



# White spaces to turn green next semester

Amanda Virgillito  
Staff Reporter

There will be additional green permit parking by next semester.

That is one of the upcoming changes Parking Services officials say they are planning.

Connie Hagberg, manager of Parking Services, said the changes will also include an increase in parking permit prices and the deletion of all black permits for next school year.

The S-curve gravel parking lot located north of the Cason Kennedy Nursing Building and east of Smith Baseball Field is presently designated for white parking permits but will be changed to half white and half green by the spring.

SGA members contacted Parking Services and suggested that the lot, which holds 76 spaces, needed to be changed from white to green.

The issue was presented at a meeting of the University Traffic Committee Sept. 27, and the committee agreed to make the changes.

The University Traffic Committee bases the changes in lot designation on surveys conducted each semester.

The fall 1999 survey results suggested there are 937 spaces available during peak hours, between 9 and 11 a.m.

Hagberg said they use these survey results to ensure they are not overselling parking permits.

"We consider turnaround time and how many people are on campus at a time [when we compare] the relationship of parking permit sales versus the number of spaces we have on campus," Hagberg said.

There are presently 9,639 parking spaces on campus, and parking permit sales totalled 16,120 this semester.

Parking permit sales provide one portion of the office's funding.

Hagberg said other revenue comes from citation fines, parking meters and special services, including the charge required to patrol lots during special events.

MTSU Parking Services is a self-supporting department and does not receive any state funding, Hagberg said.

Revenue pays for all operating costs

"With our expenses, including operating costs for the Parking Services department and the Raider Xpress, there will most likely be a parking permit price increase in the future."

- Connie Hagberg

including the constructing, paving and lighting needs of new parking lots, resurfacing and re-striping parking lots, parking signs, office expenses, employee salaries and benefits and costs of the Raider Xpress Shuttle Bus System.

MTSU Parking Services spent over \$86,000 last summer on improvements such as sandblasting curbs and painting disabled-parking spaces and crosswalks.

Parking Services decided to sandblast the curbs as a means of saving money. The maintenance costs for keeping the curbs painted was too expensive, and re-designated lots would have to be sandblasted and repainted, Hagberg said.

Eliminating painted curbs and replacing them with signs, which can be moved to accommodate changes, makes the permit designation more clear and costs less to maintain.

Beginning in the fall semester of 2000, black parking permits will no longer be available.

"We sold more green parking permits than black permits, so we needed to offer more green permit parking spaces," Hagberg said.

Because the black permit parking lots are located on the perimeter of campus, Parking Services funds the Raider Xpress to transport students throughout campus.

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# RA applications due soon

## Pay comparable to other universities

Robin Wallace  
Staff Reporter

Applications are due Oct. 29 for resident assistants for the spring semester. The position's pay and benefits are similar to those of other universities.

"We want this position to be as competitive as possible with other positions on campus and other RA positions in Tennessee, and we will look at all options that are proposed," said Cathy Crooks, Housing and Residential Life associate director for residential education.

This fall, the department faced a hiring-process problem common in the professional world. Several positions remained open during part of the two-week training period due to a change of mind by the applicants. The positions were filled by the start of the semester, but some people suggest the positions were not filled with the most qualified applicants.

However, Becca Wilson, an area coordinator, said applicants for this semester's staff were qualified.

"We always feel pretty comfortable with our candidate pool," Wilson said.

The candidate pool draws from the applications turned in to the housing office. Once the applications have been reviewed, those selected go through what is called the Carousel selection process.

This step places the applicants into groups to participate in activities and hypothetical situations while they are being observed and evaluated on their personal performance. Next comes an extensive individual interview with an area coordinator, a resident director and a resident assistant.

Then the area coordinators and resident directors go over all the applicants and decide who is accepted to be part of the 90 resident assistants at MTSU. New RAs must arrive for two weeks of pre-semester training to learn the "ins and outs" of the position and to build comradery among coworkers.

"I think that is has to do with the overall culture of the university, and we (student programs) all have trouble recruiting,"

Crooks said. "I really think that it is hard to get people involved at this university for whatever reason. Partly, because I think that students now have a lot more opportunities for high-paying jobs off campus, which may play a role."

"So what we really try to count on is that the true incentive will be for a good leadership experience that will look great on a resume and will help getting into graduate school or jobs."

According to Don Fox, area coordinator, there is an RA Recruitment Committee, comprised of resident directors and resident assistants. Fox said the committee's main goal is to actively recruit candidates for RA positions by encouraging current RAs to nominate residents that show exceptional leadership and organizational skills.

Staci Raymond, a sophomore RA at Corlew Hall, said she has quickly learned how her peers feel about her job.

"When people find out that I am an RA, most look at it as being a positive thing, while others won't even talk to me — I don't know why, but I guess they think that I'll get them in trouble."

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## RA Breakdown

East Tennessee State University	University of Memphis	Tennessee Tech University	Middle Tennessee State University
COMPLETE BENEFITS			
Private room at regular room rate	Free single room*	Free single room*	Private room at regular room rate
\$250 per month stipend	\$266 per month stipend	\$160 per month stipend	\$320 per month stipend
_____	20% campus bookstore discount	15% campus bookstore discount	_____
_____	_____	Priority registration	_____
_____	5-meal plan	_____	_____
_____	Dorm-sized refrigerator	_____	_____
Parking privileges	Parking privileges	Parking privileges	Parking privileges
BASIC REQUIREMENTS			
On duty one time per week 3pm-7am	On duty one time per week 7pm-7am	18 hours per week: includes office hours, rounds, on-call time (12-8am) and weekend on-duty hours.	Desk duty two hours per week On duty one time per week 4:30pm-8am
Patrols every hour	Information not available	Patrols every two hours	Patrols every three hours
One floor activity per month	Two floor activities per month	Information not available	One floor activity per month
_____	Must take university RA course	_____	Must take university RA course
2.3 undergraduate GPA	2.25 undergraduate GPA	2.0 undergraduate GPA	2.5 undergraduate GPA

Sources: Housing and Residential Life

\*Tennessee Board of Regents does not permit a university to waive the room rent charge. Part of the stipend goes directly to the room costs, while the resident assistant still receives the shown amount for a monthly stipend.

NOTE: All of the universities' resident assistants perform many other tasks than shown here. These just outline the common duties.

# Student charged with assaulting tow truck driver

Shane Newsome  
Staff Reporter

An MTSU student, angered by a wheel boot on his Lexus Sedan, assaulted a tow truck operator Sept. 30 in the Judd and Sims parking lot.

"It was an unfortunate incident," said Connie Hagberg, manager of MTSU Parking Services.

Parking Service personnel argued with Jonathan P. Gibbs, 21, of Nashville, over a boot placed on his wheel. A tow truck arrived at the scene from Mike Barrett's Wrecker Service.

Then Gibbs threw the operator, Marvin Fink, 31, on the ground, according to a police report filed by Officer Tommy Wright.

"[Fink] said he didn't know what happened," said Darrell Collins, an

officer for Public Safety. "The blow to his head knocked him out."

Fink received treatment and was then released from Middle Tennessee Medical Center the afternoon of Sept. 30, according to hospital officials.

When questioned by Officer Wright, the driver of the tow truck, Jeffery Gannon, 22, of Murfreesboro, agreed to press charges against Gibbs. Afterwards, Officer Wright transported Gibbs to the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center for incarceration.

"Gibbs posted the bond set at \$1,500 that night and was released," said Ginger Moore, a deputy sheriff of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department.

Gibbs will face a misdemeanor assault charge before Adult General Sessions Judge Ben McFarland on Oct. 27, according to a General Sessions deputy clerk. ■

## Gimme the dirt



Workers landscape outside the library.

Photo by Derrick Wilson

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## On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements may be held.

### Oct. 11-15

June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Events will be scheduled as follows: Oct. 11- self-defense demo, KUC courtyard; Mocktails and Rohypnol demo, Rec Center; Oct. 12- Info tables from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., KUC; Anti-sexual Abuse Project at 7 p.m., Wright Music Hall (free play); Oct. 13- Clothesline Project 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., KUC courtyard; Info tables from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., KUC; Take Back the Night at 7 p.m., KUC; Oct. 14- Clothesline Project at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., KUC courtyard; Info tables at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., KUC.

### Oct. 14

Let Every Woman is sponsoring "Scribbling Mob Show," a performing art show, at 8 p.m. in the BDA Studio Theater. Contact Beth Anderton at 898-4045 for more information.

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism is hosting a video-lecture entitled "Ayn Rand's Theory of Free Will" in KUC 314 at 7 p.m. For further information, contact Luc Travers at 893-9531 or mtsu99@aol.com.

### Oct. 30

WMTS is having a yard sale on the Corner of Lytle and Academy beginning at 7 a.m. If you would like to donate anything to the sale, call 898-2636, ext. 4.

### ONGOING

Lambda Association invites all students to attend meetings every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact Talia Elwell at 907-2195 or visit the Web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda).

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 SEC Champions and were ranked ninth in the nation last year. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for further information.

MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold CRU, its weekly meeting, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in LRC 221. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rich Humphrey at 896-2039, or e-mail him at [rich.humphrey@uscm.org](mailto:rich.humphrey@uscm.org).

