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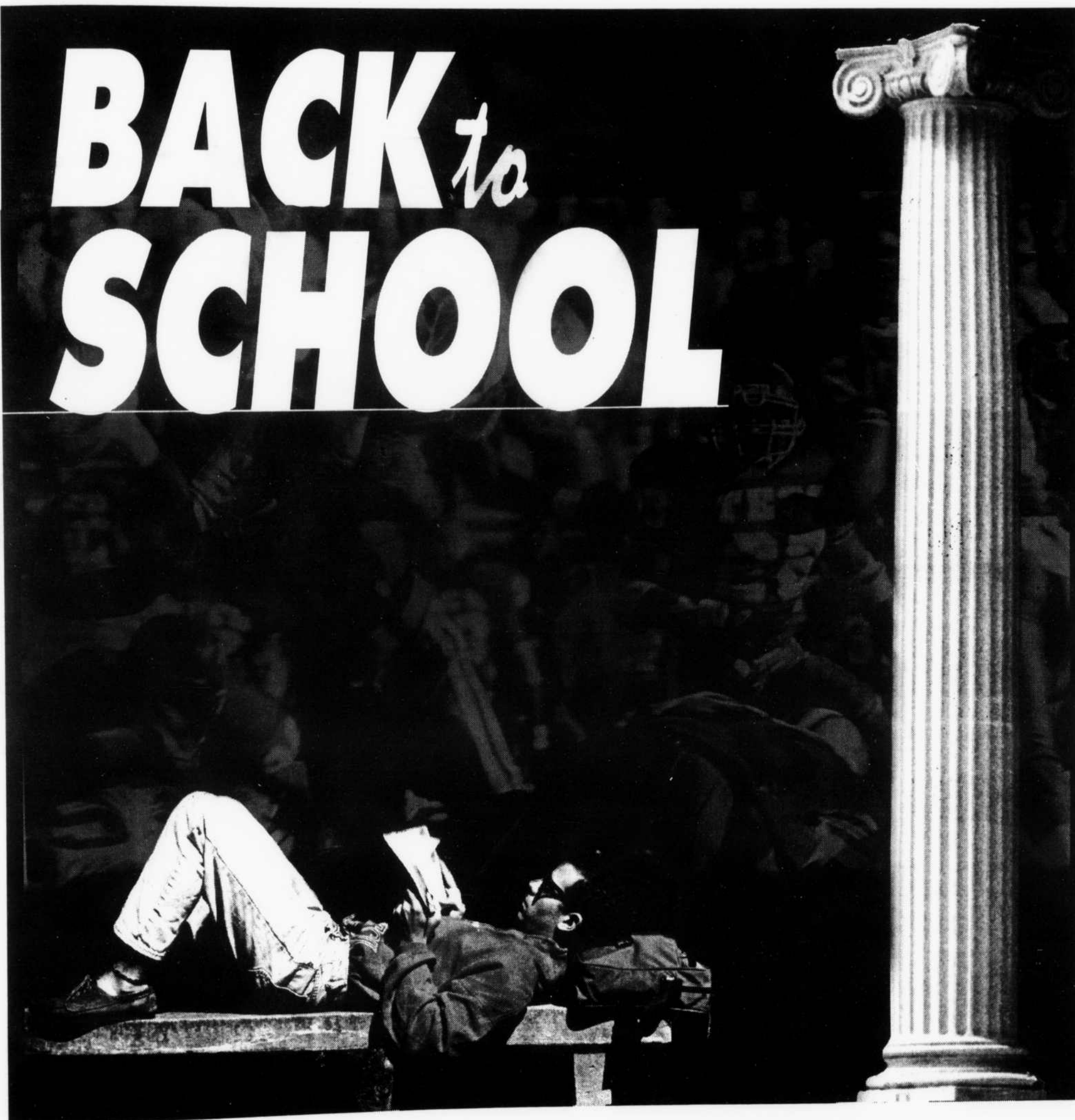


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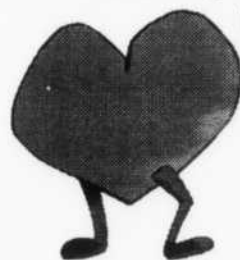
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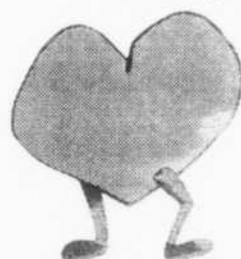
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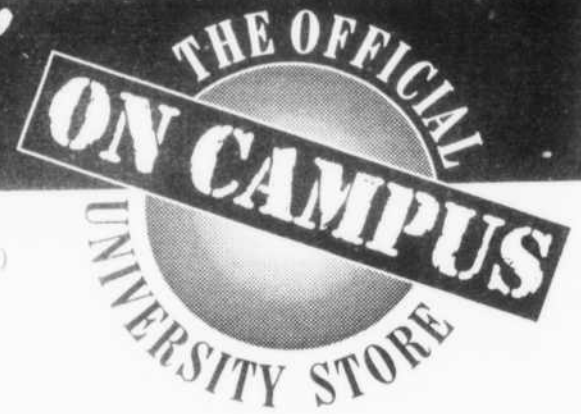
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Tuition goes up 6%

Associated Press

TULLAHOMA — Parents can expect to tighten their belts this fall when fall tuition bills arrive — tuition is going up 6 percent.

Instate undergraduate tuition at MTSU and other Regents' universities except Memphis will increase \$114 this fall which will make tuition \$2,020 annually.

"The Tennessee Board of Regents approves a 6 percent fee increase for the 1999-2000 school year," said Dr. Duane Stucky, vice president for Finance and Administration.

"The increase will be used primarily for funding our highest priorities," Stucky added.

These priorities are increasing faculty salaries and bringing on additional faculty in response to our enrollment growth, Stucky said.

Stung by declining state support, the Tennessee Board of Regents voted June 30 to raise tuition at MTSU and other state schools which it governs this fall, hoping lawmakers would note their financial distress.

The panel voted 12-2 to charge 9 percent more at the University of Memphis and 6 percent more at the system's 45 other schools, including MTSU.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission recommends tuition annually, and the Regents and University of Tennessee Board of Trustees actually set tuition.

The Regents' decision came without debate. In a finance committee meeting the day before, school presidents and regents spent more than two hours discussing the system's plight.

Some called for tuition increases as high as 12 percent, while others argued for a lower hike and more pressure on the General Assembly for additional

dollars.

The state's share of higher education costs has dropped from 51 percent to 45 percent since 1990, while the student's portion increased from 33 to 37 percent, the regents said.

The portion of Tennessee dollars devoted to higher education has shrunk from 18 percent in 1985 to about 12 percent in 1998, the regents said.

"What kind of higher education system do we want for the state?" Smith asked. "Can we afford to go to the bottom?"

The UT-Board of Trustees struck a similar tone in its June meeting. They blamed a slide in state funding for the need to raise tuition by 15 percent for instate undergraduate and graduate students at the flagship Knoxville campus. The panel also approved a 9 percent increase for UT-Chattanooga and UT-Martin.

Despite the Regents' increase, many of their schools remain cheaper than peer institutions such as Virginia Commonwealth University, in some cases by more than \$1,000 annually.

Paul Stanton, president of East Tennessee State University, said if improvements aren't made, it will be an empty bargain. He said he lost 23 faculty members in the past three months to schools with higher salaries.

"None of us wants to put more on the backs of the students," Stanton said. "But I have to praise UT because they said they want to improve quality."

Over the next few months, Smith and other regents plan to speak to civic clubs and local leaders to draw support for higher education. Among the top issues is closing what Smith estimates is a \$10,000 salary gap between Tennessee professors and faculty in other state schools. ■

New apartment complex open

Melanie McWhorter
Staff Reporter

Students residing on campus this fall will have the opportunity to enjoy a new living experience with the opening of the 104-unit Scarlett Commons apartment complex.

The new complex will house 416 students in eight three-story units and one two-story unit.

"We're really excited about opening these new apartments," said Dr. Debra Sells, director of director of Housing and Residential Life.

This complex will be the first new housing on campus since the Ezell-Abernathy apartment complex opened in 1972, Sells added.

These new apartments will each have four private bedrooms, a kitchen, living room and two baths. Each bedroom will have its own lock and key system for security, a data line for the internet and a private phone line that the student may activate at an additional cost.

The main living area has a

bay window and a full-sized kitchen. A main phone line in the living room is automatically activated and included in the apartment rent. The kitchen includes a stove, a refrigerator and a microwave. These apartments will also be furnished with beds, desks and desk chairs, dressers, living room couch and chair, end table, and dining room table and chairs.

The Scarlett Commons apartments consists of nine separate buildings around a central clubhouse. The clubhouse will have a 24-hour service desk, staff offices, meeting rooms, laundry facilities, and a lounge that includes a fireplace and a television.

Utilities provided to each apartment (included in apartment rent) will include electricity, heating and cooling, basic cable and one phone line.

These apartments will have reserved parking for residents, and the Raider Express will stop at the apartments to pick up students for classes.

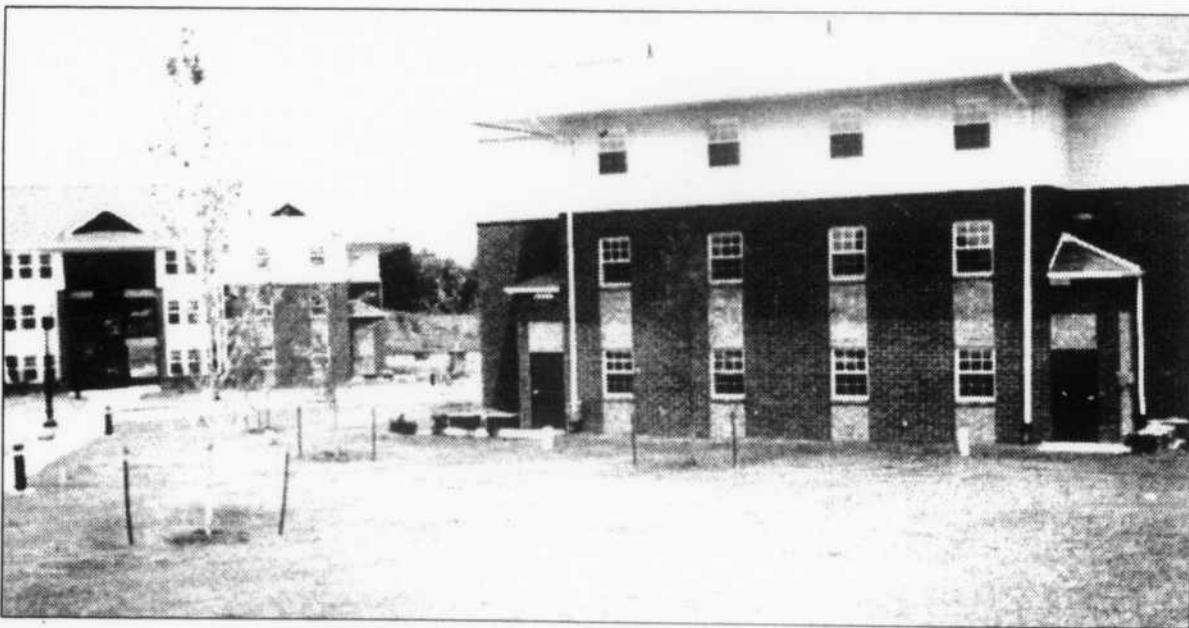
Scarlett Commons residents will pay \$2100 per semester to

reside there, and students who wish to live there in the summer will pay \$299 for the summer term. Some students who choose to extend their housing agreement to a 12-month plan will pay about \$375 a month.

According to Sells, these rates are "comparable" with the rates of local apartments, and "they offer the flexibility of being able to choose a nine-month lease or a 12-month lease."

This project has cost the school about \$12 million. These apartments should be completed by the end of July, ready for fall semester occupancy Aug. 20.

All units in the complex are booked for fall, but there is always the possibility that some spaces will open up, depending on an individual's circumstances. However, new students can inquire about possible openings, but you can always apply for next year. To apply for Scarlett Commons Housing, contact Housing and Residential Life in the Keathley University Center, Room 300, or call 898-2971. ■



Scarlett Commons is located on the backside of the campus, across from the Recreation Center. photo by Shawn Whitsell

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New faces in high places: administrative transitions

News & Public Affairs

At the beginning of the summer, Michael E. Gower assumed the position of associate vice president for Finance and Administration, heading the Business Office. He replaced Bob Adams, who left MTSU to work for the Tennessee Higher Education



Christian L. Haseleu

Commission. Prior to coming here, Mr. Gower served as the chief business officer for the Tennessee Department of Education and with the Tennessee Board of Regents, five to six years in each organization.



Dr. E. James Burton

Christian L. Haseleu, interim chair of MTSU's department of Recording Industry last year, was named chair of the world's largest recording industry department by College of Mass Communications dean Dr. Deryl Leaming. Professor Haseleu has taught at MTSU since 1978 and was President of the Faculty Senate in 1997-98.

Dr. E. James Burton will become the new dean of the College of Business effective August 1. He will replace Dr. Rick Elam who has served as dean since 1996. Dr. Burton has served for the past three years as executive director of the Jones Chairs of Excellence and, before

that, as the associate dean for external relations in the College of Business. He came to MTSU in 1990.

Dr. Gloria Bonner has been named the dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at MTSU, effective August 1. This position was held by Professor Bob Eaker for 13 years, until he stepped down to return to graduate-level teaching in August of last year. Dr. Bonner, who had been the associate dean of Education, was selected to serve as interim dean for the past year. She began teaching at MTSU in 1985.

Dr. Lisa Pruitt assumed the duties of director



Dr. Gloria Bonner

of MTSU's Albert Gore Research Center on July 1.

Formerly an assistant professor of history at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., she took over the position from retiring director Dr. Jim Neal, who has guided the development of the center since 1971.

Dr. Robert K. Glenn, former dean of students at Southwest Missouri State University, will assume the position of Vice President for Student Affairs in mid-August. He replaces long-time MTSU vice president Dr. Robert LaLance Jr., who retired last December. ■



Dr. Robert Glenn

Work-study jobs boon to students short on cash

Alisha Pina

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Confused, flustered and thrust into a new world, I walked aimlessly down Commonwealth Avenue, Boston University's main street.

"Excuse me, Miss, do you know where you're going? Can I help you with something?" asked an overzealous BU volunteer greeter, her smile widening as I neared. It was as if my freshman status penetrated my skin and was stapled across my forehead. Of course, I was nervous, it was my first day at my new job, a work-study position I had received as part of my financial-aid package.

Many college freshmen throughout the country will go through the same bout of uncertainty this fall.

Using financial need as the basis, schools give many students the option of having a federal work-study job, allowing undergraduate and graduate students a chance to earn money to help pay expenses while at college.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's Web site -

Most jobs are on campus, ranging from dishwasher and cook in the cafeteria to office assistant or data entry in a particular department. A few students work off campus, either at a nonprofit organization or in a public agency.

The government pays 70 percent of the employee's salary while the employer pays the rest, a bargain for the company.

"Working on campus is good because people are very sympathetic to the

needs of the students," said Beth Ulricksen, a University of Rhode Island financial department employee who processes work-study information into the computer systems. "I would not hesitate to hire a work-study student."

Employers outside the work-study program are usually looking for people to work at least 20 hours a week. Also, most companies do not want to hire temporary employees; they want someone who can work through the summer.

When it was time for me to start college, I was told that working my freshman year would bring responsibility and stability to my life, as well as a little extra cash for weekend fun. So I jumped at the chance when my financial-aid award came in the mail and it included work-study.

During the summer orientation session for incoming freshmen, I went to a work-study seminar that explained the jobs available and let students fill out applications describing hobbies and interests. It gave me the luxury of not scurrying around for a job at the hectic beginning of the school year.

The seminar matched my interest in writing and my passion for sports with one of the better jobs around school - that of sports writer and editor for Boston University's Sports Information Center. It allowed me unlimited access to basketball, soccer and football games while taking statistics, keeping scores, and chatting with the players. I helped design and write media guides and news releases about our varsity players

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New SGA president prepares for term

Shawn Whitsell
Staff Reporter

Shawn: First of all, just tell me a little about yourself, things you like to do, other areas of interests, etc.

Andrae: Well, I consider myself a pretty enthusiastic person, one who looks to get involved. First and foremost, I'm involved in the church. My father is a pastor. I'm a minister at Bright Temple Church of God in Christ in Shelbyville. My church duties, I put foremost in my life. But, I love politics. I was involved with student council in high school. When I came to MTSU, I got involved on student activity fee committee and served on the rules committee because I lost my first elections running for the SGA Senate. I was so driven to be involved in some type of process, that it didn't matter that I lost.



Sidelines Editor in chief Shawn Whitsell (right) and SGA president Andrae Crimson (left) meet.

S: You said you were involved in the church. What other activities do you participate in?

A: Well, up to this point, I participated in mock trial for two and a half years. I would probably still be doing that if it wasn't for the obligations that are going to be required of me for SGA president, just simply because it's a time consuming process and it's rewarding. I enjoyed my time with mock trial but we practice at least two days a week for two or three hours. You have to learn roles and lines. If you're a witness you have to become that character. If you're an attorney, you have become so rehearsed and so into the questions you're asking and have everything down pat that you know what your witness is going to say before they even answer, yet you can't make it

look rehearsed. That's something that takes a great deal of concentration and effort.

S: What are your future plans, college and beyond?

A: After graduation next May, if God says the same, I plan to go to law school to get my degree and set a basis. I want to practice law for two or three years but I eventually want to get into politics, which is my first love.

S: Who or what has been of great inspiration to you?

A: I would have to say my mother and father. My mother inspires me to have the determination to never quit. She came to MTSU and graduated in '94. When she began here in 1989, she hadn't been to school in 20 years. It was such a large gap but I always saw her struggling, going to the library to pick up a book to work on her homework, no matter how exasperating it was and she wouldn't quit. My father, because he's one who's suave, someone who's distinguished, someone who seems effortless to speak, to minister, to help people, to reach out to people. So I think I take a combination of both [parents].

S: If you had to give a commencement speech, what would you tell graduates?

A: One thing I would relay to graduates is something I heard Winston Churchill say to graduates in a commencement speech. They [the students] were expecting some great philosophical idea and when he came to the microphone, he told them to never ever ever ever give up and I think that's essential to students because, I think, many times, we fail and we face a setback and we think that its the end of it. But, that's not true. I believe that to experience the trueness of the mountain top, you have to go through a few valleys.

S: What kind of advice would you offer freshman?

A: Just to dive in. When you go to a swimming pool, you see two types of people. There are those people who have a toe, foot or a leg in but their full body isn't emerged in the water. Then you have those people who, without regard, just jump in without thinking about how cold the water would be. That's how you have to do here. You have to jump in. You have to get involved: go out and meet people, shake hands. I've been here since Fall '96 and now I'm about to graduate and its been a wonderful ride and I thank God for my experience here.

S: What's an MTSU experience that has really stood out to you, something funny, something inspirational,

whatever?

A: Just the people that I've met. I really don't want to say just one incident. A person from the MTSU community that really stands out in my mind is my former roommate, Brandon McCullen. He was just somebody that I thought had a great love for life and for people. I hardly ever heard Brandon say something negative. I just looked at him and drew from his positive attitude. If somebody can look at life that positively, even when things happened in his life, then truly during let downs and setbacks, I can keep a positive attitude. Meeting people of his caliber, which is a lot of people here, just made me like this university. If there aren't good people, no matter how great the education is, it'll be a miserable experience.

S: What do you plan to do while in office?

A: One of the biggest things that has consumed most of my time is the blue and white card program that I've started. I guess most people think that it seems like it should have been done easily but it hasn't been. Basically, what we're trying to do is contact area businesses to get discounts to their business. The blue card is a card we want to bring about that will give discounts for ten area businesses and this will be given to students who earn 3.5 and above. The white card will be to honor students who, traditionally, have never been recognized unless you are a nontraditional student. [The card will honor] students who have 3.0 to 3.49 and this gives them discounts to five area businesses. So, I've been working on this since the end of the spring semester. We're about to complete it. Once I see it go through publishing, I'll really feel like we've accomplished a great deal.

S: What are some aspirations you have for SGA?

A: I like to see us become more student-oriented. I think that for so many years we've been looked at as an exclusive type of organization. Even sometimes, just walking in the office, I think people have felt like strangers but I want people to feel welcomed that's

why I keep both doors to my office open. That way, anyone who needs me can have access and I hope that people will feel that way. Also in our programs, I have things I want to get out to the resident assistants. I want to pull in some of the organizations that feel sort of isolated in terms of activities that the student body has put on. This way, anybody and everybody can feel that they have a voice.

S: What changes do you plan to make to SGA?

I don't come from a financially wealthy family. I'm from middle income. I'm a minority. I'm from a small, country town, Shelbyville, Tennessee. I think people look at that. I don't own a fancy car or anything like that. I've lived on campus just about all my time here. I think that shows people that a common person who doesn't have great connections or great wealth can still be a leader.

Andrae Crimson
SGA President

A: I just want to be more reflective of the student body. I'd love to see more minority members become involved: Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, African Americans and so forth. In a conversation that we had with some of the administrators on this campus, they [the administrators] said that African Americans, which is the second-largest group on this campus, feel isolated after their sophomore year. Even though

African Americans represent the largest group of people that come back to MTSU from freshman to sophomore year, from sophomore to junior year, something is happening because their is a smaller percentage graduating. Dr. Walker said that many times, he feels, they [African Americans] feel isolated. Why is this? What can we do to get them more involved? We want to have dialogue so I'm going to do my best to reach out and listen and hopefully lay some ground work for a greater amount of involvement in our student government.

S: By being an African American SGA president, do you think that encourages other African Americans to get involved?

A: I think when people see me as student government president, they see the average person because that's how I look at myself. I don't come from a very financially wealthy family. I'm from middle income, I'm a minority, I'm from a small, country, town: Shelbyville, TN. I think people look at that. I don't own a fancy car or anything like that. I've

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Task force aims to improve health, human service jobs

Staff Reports

A few years ago, President James E. Walker conceived the Academic Master Plan, a set of guidelines that the university is to follow as the new millennium approaches. The new plan was converted to a blueprint by a task force of 30 academicians, students, community leaders and representatives from the Tennessee Board of Regents. The task force will be led by Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Co-chaired by Peter Heller, chair of the Sociology and Anthropology Department, and Faye Johnson, of the office of Academic Affairs, the task force first met in 1996. Because of the efforts of this group, MTSU's academic course as been planned out for the next 15 years.

The MTSU Academic Master Plan's first goal is to seek initiatives in the area of competitive advantages. They are determining MTSU's strengths and how they may affect the present and future needs of the area.

There are eight areas of competitive advantages, one of them being health and human services. The Health and Human Services (HHS) Partnership, a sub task force, has been working to put

their ideas and goals into action. The HHS Partnership is headed by Jo Edwards, holder of the Adams Chair in Health Care Services. The group is working to find out how MTSU can optimize the opportunities for ongoing growth and development in the health and human services professions.

According to Edwards, this is a task that won't be easy. She said the university community has to thoroughly examine itself to realize just how much is going on in that field already.

"How do we get other people to see that shared vision with us?" she asked. "That is a challenge for the task force."

Edwards added that though it may not be realized, the human services disciplines have a very visible presence on campus.

"We have a significant presence here but not a significant image," she said. "Look at the mission statement [of the university] and HHS does not constitute a part of that mission; yet, it constitutes a large part of the university."

Edwards said that though human services has a very visible presence, created the desired image will come with its share of obstacles.

"In the HHS programs here at MTSU, we have 34 majors, concentrations, minors, and numerous

transdisciplinary programs housed in eight academic departments and for colleges. The graduates of these programs, representing 21 percent of our graduates for the past 10 years, make a substantial contribution to the health and welfare of the citizens in Middle Tennessee."

