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Campus residents required to stay through spring

By Lesli Bales/ staff

In the wake of this fall's dorm overflow problems, MTSU students who are hoping to move off-campus this spring may be in for a rude awakening.

Under the supervision of new housing director Deb Sells, students who are currently living in the dorms will be required to stay through the spring semester.

This announcement may come as a shock to residents who are already apartment shopping, but according to housing and residential life administrative assistant Diana Milsap, the housing contract has not changed.

"The agreement has always applied to spring, but it has not been enforced in the past," she said.

The only exceptions to the agreement are if a student is graduating, getting married,

withdrawing from the university, working on an internship that takes him out of the area, or if a student has a health issue that is verified by a medical doctor.

According to Sells, students should have been aware of the stipulations.

"It is in writing on the contract, just like signing a year-long lease for an apartment," she said. "I'm not sure why students would think that they could just move out spring semester."

In addition to the contract, Sells said that residents should have received a letter upon check-in that had a reminder that the contract was for the academic year.

"We've been trying to get that information out through the RA's (residential assistants) and other sources," she said. "I know that several students are aware that we are upholding the housing contracts because we have had students calling with questions since the first week of

school."

Despite Sells' attempts to have the information readily available to a wide audience, many residents remain ignorant of the housing contract stipulations.

"We've had hall meetings," Wood Hall resident Erika Carillon said. "But I haven't heard anything about it."

Gracy resident Paul Canady agreed. "We've not had any notification," he said.

Other students have only had it called to their attention recently. Reynolds resident Toni Patterson did not learn of the upholding of the housing contract until an Oct. 3 floor meeting.

"I don't think it's right to not let people move off campus," she said. "We are grown. We ought to be able to move out and make our own decisions."

Charlene Harmon, another

Reynolds resident, questioned the reasoning behind the decision.

"They always claim that there's not enough room for everybody, so they should let people move out if they want," Harmon said.

Because of the decision to uphold the housing contracts, no reapplication forms will be distributed to residents this semester. Instead, only request forms to change dorms or dorm rooms will be available. However, there is another alternative.

For people who wish to move off-campus but do not fit the strict criteria for exceptions, Sells will be reviewing their special requests.

Residents wishing to leave must write a letter to housing which includes their name, social security number and an explanation of why they need to cancel their housing contracts and why they feel an exception should be made. Sells will later review the letters and decide

which students will be granted permission to leave.

Because Housing will be accepting letters until Nov. 15, students will not be notified of Sells' final decision until either late November or sometime in December. If for some reason a student needs to know the decision sooner, this deadline should also be put in the letter, and Sells will try to meet it.

"We will do our best to be flexible and take into account extenuating circumstances, but students should have been aware that they were signing a year-long agreement."

If a student is granted permission to move off-campus for spring semester, he will only be forfeiting the \$50 deposit prepaid this fall. If a student chooses to cancel their housing without being granted an exception by Sells, the student will still be required to pay the full \$790 housing expense

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And the winner is...



Brian G. Miller/ staff

1996 Homecoming Queen Tanisha L. Harris and her escort Andre Dooley listen to the applause from the halftime crowd.

Off the Wire

Latinos march in capital for immigrant rights, justice

By Marcy Gordon/ AP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Waving flags of Latin countries and carrying banners demanding justice, thousands of Hispanic-Americans marched in the capital Saturday to push for simplified citizenship procedures and a \$7 minimum wage.

At a loud and jubilant rally within view of the White House, a choir sang the national anthem in Spanish followed by an English rendition.

Mobilized by new and more stringent welfare and immigration laws and what they see as growing anti-newcomer sentiment, Hispanics came from around the country to participate in the first national march for Latino and immigrant rights.

"We have never united into a distinct force," said a 25-year-old paralegal named Joaquin, who had made the 2 1/2-day drive from

Houston with his parents. "We need to start getting together and increasing our voice."

Participants proudly reminded observers that Latinos are expected to be the nation's largest minority group by 2000.

The crowd shouted, "Somos un pueblo sin fronteras" (We are a people without borders) and "Viva los trabajadores" (Long live the workers). Signs and huge banners said in English and Spanish: "Justice Now." "Candidates Beware — Don't Take Hispanics for Granted." "Fight Power with Power." "This Country Was Built By Immigrants."

Anthony Juarez of Silver Spring, Md., held a "Perot for President" sign and circulated through the crowd handing out bumper stickers.

Among participants were delegations representing the United Auto Workers union, garment industry workers and service

employees, college students from around the country, farm workers, teachers and police officers.

Plenty of non-Latinos marched as well. "I'm an immigrant myself," said Joseph Lacny, a retiree from Detroit who called himself a Yugoslav-American.

Landmark legislation to crack down on illegal immigration cleared Congress last month. In negotiations with White House officials, Republican lawmakers agreed to limit the degree to which legal immigrants would be susceptible to losing certain benefits after a year on welfare.

These other planks were in the march's platform: human and constitutional rights for all, equal opportunities and affirmative action, universal free public education from kindergarten through university, expanded health services, citizen police review boards and reform of labor laws. •

Freshmen meal plan a good tradition, but is it necessary?

By Jennie Treadway/ staff

According to Doug McCallie, director of food services, the freshman meal plan system is part of the history and tradition of MTSU.

"It's been this way for years," he says.

But how helpful is it?

The basic freshman resident meal plan, which costs every MTSU freshman \$489 a semester, was established as an economical advantage for the student, as well as a reassurance to parents that their child is eating enough while away at school. Instead of rationing out their money day by day for meals, freshman residents are provided with 3 meals a day, Sunday night through Friday afternoon, with the swipe of a student ID.

"I'm glad I have the meal plan," says freshman Jason Sams, who rarely goes home on the weekends and thinks the basic plan should be expanded past Friday lunchtime. "But it's hard to find something good to eat on the weekends."

For an extra \$65 added to the cost of the basic plan, students can purchase the "Optional 15" plan, which allows them to distribute the meal usage throughout the week at their convenience, including weekends.

For those students who stay on campus on the weekends and need the extra meals, the 19-meal plan is offered for \$721 a semester. The student is allotted 19 meals and is able to use them at anytime during the week, excluding Friday nights.

Yet, some students have a problem with the plan.

"I don't think you should be required to have 15 meals," says freshman Amanda Wilson. "If you don't eat every meal, you're wasting your money."

Each student is assumed to eat 255 meals per semester. Paying \$489, that breaks down to \$1.91 per meal,

adding up to almost \$6 a day.

"Students are allotted \$9.80 a day," says McCallie. The money not used, which is considered the "missed meal factor" is regenerated through the cafeteria funds to keep the students satisfied with the food selection and service.

"The idea of a meal plan is good," says freshman April Jackson. "But the fact that it's mandatory is absurd."

What about freshman students with special diets, such as diabetics or vegetarians?

According to McCallie, only "a work schedule or doctor's letter can excuse freshman residents from the meal plan."

For those who are especially concerned about healthy and nutritious foods, the JUB offers the "Treat Yourself Right" line, which has the proper nutritional value charts for each food served. Even the Corlew and Woodmore Cafeterias offer a salad bar, along with a low-fat, low-calorie plate or vegetarian plate.

McCallie determines the "benchmark menu," which means that he decides what the basic necessities are, and the cafeteria managers build around them to form the best possible meals. Suggestions from students are always welcome.

Although there are few direct complaints to the department, and "most menus come from student information," says McCallie, "we're always trying to improve."

Recently, the food services department has been studying other Aramark customers, which includes the colleges Tennessee Tech and the University of Memphis to see how MTSU can better its facilities.

Along with compiled information from other schools, surveys were taken last week in the JUB and KUC to see if the students found the food and service acceptable. When the results return, the department will see how MTSU stands on a national basis with other colleges. •

\$3,000 theft on construction site

Staff Reports

An early-morning theft last Monday of nearly \$3,000 worth of construction equipment for the new Aerospace building will not hinder the progress of construction nor add any cost to the university's bill of \$22 million, according to Sadie Jacobs, assistant for Southern States Electric.

"It should not slow down the project," Jacobs said. "The next day (Tuesday) almost everything was

replaced."

Most of the items stolen were various hand tools, according to investigator Darrell R. Collins. However, serial numbers for the items had not been given to police as of Friday morning, so police cannot yet trace items that might be resold.