Raider Victory Ministry is holding Sunday Celebration church services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the MTSU Alumni Gym. The service features Generation X music, food and relevant messages on campus each week. Contact Pastor Franco Gennaro at 896-2348 for more information.

Champions for Christ is sponsoring campus Bible talks every Monday at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons Building 7, Room 713, for all students and athletes. Food will be provided.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Women, Food, and Body Image," an ongoing support group for women students who have eating disorders or concerns about body image and food. The meetings are held every Tuesday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Looking Forward," an ongoing support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The meetings will be held every Thursday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. beginning Sept. 30. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

Who's Who applications can now be picked up in KUC 122 and 208. The due date is Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m. in KUC 122 or send them to Box 61. Interested students should apply now or contact Gina Poff at 898-2454.

The Raider Coordinating Council of Organizations is accepting applications for 1999-2000. The organization is looking for campus leaders who want to be part of planning and executing programs and events for all student organizations. Applications are due Oct. 20 in KUC, Room 306. For further information, call the Office of Student Organizations and Community Service at 904-8418.



## World News

### Father of girl denies Catholic Church aid is bribe

LONDON (AP) — The father of a 12-year-old girl receiving financial help from the Roman Catholic Church to dissuade her from having an abortion says the boy who got her pregnant should be prosecuted.

"He should be made an example of. My daughter is 12 years old, for God's sake," the father was quoted as saying in Wednesday's London-based Daily Mail tabloid.

"I went down to see the boy and his parents, but they don't want to know," the father said. "His mother's exact words were, 'Oh Christ, I've got 18 grandchildren already.' It is utterly irresponsible."

It is illegal to have sex with a girl under 16 in Britain, but police said no complaint had been made.

The father, who could not be named to shield his daughter's identity, denied that she is being bribed by the Catholic Church in Scotland not to have an abortion.

The case has focused attention on a controversial program, Pro-Life Initiative, under which Scotland's staunchly conservative Cardinal Thomas Winning gives money and other help to encourage women not to have abortions.

### Trucker charged with involuntary homicide in fire

GRENOBLE, France (AP) — The Belgian driver whose smoking truck triggered a deadly blaze in the Mont Blanc tunnel has been charged with involuntary homicide, a lawyer close to the investigation said Wednesday.

Alain Jakubowicz, a civil party lawyer representing families of victims who died in the tunnel, confirmed that a court in Bonneville in the French Alps has sent a letter to Gilbert Degreve informing him of the charges.

The law prohibits the Bonneville court from confirming or denying the action because the charges were sent by mail. Degreve's lawyer, Paul Muylaert, could not be reached for comment.

### Canadian economist wins Nobel Prize for economics

LONDON (AP) — A Canadian economist whose innovative analysis of exchange rates helped lay the intellectual groundwork for Europe's common currency won the Nobel Prize for economic sciences Wednesday.

Robert A. Mundell of Columbia University in New York developed theories about monetary economics in the 1960s that were radical at the time.

Yet his idea that more than one country might benefit from use of the same currency inspired creation of the euro that 11 European nations came to share some 35 years later.

The academy applauded Mundell, 67, for clarifying how exchange rates fluctuate when a government changes its monetary policy.



## National News

### Labor Department fines Tyson Foods over death

HOPE, Ark. (AP) — The Labor Department fined Tyson Foods Inc. nearly \$60,000 Wednesday for child labor law violations after a teen-ager was killed at an Arkansas plant and a young worker was injured in Missouri.

In the Arkansas case, investigators said 15-year-old Juan Alderete of San Felipe, Mexico, was electrocuted when he walked into a ventilating fan while chasing chickens late one night in April. The Labor Department said he should not have been working so late or in a job that hazardous.

In the Missouri case, a teen-age worker seriously injured both legs when he slipped and fell into an auger. He suffered severe nerve damage and second-degree burns.

The Labor Department said a 15-year-old and two 14-year-olds also were found to be working at the plant illegally.

Tyson Foods spokesman Archie Schaffer said he had not heard of the fines and could not comment immediately.

### CDC director apologizes for misspending funds for chronic fatigue

ATLANTA (AP) — The head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention apologized Wednesday to people with chronic fatigue syndrome, saying the agency was wrong to divert millions of federal dollars earmarked to study the mysterious illness.

CDC Director Jeffrey Koplan promised a "reinvigorated effort" to study chronic fatigue, which leaves some people so drained they can't perform simple tasks. Some rarely leave their beds.

Earlier this year, an audit showed the CDC had received \$22.7 million from Congress for chronic fatigue research, but less than half the money was used for that purpose. At least \$8.8 million was spent on other programs and \$4.1 million could not be accounted for.

The CDC has promised to restore \$12.9 million for chronic fatigue studies over the next four years, but patients say the slight was about more than money.

### Lippard returned to face charges in N.C. slayings

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A man charged in the massacre of five members of a western North Carolina family was returned to the state Wednesday after waiving extradition from Louisiana.

An airplane bearing Christopher Wayne Lippard, 20, of Statesville and law enforcement officers landed about 3:30 p.m. at the Asheville airport.

Lippard was arrested Friday night in New Orleans. The other suspect, Charles Wesley Roache, 25, of Hiddenite was caught in Haywood County on Oct. 1.

Besides facing five murder charges for the slaying of the Haywood County family, Lippard and Roache also are charged in a sixth murder in Alexander County that occurred a day earlier.



## State News

### Two charged with kidnapping woman

NEWPORT, Tenn. (AP) — A woman was kidnapped in Virginia, sexually assaulted and driven through three states before she escaped Tuesday, police said.

A 19-year-old Virginia Beach, Va., woman said she was at a bookstore Monday night when a young man and a teen-age girl asked her for a ride. She started driving but was soon forced into the back seat, where she was later sexually assaulted at knifepoint, police said.

The three drove through Virginia, North Carolina and into Tennessee before stopping Tuesday night at a Newport motel, police said. When they went to check on a room, the woman got out of the car and ran to a nearby gas station for help, police said.

The suspects drove away, abandoned the car and then got a ride to the Knoxville bus station, where they were arrested late Tuesday night, police said.

### Complaints about child support flood court

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Since the state took over distribution of most child support payments, Circuit Court clerks say they've been flooded with calls about late checks.

Child support payments were handled by Circuit Court clerks and-or Juvenile Court clerks in the state's 95 counties. But in 1996, Congress mandated the changeover to a centralized system.

The Legislature subsequently enacted legislation making the changeover effective Oct. 1.

State Department of Human Services officials sent a letter about the change to each person receiving child support, but acknowledged there would probably be delays.

However, Davidson County Juvenile Court Clerk Kenny Norman has said that many families depend on support checks and can't afford any delays.

### Little League treasurer pleads guilty to embezzling

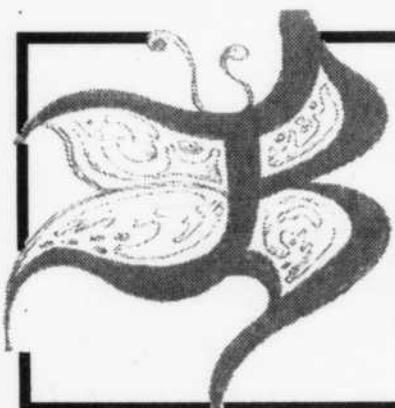
COLUMBIA, Tenn. (AP) — A woman was placed on four years' probation after pleading guilty to embezzling \$20,000 from the Columbia American Little League.

Christy McDonald, 37, of Columbia, was sentenced to four years in prison Monday but the sentence was suspended. The first year of her probation is to be served under "intensive supervision."

The league's former treasurer, McDonald pleaded guilty to credit card fraud and theft.

She was indicted in December after an audit uncovered missing money. League officials said they discovered money was missing when vendors called the American Little League about outstanding bills.

When confronted, McDonald allegedly said she had paid the bills and didn't know why the companies continued to call.



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# Bradley denies accusals of being disloyal Democrat

Ron Fournier  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential candidate Bill Bradley, accused by rival Al Gore of being a disloyal Democrat, said Wednesday that he toyed with the idea of leaving the party in 1995 and mounting an independent White House bid "to revitalize democracy."

But, in an interview with The Associated Press, Bradley said he never seriously considered it. "I took no real steps toward it all," he said.

Bradley's flirtation with a third-party bid — along with several of his Senate votes — have become ammunition for Gore since primary polling established Bradley as a major threat to the vice president's nomination quest. Suggesting that Gore's strategy has irked him, the former New Jersey senator said he is fighting the urge to retaliate with attacks of his own.

"The one word that comes to mind is discipline," the Hall of Fame basketball player said by telephone from his New Jersey headquarters. "It's part of the discipline of competition."

Gore has criticized Bradley for:

— Casting a vote in favor of President Reagan's 1981 spending cuts, which slashed Democratic-favored programs.

— Voting against ethanol subsidies. Ethanol is very popular in Iowa, the initial presidential caucus state, because it's distilled from corn and blended with gasoline.

— Leaving the Senate after his third term ended in 1997, two years after Republican took over Congress.