Edwards pointed out the fact that many programs have become hidden or nearly unrelated as being an obstacle. She said the university has a strong undergraduate program in communication disorders, however, it has been hidden in Speech and Theatre.

According to Edwards, there are other areas that need to be developed such as geriatrics, health-care management and graduate programs in nursing. She also said that she has hopes that areas such as sports nutrition and sports psychology will be brought together with the establishment of a MTSU sports management center.

The HHS Partnership gathered recently to re-evaluate its standards,

goals and strategies. Their first goal is to provide increased learning opportunities and resources for students. Next, they will enhance internal and external alliances. After doing so, they plan to improve the quality of life in the community by expanding the interaction between the university and the community.

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-Jo Edwards

Adams Chairholder in Health Care Services

"I have found a lot of enthusiasm on campus for these changes," Edwards said. "I think people are genuinely enthused because there is already so much momentum at the university. Dr.

Walker—that man just moves. He's so dynamic and so forwardthinking—I don't think we have to worry about moving too fast when we're still running to catch up with him. That set's the tone for everything."

Those interested in learning more about HHS's future-oriented programs can reach Edwards this fall at 898-2905.■

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WMOT celebrates thirty years

Priscilla Wainwright
Special to Sidelines

If you ask some of the staff of MTSU's public radio station what they're proud of, they give several answers.

One is that the station is celebrating 30 years on-air.

Another is that the station serves its public, including keeping a playlist of songs, and returning calls as quickly as possible to identify a song a listener liked but was unfamiliar with.

And this service has other benefits. Listeners who get the music information they want make contributions to the station, which is listener supported.

But the staff is also proud of the caliber of programming the station has, one of several things that drew them back after their years as student employees.

Program director Greg Lee began with the station when he came to the university in 1981. He joined the station on a full-time basis in 1989.

Development coordinator Laura Dunn, like Lee, began at the station during her years as a student, 1978-82, then returned in 1986 after taking other jobs in the communications industry.

One of the things that drew the current staff back was the camaraderie they felt as student employees.

"I never had the same feeling that I had known here. It was like coming back home, to MTSU, and the station," Dunn recalls.

News director Randy O'Brien, who graduated during the 1975-76 year, returned in

1980, after working at another station as a reporter.

"I was talking to John High as a sounding board. He told me there was an opening coming up and wanted me to come back and talk to them."

Another thing that brought them back was the professionalism.

"I couldn't find the professionalism in the commercial 'real world' that we have here," said Sean Jacobs. "We also had access to technology here that a lot of stations didn't have," Jacobs added.

Other former students and staffers who have worked at the station and gone on to other careers include NBC White House producer Ken Strickland, Channel 4 News reporter and anchors Holly Thompson and Nancy Van Camp, Metro Police spokesman Don Aaron, and Joe Fisher, Assistant Director of the National Commodore Club at Vanderbilt and the "Voice of the Commodores."

Along with the more general memories of camaraderie and professionalism, each has memories of news events they lived through on-air.

"I remember when Reagan was shot," recalled Jacobs.

O'Brien recalls hearing then President Richard M. Nixon resign.

"The studio and offices were in the Dramatic Arts Building then."

1999 has already been a good year for the station. A House Resolution, sponsored by Rep. John Hood, recognized the station's landmark anniversary.

Earlier in the year, the

station was recognized by its peers and the music industry at the Gavin Awards, and was one of six jazz stations nominated for Jazz Station of the Year. WMOT was also nominated for the award in 1989. Gavin recognizes both commercial and public service stations.

A look at WMOT history also traces the birth and growth of public broadcasting in America. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting was established in 1967, two years before WMOT went on-air. National Public Radio was created in 1970, and WMOT became a charter member.

A year later, in 1971, "All Things Considered" debuted on National Public Radio and WMOT. In 1977, the station won a Corporation for Public Broadcasting Award of Excellence for News Reporting.

In 1980, WMOT became the first Tennessee station to use satellite, and two years later, debuted a jazz/news format.

In 1990, the station became part of the then newly-formed College of Mass Communication. A year later, the station was listed in Details Magazine as Middle Tennessee's best radio station. In both 1994 and 1995, WMOT was a finalist for the Nashville Nammies Top Station Award.

With the years have come changes in equipment and technology that allow station staff members to record programs and air them later, instead of having to be in the studio and broadcasting live.

Even with the technology, it takes good people to have a good station. ■

Durham awarded graduate fellowship

John Lynch
Special to Sidelines

Ryan Durham, a senior Journalism student at MTSU, has been awarded a graduate fellowship from Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

Dr. June McCash, professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures and current president of the local chapter, said the award is one of only 50 awarded nationally and provides up to \$7,000 per year toward study in a graduate or professional school. She noted that Durham is the first MTSU student to receive the award.

Durham says he plans to use the fellowship when he enters law school in the fall.

He was recognized during the recent Phi Kappa Phi initiation of new members. More than 60 outstanding undergraduates were inducted into the local chapter. Two outstanding faculty members were also inducted.

Dr. Regina E. Johnson, associate professor of Speech and Theatre, and Dr. Stephen Shearon, associate professor of music, accepted invitations to join the Honor Society. In addition, two well-known business figures and MTSU Alumni, Bob Parks and Charlie Myatt, were inducted at the ceremony.

Durham was president of the Student Government Association in 1997-98, and was also appointed by Governor Donald Sundquist as student regent for the 1997-1998 school year. The job of the student regent is to provide the student perspective in the quarterly Tennessee Board of Regents meetings.

Ryan's parents live in Summertown, Tenn., and are MTSU graduates; Charles, B.S. '76, M.Ed. '83, and Linda, B.S. '79, M.Ed. '87. ■

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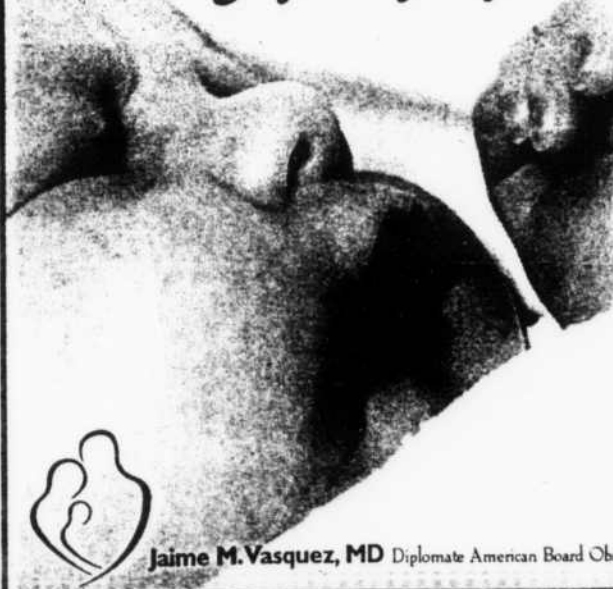
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Debate team continues to shine with awards

Mike Reed

News & Public Affairs

It's bound to be some sort of record. The MTSU debate team has won 64 awards this season and is ranked 22 in the nation.

"I'm very proud of the hard work the students have done this year," Michael Krueger, debate coach, said. "It's amazing to have that level of achievement."

Nine students competed all over the country this year against teams from Harvard, Vanderbilt, the University of Alabama, and more than 300 other schools.

"We started with people that had no debate experience, and most of the schools that we compete against had tons," Krueger said. "High school debate thrives throughout the nation, but there's not much of

it in Tennessee. We don't have a big scholarship budget or anything, so we recruit from students who are already on campus. We teach them everything they need to know about debate. It seems like it would be relatively simple, but it's actually a very complex activity. The only thing we ask of them is to give us some of their time."

Judging from the results, it was time well spent.

At the National Championships on the campus of Southern Illinois, International Relations major Laurie Ishak and Political Science student Natalie Woodward defeated teams from Alabama, Wheaton College, Weber State, Southwest Texas, San Francisco State University, and Emory. They advanced to the second championship elimination round to lose a close round to the eventual

tournament champions.

"This is the best showing by a single MTSU team at nationals since the early 80s," Dr. Russell Church, chair of the Speech and Theatre department and former debate coach said. "Laurie and Natalie were truly one of the outstanding teams in the nation."

Ishak and sophomore Psychology major Matt Carter were named to the All American Debate Squad, an honor open to only the top 30 college debaters in the nation and requires an outstanding academic record.

Four debaters—Carter; Woodward, Terrance Bond, a Political Science Major; and Bryan Gaston, a speech communications student—were selected to present their research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of

Rochester. More than 400 colleges from all 50 states were represented and participants shared their work with other undergraduates, faculty, and scholars.

"We're the oldest competitive organization on campus," Church said. "We date back to 1911. We've had more wins than any other organization or sport on campus."

The trophy case in the lobby outside the Studio Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building is overflowing with the spoils of victory dating back to the founding of the university.

"This year we competed against everyone from community colleges on up to squads from Vanderbilt, Harvard, Duke, and Wake Forest," Krueger said. "We finished 22nd in the country. What separates the good teams

from the worse ones is the amount of preparation that goes into it. For example, if we know what the University of Alabama is going to be arguing, we have to prepare for their arguments. We have to anticipate what their arguments are going to be to answer our arguments in order to effectively win debates."

Recently, the debate team received its first corporate donation from First Star Bank.

"First Star just gave us \$5,000 for our scholarship fund," Church said adding that it's donations such as this that help the debate team thrive.

Students interested in joining the debate team should contact Michael Krueger at 898-5607. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made through the MTSU Foundation by calling 898-2502. ■

No decision yet on Ezzell, Abernathy's fate

Melanie McWhorter

Staff Reporter

Concrete engineers are in the process of testing MTSU's Ezell and Abernathy apartments to see the extent of the structural damage that was responsible for the evacuation of its residents last March.

"Ezell and Abernathy will not be open for the 1999-2000 school year," Debra Sells, Director of Housing and Residential Life, said. "Housing has not yet made the decision whether or not to renovate. The Tennessee Board of Regents is assisting us in that decision-making process."

Sells went on to explain that the engineers are investigating to

determine if the buildings are repairable. MTSU will then compare the expense of renovating the buildings with the expenses of tearing them down, which can also be expensive.

Another question that housing is seeking to find the answer to is whether the structural problems in Ezell and Abernathy are the result of faulty concrete mixing and pouring, or whether these problems were caused by environmental factors, such as ground shifting.

If the problem is in the initial concrete mix, the concrete company may be at fault. But since Ezell and Abernathy apartments were built in 1972, it may be hard for MTSU to recover any money.

This whole situation started last spring semester when chunks of concrete began falling from the ceilings and cracks began worsening in the concrete columns in Ezell and Abernathy halls. MTSU officials and building inspectors conferred and decided that for the safety of the students, it was imperative to evacuate Ezell and Abernathy Halls.

Around March 7, the 330 apartment residents were notified that they had a week to move out. The residents were given the option of breaking their contracts and moving off campus or allowing housing to move them to different areas around campus. Many of these students were moved to regular dorm rooms, and some were moved to

family student housing. Twenty-two people were even put in overflow housing (3 people to a 2-person room) in Corlew and Cummings Halls.

Many of these displaced residents complained at a meeting held by Housing and Residential Life that housing had prior knowledge of this, and that they should have let them know earlier. The complaining was mostly quieted, though, when the students found out that every resident that was being forced to move was receiving a \$125 refund from housing, and the students who chose to break their contracts and move off campus were receiving an additional \$372.

So far, the fate of Ezell and Abernathy remains to be seen. ■

Education Dept. works to ease loan process

Christine Tatum

College Press Exchange

WASHINGTON — Faced with stiff competition from the private sector, the Education Department is trying to bolster its struggling direct-lending program with a package of discounts expected to save two million student borrowers more than \$600 each.

Supporters of direct lending, in which the government gives loans to students through colleges, praised the plan as a sound way to compete with increasingly aggressive banks and guarantee agencies, which have offered significant discounts to make traditional loans cheaper. So cheap, in

fact, that several schools have parted ways with the government's program.

To fight competition, the Education Department's plan proposes a three-pronged approach expected to cost about \$500 million over five years.

First, the plan would lower an "origination fee" borrowers must pay up front. The fee would drop from four percent to three percent of the total loan balance, saving the average graduate with a debt of \$10,000 and a standard 10-year repayment plan \$631 over the life of the direct loan.

Second, the plan would allow student borrowers in the direct-loan program to consolidate their loans while still in college — a move many higher-

education advocates say would provide the most substantial benefits to students. Such a provision would allow borrowers to lock in at the lowest interest rate available and then shave off another six-tenths of a percentage point once they left college and began making payments. That change would save students an average of \$374, department officials said.

Finally, the plan would cut interest rates by another quarter of a percentage point for borrowers who repaid their loans electronically.

Critics of direct lending say the government should stop fighting so hard to maintain a program that is having trouble holding its own against the

private sector. They also say the department is pushing a plan that falls outside its authority. To back their claim, opponents cite a review by the Congressional Research Service that concluded Congress was "clear and explicit" when it ordered Education Department officials to mandate that borrowers pay a four percent origination fee. Only federal lawmakers have the authority to change the fee, the research agency said.

Department officials say the Higher Education Act, which states private and public loan programs must offer money under the "same terms and conditions," entitles them to lower the fee. ■

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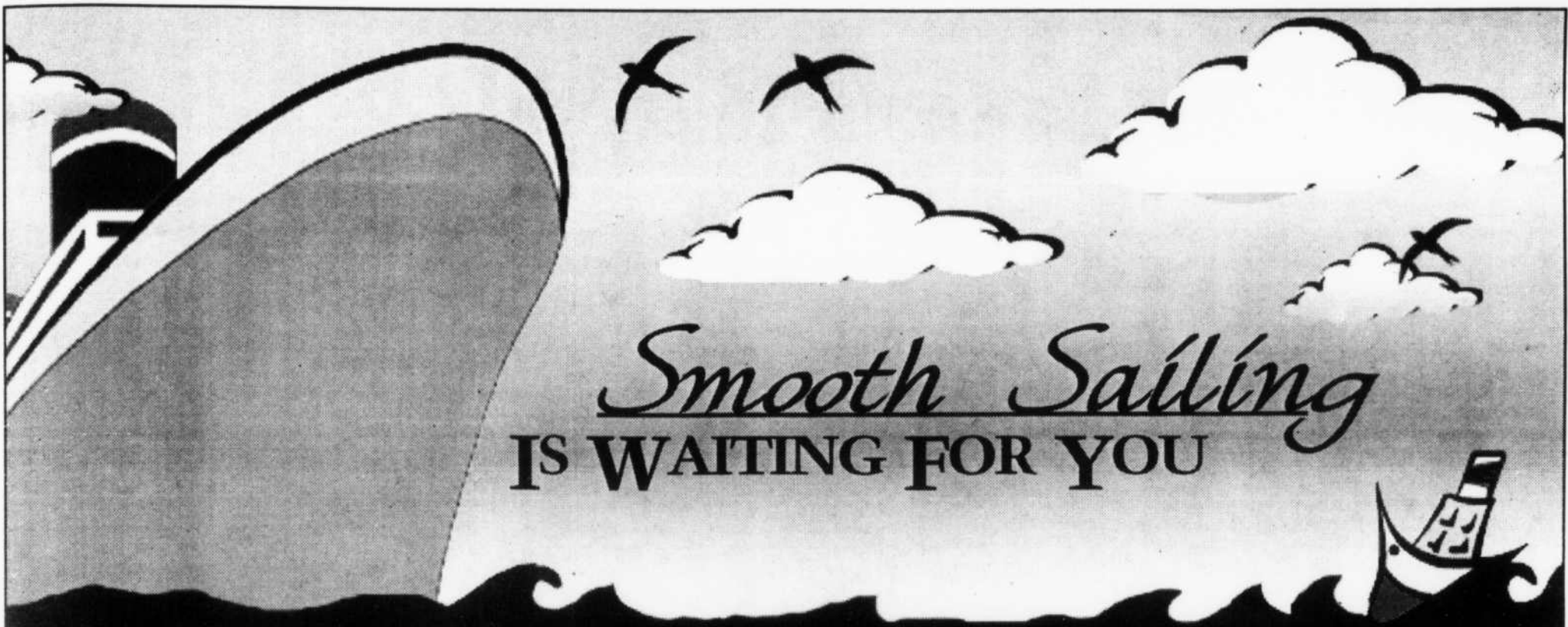
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Heart Walk leaders touched by disease

Tom Tozer

News & Public Affairs

The four MTSU employees who have agreed to be university leaders for this year's American Heart Association Rutherford County Heart Walk have all been affected personally by heart disease, which helps to explain why they accepted the job and why also they will be asking others on campus to help generate interest in their colleges and departments.

This year's Heart Walk will take place at MTSU Sunday, Sept. 19, with registration at 1 p.m., and the walk commencing at 2. This year's goal for Rutherford County is \$110,000.

The MTSU Heart Walk kickoff party will be Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2-4 p.m., in the Alumni Center. All faculty, students, and staff are urged to attend.

"My dad was the original Archie Bunker, very sedentary," explained Brenda Wunder, whose office is in the plush digs of the MTSU Foundation House. "When he had his heart attack at age 59, he had five by-passes. Someone from the AHA explained about the surgery and prepared us before we went in to see him afterwards. Later, they visited his home, helped him learn how to walk, cook, and get exercise. This was just a local group of volunteers working through the AHA. Had it not been for their care, I don't think dad would be so healthy today."

Gina Poff's grandfather had a quintuple by-pass and her father-in-law a quadruple by-pass, so she is familiar

with the work and research of the AHA.

"People on this campus need to get involved in this year's Heart Walk because heart disease touches nearly all of us directly or indirectly," she said.

Stuart Eddings's father died of a heart attack when he was 50. Her maternal grandfather succumbed to a heart attack at age 39.

"Think of all the emails we get from across campus announcing that someone's loved one has passed away from some form of heart disease," Eddings observed. "It is obvious that it touches quite literally all of us. We all need to get involved in the fight against the nation's number one killer, and we ought to get involved on the front end."

Both Poff and Eddings work in Student Life and will be helping to create student interest in this year's Heart Walk fundraising event.

Alan Thomas, director, Business Office, rounds out the MTSU leadership team. Thomas' father suffered a minor heart attack about five years ago. While surgery was not required, Thomas says his father changed his lifestyle, even in spite of his love for country cooking.

"If you took a survey in your own



The Heart Walk leaders meet in the Nursing Lab for a lesson on the heart. (left to right) Stuart Eddings, Brenda Wunder, Alan Thomas and Gina Poff.

college or department, probably eight out of ten families would say they were touched by heart disease and stroke," he said.

All four want to encourage the entire campus community—faculty, staff, and students—to think about how heart disease has touched their lives and get involved in this year's Heart Walk by

raising money for research and education and by walking on Sept. 19. In addition, walkers will be able to walk in honor of or in memory of a friend or family member. Special signs will be available. For more information about the Heart Walk, contact Wunder at 904-6652; Poff and Eddings at 898-2454; or Thomas at 898-2940. ■

Dan Whittle named Red Cap spokesman

Special to Sidelines

A doctor once told him he probably wouldn't live beyond his early 20s. Early on, his career path took him to a newspaper office where he applied for the janitor opening. He didn't get the job. Instead, he became a sports writer. Once he spent a brief time as a homeless man right here in Nashville.

Despite a few hard knocks, he had also, over the past five years, loaned his name to a Habitat for Humanity effort in Murfreesboro which has produced five homes for families in need. The humanitarian effort is called Whittlemania, in honor of its namesake, Dan Whittle, staff writer for The Daily News Journal.

Dan Whittle is a gracious, giving, good guy. That's why he's the perfect honorary Red Cap spokesman for this year's American Heart Association Rutherford County Heart Walk, which will be held Sunday, Sept. 19, at MTSU; registration at 1 p.m.; the walk at 2 p.m.

"About five years ago, I started feeling some pressure in my left arm," Dan began. "The next morning I went to the cardiologist. They found

a blockage." Then he paused. "You know, our cardiology department here at MTMC is very well equipped," he continued. "In fact, as far as making an initial diagnosis, it's better equipped to do those

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arteriograms than St. Thomas or Vanderbilt. They took me to St. Thomas where they decided to treat it with medication, but they were having no success. As they were taking me to do a bypass or a balloon procedure, a technician came up and said the most recent tests showed that my arteries were unclogging."

The doctors decided to forego surgery.

"I immediately showed my gratitude by stealing the Saint Christopher off the walk and took it home," Dan laughed. "My wife about died. 'You didn't!' I said, 'It got me through!'"

Two years ago, Dan had another serious heart incident when a blood clot from hip replacement surgery broke loose.

"I thought maybe this was the big one. In both instances, heart research and technology pulled me through. Heart disease affects just about everybody indirectly or directly. We need total commitment for the Heart Walk, not just from companies, but from individuals, groups, clubs and churches."

The Heart Walk will take place on the MTSU campus. This year's goal is \$110,000. Interested persons or groups should call AHA's Jan Berry at 327-0885 or chairman Rob Lyons at 893-5210.

"We live in a blessed community," Dan noted. "We need to make this year's Heart Walk outstanding." ■



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lived on campus just about all my time here. I think that shows people that a common person who doesn't have great connections or great wealth can still be a leader.

S: How has the job as SGA president been so far?

A: It's been pretty good. I've had several people ask me about it, 'Is it a lot of work? Is it a lot of responsibility?' The answer to that is yes then again it's no. The answer is yes in the sense that it's a lot of work but the answer is no, in the sense that it's not a lot of work if I was to be a leader who was just caught up in the position. It's [the answer] yes because when I came to SGA, I had a vision. I wanted to see it go somewhere and so I'm working hard right now on a program. I'm not required to put together a blue and white card program to help provide an incentive for students to earn good grades. I could just stick in my office, lay back and just do the necessary things: write a budget, pick people for committees and be at Customs. Those are the only three things that I have to do this summer. So it wouldn't be hard if I just did that. But the fact is, I want to help with traffic court, I want to organize programs that will make students want to get good grades. I believe that if I'm in the office, I need to make something of it.

S: Outside of SGA, what are some other things you would like to see here at MTSU?

A: Well, this is something we're

going to work on but it doesn't necessarily represent SGA and that is a teacher evaluation booklet that has evaluations of teachers that student can get before they register for classes. Though it is not necessarily a student government responsibility, we do want to see if we can put this together so students could know what type of teacher they're taking, what is required and how the teacher grades. These are things students need to know before they sign up for a class.

S: You may have already answered this question in some of your other statements but what is something that you're really excited about or looking forward to here at MTSU?

A: Well, this is a big year for our football team, moving up to division one. I don't pick them out in terms of other teams because our academic team, quiz bowl team, mock trial, volleyball, girls softball, our soccer club, etc. are equally important. However, I do want to see if we can rally for students to support our football players. Yes, we're entering division one and it's going to be an uphill battle. There's going to be some strong opponents on our schedule. Our players need to have our support. They need to know that we're behind them. All home games are free with the student I.D. so that we can go over there [stadium] and cheer them on. They need to see us there at the games to know that students actually care enough about them to support them. This will also build esteem for Coach McCollum. He's very enthusiastic, very energetic; and I believe we've got some good players. I hope we can make this division one thing, a good thing for

MTSU.

S: Is there anything you're not looking forward to?

