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Parking Authority director told to step down

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Charlotte Hunt, who was the director of Parking Authority, has been demoted to a no-title position apparently because of friction between herself and the SGA.

She has been moved to Murphy Center assisting Ed Barlow, and is being replaced by Connie Hagberg, who until this promotion, was a secretary at the Tennessee Livestock Center.

Recently, SGA President Ryan Durham and Attorney General for the traffic court Jeff Beaumont have made several formal complaints to Duane Stucky Vice President of Finance and Administration regarding problems with Hunt.

"We have had several meetings

with Ms. Hunt in an attempt to resolve our differences, but instead of improving, things seem to be getting worse," Durham to Stucky in a letter obtained by Sidelines last week. "I want you to understand that this is not a personal attack on Ms. Hunt or an attempt to get her replaced."

In spite of Durham's request not to replace Hunt, Debra Roberts, Director of Administrative Services, said that she and Stucky collaborated on the what to do with Hunt and decided that moving her was in the "best interest of the

University."

However, Roberts was unable to give specifics as to what Hunt's weaknesses were in her old position.

Roberts said everyone has their strengths and weaknesses, and that they were moving Hunt to Murphy center because they felt she would be better suited for that position.

"I hate that it had to come to that," Beaumont said, adding that he and Durham exhausted every possible option with Hunt in order to improve their working relationship, but that nothing up to

this point had worked.

The main problem that Hunt was having with the traffic court was the voiding of too many citations for "ridiculous" reasons.

Hunt issued a formal complaint on June 16 to the former Assistant Dean of Student Life Rodney Bennett. In her letter, she said "The problems with traffic court make it very difficult to enforce the parking rules and regulations when it voids almost all the tickets appealed."

Hunt was referring to tickets from the summer semester, where 70 out of 87 tickets were voided. Gene Fitch, advisor for traffic court, said that on the surface, it does appear that the court's void rate is high, but a closer look makes the rate seem more in line. Fitch explained hypothetically that

if 30 cars were ticketed in the same lot, and they were all voided because there was a discrepancy in the lot, then that could constitute a bulk of the voids.

Hunt has argued that she finds it hard to believe that 70 ticket officers were in the wrong.

Gene Fitch, the traffic court advisor, said that he attributes a lot of the problems with the traffic court to inexperience and no training.

"Do we have problems, yeah we have problems, but I see this as a legitimate body," Fitch said.

Hagberg, Hunt's replacement, is on vacation this week, which leaves the direction of Parking Authority in the hands of Debra Roberts.

"Our workings with Parking Authority the last two days has been unbelievable," said Durham.

Students get less with cable change

□ Lesli Bales/staff

Due to changes in the billing structure at InterMedia cable provider, residents in Middle Tennessee State University's residence halls will have their cable decreased from channels 2-42 to 2-21 later this semester.

"We pay a bulk rate for basic cable," said Deb Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life. "InterMedia has just redefined what 'basic' means."

The changes in billing structure are a result of InterMedia's \$10 million fiber-optic construction project which is nearing completion, according to an InterMedia flyer distributed in dorm rooms. With 18 new channels, including the Cartoon Network and TV Land, come new rates. According

to Sells, MTSU was not notified of the price increase until after the university had already submitted its budget to the Tennessee Board of Regents.

"The housing contract guarantees basic cable service," Sells said. "InterMedia presented us with a tremendous price increase that would increase the cost of housing."

MTSU will be renegotiating its contract with InterMedia later this spring. Right now, residents are paying \$3.33 per room per month for cable service. The new "bulk rate" is \$8.50 per month. Whether the university would receive a special deal on expanded service has not been determined yet.

Sells said that she cannot predict whether the university will expand its cable service when the contract is

renegotiated this spring.

"Resident input will be very important," she said. "Clearly some students would want the upper channels, but some students that do not have televisions or do not watch as much TV would not want to pay the increase in housing costs [that changing to expanded cable would require]."

Sells did not know when the switch will take place, and InterMedia could not be reached at press time to clarify when the cable service will switch over (on-campus residents still have 42 channels). Residents wishing to expand their cable service after it's cut to 21 channels can contact InterMedia at 377-3860 for more information.

UFOs topic of next Honors Lecture

□ Jennie Treadway/staff

Are you curious about UFOs? Do you think there is something beyond the realm of our world? Angela Hague could answer a few questions for the alien inquisitor in her Honors Lecture "Worlds of Collision: the UFO Debate," Monday afternoon at 3:30 in Peck Hall 109.

"It'll be a brief historical look into the U.S.'s research of UFO's from the 19th century," she said.

As part of the Honors Lecture series, speakers are asked to pick a subject of their own.

"I saw something on TV," she says, which is how Ufology, the study of UFOs, caught her interest. "I've

been studying it for years."

The presentation will discuss ways to interpret the Unidentified Flying Object phenomenon from the past to today, along with the mention of alien abductions.

"I'll address the giggles," she said. "It's interesting to learn why we laugh at this."

There is an inevitable comical view on such ideas as flying saucers and alien abductions. Hague plans to talk about the mysteries of the outside world as well as the growing fascination among today's society. With various modern technologies and developments, research and discoveries are steadily increasing.

"I plan to address UFO conflicts

and other conflicts relating to larger controversies of today," said Hague.

The media is certainly having its round of fun with the idea of aliens and spaceships. The "outerspace" concept has been redesigned by the movie companies to output a variety of films such as "ET", "My Stepmother is an Alien", the "Star Wars Trilogy", and more recently, "Contact" and "Men in Black."

Other lecture subjects coming this semester include creationism, historical accuracies, and political personalities. A list of upcoming lectures is posted on the bulletin board outside Peck Hall 109.

Flipping out

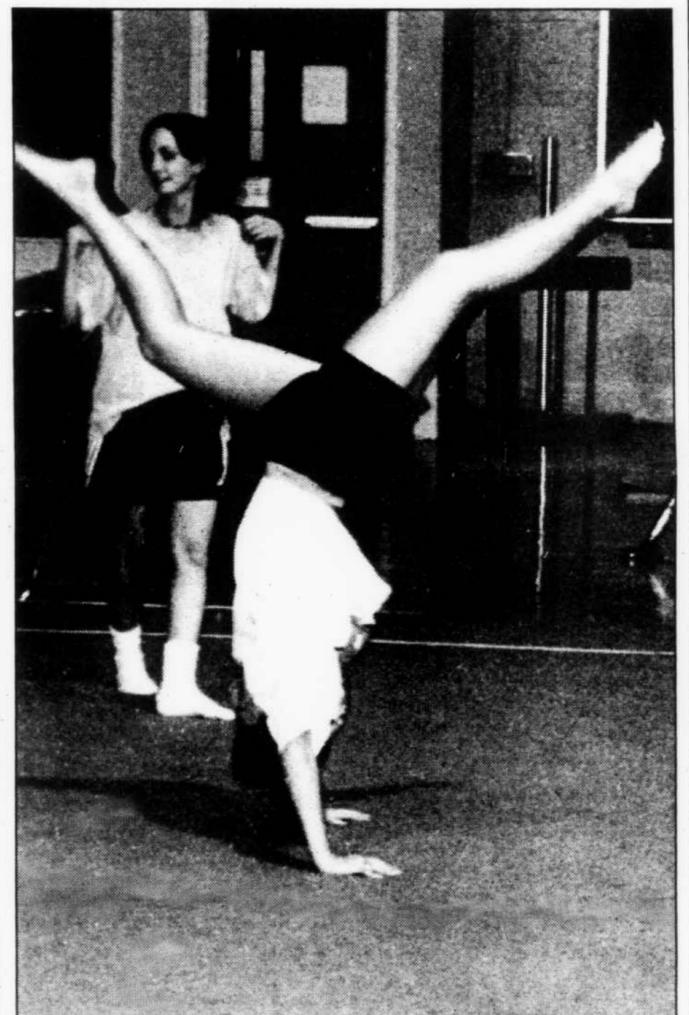


Photo by Celeste Castillo/staff
Rennee Canfield practices her round off without a spotter at her gymnastics class Tuesday afternoon in the Alumni Gym while a classmate looks on.

