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Books donated

DK Publishing provided free books for MTSU's library and the Elementary and Special Education department. The donation was organized by U.S. Representative Bart Gordon's office and totaled over 42 tons of books and computer software. Rebekah Alexander, assistant professor of Elementary and Special Education said that the books would give their literacy program an opportunity to expand. Alexander said that with the donation said child will be able to have six to nine books by the time they start kindergarten. She said that, according to studies, children do better in school if they begin to read at an early age. The donation was open to all librarians and teachers, so they can sort through books to use for their programs.

Craig chairs new aviation museum

Paul Craig, interim chair of aerospace, will serve as chair of the Tennessee Museum of Aviation in Gatlinburg-Pigeon Forge Airport in Sevierville. MTSU has joined with University of Memphis, University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University to represent a variety of members on the board. The purpose of the museum will be to focus on the history of aviation in Tennessee. The grand opening of the museum will be toward the end of summer or early fall.

Education Fairs educates adults

Two educational fairs were designed to inform adult learners about the variety of educational programs. The theme of the fair is "Returning to Learning," which emphasizes the opportunities for adults to return back to school. According to Carol Ann Bailey, director of MTSU's Adult Services Center, the fairs are a great way for adults, who have never attended college, to learn about job training opportunities that are available to them. The fair will display a variety of career choices for adults with programs lasting from 15-18 months.

MTSU students work at BioVenture

MTSU's students worked with the latest technology at BioVentures last semester. They use microarrays to gather a multitude of DNA information from individual slides. The students were able to gain a real world application of engineering and biology. Becky Sipelt, assistant professor of biology, said that there are plans for an array to be built on campus.

Haskew's surgery

Barbara S. Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, will have surgery for cancer June 25. She has served in the position since June 1995, after being dean of the College of Business for seven years. Haskew received her doctorate from the University of Tennessee Knoxville and teaches courses in economics and industrial relations.

Weighing the cost of an education

Can MTSU still claim to be the economical value it used to be?

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

An in-state full-time student at MTSU in the fall 1992 could expect to pay \$740 per semester.

A student of today — nearly ten years later — pays \$1,404 per semester, almost double that of 1992.

University supporters used to boast that MTSU was a place where students — both in-state

and out-of-state — could go to get a good education for a fraction of the cost of big name schools.

But low state funding has forced the Tennessee Board of Regents, the governing body of MTSU and five other four-year universities to annually raise tuition throughout its institutions.

This year will be no different, but just how much tuition will be raised is anyone's guess.

Officials in MTSU's business office said there had been a rumor about a tuition increase as high as 15 percent, but said that the rumor was unfounded. Instead, a four to eight percent increase is expected, officials said.

Still Mary Morgan, director of communications for MTSU,

said it's impossible to determine how much tuition will be raised until after the Tennessee Legislature solves the state's budget crisis.

"I think people are slinging a lot of numbers around, but no one really knows yet," she said.

Contingent on the Legislature's finalization of the state budget, TBR is planning to meet on the campus of Mississippi State Technical College in Knoxville June 28-29. If the Legislature doesn't have the budget ready yet, the board has a backup meeting planned for July 9 at TBR headquarters in Nashville.

Over the last five years, MTSU hasn't been the only TBR school to feel the strain from low state funding. When the

board sets a tuition increase, it usually applies the same rate across all of its similar schools.

The exception to this rule is the University of Memphis, which typically receives a higher increase because it's considered to be in a group of peer institutions different from the other TBR universities, Morgan said.

Based solely on tuition figures for the 2000-2001 school year, MTSU — the largest institution out of TBR's six four-year universities — is the third most expensive behind Memphis and Austin Peay State University, according to figures from each of the universities.

The tuition figures for the six universities are: APSU, \$1,415; East Tennessee State University, \$1,380; Memphis, \$1,543; MTSU, \$1,404; Tennessee State

University, \$1,336; and Tennessee Technological University, \$1,365.

The big spike in tuition rates for Tennessee universities such as MTSU was started by an enormous cut by the state to the higher education budget in 1997.

Gov. Don Sundquist gave Tennessee the State Address on Feb. 10, 1997 and announced a four percent reduction in the base budget of higher education. This cut slashed \$40 million out of the higher education budget.

Later in February 1997, then MTSU President James E. Walker predicted a tuition increase of six to 10 percent for the next school year, which

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MT Habitat Project

MTSU finishes Habitat House



Photo by Charlene Callier | Staff

Habitat for Humanity House located on Bridge Avenue was built by MT faculty, staff and students.

Charlene Callier
News Editor

The Division of Student Affairs Habitat House project will be complete at the end of June.

MTSU's faculty, staff and students volunteer their time on weekends to build the house located on Bridge Avenue.

The volunteers built frames, put up walls and painted the house under the

supervision of a construction leader.

"It was good to see students, faculty and staff working side-by-side on weekends," said Debra Sells, director of Residential life.

The Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit Christian housing organization.

The organization works in partnership with people in

need to build and renovate decent affordable housing.

Once the houses are completed, they are sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charge.

"It was nice to contribute to the community of Murfreesboro," Sells said.

Volunteers provide most of the labor, while the organization provides the material and the construction supervisors.

"The supervisor told us what to do and we did it," said

Ilene Hale, secretary of Student Development. "I was on the first crew and helped lay down the floor and frames."

"I was able to do some manual labor, and I had a really good time with what we accomplished," said Gina Poff, director of Student Development.

Participants who will live in the habitat housing project

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Marshall first to be re-elected SGA president

Charlene Callier
News Editor

John Marshall has been elected Student Government Association president for the second term.

He is the first person to serve two consecutive terms as president.

"When there is consistency in leadership, you don't have to start from scratch," Marshall said.



John Marshall

Marshall said that one of the main reasons he ran for office a second term was due to the file administration. "They were so willing to work with students and allow them to participate in the decision making process," Marshall said.

He said that when working with interim President Eugene Smith, he could see how much Smith truly enjoyed working with students.

Marshall feels that the SGA's new constitution will allow the organization to be more productive, effective and develop a stronger voice.

He said that one of the problems with SGA in the previous years was that it was too big to be efficient.

Marshall said many people often have two definitions of SGA. They see it as a model of the actual governmental process by debating on bills and education or as a student organization.

"SGA is a lobbying organization for students," Marshall said.

He said that SGA takes the needs of student's issues and concerns to the administration to get a reaction or resolution.

SGA's future plans consist of building a better relationship among students, faculty, staff and administration.

"We often take for granted the tremendous resources we have available to us," Marshall said.

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Lightning Leadership Camp creating leaders

Charlene Callier
News Editor

MTSU will offer a Lightning Leadership Camp for incoming freshmen this summer to improve their knowledge of leadership abilities and to help build school spirit.

The camp is targeted towards a select group of freshmen from the following groups: Raider Learning Communities, Presidential Scholars, Leadership Performance Scholars, Otis Floyd Scholars, Neill-Sandler Scholars, John C. Bragg Scholars and Academic

Service Scholars.

"These students have shown the initiative to get involved," said Gina Poff, director of Student Development. "A lot of their scholarships require them to participate in leadership programs."

The camp is designed to encourage team building, personal growth and leadership while instilling traditions of MTSU that will enhance their experience in college.

"SGA has been wanting a program like this for a while, so we decided upon the camp," Poff said.

Some of the goals of the camp are to create a positive transition to life at MTSU, instill school spirit and Blue Raider pride, build leadership confidence and provide a safe learning environment to the students.

Campers are grouped with upper-class mentors and called "Storm Trackers" for the remainder of the camp.

The campers will participate in a variety of activities ranging from boat building, ground initiatives and mixers to introduce the students to each other.

"If you haven't grasped the

student's attention by the first weekend of school, it's gone," Montague said.

As camp coordinator, Montague gathered data, organized the camp brochures and prepared training required for the lightning leaders.

Lightning leaders were selected from applications and interviews.

"We had a lot of impressive applicants," Montague said.

Poff sent out memos to faculty and staff who were nominated from members of the

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Costs: Tuition rates expected to jump again

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would be the highest increase in the history of MTSU.

A six percent increase was confirmed in June of that year. The increase was attributed to the need for the university to offset the state budget cut.