A: Well there's always problems and pumps ahead of the road and I realize that. It's like the country saying, 'The flees come with the dog.' I know there will be people in here that won't be happy that I'm not or SGA is not moving in the speed that they want. One thing that I run into, and it's an unfortunate thing, is that I can't handle every problem that comes into my office. That's an unfortunate reality that I'm facing. I can't change everything. I had a student come in and tell me [about] some markings in an anatomy class and that there need to be better figures as they look into their plastic cadavers. Those are some things I can talk and have dialogue about. But I can't change things [snaps his fingers] like that. That hurts sometimes for me because I want to be able to help everybody. But the reality is, you do the things that you can, work to do the things that you can, and hopefully set the groundwork and pass it on to the next person that comes through and that's what I want to do.

S: How do you think you differ from other SGA presidents?

A: I hope that I'm active and energetic but I hope that I'm more accessible. I try my best to always listen and I tell people that I will always listen to any ideas you want to present or things you want to see done. I won't always agree but I will give people the respect of listening. I always have my doors open and more than likely, I'll be living on campus. I won't even have a problem with people coming by my dorm. I'm going to need whatever space

I need to graduate but I don't mind listening to people, whether it is a complaint, whether it is an idea, or the few times it's a compliment. I want to listen to students and hopefully be accessible to them. Hopefully that will separate any difference between past administrations and this one.

S: How do you think you were able to win the election?

A: I tried to get out to make myself accessible and I didn't campaign to one specific group. I campaigned to blacks, whites, Jews, gentiles, it didn't matter. If you were a person who could vote, I tried to let you know what I stood for, what I was going to work for and that I would stay the same. I think that's the key, that I'm the same person who, three years ago was pushing grocery carts at Kroger for a summer job. I don't think positions and things like that should change you. I had no problem with working at Kroger. I did and I'm proud of that because I'm the same. I wanted to be in congress that summer but things didn't work out. That's the development of a person, you take the good with the bad and yet stay the same. Now I have appreciation. If somebody was to spill my eggs or something at Kroger, I wouldn't get mad because I've been there and I hope that type of development will [carry over] in student government. When someone does something to make me upset, not to scream and shout because I've been shouted out, I've been screamed at and I know how it is to have people upset at you. I try to at least maintain Andrae, that's the only person that I can be. ■

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Horse coliseum plan delayed by funding

Staff Reports

Construction of a \$16 million horse show coliseum — slated to have been open this summer — is once again on hold.

In fact, the delayed project may not begin until early 2000, the chairman of the Miller Trust Planning Committee said.

"That's the best guess," chairman Charlie Myatt told the local newspaper earlier this month. "There's no certainty about it."

A ceremonial ground breaking for the coliseum was held in August 1997 at a 150-acre coliseum site at 324 W. Thompson Lane with plans to open the coliseum for the 1999 International Grand Championship Walking Horse Show. The show is held annually in Murfreesboro each August.

"I'm getting bombarded with people asking questions — Where's the money and why hasn't anything been done to proceed?" said Tommy Hall, executive director of the Walking Horse Owners' Association.

The coliseum is being funded with a gift to the MTSU Foundation from the late John and Mary Miller of Lewisburg, who were Tennessee walking horse enthusiasts. John Miller was also instrumental in the establishment of the Walking Horse Owners Association (WHOA).

The actual beginning of the project was delayed as a result of environmental problems with Miller-owned land in Alaska.

Walking horse industry enthusiasts who were in town for the annual International event were asking questions about the project, Hall said. People have been "told different years every year, and it keeps getting backed up and backed up," he said.

"People are beginning to wonder now if there will ever be one," he said.

The first environmental problems involving Miller-owned land were corrected, but then the project was put on hold in the spring when Miller trustees were notified by the Alaska Wildlife and Resources Agency that the agency was looking into some environmental damage that occurred on property that Frontier Sand and Gravel leased from the state of Alaska through the mid-1980s. Frontier was owned by John Miller. But the land was leased by a corporation, not John or Mary Miller, Myatt pointed out.

In May, Myatt said the bid process for the coliseum could still begin this summer even with the latest round of environmental problems. However, there still seem to be some questions left unanswered.

"We still have not been able to determine what liability the trust may have as a result of those environmental claims.

"We're awaiting some word," Myatt said. "Our expectation is the liability is nonexistent, but we're not certain about that."

"The good news is that we have sufficient monies on hand to construct the coliseum," Myatt said. The project cost is about \$16 million.

But if there is liability, the amount is unknown.

"If that's the case...this is a theory — very, very remote — if the environmental damage was judged to be that amount, they could take it all," Myatt said, referring to the \$16 million cost of the facility.

"I can't emphasize it enough, we think that's extremely remote," he said.

Myatt said they committee has gone about as far as it can until there are dollars to commit to the project," he said.

Resolving the liability issue itself may take another few months, he added. ■

New dyslexia center in the works

Million-dollar Christy-Houston grant gets project started

Mike Reed
News & Public Affairs

A grant to build a new dyslexia center on the MTSU campus will help make the university one of the national leaders for the study and treatment of the disorder.

The Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia has been serving students and educators in Tennessee since 1993. Now with the help of a \$1 million grant from the Christy-Houston Foundation, the center will double in size and will move to a location on campus.

The grant will cover two thirds of the construction cost, and MTSU is charged with raising an additional \$500,000 by December of this year. Dr. Diane Sawyer, holder of the Katherine Davis Murfree Chair of Excellence in Dyslexic Studies, and interim director of the center, said she's excited at the prospect the new building poses.

"The important thing about our center is that we serve both children and teachers," she said. "We see children for diagnostic assessments, but we also do demonstrations and in-service workshops for teachers, administrators, and supervisors. Within the new facility, we are preparing to offer distance learning opportunities and developing videotapes that permit us to promote staff development opportunities, at a time when it is convenient for the school systems, rather than when it is possible for us to come."

One factor that makes the MTSU program unique is the long-term follow-up of children once they've been diagnosed," Sawyer said. "If they're in an appropriate program, children will be seen as much as four times a year to document progress and work with schools to insure that progress continues.

"The center is also involved in research trying to determine the genetic basis for dyslexia," Sawyer said. "We have been working in

collaboration with the Genetics Department at Vanderbilt University Medical Center on a three-year study of the genetic profile of a large family with a strong incidence of dyslexia across four generations."

Dyslexia is a developmental disorder which affects a child's ability to read and write. It is an uncommon condition that creates serious education problems and affects more boys than it does girls.

MTSU President James E. Walker presented the grant proposal to the Christy-Houston Foundation on behalf of the university.

"We are very grateful that the Christy-Houston Foundation recognizes MTSU's position as a national leader in the study and treatment of dyslexia," he said recently. "The new center will provide the means to help hundreds of children and their teachers."

Sawyer said the new center will be a significant advancement in providing support services for schools and students throughout Middle Tennessee.

"Our education services are intended to assist school systems, school psychologists, and resource room teachers to learn how to recognize students with dyslexia," Sawyer said. "We work with classroom teachers to learn to address the needs of these children, so we're working with specific strategies for instruction."

In addition to testing and staff development, the center also offers MTSU students training opportunities.

"All university students in school psychology come through the center," said Sawyer. "We're like a laboratory for that department, and we're beginning to develop that type of relationship with other programs on campus."

"Currently the corrective reading course has several experiences with us, and we're working with the speech/language program and the early childhood program in Human Sciences to establish similar opportunities," she added.

The \$1.5 million center will house classrooms, observation and waiting areas, and office space. The building plans call for 4,300 square feet of program space, and work is expected to begin this fall. The site for the new center is located on the corner of Baird Lane and Elrod Street and is expected to be completed in Summer 2001. ■

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Fundraising event for St. Jude to be held

Shawn Whitsell
Staff Reporter

This fall MTSU will host the second "Up 'til Dawn" fundraising event. "Up 'til Dawn" is a fundraising event sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To get involved in this event, all interested persons must choose some type of fundraising event and raise money. Individuals must raise a minimum of \$150, while teams (consisting of 4 to 8 members) must raise at least \$750.

Although it's up to the participants of come up with their own fund-raiser, the "Up 'til Dawn" staff will offer a few ways to help them raise money. For example, participants can submit the names of five possible donors, such as parents and friends, and these people will reason a letter asking for a contribution. Participants will have an

opportunity to get involved in an auction and they will receive a list of other fundraising ideas in their registration packets.

"Up 'til Dawn" is a 12-hour celebration held at the rec center on November 19, after all the fundraising is complete. This special event will include several bands, games and plenty of dancing throughout the night. The celebration will be held to reward all those who participated and to allow them the opportunity to visit the patients.

"Being that the event is brand new, there is a lot of planning and work to be done. This is only the second Up 'til Dawn in the country and we hope to make it bigger and better than the first one held at the university of Memphis," said Kealie Frazier, director of "Up 'til Dawn."

"The University of Memphis were the first to do it and they raised over \$40,000 and they [St. Jude] realized that it was something that could be a

success. So what St. Jude has been doing is going around the country doing proposals at different campuses to see if they'd be interested. They did that here at MTSU and we were interested, so we are scheduled to be the second one in the nation," said Frazier. "[Being the second school to participate in this event] has been very exciting. A lot of people are coming here and if it is successful, it'll be very rewarding."

Several MTSU students have been selected to head committees to organize the event. The committees are Recruitment, headed by Emily Beaty; Spirit, headed by Kerry Lane; Public Relations, headed by Justin Harris and Kelli Shutt; Fundraising, headed by Russell Elam; Finance, headed by Marshall Campbell; Entertainment, headed by Tasha Bandy; Logistics, headed by Thomas Sheddan; Patient Relations, headed by Marcie Tesar; and Catering, headed by Becky Logan.

St. Jude was founded in 1962 by Danny Thomas, the late entertainer, to

research various childhood diseases, although cancer is the main focus. In terms of the number of patients enrolled and successfully treated, St. Jude is the largest cancer research center in the United States for children. St. Jude has treated over 14,500 children from all over the world.

Not only do "Up 'til Dawn," organizers want to help St. Jude Children's Hospital continue its life-saving research and treatment, but they are also striving to unite the campus in the spirit of fun and community service. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Registration is available on the internet at www.mtsu.edu/~uptildawn or in KUC 306. The deadline for registration is October 15 and the deadline for turning in the money is November 15. For more information, contact Kealie Frazier at 904-8270.

"It's going to be a fun time, it's a great cause and we encourage everyone to get involved," Frazier said. ■

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that were sent to their hometown newspapers.

I admit I sometimes teased other work-study students who ended up in the cafeteria cutting onions and washing tables, but I realize that work is work, as long as it is honest and legal. Other times I envied their jobs because I knew those people sneaked food into their dormitories almost every night for midnight snacks.

No matter what job you get, work-study jobs have specific guidelines.

Schools put a limit on the amount of money a student can earn through work-study. The average is \$2,000, which the

school and the government consider to be an adequate amount. Once the limit is reached, your job is over unless you're working for a company and it wants to hire you as a regular employee and pay your full salary.

Most students work 8 to 10 hours a week.

For me, it's a measly \$80 to \$100 weekly check. My money-hungry attitude left my funds depleted by the end of the first semester, and I quickly used up my allotted hours, which forced me to spend most of my second semester looking for another job, outside of school.

Ulricksen says some parents don't want their sons and daughters to work, even for just eight hours a week.

"A lot of the students who are awarded (work-study) don't utilize it, and that's a shame," she said. ■

WMTS Fall programs begin

WMTS FM Murfreesboro, MTSU's student run radio station, begins its fall programming on Aug. 23. WMTS, 88.3 FM, is a 24 hour station that broadcasts in stereo.

All DJs and station officers are student volunteers.

The station prides itself on its diverse programming according to Andrew Seward, station manager.

"Where else can you hear punk, hard-core, talk, indie rock, rockabilly, reggae, polka, metal, electronic, folk, noise, Americana, and hip-hop all on one station? To me, that's the best thing about college radio. It's not typical which means it's not boring," says Seward.

A schedule of WMTS programs is posted on the WMTS web page at www.mtsu.edu/~wmts.

Three local bands, the Features, Kill Devil Hills, and the Falling will perform at a benefit show for WMTS at Sebastian's, located on the square, on Aug. 27. The show will start at approximately 9 p.m. and all proceeds from will benefit the station.

WMTS has been providing the community with informational, cultural and alternative music programming since 1992. The station also offers an opportunity for students to obtain hands on training and experience in radio operations. Students interested in volunteering at WMTS can attend the WMTS student interest meeting on Sept. 1 in Peck Hall Room 227 at 8 p.m.

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Runyon named holder of Russell Chair

Doug Williams
News & Public Affairs

MTSU has named former U.S. Postmaster General and automotive executive Marvin Runyon the holder of the Robert E. and Georgianna West Russell Chair of Manufacturing Excellence.

As chairholder, Runyon will be involved in teaching, consulting with the department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies, and sharing his knowledge and experience with the MTSU community. He will assume his duties at MTSU on July 1.

"When I came to Tennessee to start Nissan's first U.S. manufacturing facility in 1980, I quickly discovered what a tremendous asset MTSU was to the business community and the people of Middle Tennessee," Runyon said. "Under Dr. Walker's excellent leadership, the university has enjoyed great momentum in recent years. I look forward to helping continue the success."

Runyon built a strong pattern of success during a 37-year career at Ford Motor Company. After leaving Ford in 1980 with the rank of vice president, Body and Assembly Operations, Runyon became president and chief executive officer of Nissan Motor Manufacturing Corporation U.S.A. in Smyrna, Tenn. There he built Nissan's first American motor vehicle assembly plant from the ground up. He left Nissan in 1986 when President Ronald Reagan tapped him to be chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Most recently, Runyon served as the 70th U.S. Postmaster General from 1992-1998. In this role, he built a new, leaner management structure and virtually eliminated \$2 billion in long-standing postal debt. During his tenure, the Postal Service achieved record net

incomes, despite competition from new communications technologies and aggressive competitors.

"Marvin Runyon, with his vast contacts and experiences is the ideal man for this position," said MTSU President James E. Walker. "Middle Tennessee is becoming a mecca for the manufacturing industry, and MTSU is prepared to support this industry by educating future leaders in the field. I know Marvin will take to a new level of excellence the activities of the Russell Chair."

The Russell Chair was established in November 1988 with monies donated by the late Robert E. Russell and his wife Georgianna West Russell, and matched by MTSU and the Tennessee Chairs of Excellence program.

Robert Russell, a 1956 MTSU graduate with a degree in industrial arts, founded Quality Industries on a part-time basis in 1966. In 1972, he bought Wright Industries, a large tool and die shop, and expanded the business to serve the electronics, transportation, and food service equipment industries with annual sales of over \$25 million. Russell was always quick to credit his wife, who was his first bookkeeper, for his success as a businessman.

"I'm thrilled that a man of his caliber will be the new holder of the chair," said Mrs. Russell. "My husband and I established this chair because of our interest in helping young people learn about the manufacturing industry."

"Mr. Runyon's influence can put this program on the map, both nationally and internationally."

Runyon has supported higher education since his days as an undergraduate at Texas A&M. He is an active alumnus at his alma mater but is intrigued by the prospects of being involved in the inner workings of a university as



Marvin Runyon

the holder of the Russell Chair. He plans to work closely with the MTSU faculty, sharing his experiences in the public and private sector.

"I feel it is very important in this country that we realize the crucial relationship between industry and education," Runyon said. "These two enterprises must work closely together if we are going to continue to compete globally."

The Russell Chair of Manufacturing Excellence is an independently endowed program in the Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies Department at MTSU.

The Chair, through the influence and concern of the chairholder, was established to promote an ever increasing awareness of the challenges confronting the manufacturing industry. The chair also works to positively impact the curriculum that relates to industry at MTSU, increase the depth of knowledge and interest of students, and make contributions to the university's mission of public service. ■

Enrollment at all time high

Staff Reports

Students returning to campus will find space at a premium with enrollment swelling to an all-time high of 18,520 students, administrators are predicting.

Based on attendance at CUSTOMS and early registration, officials in the admissions and records office are expecting this

If projections hold, enrollment will surpass last year's fall enrollment of 18,432. Based on attendance at CUSTOMS and early registration, officials in the admissions and records office are expecting these numbers to arrive by the time the enrollment period ends.

Cliff Gillespie, associate vice president for enrollment management, said MTSU's location and tuition rates make it attractive to students in the mid-state area. The majority of students are from Tennessee, Gillespie said, but MTSU attracts students from all over the country, enrolling students from at least 45 states.

MTSU remains the third largest state institution in Tennessee but is beginning to edge by the University of Memphis in numbers in some categories.

"This continued growth in enrollment is evidence of MTSU's continued progress in terms of programs it offers, its facilities, and the quality of our student body," said Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs John David Hays.

"But any increase in enrollment also presents additional challenges for us to provide the kinds of services and programs which promote the quality of student life that students expect from us," Hays continued.

In addition to more students, statistics show that the quality of students at MTSU are improving. The average ACT scores for incoming freshmen is 21.5, which is almost a full point above the national average of 20.9, and more than two points ahead of Tennessee's average of 19.3.

Transfer students enrolled at MTSU make up almost one-half (49.55 percent) of the undergraduate population. Most of these transfers come from Motlow State, Volunteer State, Columbia State, Nashville State Tech, UT-Knoxville, and Tennessee Tech. ■

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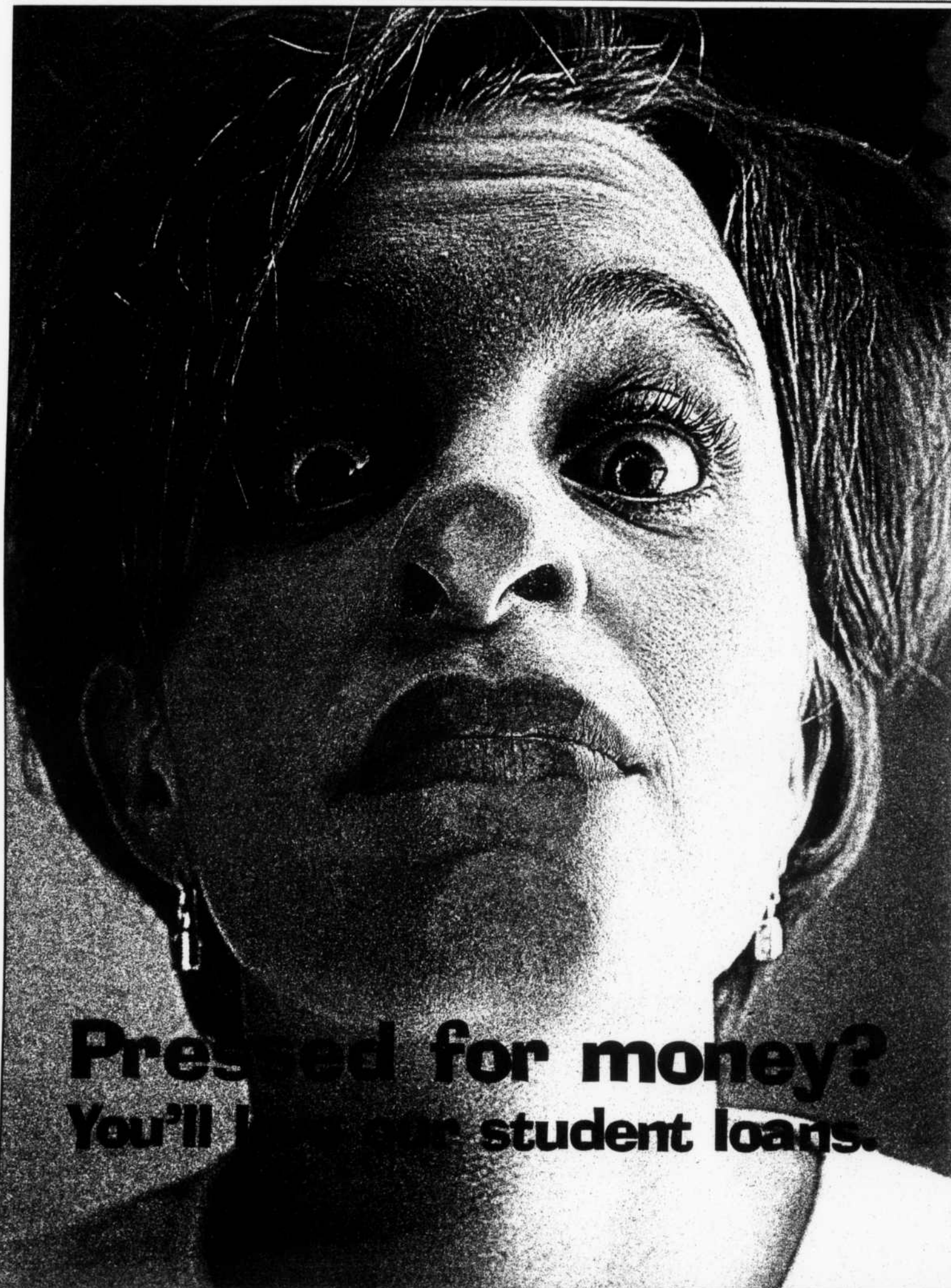
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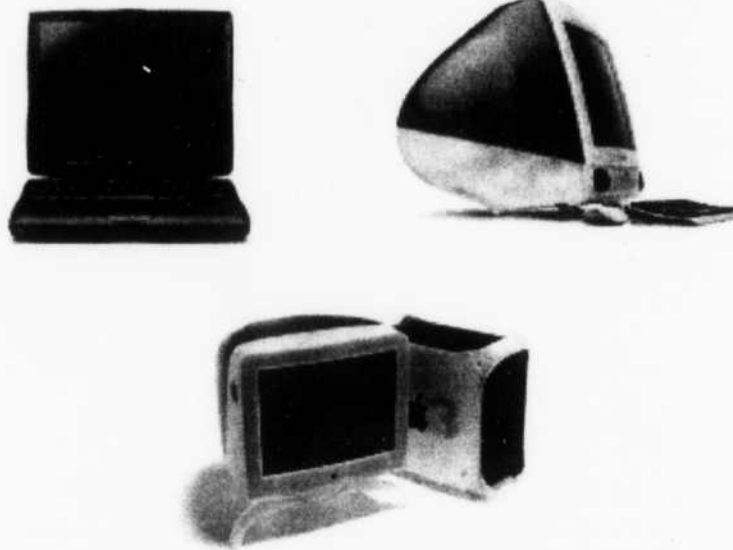
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College volunteers help people get off welfare

Cornelia Grumman
Chicago Tribune

Selling themselves as the volunteer fire department of welfare reform, 34 college students brought together with help from a North Shore native have kept busy at a high-profile conference in Chicago this week asserting that even young people with a limited understanding of poverty can complement the work of experienced social service providers.

Founded in October by Yale University undergraduates Brian Kreiter and Kirsten Lodal, National Student Partnerships already has established eight offices on campuses around the country. It plans to open as many as 15 more this fall, including chapters at Northwestern University and perhaps the University of Chicago.

The organization said its 340 volunteers so far have helped 75 men and women, often dealing with the dirty details of looking for employment—studying for a driver's license test, finding appropriate business clothing on the cheap, picking out a bus route to work or registering for a training program.

"The bottom line is, we're somehow just helping out wherever we can," said Kreiter, 21, a Winnetka native and 1996 graduate of New Trier Township High School. "We're trying to find the student-sized holes."

Campus volunteer groups have been around for generations, but he said none has been so directly involved in welfare reform on so broad a scale.

On Tuesday, the group sat in risers behind President Clinton as he addressed nearly 2,000 attendees of the Welfare-to-Work Partnership conference at Navy Pier. The gathering, which ended Wednesday, focused on encouraging businesses to hire welfare recipients as welfare reform enters its third official year and recipients' 60-month benefit time clocks run down.

One of the most common questions asked this week of the students by business people, social service providers and government bureaucrats alike is what qualifications they have to assist welfare recipients seeking work.

"If they're trying to do counseling or case management, that could be damaging," said Teresa Matthews, who works with difficult-to-place welfare recipients at the 90-year-old Chicago Christian Industrial League.

