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MTSU athletics: Is there
any cure for this disease?

Murfreesboro, TN

Fees combined for fall

Angela White
Editor in Chief

A general access fee was passed Tuesday, July 11 at a Tennessee Board of Regents meeting.

The fee will group together past fees, including the student activity fee, the debt services fee and the SGA fee.

Parking will also be included in the fee, and every student will be charged whether or not they drive a car to campus.

According to John Marshall, SGA president, the total amount of fees is not rising, just being categorized better. "There will be no significant difference in fees," said Marshall, "but they will be more conveniently packaged."

The new fee will include the following: the parking fee, \$23; the graduation fee, \$4, the tech-

nology fee, \$100; the activity fee-athletics, \$20; and the activity fee-Recreation-Center, \$15, a total of \$162. Students not enrolled full time will be charged a \$27 flat fee plus \$11 per hour. The new fee is estimated to bring in \$22,103.

These amounts are on a per-semester basis.

According to the MTSU Bursar's Web site, other fees not included in the general access fee are the debt services fee, \$8 per academic hour with a maximum charge of \$95; a recreation activity fee of \$15; a postal services fee of \$8 for full-time students, and a SGA fee of \$15.

Last spring the SGA fee was \$10, the technology fee \$100, the recreation fee \$15, the postal fee \$8 and the student activity fee \$65 for a typical full-time student.

The \$4 per-semester graduation fee will replace a one-time

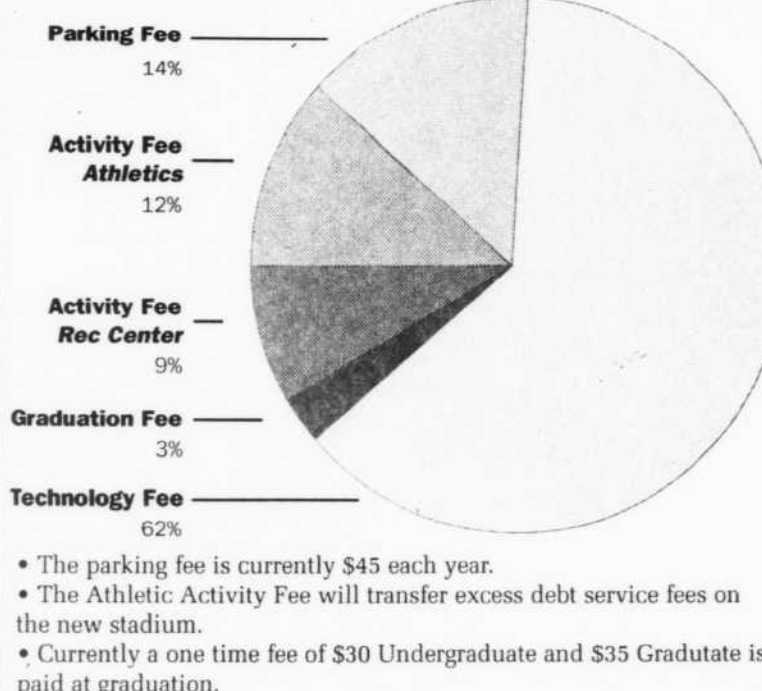
fee of \$30 and \$35 paid at graduation. The new athletic activity fee will include the excessive debt service fee on Floyd Stadium.

Some issues have been raised about students being unfairly charged fees, such as the case with parking and the graduation fee, which will be partially paid by undergraduate students not graduating that semester.

The Student Government Association, according to Marshall, is still ironing out some wrinkles with [first] Stukie (sp), title. "There are still questions about some fees which are being discussed with Stukie (sp)," said Marshall. "He has been very cooperative so far."

Marshall says the main advantage of the new fee is convenience for students, especially with parking. "It will be easier for students to get parking passes," he said.

Looking at the General Access Fee



Graphic by Chief Designer | Raymond Hutzler

"Some students won't benefit from this," said Marshall, "but some will. Fees aren't something

we want to pay, but something we have to pay. This will at least make them more convenient." ■

Students killed on holiday excursion

Staff Reports

MTSU students Jiang Yu, 27, and Rui Yang, 30, died in a car accident July 5 outside Morton, Ill.

The two international students from China were returning to Murfreesboro after visiting Yu's sister in Iowa. Yang was driving southbound in a construction zone on Interstate 155 when the vehicle swerved and hit a guardrail. The car then spun and hit a semi-truck. It is unknown whether road construction contributed to the accident.

Yang died at the scene. Yu died at an area hospital.

The students were both first semester computer science graduate students. Before coming to MTSU Yang received her undergraduate degree in China. Yu received a master's in business administration from TSU.

Yu was from Nanjing, China, and Yang was from Dalian. The two were dating. ■

Faculty, students invade 'Big Easy'

R. Colin Fly
News Editor

A collection of MTSU faculty and students will attend the 27th annual Special Interest Group Graphics Conference, or SIGGRAPH 2000, July 23-28 in New Orleans, La.

The conference, sponsored by the Association of Computing Machinery, is one of the largest digital animation conferences of its kind. The New Orleans conference is expected to draw between 30,000 and 35,000 people, including more than 6,800 international attendees, from film, the gaming industry and animation to browse the 325 exhibits. Notable names in Hollywood, such as "Star Wars" director George Lucas, plan to attend the six day event.

Six MTSU faculty members and more than a dozen students plan to make the trip down to the convention. The group will also take Mass Communication's Mobile Production Lab truck to use during the event.

The conference is very special to two MTSU faculty members. Marc Barr and Mary Nichols, both associate professors of radio/TV photography chair SIGGRAPH committees.

Barr chairs the SigKIDS committee. SigKIDS, founded in 1992, focuses on involving the local youth community in these high technological fields.

"Every year the committee has a vision on what they want SigKIDS to accomplish," Barr said. "I took the vision that 30,000 to 50,000 people come into the community for a week and leave, money is pumped into the economy, but then the conference is gone and nothing lasts in the community after it ends."

So Barr established a working relationship with the Louisiana Children's Museum and a local computer rental company.

After negotiation with the computer company, he helped the Louisiana Children's Museum secure 15 machines that are only a few years old to establish a lab.

"The Louisiana Children's Museum's partnership with SIGGRAPH 2000 is really a gift to the children of New Orleans," said Julia Bland, executive director of the children's museum. "Because of SIGGRAPH's generous donation, the museum will be equipped to offer computer-related programs in the future."

After securing the hardware donation, Barr said he was able to use that as leverage to get software donations from a vast array of companies, including receiving every educational title from Microsoft as well as a lasting relationship with the local rental company in New Orleans.

"The rental company agreed to donate their old computers to the museum every year," Barr said.

The museum, located in the historic warehouse district of New Orleans, draws underprivileged youth that do not readily have access to new technology.



Photo by R. Colin Fly | News Editor

The 40-foot Mobile Production Lab truck is loaded and prepared for its trip to the French Quarter. MTSU students will produce the 20-minute, twice-daily SIGGRAPH TV during the six-day conference.

"Graphics and computer technology effects everybody these days," Barr said. "Movies and television make up such a small segment of the industry. If we can reach out and give this technology to children who aren't able to get it any other way, then the program is a success."

Barr also established a relationship with students at Benjamin Franklin High School, a public magnet school in New Orleans.

The students there will work daily at the conference. The students will use technology they learned about in the classroom. They plan to make a website targeting their peer group with daily articles and interviews as well as video clips from the conference. The students will also go back to school in the fall with new technology for their computer lab.

