



Public Safety considers use of ATV patrol team

Shane Newsome
Staff Reporter

Campus officials are striving to maintain a safe campus for faculty and students this semester through the use of aggressive patrols and interactive safety advising committees.

"We've been working very hard to provide everyone with top-notch security," said Jack Drugmand, director of Public Safety. "We're kind of like your hometown police department. We haven't slowed down a bit."

The preventative patrol established by MTSU Public Safety acts as the main barrier for campus crime. Emphasis is placed upon the policy of "omnipresence," which provides officers with the opportunity to shift posts and patrol different areas of the campus.

"We use fragmented types of patrols," Drugmand said. "Officers who are on patrol are not in any one place at any one time. They do not have a routine beat—they show up anywhere, anytime."

A new patrol program centering around the use of all-terrain vehicles is currently being reviewed by the administration.

"We've had success with our bike patrols because of the close contact they provide our students," Drugmand said. "I have faith that we will see the same success out of our ATV patrols."

The use of ATV patrols may become necessary due to the expanding campus and new parking lots.

"Our campus is growing so fast that we can't expect officers to keep up quick response times with bicycles. The ATV's will provide officers with a quick way to reach campus areas that may have them wended on, bikes or foot," Drugmand said.

The MTSU Public Safety officers are trained to meet the high standards required by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

"We are one of 700 accredited

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A Public Safety officer patrols the Scarlett Commons area of campus.

Staff photo by Zack Millican

Founders Day honors university's history

Heather Glass
Staff Reporter



Take a walk down memory lane at the Founders Day observance reception and exhibit at the Alumni Center next week.

MTSU was originally founded on Sept. 11, 1911, which falls on a Saturday this year.

A breakfast reception will take place Thursday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The exhibit is Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The exhibit will display four eras of university history along with a few artifacts, including an old payroll stub.

"Reflections in Time" will feature archived material from Photographic Services, including photographs and stories from students, faculty and staff of MTSU's 88-year history.

"The faculty and staff are what makes a university," said Debra Gentry, an organizer of the celebration.

Visitors will be able to post their own memories in an interactive timeline at the exhibit.

"The MTSU of 1999 is certainly different in many ways than the MTSU of an earlier era," said James Walker, university president. "We have grown tremendously and have the best prepared and brightest students in our history. We also have the latest in educational technology, in state-of-the-art facilities like our new University Library."

"But the one thing that remains the same is the enthusiasm and dedication of the many people—students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters—who make this university great."

MTSU is asking students and staff to help observe Founders Day on Sept. 9 by wearing Founders Day stickers that were mailed to campus mail boxes.

Breaking News...

Larry West, an appointee senator for the College of Education, was voted down by the Student Government Association Senate last night 10 to 5.

West was one of the senators appointed by SGA President Andrae Crismon pending House and Senate approval. West was approved by the house unanimously during their Tuesday night meeting. However, for unknown reasons at press time, the Senate voted against the appointment.

Look for the complete story in the next edition of "Sidelines."

Town hall meeting set for Tuesday evening

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

In an effort to encourage the liaison between students and the administration, student government officials have set up a special forum in the form of town hall meetings where students can voice their protests and suggestions directly to the administration.

The first town hall meeting, hosted by the Student Government Association, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 4-7 p.m. in the Woodmore Cyber Cafe.

The meeting was originally planned to be held in

the Keathley University Center, but was changed to the Cyber Cafe last week because of joint plans between SGA officials and MTTV Channel 10.

"I think the meeting will be more conducive [in the Cyber Cafe] than in the KUC," SGA President Andrae Crismon said.

Crismon pursued moving the location after members of the Channel 10 staff met with Crismon and decided they wanted to broadcast the meetings, but in order for them to broadcast the meeting, they needed the resources that are available in the cafe.

The town hall meetings were set up by the SGA so

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Almost 200 organizations absent at first House meeting

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

Low attendance plagued the first Student Government Association House of Representatives meeting, which may lead to serious problems for the absent organizations.

The SGA House is made up of representatives from all of the registered organizations at MTSU. Out of the 206 organizations with representatives, only 25 attended. Kevin Travis, the SGA speaker of the House, said that according to SGA regulations, representatives who miss more than three times without being excused, risk losing funding for their organization from the activity fee.

"They're going to shoot themselves in the foot if they don't show up," Travis said. "Instead of trying to force students to be active in the government, my biggest thing right now is trying to

get communication started."

Some of the organizations, Travis said, may be unaware of this rule, so he is trying to get the word out using word of mouth, the mailbox system in the SGA office and flyers.

"It's not like there are a lot of [legislative] masterpieces that come out of the House," he said. "Most of the legislation comes from the Senate because they have been elected."

Even though the House is not as active as the Senate when it comes to writing legislation, Travis said he still thinks it is important that the representatives play their part in the approval process.

Even with the low attendance, the House was able to do some business, including the approval of the SGA budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, which passed unanimously among the 25 members present.

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Deadlines set for election applications

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

Elections for freshman senators and homecoming queen are coming, and student government officials are expecting a big race for the offices.

Jennifer Sykora, election commissioner for the Student Government Association, said that approximately 20 petition packets for homecoming queen have already been picked up, and out of those, she expects 10-15 qualified candidates. Still, she said she is concerned because some of the potential candidates might be

unaware of some of the procedures for submitting the petitions.

To run, candidates for queen and the Senate must have their petitions turned into the lock box in the SGA office no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8. Sykora is worried because the petitions are due soon after students will return from the Labor Day weekend.

"[Candidates] need to make note of these dates, because failure to comply with them will result in [their] not being qualified to run for office," Sykora said in a letter addressed to the potential candidates.

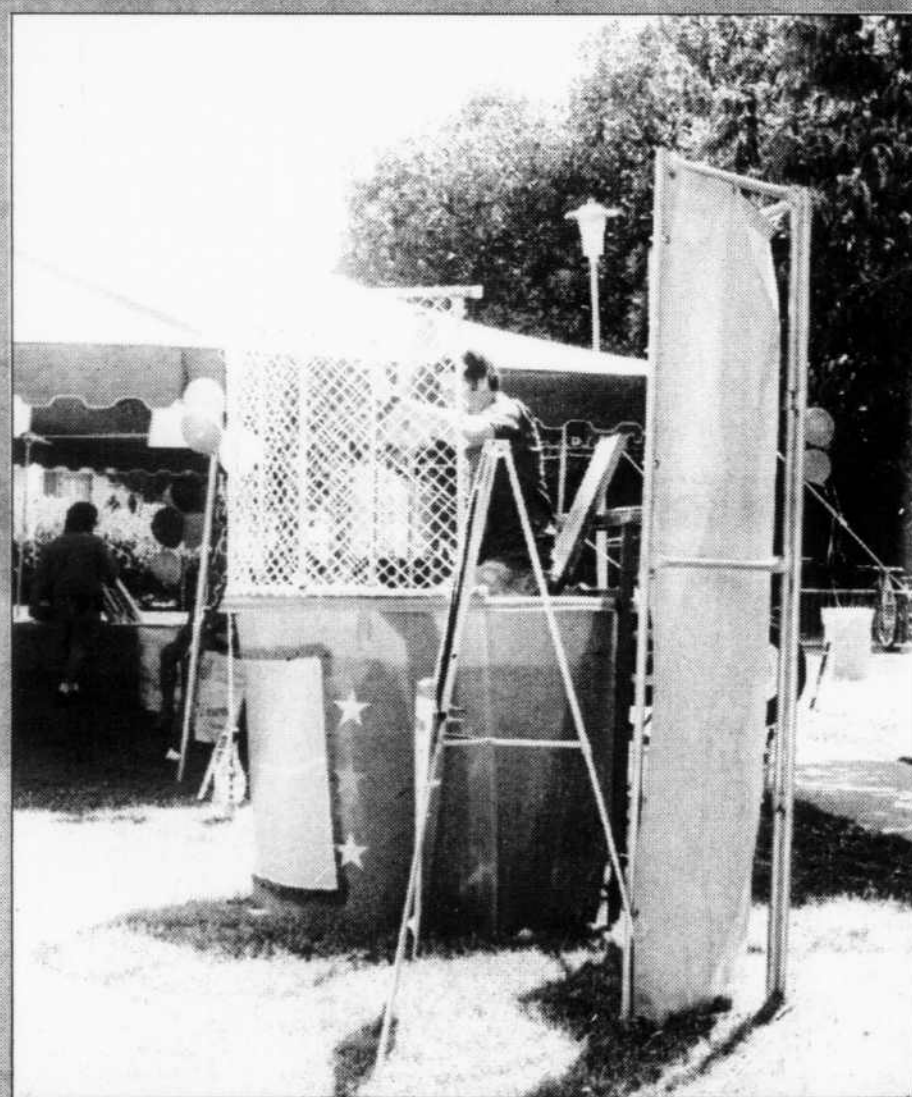
There is also a submission rule change

regarding candidates for queen. In the past, the queen candidates had to pay a \$20 fee to have their photo taken by the SGA. This year, queen candidates must provide a photo head shot with their petition in addition to the \$20 fee. The deadline for the photo submissions is Monday, Sept. 13 by 4 p.m. Sykora said that the SGA intends to enlarge the photos and have them displayed at each polling site so that voters can put names with faces.