The six percent increase may have been a first in MTSU's history, but it wasn't the last. TBR

increased tuition by six percent for a second time two years later in June 1999 (in 1998 tuition was increased by five percent).

Another milestone was reached in July 2000 when tuition was raised by an unprecedented 10 percent for the 2000-2001 school year.

University officials claimed both the 1999 increase and the

2000 increase were necessary to hire additional staff to fill vacant teacher positions due to MTSU's continued increase in enrollment.

The MTSU tuition rates haven't completely doubled the rates of 1992, but this year's inevitable increase is expected to push the rates to that point. ♦



Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff

Faculty, staff and students worked on the house in January.

Marshall: Serving second term as president

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SGA wants the students to take time out and show that they appreciate the hard work of the faculty, staff and administrators.

"A simple 'thank you' will help build a relationship," Marshall said.

SGA also plans to increase school spirit and pride at the university with several activities they have planned for the fall.

The Student Development

Office has been working with SGA to incorporate school spirit with a program titled Lightning Leadership Camp.

The main focus of this camp is to get freshmen more involved with school spirit so they can see what's going on in and outside the classroom.

Another activity is the Raider Rally, which is held for each home game, and SGA has subsidized the cost of two road trips to help students who want to support MTSU have a chance

to go.

"SGA is very optimistic about President McPhee because he approaches the organization the same way as former President Smith," Marshall said.

Marshall also said that McPhee is very student oriented and he goes out of his way to make sure that students' voices are heard.

For more information on SGA, contact John Marshall at 898-2464. ♦

New House: Humanity house finished

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have to dedicate hundreds of hours in building their homes and the homes of others.

Their mortgage payments are put into a fund that will help build homes for others.

Habitat for Humanity builds five houses per year on lots donated to them from the government or other organizations.

The organization has fundraisers to raise money for the construction materials.

"We were able to see tangible results from the project," Sells said.

"I thought I would do my share because student development was doing the project," Hale said. ♦

Camps: Building on knowledge and spirit

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board that displayed a strong dedication to the university.

The selected nominees displayed their school spirit and an ability to step beyond their positions as educators to make

MTSU a memorable experience outside of the classroom.

Once the students arrive at the camp, they will be divided into 10 groups, each led by a staff and student leader.

Each of the groups is named after an MTSU building that is

named after someone who has made a valuable contribution to the university.

"We created things that would serve as a historical foundation," Poff said.

The camp will take place at the Joe C. Davis YMCA

Outdoor Center on Percy Priest Lake Aug. 15-17.

The site offers a 50-foot alpine tower, a zip line, a high rope course, ski boats and various watercraft.

Registration for the camp is open to the first 100 entering freshmen that turn in all materials. The cost of the camp is

\$50 per camper and must be received by July 20.

The students will be notified of their acceptance to the camp during the week of July 23.

Students who participate in the camp will have the advantage of early check-in because the facilities will open Aug. 15 at 8 a.m. to allow them to settle in

before leaving for the campsite at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Gina Poff, director of Student Development, or Chris Montague, student coordinator of Lightning Leadership Camp at 898-2454. ♦

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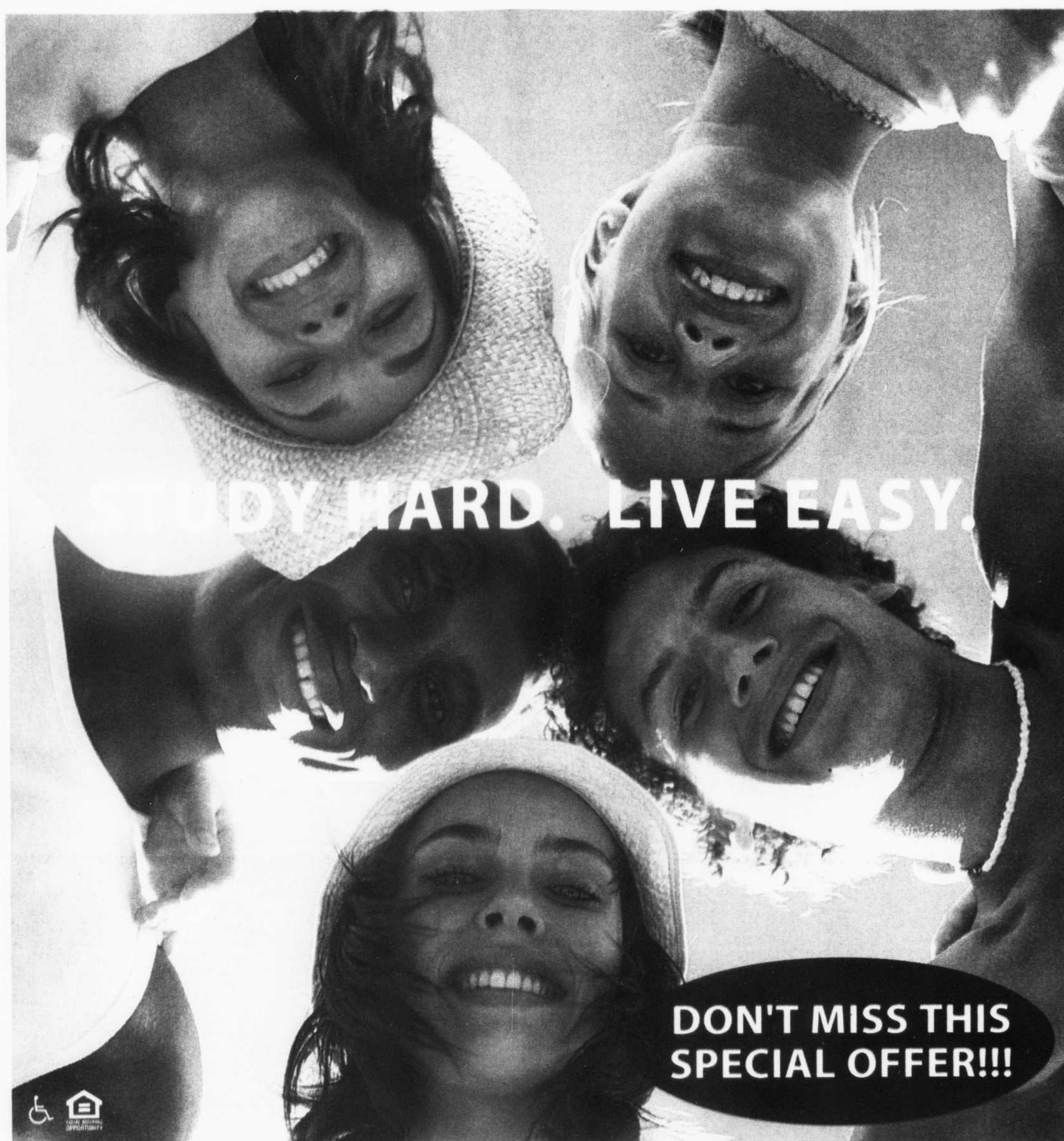
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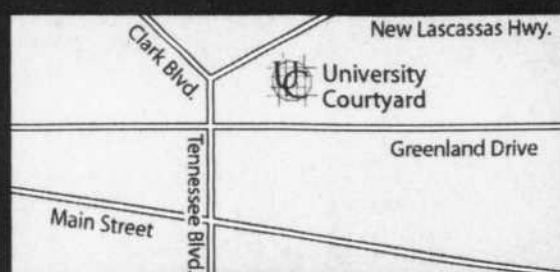


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From the staff State shouldn't cut education, start elsewhere

The Tennessee Board of Regents will be meeting in the next month to determine how much they're going to dip into our bank accounts this year.

That's right; tuition will be increasing again.

But it's not fair of us to blame it on the TBR. Low state funding for higher education has forced the TBR to annually raise tuition for MTSU and the five other four-year universities they control, and this year will be no different.

In-state tuition for full-time students increased from \$740 in the fall of 1992 to \$1,404 for fall 2000. These increases began when the Tennessee Legislature made a huge cut to the higher education budget in 1997, slicing \$40 million from higher education.

Once again, the legislature is facing a budget crisis, and once again, they are expected to cut from higher education.

Of course, right now, no one knows what they're going to do — not even the senators and representatives themselves.

