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IN THE NEWS

Two injured in school wreck

SMYRNA — A LaVergne High School student and a Smyrna woman were injured Wednesday morning in a wreck which occurred at the new LaVergne High School.

Mary Wheeler, age unknown, and Michael Wilson, 17, collided as Wheeler was attempting to pull onto Sam Ridley Parkway after dropping her children off at school.

Both drivers were transported from the scene by ambulance with what were reported as minor injuries.

"It appeared she [Wheeler] was trying to make a left turn back into Smyrna," Smyrna Police Capt. James Bailey said. "There was a line of traffic lined up beside the road in that direction that apparently impaired her view. She reportedly pulled out when she was struck by the car driven by Mr. Wilson."

Bailey said Wilson was driving south from Smyrna on the parkway when his 1978 Mercury became involved with Wheeler's 1984 Chevy Blazer.

Wilson's father, Harry Wilson, was upset because he felt the intersection was unsafe.

"The people cannot see to get in and out of here. It is a hazard. Parents and children are afraid for their lives. My son does not like to use this entrance, so he always drives down to the other one out toward Interstate 24 like he was trying to do when he was hit," he said.

Spider problem corrected

Officials for Rutherford County schools say that Oakland High school's brown recluse problem has been alleviated after a team of state specialists found only one actual brown recluse bite in 72 youths who were tested Tuesday.

The youths were checked at the school by Dr. Bob Sanders, director of the Rutherford County Health Department. The only bite which Sanders thought might be from a brown recluse was believed not to have occurred at Oakland because the student did not attend classes Friday and admitted going camping Friday evening, the day she was bitten.

Another 30 students were not tested because they were absent from school or decided not to be tested by the doctor.

"We have conclusively proven there is no cause for alarm through our investigation," Ed Shirley, schools director of finance, said. "We have used experts, and there is no higher way to go."

Mike Cooper, state entomologist; Jerry Franklin, state department of health and Jerry Laws, with a pest control company, helped school officials evaluate all the data collected on the brown recluse problem.

Two injured in apartment fire; cause of blaze still unknown

By M.A. BROWN
Editor-in-Chief

Two maintenance workers at LeBeau Chateau Apartments have been hospitalized for injuries received during a fire which gutted one unit yesterday morning.

Bobby Faulk, 39, and William Farrar, 31, were burned when an air conditioning unit they were working on exploded at approximately 11 a.m.

Farrar was able to escape the burning apartment. However, Faulk was trapped inside, forcing firemen to break a plate glass window on the apartment balcony to rescue him.

According to Angel Stargel, a resident of the complex who witnessed the

fire, Faulk was inside the unit for approximately 20 minutes. Assistant Fire Chief James Fite disputed that estimate.

"He was in there a few minutes, but I wouldn't say it was that long," he said.

Upon his rescue, Faulk was rushed by helicopter to Vanderbilt Hospital's burn unit. He is listed in critical condition with second and third degree burns over 45 percent of his body.

Farrar was taken to Middle Tennessee Medical Center on Bell Street and treated for first, second and third degree burns on his arms and back. He is listed in stable condition.

Fire department officials and Brent Smith, general partner of LeBeau

Chateau, said the cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

According to Fite, the air conditioner's compressor exploded. However, Smith said inspectors at the scene found the compressor intact.

"Right now nobody really knows what caused it," Smith said. "The compressor was not blown, and all the gas to the building was turned off."

Smith speculated that the explosion may have been caused by a Freon leak in the air conditioner.

Murfreesboro Fire Chief David Baxter said the incident is under investigation.

Stargel said at about 11 a.m. she "heard a big kaboom." Her father called

the fire department upon discovering the fire.

"The explosion practically blew his [Farrar's] pants off," she said. "He didn't have a shirt on, his pants were torn and you could see his underwear."

"The outer layer of skin on his arm was hanging off like ropes," she added.

Stargel also said that the apartment was rented by William Roberts and his son Mark and that they weren't home at the time of the fire.

Neither resident was available for comment.

Fire department officials and Smith reported that the apartment was completely destroyed. There was also slight water and smoke damage to neighboring apartments.



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Bobby Faulk, a maintenance worker for LeBeau Chateau Apartments, was rushed to the Burn Center at Vanderbilt University Hospital after receiving second- and third-degree burns over 45 percent of his body. He was transported to the hospital on the emergency helicopter, Vanderbilt Life Flight. The cause of the fire is still unknown and under investigation by the Murfreesboro Fire Department.

Publications Committee refuses rules suspension; editor sought

By TANJA R. FORTE
Staff Writer

Sidelines' editor-in-chief was replaced by an interim editor effective Thursday, and the Student Publications Committee is now accepting applications for a full-time fall editor.

Mark Brown, fall editor, cannot continue to serve because he is not carrying the required class load.

The committee refused to consider Brown's request for a suspension of the requirement at its first meeting Tuesday.

"He was aware of the requirement according to the operating papers [the Policies and Procedures Governing the Operation of *Sidelines*] and did not notify me," Jackie Solomon, student publications coordinator, said.

"The way the papers are written, he's removed him-

self," Chris Haseleu, chairman and recording industry management professor, said.

Although Haseleu asked if there were any motions for suspending the requirement, Solomon said she did not recommend that action.

According to the operating papers, "an editor-in-chief must be an MTSU student during his/her tenure as editor and must take a minimum of nine hours of coursework, in addition to any intern credit."

The position as editor is designed as an extra-curricular activity, according to Solomon and Haseleu.

Brown is currently enrolled in six hours of coursework and may have to drop three more due to financial difficulties, he said.

Haseleu said if no motion were made the rule would stand.

