

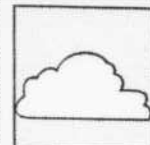




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Henry Foster to highlight Sigma Gamma Rho week

By Heather Hybarger/staff

As Sigma Gamma Rho prepares for Sigma Gamma Rho Week, the slogan "Succeed Against the Odds" sums up the sorority's goals as a service organization on campus.

"[This slogan] describes the odds that everybody, not just black females, are going to come across," said Sigma Gamma Rho president Angela Jackson. "That is one of the reasons for our sisterhood, to surpass anything that is going to hold us back."

As a national sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho supports such organizations as the Southern Christian Leadership Council, National Black Leadership Roundtable, NAACP, March of Dimes, National Panhellenic Council, United Negro College Fund, and the National Urban League.

Sigma Gamma Rho Week begins Sunday, Nov. 12, which is National Founder's Day, and will end on Friday, Nov. 17 with a party for Sigma Gamma Rho members. A forum will be held Wednesday, moderated by Adonija Bakari, Assistant Professor in the History Department.

"This forum is a continuation of the issues that came out of the 'Million Man March,'" Bakari said. "It [will provide] a place where students can come together and discuss pertinent issues, just to rap."

The highlight of Sigma Gamma

Rho Week will be a speech by former Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster, who will speak on "America's Children At Risk" Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. The speech is free and open to the public.



Foster

"It just started as an idea," Jackson said. "We didn't think he would come, but our adviser called and [Dr. Foster] said he would be happy to speak."

"His topic fit like a puzzle piece with the theme for this week," Jackson added, explaining Foster's topic as discussing the "different odds kids come up against now that can hold them back."

Jackson encouraged everyone to come to the speech and "to bring their children."

"Dr. Foster can offer first hand knowledge to make children think 'He's made it; I can do that, too,' and show them that there is someone who doesn't even know them that cares about them," Jackson said.

She added that his was an important topic to those who wish to have children as well, "to know what they will be facing."

Foster is currently a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Meharry Medical College in Nashville and consultant to the Department of

Health and Human Services.

He was nominated to become the next U.S. Surgeon General by President Bill Clinton on Feb. 2, but the process was blocked when his favorable recommendation from the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee was not allowed an up-or-down vote by the full Senate.

Foster spent five years as senior program consultant for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and directed its program to consolidate health services for high-risk young people. From this program, he conceptualized and developed the "I Have A Future" program to reduce teen pregnancy, which was recognized by President Bush in 1991 as one of the nation's "Thousand Points of Light."

Also during Sigma Gamma Rho Week, the sorority will send a baby girl care package to the first baby girl born at Middle Tennessee Medical Center. The package will be filled with baby care products, such as baby shampoo and diapers, and will be delivered Sunday, Nov. 12.

On Monday, Nov. 13, a display table will be set up on the second floor of the KUC offering information about Sigma Gamma Rho. Tuesday, there will be a Dating Game at 7:30 p.m. in KUC room 324. Wednesday there will be a doughnut sale. Students can order a dozen doughnuts by contacting a Sigma Gamma Rho member. ●

Bizarre accident takes life of RIM student

By Kris Wetzel /staff

Senior recording industry major Damien Bell died last Friday night in an auto-related accident.

According to friend of the former student Al Gaines, Bell had stopped for gas at a Shell station on Bell Road after getting off work in Nashville. Coming out of the gas station, he saw his car rolling forward from being left in neutral and began to run after it.

He slipped and fell in front of the car while chasing after the car. Gaines said his car ran over him, and he died instantly.

"He was very single-minded," Gaines said. "He wanted to be a producer, and nothing but."

"He had already made a name for himself. He was a bright, intelligent person, but I guess it was not meant to be."

Bell was working as an intern with Cadwell Production Plus, a small recording and production studio in Nashville. Bell had completed an internship with Sony Recording Studios in New York City last summer.

"He was a talented musician,

"He had already made a name for himself. He was a bright, intelligent person, but I guess it was not meant to be."

Al Gaines
MTSU graduate and personal friend

producer and engineer," said Richard Barnett, chairperson of the Recording Industry.

He served as last year's president of the African-American Urban Music Society, having been one of the founding members of the group.

"He was a proactive, talented person," said Daniel Pfeifer, assistant professor of recording industry.

"We see hundreds of students in this department, and only a few students are qualified to make it. Damien had what it takes."

"Damien was a good person. He really inspired me," said Jerome Booker, junior RIM major and former roommate. "He was like a father to me in the RIM department."

"His music will live on because that is what he loved," Booker said.

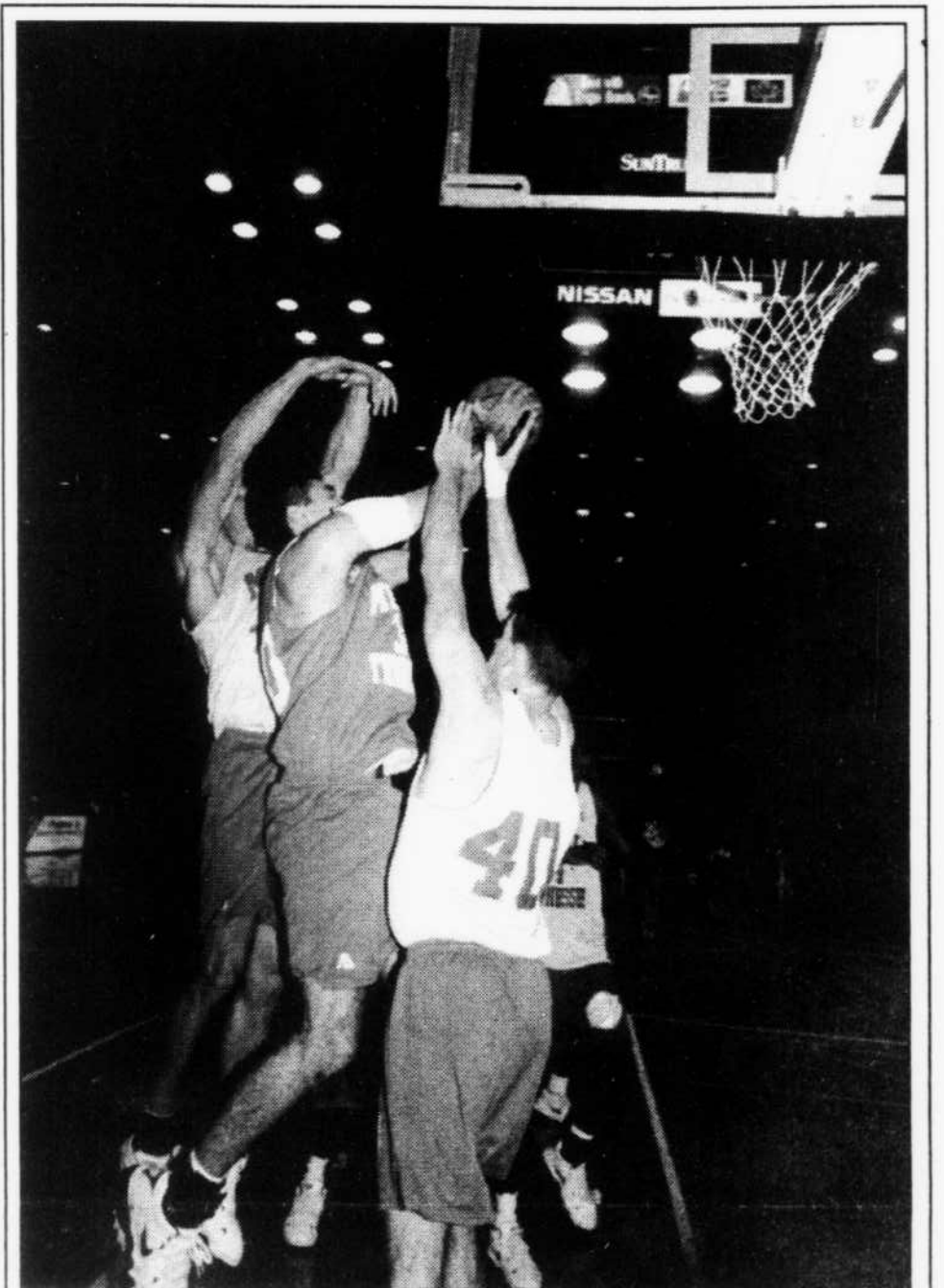
According to Gaines, two caravans of students will travel to Chicago for Saturday's funeral.

"I dare to say that the 30-40 students planning to go to Chicago for the funeral testifies for the kind of person Damien was," Gaines said. "You always knew he was in your corner."

The funeral arrangements have been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 11 at St. Edmund's Church, 6105 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The parents of Damien Bell have requested the establishment of an endowment scholarship in Damien's name. Friends and relatives are encouraged to make contributions to the Damien Bell Minority Student Scholarship instead of sending flowers.

Contributions should be sent to: MTSU Foundation, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, 37132. ●



Brian G. Miller/staff

Going for two

Brazilian junior Aylton Tesch goes for two points in Tuesday's Raider Roundball Rally in Murphy Center. The Rally featured men's and women's Blue vs. White games (self-scrimmages).

Looking at other schools making move to I-A

By Warren Wakeland/staff

Editor's note: This is part of a series that examines MTSU's move to I-A in football.

MTSU is one of several schools in the eastern United States to have recently made the decision to play Division I-A football.

When comparing the move these schools are making with the MTSU move, it is easy to see that MTSU has a long way to go to be the "quality" I-A program that Donnelly envisions.

Most schools making the move are not having to do as much structurally as is MTSU, which is making their transitions easier than

the MTSU transition will be. But none have fantasies about being a "star" in I-A anytime soon.

Alabama-Birmingham

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) has been reclassified to move to Division I-A in 1996, although they have only played football since

1992. MTSU and UAB recently signed a four-year agreement to play home and away games against each other.

According to UAB athletic director Gene Bartow, the move was the sensible thing to do.

"Playing in I-AA is a financial

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Moving to I-A Part 4 of 4

Harvey up for grabs at Totem Bowl

MTSU plays grudge match against Tenn Tech Saturday

By Ryan Lewis/staff

There is no month in the world of college football quite like November.

It's the month when all of the intense rivalry games are played, and there are few rivalries as bitter as that of MTSU and Tennessee Tech when they play in the annual Totem Bowl this Saturday.

Just how did such a fierce rivalry begin?

It all goes back to the very beginnings of both schools.

Cookeville, Tenn., now home to Tech, wanted one of the three two-year "Normal" schools that were to be

built in Tennessee at the beginning of the century. Andrew Todd, a member of the state school board at the time, got the last school placed in Murfreesboro. The citizens of Cookeville were outraged, and the battle was on.

Five years later, Cookeville got its own school when Dixie College turned into Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (TPI), which later became Tennessee Technological University.

The competition between the towns continued, and it spilled over to the students of both schools.

The schools began playing football against each other in 1917 on Thanksgiving Day, but it was changed to the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

As the players' names and numbers came and went, the bitterness grew and grew.

In 1960, Fred Harvey, of Nashville, decided to present the winner of the annual game with an Alaskan totem pole, which they would keep as a symbol of their victory for the rest of the year.

The rivalry had grown so vicious by that time that Harvey wanted the schools to focus their energy on winning the game and the totem, and not concentrate on demoralizing each other.

It shouldn't be a big surprise that the schools never could agree on what to call the totem.

At MTSU the prize is somewhat appropriately known as Harvey, but at Tech, faculty and students call it "Shinny-Ninny" in tribute to former Golden Eagle player Joe Jacquess.

When Tech practices would become a bit dull or boring, Jacquess would go into a fit, or a "shinny-

ninny" as he termed it, to get things back on track.

Recently, the rivalry seemed to be dying down a little, so the game was given a name in hopes of rallying the communities and enhancing the tradition.

"It was an effort to bring the community and university together," said Debbie Simpson, the inventor of the Totem Bowl concept. "I thought that giving it a name would make it more like a party atmosphere and more traditional."

So, in 1994, the first official Totem Bowl was played, and MTSU won, 31-3, taking back the beloved Harvey that it had lost the year before. ●

Portraits this week for yearbook

Midlander, the university yearbook, is taking portraits for the 1995-96 yearbook all week long.

Photographers will be on campus the following dates:

- Nov. 13 - 17: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in KUC Lounge
- Nov. 13: 4-6 p.m., Corlew
- Nov. 14-15: 4-6 p.m., KUC Grill
- Nov. 16: 4-6 p.m., JUB Sub

Seniors can make an appointment for their portraits, but no appointment is necessary for any student portrait.

The residence hall with the most portraits taken will receive a free pizza party by the end of the semester.

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- 3** Smile!
- 4** Tell the photographer which dorm you live in.

After the week is over, the Midlander will see which dorm had the highest percentage of their residents who turned out for portraits, and that dorm will receive a FREE pizza party during finals week. It's the easiest way to earn free food ever!

So don't forget: Portraits for the 1996 Midlander, MTSU's yearbook will be taken Nov. 13-17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the KUC Lounge. The photographer will also be set up Nov. 13 in Corlew Hall, Nov. 14 and 15 in the Grill and Nov. 16 in the JUB Cafeteria, from 4-6 p.m.

We'll see you in the Midlander!

For more information, call 898-2478.

Campus Capsule

Wesley Foundation Weekly Events:

Nov. 10 - 5:00 p.m. Wet. tech.

Nov. 11 - visit Tenn. Tech Wesley Foundation after MTSU v. Tenn Tech football game

Nov. 12 - 8:00 p.m. university worship

NOTICE: All December 1995 Graduating Seniors-

All undergraduate seniors expecting to graduate in December are required to take the ACT-COMP as a condition of graduation as outlined in university policies. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: Nov. 7, 8, 9. On these dates, students may choose from three different times each day: 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. This is a timed test and you will be expected to stay for the entire time. The test takes about two and one-half hours. This announcement does not apply to students obtaining graduate or associate degrees. If there are questions regarding the test, please contact Ruth Watson, MTSU Box 514. For more information call 898-2854.

WMTS Benefit tonight, Nov. 9, at The 'Boro. Show starts at 6:00 p.m. \$2.00 before 8:00 p.m., \$4.00 after. The bands are Spider Virus, Slump, Java Christ, Pieces of Eight, and Pokerface. Support student radio and yo get free CD's and stickers.

Alpha Delta Mu has established a scholarship in the social work department this semester. Applications can be obtained from the social work office before deadline of Nov. 10. Criteria are also posted with the application.

International Television Association (ITVA) is sponsoring "So You Want to be in the Video Business" Workshop lead by George Cautero, Region VI Vice-President. The workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 11 from 11-5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12 from 1-5 p.m.

Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a Career Placement Orientation entitled "Your Job Search" Nov. 14 at Noon in the KUC room 324. Learn about Placement Services, Resume Expert, Campus Interviews, and Employment Opportunities.

Student Publications Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 3:00 p.m. in KUC 210 for the purpose of selecting the next editor of Sidelines. Another item of business will be to finalize our approval of the motion we crafted at our last meeting regarding the future of Midlander.

Christian Music Society meeting Thursday, Nov. 16, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mass Comm Bldg. room 103. Our speaker will be Josh Stump from Via Records. Come one! Come all! New Members Welcome! We welcome anyone from singers to songwriters

and those who sing in the shower! Internship Opportunities! Fellowship! Fun! Call Micky at 898-4385 for more information.

Sigma Gamma Rho Inc. is sponsoring a program during their "Greek Week." Dr. Henry Foster will be attending MTSU on Nov. 16, in the Tennessee Room, JUB. His topic will be "America's Children At Risk."

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is taking applications. Juniors, seniors and graduate students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better, or who have made outstanding contributions to the University may apply. Applications are available in the offices of the academic department chairpersons, the SGA office, the Associate Dean of Students office, and KUC room 103. Deadline for returning the completed application in Monday, Nov. 20.

Phi Beta Lambda is selling paper pumpkins for \$1.00 for the March of Dimes. The pumpkins will be displayed on a wall in the KOM. Donations of \$3.00 or more will receive a paper pumpkin and a March of Dimes pin. There will be a table set up on the 1st floor of the KUC by the bookstore on the following days: Nov. 20-21. Come by and give a donation to the March of Dimes.

The Women's Leadership Conference is now accepting nominations for the Women of Achievement Awards is held on Friday, March 8, 1996. Nomination forms are available in the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206. Nominations may be made by anyone who is currently a student, faculty member or administrator. Deadline for nominations is December 15, 1995. For more information, contact the JAWC at 898-2193.