Gore's new "Stay and Fight" slogan is a thinly veiled device to label Bradley a quitter.

"I did not walk away from the fight when (former Speaker) Newt Gingrich took over the Congress. I did not walk away from the fight when Reaganomics was put up for a vote on the floor. I did not walk away from the fight when farmers needed farm credit," Gore said Saturday.

A reporter asked the vice president: What kind of Democrat is Bradley? "Maybe the kind that would announce he was considering running as an independent against Bill Clinton," the vice president replied.

After announcing in the summer of 1995 that he would not seek a fourth term, Bradley fueled speculation about a challenge to Clinton by refusing

to rule out an independent campaign for the White House. Clinton, though privately agitated that Bradley might challenge him, publicly praised the New Jersey lawmaker.

Bradley said he talked to "a few people, close friends and advisers" about the possibility of running as an independent. "I said basically, 'What do you think of this?'" Bradley said, adding that he didn't ask the question for long.

He participated in two telephone calls with the so-called "Group of Eight," a handful of politicians reportedly plotting an independent run for the White House. The conversations fed the Bradley boomlet, though he and other participants said the discussions were more about issues than candidacies.

"It was apparent very quickly that my feeling is: I'm a Democrat. I've always been a Democrat. You've got to make a change in the Democratic Party. You've got to move the party back to where you see it should be," Bradley said.

"I didn't rule it out immediately when people asked me because I was concerned at the time — as I am now — that democracy for a lot of people is like a broken thermometer. You turn the dial and nothing happens. And I thought that might be a way to revitalize democracy."

Defending himself on another front, Bradley said he was chosen by Democratic leaders to lead the fight against "Reaganomics" in 1981 — a point never mentioned by Gore. When the tax cuts passed over Bradley's objection, he said he voted for the Reagan budget reductions to avoid a massive deficit.

"If everybody in Congress has voted as I voted, there would have been no deficits throughout the 1980s," he said.

Gore spokeswoman Kiki Moore said the criticism is fair.

"It takes discipline to stand up to Reaganomics," she said, echoing Bradley's line about Gore.

On the farm issue, Bradley has said he opposed ethanol subsidies when he represented New Jersey, but has learned as a presidential candidate that farmers need help.

Bradley said it is unfair to accuse him of quitting on Democrats after the 1994 Republican landslide, especially in light of the fact that seven of the party's senators left office in 1996 — including four who are now Gore backers. Gore aides say the difference is none of those ex-senators called the political system broken, as Bradley did when he left the Senate, and none are seeking the White House. ■

# Congress considering bill that would punish scholarship con artists

Christine Tatum  
TMS Campus

CHICAGO (TMS) — A bill up for consideration in Congress would stiffen penalties for con artists swindling money from students looking for college scholarships.

If approved, the College Scholarship Fraud Prevention Act of 1999 would add 10 years to the prison sentences of those convicted of fraudulent activity involving education and would make it more difficult for people offering bogus scholarships to protect their profits by declaring bankruptcy.

The bill also would require the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Education to maintain a Web site containing information about legitimate college scholarships.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.) and Russell D. Feingold (D-Wisc.), is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. A similar resolution has been introduced in the House.

"A growing number of profiteering con artists are exploiting students' need to pay for college in ways that are constantly evolving and are proving highly effective," Sen. Abraham said. "These scams are everywhere."

Since 1996, the FTC has shut down eight organizations that have defrauded 175,000 people of more than \$22 million. Experts say that's a pittance

compared to the hundreds of millions of dollars they believe are being bilked from unsuspecting students and parents.

Seemingly legitimate services promising to find scholarships "or your money back" have popped up on campus bulletin boards, in mailboxes and on dozens of Web sites.

The scams generally require students to pay a small finder's fee and fill out questionnaires designed to help the company determine which scholarships are best suited for the student.

"If you have to pay money to get money, it is probably a scam," said Mark Kantrowitz publisher of [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), a Web site with a comprehensive collection of information about student financial aid that is free for all to use. "A scholarship is about gaining money - not giving money."

Students should be leery of unsolicited scholarship services, said Monica Brahler, a public relations coordinator for Southern Illinois University's financial aid office.

She said students should not hesitate to look into a company or service's past before deciding to do business with them.

The Better Business Bureau and a state's Attorney General's Office are good resources for checking into the validity of a scholarship service's claims, she said.

"If a business is not willing to give you references or work with you, I think red flags should be going up," she said. ■

## RAS

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Regardless of the fact that other RAs, like Raymond, may feel like pulling their hair out from time to time, it seems that the biggest compensation for their time cannot be given by MTSU.

"We (housing staff) all get along so well and are very close. We really are like family," Raymond said.

The selection process for next semester's RAs is scheduled to take place early next semester. Applications are available in KUC 303. ■

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## PARKING

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The change will "make a more simplified parking system," Hagberg added.

Students may expect an increase in parking permit fees following the elimination of black parking permits.

"With our expenses, including operating costs for the Parking Services department and the Raider Xpress, there will most likely be a parking permit price increase in the future," Hagberg

said.

The increase will also be necessary to construct new parking lots, improve existing lots and maintain the lots, Hagberg said.

Hagberg encourages students, faculty and staff to address the University Traffic Committee if they see an area on campus that needs to be changed.

Suggestions and requests may be mailed to Pat O'Leary, the University Traffic Committee chair. ■

# What happens when inmate is executed?

Karin Miller  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The electric chair is bolted to the floor in the middle of the execution chamber. Behind it, a gurney to be used for lethal injections is strapped down.

With the state nearing its first execution in nearly four decades, Ricky Bell, warden of Riverbend Maximum Security Institution, showed reporters on Wednesday where and how condemned inmates are to be put to death.

He also showed the "deathwatch," a room where they'll spend their final days.

But Bell wouldn't say how he feels about being in charge of the first Tennessee execution since 1960. "This is the institution designated to carry out capital punishment, and we're prepared to do it," he said.

The state had been preparing to execute Robert Glen Coe on Oct. 19. But he was issued a stay earlier this week to give the U.S. Supreme Court time to reconsider a request to appeal his conviction and death sentence for the rape and murder of an 8-year-old girl.

Three days before a scheduled execution, an inmate will be brought into "deathwatch," a cream-colored concrete room at Riverbend containing four cells that are about 50 feet from the adjoining execution chamber, Bell said.

The cells each have a metal-framed bunk, writing desk with attached chair, stainless steel

toilet-sink combination, shower, metal shelf and a long, narrow window that looks out on the prison, with a glimpse of a tree-covered hill in the distance.

The prisoner will be allowed out of the 8-foot-by-10-foot cell only to talk with visitors through a glass window in a nearby room, Bell said.

The inmate can have legal documents, a Bible or other religious book, one scrub-type uniform and up to two newspapers in the cell.

A phone at the end of the room can be wheeled down to the cell, but the inmate must reach through the brown iron bars to dial. The inmate can watch television or listen to the radio, but both will be kept outside the cell.

On the third day, the warden can allow face-to-face visits if the inmate has behaved. From 4:30-5 p.m., the inmate gets a last meal of anything within reason, Bell says.

On the fourth day, an inmate's spiritual adviser can visit just prior to execution.

The process of the execution itself depends on whether the prisoner has chosen death by electrocution or injection.

If the condemned inmate chooses lethal injection, the electric chair is removed from the execution chamber several days prior to the execution so witnesses will have a clear view, Bell said. On the day of the scheduled execution, the gurney is wheeled into the "deathwatch," the inmate placed on it and restrained with six gray straps across the body, then taken into the death chamber.

There, catheters are placed in each arm and saline drips are started. Witnesses are then brought into an anteroom to watch through thick glass windows. Members of the victim's family can watch the execution via closed-circuit television in a room near the prison's visitors center.

The warden said he will make sure the courts haven't issued a stay and the governor hasn't authorized clemency, then will give the prisoner an opportunity to make a statement. A microphone hangs down from the ceiling above the gurney.

After that, the warden gives the order.

An unspecified number of people in a room behind the gurney will then begin the injection process. Bell wouldn't let reporters into that room to see how it works. But three drugs are injected: sodium pentathol, pancuronium bromide and potassium chloride.

An inmate who has chosen electrocution will walk from the cell into the execution chamber, accompanied by a half-dozen guards and wearing plastic wrist and ankle shackles.

The prisoner's arms and legs will be placed in restraints and the torso strapped in. After the inmate gets a chance to make a statement, a hood is placed over the head and the "cradle cap" secured to the head.

When the warden gives the order, an executioner in a side room flips a switch.

Several minutes later, a doctor examines the body to pronounce the inmate legally dead. ■

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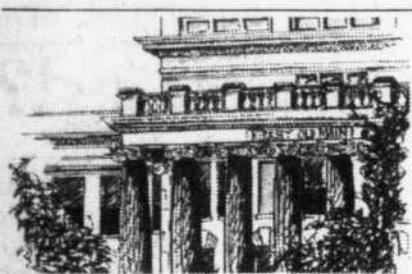
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# OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

## Editorial

### Kudos to MTSU Special Events

After a recent shortage of good concerts in Murphy Center, students can look forward to seeing two hot groups — the Goo Goo Dolls and Tonic — right here on campus on Nov. 7.

