

SIDELINES

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Rohypnol found in area

By Gregg Mayer / staff

Reportedly creeping north from the black markets of Mexico, a new and insidious drug is threatening many communities across the United States, including Murfreesboro.

Rohypnol (pronounced ro-hip-nol) is known by many names on the street: roofies; rophies; ruffles; roofens; loops; roaches; R-2; wheels; rope; and circles. Some critics have called it the "love drug" of the '90s — like the Quaaludes of the '60s and '70s — because of its potential danger to women. No matter the name, Rohypnol has the same "valium-like" effect — called "roaching out" — causing 12-hour amnesia and intense muscle relaxation leading to unconsciousness.

Sedation occurs 20-30 minutes after administration (the tasteless drug is often mixed into a drink, where it dissolves quickly) and lasts for several hours. Since the drug is undetectable, it is reported that men use the drug — sometimes by mixing it into a large punch bowl at college parties — to render women unconscious in order

to facilitate "a potential sexual conquest," reports the DEA. Many victims of Rohypnol cannot recall the last 12 hours, sometimes waking up in unfamiliar locations surrounded by unfamiliar people.

"There is no way to know (Rohypnol) is in a drink," says Barbara Mitchell, director of MTSU health services. "It's tasteless, it's odorless, and you can't see it."

Rohypnol is also combined with alcohol, marijuana or cocaine to produce a rapid and very dramatic high.

Such combinations can lead to very dangerous consequences: respiratory depression; aspiration; or even death.

Even if the drug is not combined with other inhibitors, users still appear to be intoxicated, with slurred speech, no coordination, swaying and

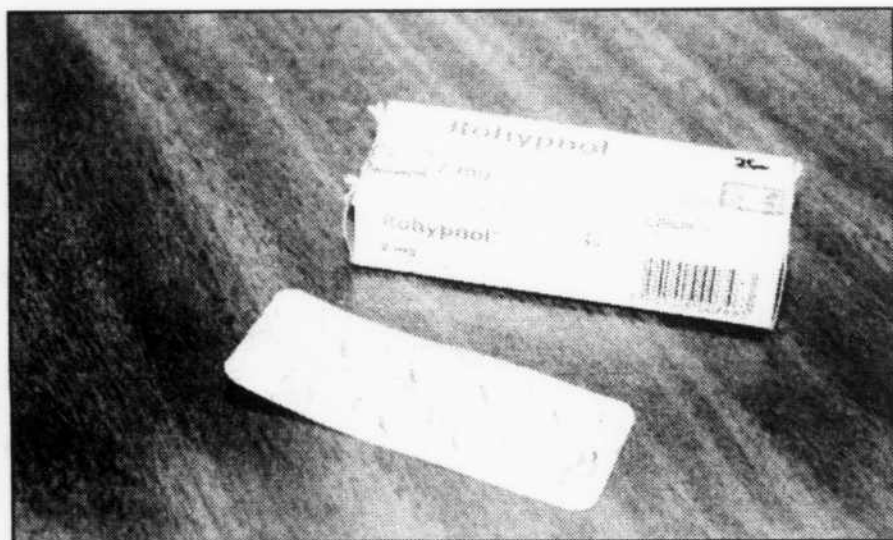
blood-shot eyes.

"(Rohypnol) is hot around the bars — in the social scene," said Detective Lt. Greg King of the

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Tips to avoid Rohypnol:

- * Never accept any pills from anyone.
- * Never accept an open drink from someone else, especially in social or private situations where you are not in familiar company.
- * Never leave an open drink unattended; it only takes a few seconds for the drug to dissolve.



This package of Rohypnol — on route to Murfreesboro from Mexico — was intercepted by Murfreesboro Police after Federal Express employees became suspicious of the package's recipient, who was using a false name.

Off the Wire

Thousands of Israelis come to Hebron in support of settlers

By Hilary Appelman

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Thousands of Israelis, many carrying prayer books and automatic rifles, converged on Hebron today to mark the death of biblical matriarch Sarah and show support for the city's tiny Jewish enclave.

Israeli troops beat and scuffled with Palestinians and their supporters who marched in a counter-demonstration chanting "Settlers out." One Palestinian man was carried away on a stretcher.

Israeli security forces arrested at least 12 people, including the Palestinian governor of the Hebron district.

The flare-up illustrated the explosive mix in Hebron, where 350 Jewish settlers and 150 Jewish seminary students live amid 94,000 Palestinians.

Israeli-Palestinian autonomy agreements call for Israel to withdraw its troops from most of the city, although many Israelis say security for the settlers cannot be weakened.

Today, about 8,000 Israelis — men wearing skullcaps and women in long dresses and hats in a show of religious observance — headed

toward the Tomb of the Patriarchs, the site where the biblical figures of Abraham, Jacob, Isaac and Sarah are believed buried.

The occasion was ostensibly a religious one, since Old Testament sections referring to the death of Sarah and Abraham's purchase of land in Hebron were being read in synagogues today. However, many more people participated today than in past years, saying they came to the city to show their support for the Hebron settlers.

Standing outside the Tomb of the Patriarchs, Ariel Lerner, an immigrant from Chicago, said he was awed by what he said where the deep roots of Jewish history in the city.

"It's very moving to be at this site and see where Abraham bought this land," said Lerner, who lives in the Jewish settlement of Efrat, about 10 miles north of Hebron. "This is ... to show the government that we haven't forgotten Hebron."

Palestinians watched in dismay. "They came here to prove that Hebron belongs to them, but Hebron belongs to us," said Nidal Ghais. "They are provoking us. But, God willing, we will be victorious, and Hebron will be Islamic." •

Stagnant budget hits MTSU

By Susan McMahan/ staff

It takes a large amount of money to run a university.

MTSU, despite being the fastest growing university in the state, has not had an increase in its operating budget — like most schools funded by the Tennessee Board of Regents — over the past three years.

"We have not had an increase in operating money, but we have had an increase in salaries," said Duane Stucky, vice president of finances and administration. "We definitely need (more operating money) because of the growth of student enrollment."

According to Stucky, the university actually has two budgets: an operating budget and a capital (also called building) budget.

The operating budget is used to handle daily operating costs, and the capital budget is used to finance new building projects.

The building budget varies from year to year, Stucky said, and next year MTSU will receive no money for a capital budget because of recent campus additions, such as the Aerospace and Business Building and the new library.

However, the operating budget remains consistent each year.

University funds are dependent on revenue from the state legislature, Stucky said, and last year there was a push to improve grade school education. He added that he thinks there will be a focus on college and university education in the near future.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) makes a yearly recommendation to the TBR based on a set formula relating how much money each school needs to operate.

In recent years, THEC has changed its formula, which Stucky said has been beneficial to MTSU.

"Relatively speaking, MTSU has been funded more favorably by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission because of a change in the funding formula," he said. "We hope that MTSU will continue to be looked upon more favorably."

According to Kathy Warden, budget director at MTSU, about 95 percent of THEC's recommended budget for MTSU has been funded by TBR for the past few years.

However, she said, "If they would fund us at 100 percent, it would be

wonderful."

Warden said that stagnant budgets have affected all TBR schools in recent years. She said this is not a problem that MTSU is facing alone.

Stucky said that the budget probably will not have much effect on students directly. Any tuition changes will be inflationary; not to offset budget problems.

"Each year student tuition will increase a little, but no more than usual," he said.

One possible way to relieve the strain on the budget is to impose a cap on student enrollment. However, there are no plans for cap enrollment.

"(An enrollment cap) is a technique that could be used, but there has been no serious discussion about it," Stucky said. "There will be no enrollment cap."

Warden said that the budget will affect departments because they must keep up with university growth using a consistent amount of money. She said that the university must learn to streamline operating processes.

"They (university departments) are having to monitor how they spend their money," she said. "All we can do is spend our money more wisely." •

Ready for takeoff



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Members of the Flying Billikens from Parks College move their plane into position during Friday's portion of the intercollegiate flight competition hosted by MTSU at the Murfreesboro Airport this past Thursday and Friday.

Writing minor will be offered in fall

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Beginning next fall, those who are drawn to the written word will have an outlet to earn some credit hours in an interdisciplinary minor in writing.

The idea for the minor began with Bill Connelly, associate chair of the English department. A committee of about 14 faculty members was formed to work with the suggestion. It was co-chaired by Wil Brantley and Claudia Barnett, English department faculty members.

"I want (the committee) to have the credit, because of their hard work," Connelly said.

After a year's work and refinement, the idea has passed through the curriculum requirements of the university and is waiting for the approval of the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The primary goal of the minor is

to make students more applicable for the job world by strengthening the writing communications skills of graduates.

"According to surveys, verbal and writing ability are the two most desirable skills within big corporations," Connelly said.

As with all interdisciplinary minors, students will take 18 hours of classes, with no more than three in each department of interest. The three colleges involved are Liberal Arts, Mass Communications and Business. Existing courses from each different field will be pulled together by the common strand of writing. Classes will cover such subjects as technical and legal writing, as well as creative writing.

An alteration to the already established class schedule is the division of Creative Writing 351 into three sections: poetry, plays and fiction. The change will be included in

the upcoming '97-'99 catalog.

Also, a writing internship is being added to the list. Students will be given an opportunity to work for such companies as Saturn and Nissan, doing a variety of writing.

Although the program will be administered through the English department, it is stressed that the minor is not only for English majors.

"I think this could hold an appeal for business majors, mass communications majors or English majors," said David Lavery, chair of the English department. "Maybe even the applied science. I could see a nursing major benefiting from this."

A reasonable amount of interest is expected.

"The writing courses are most popular within the department right now," Connelly said. "We will increase the amount of classes if the demand rises." •

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Basketball season begins

On Campus

MONDAY, Nov 11

Raiders for Christ will have an information table in front of the Phillips bookstore located in the KUC from 9 to 3 p.m. For more information contact the MTSU Christian Center at 896-1529.

A **Veteran's Day** lecture will be given by African-American international peace activist Greg Payton in the LRC at 7:00 p.m. For more information please call 898-2551.

The **Raider Assistance Project** is sponsoring a campus-wide canned food drive for the Rutherford County food bank. Students should bring cans to the KUC room 128. For more information contact Joey Davenport at 898-2808.

TUESDAY, Nov 12

The **MTSU placement center** will hold a career placement orientation at the KUC in room 318 at 2:00 p.m. For more information contact the placement center at 898-2500. Seniors and graduate students who are on job searches are encouraged to attend.

Phi Beta Lambda will hold a meeting at 4:45 p.m. in the Midgett Business Building room 303. The guest speaker will be a financial representative from First American National Bank. For more information contact James K. Roberson at 898-3051.