Basically, they either need to cut from the budget or raise revenue with one of the many tax plans. But none of them want to vote for new taxes, because they're afraid they won't win a re-election. So millions of dollars in cuts are expected.

Where are the their priorities? Of all the areas in which to cut, why education?

Only 17 percent of Tennesseans hold a four-year college degree. This compares to 24 percent nationally and 21 percent regionally. The cost of a college degree is probably directly related to these below-average numbers. Maybe more people would finish college and get a degree if it didn't cost an arm and a leg each year.

And maybe it wouldn't cost an arm and a leg each year if our state were willing to contribute more to higher education. In 2000, Tennessee spent less per capita on higher education than all other southern states. What does that say about their goals and ambitions for the people of this state?

Not much.

So when our state senators and representatives cast their votes for a budget plan, we hope they remember that some of us are trying to reach goals of success and attainment that start with getting that college degree.

Marijuana should be legalized

For Argument's Sake



A long time ago (the 1930s) in a place far, far away (the American Southwest), government officials were getting angry. Mexican immigrants, who had been welcome during the roaring 20s because they would work for much less than American workers, were now standing in food lines

alongside Americans.

No no no, those officials didn't like it one bit.

So what did they do?

They focused on criminalizing a drug that had a relatively high percentage of Hispanic users — marijuana.

Legislatures in several southwestern states began criminalizing marijuana and started deporting immigrants caught with the drug. How convenient.

The federal government was not initially interested in a nationwide ban on marijuana, feeling that the drug was not dangerous enough to justify such prohibition.

However, due to pressure from southwestern states, the government started creating films that showed

(lied about) the effects of marijuana.

Children and teenagers became homicidal, suicidal, sexual beasts due to this evil drug. The government eventually brainwashed itself, and despite a comprehensive report conducted by the state of New York stating that marijuana should not be criminalized, the Marijuana Stamp Act of 1937 became law.

In this, the government required dealers to have a stamp from the government to be able to sell marijuana. The catch is that not only were stamps not dispensed, you had to hand the marijuana in hand to get a stamp.

When you walked into the building with a bag of

marijuana in hand, you were arrested for possession.

While the Stamp Act was later repealed, a new law was installed shortly after that produced the same result.

Therefore, marijuana prohibition is rooted in discrimination and not the notion of nationwide safety, and it should be legalized.

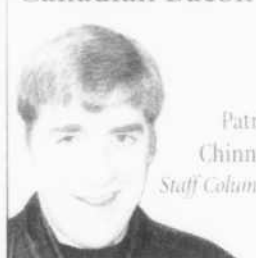
Research keeps telling us that marijuana is no more harmful than cigarettes. It is impossible to overdose on it, and there are no chemicals in it that are addictive in and of themselves (although psychological addiction can be a problem.) It can ease the pain of cancer and glaucoma patients.

The biggest problem in the fight against legalization is that some legislators who may support the cause are afraid to stand up for it for fear of not being re-elected. We must first eliminate much of the stigma surrounding marijuana and make people realize that the drug is safer than alcohol, which is a perfectly acceptable drug.

We need to get otherwise innocent marijuana users out of jail. We need to stop imprisoning and persecuting the young of this country for a relatively harmless drug. We need to take a stand against a law rooted in racism and cloaked in lies. ♦

Bush's European tour a smart move

Canadian Bacon



George W. Bush's recent tour of Europe couldn't have come at a better time for our beleaguered president. His opinion numbers are, for the first time, beginning to drop dramatically and he's taking lots of flak for his regressive energy views.

Given his track record on environmental and energy decisions, it's a smart move to try and improve his reputation on foreign relations, which

until recently was thought to be his greatest weakness.

Leaders of Europe, from King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia of Spain to President Jacques Chirac of France to Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom, have all attacked Bush's idea of a missile defense system in recent months, even after Bush offered to defend the other NATO countries with it.

Bush's trip, therefore, had a dual purpose: first, to prove to citizens at home that he wasn't a bungling tool for big business in every field of endeavor and second, to prove to the leaders of Europe that he wasn't a gun-slinging, Bible-thumping, death-penalty-endorsing, Texan reac-

tionary, as one of his own aides recently described him when asked how the leaders of Europe viewed him.

The problem for Bush, however, is also two-pronged: first, those of us who actually pay attention to politics no longer are willing to let him slide if he can merely pronounce the names of foreign leaders correctly. With the American people finally demanding a little substance from their president, it's put up or shut up time for the former governor, who boasted in the past that he had the ability to make other countries fall in line behind the United States policies.

The second problem is that Bush has underestimated just how reviled he

is abroad, especially by President Chirac. The Frenchman has been quite outspoken in his views about President Bush, none of which are positive. The French have a long history of conflicting with our foreign policy goals and have often criticized many of our domestic policy decisions. This criticism has only increased with President Bush coming to power.

As noted in a previous column, the United States is the only remaining industrialized nation that evokes the death penalty. Combined with a missile defense system that has the power to annihilate any country on earth at the push of a button, an American president would have the power to control

life on Earth.

One could see how this would make foreign leaders nervous, even leaders of the Allied nations.

Bush's track record of endorsing life is not encouraging, given his record number of executions as Texas governor and his refusal to cooperate with Democrats on Capitol Hill, who have recently asked for a moratorium on all federal executions.

For once I agree with the French - a man like Bush, who already has thousands of nuclear weapons at his disposal, does not need a greater ability to kill millions of people, which is just what the missile shield would give him. ♦

'Click it' program violates liberty

Out of Leftist Field



The "Click it or Ticket" commercials that ran on my hometown's local news station were all but comical. They featured big, intimidating police officers who pounded their fists and insisted threateningly, "We are going to save lives."

Thanks, but no thanks. I'll save my life if I want to. I don't need the government threatening me with a fine if I decide to put myself at risk between here and the grocery store.

Personal safety versus personal liberty is a tricky balance. In a country that likes to call itself "free," it

seems odd that putting oneself at risk can be considered a crime. If someone is driving and not wearing a seatbelt, who is at risk? If that car crashes into another car full of seatbelt-wearing occupants, who loses? Probably the driver without the seatbelt. Ooops. His bad.

It may be harsh, but that's the way personal liberty works. Adults should have all the room they want to screw up their own lives.

It sounds weird, but that's what freedom is. There's no need for the boys and girls in blue to have to waste their time peering into cars to make sure Joe Blow isn't going to hurt himself. If Joe thinks he is invincible, let him crash into a brick wall without a seatbelt on. That might teach him more of a lesson than a \$20 citation.

Of course, with chil-

dren, it's a little more complicated. Guardians have an obligation to protect their helpless little lives - which is why there are laws that deal with child abuse, negligence, etc. Adults should be mindful enough of their little ones to buckle them into their car seats without needing a financial tap on the shoulder from Officer Lifesaver.

Of course, that's in a perfect world where there are no stupid adults. But that's what we're working for, right?

I have just one more beef with the "Click it" program. Since the Supreme Court recently decided that motorists must be completely submissive to police when stopped for minor traffic offenses, it wouldn't surprise me if this program's popularity spread beyond the south, where everyone seems to think it's the coolest thing

since the tater gun.

What I mean is, under this new ruling, drivers stopped at these roadblocks can be arrested for not wearing seatbelts, and their cars can be searched as if they were captured fugitives. For not wearing a seatbelt!

Do the officers think they're going to find a doctor's note explaining why Bubba is exempt from the seatbelt law? No! They're going to conveniently tiptoe around the Fourth Amendment so they can search and seize as they please, without all the fuss of a warrant or even probable cause.

If you think I'm exaggerating, check out the case of soccer mom Gail Atwater, who forgot to buckle herself and her two children while driving 15 miles per hour in a residential area. Atwater was stopped, arrested, booked, jailed and prosecuted.

The Atwater vs. City of

Lago Vista decision by the Supreme Court permits arrest for non-jailable offenses. There are no constitutional limitations that exist to regulate placing a driver or passenger in a lawfully-stopped vehicle under full custodial arrest for a fine-only infraction. This means that, upon custodial arrest, the police have the power to search the entire vehicle and everything in it without additional justification.

So I can't help but fume at the thought of future "Click it" roadblocks all along the roads of America, like small, flashing-lit toll booths, with officers rummaging through the trunks of a million SUVs, escorting confused motorists downtown.