The new Aerospace building is located between Cummings Hall and the John Bragg Mass Communications building. •

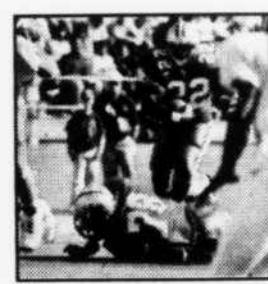
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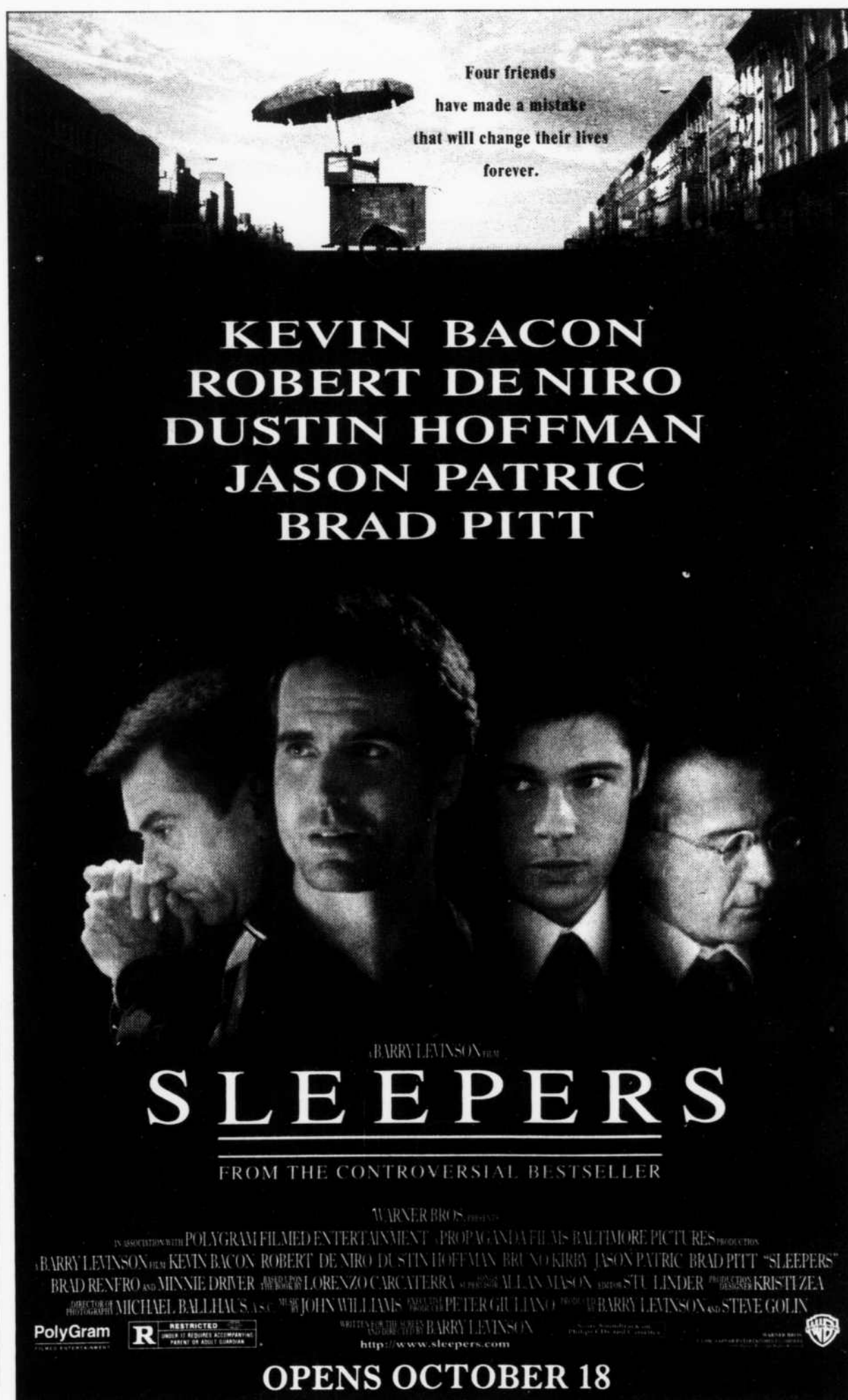


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Raiders impeach Governors

Apartheid leader acquitted



Japan study will send students abroad

By Christi Underdown/ staff

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) now gives graduate students a chance to further their education for one more year.

JET, established in 1987, was created to intensify the foreign language program in Japan and promote international ties between Japanese students and JET participants. It also gives students a chance to hear English spoken by people from different countries.

Participants are contracted to stay a full year in Japan. The contract may be extended to two years in special circumstances, but those accepted into the program may not break their contract. Contracts begin on or about July 22 or 28, 1997.

"We would really like more students to get involved," said Sherry Krickel, the information coordinator of the Japan Center.

The JET program will provide transportation for the participants to and from an appointed major U.S. airport and the Tokyo airport.

Participants must pay for the additional transportation of spouses and children.

Participants will then go through training in Tokyo. Afterwards, they will travel to their designated jobs in a number of cities. One can request to be in one of four areas of Japan, but appointments are made by the program.

A home will be provided, but the participant is expected to pay rent. In each job, the salary is approximately 3.6 million yen or \$36,000 yearly. Rent is between \$300 and \$600, depending on the location of the residence.

Participants are also required to take health insurance, which costs an estimated \$370 a month.

Graduates who wish to participate must be under the age of 35 as of July 27, 1997; they must be a U.S. citizen; they must have obtained a bachelor's degree by June 30, 1997. They cannot be a former participant of the JET program or have been a resident in Japan for more than three years since 1987.

Two positions are offered: ALT (Assistant Language

Teacher) and CIR (Coordinator for International Relations).

ALTs assist English teachers in junior schools and high schools with classroom instruction, teaching materials, teacher training, pronunciation skills and extra-curricular activities. Fluent Japanese is not a requirement but successful applicants will be expected to study Japanese prior to and soon after their arrival in Japan.

CIRs work in government business offices receiving foreign visitors; editing and translating pamphlets; interpreting at international events; and assisting with international exchange programs and English language instruction. CIR's must have at least two years credit in a university-level Japanese course.

Applications must be received by Dec. 5, 1996, and are available at the Japan Center of Tennessee in Cope Administration 218.

"The Japan Center is a nonprofit organization working on bettering the understanding of the Japanese culture within Tennessee," Krickel said.

Around the World

U.S. unveils africa force proposal

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — The Clinton administration, no longer willing to commit troops to resolve Africa's humanitarian crises, today proposed a U.S.-funded all-Africa response force. It was endorsed by Africa's top diplomat.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, warning that genocide in Burundi may accelerate, said the United States and Africa "must develop the capacity for an effective response in Burundi and in any future crises."

Christopher, here on the second leg of a five-nation African tour, spelled out the proposal in a speech to the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

He said the United States and other countries would provide training, equipment, logistical and financial support for the force, which would be deployed under United Nations auspices.

He suggested that the force, to be called the Africa Crisis Response Force, could be made available for duty beyond Africa's shores. At least five countries have indicated an interest in providing the troops, U.S. officials said.

A little more than half the states have increased limits on at least some highways since Congress ended the federal cap of 55 miles per hour — 65 mph on rural interstates.

Former prime minister arrested, freed on bail

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A former prime minister was free on bond today after his arrest on forgery charges, in a case many Indians expect to test the integrity of India's justice system.

P.V. Narasimha Rao's arrest Wednesday marked the first time in the 49-year history of independent India that current or former prime minister has been detained on criminal charges.

He is charged with asking India's New York consulate in 1989 to authenticate what he allegedly knew were false documents showing the son of a rival had an illegal bank account in the Caribbean island of St. Kitts.

Muslim officials delay prayer hall opening

JERUSALEM (AP) — After Israeli protests and warnings of new violence, Islamic authorities today announced a delay in the opening of a prayer hall at a site holy to both Muslims and Jews.

A Jewish group that seeks Israeli sovereignty over the holy place asked Israel's Supreme Court to block the opening of the religious site known as "Solomon's Stables."

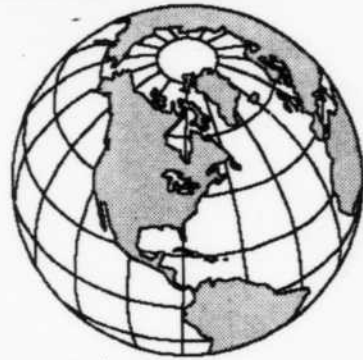
Hassan Tahboub, the minister of religious affairs in Yasser Arafat's self-rule government, warned of new violence if Israel tried to stop the project.

"If they want to interfere in the mosque, there will be massacres. If they don't interfere, it will be quiet," Tahboub said in an interview Friday.

Man arrested in IRA bombing

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Police investigating the IRA bombing of the British army's headquarters in Northern Ireland arrested a man today in Belfast for questioning.

Police sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the man in his 30s was



arrested at dawn at home in or near Poleglass, the vast Catholic public-housing district three miles north of Thiepval Barracks.

Nobody was killed in Monday's barracks bombing, but 31 soldiers and civilians were injured, including a man and woman still in critical condition with head wounds and serious burns.

It was the Irish Republican Army's first bombing in the British-ruled province since May 1994, and it could provoke pro-British paramilitary groups to break their own 2-year-old truce. The IRA ended its cease-fire in February but had confined its attacks to England and a British army base in Germany.

In claiming responsibility for the attack, the IRA said it intended to deal a blow to "the headquarters of the British occupying forces in Ireland."

Racism possible impetus in black church fires

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Civil Rights Commission says its recent study doesn't find any evidence of conspiracy in the arsons and bombings of black churches across the country, but there have been some signs of racism.