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WEDNESDAY, Nov 13

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THURSDAY, Nov 14

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FRIDAY, Nov 15

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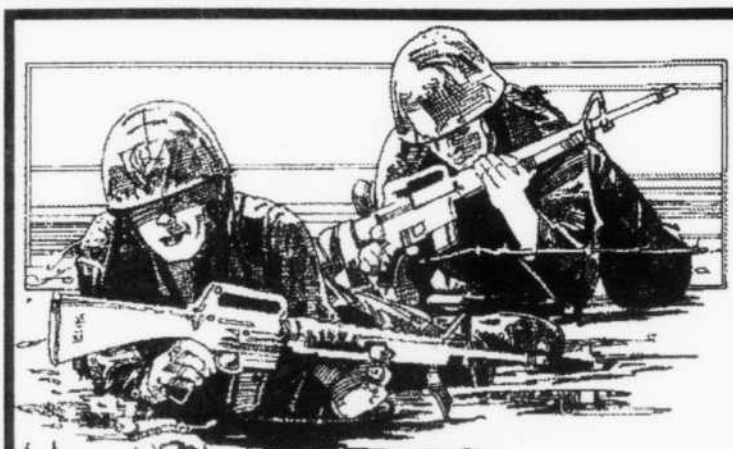
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Mr. Payton is an African-American Vietnam veteran and international peace activist. At the invitation of American and international peace organizations he has lectured in South Africa, Vietnam, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Spain, America, and England sharing his experiences of war and speaking out for peace and social justice. He lives in New Jersey and is a community health educator specializing in substance abuse and AIDS prevention. The lecture is FREE and OPEN to the public. For more information, please call 898-2551.

Payton first returned to Vietnam in the eighties on one of the first ground-breaking trips undertaken by Vietnam Veterans Against the War. The phenomenon of veterans returning to Vietnam is a courageous attempt to transform old, violent memories into new and healthier ones. The benefits range from fact-finding, attempts at reconciliation, and learning to relate to the Vietnamese as people to settling one's mind and spirit and relieving the suffering from post traumatic stress syndrome. Hear this story of war and healing and perhaps understand one man's transformation.

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Students head to California in hydrogen-powered car

By Jason Hollick / staff

MTSU students may soon hold a world speed record.

A team of MTSU students headed by Professor Cliff Ricketts has built a hydrogen-powered car. The car will be taken to El Mirage, Calif. in an attempt to break the world speed record for a hydrogen-powered car.

Cliff Ricketts and MTSU students have had great success in the past with hydrogen-powered cars.

In 1991, Ricketts and his

team took a 1973 Chevy truck, powered by hydrogen, to the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. Ricketts and the students drove the truck from Murfreesboro to the Bonneville Salt Flats, where they set the world speed record of 108.157 mph.

"The primary goal of the research is to develop a hydrogen engine with similar or better horsepower than a gasoline engine," said Ricketts.

Ricketts and the students will be leaving for El Mirage, on Thursday, Nov. 7. *

Vietnam veteran to speak on experiences of war

By Jennifer Lane / staff

As part of the Veterans Memorial Weekend, the MTSU Ideas and Issues Department will host Vietnam veteran speaker Greg Payton in the Learning Resources Center's Multi-Media Room at 7 p.m. today.

Payton, a peace activist and member of several peace organizations, has shared his war experiences with people all over the world, including: South Africa, Vietnam, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Spain, England and America. In the '80s, Payton

participated in one of the first trips back to Vietnam with the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. The trip's purpose was to help the veterans put painful memories of the war to rest. While in Vietnam, the veterans achieved their goal by focusing on fact-finding, reconciliation and relating to the Vietnamese people.

Payton currently lives in New Jersey, where he is a community health educator. He specializes in substance abuse and relating to the Vietnamese people.

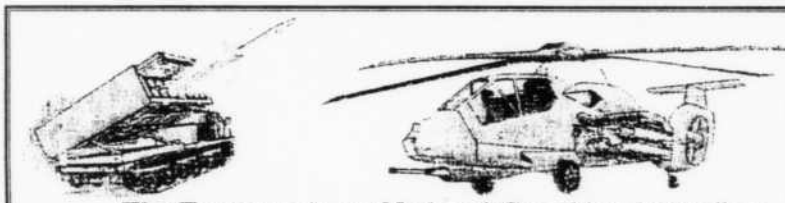
The lecture is free and open to the public. *

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Around the World

Researchers: Drug Mix Virtually Eliminated HIV Levels in Tests

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — AIDS researchers say a combination of drugs virtually eliminated the virus that causes the terminal ailment among patients in a small clinical trial.

The drugs, saquinavir and two types of ritonavir, cut the levels of HIV by more than 99.9 percent, they reported Thursday at the Third International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection held at Birmingham, central England.

Storm Hits India, State Executive Says Death Toll May Reach 2,000

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — Flooding rice paddies and villages, ripping power poles from the ground, a fierce cyclone roared through India's southeast coast. The state's top official said Thursday the death toll could reach 2,000.

At least 670 residents were killed, another 1,500 people are missing and

10,000 homes were destroyed, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said after an aerial survey of Andhra Pradesh state.

Authorities began an airlift of food and medicine to reach some 100,000 families stranded by mud and high water.

Mondale Steps Down as U.S. Ambassador to Japan

TOKYO (AP) — After three years in the forefront of U.S.-Japanese relations, Walter Mondale said today he was stepping down as America's ambassador to Japan and returning to private law practice.

Mondale joined other officials from the Clinton administration who have announced plans to step down following the president's re-election Tuesday. Five Cabinet members are leaving.

Mondale said that with new governments in both the United States and Japan, it was a good time for him to call it quits.

Update on Cause of TWA Explosion

CANNES, France (AP) — Veteran American newsman Pierre Salinger said today he



has a government document saying that Navy gunners accidentally shot down TWA Flight 800 while conducting missile tests, killing all 230 people aboard.

Salinger, an ABC News correspondent from 1978-83 and former spokesman for President Kennedy, said he was willing to give the FBI the document and its "very important details that show the plane was brought down by a U.S. Navy missile."

The Navy and FBI denied Salinger's charge. Investigators have yet to pin down whether a missile, mechanical failure or a bomb caused the July 17 explosion that brought down the Paris-bound plane shortly after it left New York's Kennedy Airport.

Reception begins Native American program

By Pam Courtney/ staff

Students of Native American heritage will have the opportunity to socialize at a reception being held by the Multicultural Affairs Office on Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in KUC Room 315.

"There needs to be an increased Native American awareness on campus," says Sherrie Murray of multicultural affairs. "We want to develop an increased

dialogue between this office and Native American students.

"We have located over 80 students of Native American heritage and know that there are many more that are not accounted for," Murray adds. "We want to meet all of them at the reception."

Future plans for Native American students will be a mentor program, advisers, a scholarship and the opportunity to promote modern as well as traditional values.

"There are many students who are of native blood or know that they have native ancestry," says Jason Guthrie, president of the Native American Heritage Society. "(This is an) opportunity to meet students with similar backgrounds."

Traditional foods such as fry bread and hominy will be served at this open reception. For further information, contact Multicultural Affairs at 898- 2987. •

Graduate returns to relate UN experiences

By Heather Hybarger/ staff

"From Middle Tennessee to Mozambique: Twenty Years with the United Nations" is the title of Mary Pat Williams Silveira's presentation to be given Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Wright Music Hall.

Williams Silveira is a 1970 MTSU graduate who majored in political science/international relations.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the department of political science, the global studies program and the Society for International Affairs, as part of the Frank Essex Visiting Practitioner Program.

Williams Silveira is the first speaker in the program, which is designed to bring to campus departmental graduates who are now working in the fields they studied at MTSU.

After a summer of studying Hindi in a special summer language program at the University of Rochester, Williams Silveira entered the University of California, Berkeley for her master's in South Asian Studies and her Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations.

Williams Silveira has been a permanent member of the United Nations secretariat. She has served as scientific affairs officer, assistant

resident representative in Mozambique and, most recently, chief of the branch on national information and analysis in the Division for Sustainable Development, which is working to expand access to information on sustainable development to decision-makers worldwide.

Five books and several articles have been published by Williams Silveira.

She was raised in Nashville and currently resides in New York with her twin sons, Brian and Daniel.

The lecture is free and open to the public. There will be a reception from 3:30 to 4:30 in the lobby of the hall. •

Rohypnol:

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Murfreesboro City Police. "It's a social drug."

There have been no

reported cases of Rohypnol abuse on the MTSU campus; however, the department of health services, the department of public safety, and student life are using flyers, pamphlets and word-of-mouth to inform the MTSU community about

the dangers and potential abuses of the drug.

In addition, anyone who feels they might be a victim of Rohypnol abuse should contact public safety at 898-2424, or health services at 898-2988. •

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In our view

Should we give Boots the boot?

It is hard to argue with the fact that the MTSU football team has not lived up to its lofty expectations this season. The team currently stands at 4-5 after last Saturday's victory over UT-Martin and is mired near the bottom of the OVC standings. Unless the team wins its final two games of the season, the Blue Raiders will suffer their second losing season in three years.

For a program that has its sights set on moving to Division I-A football after next season, this is hardly the way to go about generating some much-needed excitement in Blue Raider football. Now, some people have placed the blame for MTSU's losing ways on head coach Boots Donnelly and his staff and are questioning whether they are the right men for the job.

Coach Donnelly is in his 18th season as head coach at MTSU. Taking over a program that was a perennial loser, Donnelly made the Blue Raiders a contender in the OVC, winning four conference championships and guiding seven teams to the Division I-AA playoffs. Furthermore, he is a fixture in the community, and has run a clean program devoid of any NCAA investigations or misconduct.

Still, there are those who say that Coach Donnelly's method of coaching and leadership style has become outdated. Perhaps they are right. But given Coach Donnelly's outstanding track record and past service to MTSU, students and fans ought to give him the benefit of the doubt. He has turned around one losing program before; he deserves the chance to try and do it again.



Letters to the Editor

Evidence supporting evolution theory is faulty

To the Editor:

Lately the subject of evolution has been highly debated. Some biology professors claim the evolution theory is a fact because of supposed transition fossil evidence.

Best transition fossil: Lucy. She was discovered by Dr. Donald Johanson and dubbed as the species *Australopithecus africanus*. Johanson claimed it was a transition species between man and apes, but he later learned about sexual dimorphism and allometry. That means Lucy had many characteristics of a male, including her pelvis (too small to have babies), muscular indentations in the skull, and unique characteristics of male teeth. Lucy has since appropriately been named Lucifer (the great deceiver). If geniuses like Johanson cannot even determine gender, how can they determine that it is a transitional species? Simple: They cannot!