As highlighted in the Sept. 15 issue of FLASH magazine, Murphy Center used to be THE place for concerts in Middle Tennessee. From Dolly Parton to Tina Turner and Elton John to Garth Brooks, Murphy Center used to pack 'em in.

It's not beer that way in recent years. But perhaps this is the beginning of a good trend. A trend that could boost the number of students who stick around here on the weekends.

And this concert will be one that doesn't break students' pocketbooks (since most have no money in the first place). In fact, tickets will be just \$10 for students. A pretty good deal if this is what students can expect from the \$20 Student Activity Fee increase we shelved out this semester.

And with concert-related activities beginning at 11 a.m. that day, campus could be swarming with students — and on a Sunday, no less!

Students often complain of having nothing to do around here. This is a good alternative. So, Sidelines gives props to Special Events for giving students something to look forward to. ■

## Modern Dysfunction

by Rob Evans, Staff Writer

# Superstores annoy public, ruin landscape

During the many "Adventures of Rob," I have seen far and wide many amazingly stupid, crass and awe-inspiring things that make you want to change your life. But it always seems to be the dumb things that stick out in my mind more than anything else.

So I'm driving back to school from another (mis)adventure this weekend. I guess I must have been eight miles north of the Georgia/Tennessee state line, driving north on I-24.

Those of you who regularly drive this part of I-24 know how pretty and scenic the hills and mountains are.

Most breathtaking of all was how the interstate crossed the Tennessee River and the lakes around it, with the mountains providing an awesome epic backdrop.

Then it hit me. As I crested the top of the bridge I was hit by a light which was so bright and intense that I was temporary blinded.

What was it? Las Vegas? Not unless I blacked out for the three seconds it took to cross the bridge and woke up 36 hours later.

Six Flags Over South Pittsburgh? Where, you ask? My point exactly.

Now, as I drew closer and my eyes adjusted to the thousands of fluorescent neon lights I began to get a better view. It was the Holy Grail, the Super Walmart of firework stores.

It seems that some greedy, redneck entrepreneur decided that

where the interstate branched off around an isthmus of land was prime real estate to put his 24-7 firework superstore. It seems you can pretty much do your one-stop shopping here.

You can get your food, clothes (five T-shirts for ten dollars), cheap gas (by cheap I'm not talking about price), and, of course, all the fireworks you could want. Remember now, no limit on bottle rockets.

You also don't have to worry about parking. Their two-acre overflow parking lot left just enough room for the three vehicles there to comfortably park miles away from one another.

So tell me if my logic is wrong. Is there any other time of the year besides Independence Day when you are going to need a mother load of fireworks? Or is it just another trashy eyesore on the highway?

At the risk of sounding like a tree-hugging environmentalist, I think that there should be limits to development, especially in places where the natural beauty should be preserved.

All over the country people are expanding and tearing up the landscape with unregulated growth.

But there is really nothing we can do about it. Urban and suburban sprawl is bound to happen with the world doubling its population every 34 years.

But more measures should be taken to protect nature from the idiots that trash it and save the beauty that leaves us in awe. ■



## From the Mailbox



### Fraternity members excel

I am writing in response to the letter "Fraternities need babysitters." As a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, I can attest to the added benefits in my life due to my fraternity.

As a fraternity member, you are entitled to certain things that most college students don't have. First and foremost being that you have brothers around you who will just about do anything to see you succeed. We all know that, on average, Greeks get better grades because we are constantly pushed to do our best at everything.

This includes getting very competitive in all things — sports, school, etc. This is backed up by a recent statistic I read; of all men in America, only two percent are fraternity men. Yet, out of the CEO's of the Fortune 500 companies over 80 percent are fraternity men.

Please explain to me how people that need babysitters can achieve such success.

Now, if you were a newly arrived freshman

on this campus and I came up to you and said you could join an organization (I'm speaking of Greeks in general as an organization) whose members make better grades, have a higher graduation rate, and have more alumni in more powerful and higher paying positions, you would probably be very interested.

Still, Greeks struggle against the negative and biased people like the one who wrote this letter.

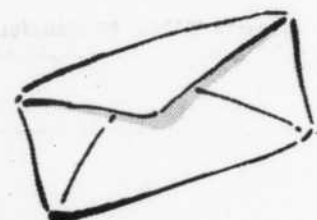
He or she is probably like the person I saw on campus the other day who looked at my shirt with letters on it, responded with a disgruntled look, then stepped into his car with a bumper sticker that read "Minds are like parachutes — they only work when open."

I don't think he had a very open mind. And I don't feel that students like the one who wrote that letter do either.

Why don't you come out to my fraternity house sometime and I'll show you how we're promoting a positive attitude among our brothers. Then you can eat the letter you wrote.

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# Smokers should have rights on campus

Andrea Beth Abernathy  
Special to Sidelines

A chill has taken to the air. Leaves are beginning their mass ritual suicide from the trees. And smokers are huddling together around the external laundry vents of the dorms.

I welcome most of the things that come with cold weather. I like football. I like sweaters. But I don't like the fact that my God-given right to smoke is not recognized by MTSU.

Sure, smokers have that room off the side of the KUC Grill. We have the top floors of some of the less popular dorms. However, what are we supposed to do when the KUC closes and we want to smoke? What are we to do if we don't live on the seventh floor of Corlew Hall? Are

we supposed to get frostbite and bronchitis just for exercising our right to bad breath, yellow teeth and stinky clothes? I think not.

MTSU provides plenty of places for people to enjoy their right not to smoke. These nonsmokers have virtually every building on campus where they are allowed to not smoke. We don't smoke in these places out of respect for their rights.

However, I was in that dingy little room off the side of the KUC one day last week because it was cold out and smoking inside was a must. I was sitting there, minding my own business, having a fine Turkish cigarette and a cup of fine Colombian coffee, when a girl tapped me on the shoulder and had the nerve to ask me not to smoke. I was taken aback, considering that I was in a place where I thought practicing my habit would be safe.

I looked her straight in the eye and said, "You're on our turf now, baby, and I can smoke all I want." Then I blew a big puff in her face. Victory!

Smokers need to band together and find a place safe from winter's chill where we can smoke 24 hours a day. MTSU extends this courtesy to nonsmokers. They cannot smoke whenever and wherever they please. I expect the same right. Hell, I deserve it.

Some smokers have already begun this fight. Several people, including myself, who live in the honors dorms and in the surrounding areas, have formed an organization to fight for smokers' rights.

We call ourselves the Honors Smokers Association. We are nearly 20 strong and getting stronger.

You don't have to be an honors student to join. You don't even have to be a

student. We have been entertained by guest smokers such as custodians and the dean of the Honors College, J.P. Montgomery.

Our struggle for equality is slow coming. So far, we have only been able to procure a few chairs that we arranged around the laundry vent by the Felder classroom.

We are trying to find a place inside where we can enjoy our slow death. We were going to plead to the president of the university, James Walker, but it's a long walk to his place — and we smoke too much. Maybe we'll call him or send him email.

So if you smoke, consider this a call to action. If we don't find some place soon, we may be forced to huddle like bums around the barbecue grills in the Woodmore Courtyard. ■

# Do college students really even need sleep?

Alex Ross  
Tulane University

Shuteye. Dozing. Sleep.  
"Whoa," you say. "What are those? They sound French."

No, my bleary-eyed friend, they're terms with which most everyone is familiar. Retirees, children, even your professors. But not you, of course.

For you, the 3 a.m.-loving, No-Doz-worshipping, black coffee-relishing college Joe, this thing called sleep is as foreign as the Cubs winning a World Series. It's as elusive as that A in calculus. And it's as shrouded in mystery as those casseroles they serve with ice cream scoops in the cafeteria.

For you, the average college student, there's no such thing as sleep.

Honestly, I'm not certain why college students don't sleep. It would seem that with four hours of class each day at most we'd have plenty of time to curl up at night and do some intense Buddha-watching.

Even if you throw in five hours of homework (or, to be more exact, four hours and 50 minutes of procrastination and 10 minutes of actual work), three hours of extra-curricular stuff and a couple hours of whatever, we should still be rolling in the shuteye.

But the world doesn't work like that.

For whatever reason, when 3 a.m. rears its ugly head,

college campuses nationwide are alive. Cars full of frat boys whip down campus streets. Bubbly partygoers laugh as they make their ways home after a night out. The lights in the study lounges burn bright as computer science students curse themselves for not majoring in English.

A tear slides down my roommate's face as he stares at page three of his 72-pound physics book. As for me? Well, I sit in bed on the brink of going mad after reading one of Faulkner's semi-colon-filled, 48 page long sentences.

But don't let me lead you to believe the night ends at 3 a.m. Actually, it's just beginning.

When 6 a.m. says hello, the sleep-craving partygoers return to their dorms to study. My roommate rereads page three. I tell him he's crying so much it's like someone died. He tells me someone just did.

Before we know it, 5 a.m. comes knocking. The computer science students officially declare their English majors. ROTC Joes hit the quads and begin their drills. The frat boys return to their houses and begin preparing for the next night's party.

