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Japanese Exchange Students Enjoying MTSU

By Heather Smith / staff

While many MTSU students may think the campus is cramped, for some exchange students from Fukushima University in Japan the campus is huge.

"Everything in America is big," said Tadashi Takahashi with a beaming face as he stretched his arms out wide. He is one of 26 exchange students who will be visiting here for three weeks. "There are big roads, big cars and big trees here."

Almost all of the students were surprised by the vastness of MTSU and the surrounding area.

The Japanese students were able to see America first hand through an exchange program made possible by an affiliation agreement between MTSU and Fukushima University, now sister universities. The agreement encourages student, faculty and joint research exchanges.

"As MTSU grows, it's only natural to have more international programs," said Dean Bob Eaker from the college of education, who participated in negotiations with the Japanese. "This is just the beginning. In the future we hope to have similar exchanges."

Most of the Japanese students are majoring in education and are here to learn more about the United States' education system and improve their English language skills.

In addition to experiencing life at an American university, the students will be visiting local schools and

attractions. On the weekends they will be staying at the homes of MTSU faculty.

In their free time the students have plans of their own.

"I want to learn country songs," said Kyoko Saito. "I also want to make friends, but I have not met many people."

The students are staying in Felder and Sims Halls and attend classes in the mornings and planned activities in the afternoons.

So far the Fukushima students have been able to experience a wide variety of Tennessee culture. The students spent a day in Chattanooga visiting the aquarium and they toured the Jack Daniel's Distillery.

"In some ways the universities are similar," Dean Eaker said. "We are just beginning to learn what our differences are."

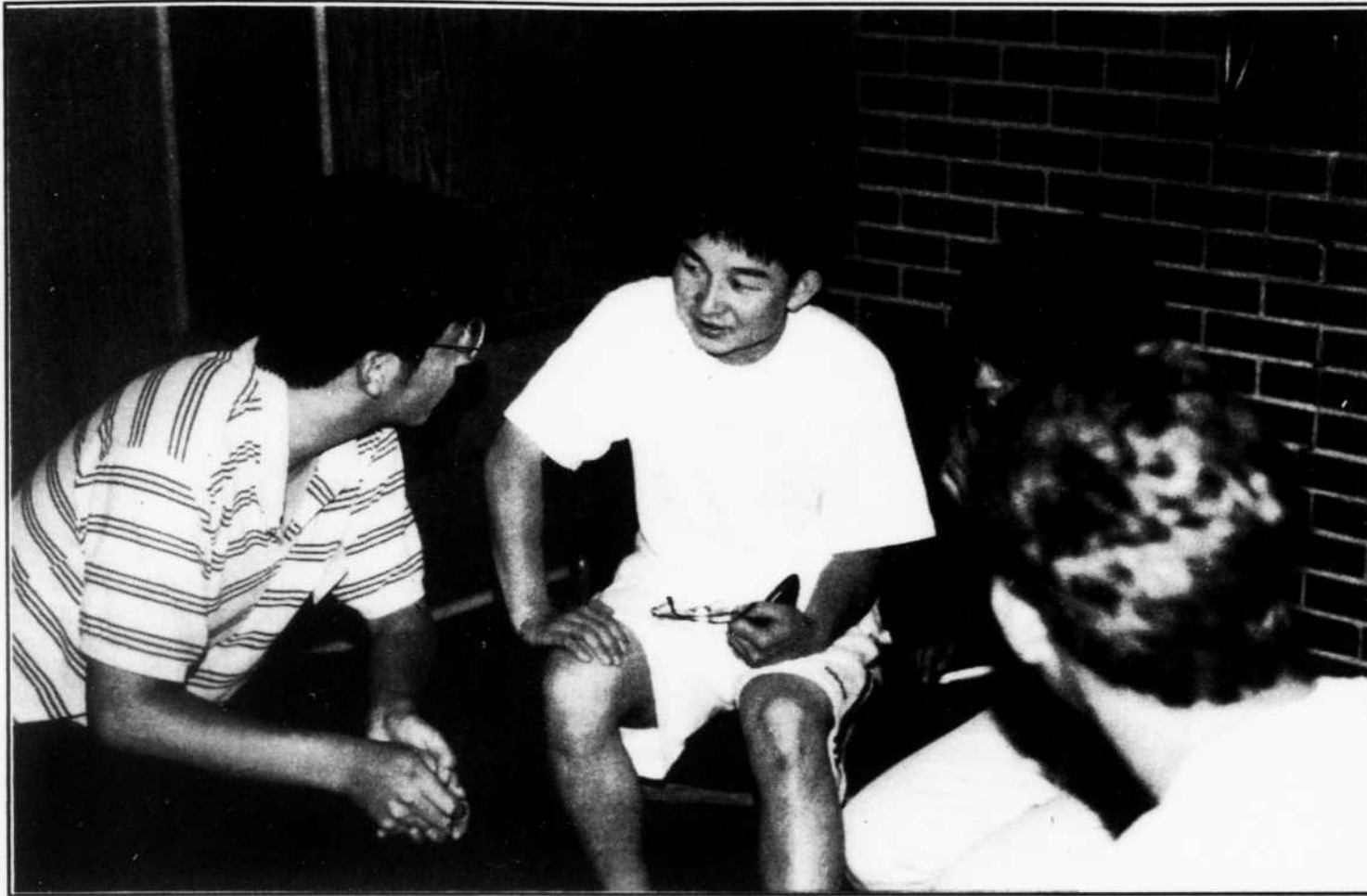
The students were astonished to find that the American classroom is so much more relaxed than the Japanese classroom.

"They were surprised that they could stop the professor and ask questions or that they could say 'I don't agree with you,'" Eaker said.

"In Japan you are supposed to be quiet in class," said Yuko Sutou. "Questions are asked after class. I like the American way better."

Other countries were considered to participate in the exchange program but the founders of the program chose Japan.