"The kids are thrilled that they are putting the things they learned in the classroom in action," Barr said. "We secured \$60,000 worth of computer equipment for the high school's lab."

Mary Nichols chairs the SIGGRAPH TV/Online (S-TV) committee. The group will produce a live 20 minute, twice-daily reports from the SIGGRAPH TV studio, which Nichols and her crew will build shortly before the conference.

Included in the program will be interviews, reviews of activities, technology updates and the latest conference buzz which will be distributed via closed circuit television throughout the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Nichols has previous experience

with S-TV.

"I was the faculty advisor for the production truck in 1998. SIGGRAPH expressed interest in using the truck and so I was the producer of S-TV at the Orlando conference," Nichols said.

MTSU's policy with the production truck is that if an organization wants to use the truck, they have to use MTSU students.

Working with Nichols will be Marc Parrish, MTSU's video systems manager and one of two certified drivers of the 40 foot production truck that left for New Orleans today, as well as several MTSU students that volunteered to work.

"Student volunteering helped pay for conference registration," said Brent Walters, a senior at MTSU.

Walters, who also is working with the SigKIDS program, said that he will be working on the production truck.

"I'll be handling the graphics and the design of the live, twice daily 20 minute program S-TV," he said.

Nichols will have a crew of more than 60 people to produce the show. She will also be working with SIGGRAPH Online.

"The online program will allow people who can't attend the conference to keep updated on the panels and papers," Nichols said.

Other MTSU students, like senior Sherry Williams, are paying their own way to go to SIGGRAPH searching for a job. Williams, who will graduate in December, composed a three minute resume tape to show to prospective employers.

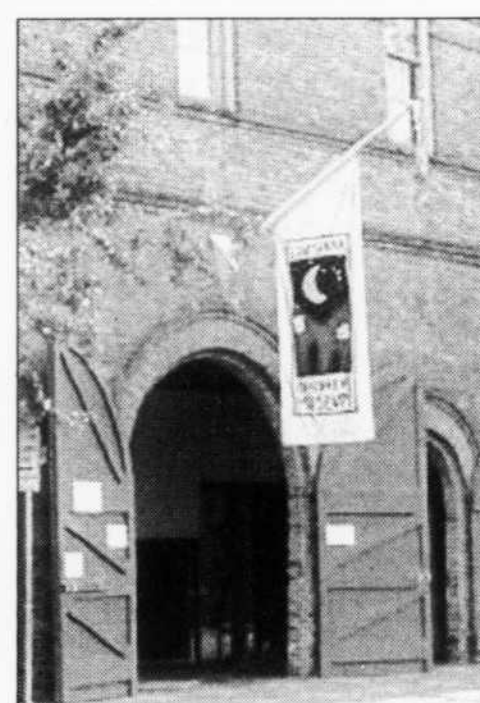


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Marc Barr helped to establish a computer lab at the Louisiana Children's Museum in the historic Warehouse district of New Orleans.

"There will be 25 to 30 companies hiring at the job fair," said Williams. "There's such a vast job market [in computer animation]."

Both Barr and Nichols affirmed that SIGGRAPH is a great opportunity for students to network with industry professionals.

SIGGRAPH 2001 will be held in Los Angeles, Ca. July 12-17. ■

Jazz program receives donation

Staff Reports

Jamey Aebersold, jazz educator and saxophonist, has donated more than \$5,000 in securities and more than \$2,000 in educational materials to the MTSU Jazz Program.

Known for the "Play-A-Long Series," a set of almost 100 instructional compact discs that feature rhythm tracks performed by famous musicians, Aebersold made the donation after hearing from Don Aliquo, assistant professor of saxophone in the department of music, who sent Aebersold a copy of the MTSU Saxophone newsletter.

Aebersold is the world's No. 1 producer and seller of jazz education materials.

"Aebersold has done a lot for jazz education," said Aliquo. "In fact, he put it on the map because of the deluge of materials he provided."

"I can't think of anyone from my generation [who] hasn't had exposure to his 'Play-a-Long' series."

The series also comes with a coordinated booklet complete with music and chord changes for all instruments.

"It [the series] is a very helpful program in learning how to improvise because [the student] can play along with a rhythm section when there is no opportunity for a live rhythm section," said Dana Landry, coordinator of jazz studies and an assistant professor of music.

Landry said he is familiar with "Jamey Aebersold Practice Rooms" at other universities, where each of the sax player's series was available online for students to use to improve their musical improvisation.

Landry asked Aebersold what it would take to get "a practice room like that set up at MTSU?" Aebersold responded by donating approximately \$2,000 worth of instructional CDs and books.

A room in the Wright Music Building has been designated as the "Jamey Aebersold Practice Room." Aebersold has also agreed to be a guest teacher during the MTSU Jazz Festival in March 2001.

Aebersold is a music teacher at the University of Louisville. He also coordinates "Summer Jazz Workshops" and teaches at clinics throughout the United States. ■

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Location: MTSU campus
Summary: James Glenn Gannon, failure to appear on a previous domestic

ARREST - July 5, 2000 9:03 p.m.
Location: MTSU Campus
Summary: Larence H. Pierce, running from police/resisting arrest

FIELD INTERVIEW - July 5, 2000 at 8:42 p.m.
Location: Todd Library
Summary: two male subjects shooting fireworks

LOST PROPERTY - lost property (misc) July 5, 2000 1:04 a.m.
Location: MTSU campus
Summary: lost wallet

MISCELLANEOUS - domestic affairs / no assault July 2, 2000 1:31 p.m.
Location: off campus - following onto campus
Summary: individual has altercation with his girlfriend

SEX OFFENSES - indecent exposure July 12, 2000 7:41 p.m.
Location: Cummings Hall
Summary: indecent exposure

THEFT - bicycles under \$500 July 4, 2000 6:59 p.m.
Location: Pi Kappa Alpha- fraternity row
Summary: missing item

THEFT Bicycles Under \$500 July 5, 2000 4:50 p.m.
Location: telephone services
Summary: light blue men's bike

THEFT - theft from buildings under \$500 July 10, 2000 1:28 p.m.
Location: Family Apartment I
Summary: extension ladder stolen from apartment

THEFT - bicycles under \$500 July 12, 2000 10:38 p.m.
Location: Corlew Hall - west side bike rack
Summary: Mongoose men's bicycle and bike lock were stolen

TRAFFIC - auto wreck - property damage July 2, 2000 01:16 a.m.
Location: Scarlett Commons
Summary: damage to vehicle

TRAFFIC - reckless driving July 8, 2000 2:53 a.m.
Location: Bell Street at Bell Street grass by lot
Summary: Jeep doing donuts in grass

TRAFFIC - damage to vehicle July 8, 2000 8:51 a.m.
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Summary: hit and run already occurred, gray accord parked in lot, damage to vehicle