The Women's Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, March 8, 1996, at MTSU. The conference is open to any female college student. The conference features Harriett Woods as keynote speaker, three leadership workshop sessions and the Tennessee Women of Achievement Awards. Cost of conference is \$15 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and an afternoon reception. Registration forms are available in the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206. Registration deadline is February 15, 1996. For more information, contact the JAWC at 898-2193.

Honors Student Association Friday Night Flings begin not-so-promptly at 5:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 108. Two movies are shown on the first and third Fridays. On the second Friday, special interest workshops are held. The fourth Friday features roundtable discussions to explore the opinions of students and faculty on various issues of debate. All events are open to HSA members and one guest per member. Come find out what you've been missing!

Anyone interested in tutoring or who would like tutoring

assistance please call Tanisha Harris at 898-4056. This Tutorial Program is sponsored by the NAACP (educational committee).

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

The Japan Center is also sponsoring many off campus exhibitions. The exhibit Photographs of Japan will be on display at the Felix G. Woodward Library at Austin Peay State University. The exhibit consists of photographs taken by the Director of the Japan Center of Tennessee, Dr. Esther Millon Seeman during her trips to Japan. A Japanese Doll Exhibit will be on display at the Arrowhead/Aerospace Cultural Center in Manchester. A Japanese Good-Luck Charms Exhibit will be on display in the Jean Keener Room, 442 W. Second North St., Morristown, TN. A Japanese Kite Photographs Exhibit will be on display at the Arrowhead/Aerospace Cultural Center Museum, 24 Campground Road, Manchester, TN. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday-Saturday 9:30-4:00, with admission charge. The kites pictured are traditional Japanese kites crafted and photographed by Joy Smith of Murfreesboro. For more information on all these exhibits please contact The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

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

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

The Voices of Praise Gospel Choir will have weekly rehearsals on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 11 at the Baptist Student Center. Contact Latresha McCamoll at 898-3989. Come join us!

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship has weekly meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in KUC room 312. Call Trista at 898-3256 or Chris Ward at 898-3244.

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

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry is meeting Tuesdays from 7-9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 315 E. Main Street. Everyone is invited to join them for a meal, fellowship and worship. They also meet Thursdays from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the KUC grill. Contact Rev. Andrew Wright with questions at 893-3780.

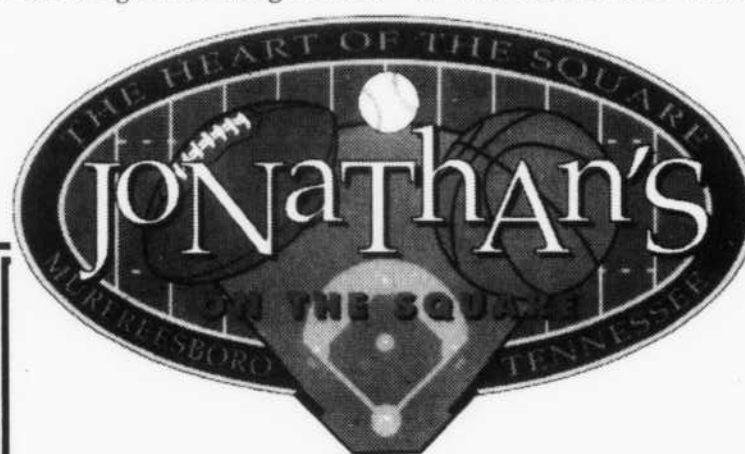
Equestrian Team Meeting every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the TLC sales Arena. Contact Lia Grove at 849-9876. Everyone is welcome.

Raiders for Christ meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center at 1105 E. Bell St. Contact Mike Stroud at 896-1529 or Eddy Dyer 890-0488.

The MTSU Anthropological Society will meet every second and fourth Monday of the month from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 320. Students majoring, minoring or expressing an interest in anthropology are encouraged to attend.

The Pi Sigma Epsilon is a national co-ed fraternity in sales and marketing. Men and women of all majors are welcome. General business meetings are held every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in KOM 163.

Erudite Emancipators would like to thank all the minority organizations and everyone who participated in the "Getting to Know You" social on Nov. 1, 1995 at the Patterson Community Center. We would also like to send a special thank you to our guest speaker, Luther Buie.



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Lighting deficiency recognized

By Joey Butler/staff

MTSU Campus Planning is in the process of finalizing a contract to install more lighting on campus, according to Campus Planning Manager Andrew Kelmers.

No lights are currently turned on at night between the Mass Communication building and the Recreation Center to illuminate the sidewalk despite an increase in traffic since the Recreation Center opened. Although the lights are there, they usually remain off unless there are intramural activities on the field.

"It's ironic that there are bulletins about the attack all over campus, yet anyone walking on the east end of campus at night is more than likely walking in an awfully dark area," said Assistant Professor of Journalism Julie Andsager.

Andsager is one of many instructors and students with

night classes in the Mass Communication building, and she is concerned about walking to the Recreation Center and the parking lots. Andsager singled out the sidewalk running behind the shed in the Ezell Hall parking lot, which she said is too dark to be able to see people approaching.

MTSU Assistant Chief of Public Safety John Wagoner said construction of the new Business/Aerospace Building has temporarily affected lighting in that area.

According to Wagoner, weekly lighting surveys reporting poorly-lit areas and non-functioning lights are turned in to maintenance. He said Public Safety is addressing the problem, but new lights will require a lot of money.

"Lights are expensive and really draw on the budget," Wagoner said. "It's amazing how expensive one small light pole can be."

Planning Coordinator Mark Hawley said there is a plan to install lights in the Recreation Center parking lot which involves reconstruction of the lot.

"We're trying to make the lighting a part of the lot construction when we redo it," Hawley said.

Wagoner suggested walking in groups at night if possible or calling the campus escort service at 898-2424. The service is offered from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. seven nights a week.

Wagoner said the calls for escorts have increased since the attack, but that this is a typical pattern.

"Historically after an accident, escort calls increase, but then it drops off," Wagoner said.

Kelmers said the lighting construction will begin at the end of the month and should be completed by early 1996. ●

Hotline makes campus news accessible

By Scott E. Livingood/staff

People wondering about MTSU sports events, seminars and other events at MTSU can now get the information with a phone call.

The MTSU News Hotline provides voice information, voice mail, faxes, and sound bites for prospective students, current students, the news media, and the general public. It is available by dialing 904-7000.

"We have information about sports events and other calendar events occurring on campus on a day-to-day basis," said John Lynch, assistant director of Public Relations. "We're trying to provide news stories for the media that are always available even when someone's not there in the PR office."

"The general public can call in and know about MTSU. It's available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. So it shows that we're responsive to our

customers and public."

The News Hotline also provides information for prospective students.

"We often get requests to fax applications to prospective students," said MTSU Director of Admissions Lynn Palmer. "This saves us time. We can give the caller this telephone number, and he can immediately receive a fax."

MTSU can also use the News Hotline to give radio stations short audio clips for their news reports.

According to Associate Professor of Radio/TV/Photography Al Moffett, the owner of a Murfreesboro radio station suggested it would be to the school's advantage to set up a system where news about MTSU could be available over the phone to radio stations throughout Tennessee.

With the help of senior broadcast major Joe Legge, Public Relations established the line this semester.

The whole system is based on a device that costs \$300.

"It's called Digital Storefront," Lynch said. "It is similar to a modem, but it's digital information that is received."

"The difference between Digital Storefront and the modem is that Digital Storefront is much more responsive to touch tone on a phone. There are not as many errors as [there are] with a modem."

The MTSU News Hotline is now operational, but the system still has a few bugs.

"We're having a few software problems right now," Lynch said. "For example, if you have a two-page fax, it will send an extra cover sheet with the fax."

"Sometimes you have a few glitches."

The Public Relations office encourages people who have difficulty with the News Hotline to call 898-2919 to report the problem. ●



Carl E. Lambert/staff

Spinning with the Devil

Matt Kauffman, Recording Industry major from Nashville, twirls his devil sticks.

Theft prevention starts with students

By Greg Johnson/staff

MTSU Campus Police is advocating theft prevention after recording 32 reported thefts in October.

"Many thefts are crimes of opportunity," said police spokesman Dustin Miller. "A person becomes a victim because they made the crime easy to commit."

Some ways that people allow themselves to become victims include leaving car doors and room doors unlocked, leaving bikes unlocked or improperly locked and leaving their bags outside the bookstore. According to

Miller, about one-quarter of thefts reported to MTSU police occur outside Phillips Bookstore.

"People tend to have false ideas about a university," Miller said. "They think they can't be a victim. This makes them vulnerable."

Miller suggests several ways to prevent theft:

- always lock dorm room doors when you leave no matter how far you go
- do not leave radar detectors where they are easily visible from outside the car
- do not advertise your car stereo system to thieves by playing it loud

• use the coin lockers outside the bookstore

• never leave your books laying around the library unattended

To deter theft, Miller suggests that people participate in Operation Identification. This involves writing down the serial numbers of their property and marking it in such a way that it can be identified.

The serial numbers of stolen items are sent to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). If the items are recovered anywhere in the country, NCIC can identify them. ●

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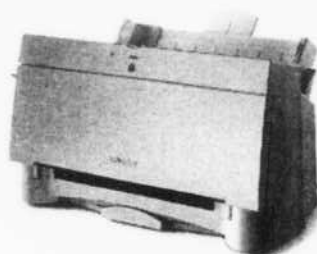
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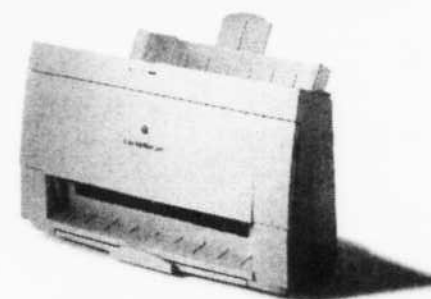
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Silk Style

Rita Williams, senior art education major from Murfreesboro, works on her silk screen in Saunders Fine Arts Building.

Conference promotes free enterprise

By Martha Stroud/staff

The Jennings A. Jones Chair of Free Enterprise in the College of Business is sponsoring a panel discussion on "Entrepreneurial Financing" Monday from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Alumni Center.

"[The Chair] was established for the purpose of promoting and developing an increased understanding of free enterprise to make students and area residents more knowledgeable about the

economic forces which shape their lives and the well-being of this country," said Assistant Dean for Conferences and External Relations Jim Burton.

The Chair is bringing in three speakers to discuss the topic of financing a new business: Mark Gill, president of Rodgers Capital Corp., an investment firm; Jim Decker, a banker with SunTrust Bank; and Percy Dempsey III of Dempsey Wilson, Inc., an accounting firm.

The Chair sponsors

different activities every month, but it is perhaps best known for sponsoring the "College Takeover." Corporate executives are brought in to speak to students in the classrooms. Last year, 70 executives came to speak at MTSU—twice the number from the preceding year.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information about the lecture or other activities sponsored by the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Free Enterprise, contact Burton at 898-2366. ●

Profs dating students must report it

By College Press Service

BOULDER, Colo.—If professors at the University of Colorado want to date students in their classes, they'll have to let their superiors know about it.

Colorado becomes the latest school to set up guidelines for student-teacher

relationships, hoping to avoid any liability in future sexual harassment cases. The new policy covers the potential student relationships of staff members as well.

"This is a way to protect the student, the professor and the school," says university spokesperson Pauline Hale. "This isn't about moral

judgments or forbidding relationships. It's simply a way to encourage that students are not taken advantage of."

Instructors who are found in violation of the guidelines will be reviewed by a school committee and could face punishment. ●

Moving: Schools about to go I-A moved face challenges

Continued from page 1

loss for us each year," Bartow said. "We felt we could generate enough revenue to pay for the football program and help the other programs, where staying in I-AA would never allow us to do that."

Similar to MTSU, UAB's annual I-AA football budget is around \$1 million. Bartow said their I-A budget should range from \$1.8-\$2 million per year. They have scheduled road games against quality I-A opponents in order to gain quick revenue and help sustain the I-A budget, also similar to what MTSU proposes to do.

They have a natural advantage in their location and ability to use Legion Field, which seats almost 80,000 people.

"With Legion Field being two miles away, it took away a lot of the potential problems [of making the move]," Bartow said.

They have no illusions yet about obtaining the best football prospects in the state, but Bartow said there are plenty of I-A prospects in Alabama they hope to keep in-state.

"I doubt we'll beat Alabama or Auburn for recruits," he said, "but hopefully we can recruit some players that Southern Miss or Memphis would normally take from here and keep them in-state."

Bartow is optimistic about the future of UAB football because of the infrastructure in place for the school.

"We have Legion Field, and

we are in a city of over one million people in the hotbed of college football," he said. "We have top-notch practice facilities for the program on campus."

"I think our chances to succeed in the long run would be better than most."

Central Florida

The University of Central Florida (UCF) has been reclassified to move to I-A in 1996. UCF is one of the schools MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler considers a possibility for a football-only conference in the future.

Like UAB, they are located in a large city—Orlando. UCF athletic director Steve Sloan said their location and the school's growth made moving to I-A a positive move for them.

"We have 24,600 students here now, and are projected to have more than 30,000 students by the year 2000," Sloan said. "We are growing, and we want the football program to stay up with that growth."

UCF football operates with a \$1.4 million budget in I-AA. Sloan hopes that by 2000 that budget will grow to upwards of \$2 million. Sloan has also scheduled quality I-A opponents, beginning with Florida State this season, in hopes of giving the budget a boost.

They also did not have to worry about a stadium. They play their home games in the Citrus Bowl, which seats more than 70,000 people. They reached the NCAA-required average attendance last year

by drawing 22,000 fans per game, one of the highest averages in I-AA.

Sloan said the biggest problem he faced, besides drawing the necessary attendance, was trying to schedule seven Division I-A opponents per year before UCF was officially reclassified as a I-A program.

"Without [official reclassification], schools don't know for sure that you are going to make the move," he said. "You're asking them to take a risk they don't always want to take."

Like UAB in Alabama, UCF will not try to compete with Florida's "Big Three"—Florida State, Florida and Miami—for prospects.

"More than 200 scholarships go to Florida kids every year," Sloan said. "Those schools will usually have 15-25 scholarships available to give out. We will have no problem recruiting the rest of the kids."

Sloan also has a bright outlook for the future of UCF football. "We are working on a five-year plan," Sloan said. "Given our location and the facility we play in, we feel we have a chance to be a mid-level I-A team in 10 years."

Marshall

Marshall University, located in Huntington, W. Va., will apply for reclassification and enter Division I-A for the 1997 season. Huntington is a city with demographics similar to MTSU's home of Murfreesboro.

Marshall athletic director Lee Moon said the move to I-A

has been in the planning stage for six years.

"We wanted to take our time and be sure that we had the financial ability to make the move," he said. "We are pretty solvent now [as an athletic department], so we feel this is the right time."

Their annual football budget is large for a I-AA program—\$1.75 million. Moon said the budget will increase to \$2.25 million in 1997.

They have used the extra time to put an infrastructure as sound as Moon could envision in place.

Moon took over as athletic director in 1989 and immediately put the process in motion. He lobbied the West Virginia State Legislature for \$30 million in funds to build a state-of-the-art facility for football. It was completed in time for the 1991 season, allowing them to move out of a city stadium they had used since 1928.

Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium on the MTSU campus was built in 1933.

"The state was going to condemn the place," Moon said when asked why they didn't expand the stadium. "Also, we wanted to start from scratch. Going to I-A was the long-term goal, and we felt building a new facility was essential to our success down the road."

They added 2,200 seats this past summer to achieve the 30,000-seat minimum required for I-A certification.

"There are a lot of [current] I-A schools that don't have the facilities we have," Moon said. The length of time spent

planning the move has eliminated any potential problems they may have envisioned, according to Moon.

Marshall has no worries about attendance, Moon said. They have sold 12,000 season tickets for this season and are averaging 23,000 people per game.

What places Marshall above most athletic programs of its size is the Thundering Herd Network (THN), the in-house radio and television operation founded by Moon in 1991.

Marshall football games reach 5-10 million homes in 17 states on television every Saturday, a standard few other schools anywhere can boast. The radio network has 36 total stations and is growing every year.

According to Moon, THN brings gross revenues of \$980,000 per year into the athletic program.

The added visibility gives Marshall a recruiting advantage over other I-AA schools as well as lower- to mid-level I-A programs in their recruiting territory.