Greeks add members during rush

□ Bryan Brooks/staff

Rush, the time of year when Greek organizations add new members to their ranks, is taking place on campus with sorority rush having ended on Monday, Sept. 8, and fraternity rush lasting Sept. 10-19.

Victor Felts, director of Greek Life, described rush as a "mutual selection process."

"While the students choose which fraternity or sorority they want to join, the organizations choose which members they want," Felts said. Prospective members are extended bids by fraternities or sororities on the last day of rush. After this, the students become pledges, during which time they may have to learn the history of the organization or do community service.

Sorority rush was a success, according to Felts, explaining the sororities added about 230 new members. The number of new members has increased for the past two years, and it evened out this year. Felts predicted fraternity rush to be at the same level it has been for the last two years, even with increased GPA requirements. The requirement was raised from 2.0 to 2.3 last year.

"The trend nationally is for membership numbers to be declining," Felts said, while at MTSU they have grown or remained even.

Alex Miller, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said fraternity rush is looking like it will be a success as well with a good number of students



Photo by Trevor Tenpenny/staff
Two students play padded boxing at Greek Fest on the lawn in front of the KUC on Aug. 27. Fraternity rush began Sept. 10 and continues through Sept. 19.

signing up before rush starts. Miller said his fraternity looks to add about 55 new members to its ranks. Miller also mentioned that the freshmen rushing now will be the leaders of the fraternities when the new Greek Row is finished on campus in the summer of 1999.

Felts approximated the number of fraternity members at 700 men, and the number of sorority members at 500 women. Before rush, the largest

fraternity on campus was Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the largest sorority after rush is Alpha Delta Pi. There are 18 fraternities and nine sororities on campus. Four of these fraternities and three of these sororities are African-American Greek organizations.

One role of Greek organizations is

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Faculty Senate passes a resolution supporting university name change

□ Susan McMahan/staff

The Faculty Senate has passed a resolution to support changing MTSU's name to the University of Middle Tennessee.

The resolution was passed at Monday's meeting with two senators opposing.

Christian Haseleu, president of the Faculty Senate, said the Logo and Mascot Committee has recommended the change to Charles Smith, the Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Before the name change is made, it will have to gain the approval of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) and the state legislature.

Haseleu said that TBR is reluctant to pass the name change because MTSU is not the only university in Middle Tennessee. Others schools, such as Austin Peay State University, Tennessee Tech University and Tennessee State University are opposed to the name change.

Haseleu said they wondered "How can we be the University of Middle Tennessee?"

When Haseleu called for discussion on the resolution, none of

the faculty members spoke.

"No one cares?" asked Haseleu.

One faculty member said, "It doesn't make any difference, does it?"

Another faculty member said that the motion could be tabled to delay passage. Haseleu said that "it would look bad if we didn't approve it."

He recommended passing the motion because it would embarrass President James Walker if the Faculty Senate did not support the name change.

The group decided to pass the resolution because, as one member said, "It will go with or without our support."

Haseleu said Memphis State spent approximately \$50,000 on their name change to the University of Memphis. The highest cost of changing the name to the University of Middle Tennessee will be changing signs that currently say MTSU.

The Logo and Mascot Committee, headed by Linda Hare, vice president of development and university relations, was created as an outgrowth of the Athletic Master Plan.

Originally, the committee was just looking at the logo and mascot, but eventually decided to ask President Walker if the name should be evaluated as well.

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community service, according to Felts. Greek organizations performed over 20,000 hours of community service on campus and in the community last year. They also raised several thousands of dollars for philanthropies, according to Felts.

Dana Park, president of Alpha Omicron Pi, said the philanthropy of choice for her sorority is arthritis research, although they have also raised money to fight Muscular Dystrophy and Multiple Sclerosis in the past year. They raised \$2,000 for a sister with leukemia with the help of a fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority participates in a national service project called The Stork's Nest. The program raises money for and donates items to single mothers. Melissa Bosi, president of Pi Chi, said her sorority had raised money for various philanthropies, including the Make A Wish Foundation and the Battered Women's Shelter of Rutherford County. Other Greek organizations raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House, to combat breast cancer, and more.

Another role of Greek organizations is to present leadership opportunities and a chance to gain experience in organizing events, according to Felts.

Greek organizations are also involved in homecoming, which is two weeks away. Each group makes a float for the homecoming parade and participates in a chili cook-off, the fight song competition or the step show competition. Members of fraternities and sororities are in almost every student organization from the SGA and sports teams to religious organizations.

When asked his motives for

participating in rush, Alan Gay, a freshman engineering major from Hendersonville said, "to meet lots of people, make new friends and go to lots of parties and meet girls."

Haley Bass, a sophomore sales and marketing major from Pulaski, said she became a pledge with Alpha Delta Pi so she could get involved on campus and meet new people.

At least one new person wasn't impressed with Greek life. Holly Venable, a sophomore communications disorders major from Washington, D.C., said she didn't, "think it's right to pay for your friends."

"Rush is when they make people look like idiots and pick and choose who they like," she said.

In contrast, her freshman roommate, Angela Hollis, rushed a sorority and is a pledge with Alpha Omicron Pi.

"It's the fastest, easiest way to meet people," the advertising major from Hendersonville said. She explained she had met guys and girls while participating in rush over the past weekend.

Felts responded to the "paying for your friends," comment made by Venable by pointing out all student organizations you join on campus have dues. A majority of the Greek dues goes toward paying insurance on fraternity houses, paying national dues which each chapter must pay, and to pay for sorority chapter rooms in Cummings Hall. He also said it is very easy to single out Greek organizations because they are prominent organizations on campus.

"We're not buying our friends, but buying our future," he said, through the leadership situations and organizing challenges that participation in fraternities and sororities present.

Correction

In a story headlined "Chairs carry a heavy load" which ran in the Sept. 8 issue of "Sidelines," it was reported that Ronald Ferrara, chair of the aerospace department, was stepping down from the position of chair. However, Ferrara is not planning to step down. "Sidelines" regrets the error.

On Campus

To have information placed in the On Campus section, come by JUB room 308 and fill out a form located on the table by the door. Information must be submitted in person. The deadline for Monday's edition is Thursday at 5 p.m. and the deadline for Thursday's edition is Monday at 5 p.m. A new form must be filled out for each edition or the information will not be run.

Sept. 12
 Auditions for the host or hostess of Channel 8's first show with a virtual set will be held from 9 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. in Mass Comm 161. For more information, contact Jean, Mike or Biff at 867-0578.

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Clinic. The drive will be sponsored by MTSU Nursing.

Sept. 18
 MTSU students and staff are invited to attend a free teleconference on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome from noon until 2 p.m. in room 107 of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. No reservations are required.

Golden Key National Honor Society will have a brief business meeting in KUC 318 at 5:30 p.m. A representative from Nations Bank will speak on "Etiquette in the Workplace" at 6 p.m. Casual business attire is suggested. Call Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116 for further information

Sept. 20
 Alpha Delta Pi will be sponsoring the second annual 3 on 3 Sand Volleyball Tournament. Registration begins at 10 a.m. in the Rec Center. The cost is \$45 per team due on or before Sept. 18 or \$50 on the day of tournament. The event benefits Ronald McDonald House of Nashville. For more

information, contact Tristan Gordon at 896-0536.

