

Former SGA Election Commissioner arrested for Eagleville bank robbery

STAFF REPORTS

Friends and co-workers of an MTSU student leader who was arrested late Friday after an alleged bank robbery are "in shock" and are wondering what may have happened to cause him to allegedly resort to such a deed.

Donald Ray Gandy Jr., 22, who lives at the Kappa Alpha fraternity house, is charged with robbing Union Planters Bank in Eagleville, said Detective Sgt. Chuck Thomas of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department.

But no motive has yet been established, Thomas said Tuesday morning. "We haven't uncovered any cause at this time."

The MTSU mathematics major has been involved with the Student Government Association,

CUSTOMS orientation, Student Ambassadors and the fraternity. Most recently he served as Election Commissioner for the SGA.

"I am shocked, completely in shock, over this," said Dean of Students Paul Cantrell. "There was never anything that would have projected this route [for Gandy]."

Gandy is currently out on \$10,000 bond and awaiting a hearing Monday in General Sessions Court. However, federal charges may be filed against him later this week.

An FBI agent who is assisting in the investigation is also looking into the possibility that Gandy could be involved with the robbery of Third senior National Bank's Greenland Drive branch May 18. That man wore a dark wig.

Gandy was wearing a wig

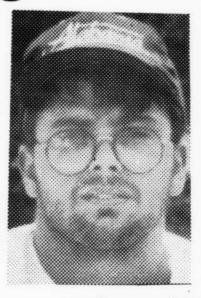


Photo courtesy of DNJ DON GANDY

Friday when he allegedly robbed the Union Planters Bank at about 12:30 p.m., according to Thomas. The bank is located on U.S. Highway 41A.

"I had a very good working

very first when he became a student here," Cantrell said.

Gandy had worked in Phillips Bookstore, as well as being involved with student government and KA fraternity.

"He was extremely good in the leadership roles he had been in, made good grades ... I never found him to be dishonest or anything that would cause you to think he would do this," Cantrell said.

Gandy allegedly approached a teller and demanded money. Tellers could see what appeared to be a handgun in his shorts, Thomas said. There was only one customer in the bank at the time of the robbery.

Thomas said the teller gave him money, and then he approached another teller who handed him additional cash.

However, he never pulled the

relationship with Don from the gun out or "pointed it at anybody," Thomas said.

> Bank officials activated the alarm, and a dye bomb they placed with the money exploded when Gandy exited the building.

"He threw the money into the middle of of the highway in front of the bank," Thomas said.

Virtually all of the money was retrieved by witnesses and bank officials except for \$1 which "probably blew under a car," Thomas said. Bank officials did not release the exact amount of money that had been put in the bag.

The detective said a witness got a description of the suspect and his getaway car and notified the Sheriff's Department.

Deputies and detectives were already responding to the call and were headed out state Route 99 when the descriptions were See ROBBERY, Second Front

Parking plan implemented for fall Rates up, spaces down

SAM GANNON Editor in Chief

Students will lose more parking spaces than ever this fall, thanks to part of the loop closing as well as an influx of new faculty and staff.

Students will lose all parking on Monument Drive, said parking Director Gary Hunter. "All of this is going to faculty."

Faculty and staff will lose parking on the east side of the loop, as will disabled people.

"Faculty will lose places along a Street, along the loop, we need this for the shuttle bus," Hunter said.

That side of the loop will be closed, "except to the shuttle bus and emergency vehicles," he said.

The spaces lost to the shuttle will be made up to faculty and staff by designating all spaces along Faulkenberry and those at Smith Field for them.

However, Hunter said, no handicapped spaces will be added to replace those lost.

"No spaces will be returned to handicapped," Hunter said.

There are 8,322 total parking spaces on campus, he said, including all parking for faculty, staff, students, handicapped, meter parking and visitor parking.

However, he said, "We have enough parking for each student. We do not have enough parking for everyone to park close."

"One of our intentions is for shuttle buses to deliver students to their classes," Hunter said.

The MTSU shuttle buses, Raider Xpress, will begin routes this month to test the system.

The three buses, which are part of Phase I of the Master Plan, will travel a route from the Cummings parking lot to the Mass Communications lot to

Family Student Housing to the Cope Administration building to Peck Hall to Kirksey Old Main to the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building and back to Cummings.

Raider Xpress will run from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and not all three buses will run at the same time, Hunter said. After 3 p.m. only two buses will run.

"We anticipate having buses during the peak periods when students will ride the buses the most," he said.

"Students should only have to wait five minutes for the shuttle," Hunter said.

Extending the hours to service night students is not currently in the Master Plan.

"I'd hate to say that there's something we can't do," Hunter said, and urged nighttime students to take advantage of Public Safety and Security's escort program if

See RATES, Second Front



BUBBLE, BUBBLE: B.J. Schroder builds a bubble around Tamica Sanders at the Fourth of July celebration at Old Fort Park.

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Police $\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{EPORT}}$

On June 22, Julia Marks reported her book bag had been stolen from the Woodmore Cafeteria.

On June 24, Dan Rader reported he left his checkbook at the Scheduling Center. When he returned, the checkbook was gone.