Since humans and monkeys have similar body compositions, of course their fossils look similar, too. The big distinction is intelligence. For instance, did you know gorillas have an average brain capacity of 1,450 cc., while humans only have a brain capacity of about 1,350 cc.; humans are clearly smarter than gorillas, though. Evolutionists often use brain capacity to measure knowledge, when it is really a measure of volume. Presently, scientists cannot measure the intelligence of fossils.

Evolutionists also claim the Earth is 4.6 billion years old (and this number increases often). Elemental dating techniques cannot measure time; they only measure present ratios of radioactive materials. Other flaws include:

- 1.) Beginning elemental amounts are unknown. Scientists only speculate as to the actual conditions.
- 2.) A gigameter cannot accurately test the decay rates in a single lifetime (it would take millions of years).
- 3.) A highly volatile environment (earthquakes, volcanoes, ice ages, etc.) constantly changes the rates of decay.
- 4.) As the composition of the Earth and its atmosphere alter over time, all supposed decay rate constants are invalidated.

5.) The flood is a proven fact, yet it is never factored into evolutionary dating techniques because of its drastic impact in reducing the age of the Earth.

6.) Evolutionists also encounter a lack of consistency in their own dating techniques. If their dating techniques are accurate, why don't they even agree with each other?

7.) Often, the substance is not completely homologous. In other words, the elemental distributions throughout a material are unequal. This too leads to multiple dates for a single substance.

8.) One radio-carbon year is not necessarily equal to one Earth year. Several radio-carbon years may only account for one Earth year. I bet you did not read that in your biology textbook.

Several flaws in the decay rates have been corrected in the newest accelerator mass spectrometers. That's why the 11 earliest human fossils in North America have now been dated at about 5,000 years or less. The Bible is right on the money...again.

If evolutionists cannot figure out simple things like age, gender and intelligence, why should we believe humans evolved from mud through a complicated process spanning millions of years? At best, evolutionists have sketchy theories, not undisputed facts.

Brian Mathers, Senior Aerospace

Donnelly's record deserves respect from fair-weather fans

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to write in response to the letter by Mr. Brandon Burton. I disagree with the premise of his letter and wish to raise an issue which has been ignored far too long.

First of all, Mr. Burton, I disagree with your statement that you are not a fair-weather fan. Sure, you attend as many sporting events as possible and are enthusiastic when things are good, but you admit that you find less desire to attend when things aren't going as well as you wish. May I remind you that the word "fan" was originally used as an abbreviated form of the word "fanatic." A true "fan" will enthusiastically cheer his or her team regardless of record. Case in point: everybody is a Braves fan now, but how many of them were so inclined in 1990, when they lost 100 games, and how many will not bail out when the cycle of things bring them to the bottom again in several years? I am a true fan of the Blue Raiders who cheer win or lose. This school is both my alma mater and the institution I have chosen to further my education. I have attended as many sporting events as my schedule allows, and make it a priority to find out our score when I can't. I will not lose my enthusiasm for attending and supporting simply because we did not go undefeated.

I also disagree with Mr. Burton's statement that Boots Donnelly may not be the man to lead our team into Division I-A play. I think nobody is better suited for the job. Boots took over this program in the early 1980's and, in a short time, brought it to the top of the polls. The Blue Raiders have remained there frequently since. I would dare put his win-loss record up against that of any other coach in the nation that has remained with his program as long. In recent years, Boots has led our boys into

battles with teams such as Nebraska and Florida State; games that were theoretically to be one-sided tune ups for the bigger guys, but in fact turned out to be good games in which those "powerhouses" had to work to emerge victorious. After coaching here for some 15 years, you, Mr. Burton, feel that one less than perfect year should raise doubts about Boots' ability as head coach. You are wrong. Boots Donnelly is one of the best football coaches in the country. I feel I speak for the majority of true Blue Raider fans that we look forward to him leading us into Division I-A play.

Finally, I would like to address an attitude that I find distressing; one that Mr. Burton seems to possess. That attitude is that the whole reason a university exists is to support a sports program and provide entertainment. Before any one accuses me of being a pencil-pushing, athletics-hating nerd, let me assure you that nobody in the world loves sports and the adrenaline rush provided by athletic competition more than myself. I've spent my time training in the weight room (still do) and practicing long hours in preparation for a single game. I also adhere to the theory that winning may not be everything, but losing stinks. But believe me, there is far too much emphasis on athletics, from college level down to Junior pro football and basketball as well as Little League baseball and soccer. What a shame it is that our universities don't seem to put as much effort into hiring good teachers as they do good athletic directors, coaches, etc. My point is this: Cheer for your school's teams, but remember the purpose of the team is to represent the school, not the other way around. If more people thought along these lines, we would not have fair-weather fans such as Mr. Burton looking for a scapegoat to heap blame upon the winner or loser. Mr. Burton, maybe you need a few lessons in grace.

In closing, let me say: "Three cheers for Boots Donnelly and the Mighty Blue Raiders!"

See ya at the next game.

John Conklin
Elementary Education

Homecoming Queen deserves article

To the Editor:

Why has there not been a write-up on the MTSU homecoming queen in "Sidelines" for 1996? If I'm not mistaken, "Sidelines" has been published approximately six times since the queen was crowned.

I did notice a picture of her in "Sidelines," but there was not an article about her as there has been on former MTSU homecoming queens. I feel that this is not fair. Considering "Sidelines" is an MTSU publication, I think the homecoming queen definitely should have an article devoted to her.

Tammy J. Jernigan

To the Editor:

I noticed a picture of the 1996 Homecoming Queen in a recent "Sidelines" publication, but there was no article discussing who she was, where she is from, her major or classification. I noticed in the past there were articles written on past homecoming queens. I think this is a high honor on campus and needs to be addressed.

Jackie D. Lewis

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Need a vacation? Boat with wildlife in the Everglades

By Dave Barry

If you're looking to get away from civilization and experience the serenity that comes from being out in nature's wilderness beauty and having the vast majority of the blood sucked out of your body, then you should rent a houseboat in the Everglades.

I did this recently with my son, Rob. We rented our houseboat at a place called Flamingo, in Everglades National Park, waaaaay down on the bottom of Florida. At that point, Florida has totally stopped pretending to be a normal United State such as Pennsylvania, the kind of state that has been constructed in compliance with the Official State Building Code on a solid foundation of dirt and rocks. Lower Florida LOOKS like solid ground in places, but it's actually a gigantic floating clotted mass of decaying vegetation and shedded snakeskins, drifting around on a sea of aromatic water and muck. You get the feeling that you need to keep moving, because if you stand still too long, you'll sink into the clot until the only thing sticking up is your head, which a bird will come along and build a nest on.

There's wildlife everywhere down there. Maybe too much of it. For example, when we arrived at the Flamingo marina, we drove into a parking lot, which sloped down gently to a boat-launching ramp into the water, and lying on this ramp, watching us, were three major alligators. They were lined up parallel to each other, halfway out of the water, as though a National Park Service employee had been in the middle of launching them, but then he stopped for some reason, such as that they ate him.

I was frankly concerned about being in an alligator-infested parking lot, and it did not help that Rob kept

reminding me how fast alligators can move over land. Reminding people how fast alligators can move is a long-standing Florida tradition. "Over short distances, an alligator can out run a horse," people will say. Or: "In 1983 the Air Force tracked an alligator going 387 miles per hour."

Fortunately, alligators don't corner well, so if one is chasing you get ready for an

marine-supplies store to buy boat parts in a never-ending effort to get the boat fixed up to the point where the engine would start.

Altogether, I probably have close to 45 minutes of experience driving a boat on the actual water, so you can imagine how competent I felt when I took the helm (or "forecastle") of the Spoonbill, which is the size of a standard junior high school, only not as

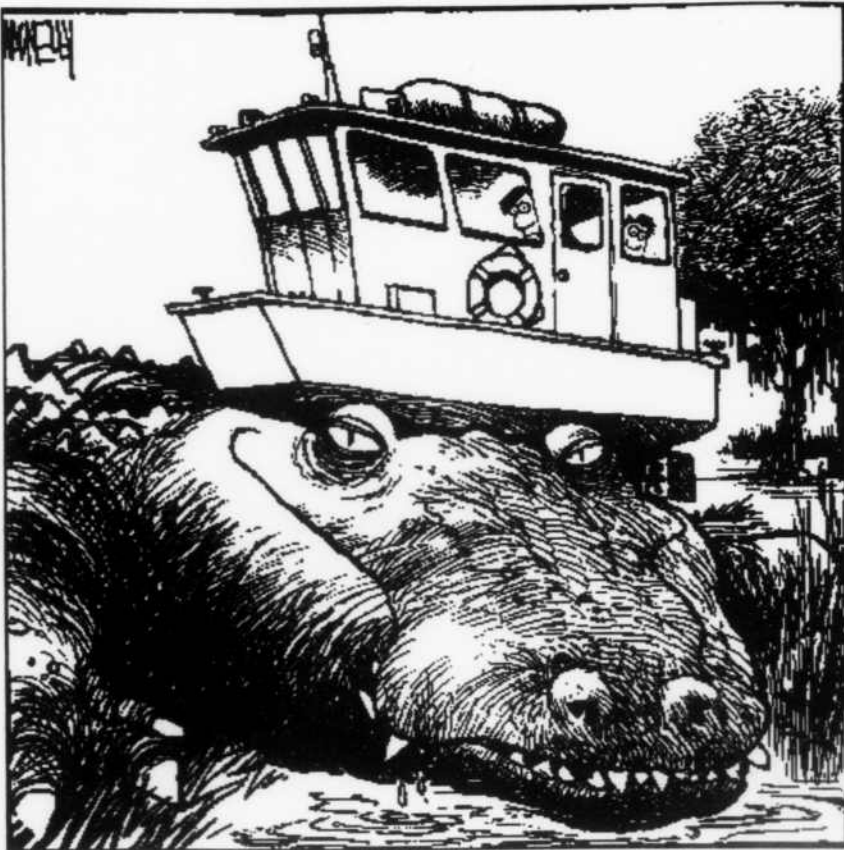
(I am estimating here) is zero. We didn't care. We weren't out there to get somewhere; we were out there to experience directly the natural beauty of the Everglades, which look today very much as they did thousands of years ago to the first Native Americans to arrive here, except that they didn't have a generator, climate control, hot water, a full kitchen, a shower, a flush toilet, a refrigerator and enough groceries to feed the Green Bay Packers for a month.