It may be unconstitutional, but they promised they were going to save lives. ♦

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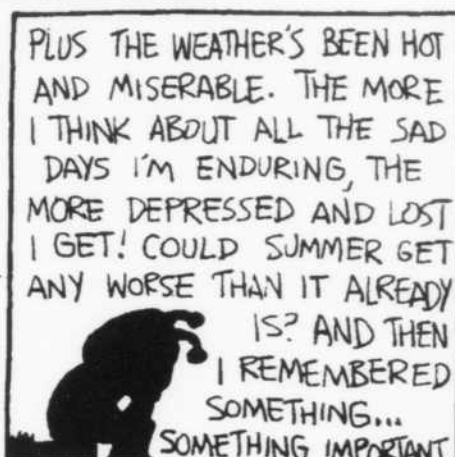
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FCC oversteps rights by fining radio station

By Brieanne Porter
The Battalion

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Last week, the Federal Communications Commission fined the Colorado radio station KKM-FM \$7,000 for playing a radio-edited version of Eminem's controversial song, "The Real Slim Shady." The FCC apparently has decided it has the authority to tell people what they can listen to on the radio. It does not have that authority — the FCC serves as a "watchdog" and regulates the use of profanity on the radio; however, it should not control content. The FCC has stepped over its bounds and the constitutional rights of American citizens. The First Amendment protects the freedom of speech. Even with Supreme Court rulings on the limits of the free speech clause, censorship because of "objectionable lyrics" is not acceptable.

"We have our first piece of evidence that the new (FCC) Chairman Michael Powell may consider anti-indecency enforcement as part of his mandate," said Harry Jessell, editor in chief of Broadcasting & Cable. Yet, whose definition of indecency is

being used? Not all people consider the lyrics in Eminem's songs to be offensive or indecent.

"We have a policy prohibiting the playing of indecent material," said Brenda Goodrich, general manager of the radio station cited by the FCC. The penalization of radio stations has opened the door for the continued FCC regulation of song material. With that ability, the FCC can take away singers' rights of free speech and listeners' right to listen to the music they want to hear.

The FCC did not cite any specific lyrics that discuss "impermissible sexual or excretory functions," as defined under the agency's indecency rules. But the FCC did say that the song has "unmistakable offensive sexual references."

Offensive to whom? Many people do find Eminem and his rap style offensive, but there is a minority who see nothing wrong with his songs. This ruling implies that those people who enjoy his music do not have the right to listen to him on the radio.

Hundreds of radio stations have played the same version of this song since it became popular in the spring of 2000. This means that all of those radio stations eventually could be

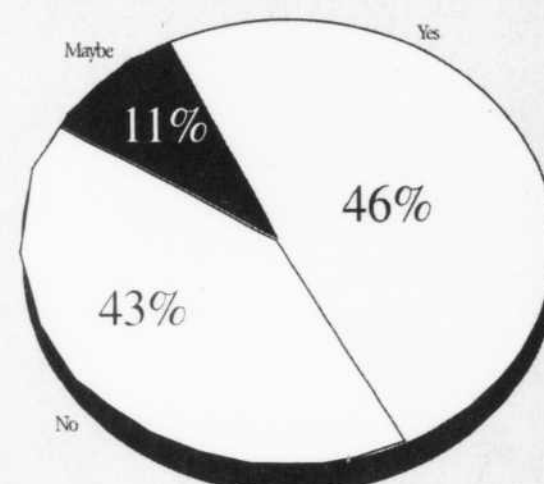
fined by the FCC.

If a listener finds a song offensive, he can turn off the radio or find another radio station. It is not the job of the government to protect the public from potentially offensive content. Eminem writes about what he has lived and what he knows. If people do not like it, they should not listen to it. There is also a startling amount of truth in what he says for some people. Others just like the music.

It is not the FCC's right to intrude on free speech. The First Amendment is supposed to protect the citizens from this type of censorship. It is "Big Brother" telling the public what they have to listen to, and the public cannot let this slide without a protest. Whether one is a fan does not matter.

This is not about a song — it is about the rights of citizens to have a choice in the music they listen to on the radio. The FCC already regulates profanity, but it cannot be allowed to cross the line and regulate content. Once that happens, there will be no freedom of music and no choice in what is on the airwaves. ♦

Should the death penalty be killed?



Sidelines Online asked readers last week what they thought of the death penalty.

Of those who responded, 46 percent said yes, we should continue using the death penalty according to the current laws. Eleven percent said yes, we should use the death penalty, but only in especially heinous acts like terrorism, and 43 percent said no, not under any circumstances.

This is not a scientific survey.

Graphic by Kristi Dalmonte, Opinion Designer

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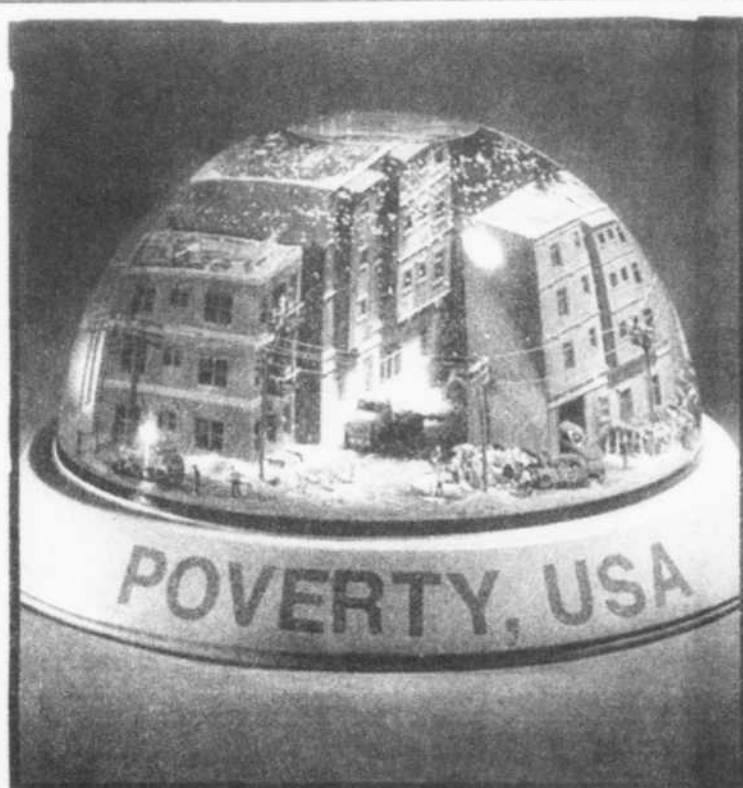
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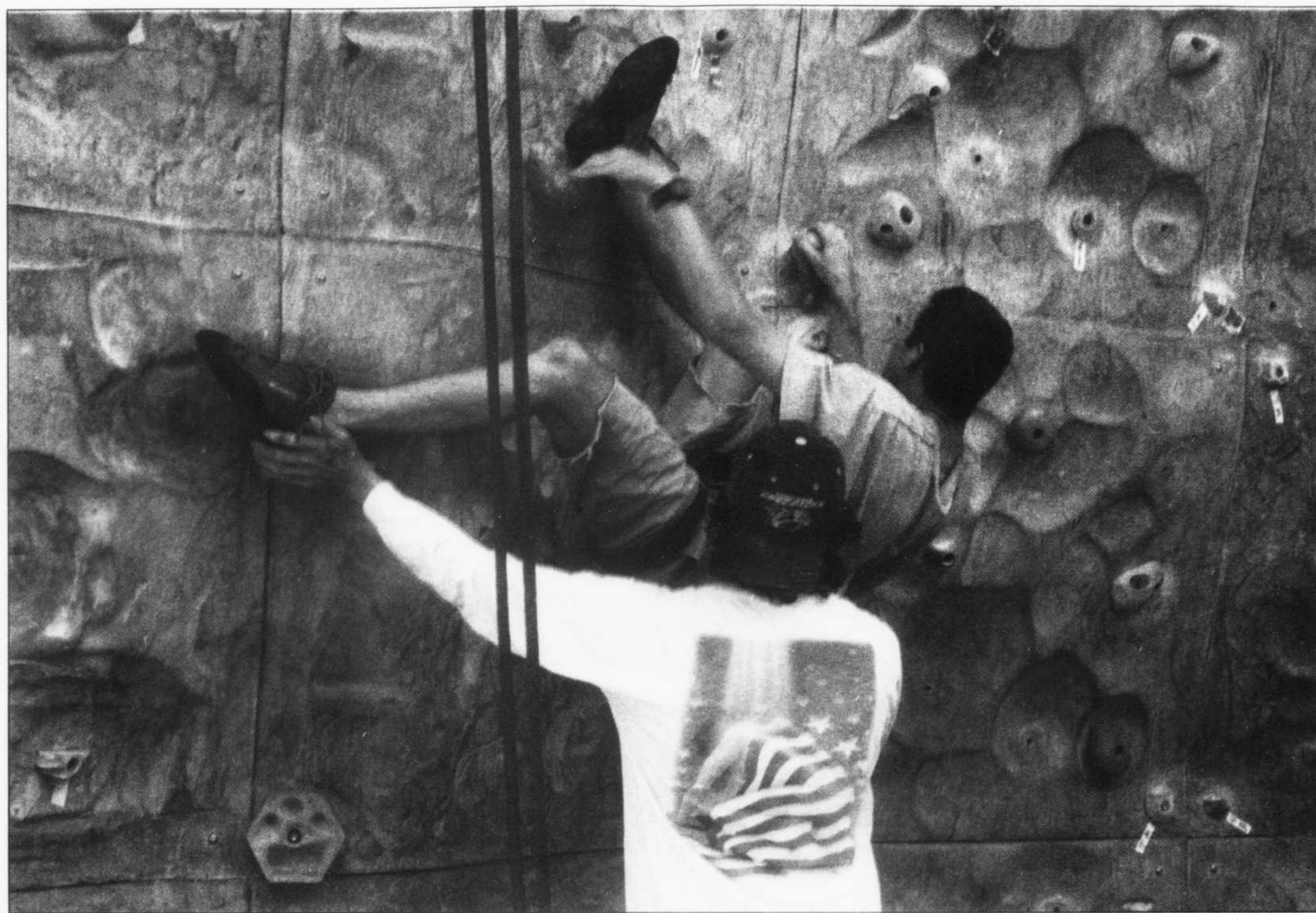