To be qualified to run for queen, potential candidates must have completed

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All wet



Staff photo by Pam Hudgens

Glenn Hanley, Campus Recreation director, takes the big plunge. Hanley was one of the booth's dunkies at the Heart Walk kickoff Wednesday in the KUC Courtyard.

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On Campus

compiled by
Wesley Bush

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 310. Announcements are due at least 10 days before the event.

Sept. 2-8

The Office of Student Organizations and Community Service will have mandatory meetings for all student organization presidents. Each president or a representative is to meet in KUC 324 on Sept. 2 at 3 p.m., Sept. 7 at 4 p.m., and Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. Advisors are also encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Maggie Prugh at 904-8418.

Sept. 7

Blood Chemistry and PSA profiles will begin for the semester in room 109 of Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building from 8 to 10 a.m. Appointments are requested by calling 5950 or e-mailing lawrence@mtsu.edu. Blood chemistry and PSA profiles are \$15 each. Also available is the CA125, a cancer screening for women, for \$35. Other tests are available by request.

College Republicans will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in KUC 315. Nominations for officers will be accepted after discussion of plans for the year. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Contact Lance Frizzell at 292-9497 for further information.

Sept. 7-21

The Student Government Association will hold three mandatory meetings for those interested in competing in Homecoming events. The meetings are to be held each

Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in KUC 322. For further information, come by the SGA office (KUC 208) or call 898-2464.

Sept. 8

Homecoming Queen ballot petitions are due by 4 p.m. in the SGA office. For petition packets, come by the SGA office or call Jenniifer Sykora at 898-2464.

Sept. 11

Pi Sigma Epsilon, a national marketing fraternity, is holding an orientational meeting available to all majors at 4:30 p.m. in BAS S126. Contact Dr. Scott Inks at 898-2436 for further information.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a rafting trip on the Ocoee River. Students, faculty, and staff who are interested should contact Mitch or Sean at the Campus Recreation Center or call 898-2104. The cost is \$20, and only 18 rafters will be accepted for each date.

ONGOING

Volunteers are needed for Homecoming preparation and Homecoming week. Anyone interested should call 898-2464 or come by the SGA office in KUC 208.

Lambda Association welcomes new students and invites all to attend meetings every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact Talia Elwell at 907-2195 or visit the website at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.



World News

Dozens killed as Argentine jet crashes on takeoff

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) - A Boeing 737 jetliner hurtled through an airline fence and crashed in flames during takeoff, killing dozens of people aboard after hopscoching a busy boulevard near this downtown airport.

The LAPA airlines plane finally stopped next to a golf course along the Rio de la Plata river Tuesday evening after striking several cars on the road and bursting into flames.

At least 64 of the 100 people aboard Flight 3142 were killed, including 61 victims taken to a morgue and three dead in hospitals, said Olga Riugord, a government official from Cordoba.

Plane carrying 10 American tourists crashes in Tanzania

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP) - A charter plane carrying 10 American tourists from Tanzania's Serengeti National Park crashed Wednesday in bad weather on the slopes of Mount Meru, Africa's fifth-highest mountain.

There was no immediate word on survivors.

Israelis, Palestinians near agreement on reviving Wye peace deal

JERUSALEM (AP) - Working hard to overcome 11th-hour snags, Israelis and Palestinians approached agreement Wednesday on a land-for-security deal that set a one-year deadline for ending decades of hostility.

On a day marked both by shouted ultimatums and grins of optimism, the sides cleared all but one hurdle to reviving the U.S.-brokered Wye accord hours before Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was to arrive in the region.

The issue that still threatened a planned signing ceremony in Egypt, to be attended by Albright, was the number of Palestinians in Israeli jails to be released. Negotiators said the difference was down to just 30: Israel was ready to release 370 prisoners; the Palestinians insisted on 400.



National News

Dennis weakens, but punishes Outer Banks

WAVES, N.C. (AP) - Reduced from a hurricane to a tropical storm, Dennis paid a return visit to North Carolina's Outer Banks on Wednesday, its pounding waves and gale-force winds cutting Hatteras Island in half and thwarting a National Guard relief convoy.

Forecasters said Dennis would probably linger for days off the coast, ruining at least the start of the Labor Day weekend.

After battering the coastline Monday, Dennis headed out to sea, but on Tuesday it began backtracking.

At 2 p.m. Wednesday, it was drifting westward at 5 mph, 100 miles from Cape Hatteras, lashing the barrier islands with 14-foot waves. The storm's winds were near 60 mph.

Official says White House favors Waco probe

WASHINGTON (AP) - Joining a chorus of voices on and off Capitol Hill, the White House has recommended that Attorney General Janet Reno order an independent investigation into the FBI's use of incendiary tear gas during the 1993 assault on the Branch Davidian compound, a White House official said Wednesday.

"We would support a thorough and independent look at this," said the official, who asked not to be identified.

Cleveland suburb to enforce first cell phone-driving ban

BROOKLYN, Ohio (AP) - Police started ticketing people in this Cleveland suburb Wednesday for using handheld cell phones while driving, a violation of a new law believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

Police had been issuing warnings rather than tickets since the ordinance's passage in March.

But on Wednesday, police handed out several tickets during the day. Fines for the misdemeanor start at \$3 for first-time offenders, but can jump to \$100 for a second offense or if the driver is involved in an accident.



State News

Sisters age 8, 10 charged with assaulting mother

CLEVELAND - Sisters ages 8 and 10 who called 911 after being disciplined at home were charged with assault after their mother said they pulled her hair and hit her with a tennis racket, police say.

The girls were charged in Juvenile Court with assault and being unruly. They later were placed in custody of the Department of Children's Services after a judge found they were neglected. The family's attorney, Jes Beard, accused deputies of overreacting.

Jury picked for Paul Reid murder trial in Clarksville

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Jury selection ended Wednesday for convicted killer Paul Dennis Reid's second murder trial, scheduled to begin Wednesday in Clarksville.

The jury was picked in Shelby County because of news coverage about the trial and Reid's previous murder conviction for which he has been sentenced to death.

Reid, 41, is charged with robbing, kidnapping and killing two young women working at a Baskin-Robbins ice cream shop in Clarksville on April 23, 1997.

Authorities say the victims, Michelle Mace, 16, and Angela Holmes, 21, had their throats slashed.

Reid faces a third trial in November on charges he killed three workers at a McDonald's restaurant in Nashville on March 23, 1997.

Gameday gridlock expected for Tennessee fans

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - For thousands of University of Tennessee fans, the battle for defense of the 1998 national championship could begin hours before kickoff Saturday.

Extensive road work throughout downtown Knoxville and on the critical Alcoa Highway exit off Interstate 40 leading to campus could give new meaning to gameday gridlock.

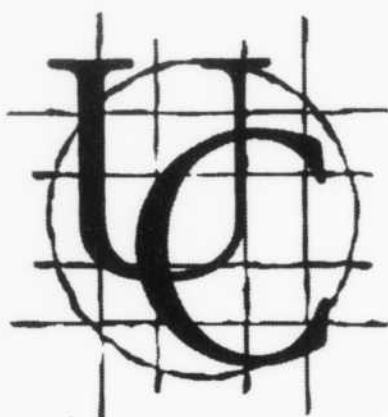
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New center created to study dyslexia

Rachel Pickel
Staff Reporter

Middle Tennessee State University is no stranger to national leadership and recognition. The university itself has had a record year for enrollment as well as past achievements in academics and athletics. Now, due to a \$1 million grant and a new building, MTSU will also be a national leader in the study and treatment of dyslexia.

MTSU's new dyslexia building is affiliated with the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia which has served Tennessee students and educators for over six years. The center will be changing its location to MTSU once the new building is finished.

According to Dr. Diane Sawyer, who holds the Katherine Davis Murfree Chair of Excellence in Dyslexic Studies and is incidentally the interim director of the Center, over 15 percent of the overall population is affected by the disease.

Sawyer points out that the entire event is possible because of a \$1 million grant from the Christy-Houston Foundation. Sawyer said, however, that MTSU will have to raise an additional \$500,000 by December to complete the endeavor.

Although the new center will help hundreds of Tennessee children and their teachers through research, learning aids and support services, the new program will also affect many MTSU students.

The center will serve as a laboratory for students studying school psychology.

According to Sawyer, all university students enrolled in the field will come through the center. Similar opportunities are also being discussed with the corrective reading, speech/language and early childhood programs.

"MTSU's center is the only one of its kind in the country," Sawyer said. "Our students will be the best prepared in the nation."

The new dyslexia center building is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2001. ■

Swensson named holder of new MTSU chair of excellence

Staff Reports

Earl Swensson, who had a part in the architectural design of the Business/Aerospace Building, Opryland Hotel, Convention Center and the "Batman Building," holds a new post at MTSU.

Earl Swensson, founder and chairman of the board of Earl Swensson Associates, an architectural, master planning and interior design firm in Nashville, has been named to the Jennings and Rebecca Jones Chair of Excellence in Urban and Regional Planning.

For the past year, Swensson has served as special consultant of the chair through the planning and development stages.

His efforts included the organizing of focus groups comprised of regional business and community leaders as well as university faculty to help shape the mission of the chair.

Swensson, whose award-winning firm is known

nation-wide, said today's planning must be viewed as holistic.