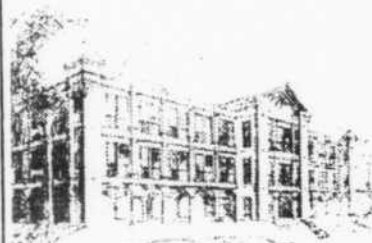


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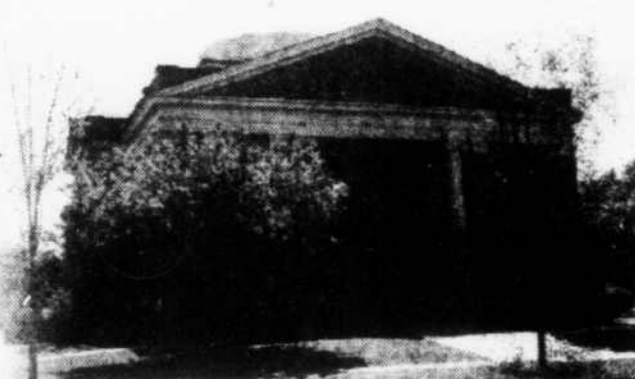
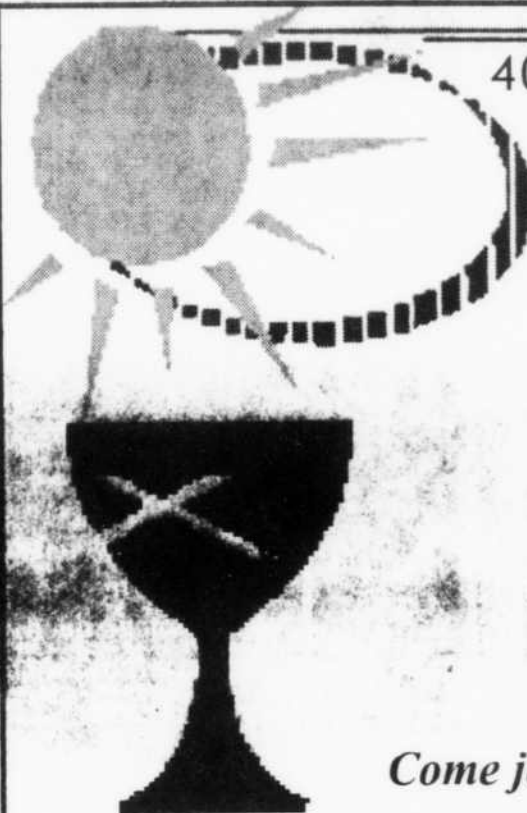
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From the Staff

The parking fee finds a new victim: the non-driver

A general access fee has been passed for the next academic year, which will combine a variety of fees, including the parking fee. Formerly \$45 per year, the fee is now \$23 per semester.

The main difference, however, is that now every student will be paying this cost, not just the ones buying parking passes.

On the one hand, this will add a slight convenience for those who commute to campus.

No longer will they have to worry about cutting a check for the parking Nazis. Now they can simply show up at the office, prove they're a student and ask for a parking pass.

On the other hand, those on campus who do not drive are basically being screwed.

They are now being forced to bear the cost of parking

along with their driving colleagues.

The increase in the amount of students paying for parking is estimated to bring in about \$96,000 more in revenue.

While this is being offset by a \$132,000 decrease in the amount collected for the Recreation Center activity fee, the increase in the parking fee, along with a estimated \$52,000 increase in the graduation fee, is expected to bring in about \$22,000 extra for the university.

Is it fair to make students who don't use parking spaces to pay for them?

Students are forced to pay for the Recreation Center even if they have never worked out a day in their life.

Fair or not, this is about best serving the majority. And in this case, the majority is the car-owners.

Pro-choice? Fear the possibility of Bush

Garrick Pursley
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — A Nebraska state prohibition on what opponents have labeled "partial-birth abortions" was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision on June 28. The law was struck down because it imposed, according to Justice Breyer's written opinion, an "undue burden" on a woman's right to pursue an abortion.

In addition, the Nebraska statute banned the procedure even in cases where the mother's health was in jeopardy, which places the law in tension with the strictures of the Roe v. Wade decision.

Roe v. Wade originally codified abortion rights in 1973, giving precedence to maternal health over "compelling state interest" in preserving the life of the unborn child.

In fact, Roe explicitly protects the right to abortion in cases where maternal health is compromised. The June 28 decision, however, is interesting considering the generally conservative stance the court has taken, most recently in the Boy Scouts of America case. There have been close decisions over the years specifically regarding abortion, and it was thought that the Rehnquist Court would eventually overturn Roe.

The new decision, as might be expected, has galvanized opponents of abortion, while giving advocates of choice a reason to take an appreciated but hesitant sigh of relief. Laws similar

to the one struck down in Nebraska exist in 27 other states, and all are now subject to constitutional review. Rest assured that opponents of abortion rights are already hard at work revising the laws to ensure that they are capable of passing constitutional muster.

In fact, despite the outcome of the case, anti-abortion activists point to the split decision as evidence that the Court's sentiment might just be shifting in their favor.

Additionally, considering the rare condition of the Court, with four justices around 70 years old and nearing the point of retirement, the presidential election takes on new meaning for the abortion debate. There is the distinct possibility that if Governor George W. Bush wins the presidency he would appoint justices to the Supreme Court who would take an anti-abortion stance in future cases.

The Republican majority in the Senate makes this possibility all the more frighteningly plausible. Taking into consideration the evidence of a conservative bloc in the Court, expressed by the narrow margin of the decision, it becomes all the more important that Vice President Al Gore, an opponent of banning "partial-birth" abortion, wins the White House.

The question of presidential influence on the Supreme Court's general ideological stance thus becomes more pressing. It seems to be the case that the authors of the Constitution intended the Supreme Court to be a governmental body shielded from the volatility of public opinion. This argument is supported

in a couple of ways.

Most evidently, the Court was provided with buffers to prevent its being swayed by the swinging ideologies of the citizenry.

The decision that justices should be appointed, not popularly elected, is one such buffer, and the lifetime term of appointment is another. The Court was not intended to be partisan or bound to any particular political position.

Rather, the duty of the Court is to impartially interpret the Constitution in reference to the viability of the laws crafted by Congress and the president.

It could be argued, of course, that the president's ability to appoint similarly minded justices is a form of check that the citizenry has on the composition of the Court and of its decisions.

Wouldn't it be a better idea to have the Supreme Court act as a restraint on party oriented extremism?

However, opponents of abortion are actually advocating that Bush apply an anti-abortion "litmus test" to all potential appointees. Do we really want to place this much discretion in the hands of a newly elected president?

Does the president have too much influence on the decision making of the Supreme Court? Probably. Will that fact be altered any time soon? Probably not.

Strange as it may seem, there's really only one viable option. Instead of block walking for congressional elections or demonstrating at the grass roots level, advocates of abortion rights will have to take the struggle to the presidential ballot box if the Roe precedent is to be preserved. ■

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'Guy' shows should aim higher

Greg Jerrett

Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — I used to like being told how I was "different from other guys" by the girls who wouldn't have sex with me in high school just before they ran off to copulate with a genetic throwback named Skeeter fresh from the joint, swinging his wallet chain, telling them they had a nice rack in the parking lot of Foodland while smoking a dooby on the hood of his Duster.

Skeeter had been in for statutory rape, but only because society didn't understand his love. At least, that's what my friend Linda told me when Skeeter knocked her up. Guys like that get all the chicks. C'est la vie! I would have been better off listening to my inner bastard more often. It never escaped my notice that being bad worked. Women will tell you they like nice guys over the phone, but then they have to go because Chad is on the other line and he gets mad if he's kept waiting.

Raised by a bitter divorcee in a time when women were coming into their own, I felt more than a little guilty when my mother would say I was just like my father because I fell asleep on the couch or forgot to flush the toilet.

