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Poll portrays feelings of discrimination

By Courtney Huckabay
Features Editor

Half of white Middle Tennesseans believe that unmotivated blacks cause economical inequality between the races, according to a current poll.

The Middle Tennessee Poll, which was conducted by students at MTSU during October and November, also found that 32 percent of blacks agreed that they lack the motivation to advance. However, the majority of blacks polled—58 percent—think otherwise.

This trend has raised some questions as to whether this is a new form of racism because the traditional racism that blacks lack motivation to learn has all but dissipated.

Teresa Mastin, public affairs manager for the poll, thinks it's likely that the belief that blacks lack motivation is a modern form of racism.

Mastin explained that everyone is human and once someone has had a bad experience with someone

from another racial background, that memory sticks in the forefront of people's minds.

"Even if you saw just one black person slacking off on a job," she said, "that one person is who you think of when you're asked if lack of motivation hinders black people's success."

The fact that 32 percent of blacks agree that there is a lack of motivation among blacks and that it hinders their success rate raises the question of whether it is a racist view or not.

Mastin responded by saying that it's the same old adage that the black man can't ever get ahead.

"When you hear something long enough, you often start to believe it and you just end up feeding the stereotype," she pointed out.

Stereotypes and race relations were the hot topics of the semi-annual poll. In the early stages of the poll, student voices were raised in outrage and concern over the nature of the questions posed by the survey.

The poll asked very personal questions about how Middle

Tennesseans view affirmative action, reverse discrimination, race relations and the quality of life with multicultural influence.

Mastin, who was the chief creator of the survey questions and is also a black woman, confirmed that the questions were not meant to be offensive, but were meant to dig deep into the way the population feels and thinks.

"We didn't just create these questions. They were gathered from polls that have been asking the same questions for 30 to 40 years," Mastin said.

"Since race relations have been a problem throughout time, we wanted to see where people stood currently in Middle Tennessee. Especially since we're in such good economic standings, people are more willing to talk about sensitive issues, instead of complaining about problems."

Opinions were also expressed about Mexicans, Hispanics and Asians. Blacks and whites came together statistically when 32 per-

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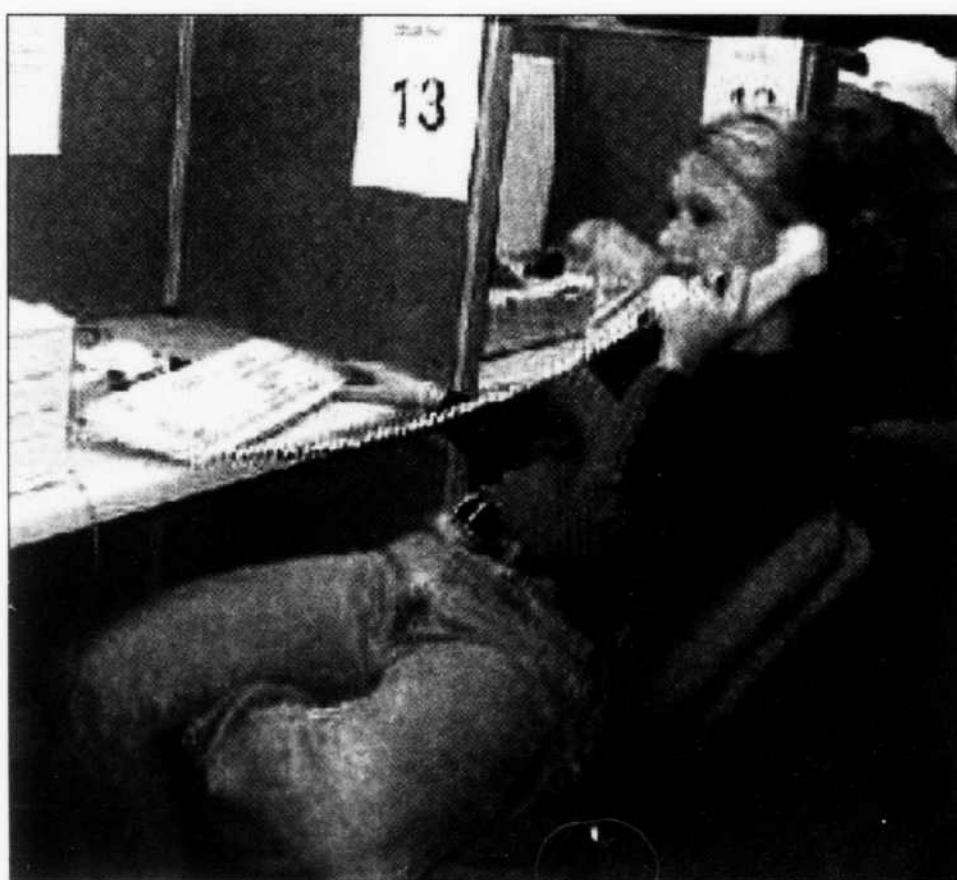


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Students work the MT Poll during the Spring 2000 semester.

Art plans delayed

By J. Michael Neal
Staff Writer

Plans to begin construction on new science buildings have been put off at least another year, as the Tennessee Higher Education Committee passed on MTSU's request for funding for the projects this year.

"The unavailability of new dollars for capital outlays in the state budget has contributed to delays in funding our two projects," explains John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

The project for the science building had been a "four-phase project costing a total of \$110 million," says George Murphy, chair of the biology department. He adds, though, that "phase one of the project, building a 200,000 square foot building, would be \$60 million. Then we would expand to 400,000 square feet, then renovate the two preexisting buildings, adding new heating and cooling systems."

"The biology department has the same space as it had in 1969, when the

university only had about 7000 kids," says Murphy, "and a lot has changed in the field of biology since then. We have gotten a lot of high technology equipment, but our building hasn't been changed to accommodate it."

He continues, asserting that the biology department in general "has about one-third of the space it needs. In the meantime we will convert two lecture rooms into lab rooms." On the other hand, McDaniel said that plans for the art building said that plans will not be disrupted, only that "the art department will be in Todd longer than we had hoped."

Both Murphy and McDaniel agree that "funding for higher education will improve in Tennessee," as McDaniel said.

"Funding is a political process," says Murphy, explaining the way the Tennessee Higher Education Commission allocates the funds they have at their disposal.

Each state school and university submits a prioritized list of projects and how much money they need for each. These lists are compiled by the Tennessee Board of Regents, and

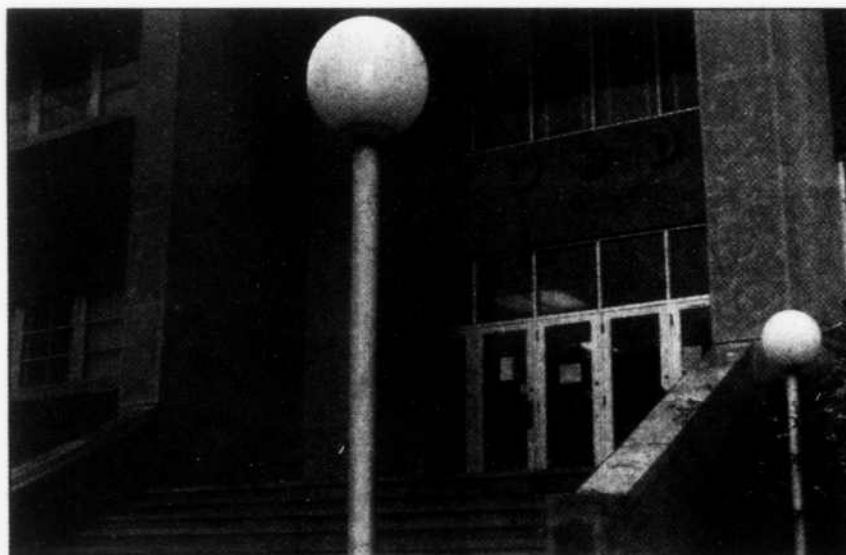


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Todd Building will continue to house graduate assistants for at least another year because of THEC's rejection of MTSU's request for funding.

together with the list provided by the University of Tennessee Schools are "subsequently melded into a master list for funding by THEC," said McDaniel. This list is the final list, and only the top few projects get funded.