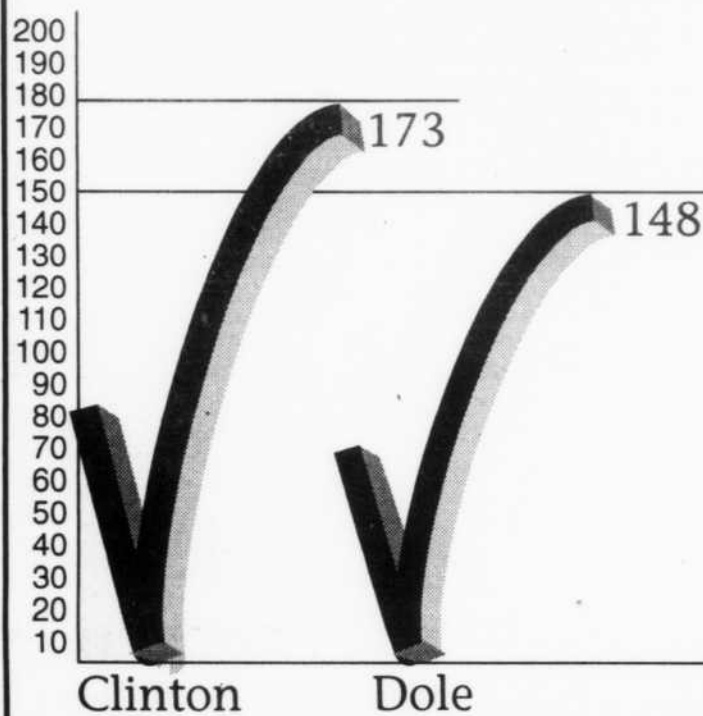
The commission said Wednesday its study backs up findings by the Justice and Treasury departments. It promised to keep working on ways to reduce discrimination and racial hatred across the country.

This year, the commission held hearings in Tennessee and half a dozen other states where many church and synagogue arsons had occurred.

More than 40 churches have burned since January 1995. The fires are being investigated by more than 250 federal agents, plus state and local law enforcement officials.

MTSU Mock Election Results

From a total count of 351 votes.



graphic by: Andrew Mays

Third Party Candidates

Perot: 17 votes
Nader: 4 votes
Browne: 5 votes
Phillips: 3 votes
Hagelin: 1 vote

Mock Election conducted by College Republicans

Debate continues over danger of higher speed limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Since the federal government let states raise highway speed limits last winter, at least eight states that did so have seen increases in highway deaths, an Associated Press survey found.

Yet, four other states that raised limits actually saw fatal accidents drop slightly.

The conflicting statistics have led the American Automobile Association and the government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to caution that it's too soon to draw firm conclusions. Many states, for instance, have yet to gather data since raising speed limits.

Many troopers out on the roads, however, echo Utah Highway Patrol Lt. Robert Flowers, who says he's seeing more damage from high-speed crashes: "It opens vehicles up. Doors come off, windows come in."

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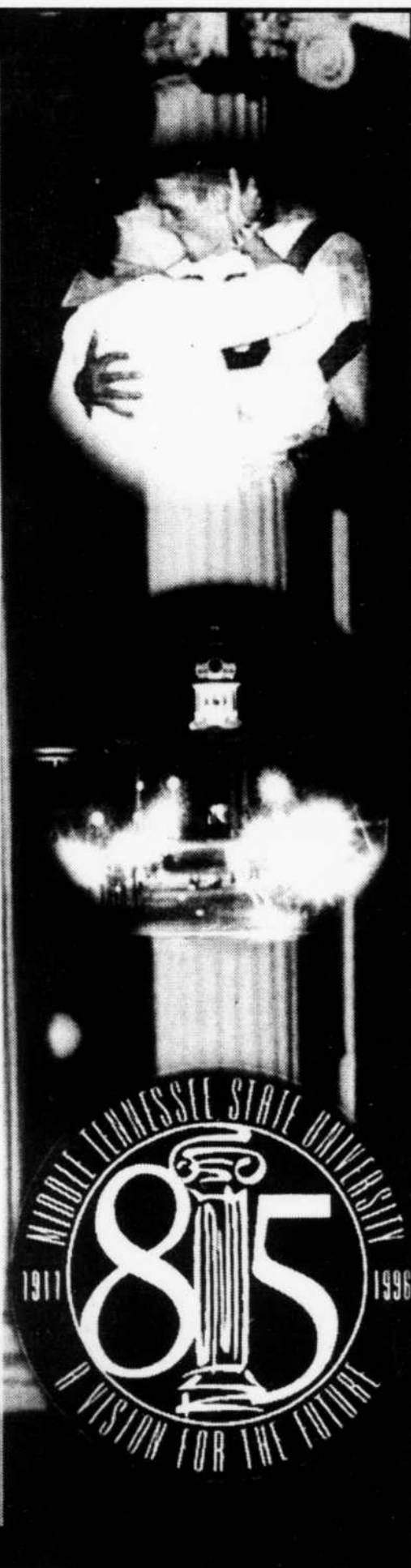
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Homecoming

The Sensational '70s



MTSU's **Band Of Blue** (top right) played songs of the '70's for onlookers at Saturday's homecoming parade. The Blue Raider football team dominated during their homecoming showdown against the Governors of Austin Peay. **Lebrian McGill** (above) rushes for one of 11 carries and a portion of his 60 yards to help the Raiders romp to a 50-14 victory. **Kelverick Green** (right) evades Austin Peay defenders to give the Raiders a 50-7 lead..

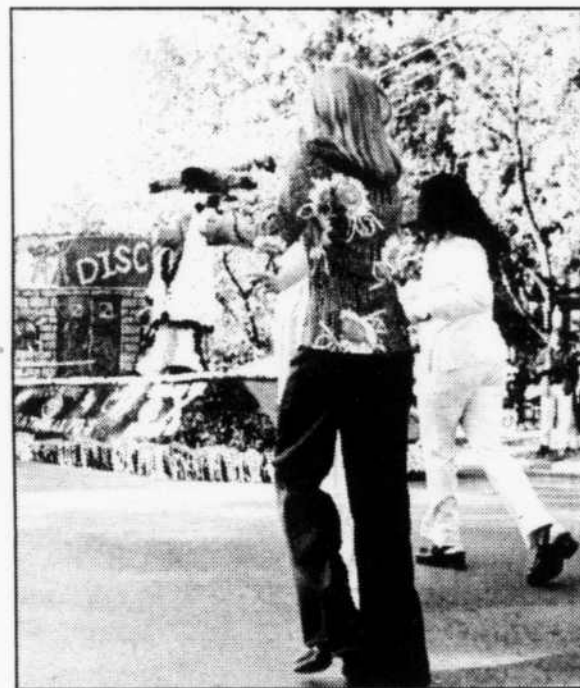


Photos and Text
by
Brian G. Miller

Sights and sounds reminiscent of the 1970s were the scene in Murfreesboro as MTSU celebrated its homecoming Saturday. The "Sensational Seventies" was the theme for this year's homecoming, and the apparel was nothing short of "Saturday Night Fever" with bell bottom pants, butterfly collars, and big hair. The parade included 1970s theme floats, one with the "Mystery Machine" from the Scooby Doo cartoon, the homecoming queen candidates, various political candidates, clowns and a variety of others. Homecoming '96 culminated with the football game pitting MTSU against Austin Peay in which MTSU came out on top scoring 50 points, shredding the Governors's defense. The Blue Raider's defense held the Governors to 14.



During the homecoming parade **Kappa Delta** sorority (above) let their flag fly. Members of another sorority (right) dance to the sounds of the "Sensational Seventies".



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In our view

Boycott freshman meal plan

The university is ripping off freshmen and their parents.

For too long freshmen have been forced to purchase a meal plan that costs close to \$500; this basic meal plan includes up to three meals a day (Monday through Friday afternoon) for those freshmen who can make it to the cafeteria during the restricted hours.

It is a waste of money for most freshmen because they rarely eat all three meals every day. This is simply money going down the kitchen sink, or rather into the pockets of Aramark executives.

The freshmen that are able to make it to the cafeterias before closing are often left with a bland selection of entrees.

To supplement this bland selection, freshmen opt for the more expensive Taco Bell or Subway, where the freshmen meal plan only covers a portion of the cost. Therefore, students shell out more cash to pay for these expensive Aramark meals on top of their already expensive prepaid amount.

It is not the university's responsibility, nor Aramark's, to ensure freshmen eat properly, which is the only contention offered by the administration. It seems the university is overextending its power and infringing on individual rights. Freshmen are adults; they are allowed the responsibility and privilege to vote, so why not the freedom to choose when and how often they eat?

The budget meal plan, which is offered to all students except freshmen, seems the obvious choice for compromise in this freshman meal plan debate.

Under this plan, students can purchase as much money as they want on their student ID, which they can then use as often as they want, when they want, and spend as much money as necessary without having to shell out extra cash.

If money on the ID starts to run short near the end of the semester, freshmen (more likely their parents) can add additional funds to the card as needed. So there is never any fear freshmen will be living on campus and starving.

Its time to do something freshmen. This is your chance to make your mark on the university.

When the spring semester rolls around, and the tuition bill is sent to your house, refuse to pay the excessive, outrageous \$500. Boycott! There are so many of you, it would be frivolous for the university to exclude your enrollment.

Offer instead to purchase a budget meal plan, and insist on that.

You, freshmen, are the administration's present and future paychecks. They depend on you more than you depend on them.