That evening we dropped anchor maybe 100 yards from a mangrove island, many miles from any sign of civilization. We stood on the deck, and, as the sun set, we experienced a sensation that I will never forget: The sensation of being landed on by every mosquito in the Western Hemisphere. There were so many of them that they needed Air Traffic Control mosquitoes to give directions ("OK No. 86742038, you have clearance to land on his left elbow, but make it quick, because he's almost out of blood").

So we hustled inside the Spoonbill and spent the evening admiring the natural wonder and beauty of air conditioning. Meanwhile, just outside the window, the mosquitoes formed a huge swirling committee to discuss the feasibility of sending a search party back to the mainland for a glass-cutter. But we made it through the night OK, and we ended up having a fine weekend, which was diminished only slightly by the fact that when we got back to Flamingo, it had sunk without a trace.

No, it was still there. But if you're planning to go, you should call ahead, just in case. And if an alligator answers, hang up.

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Alligator Safety Tip—you're supposed to run in circles. I'm serious. School children are taught this in Florida, while children in other states are learning to read.

So anyway, by moving in precautionary circles, Rob and I managed to get safely aboard our rental houseboat, named the "Spoonbill." I'm qualified to operate a houseboat because I have nautical experience, consisting of owning a boat for a couple of years. During this time I learned the principles of navigation, because every week I had to navigate my car to the

maneuverable. The way you drive a houseboat is, you turn the wheel to the right (or "mizzen"), then you go make a sandwich and take a nap. By the time you get back to the helm, the boat is just starting to turn right, which means it's time for you to turn the wheel back to the left.

Using this procedure we navigated through a canal out to Whitewater Bay, which gets its name from the fact that the water is brown. There we were able to really "open up" the throttle and get the Spoonbill moving at her top speed, which

Letters...

Murder is no laughing matter for Smith Hall resident

To the Editor:

Apparently murder is a laughing matter to some students at Smith Hall. On the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 22, between 8 and 9 p.m., nearly 30 students gathered around the TV in the Smith Hall lobby. One of the students put in a video tape, "Faces of Death 2000." As I looked on I realized that this was not a Hollywood production, but rather a collection of real-life executions caught on camera. I watched an armed robber graphically shoot a convenience store clerk point blank in the chest, and as the clerk's lifeless body hit the floor the assailant ran off. What was more disturbing than the video was watching all these students erupt in laughter, hooting, hollering and rolling on the floor. I could hardly believe my eyes. I was truly sick at my stomach and was angry at my fellow students for their savage behavior. I don't understand how any human being could find such a heinous crime funny.

In light of this situation, I felt it necessary to talk to Dave Stukbauer, the area coordinator, and Jason Nichols, the resident director. They said that the TV in the lobby was a community TV and if a video offends one member of the community, then it is inappropriate and offensive material and has no place in the lobby. Courtesy for the community should be extended. They explained that desk staff should be assertive enough to redirect students' negative behavior, and can call for assistance if needed. They went on to say that this is an institution of higher education, and that this video has no educational value. They promised to follow up on this incident and deal with it

accordingly. They added that it does not put MTSU students in a good light.

I certainly don't believe that the insensitive behavior of those Smith Hall residents is indicative of the MTSU student population. I also hope and pray that those students would realize the error of their ways and perhaps take the Golden Rule to heart. Certainly they wouldn't have found it funny had it been their family member who was brutally murdered. Yet each victim has a grieving family whose lives will never be the same.

R.W. Bronson, Freshman Pre-Nursing

Letter detracting Greeks prompts apology

To the Editor:

While I still hold to my previous stance that the Greeks should not have a column in "Sidelines," I want to apologize to the Greek community as a whole, especially to my friends who are Greek and Stephen C. Valente, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, for my comments in the Nov. 4 issue of "Sidelines." Mr. Valente, if it seemed that I was picking on your fraternity, I am sorry; that is not what I meant.

Unfortunately, I flew off the handle, and while my words cannot be taken back, I hope that this apology will help. I feel that Greeks of this campus do have too much control, and often feel they smother out many other people who want to do things for MTSU. However, for a student to bash what he doesn't have a part in is not right.

As a patriot of this fine land once said, "I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death the right to say it." I hope that the Greek community will understand that point.

H. Paul Canady, III, Junior

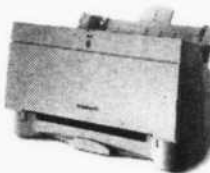
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Standing tall through the years

On Veteran's Day, school's ROTC program remembered for rich history, proud tradition

By Dylan Ross / staff

On Veteran's Day, people around the country will take time out to recognize the achievements of the men and women who have made enormous sacrifices serving in the armed forces. Here at MTSU, the ROTC program has given folks much to be proud of in its more than four decades on campus.

Indeed, MTSU has a rich tradition of producing military leaders for the nation for 46 years, ever since university President Q.M. Smith had the Military Science Department instituted in 1950.

According to "The First 50 Years," an account of MTSU's early history written by Homer Pittard, the Military Science Department and its accompanying Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit became a general military science program in 1952. For the two previous years, it had been an armored unit, one of 15 such ROTC units in the nation at the time.

The program's original home was in the basement of the Health and Physical Education Building, now known as the Alumni Memorial Gym. Lt. Col. Bob McClain was the first professor of military science at the university.

In its early days, the program was rather large relative to the MTSU's size at the time. While having a much smaller pool of students to draw from, the original program had 93 cadets compared to today's roll call of 156. (The small margin can perhaps be accounted for by the fact that ROTC was originally compulsory for all students.)

In 1954, the program was relocated to the newly-completed Forrest Hall. A year later, the first two years of ROTC became a requirement for all physically-fit males in 1955, in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education.

The ROTC program during these years was supplemented by the Track and Saber Club, an organization founded for the "improvement and entertainment of its members," according to the 1952 "Midlander." The club sponsored Red Cross blood

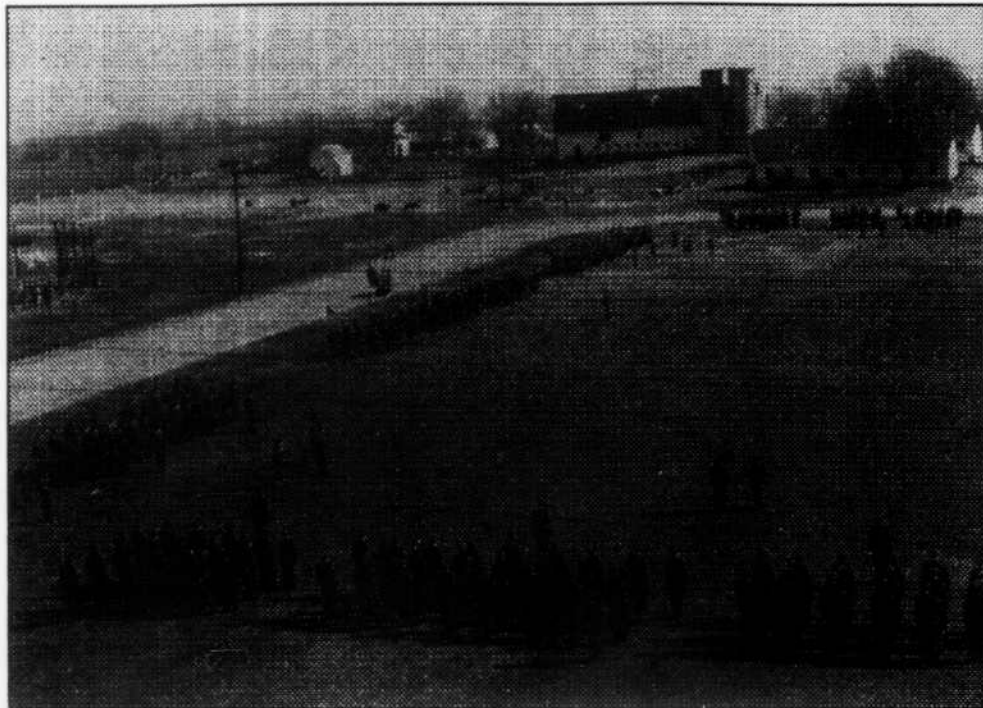


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drives and a major campus social event, the military ball.

The military ball was "one of the biggest dances of the year," said former student Joseph Smith of Murfreesboro in an interview conducted by the Gore Research Center.

The prominence of ROTC on campus during the early 1960s can be seen with the examination of old copies of "Sidelines." Most issues contained at least one ROTC story, describing cadet activities or honors they received.

Over the years, the Military Science Department and the ROTC program grew with MTSU, reaching its peak enrollment in 1970, with some 1,449 students. ROTC's compulsory status was changed to a strictly voluntary one in 1972.

Today, the 156 students now enrolled in the ROTC program at MTSU work to carry on the tradition.

Lt. Col. Kevin Chaffin, MTSU ROTC graduate and current Professor of Military Science, describes the current program as one that provides a glimpse of army life for its students.

"The first two years, or the basic course, is designed to give cadets basic skills such as marksmanship, first aid and conduct during ceremonies," he says. "It also teaches them about how

A few good men

Above: Members of the 1962-63 ROTC program stand in official parade formation.

Left: MTSU ROTC cadets march in Floyd Stadium dressed in military uniforms through the years during a 1983 salute to veterans of the armed forces.

the Army is set up, its rules and missions, and about the various branches they can serve in.

"There is no service obligation with the basic course."

"The last two years are the advanced course," Chaffin continues. "This is designed to prepare the cadet to go on active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. The senior year is meant to help the cadet make the transition from being a cadet to being an officer."