But the students say common sense and enthusiasm are all they need to help with the simple tasks. They said they leave the complex work to professionals.

"We've mostly gotten great reaction from people eager to get the additional help we provide," Lodal, 19, of McLean, Va., said of overburdened caseworkers and advocates.

Both Kreiter and Lodal said they

have been interested in public policy issues for years.

Regional directors for the organization develop relationships with local welfare offices and service providers, talk to businesses about available jobs and post their cell phone numbers in soup kitchens, homeless shelters and coffee shops.

And while the partnership already boasts a hefty budget of \$250,000 from foundations and individuals, its organizers concede the group isn't as focused as most welfare-to-work agencies. Some volunteers are studying how many campus health service plans cover the cost of birth control for students.

But the students say their greatest advantage is the ability to respond quickly and without bureaucracy at a time when many of those people remaining on the welfare rolls need more individual attention.

The partnership's first client, 28-year-old Aretha Towns, walked into the New Haven, Conn., office in January after her boyfriend spotted a flier taped to a lamp post.

Towns had on-the-job attitude problems (she once cold-cocked a grocery bagger who made a racial slur) that prevented her from staying employed for very long. Within a month, the students found her a job at a Rite-Aid pharmacy, and today they continue to check in to make sure things are

going smoothly.

And following the group's aim to move people not just out of unemployment or off the welfare rolls but into better-paying jobs, Lodal arranged to have Towns enter a nurse training program this fall.

Collectively, the student volunteers have almost no job experience and virtually no training. Some are getting Ivy League educations; some hail from affluent families; and a few acknowledge parental connections have been used to help out welfare recipients.

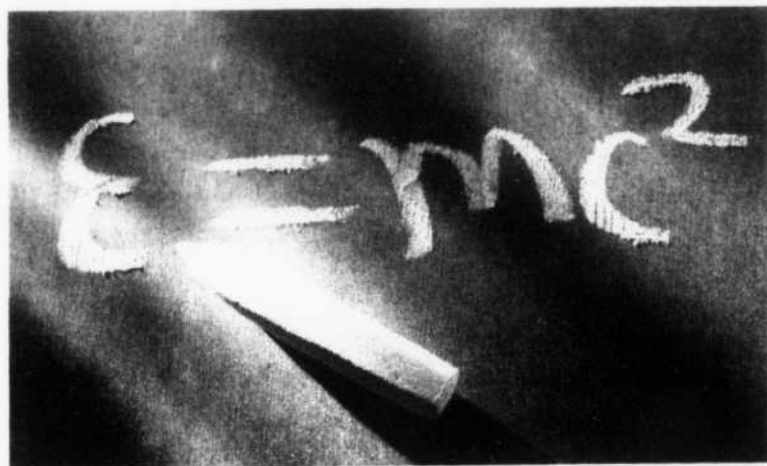
Many had never even talked to a welfare recipient before joining the group. Some barely knew what welfare reform was 12 months ago.

All are under 22.

"Brian called me and asked if I wanted to be a regional director," said David Singer, 21, a senior at the University of Michigan and a Glencoe native who also graduated from New Trier in 1996. "He said, 'What do you think?' I said, 'I don't think I know anything about this.'"

But they learn fast, Singer added, and get creative.

One volunteer roused five fraternity brothers watching TV to help him move a newly employed woman from a subsidized apartment into one she could pay for herself on her new paycheck. Others accompany job seekers to court appearances. ■



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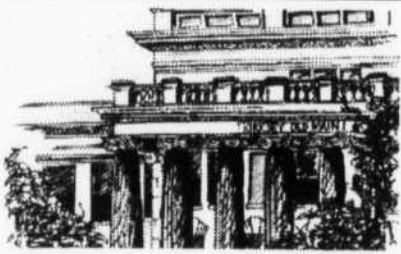
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-Thomas Jefferson

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Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Stay on track

It's that time again. It's time to get back into the groove of classes. Sounds like fun, huh? Well, it can be. Classes don't have to be a burden. It's all in the mind-set.

If you maintain a positive attitude and remember that although you may not like a particular class or professor, at least you're learning and working toward your degree. If you're positive and optimistic, you have a much greater chance of gaining something positive from a class, whether it's a good grade, enlightenment or both.

Okay, in the beginning of a new academic year and most of us are saying, "I'm going to do better this year, I'm going to do better." And you know what, you will do better. We all will. At first. Then your classes start to seem extra long and more boring; the Thursday, Friday and Saturday night parties will become more frequent and you'll skip class because you partied too hard. Then you'll skip another class because you sneezed, which gave you an excuse to say you're sick. Then you'll skip a class because it's too cold outside and the next thing you'll know, you'll be mad at your professor for giving you a "D." Even after he shows you the assignments you failed to turn in, you'll still insist that there's some sort of discrepancy in the grade book.

Ever been in that situation? Most of us have. If you haven't been in this situation, then good for you. Continue doing whatever it is you're doing to stay on top. If you have been in this situation, then cool but let's try to avoid it this year. We have to maintain our focus and keep in mind that if you half do things, it'll catch up to you.

We're all striving get our degrees and we all want to have good grades. However, we can't do this if we allow temptations to dictate our moves. We have to have total control at all times. You just have to manage your time.

Turn that motivation it into positive energy and channel it into your classes. At the end of the semester you'll probably be tired of taking notes, studying, writing papers and going to classes but you'll soon find out that improved. it was all worth it when you get your grades.

Just start out on the right track and stay on it. ■

Art department still needs help

Josh Ezzell
Staff reporter

With all of the progress that Middle Tennessee is making there is still one thing that has not improved: the Art Barn situation.

While the University has managed to build a new library and Mass Comm building, it has not done anything with the Art department. This despite numerous complaints from students and professors from other universities.

In the Nov. 8, 1998 edition of "Sidelines," Thomas Ferreira, a professor of art from California State University, criticized the Art department here.

"While some of these institutions have had seriously poor facilities for one or two of its departmental programs, I cannot recall one that is so egregiously inadequate in so many ways."

According to the Nov. 8, 1998 edition of "Sidelines," there are mice roaming around the Art Barn, termite infestation in the second floor and pigeon defecations on the side of barns. Also, the Art Barn is not properly ventilated. This could be dangerous because of the materials used by students in classes.

Pigeon defecation can cause histoplasmosis, a disease caused by a fungus in bird defecation. It can affect the lungs, spleen and central nervous system.

Also, the Art Barn does not have a disabled access. This has to be a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

What has been done about the Art Barn situation? Absolutely nothing. The Science department got the money instead of the Art department.

This is a travesty. I know the Science department has needs, but does it have as many needs as the Art department? I seriously doubt.

I am not trying to ridicule the University; it has many things going for it, but the Art Barn situation needs to be resolved. It is an embarrassment to the University. ■

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, there would be:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south
- 8 Africans
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be white
- 70 would be non-Christian
- 30 would be Christian
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth
- and all 6 would be from the United States.
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death; 1 would be near birth
- 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education
- 1 would own a computer

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for both acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

- Phillip M Harter, MD, FACEP
Stanford University, School of Medicine

Adversity is often a good teacher

Emily Shotwell
The Daily Aztec

If there is one universal truth I have learned it is this: Life is hard.

Yes, I know that its been said before and I also know that its a simple statement, but to recognize it is to surpass adversity.

As cynical as that statement, Life sucks and then you die, is, it has a little truth to it. As wonderful and great as you might create your life to be, you never really know when your luck will draw the stubby straw.

Trouble usually seems to come around when you are least anticipating it. Say you are doing great in school, your car is running smoothly, your phone bill is unusually low, your love life is fantastic, your carnations are looking just super in the garden and life just keeps getting brighter.

And then, bam! The good old seagull of life drops a little difficulty on your shoulders and suddenly you're thinking, Where did that come from?

Everything was going so well!

That's just it. Life is indeed a series of ups and downs. When people are shocked about what's happened to them, I believe a good part of the pain is derived from the lack of understanding that a good part of your life will simply be out of your control.

Car accidents happen; people pass away; you're always going to be around people you don't necessarily like; sometimes you'll forget your umbrella when it rains. Sometimes hearts are broken. And sometimes you might find you are broke, broke, broke. This could very well lead you to think: That's it!

This sucks! I give up!

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Other times it is your own actions that lead you to an unhappy place, and you find yourself searching for someone to point your finger at.

Adversity is a true test, as much as it is a big pain. It truly can build character and develop parts of people that might have been weak before.

But it also has the ability to break people, and so often it does. Too many people have risen above their bad luck for other people to use it as an excuse as to why they are where they are.

For the parts of life that we can actually control, it all comes down to responsibility. Recognizing we, as individuals, are the sole caretakers of our own selves, and then trying as hard as we can to change circumstances that don't please us is what we need to do. We live in an overly sensitive country that thrives on blaming other people for their present situations.

Everyone is a victim. He had bad parents; that's why he's the way his, or I can't believe she made me act like that. Granted other people do play a role in our lives, but it is ultimately the man in the mirror who will decide how to digest his fate. As the great Eleanor Roosevelt once said, No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

The instances that happen in our lives that are out of our control are a bit harder to deal with than the ones we could have prevented. Now is a time that you will depend on your own resourcefulness and dig in your heels if you want to come out alive, so to speak. Or of course, you can wither away in self-pity watching reruns of *Small Wonder* on your couch, a bottle of vodka in one hand. Anything to escape the sticky situation that is pulling at your heels. Self-pity is definitely more appealing than moving on, isn't it?

Last month, I got into a car accident in which I rear-ended a lady ahead of me and in turn that lady's car was knocked into the one in front of her.

Luckily no one was hurt and their cars were in good shape. But my own was pretty damaged, and costs to fix it are out of reach at the present time. One morning my insurance company called and informed me that they are both claiming injuries and car damage. I was shocked and mad, and couldn't believe my fate for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I was also angry with those people who claimed their cars had suddenly become damaged and had overnight injuries. Why me? I dwelled on it for awhile and fantasized about bugging those two ladies for a couple of years and swinging by their houses like Bill Murray does to Richard Dryfuss in the movie "What About Bob."

The point is I got over it. I had to - it was finals week and to use that as my excuse for failure in other parts of my life, as I have found myself doing, is pointless. As I said, accidents happen. That's just the way it goes.

Yes, folks. Life is also filled with happiness, love, good times, success and all of that great stuff. You cannot realize the caliber of how great life is until some bad things happen. We are the ultimate designers of how it's going to be, and we are also the judges of how we are going to let unexpected bad instances alter our lives. It's all up to us, as simple as it is. And with a little humor, we can get through anything. ■

An appreciation of Nelson Mandela

Paul Salopek
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

JOHANNESBURG - Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela earned a tribute recently that no doubt made him smile, and probably for the right reasons too, because he knew it to be true.

Olusegun Obasanjo, a blunt-talking, fireplug of a man who is Nigeria's first democratically elected president in 15 years, was making a speech to delegates at the Organization of African Unity summit in Algiers a few weeks ago, when he paused to pay tribute to South Africa's beloved leader, now retired.

He said lots of nice things. Most of the continent's 45 heads of state gathered at the meeting did. But the words that stick, that carry the lasting heft of irony are these:

Mandela would be treasured, Obasanjo intoned, for "his glorious exit from power."

Forget the obvious jab at all the African leaders - and it includes every one in modern history, outside of Mandela - who failed to relinquish power before they were required to do so.

Obasanjo was telling a sly, honest joke: The man who brought apartheid to heel, and who handed the jewel of South Africa back to the world, will be best remembered for his grand and mysterious absences. Like the absence of despair at a body stiffened for 27 years under the 24-hour glare of a bare light bulb hanging in a 6-by-9-foot concrete cell. (The window looks out onto more concrete.) Or the absence of bitterness that, almost everybody concedes, saved his wounded country from spinning into a bloody civil war in the early 1990s. Mandela, the son of Xhosa royalty, gave South Africa the regal silences it needed to heal. He let things go. He left.

"He brings to mind a perfect American analogy in George Washington," said Xolela Magcu, a South African political analyst who spent a decade in academia in the United States. "Who knows Washington? Nobody, really. He's this unknowable wraith. Jefferson we know. He left tangible marks. But Washington - he was that vital icon, the vital myth."

Mandela turned 81 last Sunday. He spent the day quietly at home with his family, in one of the four houses he owns or is building in South Africa and Mozambique. Michael Jackson stopped by with a cake. A few three-paragraph "good wishes" popped up below the fold of the newspapers. Otherwise, out of office for barely five weeks now, it is becoming difficult to discern the old man's fingerprints on the new South Africa he helped create,

so light was his touch.

"It's amazing how fast he's passing into legend," said Alf Stadler, a political scientist at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. "His power was in intangibles. I can't think of a single concrete, structural part of our government that bears his imprint. Not the courts, not the presidency, not parliament. He's like Churchill. There'll be a huge memorabilia business when he's gone, but others will shape the way we actually govern ourselves."

But it is those very intangibles, the ones straight-talking Obasanjo detected, that arc across all racial lines and, even today strap together his fractious young democracy. Few others, maybe no others, could use the art of empathy to detoxify a country staggering under so heavy a burden -

nearly 50 years - of ingrained racist policy.

"Government in South Africa is going to get down to the professional, boring level now. You'll see no more grand moments, like when Mandela took the stand."

-Thabo Mbeki
President of South Africa

anyway, and shook his hand - holding it a moment. It was the act of a man who understood gesture; that intangibles can outweigh policy.

Richard Calland, an expert on government policy at the Institute for Democracy in South Africa, observes some kinship to Ronald Reagan in style and magnetism.

But Mandela's gift is deeper, if only because of the infinitely wider chasms of anger and pure, in-the-marrow hatred he had to overcome because of the melanin in his skin. Many Americans disliked Reagan intensely. Mandela gave speeches to deeply embittered, rock-ribbed Afrikaner town councils, and yet could leave them standing, reassured, clapping like mad.

Thus, at the height of last year's campaign, the popularity of the autumnal president easily outstripped all the other politicians in the race. And even today, rankled opposition leaders still prefaced their harshest criticism of his ruling party, the African National Congress, with earnest assurances that they meant no disrespect to "Madiba," another pet name.

The famous Mandela charm isn't infallible, of course: It couldn't overcome the rift with fellow Nobel

Peace Prize winner F.W. DeKlerk, the last white South African president who angrily quit Mandela's government of national unity.

Nor has Mandela's political judgment always been beyond reproach.

And, as he gets older, his extraordinary tolerance seems to be more sorely tested, too. He recently lashed out at South Africa's feisty media, and he famously grumbled last fall that the country's opposition parties were "Mickey Mouse" and "not necessary." As for South Africa's terrible crime rate, he has, in his harder moments, occasionally told complaining whites to toughen up.

Yet despite these impetuous lapses, the Mandela intangibles still prevail.

The boy who once rode donkeys bareback through his home village of Qunu - even his tribal name, Rolihlahla, sounds airy; it means "troublemaker" - was able to parlay his magic into muscle one last time, earlier this summer. He talked Moammar Gadhafi, an old friend, into surrendering the terrorism suspects linked to the Lockerbie bombing case. That charisma will be exercised mostly privately now, reserved for children and grandchildren he has hardly seen.

"A lot of things are being discussed about his role in retirement, but nothing has been decided yet," said Parks Mankahlana, his spokesman. "This year the emphasis is on family." Truth is, almost nobody expects him to play more than a ceremonial role in politics again, even behind the scenes. The troublemaker is old and tired.

And South Africa's new president, Thabo Mbeki, who has labored under Mandela's gigantic shadow for five years, is anxious, sources say, to not just cut but bury the old apron strings.

"Government in South Africa is going to get down to the professional, boring level now," said Magcu. "You'll see no more grand moments, like when Mandela took the stand" in an unseemly court case brought against him last year by a rugby league boss. Mandela did it against legal advice, he said, to bolster the integrity and independence of South Africa's courts. He was still building a nation with gestures.

The lawmakers listened for almost an hour as his strange, squeezed voice skipped over statistics about new houses built for the country's poor black majority and about phone lines installed in townships. They laughed at his jokes about his new Mozambican wife, Graca Machel. And when he stood to leave, shaky now and needing a hand with the steps, the entire house stood and applauded, then sang an exuberant African praise song that vibrated like a drum off the old Victorian rafters. Their faces - black, brown and white - glowed with true, uncoerced reverence for a leader, something seen rarely these days, perhaps once in a lifetime, if at all.

A glorious exit indeed. ■

Big brother is on your shoes

David Klepper
Daily Illini

The 50th anniversary of the release of 1984, by George Orwell, recently passed. He wrote it as a caution to various social and political trends he saw amassing strength in post-war Europe. He foresaw a large, fascist bureaucracy that controlled the lives of its citizens through mind-numbing social conditioning, paranoia and constant surveillance. This government, Big Brother, not only wanted the taxes and votes of its citizenry, but also their freedom, their minds and their individuality. It's a spooky book, one that cannot be dismissed as mere X-File-ish, conspiracy drivel.

Fifty years later, 1984 is still relevant, still terrifying in its critique of a homogenizing, demeaning and deluding world order.

1984 is about the troubles of one man who grows tired of Big Brother's constant surveillance and social control. His civilization, which is constantly at war with one of two other world powers, is divided into two socio-economic groups. These groups are the proles, short for members of the proletariat, and the Party Members. All Party Members are watched constantly by the all-seeing telescreens, and are held in check by terrifying paranoia.

Any deviance from Big Brother's Party line, such as the very mention of the words 'God' or 'Freedom,' even in private

conversation, is punishable by swift interrogation and death.

One character is carried away by the secret police because he once utters a condemnation of Big Brother in his sleep. His children hear him and turn him in. Family bonds, sexual relationships and even private thoughts and wishes are viewed as dissident behavior and are punished rapidly. As a result, people lost their ability to love, to hate, to yearn and to think for themselves.

Most American readers of 1984 rest assured that this fascist regime could never happen here. They believe Americans, as individualistic and freedom-loving as we claim to be, could never allow this to happen. And they're right, sort of. Americans will not be executed or tortured. We are too soft for those kinds of things instead, we will be overcome by the Mighty Dollar, the Hardee's Star and the ever-advancing column of fads.

Orwell got it wrong when he laid the blame for the nightmare of 1984 on the government. It's not the government that is numbing our minds, turning us into blind consumers and television-dumbed vegetables. It's the commercialism and consumerism that fuels America nowadays. It's the fault of Nike, McDonald's and Hollywood big shots. And it's our fault. We're the ones who tune in to the television and turn off our minds. We have heated conversations about which is better, Coke or Pepsi. We wear shirts with a swoosh, just for the swoosh. I don't believe

these corporations intend to steal our individuality, they're just trying to corner the market and make a few bucks. Everything has been tainted by this consumerism. Commercials are now art and art is now commercialized advertisements are discussed and debated for their merits while art is judged by how many copies have been sold or how many people tuned in to watch. We pay \$45 for a shirt with a special logo and shell out hundreds for little yellow stitches on a pair of shoes.

We always want more — we satisfy ourselves with new clothes, new cars, new trinkets. Songs are picked by record companies and radio stations because they are catchy and memorable for two weeks. And then, the song self-destructs, becomes boring and old, and is promptly replaced by another equally vacuous and catchy song. This is designed to happen, to ensure the fast turnover of CDs. Same with movies. And same with TV.

Well, God has been eclipsed by the boob tube and that stupid Taco Bell Chihuahua. Television is mostly to blame. But you, reader, should pat yourself on the back. Good for you for actually reading a newspaper, though the media is also partly responsible for the numbing of America.

But at least you're reading, and not watching the damn television. Turn it off. Take off those hip shoes and go outside. Enjoy the summer, and try, maybe just for a week, to limit your purchases to the necessities — food and beer. ■

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AUGUST 20-24, 1999

Registration for students who have not previously registered or for those whose schedules were deleted. A \$25 late fee will be charged beginning Aug. 23.

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Set your alarm clocks!

Fall '99 classes begin.

President's Picnic

President Walker's lawn, 4-7 p.m.

AUGUST 23-24, 1999

Late registration 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Credit card or check card payments may be made on TRAM. Fees must be paid or registration confirmed by 5:30 p.m. on August 26 or your schedule will be deleted.

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Permits may be purchased at the Parking Services Office, Tennessee Livestock Center lot off Greenland Dr., 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or at the KUC, room 322 & 324.

AUGUST 23-26, 1999

Drop/Add on TRAM from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

AUGUST 23-28, 1999

GREEK WEEK

Call Victor Felts, KUC 310, 898-5996

AUGUST 25, 1999

Greek Fest!

Campus Rec Sun Deck
7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 26, 1999

Deadline to buy a parking permit without receiving a ticket on campus.

Deadline to pay fees for students who registered Aug. 20-24.

AUGUST 26-27, 1999

Financial Aid refund checks disbursed at the Tennessee Room, JUB.

Thursday, Aug. 26,
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 27,
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

AUGUST 29, 1999

Invasion

Welcome back event for students. Tucker Theater, 11:30 a.m., sponsored by Alpha Omega

Sept. 5, 1999

Labor Day

no classes

Sept. 7, 1999

Last day for graduate and undergraduate students to file Intention to Graduate form for December graduation.

75% Refund deadline. Last day for students to withdraw from the University or drop to part-time and receive a 75% refund.

Sept. 20, 1999

Last day to drop without a grade, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

25% refund deadline. Last day for students to withdraw from the University or drop to part-time and receive 25% refund.

Sept. 24, 1999

Freshman first-time borrowers who did not sign up for direct deposit can pick up refund checks at the Business Office, windows 9 and 11.

Sept. 5, 1999

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OCTOBER 18, 1999

STUDENTS MAY DROP A COURSE AND RECEIVE A "W."

OCTOBER 1, 1999

Second deferred payment due.

OCT. 11-15, 1999

Mid-terms

OCT. 21-23, 1999

FALL BREAK



OCT. 22, 1999

Last day for filing theses and dissertations for December graduation.

OCT. 26, 1999

Second disbursement refund checks will be available at the Business Office, windows 9 and 11.

Nov. 1, 1999

Third deferred payment installation due.

Nov. 25-26, 1999

Turkey Day

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Dec. 3, 1999

Deadline to withdraw from the University. Last day to remove "I" grades for graduate students graduating in December.