"The science building is 15th and the art building is 18th in the latest list I have seen," said McDaniel, "and we may be somewhat disadvantaged

by the fact that we recently acquired a new business/aerospace building and library."

Murphy could not help but note the impact of MTSU's system of funding for the future.

"We need space to capitalize on our people," Murphy said. "We don't want our graduates soldering boards

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2001 editor re-elected

By Courtney Huckabay
Features Editor



Evans

Senior James Evans has been re-elected as editor in chief of Sidelines for the spring semester 2001.

Evans was re-elected Friday when the Student Publications Committee met.

Evans has worked for the paper for 9 semesters, and most recently he has served as the managing editor for three semesters and as editor in chief this semester.

Evans looks forward to returning as the top dog.

"Of course I'm excited to have the opportunity to keep making improvements for the next semester," Evans said.

Improvements and changes in the content area of the campus newspaper are his top priorities.

"Right now we are plagued by young

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Frozen Raider



Photo by Wesley R. Bush | Staff

A melting snowman awaits its fate in the Sunday sun after the season's first snow fell on the MTSU campus over the weekend.

Students campaign against sweatshops

By Shawn Whitsell
Opinions Editor

Middle Tennessee Solidarity, a MTSU and Middle Tennessee organization, has organized a campaign called United Students Against Sweatshops with a mission to discourage MTSU from buying its logo merchandise from sweatshops.

The first step of the project is to get MTSU to do what 50 or 60 other universities have done and join an organization called the Workers Rights Consortium.

The Workers Rights Consortium is a monitoring agency that provides information on the working conditions of the factories that produce merchandise. This information will allow MTSU to establish and implement a code of conduct that will dictate where it gets its merchandise.

Michael Principe, MTSU philosophy professor and Solidarity advisor, explained that the conditions in sweatshops are inhumane. He said people can be beaten or fired for objecting to something, women can be fired for getting pregnant, child labor laws are vio-

lated and the employees work around 70 or 80 hours per week sometimes for as low as \$1.13 an hour.

Principe believes that it is necessary for MTSU to join the Worker's Rights Consortium because it provides research information that can be rather difficult to gather. Some clothing is partially made in one place and finished in another, making it difficult to track down exactly where the clothing came from.

USAS member Ryan Husak has made several attempts to meet with MTSU interim president Gene Smith but has been unsuccessful because of scheduling conflicts. However, the group does plan to talk to him and later introduce a resolution for SGA to support. They have also started a petition campaign and already have approximately 1500



Photo by Wesley R. Bush | Staff

The tags on these Blue Raiders sweatshirts read "Made in the USA." This is somewhat misleading because only a portion of the shirts must be manufactured in the U.S. to be considered authentic.

signatures.

Husak said that it is unknown whether MTSU buys its merchandise from sweatshops, however there is no policy stating that the university can't buy from these factories.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Associate News Editor

Up 'Til Dawn approaching

The registration deadline for Up 'Til Dawn is fast approaching. Registration packets are available in the Up 'Til Dawn office in KUC 306.

MTSU's second-annual Up 'Til Dawn fundraising event benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will take place in the Rec Center on Friday, February 23rd from 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. This year's goal is \$25,000 and can't be reached without great support! Call the Up 'Til Dawn office at 904-8270 for further details. ♦

Getting moody for Christmas

The Music Ministry of St. Marks United Methodist Church will present a musical extravaganza on December 10 at 6 and 8 p.m. in Wright Music Hall.

The 50-voice choir will be presenting Robert Russell Bennett's The Many Moods of Christmas. There will be a thirty-piece orchestra accompaniment.

The Manay Moods of Christmas will feature MTSU students and faculty members.

The concert is free and open to the public. ♦

Creating community

"Creating and Defining Community" has been chosen as the February 2001 theme for

African-American History Month, said committee co-chairs Bonnie Shipp, assistant professor of English, and Tyson King-Meadows, instructor of political science.

Based on the national theme, "Creating and Defining the African-American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture," the purpose of MTSU's theme is to unite the Middle Tennessee community. ♦

Prof. given book award

Dr. Charles K. Wolfe, a 30-year member of MTSU's English faculty, will be presented with the highly prestigious ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award for his latest book, "A Good-Natured Riot: The Birth of the Grand Ole Opry," on Dec. 6 in New York City.

The author of more than a dozen other books whose subjects range from the Louvin Brothers to Leadbelly, Wolfe is considered one of the leading experts on the history and development of country and bluegrass music.

His genre-spanning knowledge of music is often sought by fellow music historians and documentary filmmakers, and Wolfe's interviewed frequently by media, thanks to his expertise and masterful insights regarding the music, its history, and its players.

The Dec. 6 award presentation marks the second time that Wolfe has won the coveted ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award for the best book in all categories of American music—blues, classical, jazz, pop, and country. ♦



Saturday's snowfall blankets the Cope Administration Building. By Sunday morning, more than an inch of snow covered the MTSU campus.

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Poll: Less educated respond negatively

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cent said that Mexican and other Hispanic immigrants had made life worse in the region. Only 17 percent, expressing negative feelings toward Asian immigrants.

In both cases, those polled with less education responded more negatively to the questions than those who had acquired more education. Kiyoshi Kawahito, director of the Japan program of MTSU, believes that this local trend follows that of the national trend.

"Asians are generally perceived as more diligent, hard-working, introverted and courteous—causing less trouble," Kawahito explained. "Asians are

generally better educated and more engaged in professional occupations — this is a fact, not a perception — therefore, they associate more with people with less racial bias and they are not a threat in the low-wage market where less educated people are."

Mastin backed this assertion up when she explained why 23 percent of people with high school or less education expressed negativity toward Asians and only 13 percent of those with trade school or higher education expressed negativity.

"I can almost guarantee that whites with less education are competing with immigrants for the same type of jobs," she said. "So white people with less

schooling are going to feel that their life is worse because they may lose out on a job to a Mexican who will work for less. It's more of an economical issue than it is a racial one."

The telephone poll is conducted every semester by the Office of Communication Research, with the actual interviewing done by students in mass communications classes. The poll takes a random sample of 438 people, over the age of 18, from the 39 counties that make up Middle Tennessee.

Because whites make up 87.23 percent of the population and blacks make up 11.48 percent, the statistical influence of white respondents was weighted downward to match the statistical influence of blacks. ♦

Sweatshops: University reactions vary

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"This is the problem," Husak said.

Principle explained that the underlying theme of the project is basically "to raise awareness about sweatshops issues."

"There's an educational dimension to the project rather than just getting MTSU to sign on to the Worker's Rights Consortium," he added.

Principle said that Solidarity has done protests at local malls, protesting against the GAP and

passed out flyers.

Principle said some students have protested in dramatic ways to get their universities to join the consortium, while other universities cooperated immediately. Principle said he doesn't know how MTSU will respond and that the group will decide on what actions to take if the university doesn't want to regulate where it buys merchandise. He also said that if the campaign turns out to be very lengthy, they will consider registering the USAS as a cam-

pus organization. Most of the members of the group are Solidarity members but not exclusively.

Although USAS had its first meeting only a month ago, the members have already created a buzz concerning sweatshop issues.

"This is a very serious thing. I think there's some energy around this," Principle said.