"The term 'master planning' means that it doesn't deal simply with land use but also with whatever consequences in the growth pattern in the community as far as education, health, recreation, and so on," Swensson said.

"The need for this chair is the fact that right now, particularly in Middle Tennessee, there is a tremendous movement occurring. I've been involved in planning either on a private basis or as a representative to government groups and chambers of commerce."

According to Swensson, more people are moving into urban areas, and forecasters are predicting that 80 percent of the population will soon be living in an urban environment.

"The fact that Middle Tennessee is booming tells us that we no longer have the luxury of sitting back and letting ourselves gradually grow," he said. ■

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45 MTSU accredited hours and have a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

In addition, individuals running for queen must submit a petition of 25 student signatures with Social Security numbers. Members of organizations wishing to run must file a petition announcing their intent to run and what organization

is sponsoring them.

Candidates for freshman senator positions must also submit a petition of 25 signatures with social security numbers. However, the signatures must be those of other freshman in order to be valid. ■

MTSU to install early tornado warning system

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

In order To save both time and lives in case of dangerous weather conditions, university officials will install a tornado warning system on campus to alert students to seek shelter.

The system, with a hearing radius of 1.5 miles, consists of a siren and verbal warning that will repeat vital information when a tornado warning is issued by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

According to Bill Smotherman, director of MTSU Construction Administration, the system will be installed next month and will be placed atop a 60-foot pole behind the McWhorter Learning Resource Center.

The university's Public Safety and Security office will initiate a warning that sounds the repeating message, "Attention. Tornado warning in effect."

After the initial siren sounds for 30 seconds, officials will continue to monitor local weather

information during severe conditions and will keep those in the campus area informed through the system.

Due to damage caused by tornadoes in the mid-south area, including the destruction inflicted upon the Austin Peay State University campus in Clarksville during January of this year, the system was determined to be a necessity for campus safety.

"I think the Austin Peay incident was the real straw that caused us to go forward (with the purchase of a system)," Smotherman said.

Although there is no method of preventing a tornado from occurring, having the information to seek shelter during times of severe weather can help to avoid injuries and possible deaths.

The system will be sounding soon after installation, for testing purposes only.

"We plan to test the system every month in order to get people familiar with the alarm," Smotherman said.

The system is a WPS-2800-10 omni-directional, high-power voice and siren system, manufactured by Whelen Engineering Co., Inc. The purchase and installation will cost about \$34,000. ■

Higher ed numbers fall behind national average

Staff Reports

MTSU may be the number one choice of valedictorians and salutatorians from the mid-state, but more than half of the top high school students are choosing schools outside of the state, according to a report from the legislative Select Oversight Committee on Education.

"Those higher level students get scholarships anywhere they

want to go," said Sen. Andy Womack, D-Murfreesboro, co-chair of the committee and a member of the Governor's Council on Excellence in Higher Education.

The report follows more than two years of studying the three systems that make up Tennessee's higher education.

The report also found that fewer Tennesseans are going to college than adults of other states.

One in five Tennessee adults

have attended college; the national average is one in four.

The council also found four other discoveries:

-Minority students are particularly at risk for not graduating.

-Financial aid is inadequate for low-income, qualified students.

-No public higher education institution in Tennessee is among the top 50 in the nation.

-Faculty are at risk because pay is inadequate. ■



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September 7th	KUC 324	4:00
September 8th	KUC 324	5:00

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- ◆ ORGANIZATION INFORMATION REPORT/STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE FORM
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PUBLIC SAFETY

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agencies in the world, and the only university police force in the state to hold such accreditation," said Drugmand.

In order to meet this plateau, the department had to meet 419 different standards. These standards are verified by outside agencies. The ability to operate and maintain communication in the event of power failure is one of the many required standards.

Various programs are also available for MTSU students. Rape

Aggression Defense Systems (RAD) is a nationally known program that empowers women with the knowledge to physically defend themselves in case of attack. Public Safety also offers a personal possession identification service, known as Operation ID, where students can have items of value engraved by the police free of charge.

Another tool in campus crime prevention is the Public Safety Advisory Committee. This committee is comprised of Public Safety personnel, administrators and representatives from Campus Planning and Transportation as

well as students assigned by the Student Government Association. The 12-member body is chaired by Douglas Winborne.

The main issue discussed by the board was campus lighting. The board traveled around the campus and noted dimly lit areas. Recommendations for improved lighting are currently being made by the board under Winborne's leadership.

Other safety provisions available to students are blue lights and escort services. Blue lights are boxes scattered throughout the campus that provide a direct radio connection to Public Safety in case

of emergency. Escort services are also provided free of charge to anyone who feels the need for one.

Common sense and good practice would also benefit students unaware of criminal activity on campus. Students are urged to keep all valuables hidden and vehicle doors locked to prevent theft. Bicycles should be secured to racks with locks. Students should also walk together in groups.

Any student with further questions regarding campus security should contact the Public Safety Department, located in the Haynes-Turner Building, by calling 898-2424.

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that students can gather to discuss current issues and problems. In the past, these types of meetings have primarily been used for special issues, like a parking crisis, but Crismon is wanting to hold one meeting per month to keep the dialogue flowing between students, the SGA and the administration.

Now Crismon is planning to hold all of these meetings in the Cyber Cafe with the agreement that Channel 10 will broadcast the meetings. Four meetings are planned for this semester on Sept. 7, Oct. 4, Nov. 2 and Dec. 1.

The meetings will open with Crismon and possibly other SGA officers discussing some of the current events and then will feature representatives from the

administration including Housing, Financial Aid and Parking personnel. At the end of the meetings, students will have the chance to ask questions of the various administrators or bring up new topics to discuss.

"We want to get [the meetings] pumped up and get students involved," Crismon said.

At the first meeting, Crismon plans to talk to students about plans for the fall semester and find out what complaints or concerns the students have thus far.

Kevin Travis, speaker of the House, and Megan Smith, speaker of the Senate, are also planned to speak.

Then at 6 p.m., head football coach Andy McCollum is scheduled to make an appearance and speak on behalf of the football team's inaugural season in Division I-A.

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The largest item on the budget was Homecoming, which was allocated over \$18,000 for activities for the week-long celebration. Some of the planned events include a carnival, the chili-cookoff and the parade.

"I want homecoming to be the best that it can be," SGA President Andrae Crismon said.

Crismon also hinted of a "special guest entertainer" who may be present sometime during Homecoming week, but was unwilling to be specific until he is certain of the appearance.

The House also approved an electoral act amendment, sponsored by Senator Chelle Bradburn, which will allow the voting polls to stay open later into the evenings during elections. This act was drafted so

that during the upcoming elections for freshman senators and homecoming queen, Crismon said, the times that the polls are open can be staggered to potentially catch more voters.

Instead of having only two polls setup, Crismon is going to have them in four locations, one in the Keathley University Center, one outside the cafeteria in the James Union Building, one in the Business/Aerospace Building and one in the Recreation Center. By having the polls more spread out around campus, Crismon believes student involvement in the elections will increase compared to elections of the past.

Senator Cameron Chief of Staff Larry West and Chief of Staff Kasimu Harris, who were all appointed by Crismon, were also approved by the House during the meeting.

