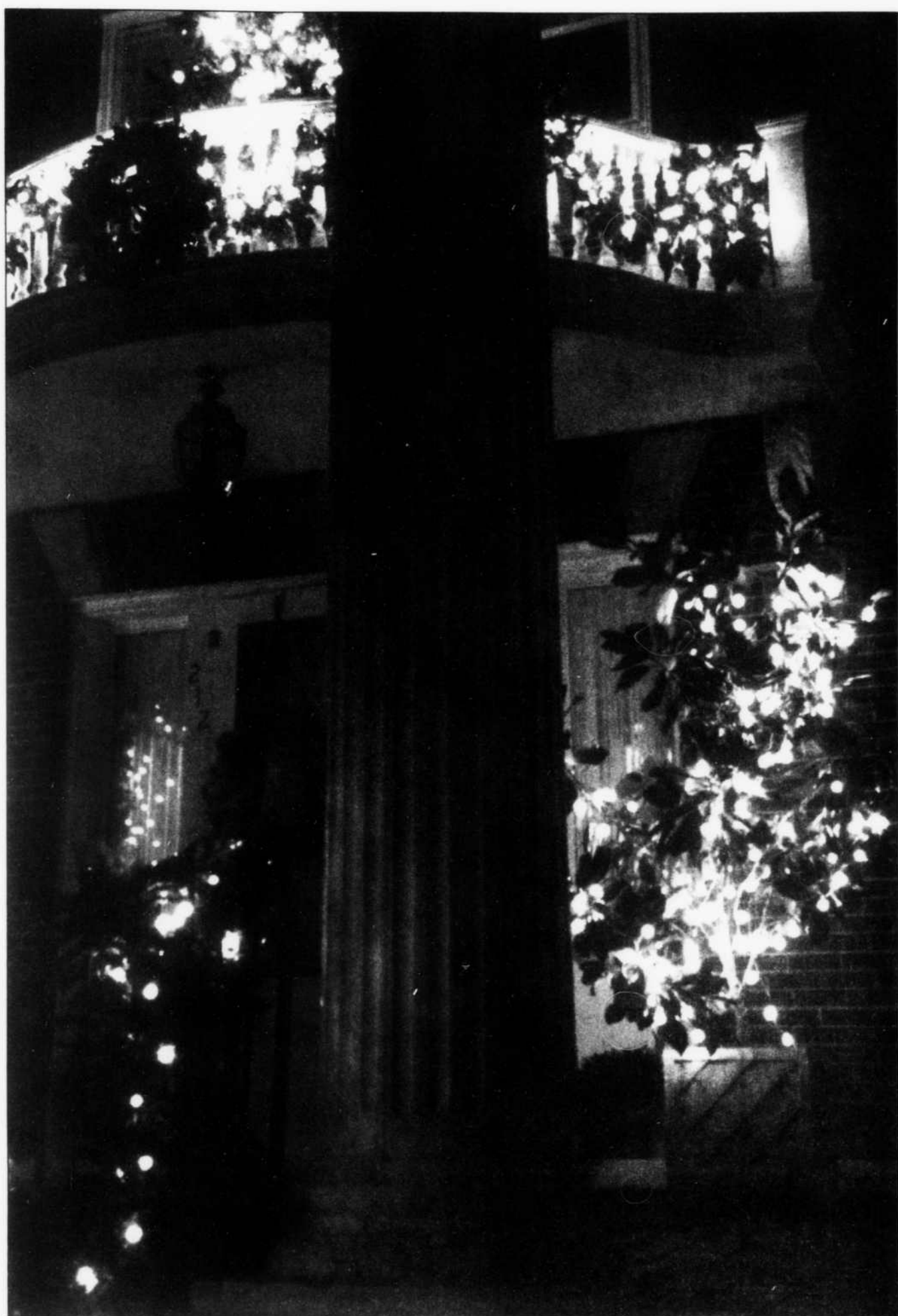
"I try not to make a decision too early," related Eugene. "I don't mind making it, but not too early."

"But that sometimes drives his wife and children up a wall," interjected Anne with a reminiscent, irritated tone.

"Our biggest fights are on where to stop, where to eat and the weather conditions in the car," recollected Eugene with an amused grin.

"Oh, I've learned to carry a jacket in the car," said Anne with the voice of experience.