On June 26, Dhiren Y. Patel was arrested and charged with criminal trespass. He had been issued written trespass warnings on two previous occasions.

On June 27, Mark Culotta reported person(s) unknown had stolen his gym bag while he was refereeing a basketball game in the Murphy Center. On June 28, Leslie

Passman reported she left her purse by a phone in front of the Human Sciences Building to make a phone call. She went to Peck Hall and then returned for her purse but found it gone.

McCollum Jordon reported his bike had been stolen from the bike rack at Murphy Center.

Dhiren Y. Patel was again found on campus in the KOM. He was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

Anthony Simmons reported his bicycle had been stolen from Nicks Hall bike The bicycle was rack. recovered by this department.

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Women gain in degrees, lag in pay

Although the past two decades have seen women make strides in higher education, in 1991 women with bachelor of science degrees made 31 percent less than their male counterparts, and remain employed, for the "female" occupations, according to a report from the American Council on Education.

During the past 20 years, the number of adult women who completed at least four years of college has more than doubled. In 1991, 18 percent of adult women and 24 percent of adult men had attended college for four years or more.

The report also stated most part, in stereotypical that among full-time adult workers, women earn considerably less than men with the same level of education. The gap appears to be narrowing, however, because in 1986 women

graduates earned 35 percent less than similarly educated men.

On college campuses, the report stated, women are "overwhelmingly" in the lower ranks of academe. Females held 15 percent of full professorships, 28 percent of associate professorships, 40 percent of assistant professorships, and 46 percent instructor lecturer positions in 1991.

stood in trash barrels and

participants threw wet sponges

at them. There was also a

relay buffer race and a chariot

race, which involved house-

keepers negotiating an

obstacle course with a mop

A university spokes-

Custodians mop up at Olympics

Custodians at the University of Kansas got to clean up after themselves in the firstever Custodial Olympics in late May.

Instead of javelins and shotputs, teams of housekeepers used wet sponges, buckets on wheels and other tools of the trade to compete in such events like the buffer race and the wet sponge throw.

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About 165 custodians from the University of Kansas. Wichita State University, Kansas State University, Iowa State University and state government workers from Topeka participated in the day-long event. Workshops were held, and later, the olympics.

Events included a wet sponge throw, in which people

Southern Illinois ranks 1st in study

Illinois according to a study by Black University at Carbondale ranks Issues in Higher Education. first among predominantly Southern Illinois awarded

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woman said administrators hope to make the olympics an annual event. baccalaureate degrees. About

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10 percent of the university's 24,766 students are black, officials said. The report is based on figures from the U.S. Department of Education.

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Master Plan steams ahead

SAM GANNON Editor in Chief

With construction on the nursing building in full swing and plans for infrastructure construction to begin in fall, the Master Plan is moving at full steam, according to Patti Miller, director of Campus Planning.

"The infrastructure is on schedule," Miller said. "We are taking bids now."

Construction will begin in October, and Miller assures that it will be completed in 14 months.

"The infrastructure will have a great impact on everyone," Miller said.

The construction will involve tearing up roads and various re-laying of wires and pipes. The purpose of the infrastructure construction is to prepare the campus utilities for the construction to come in the future by extending the utilities to edges of the campus.

The pouring of the footings for the nursing building should begin the first or second weeks of July, Miller said. The entire structure should be completed by May, 1994.

Phase 1 of the Master Plan also includes a business/aerospace facility, a new library, a new art facility and Student recreation Center, along with an expansion to the Corlew Hall dining facility and a parking garage at Kirksey Old Main.

Miller said priorities for construction in the remainder of Phase 1 include: first, business/aerospace; second, new library; third, art building.

The university recently received

planning funds for the business/aerospace building, Miller said. "Hopefully construction will start next summer."

Barbara Haskew, dean of the College of Business, is working with Wallace Maples, chairman of the Aerospace Department, on the new building design.

Associate Dean of Business Dwight Bullard and Haskew are planning to visit several business programs at other campuses.

The College of Business wants to "incorporate features that other schools have found successful" in the new business program, Haskew said.

The Nursing Department, which is currently located in the Stark Agriculture building, will not have to move too far—the new facility will be located in front of Stark which was for-

merly a parking lot. Nursing Department Master Plan

Chairwoman Judith Wakim is also visiting other nursing departments to look at their building designs.

The Art Department is currently waiting on approval to begin planning its new facility. The department is hoping to begin planning this fall and complete it by March 1994.

Library Director Don Craig is also waiting on approval from the state to begin



planning a new library facility. The fiscal 1994-95 construction budget, which has already been submitted to the the Tennessee Board of Regents, includes the funds for the new library.

Due to limited funds, the new library building will be somewhat smaller than the original building outlined in the Master Plan.

"Planning for the new library will begin in the the next fiscal year if we receive

funding," Miller said.

What buildings are built is generally out of the hands of the MTSU administration, Miller said. "Our administration sends priorities to the TBR and they prioritize projects."

TBR's proposed building projects go to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for approval. If approved, the plans go to governor who chooses whether or not to include them in his budget. Finally, the state legislature has the ultimate decision on

whether to approve funds for the projects as submitted by the governor.