Then 6 a.m. laughs in our faces. For my neighbor, the official countdown begins. Three hours, 32 minutes, and 26 seconds until his 20-page term paper on political thought in pre-Renaissance Europe is due, he tells me.

"Plenty of time," he says. "Once I get started, it'll finish itself." I nod. It's the crack talking, not him ...

When 7 a.m. looks down at us with pity, my roommate passes out (Point of clarification: passing out is not the

same as sleeping. When you sleep, you wake up feeling at least somewhat rejuvenated. When you pass out, it's like hitting the fast-forward button. Your eyes fall at 5:20 a.m., then, exactly one second later, your eyes open at 7:51 a.m. You still feel like a freight train ran over you, backed up, ran over you, backed up, etc.)

Slouched at my desk, I finish reading my second sentence of Faulkner. I go mad.

Before long, 8 a.m. arrives. Alarm clocks blare. In unison, we fall out of our chairs ranting incoherently, little bubbles of drool seeping down our chins. A quick shower, then we trudge off to class.

The new day begins. And with the luck of Joe college student, it'll be another day without sleep.

But perhaps I shouldn't be complaining about never sleeping. After all, I've learned a lot from the 24-hour work day. For instance, I now know that 5 a.m. really does exist. I'm now blessed with the knowledge that the human body can function on negative hours of sleep.

And finally, I've learned that in the early morning, the world makes sense. When you step outside to take a study break at 4 a.m., the freight train calls a time-out. Your head clears. Wide-eyed, you take the world in.

The dew-soaked trees are silent.

Stars burn in your eyes.

You hear your breathing; the world is hushed. At 4 a.m., moon glancing off your shoulders, you realize shuteye, dozing, and sleep are all overrated.

Dreams — what they offer don't even compare. ■

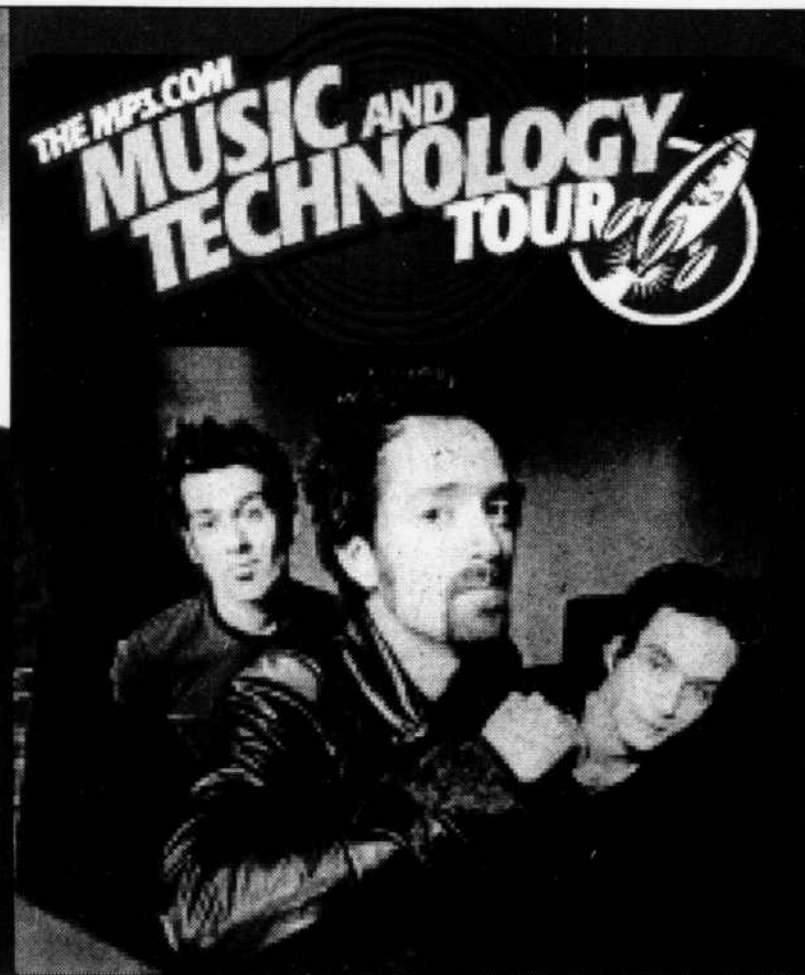


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## Goo Goo Dolls 'slide' into MTSU Now 'if you could only see' Tonic, too ...



**Amanda Virgillito**  
Staff Reporter

In recent years, Murphy Center has lost the allure of big name bands that used to frequent the facility, and as a result, student interest has been increasingly drying up.

Now, the drought is over.

MTSU Special Events Concerts Committee has booked the MP3.com music and technology tour featuring the Goo Goo Dolls with a guest appearance by Tonic.

"We're working really hard to get shows and this is something MTSU Concerts is programming," said Rob Croisdale, Special Events concert chair.

The concert is scheduled for

Sunday, Nov. 7, at Murphy Center and will begin tentatively at 8 p.m.

Events sponsored by MP3.com will begin at 11 a.m. on Greenland Drive at the field located next to Murphy Center and the tennis courts.



The Village, a 300 feet by 500 feet tent, will be set up featuring various entertainment for the 10 hours prior to the concert.

The hottest MP3.com bands will play continuously on a main stage while other attractions will be available throughout the tent.

Scheduled artists include Fono, Moke, Justin Clayton and hardknox.

The technology hub offers the latest "gear and gadgets," Croisdale said.

Visit Destination X for an adrenaline pumping sports experience or rave at the Sundown for the biggest names in electronic music.

Aspiring artists will have the opportunity to sign their bands at the MP3.com tent, and computers will be set up to give people the chance to be part of the internet music revolution.

MP3.com also promises special appearances but have not announced anyone specific.

Doors are expected to open at approximately 7 p.m.

Tickets will be available for students early next week, according to Special Events.

The ticket prices will be \$10 for students and \$20 for the general public. Students will be permitted a maximum of two tickets.

Croisdale said that major radio stations will be advertising the show.

For those interested in becoming involved in Special Events, there will be concert committee meetings at 4:45 p.m. on Oct. 25 and at 5 p.m. on Oct. 26 in the KUC Theater. ■



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## Not Just Playing Around ...

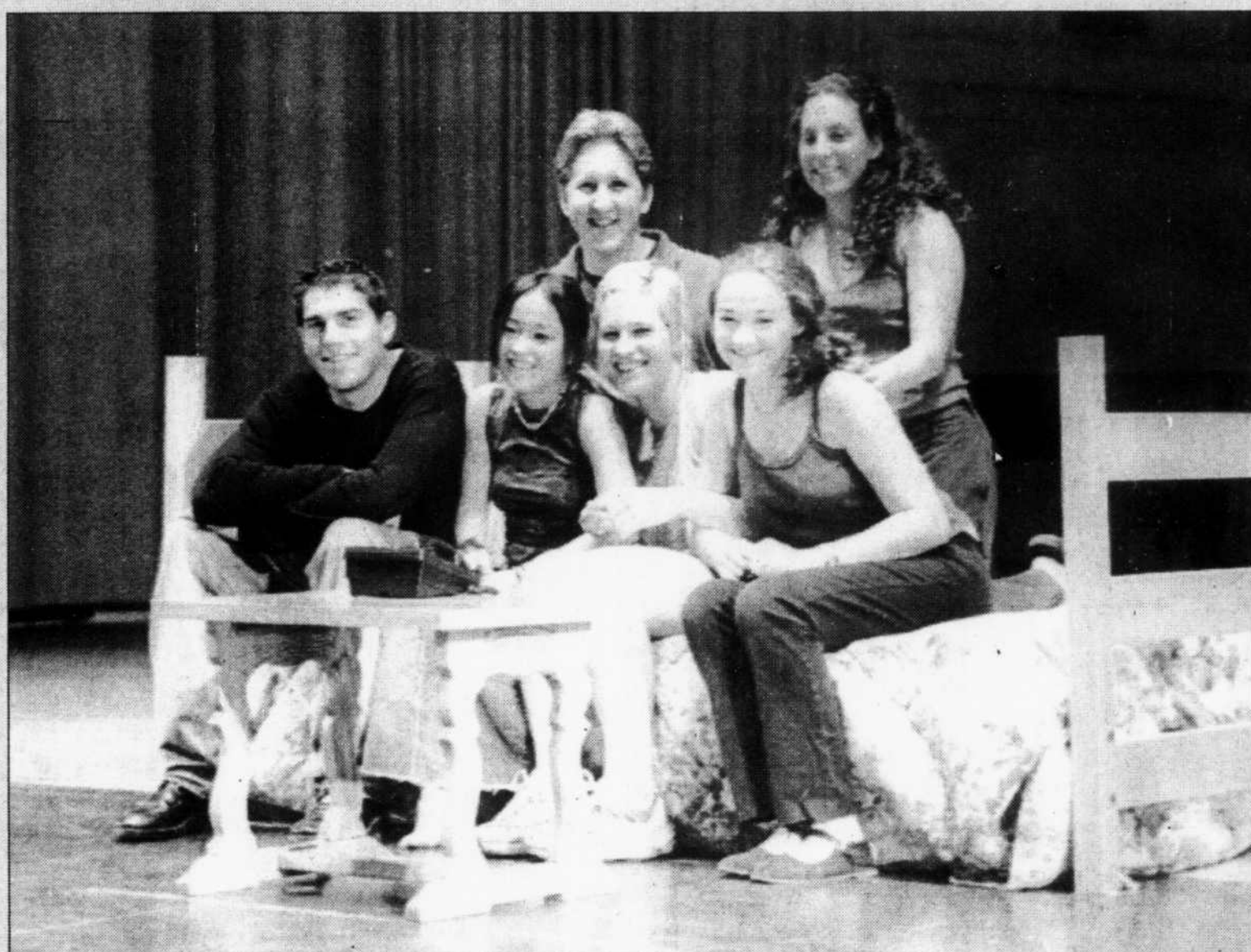


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Actors from "When a Kiss is Not Just a Kiss" perform to educate students about sexual assault awareness.