Following procedures outlined in the papers, Haseleu, Solomon and Brown named Kim Harris interim editor. Harris was summer editor.

It was decided that Brown's last issue as editor would be today's, with Harris taking command until a permanent fall editor can be found.

A deadline for applications for fall editor was set for Thursday, Sept. 29, at 4:30 p.m.

Other business for the committee included the submission of a proposal by Wayne Cartwright concerning changing *Midlander*, MTSU's yearbook, to a monthly, feature-oriented magazine.

Cartwright offered the venture as a money-making project that would be basically self-supporting.

The committee set up an ad hoc committee to look at the pros and cons of changing to a magazine format.

ASB cabinet chosen; president sets goals

From Staff Reports

Associated Student Body President Harry Hosey has chosen his cabinet and is ready for the first meeting of the ASB Congress, he said yesterday.

The ASB House and Senate will meet next Thursday in a joint session, Hosey said, and he has several pieces of legislation for approval.

"I've got a couple of ideas that are looking pretty good," Hosey said. Electronic doors for disabled

students and a campus radio station are two of the president's top priorities.

"Vanderbilt has five students in wheelchairs and they have 11 of these automatic doors," Hosey said. "There are 21 students in wheelchairs at MTSU this fall and there were 23 last year, but we don't have any. We need them here."

While the university should pay for the cost of the doors, Hosey said the ASB may pay for the installation of the first one in the

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Church-state debate topic of honors talk

By JIM RIDLEY
Staff Writer

An MTSU history professor told an Honors Lecture Series audience yesterday that separation of church and state is a matter of constitutional interpretation.

David Rowe discussed different approaches to the division of church and state yesterday afternoon before a group of 50 students and faculty members.

Rowe's talk was the third in the program's series of lectures on "Government as Big Brother."

Rowe said those favoring the separation of church and state usually fall into two categories — absolutist and non-preferential.

An absolutist, such as Thomas Jefferson, believes in a loose interpretation of the Constitution and "a solid wall between church and state," Rowe said. A non-preferentialist, on the other hand, believes in strict adherence to the original intentions of the authors of the Constitution but does not prohibit the government from favoring religion in general, so long as it does not favor any one church.

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Campus security may issue state citations

By TANJA R. FORTE
Staff Writer

MTSU campus security will soon have the option of issuing state tickets, due to a new policy by the State Board of Regents.

"Our power of arrest comes down from the university president through the State Board of Regents," Jack Drugmand, chief of campus security, said, "previously our power of arrest and our commissioning came through the Murfreesboro Police Department."

"The security officers have police powers necessary to enforce all state laws, rules and regulations, and university regulations," Drugmand said.

"First of all, I endorse it highly, I have for years," Drugmand said, "it's a long time overdue, as far as I'm concerned."

An example of the possible usefulness of state tickets can be shown through one of the more frequent traffic violations, the running of stop signs.

"Many drivers are preoccupied; they're thinking about going to class or they're thinking other things and they're saying 'I'm in this big parking lot now. It doesn't matter,'" Drugmand said.

"In fact, many streets on campus are city streets, and they do not need to let their guard down until they physically put their vehicle in a space," Drugmand said.

"There has been an increase in accidents at intersections due to the non-compliance rate at stop signs," Drugmand said.

A recent intersection survey report conducted by student officers showed a non-compliance rate of 33

percent to 50 percent at three intersections.

By issuing campus citations, it is hoped, the non-compliance rate will decrease, according to Drugmand.

"If the compliance rate does not improve, state tickets would be the next step," Drugmand said.

"The cost of a campus citation for a stop sign violation is \$10," Drugmand explained. "City tickets, which were previously issued, were \$27; now state tickets will cost \$74.50."

The officers are currently waiting for the new ticket books to arrive to begin issuing state tickets.



Lois Bragg (standing), MTSU English faculty member, looks on as students copy form letters as part of the Urgent Action Network, a project of Amnesty International. The MTSU chapter of the human rights activist group drew its largest crowd ever at a meeting Tuesday night.

Amnesty group largest yet

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

The largest group to ever attend MTSU's chapter of Amnesty International met Tuesday night in the KUC Grill.

Ron Bombardi, faculty

advisor for the group, said 45-50 people showed up at the meeting, the first of the year. It was the largest turnout in the group's three year history at MTSU.

At the meeting, Bombardi told the group what Amnesty is and what its goals are.

"Amnesty International claims no political associa-

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Journalism group hosts free workshop

By MARLA
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Assistant Lifestyles Editor
Sigma Delta Chi,
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nalism organization, spon-

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"Each side believes that the other is Big Brother," Rowe said.

Noting that the current presidential campaign has again made an issue of the First Amendment's interpretation, Rowe outlined three broad areas of persistent controversy: public education, medicine and health and patriotism.

Education, Rowe said, involves questions of structured prayer, textbook content, tax support for parochial schools and enforced attendance for members of religious groups that disapprove of public schooling, while medicine raises issues over the individual's right to die or refuse treatment.

Patriotism includes conscientious objection to

sored a free workshop at its first meeting of the semester Tuesday.

Charlie Appleton, state editor for *The Nashville Banner*, and Lauren Thierry, weekend anchor

for Channel 2 News, discussed improving reporting skills for print and broadcast students.

Brian Conley, president of Sigma Delta Chi, introduced the guest speakers

after a barbecue dinner.

Appleton described a few of the changes implemented at *The Nashville Banner* recently. He said editors now make a conscious effort to ask themselves, "Why is this story in the paper today?"

If that question can't be answered, then the story isn't run, Appleton said.