Students interested in getting involved with USAS should contact Husak at rsh2a@mtsu.edu ♦

Editor: Recruitment paramount

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writers and they've been developing their skills throughout the semester," Evans said. "But my first priority is to focus on these writers and the younger editors and help to develop their skills to improve the written content of the paper."

Recruiting on a larger scale is also in the works. Evans is working with the news editorial staff to contact professors in the English and journalism departments about encouraging students to join the staff for next semester.

"I want to try to hire more English majors because they already have communication skills and they could be a real asset to the staff," he said.

Evans feels that working for Sidelines has a lot to offer interested students.

"We can educate them as writers and journalists so they

can walk away with good clips for their portfolios," he added. "Good clips lead to internships, which then lead to getting the job you want, and ultimately, Sidelines can help in this process."

"We do pay - it's not terrible, but it's decent. And there's so much more to learn in a newsroom. We offer practical knowledge."

Evans also will be making promotions in the editorial staff.

One of these will be to promote Raymond Hutzler, who is currently the graphics editor, to managing editor of design. Evans believes this will benefit the staff by giving Hutzler more authority, which will allow the other senior editors more time to work with writers and to better develop projects.

The senior journalism major will step up to the plate once again Jan. 8 for the first issue of Sidelines in the year 2001. Evans plans to graduate this May. ♦

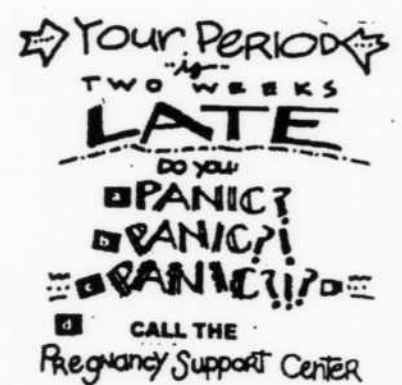
Art: Funding turns students away

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for Dell when they can be manufacturing DNA."

Even though MTSU attracts more valedictorians and Presidential Honors Scholars than any other university in

Middle Tennessee, "lots of good kids are leaving to go to school in another state," Murphy said. "The economic impact that our kids should have is being lost in other states. It is short sighted to not help schools as much as possible." ♦



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OPINIONS

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Monday, December 4, 2000

Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff Students need 'Dead Week' for good grades

The following excerpt was written by the *Sidelines* editor in chief on Dec. 2, 1980:

"This week at Vanderbilt University is 'Dead Week' - and that has nothing to do with either cremation or burial in the ground, although I would personally prefer both of those to another semester in which papers and tests are due every week I should be studying for final exams."

If we had a "Dead Week" at MTSU, then I'm sure I wouldn't feel that these last few days before finals resembled something like a personal mine disaster.

That's because in "Dead Week," professors in the College of Arts and Sciences at Vanderbilt are not allowed as a matter of university policy to burden students with major tests or other major assignments that would interfere with students preparing for final exams."

Now here we are over 20 years later, and this editorial is still relevant.

Some professors are still loading students down with exams, projects and other major assignments during the week before finals, distracting us from what we're supposed to be focusing on - final exams.

MTSU students need our "Dead Week!"

Apparently students have been screaming for this for more than 20 years, but the university seems to be hard of hearing.

University officials don't realize how much this could help us, or maybe they do know and just don't care.

If MTSU can make students without vehicles pay for parking or make bicyclists register their bikes, then they can give us one work-free week.

MTSU policymakers should take a page from Vanderbilt's book and give us our damn week.

Administrators should be assisting students in making the best grades possible. A "Dead Week" is way for them to do that.

Don't forget simple things in your life

On the Real



Shawn Whitsell

Opinions Editor

During the end of the past spring semester, I made a conscious decision to go back home to Madisonville, KY for the summer instead of taking classes here like I did the summer before. My reason for going home was mainly to take a break from the school thing, sort out some personal issues and to spend more time with family.

Early in the summer, my family was invited to a cookout. Never a family to pass up good food and fellowship, the Whitsell clan jumped in our cars and headed for Earlington Park. While the food was its final stages of preparation, I just leaned on my mother's car and took in the scene. The women (including my mama) were being the multi-purpose, renaissance things that God created them to be, doing 500 hundred things at once, setting up the table, gossiping, yelling at children, etc.; the children were running and playing, and the men were cooking the meat, crackin' jokes, checking out the females and hiding the beer cooler when the pastor came around. It was a cool and inspiring sight. I just sat back and watched with admiration.

After a little while, this guy who looked, dressed and talked like Ike Turner approached me. Immediately, I burst into internal laughter. We said our "what's ups?" and began small talk, which later led to big talk. He asked me a lot of questions about school and the usual "what are you going to do with your life?" questions that older folks tend to ask the younger generation. After a few minutes of conversation, the Ike look-a-like (can't remember his name) said, "Let me ask you a question."

"What's up?" I responded.

"What do you think life is about?" he said.

Wow, that was a simple, yet deep, question.

Not wanting to answer too quickly, I took my time and thought about an answer that was real to me. I mean, I've engaged myself in hundreds of conversations about life, but no one has ever asked me that particular question.

After a few thoughtful moments, I said, "This!" (referring to the family atmosphere of the cookout).

I explained to him that life was about the simple things: family, friends, fun, fellowship, etc. I told him I thought it

was important for us to take time away from our responsibilities as students and career people to focus on our responsibilities toward our families.

I said that life is just as much about having fun, enjoyable times like "this" as it is about chasing career goals.

Look-A-Like Ike seemed pretty impressed by my answer, probably because he was expecting something superficial from someone my age. Our conversation continued throughout the duration of the cookout, giving both of us much enlightenment.

Afterwards, I felt good about my choice to come home for the summer because if I hadn't, I would have probably been in a three-hour summer class instead of watching the kids play by the lake or listening to the old heads brag about what "playas" they were back in the day. I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world (except for maybe a million dollars, you know, a little pocket change).

The point of this extensive story is that we as college students can sometimes get so caught up in our 18 credit hours, jobs, resumes, internships, organizations, career goals and networking, that we forget about the simple things in life like having chats with your little brother who admires you so much or kickin' it on the stoop listening to the old men talking 'bout "Back in my day, there was only two pimps in town and I was both of 'em!"

There's nothing like going back to the spots that you spent many a childhood day and watch the kids do the exact same things you and your boys did: spittin' "yo mama" jokes like they were going out of style and checking out the females.

I'm not saying that we shouldn't focus on school and our careers. That's far from what I'm saying because I'm very focused on mine, but let's not let that overshadow the simple things because we need those too.

So over the holiday season, let's get back to the way things used to be. Get up at seven in the morning, get yourself a big bowl of cereal and watch cartoons in your underwear for old times sake.

Okay, maybe that was too extreme. But you know what I mean. Do whatever your heart leads you to do, as long as you remember those simple, yet extremely important things in life. I plan on going home for Christmas, throw my nieces around, find some high school friends I hadn't seen in a while, eat my family out of a house and home and try to track down my boy Ike.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Dorm bathroom flooding needs to be handled

Dear Editor,

Well, Wilbur, now I know how you feel. Never did I think that a pigsty would be my place of abode, but now, upon reflection, I find that the bathroom at Nicks Hall is starting to create one for me.

First, the shower drain has been clogged... FOR A WEEK! This causes veritable floods in the shower. The raging torrent flows on, washing away shampoo bottles and nearly people.

Today even, the water began to flow over the side. A member of our quad asked Friday for it to be cleaned out. After a week of supposed daily cleanings, this fact has gone unnoticed. Why? Because the daily cleanings never occur. We are lucky to receive a single cleaning in a week.

Mind you, perhaps I misread the information, but I recall housing proclaiming daily cleanings at the beginning of the semester — of the stalls and sinks, that is — with a single weekly cleaning of the bathroom in its entirety.