I grew up getting mixed messages via the media and my own role models. Like most guys these days, I got an earful about bad male behavior on one side and gentle caution against talk on the other side. Much was made about being sensitive. "Women like a man who is sensitive," women would say. "So fake it," men would say.

Unfortunately, I WAS sensitive and

found myself listening in earnest. I didn't just nod my head and say "uh-huh" every now and then. The path of "sensitive listener" leads to sexual frustration. It is not surprising the majority of men fake it or ignore the problem altogether. I handled it by overcompensating and to this day I am the only man who can walk into a strip club with a 20 in my hand and have a stripper sit down and start telling me her troubles. They really do. I have witnesses.

I know I am not alone in all of this. I see backlash everywhere. It is most harsh in music. Women were doing great in rock two years ago, now they are knocked off the radio by hardcore cock-rockers thrusting their penises proudly at their audiences and singing about bitches left and right. Even those lighter-than-air pseudo punks Blink 182 got away with throwing a "bitch" into "What's My Age Again?"

Rap doesn't even try to excuse its misogynistic bad boys. Eminem's first album could have been back to back raps about snuff films, and the real Slim Shady would have still raked in the dough on his sophomore effort.

The backlash is more pervasive on television. What happens in music can be extreme. Radio singles won't offend much, but they get the album sold and keep a guy going. But television has to soft peddle everything, doesn't it? The backlash isn't just in the form of misogyny; it's all about guys doing everything in their power to be as stereotypically "male" as possible, and misogyny is just a large part of that. Not the outright hatred kind, but the slightly more subtle objectification variety.

In spite of my past, no one likes to go

for a dip in the testosterone-soaked tide once in awhile like I do. Give me a Clint Eastwood marathon, a sausage/oniion pizza with a good bottle of bourbon to wash it down and you can call it a Christmas.

Testosterone has become something of the latest fad on TV. Shows are dripping with it. Sitcoms like "Titus" have always been a hit on Fox. This show features a second-rate comedian who explains to his audience through the fourth wall about the inner workings of a guy's mind. The show I have in mind is "The X Show." Have you seen this gem? It featured Mark "Studs" DeCarlo in a prominent hosting role up until mid-June if that is any indication of quality.

It is a show that proclaims to be for men and the women who put up with them. In the background is an exercise tape in case viewers get board with the conversation. If watching women stretch is your bag, you shouldn't get board with features like "Women in Men's Underwear/Office Equipment/On Lawnmowers," "Gettin' It," "The Nude Spokesmodel Showdown" and much, much more.

It's like my mother used to say, "I'm laughing, but I'm not amused." Some things we laugh at aren't really funny, like fart jokes or when someone stubs their toe so bad it bleeds. You laugh almost in defense. When they do a segment on how to get that female friend of yours into bed, you have to watch. It's like a car accident. You know you should turn away, but there is just something compelling about advice like "don't remove sexual tension from your relationship" or "be nice anyway to get to her friends."

It's not all bad behavior and rude comments. They go over the rules of various sports, show off the latest in universal remotes and tell you what you should look for in a good scotch. The ladies might even approve of the occasional segment on how to properly perform cunnilingus or how to be an attentive, generous date.

There is an element of honesty to the show. I will give them credit for that; they aren't hiding an agenda. They suggest that men have to give in to their base nature once in awhile, and I don't reject that premise while seeing "Gladiator" for the third time or smelling my T-shirt before I put it on.

What lies at the heart of this show is an unwitting response to feminist criticism of masculinity. It is not a calculated response, just a gut reaction that goes too far in the opposite direction.

For centuries, men did their thing and when women began to assert themselves more stridently, a great deal of mockery was made of men and their ways. This leads to a natural and almost zealous response from men who now not only roll around in their own muck, but do so on television.

Men love to sell themselves short, but the truth is we are more complex than we like to admit. Mozart was a guy. Mark Twain was a guy. Lord Byron was definitely a guy. Look at what they did with it.

Being a real guy means being able to balance your base nature with your higher functions. It means spending part of every day concentrating on the sublime and part of it reveling in the profane. It means taking as much joy in reaching for the stars as it does playing in the dirt. ■

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Female impersonator is activist with cause

Paysha Stockton
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Gaysha Starr always ends the night with a little friendly drag-queen advice: Use a condom. If you drink or use drugs, don't hurt anybody. Love yourself.

The 28-year-old glamour girl performs diva tunes and hosts lip-synch contests at Neighbours, a longtime Seattle gay bar, every Sunday night. In her long black wigs, sparkling skin-tight gowns and towering platform mules, Gaysha has shaken her money-maker for many a good cause.

She's prettier than the average queen and that's meant more cash for charity.

As the 1999 Empress of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle, an annual pageant, her court raised about \$23,000 for gay organizations — \$10,000 of which will go to student scholarships.

Working the scene since 1993, she has donated performances and tips for groups such as Chicken Soup Brigade, the Northwest AIDS Foundation and the People of Color Against AIDS Network.

Gaysha's proud of her image as a civic-minded good-time girl.

But now, Robert Matencio, the man behind the queen, is taking a career of community service at Gay City Health Project, an in-your-face health organization.

Known for its irreverent, naughty and creative approach to gay men's esteem, health and sexual issues — the bowling event to celebrate its five-year anniversary was called HomoBowl — the men of Gay City use camp to reach their peers.

Out with stern condom lectures and tragic AIDS images. In the Ken-doll poster campaigns like "We're all in bed together," and "probing forums" with juicy titles.

Matencio's new official title is young men's community organizer of Queercore, Gay City's group for men between the ages