Photo by Shawn Whitsell | Staff

A staff member assists a student climbing the rock wall in the Recreation Center. The Rec has several offerings for adventurous students.

Students share freshman experience

By Shawn Whitsell
Features Editor

For most students, entering college is a major step. The transition can be tough. Mommy is no longer around to make sure you get up for school, and Daddy isn't there to enforce a curfew. All the responsibility falls on you.

For some, this is the first step towards independence. For others, it's an opportunity to get wild and loose.

The first year of college can prove to be the most challenging. You're in a new surrounding with new people. It can be a tough adjustment.

It's always easier to make that adjustment when you have someone to give you advice.

Three MTSU students, who have each experienced the ups and downs of life as a freshman, will share their advice and experience with you.

Rufus Morgan, a native of Kansas City, Mo., describes his freshman year at Missouri Western State College as "straight" (translation: it was cool).

"It was cool," Morgan said, reflecting on old times. "My fondest memory was acting silly with all my boys, going out to the courtyard and playing our music loud."

After a couple of years at MWSC, Morgan transferred to MTSU. He said coming to MTSU was different because he didn't know anyone at first, but eventually he was able to

meet a lot of nice people.

Another difference Morgan encountered was the size of his dorm room in Corlew Hall, one of the two first-year experience residence halls at MTSU.

"Compared to my other school, the rooms here were real small so it took a lot of adjusting to get used to that. You feel like you're in prison," he said jokingly, "but they're alright."

Morgan said living in Corlew was a "cool" experience because it gave him the opportunity to meet a lot of people, all of whom were going through their first year of school at MTSU as well.

Morgan said his advice to freshmen is to maintain a balance of work and play.

"Go to all the parties and have fun, but get your work done, because you'll regret it if you don't. You'll have to take the classes over," he said.

Morgan, who is a member of the Urban Music Society and the African American Student Association, also stressed the importance of getting involved on campus.

Ernest Miser, a Clarksville, Tenn., native, described his freshman experience as mediocre.

"My freshman year was okay. I wish I could've done more. I had to work all the time."

Although Miser admitted that his freshman year consisted mostly of studying and working at Corlew Dining Hall (now called McCallie), he still enjoyed merely being away from home.

Miser added that because he didn't have

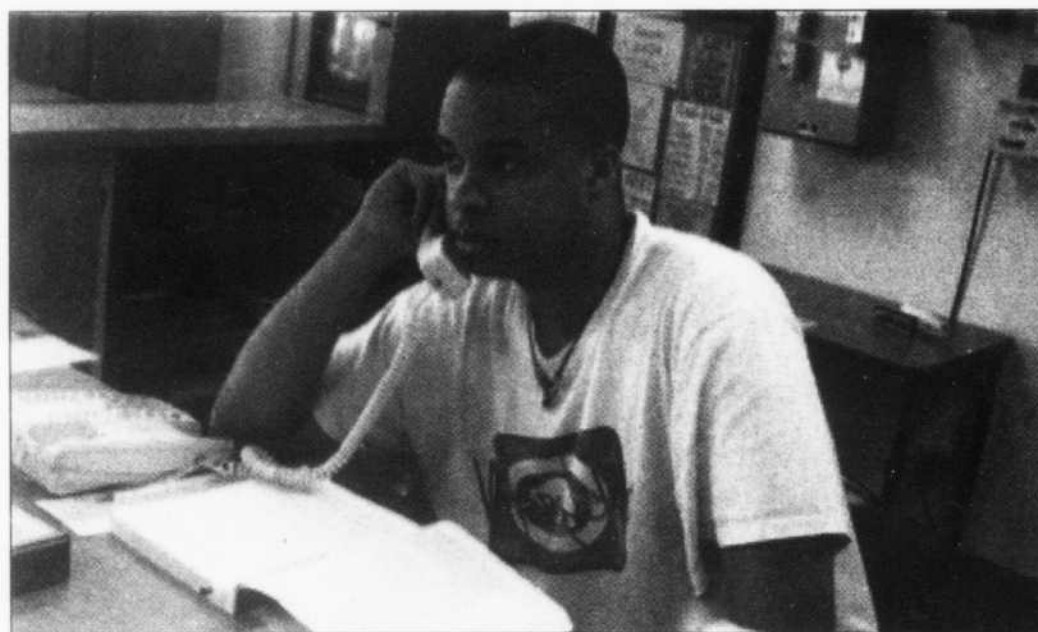


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Keith Govan, a recording industry management major, answers the phone at Corlew Hall, where he works as a desk assistant. Govan is scheduled to graduate in August, but he leaves freshman with the following advice: "Plan as far ahead as possible for the classes you want to take. Also, take a consistent amount of [credit] hours each semester, maybe 15 or 16."

much time to hang out, he was able to obtain a high grade point average.

Miser, who also works for the Housing Office as a desk assistant, credits on-campus living with enabling him to meet new people.

"Living on campus was cool because I met a lot of people. Some of them aren't here any-

more, but some I'm still cool with...life long friends."

Miser explained that at first it was hard transitioning from his parents' home to a dorm room that he had to share with another person.