September
 The SGA Court of Traffic Appeals is accepting applications for court justices, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, court clerks and court reporters. Apply in person in KUC 208. The deadline to apply is Sept. 17 at 4:40 p.m. For more information, call Jeff Beaumont at 898-2464.

LDSSA is holding Institute Classes every Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Peck Hall 105 and every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Shyrna Chapel. For more information, call Sid Sandstrom at 351-0558 or check out the LDSSA home page at www.mtsu.edu/~ldssa

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University orchestra formed

□ Shawn Whitsell/staff

MTSU's music conductor Laurence Harvin has formed a university symphony orchestra. It is a full symphony orchestra with string, wind, brass and percussion instruments.

Some of the university music students will play the wind and percussion instruments but anyone who has experience with the violin, cello, string bass, or viola may participate in the string section of the orchestra.

Harvin said he started the orchestra because he felt there was a great need for a large ensemble for students who studied string instruments in high school.

"We want to attract students who had music in high school but are majoring in different areas," Harvin said.

He feels really good about the new orchestra because it gives string instrumentalists a musical outlet.

The orchestra practices Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at the Instrumental Rehearsal Hall in the Wright Music Building. Harvin said he believes students, who do not have a lot of time, will appreciate the convenience of having one practice per week.

According to Megan Schissler, a violinist in the orchestra, violins are looking pretty good for the orchestra, except for the fact that they need more string instrumentalists.

"Really, we'd have to have anyone," Harvin said, "but we would like strings most of all."



photo by Matthew Clark/staff
A student in the new university orchestra practices last Thursday night in the Instrumental Rehearsal Hall in the Wright Music Building.

Schissler said the people are really nice and Harvin is a really good conductor. She said he is a really nice person with a good personality.

Schissler would like to see the orchestra grow and be able to travel to different states and perform. She also wants to encourage more people, with string experience especially, to get involved because it is a lot of fun. Schissler is minoring in music and she has been playing the violin for about six years. Right now she is playing strictly for the enjoyment of music but in the future she hopes to be able to teach music

as a side job.

If you have any experience as a string instrumentalist, you may find the orchestra very beneficial and enjoyable, she said. There are no auditions. Just show up ready to play. Credit will be given.

The orchestra has already starting practicing and the first performance will be with the band in December for a Christmas concert.

For more information, contact Harvin at 898-2484 or visit his office in the Wright Music Building, room 264.

Officer suggests locking door to prevent theft of valuables in dorms

□ Patti Fosbinder/staff

Many freshmen go to college assuming they will be sharing a dorm with other mature, honest respectful adults.

Unfortunately, residents of Cummings Hall have already discovered they can not leave their door unlocked, even if they are just going to take a shower.

"I was only gone for about 15 minutes," Cynthia Skates said. "The next morning I couldn't find my wallet, and that's the only time I was gone."

At least three rooms were burglarized Saturday night and, according to Lieutenant Roy Brewer of Public Safety, none had their doors locked.

"Unsecured crime is our biggest problem here," Brewer

said. Students leave book bags unattended, doors unlocked and jewelry and cash out on their furniture.

"The hardest crime to solve is theft of cash," Brewer said. "You can't prove ownership of cash."

He added that there are approximately 8-12 thefts a week and there is rarely evidence unless someone saw it happen.

Sometimes victims own neighbors or roommates are the criminals.

"Once someone reported a theft in Cummings," Brewer said. "And a few days later, saw someone wearing her jewelry."

A public safety representative is always available to speak to students about avoiding theft and

violence. Officer Jeff Kelsey offered such a presentation to Cummings residents after these thefts.

Brewer said that Cummings and Corlew are the residence halls most likely to be the target of thefts because there is not much access from outside.

After entering one unlocked room, a thief can reach the bathroom which is connected to other rooms. Then he or she can enter any room where residents do not lock the door to the bathroom.

Brewer also said that the number of burglaries is about the same in men's and women's dorms.

"I guess you just have to lock up when you leave," Skates said. "Even if you're just going to the bathroom."

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Viewpoint

Wrong to ask Hunt to leave

More often than not, people look for someone to blame when problems arise. Former Parking Authority Director Charlotte Hunt is easy to blame.

The parking situation on campus has been absolutely terrible for several years now, increasingly becoming worse as the enrollment reaches greater numbers than it ever has before. Students are crowded, angry and impatient with consistently not finding parking places, being stuck in traffic jams and, conductively, being late for class. But could it have been prevented? Could Hunt have foreseen these problems, prepared for them and have solved them before students, faculty and administrators began unruly complaints about the parking situation? This newspaper does not believe so.

Hunt has been sufficient—not necessarily perfect—in her former position at Parking Authority, and the recent decision to have her removed is unfair for several reasons.

For one, Hunt has a legitimate point about the number of traffic citations being voided. When 60 percent of all appeals are turned over by the court, then the court is saying the ticket citers are absolutely inefficient—almost moronic—in their duties. This is surely not the case. The traffic citers job is one of the most simple on campus: stand in lot, walk around it and put little yellow tags on cars that shouldn't be there. Does the court think that 60 percent of the time the ticket citers mess up?

Of course several tickets are voided for No Campus Permit, which has an automatic void for the first three violations. It is not the responsibility of the court to enforce that rule as much as it is to change it. Allowing visitors to park wherever they like for the first three visits to campus—without repercussions—is absolutely ludicrous. MTSU is the only campus in the state with such a weak policy. Most universities enforce the No Campus Permit violation with the same strenuous guidelines that MTSU enforces its tow-zone policy. In addition, Hunt has ensured that there is adequate parking space available on campus—the Tennessee Livestock Center Parking Lot is never more than half-full even during the most congested hours of campus life. Just because students refuse to park at the Livestock Center for lack of convenience is not Hunt's fault. She can't persuade students to park there, only inform them that there is available space.

Hunt has also kept the parking pass fee within a reasonable cost. Some universities charge more than \$100 to park on campus. The most expensive pass for students here is only \$35. Sure the parking fines went up, but if students would park where they are supposed to, then this would not be a problem for anyone.

Hunt's personal attacks against Attorney General Jeff Beaumont are indefensible. She should not have singled him out for her aggravations about the court—doing so is unprofessional. SGA President Ryan Durham did—as he should—respond to Hunt with disdain over her attack and has made it clear Beaumont is efficient at his job. But the latter complaint shouldn't be reason enough to ask Hunt to leave Parking Authority simply because she made Durham, Beaumont and the SGA mad. Everyone makes a mistake once in a while.

Administrators make more mistakes than most, and they have made an unfortunate one asking Hunt to leave.

News is like showbusiness in today's world

Dr. Glenn Himebaugh
 Prof. of Journalism



Some months ago, I received a letter from a friend in Australia. "I saw a piece from Murfreesboro in the Sydney paper," my friend wrote. "Something about a man having sex with a horse. It was an Associated Press dispatch."

Ah yes, the horse story. It made quite a splash at the time. The editor of the "Daily News Journal" ended up writing a column apologizing for the paper's lapse in good taste, at the same time defending the newsworthiness of the story.

The horse story has faded from memory for most Murfreesboroans, but there have been plenty of other journalistic controversies to replace it. I teach an upper division media ethics course and one thing I never have to worry about is material. The topics are endless.

Most recently, readers and viewers in the midstate have been treated to the ongoing saga of Perry March, whose wife Janet disappeared just over a year ago. She's never been found. The Nashville police suggested Perry might have killed her, but they've never charged him. The media have continued to feast on the story, vying among themselves for "exclusive" interviews with Perry March, who has been more than willing to grant them in his efforts to proclaim his

innocence.