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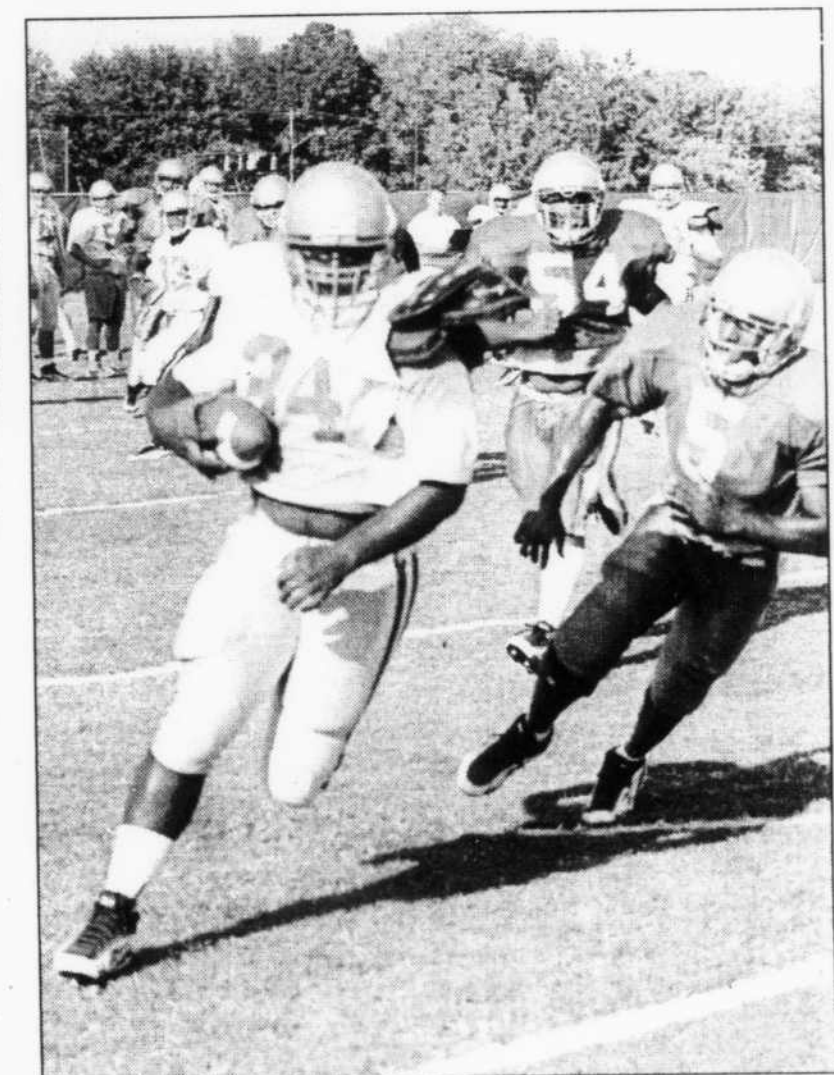
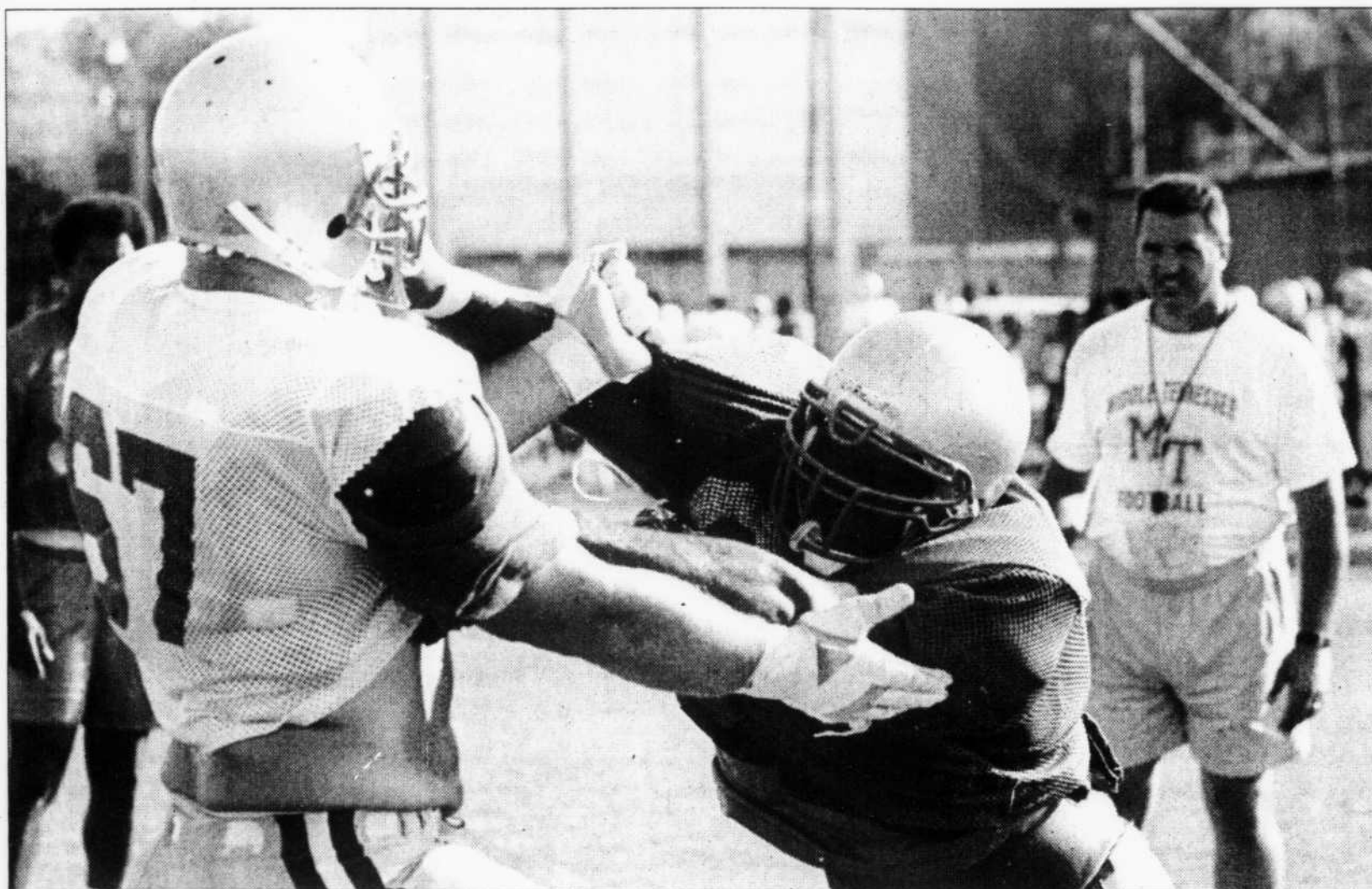
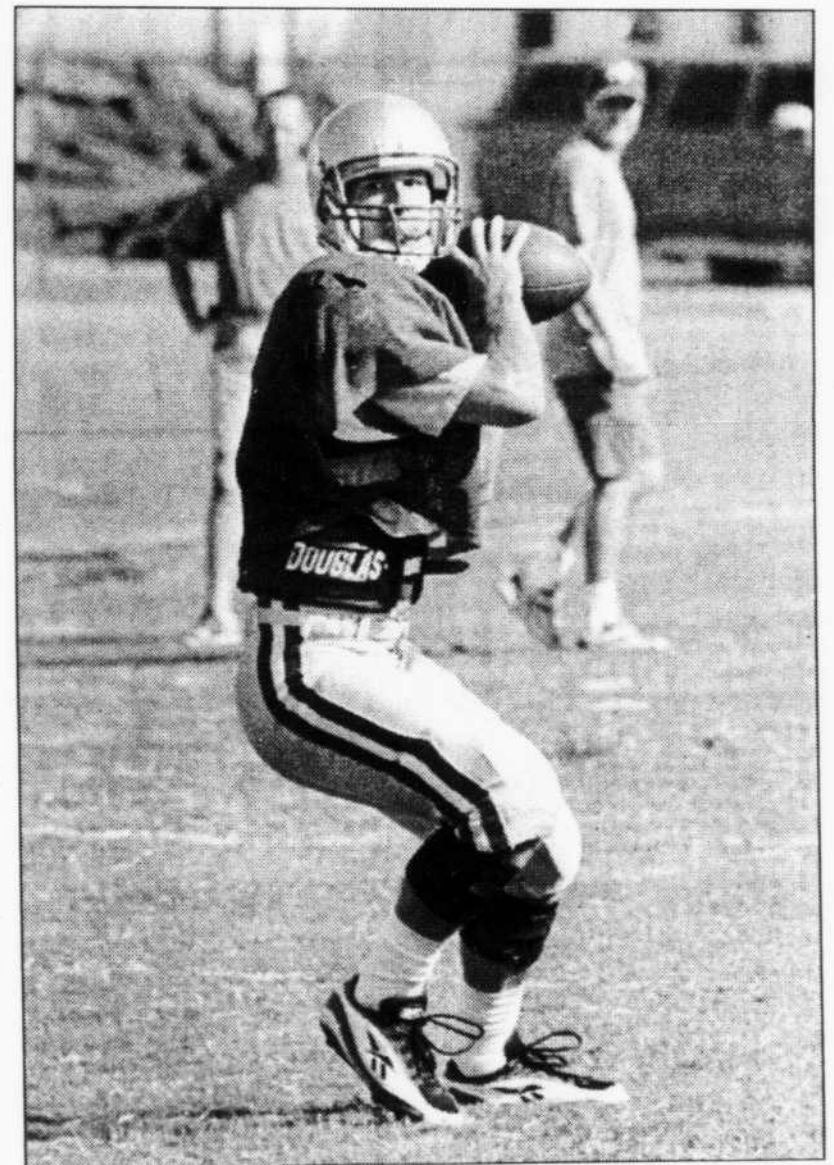
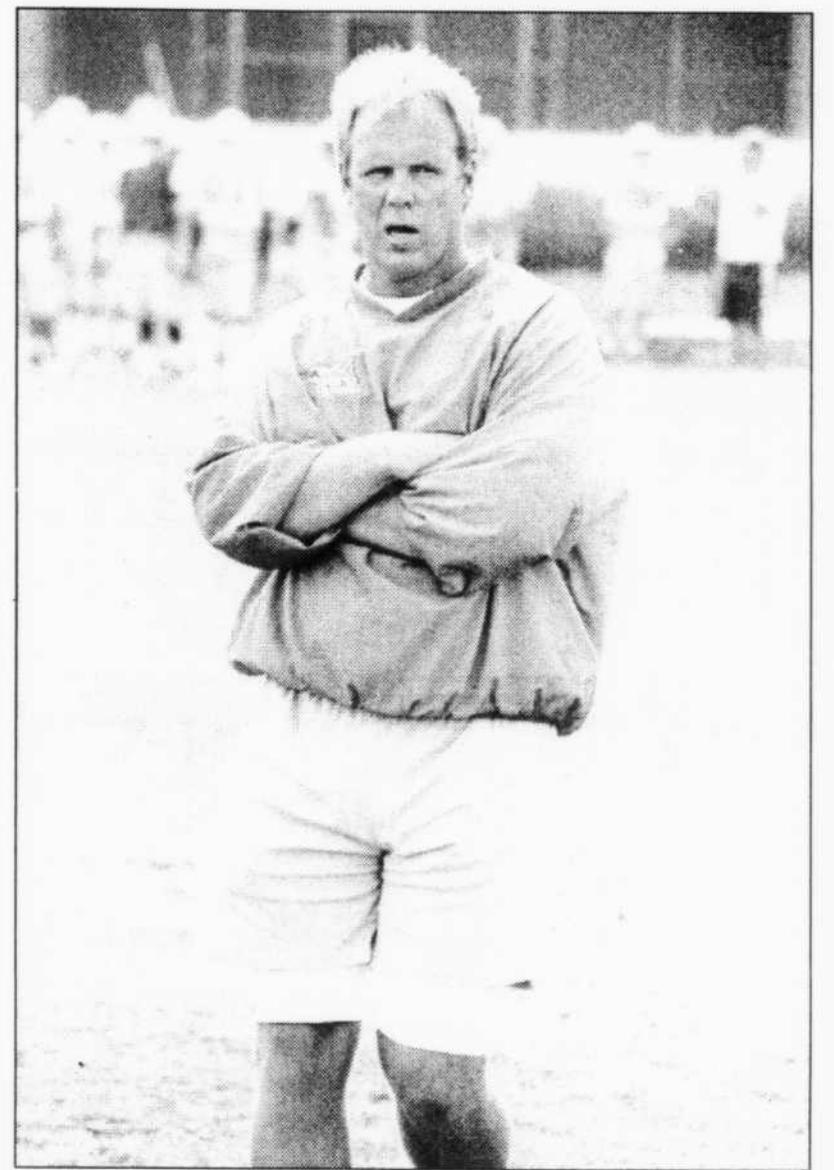
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Welcome to I-A football