Another newly-implemented policy at *The Nashville Banner* is a weekly critique of the paper, Appleton said. The emphasis

is to point out problem areas to editors and reporters and to discuss potential solutions, he said.

Appleton also said an awards program is now offered to encourage young people at the paper. Categories include best headlines, photo and graphics to best reporting and writing.

"A young reporter is treated realistically," Appleton said. They come to work at 6 a.m. and are required to file their stories by 8:15 a.m.

One of the most important things a new reporter must do is establish contacts, Thierry said.

"Enterprise is something you should never lack," Thierry said. When you lack enterprise, you need to change careers, she said.

Good reporters should also listen when they conduct interviews, maintain a healthy curiosity and be well-read, Thierry said.

For more information about SDX, contact faculty adviser Glenn Himebaugh at MTSU extension 2813.

military service and the recent issue of requiring the Pledge of Allegiance to be said, Rowe explained.

He traced the history of church-state controversy back to the founding of the American colonies and the evolving definition of "established" religion. Reading from the first constitution of the state of New York, Rowe cited a passage which prohibited ministers from holding public office and denounced "spiritual oppression."

"Separation of church and state came about not because people wanted everyone to practice his own religion," Rowe said, "but because they wanted their own right to practice a religion."

Discussing the issue's more recent orientation, Rowe said President Reagan "misspoke" when

he said that the Constitutional Convention held prayers before each session. He said Benjamin Franklin brought up the motion, but it was rejected on grounds of expense, fear of offending Quaker hosts and worry that people might think the conventioners "needed a prayer."

Rowe concluded by offering a lighthearted suggestion to those who wish to sidestep constitutional objections to dividing church and state.

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Keathley University Center to "get the ball rolling."

A on-campus, student-run radio station, one of Hosey's campaign promises this spring, may be a little

closer to reality.

Dwan Nelson, president of the Society of Broadcast Students, is looking into the idea, Hosey said. Current plans call for a low-power station, whose signal would only reach the immediate campus area.

Approximately \$400 has been raised for the station. Other uses for the money will be found if the attempt is not successful.

"If it doesn't get started I don't want people to give up for good," Hosey said. "The money might go into the emergency loan fund or we could save it until next year and someone might try again."

While all cabinet positions have now been filled, Hosey said, not all ASB positions are filled. Elections will be held next Wednesday for five Freshman Senator positions and one

Graduate Senator slot. Homecoming Queen elections will also be conducted at the same time.

Hosey said he was pleased with Founder's Day, despite the fact that afternoon classes were not cancelled this year. The next major event the ASB is preparing for is Homecoming.

"We worked on it a lot this summer," Hosey said. "They did a good job last year. It was really well planned. If things go as well this year it will be great."

Hosey and other students were also busy this summer raising approximately \$1,000 for the Emergency Student Loan fund. Several students worked a concessions stand at three concerts at Starwood Amphitheater this summer and Starwood officials let the ASB keep nine percent of the money raised.

"It was very hard," Hosey said, "but we just might end up doing it again in the future. You might see us out there one more time this fall."

Hosey's election as president was his first position in MTSU student government, and he admits it has been a learning experience.

"I've learned that anyone who is serious about it can make a difference in student government," Hosey said.

● This year's cabinet officials are: Chief of Staff: Doug Holder; Treasurer: Melinda Hutchinson; Attorney General: Tracey Hardison; Public Defender: JoAnn Miller; Election

Commissioner: Joan Brooks; Secretary of State: Bobby Locke; Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature Representative: Michael Partin; Minority Student Director: Vincent

Woodrow; Homecoming Directors: Tonya Hunt and Anne Walters; Director of Student Activities: Megan Brown; Athletic Liaisons: Amy Jackson and Tony Stinnett; Public Relations: Daniel Williams; Band Liaison: Leslie Gardner and Advisors: Rick Kinard, Scott Hogue, Derick Leadford and Shawn McKinney.

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tion," he said. The group is opposed to all human rights violation and has chapters all over the world.

He continued by explaining what their primary concerns are.

The first is to act on behalf of all prisoners of conscience: those people imprisoned for their beliefs, race, sex, language, religion or ethnic origin, who have neither used nor advocated violence.

Another of Amnesty's concerns is to act on behalf of individuals who have been treated in cruel and unusual ways. While they do not argue with the need for justice, they work for an end to torture and executions in all prison cases.

Amnesty International works to ensure fair and prompt trials for all political

prisoners.

Bombardi spoke to the crowd about campus campaigns, where students write letters asking to end abuses in certain countries.

He also explained about the Urgent Action Network. This network deals with work in cases which require immediate attention.

After a plea by the Jim Veal, chairman, to join the steering committee, Bombardi introduced Bill Steber, coordinator of campus campaigns.

Steber said some of the things campus campaign could do were to "dissiminate student action on campus, create a human rights information system and organize benefits."

He said that the group might think about conducting a write-a-thon, consist-

ing of people coming in, sitting down and writing letters to leaders of countries where Amnesty International is working.

Lois Bragg talked to the group about the Urgent Action Network.

"There are no strokes here to make you feel good," Bombardi said. "It may be six months before you hear anything about a situation."

"One-third of the people written on behalf of have been released. Amnesty International makes no claims, we don't have to."

Jim Veal, chairman of the steering committee, said the large turnout at the meeting says a great deal about the accusation that today's young people are self-centered, a part of the "Me Generation."