After the new library facility is completed, the building in which the current library is located will house Admissions and Records and other student services offices, Miller said

The parking garage behind Kirksey Old Main has currently been put on hold, said Physical Plant Director Bill Smotherman. Smotherman explained that the whole process of Phase I has to be coordinated. After the business/aerospace building is completed, faculty with offices in Boutwell Dramatic Arts will move to KOM while the dramatic arts building is being renovated.

The Corlew Hall dining expansion is still in the financing stages, said Miller, but the expansion is to be funded by bonds.

The Phase I renovations include the Keathley University Center, Todd Library, Alumni Gym, Saunders Fine Arts, Stark Agricultural building and Kirksey Old Main. Most renovations cannot begin until after other projects are completed.

For example, the renovation of the agricultural building cannot begin until after the nursing facility is completed. A larger agricultural program will be included in the renovations.

The Master Plan also includes a new infrastructure program. This allows for the increased demand on utilities, electricity, drainage and communication services.

The sites for several of the new buildings are located over what are presently drainage ditches. The Master Plan proposes to relocate drainage water to a pond to be located close to Rutherford Boulevard.

Miller said she hopes the Master Plan construction of Phase I has a snowball effect. The nursing building and the infrastructure are now under way. She said she hopes before either are completed, construction of the business/aerospace building could begin.

"I hope that is the way it is," Miller said. "It's all very exciting for all of us.

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Editor's Corner

Master Plan a sign of hope

You know those old sayings: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" and "Don't mess with success." Both of these basically say that if you have something that works fine, then there's no reason to change it.

These adages could be applied to many of the services, programs and people at MTSU. However, there is always room for improvement.

We have top programs in aerospace, recording industry and nursing. Our students hold national sports records, and our teams consistently produce professional athletes.

These feathers in our collective cap signify that with the right mixture of people, ideas and a willingness to change, our already achieved success can be heightened. Things that aren't broken can be improved to work better.

If we as a university don't continue to move forward, we won't be able to keep up.

With one project already under way from Phase I of the Master Plan, and others waiting in the wings, it seems MTSU is on the road to success. We lead the pack for growth in Tennessee Board of Regents' school construction as well as in terms of growth in enrollment.

Change starts with the individual, but it must be supported.

Fortunately, the governing bodies have said our growing population is worthy of new buildings, that the 10 years of stagnation we encountered in the late '70s and early '80s is over, that we are ready to build and expand.

The nursing building is the beginning. Infrastructure, the business/aerospace and the new library are on the way.

We aren't broken. We are succeeding. We can be better, and we can improve. These needs for new projects are an outward sign of the great hunger for interior changes. These interior changes must be supported by students, faculty, staff and administrators—up to the highest point: the president.

This Master Plan is the result of hard work and dedication on behalf of the faculty, administrators and students of MTSU. To see this come together is a symbol of hope. Hope in the future.

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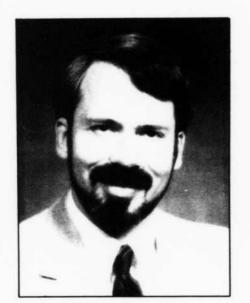
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MIKE REED **Opinions** Editor

The plan was to limit the rates cable companies could charge the common folk who depend on this umbilical cord to their fill days with uninterrupted bliss.

In retaliation, the cable operators threatened to drop all channels that were available on a broadcast basis (like NBC, CBS, ABC and FOX).

Congressmen, not wanting to lose the Simpson-watchers' vote, added a clause that would force a cable company to cablecast local stations.

This got the cable people upset.

I was behind this bill 1000 Now our local operator, United out to cable subscribers, the percent. It made a lot of sense. Actually, I tried to read it once and it made no sense. What convinced me of the merit of this bill was the commercials sponsored by a cable operator's PAC whose message was in essence: this bill, if passed, will only serve to increase your rates. Don't make us charge you more for cable. We care.

It seemed to me then that any company (make that psuedo-utility) would jump at the opportunity to raise their rates and blame it on the government. It just didn't make sense that cable operators would not want to make more money.

The problem was that the cable people weren't going to make as much money if they were going to be forced to add local broadcast stations to their systems.

The bill passed (as promised). The cable companies raised their rates (as promised).

Artists Cable of Murfreesboro, is going to add Nashville's WXMT, Mt. Juliet's WHTN and Hendersonville's WPGD to there who thought that perhaps our cable line-up.

You know what this means? It means all the Magnum P.I. re-runs you can stomach. Our days will be filled with some locally-produced talk show host in a bad suit blathering on about fishing holes or decorator pot holders.

That's not the best part, boys and girls. In order to make room for our new favorite channels, the cable people are taking away VH1/Comedy Central, CNBC and Lifetime.

The reason these networks were chosen over, say, the Weather Channel, The Quality Value Network or Country Music Television is that a telephone survey of subscribers least watched.

According to a letter sent

changes were supposed to take effect June 30. This has not happened. To those of you out the masses have risen up and forced the cable company to keep one or more of the outgoing networks, I'm sorry. That's simply not the case.

According to Robin Davis Meyer of United Artists Cable, the changes have been delayed because the necessary equipment is on back order.

With each passing weekday, Murfreesboro is getting closer and closer to losing three worthwhile networks and there is nothing you or I or the cable people can do about it.