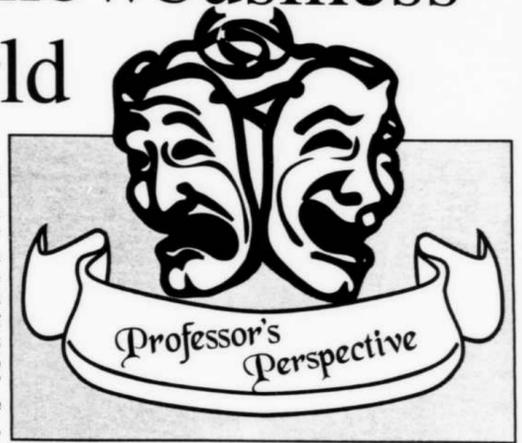
The whole sordid mess reached a low point a few weeks ago when the Nashville Scene announced that the winning entry in its "Your So Nashville If..." contest was one that said, "You're so Nashville if you've looked for Janet March in your flower bed." Looking for something in poor taste? It would be tough to top that!

Then there's the Paul Reid case. Reid's in jail and has been charged in the murders of seven fast food employees. Again, the race was on among area media for exclusive stories. Reid, like March, manipulated the media effectively.

And when Reid lost jail privileges over a recent homosexual incident, the media salivated once again.

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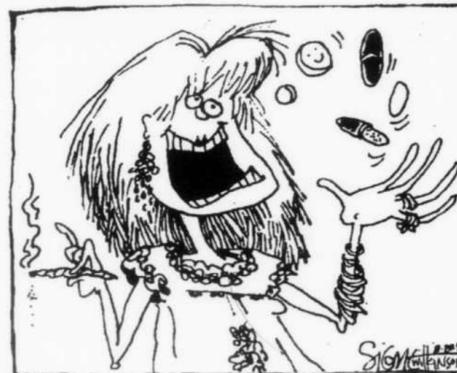
Profit is not a dirty word. This column is not intended to attack the media for wanting to stay afloat. This column is instead directed at all of us—the readers and viewers whose personal tastes have led the media down this pathetic path. If we didn't buy newspapers and watch TV reports that feature news disguised as entertainment, the problems would disappear quickly. If we demanded news be presented as the serious thing it is, it would be. But apathy kicks in and we kick back in the easy chair to read and watch the entertainment-driven driveline we've always read and watched.

As Walt Kelly's Pogo once said, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

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Graffiti chalkers need more informed opinion

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the article that appeared in last Thursday's "Sidelines" concerning the attacks on the LAMBDA group. The person who wrote those things on the sidewalks must not realize that there are many organizations here on campus that one group or another would love to see disappear as well. Fortunately for everyone, we all have a right to be here and one student's desire to send any group away is not quite enough to change those legal principles.

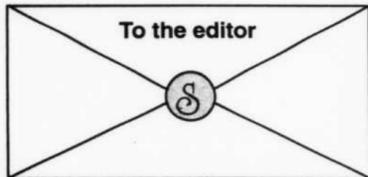
The LAMBDA group is a social support organization with voluntary membership, and if the "phantom chalkers" is not interested in being a member of LAMBDA, that is definitely his or her prerogative. However, to wish the organization away would and could be detrimental to the many, many gay and lesbian students here at MTSU who may need an outlet such as LAMBDA to help them learn to live in a new place or in a new role with the many pressures that gay and lesbian students face.

The worst part of this

incident is that according to Tom Burke, dean of Student Life, there really isn't much that can be done about this since our "Statement of Civility" is not a rule, but merely a recommendation. That is precisely the reason why Michael Grantham and a few other students from LAMBDA and the UEC spent most of last year working on trying to change the university's non-discrimination policy to include sexual orientation. Needless to say, the attempt failed and what we ended up with is this very policy that Mr. Burke now admits to as being useless. If it is really an issue of free speech, as Mr. Burke also suggests, then how does Policy 1:01:22 manage to condemn similar statements made to people based on race, gender, or nationality, and why do statements against gays and lesbian have to be excluded?

The point is, we are all here to educate ourselves and become knowledgeable about all aspects of life. I would hope that whoever chalked the sidewalks is able to learn a few things about tolerance of others during his or her time here at MTSU and can enter into the workforce with a more informed opinion of others.

Thank you,
 James Gilliam
 Sociology/Pre-law



From the Mailbox

Freshman fed up with university's meal plan

To the editor:

I am a freshman here at MTSU this year. Everything is great so far except for a misfortunate experience I had on August 28 1997. I did not know where to voice my opinion and I saw the letter policy in the September 4, 1997 publication of Sidelines.

My concern deals with the freshmen meal plan policy. I went to go and have dinner and my card did not ring up and I knew that could not be right because it was definitely paid for. I was told because I had this plan that Friday dinner was denied unless I paid in cash. So I went ahead and paid for it, even though I could not afford it, and the meal was horrible, so

horrible that I had to get full by drinking five glasses of milk and eating two watermelon slices. My point is that even though most people stay here Friday night, some people go home. If the cafeterias are going to still be serving Friday night, I think it should still be allowed to freshmen.

Sometimes that is all that we have to eat. If we don't get that, it is like MTSU telling us to starve.

Another reason why this should be allowed to freshmen is because if Friday is a school day, we should get to have Friday dinner just like we were allowed Friday breakfast and lunch. Even though I am a freshman and might not understand everything about the meal plan, this is what I feel.

Concerned,
 Dara Smith

We depend on your comments!

E-mail your Letters to the editor to stupubs@mtsu, or snail-mail to: "Sidelines" P.O. Box 42



Bars lure patrons with cheap drinks, sending mixed messages to students

College Press Service

On Aug. 26, 20-year-old Louisiana State University student Ben Wynne died of alcohol poisoning after downing too many drinks at a bar close to campus. In 1996, Heather Noonan, an 18-year-old student at Northern Illinois University, drank heavily at a local bar that offered Wednesday night "Buckbooze" one-dollar shots and later died in a car crash that also killed two passengers.

Those tragedies represent a nationwide problem. All too often, college-area bars entice students to get sloshed by offering all-you-can-drink specials, nickel pitchers, quarter shots, free beer 'til midnight and similar drink bargains.

Although most bar owners don't promote drunkenness, college kids out to get blasted have little trouble finding a bar eager to assist them. It's a wonder that drinking deaths do not occur more frequently.

In a 1996 study of 75 college newspapers, the Center for Science in the Public Interest found dozens of ads that can best be described as open invitations for students to drink to abandon. The come-

ons included "Bladder Bust Redlight Specials," "6-10 PM 3 for 1 drinks," "Wednesday ladies drink free," and "Coin night—Any coin, any drink."

Almost all of them lured students with the promise of cheap drinks. Admittedly, ads for bar specials in student newspapers don't cause all college drinking problems. Nor do bartenders who continue to serve falling-down drunk college students. There are many reasons why nearly half of all students are binge drinkers (five drinks in a row for men; four for women) and one in five is a frequent binge drinker.

However, the constant reminders promoting cheap booze as the ticket to relaxation and fun—in ads, on bulletin boards, fliers, banners, store signs, etc.—provide substantial support for campus environments that make heavy drinking an integral element of the college experience.

Those messages increase the pressure on students to drink by fostering, especially among inexperienced first- and second-year students, a misperception that frequent heavy drinking is the norm on campus.

With this kind of

competition, it's no surprise so few college programs to reduce dangerous student binge drinking have been successful and so many colleges have reputations as "party schools," deserved or not. Deaths among college students are an unusual consequence of binge drinking.

Heavy drinking, however, leads to a variety of severe problems, which are often shared with moderate-, light-, and non-drinking schoolmates. They include unplanned, unprotected and unwanted sexual activity; injury; trouble with police; violence; vandalism; academic failures; drinking-driving crashes; and medical problems.

Fortunately, college officials, parents and community organizations have many tools to counter the predatory marketing practices of rogue bar operators and reduce the pressure on young people to drink.