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MTSU joins the big leagues

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

Middle Tennessee State University students can once again take pride in their football team. The top athletes has vaulted the Raider football team into the national spotlight for three weekends this fall.

MTSU will take on two preseason Top 25 football teams this year as well as defending Western Division champion of the Southeastern Conference. The Mississippi State Bulldogs will be the first opponent for the Raiders this year.

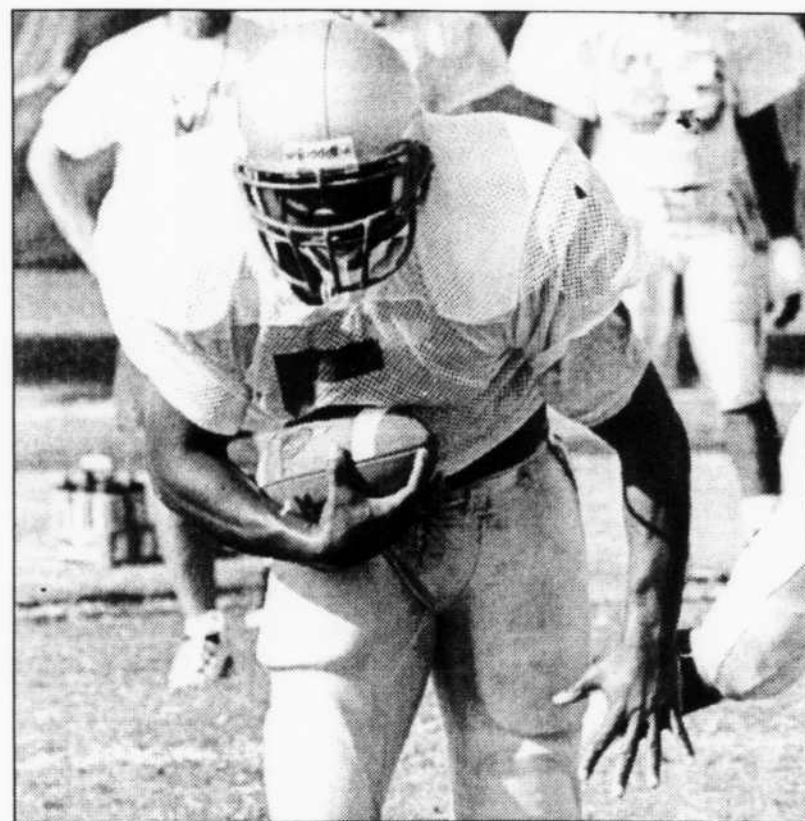
This Saturday, MTSU will open the season against the Mississippi State Bulldogs. MSU played against the University of Tennessee for the SEC Championship, a game they lost 24-14. Luckily for MTSU, the Bulldogs have only 10 starters returning.

One week later, on September 11, MTSU will have yet another tough test. The Arizona Wildcats, who were ranked as high as third in some preseason polls, will host MTSU at Arizona. The Cats finished the 1998 season with a 12-1 record and a win in the Holiday Bowl against Nebraska. The Wildcats will return 16 starters including quarterback Keith Smith and running back Trung Canidate. Canidate led the Pacific-10 in rushing last year with 1,220 yards on only 167 carries.

Penn State shocked the world by manhandling the Cats 41-7 in the opening game of the year this season. The Wildcats will definitely have their game faces on against MTSU. Arizona plays offense out of a multiple-spread set and on defense they usually are in a double-eagle flex.

The next game for the Raiders is against Wofford. This will mark the first Blue Raider game in Floyd Stadium as apart of Division I-A. This also should mark the first win for the Raiders of the season. The game kicks off at 4 PM. The Terriers will be ready, but if the Raiders are and the fans give MTSU a true home field advantage, MTSU will come out on top.

After a week off, MTSU will travel to Lafayette, La., to battle



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

A Blue Raider works hard preparing for Mississippi State.

the Ragin' Cajuns. Southwest Louisiana went 2-9 in 1998 and expect to improve in the 1999 season. Darren Brister and John Bernard return at tailback with a combined 1138 yards rushing.

On October 2, the Raiders will host Troy State. The Trojans return 17 starters from a season that saw them go 8-4 and finish with a ranking of 11, and a 1-AA playoff berth.

The next week the Raiders will travel to Fayetteville, Arkansas to battle the Razorbacks of Arkansas. Arkansas finished with a national ranking of 17 and a bowl loss against Michigan in the Citrus Bowl last season. Arkansas returns Chrs Chukwuma, the leading returning rusher for Arkansas. Chukwuma rushed for 870 yards last year. Fifteen starters return for the Razorbacks.

MTSU will pack their bags and head to Louisiana Tech where they will play the Bulldogs. La. Tech has a very potent offense and is able to score points quickly. Tim Rattay is the returning quarterback. He threw for 4,943 yards last year and expects to have another big year. Tech trailed Florida State by only 7 points at the half of their first game this

year but, went on to be blown out by 34 points.

Northeast Louisiana will butt heads with MTSU on October 30. This will be in Monroe, La. The Indians finished with a 5-6 record in 1998. Fourteen starters return for NE Louisiana.

If there is an automatic win on the Raider schedule it is the University of Tennessee-Martin game. MTSU dominated the game last year in Martin and have a much improved team this year.

Central Florida is next and the Golden Knights are in a transition period of their own. They lost Daunte Culpepper last year, and he was basically the team. Culpepper was drafted in the first round of the NFL draft by the Minnesota Vikings. This game is a toss up both teams have good chances to win. This game will be played in Floyd Stadium.

The final game of the year will be played in Murfreesboro on Nov. 20. This game features the East Tennessee State Buccaneers and running back Brandon Walker. Walker rushed for 856 yards last year in the Bucs 4-7 season. Head Coach Paul Hamilton is in his third year as head coach and is 11-11 during his tenure.

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Bulldogs present tough task

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

It's time. It's time. It's Division I-A football time. That's right at 6 p.m. Saturday the Blue Raiders will play in the first Division I-A football game in the history of the school.

The Raiders boast of perhaps the best recruiting class in school history. Signing recruits like Dewone Hicks and Fred Smith have excited the fans and media members.

The Blue Raiders will have to deal with one of the largest and most physical teams in the country, but Coach Andy McCollum is optimistic about the team's chances.

"There are teams that are physical, but [Mississippi State] is big and physical."

The Raiders offensive line starts with Barry Hall at tackle. He is listed at 310 pounds and stands 6'6. Following Hall the weight drops off. Gill Matias, who will start next to Hall on the line, tips the scales at an even 300 pounds.

The Blue Raider offensive line will have their hands full with a quick and large Mississippi State defensive front. The Bulldogs line starts at the end with Cornell Mennafée. He is listed at 6'2 and 244 pounds. Mennafée is a senior who totalled 66 tackles last year and three sacks. That was good enough for sixth on the team.

On the side of Mennafée at right tackle is Kevin Sluder.

Sluder is also a senior that stands 6'4 and weighs 270 pounds. Last year in a game against Alabama, Sluder managed nine tackles including a sack for a loss of 13 yards.

Alvin McKinley, John Hilliard and Conner Stephens round out the starters for State on the line.

In the Bulldogs 5-2 set, Barrin Simpson and Jamaal Dinkins are the linebackers. Simpson is a senior and finished the season third on the team in tackle, totalling 82.

Dinkins is the other starting linebacker. In his sophomore campaign he was able to record personal best 15 tackles over the course of the season.