"We've been competing the last three years against programs like Mississippi State, Tulane and Louisville," Moon said. "The only thing that keeps us from getting more of those athletes is that we get sold as a I-AA product."

"But that's about to change."

Fowler said he likes the idea of establishing a network. This year, MTSU will have three games televised on WSMV-TV, Nashville's NBC

affiliate. Advertising sales, where schools make their profit in a local broadcast, have sold out for two of the three games.

"It's a way for us to gain more visibility in the region," Fowler said of the telecasts. "When we sell out the ad space, it means advertisers know the games are being watched. It will mean more money for our program as well."

In contrast to Marshall's aggressive nature, Moon downplays the future of their program.

"We're going to shoot to compete in the MAC [Mid-American Conference, which they join beginning in 1997]," he said. "There are mixed emotions from other schools in the conference about us. They're afraid we're going to come in and run all over them."

What does all this mean for MTSU? The school is behind where these three programs were at this stage before making the move. All three had the major expense—a stadium—in place by this time and could move ahead to filling those stadiums.

MTSU will have a one-year window to meet the NCAA attendance guideline of 17,000 fans per game. This appears to be the major stepping stone.

MTSU has consulted with Marshall about how they have built their program and may be hoping to emulate their progress. If this is the case, MTSU has a promising future in Division I-A football. ●

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Student aid cuts lessened in senate by \$5.8 billion

Flood of student protests curve Senate's proposal

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—Faced with increased pressure from students and educators, the U.S. Senate voted late Friday to scrap billions of dollars of proposed cuts that would have increased student loan costs to students, their families and colleges.

The Senate voted unanimously for an amendment that stripped three provisions—each unpopular on campuses—from its budget-cutting bill. The Jeffords-Kassebaum-Snowe amendment reduced the overall cut to student aid by \$5.8 billion, down from \$10.8 billion. It also:

- eliminates a tax on colleges of 0.85 percent of their student loan volume.

- restores the six-month grace period in which the government pays the interest on the loans of students who have graduated.

- removes the increase in the interest rate on PLUS loans.

"This was a significant victory for students and colleges through an effective legislative campaign that brought the entire college community together," said Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), who helped forge the compromise. "The solidarity of the higher education community was crucial."

From e-mail to phone calls, students flooded legislators with messages protesting the cuts.

"We heard from senators who said their staffers were swamped with phone calls and letters," said Laura Wilcox, spokesperson for the American Council on Education. "They weren't about to ignore that, and they didn't."

Ivan Frishberg, director of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, says that the efforts of students had a direct impact on the Senate vote. "In the week before the vote, there were more than 6,000 calls to Congress from students," Frishberg said. "They really made their voices heard."

Jeannette Galanis, president of the United States Student Association, says students realized how bleak their student aid situation could have been and reacted. "People took the time out to make phone calls and write letters because it's their future that's at stake," Galanis said. "They said, 'This is it. Enough is enough.'"

Frishberg agrees. "Sen. (Nancy L.) Kassebaum originally defended her first proposal to the hilt, telling students how everyone had to make sacrifices," he said. "Then she turned around and proposed that we wipe out all education cuts that she just defended."

Michael Lowen, a senior at DePaul University in Chicago, says the recent threats to

direct student loan program made him get involved. "This was the first time I really felt like something was at stake," Lowen said. "When you see that there's a chance of your loan getting reduced or your grant shrinking, you don't have a choice."

But while Kassebaum (R-Kans.) eventually led the effort to kill the three major provisions that came out of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Jeanette Galanis, which she President of the United States Student Association, the final Student Association Senate bill kept

a proposed 20-percent cap on the total volume of loans provided through direct lending.

Direct lending is the program under which student loan dollars are doled out directly to colleges from the Department of Education, bypassing banks and lending institutions. Proponents of direct lending say the program saves on paperwork, gives students more repayment options, and provides students with their loan money more quickly. Currently, 40 percent of all schools are enrolled in direct lending.

Secretary of Education Richard Riley says the notion of cutting back schools who currently receive direct loans doesn't make sense. "This action will deny these schools the opportunity to participate in a program that they have voluntarily selected," he said.

Still, Riley said he was relieved to see some compromise on the Senate's part, even if they "acted only after a storm of protest shamed the senators into taking the right course."

An aide to Kassebaum, however, said that the interests of the students were considered all along. "We tried to work out a compromise that worked for everyone," said Joel Bacon. "To say that Sen. Kassebaum wanted to make life harder for students is absurd. She was acting in the best interests of the country."

Bacon does admit, however, that the student outcry was considered in the senator's proposal. "The input of any citizen is always welcome," he said. "The entire governing process works best when your constituents let you know what's on their mind. That's how effective legislation is formed."

While student leaders say they believe they have come a long way in their battle to reduce cuts to student aid, they emphasize their fight is

far from over.

A House plan, also approved last week, would eliminate direct lending altogether, end the six-month interest waiver for new graduates and increase the loan rate on PLUS loans. Next, House and Senate members will meet to work out differences between the two proposals.

"There will be some sort of compromise between the Senate and the House on direct lending," says Steven Gauck, a student leader at the University of Vermont. "At worst, the House and banking industry will get their way and completely eliminate it. At best, it'll be limited to 20 percent [of loan volume]. The most likely case is the compromise will end up somewhere in the middle, and still far from where we need to be."

Simon and others say they still hope that a compromise can be worked out on direct lending, a Clinton favorite that has been targeted for elimination by many GOP leaders. "The Republican leadership had strong political motives in wanting to deny the White House a victory on student loans," Simon said.

"Now we're in a stronger position to defend direct loans in the post-veto negotiations than we were in at the beginning of this process." While Frishberg lauds the cooperative effort in the Senate, he has no such praise for the House, which voted to ignore all recommendations to strip the educational provisions from their budget proposal.

"Those representatives have made a decision to say that they don't care about education and that they don't care about students," Frishberg says. "They just want to muscle through their own agenda."

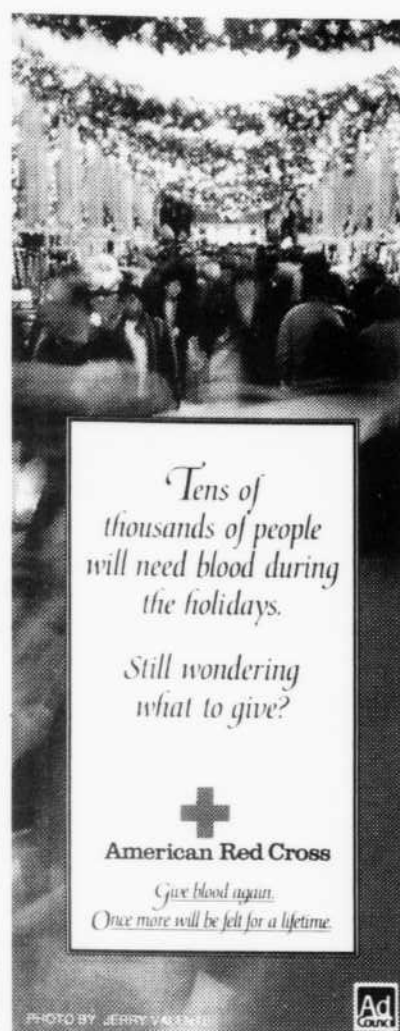
"Schools should have the choice to participate in the Direct Lending program," says Gauck. "Both the Senate and House bills force schools out of the program and back into the hands of banks, guaranty agencies and secondary markets. This is unacceptable."

The Senate budget, designed to balance the budget over the next seven years, includes \$245 billion in tax cuts. President Clinton has vowed to veto any budget with steep cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, environmental protection and education. ●

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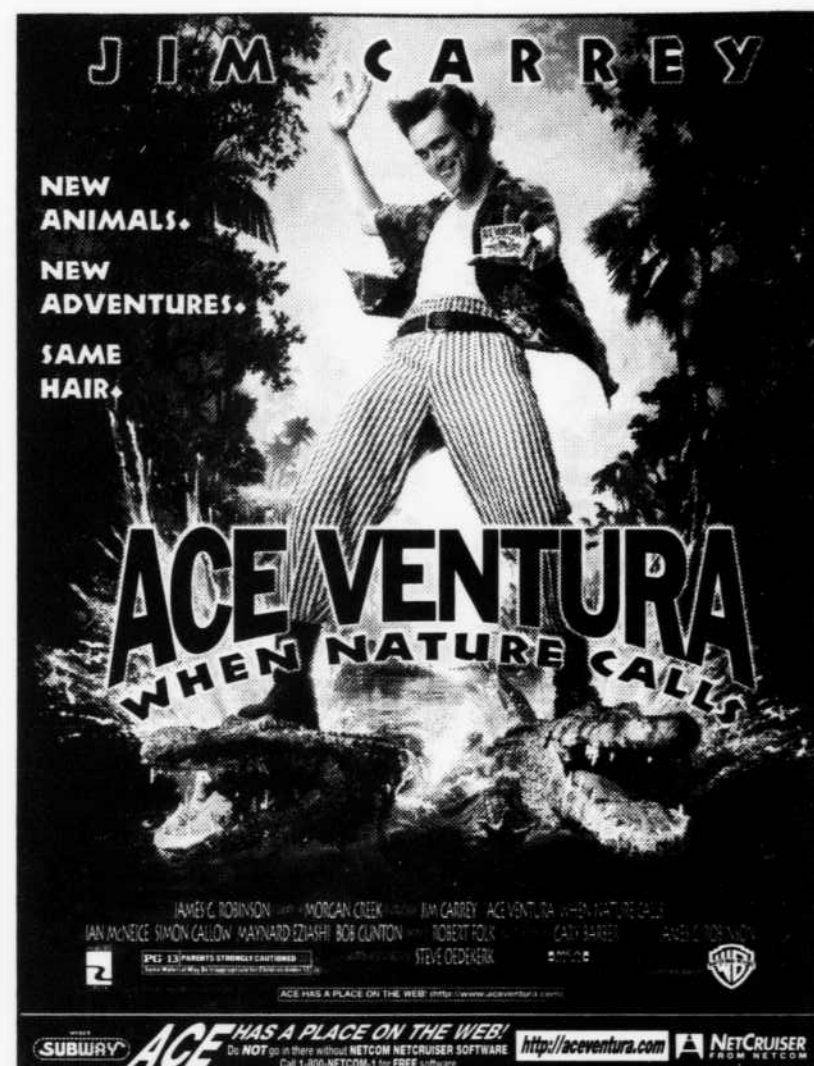


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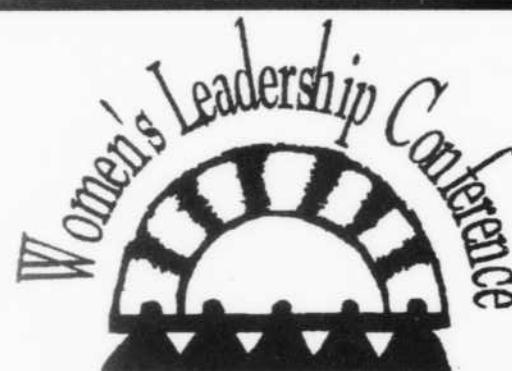
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Former developmental studies student receives state honors

By Sony Ewing/staff

The Tennessee Association of Developmental Education has awarded Shelia Withers Student of the Year for her achievement in school and the community.

The 43 year-old social work major took developmental courses her freshman year and worked in the developmental studies advisor office for two years. Now a senior, Withers

is currently working for an adult home agency.

In addition to maintaining a 3.5 grade point average, Withers is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and MTSU Student Social Work Forum. She also works in community organizations such as MTSU Family Housing Support Group, Children's Home Society, and National Black Adoption Association.

The award is given annually by TNADE which has been in operation for ten years.

"[The organization] is for educators who work with underprepared students," said Deanna Meadows, advisor in developmental studies.

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In our view

By the Sidelines
Editorial Board

Student returns lost \$600

We have a hero.
A few weeks ago, a student found a wallet that had \$600 inside of it.

\$600 goes a long way for a college student. That kind of money can help with rent, food, tuition, books, vacation—you name it, \$600 is a bunch of cash.

A student found the wallet and could have spent the money however he chose. But he didn't. He returned the money to the student who lost it.

The student did not want to be interviewed for a story, so we'll address him anonymously.

Thank you sir.

You thought beyond yourself and what the surprise \$600 could do for you, and returned the money to the person who didn't plan on losing the substantial wad of cash. Who knows how that loss would have affected the student. As most of us realize, that kind of financial loss can be devastating.

This fellow is a hero because he reminds us all of the dignity and nobility of the human spirit. We have never lost our capacity to be honorable creatures, but sometimes we behave as though we have.

Thank you for reminding us.

Why protect hate speech?

University officials have decided to protect students on this campus who have placed death threats against other students.

Why do we protect students who threaten to kill other students when we do not hesitate to prosecute people who steal? Or place bomb threats? Or cheat on a test?

Five students were recently caught for the crime of leaving harassing and threatening phone messages on the Lambda information line. Lambda is the campus gay, lesbian and bisexual group.

University officials are requiring these students to write an impact statement (a statement which outlines the impact of their actions), apologize to Lambda and work a weekend of community service. Officials are not releasing the names of the students.

To give you some insight into the characters of these students, try a small excerpt from one of the messages:

"Kill all fags and eat pu***."
(Sorry about that.)

Where do we go from here?

In the principle of equity, the university will have to treat all similar cases with this totally inadequate punishment in the future. This is not a precedent the university should be establishing.

And how can we punish a cheater if we protect a person who threatens the lives of other people?

Do we really want this?

Absolutely not. These names should be released.

If their names are not released, the integrity of the university judicial system will be forfeited.

Returning the money was the only honorable action to take.

The integrity of the MTSU judicial system will be forfeited if university officials choose to protect hate speech by creating this precedent.



Letters to the Editor

Housing residents unhappy with problematic dorm life

To the Editor,

You'd think after a while, Housing would get sick of the complaints and actually do something about the intrinsic problems coursing through the system. However, this has not been the case.

We have been living in Housing since Fall 1994, first in Corlew, and this semester, in Wood. Corlew was fine. However, every damn time you got on the elevator a little prayer session was held, in honor of the elevator gods who would keep you alive on your way up or down. The elevators, needless to say, were broken at least 50 percent of the time. This, although inconvenient, did not cause us to desire to leave Corlew. We left Corlew due to the fact that every time you walked into the hall you felt as though you were entering a mental institution.

We moved to Wood mainly because of the location. Also, this is the only dorm slightly co-ed (Felder, a male dorm, is located directly across an adjoining lobby).

People are also much friendlier in Wood/Felder.

All of those things are great. However, when we moved into this room, the girl who was living here before us during the summer had failed to move out when she was told to, forcing my Hall Director, Sharon (Wonder Woman) to stand guard as the girl finally moved her things out at midnight that night. Since she was in the room, it was never cleaned before we moved in, and we did the best we could with a broom. (Vacuum cleaners have not been available in this building since we moved in.) Then, we discovered, we had no air conditioning—how did the girl before us stand it??? It took maintenance in excess of an unbearably hot week (and our bitching to Sharon, and Sharon likewise to maintenance) to finally drain the MUD that was embedded in the unit (we don't even want to know how that got in there).

Finally, we thought the problems might be finished. Funny, they'd only just begun.

The paint in the restroom is

coming off the ceiling. We spend our shower time dodging falling paint chips and alternating scalding hot and freezing cold water. Two of the toilets have leaks above them, and sorry, but cold water dripping on you as you are using the restroom is not good. There are five different colors of tile on the floor. The paint is chipping off the hallway walls. And to top it all off, we now have to get rid of our carpet due the fact that we live next to the bathroom and the pipes leaked. Water seeped into the walls and came up in our floor. Our window is open in 40 degree weather because of the mildew smell. We are also allergic to mildew, and have had sinus headaches for the past few days.

We are very unhappy with the situation...

Gena J. Wellmann
Soph., Mass Communications

Dinan Pullen
Soph., Music

Campus Crime Alert overblown in light of situation

To the Editor,

... so he pretty much pinched her butt then, huh? Well... not even her butt apparently... he pretty much pinched her hip, then... ummm... okay. I mean yeah, this is a bad thing. She obviously didn't want it to happen and unfortunately it did. I guess one can only hope there wasn't any bruising... or mental scars. But, I woke up on a fine Saturday morning, headed down to the Grill for a bite and saw Campus Crime Alert signs plastered everywhere. "Damn," I thought, "another rape." As I read, it looked to me (after cutting through hyper exaggerated cop speak like "sexual battery" and "coerce") that some guy went up to some chick, started hitting on her (despite the fact that she didn't speak English) and resorted to the international signal for you, me,

sex, now, when things got difficult. If I may position my soapbox here...