The Army offers various scholarships through the ROTC program, with awards made based on a competitive criteria of academic and

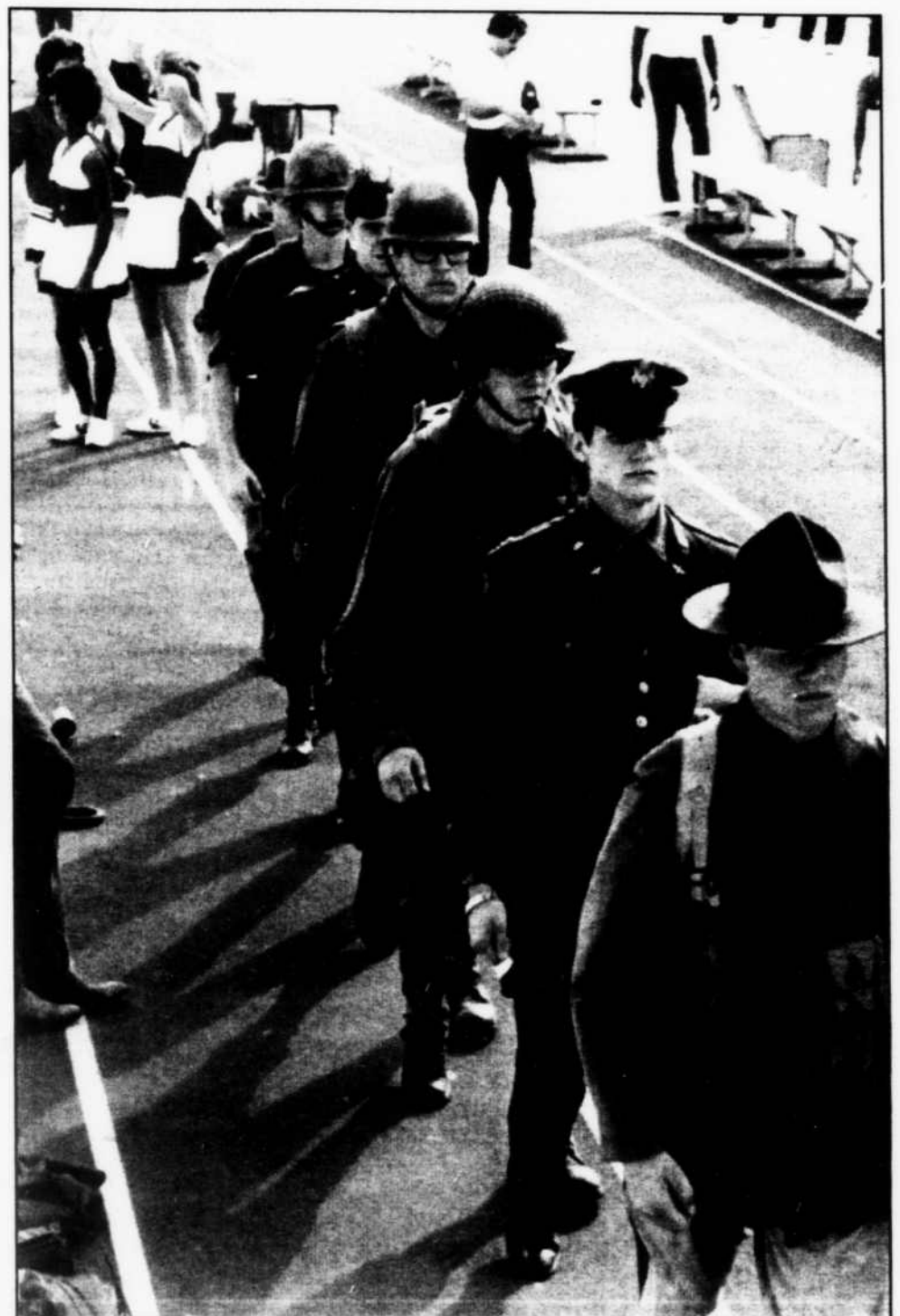


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leadership ability. Two-, three- and four-year scholarships of differing amounts are available, all intended to supply money for the cadet's books and tuition.

"These scholarships were never meant to pay for room and board," Lt. Col. Chaffin says, "but fortunately, MTSU offers room and board scholarships to our four-year scholarship cadets."

"This means that we can provide a free education to these students."

Chaffin reports that last year every MTSU cadet applying for a

scholarship was approved.

ROTC involves an eight-year commitment for graduates. This time period can be divided among active Army, Reserves or National Guard service in any combination.

What does the program offer to its enrollees?

"I think the program offers anyone some teamwork training, discipline, regimentation, and leadership and management training," Chaffin says. "These are things potential employers look upon very favorably."



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Aerospace instructor Billy Cox (bottom row, first on left) and the rest of MTSU's 1959 Flight Training Corps.

Chance to fly led instructor to ROTC, military experiences

By Dylan Ross / staff

For Billy Cox, a graduate of MTSU's program (class of '59) and an instructor in the Aerospace Department, ROTC helped him do something he wouldn't have been able to do otherwise.

"The primary thing that enticed me into the advanced program," Cox says, "was the idea of learning to fly during training. Flying lessons were expensive, and I couldn't afford them without some help."

The whole venture apparently paid off favorably for Cox.

"I had no plans to make a career of the Army, but when I was commissioned into the Transportation Corps as a pilot, I ended up remaining in the army for 20 years, until 1970."



Billy Cox

Cox then returned to MTSU, obtained a Master's degree, and began a teaching career. He is quick to point out the benefits of his ROTC training.

"The main thing it did for me was to provide leadership training and confidence. I was a farm boy who would have blushed if you said 'boo' to me, but ROTC helped me learn the skills that let me get up in front of a class to give a presentation, and it also let me develop a good deal of confidence."

"Overall, I guess the whole thing turned out pretty well."

The best ride around town

Relax & Ride transit allows commuters to unwind in style

By Yanetra Mitchell / staff

MTSU commuters, it's time to relax your soul and let someone else do the driving. A number of MTSU students, faculty and staff are doing just that, taking advantage of the Relax & Ride Regional Transit.

As soon as the doors open at approximately 6 a.m. each weekday morning, it's all aboard the Relax & Ride bus for the faculty, staff and students making the long commute to MTSU to begin a new work or school day.

Since Aug. 19, the Relax and Ride Regional Transit has operated every day (except weekends and holidays) to transport morning commuters from Nashville, Smyrna and LaVergne to its final stop in Murfreesboro. Then, the R & R travels back through Rutherford County to Nashville to pick up more commuters on their way to Murfreesboro and deliver passengers to Nashville. The pattern doesn't end until approximately 7:30 that evening.

While the driving may be a regular chore for the R & R bus driver, the service is an MTSU commuter's dream come true. Not only does the passenger reap the reward of an hour of free time to study or read, but also gets to relax in a comfy, cushioned seat by a window at the same time.

Gabriel Leyna, a graduate student, has traveled on the R & R since the beginning of this semester. Each morning, Leyna boards the bus from downtown West Nashville at 7:30 a.m. and is dropped off at MTSU

75 minutes later, in time to get to class. It is a ride whose benefits he is quick to realize.

"It saves on gas, allows time to



study, and is generally more convenient," claims Leyna.

On the R & R, Leyna uses most of his commuting time to study, but also takes time to observe the scenic view along Murfreesboro Road. On one occasion, he noticed the two activities formed a unique relationship.

Leyna had been studying about the Civil War, when something suddenly occurred to him. "As I was arriving in Nashville, I saw the actual battle sites as I was reading about them. It was interesting to learn as I was seeing it."

And at times, the long ride is also a good time to simply recollect his thoughts.

"Sometimes," Leyna says, "when I have something to think about, (the bus ride) is a good time to unwind. It's kind of a relaxing and leisurely ride."

Other MTSU commuters use their free travel time to catch up on paperwork. Richard Barnett, for instance, chairman of the department of recording industry, spends his hour-long commute on the R & R reading work-related material.

"I have to read a lot of memos and respond to them," Barnett explains. "So (the ride) gives me time to read all kinds of stuff. In recording industry, we have a lot of trade magazines to read, and I can go through those very easily."

Barnett also appreciates the opportunity to let someone else do the driving. "It's nice to be able to work instead of wasting time behind the wheel. When I get off (the bus), I just walk across campus, and I'm here."

Betty Dandridge Johnson, a staff member in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, also enjoys avoiding those bumper-to-bumper commuting woes. "It's really nice. I don't have to worry about the traffic. Let someone else do the driving. I'm saving money and (there are) no hassles."

While the bus service takes care of most commuting headaches, Barnett would like to see the new service expand even more to accommodate students with evening classes. For those students and faculty with later classes, the R & R's 7:30 shut down time means they have to find their own way home on those nights.

"I'd like to have one that goes back at 9 p.m.," Barnett says. "I teach a night class, and on that day I can't ride the bus. I think there are a lot of students that are taking a night class that would like to take the bus back."

For more information about the Relax & Ride Regional Transit, ridesharing or other commuter services, contact the RTA and RIDE program, 862-8833. Bus schedules for the Relax & Ride can be picked up in the payroll office inside the Cope Administration Building.

Travel: Bolivia has its charms, if you don't mind eating dust

Vagabond student traveler experiences hard times at 'The Edge of Nowhere'

By Doug Lansky/
College Press Service

UYUNI, Bolivia—Who would pass up a chance to time travel?

"Touring the arid, icy cold highlands of southwestern Bolivia is like taking a trip back in time," wrote Logan Ward in an effusive "New York Times" article, "On the Edge of Nowhere."

Since I was in semi-nearby La Paz, Bolivia, when my mother, one of the premier article clippers on planet Earth, sent me Ward's story, I figured I couldn't miss the opportunity.

My only reluctance was that riding in an ordinary bus in Bolivia is like being trapped in a paint mixer, so the prospect of four days off-roading in an old truck wasn't too appealing.

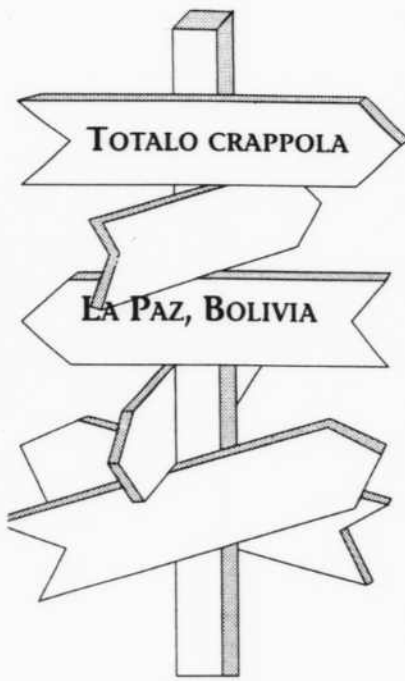
Getting to southwestern Bolivia was the first trick. According to his article, Ward had flown from La Paz to Sucre, then taken a short bus ride to Potosi, where he met his Bolivian guide, Yamil. He spent the night at the Liberator, "a cozy colonial inn with electric radiators and layers of blankets for the beds." Ward and his gang of

"well-traveled friends" had signed up with a tour company in Potosi and paid \$180 for a four-day journey.

Since I didn't have that kind of money, I opted for a gall bladder-busting night bus from La Paz to Potosi. Unfortunately, a general strike started in town an hour after we arrived, so our little band of stranded travelers chartered another bus for \$5 each. We waited until night and bribed our way past the first blockade. Luckily, most of the protesters were sleeping or passed out, so we were able to complete the seven-hour ride to the frontier village of Uyuni.

There, at 4 a.m., we checked into the Avenida, a \$4 hotel with no electric radiators and beds shaped like hammocks. Uyuni is where penny-pinching travelers book four-day trips for only \$60 to \$70 that go to the exact same places as Ward's pricier tour.