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How to get busy on the MTSU campus

Compiled by Shawn Whitsell

1. Join the *Sidelines* staff (shameless plug)
2. Attend an MTSU athletic event
3. Work out or climb the wall at the Recreation Center
4. Attend the Annual Greek Fest at the Rec Center
5. Go to a frat party on Greek Row
6. Attend open mic night at the Cyber Café every Monday night
7. Go to recitals/concerts sponsored by the Music Department
8. Go to the KUC movie theater — \$2 admission
9. Attend the annual President's Picnic each fall
10. Attend the National Pan-Hellenic Council Homecoming step show
11. Attend events during Black History and Women's History months
12. Attend "Showtime on the Yard," (a talent showcase) sponsored by the Urban Music Society

13. Attend "Music on the Knoll" concert series each Friday sponsored by Student Programming
14. Attend the Honors Lectures Series and the African American Lectures Series sponsored weekly
15. Attend or participate in the Miss MTSU/ Miss Blue Raider, Miss Black and Gold and Mr. MTSU pageants
16. Attend Career Day sponsored by the Placement Office
17. Attend the annual Kwanzaa celebration sponsored by the African American Student Association
18. Check out "Expressions" (open mic spoken word) at the Cyber Café sponsored by the African American Student Association
19. Read *Sidelines* every Wednesday (another shameless plug)
20. Get your grub on at "The Feeding of the 5,000" at the Wesley Foundation every fall
21. Go to the library and read a book
22. Check out a video at the Learning Resource

- Center
23. Join a student organization
24. Attend a religious ceremony sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, Raider Victory or other organizations
25. Go to the Placement Office to look for jobs and internships
26. Tour the art exhibit in the LRC
27. Run or vote for Homecoming King or Queen
28. Run and vote for Student Government Association
29. Attend the Student Organization Fair
30. Submit poetry, short stories, essays and art to *Collage* (literary magazine)
31. Listen to 88.3 WMTS (student radio)
32. Watch Channel 10 (MTTV)
33. Meet with your adviser at least three times each semester
34. Take a nap in the Cope/Peck Hall courtyard on a warm spring day
35. Read *Sidelines* (we have no shame)



A college couple shares a kiss after their wedding ceremony.

I DO! But will I graduate?

By Sarah Bastian
The Daily Universe (Brigham Young U.)

Marriage may be hazardous to a person's schooling. Brigham Young University women who marry in their freshman or sophomore year are less likely to get a degree than those who marry later, according to a brochure published by the General and Honors Education Department.

Statistics from the brochure show that women who get engaged during their junior year generally go on to graduate, while those who get engaged earlier are less likely to graduate.

"Graduating is really important to me," said Janica Duncan, 19, a junior from Bellingham, Wash., who is majoring in elementary education. "I knew that I would be able to finish when I got married."

Duncan said that the hardest part about balancing school and marriage is affording it.

"My parents are helping me, or else I wouldn't be able to," she said.

Duncan also said that if she had to choose who finishes school, she would probably choose her husband.

"He's more likely to be earning the money in our household," she said.

Karen Smith, 21, a former BYU student from Orem, said she planned on finishing school when she got married, but now she is no longer going to school.

"I decided I wanted to start a family instead of finishing a degree right now," she said.

Smith said she has a baby now and is work-

ing in her field without a degree.

"It's something I can do on my own," she said. "I decided I didn't need a degree."

For single students, the statistics may have little sway on their decision to get married.

"I think BYU has taught me that you get married when it's time to get married," said Jen Eoff, 23, a senior from McPherson, Kan., majoring in sociology teaching.

Eoff said she would not postpone marriage in order to finish school. Instead, she would find a way to do both.

"I think education is important enough that everyone needs to finish," Eoff said.

Ryan Huber, 21, a junior from Meridian, Idaho, majoring in chemical engineering, said he believes decisions about marriage, schooling and children are private matters to be considered between the couple.

"It's an individual decision that has to be worked out with the Lord for each couple," he said.

Huber said that having a college degree does not always reflect a person's education level.

"But, having a college degree is a necessary requirement to get a good job in today's market," he said.

Options are available for students who marry and have to leave BYU before they finish their schooling.

According to the brochure, transfer credit and independent study credit may allow students to finish even if they live outside of Provo. ♦

Experience: Just leaving home enjoyable to most students

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However, having a compatible roommate that made things easier for him.

"My roommate was cool, so we didn't have any problems. We had the same kind of interests," he said. "I recommend living on campus, especially freshman."

The advice Miser has for freshman is simple: "Go to class."

"Even if you wake up late, go to class because you never know what you're going to miss," he emphasized.

Like Morgan, Miser feels an importance in getting involved. Since his freshman year, Miser has become head of fundraising for the African American Student Association, and he gives campus tours once a month as a Raider Rep.

Reggie Thomas, a Huntsville, Ala., native, recently graduated with a bachelor of science degree in radio/television and is enjoying his first semester as a graduate student here as well.

Although it has been four years since he first stepped foot on Blue Raider soil, Thomas remembers his freshman year like it was yesterday.

"It was a different environment from home," he said. "I didn't know anybody, and I wasn't familiar with the area, so it took some time to

adjust."

Thomas said juggling a full class load and a full-time job as a desk assistant gave him the tools he needed to perfect his time management and organizational skills.

"Some people go to a university and realize that it isn't for them," he said. "But it made me realize that college was for me."

Thomas also said he quickly learned the do's and don'ts of college life.

He said it's important to write everything down twice on a calendar or an organizer and to double-check everything.

One of the don'ts Thomas suggested was to avoid scheduling early classes if you don't have the discipline to get up.

"Don't schedule yourself for an eight o'clock class if you're going to be going to parties that end at four," he said. "Also, don't schedule your classes back to back."

"Give yourself time to breathe so that you'll have time to run to the library or get yourself something to eat if you need to."

Thomas also urges students not waste time and procrastinate.

"If you have a paper due in two weeks, don't wait until the night before. Take two hours each day and work on all your assignments. Stay focused and you'll stay ahead of the

game."

Thomas said the freshman year is the hardest year and can determine the road you travel in life.

"The freshman year is the time that's going to make you or break you," he said. "It sets the tone for the rest of your college career."

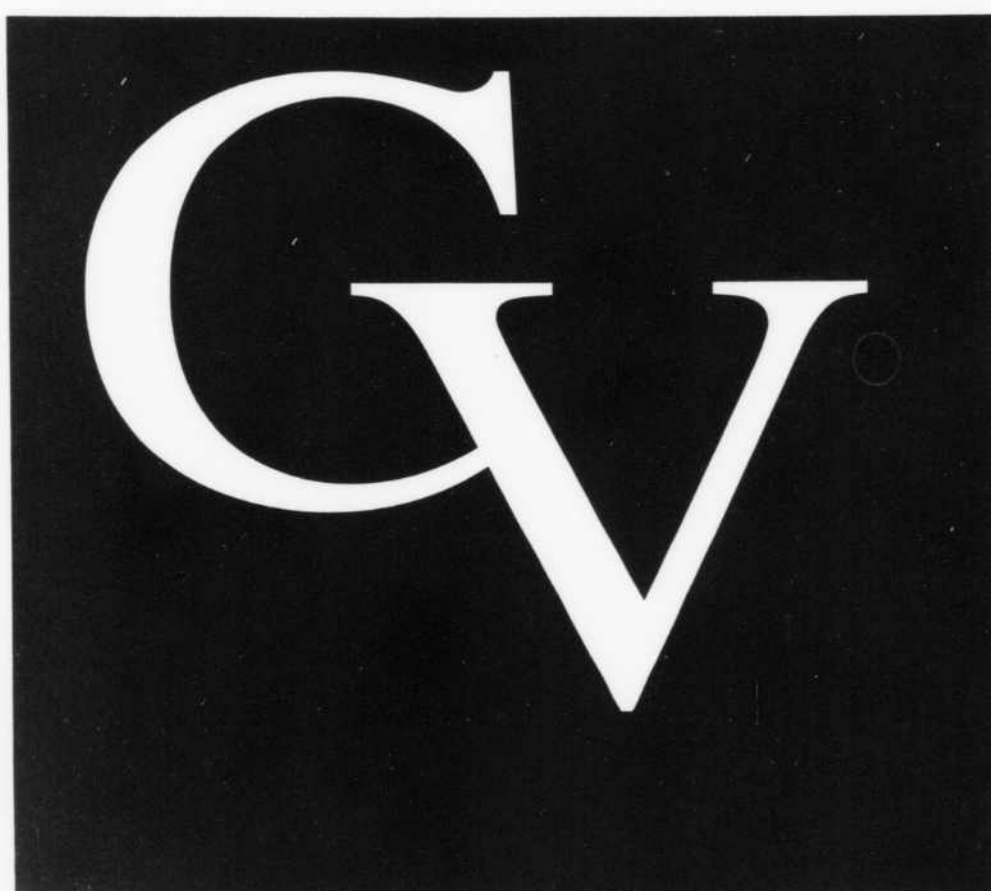
Thomas' advice to freshmen is to get involved in campus activities, stay in touch with your adviser and watch out for the credit card trap that some freshman fall victim to.