And so goes another light-hearted conversation with simply a common man who happens to be the president, in merely an ordinary home that happens to be the president's house. ♦



The presidential estate

A stranger stands among us, with an air of sophisticated poise and grace, heads and shoulders above the rest.

The stranger, although not a person certainly has developed a personality of its own, with its nickname of "Murfreesboro's White House."

While the president's house is a prominent building on campus it certainly is not one that holds a special place in the hearts of students such as the KUC/Knoll. Yet, as it remains aloof to the day buzz of campus life, the house definitely captures the curiosity and imagination of many students.

So here's the scoop on the president's house.

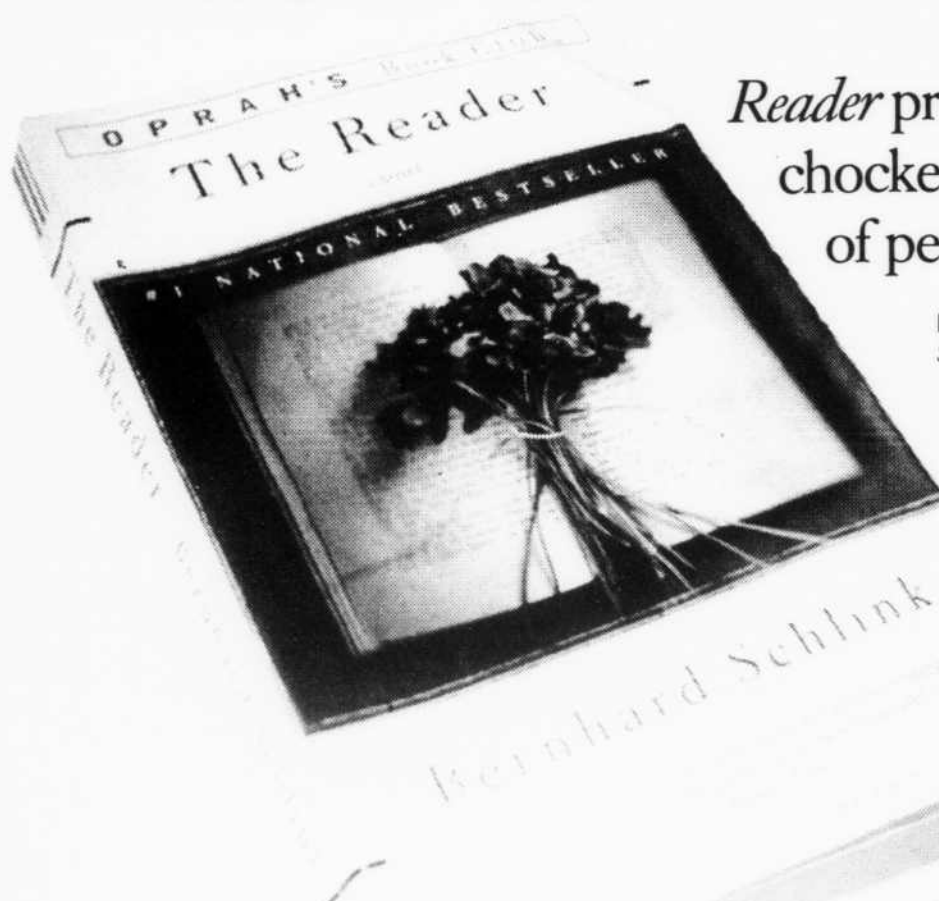
Completed in 1911, the two-story brick Georgian-Revival house was designed by C. K. Colley, a Nashville Architect, and was built by the Henry Brothers of Nashville for \$10,000.

The house features: a central portico with four Ionic Columns and a balustrade railing, two interior end chimneys with three bay windows and central doorway with sidelights, keystones above the lower windows and front door, three dormer windows along the roofline with the middle window being triple with a fanlight.

In 1958, the house was renovated at the cost of nearly \$20,000, before the Quill Cope family moved in. The renovations included: transforming the old kitchen into a downstairs bedroom, a downstairs bathroom, the lattice-enclosed back porch was removed and a new kitchen was built, as well as a back entrance and staircase to the second floor.