Perhaps the time for response has come... and not the response, "I don't know if we can get to that today... It is 12 on a Friday," which we received on Friday.

Next, the soap dispenser in the bathroom has been empty all week as well. This causes rather unsanitary hands. Most people do not bother to bring their bar soap in and wash their hands after the bathroom has been used. This, also, deems a response necessary.

Complaining? No. That, I do not do now. I am simply informing the housing department and the people of MTSU of the problem we have at this dorm. No grudges are held against personnel, but some action would be nice.

A suggestion made by some of the readers might be that we should have called the housing department at the beginning of the week. Well, is it not also true that we should expect daily, or

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even weekly, cleanings? I think so. Such measures NEED not be taken if the job was done correctly in the first place. I guess that is what we get for expecting service - next time we will call early.

Thank you for your time and, hopefully, attention.

Shane Leach and Eric Cardwell

Bicycle problems could be fixed without fees

Dear Editor,

As a bicyclist, I want to respond to the front page article regarding bicycle registration [Nov. 29].

It seems privileges we take for granted are being hemmed in by regulations and possibly could be taxed with registration fees.

Yet, I hope that any fees for the registration of bicycles would not be so steep that it would discourage people from riding bikes around campus. Less car congestion in the center of campus is a need that should be weighed against what minuscule revenue will be received from bicycle registration.

The problem of rusty, abandoned bikes could be easily remedied by cutting their locks with bolt cutters from the racks and throwing them into dumpsters! Bicyclists needn't abuse the privilege by locking them up to the handicapped ramps. Not cool or considerate. Yet, in some areas, more or wide bicycle racks are needed. It could be problematic when it comes to ticketing people who have no registration sticker.

Bureaucracy, ugh! Yet, it's better than totalitarian dictatorship. I hope the administration puts adequate thought into this matter while forming a policy.

Thank You,
Hans Schneider

Sexist attitudes persist in 21st century

Dear Editor,

While walking behind two guys on the way to class the other day, I overheard a disturbing conversation.

Because the conversation represents outdated beliefs, I will refer to the guys as Caveboy #1 and Caveboy #2.

Caveboy #1: "Hey, do you know Katie *****?"

Caveboy #2: "No, man, I don't think so. Do you?"

Caveboy #1: (Said with deeper voice and studly little laugh.) "Yeah, I slept with her Friday and Saturday night, and I just met her."

Caveboy #2: (with trusty side-kick-approval voice and laughter.) "Cool. That's the way to do it."

Caveboy #1 then went on with a description of her body and a few degrading remarks about his latest conquest.

This conversation shows that some people still believe it is okay for a male to have sex but not for a female. Why is a female put down and a male uplifted?

Where are the negative words for guys who sleep around? Wake up caveboys, sex isn't just for your pleasure anymore.

So, Katie, wherever you are, I hope you got yours!

I hope it didn't mean any more to you than it did to him.

I especially hope that you used protection because I would hate for there to be offspring of Caveboy #1 running around perpetuating the double standard.

Eavesdropping and pissed off,
Lori Stephens

Bush and Gore as co-presidents?

By David Shattuck

Daily O'Collegian (Oklahoma State U.)

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. - As my deadline for this column neared I was sweating bullets. I didn't have a clue on what I should write about. And then I fell asleep and had a wonderful dream.

A decision was reached yesterday concerning the presidential election of 2000.

Congress convened and decided (rather quickly, I might add) that action must be taken to determine who shall lead our great nation for the next four years. The two presidential candidates are to be surgically joined together and will be expected to rule the free world as one.

When Texas Gov. George W. Bush was told of the decision, he made a statement in which he embraced the plan and added that he was looking forward to the surgery. Soon after, he held a meeting with his advisers where they informed him he was wrong and that he did not embrace

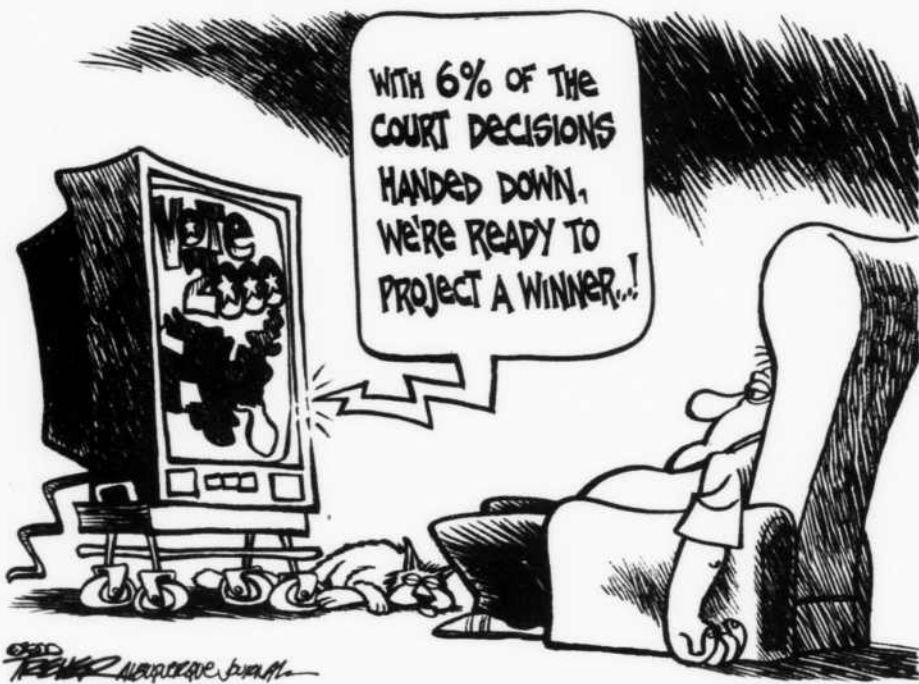
the plan.

Bush gave a second statement in which he retracted his former statement. He also added that a surgically conjoined Bush/Gore presidency would be just as successful as his oil business ventures.

When Vice President Al Gore was informed of Congress' decision, he was hard to reach for a statement. Apparently he was hiding. Some time after, however, he held a press conference where he was quoted as saying, "I'm for it, as long as I get to be president. Besides, the surgery is a brilliant idea, I'm glad I invented it."

Just let me say that this columnist is content. What a great day for democracy is this! It excites me when two nearly identical politicians can come together to begin a four-year term where they will run this great country even farther into the ground.

Now, we as Americans can focus on the more important things of this season — buying useless crap for everyone we know and pretending it's all for the glory of Christ, I mean Santa Claus. ♦



INTERESTS

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X-Men DVD: It ain't worth it, bub

By Philip Duncan
DVD Columnist

X-Men marks the first truly successful transition of a comic to a film for Marvel Comics.

Blade was successful, but not mainstream enough. Marvel's other attempts have left the public with such films as *Howard the Duck* and *The Punisher*.

Most of the success of the *X-Men* film should be attributed to director Bryan Singer.

He took the time to get acquainted with the previous material and attempted to translate it as realistically as possible. The film was a huge summer blockbuster and the DVD will likely be just as popular, but it's a shame that Singer didn't have more to do with the DVD. If he had, perhaps it could have been saved from the rushed, mediocre treatment that it received.

Released to theaters in the summer of 2000, *X-Men* pulled in \$54 million its first weekend.

With these numbers, Fox knew they had a hit on their hands and they rushed the production of the DVD so it would be available before Christmas.

Everything about this DVD seems rushed. From the boring and uninteresting menus to the extras included on the disc, it needed a little more time in production.

The video on the disc is good. It is a hard film to rate overall because so much of it is darkly lit and subdued. But the 2.35:1 anamorphic transfer is well done. There is very little grain obvious in the picture and the contrast is well done for such a dark film.

Next off, this should have been a better sounding DVD.