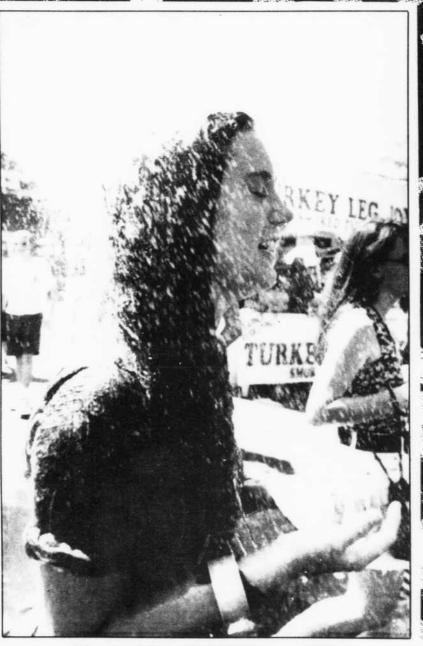
The only thing keeping my favorite shows on the air is bureaucracy.

I guess I was wrong. suggested that these were the Sometimes the system does work.









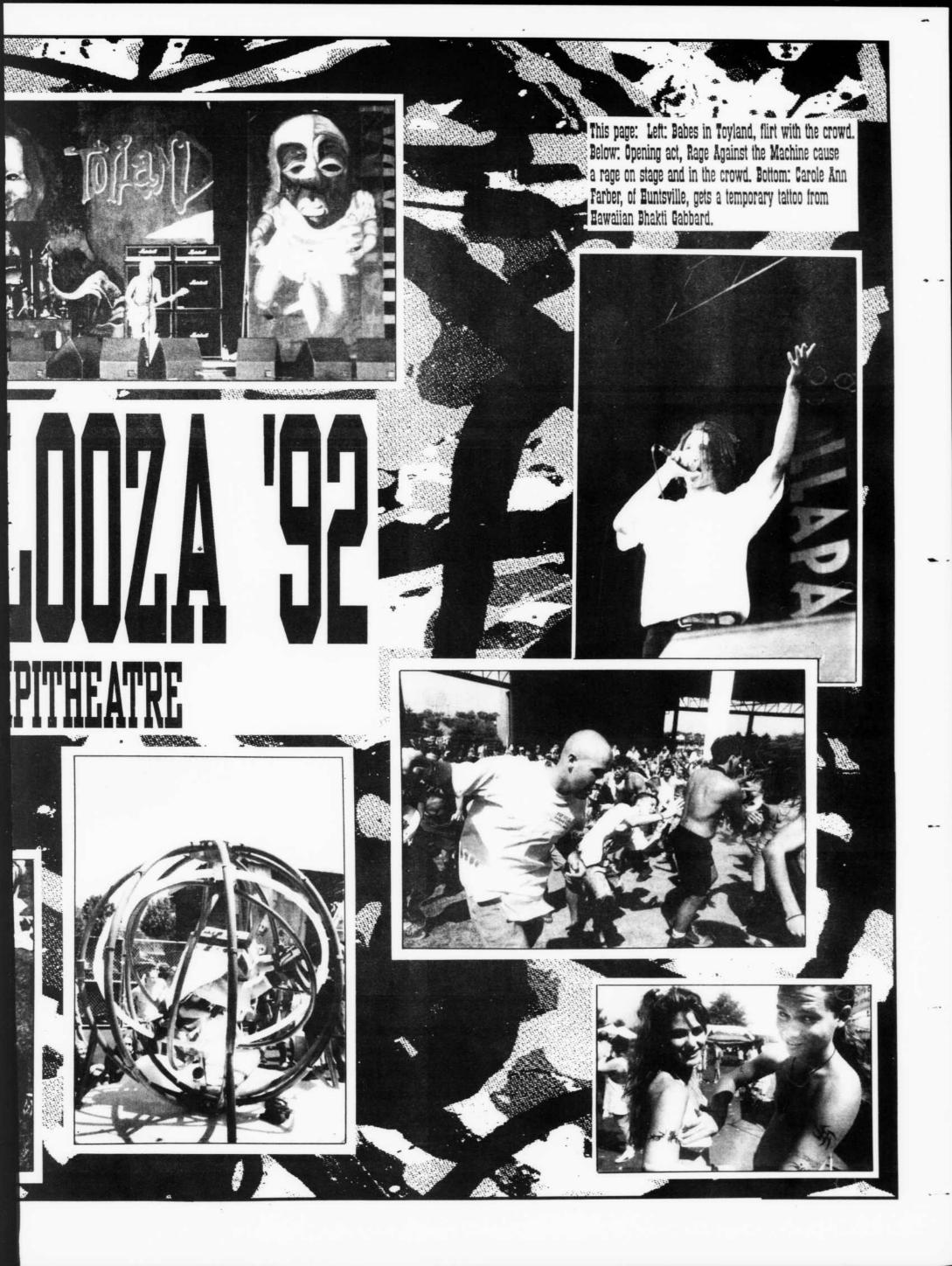
Top: Vladimir Naskov sells jewelry to eager Lollapalloza goers. Center: MTSU student Ashley Horner colls off under a hanging shower. Right: John Kelly applies sunscreen to Zachery Taylor. Far right: 18-year-old Nashvillian Matt Kelly takes a spin on the Spaceball.