"A Japanese university was



Heather Smith / staff

Japanese exchange students Kouhei Tase (left), Tadashi Takahashi (middle), and Yukihiro Okaji (right), discuss their recent experiences at MTSU with Rob Peterson, a member of NEK, MTSU's Japanese/American club.

picked because of the amount of Japanese influence in the area," said Dean Eaker while pointing out the Nissan plant is a major Japanese

presence in the community.

Fukushima University's history is similar to MTSU's; they were both developed from a normal school

(teacher's college), both universities are located near big cities, and the mission statements of the schools are the same. •

Moble manufacturing learning center training for the future



photo provided by Randy Jenosky

Dick Reddit (center) sits with Campbell County High School teachers Dave Hundermark (left) and Randy Lawson (right).

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

MTSU professors Dick Reddit and Ron McBride are training teachers to use the Mobile Manufacturing Learning Center. Later this year, the MMLC will go to five Tennessee high schools where students will be trained in using its state of the art facilities.

The mobile lab was funded by the US Department of Energy and Martin - Marietta as an effort to help the United States regain its position of manufacturing excellence Reddit said.

Students are shown how academic theories they are exposed to in math and science classes are actually put into real-world use in manufacturing and engineering, Reddit said.

The program is designed to inspire young students so that they will pursue studies that lead to engineering, with an eye toward eventually improving America's manufacturing abilities as a whole.

"We're in the incubation period

right now. We still have probably 10 or 15 years to go to watch those students go to college, graduate, and see if the United States changes its place in manufacturing."

Although Reddit concedes the goals are "lofty," he said that positive results are being realized.

"We've already seen some high school kids graduate and go into engineering programs, and come back and tell us that they were inspired by the lab."

The lab is designed to teach students to teach other students, said Reddit, resulting in a "pyramidal" structure.

"The teachers serve as curriculum managers," he said. "They coordinate the students, who serve as team leaders. We provide the technical and refresher courses for the teachers."

Eventually those students become "peer teachers," who teach other students. Teachers from chosen

schools come to MTSU each summer to refresh their training and learn specifics about the lab. Reddit and co-director McBride then go to the schools themselves to train students.

One of the considerations for choosing a school, Reddit said, is that the school has a good mix of teachers.

"There are math and chemistry teachers, of course, as well as vocational teachers, with machining skills. But it wouldn't be impossible to see an English teacher in there, because communicating ideas is an important part of engineering."

The lab exposes students to state of the art technology, Reddit said, and noted that part of the contract requires that the lab be maintained with the latest technology.

"We have industrial people come in all the time; they're impressed because we're using such up to date equipment. They recognize what we have," Reddit said. •

New course selections available from the Division of Continuing Studies

Gregg Mayer / staff

New courses galore are being offered by the Division of Continuing Studies at MTSU starting at the end of July and continuing all the way through to the end of August. Courses on everything from how to cut hair to how to save someone from drowning while scuba diving will be taught. Below is a list and brief summary of the five new classes. If you are interested in any of these, please call the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2462.

COSMETOLOGY/BARBER TRAINING: A program approved by the Tennessee State Board of Cosmetology/Barbers, designed to

meet the professional needs of licensed cosmetology instructors, school owners, and school managers. Program topics include: time management; leadership; tracking techniques; salon management; hair color techniques; skin care; perm basics; humor in the workplace; business management; black hair design; and barber styling.

The course will take place July 28-30 here on campus. The fee is \$205, which includes tuition, double occupancy housing in the dormitories, meals, and refreshments. Participants attending will be awarded 2.4 CEUs.

INTERNET COURSE: Learn what it means to "surf the net." Topics include: E-Mail; Telnet; File Transfer

Protocol (FTP); and Gopher. Students will also learn the history of the Internet, and where the Internet might lead in the future.

The course is offered August 5 from 6 - 9 p.m., and also on August 24 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The fee is \$45, which includes a temporary MTSU Internet account.

MANAGING MULTIPLE PRIORITIES: Learn how professionals deal with being pulled in too many different directions. Topics include: 50 ways to manage multiple priorities; 20 ways to reduce paperwork; 12 ways to shorten conversations; and 10 ways to deal with interruptions. The course is designed to help busy people reduce

stress, increase leisure time, and gain control of an otherwise bad day.

The course will be offered on August 8 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The fee is \$139, which includes all course materials and breaks. Participants completing the course will be awarded .6 CEUs.

DELEGATION COURSE: Learn how to tell people what to do. Program topics include: techniques and strategies for getting more done with team effort; who and how to delegate; and how to foster a spirit of cooperation.

The course is offered on the Mondays of July 29 through August 26, from 6 until 9 p.m. The fee for the course is \$199 per session.

-SCUBA DIVING: A program designed to teach participants how to save lives in underwater accidents called Scuba Lifesaving Accident Management (SLAM). Topics include: cognizance; assessment; rescuing; and evacuation. SLAM participants must be certified divers with an advanced rating or have 15 logged hours. Potential participants must also complete a medical questionnaire and sign a waiver/release form. Wet suits, fins, and masks are not supplied, but are required to take the course. Other equipment will be furnished.

SLAM will be held on the weekend of August 3 from noon until 4 p.m., and August 4 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. •

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Grumpy vs. Weepy

By Dave Barry/
Syndicated Columnist

It's time for an update on the current presidential campaign, which some of you older voters may recall started in approximately 1957. The next big event on the agenda is the nominating conventions, at which the two major parties will gather together and try, in the grand historic tradition of American democratic politics, to bore the nation to death. This is getting increasingly difficult, because the nation, which is not a total idiot, has pretty much stopped watching the political conventions. The major parties could conduct live human sacrifices on their podiums during prime time and I doubt that anybody would notice, including the TV commentators, who are so busy sitting around in their skyboxes commentating on the conventions that they hardly ever seem to be paying attention to the actual conventions per se.

FIRST TV COMMENTATOR:...and so John, I'd say that the mood of these Democrats is one of concern as they...

SECOND TV COMMENTATOR (peering down at the convention floor): I think these are the Republicans, Ted.

FIRST TV COMMENTATOR: Why do you say that?