## Just for the Health of It

Get Your Kicks with Kickboxing

**Kelley Dodd**  
Staff Reporter

If you are looking for an effective exercise routine that incinerates fat, gets your heart pumping and boosts your energy level, then consider kickboxing.

A relatively new and highly popular type of physical activity, kickboxing combines boxing, martial arts and aerobics and offers an intense, cross-training total body workout, according to the American Council on Exercise.

Burning an average of 800 calories per hour, depending upon body weight, kickboxing involves a combined series of repetitive punches, kicks and blocks, states CarolAnne, the Wellness/Fitness Coordinator at SportsCom in Murfreesboro.

"Kickboxing is a great workout that is high intensity, yet generally low-impact and easier on the joints," said CarolAnne. "This workout initiates different muscle fibers, utilizing power and speed, making it different from regular aerobic routines. It is a great exercise for losing weight and getting in shape."

Similar to the best-selling Tae-Bo home video series, many kickboxing workouts also integrate floor workouts for abdominal and gluteal muscles, as well as basic self-defense techniques.

The ACE states that the typical aerobic kickboxing workout provides cardiovascular exercise while offering physical gains in agility, balance and coordination that is achieved through martial arts training.

Precautions recommended by CarolAnne to take when kickboxing are to work out at one's pace and to keep oneself hydrated throughout the routine. In addition, instructors should be made aware of first-time participants to ensure safety during the workout. The ACE recommends avoiding locking joints when throwing kicks or punches during the workout.

Not only is kickboxing an energetic activity that blasts away calories, it is a great stress reliever. Imagine yourself as a powerful athlete punching and kicking your worries away while you improve your overall health and appearance. ■



# Students Struggle To Conquer Credit Card Debt

Justin Juozapavicius  
Daily O' Collegian

It was a telephone conversation Tricia Johnson would never forget. Johnson had just finished talking to her daughter, Mitzi Pool, then a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Pool told her mother she would be home for Christmas in 11 days. Nothing alerted Johnson that something was horribly wrong with her daughter.

"We thought nothing of it," Johnson said. "She didn't go into too great a detail about the problems she was having."

Just minutes after Pool finished talking to her mother, she proceeded to neatly lay out her checkbook and all her credit card statements on her bed.

She then hanged herself in her dorm room.

Pool was only 18 and had amassed a total credit debt of \$2,500.

"We were angry at first," said Frank Johnson, Pool's father. "These students are going to owe the credit card companies for the rest of their lives."

Since Pool's tragedy made national news in 1997, credit card debt among college graduates and undergraduates continues to rise, according to a number of consumer advocacy organizations.

"Our research shows college students are at credit risk," said Carolyn Shanley, public relations manager of Nellie Mae, a leading national student loan provider which works to educate students about the risks of borrowing.

According to data compiled by Nellie Mae, the average undergraduate credit debt is

\$1,843 and the median credit debt for 1999 is \$1,288 or slightly from \$1,222 in 1998.

"The big issue is that students are also taking out student loans at the same time," Shanley said. "Some of these students are in over their heads."

In the spring 1998, the United States Public Interest Research Group, a non-profit consumer watchdog agency, conducted a survey of 1,260 undergraduates across college campuses regarding credit card debt and money management.

The results showed that most students are "baited" into signing up for credit cards on college campuses.

"Students who fill out applications in exchange for a cheap trinket or a bottle of Coke at sign-up tables on campus run a risk of falling into a trap they might not get out of," said Elizabeth Hitchcock, communications director for U.S. PIRG.

The ease with which students can apply and receive credit cards is "troubling" for Ray Hance, vice president for education at the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Oklahoma.

"It is extremely easy at this level," he said. "What many students don't realize is that they might be paying for the debt they run up now 20 years down the line."

With undergraduate students having an average after-graduation debt of \$18,800, Hance said students must take control of their finances now.

"I use an old saying, but it's a true one," he said. "You can run yourself into debt but you have to crawl your way out."

Hitchcock said organizations like PIRG are "fighting an uphill battle" against larger, well-funded credit and banking corporations.

"They have millions to spend on marketing," she said. "And they make it all back when students sign up for the cards or it's a vicious cycle."

Student consumer rights activist Heath Hixson said credit corporations use shady marketing techniques to prey on susceptible students.

"I hope this whole thing will get to a point where students will become fed up with these marketing techniques," he said. "It is essential that we educate students early on about potential credit dangers."

Many consumer activist organizations maintain that students need to be educated up front about credit cards and future debt pitfalls.

"Students must make sure they have the right information about late charges, changing interest rates and balances," said Kendra Fox-Davis, president of the United States Student Association. "They need to be financially responsible or you shouldn't throw your life away for a free Snickers bar."

Officials from leading credit institutions like Citibank said they are increasing awareness methods to educate college students about credit debt.

"Students should use their card responsibly and not think of it as an extension of their regular income," said Maria Mendler, Citibank vice president for public affairs. "They should spend within their means and know how much they have to budget each month."

Mendler said budgeting credit expenses beforehand will help to

establish a healthy credit history for students.

"People are often afraid of the word 'budget' because they feel it is limiting," she said. "But if you have a monthly financial plan and use your card responsibly, students will find they have less problems in using the card."

Former San Jose State University student Oren Milgram has developed a Web site to educate students about credit debt and money management.

The site, StudentMarket.com, helps to explain the importance and future implications of using credit cards.

"There isn't enough of this type of education made available to students," he said. "I know from firsthand experience on a college campus that these types of sites really help students in making the right decisions."

Shanley said students should always be unaware that the choices they make with their finances today might come back to haunt them tomorrow.

"Maintaining a good credit history is important," she said. "Bad credit denies you a chance at getting a mortgage, car loan and even a future job."

The future for the Johnsons has a touch of optimism.

Both are lobbying local congressmen for a bill that would make sure students under 21 years old are limited to just one credit card with a parental co-signature.

"Thankfully, this whole situation is getting a lot more publicity," Johnson said. "Kids today might be ashamed they are in debt and not tell their parents, but they have to face the consequences for their own sake."

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Quarterback Wes Counts is currently 20th in total offense in Division I-A.

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At Arkansas, they were playing little Middle Tennessee, but do you think that mattered to their fans? No. They went to the game because they wanted to see Arkansas play, and that's where we have to get as a university. People want to know when you are going to bring in big teams. Well, why don't they come see Middle Tennessee play first?

Andy McCollum  
Blue Raiders Head Coach

This is the third meeting between the Blue Raiders and the Bulldogs.

La Tech won the last game in 1996 20-0.

## Raiders prepare to battle Bulldogs

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

WHEN MTSU RUNS  
Jamison Palmer leads the Raider ground attack with an average of 63.8 yards per game. The team, however, relies mostly on the passing game and that limits the number of carries that the Raider backs get. Palmer is averaging five yards per carry. MTSU is only rushing the ball for 119 yards per game on 31 carries per game.

If the Raiders are going to be successful against Louisiana Tech, they are going to have to control the clock. The only way to do that is to run the football and make accurate passes. The running game is the key for MTSU. Tech's defense allows over 161 yards per game which ranks them 76th nationally. MTSU has the ability to run effectively, but it takes opportunities and carries to make the running game work.

WHEN MTSU PASSES  
Raider fans have been hearing his name all year, and they will continue to hear the name of Wes Counts. Counts has truly been outstanding this year. He ranks 37th in passing offense and 20th in total offense among the I-A quarterbacks.

However, he will have his work cut out for him when he goes against the Tech defense, which is ranked 36th in pass efficiency defense. Kendall Newson, Tyrone Calico and Hansford Johnson will have to step up and make some big plays for MTSU to have success on Saturday. All year, Calico has had the ability to beat anyone deep, but due to injury, he has been shut down the

last two weeks.

WHEN LOUISIANA TECH RUNS  
Even though it boasts one of the nation's best passers, the Bulldogs will actually run the football a little to keep defenses off all-world quarterback Tim Rattay. Honestly though, don't expect the Bulldogs to come out and run down MTSU's throats. The less they run, the better MTSU will be. The Raiders rank 107th in rushing defense.

WHEN LOUISIANA TECH PASSES  
This is the area where the Bulldogs shine. Tim Rattay is probably the best quarterback in the nation. The Bulldog's offense features multiples of receivers and different formations. The formations will resemble the Raider's offensive sets.