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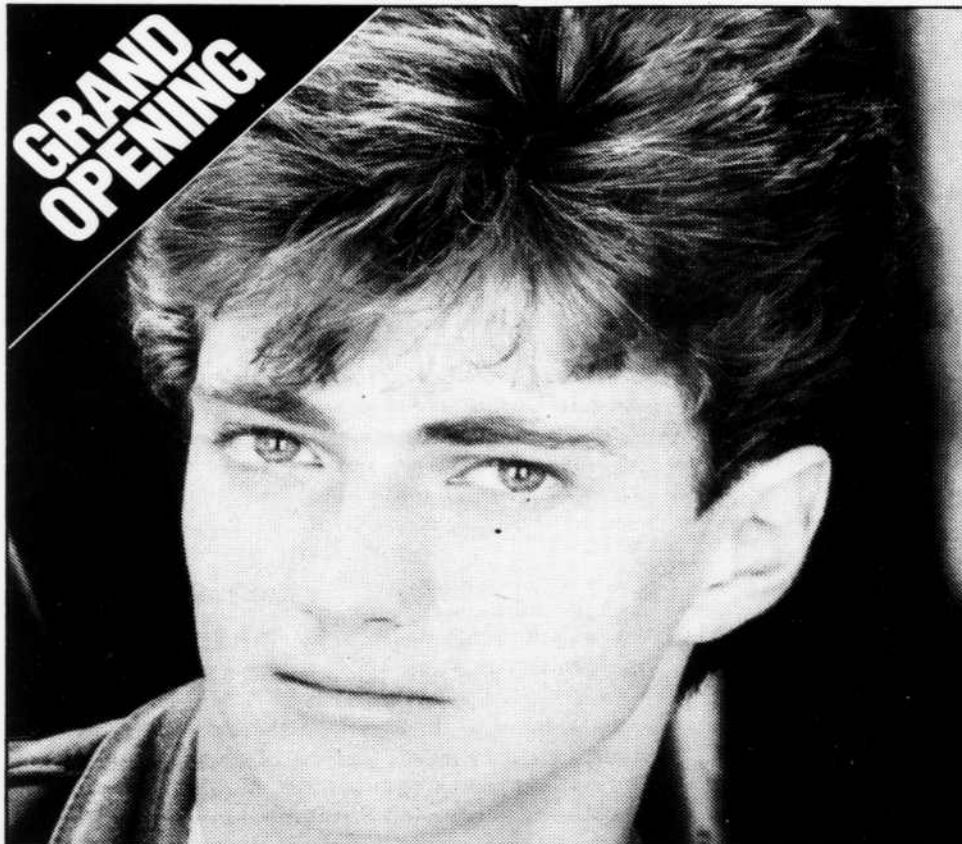
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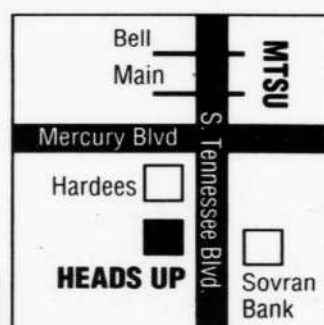
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EDITORIAL

More innuendo from the lecher

By LARRY KING
Ghostwritten by MIKE REED
Staff Columnist

Here we go again with another batch of lecherous innuendo designed to make the strong of heart flinch.

Well, rapture came and went and his holiness Pope John Paul II is still in South Africa. . . can someone please explain the plot to "Eraserhead" to me. . . if there is a more difficult task to perform on campus than applying for financial aid, I don't know what it is. . . so, what's for supper. . . are there more Mini-marts or Stop-n-Gos in Murfreesboro. . . how am I supposed to compose a column of this magnitude when my life is just one alcoholic stupor after another. . . in a world filled with casual sex most people I know are an orange sherbet coloured leisure suit. . . think about it for a second, if we were all products of our imagination nothing would ever get done. . . is it just me or does Tracy Chapman sound like Freddie Fender. . . why is it, when someone claims to have had past lives, they are always famous in them. . .

Boy howdy, we're havin' us a time. . . The coolest band in the world has to be the Fabulous Thunderbirds. . . it is amazing to me that everything I type ends up on that screen in front of me, how does it know. . . boy, that Nell Carter is a big girl. . . Pro wrestling is a godsend. . . If not for the courage of the fearless crew, the Minnow might have landed a heck of a lot closer to Hawaii. . .

I never know when to start another paragraph. . . it just occurred to me that perhaps people do not like to read a list of incomplete thoughts. . . what are you doing reading this column, the teacher is talking, take some notes or something, jeeez. . . happiness is a little bowl of peanut M&Ms. . . Is it just me or is Berke Breathed losing his touch. . . how can I concentrate with all of you looking over my shoulder. . .

I guess it is about time to put this puppy to sleep or club this baby seal or whatever those journalism majors say when they have spouted off as much as their conscience will allow. . . so good day, eh, or in the very mortal words of Dan Rather, "Courage," or was it "Bush is a wienie" . . .



College about learning

By DAVID ROBINSON
Presbyterian Student Fellowship Campus Pastor

College is about learning and growth. Though people come to college for a wide variety of reasons, the common denominator is growth: intellectual, professional, social, personal and spiritual growth. The greatest learning and growth I experienced in college happened outside the classroom.

I strongly believe that we grow best in relationships. Only in quality relationships with others and with God do we grow as we were meant to grow. What I mean by "quality relationship" is a relationship with someone who keeps us honest, helps us stay sane in the stressful times, challenges us to press on when we grow weary, and brings out the best in us. It is a relationship based on love, trust, and open communication on many levels. It's the kind of relationship God desires to have with each of us.

It was in such quality relationships during my college years where I received my greatest college education — and developed a quality personal relationship with God. Both of these things happened because I got involved in campus ministry groups.

I want to introduce you to some of the campus ministry groups here at MTSU. The following is an alphabetical list of those groups which have a Student Center or House, including information on their regular weekly meetings.