SECOND TV COMMENTATOR: There's hardly any black ones.

FIRST TV COMMENTATOR (looking down): Hey, you're right! OK, I'd say that the mood of these Republicans is one of concern as they...

The Republicans have reason to be concerned, because the campaign of their candidate, Bob "Bob" Dole, is widely believed to be in trouble, despite Bob's two-pronged effort to establish that he is Just a Regular Citizen Like You by (1) retiring from the U.S. Senate after 356 years and (2) sometimes not wearing a tie.

Bob has a big problem: To win the election, he needs to attract moderates; on the other hand, if he gets TOO moderate, he's going to tick off the powerful Republican Loon Right, which already suspects that Bob is a communist pervert who takes orders via cellular phone directly from Satan. So Bob has to walk a very fine line, which is why he always seems to be looking around nervously, like a gerbil suddenly dropped in the middle of an air-hockey game.

Compounding this problem is the fact that Bob is apparently unable, despite all his experience as a powerful figure on the national scene, to formulate a sentence that contains both a subject AND a verb. I'm not saying he doesn't have views; I'm just

saying that it's impossible, even with the aid of powerful code-breaking computers, to tell what they are. Also, despite the fact that everybody who knows Bob insists that he's friendly, his natural facial expression, especially when he's looking directly into a TV camera, is that of a guy who strongly suspects that you, personally, have been stealing his newspaper.

So at the moment the polls have Bob trailing President Bill Clinton, which is pretty amazing when you consider that the Clinton administration has more legal problems than the Unabomber. For one thing, these mysterious items keep inexplicably turning up in the White House. If you ever, at any time in your life, lost an important file or wedding ring or valuable parrot, or whatever, you should definitely call the White House and ask whoever answers the phone to please look around upstairs, because there's just NO TELLING what's going to turn up there next. Just last week a middle-level administration staff person opened up a filing cabinet in the library and found Jimmy Hoffa.

Of course, none of this is Bill Clinton's fault. He's the president! How the heck would HE know what's going on in the White House? All Bill knows is, just because everybody he ever knew except Socks has been indicted, people keep saying mean things about HIM, and it makes him sad and weepy. Actually, EVERYTHING makes Bill weepy; he's the weepiest president we've ever had. (They had to install a tie-dryer in the Oval Office.) Every time you turn on the evening news, there's Bill, looking like the kid in the locker room who's trying hard to be brave after the bully gave him a really hard towel-snap in the butt, getting all choked up over some ceremony or speech or prayer or song or funeral or natural disaster or the conviction of a close personal friend. When I see Bill weeping, I want to shout: "Cheer up, Bill! You're the PRESIDENT, darn it! Do something fun! Fly to some city that voted against you in 1992 and ride around in a motorcade, screwing up traffic! Order the U.S. Department of Tense Standoffs to surround some enclave of heavily armed fanatics and play the song 'Watching Scotty Grow' by Bobby Goldsboro at them through a powerful amplifier until they surrender!"

But apparently Bill is unable to avoid being overcome by emotion, just as Bob is unable to stop looking as though he's undergoing root canal via lawn dart. So there's your presidential lineup, America: Grumpy vs. Weepy. It'll be broadcast live on TV later this summer. Better get to the video store NOW.

Come On, Be A Little Supportive

In Our View

During this past month, the campus has been hustling and bustling on at least two days of the week, with incoming freshman here for MTSU's Customs programs.

These freshman have been looking around, getting familiar with the campus and trying to register for classes. At the same time, I imagine they have also been trying to get to know anybody and everybody that they can.

This has been the most difficult task of them all, due to the lack of hospitality and support from the student body, except the Customs people themselves of course, who bend over backwards to inform and talk to the incoming students.

It seems that everywhere you look when these newcomers are around they are literally by themselves. It is hard enough for them to become comfortable with this new place, on top of being ignored by the local students.

Would it hurt you to take two minutes out of your busy schedule to say hello and welcome them to MTSU? I don't imagine so!

Look back and reflect on when you were an incoming freshman, was it not an overwhelming experience being in a new place with new people and no set group of friends yet to speak of? Of course it was.

Reflect back even further, was there not someone older than you that said hello and made you feel at home? Or someone that stopped and asked if there was something they could help you with or help you find?

I know that when I was a freshman, touring the University of Mississippi, there were many students that stopped me and asked me what I thought of the campus. There was even one guy that said he would show me some of the finer points that

Oxford had to offer.

That is something that I will never forget. It is hard to believe that the students here are not that congenial, since Ole Miss is notorious for its snobbish attitude of "I am better than anyone else".

Being new anywhere is a difficult time, but being fresh out of high school in a new and strange place is even harder. There are always the eternal questions like "Will I like it here? Will I make new friends? Will these people like me?"

Ignoring these new students simply reaffirms their insecure questions and shows a lack of support and hospitality from the student body. It also shows a lack of excitement about the fact that the university is growing.

On a different note, with the same theme, this week marked the beginning of a three week stay for students from Fukushima University, Middle Tennessee State's sister university in Japan.

Since these students have been here they have toured the campus, The Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, and the Jack Daniel's distillery in Lynchburg.

Where the problem lies with their stay here at MTSU is the lack of hospitality and support from the student body.

First, yesterday a reception was held for the Japanese exchange students in which they were supposed to meet and talk to students in order to use their English skills.

Unfortunately, only two students showed up at the reception, a *Sidelines* reporter (also the fall editor) and her roommate who speaks Japanese.

Talk about lack of support! This once again reaffirms the assumption that the student body does not care to

show their support for the university and extend their hospitality.

On top of the lack of response at the reception, the Japanese students encountered a flooding problem in the Felder dorm where they were staying. The problem was not the flooding as such, but the fact that they proceeded to clean up the mess with mops and sponges with no help from the students that were passing through the lobby. The MTSU students just looked on and then walked away. How rude and inconsiderate can we be?

If you had guests in your house, and something like this was to occur, would you have them clean it up while you watched? I should hope not and really doubt that you would!