MTSU's defense will have to step up and play this Saturday, or Louisiana Tech's offense will have a field day. The Bulldogs have the best offense that MTSU will play this season. It is imperative that the Raiders contain the Bulldog passing attack by applying pressure to Rattay. The Tech passing offense ranks eighth in the nation.

THE X-FACTOR

This week the factor is changing. Week in and week out the Raiders have not shown their defense, so why should any observer think it's going to show this week? Well the fact is, it may not show up. Due to that possibility, the Raiders will have to control the ball and the clock. If they continue to have these exciting two-minute drives, which are fun for fans to watch, but not for the defense, the defense could get tired in a hurry.

Control the ball and don't turn the ball over, those are the keys to victory. ■



Photo by Derrick Wilson

Blue Raiders defense hopes to step up this week and stop Louisiana Tech. Louisiana Tech defeated the Alabama Crimson Tide earlier this year.

## Muhammad Ali still the Greatest

View from the Top  
A sports commentary

Michael  
Edwards  
Columnist

He floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee, no one could touch this fighter, Muhammad Ali.

Ali, who's birth name is Cassius Clay, fought professionally for 21 years, taking the ring for 71 matches and won 66 of those. He lost only five bouts and knocked out 38 men.

There is a simple fact known by all boxing connoisseurs; Muhammad Ali is the greatest fighter of all time and possibly the greatest athlete. He transcended the world of boxing. No one will ever top this man's dominance of opponents. Mike Tyson, Riddick Bowe, Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis can not match the combination of size, speed and power that Ali possessed.

Muhammad Ali hit the national scene on September 5, 1960, in Rome. This bout would be his last amateur fight. However, it would not be insignificant. This bout would decide the winner of the Gold Medal for the light-heavy weight division of the Olympics. Ali would win the Gold Medal and pummel his opposition, Zbigniew Pietrzykowski of Poland. Ali ended his amateur career with a record of 131-7.

Only four months separated Ali from his first professional boxing match and his high school

graduation. At the age of 18, Ali took the ring against Fayetteville, West Virginia's chief of police, Tunney Hunsaker. The 29-year-old Hunsaker would suffer his eighth loss in 23 fights at the hands of Ali. For Ali's efforts, he was paid a whopping \$2,000.

Three years and 19 fights later, Ali would get his first title shot at the age of 22. His opponent was champion Sonny Liston. The champ entered the fight a 6-1 favorite and almost no one believed that the kid, Ali, would have a chance. Ali, however, was bold enough to predict knocking out Liston in eight rounds. However, Ali was wrong. That's right, he was wrong. Liston gave up after seven rounds, complaining of a sore shoulder. Following the bout, Ali stood high above the crowd in Miami Beach and proclaimed, "I shocked the world. I shocked the world."

After a year of ridicule, Ali fought Liston a second time. The media and boxing experts claimed that Liston threw the fight, and that's why Ali won. Ali didn't take kindly to the claims and proceeded to knock Liston out cold in the first round of their 1965 fight.

Prior to the second fight, Ali did something that would effect him later in his career. Ali, then Cassius Clay, refused to be inducted into the United States Army. Being a Muslim, Ali was not permitted to take arms. Ali was posed with another problem at the time. In the mid-1960's the Civil Rights movement was very high. The oppression of African-Americans disturbed all not only Ali. However, Ali refused to fight for a nation that continued to oppress and segregate his race.

Later that same year, Ali

defended his title against Floyd Patterson. After Patterson talked trash and Ali talked back, Ali bloodied Patterson and knocked him out in the 12th round.

During the span between the Patterson fight (1965) and the Ernie Terrell (1967) fight, Cassius Clay officially changed his name to Muhammad Ali. This sparked a large debate. Ernie Terrell refused to call Ali by his Muslim name. Terrell continued to call him Cassius, and that infuriated Ali. The champ told Terrell that if he didn't acknowledge his Muslim name before the fight, he would after. That statement came true, as Ali beat Terrell to a pulp. Ali won by decision after 15 rounds. Experts say this was a disgusting fight for boxing, as Ali totally dominated the fight; the referee should have stopped the fight, as Terrell was not fighting back.

Two months later, in 1967, the WBA and WBC would strip Ali of his heavyweight title and ban him from fighting in the United States. Two months later, Ali was convicted of draft evasion, fined \$10,000 and sentenced to five years in prison. Three years later, in 1970, Ali was granted a boxing license while he awaited the judgment on the conviction which Ali had appealed.

Unfortunately for Ali, the next year, 1971, proved a bad year for the former champion. On March 8, Ali took the ring for his first title shot since he was exiled from boxing. Held in the boxing capital, Madison Square Garden, the Frazier-Ali rivalry began. In this fight, the champ, Joe Frazier, dominated Ali and retained the title. Later that year, Ali was cleared of draft evasion charges.

Later in 1973, Ali was beaten in



12 rounds by Ken Norton. However, in a rematch six months later, Ali won a 12-round decision against Norton.

Muhammad had a well known hatred for Joe Frazier. He criticized Frazier's appearance and facial structure. He criticized Frazier's background, and eventually, the two feuding fighters met for a second time in the place they first fought, Madison Square Garden in "the city so nice they named it twice," New York, New York. Ali won by decision in 12 rounds and set his sights again on the heavyweight title that George Foreman held. Foreman and Ali met in a fight 10 months and two days later dubbed by Ali as the "rumble in the jungle."

Preceding the fight, Ali turned poet, as he had many times before. This time the poem was about George Foreman.

"I've rassled with an alligator. I've tussled with a whale. I've done handcuffed lightning and threw thunder in jail. I'm so fast, I run through a hurricane and not get wet, George is gonna pay me a debt."

With that said the fight began in Kinshasa, Zaire. However, it only lasted eight rounds. Ali knocked out the champ and won the heavy weight championship for the second time in his career.

The year 1975 would include the

"thrilla in Manila." That was the fight between Ali and Joe would be the third and final. Ali knocked out the former champ in 14 rounds and retain the title.

Leon Spinks would take Ali's title near the end of Ali's career, but Muhammad came back to beat Spinks to regain the title for the third time. That set a record for number of times the title was held by one man. It has never been broken.

The only time Ali was ever knocked out was his next fight against Larry Holmes. Holmes took the title, and Ali would fight and lose only one more time before retiring.

In an age where Don King and questionable decisions reign, one can always look back and recall the time when boxing was great. This age in history is the Muhammad Ali age. ■

## SATURDAY'S PROBABLES FOR LOUISIANA TECH

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Tailback: Bobby Ray Tell (5-7, 197)  
Wide Receiver: James Jordan (6-1, 232)  
Z Receiver: Sean Cangelosi (6-4, 214)  
Left Tackle: Joey Chustz (6-7, 310)  
Left Guard: Randy Richard (6-4, 310)  
Center: David St. Marie (6-2, 284)  
Right Guard: Rob Koontz (6-3, 285)  
Right Tackle: Robert Skapura (6-5, 308)  
Tight End: David Newman (6-6, 250)  
X Receiver: Delwyn Daigne (5-11, 210)

## Defense:

Linebacker: Quincy Stewart (6-0, 203)  
Linebacker: Damon Harrington (6-10, 232)  
End: Jerome King (6-3, 285)  
Tackle: Jarrett Procell (6-2, 267)  
Nose Guard: Otis Pitts (6-0, 315)  
End: Desmond Nunnery (6-2, 275)  
Linebacker: Brian Bradford (6-0, 210)  
Rover: Bobby Gray (6-1, 209)  
Field Corner: Roderick Parnetter (5-10, 190)  
Corner: Fred Lewis (5-10, 193)  
Free Safety: Michael John Lenard (6-0, 202)

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# Raiders searching for answers

Josh Ezzell  
Staff Reporter

After six games in its first year as a I-A program, the football team is 1-5.

The Blue Raiders defeated Wofford 52-42, while losing to Mississippi State, Arizona, Louisiana-Lafayette, Troy State and Arkansas.

"We're going to try to get better while continuing to grow," head coach Andy McCollum said. "We're going through some growing pains right now. The players are working their tails off preparing for each Saturday. Sooner or later everything will come together."

The Raiders' offense is averaging 24 points and 375 yards per game, while the Raiders' opponents are averaging 40 points and 477 yards a game.

Wes Counts has thrown for 1,535 yards, nine touchdowns and eight interceptions, averaging 256 yards a game. He is 37th in the country in passing and 20th in total offense.

"Right now we are in a five game season, and we are looking to go 5-0," Counts said. "We need to get more breaks and make fewer mistakes. We've had too many turnovers, and that's my fault."

Jamison Palmer is the leading rusher with 383 yards and seven touchdowns on 76 carries. Kelverrick Green is second on the team with 195 yards and two touchdowns on 40 attempts.

Kendall Newson and Hansford Johnson are the leading receivers. Newson has caught 40 passes for 582 yards and two touchdowns. Johnson has caught 31 passes for 348 yards and four touchdowns.