Baptist Student Union (BSU): located at 619 N. Tenn. Blvd. (near the Alumni Gym); Wednesday Noon Devotion and Home-cooked meal, \$2; Thursday Eve Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Charles Nored, full-time Campus Pastor; 893-1529.

Catholic Center: located at 1023 N. Tenn. Blvd.; Sunday Mass, 7pm; Wednesday Volleyball and Food, 7:30 p.m.; Father Wyatt Funk of St. Rose Catholic Church is also priest for the Center; 896-6074.

Middle Tennessee Christian Center: located at 1105 E. Bell St. across from Bell Street parking lot; Mondays "Raiders for Christ" meeting, 7 p.m.; Tuesday "Bread Break", Noon, \$1; Thursday Night Together, 8 p.m.; Mike Stroud, full-time Campus Pastor; 896-1529.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship (PSF): located at 615 N. Tenn. Blvd. (right next door to the BSU); Wednes-

day "Casual College Worship", 9-10 p.m.; David Robinson, full-time Campus Pastor; 893-1787.

Wesley Foundation: located at 216 College Heights Ave. (across from Gore and Clement Halls); Sunday Worship, 8 p.m.; Tuesday Supper, 6 p.m., \$2; Bill Campbell, full-time Campus Pastor; 893-0469.

You might think that you have to be from one of these religious backgrounds in order to get involved with them, but you would be wrong. All these groups welcome students from any religious background or from no Christian background at all. You don't have to be a Baptist to go to the BSU, or Presbyterian to come to the PSF. I've met many students who are or have been involved in several groups at the same time and have gotten active in a group which is different from their upbringing.

There are other Christian student groups also: **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)** meets on Wednesday, 8:30-10 p.m., in the Blue Raider Room by the football stadium. One need not be an athlete to attend. **Navigators**, an international Christian Outreach Organization has a group at MTSU and a full-time campus pastor, Marc Stephens, 896-1529. **Gamma Omicron Delta**, is a student-led interdenominational Christian fraternity, open to men and women, focusing on service and social life for students. Contact their faculty advisor, Dr. Crawford, at 898-2634.

In addition to these groups, there are other religious student groups available for those of other faiths, including: **Bahai'**, **Moslem Organization**, **Muslim Student Association**, and **Jewish Students**. For more information, contact the Student Organizations and Minority Affairs Office, 898-2987, KUC Room 124.

I want to encourage you to get involved in a campus ministry group this fall. Yes, it is a risk. And getting into a personal relationship with God involves even more risk. Only when we take risks do we truly learn and grow. And after all, isn't that what a college education is all about.

SIDELINES

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Letters to the Editor

Founders' Day a success

To the Editor:

As Chairman of this year's Founders' Day Committee, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each person on campus who participated in any way toward making this year's Founders' Day celebration on Thursday, September 15, 1988, a glowing success!

To list all the people who helped would reveal that every phase of the university community was involved, cutting across faculty, administration, students, and campus support personnel. Everyone who was given a duty to perform did so in an admirable fashion.

And finally, to the great number of people who attended the celebration, your presence was highly appreciated. Your being there indicated a great deal of support for celebrating Founders' Day. It is hoped that this kind of support will have a carry-over effect to insure the continuation of this event in future years.

F. Curtis Mason
Chairman, 1988 Founders' Day Committee

be the big receiver. Perhaps Conley's political ideology was plugging his ears when Jackson made his eloquent point.

The undisputed facts presented on ABC's Town Meeting are these: Marijuana and cocaine use are still social stigmas in America. They weaken people. They are more addictive than alcohol and nicotine. Those who support legalization of marijuana or cocaine have lost sight of those facts. And anyone who sees real life situations in black and white terms is likely to judge the war on drugs "unwinnable." Not so.

ABC News deserves credit for trying to present two sides of a complex issue during prime time. But sound ideas don't develop during neat, 12-minute discussions between AT&T commercials.

Can we trust *Sidelines* staff columnists to listen carefully, identify the facts and *think things through* before acting as opinion leaders? Or do we have to settle for embarrassing regurgitations of flawed reasoning from over-confident political celebrities?

Bobbi Ohs
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Drug legalization not wise

To the Editor:

It's easy to be a staff columnist, just ask Brian Conley. He proposed to legalize marijuana and cocaine after he took the incredible short-cut from watching Infotainment (ABC's National Town Meeting) to becoming qualified to campaign for a foolish idea.

Unlike alcohol in the 1920s, the demand for drugs has not yet permeated the population and does not yet enjoy a "socially acceptable" rating. One of Conley's flawed comparisons concerned Prohibition. He said, "People want to drink ... government outlawed alcohol ... drinking increased ..." When speaking of marijuana and cocaine, it is still possible to say, "A FEW people want to use drugs, and of those, still fewer feel the risks — legal AND social — are worth the experience."

If we are to treat drugs as a health problem instead of a legal problem, as the Mayor of Baltimore proposed on ABC's National Town Meeting, we must be prepared for health insurance costs and conflicts to mushroom. Think.

If we tax marijuana and cocaine heavily, we will defeat the argument that low prices keep violent crime out of drug trade. Even without heavy taxes, they will always be too expensive for someone. Think.

If we listen to the venerable William F. Buckley and support legalization on the condition that those who sell marijuana and cocaine to minors would be executed, we are impressionable fools. Buckley lost credibility because he didn't consider how divided the nation already is about enforcing the death penalty for murder. You cannot hang one controversial policy on the shoulders of another and expect success. Think.

What happens when the federal government is saddled with the task of regulating an entire industry? "Massive controls" incur massive costs. How will we pay the front costs of setting up such a bureaucracy? Think.