The amount of effects and fights in this film should really give a workout in the sound department, but like the DVD, something seems lacking. The sound just doesn't seem that bright and can be a little dull at times. I kept wanting more sound from the rear channels and it just wasn't happening.

Despite the sound there are several nice extras included on the disc. The nicest of these is the 30-minute Fox special that aired a few months before the film's release. It is essentially an extended trailer, but nicely done, if not a little cheesy.

There are several deleted scenes included as well.

They offer little that is not in the movie. Most of them seem like extended versions of scenes that were in the movie. One of this disc's funnier features is hidden among the Trailer section. It is a short, deleted scene featuring the next wall crawling, Marvel movie star. You should be able to easily spot it yourself.

More hidden goodies await in the Still Gallery as well.

This section includes tons of sketches and photos that work through the process of developing the costumes for the screen.

Hidden on the main screen of this section are a few stills of *The Beast and Blob*, two characters that were planned to be included, but left out because of budget restrictions.

There are some very nice shots of what could have been and hopefully will be included in the inevitable sequel.

There are a few short interviews included with Singer, as well as a few computer animated test shots that were used to plan out some of the more complicated action sequences. After talking about this it seems like a lot of material, but it really is not. This disc should have received the special attention that Fox gave *Independence Day* and *The Abyss*.

In order to meet the Christmas deadline a lot of alluded to material was left out and the menus were hastily done. There are no fancy 3-D effects here, only an annoying video-game style loop of a first person motorcycle shot.

Overall, this popular and well done film deserves better than this. ♦



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Staff

One model presents his fellow stage mate with a rose at the end of their run. Hair design, make-up design and clothing design were up for show at the fashion showcase.

Glitz and glamour abound at

By Phoenix Taylor
Fashion Writer

It was fashion week Nov. 27-30 as the human sciences TXMD fashion promotion class held a four-day spectacular event of musical performances, TV premieres and VIP parties to promote the 20th annual TXMD fashion show, "Ec*lec*ti*cism," which is held each fall semester.

This fall fashion show was produced and run by students in the human sciences department, who took the fashion promotion class. Candy Robinson, the director of the show and professor who taught the course this year, guided and helped the students get a better perspective about the fashion promotion process.

Design students Cameo Bobo, Tiffany Doss and Josh Baker all agreed "It was hard, very time consuming and a big commitment, but it was all worth it."

Shawntell Graves, the assistant producer of the show and a merchandiser major, said "she [Robinson] at least put in a good 40 hours per week aside from school and her job. But as for my career, every hour was worth the time because this will benefit me in the long run."

The fashion industry is all about

perseverance, long hours and hard work.

"You have to be a strong person to deal with demands of shows and anything else that comes your way," said Nancy Kelley, assistant professor of the TXMD department.

From sponsorships, model casting calls, negotiations with businesses, to designing, and music; from lights, sets and cameras and to the final show, there was a tremendous effort that went on this week.

"Ec*lec*ti*cism was the mission everyone thought was impossible," said Keri Kiblinger, executive producer. Graves added, "[It] was accomplished!"

This year all the proceeds went to the Gilda's Club, a non-profit organization that helps to benefit cancer patients, survivors and their families. Gilda Radner was best known for her comedic performance on *Saturday Night Live*. She died from ovarian cancer in the late 80s. The club was created to honor her legacy.

If you missed the four-day fashionista here is a recap...

Monday 11/27: Student designers from the TXMD department were

featured on *Talk of the Town*, a syndicated talk show that premiered all over Tennessee and other areas around the South.

Robinson along with Debbie Allen commented as designers. Josh Baker, Tiffany Doss, Cherie Frensey, Mary-Marie Nevels and Amanda Oats were featured along with models Kerry Elliot and Shannon Clark who strutted the designs across stage.

Later that night there was a huge party at Oxygen where models mingled and business connections were made, along with a fashion auction that sold tons of clothing.

Tuesday 11/28: There was a live musical concert at the 'Boro, featuring bands such as The Davenports, Red Grass and Platinum Session. They rocked the house all night long.

Wednesday 11/29: There was a model call and a long night of last runs of the show and fittings for Thursday night.

Thursday 11/30: The event that topped the whole week was the sold-out fashion show, "Ec*lec*ti*cism." There were huge crowds of fashion-

goers, model and talent agencies, friends and family that filled the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building at 7 p.m.

Some added attractions to these events were the live performances by bands such as the funky, psychedelic rock sounds of the Davenports and the jazzy, middle eastern "tonality" of rock sounds from the Pale Blue Dot created a "fashionably loud" musical atmosphere.

Movie clips from blockbuster hits such as *Pulp Fiction*, *Austin Powers*, *Boogie Nights*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Risky Business* and *Fear* enhanced the show's creativity as each clip made the transition for the audience from one fashion scene to the next.

Student male models, such as Mr. Personality David Cobb, rocker model Scott Chapman, TXMD major Michael Bone modeled as Shaft and professional model Dwain Caruthers, with the agency Advantage, all said "that this show was a lot of fun."

Caruthers has done work in the

See Fashion, 6

Students discuss dining concerns

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

In an intimate setting on Wednesday Nov. 29, Paul Stuart, director of Dining services for Aramark, and Joe Hugh, director of Procurement and Auxiliary Services at MTSU, met with students to discuss dining issues at MTSU. The forum was held in McCallie's dining hall and few students showed.

For students who did attend the forum, one issue above the rest was discussed in detail — dining hours. Many students are disappointed that dining services are not open late at night and on the weekends.

Though dining services remaining open for the students may be a good idea, Stuart brought up the issue of additional funding that would be necessary for the dining services to remain open later and on the weekends.

For the services to remain open on the weekends, additional funds would be necessary for labor and production. Students did argue that they would be willing to pay a little extra for longer service. The point was also brought up that parents were not included in this discussion and they are usually the ones who end up paying the "little extra."

Another issue that took precedence at the meeting was the amount of time students must wait for food in the James Union Building, specifically in the Subway line. The longest wait for Subway usually occurs directly after classes end, and Aramark admitted that the cause for these delays is their inability to stage the product.

Staging is making products that are able to stay fresh before heavy traffic periods. Subway doesn't allow staging of their product, because the sandwiches are made "your way," meaning that students have to wait a little longer for their food.

There were some compliments at the forum as well as concerns.



Photo by Courtney Huckabay | Staff

These are some of the treats featured on the new salad bar at the JUB. Improvements like this come from students' ideas that Aramark turns into realities.

Students said they have been very pleased with the new salad bar in the JUB, and the new pasta bar, PanGeos, in the McCallie cafeteria. Stuart said that they are "proud to have a good variety for half the price."

A \$40,000 investment, the new salad bar and pasta bar are part of a display cooking concept developed by Aramark.

Although students can make their own salads, all food at PanGeos is freshly prepared right in front of the student. As well as being prepared, all vegetables and fruits are 100 percent fresh at both the salad and pasta bars.

The students asked for more variety and Aramark responded by installing these new dining choices. They are also looking into many investments and hope students will look into the new meal plans for 2001.

If you do have questions or ideas about dining at MTSU you may log onto mtdining.com or contact Joe Hugh at 898-2944, or Paul Stuart at 898-2675.

There will be more chances to voice complaints or raise ideas throughout next semester. Aramark will be hosting more open forums for all students and parents to attend. ♦

ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

To submit an On Campus announcement, come by the James Union Building, Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

Dec. 6

Housing and Residential Life and URHA are sponsoring a Charity Ball benefiting Up "Til Dawn from 7-midnight. It is a formal ball for all MTSU students and is being held in the JUB Tennessee Room. The cost is \$5 per person or \$8 per couple. Contact Natasha Bronson at 898-3649 for more information.