It is a shame that these exchange students had to spend part of their night in a new place cleaning up a mess that was not even their responsibility.

I can already foresee letters next week from students, claiming that they are very supportive and hospitable to new people on our campus.

However, if you think that you are one of those students; where were you yesterday, and where have you been all summer as the new freshman-to-be have been admiring and roaming our campus?

Do not bother wasting your ink trying to redeem yourself because I don't care. I think it is rude and disgraceful how these new people, freshman-to-be and exchange students alike, have been ignored.

Think about it from now on. Do you want these people thinking that we just don't care, and are more concerned with looking out for #1 than we are with making new people feel comfortable in a strange place that some will soon call home?



Letters to the Editor

Living on Campus not All That Bad: A residents concern

To The Editor:

A Resident's Concern:

I am responding to the article, "Dorm Life An Interesting Experience," which was in the New Student Edition of *Sidelines*. This article is disturbing to new and old students. I have lived in Felder Hall for three semesters and I will be a Resident Assistant in the Fall of '96. Almost everything in the article is false.

There are only five showers in the Felder bathrooms; not twelve. There are shower stalls separating each shower. There are not any community showers in any of the resident halls. I know everyone in Felder and I have never heard of or seen a Dustin Schrimpsper. I am sorry if he fell on his face in the Felder bathroom. Making fun of a person who listens to Contemporary Christian music is called stereotyping. There is nothing wrong with that type of music and Dustin must have been on the committee who brought White Zombie to the MTSU Murphy Center. If you must disgrace the residence halls; do not disgrace the best one on campus. Felder Hall won Best Male Dorm for the '95-'96 year and is recognized as the best residence hall on campus by its own residents. Just

because you live on campus does not mean you have to miss the comforts of a real home. Just because you don't see mommy and daddy every day does not kill the fact that it can not be a home to you. A part of college is growing up and getting out from under the protective wings of your parents. Taking responsibility and living on your own in a strange sort of way. If you don't like your roommate then move out and find a friend to room with. Also, the picture shown in the article is a Family Student Housing apartment which had burnt four years ago. An apartment is a great responsibility, but to an 18 year old incoming freshman who soon realizes that he or she does not have to go to class if they wish not to, can cause a parent's bank account to become very dry. The parents end up wasting money and the kid does not feel like driving to school. The person whom Dustin interviewed, Melissa Farrar, is a friend of mine. Melissa is a senior and very responsible. Every college student should experience living on campus. Given it is not the best home; it does have both good and bad points. It does beat driving three hours from West Tennessee.

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Where the beers are

By Dustin Schrimpscher / staff

Now that summer is in full swing the college community turns its head to less than academic pursuits. Students engrossed in summer classes speeding along at accelerated speeds or consumed with the passions of summer may not hold thriftiness at the top of their priority lists. Whether it's bagging groceries, mowing yards, delivering pizza or begging Mom and Dad for just a little more money to help them pull through summer school, students work hard. Sometimes it gets hard to support grocery bills, car payments and most certainly recreational habits.

For many students a large part of the recreation budget is dedicated to beer. Sure, some folks are responsible and buy their beer at their grocery store while they coupon shop, but many find themselves purchasing alcohol on a whim, sometimes even late at night. Don't think that I'm accusing any upright young scholars of abuse or reckless abandon, many, perhaps even most students spend their money and time wisely. For the non-thrifty miscreants among us, here is the unofficial MTSU Sidelines guide to beer stores within stumbling distance of campus. There are a few, each with its ups and downs. Perhaps this guide can save you some cash, some driving and maybe even some heart ache.

Davis Market

Our first stop is be Davis Market on the corner of S. Tenn. Blvd. and Main Street. Legend has it that about 10 years ago some mystic hippies came out of nowhere and tried to buy it declaring that it was the diametric center of the universe.

Spooky, huh? Maybe the hippies were divinely inspired, maybe they were master mathematicians, maybe they were grazing in President Walker's yard and got hold of some bug spray. The point is that Davis Market may have an unfair advantage over other beer stores just because of

its reputation as a subcultural Mecca.

Right-thinking beer consumers should ignore superstition and consider the facts. Davis Market has a wide selection of cold beer (roughly 25 feet of beer coolers) as well as mountains of beer stored at room temperature. If a party is on your agenda, the little corner market boasts to be able to obtain a keg of any beer you have a hankering for at a reasonable price. They keep on hand micro-brew, imports, malt liquor, and wine coolers. If there is a beer you're craving, it's probably here. Here are a few examples to give you an idea of pricing:

- Guinness \$9.49 per six-pack
- Samuel Adams Honey Porter \$7.49 per six-pack
- Budweiser \$4.69 per six-pack
- Wiedemann \$2.99 per six-pack and \$8.99 per case

New owners, Joey and April McCrary are hoping to hold a free promotional out door concert featuring local bands in early August. If permits are available, the event will be held in the Davis Market parking lot and beer will be sold.

Of course the world is not a bowl of cherries, Davis Market has its flaws. Occasionally you may have trouble finding your craved selection and their prices may not be the lowest in town. Overall, Davis employees are helpful and the prices are reasonable. If selection is your hook, Davis Market is your store.

Mapco Express

On N. Tenn. Blvd. Mapco Express offers not only gas and cigarettes, but also a relatively wide selection of beers (about 12 feet of beer coolers) at more than reasonable prices. Offering patrons beer in quart bottles (ranging in price from \$1.29 to \$1.95), imported beers, domestic beers and wine coolers, Mapco is conveniently located next to Video Culture.

There are no cool rumors about this Mapco but it's almost always



Mark Gibson / staff

Follow the light Billy! God is that you? Am I in heaven? No, it's just good-ole Davis Market offering a heavenly selection of brews, lending physical manifestation to the phrase "butt-load of beer!"

orderly and the prices are sometimes the lowest around campus:

- Pete's Wicked Ale \$7.29 per six-pack
- Samuel Adams Honey Porter \$7.29 per six-pack
- Fosters \$7.29 per six-pack
- Budweiser \$4.29 per six-pack

The down side to Mapco is that it's selection of beer is inconsistent and seems to rise and fall throughout the semester. But if you live on the north side of campus you should check it out.