Dec. 11-17, 1999

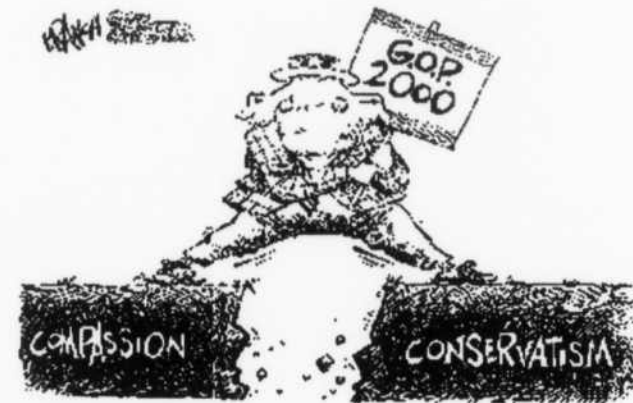
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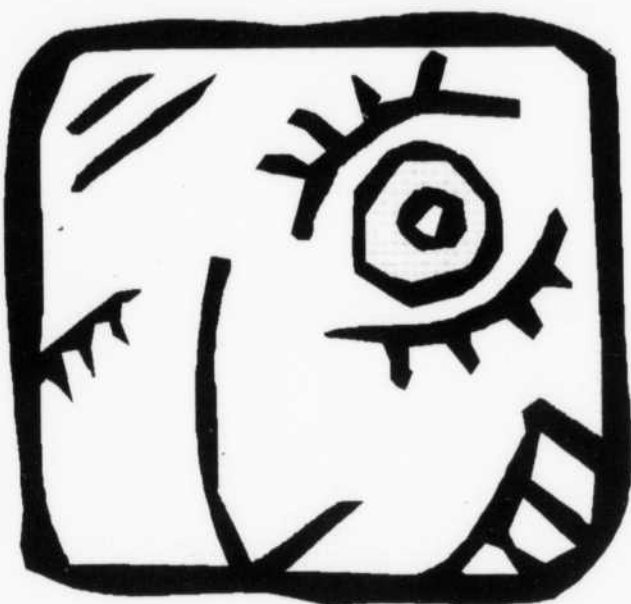
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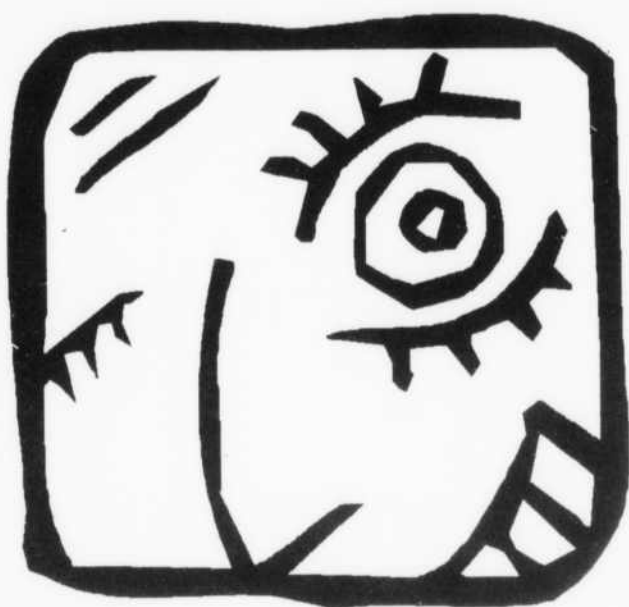
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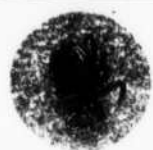


Fig. 1: Deer Tick

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Fig. 2: Melanoma

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

Study Guide

by Billy Plant III/Staff reporter

As an undergraduate who is working on college his second time around I'd like to offer some advice to incoming freshman (and upperclassmen vowing to turn over a new leaf.) What I'm going to talk about is studying. You can think of this as my "how-to" guide.

Before I can go through the studying process I must first dispel a myth that has permeated college campuses for many years and thrown a wrench into students dreams of academic success: sitting at the International House of Pancakes at 11:00 p.m. smoking cigarettes and drinking coffee is not studying. It is integral to the studying process but doing this alone will not assure that you will pass a test. But most of the debate over the test at hand devolves into idle chit chat after half an hour.

The first step in getting ready for the "big exam" or even a small quiz is to know what it is you are expected to know. The best way to find this out is to attend class regularly. You will find out all sorts of useful information there. Get to know your professor and a few fellow students. That way if for some reason you have to skip you can always call someone to find out what you missed. If you make the effort to be in class most of the time, even the crankiest instructors will be willing to help you out.

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Each day after class try to set aside five or ten minutes to look over the notes that you took that day. This is a hard habit to get into but it will pay off in spades when exam time rolls around.

When the time comes to take your first mid-term, don't get psyched out. Relax. For two or three days before the test leisurely read over the notes you've taken in class. Work a few sample stoichiometry problems from your chemistry book. Figure some summations for Calculus I. Make associations to remember key points. For example in British literature Romantic poets liked forests and church ruins while the Neoclassicists favored cities and new buildings.

Then on the night before the test go to the International House of Pancakes. Smoke cigarettes and drink coffee. Invite the whole class, hey, make it a social event. Compare notes and make sure you have all of them. Discuss what you think will be on the test and what won't be. Then let the conversation drift away into idle chit chat.

Afterwards, go home and get a good night sleep. Unless you haven't studied or gone to class. In that case cram all night and hope for the best.■

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News & Public Affairs

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In a soon-to-be published paper titled "Social Integration and Marital Status: A Multivariate Individual Level Study of 30,157 Suicides," senior author Dr. Kevin D. Breault, visiting associate professor of sociology at Middle Tennessee State University, tests and overturns long-standing views on the relationship between marital status and suicide.

For example, Breault's study, co-authored with Dr. Augustine J. Kposowa, department of Sociology, at the University of California, Riverside, reveals that for certain groups, marriage provides less protection from suicide than other marital statuses. This runs contrary to the long-accepted belief that married persons are less likely to commit suicide than those who are single, divorced, or widowed.

"The results point to the general conclusion that, with regard to suicide, marriage may have the effect of intensifying the kinds of pre-existing emotional and social problems that lead to suicide," Breault states. "When people who have emotional problems get

married, the typical kinds of problems that come up in marriage tend to exacerbate those existing problems, which are then translated into suicidal behavior. It's really better for them to remain single," he adds. "This has never been shown before."

Breault says marriage counselors in all fields will need to look at this subject in a totally new light.

"For some populations, marriage may not be what it's cracked up to be," he said. "People who are married and have problems need to be examined in more rigorous therapeutic ways in relation to suicide. This is a brand new area."

Interestingly enough, the commonly held belief that marriage seems to be a buffer against illness and disease still holds true, Breault says.

"It's really a suicide matter as opposed to a general morbidity-mortality issue."

Breault's study refutes much of the "textbook" findings on Durkheim's theory, which Breault contends was based on small samples and flawed research.

This new research, based on all suicides committed in 1992 in the

United States, is the first, according to Breault, "to adequately study suicide in white females and members of racial/ethnic minorities." In addition to whites, the study focuses on African-Americans, Hispanics, Asian-Americans, and Native Americans.

Other specific findings suggest that single white, black, and Hispanic men have lower suicide risk than their

married counterparts. Furthermore, widow status is similarly more beneficial than marriage for white and Hispanic women. In other words, Breault points out, marriage increases the suicide risk for white, black, and Hispanic men, and the death of a spouse reduces suicide risk for white and Hispanic women.

"The widow stuff is interesting," says Breault. "When their husbands die, it's not as if [the wives] are committing suicide. It's the opposite

result."

For black females, Breault found that marriage, single, and widow status carry the same relative risk of suicide. In other words, marriage provides no more protection from suicide than being single or widowed.

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Mix tapes break up monotony of same old stuff

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Question: what is the best way to hear the hottest new beats, the dopest MCs spit red-hot lyrics, and learn who the up-and-coming talent is in the hip-hop game? Answer: mix tapes. For those of you that aren't familiar with the concept of mix tapes, allow me to define this term. Mix tapes are non-stop collections of mixes by DJs, freestyles, skits, shout-outs, and anything else that will keep the tape hype. The mixes usually consist of the new, blazing singles that are only available to the hottest DJs in the area (i.e. DJ Clue), occasionally interwoven with freestyles from MCs that run the gamut of skill-level and respectability, but tend to keep it hot with the off-the-top-of-the-dome flow. Funkmaster Flex and DJ Clue are two DJs nationally known for having the hottest, most sought after mix tapes. In this area, DJ Trav, DJ Homer D, DJ LJ, DJ World, Nappy Wilson, and Blondie Etc - the Frankie Beverly of this rap s#t - jam more flavor than a pack of Now 'n Laters into their mix tapes. (Nappy and Blondie, what's up with SANDOS II? I think you caught heads off guard with SANDOS, but now they're hungry for more.)

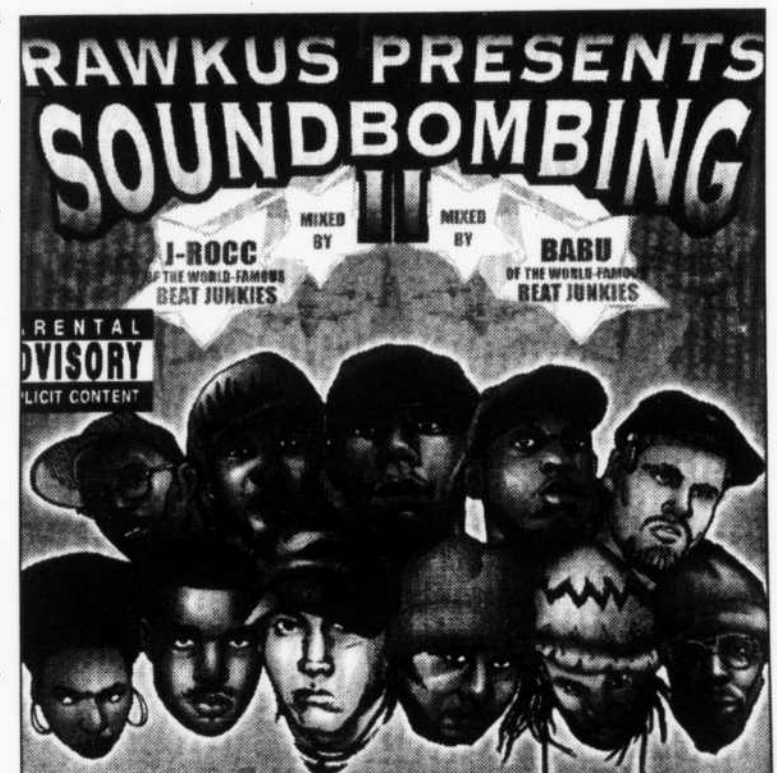
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the hottest mix tape of the year - RAWKUS PRESENTS SOUNDBOMBING II. Mixed by J-Rocc and Babu of the World Famous Beat Junkies, this is not your typical mix tape. There are so many tight lyricists on this CD I don't know where to begin. How about with the first song? Eminem, still not giving a f*&k!, challenges "Any Man" to bring it like he brings it. Up and coming MCs looking for notes on how to tighten up your rap? The High & Mighty with Mos Def and Mad Skillz will decipher the "B-boy Document 99" if you don't have it quite right. Besides Kid Capri, Grand Puba, Sadat X, Bahamadia, Diamond, and the Cocoa Brovaz, SOUNDBOMBING II features Rawkus artists Pharoahe Monche, Common, Mos Def, Reflection Eternal (DJ Hi-Tek & Talib Kweli), Company Flow, and Shabaam Sahdeeq. With a roster like that, its naturally gonna be a banging tape, you say? Well, I wouldn't be hesitant to agree, but I think what separates this mix tape from all hip-hop albums this year is the chemistry between the artists. I can't believe that Bahamadia isn't in the group Reflection Eternal. Dilated Peoples & Tash? Well they don't count because they're almost crew. From the CD cover and the track "Every Rhyme I Write," you would think that there are three Cocoa Brovas: Tek, Steele, and Shabaam.

With production by Da Beatminerz, Pos Plug Won of De La Soul, DJ Hi-Tek, Lee Stone and others, they bring flavorful beats the way they were meant to taste: rugged and raw. If that doesn't make you sick, I must reiterate that this album was mixed by the Beat Junkies. As one song ends, Babu and J-Rocc cut, scratch, and blend the next track in so ill that if you fast forward through the intros, you'll ruin the whole listening experience. With that said, I hope everyone doesn't

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Love of nature led Smith-Walters to teacher of the year award

News & Public Affairs

MURFREESBORO — She grew up harvesting peanuts and hay in Oklahoma, and her experiences as a child have led her to a deep appreciation of nature. Cindi Smith-Walters is on a mission to share her appreciation with as many people as possible. Her vehicle is the Middle Tennessee State University Center for Environmental Education.

Her indefatigable work style has won her the admiration of her students and colleagues. Earlier this fall she was named MTSU Science Teacher of the Year. On Friday, October 30, she received even greater acclaim by being named Tennessee Teacher of the Year in Higher Education by the Tennessee Science Teachers Association.

George Murphy, chair of the Biology department says her hard work has generated funds to support the center's many offerings and a solid reputation with regional educators. "She's a very hard worker and has been very successful in securing outside funding, and she's very aggressive in pursuing grants," Murphy notes. "She's one of the hardest workers around, always active."

Smith-Walter's love of the environment was developed early. Recounting her childhood she recalls, "When we played, we played outside.

When we worked, we worked outside. I was always curious about the living things I saw. Why is this important? What does it do? How does it do that? How does it fit in?"

"I have come to realize that lots of folks didn't get this opportunity, or they don't have those interests. What I like best about working at the center is that I get to challenge people to think about the environment. It's exciting to finally see the light bulbs turn on."

An associate professor of Biology and co-director of the center, she and her colleagues do workshops for kids, teachers, and anyone who works with young people.

Padgett Kelly, professor of Biology, is also a co-director of the center. Traveling with a 62 foot inflatable whale, he estimates that he does environmental awareness sessions with more than 15 thousand elementary students each year.

Karen Hargrove is a former English teacher bitten by the environmental education bug. Named Project Learning Tree's Facilitator of the year, she's known for "Talkin' Trash," a hands-on teacher workshop on how to reduce solid waste. Kim Sadler encourages K - 6 teachers to be WEIRD (We're Involved in Real Discovery). The WEIRD workshop provided teachers from Hobgood and Bradley Elementary \$5,000 worth of curriculum materials.

Smith-Walters wrote the EPA grant proposal. Sadler models for the teachers how they need to use the curriculum and then works with them as they actually use the materials in the classroom. She describes the workshop investigations as "pretty neat."

Sadler says, "It is all inquiry-based learning which means the student is placed in a learning situation where they observe, infer, predict, test, analyze, and find out specific things on their own. The third grade classes will make a terrarium, not just one for the class, but each team of four will have their own- complete with anoles (America chameleons), crickets, soil, earthworms, and grass."

Last year nearly 3,000 people participated in the center's 30-plus public service events. The center also won the 1997 CENTS (Conservation Now for Tennessee Students) Award.

One of the largest projects handled by the center this year was the \$71,000 Swan Creek Watershed project in Lewis County.

The proposal from the Environmental Education Center was one of four received by the Tennessee Environmental Endowment. Smith-Walters says she believes one of the reasons MTSU was selected was because the center is well known and well respected.

"We have a reputation for quality

work," she states. "We do quality work, and we have partnered well with schools." In mid-August, sixty-six Lewis County teachers received three days training sessions including one day of field work. The funds were used pay stipends for the teachers and to purchase curriculum and related. Dr. Steve Howard, assistant professor of Biology, joined Kelly, Hargrove, and Sadler in conducting the sessions.

Phyllis Washington, Science Supervisor for Rutherford County Schools has high praise for the work of the center.

"I met Karen Hargrove at a conference and mentioned to her that we didn't have enough materials for our science classes," she said. "She told me about the center and since then they've done several workshops for our teachers. They've done project WILD, project WET, and project Raintree. The teachers received lots of good materials. Their evaluations of the events were very high. They were really happy."

"We hope to continue the relationship. They have been very attentive to our teachers. Not only did they meet the needs as far as hands-on materials. They also coordinated the materials with our current text books. When the teachers get to a certain point in the book the pages and activities have already been coordinated. It's a pleasure to work with them." ■

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Dr. Phil Mathis wins national teaching award

News & Public Affairs

A prestigious association of collegiate science teachers has given national confirmation to what students and faculty at Middle Tennessee State University have known for a long time — Biology professor Phil Mathis is an outstanding teacher. The Society for College Science Teachers, SCST, an affiliate of the National Science Teachers Association, NSTA, has selected Dr. Mathis to receive the 1999 Outstanding Undergraduate Science Teacher Award, given by the Society and Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company.

Dr. George Murphy, chair of the department of Biology, calls Mathis "one of the most outstanding teachers I have known." "I can't imagine anyone more deserving of this award," says Murphy. "He has maintained the type of exuberant enthusiasm for the profession that is the hallmark of excellence. His innovative style and efforts to help students achieve mastery of difficult concepts have consistently earned top ratings on student evaluations."

"Dr. Mathis has been more than a disseminator of information. He has made serious contributions to the knowledge base of science teaching, as well as in discipline based research." Murphy concludes, "I have had the privilege of knowing many outstanding individuals through the years, some with great technical competence, some with a knack for explaining difficult concepts in ways easily understood and helping us see the larger picture, and some who worked tirelessly for departmental and university objectives at the expense of personal gain, but rarely have I found these skills in abundance in the same person to the level of Dr. Philip Mathis."

Dr. Mathis calls the award "the capstone of my career." Reflecting on his philosophy of teaching, Mathis writes, "effective teaching takes place where the teacher is knowledgeable, but is more than a mere disseminator of knowledge; where students are active participants, ask questions, and freely contribute to discussions, where skepticism and critical analysis are encouraged; where debates sometimes arise; and where minds are honed 'blade against blade.'"

"I am a strong believer in the pedagogical ideas of Louis Agassiz, a 19th century Harvard zoologist. Best known for the statement, 'study nature, not books,' Agassiz believed that science could best be taught through what we could today call the hands-on approach."

In keeping with this approach, Mathis is a strong promoter of undergraduate involvement in research. In May, 1997, he spearheaded the launch of Scientia: The Journal of Student Research (<http://www.mtsu.edu/~scientia>), an electronic journal featuring research of students in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

He reports, "An article based on my experience and success in developing Scientia is forthcoming in the Journal of College Science Teaching. It will show that such a journal can promote student research, leadership, writing skills, computer skills, and critical analysis skills. It will also show how such an idea can promote interdisciplinary cooperation and how important institutional objectives can be addressed."

In addition to his work in the classroom Mathis has made significant research contributions. His has shown that certain lichens can be used as bio-indicators when assessing pollution levels. He has combined his love of history with his chosen field to shed light on the role of famous naturalists, who visited and lived in Kentucky and Tennessee during the late 1700s and early 1800s, and the hundreds of important discoveries they made. Likewise he has published his research about the events surrounding the Scopes Trial in 1925 and little known facts about John Thomas Scopes.

He has co-authored ten laboratory manuals for general biology and genetics, and under the sponsorship of the Tennessee Academy of Science, he has served as a visiting scientist in many area classrooms.

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His efforts are praised by his peers and students. During the course of one semester in genetics class, one student noted, "I changed from a passive listener into an active learner. I became excited about a subject that had previously held no interest for me. The excitement he shows for his subject is highly contagious and spreads easily to others."

Former student Jennifer Hall wrote, "I cannot thank you enough for being a great teacher and for making it a little tough in order to make sure we really learned the material and not just memorized it."

Colleague, Dr. Deborah Clark, assistant professor of Biology, says, "Phillip is truly an outstanding teacher because he is a devoted scholar. His love, enthusiasm, and

excitement for teaching are evident to all who know him."

Earl Keese, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, says, "He has that rare ability to view biology and science from a cultural perspective and is very capable of communicating such views to a variety of publics — teachers, students, colleagues, and non-scientists."

Dr. Mathis, who started teaching at MTSU in 1973, holds an Ed.D from the University of Georgia, an Ed.S. from Peabody College, an M.S. from MTSU, and a B.S. from Murray State University.

He has won many awards in teaching. In 1985, he received a Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award. He was elected a Fellow of the Tennessee Academy of Science in 1986 and was named one of the American Men and Women of Science in 1987. Each year since 1991, he has been named by the vice president of Student

Affairs as a professor who "makes a difference."

Mathis' award will be presented in March 1999, at the NSTA's 47th National Convention in Boston. More than 20,000 educators are expected to attend the convention, the world's largest gathering of science educators. Mathis will be the speaker at the SCST luncheon on March 27.

The SCST was established in 1979 in Atlanta during the NSTA annual meeting. In April, 1981, the SCST became an official affiliate of the NSTA. The purpose of the society is to provide a forum for interdisciplinary interaction among teachers of science at all institutions of higher education. It is a divisional affiliate of the National Science Teachers Association. Currently there are approximately 800 members from all of the states and several foreign countries. ■

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Lauryn Hill

'miseducates' audiences with her Phenomenal Tour

by Shawn Whitsell / Staff reporter

You've seen her do her doo wop thing on BET, MTV and VH-1. You've listened her highly anticipated album, "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," a tapestry of songs written, produced, and performed by her. You've seen her lead in nominations in almost all of the mainstream music awards. It's kind of hard to forget the woman who earned 10 Grammy nominations, read the Psalm 40 to all the viewers and took home five trophies. You've seen her beautiful face on several mainstream magazines from "The Source" to "Ebony" to "Teen People" to "Time". You've also seen her perform at many music events and television shows. Although you may have followed her closely this year, if you haven't seen her in concert then you haven't fully experienced the true phenomenon that is Lauryn Hill.

When I checked the itinerary for "The of Lauryn Hill Tour," I was extremely disappointed to find out that Nashville was not one of the places it would not be stopping. Typical. I instantly began thinking of all the artists I had seen at the Nashville Arena that I could have passed on but now the one artist that I really wanted to see wasn't coming to the music city. With no other choice, I accepted that I probably wouldn't get to see Ms. Hill perform until her next solo album (or the next Fugee album). I kept checking Lauryn's website every once in a while just to see if they added Nashville but they didn't. However, I did notice that Atlanta was on the schedule. I thought, "She's worth it and Atlanta is definitely doable." That's when my friend, Kendall suggested that we go and stay with one of his friends. After Kendall contacted his friend, everything was in order. However, it took a while before all the details were settled and for a few days, the thought of us not going began to set in but I remained optimistic. Before I knew it, we were leaving Murfreesboro, heading to Hotlanta.

When we arrived at the shown, I realized that I was not going to be happy with the grass seat tickets we had purchased. "Any other time, I would just sit back here, but this is Lauryn and I'm not about to sit in the

back," I thought and said to my friends several times.

Determined to see the show from a decent angle, my friends and I moved up and prayed no one would come to claim the seats we were in and no one did.

On the internet we read that Outkast, Slick Rick, the Roots and Busta Rhymes were opening for Lauryn, so we we're expecting this mega concert with a roster of all-star hip hoppers. What the internet didn't tell us was that these artists weren't all going to be on the same bill. Outkast would open some shows, the Roots would open some shows and so on. The opening act for this particular show was

heard on the first track of "Miseducaton," where Lauryn's name is called several times by a teacher but doesn't answer because she isn't in the classroom. But this time, after calling her name about three times, Lauryn appeared before the crowd and we went wild. Unlike many hip hop musicians, Lauryn didn't open her show with an upbeat jam. Instead she began with her mellow second single, "Ex-Factor," a song about heartbreak and an unsuccessful relationship. By this time I was even closer to the stage, looking at her in awe, singing the song word for word and feeling it as if I had written the song myself.

Over the course of her two hour set,

Lauryn performed 85% of the songs on her album as well as remixes, recited a Bible verse from the book of Matthew, told us about her experiences with God, love, relationships, her children: Zion and Selah, and her decision to have children at such as young age and during the prime of her career.

"We make music for Him [God]," she informed us before breaking into a gospel song that had me reminiscing of my days at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

She also told us that the song "To Zion" was not just about her son but it was about choices and following your heart even when others may not approve.

"My son is two years old and he's off the hook," she said with a smile. "Having my children was the best decision I've ever made. I'm so glad I did that."

Over the time she was on the stage, which seemed entirely too short, Lauryn sang, rapped,

photo provided danced, and played the guitar. She also testified to God's goodness, told stories and cracked jokes. She also showed us how cool she really is when she said, "Hey, security, ease up on those people. Let them be free and enjoy the show. They alright."

That's when I started walking down the aisle yelling, "Don't touch me. Lauryn said y'all can't touch me." The security officers honored her request for a little while but then made us return to our seats.

One my favorite segments of the show was when the band battled the DJs. Lauryn was on the band's side so the DJs had to come correct. She

allowed them to go first and they played a party favorite, sending the crowd into an uproar. Lauryn and the band responded with a cover of the Jackson Five classic, "I Want You Back." The DJs played another crowd pleaser and Lauryn answered with a cover of a Stevie Wonder gem (I forget the name of the tune). The DJs went to play such hits as Goodie Mob's "They Don't Dance No More," Junior Mafia's "Get Money" and DMX's "Ruff Ryders."