In the morning, there was frenetic negotiating as all my fellow dollar-crunchers tried to form groups of six, find a tour company, bargain the tour price down and pick up some snacks at the market—all before noon, when the tours left. I ended up in a group with an Irish computer engineer, a German



flight attendant, a Swiss law student, an Israeli psychologist, an Uruguayan biologist and a Harvard medical student.

We boarded the Tortuga (turtle), our well-used Toyota Land Cruiser piloted by Fermin, also our guide. A 34-year-old Bolivian with a confessed addiction to his Nintendo Game Boy, Fermin was not someone I would describe as talkative. Getting information out of this guy was like asking him to cough up major organs. But every once in a while, he'd toss us a gall stone.

Us: Can you tell us about the terrain?

Fermin: That's a mountain.

Us: That's it?

Fermin: It's a very old mountain.

We also had a cook named Isack, who turned out to be Fermin's 16-year-old nephew. Like his uncle, Isack didn't say more than 20 words the entire trip. And I'll hazard a guess he never attended culinary school. His specialty was "make your own sandwich." He would cut up some vegetables, put out bread and bottles of ketchup and mustard and disappear. Isack did appreciate food,

though. We often caught him eating ours.

The scenery was certainly beautiful: one of the world's largest salt flats, a series of mountains and a desert. Unfortunately, it was all a little hard to enjoy. We spent most of the day inhaling copious amounts of dust, nursing massive headaches from the altitude (13,000 feet), and listening to Fermin's cassettes—synthesizer versions of Bolivian folk music.

Aside from the view, the most enjoyable part of the trip was chatting with other travelers during brief pit stops. In just four days, we developed a peace plan for Israel and Syria, found a face-saving settlement for the IRS, solved the world hunger crisis, and restructured America's health care system.

Our comic release came by way of a game we invented called TOTALO CRAPPOLA. It worked like this: We'd pass around Logan Ward's New York Times article and try to find the most excessively poetic passage just after we'd seen with our own eyes each spot he mentioned. Points were awarded based on the group's reaction.

I received high marks for this selection:

Subject: We saw some rocks.

New York Times: "The smooth stones, the wind, the sense of timelessness all brought on a Zen-like calm."

The German flight attendant did well with this one:

Subject: We drove off the salt flat onto a small land mass and ate Isack's self-serve breakfast.

New York Times: "Like ripples frozen for eternity, the crusted plates seemed to lap the shoreline. We pulled into half-moon bay, as if to dock, then drove right up on the bank, where we ate a camp breakfast of toast, apricot jam and coffee."

The Israeli passenger made a valiant entry with this beauty:

Subject: We drove in the desert.

New York Times: "Since all the other vehicles had turned back at Laguna Colorada, we were once again alone in a lonely world."

Give me a break.

I think I subscribe more to Mark Twain's philosophy about travel writing:

"I offer no apologies for any departures from the usual style of travel writing that may be charged against me—for I think I have seen with impartial eyes, and I am sure I have written honestly, whether wisely or not."

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The Loony Bin

Goldfish terrorize Chicago suburb

GLEN ELLYN, Ill. (AP) — The picturesque lake in this Chicago suburb is being overrun by horrible beasts from the deep: goldfish.

Apparently many goldfish owners, bored with their little pets, have dumped the fish in Lake Ellyn.

Now the lake, which was goldfish-less five years ago, has 350,000 of the fast-reproducing fish — some more than a foot long, Glen Ellyn Park District officials say.

The problem is that the goldfish stir up silt when they feed on the bottom of the lake. Predators then have trouble finding and eating the goldfish, so good game fish like large-mouth bass are disappearing. The cloudy water also keeps shoreline plants from growing.

The Park District estimates that it will cost \$200,000 to \$300,000 to get rid of the goldfish.

Burglar driven insane by cotton candy

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Blame it on the cotton candy, says a burglar caught in the act.

Wesley Shaffer, 57, was driven insane by 1 1/2 bags of cotton candy he ate the night before the April 1995 crime, his attorney said.

Because Shaffer's blood sugar was so high, he shouldn't be held responsible for the burglary of a Boca Raton home, attorney Richard Dedell plans to argue during the Nov. 18 trial.

Shaffer didn't know he had diabetes before committing the crime, Dedell said.

"This is not imaginary," Dedell said. "He has \$15,000 of real medical bills to prove it."

On Tuesday, Assistant State Attorney Krista Rothman asked Circuit Judge Edward Garrison to stop Dedell from presenting testimony about whether untreated diabetes can cause criminal behavior.

Rothman said Shaffer confessed to 600 burglaries in Michigan in the early 1970s and was sentenced to 7 1/2 to 10 years in prison.

Rat found in congressional campaign

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A rat was saved from a snake's dinner table and became the star of James Maloney's successful congressional campaign.

His opponent, Republican three-term incumbent Rep. Gary Franks, said the rat, who appeared in a commercial portraying Franks as a slumlord, had a huge impact on the race.

"It is hard for people to see a rat going across the screen while they are eating their dinner and not say, 'Boy, that guy must be terrible,'" Franks said after conceding Tuesday's election.

Consultant Ed Peavy suggested the commercial to highlight alleged health code violations at apartments Franks owns.

"Entree," was a snake's next meal until Peavy bought him for \$10 at a pet store.

In the ad, Entree scampers by and a voice says: "You wouldn't want to live with one of these. But if you live in an apartment owned by Congressman Gary Franks ... you already do."

A cameraman working on the commercial adopted Entree. Franks, after losing with 46 percent of the vote to Maloney's 53 percent, called the ad "all lies." •

Local Events Calendar

KUC Theater

Monday, November 11: Babar the Movie-7 & 10 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12: Harriet the Spy-7 & 10 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13: Harriet the Spy-7 & 10 p.m.
Thursday, November 14: Oliver-7 & 10 p.m.
Saturday, November 16: The Godfather-2 p.m.
(Movies shown during the week are \$2, weekend movies are free.)

The Boro- 895-4800

Wednesday, November 13: Big Vessel and Three Days Gone-9:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 14: Mike Palmer and Friends-9:30 p.m.
Friday, November 15: Mind Station-9:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 16: Fools Rush In-9:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 17: Roland Gresham Jazz-7 p.m.

The Bunganut Pig- 893-7860

Monday, November 11: Jazz with Bill Fanning-8 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12: Lisa-8 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13: The Warren Brothers-8 p.m.
Thursday, November 14: Crosstown Traffic-8 p.m.
Friday, November 15: Blue Like Me-9 p.m.
Saturday, November 16: Jimmy Markham and the Jukes-9 p.m.

328 Performance Hall

Monday, November 11: Psychotica, The Impotent Sea Snakes, and Speaker
Tuesday, November 12: Ani DiFranco
Wednesday, November 13: Corn and The Urge
Thursday, November 14: The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Hepcat, Sensefield
Saturday, November 15: Medicine Man, Valhalla, Disarray, Hard Ankle
(Doors open at 7 p.m., shows begin at 8 p.m. Ticket prices vary-call (615) 259-3288 for more information.)

Jonathan's

Thursday, November 14: Dean Hall and the Loose Eels

Today's List

ALBUMS

1. "Best of Volume 1," Van Halen (Warner Bros.)
2. "Bow Down," Westside Connection (Lynch Mob)
3. "Trial By Fire," Journey (Columbia)
4. "Falling Into You," Celine Dion (650 Music) (Platinum)
5. "Recovering the Satellites," Counting Crows (DGC-Geffen)

Reviewer impressed with new talent showcase



Brian G. Miller/staff

Hansel Creech plays with Eddie and the Readies last Friday.

If you have missed "The Cage," a new showcase for talent presented by Bonfire Entertainment, you have missed out on some great talent.

Rory Collins kicked off the show with two of his best ballads, "I Can Make It On My Own" and "This Song Is Just For You." If you love a love song, you will love Rory.

Cody McKeithan, the only female to perform, showed the men how great singing is done with her two songs "Back To Me" and "For Your Love." McKeithan's style is a somewhat unique alternate folk with influences ranging from Billie Holiday and Alison Krauss to Heart and the Pretenders.

The audience then burst into a roar of laughter when Gabe the Garbage Man performed "Leave the Fish Alone" and "I Saw a Monkey on LSD." Gabe, who played guitar and kazoo, was then requested to sing his hit from the previous week, "Don't Piss the Skunk Off."

As the first band of the evening, Koosch, performed, the theater started rockin'. As the lead singer sang "Loser" and "Rivers," you couldn't help but watch his body act out the motions of the music.

The band with the best harmonization had to be Yellow

#6. With only a guitar and acoustic bass playing, the beautifully blended voices rang throughout the theater.

Matt Thompson then took the stage to bring back round two of the solo acts. Thompson, with his obvious folk and '60s influences, sang an original love song, "You Are Everything To Me," before finishing with "Love Goes On," a cover tune from the Go Betweens.

Tony Partida, with his "fun" pop, was back for his second week to sing his original "Masters" and a great novelty song, "Cold Chills." Partida's great voice really makes you pay attention to his lyrics, even if he is describing being raised by penguins.

As Stacy Beam took the stage for his turn on piano, all you could think is, "look out Jerry Lee Lewis." Stacy rocked the theater with "Great Balls of Fire," only to end with a beautiful rendition of "My Way."

The headline act for the evening was a blues band called Eddie and the Readies. The band started with a cover song, "In the Ghetto," with Eddie Patterson playing some high lonesome harmonica, John Doude on guitar, Hansel Creech on bass and Rob Evans keeping them steady on drums. •

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Dentistry?



Director Howard holds another audience captive

Associated Press

Since he first went behind the camera, Ron Howard has shown an adeptness at making movies that tap into relevant themes. But his craftsmanship usually comes with a foible: He never goes far enough.

This happened in "The Paper." It happened in "Backdraft," and, earlier, "Cocoon" and "Gung Ho." And, sadly, it happens in Howard's latest offering, a Mel Gibson suspense thriller called "Ransom."

That doesn't mean "Ransom" isn't an entertaining, satisfying piece of roller-coaster filmmaking. It is. Dark, slick and brooding, with spectacularly adroit camera work, it pushes all the right buttons — too well, it seems.

In anybody else's hands, "Ransom" would never transcend mediocrity. In the hands of Howard and his extremely competent cast, it becomes something more. It's still suspense schlock, but it's meaningful suspense schlock, at least much of the time.

The story, based on a 1956 Glenn Ford-Donna Reed vehicle of the same name, follows painfully sincere millionaire airline CEO Tom Mullen, who built his company from the ground up and now finds himself accused of paying off a machinists' union to avoid a strike.