Dec. 9

Continuing Studies and Public Service are holding an ACT exam preparation course from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in the KOM, Room 122. The cost is \$99 and Harley F. Anton is the instructor. Call Continuing Studies and Public Service at 898-2462 for more information.

Dec. 11

The Tennessee Philharmonic performance of the Nutcracker Ballet is at the Murphy Center at 7:30 p.m. Special student prices are available. Tickets may be purchased at the door or call 898-1862.

Dec. 15

Final day to pay outstanding debts to the university to access your grades via Tram or WebMT and/or receive a printed grade report upon request.

Ongoing

MTSU Crime Stoppers program is currently looking for people interested in making a difference on campus by joining the Board of Directors. If you are a full-time student or employee and are interested you can call Sgt. Wright at 898-2424 for more information or you can pick up an application at the campus police dept. or in KUC, Room 303.

Chi Rho Lutheran Fellowship holds "Experiencing God Bible Studies" on Sunday nights. Any college students interested in a

three month weekly bible study in order to grow into a personal relationship with God are welcome to attend every Sunday night from 7:45-9 p.m. at 811 E. Clark Blvd. Contact Jason Dail, pastor, at 904-0570 for more information.

Want to get rowdy for MTSU? Join the Rowdy Raiders. All students are welcome. We get painted up for the pep rallies and the home games. If you would like to join, please contact John Norrell at 898-5672 or stop by KUC, Room 212.

Raider Victory Ministries holds weekly bible studies. Call Andy Roller at 217-3132 or 479-5449 to find out about one of the weekly bible studies that would best fit your schedule. Times and locations vary.

Alpha, a practical introduction to the Christian faith, meets every Sunday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 315 E. Main St. There is no cost to the participant. For more information contact the church at 893-3780 or the Ministry Center at 904-7948.

Want to travel to places like California, Kansas, Florida and Illinois? Want to speak your mind and learn about interesting issues? Want to miss class on Fridays and have an excuse? Join the MTSU Debate Team! The Debate Team meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the BDA, Room 220. Contact Drew or Ben at 898-2273 for more information.

Ever wonder what your dreams mean? Curious about how they can help you be happier and live a more fulfilling life? Learn to use art, drama and discussion for personal guidance and growth in The Dream Group sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center. The Dream Group meets every Monday at 10 a.m. in the BAS SunTrust Room. It is open to all women students. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center is

sponsoring an Eating Disorders Support Group for women students struggling with over-eating, body image, anorexia or bulimia every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the CKNB, Room 124. Contact Mary Glantz for more information at 898-5725. All contacts are confidential.

The June Anderson Women's Center is holding a Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group for women students who are survivors of sexual abuse every Thursday at 3 p.m. in the CKNB, Room 124. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information. All contacts are confidential.

Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational campus ministry, invite all to attend their weekly meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC, Room 221. For more information contact Mike at 848-6741 or Eric at 896-2039.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomes all students to come to fellowship on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Football Game Day Room located between the stadium and athletic weight room, across from Murphy Center. There will be great speakers, bible studies, activities and friendship. Contact Rhonda Neitzel at 893-6109 for more information.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship welcomes everyone on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. to a fellowship of study, singing, friends and fun. For more information call Rich at 893-1787 or Mary at 867-7370.

The Victory Church and Raider Victory Ministries invite everyone to attend their service on Sundays in the KUC Theater at 10 a.m.

The African American Student Association will present an African dance class every Monday in the aerobic room of the Rec Center at 8 p.m. The class is free for members and \$2 per class for non-members. For more information, contact Shawn Whitsell at 898-4121.



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Staff

These two students model designs at the recent fashion show put on by the TXMD fashion promotion class.

Fashion: Students strut their style on catwalk

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past Teen Magazine.

Female models such as Michelle Gadson, Amanda Jagels, Sarah Carota and Melissa Pendergrass said they "loved working for the show and we will probably try out again next year for this great opportunity!"

Trina Springer, TXMD major and head chair of make-up / hair, lead a crew of make-up artists from Lancôme, M.A.C. and Clinique cosmetics out of Cool Springs, and stylists from Profits hair salon were at the scene and very busy.

They created funky and trendy looks that combined glitter with dramatic eyes and reddish copper tones for the lips. Hair stylist created up-dos with sparkles for the hair that added flare to the models walking down the catwalk.

Other student designers featured were Julianna Bass, Emily Cheeta, Lisa Raines and Marissa Sanders.

The show was primarily made up of retail clothing stores from all over the Middle Tennessee area such as Classic Hats, Dillard's, Charlotte Russe,

Anastasia's Attic, Phase II, Afterthoughts and Claire's boutique.

Segments in the show were Trendy/ Hip, Denim / Prints, Formalwear, Vintage and Rock and Roll. The show ended with the eclectic mix of all students' designs with designers.

The music was pumpin', and the atmosphere was just like that of professional fashion shows.

Backstage was frantic. Models getting their hair and makeup done, quick changes, photographers taking pictures, last minutes practices and dressers organizing clothing made up the scene. It was pandemonium, but the lights dimmed and the show started everything just fell into place.

If you missed the show and are interested in seeing "Ec*lec*ti*cism", a video of the events can be obtained by calling GT media group at (901) 763-2020 or by e-mailing them at www.gtmediagroup.com.

If you are interested in being a part of the fashion promotion class, contact the human science department for more details. ♦

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SPORTS

Red Rebels win title

4A The 4A match-up pitted the Red Rebels from Maryville against the Memphis-East Mustangs. Maryville came in with a ten game winning streak after losing their first four.

The game began with a 12-play, 76-yard drive from East that lasted for most of the first quarter.

The Mustangs appeared to look as if they would dominate following an interception by sophomore Jimmy Beard. But as the snow slowly started to pick up, so to did the Red Rebel offense, taking a 12-8 lead into the locker room.

Leading the way for Maryville was sophomore running back T.J. Brock. Brock carried the ball a workman-like 30 times for 183 yards and two touchdowns.

"T.J. Brock, for a sophomore, (his performance) is an awful big thing to do in a state championship game," Maryville head

coach George Quarles said. Brock led the Red Rebel ground attack that ran for 238 yards while throwing only six times.

With the rain finally switching entirely over to snow as the second half began, momentum appeared to have switched entirely over to the Mustang's side.

The second-half kickoff was fumbled by Brock and recovered by East's junior Chris Smith.

On second and 8, senior quarterback LaDarius Price rushed to his left where he was stripped by MHS's freshman linebacker Stephen Pacifico.

A facemask penalty, however, nullified the change of possession and gave the Mustangs a 2-3 from the Red Rebel five-yard line.

One play later, East's Price scrambled out to his right and threw a dying duck that was picked off at the eight by senior

free safety Kyle Harris and returned 92 yards for a touchdown to extend the Red Rebel lead to 11 at 19-8.

The Mustangs added another touchdown to pull within five points after senior fullback Arthur Sallis plowed it in from four yards out.

But Memphis East wouldn't score again.

Maryville came right back going 61 yards on seven plays punching it in from one yard out. Junior Nick Giles kept it on the quarterback keeper to put the Red Rebels up by 12.

Maryville held the ball for all but 3:16 in the fourth quarter keeping on the ground nearly 100% of the time. Ball control and defense were the keys to Maryville's upset of Memphis East.