What's up with this? Like I said, I'm not pro-hip pinching but is this really a good reason to call the cops? I mean, it's a good time to threaten to call the cops and whip out the mace can that seems to be so in these days, but does one really need to involve law enforcement in these situation and to this extent? Granted, I'm not a woman and I've never been on the receiving end of a horny black man's advances (knock on wood) but, where I come from, the word for this type of person is asshole not assailant. Yep... I hate to bring up the "R" issue, but let's just think, if our suspect was a white male of the same description, do you think there would've been NOTICES on every door of every entrance to the KUC and other buildings? I don't think so. I think

there's a gender issue here also. Could you imagine a better way to propagate that frightened, timid, helpless, subservient feminine personality type men around here seem to love than frightening them with propaganda, causing timidity because strangers perpetrate these acts, helplessness, because this could happen at any moment (even 1:00 p.m.) and subservience to an escort service of valiant you officers in training who have to be getting laid left and right because of this. To combine the two issues, you wouldn't want any of our pure white women speaking to those dirty Negroes anyway. Needless to say, this kinda flipped me out a little. Mostly because this type of thing causes fear, and fear is the only weapon real rapists have.

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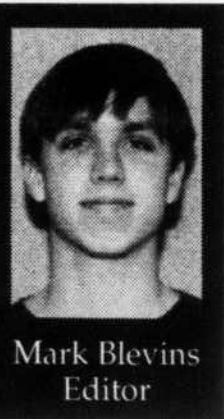


'DNJ' editor had no business slamming students

Opinion

Students of this university were the subjects of would-be ridicule in a recent edition of our own city paper, *The Daily News Journal*.

We were termed "spoiled brats" and "whiners" in the Oct. 24 edition by DNJ City Editor Sam Stockard.



Mark Blevins
Editor

Apparently, Stockard was upset that we little students wanted to have a democratic vote on whether or not we would pay \$65 a semester for a new football stadium. Many of us felt this deal was done with little consultation with the people paying the extra \$2 million or so a year—namely, us.

Stockard must have forgotten what \$65 means to students.

He also must have forgotten that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission executive director has said that students should be "seriously involved in the development and uses of student fees."

In the column, he seems to argue that the university administration is trying to do what's best for us and we little students are just disagreeing too much.

Impeccable journalism Sam. Just rubber stamp whatever the big guys (local authority types) give you. You wouldn't want to spend any of your time investigating any real sorts of issues.

Stockard wrote: "Never mind the MTSU alumni and boosters who have supported a move to I-A and expansion of Floyd Stadium for years. Let them pay for it, students say."

Actually, Mr. Stockard, that support from alumni and boosters could only have been emotional support. We students are funding the expansion of the stadium which enables the move to I-A. Now the job of funding the rest of the move to I-A lies on the shoulders of alumni and boosters along with game revenues.

Check the facts before you try to comment on a population of 17,000+, Mr. Stockard. I learned that in journalism school over here. I guess you forgot about the fact element.

Stockard wrote that students "float into town from all over Middle Tennessee, they clog up the roads and parking areas, they go to class, and then they leave. On weekends, they don't support the university and its endeavors on the athletic field. They get their degree, and then they move on, forgetting that MTSU gave them a chance to earn money and put food on the table and a roof over their head."

Maybe, Mr. Stockard, students come to school here, go to class, then go to work weeknights and weekends to keep a roof over their heads while they're in school. Maybe these are students who are trying to earn degrees to become productive citizens who pay taxes. Maybe students don't support the university's athletic endeavors because they don't give a flying flip about them. So maybe, this is why we questioned the need to pay \$65 a semester for it.

Sam, let me pose a question to you. You are city editor, right? How many stories did the DNJ publish about this referendum? I recall two: one a couple of days before the referendum and one after.

Because you did little work on the story itself, I question your understanding of the situation.

Yet you put forth the proposition that "it's not [non-traditional students] who appear to be opposed to the I-A move. In many cases, it's the students whose parents are shelling out cash so they can get a good education." It would be interesting to know of your research on this, Mr. Stockard. Do you come to campus often, or are you a practitioner of the type of column writing that draws inspiration from the need to chunk out 500 words or so in an hour?

Stockard points out the new facilities that are being built on campus and proceeds to define MTSU

students as ingrates who do nothing but whine and moan in return.

We are not ingrates, but we do care enough about the university to want to hear some arguments about why we should spend our money on this new development. Debate and argument precede rational, democratic decision making. We didn't have that here, Sammy. If you think about it for a moment, there is now a cap on our activity fees. We wanted to make sure that this is how we want to spend our money. When the university asked us to spend \$65 more a semester, we wanted hear a darn good argument. This is reasonable.

Fortunately, someone responded to Stockard in Monday's DNJ in the Letters to the Editor section.

Grady L. Blackwood of Murfreesboro wrote a letter to the editor and painted the picture very succinctly:

"Never one to mince words of misinformation, old Sam came galloping to the defense of those who had been attacked by the ungrateful and unappreciative students who had the effrontery to suggest that their views in the matter should be considered."

"From old Sam's perspective, the current 17,000 'transients' of the institution are not capable of grasping the magnitude of what it would mean to play LSU in a fine stadium as a member of a Division I-A football league and should not be listened to."

"According to him, the \$65 fee is just peanuts and would not be a burden for anyone. Well, Sam, I personally know some students who are trying desperately to stay in school while struggling to make ends meet each month on what they can earn from low-paying part-time jobs. . . . Contrary to

your perception, MTSU is a school made up of mostly middle- and low-income background students. There are many married and many not so young among them; hardly a bunch of spoiled brats."

Thank you, Mr. Blackwood. I would reemphasize, in concurrence with Mr. Blackwood, that the DNJ did little in the way of reporting on this story.

Mr. Stockard's column on this particular day (which was not an unusual one for him) was one of those "I've-got-a-bone-to-pick!", kinda pieces that always feels like the writer is about to invite you into his bathroom to look at the moldy tile. Yes Sam! Take us, show us your moldy bathroom and your "Boy, am I mad!" face.

It would be interesting to know of your research on this, Mr. Stockard. Do you come to campus often, or are you a practitioner of the type of column writing that draws inspiration from the need to chunk out 500 words or so in an hour?

It is baffling to me that the editors of the DNJ would choose to call MTSU students "spoiled brats" and "whiners" with weak, ambiguous logic and for no apparent reason.

The fact remains that MTSU students are a major part of the local economy. With over 17,000 students, I would think the town paper would know better than to insult the readers whom they probably claim to reach in their advertising packages. It's one thing to criticize with a strong argument, but it is quite another to make

statements without logic or factual basis.

I was disappointed to read this unsound reasoning and attack on a major part of the Murfreesboro community.

Sam, don't play it again. We don't care to hear it.

OU program lets students drop series of bad marks

By Annette Berry / College Press Service

NORMAN, Okla.—University of Oklahoma Students' course decisions could change with a new policy that erases grades from bad semesters.

OU's academic reprieve policy allows students to eliminate all grades and hours awarded for up to two consecutive semesters. The policy began last summer.

The original grades will still appear on the transcript but will not be factored into the retention grade-point average. The retention GPA determines grades needed for university requirements including graduation, the honors program and OU-administered scholarships.

Laurie Tinsley, assistant director of academic records, said the policy allows students a second chance if they can prove they have reformed.

All reprieves must be filed through the academic records office and approved by the dean of the students' college, Tinsley said.

The policy is only open to undergraduate students who have enrolled since last summer.

At least three years must have elapsed since the semester requested to be reprieved, and the student must have earned a 2.0 GPA or higher with no grade lower than a C. The grade requirements do not include activity or performance course and can be completed outside OU.

Students are limited to one reprieve and will not be considered for a second reprieve if one was previously denied.

Tinsley said less than a dozen students have filed for reprieves.

She said students may combine a reprieve with the university's existing repeat policy. The repeat policy allows students to retake a class in which they originally earned Ds or Fs. Like the reprieve policy, course and individual grades will not be erased from the transcript, but the new grades will replace the old ones in the retention GPA.

Students are allowed to repeat up to four courses for a maximum of 18 hours.

Jack Lindstrom, political science freshman, disagrees with the policy.

"Most people don't do very well their first semester because it's a big transition from high school to college, but that doesn't mean (the policy's) right, he said. "It's just like life—you shouldn't be able to go back and get a second chance."

Eugene Vitiello, pre-pharmacy junior, said the waiting period should be reduced to a year and a half. "People are paying to go to school so maybe it should be their choice to eliminate what they've paid for," Vitiello said.

Vitiello also said student should be responsible enough to take their classes seriously the first time. ●

Scientists use 3-D to map pollution

College Press Service

MADISON, Wis.—By harnessing the same technology that Hollywood uses to create special effects in the movies, University of Wisconsin scientists are making air pollution maps.

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The pictures, which look a lot like the satellite weather maps on the evening news, are derived by combining a sophisticated computer graphics program with data collected on the Earth's atmosphere by satellites and other means, says William L. Hibbard, a staff scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Space and Science Engineering Center.

"It is conceivable that one day pollution maps may be ubiquitous as weather maps are today," he says. "It is possible now to model pollution very quickly, almost instantly."

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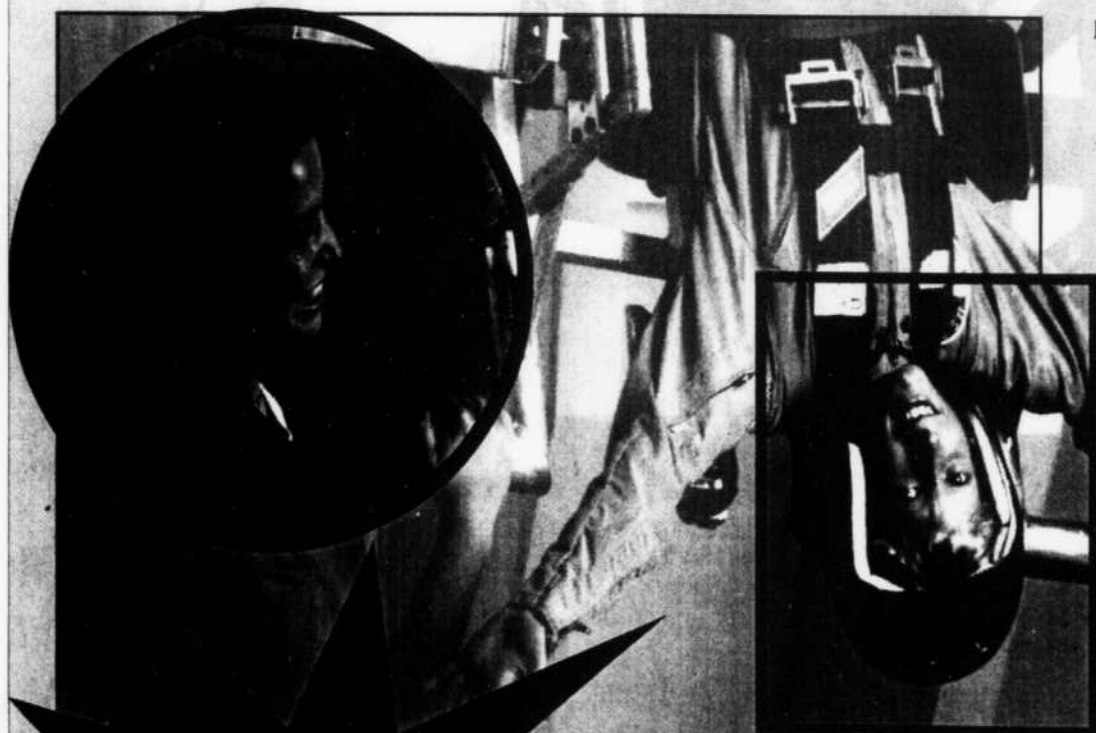
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ZANIES presents Ricky Mokel & Alex Reymondo at 8:30 p.m. Tix are \$7.

FRIDAY

JONATHAN'S hosts NASCAR Night. Race motorized cars for 10-15 minutes for \$1 per race.
THE BORO hosts *Obscene Gestures*.
MAINSTREET hosts *Naked Sam*, *Aggie Coloured Karma* & *Cotton*

Appleseed at 9 p.m. Tix are \$4.
NASHVILLE FAIRGROUNDS presents Christmas Village, 275 merchants there will be selling crafts, decorations, clothes, etc...
RYMAN AUDITORIUM presents Sam's Place, with country/christian gospel singers. 7:30 p.m., \$15. Call 889-6611 for more information.
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TPAC presents The Nashville Symphony, with guest violinist Midori, in Jackson Hall at 8 p.m. Tix are \$7 - \$42.
TPAC presents *Great Expectations* in Polk Theatre at 8 p.m. Tix are \$11, \$18 and \$24.
TPAC presents *The Haunting of Hill House*, a mysterious, frightening play, at 8 p.m. Tix are \$10.
ZANIES presents Ricky Mokel at 8 & 10:15 p.m. Tix are \$7 for both shows.

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SATURDAY

THE BORO presents Laughing Storm Dogs.
MAINSTREET presents Venus Drive, Shazam & Holy City Zoo at 9 p.m. \$4.
JONATHAN'S presents The Mojomen at 10:30 p.m. \$4.
TPAC presents *Great Expectations*, *The Haunting of Hill House* & The Nashville Symphony. Call 741-7975 for info on times and prices for Saturday shows.
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Hungry for some sports action? Find it on the 'Net

The Internet



Joe Legge

The sudden change in the weather last week made for great football all over the country. Not only was there college and pro football over the weekend, but high schools were battling it out in the first round of the TSSAA state championships Friday night. This had me thinking about football on the Internet. With a few random searches, I had a comprehensive resource of football on the Internet fit for any diehard fan.

I bi-passed ESPN (http://espn.sportszone.com/nfl) and FOX Sports (http://www.foxsports.com) since I knew what they already had. In case you don't know though, ESPN offers up to the minute scores, stories, stats, and figures on the NFL, CFL, and all of the other major sports. Fox Sports offers much of the same and is a little quicker with information on games they are covering on Sunday. Both sites offer multi-media and images of highlights from the best of the competitions. Sorry, but the Underwater Basket-Weaving Championships aren't listed here.

Team NFL (http://nflhome.com/index.html) was stop number one on my cyberball search. Each Sunday, Team NFL offers live play-by-play and statistics from an NFL afternoon game. Also, some games have information on current downs, distance, and ball position. A section on Team NFL, Pressbox Live, allows a user to keep tabs on how their favorite players are performing during the game. The data comes directly from the stadium's pressbox computer system, where official team statisticians record the game.

If you plan to attend the game in person, you should try http://www.wvcd.com/stadiums.html. This website contains blueprint-like images of stadiums from NFL to NHL. The seating section displays are helpful to those who are buying tickets over the phone or from scalpers.

For those who like to place friendly wagers on football games The Edge (http://www2.eos.net/elutz/nflpicks/edge.html) has predictions every week. You may want to try and pick a team from out of the sky though since The Edge is correct about 50-percent of the time.