"Oh, you wanna play the Ruff Ryders. I didn't wanna have to do this but we got Ruff Ryders too," Lauryn said right before breaking into Eve's "What Y'all Want" and freestyling to replace Eve's rhymes.

The DJs then gave us a dose of reggae. Lauryn replied, "Oh you think this band can't play reggae?" and of course they could. Lauryn's voice possessed the sound of an island-born reggae artist, with the patois and all. Lauryn also did her own version of "No Scrubs" called "No Records ("I don't need your records....," she sang to the DJ) and "I'm Goin' Down" ("You goin' down, you goin' down..." sang).

Another highlight was the Fugee medley that she performed, fusing hits such as "Ready or Not," "Fu-gee-la" and Nas' "If I Ruled the World." The crowd went crazy during the medley, confirming that we all really do miss the Fugees.

When it was all said and done, Lauryn had brought the hip hop, R&B, gospel and reggae. Those who don't believe that Lauryn is a hip hop artist because she sings as well should have been at that concert. Their minds would have been easily changed. Although many other genres of music filled the amphitheater, it was all done in the essence of hip hop. Before she left the stage she told us about the last time she was in Atlanta.

"I love Atlanta. The last time I was here I had a really good time. But, on my way to the airport, I heard this sista on the radio and she was talking about my clothes. But listen up, it's not about what I'm wearing, as long as I'm rocking this crowd and giving you a good show," she said jokingly at first before getting serious. That crowd cheered with agreement.

The show was spiritual, motivational, inspirational and "miseducational." I was far gone, in another place. The music elevated me to a higher plane and the message enlightened me.

I had waited a year and a half for a concert and it was well worth the wait. I thank God for allowing me to experience the "Miseducation....Tour." If you haven't seen it, then you need to jump on it because the tour will soon be over. ■



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Busta Rhymes. Now, I love Busta but I had already seen him perform live so it would had been better for me to see the Roots or Outkast. Busta came out and of course he ripped it up, with the help of his hype man and fellow Flip Mode Squader, Spliff Star. The audience members were on their feet from the moment Busta hit the stage until he gave his last Whoop-Ha. After about a 30 or 45 minute set Busta thanked the crowd full of ATLians and exited stage right.

After a wait that seemed like two forevers, Lauryn's 16 piece band emerged. They did the roll call that is

The Last days of The Kennedys

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The well-dressed young couple waited with their young daughter for more than an hour at the small Martha's Vineyard airport Friday night.

When they arrived about 8:30, a light summer haze still hung in the sky over the Atlantic Ocean. As dusk fell, the haze out over the water darkened quickly until the horizon was no longer visible.

Chatting with workers at the small airport, which spreads out around a one-story, gray-shingled building, the couple said they were there to meet a friend, Lauren G. Bessette, who was flying in on a small plane with her sister Carolyn and Carolyn's famous husband, John F. Kennedy Jr.

What follows is an account of John Kennedy Jr.'s final days, based on interviews with acquaintances, coworkers, aviation experts and officials in two states, as well as local and federal investigators' accounts.

Kennedy, 38, was well-known to those who worked at the Vineyard airport. He was, of course, one of the island's most famous residents. He and his sister, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, owned a sprawling estate they inherited from their mother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Kennedy had been on the island the week before, driving around in his vintage Pontiac GTO.

There was no one waiting for the Kennedys. The couple explained to an airport employee that Lauren Bessette had just hitched a ride on Kennedy's plane. Kennedy was to drop her off at the Vineyard, and then he and his wife were going to fly over to Cape Cod for his cousin Rory's wedding in Hyannis, across another expanse of water.

It was not unusual for Kennedy to arrive late. Often he flew in with his

instructor. It is typical of amateur pilots, especially those who are not instrument-rated, to get delayed by weather and show up an hour or two late. No one kept strict watch over such things at Martha's Vineyard Airport after the last scheduled flight, usually about 10 p.m. Then the air traffic control tower closes, and the last tower person on duty turns on equipment that allows incoming pilots to activate the runway lights remotely by entering a series of microphone clicks over a specified frequency.

The couple - who did not give the employee their names - had expected the plane to take off from Fairfield, N.J., at 7:30 p.m., and to arrive an hour later. In fact, Kennedy's Piper Saratoga didn't take off until 8:38. No one had called ahead to the island to announce the delay, so the couple waited.

It had been a typically busy week for Kennedy, who had been scrambling in recent weeks to find new financial support for his glossy four-year-old monthly political magazine, *George*. Circulation and advertising had been declining.

The magazine's publishing contract with patron Hachette Filipacchi Magazines was to expire at the end of this year, and Kennedy had been searching for a new financial partner to sustain his colorful and often controversial publication.

He had flown with his flight instructor, Jay Biederman, to Toronto earlier in the week to meet with Keith Stein, a vice president of Magna International, an auto-parts firm, to discuss financial backing. He explained to Stein that because of the cast on his foot he needed Biederman aboard to help him operate the foot pedals. He had broken his foot recently in a paragliding accident.

"They had flown together many times," said Michael Kydonieus, Biederman's Manhattan roommate. "That same flight 1/8 to the island 3/8. And John usually flew the whole way. He did everything, take off, land... he

did everything."

Biederman had planned to fly with Kennedy on Friday night, Kydonieus said, but decided suddenly last week to join his family on a hiking trip to Switzerland. Friends of Biederman's family, knowing that he often flew with Kennedy, spent some anxious hours over the weekend before learning that the young man was safe with his family in the Alps.

Other than the trip to Toronto, by all accounts, it had been a typical week for Kennedy, who prided himself on living the normal life of a lifelong New Yorker. He would work out, go to the office - sometimes on his mountain bike - come home and have dinner in his TriBeCa neighborhood. The Kennedys lived with their black-and-white dog, Friday, and at least one cat on the top floor of 20 North Moore St., a 10-floor redbrick apartment building.

On Wednesday, he stopped in early at the Socrates Deli near his apartment, wearing a white shirt, tie and gray slacks, greeting the regulars in the store, making his way on crutches to a table.

"The usual, John?" asked waiter Andy Purnan, who said he served him Wednesday.

Kennedy said yes, and Purnan served him a bowl of Product 19 with bananas and strawberries, scrambled eggs, whole wheat toast, coffee, and a small orange juice. Kennedy read *The New York Times* as he ate.

He was still wearing the cast on Thursday, when he was sighted at the Hudson Market near his home. He came in on crutches about noon, drank a cup of fruit juice and some coffee, then left. That night, he attended a Yankees game with the team owner, George Steinbrenner.

Kennedy arrived for work at *George* on Friday morning at 10, dressed casually in khakis. The magazine's offices are on the 41st floor of a 45-story building at 50th and Broadway. It was deadline week for the September issue, and among the stories he was



John F. Kennedy, Jr. and his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy often walked around New York City without being harassed for pictures or autographs.

considering was one about Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott-Thomas, co-stars of the film *Random Hearts*, about a couple who meet after their spouses are killed in a plane crash.

He worked until about 6:30, got back to TriBeCa, where he bought a banana and a bottle of water at a corner grocery. At some point - either directly after work or after he came home - he went for a workout at one of several gyms where he had memberships. Then he drove to the airport in a white convertible.

Kennedy's usual route to the Essex
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(March 21-April 19). Time to get serious and get back to work Monday. Friends raise some good questions Tuesday and Wednesday. Finish the stuff that's past due on Thursday and Friday. You're looking good over the weekend.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20). Your luck looks excellent, especially on Monday. Tuesday, an older friend's blocking your progress. Postpone a family date for work on Wednesday. Thursday's confusing, but Friday's more pleasant. Clean the garage and hug children on Sunday.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21). Buy yourself a new household treat Monday. Friends may drop by Tuesday or Wednesday. Learn from confusion on Thursday and Friday. Friends know what's good for you over the weekend.

Cancer

(June 22-July 22). Follow your partner's directions on Monday. Stash away money on Tuesday and Wednesday. Learn from a foreigner on Thursday and Friday. Ask for the gift you want over the weekend.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22). Work till the job is done, even late, Monday. Your caught in a struggle on Tuesday and Wednesday. There's not quite enough on Thursday and Friday, but there's plenty for everyone over the weekend.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Old-fashioned love is best, especially on Monday. Work hard to please a boor Tuesday and Wednesday. You'll have the final laugh Thursday and Friday. Buy something special on Saturday or Sunday.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do business close to home and profit on Monday. Love and friendship conflicts on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, it's public vs. private. Looks like your hero wins over the weekend.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Learn what your partner knows and grow wise on Monday. Love blossoms best at home on Tuesday, not Wednesday. An interlude's thwarted because of low cash on Thursday. Your mate can fix it all sometime on Friday. Work to bring in money over the weekend.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Money from far away might come on Monday. Learn from another's goofs on Tuesday and Wednesday. Be cool with frustrations at

home on Thursday. Love triumphs over all, probably Friday. Nothing left but to play over the weekend.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're looking very good, especially on Monday. Hold onto what you get Tuesday and Wednesday. Opposites don't attract on Thursday; wait until Friday. Home is where your heart should be over the weekend.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Find out what's overdue first thing on Monday. Repel a broadside on Tuesday and Wednesday. Strains on your budget are plentiful Thursday. The other guy has got the advantage on Friday. Treasures are found in your neighborhood on Sunday.

Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20). Your friend can give you the best advice on Monday. Focus on service this Tuesday and Wednesday. Demand attention on Thursday and Friday. Get a payback on that loan over the weekend.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... Born Aug. 23: A prosperous year is predicted. There's work involved, but you love it. Aug. 24: Learn from your opponents and emerge stronger. Believe in a dream. Aug. 25: The money looks good if you can win the race. Your coach knows you can. Aug. 26: Love the differences and learn from every experience. Aug. 27: You know the secret to your own success.

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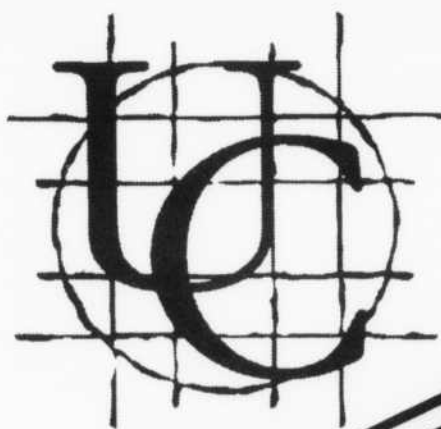
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County Airport led him through the narrow streets of TriBeCa, into the Holland Tunnel, over the Pulaski Skyway and out to Route 280, ordinarily a 45-minute shot to the airport in New Jersey. He might have stopped to pick up his sister-in-law at her office on Broadway, a block from the George offices. If so, he most likely would have taken the Lincoln Tunnel outbound. His wife, who shunned interviews and who was a less public presence than her husband, used a car service to meet him at the airport. She arrived in a Lincoln Town Car.

They met near the plane between 8 and 8:15 p.m. He was wearing white slacks and a white tank top. His wife wore black pants and a black T-shirt. Lauren Bessette wore a beige dress.

Kennedy no longer had the cast on his foot, said pilot Kyle Bailey, who is believed the last person to see them alive. He was wearing shoes, Bailey said, but still had a crutch and moved like a man with a foot that was still tender - he would pivot around the one foot as though unwilling to put weight on the other. Several teenage girls at the airport giggled and gasped when they recognized the glamorous couple.

When the plane took off Friday night, the winds were light and there were no thunderstorms. The registration number on his blue-and-white Piper Saratoga was N529JK - the 529 stood for his father's birthdate, the JK for their shared initials. He also had that number on his previous plane, a red-and-white Cessna.

The flight to Martha's Vineyard ordinarily took less than an hour. At the island airport, the couple who had come to pick up Lauren Bessette waited under high ceilings before a wall of windows facing the parking lot. At one end of the airport was a small cafeteria.

When 9 o'clock passed, they grew impatient, according to sources at the airport. The man walked to one end of the main hall and approached Barry A. Bissailon, who was working at the flight operations office. He explained that the plane was late and asked Bissailon whether he could find out what was wrong.

Bissailon obliged by calling the airport control tower to ask whether Kennedy had filed a "strip" - a flight plan - or contacted the tower yet.

The answer to both questions was no.

Adam Budd, a ramp attendant, chatted with the couple, who began tossing out reasons for the delay. Maybe Kennedy had changed his mind and headed straight to Hyannis. Perhaps the plane, for some reason, had never left New Jersey.

The couple gave up waiting sometime between 9:30 and 10. The man walked

back down to Bissailon and asked him to pass a message to Lauren Bessette when the plane arrived. Bissailon scribbled it down on a note pad: The couple were sorry to have to leave, and urged Bessette to take a taxi, and to call them when she arrived. They left a phone number for a place in Edgartown, a few miles east of the airport.

At the time, Kennedy's plane was just starting its descent, federal officials later learned from radar data. Radar recorded a plane west of Martha's Vineyard about 11 miles out and approaching. It was about 2,500 feet above the water, and dropping fast.

At 9:40 p.m. and 20 seconds, the plane was at 2,200 feet. Four seconds later it was at 1,900 feet. Eleven seconds later it had descended to 1,100 feet, and had gone into a right turn -

then another - and was no longer heading toward the island.

No one was monitoring the radar trail of this small plane in the night, because Kennedy had filed no flight plan. Such plans are not required, but they are a great help to air traffic controllers, who track airliners through busy skies.

With a plan in hand, "the controller will know which blip you are," said veteran pilot Bob Vandel of the Flight Safety Foundation.

The radar numbers for Kennedy's Piper Saratoga told a horrifying story. The plane was plummeting toward the ocean, losing altitude at the rate of more than 50 miles an hour.

A summer visitor to Martha's Vineyard, a Pittsburgh lawyer, was fishing that night near Squibnocket Pond just a few miles south of the jagged limestone cliffs at Gay Head on the island's western coast. He was sitting on a rock, looking out over the dark ocean, and he saw a light in the sky coming toward the island. He thought it was a small plane. In the account he gave West Tisbury police the next day, he said the light appeared to be two or three miles offshore, only 30 or 40 feet over the water.

"If it had come ashore, it would have hit the bluffs," Officer Henry Meyer said.

The lawyer said he heard no impact, no splash. Just an approaching light, low over the ocean.

Shortly after 10 p.m., at the Martha's Vineyard Airport, ramp attendant Budd had grown concerned. Federal officials said he telephoned the Bridgeport

Automated Flight Service Station, a Federal Aviation Administration facility in Connecticut where pilots can file their flight plans and which is charged with responding to signs of trouble.

According to a transcript published by the Boston Globe, the conversation between the 21-year-old college student and the agency went like this:

"Good evening, Bridgeport Flight Service."

Budd: "Hi, I was wondering if you could track an airplane for me."

Flight service: "OK, now, what's this about now? Who are you?"

Budd: "I'm with airport operations."

Flight service: "From where?"

Budd: "Martha's Vineyard Airport.... Actually, Kennedy Junior's on board. He's, uh, they want to know where he is at."

Flight service: "Well, is he on an IFR 1/8 instrument flight rules 3/8 or a VFR 1/8 visual flight rules 3/8 or what?"

Budd: "They don't know."

Flight service: "You got an aircraft number?"

Budd gave the man the two aircraft numbers he knew were Kennedy's, 529JK and 9253N.

Flight service: "OK, and who's this, who are you calling from?"

"This is from Martha's Vineyard Airport, and that's where they're headed."

"Your name?"

"Adam."

"Adam what?"

"Budd."

"Butt?"

"Budd."

"OK, well, are you with operations there?"

"Yeah. If it's too much trouble -"

"Well, we don't give this information out to people over the phone."

"OK, well, if it's too much trouble, it's -"

"Okey-doke."

"I'll just have them wait."

"What?"

"All right. It's not a big deal."

It is not clear what steps, if any, the Bridgeport station took upon receiving

Budd's call. FAA regional spokesman Jim Peters said, "The FAA responded appropriately to the call" and declined to elaborate.

At 11 p.m., in the Martha's Vineyard Airport building, Barry Bissailon was finishing his flight-operations shift. He had stayed an hour late for a delayed Continental Airlines flight. His replacement, Paul Ronhock, also worked as the night watchman.

About midnight, the Martha's Vineyard

communications center, which handles 911 emergency calls for the island, received a call from the FAA, asking whether Kennedy's flight had arrived and requesting that someone find the airport tower personnel to check. It is unclear what prompted the call.

Ronhock, the night watchman, took the call from the emergency center, which is about 100 yards from the

airport. The center asked him to check for a Piper with the tail number 9253N.

Ronhock had just returned from his routine check of the airport, and had counted about 85 small planes and three larger jets. He told the emergency center that the Kennedy plane was not among them.

Over the next several hours, phones began ringing on the island and the mainland. Sen. Edward Kennedy made a "pattern" of calls to various people to prompt a search for his nephew's plane, according to a close associate of the



Visitors gather around the eternal flame at the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery.



John F. Kennedy, Jr., right, salutes as his father's casket passes at the funeral of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. He is standing with his sister, Caroline, left, mother Jacqueline Kennedy, center and uncles Ted Kennedy, left, and Robert Kennedy.

senator.

Sometime between 2 and 2:30 a.m., Ronhock was phoned again, this time by the Bridgeport station, asking for the same plane. Again, Ronhock told them that it was not parked at the airport. Later he counted the planes again to be sure.

At 2:15 a.m., the Coast Guard station at nearby Woods Hole received a call from a member of the Kennedy member. The caller said John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane was late.

A night worker at the Harbor View Hotel in Edgartown, one of the most expensive hotels on the island, received a call from Edward Kennedy about 3:15 a.m. The worker, Pete Filipovic, said the senator was extremely agitated.

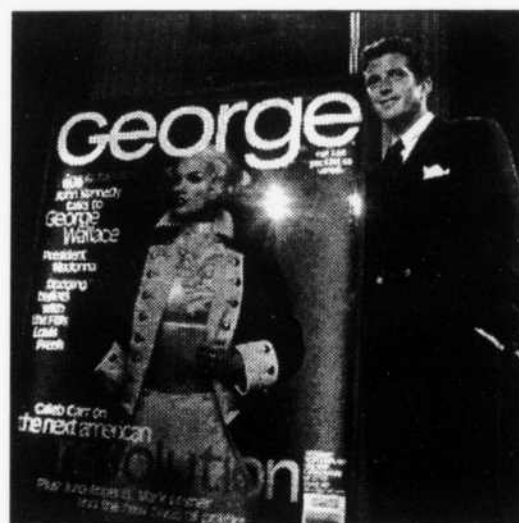
"This is Senator Kennedy," Filipovic quoted him as saying. "I need Kavanaugh right now."

Gerard Kavanaugh, the senator's chief of staff, was staying at the hotel. Filipovic said he rang Kavanaugh's room repeatedly, but there was no answer. He said the senator hung up, clearly distressed.

Between 5 and 5:30 a.m., Kavanaugh came down to the hotel lobby and asked for a taxi. The cab took him to the Kennedys' house on Gay Head, at the western tip of Martha's Vineyard.

About that time, the first Coast Guard rescue team was dispatched to begin searching the waters west of the island.

They saw nothing but ocean and sky. ■



John F. Kennedy, Jr. is shown in this April 1995 file photo discussing his political magazine "George."



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with football
Head Coach
Andy
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Staff Reporter

Do you have a certain coaching philosophy?

"I want us to be the best prepared team that we can that week and every day. You can't ask anymore than that. We have a very challenging schedule so we can't make mistakes. Every week is important. We have to be disciplined, we can't turn the ball over. We can't make penalties with the teams we play. We can't do things that will hurt us. On defense we have to stop the run and on offense we have to spread the field. We need a balanced attack."

What is a balanced attack?

"Well it depends on what the defense is doing. If you have nine in the box you have to throw the ball. We need to create mismatches on offense and get people out of the box. We have to convert on third and short; keep first downs going. Use the perimeter game with screens and reverses, that type of thing."

"Be an attacking defense. We need players to play man and zone. Do some zone blitzing. Bring everybody. Do different things and present problems with on the defensive side of the ball."

"We really believe in special teams. To be successful every week we need good special teams. Whether it's blocking a punt, returning a punt, returning a kickoff. Creating turnovers on the special teams."

"That's one thing a lot on the defensive side is creating turnovers, our takeaway margin. We have to create turnovers to get the advantages. I want a team that people see and walk out of the stadium saying 'those guys played hard, they're well coached and disciplined, they represent MTSU the

way we want to represent MTSU."

"We won't play individuals. We don't want players who bring attention to themselves. It's going to be a we game. We as a staff, we as a team, we as a family. That's what we have to do every week. If we are the best prepared team every day and every week then we will give ourselves a chance to win some games. Let's play with great enthusiasm, energy, don't back down from nobody."

"We want a high level of energy that we call a jazz-level. I want a high jazz level every day that we play. The game of football is supposed to be fun, so let's have fun. We want to have fun coaching. You have fun by doing things right on and off the field. You have fun by players graduating, going to class and representing what we are trying to do at this university. If they are not doing that then I don't want them being part of our program. We want players who

want that degree. Players who are going to MTSU players and students."

What are your feelings on the division jump?

"It's really a great challenge. Everybody knows that. We are playing top 20 teams and teams that have been established in division one for a while. There is no doubt about it. But I feel good about the staff I have coming in here. We know we got a big challenge in front of us. We have invested a lot of time. We know we have some great teams in front of us; we know we have to do a great job recruiting."

"Going D, the whole bottom line is in recruiting. We have to do a great job recruiting; getting the players. We have to get players that are as good as the ones we're playing. We have to have great facilities so we can recruit against UT and Bama."

"My guys are not going to back down from anybody in recruiting; we are going to make that kid tell us no. We are going to go into every house. We have a great school, we are in a great location, great facilities, a great weight room, great stadium. I think that when people walk on our campus they can compare us to everybody else. Kids want to know do we have what everybody has got."

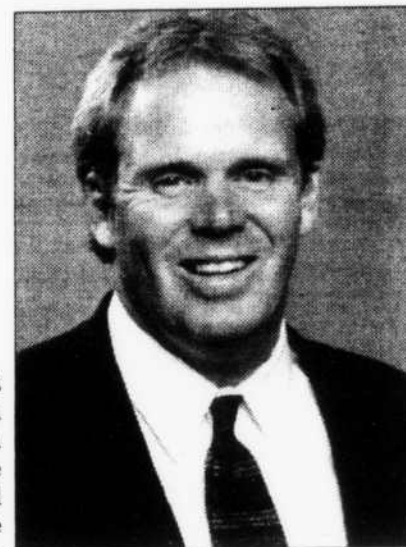
"We can't be satisfied throwing our chest out being ranked 114. We can't be satisfied just being a division one team. We have to do things that will make us the best D1 team we can be. We have a great president that has done a lot for this university academically, athletically. That is a really winning edge for us. Let's not sit here saying ok we're a division one. Let's not take any shortcuts. Let's see how good a division one team we can be."

What players do you think will be impact players?

"I think our whole team has to make an impact. I don't think the game is made of individuals. Now we have some great returning players we are expecting great things from like QB Wes Counts, DL Jeff Thomas, RB Kev Green, OL Barry Hall, and FS Mario Kelso. We have a had over 65 guys here this summer including 12 of our JC signees. That shows a lot of commitment."

"Are we as good as we wanna be? No. Do we have to have better summers? Yes. But are we taking the right steps? Yes we are. I think it's been a positive. I hope that all our players wind up being impact players."

So has training camp gone well?



"Training camp has been good. The kids attitude has been great. I am pleased with about 80% of the attitude. There's 20% that need to decide if they want to

do what we are doing. But predominantly I am pleased with the attitude and look forward to getting started 8/8/99."