Texaco

Texaco on the corner of Greenland Dr. and N. Tenn. Blvd. has beer. They don't have a wide variety of beer but if Mom and Dad have a Texaco card... you can buy gas on that and spend your own mad money on beer here so

you'll only have to stop once. Right?

In all seriousness, Texaco plays host to all the big name domestic beers as well as a few choice imports. Some examples for price sake:

- Budweiser \$4.79 per six pack
- Moosehead \$6.99 per six-pack
- Becks \$7.69 per six pack
- St. Ides \$1.59 per quart

Kwik Sak

On the corner of Old Lascassas Rd. and Greenland Dr. is Kwik Sak. If you live close by you may already know it well. It's a small store with a small selection but it can certainly fill the bill if you're in a hurry. Although the prices are nothing to write home about (as if Mom and Dad really want to hear about your thrifty beer shopping), they do have a few import brews and enough domestics to please anyone not

too terribly picky.

- Budweiser \$4.99
- Samuel Adams Boston Lager \$7.29 per six-pack
- Carona \$7.29 per six-pack
- Molson Ice \$1.69 per 16 oz. can

These are your nearby options in your on going search for good beer, good prices and good times. Each place has its good points and its bad. Take this knowledge and use it wisely. The last thing anybody wants is more drunken drivers so don't get in your car after a couple of brews. Likewise, don't drink in excess and walk around. The Murfreesboro police won't think twice about picking up a drunken college student for walking under the influence of alcohol. Stay safe, shop smart and enjoy the summer. *

Vacation Nirvana, Bald Head Island

By Sarah Way / staff

Bald Head Island is a 2,000 acre, boat-accessed residential and resort island community with 14 miles of beaches, rolling dunes, freshwater lagoons, and an 800-acre maritime forest.

Approximately 10,000 acres of salt marsh creeks and maritime forest have been deeded to the State of North Carolina to be left undeveloped. Yachtsmen, sailors and anglers find the harbor one of the finest in the region.

In the mid 18th century the Cape Fear River, which flows past the western shore of Bald Head Island and leads to North Carolina's deepest natural port, became a prominent fixture in regional and European Trade. The age of piracy had begun with the notorious Edward Teach, known as Blackbeard, frequently seeking refuge in the island's creeks and coves.

But it was early river pilots who gave the island a distinctive name. Eager to offer their services, these enterprising seamen took up watch on a headland on the southwest point of the island, an ideal place from which to spot approaching ships.

The headland was worn bare of any vegetation by the new visitors. This "bald" headland, in stark contrast to forest behind it, served as a reference point for ships approaching the river and came to be known as Bald Head Island.

Bald Head is a 10 or 11 hour trip from Murfreesboro. As your view

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changes from the rolling plateau of Middle Tennessee into the lush green mountains to the east, and finally to the vast horizon over the ocean, you will find Bald Head Island 30 miles south of Wilmington, N.C.

Transportation to the island is by passenger ferry or private yacht and on-island transportation for property owners and guests is by tram, golf cart, bicycle or foot.

Bald Head Island is a great place to relax. Cars are not allowed on the island there's no traffic to worry about. As with any beach, the smell of cocoa-butter sizzling on tanning bodies beneath the coastal skies lulls you into a semi-conscious state of relaxation. The island's 14 miles of secluded beaches offer space to roam. You may want to pass the time playing in the sand and collecting shells.

A great source of fun is the Bald Head Island Club, it has one of the finest and most challenging golf courses in the Carolinas. It contains four hard surface tennis courts, a 25-meter swimming pool which offers water aerobics, swimming lessons, pool side cookouts, and two championship croquet greenswards.

If club sports aren't your cup of tea, the island also offers fishing, crabbing and clamming. Bicycling is also very big on the Island, if you are inclined toward the aerobic exercise that cycling offers, the scenery is perfect for it. Climb and descend over the rolling seaside terrain with the smell of salt water rushing your brain with every breath, but be sure to watch out for golf carts. Everyone here is in vacation mode and some may be more conscious of their surroundings than others.

Hurricane Bertha ripped the North Carolina coast earlier this month. The day I was scheduled to leave a mandatory evacuation was enforced on the Island as well as much of the coast. But not to worry, Bald Head Island was spared from any major damage and life on the coast continues virtually undaunted.

A trip to Bald Head Island won't come cheap, for four people expect to pay around \$2,500 for a house for one week in the summer, and around \$1,000 for a house for a week in the off-season. Most houses generally don't rent for the weekend during the summer, however in the off season they rent for around \$250 a night. *

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Gus Macker Tournament Funds Research

By Keith Russell / staff

The self-proclaimed "Woodstock of Basketball," otherwise known as the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, will return on September 14 to set up its third annual hoops mecca in the Sears parking lot at Cool Springs Galleria in Franklin.

Players of all ages and ability levels can sign up for the two day double elimination tournament, which will raise money to benefit cancer research at Franklin's Biological Therapy Institute.

"We have people from as young as eight-years-old to 80-year-olds that sign up for this every year," says Stacy Eshenroder, Director of Development for the Biological Therapy Institute and tournament organizer.

Interested participants have until August 23 to enter a four person team in the tournament, after which organizers will split the teams up into divisions according to such considerations as height, playing experience, age, and gender. Costs for entering a team are \$88.

The tournament will be the only Gus Macker sponsored event in Tennessee this year, and is expected to attract as many as 400 teams—up from last year's total of 232—to Franklin, with a number of players coming from all across the nation. According to Eshenroder, teams from as many as 16 different states are expected to take part.

"We have people that travel from city to city just to play in these tournaments," remarks Eshenroder, who first became involved with the 23-year-old, nationally recognized (Gus

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Stacy Eshenroder
tournament organizer,
Director of Development
for the Biological
Therapy Institute

Macker has tournaments in 72 U.S. cities this year) tournament while living in Michigan.