Letters to the Editor

Socialist takes strong position against capitalist's letter to the editor

To the Editor:

Taking cue from other contemporary works of capitalist-apologetics, Mr. Sandstead's Sept. 26 letter to the editor opens with the premise that "everyone has the right to...his own property, with the freedom to do what is necessary with that property in the pursuit of happiness." This supposition comes not as the concluding term in any formal series of inferences (at least none which the author has seen worthwhile to reproduce for readers), but it is taken, I must assume, rather as suitably self-evident and intuitive a principle to suffice within the author's defense as merely declared rather than argued for. Again, given the present theoretical tide concerning that variety of capitalism-in-question which I like to call "crude" or "pure," this refusal to submit his claim to any sort of rational interrogation comes as a predictable, but nonetheless unfortunate, bit of question-begging. It seems fair that, as he reasons for the articulation of property-rights, the author be begged to state them; and if these cannot be given, and these rights remain standing on the bare force of some "intuitive postulate"—then not the socialist have intuitions of his own? Are those of the capitalist the obviously superior? In any case, we are left by the writer to guess or to embrace his theorem as uncritically as he, and I think the matter of our social relations to be too important for such carelessness to be permissible. And to complicate matters further, what appears to be the logical conclusion of Mr. Sandstead's argument—the advocacy of "political system...in which all property is privately owned"—appears to be not the product of this beginning premise, but is rather identical to it! We must conclude then that the very system that he is arguing for has been assumed from the outset: He has answered the question of inquiry before the inquiry itself has been made. In response to these facts, it is my aim to demonstrate the precise way in which Mr. Sandstead's beginning premise (and thus the entire capitalist theory which assumes it) implies another unspoken and more fundamental premise, upon which the first is dependent, and which, when brought to light, cannot be rationally defended.

To repeat, I can only assume that his failure to justify the doctrine of "property rights" (and hence capitalism, being the economy of property-rights) reflects the author's belief that this premise requires no justification. More specifically, this oversight seems to reflect the common conviction of "laissez-faire" champions that capitalism lends itself to a sort of "natural belief" and is hence immune from critique. "The system," we are told, "is not so much the doing of any one thing, as it is the not doing;

'capitalism' is less proscriptive than descriptive, a mere shorthand for the activity of agents, having proceeded from the original and natural position of themselves-alone-with-their-stuff, engaged more-or-less in the freely-chosen activity of exchange." On this model, then, questions as to the justification of capitalism become absurd: "Capitalism" is defended as literally synonymous with "freedom," in turn, this second expression is conceived in none but the most negative terms—parallel to "noncoercion" or "noninterference" or "nonregulation"—and as such there is nothing really of capitalism, so characterized, to justify! Thus it follows, urges the free marketeer, that the burden must surely rest with those that would step in to block these exchanges, or to wrest from these agents the goods they would exchange, to justify such impositions, than with the capitalist to simply deny them.

When pushed, however, I think that even the crudest of capitalists must agree that some justification is called for: Particularly, he must concede that the shuffling-about of goods in the free market can be defended only insofar as the capitalist is first entitled to the good that he trades; he may lawfully exchange (for capital) only what is lawfully his. The question of what affords this "entitlement" to "ownership of" private property, then, should be the capitalist's chief object of moral concern. Mr. Sandstead leaves the matter unaddressed, and we are left to discern for ourselves: In the case of any particular commodity (that is, any product exchanged by the capitalist on the free market), the capitalist may defend his "rightful" ownership to such property only by reference to a prior exchange of the same commodity, by which that same capitalist first acquired it. And the capitalist from whom he has acquired this commodity can defend his rights to have owned and to have traded it, in turn, only by referring to yet a prior exchange with yet another capitalist before him, by which he got the commodity—and so forth and so on back in time.

In other words, for every commodity that is freely exchanged in the market, a story might, at least in principle, be told: Consider that I am a self-employed seller of chairs; let us assume that this chair is mine to sell because I acquired it from a wholesale dealer of chairs in an exchange of capital-for-commodity in which both parties were free participants; the chair was that dealer's to sell to me because he acquired it by way of a like exchange with a furniture-factory; the chair was the furniture-factory's to sell because they bought it (in the form of unworked wood) from a lumber-yard; this lumber was the lumber-yard's to sell because they purchased it, in the form of oak saplings, from a nursery, and the land upon which it was grown,

from whomever owned it before, our story must now fork into two, as the prior-owner of the lumber-site might have purchased the land from someone else, and he from another before, and so forth and so on, and a similar series will likely hold for the nursery-land upon which the original saplings were raised.

The example may be over-schematic, as many more steps may tend to be involved in the real history of the average commodity, but I trust that the basic idea is correct and easily understood by all, and that capitalists generally appeal, overtly or implicitly, to such a historical-scheme to defend their 'system.' This seems noncontroversial enough at first glance, but the story is not as yet an infinity of fair exchanges, extending backward in time, to justify his rights-to-property; eventually, in his tracing-back, he must come to some "original acquisition" of the commodity in question (or the land upon which it was grown, its natural raw materials, etc.) from which he can retreat no further and upon which he must finally rest his case: As each free exchange is justified only by the justness of the one before it, the fairness of the overall totality of exchanges of a commodity must rest upon the fairness of this single "original acquisition." (In other words, the premise of "property-rights" is mere shorthand for the claim that "commodity X is mine because I got to it first [or got it in fair trade from someone who got it from someone, etc. who got to it first].") It is this "original acquisition" of the yield of the land, then, that somehow or another, we are asked to believe, effects a meta-physical transformation of this yield into "private property," and it can be only this same acquisition—in place of need, merit, or any of the endless other factors which a society might select upon which to base such entitlement—that produces somehow the simultaneous right to exclude others from use of this property, for whatever reasons and for all eternity to come. Is this appeal to "original acquisition," peeking feebly from under any and all claims to property-rights, the very strongest theoretical grounds that the capitalist-ethicist can offer us? I remain wholly dissatisfied. Such broad epistemic leaps as this have no place in political theory; moreover, I think, they earn the capitalist the burden of justifying an exclusive right to any natural resource, beyond what he himself needs, over and against the interests of other human beings: What precisely, I ask, is the strange and magical substance of this "original acquisition" that bestows to its doer such power? I defy the capitalist to answer.

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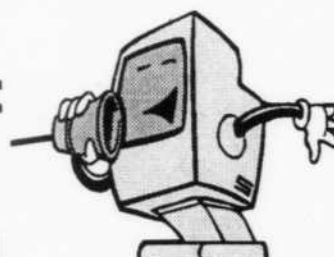
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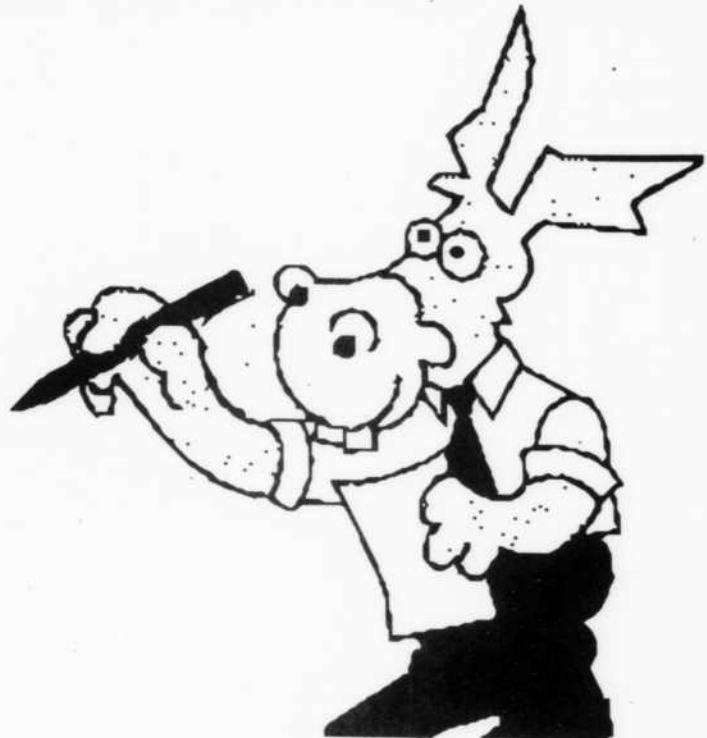
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Gun Control

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Gun control does not prevent crime from happening

GUN CONTROL DOES NOT FIGHT CRIME! Let me state it one more time for all those who think it does: GUN CONTROL DOES NOT FIGHT CRIME!!

Almost every day we see attack ads against Bob Dole citing one of his failures as, "He voted against the Brady Bill to fight crime." The Brady Bill does not fight crime. In logic, this is called the fallacy of the complex question. This fallacy implies more than one point with only one statement. For instance, if I ask Bill Clinton, "Do you still beat your wife?" this is considered a complex question. It assumes he has beaten his wife before.

So, when some liberal says Bob Dole voted against the Brady Bill to fight crime, it assumes the Brady Bill fights crime. Please do not misquote me. I do not believe Bill Clinton beats his wife, but we have a better chance of convicting Clinton of aggravated assault than we do of fighting crime by controlling guns. Granted this is an extreme example, but it is appropriate in the extremely anti-gun environment being created by people who are either ignorant or obstinate.

Let us examine a few case studies in gun control. I encourage everyone with preconceived notions about gun control to please put your prejudices aside and just interpret the following data as it is presented. Since enacting a virtual handgun ban in 1976, Washington, D.C.'s, murder rate has risen 200 percent, with a 300 percent rise in handgun-related homicide, as handgun use went from less than 60 percent of killings to 83 percent. With less than three percent of the U.S. population, New York City annually accounts for more than one-eighth of the nation's handgun-related homicides. Since it became a felony to go outside the city to evade its virtual handgun ban, the homicide rate in New York City has risen three times faster than

the rest of the country's. No gun law in any city, state or nation has ever reduced violent crime, or slowed its rate of growth, compared to similar jurisdictions. These statistics are valid and uncontested.