Furnished in antiques from various time periods, the home exudes a persona of depth and class. A little bit of each of the president's families has added a touch of themselves to the home's atmosphere. ♦

A new twist on classic love story



Reader promises pages
chocked-full
of personal reflection

By Rachel Robinson
Staff Writer

When thinking of postwar Germany, it is doubtful that that loves creeps into many heads. The Reader, by Bernhard Schlink, intertwines aspects from WWII with an uncommon, passionate romance for the times. The story opens when fifteen-year old Michael Berg is diagnosed with hepatitis. On his first venture outside of his house since his diagnosis, he falls ill on the street and is rescued by Hanna Schmitz, a woman more than twice his age. After that fate-filled day, Michael realizes that he cannot get Hanna out of his mind.

His mother orders him to take her flowers of thanks for helping him in town, but at this point in the novel Michael still does not know her name.

As luck would have it, he figures out her name by the mailboxes outside her apartment, and their second encounter results in a love affair that eventually leaves Michael crippled with lust and passion.

Schlink's use of language helps the reader relate to Michael and his love-stricken woes. At one point Michael ponders his young life and it makes the reader think that their thoughts are being written on the pages instead of his.

Michael addresses these feelings for Hanna and her puzzling silences by asking Hanna questions about her past that she argues aren't important. Then one day she disappears from his life just as mysteriously as she came into it.

Through his narration, we find that Michael only remembers certain things about Hanna, such as her face the day she left and the nights that he would sit up and read to her. When the communication lost itself in their relationship, Hanna would beg

Michael to read anything to her, even if she didn't understand it.

Seven years later Michael encounters Hanna again, this time though it is in a courtroom. Michael is a young law student attending a court hearing for his class when he realizes that Hanna is the woman on trial.

Hanna is being tried for a hideous crime that she committed against some Jewish women when she served for the SS in the autumn of 1943. None of the passion and lust rushes toward Michael, as it once did. Through the course of the trial he realizes that there are holes in the case, and Hanna could not have done what she is being tried for.

The personal thoughts and feelings that Michael bestows upon the reader makes this novel a quick and easy read if the slow middle doesn't make the reader forfeit the surprising ending.

For a winter break from school-books, exams and work pick up The Reader by Bernhard Schlink. It is guaranteed to make you re-think your first relationship if not all of them. ♦

My Grade: B+

HOLIDAYS – CHANEL STYLE

By Phoenix Taylor
Fashion Writer

As the holidays are approaching, with all of their jolly good cheer, one might be wondering how to update one's fall look.

Chanel offers some tips from their holiday makeup collection.

Chanel is one of the most highly recognizable luxurious fashion labels in Europe. The founder Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel started her clothing company in the early 1920's. She is best known for her famous fragrance Chanel no 5.

In the 1980's her successor, highly accredited and accomplished, a German designer, Karl Lagerfeld, turned Chanel into an international label. Not only is Chanel known for its innovative styles, it's double C signature and it's perfumes, it is also known for its beauty and skin care lines.

Skin/makeup analyst, Denise DeWire, a licensed aesthetician from the Chanel counter in Greenhills' Dillards, gives us the Chanel look for the season.

Phoenix Taylor: What is the look of the Holiday season?

Denise DeWire: Dramatic is the seasonal look for holiday glamour. Especially with the eyes and lips. We want to stay away from summer's nude and muted tones. However, what you can keep from summer is shimmer and sparkles.

PT: What are the colors we should use to achieve this look?

DeWire: Basically shades of burgundy, deep reds, and copper tones.

PT: And who comes up with the makeup palette for the season?

DeWire: Most of our colors are based on Karl Lagerfeld's fashion collections from Europe.

PT: Okay, starting from unmade skin to the finished look, what do you use to create Chanel's winter glamour?

DeWire: First start with fresh skin. Be sure to exfoliate your skin to get rid of dead skin cells or any build up of previous products from your face. Makeup will not blend correctly and even your skin will not radiate or have an even complexion if you do not take care of your skin. Then follow with a

toner a moisturizer.

PT: Does the exfoliation apply to men as well to give them even skin?

DeWire: Yes, men actually have naturally exfoliated after they shave. Women need to exfoliate at least once a week or if you have dry skin, exfoliate twice a week. We do have a unisex skin care line called Precision. A product for exfoliation is our skin care line called Precision's Rectifiance which has sunscreen with an SPF of 15. It comes in an oil free formula of lotion or cream formula. Also, if you are not sure about your skin type you can come in and get a profile of your skin type.