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Elderhostel Expanding horizons for the young at heart

Leanor Johnson quietly adjusts her pink sweater while Dr. Bob Womack lectures the class on modern techniques of horse breeding. On her lap sits a new blue folder and pages of carefully taken notes, written in outline form. Surveying the class, it is obvious she shares a lot of common interests with her 22 other classmates: energy ... curiosity ... willingness to learn ...

And bifocals.

Johnson, a retired professor from Wisconsin, is participating in one of six Elderhostel programs being held this summer at MTSU.

Elderhostel programs are week-long programs of noncredit courses for people over age 60 (the oldest student in this session is 81) and are held on more than a thousand college campuses worldwide. Each campus offers a different program of courses. MTSU's program this summer consists of three courses: "Civil War Period: Murfreesboro and Rutherford County," "Walking Horses: Tennessee's Unique Industry," both taught by education Professor Womack, and "Country Music: Its Heritage and Impact on Society," taught by sociology and anthropology Professor Ben Austin.

In addition to providing students with an opportunity to play tourist in Nashville (including tours of the Grand Ole Opry, Music Row and the Parthenon), the class is also taking field trips to the Stones River Battlefield, the Sam Davis Home and a unique visit to witness breeding of Tennessee Walking Horses.

"I never knew a thing about walking horses," says Johnson, who is participating in her first Elderhostel. "But this really broadens your horizons."

Johnson, along with friend, Elmira Mattes, also from Wisconsin, will leave Murfreesboro after their Elderhostel training here to participate in another program located in Charleston, S.C .-this one focusing on ethnic and gourmet cooking.

"It's dangerous to talk to Elderhostel people," Austin muses to **RIC WARD / SPECIAL TO SIDELINES**



LOOK, LISTEN AND LEARN: Rick Womack speaks to an Elderhostel group at the Womack Stables to learn about horse breeding.

the class. "No one would contradict me normally ... then this guy comes up," he says motioning to his right, "and says he's a veterinarian!"

Indeed, Elderhostel classes are made up of people with years of experience and wisdom, notes Dr. Cynthia Drennan, director of Continuing Studies at MTSU. Students come from diverse backgrounds which run the gamut from oil tycoons and geologists to housewives and World War II WAVEs.

anything-but-shy class which hails from first ride on a Tennessee Walking around the country.

"Tell me something about Arabian horses ..." asks a New York accent in the second row, clad in a blue knit shirt and flip-shades.

"What about the cost of breeding ..." interjects a Southern drawl in a plaid buttoned-down shirt to Womack's right.

"Are the horses abused in any way ..." questions a concerned northern lilt in the third row.

While most MTSU students are rubbing sleep from their eyes at 8 a.m., energetic Elderhostel participants can be seen bouncing across campus-eagerly anticipating another day of learning. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m., and activities continue until 8:30 p.m.

Budd Kleefeld, a soft-spoken, retired dry cleaner from Amherst, Ohio, is attending his 52nd Elderhostel and Throughout the lecture, Womack says he learns and experiences answers a flurry of questions from the something new at each one-such as his Horse.

> He admits he became addicted to Elderhostels after attending his first in 1986.

> "I found out I didn't know much," he chuckles, "and I've still got so much to learn."

Upcoming Elderhostel sessions

• There are two more Elderhostel sessions scheduled for MTSU this summer-July 11-17 and July 25-31.

 Cost for the program is \$285, which includes dormitory accommodations, meals, classes and activities. Cost for local-area students without room and meals is \$185.

 For more information concerning the MTSU Elderhostel program, contact the MTSU Department of Continuing Studies at 898-2462.

 For a catalog of Elderhostel programs worldwide, call 800-627-7956.

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Squirrel Hunting 101?

A man with a laundry basket hides behind a tree, waiting for an unsuspecting squirrel to leave its hole. Sighting his target, the man moves in for the kill.

"The thrill of the catch is what makes it so much fun," says Michael Renner, an MTSU sophomore and nursing major. "I don't use guns or anything to harm them. I use a laundry basket balanced on a stick."

The idea of catching squirrels with a laundry basket came to him when Renner was looking for a topic for his demonstration paper in English.

"I saw a squirrel scampering along outside my window," says Renner, "and the idea hit me."

Plans for the catch consist solely of a fishing net and some fast feet, but Renner is not alone in his hunt. He works in cahoots with a friend.

"We keep it on campus," adds

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Alan Grady, an MTSU sophomore majoring in business, "because there seems to be more of them here as anywhere."

"All the trees in front of Peck Hall is the perfect place," says Renner.

and

Renner Grady use either

nuts or fruit as bait to tempt the squirrels. A long rope is tied to the basket, which the hunters pull when the critters are

positioned under the blue, laundry basket trap.

"The hardest thing about squirrel hunting is the wait," whispers Grady, as he hunkers down behind a tree.

Many passers-by stop to view the strange occurrence happening in

front of Peck Hall.

"They look very stupid," remarks Kelly Hill, an MTSU student living in Monohan Hall, "but they

seem to be having a good time. What are they going to with it do [squirrel] once they catch it?'