What about MTSU vs. UT?

"We have talked to them. I have visited with coach Fulmer about it. I think it would be great for the University. I'd rather play UT then go out somewhere way out and play."

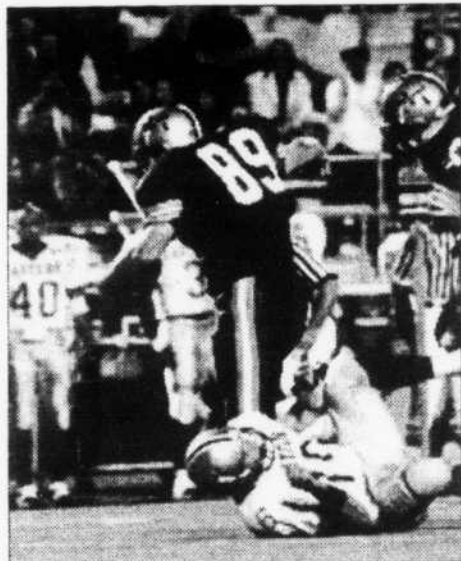
"It all comes back to recruiting. For us to go out to the west coast or way up north, that's not where I'm recruiting. Maybe you can get a guy who didn't get to go to UT and really wants to play them. I don't think you ever say, 'yea, I wanna play the Champs.' You would a little bit crazy. It's been discussed and we're playing Arizona that is ranked #2. It's definitely a possibility."

What do you have say to the Blue Radier fans reading this interview?

"I want people to get behind the school. I'm so sick of seeing people wearing other university colors. For us to be successful, we need to fill the stadium up. I want the student body at the games."

"When we go recruiting people can say look at the support that they are getting. If we are going to be successful it's going to take all of Middle Tennessee. We have to get the alumni, the team, the staff, the student body all together. We have to do this from step one while we are still in the young stages of this

division jump. Be proud to be a MTSU fan, be proud to wear a MT logo. If we get all the student body out we can fill the stadium. This is your university and your team. We need you."



Aiming for the top

Kevin Fischer
Staff Reporter

There is nothing more exciting than watching an intense, fast paced game of volleyball played by skilled individuals.

MTSU features a lineup which will include only one returning senior, and should once again excel under fifth year Coach Lisa Kissee.

Led by Captain / Middle Blocker Kelly Smith, a 6'2" senior from Euclid, Ohio, Coach Kissee feels this is a great group of players.

"This is an awesome group of players - outstanding work ethics, superb chemistry and very good skill level."

How good? Barring injuries, expect to see MTSU at the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Even in a conference usually dominated by teams like Southeast Missouri, Tennessee Tech and Eastern Illinois? Absolutely.

There are numerous reasons to expect great things from this years squad. In addition to Smith, a Child Development and Family Studies Major, there are several strong players who will be expected to contribute this season.

Abby Hartup, a 5-10 junior who will play the "outside hitter" for MTSU, is a native of Ft. Wayne, Indiana and has impressed Coach Kissee with her "toughness." Hartup is also one of MTSU's best defensive players. Also among this years squad, expect to see a lot of Alicia Scott, Ku'u'ipo Simeona and Meg Thornton.

At the "setter" position, Kelly Smith and Lindsay Pritchard will usually handle the position. Both are exciting, aggressive players who will be counted on heavily for leadership as well as athleticism. Pritchard once had seven blocks in games against Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech (one of MTSU's biggest rivalries).

In evaluating MTSU's team it is important to look at one other vital aspect in team play. Coach Kissee, who once won 32 games in 1995 (her first year at MTSU) has 278 lifetime career victories. Look for Kissee to pass 300 victories in the near future. In addition, her lifetime record of 278-225 is better than most OVC coaches.

Having lost only one regular player from last year's team, and backed up by able assistants, this group should be one of the most exciting teams MTSU has ever fielded. Their youth (nine of the fourteen players on the roster are either freshman or sophomore) mixed with dogged determination will spell trouble for several opponents this season. ■

1999 Women's Volleyball Game Schedule

Sept. 1 (home)	Memphis	7 p.m.
Sept. 4 (home)	Charleston/LaSalle	12:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5 (home)	UNC Asheville/Evansville	12:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Western Kentucky	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	Eastern Michigan	5 p.m.
Sept. 11	DePaul/Valparaiso	Noon/7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Austin Peay	7 p.m.
Sept. 17 (home)	Eastern Kentucky	7 p.m.
Sept. 18 (home)	Morehead State	2 p.m.
Sept. 21 (home)	Tennessee State	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	Chattanooga	6 p.m.
Sept. 28 (home)	Belmont	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	Tennessee-Martin	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Murray State	2 p.m.
Oct. 8	Morehead State	6 p.m.
Oct. 9	Eastern Kentucky	1 p.m.
Oct. 12	Tennessee Tech	7 p.m.
Oct. 15	Tennessee State	7 p.m.
Oct. 16 (home)	Austin Peay	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	Southeast Missouri	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Eastern Illinois	7 p.m.

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1999 Women's Volleyball Game Schedule

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Oct. 29 (home)	Tennessee-Martin	7 p.m.
Oct. 30 (home)	Murray State	3 p.m.
Oct. 31 (home)	Centenary	1 p.m.
Nov. 4 (home)	Tennessee Tech	7 p.m.
Nov. 13 (home)	Eastern Illinois	2 p.m.
Nov. 14 (home)	Southeast Missouri	2 p.m.
Nov. 19-21	OVC Tournament	TBA

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Sept. 18	WOFFORD	4 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Southwestern Louisiana	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	TROY STATE (homecoming)	6 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Arkansas	6 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Louisiana Tech	3 p.m.
Oct. 23	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 30	at Northeast Louisiana	2 p.m.
Nov. 6	TENNESSEE--MARTIN	6 p.m.
Nov. 13	CENTRAL FLORIDA	6 p.m.
Nov. 20	EAST TENNESSEE	6 p.m.



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Former Blue Raider and current Nashville Kat Anthony Hicks dropped by the Blue Raiders practice recently.



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The 1999 Blue Raider football team has been going through two-a-day practices for the past two weeks in preparation for their first year at the NCAA Division I-A level. The team opens up with a trip to Starkville, Miss., on Saturday, Sept. 4 and follows with a trip to Arizona.

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September				
11 Canoeing	Harpeth River	Sat.	\$10/13 (10)	8am, 9/11
11 Mtn. Bike	Fairview	Sat.	\$12/15 (8)	8am, 9/11
14 Belay Clinic	Rec Center	Tu.	\$8/10 (8)	6pm, 9/14
15 Intro to Rock Climbing	Rec Center	Wed.	\$8/10 (8)	8pm, 9/15
17 MLB-Braves vs. Montreal	Atlanta, GA	Fri.	\$25/30 (12)	Noon, 9/17
18 Mini-Triathlon	Rec Center	Sat.	\$10/15 (30)	9am, 9/18
(300 yd. swim/8mi. bike/2.2mi. run-all on campus with solo or teams of 2-4 persons)				
19 Ocoee Rafting	East TN	Su.	\$20(18) Univ. only	8am, 9/19
21-22 Kayak Roll Clinic	Rec Center	Tu-Wed	\$10/14(10)	7-10pm 9/3-4
24 AdoptaHiway Cleanup	Highway 99	Fri.	Free (incl. Lunch)	2-4pm, 9/24
25 Rock Climbing	Foster Falls	Sat.	\$12/15 (12)	8am, 9/25
25 Kayak/Fuyak/Rafting	Hiwassee R.	Su.	\$12/16 (14)	8am, 9/25
27 Canoe Full Moon	Stones River	Mo.	\$7/9 (10)	8pm, 9/27
28 Belay Clinic	Rec Center	Tu.	\$8/10 (8)	7pm, 9/28
October				
9 Raft the Ocoee R.	East TN	Su.	\$20(18) Univ. only	8am, 9/14
13 Belay Clinic	Rec Center	Wed.	\$8/10(8)	7pm, 9/13
15-17 Backpack/Rappelling	Sipsey Wild. AL	Fri-Su.	\$25/30(10)	5pm, 10/13
20-24 Sea Kayaking Land	Between Lakes	Wed-Fri	\$20/25(5)	4pm, 10/18
21-24 Backpacking	Smokies, TN	Th-Sat.	\$40/45(10)	5pm, 10/18
30-31 NFL Cowboys vs. Colts		Sat-Su	\$45/50(11)	5pm, 10/27
30 Rock Climb	Fall Creek Falls	Sat.	\$12/15(12)	8am, 10/30
November				
1-5 Int'l Conf. on Outdoor Rec	Jackson Hole, WY			
6-7 Backpacking	Big South Fork	Sat-Su	\$25/30(10)	5pm, 11/3
8-9 Kayak Roll Clinic	Rec Center	Mon-Tu	\$10/14(8)	7pm, 11/8-9
5-8 NIRSA Region II Conference	Birmingham AL			
21-28 Hiking/Camping	Arches/Zion, UT	Sat-Sat	\$150/200(9)	6:30pm, 11/17
24-29 Backpacking	Grand Canyon, AZ	Wed-Mo.	\$375/425(9)	5pm, 11/17
Deadline Oct 10th for final payment to SW Airlines (3day/2nite permit)				
December				
3 Caving	Epsey Cave, TN	Fri.	\$8/10(11)	Noon, 12/3
10 AdoptaHiway	Highway 99	Fri.	Free (incl. lunch)	2-4pm, 12/10
Christmas Break				
17-23 SnowSkiing @SteamboatSprings, CO		Su-Sat.		5:30pm, 12/1
-Billy Kid Pkg-\$675/710/740-flying Amer. Airlines-Denver+trans.-30spots (ski in/ski out, lux. condos w/6nites, 4days ski)				
-Amarillo by Morning-\$390/430-driving-18spots-7nite/4day ski (ski in/out "almost", Econ.condos@5nite+2nite motel enroute)				
-Hobo Special "Meet us There" \$290/300/310-18spots-5nite/4day ski (ski in/out "almost", Econ. condos@5nite/4day ski)				
Jan. 3-9 Canoe the Everglades Florida		Mo-Mon.		5:30pm, 12/8
Joe River/Lane Bay Area (4day/3nite permit)- 2 groups (5) @ \$135/175				

Fall Intramural Sports Schedule

Sport	Registration	Captain's Mtg.	Play
Soccer	(M,W,CR)(TV) Aug.23-Sept.7	5pm Sept.8	Sept.13
Backwoods Minitriathlon	(Indiv. or teams of 2-4 @ 300yd. swim, bike 8, run 2.4-on campus)(WT, MO)		
	Aug.23-Sept.17	8:30am, Sept.18	9am, Sept.18
Pre-Season Flag Football	(M,W)(CG,MO)- Limited Spots! Great time to get ready for the SEASON		
	Aug.23-Sept.7	noon 5pm, Sept.7	6pm, Sept.8-9
*Flag Football	(M,W,CR)(CG,MO)		
	Aug.23-Sept.8, 5pm	5pm, Sept.9	Sept.13*
Atlanta Braves vs. Montreal	(CG,TV,MO)		
	Aug.23-Sept.15	Noon, Sept.17	7:40pm, Sept.17
		(depart @ 12:30pm)	
Golf Scramble	(M,W,CR)(CG) Be sure to sign up early to play!		
	Sept.13-24, 5pm	11:45am, Oct.6	Noon, Oct.1
*Volleyball	(M,W,CR)(TV)		
	Sept.20-Oct.5, 5pm	5pm, Oct.6	Oct.11*
Dallas Cowboys vs. Colts	(WT,MO)		
	Oct. 4-27	5pm, Oct.27	Oct.30-31
			(noon game)
MTSU/TIRSA Flag Football Shootout	(M,W,CR)(WT,MO,CG)		
	Nov.1-18, 5pm	8am, Nov.20	9am, Nov.20
			(6 fields)
Pre-Season Basketball	(M,W,CR)(CG,MO)		
	Dec.6-Jan.10	5pm, Jan.11	5pm, Jan.12
Indoor Roller Hockey	(Open)(TV)		
	Nov.15-29noon	5pm, Nov.29	5pm, Nov.30-Dec.1
Whiffleball	(Open)(CG)		
	Nov.15-30	5pm, Dec.1	6pm, Dec.1-2

*Game time is forfeit time. Be sure to have enough players to start the game or lose \$30 FF Fee!

Official's Training Soccer	Sept.8 @6-9pm (TV)
Flag Football	Sept.2,12@6-9pm (CG,MO)
Volleyball	Sept. 30 @6-8pm(TV)
Preseason Basketball	Dec.6, 6-9pm (CG,MO)

Call 898-2104 for more information.

Women's soccer shoots for OVC title

Josh Ezzell
Sports Editor

The soccer team will enter its fourth year hoping to build off last year's success. Last year's soccer team was the first to finish the year with a winning record, at 10-8, while finishing third in the inaugural Ohio Valley Conference race.

Thirteen players return from last year's team: two seniors, defender Yolanda Henderson and midfielder Tobey Schultz; four juniors, goalkeeper Jennifer Robb, midfielder Lindsay Henderson, defender Morgan Guoan and forward Kenya Hickey; seven sophomores, goalkeeper Jessica Busey, forward Hailee Walsh, midfielders Rachel Sulchers, Tiffany Moore and Meg Holsten and defenders Carrie Sohrabi and Lauren Spina.

The newcomers include: forwards Elizabeth Maskey, Sherri Robbins and Allison Schulz; midfielders Breann Nevins, Brittany Whorton and Alisha Williams, defender Sarah Schulz and Vera Viljakainen.

"This is a very talented class," head coach Colette Gilligan said. "All will see playing time."

Jennifer Robb, who was

named second team All-OVC, will be the starting Goalkeeper. Last year she allowed 2.06 goals a game while contributing five shutouts.

Yolanda Henderson, Lindsay Henderson and Morgan Guoan will lead the defense. Lauren Spina should also get considerable playing time. Due to the loss of First Team All-OVC performer Diane Wootten, younger players Breann Nevins, Sheri Robbins and Sarah Schulz should see playing time.

"On paper, our defense should be the most experienced unit with one senior and two juniors," Gilligan said.

All-OVC second teamer Rachel Sulchers will anchor the midfield line. Tiffany Moore, Carrie Sohrabi and Megan Holsten will also see plenty of action. Freshman Alisha Williams should also see some playing time.

"We have a lot of young and inexperienced players in the midfield, but we are looking to form a consistent, solid lineup as the season progresses," Gilligan said.



Lindsay Henderson, 6, pictured moving the ball up field last season will be called on this season to provide defensive leadership for the Lady Raiders.

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First team All-OVC player Hailee Walsh leads the forwards. She established herself as the go-to player last year, leading the Blue Raiders in goals (13) and points (30).

Junior Kenya Hickey and Senior Tobey Schultz will also see plenty of action at the forward position. Freshmen Allison Schulz and Elizabeth Maskey should also see playing time as the season progresses.

"We are very deep at the forward position, and I feel that we should continue to see improved offense from these players," Gilligan said.

The team feels that it has a shot at the OVC title.

"I want to improve on last

years performance," Gilligan said. "I think we will challenge for the OVC title."

The season begins at home on Aug. 29 at noon against Tennessee Tech. Gilligan's squad will also host Northeast Louisiana, UT-Martin, Mars Hill, Southeast Missouri, Arkansas-Little Rock and Chattanooga.

1999 Schedule

Aug. 29	Tenn. Tech	Noon
Sept. 5	NE Louisiana	Noon
Sept. 8	UT-Martin	4 p.m.
Sept. 11	Mars Hill	Noon
Sept. 15	Ala-Huntsville	4 p.m.
Sept. 18	Appalachian St.	Noon
Sept. 19	E. Tenn. St.	1 p.m.

Sept. 22	Tenn. Tech	4 p.m.
Sept. 26	SEMO	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	Eastern Illinois	1 p.m.
Oct. 6	Belmont	6 p.m.
Oct. 12	Samford	4 p.m.
Oct. 15	South Alabama	TBA
Oct. 17	West Florida	TBA
Oct. 22	Morehead	3 p.m.
Oct. 24	Ark.-Little Rock	1 p.m.
Oct. 27	UT-Chattanooga	4 p.m.
Oct. 30	Georgia Southern	TBA
Oct. 31	Jacksonville St.	TBA
Nov. 3-7	OVC Invitational	TBA

1999 Roster

00	Jessica Busey	So.	GK
1	Jennifer Robb	Jr.	GK
3	Hailee Walsh	So.	F
6	Lindsay Henderson	Jr.	M
9	Rachel Sulchers	So.	M
10	Morgan Guoan	Jr.	D
11	Kenya Hickey	Jr.	F
13	Tiffany Moore	So.	M
14	Meg Holsten	So.	M
18	Yolanda Henderson	Sr.	D
19	Tobey Schultz	Sr.	M
20	Carrie Sohrabi	So.	D
22	Lauren Spina	So.	D
	Elizabeth Maskey	Fr.	F
	Breann Nevins	Fr.	M
	Sheri Robbins	Fr.	F
	Allison Schulz	Fr.	F
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Teeing off for another season on the links

Josh Ezzell
Sports Editor

The Blue Raider golf team hopes to build on last years success with eleven returning players and two transfers.

Returning are senior Steve Ressler; juniors Brett Alexander, Javier Correa, Robby Knight, Richard Spangler and Whit Turnbow and Sophomres Stuart Pate and Dane Randle.

The incoming freshmen are J.R. Wade, Dyar Jennings and Cobb Andrews.

In addition, the Blue Raiders has gained two transfers. Hunter Ingram transferred from the University of Memphis, and Matt McWilliams transferred from the University of Tennessee.

Brett Alexander led the team last year with a 71.8 average through 73.6 rounds. Dane Randle followed with a 73.5 average through 75.3 rounds.

Alexander won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship last year with 208 points and was named OVC Golfer of the Year.

In addition, he won third straight OVC Championship.

the Southern Junior/Senior with 214 points.

Alexander also placed second in the Precept Peach State International at -5, and seventh in the Alabama Spring Invitational at 214.

Randle also had a top ten finish, as he placed third in the USA Peninsula Fall Beach Classic at -5.

As a team the Blue Raiders placed in the top ten five times. The includes a first place finish in the Southern Junior/Senior with an 889; a third place finish in the USA Peninsula Fall Beach Classic with an 860, and the Ohio Valley Conference with an 877; a fifth place finish in the Precept Peach State International with an 882; and an eighth place finish at the Amoco Ultimate-Young Oil Intercollegiate with an 896.

This year the team will participate in tournaments in Athens, Georgia, and in Alabama, to name two.

Coach Johnny Moore believes this years team has great potential.

"We could very well have the most talented team ever this year. We just have to go out and play hard."



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Last year's Blue Raiders golf team finished second at the OVC Championships in Nashville. This year head coach Johnny Moore is hoping to once again to see his veteran team crowned conference champions.

1999 Fall Season

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| Sept. 27 - 28 | Precept Intercollegiate
Georgia Southern; Eatonton, Ga.; Golf Club of Cuscowilla, 54 holes |
| Oct. 4 - 5 | Hillman Robbins Memorial Intercollegiate
University of Memphis; Millington, Tn.; Big Creek Golf Club; 54 holes |
| Oct. 10 - 11 | Oral Roberts University Classic
Oral Roberts; Broken Arrow, Ok.; Battle Creek Golf Club; 54 holes |
| Nov. 1 - 2 | USA/Peninsula Fall Beach Beach Classic
South Alabama; Gulf Shores, Ala.; Peninsula Golf Club; 54 holes |

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Cross country schedule

Sept. 3 Sewanee Invitational Sewanee, TN
 Sept. 10 Chattanooga Invitational Chattanooga, TN
 Sept. 18 Vanderbilt Invitational Nashville, TN
 Sept. 25 Chattanooga Invitational Chattanooga, TN
 Oct. 9 Austin Peay Invitational Ft. Campbell, TN
 Oct. 16 Tennessee Intercollegiate Invitational Nashville, TN
 Oct. 30 OVC Championships Clarksville, TN

Blue Raiders set to celebrate "I-A Day"

Staff Reports

Division I-A football is about to kickoff in Murfreesboro in a big way.

The Blue Raider football program will celebrate its move to the highest level with a "I-A Day" celebration on Sept. 1, the day in which the program officially becomes a I-A member.

The event will begin at 5 pm.m. with fans who have yet to purchase season tickets, having the opportunity to do so.

At 7 p.m. fans will be give an opportunity to take self-guided tours of Floyd Stadium, including the strength and conditioning facility and the academic enhancement center.

Then finally at 8 p.m., their will be official presentations by President James E. Walker, athletic director Lee Fowler, several local, state and federal representatives as well as representatives of the NCAA, who will present the university with its official I-A papers.

'State of the art' track facility completed, events on horizon

Josh Ezzell
Sports Editor

More changes are occurring on campus as the new track and field facility is moving towards the final stages of construction.

The new facility, which is a certified Olympic facility, has eight lanes (42" wide), features double long jump pits, and, in addition, is capable of

holding events in javelin, discus, shot put and hammer throws.

The Ohio Valley Conference 1999 Outdoor Championships will be held at the new facility.

Larry Counts, who has overseen the completion of the facility, is happy that the facility is nearly completed.

"We are very excited that the track is coming to a completion," Counts said. "It

is another great addition to our awesome athletic facilities here at Middle Tennessee."

Counts is also happy for Coach Dean Hayes, who has been the men's and women's track and field coach for thirty-three years.

"After all the years Dean Hayes has spent hear and with the Olympics, I'm glad we could build an Olympic size track for him and his program."

The new facility will also be home to the Lady Raiders soccer team. The soccer field is a regulation size international playing surface. The soccer team played on the field last year while the track portion was under construction.

Some minor details remain before the facility is to open. Lines need to be painted on the surface. In addition, cleaning remains for the Turner Construction crew.

Other than the conference championships, no events are scheduled to be held at the facility during the 2000 season.■

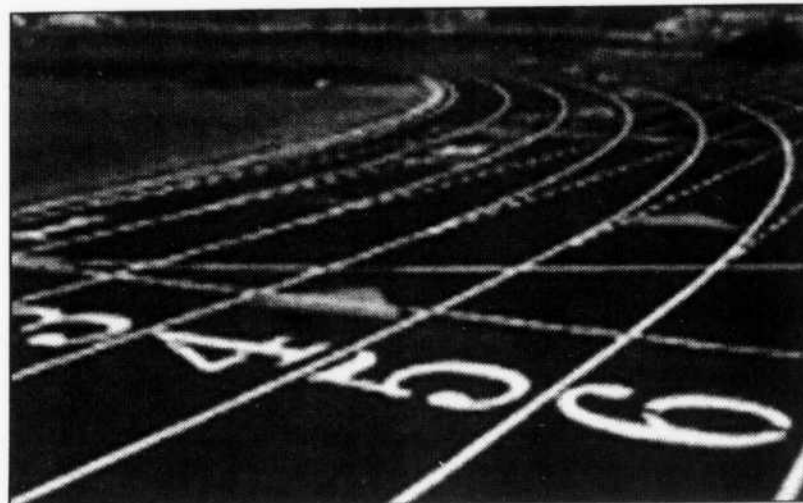


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After many delays, the track and soccer field is now completed.

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Facial work to Floyd Stadium has been completed this summer. Fans will get a chance to tour the stadium on Sept. 1.

Rec. Center offers students activities

Josh Ezzell
Sports Editor

College life is a time for change: Few rules and regulations tempt some students to become lazy; others get frustrated and stressed out.

It all adds up to changes in schedules and eating habits — and often the dreaded Freshman 15!

The Freshman 15 are those 15 extra pounds that most freshmen gain when they come to college due to the many life changes they are experiencing.

But MTSU has the perfect place to help combat this unwanted addition.