On the other hand, throughout the country there has been a direct correlation to lawful gun carry laws and a reduction in violent crime. Since 1987, when Florida enacted a favorable Concealed Carry Weapons law, its homicide rate has dropped 22 percent, even while the national rate has risen 15 percent. Only .007 percent of Florida CCW permits have been revoked because of a crime after licensure. Furthermore, a Department of Justice-sponsored survey found that 40 percent of felons had chosen not to commit at least one specific crime for fear their victims were armed, and 34 percent admitted being scared off or shot at by armed citizens.

Florida State University criminologist Gary Kleck estimates 1,500 to 2,800 self-defense and justifiable homicides by civilians and 300 to 600 by police annually. These are people just like you and me who, because their state has seen fit, were allowed to carry a firearm to save themselves and/or their families with it. Criminals will get their guns illegally on the streets. You want to fight crime; you arm the citizens against their assailants.

The only people who can be logically expected to follow gun control laws are law-abiding citizens. Felons could not legally get guns in our country long before the Brady Bill came along. If criminals are going to commit rape, robbery, assault or murder, how much thought do you think they're giving to having a petty gun charge tacked on to their felony conviction? Let's use common sense and stop supporting intrusive, unconstitutional laws that do nothing but make liberals feel good about ignorantly taking the moral high ground.

Second Amendment makes owning firearm privilege

Two of the most deadly things in this world are cars and guns. Both require a license, but only the right to own a gun is expressly written in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Or is it? The Second Amendment states: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

"A well-regulated militia." What does that really mean?

The Constitution was formally ratified in 1791. Two-hundred and five years ago. In that time, the United States has developed the best military in the world. The need for a militia is moot. Since that point is moot, the National Rifle Association took it upon themselves to delete everything before the comma.

Owning a firearm is not a right; it is a privilege. Five times in the past 20 years, federal circuit court judges have ruled that the right to bear arms is a collective right; that the Constitution only grants the right to states to maintain a militia, a.k.a. the National Guard.

In 1971, the 6th Circuit court stated its view very clearly: "There can be no serious claim to any express constitutional right of an individual to possess a firearm."

The phrase "right of the people" is used twice in the Bill of Rights, in the First and Fourth Amendments. They are the right of the people to assemble and the right of the people to be protected from unwarranted searches. Clearly the right of free speech cannot be a collective right, and the right to have a secure house is not

a state right anyway.

When the Brady Bill was passed, it specifically protected over 650 legitimate sporting firearms, used for hunting and shooting sports. The assault weapons ban only prohibited 19 of the most deadly weapons.

I fail to see how that is such heinous "control" of guns. Yet the 104th Congress's Republican Tour of Destruction took the NRA's bribe and repealed the ban. Why does anyone need an uzi or an AK-47?

A Republican representative from New York stood on the House floor and emphatically gave his reason for repealing the Assault Weapons Ban: "My wife lives alone five days out of the week. You better believe she has the right to protect herself."

Get a grip. People have the right to own a gun for a use such as hunting or even protecting the family home, provided that the guns kept in the home are kept out of and locked away from the hands of children. Ownership of a gun is a privilege and a heavy responsibility.

Fear only breeds fear, someone once said. To allow citizens the right to carry concealed firearms is not the way to combat crime on the streets. One gun-wielding crazy (not that all persons who have a concealed weapons license are crazy) killing an innocent person—man, woman or child—is all it takes to prove that there is not enough gun control in this country to begin with.

To own a firearm is a privilege, not a right. The right of the people to bear arms is the right of the state.



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Mystique drums rhythm down Music City's Second Avenue

By Heather Smith/ staff

Floating among the sounds of traffic, country music and laughter on Nashville's Second Avenue is a pulsating, almost tribal beat reverberating off buildings like the sound of a machine gun.

Rat-a-tat-tat, rat-a-tat-tat...

No, it isn't African drums. The rhythmic beat is coming from pickle and paint buckets. The players look more like rock musicians than tribal drummers, some with long pony-tailed hair and T-shirts.

"I guess we're just drummin' bums," says David Martin, a member of Music City Mystique, a 40-person marching drum line made up of 14- to 22-year-olds from the Middle Tennessee area and from MTSU.

His drum sticks are a blur on the overturned plastic bucket as his head rocks to the rhythm.

Rat-a-tat-tat, rat-a-tat-tat...

For the past eight weeks, a group of six Music City Mystique members have spent their Friday and Saturday nights on Second Avenue drumming on buckets to raise money that will enable them to attend a national marching drum competition in Phoenix next April. The group won the national competition last year and hopes to retain their title.

On an average night on Second Avenue, the group can raise about \$350. The Phoenix trip will cost about \$800 a person.

"We are going to keep playing out here until it turns cold," says Michael Click, an MTSU student.

The street vendors will be glad when they leave.

"They are mad at us because we are taking the crowd away from them,"

Click explains.

The tourists and club hoppers can't help but flock to the six handsome men sitting on milk crates in the middle of the sidewalk. Crowds of over 30 people form a semicircle around the drummers as they play their perfectly choreographed melody on plastic buckets, the sidewalk and even a metal garage door behind them — anything within reach.

Some of the Mystique members

Have bucket, will travel

What's it about?: The Music City Mystique marching drum line sets up on Second Avenue every Friday and Saturday night, warm weather permitting.

How to get involved: Anyone wishing to join the group or has any questions can contact either Chris Finen, 833-4504; or Don Click, 831-9003

bring their own unique instruments to play. Martin has a fire bell from an old state prison where his father worked. The bell creates a unique ping when tapped.

The plastic drums themselves create distinctive sounds when rapped on the top, on the side and with one side lifted from the ground to get an "air beat."

Rat-a-tat-tat, rat-a-tat-tat...

Real drums would be just too loud to play on Second Avenue, says co-director Chris Finen, who came up with the money making idea after he heard about another bucket drummer and how much money he was raising.

During the performance, the drummers will announce that they are accepting "donations, blank checks and phone numbers."

"The first night I came out here, the guys had more phone numbers than anything else," Finen recalls.

According to the drummers, an assembly of groupies will form each night and watch them until the show is over.

Some interesting characters have emerged from the crowd. According to Finen, a rapper named DJ Quick told the group that they needed to add him to their act.

"One time this guy was out here dancing," Finen explained. "He said that he had just been hit by a truck and they told him he would never walk again, and here he was dancing to our music."

The music that the bucket drummers create is perfect for dancing. There are four basic measure patterns that make up each song. The songs have titles like: "The New One," "The Other one," and "B-D Groove."

"Our songs are just combinations of grooves," Click said. "We sort of ad lib sometimes."

The bucket drummers have begun to make a reputation for themselves. They were asked to participate in a Blues Festival to be held in Nashville, and they are starting to be recognized in places like Foodmax.

The drummers especially enjoy the attention they get on 2nd Avenue. Although they are out there raising money they are also having fun.

"We're just out here to make people happy," Martin said with a smile as he lowers his head again and is carried away by the beat.

Rat-a-tat-tat, rat-a-tat-tat...

Flower power



Brian G. Miller/ staff

The Band of Blue plays during halftime of Saturday afternoon's homecoming football game. The band played hits from the '70s.

Gotta get away? Some inexpensive ideas for last-minute Fall Break fun

Fall break is right around the corner, and there you are with nothing left in your pocket except a couple of handfuls of lint and some melted Gummi worms to smother out your penny-pinching sorrows. While some of your friends are jetting off to sunny beach resorts or cruising in Mommy and Daddy's sport utility vehicle to cozy mountain retreats, you're stuck at home eating Ramen noodles and watching the boob tube. You stare off into space, resigned to the idea that your break from the stress of higher education will consist of nothing more than lethargically watching re-runs of "Fantasy Island" to dull your fun-starved senses.

But wait! Just because your finances are more in the red than a third-world puppet regime doesn't mean that this fall break has to be a drag. In fact, with a little creativity, pooling of resources and imagination, you too can set off for parts unknown. Granted, you might not be able to order drinks with funny little umbrellas or build a fire inside Daddy's cabin, but you can get out and explore the world around you with little more than a tank of gas and a crusading spirit. Here are just a few suggestions for quick, relatively inexpensive travel destinations that can make your fall break a little more memorable.

Historic towns, landmarks

Sure, you're tired of hearing all of those boring history lectures about people you've never heard of doing things you've never wanted to know about. But here are some interesting local landmarks of interest that ought to give your historical tastes a nice shot in the arm.

Bell Buckle, Tenn.: Located 30 minutes from Murfreesboro (down highway 231), Bell Buckle is a mecca for artisans, craftsmen, antiques, good food and music. The 20th annual Webb School Art and Craft Festival will be held there Oct. 19-20.

The Museum of Tobacco Art and History: Located in Nashville at the corner of 8th Avenue North and Harrison Street, the museum reflects tobacco's role in the social and economic development of the U.S. The museum is free and open Monday through Saturday from 9



a.m. until 4 p.m.

Mud Island, Memphis: Mud Island is 52 acres of parkland and includes the Mississippi River Museum, the River Walk and the Memphis Belle Pavilion (with WWII's most famous B-17 bomber). The area is located off I-40 in downtown Memphis. Admission is \$2.

The Museum of Appalachia: Located 16 miles north of Knoxville (exit 122) in Norris, Tenn., one can experience pioneer America for a mere \$4—but only during daylight hours.