Finally, after thinking, we arrive at one solid — but not instant — solution. Education. A tactic Conley bumped into only after forging a blind campaign for legalization. If Jesse Jackson was in a position to "throw money at" the drug problem, education would

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SPORTS

Raiders face undefeated Georgia Southern

By CECIL JOYCE
Staff Writer

MTSU faces one of its toughest competitors on Saturday night when they take on undefeated and nationally-ranked Georgia Southern in the second home game of the season.

The Eagles are coming off of a 13-3 win over UT-Chattanooga, while MTSU is coming off a win over Western Kentucky.

"They (Georgia Southern) are solid at every position on the field, they have no weak spots to take advantage of," said head coach Boots Donnelly.

Coach Donnelly also said that this Eagle team "has the ability and talent to win the championship."

Georgia Southern's main threat appears to be at the quarterback position.

Raymond Gross' name will be repeated more than once over the loud speaker

on Saturday night.

Gross has completed 18 of 31 passes for 233 yards, all without an interception, but he's also the Eagles' leading rusher. He has run for 339 yards and four touchdowns in 57 carries.

Gross has been compared to former Eagle quarterback, Tracy Ham who gave the Blue Raiders terrible beatings.

Ham has now gone on to the Canadian Football League.

"I guess everybody would want to compare him to Ham," said Donnelly. "But I'm not sure that's fair. Gross hasn't done his thing over the long haul, the way Ham did."

Gross' favorite target is senior Tony Belser, who has caught nine passes this season for 147 yards and one touchdown.

The Blue Raiders will not only have the defensive task

of controlling an excellent passing game but also of controlling the running game.

They will also have to deal with an Eagle defense which is one of the best in the nation.

It will be a true test for both the defense and a resurging offense in this non-conference showdown.

According to Coach Donnelly, his team still has a way to go before a good solid performance will be seen.

"We haven't arrived by any means," Donnelly said, as he referred to last week's win.

"We still made mistakes and certainly didn't dominate anybody with our offense, but we were able to put 13 points on the board and had the opportunity for more."

Georgia Southern is no stranger to the Division I-

AA championship. They won it all in 1985, and MTSU, then undefeated, was their first victim in the playoffs.

The Eagles have won the last three meetings. They enter the contest with a 3-0 record while MTSU is 2-1.

• Defensive end Marty Euverard of MTSU earned the Defensive Player of the Week. The 6-0, 190 senior, collected nine unassisted tackles for loss and a pair of pass deflections in last week's win over Western Kentucky.

• Sophomore punter Chuck Daniel, of the Blue Raiders, is the Specialist of the Week. In last week's win over the Hilltoppers, Daniel punted six times for a 43.0 avg., with four of his six punts downed inside the 20-yard line.

• MTSU is currently ranked No. 20 in Division I-AA Football Poll.



Blue Raider defensive end Marty Euverard was named Defensive Player of the Week after last week's win over the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky. Euverard had nine solo tackles and two pass deflections.

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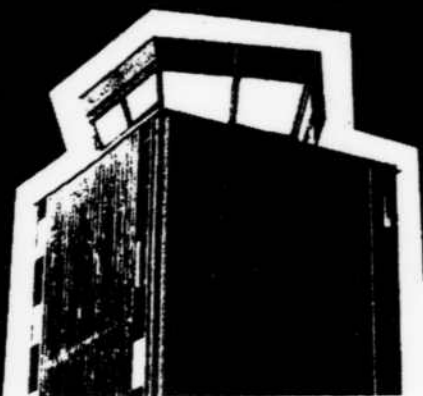
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Olympic athletes should be amateurs

By JASON ALLEN
Staff Writer

According to Webster's Dictionary, the definition of an amateur is: "A person who does something because he enjoys it, rather than for money; one who is not a professional."

The Olympic games were originally meant to bring together the best amateur athletes in the world to compete against one another.

Unfortunately, some countries are now making a mockery out of the word "amateur," and it appears the United States could be next in line.

More countries than ever before are sending their professionals to compete in the games. Some are even paying their athletes for each medal that they win.

The Soviet Union is paying their athletes \$19,000 for each gold, \$8,000 for each silver and \$4,000 for each bronze.

The first athlete from the Philippines to win a gold will receive \$47,000 and a new home.

Yes, these are great incentives for the athletes, and yes, the countries do have a right to pay them, if they wish.

But what has happened to the spirit of the Olympics?

Centuries ago, when the games began in Greece, is this what they were intended to be?

The U.S. now seems headed in the same direction as our tennis pros compete in the current Olympics.

Our pro basketball players will probably be allowed to play in the 1992 games, and other sports are sure to follow.

Those who favor professionals in the Olympics usually submit the same argument: other countries send their best athletes, so should we.

We are sending our best. Our best amateurs.

Basketball is the sport that is most mentioned in regard to this controversy. Many think that it is time to better our Olympic teams by allowing NBA players to compete.

Our Olympic basketball

teams have an all-time 81-1 record in competition, and they have won all 81 of these games with amateurs. How much better can we be?

Winning or losing isn't really the subject here. We would all love to see the U.S. dominate the events and win all the gold medals, but those days are long past.

Some countries are now equal or superior to us in some events, and this is to be expected through time.

But let's not push the panic button just yet and abandon what the Olympics are all about.

The Olympic games give our amateur athletes a chance to be in the spotlight for three weeks, once every four years.

Most of them have dedicated years of their lives to perfect their sport and have not earned a cent by doing so.

Our professional athletes get enough attention, as well as enough money. Leave the Olympics for our amateurs.

Their reward isn't money but the pride of knowing

that they played for their country.