"We jump on the basket and take a picture of our prize catch and then we set it free," answers Renner. "We

A squirrel curiously approaches the basket to see what is underneath. As the air grows thick with anticipation, the spectators grow in number, all with their eyes riveted to

the hunting scene. At the last moment, a spectator makes a hasty movement, startling the now wary squirrel.

The crowd is not far behind, after they notice the spectacle has ended.

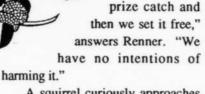
It's over, let's hear it for the squirrels.

"That was so close," pouts Grady. "Actually it is the closest we have ever been to actually catching one."

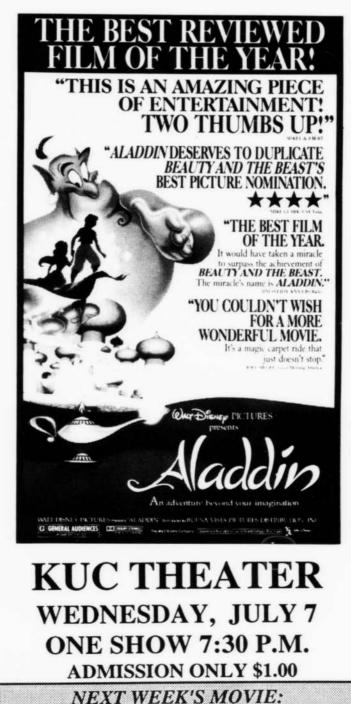
"The plan is definitely not fool proof and more often than not, we don't catch anything," chuckles Renner, "but on a weekend around here there is not much else to do, so we improvise."

The fun they find in relieving their boredom far outweighs the strange looks they often receive, according to the diligent hunters.

"I got an 'A' on my paper," beams Renner.







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MTSU may be forced to step up

Blue Raider football program looking I-A way as I-AA becoming obsolete

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An ESPN announcer describing the play by play commented that baseball salaries were quickly dividing into two distinct groups. The first group were the \$4 million players. The second group were the minimum wage players.

Anyone caught in the middle, say the \$1 million player, was in jeopardy. The team will chose minimum, role players to keep things going and superstars to draw the crowd. The average, solid ballplayer was becoming scarce.

Such is the case at MTSU where it is the Blue Raider football program caught in a bind.

Currently, the Raiders compete on a Division I-AA level. This level is in jeopardy, though, and the university anticipates being faced with a decision.

"Basically, I-AA football is hard to describe," said MTSU Athletic Director John Stanford. "Some people are trying to move up, and some people are trying to go down. MTSU needs to make a decision if it's going to try and progress as far as football."

Moving up would mean the Raiders would advance to a Division I-A status with the likes of Tennessee, Notre Dame and Florida State.

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Although the idea of such a move has been discussed in the past, it is not necessarily MTSU, but the Ohio Valley Conference, MTSU's current affiliation, that is beginning to pressure a decision.

"Financially, many members of our conference are struggling," said OVC

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-- MTSU Football Coach Boots Donnelly

Commissioner Dan Beebe. "That's nothing to be ashamed of, because it's not just here. It's like that all over the nation.

"What the OVC is exploring is several options, including the idea of nonscholarship football. We're looking into the possibility of expanding, dividing the conference into two distinct categories with one playing with

scholarships and one without."

And that is not a direction Middle Tennessee wants to go, Stanford said.

"Our philosophy is we want to move up instead of moving back," Stanford said. "We feel like we have a progressive school. We're in a good location, and it would be best for the school in general."

Earlier in the year, MTSU officially notified the Southern Conference of its intentions and put in an application for admittance.

The Southern Conference is exploring a move to the Division I-A level. When, and if, it happens, the entire conference will move.

"We are interested in moving to such a level in the upcoming years," said Southern Conference Commissioner Wright Waters. "We are exploring our options at the present moment."

However, the Southern has recently announced it is not interested in expanding. But if a move up is to occur, expansion seems necessary, and MTSU could help fulfill that need.

Regardless of conference and/or school reputation, one major obstacle could ruin the entire picture-money.

Financially, football here has not made

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Progress or

TODAY Why is MTSU looking to leave Division I-AA football?

<u>NEXT WEEK</u> What it's going to take to move MTSU's Blue Raiders to the next level of competition.

WEEK THREE A bit of advice from Arkansas State, which recently made the same jump MTSU is exploring.

Meet the pros on Thursday

Professional football fans have a chance to meet several professional players this Thursday at Blockbuster Video on Northfield Boulevard here in Murfreesboro.

The players, mostly of which are former Blue Raider stand-outs, are here in conjunction with Boots Donnelly's upcoming quarterback and receiver football camp to be held at MTSU.

Autographs and pictures are free and the session will run from 1-4p.m.

Those scheduled to attend include Joe Campbell (Houston Oilers), Ernest Givens (Houston Oilers), Steve Dark (San Diego Chargers), Mike Caldwell (Cleveland Browns), Jamie Redmond (New York Jets), Dwight Stone (Pittsburgh Steelers), and Kenny Tippins (Atlanta Falcons).