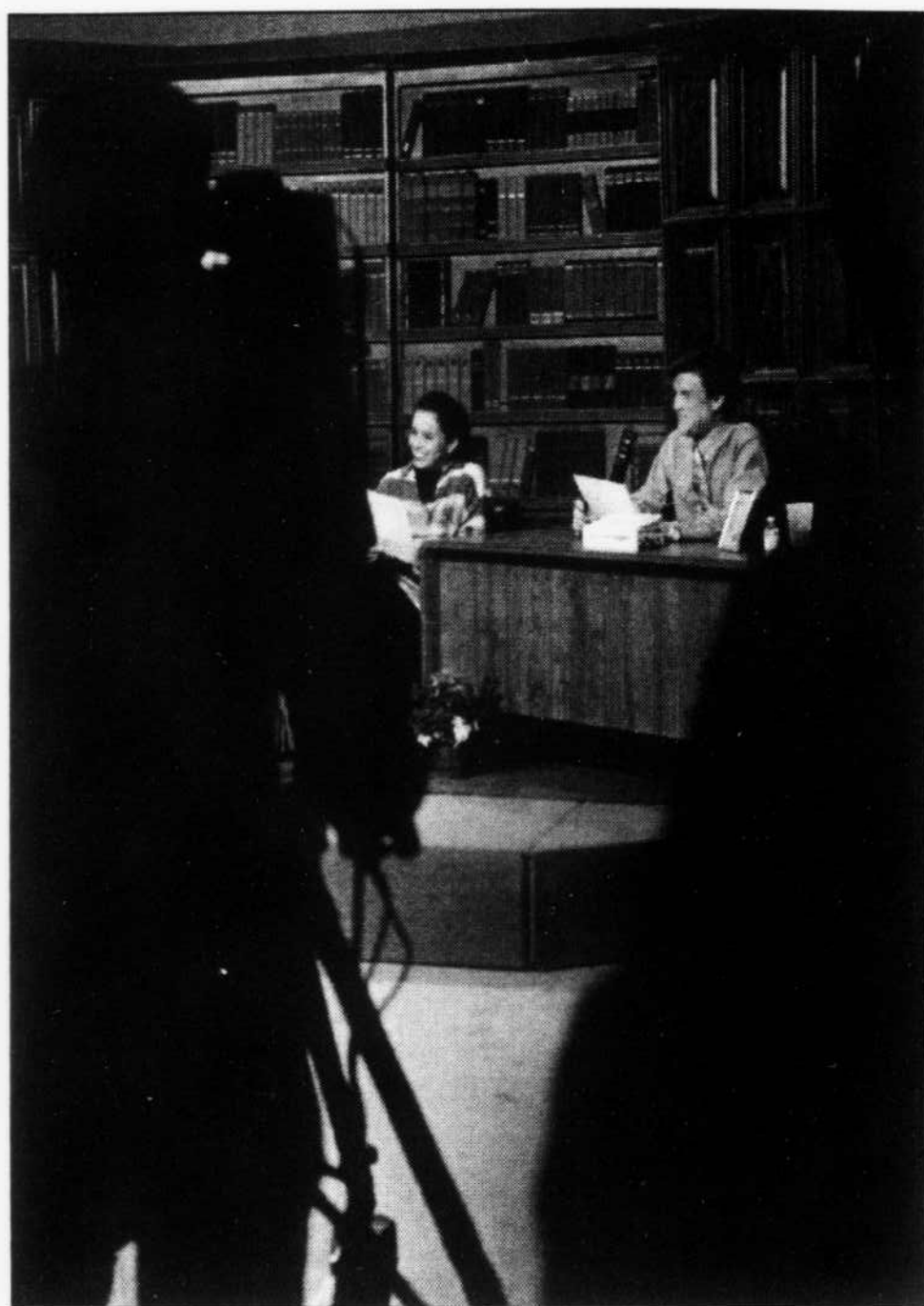
Figure freaks will want to check out one of the Fantasy Football League sites (http://arsoftware.arclch.com/yaffl/yaffl.shtml). If you're lucky enough to be a part of the FFL teams, you'll be able to compete with other FFL teams every week. If you're not, the website is still good for stats, records, and trivia.

Building your own football website could be a little hard without some help. That's where NFL Design (http://www.nfldesign.com) comes in. Various graphics and images designed by those at NFL Design are available to spice up your football site. In addition to NFL, they also have numerous other sports.

College Football fans need only make one stop on their football journey and that is to the Rec.Sports.Football.College site (http://www.engr.wisc.edu/~dwils/rsfc). Information on all CFL conferences is available as well as up to the minute scores, schedules, predictions, current standings, and the ever abundant Associated Press College Football Poll. RSFC also contains stories on match-up between Top 25 teams.

This list of websites should make any football fan happy. But if you're still not satisfied, try RealAudio's (http://www.realaudio.com) program directory. You may be lucky and be able to listen to a game real-time, just like a radio broadcast. ●

Note: Joe's column runs on Thursdays in Sidelines.



Brian G. Miller/staff

Student host Bill Weatherford (at desk) and co-host Mary Kathrine Gilbert tape the Early Evening Show, which airs Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Working and learning on the job: MTSU Television hopefuls get experience

By Corrie Cron/staff

Do you ever get the feeling that you have no idea if you're really going to like the career you're planning for? Being executive producer of your own television show sounds cool, but what if it really isn't you? How will you know?

Well, Channel 8, the campus television station, is full of people who not only know, first hand, what they want to do, but they know how to do it. Coincidence?

From the producers to the actors to the management, Channel 8 is completely student-run. That translates into hands-on-experience in an atmosphere that Brett Baird, Operations and Promotions Manager, says is designed to allow mistakes which are "all part of the learning process."

"We try to keep it as a real professional atmosphere, but we try to have fun," Baird says.

Fun isn't the only result. Students who have actively been involved with Channel 8 have gone on

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WHAT'S ON TV TONIGHT?

Monday

7:30 "ProTalk": A professional sports talk show which is a lead-in to Monday Night Football on ABC.
8:00 "Take 1": An entertainment movie-based show which previews first-run movies as well as what is showing at the KUC Theaters

Tuesday

6:00 News: Campus newscast.
7:00 "The Early Evening Show": Dubbed a Southern Fried Letterman. Includes comedy bits, musical guests and man on the street interviews.
8:00 "Perfect Match": Sitcom about two friends who live next door to each other. There's been talk of someone dressing like a grandmother.

Wednesday

6:00 News
8:00 Syndicated Alternative video show: comes out of Hollywood; mixed with live spots to inform about events in the Murfreesboro area.

Thursday

6:00 News
8:00 "Mojo's Place": An hour long improv comedy in its third year. Each actor creates his/her own character. They're given a situation and improvise their lines reacting off each other.

Look For It

"MT Country" airs at various times. Hosted by MTSU students, the show features favorite country videos and fun contests.

Specials

Channel 8 also airs special events such as the Student Government Association Debates and Public Service Announcements.

DEATH BEFORE DISCO? THINK AGAIN

Disco is far from dead. In fact, more and more college students are getting into the groove of 70s music

By Brent Andrews/staff

Disco is back. That's right, disco. From the Bee Gees to K.C. & The Sunshine Band, from "More Than A Woman" to the Village People's inspiring anthem "YMCA," disco as a form of music has come back in a big way on America's college campuses.

At a Halloween party this year, a crowd of MTSU students sat around talking in groups of three and four, listening to modern music that mostly just provided background noise. But later, when the party's "official" D.J. put on one of her disco CD's, the crowd moved from the walls and the sofas to the center of the room and began to dance, everyone smiling and gyrating to the beat of the music.

Of all the different kinds of music that might have been played at the party, it seemed that disco was the only one that could have brought everyone together on the dance floor, the only music

that everyone could follow with simple dance steps and lip-sync the words to.

One of the party's hostesses, senior marketing major Sherri Gorgi, said that nobody had ever brought disco music to her parties in the past. At previous parties, she said, everybody just sat around and talked. It was disco that made the difference this time.

"I think it brought the party to life," Gorgi said. "... Everybody was dancing. It was the life of the party."

Disco? The life of the party? Come on.

But it's true.

Consider the rise of disco legend John Travolta, who went from being the star of such classic films as *Saturday Night Fever* and *Stayin' Alive* to being, some would say, a has-been. But now, no matter what people have said about Travolta, he is back stronger than ever.

As suave hitman Vincent Vega in Quentin Tarantino's smash hit *Pulp Fiction*, Travolta delighted audiences with his total

coolness, his high-grade acting talent and his simple but dazzling style. In *Pulp Fiction*, Travolta proved that it wasn't him that was lacking—he just needed a script worthy of his talents.

Get Shorty, Travolta's latest film, seems to be reinforcing the popularity of the man *Pulp Fiction* brought back to life.

Perhaps disco, like

Travolta himself, has merely been biding its time, looking for the right audience to impress. And maybe for today's college students—

twentysomethings who, as children, had access to their parents' and older siblings' record collections—disco has been buried in the deep, dark vaults of pop culture long enough so that now, once those records are removed from the shelves, wiped clean of dust and started spinning, the sound is something totally and completely new.

According to MTSU Center For Popular

See DISCO, next page

Stop-smoking workshop can help you quit smoking, too

By Jason Young/staff

Are you tired of not being able to enjoy the full taste of your food? Are you tired of having your "significant other" remind you that your mouth tastes and smells like an ash tray? Are you tired of freezing your fingers in order to puff on a smoke?

If you are, there is a workshop taking place on campus that may be of interest to you.

The workshop, "Stop the Habit: Tips and Techniques to Quit Smoking," will provide those interested with the dangers of smoking to the smoker and those exposed to smoke. Participants will also hear the latest facts about smoking and learn ways to curb the addiction.

The workshop will be instructed by Gloria Hamilton, a licensed clinical psychologist that has kicked the habit herself.

"Quitting smoking is a process," Hamilton said. "Some people are able to just quit over night, but for most people it can be a difficult process."

"Some people are able to just quit over night, but for most people it can be a difficult process."

Gloria Hamilton
psychologist/ex-smoker

This workshop is not for smokers only. According to Hamilton, "This [workshop] would be good for people who want to help friends or family members quit smoking. This one of the most difficult of habits to break."

The workshop is open to the public and only costs \$19, roughly the price of a carton of smokes. This event takes place at the Hazlewood Dining Room in the James Union Building on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 6-8 p.m.

For reservations and further information, contact the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2462. ●

MTSU Photographic Gallery featuring work on small businesses by Lewis

By Jason Young/staff

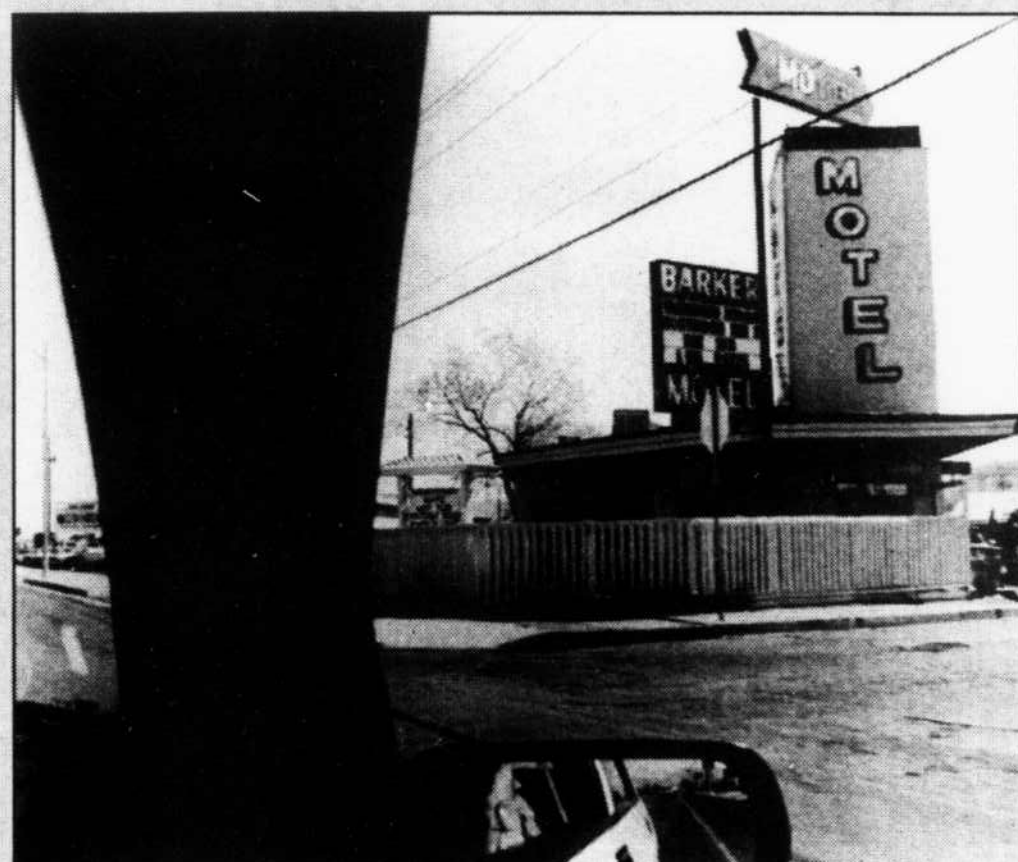
The MTSU Photographic Gallery has been busy this semester. As most students look forward to winding down classes, the gallery is busy giving students the opportunity to view some excellent exhibits. The newest exhibit is no exception.

Unknown Free Enterprise is a work by Robert E. Lewis. The exhibition emphasizes the uniqueness and local color of small businesses.

In a press release, Lewis states, "As long as I can remember, I was drawn to the 'come-on-down' of downtown streets—street people and places personalized by on-of-a-kind entrepreneurs. Later, I went about trying to communicate my excitement for this exotic landscape of individual businesses and commerce...using the medium of photography."

This is a fifty print, color photography exhibit that will run Nov. 5 through Dec. 7. The MTSU Photographic Gallery is located in the learning Resource Center. The hours for the gallery are: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Sundays 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This exhibition is open to students and non-students and there is no charge for admission. ●



One of the photos in the small business exhibit in the Photo Gallery.

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Bullfight in Spain hard to understand for American Student

Matadors and "sweepadors" work hard, bulls die slowly and painfully

By Doug Lansky/
College Press Service

MADRID, Spain—Let me first say that I'm not crazy about the whole idea of bullfighting. In the second grade I accidentally killed a squirrel when I hit it with my bicycle. I was in mourning for a week. But now that I've grown older and watched roughly six billion acts of violence on television, my urge to avoid watching a bull get killed was overcome by my eagerness to see what this part of Spanish culture is all about.

I'm sure there's a lot more to a bullfight than just watching guys in Baroque spandex suits with Mouseketeer hats putting fondue skewers into a bull that looks as lost and confused and a German tourist in the New York Subway system. But I fell asleep while reading Hemingway's "Death in the Afternoon," so I can't explain all the finer points. I can just tell you what happened at this bullfight.

The first thing I had to do was find a "bunch of guys" to go with because, like baseball, I felt bullfighting was one of those sports in which the traditionally moronic male commentary would be far more entertaining than the action on the field. So that afternoon at the Prado Museum I found Robert, a senior at the University of Colorado, who had not only never heard of "Death in the Afternoon," but was completely unaware that Hemingway had even been to Spain. This, I figured, qualified him as an unbiased observer. He was looking for Picasso's masterpiece, Guernica, when I found him. And he would have been looking for it a lot longer if I hadn't pointed out that it had been moved (against Picasso's wishes) to the Reina Sofia Museum a few years ago.

Not much later we found the rest of our motley group at a cafe, eating one of Spain's traditional dishes: ham, fried-something-dipped-in-mayonnaise, and a bottle of Coke not much bigger than a shot glass. There sat Ian, a

young Canadian doctor, and George, a little known Australian television personality.

After an hour of drinking beer (the Superglue to instant friendship), they decided to join us. We took the metro for 10 minutes to the Plaza de las Ventas. George, in his booming Australian voice, told us (and the entire subway car full of silent commuting Spaniards) several humorous stories, all of which began, "Y'know, in Australia..."

There were no tailgating parties in front of the bullring, but plenty of action, mostly in the form of people selling souvenirs: bullfighting hats, expensive mineral water and custom-made posters that list your name as matador. Robert bought a poster, while I picked up some mineral water and Ian and George went to the ticket counter. The bullfight was supposed to start at 7 p.m., so they figured it would be late enough to survive in cheaper seats without sombre (shade). They paid \$36 for four seats in the 6th row, plus \$1 each for a seat cushion, because all the Spanish people seemed to be buying them and, as Ian pointed out, they must know what they're doing.

About three seconds after we found our seats, the sun, much hotter than we expected, started baking us into Tourist McMuffins. George decided that it was far too hot to be wearing socks so he took his off. George then realized that he didn't have any place to put his socks and their smell was bothering him, so he decided—and perhaps this is a tradition at Australian sporting events—to wave his rank socks around over his head and pollute our entire section, which as you can imagine, did not thrill the Spanish. We were too busy laughing to care that we were inhaling copious quantities of his toxic fumes.

Bullfighting may be an ancient traditional sport, but I noticed a few new additions: the guy sitting next to me was cutting a business deal on his cellular phone; there was a woman walking around selling Haagen Daaz ice cream out of

a cooler; and, of course, George was inventing new customs every three minutes.