DeWire: Next apply a foundation, which helps to even out skin tones. Keep it sheer and light. To create a radiating glow for nighttime, mix a little of our Optical diffusion with Chere Brilliance Rosee with your foundation to create a soft and shimmering glow. You can wear this product alone or with foundation. Brush on our twinkle transparent powder, which gives a shimmer to the skin and body, in

Twilight.

DeWire: For your eyes, use burgundy and copper tones. We have wet and dry shadows to use for the eyeliner and blend outward. Follow that by applying our Drama Lash in black, mascara.

DeWire: For your cheeks, stay natural with our Coco Matte natural tone blush.

DeWire: For your lips, stick with our new red holly and copper tone lipstick in Gallant. It is our limited edition holiday lip-color. Or try other lipsticks such as Velvet Vamp that comes in a dark violet matte finish. We have other lipsticks that come in colors of deep reds or burgundy shades. Colors such as mauve and pink tones are offered if you are not into those shades.

DeWire: For nails, we have brought back our popular nail color from last year — Vamp. It is our deep burgundy nail polish, and spray on our Allure fragrance to finish the Chanel Holiday look.

PT: Can these colors be used

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Denise DeWire, a Chanel counter expert, displays the new winter collection.

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Monohan Com. 2 19, Prime Time 20
Area 3 Attack 7, Mean Machine 41
Phie Beta Sigma 0, M.E.M.P.H.I.S. 26

November 7, 2000
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Chi Omega 1 14, Chi Omega 2 6
Riders 20, Gundams 6
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Falcons 21, Mud Dogs 14
Unthinkables 27, Magnificents 7 7
Deep Penetration 32 Bad Habit 33 F2/OT
Prime Timers 12, The A Team 36

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Pi Kappa Alpha 14, Kappa Sigma 1 33
Beta 7, SAE 2 13
Sig Ep 12, Sigma Nu 34
SAE 7, Sigma Nu 6
Kappa Sigma 0, Kappa Alpha 18
SAE 13, Beta 34

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The A Team 19, Rebels 28
Rebels 34, Unthinkables 43
Mean Machine 27, The Franchise 2 0
Falcons 18, Bad Habit 20
Mean Machine 39, M.E.M.P.H.I.S. 18
Bad Habit 28, Prime Time 6

November 15, 2000
SAE 1 0, Kappa Sig 1 20
SAE 2 24, Sigma Nu 28
Kappa Sigma 0, Sigma Nu 7 (Championship)
Kappa Alpha 14, Beta 20 (Championship)
Riders 20, Unthinkables 14 (Championship)
Sigma Nu 0, Riders 14 (Championship)
Bad Habit 12, Mean Machine 21 (Championship)
Beta 12, Mean Machine 29 (Championship)

IFC A Standings	Wins	Losses
1. Beta Theta Pi	7	0
2. Kappa Alpha	6	1
3. Sigma Nu	5	2
4. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	5	2
5. Kappa Sigma	4	3
6. Alpha Tau Omega	2	5
7. Pi Kappa Alpha	2	5
8. Sigma Phi Epsilon	1	6
9. Sigma Chi	0	7

Tournament Standings
1. Beta
2. KA
3. SAE
4. Sigma Nu
5. Kappa Sigma

IFC A Standings	Wins	Losses
1. Sigma Alpha Epsilon 1	4	0
2. Sigma Alpha Epsilon 2	4	1
3. Sigma Nu	4	2
4. Kappa Sigma 1	3	1
5. Pi Kappa Alpha 1	3	1
6. Sigma Phi Epsilon	3	1
7. Beta Theta Pi 2	3	2
8. Kappa Sigma 2	2	2
9. Kappa Alpha	1	3
10. Beta Theta Pi	1	3
11. Alpha Gamma Rho	0	4
12. Pi Kappa Alpha 2	0	4
13. Tau Kappa Epsilon	0	4

Tournament Standings
1. Sigma Nu
2. Kappa Sigma 1
3. SAE 2
4. SAE 1
5. Beta
6. Sig Ep
7. Pi Kappa Alpha 1
8. Kappa Sigma 2