In some communities, "responsible hospitality councils," which include most bar owners as well as other neighborhood stakeholders, have formed to adopt voluntary standards that prohibit dangerous drink specials and their promotion.

JAWC helps freshmen women

Freshmania

Celeste Castillo

Freshmen women have a lot of things to think about: studies; new friends; new boyfriends; a new environment; new roommates and new freedoms.

Sometimes it might seem all too overwhelming. And sometimes it may be.

But there is a campus organization designed especially for female freshmen providing information, resources, programming and a safe place for campus women.

The June Anderson Women's Center (JAWC), located in JUB 206, provides many services like a library, legal clinic, financial aid information for women, women's health awareness and counseling and promotes activities such as National Women's History Month. It is state-funded and began in 1977.

The modest library, available for students, staff and faculty use, contains literature on women's issues. All the material may be borrowed and it encompasses such topics as fiction, poetry, self-help,

resource, manuals, women's journals and newsletters on historical and social issues.

Every last Thursday of the month in the academic year the Rutherford-Cannon County Bar Association and the JAWC hold a free legal clinic for members of the MTSU campus community. It offers non-binding, confidential consultations on a wide range of topics like sexual harassment and financial problems. Space is limited so an appointment is necessary and can be made by calling 898-2193.

A free packet with information on scholarships, grants, fellowships and other financial aid is offered in the JAWC along with applications for the JSA scholarship and the Jane Nickell Taylor Scholarship for returning women.

A JAWC bulletin board is maintained in the office with pertinent information regarding employment opportunities, fellowships, upcoming events, available housing and campus support groups.

Written materials and information on women's health issues like weight, pregnancy, AIDS, STD's, pregnancy and other related topics are also available. In addition, Free Safe Sex packets for men and women are made available for

the MTSU students and staff.

A full-time licensed counselor, Mary Glantz, M.A., is employed by the JAWC for academic and career counseling, emergency care, crisis intervention and long-term therapy. Walk-in hours are available and appointments can be made by calling 898-5725. All sessions are confidential.

Two support groups are facilitated each semester and Ms. Glantz is available to speak on issues like date rape and eating disorders to dorms or organizations. Anyone interested interested can call 898-5725 to schedule a meeting.

Candace Rosovsky, the full-time director of the JAWC, said she feels that it would be "wonderful for students to be connected with an organization that fosters a safe environment and a sense of companionship and connection."

"The JAWC does that. I also think that it is really important to be in classes and activities that stretch you," she continued.

There is a major offered in Women's Studies offered by MTSU. For more information contact Jackie Ellor, director of Women's Studies at 898-5910

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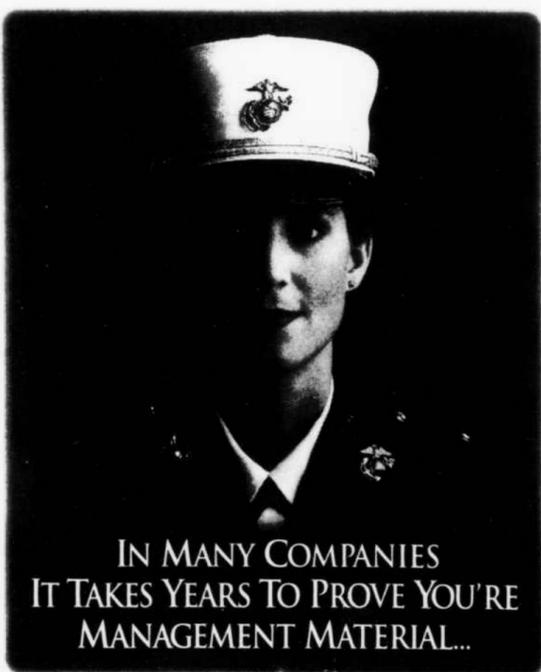
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- Springwater presents Cacklefruit at 9pm
- Fluid Ounces at Sebastian's on the square
- Poetry reading at Bongo After Hours

9-14

- Helmet and the Melvins at 328 Performance Hall

9-16

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- His Boy Elroy at Sebastian's on the square

9-17

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9-18

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9-24

- Fools Rush In at the 'Boro
- Del McCoury Band with Steve Earle at the Station Inn

Please direct all entertainment information to 898-2816

Coffee for the Soul

□ Lesli Bales/staff

Ever since the cast of "Friends" first graced television screens with their cups of cappuccino, coffee houses have experienced a revival. With college students fueling the caffeine craze, MTSU now has its own version of the trend that's rocking a nation.

Jehovah Java is the new non-profit coffee house being held in the James Union Building cafeteria every Tuesday at 9 p.m. As a division of the Alpha Omega campus ministry, Jehovah Java seeks to minister to the emotional, spiritual and fellowship needs of college students at MTSU.

"We wanted to create a social atmosphere for students to hang out, enjoy each other's company, build relationships and meet new people," said Steve Turner, campus minister for Alpha Omega. "We don't want to bill it as something only Christians can come to; it's open to everyone."

In hopes of appealing to a variety of people, Jehovah Java offers more than just coffee and munchies. A musical guest, such as big-name Christian recording artist Chris Rice, will be featured each week. Candles, cards, Jenga and games such as Jenga are also provided to enhance the coffee house atmosphere.

Although Jehovah Java just premiered on August 26, it has been evolving since the fall of 1995. The original coffee house was held at the Alpha Omega house off campus and was a completely social function with no musical guests. Then last year, Alpha Omega held a couple of "concert coffee houses" in the Belle Aire Baptist Church sanctuary. Successful "open mic" nights and poetry readings led to Jehovah Java as it is today.

Perhaps the biggest step forward for Alpha Omega's coffee house is that Jehovah Java is currently being held on campus, which is attracting a greater number and variety of students. On opening night, over 300 people showed up to hear Christian recording artist Chris Rice. On the next two Tuesdays, about 200 people attended. The ministry was able to make the transition

onto campus because Alpha Omega became an official on-campus organization in fall of 1996.

"I think our goal was always to be on campus, but the timing wasn't right," Turner said. "This is a semester of experimenting — to see what works and what doesn't."

"It's cool," said MTSU alumnus John Harrison. "I think it's a really good idea to get on campus and offer people something with a Christian slant to it."

Although Jehovah Java is a division of the Alpha Omega ministry and features Christian recording artists, student coordinator Mickey Jones stresses that the coffee house is open to everybody.

"We wanted to make something that celebrates the diversity of God's creation — for people of all races, ethnic groups, and philosophies," she said. "Open forum is the only way to find the Truth."

Turner agreed. "We wanted to create a non-threatening environment that may make people want to become involved with Alpha Omega with a church of their choice, but we did not want to throw [Christianity] in people's faces," he said. "We also wanted other campus ministries, such as the Baptist Student Union and Campus Crusade for Christ,



Celeste Castillio/staff

Above: Open mic night at the James Union Building. Jehovah Java, sponsored by Alpha Omega campus ministry, hosts musical acts every Tuesday night at 9.

to be able to feed into it. We'd love for all students to give it a try."

While Jehovah Java is staffed completely by volunteers, Alpha Omega is charging a \$1 cover charge at the door to pay for the bands, food and other expenses.

"We're just trying to break even," said student coordinator Dave McDaniel. "If we ever start collecting a profit, it would go toward

buying more candles, crayons, perhaps stage lighting or some food in bulk. The money will always go back into the coffee house to keep it afloat."

In addition to coffee, Jehovah Java offers desserts and other non-coffee beverages such as hot chocolate and soft drinks. Prices range from 50 cents to \$1.50, and students can enjoy a 50-cent bottomless cup every night if they purchase a Jehovah Java mug for \$5. There's also a merchandise table where students can buy a variety of Alpha Omega T-shirts, fimo cross necklaces and stickers.