"Coming to college is a lot of responsibility, but it's rewarding when you get that degree in four to five years," Thomas said. "If college is not your road, then find something else that can help you succeed."

"But remember that college is a great experience. It'll be something you'll never forget, so take it seriously."

Thomas, who is also a resident director for the Housing Office, a Student Ambassador and a Raider Rep, credits his success to hard work.

"I believe hard work, dedication, loyalty, honesty all wrapped into one will get you far," he concluded. ♦



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MT hopeful in 2001

By J.P. Plant
Sports Editor

The Lady Raider volleyball team follows up its second season in the Sun Belt Conference with hopes of improvement and a healthy roster.

"The No. 1 focus for us this year is staying healthy," said Denise Gideon, assistant media relations director.

The Lady Raiders return four starters on a squad that finished fourth in the Sun Belt Eastern division at 7-9, 16-18 overall.

Despite possessing no seniors, Gideon said head coach Lisa Kissee is "very optimistic" heading into the 2001 season.

"Kissee told me that the Sun Belt Conference this year is wide open," Gideon said. "No team can come out and say we're the team to beat."

However, certain players must step up and fill the void left by first team All-Sun Belt Conference Lindsay Pritchard, who led the conference in hitting percentage (.327) and blocks per game (1.59) last season.

Gideon said Kissee is expecting sopho-

more Shakeithia Deckard and the four juniors especially to step it up and lead the team. Deckard, due to a partial qualifying status a year ago, still has four years of eligibility joining four freshman as the future of Lady Raider volleyball.

The returning starters are junior Erin

up by Kissee and UT head coach Rob Patrick on a recruiting trip together. They thought it would be a great recruiting tool."

To begin their season, the Lady Raiders will host an alumni game Aug. 25 with the official beginning to the season coming a week later at the University of North Carolina Charlotte Tournament Aug. 31 through Sept. 1. Middle Tennessee will face Virginia Commonwealth, Kansas, Providence College and host UNC-Charlotte.

The Lady Raiders will also compete in the Bradley Tournament in Peoria, Ill. against host Bradley, Western Illinois, and former Ohio Valley Conference foe Austin Peay, and in the Kentucky Tournament against Virginia, San Jose State and the University of Kentucky.

The Lady Raiders will make a side trip to Birmingham Sept. 4 to face the University of Alabama at Birmingham before the Bradley Tournament and will not return to Murfreesboro until Sept. 18, when Belmont comes to Murphy Center for the intrastate

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Blue Raider

Team of the Week

Hillstorm with 2.73 kills per game and 31 saves last season, sophomore Caia Morstad with 2.2 digs per game and 1.72 kpg, Kelly Quinn with 6.41 sets per game and 1.78 dpq and Katie Thiesen with 3.56 kpg and 1.00 blocks per game.

Headlining the 2001 schedule for the Lady Raiders is an Oct. 23 match-up with Tennessee at Murphy Center. The game will be played a day before the state volleyball tournaments begin.

"The idea," Gideon said, "was thought

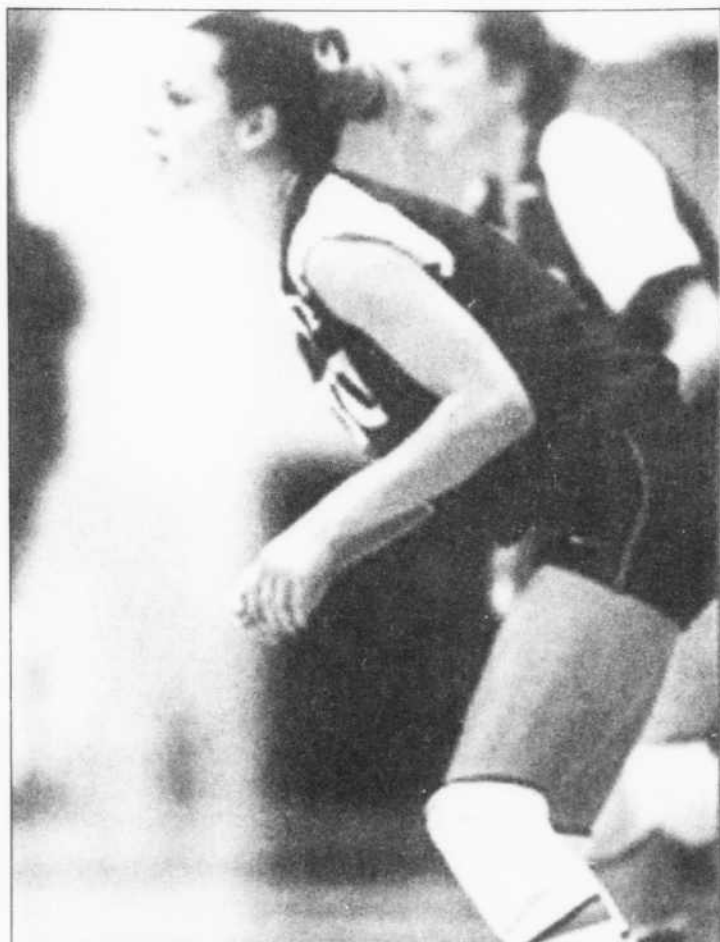


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Junior Erin Hillstorm is one of four returning starters for head coach Lisa Kissee on a squad with no seniors.

Three inducted to the Blue Raider Hall of Fame

Alsup, Artis, Moore enter Blue Raider Hall of Fame

By Clint Beverly
Staff Writer

The first ever Blue Raider Legends Day began with friends and family mingling in the front room of the James Union Building.

Catching up on old times, shaking hands and taking pictures; was all part of the commotion centered on three men.

These three men were the newest inductees to the Blue Raider Hall of Fame: Howard Alsup, Greg Artis and Johnny Moore.

Howard Alsup (football, 1950-53) was a four-year letterman and a two time All-

OVC selection at defensive tackle.

As a senior, he earned second team Little All-American honors and he served as team captain for the Blue Raiders.

Greg Artis (track and field, 1978-81) was a seven-time NCAA All-American as a triple-jumper and long-jumper.

In his senior year, he made a clean sweep of OVC honors, not only winning the individual championships in his events both indoors and outdoors, but also being elected OVC Indoor Trackman of the Year OVC Outdoor Trackman of the Year, and the OVC Athlete of the Year. Athlete of

the Year is the highest league honor available to a student athlete from any sport.

Johnny Moore (football, 1957-59 and golf, 1960-61) played on 5 OVC championship teams in two different sports for the Blue Raiders.

He lettered in football for three years. Those teams amassed a 28-2-1 record on the road to winning three OVC championships and the 1960 Tangerine Bowl.

Moore also lettered in golf for two years, both OVC champions.

Moore is now the head golf coach for the Blue Raiders.

The event, which was established to draw former

Middle Tennessee athletes and coaches back to campus, began with a buffet style breakfast in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

Among the notables in attendance were acting Athletic Director Boots Donnelly, interim President, Eugene Smith and Jamie Jamison, president of the Varsity Club (which hosted the event).

Also among the notables were David Little, former Blue Raider football player, who later went on to play with the Philadelphia Eagles for eight years along with seven other former inductees to the Hall of Fame.

While giving his introduction, Smith also announced that plans are in the works for a Blue Raider Hall of Fame building in the near future. ♦



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(Above) Johnny Moore speaks at the Hall of Fame induction breakfast held Friday in the JUB. (Below) Howard Alsup, far left, and Greg Artis, far right, finish their breakfast before the program.

Joe Nunley Scholarship honored

In honor of Joe Edwin Nunley, the Joe Nunley Scholarship was created to award financial aid to the son or daughter of a Varsity Club member attending at Middle Tennessee State University. Each semester the student receives \$500 that is renewable each year until graduation.

Nunley graduated from Middle Tennessee in 1947 after enrolling in 1940. A World War II veteran, Nunley was a member of the Blue Raider baseball and basketball teams. In 1961, he became a faculty member of the university until 1979. Following his stint as an educator, Nunley became the alumni director of Middle Tennessee, where he served until 1987. He was inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 1985.

The Joe Nunley Scholarship was created by Jerry Kemp, former president of Varsity Club, in October of 1995 and was awarded for the first time in the spring 2000 semester. The current recipient is Tia Draper, daughter of former football player Gary Draper (1965-68).