The defense, on the other hand, has not fared as well. Out of 114 I-A teams, the defense is 113th in total defense, 107th in rushing defense and 114th in pass

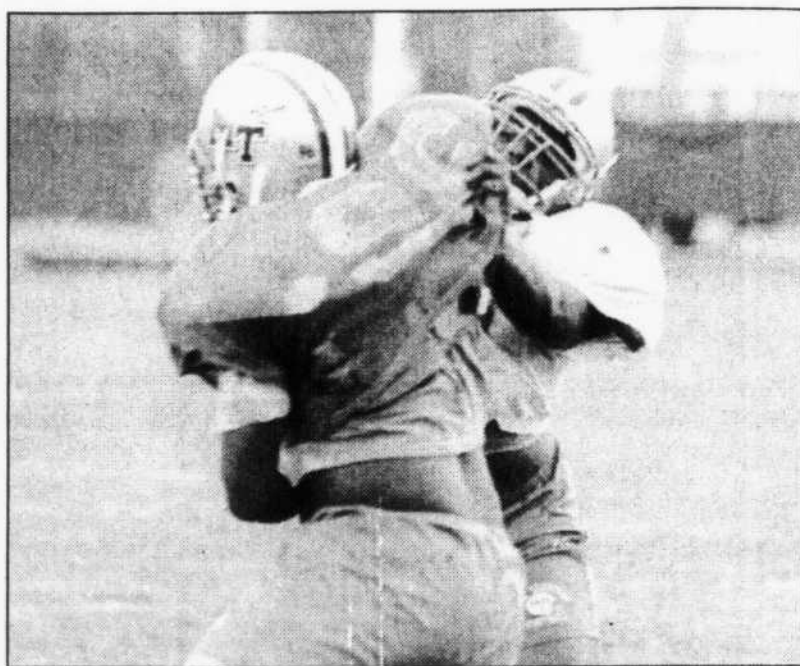


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The 113th ranked defense must step up this week

efficiency defense.

The Raiders are giving up 239 yards rushing a game. Three running backs have rushed for over 100 yards against the Raiders: Arizona's Trung Candidate rushed for 102 yards on 16 carries, Troy State's Wayne Thomas rushed for 110 yards on 19 carries and Arkansas' Michael Jenkins rushed for 124 yards on 9 carries.

The Raiders, on the other hand, have only had a 100 yard rusher once: Jamison Palmer rushed for 183 yards on 28 carries against Wofford.

"We're giving up too many big plays," defensive tackle Martez Phelps said. "We have to start making plays when we have the chance to do so. All 11 players have to be in the right place."

The defense is giving up 238 yards a game. It has surrendered 12 touchdown passes while only intercepting three passes.

In every game the Raider

defense has surrendered at least 399 yards of total offense. Troy State and Arkansas compiled over 500 yards of total offense against the Raiders. Troy State had 542 yards while Arkansas compiled 560 yards.

The third and often overlooked area, special teams, is also struggling. Two kicks have been returned for touchdowns against the Blue Raiders. Arizona's Dennis Northcutt returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown, and Arkansas' Cedric Cobbs returned the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown.

While teams are making big plays against the Blue Raiders, the Blue Raiders have failed to make the basic plays on special teams. Keegan Ray is three of six on field goal attempts. He has made two field goals from 22-yards out and one from 24-yards, while missing from 44- and 36- yards out and having a 35-yard attempt blocked. He has also missed two extra points.

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Cost: \$290 students/\$300 staff/\$310 guests (limit: 18)

### Amarillo By Morning Special:

travel by van; 7 night economy condo/4 day lift; almost ski-in/ ski-out

Cost: \$375 students/ \$400 staff/ \$430 guests (limit: 18)

Date: December 17-23

**Final Deposit Due: Nov. 15**

**Pre-trip mtg: Wed, Dec. 1, 5:30pm**

For more information, call 898-2104.



### NON-PROFIT SERVICES

Inside Sales Reps & Appointment Setters needed for several different programs.

Must have good Communication skills & Dependability

Great pay & benefits: \$8-\$12.00 hr.

Bonus program rewarding you for your hard work.

Health insurance, paid vacation & sick days

For full and part time employees.

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345-4444 ext. 24

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Pearl Drum Set \$199.00  
USA Strat with Case \$475.00  
Acoustic Bass \$150.00  
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:Yellow Tag: Sale all over store...

Music & More  
118 W. Vine St. M'boro  
**895-5889**

### BOWL SHAGADELIC SUNDAYS

"Be There or Be Square"  
\$12 Per Lane,  
Per Hour  
Starts 8:30 p.m.  
941 NW Broad  
941 NW Broad  
896-0945

### NOW HIRING RAFFERTY'S

Restaurant & Bar

\*Servers \$200-500/week

(no mandatory tip sharing)

Rafferty's will be interviewing

Mon.-Sat., 2pm-5pm

Insurance Plans; Discounted Meals, Full

and Part Time Positions Available.

Apply in person: 7086 Baker's Bridge

(directly across from Proffits in the Cool

Springs Galleria)

615-771-3133



**Campus Recreation Flag Football Standings through week five**

Monday		Chi Omega	3-1		
Men's B		AO Pi	3-3	IFC C	
The Franchise	3-0	Phi Chi	1-3	Beta	2-1
Building One	3-1	Zeta	1-4	Pike	2-1
Carpet Layers	2-1	Delta Zeta	0-5	Kappa Sig	1-2
Wasting Time	2-1			SAE	1-2
AHP Keys	0-4	Wednesday			
		IFC A		Thursday	
Co-Recreational		Beta	5-0	Men's B	
Ruff Ryders	3-0	Kappa Sig	5-1	Cummings Wildcats	4-0
Jabronees	3-1	Sigma Nu	4-2	A Team	3-0
Water Buffaloes	3-1	Pike	3-1	Black And Jay	3-0
Nuce-Proof Ministries	2-2	ATO	3-3	Bomb Squad	2-1
Greased Lightning	1-2	Sig Ep	2-3	RFC	2-1
BSU	0-3	KA	Out	Blue Thunder	1-2
RFC	0-3	SAE	Out	Wildcats	1-2
				Area I	0-3
Tuesday		IFC B		Area II	0-3
Men's B		Beta	5-0	Maintenance Club	0-3
Ant Eaters	3-0	Pike	5-0		
The Rebels	3-1	SAE	4-1	Men's A	
Too Much	3-1	Kappa Sig	4-2	The Establishment	5-0
Fighting Elways	1-2	Sigma Nu	3-2	M'boro Mud Dogs	4-1
MBA	1-3	TKE	3-3	High Rollers	3-1
Winning Elways	0-4	AGR	2-4	God's Property	2-3
		KA	2-4	Outback	1-3
Panhellenic		ATO	1-4	Veteren's	1-4
AD Pi	4-0	Sigma Chi	1-4	PSE	0-4
Kappa Delta	4-0	Sig Ep	1-5		

The Stults Memorial Scholarship Committee is now taking applications for the

**Douglas E. Stults  
Memorial Scholarship****\$1200****Application Deadline:  
4 p.m., Nov. 29, 1999****To Qualify A Candidate Must:**

- have a minimum 2.7 cumulative grade point average (must be exact or better)
- be at least a second-year undergraduate student with a minimum of 24 credit hours
- have some media experience (on or off campus work applies, in any print or broadcast medium)

**To Apply:**

- submit an application
- a 1,000-2,000 word essay on "Is millennial thinking meaningful?"
- submit a copy of your transcript
- submit three to five samples of your work, six copies of each (short tapes of broadcasts are accepted. Clips must be professionally presented.)

Applications available in Room 306 JUB or in MC 266. Three finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and will be interviewed at a date to be announced. You will be notified if you are to be interviewed.

Life is like climbing a mountain. You are destined to fall if you don't have a good grasp.

**A-1 ADVANTAGE**

- Check Advances Borrow \$200 Payback \$203\*

— Also —

- Car Titles
- 0% Interest**  
For 30 days.\*

25% Discount  
on fees for referrals  
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1945 N.W. Broad St.  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Call Rachel or Eddie  
**895-6446**

**The Housing and  
Residential Life Office**

is currently accepting housing cancellations for the Spring 2000 semester from students who are graduating from M.T.S.U. and will no longer be taking any additional classes, and from students who are not returning to school at M.T. S.U. after the fall semester.

The Housing Office is also currently accepting assignment change requests for students who wish to move to a different assignment.

The deadline for submitting cancellations for prepayment refund and change requests is October 15, 1999. Requests for cancellations and assignment changes must be submitted in writing to the Housing Office in the Keathley University Center, Room 300 or mailed to Box 6, M.T.S.U.



# Calling all Leaders!



**The Raider Coordinating Council of  
Organizations is now accepting applications  
for 1999-2000**

**WHAT DO WE DO?**

- \* The RCCO provides supportive programs and services to all MTSU student organizations
- \* The RCCO coordinates community service opportunities for student organizations
- \* The RCCO develops the Student Organization Resource manual
- \* The RCCO serves as the Up 'Til Dawn Recruitment committee
- \* The RCCO coordinates the Student Organization Fair

**AND MUCH MORE!**

**Applications are due to KUC 306 by Wednesday,  
October 20th**

**For more information call 904-8418**