IFC A Standings	Wins	Losses
1. Alpha Delta Pi	7	0
2. Chi Omega #1	6	1
3. Alpha Omicron Pi	5	2
4. Chi Omega #2	4	3
5. Kappa Delta	2	5
6. Delta Zeta	1	6
7. Phi Chi	1	6
8. Zeta Tau Alpha	1	6

Tournament Standings
1. Chi Omega 1
2. Alpha Omicron Pi
3. Chi Omega 2
4. Alpha Delta Pi

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A Top Ten

1. Mean Machine
2. Beta Theta Pi
3. Bad Habit
4. Kappa Alpha
5. Falcons
6. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
7. Sigma Nu
8. Deep Penetration
9. M.E.M.P.H.I.S.
10. Prime Time

B Top Ten

1. Riders
2. Unthinkables
3. Sigma Nu
4. Kappa Sigma 1
5. The Rebels
6. SAE 2
7. The A Team
8. SAE 1
9. Gundams
10. Manificent 7

Tournament Results

Men's A Champion - Mean Machine
Men's B Champion - Riders
IFC A Champion - Beta Theta Pi
IFC B Champion - Sigma Nu
All Campus A Champion - Mean Machine
All Campus B Champion - Riders

Runner Up Men's A - Bad Habit
Runner Up Men's B - Unthinkables
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Staff Reports

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The camp, directed by head coach Steve Peterson and the Blue Raider baseball team will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with instructional sessions on hitting, pitching, pitching and infield and outfield play.

All children between the ages of seven and 14 are invited to attend.

Children should bring their

own gloves and be ready to participate in drills and instruction.

The cost to attend the camp is \$65 for pre-registered participants and \$70 for campers signing up on the day of the camp. The camp registration includes insurance and a camp T-shirt. Parents may attend free with a paid camper.

Camp registration will be held between noon and 1 p.m. in the lower level of Murphy Center. Pre-registration materials may be obtained by contacting Coach Peterson at MTSU Box 90, Murfreesboro, TN 37132 or by calling (615) 898-7926. ♦

Two Minute: The year in sports for Middle Tennessee

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Hall finishing his career with his 42nd straight start.

Softball

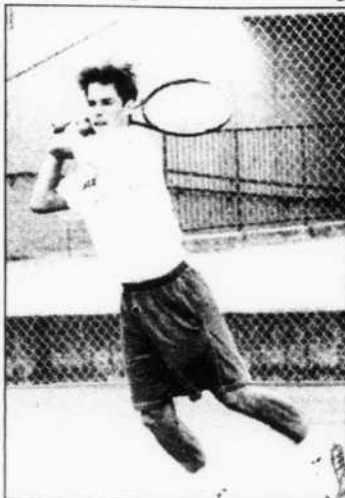
The softball team finished their season 39-20 in Tuscon, Ariz. in the NCAA Regional tournament. From Mar. 30 to Apr. 27 the Lady Raiders went 17-3, including a pair of seven consecutive win streaks.

Tennis

The Blue Raiders tennis team had a successful 2000 campaign, going 18-14, but a perfect 9-0 in the conference. The team won the conference tournament, finishing a perfect 19-0 in match play. The team was eliminated in the first round of the NCAA tournament by Southern

Methodist University.

The Lady Raiders had an even better record, going 21-9 and a perfect 9-0 in conference play. They earned a key win at Auburn University to jump start an eight match winning



streak. The Lady Raiders didn't drop a match in the conference tournament either, going 15-0. The team was eliminated in the first round of the NCAA tournament by Ole Miss in Mobile, Ala.

Track

The track teams both finished in second place at the Ohio Valley Conference Outdoor Championships. Willisa Heintz finished first in the 200 meter dash.

Tori Blander finished first in the 400 meter hurdles. Andreja Ribac won the triple jump and Kelly Smith won the javelin throw.

Albert Agyemang and Tanko Braimah finished first and second in the 100 meter dash. The duplicated the results in the 200

meter dash.

Haneef Sharif and Jasper Demps finished first and second in the 110 meter hurdles. D.J. Spann and Mario Paul finished first and second in the 400 meter hurdles. Rob Jordan won the long jump and the triple jump at the meet.

Volleyball

The volleyball team finished their first season of Sun Belt Conference play with a tough loss in the semifinals of the conference tournament in New Orleans, La.