"They like to come because it's great competition, and they know we're prepared for the outdoor game," continues Eshenroder, noting that even specially made basketball hoops will be shipped in from New Mexico for the event.

Due to the double elimination format, teams are guaranteed to play at least three half court, 3-on-3 games. In most divisions—the exceptions being in youth competition and the most advanced adult play—players call their own foul, adhering to the honor system of refereeing found in most gyms and hoops playgrounds.

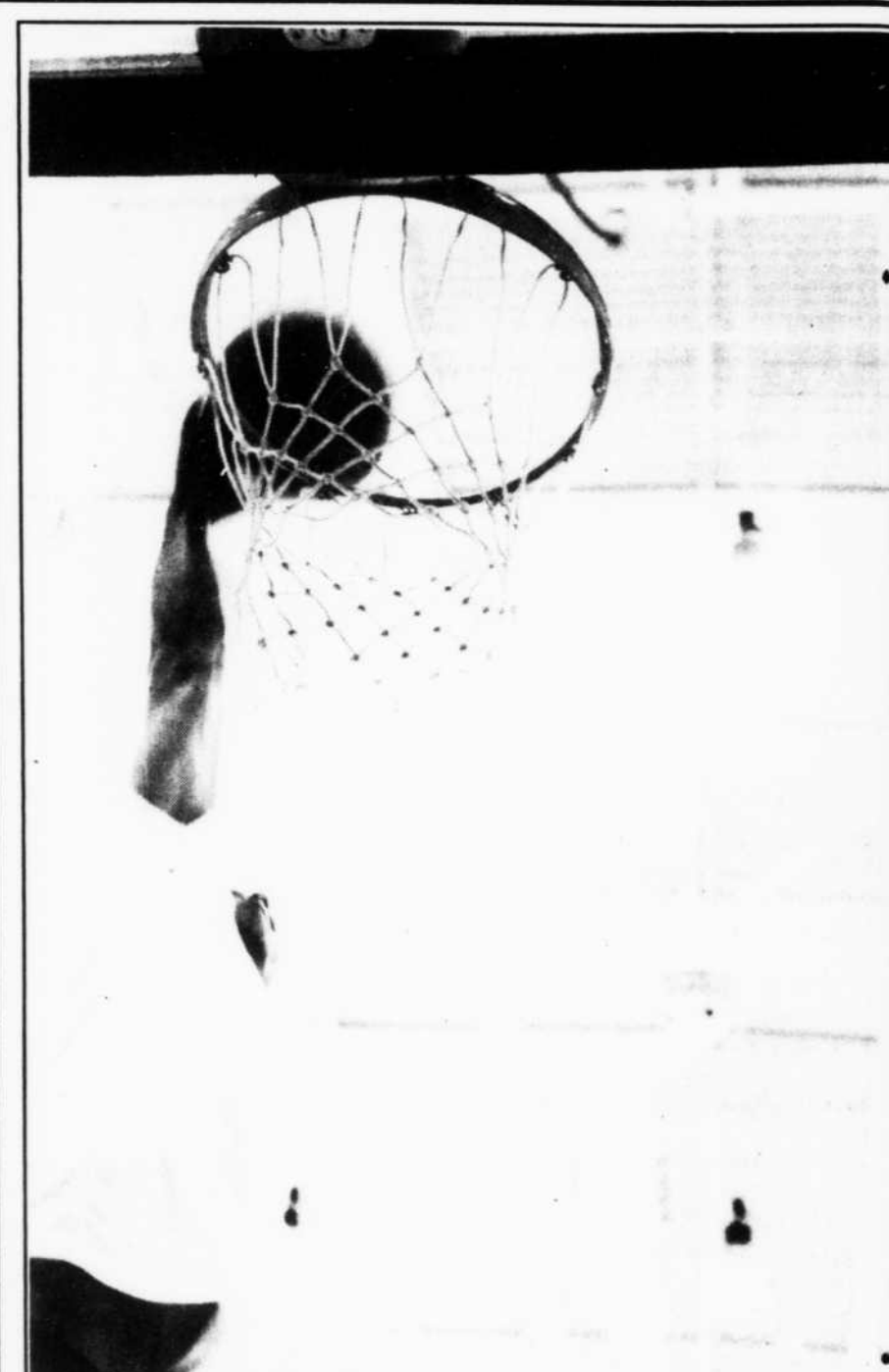
As serious as some of the competition between the most experienced players is likely to be, however, Eshenroder stresses that the

tournament emphasizes low-key fun for the entire family. Evidence of this can be seen from the fact that as many as a third of the competitors who enter Gus Macker will walk away with a trophy of some kind, whether it be for finishing among the top three teams, for exhibiting sportsmanship, or for the all-important "Toilet Bowl" prize. Slam dunk, free throw, and long-distance shooting competitions will also highlight the weekend entertainment.

"It's just a lot of fun, it's really wholesome, and it's family oriented," says Eshenroder. "We have fathers and sons who come and play together every year, and everybody usually just has a great time."

And it's probably easier to have a great time when you know that at the same time you are helping a good cause. Last year the Gus Macker tournament raised \$40,000 for the Biological Therapy Institute, a non-profit foundation that tries to help area cancer patients benefit from research and treatments that may one day save them. The Institute also held a celebrity golf tournament fund-raiser in May, and hopes to expand upon last year's Gus Macker proceeds.

Entry forms and more information about this year's Gus Macker tournament can be picked up at participating area Kroger's and Sears stores, or by calling the Biological Therapy Institute's Gus Macker hotline at 791-3853. In addition to players, the tournament is also looking for volunteers to help out in monitoring games. ●



Keith Russell / staff

Brian Buttrey, junior/criminal justice major, gives it his all as he tries to perform and perfect his dunk shot on a Rec Center court. The Rec Center has seen many players this summer trying to improve on their basketball game.

16 tons and what do you get: no eggrolls

Associated Press

Not to complain, the Chinese gentleman said, but we're a tad weary of hamburger, sort of cramped in our rooms, turned off by your cheap bazaar, absolutely fed up with your bus "system," and WOULD YOU PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE FIRE ALARMS!