Lynchburg, Tenn.: Learn each step involved in making Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey! Take I-24 toward Chattanooga to exit 111. The distillery is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the tour is free. The whiskey, well, that's another matter...

Bed and Breakfasts

Probably the most enjoyable thing that having a little time off can do for you is that it gives you the chance to get out of Dodge for a night or two. One of the best ways to do that is by spending a relaxing night at a bed and breakfast establishment. Tennessee has a number of area B&B's that can give patrons a taste

of "home on the range" life. Here's two we've found that aim to please:

Falcon Manor Bed&Breakfast: McMinnville, Tenn. hosts a bed and breakfast in a Victorian mansion. Located 45 minutes from Murfreesboro, call (615) 668-4444 to experience the recreated 1890s.

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Campus legends float from college to college

College Press Service

When the bad news is your roommate committed suicide, the good news is you'll get all A's. Since most students' academic work won't be up to par in the aftermath of such a tragedy, that's the university's policy.

Right?

Yeah, right.

Campus legends and rumors abound—and there's no shortage of those who believe them. According to college lore, Halloween-night maniacs prowling dormitories and cafeteria vegetables are coated with a secret starchy substance.

At the University of California-Davis, the hottest rumor is that the food service sprays the vegetables in a high-caloric preparation to discourage anorexia among female students, said Patricia Turner. An African-American Studies professor at Davis, she recently published a book about rumors entitled "I Heard It Through The Grapevine."

Since the mid-80s Turner had kept an ear to the student grapevine. "Sometimes there's a kernel of truth that gets blown up. But by the time a story has circulated for a time, it bears little resemblance to the original story," she said.

"As people repeat rumors they add things and misunderstand things," said Jan Harold Brunvand, author of five books about urban legends and professor emeritus at the University of Utah. "I don't think there is any one individual sitting in a room and making these stories up."

One Davis food services staffer burst out laughing when she was told of the calorie-booster rumor about the university's salad bar. "I'm sorry," she said, "but I've never heard that one before."

Davis dietitian Linda Adams has said, "Yes, students will come up to me and say, 'I heard not to eat the lettuce here because you guys spray it with starch.' We offer to give them a tour of the kitchen to show them that the only thing we spray the vegetables with is water."

Sociologists have called such rumors "mind viruses."

"They jump very quickly from campus to campus," said Bill Elise, a folklorist at Pennsylvania State University at Hazleton. Some legends manage to infect campuses across the nation.

Take the rumor about the suicidal

roommate. Dormitory dwellers at UC-Davis believe "if your roommate commits, you'll automatically get a 4.0," Turner said.

"I've heard that here," said Eileen Lambert, a reporter for the Colorado Daily, the student newspaper at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Lambert, who graduated last December, adds, "I've heard it since I lived in the residence halls."

"We did a feature on that rumor last spring," said Adam Djurdjovna, a reporter for the University of Arizona's Daily Wildcat.

Why do such far-fetched rumors carry from campus to campus? "Maybe it's just wishful thinking," said Mary McArthur, director of the publications department at CU-Boulder. "Students have the idea that there's some central authority that tells faculty members what to do, and there isn't."

Many campus rumors underline hidden fears that students may harbor. In Brunvand's book *The Baby Train*, the University of Utah professor writes of a rumor that he calls "The Gay Roommate."

"...a male student consulted a doctor because of a soreness in his rectal area; the doctor blamed his problem on homosexual activity. But the student insisted he was straight, although he did have a gay roommate. He decided to search their dorm room."

What he supposedly found, hidden among his roommate's possessions, was a bottle of ether and a sponge. The straight student concluded that his gay roommate had been sedating him when he slept in order to have sex with him.

Brunvand said he heard this rumor in the latter 80s and early 90s. In one version, the attack was said to have taken place at Western Illinois University. Other versions placed it at universities in Wisconsin, Connecticut, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and on and on.

This year, the gay rape tale surfaced at UC-Davis, Turner said. "The story goes that the young man is experiencing some kind of problem in his rectal area. A doctor said, 'If you're going to engage in that kind of behavior, you should expect to have problems.'" Shocked, the student goes back to his dorm and finds his roommate has stashed a supply of ether underneath a bed, she said. Turner and Brunvand agreed that the diabolical gay roommate scenario is born of homophobia.

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Detours

The Loony Bin

Looking for an alternative to beef? Try emu!

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Emu meat anyone? Eee-yew. Breeders of the 6-foot-tall Australian birds are finding it hard to get Americans to develop a taste for the exotic livestock, and some St. Louis-area ranchers are giving away their surplus to the poor.

Emu ranchers joined forces Thursday with the the New Life Evangelistic Center, handing out free samples of emu stew.

Breeders plan to donate up to 200 birds to the center, which will serve the meat during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Emu ranchers have been breeding birds in the St. Louis area for about four years.

"It's kind of slow going," said Dave Pederson of Wentzville. "Just like anything new, the public hasn't heard about it yet."

Emu meat is billed to have a taste and texture similar to beef but with one-third the fat and half the cholesterol.

Beer 101: No chugging allowed

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Hey, stop drinking my homework! Students at Johnson & Wales University don't have to use fake IDs to buy beer, they make their own in "Principles of Beverage Service — Beer."

But there's no chugging allowed. In fact, sipping is all that students can get away with in the required class, which features its own microbrewery and pub.

The course is offered for the first time this semester at the renowned culinary school.

School officials say teaching students to make and serve good beer is a natural extension of its mission.

"Beer appreciation is considered as complex as the appreciation of fine wine," brewmaster Edward Korry said Thursday after a dedication for the Coors Brewing Lab, named for the nation's third largest beer-maker.

Since the school isn't licensed to serve beer, some of the initial batches, after a few sips, have to be dumped down the drain.

Prisoner's bedfellow mailed to magistrate

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Tired of pests in his cell, an inmate flattened a mouse and mailed it to a federal magistrate as evidence in his lawsuit about prison conditions.

"There are rats not mice that jumps in the bed with you when you are asleep, what's to stop a rat or roaches from getting in your cup, or licking your spoon?" Earnest L. Arrington wrote in a letter to U.S. Magistrate T. Michael Putnam in Birmingham.

Arrington has sued over conditions at Donaldson Correctional Facility in Jefferson County.

Arrington said he killed the mouse and sent it "to show you what I'm being subjected to."

No action has been taken in the lawsuit.

Legends:

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Fear of people who are different, fear of being away from home for the first time: a variety of worries can stimulate strange stories. "When you're sitting in a dorm bull session things can get exaggerated," Brunvard said. "College students consider themselves sophisticated and independent, but they may be only a year out of high school."

On many campuses, there are rumors about campus killers. A rumor at New England schools caused "widespread panic" in 1991, said Ellis. "A psychic supposedly predicted on the Oprah Winfrey show that 11 female students would be

massacred in a dorm named for a martyred president," he said.

"The killer would be dressed up as Little Bo Peep," said Brunvard of the same tale. "It would happen in some dorm with an X-shaped plan or a cross-shaped plan."

Predictions set the massacre for Halloween night. A lot of students left their dorms for the night, Ellis said. The campus killer legend may be almost 30 years old. Brunvard explains its long-standing popularity by saying, "The bizarre is appealing."

Turner said the rumor was around when she was an undergraduate two decades ago. "I was at the State University of New York at Oneonta. We heard that in the National Enquirer, Jean Dixon had

predicted a massacre of freshman girls at a college that began with the letter 'O.'"

A number of legends are about "terrible senseless crimes committed by maniacs with sharp objects," said Southern Illinois University sociologist Joel Best. "In the real world far more people are shot than sliced and diced. If you're going to get killed, it'll probably be by a firearm."

"Belief in the campus killer rumor pointed to our vulnerability," Turner said about her college days. "It was about the anxieties we felt about being away from home, whether or not to hitchhike, whether to have sex for the first time."

Turner said such rumors were her introduction to the power of hearsay. "Rumors can

be devastating," she said. Her book I Heard It Through the Grapevine: Rumor in African American Culture explores race-related legends from the 1600s to the 1900s.

Folklorists like Brunvard said those repeating strange rumors will likely say they heard it from "a friend of a friend." Or they say they have a cousin who was standing right there when the outrageous occurrence took place. "There is always somebody who knows somebody," he said.

"It's impossible to stop a hot rumor," Ellis said. "Stories that aren't interesting and virulent die out quickly. The more outrageous a story is, the more likely it's likely to spread."

Local Events Calendar

The Boro

Wednesday, October 16: The Nationals, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 17: Riddle, 10:30 p.m.
Friday, October 18: Big Vessel, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 19: Redstone, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 20: Roland Gresham Jazz, 7:00 p.m.

The Bunganut Pig

Monday, October 14: Jazz with Bill Fanning, 8:00p.m.
Tuesday, October 15: Lisa, 8:00p.m.
Wednesday, October 16: The Warren Brothers, 8:00p.m.
Thursday, October 17: Crosstown Traffic, 8:00p.m.
Friday, October 18: The Blues Boys, 9:00p.m.
Saturday, October 19: Blue Like Me, 9:00p.m.

The Nashville Symphony

October 18 & 19: Piano Prodigy Helen Huang joins The Nashville Symphony for Classical Series concerts at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Jackson Hall. Huang, 13, performs in the Beethoven concerto which she performed and recorded with the New York Philharmonic. Concerts begin at 8:00p.m. For ticket information, call 255-9600.