The Lady Raiders had an up and down season, but highlights included a six game winning streak and a huge win over regionally ranked Western Kentucky at home. The team finished 16-18. ♦

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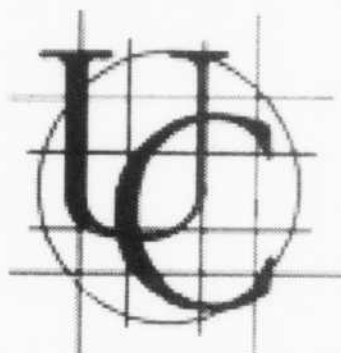
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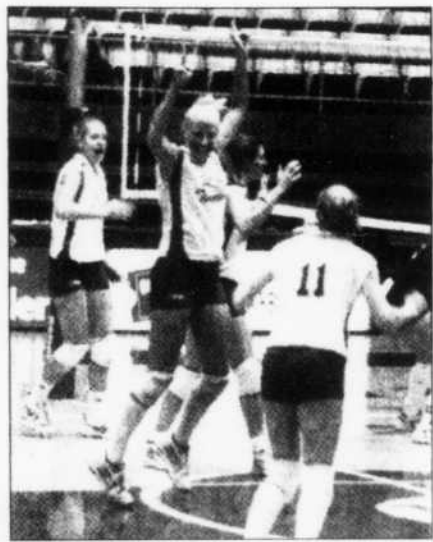
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Volleyball hands out awards

Staff Reports

Several volleyball players were honored with team awards for the 2000 season at their year end banquet Sunday.

Senior Lindsay Pritchard led the team with five awards. She was honored as the Most Valuable Player this season, as well as taking home the Outstanding Offensive Player and Outstanding Blocker awards. The first team All-Sun Belt Conference member led the Sun Belt in hitting percentage and blocks per game. Pritchard's 1.59 blocks per game averaged ranked 18th in the nation.

Pritchard also earned the "Rock Award" as the most dependable player on the team and the Leadership award.

Freshman Goldie Bilyeu was named Best Server and the Outstanding Newcomer award. Bilyeu finished second on the team with 6.53 assists per game.

Senior Abby Hartup was recognized as the team's Outstanding Passer, while sophomore Alicia Scott earned the Most Improved Player award. Scott also earned the "Little K" award, which is given to the player that exemplifies the character of the "Best All-Around Players in the World," which are considered to be Caren Kemner and Karch Kiraly.

Sophomore Katie Theisen earned the Heart Award, as an injury at the conference tournament was a major setback to the Lady Raiders quest for the title.

The 2000 Lady Raiders advanced to the semifinals of the Sun Belt Championships in their first season in the new conference.

The Lady Raiders will resume play with off-season tournaments, beginning in February. ♦

Raiders meet Vols at GEC

By J.P. Plant
Staff Writer

Both the men's and women's basketball teams will perform on Broadway next Friday night. Middle Tennessee's home game against the University of Tennessee will be played at the Gaylord Entertainment Center at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15.

The Volunteers are currently ranked sixth in the country with a perfect 7-0 record. The Blue Raiders also know what life at the top is like. They lost 92-66 to the second-ranked Kansas Jayhawks.

Big time match-ups against top-caliber programs such as Kansas, North Carolina and Tennessee has become a common sight on Middle Tennessee's schedules.

Head coach Randy Wiel, a graduate of North Carolina, has used his Carolina connections to set up high profile games giving Middle Tennessee great exposure in their new conference.

UT and MT aren't strangers to each other. Middle Tennessee went into Thompson-Bowling Arena last year and almost came home with an upset, losing only by one point. The Blue Raiders without a doubt will have revenge on their mind next Friday.

This UT basketball team is probably the most talented team the Blue Raiders will face all season. If there has been a weakness, it has been getting out of control and reverting to playground basketball. Turnovers and poor shooting have plagued the Vols.

Wiel's style of controlling the ball and running a motion offense is just the type of offense that could give Tennessee trouble. However, the Vols somewhat silenced those critics earlier this season by defeating a Wisconsin team that made it to the Final Four last year by running a slow-down motion offense.

The Vols have tremendous speed at nearly every position allowing them to press for much of the game. This speed has caused nearly 20 turnovers per game.