The defensive backfield is led by Kendall Roberson. Last year

Roberson was able to tally 10 tackles against Auburn, including one pass deflection and one tackle for a loss. Roberson only played in 10 games for the Bulldogs last year.

Robert Bean could arguably be the best defensive back on the team. Bean led the club with five interceptions, nine blocked passes and two blocked kicks. The secondary for MSU should get plenty of chances to defend the MTSU passing game.

Although the Bulldog defense is very large, its offense is much larger. The Blue Raider's defensive front will have a long day if it can't figure out how to get pressure on Mississippi State quarterback Wayne Madkin.

The Bulldogs offensive line is as big as advertised. Floyd "Pork Chop" Womack is 6'3 and weighs



336 pounds.

At left guard, Kenric Fairchild weighs in at 318 pounds and stands 6'4. Fairchild is a sophomore, but he played in four games as a freshman.

Paul Mooney is the center and stands at 6'8 and weighs 325 pounds. He is entering his senior season at MSU, where he has earned 3 varsity letters.

Michael Fair and Wes Shivers round out the offensive line for the Bulldogs. They tip the scales at 296 and 325 respectively.

The Bulldog receiving corp has three returning seniors, not including the tight end. At split end is Kelvin Love. Love averaged 29.6 yards per catch.

Matt Butler is the gritty, gutty, short yardage receiver known as

the flanker. Butler has played in 34 of 35 possible MSU games in his career.

Terrence McCaskey is the tight end, standing 6'6 and weighing 262 pounds.

McCaskey is an intimidating figure when he catches the ball.

The offensive backfield is perhaps the best area on the Bulldogs team. At quarterback is returning starter Wayne Madkin. He threw for over 1500 yards and 11 touchdowns, while winning six of nine games last year.

Chris Rainey and Discenzo Miller will share playing time at the tailback slot for the Bulldogs, while Kenny Williamson will start at fullback.

In his eighth year as head coach of the Bulldogs, Jackie Sherrill will lead the team out to battle against the Raiders.

With MTSU entering the week as the 114th ranked team in the nation, Coach McCollum seems optimistic about the Raiders chances.

"We want to go out Saturday and earn respect," McCollum said.

As 35 point underdogs the Raiders have not earned respect to start the year.

"Our whole thing is to be the best we can be," McCollum said.

The Raiders will have several different players see time Saturday. Barry Hall, Gil Matias, Brock Lillis, Reggie Primas and Chris Howington will start on the line. Wes Counts will start at quarterback with Xavier Hatnot at tight end. Nick Payne, Kendall Newson, Ty Callico and Hansford Johnson are the receivers, and Kelverrick Green, Jamison Palmer are the top tailbacks going into Saturday's game. Jason Spray rounds out the starting offense for the Raiders.

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Sun Belt Conference in the future? Let's support MTSU

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

Middle Tennessee State University could join the Sun Belt Conference as soon as 2001.

According to MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler, MTSU is considering the Sun Belt Conference because the Sun Belt is a I-A conference and it has expressed interest in MTSU. Fowler also likes the fact that the Sun Belt has Southern teams, such as Southwestern Louisiana and Louisiana Tech, as members.

"We don't know if we'll join the Sun Belt in football or everything," Fowler said Tuesday at the Heart Walk kick-off party. "Right now it could go either way. If we join, it will be in 2001."

Moving to the Sun Belt would not be for financial benefit; it would be for prominence.

"Our power rating would increase if we joined the Sun Belt," Fowler said Tuesday. "We would not necessarily make more money. We would have to pay more in terms of travelling expenses."

If MTSU moves to the Sun Belt,

the football team would have to play seven conference games every year. The number of home games would vary.

"We would play seven conference games every year," Fowler said on Tuesday. "One year we would play three conference games at home, and the next year we would play four conference games at home. It would be three games one year and four the next."

"I'd like to keep playing Ohio Valley Conference teams. I'd like to continue the rivalries."

According to Sports Information

Director Mark Owens, there are currently nine teams in the Sun Belt: La. Tech, Arkansas State, Denver, SW Louisiana, South Alabama, Florida International, Western Kentucky, Arkansas-Little Rock and New Orleans.

The MTSU football team is currently scheduled to play La. Tech and SW Louisiana in 2000, 2001, and 2002 and Arkansas State in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

As of now, MTSU is a member of the OVC in all sports with the exception of football. The football team is independent. ■

The way I
see thingsJosh Ezzell
Sports
Editor

This football season marks the end of many eras and the beginning of others.

Boots Donnelly is gone, Andy McCollum is in; the OVC era is over, the Sun Belt era may soon begin; and the I-AA era is over, while the I-A era is now underway.

Boots Donnelly's reign as head coach ended at the end of last year's football season. During his 20 years as head coach Middle Tennessee went 136-81-1. The Blue Raiders made seven trips to the I-AA playoffs, going a combined 6-7 during Donnelly's tenure as the head coach. In addition, the Blue Raiders were ranked number one in 1985 and 1990's final I-AA polls.

Not only did Middle Tennessee football say goodbye to Boots Donnelly, it said goodbye to the Ohio Valley Conference. Middle Tennessee officially became a I-A member on Wednesday. On Saturday it will make its long awaited I-A debut against the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

A new beginning may spring from the football team's leaving the Ohio Valley Conference, as Middle Tennessee might join the Sun Belt Conference. Instead of playing the likes of Eastern Illinois and Eastern Kentucky, the Blue Raiders will face teams such as Southwestern Louisiana and Louisiana Tech.

The end of the Donnelly era, the OVC era and the I-AA era marks the beginning of the McCollum era, the I-A era and the possible Sun Belt era.

Andy McCollum will make his Middle Tennessee coaching debut this Saturday against the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

McCollum played under former Blue Raiders coach Boot Donnelly at Austin Peay.

Before coming to Middle Tennessee, McCollum was the defensive coordinator at Baylor University. According to recruiting analyst Max Emfinger, McCollum is one of the top recruiters in the country.

As everyone knows, Middle Tennessee's football program is now I-A, which means it is no longer a member of the Ohio Valley Conference. This year the program is an independent; in the future it could be a member of the Sun Belt Conference, joining the likes of Louisiana Tech, Arkansas State, Denver, Southwestern Louisiana, South Alabama, Florida International, Western Kentucky, Arkansas-Little Rock and New Orleans.

The athletic department has worked very hard to make the I-A dream a reality. The I-A move is great, but in order to become a big time program Middle Tennessee needs one thing: student support.

Student support is something that is sorely lacking here at MTSU. Most students do not attend football games or wear MTSU clothing.

On the contrary, many students wear University of Tennessee clothing and attend UT ball games.

This is embarrassing. A school the size of MTSU should get plenty of support from its students.

MTSU does not get much support in the community either. On Saturdays, numerous people in the community put orange flags on their cars.

On the other hand, people do not put MTSU flags on their cars.

This lack of support has to stop. This is our school; we need to support it.

Director of External Affairs Ty Copping put the lack of support problem into perspective Monday when he said, "There's too many damn orange flags in this town." ■

Soccer team defeats Tech in opener, 1-0

Sean P. O'Toole
Staff Reporter

The 1999 Lady Raider soccer season started in dramatic fashion Sunday with an 1-0 win over OVC rival Tennessee Tech.

In the 90-plus degree heat, the Lady Raiders (1-0) denied Tech (0-2) on every attack opportunity. Freshmen Sarah Schultz and Breann Nevins kept the Lady Techsters from penetrating, while Beth Maskey and Lindsay Henderson offensive pressure on Tech offensively.

Head coach Colette Gilligan said of her team's performance, "We had a lot of good things happen today. These ladies are the future of this program, and they

played like it today."

The lone goal was scored by Maskey, one of six freshmen who started for the Lady Raiders on Sunday.

The corner kick in the 34th minute of the first half was initially redirected by Sarah Schultz before Maskey punched it in.

"We've been practicing since the 11th with the only focus on beating Tech," Maskey said after the victory. "It's good for us that we had an intense game like this to kick off the season."

The Lady Raiders next game is Sunday at noon against NE Louisiana. All fans are invited to attend the match at the soccer field adjacent to Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium. ■



Hailee Walsh attacks the Tech defense.

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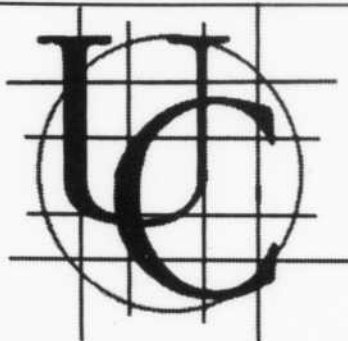
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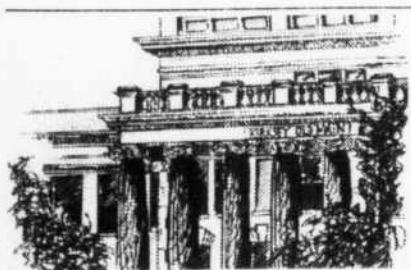
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—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Administration in financial aid improving

For the last couple of years, the financial aid office has been anything but user friendly. But now, it's hard not to notice how much effort the Interim Director David Hutton and his staff have put into creating a more convenient and efficient atmosphere.