So, let the other countries send their pros. Let them pay their athletes. We can take them anyway.

And when we do, we'll have the satisfaction of knowing that our amateurs beat their pros.

And if we don't, we'll at least know we played the Olympics the way they were meant to be played.

These Olympics have been a major influence on the world and so will the professionals that are debuting their talents.

Since the U.S. sets the trend for the world, the world will probably turn pro.

Annual baseball fishfry

By STAFF REPORTS

Once again the annual Grand Slam Auction-Fish Fry and Cajun Gumbo to benefit the MTSU Blue Raider Baseball Program, will be held.

The benefit will be the fifth annual.

October 3 is the date that the new, air-conditioned Livestock Pavilion will host the benefit.

It will include all you can eat catfish and cajun gumbo served from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The nationally-known Jack Daniels Blue Grass Band, will provide live entertainment.

The auction, which is free to the public, begins at 7:30 p.m.

The auctioneers will be Charlene Blackburn and

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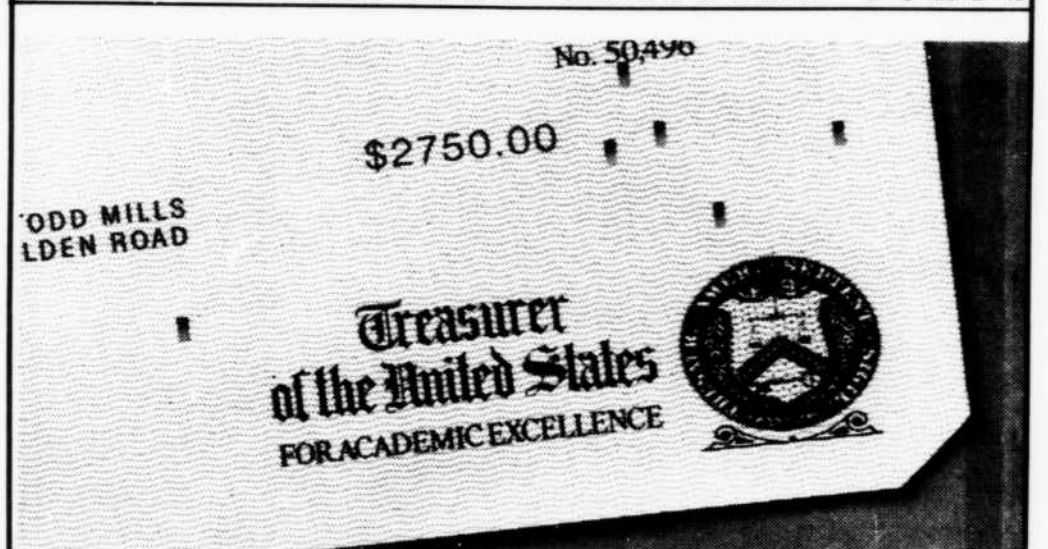
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LIFESTYLES

Fraternity rush sets record; 70 percent of bids accepted

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

A record 190 men went Greek during the 1988 Fall fraternity rush, according to David Yenzer, Interfraternity Council (IFC) president. This figure culminated months of work by the IFC and each individual fraternity.

Fall rush actually began over the summer break, with rush applications being sent out to prospective rushees. It explained the Greek system at MTSU as a whole and the many advantages associated with it. These applications were returned, and fall rush was underway.

The real work for each fraternity began when school opened, as each chapter scrambled to meet as many of the potential rushees as possible before the actual rush week began. Rush tables were set up in

the K.U.C. by many of the fraternities, and bulletin boards around campus were plastered with information about each organization.

As the week of actual rush began, each fraternity held a series of theme parties, designed to introduce each rushee to fraternity life in a relaxed atmosphere. The activities ranged from the KA "Wing Ding," Casino Night at the Kappa Sigma house, a Hawaiian Luau at the Sigma Chi house, a Safari party at the SAE house, to the Pike Bikini Contest. Theme parties were scheduled on several nights so that rushees could go to different houses.

After these parties, the most intense stage of rush began, as each fraternity held their "Smoker." The Smoker is a traditional evening during rush in which the serious side of

the fraternity is discussed.

This year, as always, activities at the Smoker included alumni guest speakers, slide shows and other detailed information about each chapter.

The entire rush process was topped off at the end of the week as bids were sent out by each fraternity. Bids were given to 266 rushees, and 190 were turned back in. This represents a 70 percent return rate for the entire Greek system, which Yenzer said is also an MTSU record. He continued by saying that this is a significant increase over the 1987 rush figures.

These record figures proved this fall to be a very productive one for the entire Greek system at MTSU, as the sorority rush earlier in the semester also yielded a record number of pledges.



Frank Conley/Staff

A contestant in the Pike Bikini contest struts her stuff in the recent Rush activities

Campus Corner

Throw Momma from the Train, starring Danny DeVito and Billy Crystal is showing in the K.U.C. Cinema today. Showtimes are 3:30, 6:00, and 8:30.

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Disney throws birthday bash for Mickey

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

When the world's most famous mouse celebrates a birthday, Walt Disney World throws a party. This year, however, Disney is taking the celebration one step further as Mickey Mouse turns sixty.

Although his official birthday isn't until Nov. 18, the Orlando theme park began a celebration over the summer, one that will last for an entire year.

In honor of his sixtieth birthday, the Magic Kingdom has opened Mickey's home in the toon suburb of Duckburg, U.S.A. It is located in a specially constructed part of the park adjacent to Fantasyland, according to Dave Herbst, publicity spokesman for Walt Disney World.

"We've created 'Mickey's Birthdayland' as a location for Mickey's Birthday Party," Herbst explained. "The idea is for our guests to be a part of a surprise party for Mickey, and to get involved with the entire birthday party."