Senior guard Jonathan Whitworth and junior D'Marius Wilkes will have their work cut out for them trying to handle the fierce Tennessee press.

The Blue Raiders have been using a balance team effort all season with a different man stepping up each night. Three players are averaging 10 points and another is pouring in nine a night.

The key stat heading the weekend is that the Vols have gone to the free throw line 118 more times than Middle.

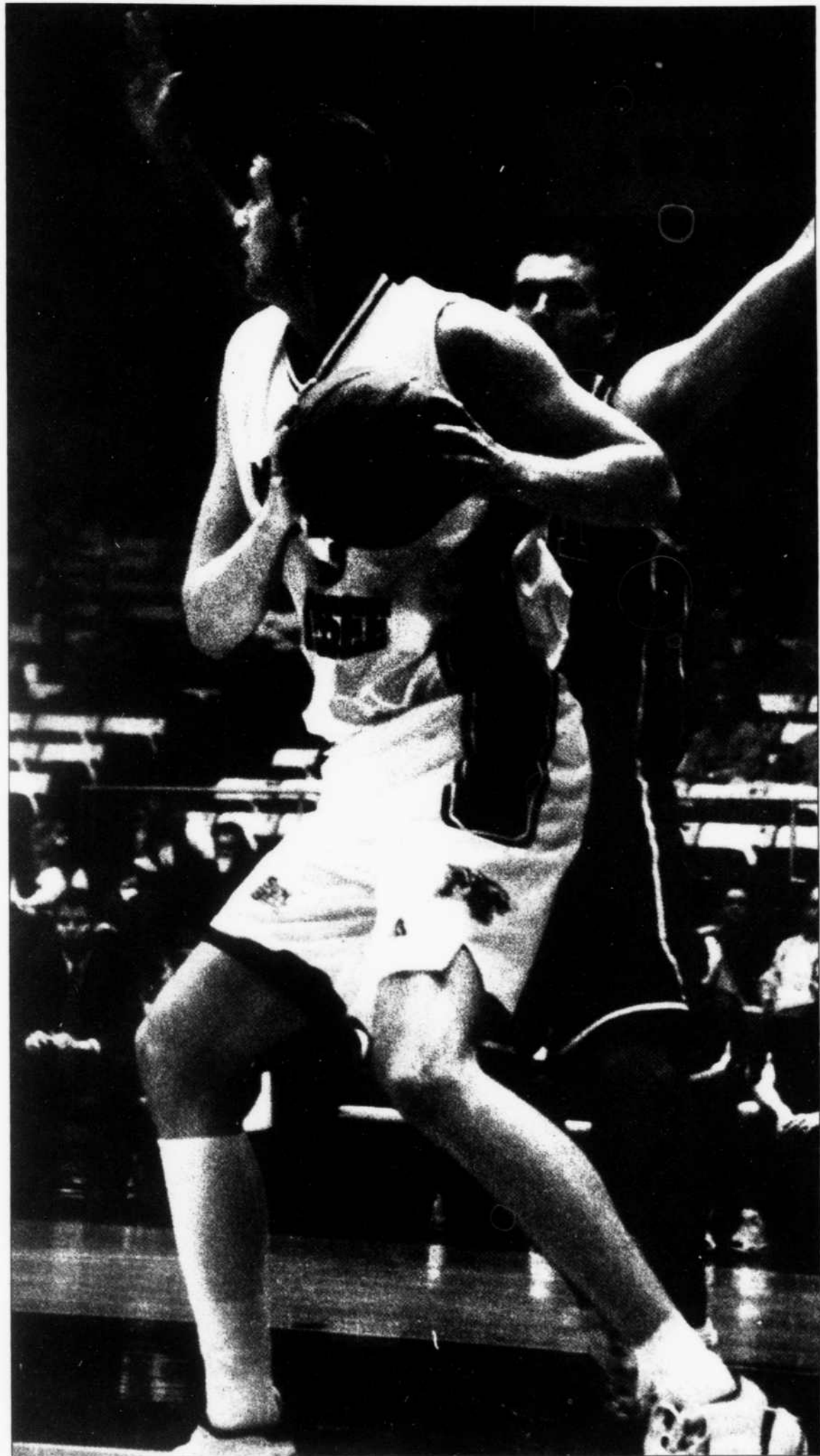
The men will tip off at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The women will play the Xavier Musketeers at 5 p.m. to kickoff the night of basketball. The women are coming off a trip to Oxford, Miss. Results were not available at press time.