"Jehovah Java is a great place to hang out," said student coordinator Heith Rogers. "It's late enough that many people are already off work, early enough that you can still study, and cheap enough that students can afford it."

Alpha Omega also encourages those walking outside alone to either call Campus Security or see Jehovah Java staffers for trusted escorts.

"It's cool because you can come here, relax and praise God at the same time," said Catheigh Rush, a freshman from Memphis. "It's a nice getaway from the

pressures of school."

Transfer student Bill Chatten agreed. "It's an uplifting experience — it really is."

Musical artists already booked for the semester include Rob Frazier and the Naked Farmers Blues Band (Sept. 16), the nobodys (Sept. 23), Randall Lancaster (Sept. 30), Sarah Hart (Oct. 7), and Grits (Nov. 18). All the other Tuesdays of the semester are currently open.

"Some record labels were at Jehovah Java for Chris Rice that first Tuesday night, so we are hoping to be more selective in the future, have some really great acts," Turner said. "We are also working on having some theme nights in the future and maybe some industry showcases where three or four artists would perform sets. We would also like to have at least one big act a semester, such as Jars of Clay or Amy Grant."

Meanwhile, Alpha Omega is looking for both signed and unsigned bands and pays \$200 per show. Interested bands can contact Steve Turner at (615) 890-6977 or send demo tapes to Belle Aire Baptist Church, Attn: Steve Turner, 820 Fairview Avenue, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.



Celeste Castillio/staff

Wes Dougan and Steven Doisy enjoy a beverage at Jehovah Java in the James Union Building last Tuesday night.

David Fincher's latest release 'The Game' scores less than 'Seven'

□ Gregg Mayer/staff

Losing control over every aspect of his once well-orchestrated life, wealthy businessman Nicholas Van Orton (Michael Douglas) discovers his breaking point in director David Fincher's new thriller—and flop—"The Game."

Living comfortably in a San Francisco mansion, Van Orton submits himself to his younger brother Conrad's (Sean Penn) birthday gift—an elaborate and all-consuming game for "a man who has everything."

Nicholas—and the audience's unfortunate task—is trying to figure exactly what the game is, i.e., which scenes take place in "reality" and which are staged by Consumer Recreation Services (CRS), a firm providing a tailored adventure for Van Orton designed to bring out "everything that is lacking."

Much of "The Game" is strange, indiscernible patching of one scene to the next. Van Orton is at one point helping to save a choking man from

asphyxiation, and the next minute lost in a darkened office building abandoned by everyone except for Christine (Deborah Kara Unger), a young lady who befriends (or

creepiness he had in his most recent movie "Seven;" however, he's missing the plot this time. "The Game" is not really a complete story, it is more of motley of several

together in 128 minutes.

"The Game" almost always is unintriguing when it should be at its most intriguing—for example, when Conrad flips out and accuses Van Orton of being an employee of CRS in a tragic scene of brother against brother, I emphatically mumbled to myself, "Get off the screen and get on with the movie!" (although I was never sure where the movie was going).

Brancato and Ferris also penned "The Net" and it has gross similarities with "The Game:" both Van Orton and "Net" protagonist Angela Bennett (Sandra Bullock) lose themselves—and their identities—in Mexico; both don't know who to trust but go to an old lover for advice; and both eventually freak-out and recover by the movie's end.

Douglas really tries to bring a sense of realism and intrigue to "The Game." Using the same Wall-Street charm he's had in previous movies, and combining that with his character in "Disclosure," Douglas gets bounced from uninteresting scene to bad scene and back again.

Penn isn't in the movie long enough to receive a credit at the top of the movie promotions. But in the short time he is on the screen, Penn successfully makes Conrad out to be a puerile loser always in search of cheap thrills, which isn't much of a stretch for Penn.

Thematically, it is arguable Van Orton is trying to bring his relationship with his father—who committed suicide at the same age Van Orton is now, 48—full circle. But that concept might be a bit heavy for this movie, which depends on cheap frights at window sills and scary-looking clown dummies which haven't been scary since "The Twilight Zone" years.

The movie also raises the whole philosophical question about What is Real? That is a good thing to have people question everything that is around them. It is a bad thing if they think it is anything resembling "The Game."

Recently in an interview, Douglas said he is always happy when he produces a "quality film." He must be awfully sad these days.



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Deborah Kara Unger plays Christine in David Fincher's "The Game." The movie opens nationwide September 12.

Fincher is trying to incorporate the same childish pranks committed by childish adults thrown

Career Day to be held at Murphy Center track

Christi Underdown/staff

The "Real World" beckons and Career Day, sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University's Placement and Student Employment Center, will provide the introduction students need before answering that call.

A total of 132 institutions, including 119 employers and 13 graduate schools, will be present to meet with students from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 on the track area of Murphy Center. This count has grown from last year's 112, making this year's selection of exhibits the most numerous in Career Day's 16

years. Not only will there be representatives from business, industry, governmental agencies and staffing companies wanting full-time, part-time and temporary employees and graduate schools ranging from law to medicine to general studies, but resumes for internships will be reviewed as well.

No appointments are necessary. Students are welcome to walk in at anytime. "If they [students] are serious about finding a job or a position, they need to bring their resumes," said Martha Turner, director of the Placement and Student Employment Center. "But

that certainly doesn't apply to everyone."

Turner also suggested students just wear regular casual school clothes.

"Career clothes aren't really necessary," she said. "Seniors may or may not want to wear more professional attire. Just remember your appearance is very important and makes a lasting impression."

To help avoid confusion caused by the mass construction on campus and to help insure that no one gets lost, the Placement Center will try to post signs at both the Murphy Center Tunnel and the Greenland Drive entrance.

"Everyone is encouraged to attend if even for a short

while," Turner said. "If they are serious in looking for information for their majors or campus planning, this is a great way to do it."

The Placement Center is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It provides a career resource library, resume writing and interview preparation workshops, on-campus interviews, resume referrals to employers and job referrals to students. It will also sponsor the Nurses' Career Day on Nov. 3.

For more information about Career Day or any other services provided by the Placement Center, go by Keathley University Center room 328 or call 898-2500.

Most college men are breast men

UPI

When women guess what men desire in breast size, they tend to guess too big.

At the American Psychological Association meeting in Chicago, researchers find that yes, men frequently do prefer larger breasts for women than women prefer for themselves.

But, they also said, women think men desire even larger breasts for their ideal women's figure.

Researchers interviewed 120 women and 36 men on college

campuses in Florida to update previous studies on breast size of women and chest size of men and preferences of the opposite sex.

The group was shown pictures of breast sizes, ranked from 1-5, with 5 being the largest roughly equivalent to a D-cup bra size.

In the latest study, men preferred close to a 4 for a woman; women preferred a 3.5 for themselves.

Women, however, thought men were more likely to want a woman with a 5. Tantleff-Dunn tells United Press International that the results are similar to surveys taken in 1990, 1992 and 1994.

More females attend college than men

Pam Kelley/CPS

CHARLOTTE, N.C.— In her search for the perfect college, Maggie Trees visited three campuses last spring. When she arrived on the final campus, UNC Chapel Hill, it took only minutes to make up her mind. "This is it," she told her mom. She enrolled last week.

In the process, Trees became part of a quiet revolution that has, in less than a single generation, transformed American higher education.

Twenty-five years ago, in 1972, Title IX outlawed sex discrimination in education and opened doors for women on college campuses across America.

But few people expected what happened next: The number of women attending college eclipsed the number of men. Today, women make up more than 55 percent of the nation's undergraduate enrollment. At Chapel Hill, it's 60 percent.

As classes begin this

month, a growing gender gap on some campuses, particularly at private liberal arts colleges, has spurred a new debate. Should schools lower standards for men or recruit more so they can keep their male-female ratios nearly equal?