Mid-season reveals some surprises As all-star break approaches many unexpected events are happening

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Baseball is a game full of surprises. As we close in on mid-season and the All-Star break, these surprises are becoming reality. The fact that teams and players have done what they've done for so long is an indication that they're capable of continuing.

But of course, all is not good.

Take for instance the New York Mets. In their dynasty of the '80s, New York's eyes focused away from the Yanks to the Mets. Over the past few seasons, these Mets have slowly been dwindling away, loosing players to free agency, injuries, and among all, the inability to live up to expectations (a la Bret Saberhagen).

Once projected as a division winner before the season began, New York has the worst record in baseball. That's pretty embarrassing considering there are two expansion teams playing this season.

What about that American League West race? Once the most dominating division in baseball, this division has slipped to the cellar.

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The lead changes from day to day, and the major question for the chasing teams is which will come first, a .500 record or first place?

In Atlanta, the Braves have been clinging to San Francisco's coattails since the start of the season hoping to stay close enough for one major surge. Early clubhouse troubles took the blame for the Braves' performance. However, little ground had been made up, and a demanding schedule after the break awaits.

But the real shocker in this division is the inability of the Cincinnati Reds. With the highest payroll in baseball, the Reds have little to show for it.

Yet, there's always good with the bad. Sparky has his bunch nipping at the heels

of first place in the A.L. East. But will the senior citizens be able to hold out much longer?

In San Francisco, the arrival of Barry Bonds has turned the Bay City jeers to cheers. The clean-cut, All-American crew in Philly has battered all in-coming opposition.

Florida landed a big catch in the Marlins who would be in the thick of the race—if they were in the A.L. West.

Andres Galaragga and John Olerud are both flirting with a .400 batting average.

But can all this continue?

Well, no one is going to hit .400 this year. I respect Galaragga and Olerud for what they've done, but one little slump will send their averages plummeting to the point of no return.

The Mets have already done themselves in, and their only hope is to finish out the year strong. But even if they do so, they'll take last place and look for a major face lift next season.

While Philly is worried about St. Louis trying to stick its nose in the N.L. East race, Montreal is liable to slip by them both—by a nose, of course.

Barry Bonds will lead the Giants to the division title with the best record in baseball

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of the season.

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money during the past several seasons. And a move to a higher level could prove to be even more costly.

"If you look at it idealistically, you don't have a sport that makes or loses money," Stanford pointed out. "You have a sport for the benefit of the university, for the student athlete, for entertainment in general. It's just much better when you make

money at it."

Benefits or no benefits, the university will still be strapped financially because Middle Tennessee State is a state school, and the state will not pay for any of the move.

But then again, such a move could prove very beneficial to the university.

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according to football coach Boots Donnelly. "Perhaps more so than the people who feel that Middle Tennessee is a nice little regional university think.

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"There is a great deal in Rutherford County to showcase."

Murfreesboro is located in a positive geographic location which is a main drawing tool for numerous students. It has some nationally known programs, and

turning the football program into somewhat of a mecca could improve such programs even more.

"We're looking at the media program here, and it could be the main hub for Sports Illustrated or USA Today," said Stanford. "The world of sports media could flourish here. We've got the resources. Why not use them?"

care of business.

Jimmy Key sound?

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process, though, must be a conference move, according to MTSU administrators.

"The Southern Conference is the only option we have available," Donnelly said. "We cannot go in as an independent. The Southern Conference has plans to go Division I-A when the time is right, and we would like to be a part of that."

The first step of the entire

Since there are so many

In Toronto, he was above

On the National League side,

designated hitter possibilities,

we'll send our pitcher to the plate

as well as the mound. How does

average. In New York, he's put

we'll start with Montreal's

outfield superstar Marquis

Grissom who's getting better with

age. Following him is Bobby,

formerly Roberto, Kelly (OF,

Reds) who's leading the league in

hits. Jeff Blauser is third at short

because the little Brave has has

pow-wowed folks in Atlanta all

the Yanks in the pennant chase.

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year. Now, talk about some lumber. Batting fourth Barry Bonds (OF, San Francisco), fifth Darren Daulton (C, Phillies), and sixth Matt Williams (3B, San Francisco). Then it's hard to believe we've got a .400 hitter in Andres Galarraga (1B, Colorado) left to put in the bottom of the order, but we do. Follow him up with Robby Thompson (2B, San Francisco) and our pitcher John Burkett (San Francisco) and look

As for a winner, look for a high scoring affair to go to the American Leaguers. I'll take 'em 10-7.

and a double digit lead at the end more.

And as a reward for their Detroit will stay close, but support, the All-Star game will Toronto will pull out the division. take place this Tuesday night. Atlanta and Cincinnati This is the fans' game; they should take second and third with decide who will play and who won't. Undoubtedly, some deserving are left off the team Atlanta will stick with what it has and make another charge next while old favorites fill the slots. But that's the fans' choice and year. The Reds will unload a lot of players and management as rightfully so.

As I close, I'd like to name my all-star team. I've always prided myself in being fair and just, not just voting for my favorite player.

In the American League, I'd have to lead off with Devon White (OF, Blue Jays) who's

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having an outstanding year. Follow him up with John Olerud (1B, Blue Jays), and Travis Fryman (SS, Detroit) to get some men on base.