We have a state-of-the-art Rec Center here at MTSU that can solve these problems.

It has a weight room, numerous racquetball courts, basketball courts, an Olympic-size indoor pool, a heated outdoor pool, an interchangeable indoor soccer field and skating rink and volleyball courts.

For all of you who like aerobics, the center has what you're looking for, offering aerobic classes on a regular basis.

In addition, the Rec Center offers camping, kayaking,

snow skiing and hiking trips, to name a few.

These trips vary in location and length.

All these trips are fun and reasonably priced. For trip information, call 898-2104.

The Rec Center is a great place for students to hang out, stay in shape or get in shape.

It has everything needed for a great workout. Special diet and personal fitness programs are also offered.

The center is a great place to vent frustrations and relieve stress after a rough day.

After a rough day beating the books, playing racquetball, swimming and pumping iron can really lift your spirits.

The Rec Center addresses the needs of the mind as well as the body.

Yoga classes are offered on a regular basis for those that like to free their minds with stretching and meditation.

To top it all off, students get in for free. All that is necessary is your student ID.

There are some charges for special programs and events.

The Rec Center is open seven days a week. The hours are as follows: Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday from noon-9 p.m. ■

Blue Raiders sporting events free for students

Josh Ezzell
Sports Editor

Students often complain that there is nothing to do on campus. This is simply not true, as ball games provide good, inexpensive entertainment.

There are many opportunities to attend ball games. This fall, the football team plays five home games in its inaugural 1A season. The men's basketball team will play host to many teams, including the Kansas Jayhawks. The women's basketball team, among others, will also play many home games during the fall semester.

There are also opportunities to catch some ball games during the spring semester. The baseball team, for example, will play many home games.

There are three reasons students should attend ball games.

1): They are fun. Ball games are a great alternative to hanging out at home. Once you watch a game you get addicted. You find yourself wanting to attend all of them.

2): The athletes need our support. They work extremely hard and get discouraged when they see empty seats. When they see fans they get fired up and perform better. When this happens the fans get into the game and everything gets exciting.

3): They are free, with your student ID. Where else are you going to find

something that is fun and free? If you go out to eat you pay money. If you go to a movie you have to pay. Nothing in Nashville is free. Ball games are the only things that are free, and they are more fun than most other forms of entertainment.

I am not just making this stuff up. I have been to many games and I have found everything I have talked about to be true. They are fun and they are the cheapest form of entertainment you will find.

In addition, everyone seems to get fired up when there is a large crowd.

A perfect example is last year's basketball game against North Carolina. People went, people got excited and the team responded. Even though we lost, everyone had a great time.

The bottom line is this: go to the games and support the teams.

As previously mentioned, all games are free, but you need your student ID. ■



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MTSU students enjoy a Blue Raiders football game. With a valid student id card, admission to any Blue Raiders sporting event is free.

Intramural sports signup under way

Josh Ezzell
Sports Editor

Athletes are not the only ones who can participate in sports here at MTSU.

Intramural Sports are offered, making sure that all students have the opportunity to participate in athletics.

Many familiar sports are will be offered this year.

These include: indoor and outdoor soccer, flag football, racquetball, wrestling, volleyball and bowling.

And for the first time, water polo and indoor

hockey will be offered.

Other activities, such as golf scrambles and trips to Atlanta Braves games, will also be offered.

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Fowler hires Barlow as new athletic trainer

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee athletic director Lee Fowler announced Thursday the hiring of Bobby Barlow as the schools new head athletic trainer.

Barlow, 35, takes over for Arnold Gamber, who became the head football trainer at Auburn in early July.

"I am very fortunate to have been chosen for the head trainer's job," Barlow stated. "There's a lot of great things happening at Middle Tennessee, and I am excited about the opportunity to be a part of the new era of Blue Raider athletics."

Barlow came to Middle Tennessee after spending the past three years as the Director of Sports Medicine and Head Athletic Trainer at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Prior to his time at the Medical Center, Barlow was the Head Athletic Trainer at Mississippi College from 1988 to 1996.

At Mississippi College he made all decisions concerning athletic injuries, organized travel of all Mississippi College's athletic teams, and was the director of the Mississippi College intramural sports program.

Also during his time at Mississippi College, Barlow was the head athletic trainer for the Mississippi High School All-Star football and baseball games.

From 1992-96, Barlow was an adjunct faculty member who was responsible for teaching advanced athletic training to undergraduate students.

During the time of 1990 to 1996, Barlow was an athletic training consultant for the

Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center where he worked with various trainers in the coverage of numerous college, high school, and recreational sporting events.

Barlow, who has been the instructor the past eight years for the University of Southern Miss Trainers Camp, was the team athletic trainer for the Minnesota Twins Rookie League team in Elizabethton, TN during the summer of 1986.

A certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, Barlow earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi in 1987. In 1991, he received his master of education from Mississippi College.

A native of Jackson, MS, Barlow and his wife Susanne have a daughter, Jordan, 2, and a son, Bishop, six months.

A weighty situation

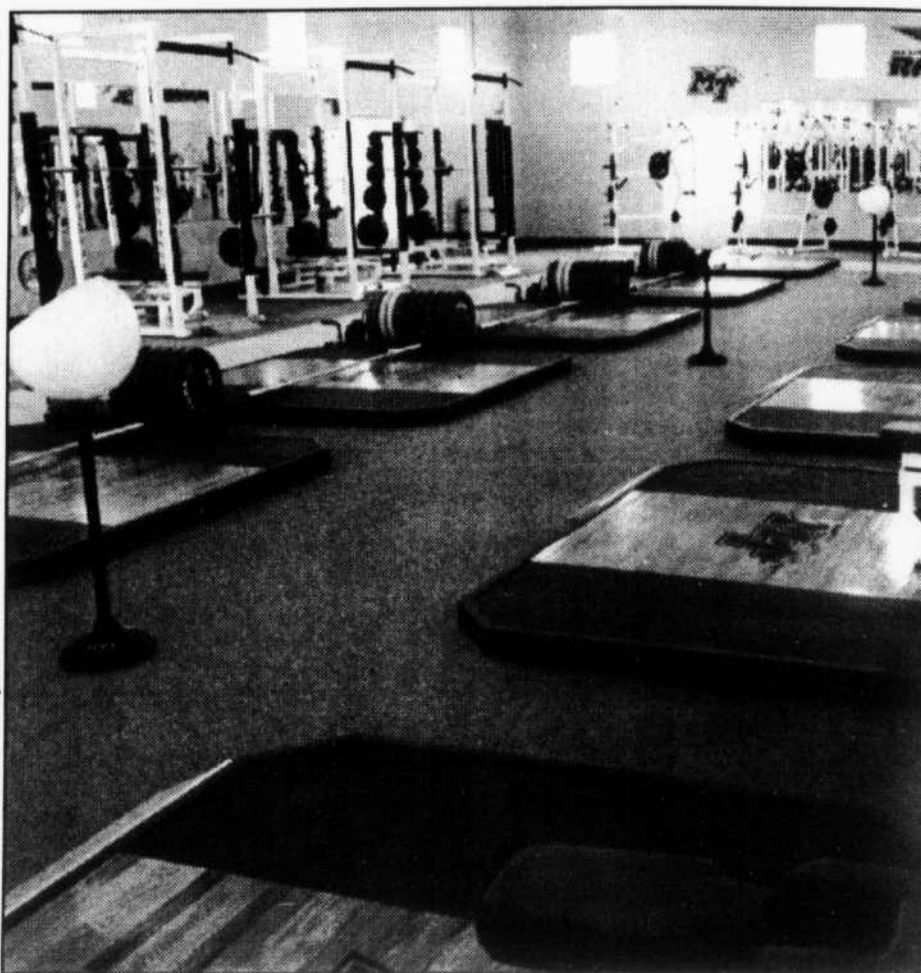


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The new weight room located near the north endzone of Floyd Stadium is being touted as one of the finest in the South, including SEC schools.

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Managers, trainers work hard behind scene

Keith Ryan Cartwright
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Often times, the success of a football program is measured by the athletic ability of key players and the knowledge of its coaching staff.

There's two groups of tireless workers, however, that have a lot to with it though — trainers and team managers.

"This is our family and it means a lot to the coaches and players," said Michael McGrady, head student equipment manager. "We're all best friends."

During the fall two-a-day practice schedule McGrady and his staff of student managers arrive to work two hours prior to the players in order to prepare equipment, laundry and get the field prepped for practice.

While practice is in session, McGrady and his crew can be seen hauling tackling dummies from one area of the field to another or moving sleds while also fixing any equipment problems players might have.

When practice ends they prep the field for the next session, fix equipment that couldn't be taken care of on the field and maintain computer files of equipment and sizes for each individual player. The managers also take turns with laundry.

"I love the sport and I want to stay

around it," said McGrady, a criminal justice major who played high school football at Father Ryan.

Like the managers, head athletic trainer Bobby Barlow arrives for practice bright and early every morning. Barlow, who oversees a staff of two full time assistants and 14 student workers, typically arrives at 5:30 a.m.

The student-trainers are all majoring in sports medicine, a program at Middle

Tennessee, which is run by Dr. Melissa Martin and Dr. Bill Whitehill. Every student-trainer has been accepted into the program.

"I don't worry about the hours," said Barlow. "I just don't look at it that way. There's only 114 Division I trainers in

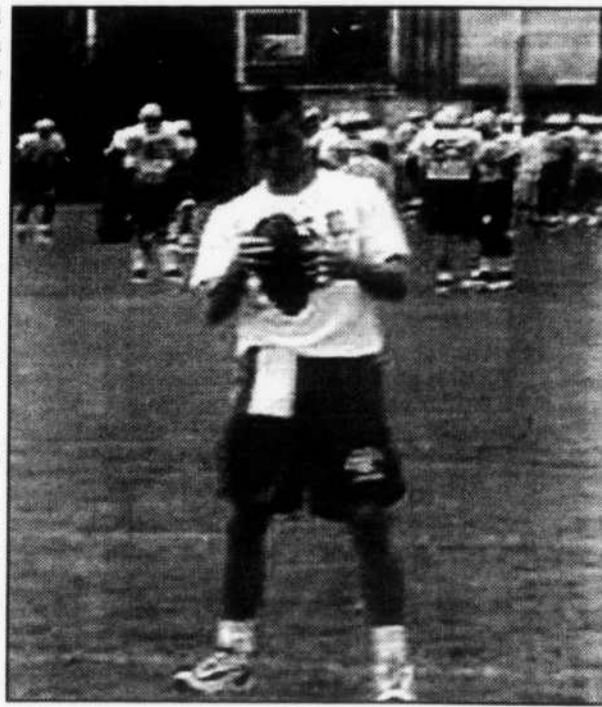


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"Cheese" collects footballs during a recent morning practice. "Cheese" is one of many student-trainers working with the team.

the entire world. I thank the Lord every morning that I'm one of them because there's a lot of people out there who would like to have my job."

Before Barlow leaves at 11 p.m. each night he and his staff will have taped and worked with every player before each practice. During practice each student-trainer is assigned a position and

is expected to assist those players with drinking enough fluids as well as helping them out should they injure themselves or begin to cramp up.

The trainers also prepare ice and the ever popular ice tubs following practice. Between the morning and

afternoon practice sessions they also organize their chats and working on maintaining individual player profiles.

"It's all very organized," Barlow said. One of Barlow's full-time assistants is Jamie Saddler, who first became involved with athletic training while attending Southwestern Louisiana.

"I just like being around sports," Saddler said. "It's something I look forward to."

"Anytime you're involved in athletics you're going to spend a lot of time working. That's a choice I made a long time ago."

While the hours may be long, the rewards for those involved with the program makes the time commitment worth while.

"You see [the players] at their lowest point and work with them to get them back on the field," said saddler, who also works with the women's basketball team at Middle Tennessee. "To see them get back in there and score a touchdown or make a big play is very rewarding."

While the players and coaches are the ones who are often talked about, it's the trainers and managers who make it all come together.

"We are very fortunate at Middle Tennessee to have Dr. Whitehill and Dr. Martin," Barlow said. "They provide our athletic department with quality people and that to me is as important as a good trainer."

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Raiders' Ortiz impressive with Puerto Rican National team

Staff Reports

Against USA Junior basketball player Fernando Ortiz, who is a member of Puerto Rico's National Team, received national attention on Thursday night during Puerto Rico's game against the USA in the World University Games.

Ortiz, who scored six points, made ESPN's SportsCenter highlights and earned a standing ovation following a monster slam dunk over guard Tim Hardaway of the Miami Heat.

Following the play, TNT announcer Hubie Brown dubbed Ortiz as "Mr. Excitement" and recognized him as a crowd favorite and a

player to watch at Middle Tennessee this season.

"It's a dream come true to play against the best in the world," Ortiz said. "I remember the very first time Puerto Rico played USA and it was just an honor to be on the floor.

Things have changed now and we really want to beat them. We just want to make the 2000 Olympics because it would be such an honor."

After losing to the United States in the semifinals lost to Canada for a qualifying spot in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Puerto Rico was the No. 2 seed. ■

It's a dream come true to play against the best in the world.

Fernando Ortiz

Ortiz represents homeland, MTSU

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee basketball player Fernando Ortiz has put himself in elite company by making the Puerto Rican National team.

Ortiz and his teammates are competing in the World University Games being held in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico is in Group B, opposite of the USA team, along with Venezuela, Brazil, Dominican Republic and Panama.

Entering Monday night's play, Puerto Rico was a perfect 4-0. Puerto Rico was scheduled to play Uruguay on Monday, Argentina on Tuesday, and Canada on Wednesday before tangling with the USA team on



Ortiz

Thursday.

Ortiz, who will be suiting up for the Blue Raiders this season, sat out last year after transferring from Saint Vincent's College in Latrobe, Pa.

Ortiz, from Comoa, Puerto Rico, was an NAIA all-American at Saint Vincent's after averaging 18.0 points, 7.0

rebounds and 4.2 assists per game.

"This is a great honor for Fernando and our University," head coach Randy Wiel said. "We knew we were getting a special player when we signed him. The hard part was having him sit out last year, but he was able to practice with us and learn our system which should really help him when practice begins in October.

"The experience he is getting this summer playing against some of the best in the world will help advance his game even further." ■

Fernando Ortiz

Guard/Forward

6'5" 175 Junior

Comoa, Puerto Rico

Transferred from Saint Vincent's in Latrobe, PA in the Fall of 1998. Sat out last season for the Blue Raiders. Described as a tremendous athlete who is fundamentally sound. An excellent shooter and ball handler, who will be one of the best in the OVC this year. Competed on the Puerto Rican National team this past summer and the Junior National team the previous summer. Averaged 18.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 4.2 assists for Saint Vincent's in his two years with the school. Was an NAIA first team All-American, first team all-conference and conference player of the year. He also earned player of the week honors three times. Ortiz averaged 25.2 points, 10.2 rebounds and 3.3 assists for Our Lady of Valvanera High School in Comoa, P.R. Ortiz is projected to be in the starting lineup for the Blue Raiders this season.



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Coming this winter...

Team should vie for OVC title

Staff Report

Lady Raiders basketball a threat to repeat in OVC

If you think that the 1999-2000 season is a rebuilding year for the Lady Raiders, think again. The talent level on the team is extremely high, however, several things need to be sorted out prior to the tip-off of the UAB game on Nov. 19.

"I'm cautiously excited about the upcoming season, but there are still some questions that need to be answered," said head coach Stephany Smith.

It is true that the team lost five seniors, four of which were starters and the other a key reserve, but many talented players remain and all have considerable game experience. In fact, 51.7 percent of the team's offense is returning and an influx of talented newcomers should take up the remaining slack.

Gone from last year's squad are guards Cortney Neeley (7.8 ppg) and Carlita Elder (9.9 ppg) and forwards Bama Burrell (11.0 ppg), Jonelda Buck (6.0 ppg), and Cyndi Ainsworth (3.8 ppg). Certainly, the starting five will have a totally new look this winter, but the faces will be familiar to Lady Raider fans.

Smith added, "I think that the work players do over the summer will provide some surprises for everyone as practice gets underway in the fall."

After a season of exciting highs and disappointing lows, it is going to be difficult to predict the possibilities that lie before the team. One thing is certain: there is enough talent on this

year's edition to make this a year to remember. Here is a look at what the 1999-2000 season has in store:

Backcourt

"We have good depth at the guard positions heading into the season. Our point guards will complement each other well and we have outstanding talent at the remaining guard spots," Smith said.

The backcourt should be one of the stronger positions for the team this year. Junior Kelly Chastain is the only returning starter from last year.

Chastain (7.2 ppg, 3.5 rpg) showed great defensive improvement in her sophomore campaign, leading the team in blocks with 25.

Several sophomores will also vie for starting roles this season. With the loss of last year's starting point guard in Cortney Neeley, Jessica McClure (5.4 ppg, 3.2 rpg) will begin preseason workouts at the top of the depth chart, but the starting role will not be decided until the ball is tipped for the first time.

Erica Lufkin (7.2 ppg, 1.9 rpg) will be in the mix at the off-guard position. Lufkin established herself as one of the league's top perimeter threats as a freshman and should continue to contribute there. Lufkin also has the

ability to play the point guard if needed.

Sophomore Dana Conner (2.3 ppg, 0.7 rpg) at 6-2, along with Chastain (5-11) and newcomer Mia Parviainen (6-1) will make up an intimidating rotation at the shooting guard.

Also returning to the Lady Raider backcourt are Sedonia Carter and Nicole Perkins. Two newcomers are set

to add considerable depth and experience to the backcourt. Finnish National Team players Paula Penttila and Mia Parviainen will enter Middle Tennessee as freshmen this fall and are already being looked at as outstanding players.

Parviainen, a shooting guard, should challenge for a starting job. She averaged 13.2 ppg, 3.3 rpg, and 2.4 spg during her most recent outing with the national squad.

Fellow countryman Paula Penttila is a point guard with great size. She averaged 7.8 ppg and 3.9 rpg in her last campaign with the national team. She should fit in well with Stephany Smith's system and will contribute this year.

All in all, the backcourt is one of the strongest and deepest in recent memory. Guard play makes the Middle Tennessee system work, and Smith has done an outstanding job of putting together a strong group.

Frontcourt

If those observing the team think that the guards are strong, wait until they get a look at the frontcourt for 1999-2000.

It is true that starting forwards Buck and Burrell are missing from this year's roster, but an extremely talented and eager group is waiting in the wings for their chance to shine.

Smith commented, "Even though our depth at the post looks good, we really only have one post that is proven. Jamie [Thomatis] was strong last year and Joanne [Aluka] was strong two years ago, but she's coming off of surgery. Everyone else really hasn't gotten significant time in this system."

A sophomore, Thomatis (13.9 ppg, 4.7 rpg) leads this group of players heading into fall practice.

Thomatis made a name for herself as a freshman, racking up awards for OVC All-Freshman and All-OVC Honorable Mention.

Thomatis also set a few records for good measure. Her 62.6 field goal percentage is the best single-season mark in Lady Raider history. Thomatis also scored 37 points against TSU in the opening round of the OVC Tournament, setting a new OVC mark for tournament scoring. It also placed her fourth on the All-Time Middle Tennessee single-game list.

Along with Thomatis is sophomore Joanne Aluka. The 1997-98 OVC Freshman of the Year is coming off of a redshirt year after ACL surgery just prior to last season. If she remains healthy, there is no reason that she shouldn't return to the form that made

her one of the best inside players in the league.

Sophomore LaShonda Winfree (1.8 ppg, 1.5 rpg) returns after a solid year. Making her debut this fall is sophomore Chrissy Davenport.

A transfer from Auburn, Davenport has already shown her merit against her teammates in practice. She should become a force in the paint both offensively and defensively.

Schedule

It seems that one refrain continues with the release of each new Lady Raider schedule: "The Lady Raiders will face top competition this year." The 1999-2000 slate is no exception.

Six teams on the schedule were involved in post-season play in 1998-99, giving the team a boost in the RPI.

The team opens with two extremely tough opponents. The Lady Blazers of UAB will open the schedule in the Murphy Center and then the team will travel to Auburn to take on one of the SEC's premier teams.

After a home game against Montevallo, the OVC schedule gets going. Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri will call on the Lady Raiders on Dec. 2 and 4 respectively.

The team takes a five game non-conference respite before heading back into the conference fray. A trip to the Arizona tournament on Dec. 10-12 will pit the team against Arizona, Indiana, and Texas Southern.

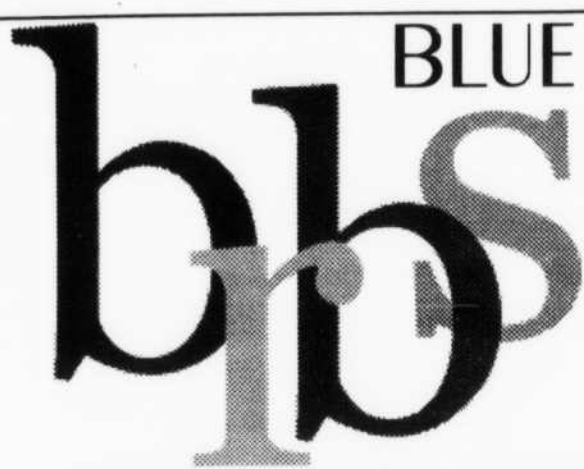
A Dec. 16 game at Ole Miss and a post-Christmas game at Cincinnati on Dec. 29 will wrap things up for the team prior to the onslaught of the full OVC schedule.

Smith said, "The question with our schedule is whether or not we will be ready to play competition that is difficult that early in the year. Our early opponents will certainly dictate how our team reacts as it gets into conference play." ■



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In two seasons as head coach, Stephany Smith has led the lady Raiders to two post season tournaments. This year she hopes Jamie Thomatis, pictured above, will help her once again capture the OVC crown. Season opens Nov. 19 against UAB.



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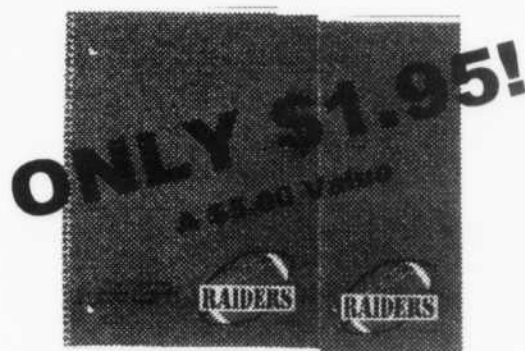
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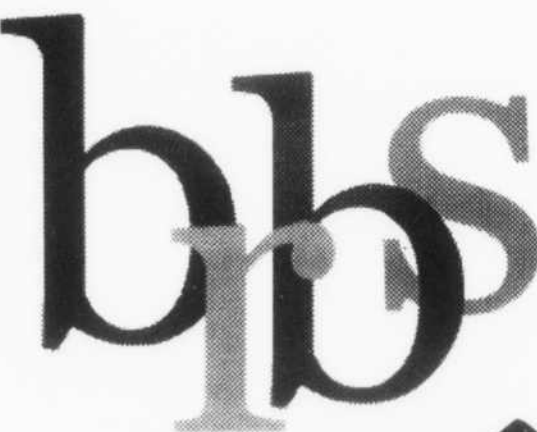


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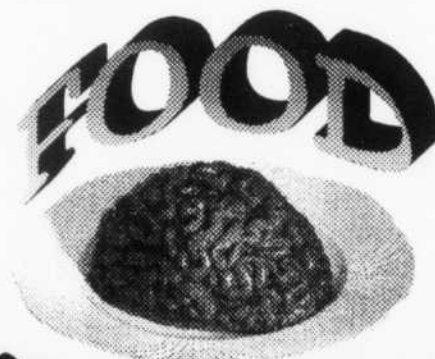


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