Some trumpets sounded when it was time for the first bull to make his entrance. The bull walked into the ring and just stood there. The bull's name was Carabinero, but George decided to call him Bambi. Bambi the bull weighed about 1000 pounds. But you have to remember that, until now, Bambi had led, by farm animal standards, a luxurious life. These bulls eat well, get washed, roam freely, mate regularly and have full dental coverage and a company car. They hold no grudges against humans. So in order to provoke Bambi, the matador had to wear an outfit that would look extreme on Michael Jackson. He paraded around the bullring with his knee-high day-glo pink socks and a red cape that would send any fashion-conscious person into convulsions and—**SURPRISE**—Bambi charged at him. We cheered for Bambi as the matador ran and hid behind a wooden fence.

After a few such passes, a gate in the ring opened and out came a picador, a guy with a long spear riding a horse outfitted with special rubber armor that makes the horse look like he's trapped in a giant laundry basket. The horse also has to wear a blindfold because 1) Bambi would scare the bejesus out of him and 2) he would be humiliated for life if he ever saw what he was wearing.

When the bull rams into the horse, it's the picador's job to jab the bull in the back with his spear and make a lot of blood squirt out. But not too much blood, because that would be unsportsmanlike. Apparently, this picador made this particular error, causing the crowd to boo and a Spaniard sitting near us to yell, "Learn to ride a horse!" We translated this for George who, anxious to participate, stood up and yelled it in English.

Then came the banderilleros whom Ian called the junior varsity matadors. It is their job to run up and try to

stick two colorful, metal-tipped chop sticks into the bull before the bull realizes that this is not an invitation to a Chinese dinner. Sometimes they missed or just got one spear in, which caused the audience to boo and George to twirl his socks and yell, "Learn to ride a horse!"

Now that Bambi had more wounds than Moby Dick, it was time for the matador to do his thing. He walked out and led Bambi through a series of extremely—YAWN, excuse me—dramatic passes. After five minutes the crowd began to lose interest, and Bambi began his fifth cerebral hemorrhage, so the matador decided to go in for the kill.

He took his large silver sword and aimed it right at Bambi's head. Bambi, who Robert reminded us had never seen a silver sword before, charged right into it. This was when Bambi was supposed to die. Only he didn't. The JV team had to come out with capes and get Bambi charging in circles to make him dizzy, but that didn't work either. So the matador, who was now pretty pissed off at Bambi and worried that this botched effort would appear on his matador trading card, had to stab him again. Finally Bambi went down. Just to be on the safe side, the brave captain of the JV team ran up and stuck a knife in Bambi's head.

Then a team of horses was brought in to drag Bambi out of the stadium and into, I was told by the man with the cellular phone, a restaurant across the street. Next, for lack of a Zamboni, guys we coined sweepadors came out and brushed the footprints out of the dirt ring.

The whole slaying and clean-up took approximately 20 minutes. There were five more bulls on the schedule of events, all of whom died, more or less, the exact same way.

It may not be humane, but I figure if they don't kill the bull, it will go back to the herd and give away that ancient bullfighting secret, "Don't go for the cape." ●

DISCO: Students dancing to rhythm of '70s music

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Music Director Paul Wells, the evolution of disco in the 1970s from African-American dance music lead to bands like Sly & The Family Stone selling millions of records to crowds who couldn't get enough of the new music. The climax of the disco era, Wells said, was probably around 1978, the year Travolta graced the big screen in Saturday Night Fever. Though Travolta was, Wells said, a "chief mass-culture icon," the present rise of disco is probably unrelated to the comeback of the movie star.

"His movies now have nothing to do with dancing," Wells explained.

In fact, Travolta seems to be in danger of being typecast as a thug these days, just as he was typecast as a dancer in the 70s. If there is a resurgence in the popularity of disco, then, it is not related to John Travolta, who was probably not highly respected in the hardcore disco crowd anyway, Wells said.

"If someone makes it too big," he explained, "they're often viewed with suspicion."

SOUL SATISFACTION

For Johnny Jackson, founder of the soul, funk and disco "multi-media" experience Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction, it's the music that counts.

Jackson, who chose his alias because it "rhymes with satisfaction," started his show because of the influence of a Manhattan club operated by his friend, Frank Jackson. In Manhattan, Johnny Jackson said, Frank Jackson's Soul Kitchen has operated successfully and influentially since 1989, and bits and pieces of the soul and funk sounds that are

played there have found their way into the music of such patrons as the Beastie Boys and Run DMC.

Transplanted from Manhattan, 35-year-old Johnny Jackson noticed a disparing lack of things to do in Nashville, and a year-and-a-half ago he decided to do something about it. Starting Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction, he presented Nashville audiences with a show that brings back (like his friend's club in

music only served as a reminder of the problems people had to deal with every day. But in funk, disco and soul, people find music that gives them a chance to smile and just have a good time.

"[Eighties] music has been going on for so long that when people started playing the funk, the feel-good music of the 70s, it was a change from the more depressing type of music and people felt good," Jackson said.

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As far as Travolta's rise back into the limelight, Jackson said that most likely the actor can attribute his new-found success to the rise of the music that made him a phenomenon in the 1970s, instead of the other way around.

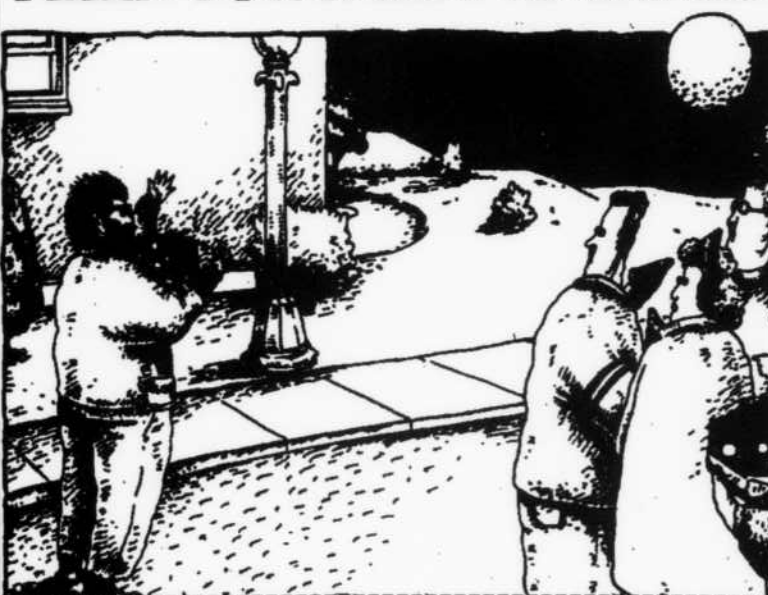
"I'd say that John Travolta's comeback is due to the comeback of that music, combined with other things," Jackson said. "He's a typical disco icon, from the Saturday Night Fever movie. He's like the typical chiched figure, because that was the ultimate disco movie."

Jackson said that his usual crowd is a broad range of ages, from high school kids (Saturday's show is 18 & over) to people as old as 50. Generally, though, the people who show up to hear Jackson's music—combined with mood lighting, disco-era slides and candles—are ages 21 to 35. Starting Jan. 4, Jackson will begin presenting his show at the Boro Bar & Grill on Thursdays, in the process finding out just how much MTSU students like funk, soul and disco music.

So why are college students dressing in bell bottom jeans, day-glo polyester and wide-collared shirts and dancing every weekend to the music of bands once thought to gone forever?

"When they hear it," Jackson said, "it's very infectious music." ●

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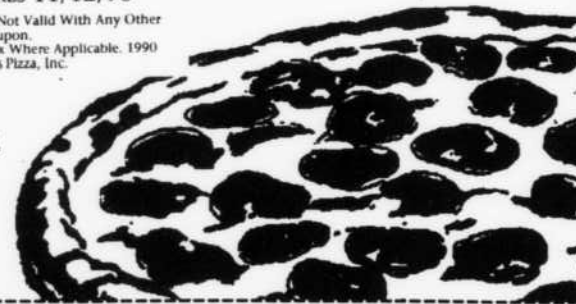
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Courses offered via modem keep MTSU students, professors in touch

With computer technology, it may no longer be required that students be there in person to answer "present" when class roles are called

By Heather Hybarger/staff

No longer will people laugh when confronted with the idea of taking college courses in the comfort of their own homes.

No longer will they visualize Sally Struthers saying, "Do you want to make more money? Of course! We all do!"

No more, because, thanks to Watson Hannah, Accounting Instructor and Coordinator of Off-Campus Business Programs, two students are now taking Accounting 300 from a computer at Nissan in Smyrna, and this program is just beginning.

Vicki Smith and Joe Rewis, both graduate students working towards their MBA, call Hannah via modem to fulfill a course requirement that they would not have been able to take otherwise. They are the first two students in the distance learning program that began this semester.

"Basically I go to school at work. [That] makes it so convenient."

Vicki Smith
virtual student

"This program is based on students who need flexibility," said Hannah. "They are shift workers in companies and can't make the commute." Smith has a busy career and a child, and Rewis is leaving for China soon to pick up his newly adopted child.

Currently Hannah is trying to procure a corporate sponsor for the program. They will help to buy additional equipment for the expansion of the program. The computer costs about \$5000, plus \$1000 for the little box on top of the screen that takes Hannah's

picture and sends it to the students through an ISDN line which, along with the software called ProShare, costs \$30 a month.

"We are looking at Saturn, and AEDC in Tullahoma," said Hannah. "Right now students have to have access to Nissan."

"Basically I go to school at work," said Smith. "[That] makes it so convenient," and, according to Hannah, much more beneficial for the students.

"Students benefit the most from this program," said Hannah. "It offers one-on-one instruction. I know this student's ability in accounting better than if she was in a traditional classroom."

That makes it easier to tell if Smith is "totally lost" and even easier to go back and figure out what the problem is and fix it. Students also receive instant results on tests.

"As professors we have to stay on the cutting edge," said Hannah.

Hannah also added that the technology is available, it just has to be put to use. There are C-You See Me applications on the internet and soon there will be a little black box that connects a phone line and a television set, which will make earning a legitimate college degree at home a common occurrence.

Recently Hannah held a meeting with corporate officials from the Saturn Corporation in the Distance Learning Room on campus.

"It saved me three hours of driving time," she said. "So, yes, I see this technology expanding in the future."

Right now a student can sit in on a class held in the Distance Learning Room, from the terminal at Nissan, but there is the possibility for classes where a group of students from all over the country are learning from a professor sitting at a computer terminal in their office. ●



Randy Janoski

MTSU Accounting Instructor Watson Hannah video-conferencing with a student at Saturn. "As professors we have to stay on the cutting edge," she said.

TELEVISION: Students prepare for competitive television job market

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to take positions nationally with Dateline NBC, Warner Bros., and locally with Channels 2, 4, and 5.

Baird knows that in such a competitive field first hand experience is crucial.

"You've got to be the one that they pick. You've got to get you're skill level up," he says.

Baird says the difference is not only recognized in the "real world," but first in the upper division courses, saying that professors can tell who has had experience and that those students are the ones who are doing very well.

Shannon McMinn, Channel 8's Business Manager, got involved as an actress three years ago. "One night, we were short a camera person and so in between takes I was running the cameras," she said.

And that was the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

Others have had similar starts. Baird first got involved by starting his own show. Sure, it sounds like starting out at the top, but Baird and McMinn say that it is the best way to get involved with the station. Almost a crash course

in television broadcasting.

The results of those crash courses are shows ranging from "a Southern Fried Letterman" to sports, videos and news.

And although the primary focus is not the quality of the shows but the quality of the experience, a level of professionalism is always maintained. With *The Early Evening Show* guests, like Davis Nolan from Channel 2 Sports, and a loyal MoJo's Place audience it is needed.

Baird says that the good shows are a by-product of a focus on student experience.

However, it is hard to ignore the increasing number of Murfreesboro homes tuning in to Channel 8. Around 45,000 homes outside of campus tune in each week.

"People watch it," McMinn says. "If more people watch it, they'll get involved [in the shows]."

McMinn hopes the story lines aren't all students get involved with and urges people to create ideas for new shows or participate in shows that are already established.

"You don't have to know how to run cameras," she says, "you just have to want to come and work and have fun." ●

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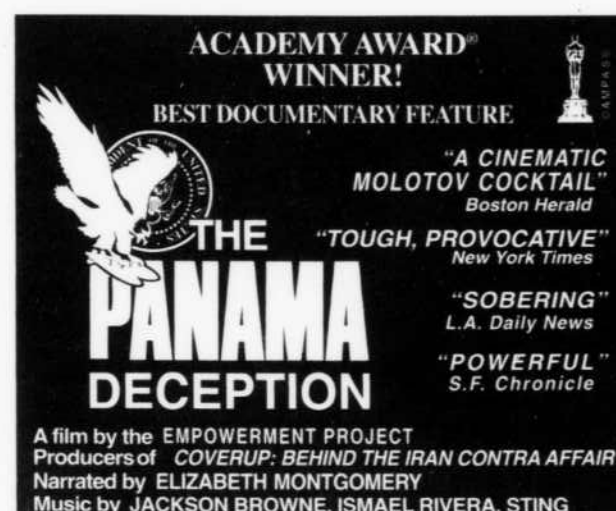
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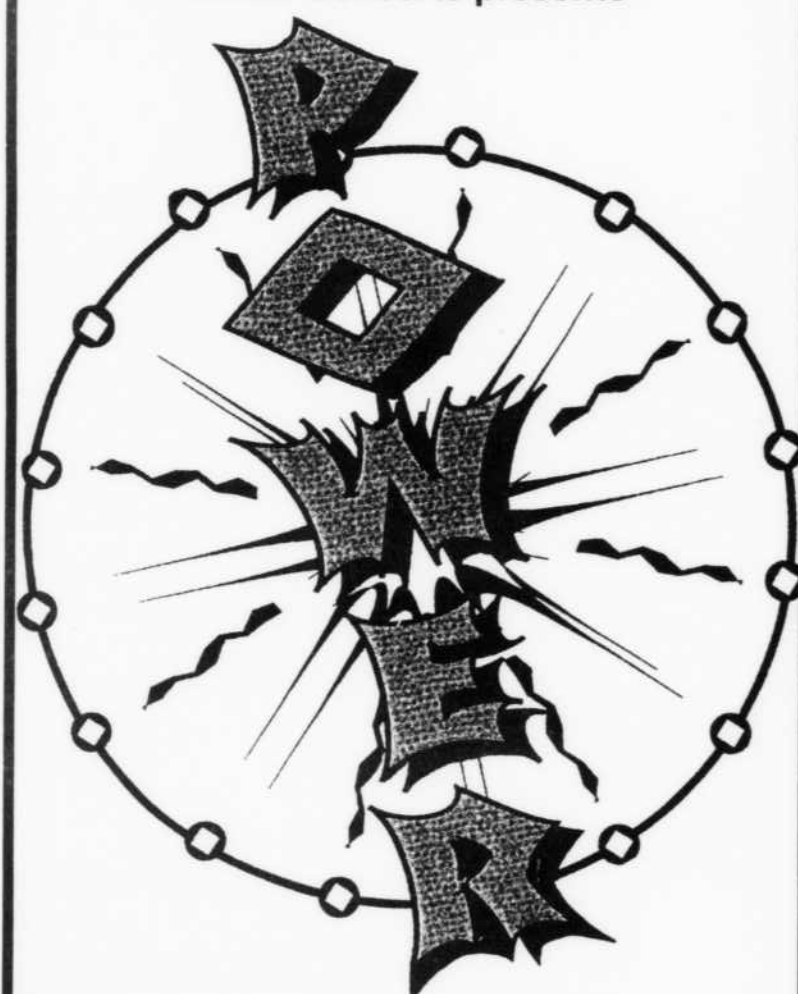
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Outside hitter Yanira Santiago (8) delivers her 501st kill of the season Tuesday night against Tennessee Tech at Murphy Center.

Lady Raiders trample Tennessee Tech, 3-1

Santiago passes 500 kill mark, extends season record in 3-1 home victory

By Rob Nunley/staff

The Lady Raider volleyball team shared the offensive wealth Tuesday night, as four members of the squad recorded over 10 kills each on the way to a 3-1 victory over OVC rival Tennessee Tech, 16-14, 15-9, 9-15, 15-10.

Outside hitters Tanya Maltes and Tara Miller recorded 14 kills each, middle blocker Angie Parkinson added 10, and outside Yanira Santiago scored an incredible 27 kills (including 11 in game one), extending the sophomore from Caguas, Puerto Rico's record for kills in a season to 520.