The 33-14 win was the eleventh in a row for the Red Rebels, giving them an 11-4 record, while the Mustangs finished their season 13-2. ♦

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RB - So. T.J. Brock, Maryville
30 attempts 183 yards 2 TD*

RB - Jr. Mario McElrath, Union City
21 attempts 152 yards 1 TD*

RB - Sr. David Latimer, CPA
25 attempts 131 yards 3 TD*

WR - Sr. Jovan Robertson, USJ
7 receptions 202 yards 1 TD

WR - Jr. Franklin Payne, USJ
10 receptions 162 yards 1 TD

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3 receptions 111 yards 1 TD

WR - Jr. Kevin Taylor, Alcoa
4 receptions 77 yards
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Kicker - Jr. Andy Metcalf, USJ
3-3 extra points

Defense

DL - Sr. Johnny Shields, CPA
7 tackles 3 for loss 1 sack*

LB - Sr. Tremayne Garner, Alcoa
13 tackles 1 forced fumble*

LB - Sr. Andrew Garrett, Portland
12 tackles 1 for loss 1 sack*

LB - Sr. Josh Huffman, Covington
12 tackles 1 tackle for loss

LB - Sr. Keith Shelton, Memphis East
11 tackles 1 for loss 1 deflection

LB - Fr. Stephen Pacifico, Maryville
10 tackles 2 forced fumbles

LB - Sr. Austin Mackens, Riverdale
10 tackles*

LB - Sr. Zack Swanson, Riverdale
9 tackles 2 tackles for loss

LB - Sr. Jonathan Harris, Alcoa
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92-yard interception for TD*

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Alcoa survives late surge to win fifth championship

2A The question in the 2A state championship was which team had the most fierce tornado.

Alcoa and Union City shared more than just nicknames, they also shared similar styles of play — hard-nosed running and tough defense.

In the end, the first storm was stronger than the second and Alcoa finished their season a perfect 15-0 with a 27-20 win against Union City.

The action whipped up when Union City fumbled the

opening kickoff, giving Alcoa strong field position to start the game.

Union City, however, held on a key fourth down goal line stand. But, after a first down to get out of the hole, senior quarterback Keith Harrelson threw a swing pass that was anticipated by Alcoa's Jonathan Harris who intercepted it and ran it back for a 21-yard touchdown.

Alcoa's first score turned out to be the start of an F-5 tornado. Alcoa scored on a run of 71 yards by senior James Rainer and touchdown passes of 12

and 39 yards by junior Michael George to extend the Alcoa Tornadoes lead to 27-0 at the half.

Then the winds died and a new wind whipped up.

Union City's tough ground game began to wear down the Alcoa defense. Harrelson scrambled for a nine-yard touchdown and Class 2A Mr. Football junior Mario McElrath found a hole and busted through for a 64-yard touchdown.

McElrath finished the night as the offensive MVP, earning

152 yards on the night on 21 attempts. However, in the off-season McElrath will dream about just one more yard.

Senior Lucas Ingram brought Union City to within seven with a five-yard touchdown early in the fourth frame, setting up the conclusion.

With just over two minutes to go, Alcoa had possession and was well on their way to shutting down Union City. However, a key fumble turned the ball over at midfield and breathed new life into the UC storm.

Union City marched down the field with one purpose, a state 2A win.

On fourth and goal at the two, Alcoa's head coach, and the other 6,117 people in the crowd, knew that McElrath would get the call.

He did.

With all his force he drove towards the goal line, but in the end he fell about a foot short.

"Mario (McElrath) is a strong kid, whenever he got the ball you kinda worry, well no, actually you definitely worry," Alcoa head coach Scott Meadows said.

"We knew that's who they'd be going to."

And McElrath's exactly where it ended.

"I thought the kids fought hard enough in the second half to come back, but it just didn't work out in the end," Union City head coach Randy Barnes said.

"We made too many mistakes in the first half and we dug ourselves in a big hole."

Senior Tremayne Garner from Alcoa earned defensive MVP. ♦

CPA: Lions win, defense allows 495 yards

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DeLoach set state championship records for completions, attempts and yards by an individual as well as attempts and yards for a team, earning him a total of five state championship records.

"We had played a lot of man to man coverage in the first half and they (showed us) formations with some stuff we hadn't seen," CPA head coach David Pack said. "They had some (of our) guys isolated and they made big plays."

Tailback Franklin Payne, who was state Mr. Football finalist for 1A, and Robertson caught a combined 17 passes for 364 yards and both DeLoach touchdowns. Payne

also threw for 38 yards on the evening.

The Lions pounced opening up the second half when the Bruins attempted an onside kick, but the drive stalled and the Lions punted — backwards.

Sophomore Daniel Williams shanked the kick for a loss of two. However, the Bruins couldn't capitalize and neither team scored in the third quarter.

"We went back to more zone coverage," Pack said. "It's really our base scheme and it gave guys some help and bottled them up a little bit and limited the big game."

CPA extended their lead to 21 with 11:10 left in the fourth quarter on a touchdown run by senior David Latimer, putting

the game out of reach of USJ. Latimer earned the most valuable offensive player for the game.

The Lions struck again quickly in the fourth, scoring on a quarterback bootleg by Atchinson to bring the score to 49-21. On the evening, Atchinson rushed nine times for 77 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Senior defensive lineman Johnny Shields stepped up for the Bruins' defense, earning the defensive MVP for his seven tackle performance. It was Latimer, however, who stole the show.

"This trophy is for my teammates. Because without them, I would be nothing," Latimer said. ♦

Portland blanks Covington 43-0

3A The Portland Panthers proved too much for Covington Chargers, as the Panthers rolled at the BlueCross Bowl 3A contest 43-0 to cap off an undefeated season.

Portland capitalized on two blocked punts with touchdowns in the first quarter, helping to unplug the Chargers momentum.

The Panthers scored three times in the second quarter to open a 36-0 halftime advantage. As a team, Portland attempted 49 rushes for 247 yards, chewing up ground and clock.

It was the Panther defense, however, that starred.

Covington earned just 94 total yards, with none of those



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The Panthers celebrate their first ever state title.

coming through the air.

While the Chargers didn't complete any passes for yards, two of quarterback Jon Ashford's six attempts were intercepted by Portland.

Josh Jones earned offensive MVP for Portland, gaining 89

yards on 10 attempts and a touchdown. Andrew Garrett earned defensive MVP by making eight tackles and assisting on four more.

Portland finished the season 15-0, while Covington finished 13-2. ♦

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Snow ends prep season

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5A The question wasn't who would rush for more yards, Riggs or King, rather who could best keep their footing on the blanket of snow covering Horace Jones field at the 5A BlueCross Bowl at Floyd Stadium Saturday night.

Footing was treacherous as more than an inch of snow fell throughout the evening.

Football's version of the Zamboni did its part as it cleared the yard-lines after nearly every play just to be able to see them.

The strength of both teams was without question the running game.

The two best running backs in the state were showpieces on high school's biggest stage — Red Bank's Gerald Riggs, Mr. Football in Class 5A for Tennessee, and Riverdale's Ralph King, a finalist for Mr. Football.

Red Bank's Riggs proved why he won Tennessee's most prestigious individual award in football as he rushed for 209 yards on 31 carries and three touchdowns.

No three yards were more important, however, than on fourth-and-goal from the Riverdale three yard-line. Riggs gave a second and a third effort to pound his way into the endzone to seal the victory for the Lions.

Red Bank added another score late to give the Lions a 20-point victory 27-7.

The Warriors got on the board first midway through the first quarter with a 47-yard scamper from King. That proved to be the only points Riverdale would score.

Riggs answered the challenge with a 29-yarder of his own. Instead of kicking an extra point, the Lions went for two and failed when senior quarterback Fred Holder rolled out to his right and was forced out of bounds just short of the pylon. The 7-6 Warrior lead held up going into the locker room at the half.

As the snow continued to accumulate on the cold turf of Horace Jones Field, both teams knew the running game would become even more important in the second half.

Riggs and his supporting pride of Lions wrote a "how to" book on ball control in the first half. Red Bank had drives of 12, 10, eight and eight 8 plays, running 17:23 off the clock and keeping the ball away from King and the Warriors.

Riverdale ran only 16 plays in the



Red Bank celebrates in their 27-7 win in the snow at Floyd Stadium. Red Bank was ranked 12th by USA Today coming into the title game.

second half with zero first downs. They only picked up four the entire game.