The Center for Popular Music

Tuesday, October 15: Internationally known Irish musicians Paddy O'Brien, Michael Cooney, and Pat Egan will present a workshop and concert of Irish traditional music. Chulrua will play from 3:30 to 5:00p.m. in room 104 of the Bragg Mass Communications Building. The performance is free and open to the public.

Today's List

Books

"PUBLISHERS WEEKLY" BEST SELLING BOOKS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Desperation" by Stephen King (Viking)
2. "The Deep End of the Ocean" by Jacquelyn Mitchard (Viking)
3. "The Regulators" by Richard Bachman (Dutton)
4. "Executive Orders" by Tom Clancy (Putnam)
5. "Jack and Jill" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
6. "To the Hilt" by Dick Francis (Putnam)
7. "The Celestine Prophecy" by James Redfield (Warner)
8. "The Law of Love" by Laura Esquivel (Crown)
9. "The Runaway Jury" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
10. "The Last Don" by Mario Puzo (Random House)

From the Associated Press

Irish performers



The traditional Irish band Chulrua will be on campus this Tuesday for a concert for interested music lovers. From left: Michael Cooney, Paddy O'Brien, Pat Egan.

'Ghost and the Darkness' director provides sweeping epic full of suspense, terror

Associated Press

Another bridge. Another continent. Like "The Bridge on the River Kwai," which it resembles superficially, "The Ghost and the Darkness" conveys movie adventure of a high order.

It almost seemed that filmmakers had forgotten how to make David Lean's brand of sweeping epic that brought greatness to the screen. Australia's Stephen Hopkins shows that it can still be done. Hopkins has combined a tightly written script, two superior actors and stunning African vistas into a film that is breathtaking in its beauty and thrilling with suspense.

"The Ghost and the Darkness" is part adventure, part horror story. Based on actual happenings, it tells of the terror inflicted on a railroad-building crew by man-eating lions. By artful use of the camera, often showing only the eyes of the marauders in the windswept grasses, Hopkins builds suspense to an almost unbearable degree.

In 1896, soldier-engineer John Patterson (Val Kilmer) is hired to build a bridge over the Tsavo river in East Africa to complete a railroad line vitally needed by the British in their competition with the Germans and French over colonial territory.

Though his wife is pregnant, he leaps at the opportunity. Visiting Africa has been a lifelong dream.

"Nothing works here; Tsavo is the worst place in the world," Patterson is told on arriving at the site. The analysis seems correct. The work force is composed of Africans and Indians, both Hindu and Moslem, and the factions are in constant discord.

Patterson manages to

convert the laborers into a reasonably effective work force, and the bridge building proceeds on schedule. Then trouble erupts. The man-eaters strike at night, at first claiming one or two victims, then more on murderous rampages.

Fires are lighted, fences built, traps set and Patterson manages to slay a lion. The workers are jubilant, and work continues. But the danger returns: two more lions invade the camp, causing more deaths than before. The terrified workers call them The Ghost and The Darkness.

Help is needed, and it arrives in the person of Charles Remington (Michael Douglas), a grizzled, shaggy-haired hunter and soldier of fortune. He devises cunning plans, but all of them fail. After the lions have slain more than 100 victims, the workers crowd onto a train and flee.

Now Patterson and Remington are left alone with the faithful guide (John Kani), and they face the climactic battle between man and beast.

Val Kilmer fits the role of the determined Patterson to perfection. He is calm, decisive, brave without a hint of macho. Another step forward for a remarkably varied career.

Though he draws top billing, Michael Douglas appears in about a third of the movie. He makes every minute count, creating a portrait of a fearless, totally confident free spirit. He also served as co-executive producer.

"The Ghost and the Darkness" is a Paramount Pictures release produced by Gale Anne Hurd, Paul Radin and A. Kitman Ho. William Goldman wrote the admirably spare script. The rating is R for suspense and gore. Running time: 109 minutes.

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SIDELINES

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Raiders stomp Govs 50-14 in Homecoming win

Raiders not out of race for playoff bid

By Doug Malan/ staff

For the Blue Raider football team, Saturday was D-Day and "Dee" Day against Austin Peay in a game where Sensational Seventies nearly became both the homecoming theme and MTSU's point total.

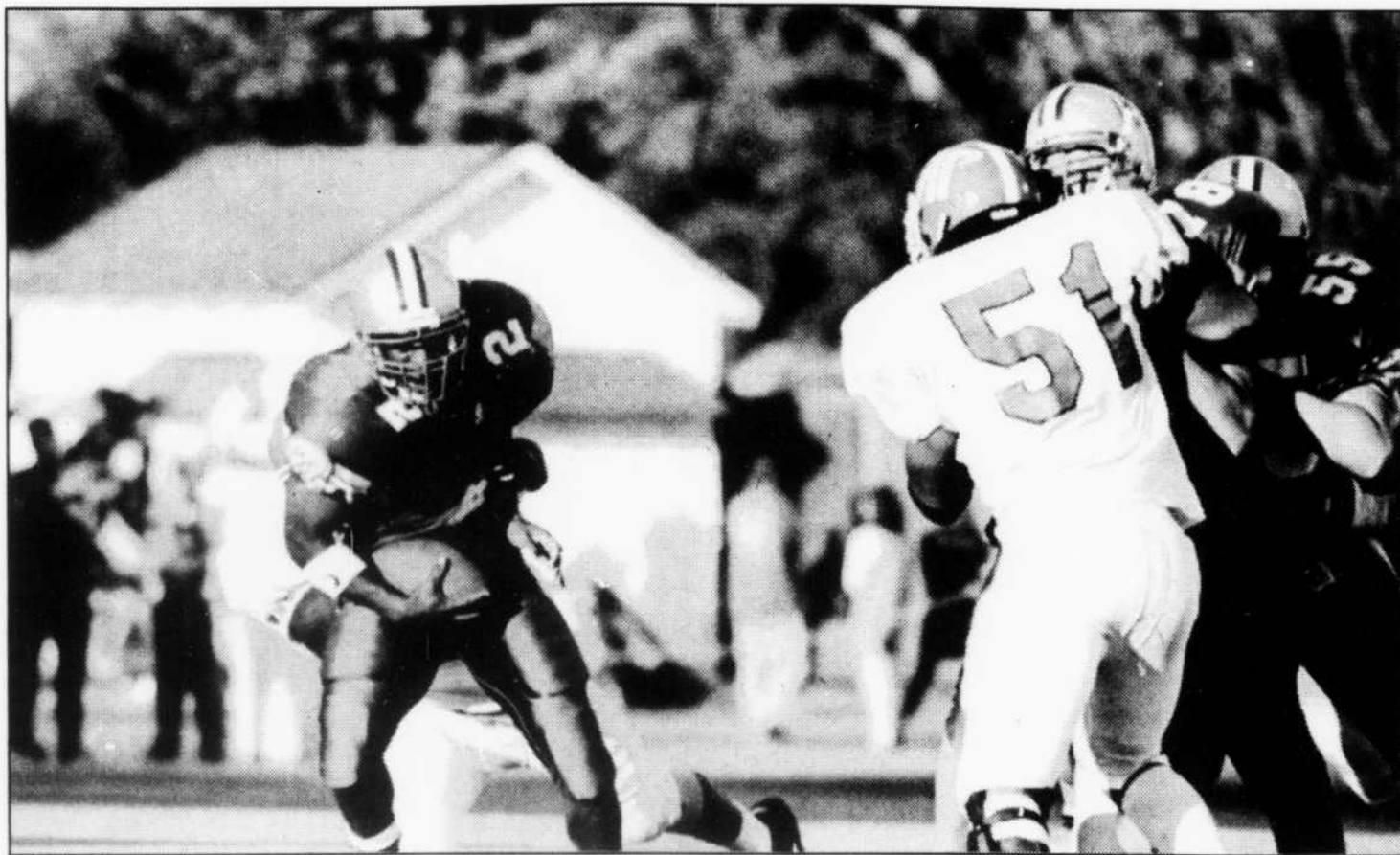
The Raiders' first-string defensive unit smothered Peay's offense, and wide receiver Dee Mostiller caught two touchdown passes, as MTSU vetoed the Governors 50-14 to improve to 3-3 on the season.

The Blue Raiders dropped Austin Peay to 0-6 after an immaculate first-half performance by the defense in which MTSU choked APSU to -1 total yards and no first downs.

"That was just pure, clean defense in the first half. Our first team was tremendous and we responded well in the secondary," head coach Boots Donnelly said, noting an improvement in the much-maligned defensive backfield.

The Middle Tennessee offense kicked in midway through the first quarter following a Governor punt. On the ensuing play, starting quarterback Jonathan Quinn, who finished 5-15 with 90 yards, threw a strike to Mostiller behind two defenders that covered 52 yards for the game's first touchdown.

On their next possession, freshman tailback Johnny Baker ran 10 yards off the left side to cap a seven-play drive that put MTSU ahead 14-0 in the first quarter.



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Freshman tailback **Kelverick Green** is pulled down on a run in Saturday's win against Austin Peay. The Blue Raiders racked up 50 points to the Governor's 14 to improve to a .500 record of 3-3.

The Blue Raiders distanced themselves from Austin Peay in the second quarter with special teams and defense. MTSU scored at the 8:01

mark when tailback Lebrion McGill found a solitary Mostiller in the left corner of the endzone on a 22-yard tailback pass play. Mostiller, who had 167 return yards, caught his fourth touchdown pass in two games.