"The college people call me from time to time and say, 'What's going on here? Do we have to have some affirmative action for men to achieve gender balance?'" says Thomas Mortenson, a higher-education policy analyst based in Iowa.

Explanations for the disappearing-male phenomenon vary. Though boys outnumber girls nationally, some educators suggest fewer males attend college because it's still easier for them to earn a decent wage without a college education.

Some think maturity plays a role. "I think there's some evidence ... that the 13- to 16-year-old female is probably some more mature than the early teen male," says Bill Starling, Wake Forest University's director of admissions and financial aid.

As entering UNC freshman

Bridgett Williams of Rock Hill, S.C., puts it: "It's just like girls are more focused or something."

But some experts believe the lower numbers of college men illustrate a crisis facing American men and boys. While they acknowledge men still control a disproportionate share of power in society, they also point to the soaring numbers of boys found to have learning and behavioral problems and the growing population of young men behind bars.

These troubling trends reflect male anxiety over the evolving role of men in society, some experts say. "The plate tectonics of gender are shifting under our feet, and we're seeing the eruptions of psychic earthquakes," says Barney Brawer, co-director of the Harvard Project on Women's Psychology, Boys' Development and the Culture of Manhood.

Enrollment changes at UNC dramatize recent shifts in the nation's gender roles.

In the mid-1960s, Trees' mother, Lois Whisnant, didn't even bother applying to

Chapel Hill, because she knew the school accepted few female freshmen. Like many women, she went to school elsewhere and transferred to UNC as a junior.

As a student, it never occurred to her that UNC's admissions policy discriminated against her. "It actually didn't hit me till later," says Whisnant, who lives near Shelby, N.C. "That really shows a change in times, doesn't it?"

The 1972 passage of Title IX signaled the end of discriminatory admissions policies at UNC and most public colleges. That year, women made up 38.7 percent of UNC's undergraduates. Just five years later, in 1977, women became the majority. A year later, they became the majority nationally. By 1992, UNC's female undergraduate enrollment hit 60 percent.

As female numbers grew in the '80s, some UNC trustees worried about the imbalance. One suggested "an affirmative action plan for men."

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CROSS COUNTRY

The men's and women's cross country team opened their season last weekend in Clarksville at a four-way meet with TSU, Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech.

Freshman Eric Kiauka won the men's four-mile race with a time of 21:42 at Fort Campbell. Kapreia Kirk was the top women's finisher for the Blue Raiders. Kirk came in second in the two-mile with a time of 12:44.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

It was officially announced at a Tuesday afternoon press conference that the MTSU men's and women's basketball teams will play a regular season game at the Nashville Arena against Belmont, Thursday, Nov. 20.

It will be the first ever regular season collegiate competition at the arena. The men's team will also play on the road against North Carolina and Kansas. Both teams were in the NCAA Division I Final Four last season. MTSU will host Murray State, on Jan. 3 in a game that will be televised nationally on ESPN.

3-ON-3 VOLLEYBALL

Alpha Delta Pi will hold its 2nd annual 3-on-3 sand volleyball tournament Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Recreation Center.

Registration is \$45 per team before Sept. 18 and \$50 the day of the event. Players must be 18-years or older. Registration cost includes a free T-shirt. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Nashville.

For registration information contact Tristan Gordan (615)896-0536 or mail check payable to Alpha Delta Pi (philanthropy), MTSU Box 581, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

VOLLEYBALL ALL STAR

Nidza Castillo was the lone Blue Raider to be named to the All-Tournament team last weekend when MTSU traveled to the Tennessee Preview Tournament in Chattanooga. Castillo had 127 assists, 40 digs, four service aces and three blocked shots.

STREET HOCKEY

A Tuesday night street hockey league is now forming.

Games will be played Tuesdays at 10 p.m. in the parking lot near Cummings Hall. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to show up.

For more information contact Justin at 849-1451.

SOFTBALL TRY-OUTS

The MTSU Lady Raider softball team will be holding try-outs for their upcoming season which begins Feb. 21, 1998, against Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

Interested women may contact head coach Karen Green at 898-5018.

FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the Blue Raiders home opener against Murray State are now on sale at the Athletic Ticket Center located in the Murphy Center as well as at the Keathley University Center Box Office.

The Blue Raiders kick off their home schedule at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. This year's homecoming game is scheduled for Oct. 4 against Jacksonville State. Home games are also scheduled for Oct. 25 and Nov. 8.

Anyone with a current Student ID will be admitted free to all home games. Tickets are regularly priced at \$12, but anyone presenting a valid Student ID may purchase a guest ticket for \$6.

SOCCER TEAM TIES

In their first home game of the year the Lady Raiders soccer team finished in a 1-1 tie after double over-time.

Freshmen Makini Wall scored her second goal of the year for the Raiders in the first half. The Moc's scored their goal late in the second half.



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Consistency key to success on gridiron

□Keith Ryan Cartwright/ staff

The emphasis this week at the Blue Raider football practices will be on improving overall team consistency as the team prepares to visit UT-Chattanooga Saturday.

Last week against TSU, the Raiders showed that their new-look offense could indeed work. Aside from a few errors in judgement, the Raiders were able to, at times, move the ball up field quite easily.

"I like the fact that we were able to move the ball," said offensive coordinator John Bobo. "The thing I didn't like was we didn't do it consistently."

Against TSU the Raiders came out throwing and established a good offensive game plan as they moved the ball 132 total yards in their first two possessions. However, after the Tigers made a few adjustments to their defensive lineup, they were effectively able to shut down the Raiders' movement.

"You've got to be able to beat the coverage and you've got to be able to do that on a consistent basis. We were able to do that at times," Bobo said. "We did prove that we're capable of moving the ball."

One aspect of the Raiders' offense that never did click against the Tigers was the running game. Returning for the first time since breaking his ankle last year, Lebrion McGill carried the ball 13 times for 28 yards, with his longest carry being 11.

"I would have liked for our production to have been better at that position, not just with McGill but all our backs," Bobo said.

"A lot of that was directly related to our lack of production with the offensive linemen."

During the times the line did hold up, Raider quarterback Jonathan Quinn was able to find the open receiver. However, for much of the game the line let the Tigers collapse in around Quinn.

The lack of pass protection resulted in two sacks and forced Quinn on six occasions to set up out of the pocket and run up field. His longest scramble of 35 yards gave the Raiders a much needed first-down and helped set up a Keegan Ray 52-yard field goal.

"I thought he showed a lot of

The Schedule

Sept. 6*	at TSU	16-25
Sept. 13	at UT-Chatt.	6:00
Sept. 27*	Murray State	7:00
Oct. 4	Jacksonville St.	2:00
Oct. 11*	at UT-Martin	1:30
Oct. 18	at Eastern Ill.	1:30
Oct. 25*	Southeast Mo.	2:00
Nov. 8*	Austin Peay	2:00
Nov. 15*	at Eastern Ky.	12:30
Nov. 22*	at Tenn. Tech	1:30

Home games in bold
*OVC games
All game times subject to change

Source: 1997 Blue Raider Football Media Guide

The Opponent

University of Tennessee - Chattanooga Mocs

Sept. 13 at UT-C, 6 p.m.

