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# Sidelines

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## The times, they are a changin' *MTSU leaves TBR for the UT system*

Jimmy Olsen  
Special to Sidelines

The Tennessee Board of Regents, the Student Government Association and President Walker all approved a proposal to place MTSU in the University of Tennessee System and out of the TBR.

"It's a bold move," said Walker. "We'll have to change all the letterheads."

According to the proposal, Middle Tennessee State University will become The University of Tennessee at Murfreesboro by Fall 1995.

"We'll have to change all the signs," Walker said. "It's really a big inconvenience."

Former SGA president and TBR student board member Toby Gilley was not happy.

"I don't understand how the board could have voted to give up the fastest growing university in the state," he said. "It has to be a conspiracy."

Earl T. Harris, director of

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Earl T. Harris  
Director of Phillip's Bookstore

Phillip's Bookstore was not amused either.

"What am I going to do with all these 'MTSU' boxer shorts," he asked. "I wish these people would think about what they're doing before they make a decision like this."

Student reactions were

mixed.

"I look forward to wearing the old orange and white," said Coley Jackson, an aerospace major and avid UT fan. "Are they going to move us to Knoxville too?"

Brenda Vickaro, a junior university studies major, isn't looking forward to the change.

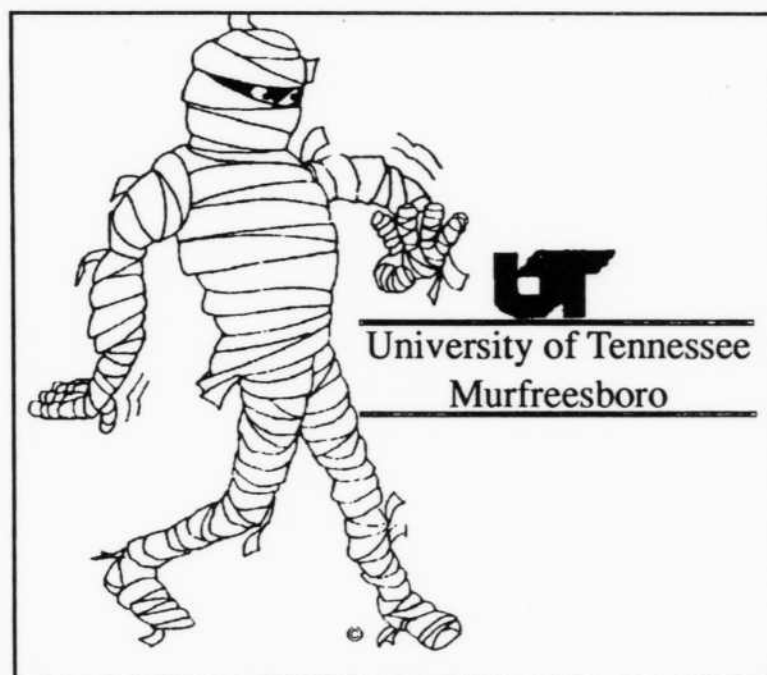
"I'm just now finding my way around campus without them changing the signs on all the buildings."

Walker assures the students that the change will be a smooth one.

"We'll keep things in perspective," he said. "I'll personally change the lettering on the MTSU shuttle busses."

MTSU Physics professor John

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OUT WITH THE OLD: MTSU will become UTM as soon as all the old signs are removed, changed or destroyed.

## There is no student government *Senate and house vote unanimously to disband after election turmoil*

Eisenhower Brice  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association election results were called into question today when it was discovered that not one student bothered to vote.

The Senate and House of Representatives met in a joint session late last night to decide the fate of this once-proud organization.

"Basically what we decided is to disband the SGA," out-going president Woody Ratterman said. "What the hell, I'm done here anyway."

"With no president at the helm, the SGA just sort of petered out," said Senior Senator Blanche DuBoise. "It was the weirdest thing I'd ever seen. Nobody showed up. I kept yelling 'Hey! come on in and vote' but it was like I was speaking a foreign

language."

Willy Lowman, SGA freshman senator seemed exited about the news.

"Now that we don't have a student government," he said. "I don't have to go to anymore of those meetings."

President Walker was unavailable for comment, but his office released a statement which said that he would support

"whatever the students decided."

Another concern facing the students is the selection of a new mascot.

"I'd like to see us become the 'Fighting Conchs'," said Serenity Sutton, editor of Sidelines.