Gibson fits easily into the role of Mullen, a well-meaning, easily rich New Yorker who moves in the

highest social circles, has an apartment overlooking Central Park and is adored by his wife, Kate (Rene Russo), and their son, Sean (Brawley Nolte, Nick's remarkably expressive son).

Then Sean is snatched, and an e-mail appears on Tom's PowerBook — complete with digitized video of Sean chained to a bed and blindfolded — and the story is off. The ransom is \$2 million, and the rest of the film is consumed with how to pay, whether to pay and why not to pay.

Gary Sinise, as cop-turned-kidnapper Jimmy

Shaker, makes a worthy adversary for Gibson. At first, it is difficult to picture the good-natured Sinise as an archvillain, and the movie exploits this — for about 30 seconds. It soon becomes clear Shaker is a force to be reckoned with, a cop with his own set of morals and an assortment of mental tools to back them up.

"Why you?" Shaker, his voice eerily disguised by a scrambler, tells Mullen as the men are communicating via cell phones in moving cars. "Cause you buy your way out of trouble."

This idea — that Gibson is something less than a legitimate protagonist because he uses people, too — is fascinating, but never pursued adequately.

Later, when Kate confronts Tom after he refuses to pay the ransom, she lashes out at him: "You paid off to save your airline; why won't you pay

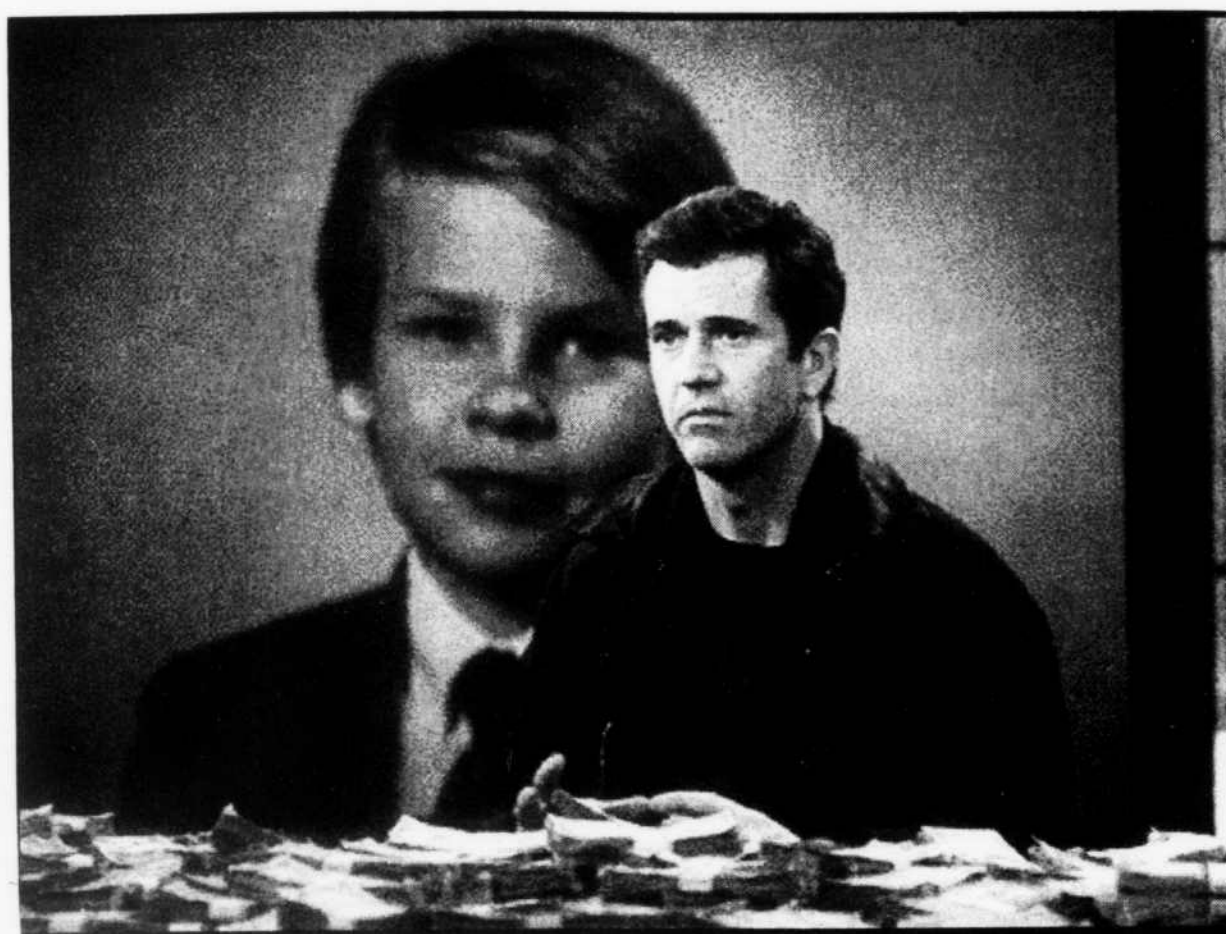


photo by Lorey Sebastian

Mel Gibson plays self-made millionaire Tom Mullen in the Ron Howard directed film 'Ransom.' Pictured in the background is Brawley Nolte (son of actor Nick Nolte).

off to save your son?" He mumbles something about not wanting to compromise any more, and the subject is again dropped.

Other elements that could have enriched the film are dropped midstream as well.

Former New Kid on the Block Donnie Wahlberg plays a snuffly, sulky young kidnapper named Cubby with moral ambiguousness. Cubby's willing to snatch the child, but also wants to make Sean comfortable by feeding him chocolate and keeping him from permanent harm. But Cubby disappears early.

Sinise's relationship with his cohort-girlfriend, Maris (Lili Taylor), and the

conflict between Tom and Kate are abandoned just as quickly.

What's worse, it never becomes clear why Jimmy Shaker is so single-minded in his desire to get the ransom. It's obviously more than just money; he has a grudge against everything Mullen stands for. But we never get the story behind the grudge.

Russo, sadly, is forced into the background. She's a device, relegated to anxious looks and occasional angry outbursts.

In the end, "Ransom" is a competently told tale about compromise, bullheadedness and the divisiveness a couple faces when a child is in danger. It works best when it

hones itself into a psychological drama and puts Sinise and Gibson at direct loggerheads.

It ultimately comes down to guns, anger and whether Tom Mullen is brave enough of heart and head to take care of Jimmy Shaker for good. And that, considering the many meaty themes that went unexplored, isn't quite resonant enough to provide complete satisfaction by the time the credits roll.

"Ransom" is directed by Ron Howard from a screenplay by Richard Price and Alexander Ignon. It was produced by Scott Rudin and Brian Grazer. It is rated R for violence and profanity. •

'Mad Dog' movie just plain bites

Associated Press

Perhaps "Mad Dog Time" was meant to be a satire on gangster movies — if so, Woody Allen did it better with "Bullets Over Broadway." There are indeed a few genuine laughs. Mostly, the film is a puzzler, too absurd to believe as a real gangster story, too violent to be a comedy.

Three cast members are shot blank in the first 20 minutes. After an hour, half of the principals have followed suit. In the final sequence, three men and two women are gathered in a room, all armed with pistols. Who is going to shoot whom?

A plot synopsis is difficult, since even the actors didn't seem to have a clue. The setting is also a mystery. It could be Chicago, New York or Los Angeles maybe in the 1930s or today. Since most of the action takes place in offices and nightclubs, it's hard to say.

The early part of the film is concerned about the fact that "Vic's coming back." That sends shock waves through the gangster world. Vic (Dreyfuss) is the big boss; he has been absent a few months on the funny farm.

During Vic's absence, his empire has been coveted by rival crooks played by Gabriel Byrne, Kyle MacLachlan, Burt Reynolds and Gregory Hines. A bemused spectator is another gunman, Jeff Goldblum. He is also involved with two sisters, Ellen Barkin and Diane Lane, alluring in low-cut silk gowns.

Amid all this mayhem, Goldblum is nothing short of marvelous. While all others are going nuts about him, he remains sphinx-like but dangerous. Dreyfuss also contributes immensely, making Vic a power figure with a well-hidden streak of sentimentality. •

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SIDELINES

Monday, November 11, 1996

Raiders win over Yugoslavia

By Doug Malan/ staff

Randy Wiel's analysis of his first game as MTSU's head coach, a 103-56 win over Yugoslavia Select, was deprecative considering the raw stats.

"I would rate that as a B- performance. No, make that a C+. We don't want anyone feeling too good about themselves," said the former UNC-Asheville leader and North Carolina assistant.

That C+ performance was replete with a tenacious MTSU defense that applied pressure to all areas of the court and forced Yugoslavia into 30 turnovers, as well as an offense that, although at times erratic, was able to capitalize on its fast-break opportunities and hit 10 of its 28 three-pointers.

Considering the Blue Raiders out-rebounded Yugoslavia 42-27 and owned the offensive boards, it's difficult to imagine a performance that would warrant an "A" rating on the Wiel grading scale.