"We got beat by a better club, no doubt," said a disappointed Riverdale head coach -Gary Rankin, after the game. "We over achieved this year. We had a good bunch of kids that played with a lot of heart and a lot of character."

Ranked 12th in the nation by USA Today, coupled with the best player in the state, Red Bank's performance wasn't all that surprising.

Nevertheless, Warrior running back Ralph King was obviously dejected following the loss. "This (playing in the championship game) meant a lot to everybody," said King somberly.

With more than an inch of snow on the turf, the pace of the game was slowed down drastically. Riverdale coaches, however, made no excuses telling King not to "worry about the turf."

"It's cold, but it feels a lot better when you're on top," said Riggs, about the weather.

"It's (winning the championship) great, this has been unbelievable. We've had a lot of good teams over the years, but this one seemed to put it all together," Red Bank head coach Tom Weathers said.

The more than twelve thousand fans in attendance braved the weather conditions to witness one the most anticipated state championship matchups in Tennessee history. The Riggs/King match-up dominated the hype, but the real question was who actually dominated the game, Riggs or the relentless snow?

Regardless of the answer, Red Bank won its first ever state championship and proving that it does belong among the country's elite.

The match-up of the local perennial title contender Riverdale, playing in their former home stadium and the nationally ranked powerhouse from the southeast, became an instant classic when coupled with the snow.

The battle was a fitting close to the first ever BlueCross Bowls held on the campus of MTSU. ♦



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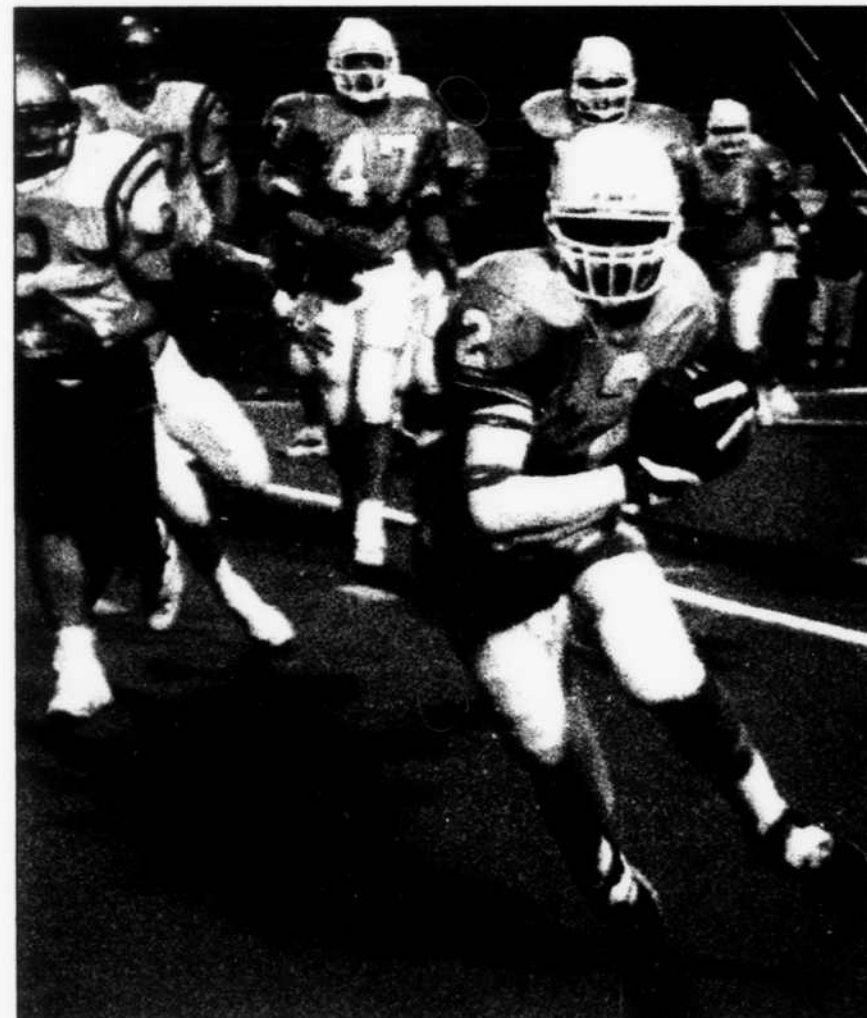


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Franklin Payne of USJ hauls in one of his 10 receptions on the night.



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A sweeper cleans yard lines between plays in the 5A title game.

BlueCross Bowl Scoreboard

Saturday
5A Championship
Red Bank 27
Riverdale 7

4A Championship
Maryville 33
Memphis East 14

3A Championship
Portland 43
Covington 0

Friday
2A Championship
Alcoa 27
Union City 20

1A Championship
Christ Presbyterian 49
Univ. School of Jackson 27

The Two Minute Drill

R. Colin Fly Sports Editor



Commentary

The BlueCross Bowl was held for the first time ever at Johnny Floyd Stadium this weekend.

Matt Gillespie of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, with ten talented football teams, put

on a terrific show of high school football.

While the 5A championship game looked to draw 15 to 20,000 people, the snow kept the crowd to just 12,137.

Still, the total attendance for the weekend was 39,571, and the games were a terrific testament to football in the state.

In the final battle, it was the snow that set the game in surrealistic surroundings. It was two incredible running backs, both younger than 18 and still a year away from a major college scholarship, that stole the show.

Riverdale's Ralph King ran for 78 tough yards for the Warriors. But in the

end, Gerald Riggs' 200-plus yards and three touchdowns earned Red Bank their first ever state championship.

"It's wild, I'll tell you that," Riggs said.

Twenty-two years earlier, Red Bank lost the state championship in their backyard in Chattanooga to Gallatin.

While King admitted he had trouble finding traction to cut upfield, Riverdale's head coach Gary Rankin was proud of team that he said clearly overachieved, finishing the season 13-2.

Both King and Riggs will attend major colleges and MTSU head coach Andy McCollum couldn't help but

smile on the field after game, looking for yet another piece of the puzzle that will make Middle Tennessee a consistent winner in the future.

"I can't talk about them specifically, but there sure is a lot of talent out there," McCollum said.

A player like King, Riggs (both juniors), or Maryville's T.J. Brock, just a bleary-eyed sophomore, is exactly the prototype athlete for the Blue Raiders' one if by air, two if by land offensive juggernaut.

McCollum, the talented recruiter, will find the next Dwone Hicks, Kendall Newson or Tyrone Calico this season and they'll suit up for the Blue

the CPA Lions escaped with an interception in the endzone to preserve the 14-point half time advantage.

Earlier in the quarter, the USJ Bruins took charge. Junior quarterback Russ DeLoach found senior Jovan Roberts open — Robertson found the endzone, tying the score at 7.

CPA's junior quarterback Blake Atchinson rolled out and found senior Brian Stone, who scampered 73 yards to the endzone.

USJ followed the strike with back to back touchdown drives, both capped by one yard plunges by junior Greg Fay to push ahead 21-7.

The arm of Russ DeLoach nearly carried the Bruins, as the junior threw for more than 364 yards on 18 completions and 42 attempts. DeLoach struck for two touchdowns, but he also threw two key interceptions.

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Raiders on Saturday, Sept. 1, or possibly Thursday, Aug. 30, against Vanderbilt.

While the stars of tomorrow played on the field of the future, it was Mother Nature's snow that made the evening a classic.

"A game like this, you couldn't ask for better weather," Riggs said. "It's cold, but it feels a lot better when you're on top."

Red Bank, Maryville, Portland, Alcoa and Christ Presbyterian Academy — they know what the zenith of high school football feels like.

And the view from the top is priceless. ♦