Guests take the "Birthday Express" to Duckburg,

where they are greeted by Mouseketeers and other famous Disney characters. The three-acre site is a haven of games, shows, music and all the favors involved with a birthday party. The focal point of Duckburg is Mickey's own house, straight from the Sunday comic pages, complete with his car in the driveway and Pluto's house in the yard.

Guests go down the sidewalk, and right in the front door of the Mouse's house. They then have the opportunity to tour the house, and view memorabilia from Mickey's sixty years. A Mouseketeer then comes through the house and announces that the festivities will begin soon.

Guests are then ushered through the backyard and next door to Minnie's house, where they help Minnie, Pluto, Chip and Dale, and Goofy throw a surprise party for Mickey, complete with cake, decorations and presents.

Partygoers see the baking of the cake, and the capers and antics involved in that

process. The finale of the party has Mickey standing atop his ten-foot cake, amidst balloons and confetti.

Following the celebration, guests have the unique opportunity to meet the mouse himself in his dressing room backstage. Herbst noted that this is one of the most important aspects of "Birthdayland."

"Probably the biggest idea behind 'Birthdayland' is to let our guests meet Mickey Mouse," Herbst said. "Most everybody, especially the younger guests, want to see Mickey when they come to the Magic Kingdom, so this is a great opportunity to do so in a relaxed atmosphere."

This may sound like an elaborate birthday celebration for a mouse, but remember, this is not just any mouse.

Walt Disney visualized Mickey Mouse on a train ride from New York to Los Angeles in early spring of 1928, when he lost the rights to his previous character, Oswald the Lucky Rabbit. Later that year, on Nov. 18, Mickey

became the star of the first synchronized sound cartoon, *Steamboat Willie*.

Thus a legend was born.

The decade of the thirties saw Mickey zoom into stardom. A Mickey Mouse comic strip was created and soon began running worldwide.

Playing everything from a fireman to a cowboy, Mickey's cartoons became the favorite of the nation due to their technical superiority and the cast of characters that included many of today's favorites such as Pluto, Goofy, Donald Duck and Minnie.

Mickey's rise in popularity continued to grow from that point, spawning many hit movies, a club named after him, and theme parks in California, Florida, and Tokyo. Mickey serves as the official host for the theme parks, and remains the driving force behind everything The Walt Disney Company produces. As Walt Disney was fond of saying, "I hope that we never lose sight of one thing — that it was all started by a mouse."

Happy Birthday Mickey.



Minnie Mouse surprises Mickey with a cake as Walt Disney World celebrates his sixtieth birthday

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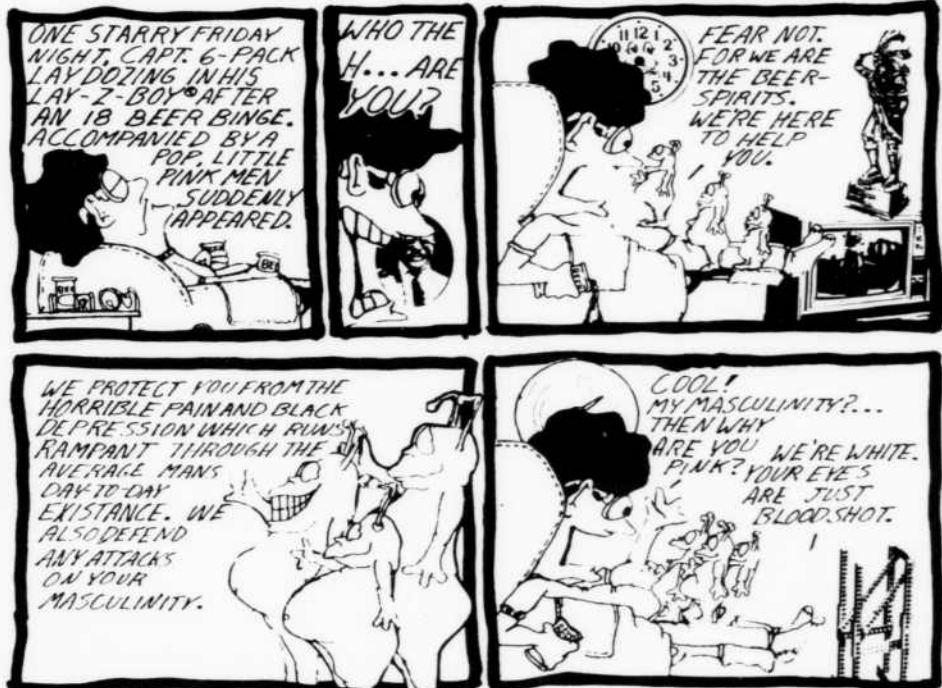


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55. Larger
58. Full of conceit
61. Drink made of (suf.)
62. Derived from the sun
64. Edu. Group (abbr.)
65. Mole
66. Josh
67. African antelope

DOWN

1. Fl
2. Hunt (comb. form)
3. Risk
4. Bristle
5. Fad
6. Pertaining to (suf.)
7. Extinct bird
8. Lure
9. Dull
10. Metal
11. Friend
16. Change
18. Color
20. Splotch
22. Bum
23. Carries bly images
25. Cup
27. Yelps
28. Cards with threes
30. Cloth
32. Scar
36. Hole
38. Slogan
41. Goul
43. Pouch
45. Framework
47. Magazine (Inf.)
49. Requests
52. Heckler
54. Fairy Tale monster
55. Ban
56. Lupino
57. Fish eggs
59. Japanese coin
60. 19th Greek letter
63. Musical note

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