The most noticeable improvement is the expanded office area, which now occupies nearly a fourth of the second floor in the Cope Administration building, which is sometimes needed when stress levels are high and tempers begin to flare. Instead of signing in on a roll sheet while squeezed into an area the size of a phone booth, students walk into the spacious lobby, take a number and sit comfortably. An automated answering system now allows students who call the financial aid office to check the status of their aid applications through TRAM.

Considering the turmoil that the financial aid staff has had to endure during the federal audit and investigation into former director Winston Wrenn, the progress that the office has made is nothing less than phenomenal.

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God, guns and class struggle

Left and out in the Semideep South by Joshua Liner, Staff Reporter

Mumia endures unjust imprisonment

August 19-25 marks Mumia Awareness Week, designated to raise consciousness about the cause of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the 44-year old Philadelphia journalist convicted seventeen years ago for the fatal shooting of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner. Mumia presently resides on death row for the crime; nonetheless, it is abundantly, unequivocally clear that he does not belong there.

That the process of his trial was unfair—and in many aspects outright illegal—is supported by far more evidence than could be related here.

A few facts may suffice: (1) Multiple key witnesses for the prosecution, including the only eye-witness to the shooting, have recanted their testimonies since the trial, admitting that the Philadelphia police coerced them by various means into signing false statements. (These means, including threats of direct physical violence and a promise to jeopardize the legal custody of one witness's children, are more reprehensible than surprising; the Philadelphia Police Department has a particular reputation for corruption, having become the first department ever sued by the Federal Government for just these sorts of "undue process" tactics.)

(2) Court funds never permitted a forensics expert for the defense—a problem in itself—who would have argued, as independently-hired experts have argued since, that the murder weapon could never have been fired from the distance which the prosecution claims; moreover, Faulkner's medical examiner recorded the fatal bullet as a .44 caliber, while the prosecution cites the alleged murder weapon to be a .38. (However, retests have been rendered impossible with the police department's claim that a crucial fragment of the bullet has been, along with other evidence, "misplaced.") Oddly, Mumia was never given the routine powder-burn test that would have determined if he had indeed shot a gun at the alleged time.

(3) Finally, there is Mumia's supposed "confession." The sole evidence for this is the word of one fellow officer of Faulkner's, who claims to have heard Mumia admit the

crime while hospitalized the night of the shooting. (Mumia was himself injured during the process of arrest.) From the start, this witness had been a part of the police effort to gather pre-trial evidence against Mumia, but he waited a full two months into the investigation to come forth with his story, saying that he had up to that point simply "forgot[ten]" so pivotal a piece of information; likewise, his testimony is contradicted by the doctor who treated Mumia, who has stated both that he never left his patient's side during the alleged period of confession and that he made no such comment.

Mumia was (and remains) a longstanding activist against racism and police brutality.

I am certain that considerations such as these, in the care of a reasonable and fairly unprejudiced mind, argue at the least for a stay of execution and retrial for Mumia and at best his immediate release. These conclusions have indeed spurred an international movement for Mumia's defense. (I was happy to march with many thousands of its members in Philadelphia this past June.)

Nonetheless, there may be other considerations. I'll admit that the death of one individual, though always unfortunate, is in the broad scheme neither very newsworthy nor tragic per se, a thought which may prompt the reader to ask whether our charitable energies might be better rallied in support of some broader concern.

I respond that the Mumia case is neither about charity nor about one man's death. Rather, we all have a stake in its outcome, and it speaks to matters about as dear to us as any.

As a dues-paying member of a revolutionary socialist and anti-racist group, I have a particular stake in the fate of Mumia, insofar as his sentence clearly had much to do with his own radical politics. Mumia was (and remains) a longstanding activist against racism and police brutality and, though representing no prior police record, is the subject of literally hundreds of pages of FBI and police surveillance files regarding his work in these areas. The prosecution made much of these facts during the sentencing portion of his trial; they devoted a good section of the record to elucidating the nature of Mumia's youthful connections to the Black Panther Party, going so far as to quote from a piece he had written with the group some decade and a half past, while Mumia was still a sophomore in high school.

All of this was introduced to establish the "character" of Mumia as possessing a tendency toward anti-police aggression; it is unclear, though, how this connection is either logically or legally permissible, as (a) neither Mumia nor the BPP has anywhere on record advocated violence against the police, and moreover (b) the Supreme Court has ruled it a violation of the First Amendment for political views of any whatsoever to be used as motivation for a death sentence.

What happens to Mumia, then, should be of concern not only to revolutionary socialists but to anyone prizing such basic civil rights as a fair trial, free speech and free press (not to mention freedom from the various forms of police coercion and general jackbootery which undoubtedly took place in Mumia's pretrial and are taking place all over with increasing celebrity. See the case of Diallo in New York City for a recent example). I'll wager to say this describes us all.

For more information on the case—and there's a lot of it—check out <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/8533/mumia.html> for general information, or www.mumia.org for some of Mumia's own writings, plus the Middle Tennessee Solidarity table on campus during Mumia Awareness Week. ■



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Murfreesboro, TN

Art Barn Gallery exhibits engaging eye candy Display runs through September 19

LaSonya Washington
Staff Reporter

The 48 grayish-brown subjects bow in still, sober tribute. Out of respect they lie prostrate and motionless, awaiting their ruler's command.

At least that's what it seems like when you crouch in front of Kaoru Tohara's 48 Hands.

The display of 48 castings of a left hand is only about 2.5 feet off the ground. Walking around the piece carefully reveals the hands of very different people: the silvery white of a fairy tale witch, the pale gray of death, the aged brown of a grandmother. Each stands out from the other, but calmly.

Tohara is one of three artists whose work is on display in the Art Barn Gallery until Sept. 19th. He, along with Cindi Harper and Jennifer Pepper, were selected from a pool of applicants to exhibit their work here at MTSU.

Dr. Jansen of the Art Department says the selection process involves a Gallery Committee and student input on submitted slides of work. While the quality of the work is important, the selections must also be "aesthetically interesting and relevant to the art department's programs."

Nothing is more aesthetically interesting than watching something change before your very eyes. The works in this exhibit do just that with a little movement and thinking.

For instance, crouching alongside 48 Hands, the piece looks like a herd of elephant heads, but facing the door in the same position produces a field of gray caves or huts, a village of irregular dwellings with stark white doors.

Fenestra Ovails is Jennifer Pepper's exhibit, named for the part of the ear that allows sound inside.

It is a set of over 100 mauvish-pink, translucent ears linked by small gold ball chains such as those used on light fixtures. Pepper says that for her, the chains represent sound waves.

The entire work is about six feet by six feet, and the white wall sets it off nicely. The air from the vents moves the fragile links between each ear, and the vibrations on one side inevitably cause movement on the other.

The physical space between each ear is negated by the interconnectedness of the chains.

Much like ideas and opinions transferring between upper and lower-class humans, the movement from chains attached to ears at the top of the piece move chains near the bottom and vice-versa.

On the other side of the gallery are several groups of brown, coiling, headless snakes. They seem frozen in time on their way to or from their underground den.

Actually, they are restructured redwood branches and sticks Cindi Harper picked up in California. Harper cut the wood into small sections, then reconnected them

compared to an otherwise active exhibit. The overall effect is interesting, but the viewer has to wonder if some hay or grass on the floor wouldn't enhance the effect even more.

All three artists have impressive experience under their belts. Since receiving her Masters of Fine Arts in 1989 from The University of Connecticut, Jennifer Pepper has exhibited her work from California to Florida and also in Canada. She has also edited for and been published in artistic publications.

Cynthia "Cindi" Harper has

make the current gallery offering well worth seeing. The Art Barn Gallery is open Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

One of the most attractive things about this exhibit is its immediacy. Tohara's Teapots is a good example. Two rows of ceramic-like teapots hang from the ceiling. To those who were raised to never touch or breathe on a work of art, it is great fun to walk in and out of these rows and get a close look at the work.

No one follows behind you to



Staff photo by Zack Millican

An art student gazes at the faces displayed in the Art Barn Gallery

with wire cable to form convoluted patterns that lie directly on the floor.

Sitting in front of the largest group of twisted wood and squinting your eyes makes the slinky forms almost seem like real living beings. But don't jump back and hit the wooden frames extending from the opposite wall.

These rectangular structures, one part at a 45 degree angle from the wall and the other angled down toward the floor, hold images of a grassland. Against the wall in an alternating pattern with these frames are bundles of sticks.

The effect is calm and static

been commissioned for several public art projects, taught secondary and college level art classes and received numerous awards. She received her Masters of Fine Arts in 1990 from California College of Arts and Crafts.

In 1995, Kaoru Tohara received his Master of Fine Arts from Indiana University. Since 1995 he has done a great deal of exhibiting and received several reviews. Tohara has also written articles on his work and taught Basic Photography and Bookmaking.

The different themes and materials of these creative minds

ensure you stay a respectful distance away from the art. Nor will anyone provide the absolute "correct" way to interpret the works.

As Dr. Jansen puts it, "3-D is a show about the body, human industry and nature. Indeed, what you get out of contemporary art like this is directly proportional to the amount of time (and thought) you give to it."

If you walk in with an open mind and ten minutes to spare, chances are that at least one piece will catch your fancy. That being said, there's nothing left to do but stop by. ■

Just for the Health of It

De-stressing your semester

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

Now that summer is over and college life is back for some and just starting for others, we are all faced with a similar dilemma: stress.