Other suggestions offered by the staff include but are not limited to:

The Fighting Unicorns, The Screaming Wildebeasts, The Croppies, The Mauraders, The

Hoarding Monguls, The Flaming Overkills, The Screaming Sex Machines, The Temptations, The wild things, The apathetic students, The UTM Moneybags, The Blue Moons, The Lalapaloozas, The UTM Nogoodnicks, The Lesser of Two Evils, The Mongeese, The Mighty Pink Wave, The Mice, The Mummies, The Freakin' Chickens

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# New 25,000-seat arena to be built on campus

## Murphy Center to be converted to bombshelter

Adam Bomb  
Staff Writer

University officials yesterday announced plans for a new 25,000-seat removable-roof arena and adjoining parking facility to be built this summer where the majority of the dormitories currently reside.

"We need a new arena, because Murphy Center has so many leaks in the roof," said University president Dr. James Walker. "This facility will benefit the whole community."

Walker said that Murphy Center will be renovated and turned into a bomb shelter.

"You never know when Boris Yeltsin might turn on us," Walker said. "We at MTSU intend to be ready."

Dormitories affected include Smith; Sims; Judd; Beasley; Gracy; Felder; Wood; Clement; Gore; Deere and Nicks Halls.

Walker said the new 35,000-seat football stadium currently planned will have to wait.

"We need a bomb shelter, and the new stadium cannot serve in that capacity," Walker said. "The arena must take priority."

The new arena will rival the currently-under construction Nashville Arena, but will have a 15,000-car, 35-story parking garage specifically for students.

"You students are always yelling about parking," according to Gary Hunter, director of

parking and transportation. "Now no one will be able to yell at me anymore."

Head basketball coach David Farrar believes the new arena will help him in recruiting efforts.

This will be a first-class basketball facility, and it's all mine," Farrar said. "Now if the athletic department would give me a decent-sized budget so I can pay these players to come here, we can get a real program going. Then maybe these students will show up for a game now and then."

Tony Arnold, sports editor for *Sidelines* and No. 1 MTSU sports fan, is also excited about the new arena.

"Man, this is the best thing to happen since Dwight Stone was here!" Arnold said.

As excited as people are about the new project, not everyone was thrilled at the news.

"How can they do this to me?" said head football coach Boots Donnelly. "I've put in 15 years at this place! I deserve a new stadium! Who does this Farrar guy think he is anyway? This is his fault, isn't it!"

Construction on the new arena will begin as soon as possible with a target date of June 15 for completion. Plans to pay for the new facility are incomplete at this time.

We'll bounce checks if we have to," Walker said. "We need this place." ■

## CORRECTIONS & AMPLIFICATIONS

The date on the front of this issue is incorrect.

Today is not April 1.

Please don't sue.

We're protected by the first and fourteenth amendments anyway and our courtrooms are already clogged with too many nuisance suits.

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# CAMPUS CAPSULE

Saturday, April 9

## Today

The Society of Professional Slackers will meet at the *Sidelines*' office in the JUB -room 310. Officers for 94-95 will be elected. A representative from the Nashville chapter will discuss the fall convention to be held in Nashville. Members and anyone interested in pursuing a career in journalism are encouraged to attend.

The MTSU chapter of NORML is sponsoring a party featuring Little Feet at Bubba's Jelly Barn beginning at 9 p.m.

Supermodel Claudia Schiffer will be on campus to present the latest technology from Revlon Phillips Bookstore from 1-3:30 p.m.

As a part of National Potato History Month, Dr. Ruth Westheimer and Dr. Joyce Brothers will speak at 7 p.m. in the Mass Comm. building room 104.

## Friday, April 1

MTSU Theatre presents *Where in the World are My Pants?* by Dakota Montanna April 1, 2, 5-9 at 8:15 p.m., and April 10 at 2 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. General Admission is \$14.00, MTSU students get in free with old picture ID. Group discounts are available. For reservations and more information call 898-BARD.

## Sunday, April 3

The Labour Party will sponsor Coal Mining Week through April 9. A workshop will be held at Newcastle for reservation call 898-TORY.

## Monday, April 4

As a part of National Support Your Dairy Council month, milk cows will be available in the basement of the KUC from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Mr. Sister pageant will be held in the Tennessee room of the JUB at 5 p.m.

As a part of International Bacteria Culture Week, "International Bazaar" will be held in the KUC lobby of the second floor from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 5

Professor X of the School for Gifted Mutants will present a lecture and slide presentation on his recent visit to East Africa in the danger room of Peck Hall from 3-3:45 p.m.

## Thursday, April 7

Tucha Cuppa Lipa will host a gun and knife show at Smyrna National Golf Course.

## Friday, April, 8

Tappa Phi Unicorn is holding a public forum with Mary Queen of Scotts as the guest speaker.

Thursten Howell, coordinator for Professional Development, is offering the first philanthropy/wilderness survival workshop today, April 16 and 23. Dr. Auric Goldfinger, industrial studies professor, will be instructing the course.