The night of Blue Raider athletics also includes a Raider Rally at the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Museum inside the Gaylord Entertainment Center. The Rally will allow Blue Raider fans to join the MTSU Alumni Association and the Blue Raider Athletic Association. The rally begins at 5:30 and will go until tip off of the men's game. ♦

Photo by Robin Wallace | Staff

Senior Lee Nosse will have another week to recover from his hip injury before facing the sixth ranked Tennessee Vols next Friday.



The Two Minute Drill

R. Colin Fly Sports Editor



Commentary

Happy Holidays. With this being the final Two Minute Drill of 2000, I thought I'd highlight a few headlines of all the Middle Tennessee sports.

Front office changes

Former athletic director Lee Fowler left for the Tar Heel state to become the AD at North Carolina State University. Former (and legendary) football coach Boots Donnelly took over the position of interim athletic director. The search for a permanent AD will not begin until a permanent president of the university is chosen.

Middle Tennessee's affiliation with the Ohio Valley Conference ended after the spring when MT decided to leave the OVC for the higher profile Sun Belt Conference.

Baseball

The Blue Raiders were one step away from the sweet 16 on baseball's biggest stage. The Blue Raiders finished

the season 39-23 with a record of 20-9 at home.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Raiders finished the 1999-2000 campaign 18-11 and ended their season in the semifinals of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Men's Basketball

The Blue Raiders had a similar finish, going 15-13 and losing in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

Head coach Randy Wiel was also considered for the head coaching position at North Carolina. However, the job went to Matt Doherty formerly of Notre Dame.

Cross Country

The women's cross country team competed in four events in the 2000 season, with Tori Blander finishing 17th and Sabrina Smith 18th in the Austin Peay State University Dual Meet, which were the best results from the team this season.

Better against the competition. At the Dual Meet at Austin Peay, the Blue Raiders swept the top three positions, as well as four of the top six. Geoffrey Lagat had the strongest times this season with finishes of first, second and third in three meets.

Lagat also won the individual

championship at the Sun Belt Conference meet, running the eight kilometer course in 25:07.

Golf



The men's golf team had a rebuilding year, according to coach Johnny Moore. The Blue Raiders consistently improved, with team results of 10th, 13th, fourth, seventh and fifth over their five tournaments.

Patrick Williams led the men, averaging 75 strokes per golf course.

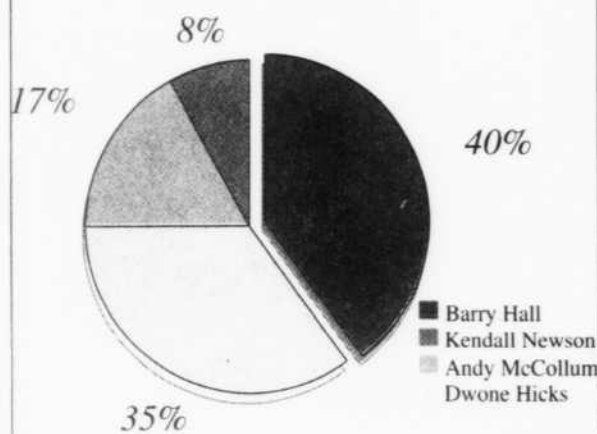
The women's golf team was added for the 2001 season. Coach Kim St. John has been actively recruiting high school students. Signees include Kristin Lynch, Kimmerlee Pennington, Becky Newell and Kandace Burnett.

Soccer

The women's soccer team began their first year with a new coach. Scott Ginn took the reins of the program and led the team to an 8-11 record. The Lady Raiders played in just their fifth season of soccer and suffered a mid-season swoon, losing six in a row. However, in their final eight games, the team rebounded with a 5-3 record, ending in a loss at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

Sidelines Online Poll

Most Valuable Person of the 2000 football season



Football

The football team began their second season of I-A play, earning their first Division I-A wins as a I-A program as well as finishing the season with a winning record of 6-5. Highlights included Dwone Hicks rushing for 311 yard and six touchdowns against Louisiana Tech, Kendall Newson breaking his own record for catches in a season with 74 and Barry

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