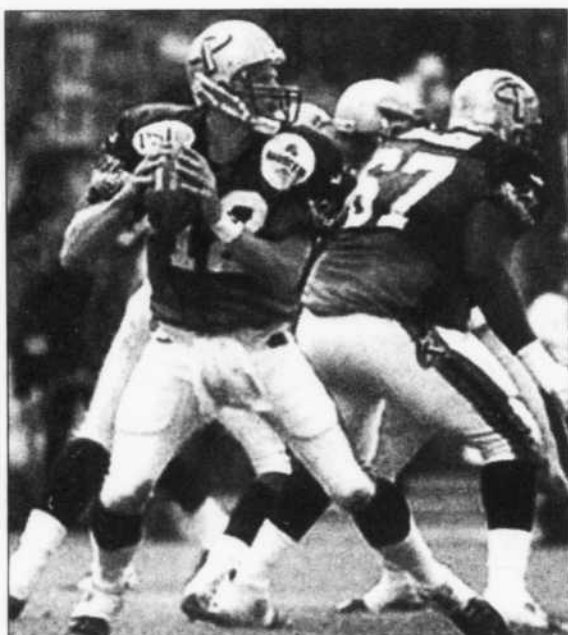


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Former QB leads Berlin Thunder

By R. Colin Fly
Staff Writer

Former Blue Raider Jonathan Quinn was named Offensive Player of the Week in NFL Europe for his performance last week.

Quinn threw a league record-tying five touchdown passes for the Berlin Thunder in a 41-10 win against the Amsterdam Admirals.

Quinn, allocated by the Jacksonville Jaguars, completed 20-of-29 attempts for 289 yards. The former Blue Raider standout now leads the league with 20 touchdown passes and has positioned the Thunder to within one win of the



Vaas

World Bowl, NFL Europe's championship game.

Quinn joined an elite company of NFL Europe quarterbacks that have thrown five touchdowns in a single game, which includes Kurt Warner and Jon Kitna.

Thunder coach Peter Vaas has sung Quinn's praises all year.

"Do I hope he's played his last game in Berlin? Yes," Vaas said. "I want him to have an NFL career. I'd love to see him

back here, but only in an American Bowl in Berlin with an NFL team."

Berlin's last regular season game is at Amsterdam. World Bowl IX, slated for June 30, is also scheduled to be played in Amsterdam.

Quinn, a Hermitage, Tenn., native, originally played high school football for McGavock High in Nashville before signing to play football for Tulane.

After one year as a Green Wave, he transferred to Middle Tennessee, where he threw for 4,864 yards and 28 touchdowns, earning him an All-Ohio Valley Conference first team honors. ♦

2001 Lady Raider Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 25 Aug. 31 - Sept. 1	Alumni Game UNC Charlotte Tournament	Murfreesboro, Tenn. Charlotte, N.C.	2 p.m. TBA
Sept. 4 Sept. 7-8 Sept. 14-15 Sept. 18 Sept. 22 Sept. 23 Sept. 28 Sept. 29	at UAB Bradley Tournament Kentucky Tournament Belmont at Florida International* at Miami Louisiana at Lafayette* Western Kentucky*	Birmingham, Ala. Peoria, Ill. Lexington, Ky. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Miami, Fla. Miami, Fla. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7 p.m. TBA TBA 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 3 p.m. 7 p.m. 5 p.m.
Oct. 2 Oct. 5 Oct. 7 Oct. 12 Oct. 14 Oct. 19 Oct. 20 Oct. 23 Oct. 27 Oct. 28 Oct. 30	at Chattanooga Arkansas State* Arkansas at Little Rock* at Denver* at New Mexico State* South Alabama* New Orleans* Tennessee at Arkansas at Little Rock* at Arkansas State* at Western Kentucky*	Chattanooga, Tenn. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Denver, Colo. Las Cruces, N.M. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Little Rock, Ark. Jonesboro, Ark. Bowling Green, Ky.	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 11 a.m. 7 p.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m. 4 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m.
Nov. 2 Nov. 3-4 Nov. 10 Nov. 14-17 Nov. 24	at North Texas* SW Missouri St. Tournament Florida International Sun Belt Conference Tournament Wake Forest & Samford	Denton, Texas Springfield, Mo. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Denver, Colo. Tuscaloosa, Ala.	7 p.m. TBA 7:30 p.m. TBA TBA

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Home matches in Bold

Volleyball: UT, Miami highlight Lady Raider's schedule

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Other interesting match-ups include a two-day trip through Miami to face conference foe Florida International followed by a date with the Lady Canes from the University of Miami Sept. 22-23 and a trip to

Chattanooga for another intrastate rivalry Oct. 2.

Middle Tennessee kicks off its conference season with the trip to Miami against FIU and begins its home conference schedule Sept. 28 against Louisiana at Lafayette, while hosting Western Kentucky the 29th.

The Lady Raiders will venture to Denver, Colo., in mid-November for the Sun Belt Tournament, but not before competing in their fourth tournament of the 2001 schedule. Middle Tennessee will face Wichita State, Oklahoma and Southwest Missouri State, playing host to its own tournament.

Middle Tennessee has nine home games slated for the 2001 season with conference dates against ULL, WKU, Arkansas State, Arkansas at Little Rock, South Alabama, University of New Orleans and FIU. ♦

2001 Lady Raider Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Class	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Erin Hillstrom	Outside Hitter	5-11	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (J.J. Pearce)
3	Dara McClean	Outside Hitter	6-1	Fr.	Belmont, Manitoba (Glenboro)
6	Caia Morstad	Outside Hitter	5-11	So.	Swift Current, Saskatchewan (Swift Current)
7	Jennifer Hignite	Middle Blocker	6-0	Jr.	Versailles, Ky. (Woodford, County)
8	Natasha Bowen	Middle Blocker	6-3	Fr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Ooltewah)
9	Katie Thiesen	Outside Hitter	6-1	Jr.	Rockford, Ill. (Guilford)
11	Goldie Bilyeu	Setter	5-8	So.	Ozark, Mo. (Ozark)
12	LaToya Brown	Middle Blocker	5-9	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Melrose)
13	Karisse Baker	Middle Blocker	5-10	So.	Nashville, Tenn. (Hume Fogg)
14	Kelly Cannon	Setter/Outside Hitter	5-10	Fr.	Quebeck, Tenn. (White County)
15	Kelly Quinn	Setter	5-9	Jr.	Garland, Texas (Berkner)
20	Shakeithia Decker	Outside Hitter	5-9	So.	Nacogdoches, Tx. (Nacogdoches)
23	Amy Carpenter	Outside Hitter	6-0	Fr.	Whittier, Calif. (La Sema)

Football staff to speak at GACA

MT Media Relations

The Middle Tennessee football coaching staff was honored today by being selected to speak at the 2001 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association. Andy McCollum's staff will join Mississippi State and Georgia as this year's featured coaching staffs.

The Blue Raiders will have the entire day July 11, while MSU will go July 12 and Georgia will take half the day July 13.

The Annual Summer Clinic,

which draws 800-1,000 high school coaches, runs July 9-13 and coincides with the Georgia State All-Star Game.

"Middle Tennessee is just a great fit for our clinic," said Ray Broadway, executive director of the GACA.

"The Middle Tennessee program is up and coming and on the run, plus Andy and his staff do a tremendous job of recruiting our state. We have people talking about Middle Tennessee that had never done so before. They have recruited some great players from this state and have

done so in a first class manner. We are excited about having them here in July."

Along with McCollum, seven other members of the Blue Raider staff will be speaking at this year's event.

Steve Davis (defensive coordinator), Larry Fedora (offensive coordinator), Kevin Fouquier (linebackers), Howard McMahan (defensive tackles), Alex Robins (quarterbacks) and Kacy Rodgers (defensive ends) will all be sharing information about their respective areas of coaching.

"It says a lot about what's happening with our program at Middle Tennessee and is an honor for our staff to be chosen to speak at the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association's Summer Clinic," McCollum said.

"This is a great opportunity to talk about our program in Georgia and tell them the positive direction we're headed at Middle Tennessee. We are excited about this opportunity and are very grateful to the GACA."

The clinic is being held at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Atlanta, Ga. ♦

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