"Yanira was really on tonight," Lady Raider head coach Lisa Kisee said. "She was much better tonight than she was Friday against Murray."

Apart from the four offensive standouts, several other Lady Raiders were major contributors to the victory over Tech.

Nidza Castillo once again showed why she is one of the most talented setters in the OVC, recording 60 kills, 19 digs, and two service aces. Castillo is currently ranked fourth in the nation in aces per game with an average of 0.75 per game.

Outside hitter Deb Anderson has

also joined the national rankings, as her average of 0.63 aces per game placed her at 16th in the nation. Anderson added three service aces against Tech, as did Miller. As a team, the Lady Raiders are ranked 10th in service aces with an average of 2.53 per game.

The Golden Eagles gave the Middle squad a bit of a scare in game one of Tuesday's best-of-five match. After the Raiders built a 6-1 lead early, Tech was able to muster up a comeback and tie the score at 6-6.

The lead changed hands back and forth for the rest of the first game, until a kill from Miller gave the Lady Raiders a 15-14 lead, and after two sideouts a ball handling error off setter Nidza Castillo's serve gave Middle the 16-14 win.

The Lady Raiders seemed to settle down in game two, as the built an early lead and were able to keep the Eagles' offense in check to take a 15-9 win and set themselves up to sweep Tech.

But unfortunately, the brooms would have to be put back into the closet. The Golden Eagles came out for game three and took a quick lead.

The Raiders fought back and tied the score at 5-5, but a service error gave control back to the Eagles, allowing them to retake the lead. The Lady Raiders tried to regain the serve, but each time their defense failed them and the Eagles took over control of the match. Tech held on to

take game three, 15-9.

"Our middle defense was still in and out during the whole match, and especially during game three," Kisee said. "But it looked much better than it did against Murray State."

Game four saw both squads come out as fired up as they had been at the beginning of the match.

After Tech took an early 4-0 lead, causing Kisee to call a timeout to regroup, the Lady Raiders battled back behind Deb Anderson's serve and kills from Santiago and Miller to build up a 10-5 lead.

Tech mounted a comeback late in the match, and cut the Lady Raiders' lead to one at 11-10. A Golden Eagle service error gave Middle a sideout, and a kill from middle blocker Susan Bishop put the Raiders on top 12-10.

Tech could not get any closer, and two consecutive kills from Maltes and Santiago gave the Lady Raiders a 15-10 win for game four and the match victory.

The Lady Raiders hit the road this weekend, when they will travel to the Tennessee Tech tournament in Cookeville, where they will face Tennessee State, Troy State and Campbell.

The Raiders will play their final home match of the season next Monday night at 7 p.m. against the Lady Governors from Austin Peay State University. The match will be held at Murphy Center, and admittance is free. ●

Raiders set to face arch rival Tennessee Tech Saturday

By Ryan Lewis/staff

The Blue Raiders play their final Ohio Valley Conference game of the season when they travel to Cookeville, Tenn., to face their arch rival Tennessee Tech in the Totem Bowl on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles (3-7, 2-5) enter the game after slipping by Tennessee State, 28-24, last week. Ten seniors will play in their final collegiate game for Tech, and Eagle fans hope that will be enough to spark a win and get back the totem trophy.

MTSU (6-3, 5-2) blasted UT-Martin 45-17 a week ago as quarterback Jonathan Quinn and split end Demetric Mostiller set school records in passing yardage and receiving yardage, respectively. Even though the Blue Raiders won last year's contest, some of them still have revenge on their minds after Tech trounced them, 35-14, in 1993.

"We did not perform very well in Cookeville two years ago," said MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly. "Then again, we came back and got it straightened out last year. It's tough to play Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, and if we're going to do anything, we have to be ready."

Offensively, Tech averages 360 yards of total offense a game. The Golden Eagles are well-balanced as they average 143.6 yards rushing and 216.4 yards passing a game.

Junior quarterback Jamie Sander was named OVC co-Newcomer of the Week (along with Quinn) as he passed for a single-game Tech record 346 yards.

Senior tailback Michael Penix's two rushing touchdowns against TSU helped him break two school records with 14 rushing touchdowns and 84

points scored in 1995. He is tied for first in all-time points scored (198) and second in career all-purpose yards (4,021) at Tech.

The Golden Eagles' multiple defense yields 379.9 yards and 28 points per game.

MTSU's offense has exploded of late racking up 87 points in its last two games. The Blue Raiders now average 28.7 points and 362.7 total yards per game.

Defensively, MTSU has continued to improve as its young players gain more and more experience. The defense allows only 15.4 points and 302.4 total yards a game.

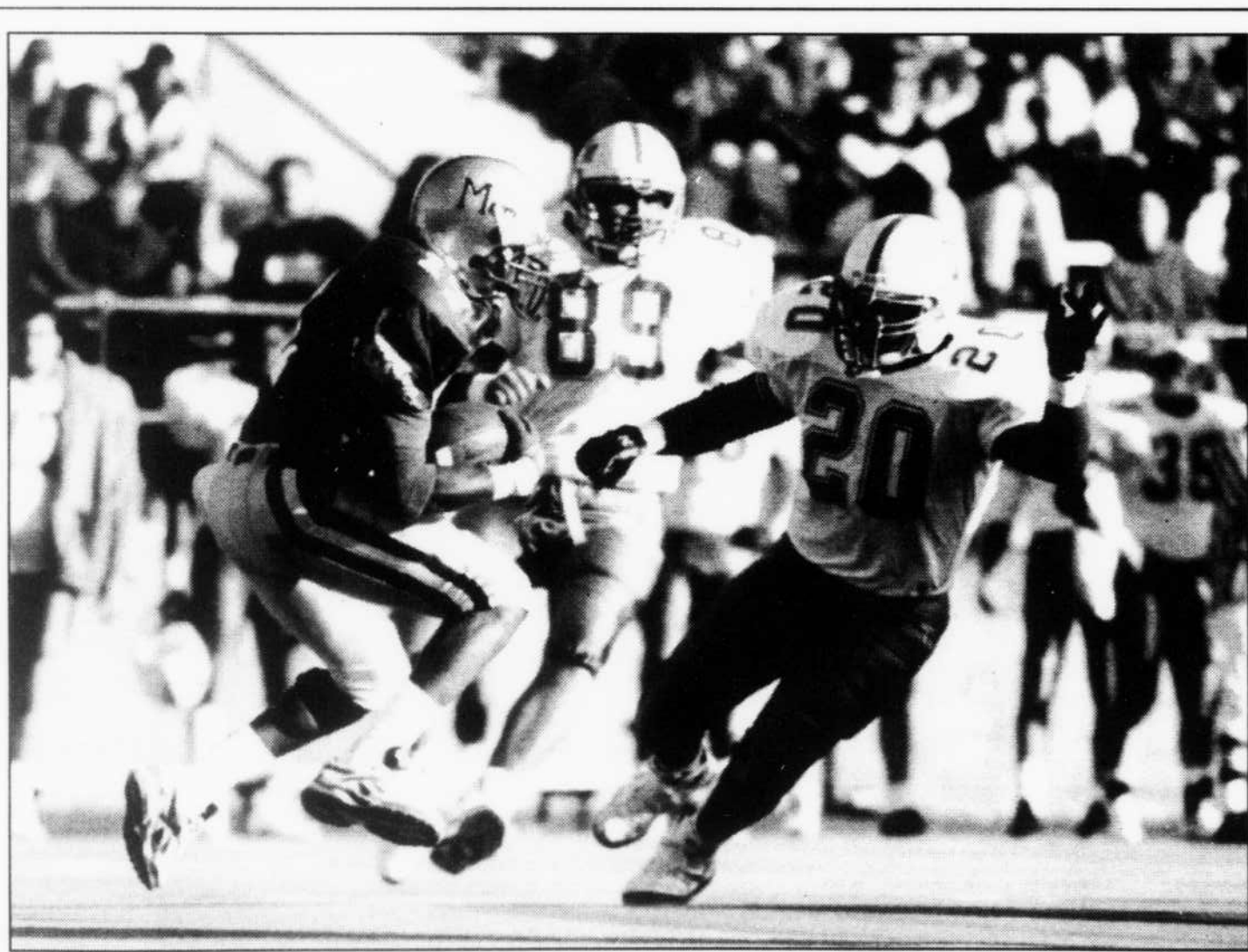
"Middle Tennessee has a real good football team," said Tech head coach Jim Ragland. "They have an aggressive defense, just like they've always had. They have size up front, and they have good linebackers. Their secondary was young, but they have nine games under their belt now."

It's not a secret that there's no love lost between these two teams throughout their storied series. Records and statistics can be thrown out the window when MTSU and Tennessee Tech meet.

"It's a team that doesn't like us," said Donnelly. "It's a team that takes a tremendous amount of pride in playing us. Whatever they did against Tennessee State or any body else, it doesn't matter. Tennessee Tech makes their year — makes their living — trying to beat Middle Tennessee."

MTSU now leads the tight overall series, 32-31-7, after a 31-3 Blue Raider triumph over the Golden Eagles a year ago in Murfreesboro.

Kickoff is slated for 3 p.m. this Saturday at Tucker Stadium in Cookeville. ●



Brian G. Miller/staff

Jukin' em out of their jocks

Junior Split end Demetric Mostiller (17) puts a move on a UT-Martin defender in last Saturday's homecoming game. The Blue Raiders will travel to Cookeville Saturday to face Tennessee Tech in the annual Totem Bowl game. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. (see related story, page 1).

Robberts leads Blue Raiders at Rolex Intercollegiate Championships

By Joel Frey/staff

MTSU sophomore Julius Robberts, showing confidence from a recent tournament victory, had the best showing among Blue Raider men in the main singles draw of the Rolex Intercollegiate Championships last weekend at Vanderbilt.

On his way to the round of 16 of the 64 player draw, Robberts defeated R. Hassan of Alabama 6-4, 6-3 in the first round and W. Boich of Florida 7-5, 6-2 in the second.

"I didn't do too bad," Robberts said. "My win in the first round gave me a lot of confidence."

Robberts met top-seeded Steven Baldas of Georgia in the round of 16 and, despite playing well, lost a hard fought 7-5, 6-2 decision.

"Against the number-one seed I was really nervous," Robberts said. "I didn't have a lot of self-confidence, and I guess I just didn't think I could beat that guy."

The doubles combination of Fred Niemeyer and Anthony DeLuise, seeded 5-8 alphabetically, continued their strong play reaching the semi-finals.

On their way to the final four, the duo defeated teams from Florida and Georgia.

In the semi-final match one break of service was the difference in an 8-6 loss to a team from Mississippi State.

"It was a hard fought match in which we played well," Niemeyer said.

Niemeyer, the defending champion of this qualifying event to the Rolex National Indoor, was unable to match his play of a year ago, suffering an upset loss in the first round to N. Chisholm of South Alabama 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.

DeLuise defeated a player from Auburn University 6-1, 6-2 in the first round and, like his teammate Niemeyer, was beaten by a Jaguar from South Alabama, Jan Hermannson 6-2, 7-6(6) in his next match.

Fellow Blue Raiders Marshall Brown and David McNamara each won preliminary matches into the main draw but were both defeated in the first round of main draw competition.

"We were all looking forward to this tournament, but there were a lot of great players there," Robberts said. "It's hard to do well when you have to face the top seeds so early. I just hope we can learn from this and beat them next year."

Although the fall season has come to an end on the MTSU schedule, Blue Raider coach Dale Short said he felt DeLuise and Niemeyer had an excellent chance of receiving a birth to the Nationals in doubles.

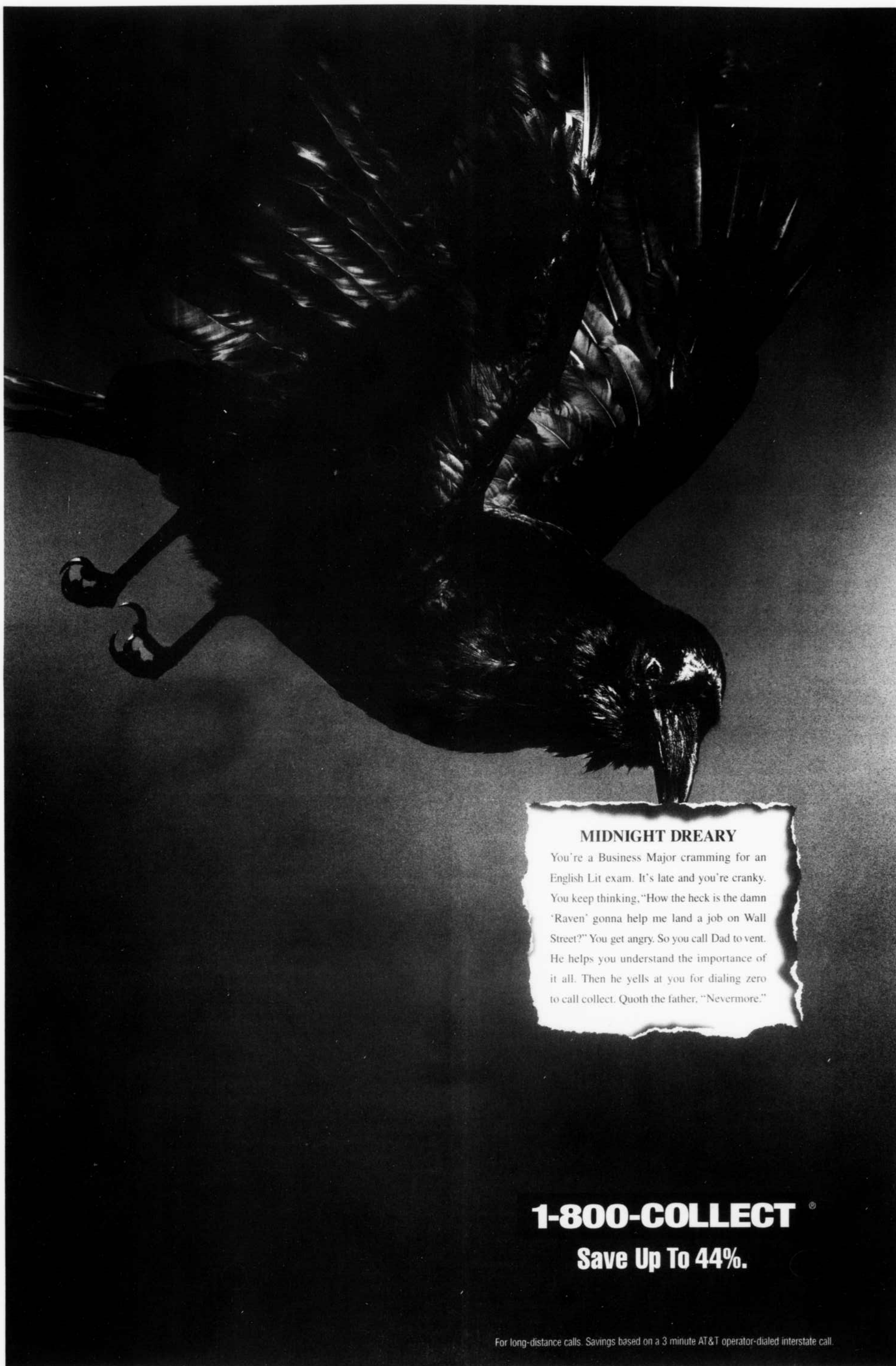
"Freddy and Anthony, in my opinion are one of the best teams in the nation and I feel it would be a great shame if they were not able to represent MTSU," Short said.

The women's fall season, too, ended last weekend in Lexington, Ky. at the Rolex Championships.

Lady Raiders Amy King and Jennifer Bryans represented MTSU in the field in both singles and doubles.

Bryans defeated Diana Pous of Tennessee Tech 6-4, 6-0 in a first round match before falling 6-1, 6-1 to Manisha Malhotra of Tennessee in the second.

King, too, won her first round match over Karen Von Deneen of Mississippi State 6-4, 6-1. However, she was unable to capitalize in the second round losing to Sovie Woorons of Clemson. ●



MIDNIGHT DREARY

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The Next LT? Linebacker Nathaniel Claybrooks provides an intimidating force behind the Blue Raider defensive attack

By Sean P. O'Toole/staff

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These are the ideas that one thinks of when they think of the greatest linebackers of all time. Lawrence Taylor. Ken Norton, Jr.