No, the Chinese are not having fun yet at the Olympics — least of all in the race for gold.

China's 495-member contingent came to Atlanta set to score big in swimming and other sports. But in the first two days, only one of eight top Chinese women swimmers even qualified for the finals.

Serves them right, say the Americans, who insist the secret to their past success was high-performance drugs. Seven Chinese women swimmers tested positive for drugs in 1994, leading to more frequent tests that would have discouraged further use.

"I think cracking down on the drug scene is helping," said U.S. freestyler

Jenny Thompson.

Looks that way. But the Chinese are stumbling in gymnastics and women's basketball, too, and one of their pistol-shooting stars collapsed during competition.

Could living conditions far from home be rattling the visitors?

The Chinese are hardly alone in complaining about the "glitch games," but their litany of woes is impressive:

RING THEM BELLS

Three separate days, fire alarms sounded off mysteriously in the Chinese dormitory at Georgia Tech's Olympic Village. Most unnerving was the 3 a.m. alarm the first morning of swimming competition. Swimmers and others were roused from their beds, stood outside for a half-hour, then tried to get back to sleep.

"College pranks," pronounced village security chief Mike Mizell. But Wei Jizhong is unconvinced.

"This occurred three times, and it didn't happen where the Americans are," said the Chinese Olympic Committee secretary general. "Common sense would tell you it

would affect your work the next day."

DESTINATION: NOWHERE

Remember the movie "Speed"? The Chinese feel like characters in a bus-horror flick called "Slow."

Chinese basketballers were stranded for two hours after one game, waiting for the olympically confused bus system. Other athletes were left behind while going through standard drug-testing. And when volleyballers wanted to watch the competition play, they were told to cough up \$800 for a bus, for a two-mile round trip.

NONE FROM COLUMN A

Among the 16 tons of hamburger, 274,500 cheese slices, 199,000 sandwich buns and 262 gallons of ketchup provisioned for athletes at the village, there's no room for a little moo shu pork or General Chang's chicken.

The Chinese have asked officials to beef up the village cafeteria menu with Asian dishes. "The quantity and quality are good enough, but unfortunately the taste is not for Oriental people," Wei said.

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New Bowl in 1999: ABC

Associated Press

A true national championship has arrived in college football. And the first game between the two top-ranked teams will be played after the 1998 season.

ABC Sports said today it has signed a seven-year deal with the bowl alliance, Big Ten and Pac-10 conferences that will bring the six major conferences together in a bowl package for the first time.

The site of the first title game has yet to be determined, but the Rose Bowl will get the glamour game in 2002, ABC said. Three other bowls will be involved in the rotation and each will host two title games.

The current bowls in the alliance

— the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar—are expected to remain in the rotation with the title game played at different site each year.

The biggest sticking point in arranging the package was satisfying the Rose Bowl. According to ABC deal stipulates that if the top teams are from the Pac-10 and Ten, those teams would be matched the designated title game, and Rose Bowl would choose two of teams.

ABC Sports has scheduled a conference call at 1:30 p.m. EDT to announce further details of the deal. "Thanks to the hard work of the conference commissioners and

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FREAK KITCHEN ACCIDENT RESULTS IN NEW TEX-MEX SENSATION

The (almost) true story of the Fajita Enchilada.

It began like any other day in the El Chico kitchen. The head chef was busy selecting the freshest produce he could find, while his assistants hurried around the kitchen, preparing the ingredients for the dinner rush. The kitchen was abustle with activity. Then it happened. Two young cooks collided, one carrying a tray of El Chico's mouth-watering



enchiladas, the other with a sizzling skillet of freshly grilled steak fajitas. Luckily no one was injured (a miracle when you consider the damage an airborne Tex-Mex entrée could do), and after the chef stopped yelling and tasted the resulting dish, we knew we had a hit on our hands. The new Fajita Enchilada. And they're only at El Chico.



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 "We're giving them sticky rice every meal, and kimchi 24 hours a day," said food-services manager Lew Sprague.
 "Kimchi is for Koreans," Wei retorted.
 It looks like they'd better just grin and swallow the burgers and fries. But, wait a minute, why not just order eggrolls "in," like the rest of us?
 "Restaurant deliverymen are not allowed into the village," said the security boss.
HAVE A NICE STAY
 The athletes are doubling up in college dorm rooms meant for one person. China's 7-foot

basketballers are probably literally doubled up.
 "I hope in the future they give more room for all athletes," Wei said.
 Some around here suggest darkly these "great wails of China" are a plot to divert attention from the failures of drug-free Chinese swimmers. Or that the Chinese are still sour over losing the 2000 Games to Sydney.
 But another complaint rings true with many: that the hucksterism and profiteering surrounding these games is offensive. Wei protested formally to the International Olympic Committee about the Atlanta "concept."
 "Their concept is not for the

athletes, but for the organization, for the business. That's why you have to pay" — \$800 to ride down the street, for example.
 But not every athlete's excluded from the "concept."
 Take the Dream Team, the U.S. basketball superstars who are whisked around town by police motorcycle escort. Then again, Dreamster Charles Barkley is complaining that they're too cramped in their luxury accommodations at the Omni Hotel.
 So you see, Mr. Wei, you can rest easy. As Sir Charles can attest, things are tough all over. *

FOOTBALL:

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 "Thanks to the hard work of all the conference commissioners and athletic directors, college football fans will finally have a guaranteed annual national championship football game," ABC Sports president Steve Bornstein said today. "It is gratifying that ABC Sports, as the network of college football, was the catalyst to make this possible."
 For years, college commissioners and coaches have been calling for a true title game, but until today, no plan was able to satisfy all parties involved. Currently, the ACC, Big East, SEC, Big 12 and Notre Dame are in the bowl alliance, with the Pac-10 and Big Ten out of the mix because of their Rose Bowl commitments.
 "I've thought for years that after the bowls are all over, they ought to have one more game, but that's not the case," Ohio State coach John Cooper said. "This sounds like the bowls are going to stage a national championship game, as opposed to a playoff or a game after the bowl games are over. Just like the Fiesta this

year. Now the Rose Bowl is in the mix."
 Although financial terms of deal were unavailable, ABC currently has the rights to the Rose and Sugar bowls. Until now, the Rose Bowl, which matches the Big Ten champion against the Pac-10 winner, did not participate in the alliance bowl package.
 Details have yet to be worked out on how the No. 1 and No. 2 teams will be determined, although the current bowl alliance ranking uses the writers' poll of The Associated Press and coaches' poll of CNN-USA Today.
 The Rose Bowl still holds on to most of its Big Ten-Pac-10 tradition. ABC said if one team from the Big Ten or Pac-10 qualified for the national title game, the remaining team would automatically play in the Rose Bowl. If neither of those conference champs were ranked first or second, they would play in the Rose Bowl. In 2002, the Rose Bowl would match 1 vs. 2 no matter who the teams were.
 "The main thing we wanted to do was give our teams access to the 1 vs. 2 game when we're qualified and to preserve the bowl system as we know it," Ohio State athletic director

Andy Geiger said. "There will be some complaints and criticism of it, I've already heard some. But I also heard a great deal last year when we went into the Michigan game ranked No. 2 in the country and we're not going to have a chance to play in the big game, the 1 vs. 2 game. There was a very loud noise from a lot of people who love the Buckeyes saying that something needed to be done about that."
 After this season, the title game will be played at the Sugar Bowl without involvement by the Big Ten and Pac-10. Next season, the rotation calls for the game to be played in the Orange Bowl. Last season, Nebraska beat Florida in the Fiesta Bowl in the first year of the previous six-year bowl alliance deal.
 If the current rotation remains, the site of the 1999 title game would be Tempe, Ariz., in the Fiesta Bowl.
 "The terms of the existing deal said that it could be opened up if another deal proposed was better," ABC spokesman Mark Mandel said. "And that's why ABC was best to do this because none of this could happen without the Rose Bowl." *

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Deus ex Machina (part 2)

The following is the second part of a four piece science-fiction short story.
by Andrew Mays

"It's not quite static and white noise. There's more organization to it than that, as if a pattern is repeating slowly, steadily."

He listened with a combination of awe and jealousy. Sibyl had called it looking over someone's shoulder in the confession booth. He was beginning to see her point sitting in that small tight crowd of strangers all glaring at a central figure on a make shift altar. They were not worshipping her, but rather what she saw and said. Being there reminded him of the guilty pleasures he had found in the strip club visits of his youth. No one made eye contact; all hovering within centimeters of each other, never touching. Their eyes focused on her lips, moist and ruby red. Sometimes moving without sound, as if mouthing silent prayers to the Messiah they all expected her to see.

"I feel like I'm moving upwards." It was hard for her to talk, the rush of undecoded data confusing her. He was impressed, she was one of the twelve in every thousand who was able to stay conscious during a virgin flue. "I have no control. I can feel the data pushing me as if I were floating

in water. Like undertow was pulling me inside a soft wet gel of information; it ripples and squeezes me forward."

He wiped the sweat from his brow and glanced up at the security camera. He could feel Sibyl's presence there watching like a technological gargyle. The state had declared exploration of undecoded mathematical data illegal. Information had become a psychoactive. It was good to know he had a guardian angel in the matrix watching, protecting.

"I see a brightness." The people around him didn't seem to care about the inevitable police raid. Many of them felt that the government's outlawing of virgin flugs was in violation of their freedom of religion. "It seems to be brightening as if it's breaking down, separating into bits. Now the pattern is immersing. Forming what looks like a..."

He could see her face flush, according to the monitors attached her heart-beat more than doubled. "It's beautiful. A face, glowing angelic. It's reaching out..." He watched her eyes light up like a mother seeing her baby for the first time. She smiled and laughed, her body going stiff and rigid. Then her joy turned into terror.

Her screams were accompanied by a bright flash that came from inside her, a static charge emanating from

her neural net. It jumped from her eyes, nose, ears and mouth into the floor and ceiling in quick bursts of green lightning.

Everyone scattered, screaming and cursing as they tried to escape what most of them assumed were the police. He knew better. The police would have wanted her alive, putting her neural processor into a loop so that they could trace her location and arrest her.

The life support monitors were in the red, her pulse a small curve of life.

He looked again at the camera, saying to Sibyl "She's still alive! This would be a good time for you to access 911 and send an ambulance on the way."

"Ambulance is on the way." She said into the comlink as he rushed to the aid of the woman he had been watching.

"Jesus Christ." She coughed out with her last breath. Blood was slowly dripping out of her eyes and nose. A thick red trail of blood dripped from her mouth, contrasting her blackened lips. He didn't have to look at the monitors to know she had died in his arms. He could smell the static, charred hair and skin; her face twisted in horrifying ecstasy.

Look for part three of *Deus ex Machina* in next week's edition

Movies Under the Stars: A long time tradition, still being practiced in the Boro

Staff Report

About thirty people gathered next to the baseball diamond last night to watch an outdoor screening of "Home Alone II." Many of the audience members were Murfreesboro-area children who were out with their parents.

Despite concerns that the winds would blow the screen over, the children seemed to enjoy the outdoor experience.

The movie was presented by Harry Hollis who has been showing movies outdoors for 49 years.

"In the old days every big city, Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, Birmingham - they all had movies under the stars. But that was years ago, and nobody else likes to do it."

"I've been told by my film distributor that I'm the last one in the country doing this."

Next year Hollis will celebrate his 50th year of showing movies outside. "I guess I'll keep on doing it as long as I can," he said. "As long as I'm able. I enjoy it you know. I wouldn't have done it this long if I didn't love seeing the kids watch the movies."

The movies are arranged through the city of Murfreesboro, which pays for the film rental. Hollis makes his money from concessions sales.

Hollis will be back on MTSU next Monday night. •



Mark Gibson / staff

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