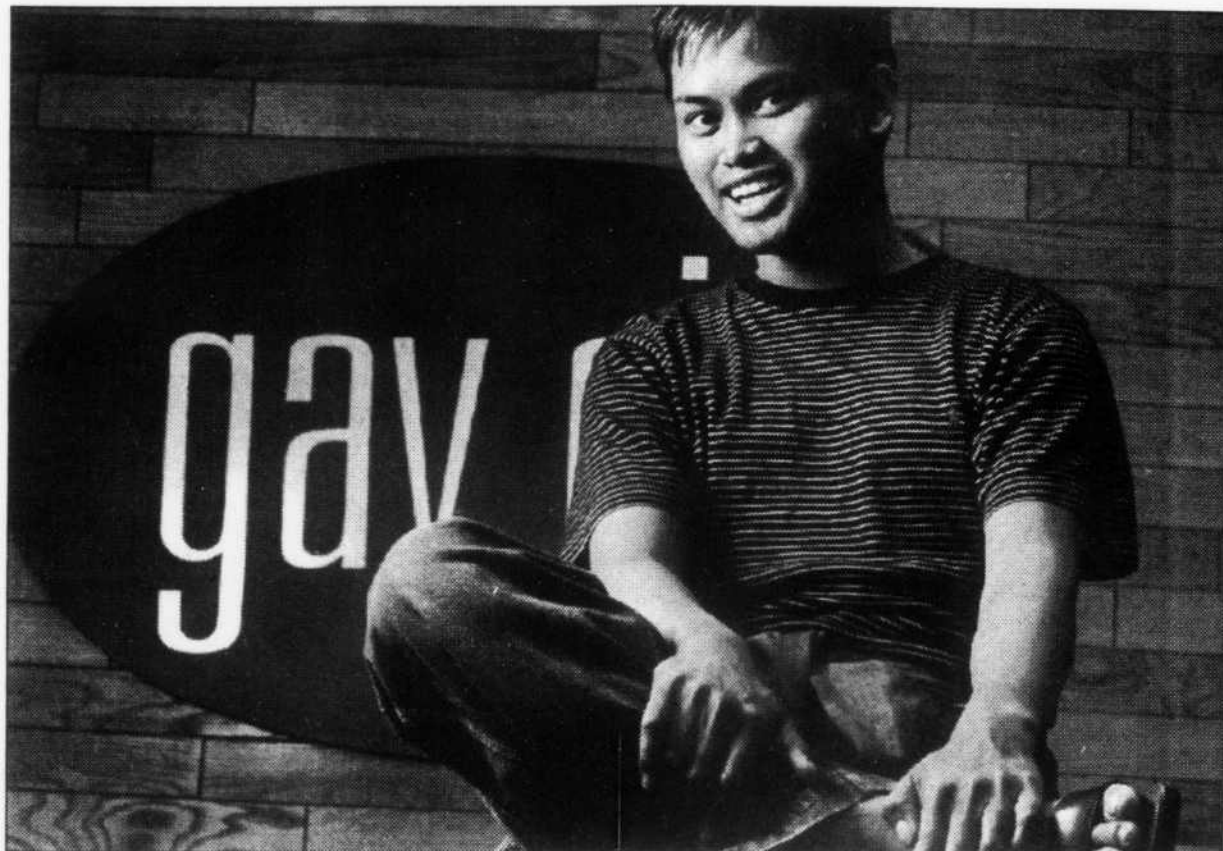


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Robert Matencio is program director at Gay City Health Project by day - and by right is sometimes a drag queen. He uses star power and connections to keep young gay men healthy.

of 18 and 29.

Queercore has about 75 volunteers and sponsors regular social events. In 1999, Gay City reports, more than 2,000 young men attended.

It also hosts informal "coffee talk" get-togethers.

The goal: to build a strong community for young gay men and provide alternative social events that promote safe fun.

And, most important, to help young gay men avoid the big A. Matencio's all for that.

Since he donned his first dress, he's felt a duty to serve his community.

He's home-grown — his family moved here from the Philippines when he was 1 — and he can't really imagine leaving Seattle.

He still performs in drag several nights a week. But many nights, he goes out "to network" on behalf of Queercore.

"People think I'm pretty and fluffy, but I have business cards in my pocket or purse all the

time," he says. "And I can make things happen."

Like recently, when he persuaded a local bar to donate food for a Queercore "Bring your own meat" barbecue in exchange for publicity.

"You create win-win situations," he explains.

It was his Rolodex — and fund-raising skills — that won him the job at Gay City in March.

"He knows absolutely everyone," says John Leonard, Gay City executive director.

Leonard can see Matencio taking Queercore in new directions, maybe to the bars. In the past, he says, the organization has stuck to social events that provide alternatives to clubbing.

But, he says, "the gay bars, like it or not, are pretty much the centers of gay culture. Robert has a tremendous amount of connections in the gay bars in Seattle."

Matencio, who coordinates Queercore with George Froehle,

says: "I'd like us to reach a wider base. I'd like to see more men of color involved, as well as bisexual men."

Matencio writes a column for Seattle Gay News and would like to start a Queercore magazine. Sort of a "gay man's Cosmo."

But mostly, he wants to energize the group's volunteers and foster community. Create a place where young gay men can talk about sex.

A place they can gain the self-esteem he believes translates into healthier lifestyle choices — not smoking, not getting high, not having unprotected sex.

It's a new kind of activism for him. He now goes to work more often as Robert, not Gaysha.

"For me to work in the community outside of drag is incredible," he says. "I really believe in what they do. I feel really good about being someone in my age group who's taking responsibility." ■

Transportation officials hear about distracted drivers

Nedra Pickler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — You're driving and glance over as another car passes. To your amazement, the man behind the wheel is talking on a cellular phone — while shaving.

This occurred recently on Interstate 95 near Washington. It's an egregious example of what federal authorities say is a growing problem: drivers doing lots of things besides paying attention to the road.

The proliferation of gadgets like cell phones and mapping systems has exacerbated a problem that has existed since people started driving.

"We are experiencing a dramatic change in driver behavior," said Rosalyn Millman, deputy administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "If we underestimate this potential risk to highway traffic safety and do not moderate drivers' use of in-vehicle systems, the price may be very steep, indeed."

NHTSA held a public hearing Tuesday to discuss ways to curb driver distractions. Representatives from the government, auto industry, safety organizations, cellular phone makers and others attended.

The participants agreed little information is available to determine how risky certain distractions can be and what activities are most dangerous.

According to the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety, which has organized a campaign encouraging responsible use of new vehicle technologies, distracted drivers cause at least 4,000 accidents a day and perhaps as many as 8,000.

A 1997 study in the New England Journal of Medicine found talking on a phone while driving quadrupled the risk of an accident and was almost as dangerous as being drunk behind the wheel.

Joseph Tessmer, a NHTSA statistician, estimated 20 percent to 30 percent of fatal accidents are due to distractions, but said it's impossible to know for sure because only a few states document distractions in accident reports.

"Just because we are not collecting data on distractions involved in fatal accidents doesn't mean they aren't there," he said.

Joyce White came to the meeting from Florida to tell the story of her 21-year-old daughter, who was killed along with a friend when their car collided with a police car driven by an officer talking on a cell phone.

"My daughter's death demonstrates how lethal driving and telematics can be," said White, who did not disclose her hometown. "I, for one, don't want any other mothers, sisters or friends to go through what I've gone through."

Some at the meeting called for laws to prevent drivers from using cell phones, mapping systems and other distracting gadgets while the vehicle is in motion.

But White said education is a better way to reduce accidents.

Several countries have banned the use of cell phones while driving, but no states have done so. Only California, Florida and Massachusetts have laws limiting cell phone use in moving vehicles, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, though dozens of U.S. communities are considering restrictions.

"There's certainly a lot of driver education that needs to take place because there is a lot of new technology coming on the scene," Brain Gratch, a marketing director at Motorola Inc., which makes cellular phones, said at the hearing.

Automakers say they are concerned but do not want NHTSA to start regulating what can be installed in new vehicles.

They are looking at ways to make gadgets safer, such using voice-activated systems so drivers keep their hands on the wheel.

"Consumers are demanding more in-vehicle communications," Vann Wilber of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers told the hearing. "We believe that vehicles should be designed to allow the minimal chance for driver distractions." ■

Universities facing shortage of professors

V. Dion Haynes
Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Faced with a large enrollment surge from the children of Baby Boomers and a flurry of expected retirements, colleges and universities across the nation are bracing for a shortage of tens of thousands of professors. Education experts are predicting that total college enrollment will rise by 2 million to 16 million students over the next decade.

No one has an exact figure on the number of faculty positions that will be open over the next decade, but with an average 20-1 faculty-student ratio, there could reach an estimated 100,000 positions.

The college faculty crunch comes at a time when elementary and secondary schools are encountering their own teacher shortages and when all schools are facing intense public pressure to improve the quality of education.

Experts say the competition for faculty could create a sellers market, which in turn could drive up salaries, exacerbating universities' current practice of hiring more part-time and non-tenured professors and forcing institutions to introduce more independent study courses to reach more students with fewer instructors.

In the 1960s and 1970s, enrollment surged when millions of Baby Boomers flooded the nation's colleges and universities. Back then, schools responded by building new campuses, updating curricula and hiring new professors.