Nat Claybrooks?
Yes, one day you may hear that name mentioned in the same breath. At 6'1" and 245 pounds, Nat Claybrooks, MTSU's defensive leader, may not jump out and bite you on campus, but on the football field, he seems about seven

feet tall and 300 pounds.

"We had big expectations for Nat coming in, and he has lived up to all of them," Linebacker coach Todd Tanney said. "He is one of the few All-OVC returns we had, and he has played better than anyone could have guessed."

And has he ever. The leading tackler on the team last year and one of the top in the OVC, Nat is again the leader in tackles (39 going into the Homecoming game). He also has two sacks on the season, added to a touchdown off a fumble recovery against SE Missouri on October 21, he seems to be the total package. But Claybrooks says his

exemplary stats are the

furthest thing from his mind. "I just go out there to play, I really don't worry about personal stats so much," Claybrooks says. "I just want to get out there and win every week."

But off the field, he is a gentle giant. One of the few men on the entire earth without a pet peeve, he is just an all-around nice guy. A Wellness and Fitness major, he says he has but one major goal to achieve before graduation.

"I want to win the OVC more than anything," Claybrooks said. "Not just for me and the other players, but for the coaches as well."

A football fanatic since he was 11 years old, Claybrooks loves the 49ers, and says that linebackers in the pros should do what he does: Give more credit to the defensive line.

"They open the holes for me," Claybrooks says. "If they just touch a running back, they knock him out of his rhythm, and that gives me the chance to give him a good hit."

His strength and conditioning much improved during spring workouts, he has become the Blue Raider's big-play factor on the defensive side of the ball.

And Claybrooks says that the Raiders have the best chance in a long time to win

the OVC.

"We are ready for whoever we play. There is not a team in the OVC that can outthink this defense. We are prepared for anything."

And he had better be. The way Claybrooks has played the last two seasons, he is one of the sure All-OVC players on the defensive side. As every team has found out this season, he may not be able to be stopped.

If you see Nat on campus, don't be frightened.

But if you see him on the football field, be petrified.

Be very petrified. ●

#44 - Nat Claybrooks, LB 6-1, 230, Sr. Nashville

Claybrooks, one of the few returning Raiders chosen last year as an All-OVC player, leads the Blue Raiders in tackles for the second year in a row.



University of Iowa coach to students: Don't be Idiots

By Chris Snider
College Press Service

IOWA CITY, Iowa - One of his assistant coaches was nailed by a beer can during a recent football game, and University of Iowa football coach Hayden Fry said if Kinnick Stadium can ban students from smoking and drinking, being an idiot should also be against the rules.

Fry said if he was ever hit by a beer can -- like defensive

ends coach Milan Vooletich was during the Penn State game -- he wouldn't hesitate to leave the sidelines and find out who threw it.

"I imagine if I ever got hit by a beer can, I'd probably want to go up in the stands and offer the beer back right in their mouth," he said in his weekly press conference.

Fry said the UI simply needs "to put its foot down."

"We've got 'no drinking' in certain places," he said. "Why

can't we stop people from being idiots?"

Phillip Jones, Iowa's dean of students, said administrative, athletic and facilities officials are reviewing Kinnick Stadium guidelines "from top to bottom" and that changes are likely before Iowa's next home game.

"Last Saturday was especially bad," Jones said. "I was most alarmed about it."

"It's too bad a few rambunctious Hawks ruin the image of Iowa fans as a whole," Fry said.

"It hurts our image," he said. "It's national TV or

regional TV, and it's going across to people who've never been to Iowa in their life, and they get the image that we're all a bunch of clucks."

Jones said it would be wrong to offer a blanket indictment against the student section in the northwest corner of the stadium.

"I think it's a little broader than that, although I'm clear that the student shave to become much more responsible in their behavior," Jones said.

"I am concerned about how the stuff got in the stadium in the first place," he said. "It isn't so much catching the

person; it's keeping the stuff from going in."

"That's the real thing that I've got to investigate and figure out: just why are the rules we have not working?"

After Saturday's game, one Big Ten official told UI Sports Information Director Phil Haddy that the UI's student section is the "unruliest in the conference." The Hawkeyes were defeated 41-27 by Penn State amidst showers of marshmallows, alcohol containers and raw meat.

"It's really gotten dangerous," Fry said. "The officials came over to me and

said a full whiskey bottle had been thrown out. They were telling me the different things that have been thrown out on the field, and you've got photographers, journalists, our players, coaches, a lot of people on the sidelines that could get wounded."

"To me, it's just disgraceful."

"Lock 'em up," Fry said as his suggestion for what should be done to those caught throwing objects on the field. "It's all uncalled for. The police need to come down on 'em. Lock their tails up." ●

Murray State predicted to win OVC in preseason poll of coaches, SIDs

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Murray State coach Mark Gottfried admitted Wednesday he knows little about the Ohio Valley Conference. He's still learning about his own team.

He has been busy acquainting himself with the Racers since being hired as head coach from national champion UCLA and hasn't had as much time to learn about the other eight teams in the league.

"I've heard this is a great league to be playing in," Gottfried said at the OVC media day.

He will have some time to meet and greet his fellow coaches who agreed with sports information directors that Murray State is the team to beat in the OVC. The Racers finished 21-9 last year, sharing the regular season title and winning the tournament crown and NCAA tourney bid.

Tennessee State finished second in the voting for the regular season title with Tennessee Tech third followed by Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee State, Morehead State, Tennessee-Martin, Eastern Kentucky and Southeast Missouri State.

Scott Edgar left for Duquesne, but he left the bench stocked. The Racers

return four starters and 12 lettermen from a squad that nearly upset North Carolina in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

Gottfried has last season's OVC player of the year in guard Marcus Brown, also who is this preseason's pick to repeat that honor. He's missing William Moore but has swingman Vincent Rainey, senior forward Fred Walker and center Dwayne Davis.

The question mark for him is whether Quennon Echols can become academically eligible by next semester, and Gottfried still hasn't decided who will start.

He encouraged OVC coaches to play hard and pull off some victories during their non-conference games. Murray State visits Louisville and Drexel and may face Purdue in the Boilermaker Classic.

"So that whoever does represent our league has a chance at the best seed possible," Gottfried said.

Tennessee State also has a stiff schedule, starting off at Missouri, Colorado and then Iowa State. Coach Frankie Allen also has Vanderbilt and Arkansas on tap in December, all on the road.

The Tigers, who finished 17-10 last season, lost Tim Horton and Jeff Johnson. But Allen gains 6-foot-6 Stanley

Caldwell, a transfer from Tennessee, five games into the season. He also has Monty Wilson back as a junior at forward, Calvin Morris and Curtis Davis.

How well the Tigers perform will depend on how healthy Curtis Jenkins stays and how well he handles the point Horton played so well.

"I'd be more interested if I'm standing up here in March," Allen said.

Watch how 7-1 center Lorenzo Coleman has improved for his junior year, said Tennessee Tech coach Frank Harrell. He has all five starters back from last year's 13-14 squad led by Coleman, Greg Bibb and Carlos Floyd.

A key addition is 6-8 sophomore Arthur Quarterman, who transferred from Villanova and will be eligible in mid-December.

Austin Peay surprised everyone by reaching the OVC tourney title game where the Governors lost to Murray State. Dave Loos hopes to improve on that 13-16 record, and he has three starters back led by junior Bubba Wells, who was runner-up to Brown for player of the year honors.

David Farrar might not know what to do with four starters back at Middle Tennessee State. He hasn't had that many veterans in his

five years with the Blue Raiders. Returning are center David Washington, guard Tim Gaither, Roni Bailey and Velvious Goodloe.

Morehead State finished third last season with a 15-12 record overall, good enough for third place in the OVC. Three starters are back led by point guard Mark Kinnaird and center Marlon Witherspoon, second in the OVC last year with 61 blocked shots, should start.

Four starters are back at Tennessee-Martin where Cal Luther wants to improve on last year's 7-20 mark. He'll be helped by guard DeWayne Powell who led the league in three-point percentage as he hit 43 percent of his 3-pointers.

Consistency is the goal for Eastern Kentucky. The Colonels went 9-19 last year with a 12-game losing streak and a six-game winning stretch. Mike Calhoun has seniors DeMarkus Doss and Curtis Fincher among his three starters back this year.

The youngest team in the OVC belongs to Southeast Missouri, which is picked to finish last. The Indians have only two seniors and two juniors on the 12-man roster after losing six seniors from last year's 13-14 squad. The lone returning starter is forward Jerome Days. ●

Lady Raiders predicted to win conference, men picked fifth in preseason hoops poll

The men's Ohio Valley Conference's predicted order of finish and preseason squads as picked by coaches and sports information directors (first-place votes in parentheses):

1. Murray St. (15) 127
2. Tenn. St. (3) 106.5
3. Tennessee Tech 94
4. Austin Peay 89.5
5. MTSU 70
6. Morehead State 60
7. Tennessee-Martin 41
8. E. Kentucky 35
9. SE Missouri 25

Preseason men's All-OVC Team:
Marcus Brown, Murray St.
Bubba Wells, Austin Peay
Monty Wilson, Tenn. St.
Vincent Rainey, Murray

St. Lorenzo Coleman, Tenn. Tech
Second Team:
Michael Hart, Tenn.-Martin
DeWayne Powell, Tenn.-Martin
DeMarkus Doss, E. Kentucky
Tim Gaither, MTSU
Mark Kinnaird, Morehead St.

Honorable Mention:
Greg Bibb, Tenn. Tech
Curtis Fincher, E. Kentucky
Jermaine Savage, Austin Peay
Calvin Morris, Tenn. St.
Joe Sibbitt, Austin Peay
Chris Turner, Tenn. Tech
Jerome Days, SEMO

The women's Ohio Valley Conference's predicted order of finish and preseason squads as picked by coaches and sports information directors (first-place votes in parentheses)

1. MTSU (7) 117
2. Tenn. Tech (7) 116
3. East. Kentucky (1) 96
4. Austin Peay (2) 86
5. TSU (1) 80
6. Tenn.-Martin 51
7. Murray State 40
- (Tie) SE Missouri 40
9. Morehead State 22

Preseason women's All-OVC team:
Gray C. Harris, SEMO
Heather Prater, MTSU
Terrance Oglesby, TTU
Stephaine Minor, Murray

Megan Hupfer, Morehead

Second Team:
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Stephany Davis, Eastern Kentucky
Leslie VanWinkle, Tennessee Tech
Jessica Beaty, MTSU
Chanda Cordova, Tennessee-Martin

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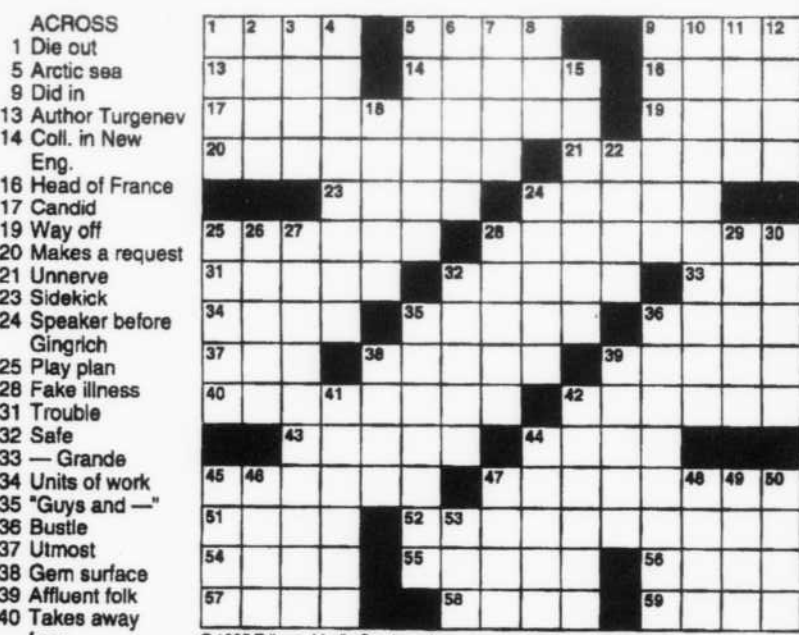
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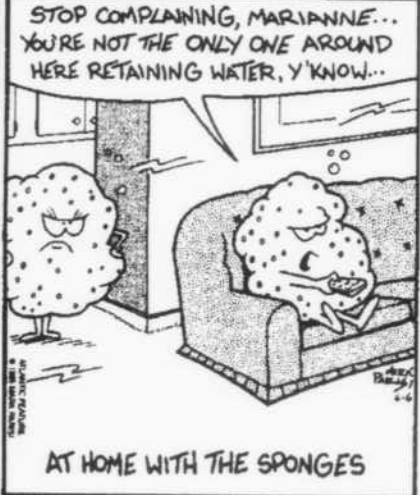
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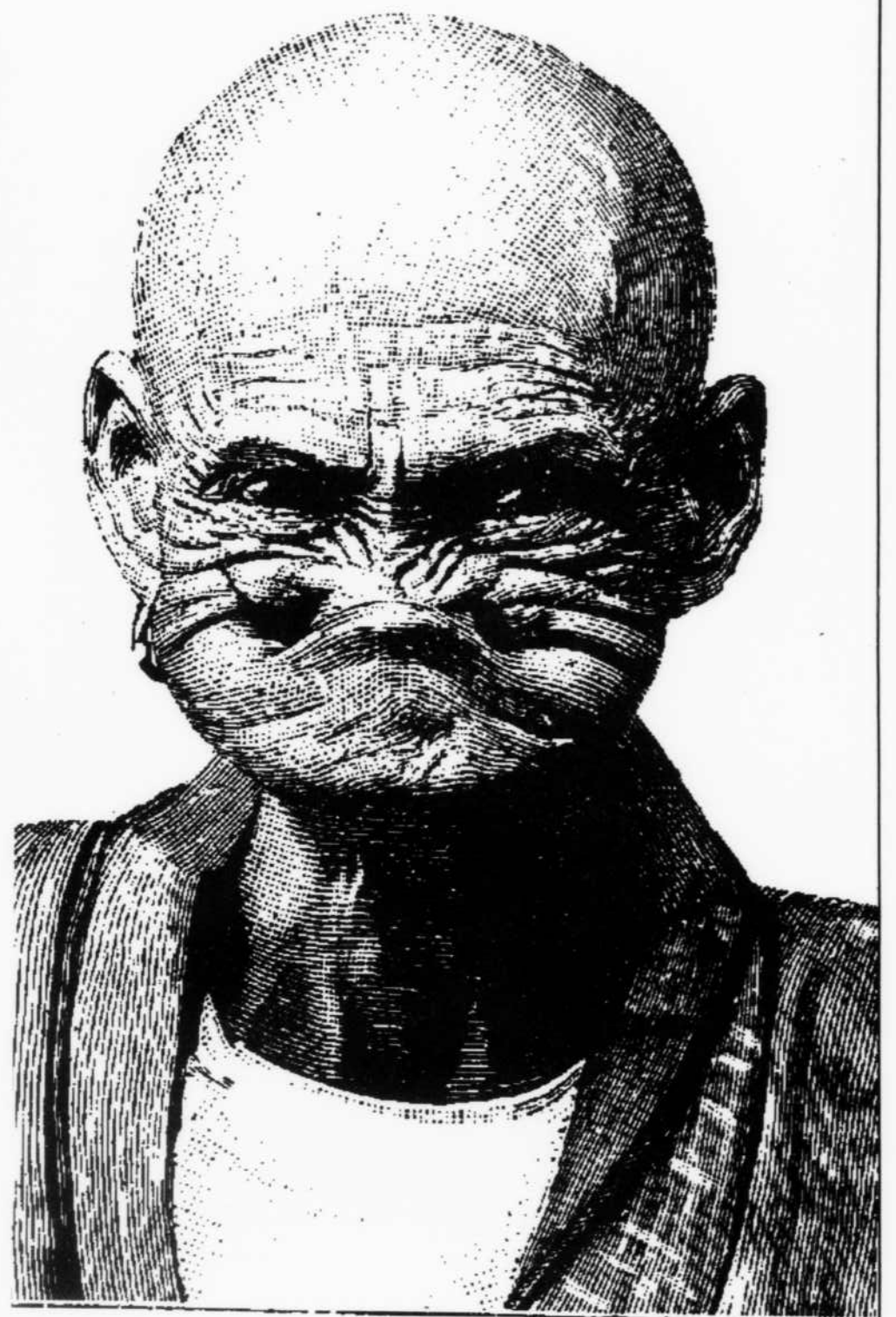
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