## Ongoing

The greywater canoe and kayak trip on the Obed Scenic River System will be held April 16-13. Students pay \$15 and guests pay \$20. Transportation and equipment are provided by Wayne Industries. The trip is limited to 100 people. The sign up deadline is April 11. For more details contact Campus Procreation in the HUB- room 201 at 898-BASE.

The student chapter of the National Assoc. of Unprofessional Professionals will hold meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month and also Monday March 21 and April 4 at 5 p.m. in WPS room 1201. Contact Jeremiah Bullfrog at 898-PUTZ for more details.

Anyone who had a photograph made for Midlander in Dec. or Jan., and have not yet received proofs, you really ought toknow that your soul has been stolen.

The UTM vegetarian Club meets every Monday from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Livestock Pavillion. Everyone is invited. Contact Upton Sinclair at 898-MOOO for more details.

The Brotherhood of Luddites will meet at 5 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Donald Hill Museum of Printing Technology, room 201. New members are welcome. Contact Cecil Rhodes, by wire or mcarrier pigeon, for more details.

Applications are now being accepted for the Outstanding Student Organizations Advisor Award. The winner will receive a bottle of Cold Duck and a one-way bus ticket to Thrillsville. Deadline for entry is 38th of Cunegonde. Contact 898-BOOR for more details.

The Crisis Complication Center is running short of crises. The next training class starts April 22. Call I. Allen or E. Borgnine at 898-AAGH for more information.

"Not bad for lesser life forms: Art by enslaved humans" is currently on display at The Dr. Zira Gallery through March.

applications are now being accepted for Student Ambassadors to Freedonia. To Qualify Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA and make a sizable contribution to the Republican Party.

The Psychology Department is seeking students willing to participate in a sensory deprivation experiment. Student's must believe in God and have a strong tolerance for hallucinogenic drugs. Contact Dr. William Hurt at 898-GRNT



# MTSU slotted as new tour deadheadquarters

## The Grateful Dead add a Murphy Center date to tour

**Freddo Corleone**  
Special to Sidelines

"The Deadheads are coming. The Deadheads are coming." That's the call MTSU will soon hear when the legendary rock and roll band The Grateful Dead appear at Murphy Center on June 16 as part of their "Let's spend the summer in the middle of nowhere tour".

Frontman Jerry Garcia said in a phone interview that the decision wasn't easy.

"We normally don't play houses with a capacity of less than 45,000," he said. "But after Garth Brooks and Pearl Jam played that barn, it just sort of had to happen."

"I'm totally psyched," said Joanne DeBukka, 24, a self described "recreational pharmaceuticals" major and life-long deadhead. "I hope they play 'Truckin'."

MTSU President James Walker seemed just as pleased that the grandfathers of cult rock have chosen MTSU as part of their current tour.

"I'm going to lobby TBR for funding to build a new football

stadium," Walker said. "Perhaps if a few of these 'dead students' get behind the new stadium, I'll be able to get the funding."

Walker also said that he too hopes the Dead play "Truckin'."

Tickets don't go on sale for

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*Jerry Garcia*  
*The Grateful Dead*

two more weeks, but already Deadheads from around the country are gathering to scarf them up.

"I've been following the Dead for years, man," said Windi Salmon, a camp follower and maker of pre-teen maternity wear. "They have a message, man, and it's a message for the people, man, and if Jerry Garcia were right here,

I'd give him a big french kiss [on the lips] and say 'message received,' man."

John Lennon (the living bartender not the dead musician) said he is looking forward to the festivities.

"I'm going to swallow a handful of mescaline, take off my clothes and fly off the top of Peck Hall."

Jack Drugman, chief of security at MTSU, said that special precautions will be taken to insure a peaceful gathering.

"All of our agents are trained in riot control, of course, but the Grateful Dead draw a different type of crowd," Drugman explains. "I've taken the liberty of ordering a few barrels of tear gas and a few more ball point pens for writing citations. Beyond that we just have to hope that the 'hippie' element can keep their pants on and don't get hopped up on 'goofballs' and jump off any buildings thinking they can fly."

Drugman also expressed hope that the Dead play "Truckin'."■

# Walker gets the boot and Boots gets his walking papers in violent coup

*'This will prove who's in charge around here': Walker, Donnelly*

**Henry Higgins**  
Staff Writer

In a bizarre test of power yesterday, MTSU Head Football Coach Boots Donnelly ordered MTSU President James Walker to step down citing Walker's inability to get him 'a decent football stadium with a dome.'"

In response to Donnelly's request, Walker, who has been trying to get funding for the new stadium for more than a year, fired Donnelly.

"It's the damndest thing I've ever seen," said Student Government Association President Woody Ratterman. "The [MTSU] Operating Papers aren't clear about who has more authority in this situation."