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Buddy Green
Record: Overall 10-23-0; at UT-C 10-23-0
Assistants: Frankie Debusk (Off. Coord.), Shane Montgomery (WR), Dick Bell (ILB), Scott Casey (OL), Bob Griffin (OL), Ricky Logo (DL), Rick Whitt (DB), Lorenzo Ward (RB), Rusty Wright (OLB)

Team Information

Basic Offense: Pro Set
Basic Defense: Multiple 50
Lettermen Returning: 52 (21 Offense, 28 Defense, 3 Specialists)
Lettermen Lost: 9 (5 Offense, 3 Defense, 1 Specialist)
Starters Returning: 21 (9 Offense, 8 Defense)
Starters Lost: 9 (4 Offense, 4 Defense)



Scorecard

The Teams:

MTSU 11, UT-C 24, 1 tie
At MTSU: UT-C leads 9-8-1
At UT-C: UT-C leads 15-3-0
Last MTSU win: 16-9 in '96
Last UT-C win: 42-19 in '81

The Coaches:

Donnelly vs. UT-C: 3-3
Green vs. MTSU: 0-1
Donnelly vs. Green: 1-0

Adam Smith/ sta

courage. He had play-making ability when he pulled the ball down and ran," Bobo said. "His decision-making process was a little slow at times but I don't think there's any question that it'll improve."

UT-C is coming off a last minute 13-10 victory over Tennessee Tech. Tech did have a chance to win the game, but Casey Roberts missed a 25-yard field goal with one second left on the clock.

As for how the Raiders plan to prepare offensively, Bobo said, "We're going to do what the defense allows us. But, we still need to maintain control."

"When they lock you down in a man-on-man situation, then your man has to beat their man. That has to happen."

Last week, Quinn was able to connect with the Raider wide outs on 23 of 45 passing attempts for 256 yards including a touchdown pass to Matt Lowe late in the game.

Earlier in the contest, the Raiders had two big passing plays that didn't end in their favor. Quinn hit Tri Heard on left side back corner of the end zone for what

looked like a touchdown but it was called back after the Raiders were hit for illegal motion. The other big play saw a wide open receiver fall down.

"There's no way we could hone it down to one area. We're working on every area," Bobo said. "I think we also have to improve our physical and mental toughness."

With the season now underway, it will be up to Bobo to make the Raiders' new-look offense, which attempted more

passing plays than any other Ohio Valley Conference team last week, click to the point the offense can consistently continue to move the ball against opponents.

"I believe this. We will improve. We will get better and players will become more consistent," Bobo said. "We've got to make it happen. It's not going to happen on its own."

"From my standpoint, I've got to do a better job of keeping the defense off balance."

Goalkeeper's experience key to successful season

□Matthew Pabreza/ staff

While women's soccer is only in its second year at MTSU, the Lady Raiders are not without their share of talented players.

Senior Tory Martin, who has participated in the sport for 16 years, began her career in England where she was born and lived with her family until they relocated to Cheyenne, Wyoming.

"My older brother played soccer," said Martin, explaining how she took an interest in the sport.

Tory transferred to MTSU from Bellevue College in Bellevue, Neb. where she had quite an impressive collegiate career for the Bruins. She was named Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference player of the month on one occasion, and MCAC defensive player of the week twice.

Coach Colette Gillian realizes the importance of having a veteran player on the field for such a young team.

"She's definitely one of our team leaders," she said.

As one of three co-captains, Martin says she tries to set a good example for her teammates on the field during games and in practice.

"I try to help motivate our team," she said. "If anyone on the team has any problems they can come to us [co-captains] for help."

With such good leadership qualities, what better position for Tory to play than goalkeeper.

A goalkeeper must be alert at all times and be able to effectively orchestrate the defense against the opposing team. As the Lady Raiders goalkeeper, Martin must direct her teammates on who to guard and where to position themselves.

She is on an ROTC scholarship, and is the soccer team's representative for the Student Athletic Advisory Council. Martin is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Spikers look to bolster offense

□Keith Ryan Cartwright/ staff

Last weekend at the Tennessee Preview tournament, volleyball coach Lisa Kissee found out her team can indeed play defense.

Prior to their first tournament a week ago, Kissee focused her team's attention on defense.

"We did what we wanted to do, but in doing so lost a little bit on the offense," Kissee said. "Offensively we haven't had the output to win games. The defense has kept us in it and kept us competitive."

Starting tomorrow at the Larry Conrath Invitational in Athens, Ohio, Kissee plans to run several different offenses in search of just the right combination.

Now over the past week, the Lady Raiders have spent a great deal of their time in practice honing in on their offensive schemes.

They will look for definite improvements in that area of their game. In the opening tournament the Lady Raiders finished with just a .157 average in team offense.

"Individual offense is looking good," Kissee said.

Carrie Kapfenberg, a transfer from California State University-Northridge, is one of those individuals who will be called upon to continue her offensive output against Kentucky, Ohio and James Madison this weekend.

Kapfenberg put down 38 kills along with a team leading .313 attack percentage in her Lady Raider debut at the Tennessee Preview.

However, while a few individual players have found their groove, the team has yet to settle into one starting offensive set.

"Here it is the start of our second tournament, so you would think I would be more set in who we

were starting," Kissee said. "But we've been juggling between a 6-2 offense and a 5-1."

As the Lady Raiders prepare for not only the tournament but also the start of the regular season Tuesday against TSU, Kissee is set with left side but still plans to do a little shuffling with the right.

Erin Schulz, a 5-foot, 10-inch outside hitter is a given on the left side, but Kissee plans to move Linda Jonsson, Angie Venable, Tara Miller and Kapfenberg around the line up.

"That's a lot people to be moving around," Kissee said. "That's part of the reason why our team offense hasn't been as consistent."

In the first round of tomorrow's tournament, the Lady Raiders will open up against Kentucky, which will start a 6-foot, 2-inch outside hitter.

While it may not be the best defensive move,

Kissee may in fact match up 5-foot, 6-inch Nidza Castillo in that spot in effort to bolster the team's offense.

"Offense is the key [this weekend]," Kissee said. "This is going to decide which offense is going to work and which one is going to be more consistent."

Despite starting four freshmen, James Madison will also be a formidable opponent at the Conrath Invite. On the other hand, Kissee isn't quite sure what to expect from Ohio. Although, they enter the tournament with a 2-4 record, all their opponents have been top notch teams such as Cal. State-Fullerton and Portland.

"You can't look at their stats at all, because they're going to be a tough team," Kissee said.

"Those are the opponents we have and they're all bigger than us. It'll be interesting."



Carrie Kapfenberg

Freshmen expected to lead cross country team into future

□Keith Ryan Cartwright/ staff

Like many of the athletic teams at MTSU, both the men's and women's cross country teams are saddled with youth.

However, coach Dean Hayes is looking for this season to be a stepping stone into the indoor and outdoor track seasons.

"I think we'll try to rebuild our cross country team a little bit, but it won't be enough to end up being a championship team or something like that," Hayes said. "We have some individuals who are ranked nationally in sprints, hurdles and jumps so our emphasis is going to be on the track team."

Distance running is the area Hayes said needs much improving. To do so, freshmen Eric Kiauka and Dave Milne were brought in on the men's side and Kapreia Kirk for the women's team.

In reference to season at hand, Kiauka won men's race at the four-way meet last Saturday in Clarksville, while Kapreia finished second for the women.

Kiauka and Milne come to the Blue Raiders via Vancouver, British Columbia. Currently Milne is nursing a stress fracture but is expected to be back in the fold by the time the Ohio Valley Conference Championships takes place Nov. 1 in Nashville.

"I'd say both Eric and Dave have chance to finish in the top 10," Hayes said. "As freshmen, if they can finish in the top 10 that will be good as they'll be able to help us out a lot the future."

During the upcoming track season, the two will participate in the Steeple Chase.

On the women's side Kirk is the only main threat for a conference cross country title.

"Probably next year we'll try to get some distance runners on the women's side," Hayes said.

In working towards the OVC Championships, the Blue Raiders will next travel to Chattanooga for the UTC Invitational, Saturday.

"I don't know who all will show in Chattanooga," Hayes said. "But, will be a good place for us to find out how competitive we are individually."



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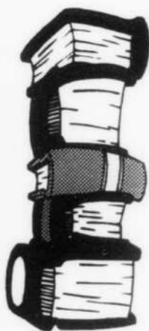
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