Now tens of thousands of those professors have reached their 50s, 60s and

70s and are nearing retirement, according to the Project on Faculty Appointments at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. Though colleges and universities banned mandatory retirement in 1994, one-third of the nation's faculty is 55 and older compared to one-fourth a decade ago.

If the hot job market and lure of Internet start-ups continue, finding enough qualified faculty to replace retirees and to meet future demand could be much tougher this time around, some experts said.

During the first boom, "we didn't have the acute competition from the private sector," said Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, a think tank in San Jose, Calif.

"The competitive impact is strong," Callan added. "But in California, [the problem of hiring new faculty] is more pronounced, with a combination of high student demand, high cost of living and Silicon Valley."

Experts said the shortage of college professors will be particularly dramatic in Texas, Florida, Arizona and California. In a decade, for example, California alone is expecting 793,000 additional public and private school students.

The population of college-bound students has been growing steadily for 15 years. The number of high school graduates in the U.S. has risen to 2.8 million this year from 2.3 million in 1985, according to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education in Boulder, Colo. The population is expected to reach 3.2 million by 2008.

Moreover, the number of so-called

non-traditional students—adults 25 and older—has been climbing rapidly.

Illinois' college enrollment is expected to grow a modest 87,000 by 2020, according to the state's Board of Higher Education. Unlike the first boom in the 1960s, which was spread throughout the country, this second wave will be concentrated in 20 states mainly in the West, Pacific Northwest, Southwest and South.

A survey conducted by the State Higher Education Executive Officers showed that college officials considered attracting and retaining professors and maintaining competitive salaries for faculty their No. 2 and No. 3 most important issues.

"At least 17 states said they are considering new initiatives on [faculty] supply and demand," said Alene Russell, senior research associate for the Denver organization, which represents higher education boards in all 50 states.

In Arizona, where college enrollment is expected to grow to 120,000 in 10 years from 105,000, Gov. Jane Hull recently signed legislation placing a proposition on the November ballot that would increase higher-education spending by \$40 million a year. A large portion of that money, according to Arizona education officials, would be used to address future faculty shortages.

The huge demand for top-notch research faculty by Arizona, California, Texas and Florida could intensify competition among institutions and draw away talent from other states. Thus, even states with low shortages are studying how they can prevent a brain drain.

"Maryland is seeking more state funds to attract and retain faculty," Russell added. "North Dakota is making recommendations on how to get more money for faculty salaries, and Maine is looking into bringing its university salaries in line with salaries of similar institutions."

Still, higher education experts say that the low supply and high demand for faculty won't necessarily spur across-the-board raises or reverse the 1990s trend in which institutions began relying more on part-time, non-tenured professors.

Salaries and perks may rise significantly for faculty in engineering, computer science and other popular fields in which professors already are in short supply, they said. Salaries are expected to remain flat for humanities and social science professors. Because no one can predict what the hot jobs will be in 10 years, university officials think temporary and non-tenured positions offer them greater flexibility in deploying faculty as demand dictates.

"My suspicion is we'll have to use temporary faculty more until we can catch up," said Ellen Switkes, assistant vice president for academic advancement for the University of California system. University of California officials are projecting they will need 7,000 new professors.

"Temporary staff can help us while we're taking a look at what we can expect in the future," she added.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission, the planning and coordinating agency for the state's public colleges and universities, is projecting that in 10 years an additional 714,000 students will enroll in public

institutions and an additional 79,000 in private institutions. As in Florida, Texas, Arizona and other booming states, California's increase is composed of the offspring of Baby Boomers, immigrants and others who have moved into the state in recent years and an increase in older students. Using an average 20-1 faculty-student ratio, California public and private institutions would need an estimated 40,000 new professors to meet demand.

Faculty groups at the University of California, California State University and the community colleges have proposed several ideas to attract new professors: boosting salaries, offering free tuition to family members of faculty and providing mortgage assistance programs.

But some university officials and experts say the institutions likely will not be able to fill the shortage completely.

Thus, seeking to meet a greater demand with fewer professors, they are exploring ideas such as teaching year-round, boosting class sizes and offering more "distance learning" courses on television and the Internet. Some say the shortage could spur fundamental changes in higher education.

The shortage "will force us to adjust. Teaching and learning will be done differently," said Callan of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

"Faculty now are more than purveyors of learning," he added. "Schools will have to offer more self-directed learning. ... The faculty's role will be to help students find and analyze information, rather than what they do now—lecturing." ■

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Student athletes gain from football's progress

MT Media Relations

To the average fan Middle Tennessee's move to Division I-A means a number of things including better competition, superior athletes, a higher level of play, and better road trips—none of which is the rationale of that move.

The main benefactor of the move is the student athlete, stated Athletic Director Lee Fowler.

Indeed, the move to Division I-A has already precipitated several advances and more opportunities for the student-athletes at Middle Tennessee.

With the renovation of the football stadium, the Student-Athlete Academic Enhancement Center, which is located on the southwest corner of Floyd Stadium, opened in January of 1999. The facility has given all student-athletes a place where academic pursuits can be met while also maintaining the rigors of their athletic priorities. The center is equipped with group tutor rooms, a computer area, and 80 spacious study carrels.

Compliance Coordinator Diane Turnham, who has been instrumental in seeing that women's sports at Middle Tennessee continue to progress, believes the move is helping provide student-athletes better opportunities.

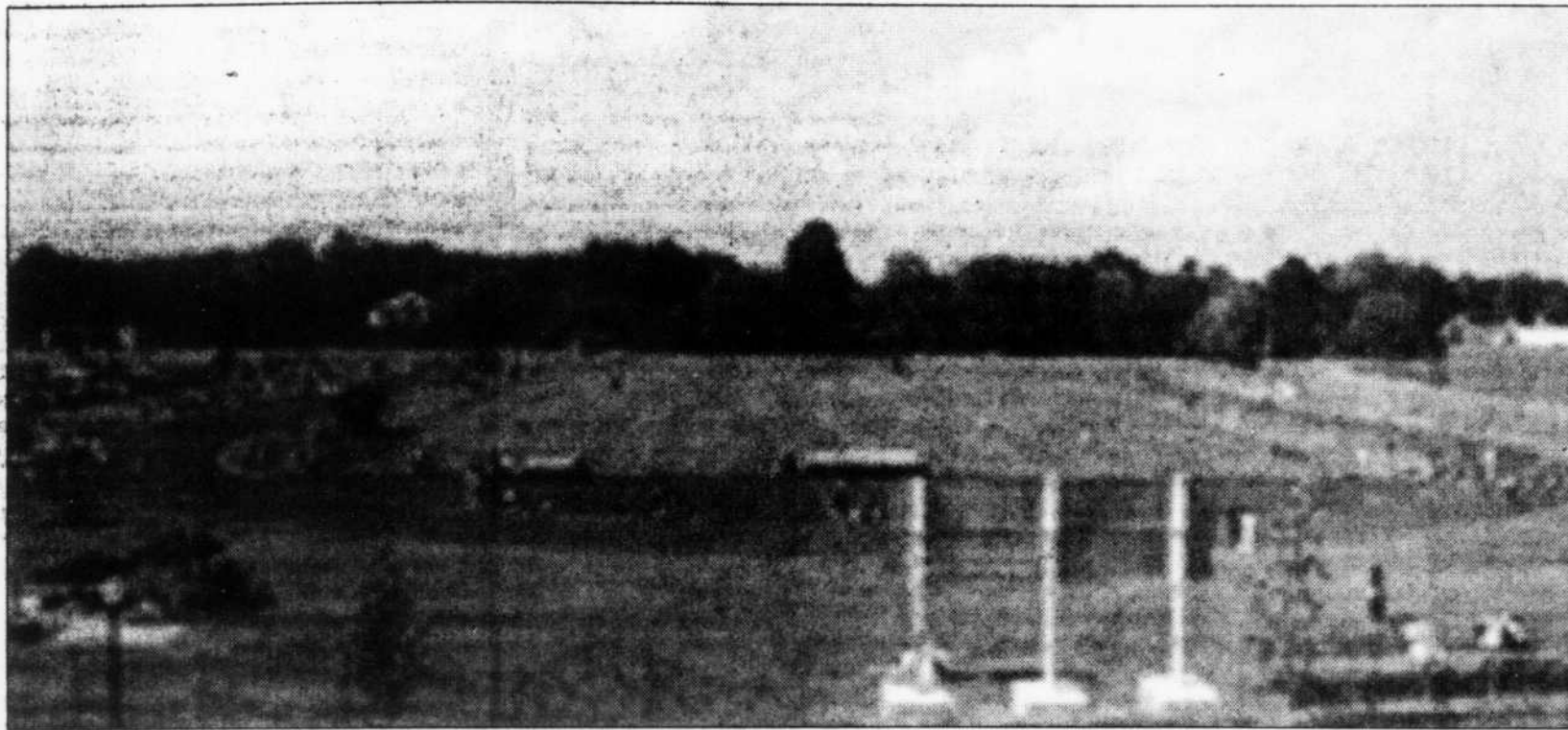
As a direct result of going Division I-A in football, we have a new academic enhancement center and a new weight room that helps everyone, not just football players, remarked Turnham.