Donnelly, who has been at MTSU since 1978, said he called for Walker's resignation out of

frustration and boredom.

"He's been here for more than three years now and I haven't seen one benefit from his office," Donnelly said. "No team playing, no give and take, he just isn't scoring with the [Tennessee] Board [of Regents]."

Walker chose not to comment on the accusations except to say that there was no way in hell that he'd build a domed football stadium called the "Bootsbowl."

Vice President for Student Affairs, Robert Lalance said he wasn't sure who he should report to now.

"Usually, when a student brings a concern to me I'll refer them to the president's office," Lalance said. "but this challenge to [Walker's] authority has me befuddled."

"Ultimately, this is something

for the students to decide," said Donnelly. "I mean what do they want? Another ugly, brick library building or a space-age dome like on the Jetsons?"

Student response to the attempted coup has been mixed.

"I don't care one way or the other," said Bryce Donovan, a junior advertising major. "In the fast-paced world of advertising, the problems of a university president and a head football coach don't amount to a hill of beans."

"Who's Boots Donnelly?" said Philip Cuppola, a HPER major found wandering around the basement of Murphy Center. "I thought the Dead were gonna be here."

The two have agreed to settle their differences in the ring in time for the "Pike Fights."■

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## Attention Students!

Sidelines will be holding a drawing for a Panther DePuma.

The brand new, cherry red, Italian sportscar will be given away on April 17, 1994.

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**Sidelines**

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List your Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline is April 10th.



# Professor drops bombshell

## Tell-all book links journalist to Queen of Funk

Benjamin McGillicuddy  
Staff Writer

An MTSU Journalism professor will release a book in May detailing a ten-year intimate relationship with rock n' roller Tina Turner.

Dr. David Badger, a professor and the advisor for the Magazine Journalism school, wrote *Rollin' Down the River: My Time with a Diva* in response to the popular film "What's Love Got to Do With It?," a biography of the popular singer.

"Tina was a warm, sensitive woman," Badger says. "She had needs, and I certainly hope I helped to fulfill them."

"I only wish some reference had been made to me in the film," Badger says.

According to the book,

Badger and Turner met at a Chicago blues bar in 1974, where Badger was playing bass guitar with the house band, after being fired from a Booker T. and the MGs reunion tour. Turner, needing support after her tumultuous relationship with Ike Turner, turned to Badger.

Badger claims in the book that he helped Tina through her comeback in the 1980s, anonymously penning "What's Love Got to Do With It?" and "Private Dancer."

"I felt," Badger says in the book, "that the synthesized pap of the early 1980s was alienating the listeners who still remembered such genuine, if archaic, concepts as rock and soul; I thought that maybe the world was ready for Tina to come back—but she would have to show that she was

aware of the new trends."

Their relationship ended in Sydney, Australia, in 1984, as the result of an argument that cost Badger the relationship—and a role in a movie.

Badger felt that Tina's role in "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" would be bad for her image; he finally consented, but only on the grounds that he would appear in the film. He was to play "Dr. Dealgood," the master of ceremonies in the Thunderdome.

"Tina said I was taking up too much space, and dumped me. It hurt like hell," he recalls.

"She was a wonderful woman; she was sensitive, she was kind, she had the passion of a tiger. But she needed room to grow." ■

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# Jurassic Opryland?

## Scientists use gene splicing to clone the dead legends of country music

Jedediah Clampett-Leland  
Special to Somebody

Gaylord Entertainment Company has contracted several top eugenicists to experiment with bringing dead country stars back to life, to appear in a live show at the Opryland USA theme park.

Biogeneticist Earl Schweib said that he could have Hank Williams "up and singin' 'Your Cheatin' Heart' in time for the new season."

Schweib said he also has his eyes on Patsy Cline, Bob Wills, Roy Acuff, Jim Reeves and Grandpa Jones.

A spokesman for the Gaylord Entertainment company, T. Brain, explained that Grandpa Jones could be cloned despite the fact that he's "still kickin'."

"The eventual plan," explained Brain, "is to create an army of Granpa Jones to take

over the world."

In the meantime, Opryland will feature celebrity clones that will act as tour guides, Area hosts and hostesses, Ride Hosts and eventually engineers.

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T. Brain  
Gaylor Entertainment

"Just think of it," said Schweib. "You visit Opryland, pay your \$500 and Conway Twitty will escort you throughout the park. He'll ride the rides and maybe even sing a bar or

two."

Tourist reaction to the new program has been positive according to Brain.

"Our test audiences have shown a great deal of enthusiasm at seeing Archie Campbell again," said Brain.

"One drawback," Schweib admits, "is that Uncle Dave Macon cringes at the sight of airplanes and screams 'Iron bird! look at the iron bird!'" ■

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