With the Governors trapped deep in their own territory with 6:24 to play in the half, the Raider defense capitalized when linebacker Brian Chastain burst through the line and sacked AP quarterback Matt Hicks for a safety and a 13-yard loss.

Freshman kicker Keegan Ray then added to the 23-0 lead with key 47- and 49-yard field goals late in the half. "The two field goals were big plays for us because Peay got behind early and (the field goals) were like an extra touchdown," Donnelly said of the left-footer's two blasts that had yards to spare after passing through the uprights.

The Blue Raiders led 29-0 at halftime and dominated the rest of the way. Following a Jonathan Quinn touchdown run early in the third, the defense responded again when end Anthony McCord picked up a fumble and rumbled 18 yards for a score that put the Blue Raiders up 43-0.

At that point, most of the second-string players came in for both units,

which allowed Donnelly to use some younger athletes. Extra runners had been sought to spell McGill at certain times in the season because the junior tailback had a huge chunk of the rushing attempts. Against Peay, McGill carried 11 times for 60 yards, while Baker and fellow freshman Kelverick Green effectively relieved him, much to Donnelly's pleasure.

"We want to play several guys at running back, but based on things that happened in practice, I was not really comfortable putting those young guys in," the coach said, referring to Baker's penchant for fumbling. "Baker and Green need playing time, and they'll toughen up the more they play. But I was pleased with their blocking and running."

Saturday also marked the return of pre-season All-American punter Brandon Thomas, who is recovering from a leg injury. Although his numbers weren't spectacular on seven punts, Thomas gives Donnelly added confidence in the kicking game. "We now have someone back there who I know will catch the snap and get the punt off," Donnelly said.

Middle Tennessee has won three of its last four games and faces Eastern Kentucky at home this weekend. •

About five weeks ago, a colleague of mine used this space to blast the state of MTSU football. The Raiders were coming off a loss at Tennessee State and started the year 0-2 for the first time since 1980.

Now it's October and a quick check of Boots' squad reveals a modest 3-3 record, but more importantly it reflects on a team that has won three of its last four games.

Surely the pessimist will be quick to point out that those wins came against UT-Chattanooga, Jacksonville State and Austin Peay - teams whose collective record coming into the MTSU game was 0-10.

But let's focus on the hard evidence. The Blue Raiders have turned around a potentially disastrous season and placed themselves in a position to garner playoff consideration. Sound ludicrous?

MTSU played well defensively against Louisiana Tech in the first game before finally wearing down late in the game. The problem was an inept offense. However, there's no question that the Raiders were in that game through the third quarter.

The TSU game was a complete breakdown on both sides of the ball, but the Tigers aren't that much better than MTSU, if at all.

The only legitimate loss thus far has been against nationally-ranked Murray State, 34-7. So, theoretically, MTSU could be at least 4-2, if not 5-1.

But that's playing the coulda-woulda-shoulda game based on hindsight, and the actual outcomes are decided on the field, not on the proverbial paper.

The reality is a 3-3 record with wins against some dubious opponents. The reality is also a defense that has been spectacular in two games at home this year, regardless of the quality of the opponents.

Three of the last five games, including probably the two toughest ones, will be played at home, which could be the edge for the Raiders.

This weekend, Eastern Kentucky comes to Murfreesboro for one of the biggest rivalries in the OVC. The Colonels are only 2-3 overall, but they played a taxing non-conference schedule that included Troy St., Western Kentucky and Appalachian State.

On Oct. 26, MTSU plays at SE Missouri State, and Donnelly feels Houck Stadium is a tough place for opponents to play. However, the Blue Raiders are 7-0 all-time against the Indians.

The next weekend, UT-Martin hosts Middle Tennessee for homecoming. But, UT-Martin is UT-Martin and right now they look like a carbon copy of Austin Peay.

The second weekend of November brings conference newcomer Eastern Illinois to town in what could be the acid test for MTSU playoff hopes. The Panthers went 10-2 last year and won the Gateway Conference. They stand at 4-1 and 2-0 in conference going into this weekend's game at OVC-leader Murray State.

And the season ends traditionally with the Teton Bowl against Tennessee Tech, also to be played at MTSU.

With three teams (Murray St., EIU, and ECU) undefeated in the conference, MTSU needs to win out and hope that Eastern Illinois can beat Murray State. And if any of the three lose another game, the Blue Raiders are in great position for a playoff bid.

Last year, Idaho got into the playoffs with six wins, and Northern Iowa got in with seven. If MTSU wins its remaining five games, they will finish 8-3, a record shared by two other teams that made the 1995 I-AA playoffs.

Donnelly said this weekend that if "we go 8-3, this team will be remembered" for its determination and courage.

And if MTSU gets a playoff spot, few will remember those early days of September. •



Brian G. Miller/ staff

MTSU defensive players dive to tackle Ausin Peay running back **Chris Horton**. Defense held the Governors to only two touchdowns Saturday.

Three former athletes enter Blue Raider Hall of Fame after Homecoming

By Rachel Parrish/ staff

Saturday night after Homecoming, three men were inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame.

George Frost, Barry McClure, and the late Bill Burkett were honored with a banquet held in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. The banquet was given by the Middle Tennessee Varsity Club.

Before the introduction was given for the three former MTSU athletes, remarks were given by President Walker.

"Last year, MTSU received the OVC Academic Achievement Banner. The banner is given to the school whose varsity athletes' academic standing exceeds that of the regular students," said Walker proudly.

He also expressed his concern for the athlete student body. "We ask more of you than we do of our regular students, and we understand it's not entirely easy to be both a full-time student and a full-time athlete."

The first inductee was the late Bill Burkett, who was introduced with a heart-felt speech from his friend, Clyde G. (Sid) Huggins.

"Burkett was a phenomenal quarterback and leader," he said of the 1941 MTSU football star. But Burkett's is a story of a life cut short.

In 1943, World War II had broken out and Burkett went into active duty. On Aug. 28, 1944, he mistakenly went to aid a German fighter plane who had disguised himself as a wounded American. Burkett exposed himself

and was mortally wounded. He was only 21.

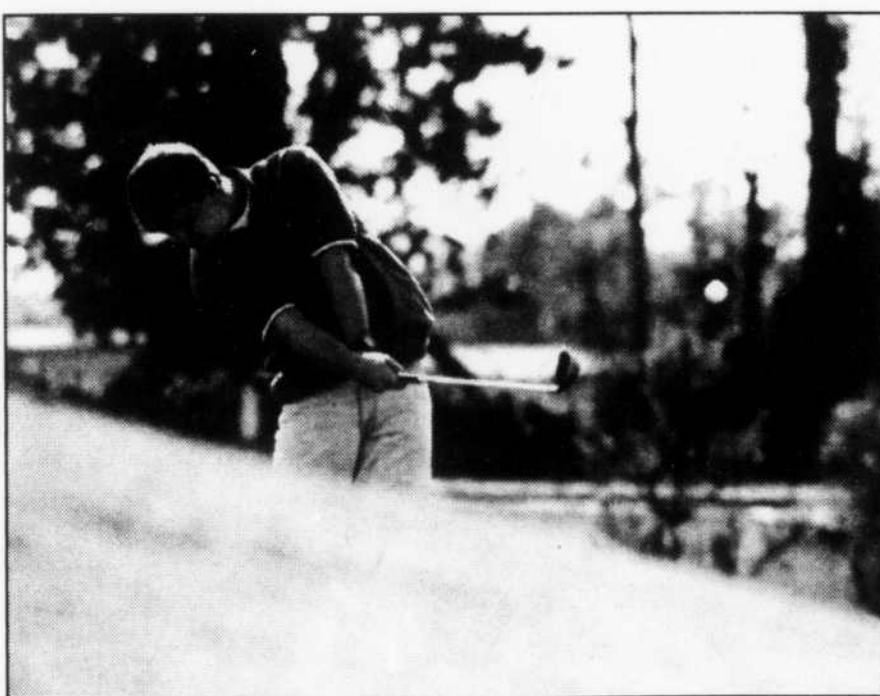
The next inductee was George Frost, who was introduced by his daughter, former Miss Nashville Terry Tomlinson. Frost graduated in 1956, and during his rein at MTSU excelled in such sports as football ('52-'55), track ('55-'56), and wrestling ('53-'54). He later went on to become the mastermind behind his own private insurance agency.

The final inductee was the "Father of The Triple Jump", Barry McClure. McClure was introduced by long time track and field coach, Dean Hayes. During McClure's tenure, he accomplished the impossible and gave the triple jump and MTSU some well-deserved national attention. McClure was a seven-time NCAA All-American in track. He set MCAA records for that event in both 1972 and 1973 and was a NCAA champion in 1973. He was the first of a host of track All-Americans for MTSU. McClure recognized Hayes' wife as "Mother Hayes" and said she gave a lot of love and support to all of Dean's "children." He also expressed his appreciation of those "people who make things happen."

"I would like to thank the fans who came and supported us at practices and meets," he said.

All former athletes expressed how proud they were to have competed and graduated from MTSU, and each is looking forward to the rising success of such a prestigious, well-deserving university. •

Teein' off . . .



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Senior math major, **Brian Lomax** hits a drive during the Golf Scramble at the Indian Hills Golf Club Friday afternoon. Freshman undeclared, **Todd Schorsten**; senior criminal justice major, **Bo Sanders**; and sophomore business administration major, **Grady Dycus** rounded out the four player team.

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