Now we come to the power. Cleaning up will be Albert Belle (OF, Indians) who's having an MVP-type season. However one of his major competitors is his own teammate Carlos Baerga (2B, Indians) who's batting in the fifth spot.

If they didn't get the job done, you can bet Wade Boggs (3B, Yankees) probably will. Then to clean off what's left, Paul O'Neill (OF, Yankees), or Brian Harper (C, Twins) should take

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THE SECOND FRONT

MTSU graduate named new director of parking

STAFF REPORTS

Gary G. Hunter, Nash-ville resident and Middle Tennessee State University graduate ('75), has joined MTSU's department of Public Safety and Security, filling a newly created position as manager of parking and transportation.

Hunter is responsible for the sale of campus parking permits, enforcement of parking regulations and coordination of MTSU's new on-campus shuttle bus service, which will begin this fall.

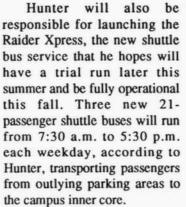
Hunter was previously employed at Sky Chefs, an airline catering company operating out of Nashville's International Airport. Hunter coordinated the transporting of food from outside vendors to the airlines. Prior to that, he worked in sales in Nashville and also as plant manager for Dairymen, Inc., in Quitman, GA.

Hunter says his chief objective at MTSU is to make



GARY HUNTER

campus parking as convenient and accessible as possible. Some of this is already in the works, he explained, with the re-coloring of some curbs and reassigning of certain parking spaces. "Some lots previously assigned to faculty only are now for faculty and staff," Hunter said. "And some student lots now include faculty and staff."



"My ultimate goal," Hunter said, "is to have a bus stop at each designated outlying point approximately every five minutes." Hunter says the problem isn't that there are not enough parking spaces on campus but rather that the parking lots are located so far from the buildings. He believes the shuttle service, which will be handicapped-accessible, will make getting around campus much easier for faculty, staff, students and visitors.

"I anticipate and look forward to changes that will improve the environment for those who work here and go to school here," Hunter said.



Carl Lambert/Photographer

GET IN THE PIT: Starwood Ampitheatre hosted the Lollapalooza '92 Music Festival in which altertertive bands from around the coutry played to a full crowd. See the photo spread on pages 14-15.

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relayed. They passed a Pontiac Bonneville matching the descrip-tion of the getaway car near the new Rockvale School, turned around and stopped the suspect.

The suspect turned out to be Gandy. Evidence including the gun and the wig were found in the car and dye "was every-where," Thomas said

Gandy then made a statement concerning his involvement and asked for an attorney, the detective said.

The student's car was impounded as part of the investiga-tion.

"We're all devastated," said Patsy Reed, SGA secretary. "We're just besides ourselves and in shock, all of us who worked with him. He is loved by everyone."

John Maxwell, an MTSU senior who worked with Gandy on the Interfraternity Council, said he and other students are also "shocked" Gandy allegedly robbed the bank.

"It just blew my mind when I heard about it," Maxwell said.

"He's a real honest, trustworthy person," he added. "He's always done a good job on everything we worked on. He's always been real dependable."

"This is just hard to believe," Maxwell said.

This was the first robbery at the bank in about eight years.

Gandy is the son of private investigator Don Gandy.

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they park in perimeter lots. "The shuttle service should encourage students to park in the other lots," he said. "I'd like to encourage students to take advantage of the shuttle bus."

Another feature of the fall parking structure will be the tier system. Spaces will be priced according to their location to the core of campus. The closest spaces will be reserved for faculty and staff, who will share white spaces for a cost of \$35.

The spaces near the core of campus that aren't faculty, around residence halls, Bell Street parking lot, the maintenance lot and Family Student Housing will be grouped into "prime" parking. These spaces will be sold for \$25.

Those spaces the furthest from the core of campus, Greenland Drive, Tennessee Livestock Center, Mass Communications lot and the new lots near 2nd Street, will cost \$10 for the year-long decal. decal. decal. decal dec

Handicapped spaces will still cost about \$10, except for those residing in Family Student Housing, who will pay \$25.

Hunter said since the vehicles will be parking at family housing a majority of the time it was only fair that those with handicapped

permits pay the same as other family housing residents. "I don't want to

discriminate against those with handicapped decals, but at the same time I don't want to discriminate against those who don't have them."

Hunter said the \$10 spaces would remove a lot of competition for the "prime" spaces. "If I were a student," Hunter said, "I'd choose the \$10 space.

"Students really need to know the parking regulations," Hunter said.

Ticket writers will be covering the campus from 7 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

The fine structure for parking will also change. Cars without permits will receive a \$15 fine. Cars in tow away zones will receive a \$25 ticket as well as have their cars towed. Those who overstay their meter will pay a \$5 fine. All other violations will be \$10, Hunter said.

The major change in parking is that anyone illegally parked in a handicapped space will receive a \$100 ticket.

However, the two-tier system for parking fines has been removed. Currently, Hunter said, after the fifth \$5 ticket, the ticket price is \$32 and the car is towed. In the fall, the fine will remain the same after the fifth ticket, but the car will still be towed.