Although a certain amount of stress is necessary for our bodies to fight off illness, protect ourselves from danger and to be at least somewhat concerned with schoolwork and our social lives, too much stress can be a bad thing for your health.

High levels of stress can lead to depression, sleep disruption, moodiness and diet changes. Research also reveals that too much stress can increase the risk for developing migraine headaches, digestive problems and memory loss (and as college students, we need all of our memory).

Having three exams, two papers and a science project due during the same week or having a fight with your significant other while the monthly bills overflow the mailbox can cause an overload of stress for any one person.

Although that example is perhaps an extreme one, it does happen to many of us from time to time.

Therefore, when additional stress comes in your direction, take time out for yourself to overcome any negative reactions that may cause your health to take a turn for the worse.

Here are some ways to de-stress your life:

- Put your thoughts on paper. Visually seeing what is bothering you may help to solve your problems.

- Head for the recreation center. Working out relieves stress, and intense exercises such as running, swimming and playing racquetball will cleanse your system and ease your mind.

- Compliment your co-workers. They will most likely react positively, usually giving you a compliment in return, which is a sure way to banish a nasty mood.

- Doodle (not during class) or even color in a coloring book. Recall how happy you were as a child allowing your creative side to leave you feeling refreshed and carefree.

- Ask a friend to give you a backrub. You may have to give one in return, but your muscles will thank you.

- Take a bubble bath while singing "Kiss" by Prince (you get the picture).

- Bake cookies and share them with your friends or roommates.

- Write a letter to your parents or other relatives. Share your thoughts with them.

- Daydream. Imagine yourself in the future, or reminisce on past pleasant memories.

- Light a candle and play relaxing music.

- Meditate or pray. Reflect on your future goals and what it will take to reach them.

Constantly facing extra stress is not a healthy way to live. Unfortunately, you cannot completely avoid stress. We expect to occasionally feel the grip stress has on our daily lives, but shouldn't be burdened by too much stress.

Take the time out to enjoy what matters most to you. That way, stress will not inhibit you from living a happy and healthy life. ■

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Freshman freak out!

New students adjust to life on campus

Kelley Ferguson
Staff Reporter

We've all done it before: our freshman year of college. Nothing beats getting used to wearing shoes in the shower, eating pizza at all hours of the day and night, frequent trips to Wal-Mart and, oh yeah, and those things called classes.

One of the hardest things to adjust to is living away from home for the first time and dwelling in a room the size of a closet with a person you've never met.

But as some freshmen have discovered, there are ways around the turmoil of learning how to live in a sometimes alien place.

"My roommate and I have been best friends since we were eight years old," said Olivia Barrington. They requested living together.

Barrington's situation is common, but there are others who didn't know their roommate ahead of time but say they like their roommate so far.

Learning to live with a roommate is one thing, but some freshmen are anything but enthusiastic about the campus food.

"The food here is okay, but not as good as home," said Shelley Reeves.

Courtney Mahan said she sticks to the sandwich bar and she loves the ice cream machine.

When they aren't checking out the campus dining facilities, Wal-Mart is becoming a second home.

Reeves said she and her roommate have already been to the local Wal-Mart seven or eight times since moving to MTSU.

"I have no idea how many times we've been to Wal-Mart, but it's been a lot!" Barrington said.

Intent on avoiding the infamous "Freshman 15," some of the new students are going to extremes.

Reeves said that she has all fat-free and reduced-fat food in her room.

However, not everyone has changed their entire diet. Many freshmen have made plans to visit the campus Recreation Center on a regular basis to keep from gaining the extra weight.

In general, most freshmen haven't gotten too crazy being away from home yet.

"The craziest thing I have done is staying up way too late!" said Barrington.

"Coming in at four a.m. every morning is starting to kill me!" Mahan agreed.

Cummings, the freshman experience residence hall, also seems to be helping freshmen adjust to the sudden changes in their life.

Debra Sells, director of housing, said students have had nothing but a positive reaction to the freshman dorm. The residence hall offers services geared specifically to help freshmen adapt to a new lifestyle. Tutors who live on each floor are just one of the perks.

"The students seem to be very happy and we seem to have a very enthusiastic bunch this year," Sells said. ■

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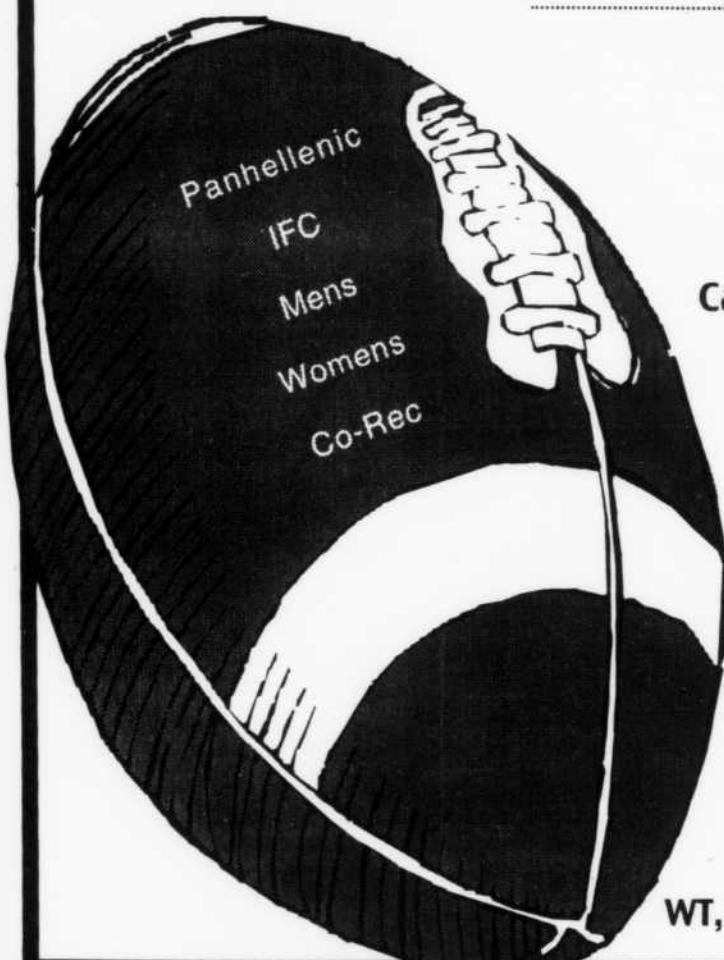
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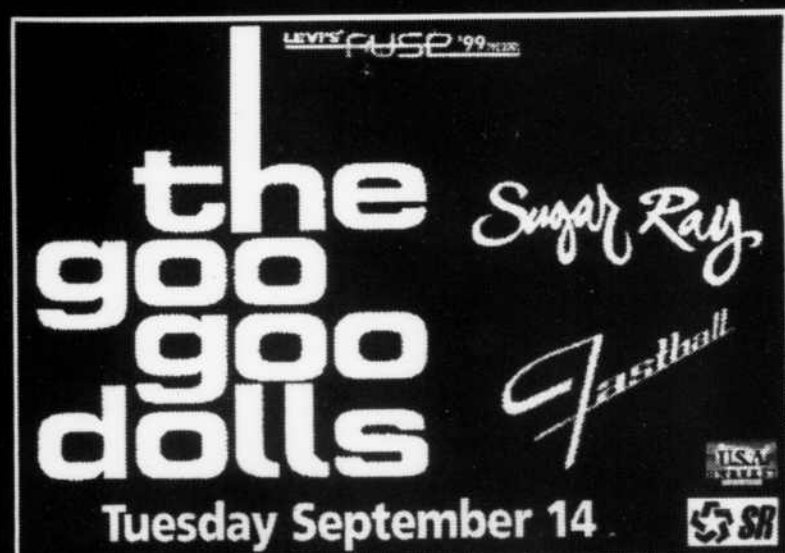


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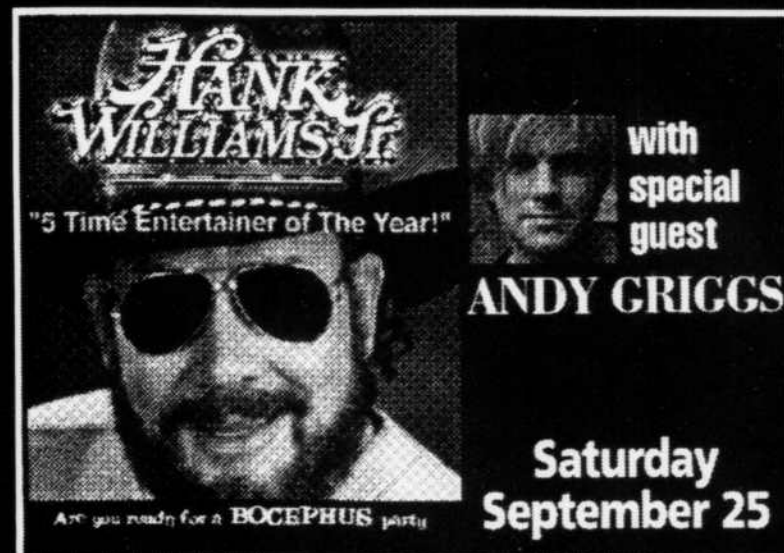
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