On the north end of the football stadium is the 10,000 square-foot weight room.

We went from two smaller weight rooms to one state-of-the-art facility that benefits all of our athletes, commented Fowler.

Senior volleyball player Abby Hartup recalls what it was like before the new weight room and the improvement of the overall facility was complete.

It's been nice having the new weight room, because we have so much more room than we did with the old one, commented Hartup. We also have Darren (Edgington), who works directly with us. There is always someone there if we need help.



The Blue Raider track/soccer complex was built as part of the Floyd Stadium construction.

Also as a result of the Floyd Stadium renovation, the Blue Raider track and soccer complex was constructed and served as the host of the 2000 OVC Outdoor Track and Field Championships this past spring. The Lady Raider soccer team is set to begin their second full season at the facility this coming fall.

Not only has there been an improvement in facilities for athletes, there also exists other valuable intricacies not seen by the casual observer. With the rise to Division I-A from I-AA, football scholarships will eventually number 85, up from 63.

The increased scholarships require more scholarship money to be provided for women's athletics in order to comply with Title IX policies.

The move has allowed softball, volleyball, and soccer to increase their scholarship funding to the maximum amount allowed by the NCAA. While the increase of scholarships also means higher cost for the athletic department, it is the student-athlete who ultimately profits whether it is a direct or indirect result of the football team's progress.

When we first started, we were nowhere close to funding our women's programs with the proper amount of scholarship

opportunities, said Turnham. Now we are a lot closer to what the NCAA allows.

Another benefit that some athletes are receiving is better housing. The addition of Scarlett Commons, an on-campus apartment style dorm complex, has given upperclassmen better living facilities.



Student-Athlete Academic Enhancement Center

An increase in staff has also been a result of the move. Specifically, the strength and conditioning staff and the training staff, both of which help keep the athletes in top physical condition, have increased due to the demand created by more athletes.

Just a few years ago, Matt Riley was the only full-time member of the strength and conditioning staff. Currently, strength and conditioning has two full-time employees with the addition of Robb Rogers, as

well as a part time assistant and a graduate assistant, which included the aforementioned Edgington. Edgington and graduate assistant Cedrick Walthaw are both awaiting possible full-time status.

The athletic training staff recently added its third full-time assistant and has five graduate assistants to help with injuries and treatment. Construction is to begin soon on a new athletic training facility as well as a new football locker room.

The athletic department has also increased the Athletic Media Relations staff by one full-time employee and several student assistants to help promote the athletes and the University's 16 sports. Sophisticated equipment has also been upgraded to ensure that the Media Relations staff has the best technology to best promote the student-athletes.

While there has been added value to the student-athletes experience at Middle Tennessee, it is in the future where Larry Counts believes the University and the student-athletes will benefit the most.

The start-up costs have hit us hard, but that will begin to level out, said Counts, who serves as Associate Athletic Director.

We will see more results down the road as we receive

more money for guaranteed contracts for playing some of the upper echelon teams. How long that will take I don't know, but at some point it will happen.

As teams vie for at least six wins to meet bowl requirements, more universities are less likely to play Division I-AA teams. Much more money can be made playing away from home as a I-A team than as a I-AA team.

Just as an example, Counts went on to say. As a I-A team, we will get twice as much to play a team like Mississippi State than we would get if we were a I-AA team.

Another event that Blue Raider fans have already begun to recognize as a major advantage for athletics is the change in conference affiliation. The move from the

Ohio Valley Conference to the Sun Belt Conference was obviously the effect of football making the upward climb to become a Division I-A member. With that came an invitation to take all Blue Raider sports to the Sun Belt.

The change in conferences gives athletes several advantages not previously realized.

Football's move up and the move to the Sun Belt is about perception, remarked Counts. When the volleyball team or the

softball venture to play outside of Tennessee, people will know the name and know more about Middle Tennessee.

It means a number of things for us, said Turnham. It means increased visibility and allows all of our athletes to compete at the highest level possible. It's kind of a snowball effect that will help us create better facilities, give the coaches a better chance to succeed, and ultimately expand our fan base and support.

For head softball coach Karen Green, the move to the Sun Belt is a huge advantage in spite of the fact that SBC softball is just getting started.

I think it is going to help us all in recruiting, said Green. We don't always recruit specifically to softball. We are recruiting school against school, and the move in football and to the Sun Belt is giving us more national recognition.

Fowler believes the move to the Sun Belt simply provides Middle Tennessee's student-athletes with more opportunities.

Every sport gets a chance to compete for the conference championship, not just the top finishing teams, commented Fowler. The experience in championships will be much better in the Sun Belt than the OVC.

The bottom line for supporters and fans of Blue Raider athletics is that when football season comes around, members of the football team will not be the only beneficiaries of the support and encouragement received during the game. The rest of Middle Tennessee's student-athletes will benefit from support and the ongoing success of the football program through ticket sales, concessions, and contributions made to the athletic programs.

When we get to the bottom line, concluded Fowler, we only have a small amount of money more than we would have if we were not playing these guaranteed games, primarily because our expenses are going to be much greater now. To continue to survive and be successful with our entire athletic program we are going to have to generate more through our own ticket sales. ■

Yankees bolster pitching staff; champs prepare to defend title

Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Two weeks after they traded for David Justice to put some thump in their lineup, the New York Yankees snagged left-hander Denny Neagle, one of the top starting pitchers available as the trade deadline nears.

Cincinnati sent Neagle, their top starter, to the Yankees on Wednesday as part of a six-player deal that essentially ends the Reds' chances of contending and strengthens New York's.

The Yankees also got outfielder Mike Frank while giving up minor league third baseman Drew Henson, pitcher Brian Holman, and catcher Jackson Mauer.

Neagle, 27, was the Reds' top pitcher and was expected to be traded to free agency.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden said seven clubs were interested in Neagle, who was 8-2 with a 3.52 ERA in 18 starts this season.

"There was not a deal out

there in our opinion that was close to what we got from the Yankees," Bowden said. "We didn't want to get into the situation where if we waited for two weeks from now, we couldn't get the Yankees' deal because they wanted to go in a different direction."

The deal, announced by the Reds at a news conference a day after the All-Star game, gave the Yankees' struggling pitching staff another starter for the second half of the season but stripped New York's farm system of some top prospects.

It also presented the Yankees, with baseball's only \$100 million payroll, with another big salary and a player who becomes a free agent after this season.

Neagle's current salary is \$1.5 million. He is expected to be traded to free agency.

They trail the St. Louis Cardinals by eight games in the NL Central.

It's similar to 1998, when they traded top starter Dave

Burba to Cleveland on the eve of the season opener as part of a package for top Indians prospect Sean Casey.

The Reds are on target to set a franchise record for attendance after winning 96 games in 1999 and trading for Griffey. The consensus pick to win the NL Central is now essentially conceding.

"We're concerned about how it's going to be taken by the fans, by the players and by the media," Bowden said. "You want to trade for more Denny Neagles, you don't want to trade Denny Neagle. But it's a business."

Frank, 25, played in 28 games for the Reds in 1998, hitting .225, and has been at Triple-A since.

Henson was the key to the deal from the Reds' perspective. He is hitting .287 for Double-A Scranton and hasn't decided whether to play major league baseball or pursue a career in the NFL. He's expected to be the starting quarterback at Michigan this year.

"Henson is the wild card in the deal," Bowden said. "If in the future he plays major league baseball, I think in the end this

is a real good deal for the Reds. If he does play football, I still think it's a good deal considering the circumstances."

Melian, 20, hit .252 with nine homers in 81 games at Norwich this season. Reith, 22, went 9-4 with a 2.18 ERA for Class A Tampa. Yarnall, 24, was 2-1 with a 4.56 ERA in 10 starts for the Yankees this season.

The Yankees are getting a pitcher who missed the first half of last season with a weak pitching shoulder, then was Cincinnati's most dependable starter down the stretch.

He's been healthy and effective again this season, striking out 88 and walking 50 in 117 2-3 innings. The Reds got him after the 1998 season in a trade that sent second baseman Bret Boone to Atlanta.

On June 29, the Yankees traded outfielder Ricky Ledee and two players to be named to the Indians.

The Yankees had a tentative deal for Detroit's Juan Gonzalez fall through because they couldn't agree to a contract with the outfielder and their bid for Sammy Sosa ended when they couldn't agree on players with the Chicago Cubs. ■



Athletic Director Lee Fowler, MT President James Walker

MT administrators named to Sun Belt's committee

MT Media Relations

After being an official member of the Sun Belt Conference for less than one month, Middle Tennessee athletic administrators have wasted no time in trying to make a difference in its new home. Several administrators have been named to the Sun Belt's Sports Committees.

Athletic director Lee Fowler will chair the men's basketball committee and the golf committee, while being a member of the softball committee. Fowler's term on the men's basketball committee expires in 2002 and his tenure as chair of the golf committee will end in 2001. He will be on the softball committee until 2003.

Assistant athletic director Diane Turnham is on the soccer committee until 2001, while assistant athletic director/media relations Mark Owens will be on the football committee through 2003. Head track coach Dean Hayes is on the track and field committee until 2001 and faculty representative Race Bergman will be a member of the baseball committee through 2002.

The duties of the committee members include reviewing the sports regulations and making recommendations to the Sun Belt Conference Athletic Directors.

Executive Committee; ensuring that coaches are informed about league rules and matters affecting the sport; conduct surveys, and administer, in general, the sport in the Sun Belt Conference. ■

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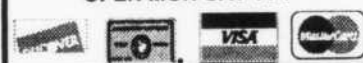
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MORNING BEAT (6-9AM)

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"FRESH AIR" WITH TERRY GROSS (4-5PM)

OVERNIGHTS WITH BOB PARLOCHA

Finger Snacks

Spanish Dedos

Open faced finger sandwich at a ridiculously little price. We top Texas Toast points with your choice of egg, chicken, ham, or seafood salas, pimento cheese or one of our four weekly specials.

Minimum order of 4.....\$4.60
Each additional.....\$2.15

Cajun Wings

Served hot with celery & your choice of Rance or Bleu Cheese (\$.50 extra)

6.....\$2.95
12.....\$4.95
24.....\$8.95

Italian Cheese Sticks

Thick, breaded Mozzarella sticks garnished with marinara sauce.

Basket.....\$2.55
Meal.....\$7.95

Southern Onion Rings

Cirlces of deep-fried sweet onion rings (Ranch dressing on request)

Basket.....\$2.95
Meal.....\$4.95

Idaho Potatoes

Steak cut fries, always a basic

Snack.....\$1.00
Basket.....\$1.95

Sure, we can combo any of the menu items to suit your taste. Please ask your server. There may be an upcharge for certain additions. All sandwiches are served on Texas Toast and garnished with mayo/mustard, tomato, lettuce, red onion & a pickle spear and served with your choice of chips or fries (substitute Onion Rinf for \$1.25 additional.)

Faces

RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

2111 E. Main, Murfreesboro
867-7555

July

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

SU: Reserve Your Private Party!
MO: Margaritaville Monday
TU: 2-4-1 Wells, Calls, & Drafts
WE: Beat the Clock & 2-4-1 Wings
TH: \$5 Kegger & \$4.44 Burger Platters
FR: \$1 Draft & Wines - DJ @ 9pm
SA: \$1 Draft & Wine - Live Music @ 9pm

August

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

B.T.C. & Live Acoustic
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HOROSCOPE

LEO (July 23 - August 23)

Leo, feeling restless? It is time to let your secret out (you know the one)! As the planets are hovering in Cancer take initiative to create opportunity for yourself. Then, as Venus and your ruling planet The Sun enter your own sign enjoy your very own birthday party, only at **the #1 Neighborhood Party Bar...**

\$1 OFF

Thursday Kegger
(with this coupon)

6pm - 11pm; 21 & older

FREE FOOD

Present this coupon & receive 1 FREE Dedo's Appetizer

No purchase required

\$1 OFF

POOL TABLE

Hourly Rate
(with this coupon)

Valid Anytime
limit 1 per hour of play

Hot Sandwiches

American Burger.....\$5.75

Here's your beef! A half pound grilled patty topped with our medium sharp cheddar cheese. (allow about 15 minutes for well done)

Southwestern Patty...\$5.75

Light and quick, al all veggie blackbean patty with out cheddar cheese

Dixie Club.....\$5.95

Everything southern - ham, turkey, thick sliced bacon & cheddar cheese

Cool Sandwiches

Charleston Chicken Salad

Chunks of tender chicken combined with a special sauce makes this sandwich a local fave.....\$5.95

Floridian Egg Salad

Hunks of boiled egg mixed with pickle and pimento. A summer classic.....\$5.75

Virginia Ham Salad

Slow cooked smoked ham makes this cool sandwich a great afternoon snack of night time meal.....\$5.95

Pimento Cheese

A sandwich standard.....\$5.75