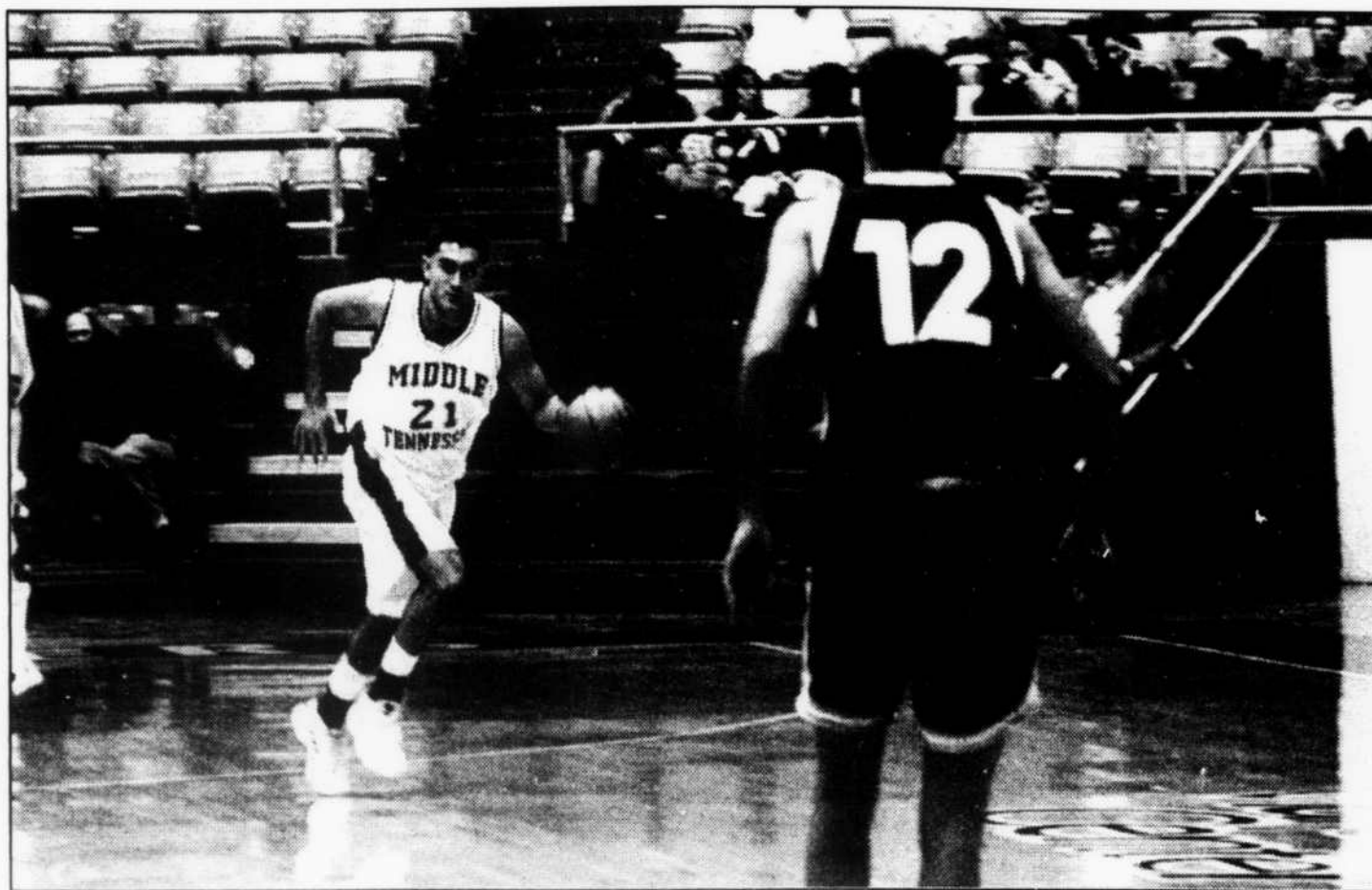
Senior forward Nod Carter paced all scorers, with 29 points and a game-high 10 rebounds in only 27 minutes of action. Fellow senior Roni Bailey tallied 22 points with seven rebounds, four assists and three steals. And guard Torrey Moore finished with five assists before leaving the game in the first half with muscle cramps.

"Our seniors did a good job tonight of running the team and keeping us together," Wiel said.

Middle Tennessee State started the game quickly, building large leads with runs of 9-0, 12-0 and 30-10.

Leading 50-22 with 1:48 to play in the first half, the Blue Raiders added one last spurt before heading to the locker room.

Point guard Richard Duncan, who finished with 17 points and seven assists, hit a three-pointer from the left side, then made one of two free-



Daniel Ritchie/ staff

Junior K.J. Harden dribbles down the court in hopes of scoring another two points for MTSU.

throws, the latter of which was tipped in by Malachi Allen.

After Carter hit a lay-up with 47 seconds left that gave MTSU its biggest first-half lead at 36 points, Allen canned a three-pointer at the buzzer, and the Raiders led 61-26.

Allen, a junior transfer from Grand Rapids (Mich.) C.C., finished the game with 11 points and eight rebounds before fouling out, and along with freshman Freddie Martinez, 11 points, and junior K.J. Harden, seven points, Allen provided the off-the-

bench help that Wiel needs to run his up-tempo pressing style.

"With our lack of depth, we have to pick and choose our pressure spots," Wiel said. "And we need to get better conditioned."

Along with a lack of depth, the Blue Raiders have a lack of height, which causes Wiel to avoid being ruttled in a half-court game.

"We have to keep the ball moving, because we're not very big down low," the first-year coach said. "Then we experimented by taking (6-foot-8-inch

center) Mantia (Callender) out of the game and using Torrey as the power forward and Nod as the center. We'll be faced with that if Mantia gets into foul trouble."

The 230-pound Callender finished with four points and three rebounds.

Guard Kent Ayer and center Chad Wampler sat out the game with injuries.

The Blue Raiders play Sports Reach Saturday at 7 p.m. at home in their next exhibition game. •

Blue Raiders ready to Wiel and deal



Doug Malan

JUST A SPOONFUL

O.K., O.K.

So maybe it was just the first game of the season. And sure, it was against a Yugoslavia Select team, not really a formidable opponent and probably not a good measuring stick of this 1996-'97 Blue Raider basketball team.

But with the 103-56 win, Randy Wiel has brought excitement back to MTSU men's basketball. We have officially ended the era of stagnant offense and laborious action. We have entered 1 A.D. (After Dave, as in Farrar).

Maybe you're not totally familiar with Wiel's accomplishments or the ramifications thereof. He was the head coach of UNC-Asheville for the last three years and finished last season 18-10. Pretty good, you say? Consider that the Bulldog program was rated 301 out of 302 Division I basketball teams when the program went 3-24 in his first year, 1993-'94.

Wiel led UNCA to a 15-game turnaround in three years.

His background is also laced with Carolina blue, being a former player under Dean Smith and an assistant when the Heels won the title in '93.

So now he has a chance to work his magic at MTSU. And will anybody even notice? A scant few showed up at the Blue Raiders' Midnight Madness practice on Oct. 15, a time when basketball-crazed students can wildly celebrate the coming of the basketball season.

And for Saturday night's game against Yugoslavia, the official attendance was 756.

So MTSU continued its string of playing in front of paltry crowds, which is understandable because last year's team went 15-12, and Coach Wiel has yet to prove himself.

But the foundation is there. A trio of seniors — Nod Carter, Torrey Moore and Roni Bailey — led a team that has gratefully adopted the basketball philosophies of Randy Wiel. They now run, press and play defense at a hellacious pace while throwing their bodies on the floor with reckless abandon.

And on the side, they have rid themselves of those atrocious high-school-practice-gear uniforms.

Some impressive newcomers are on the roster. Freshman Freddie Martinez, a high-flyer from Puerto Rico, has been impressive in the pre-season games and isn't shy about scorching the nets from beyond the arc or rocking rims with two-handed slams.

Sophomore point guard Richard Duncan is a slasher with electric moves who can be relied upon to score some points.

Junior guard Malachi Allen adds muscle on the perimeter with solid rebounding and shooting. And center Mantia Callender from London looks as if he would rather trade an afternoon of tea and crumpets for power forwards and Gatorade.

Not only does Wiel have his players floor, he will have them leaving it on other floors all over the country.

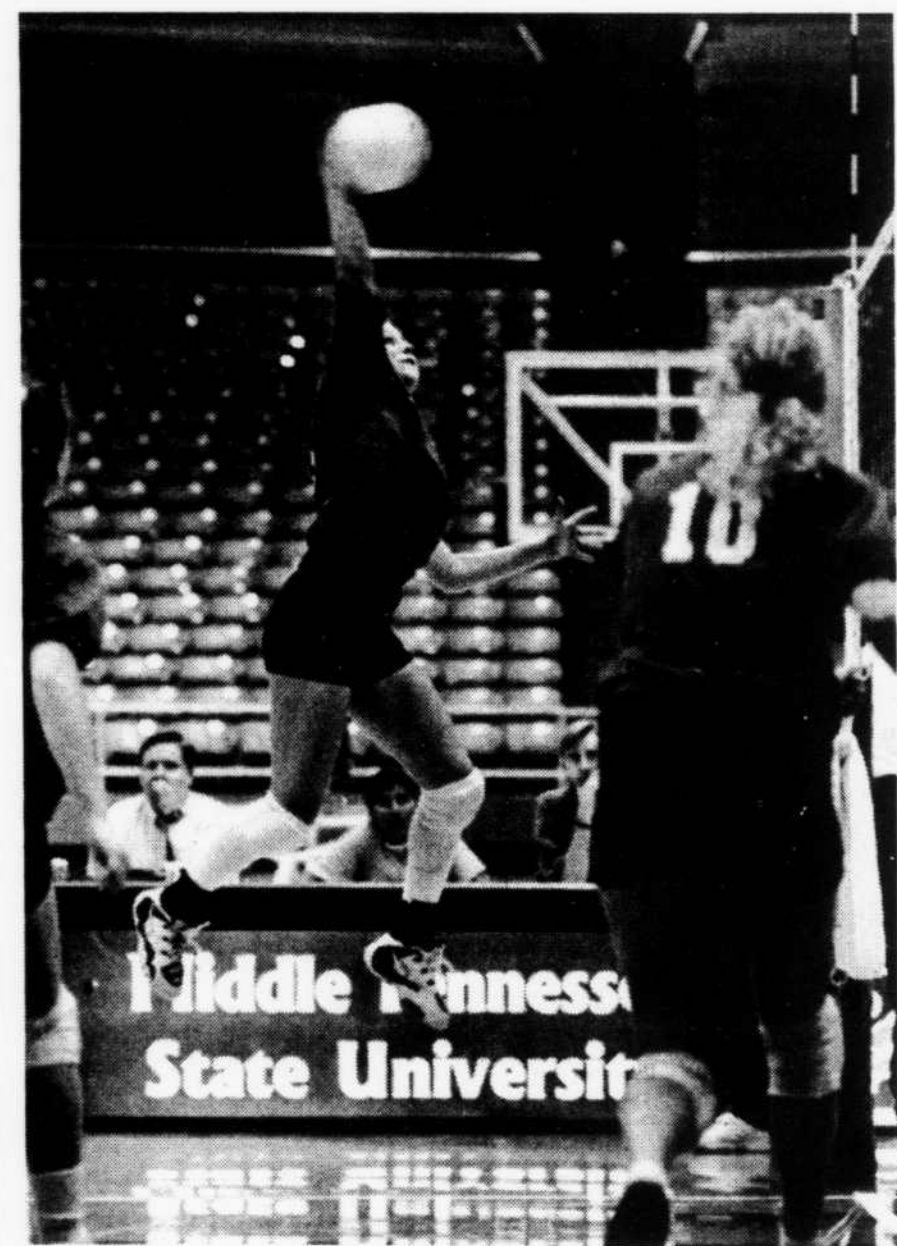
In his first year, Wiel has the Blue Raiders scheduled to play in Fairbanks, Alaska, in the Top of the World Classic a week before Thanksgiving. Providence, Montana, Baylor, Alabama and recent NCAA Tournament participant Southern Illinois are some of the schools that will join MTSU.

Wiel also made an indelible mark on MTSU basketball when he worked out a Feb. 1 trip to Chapel Hill to face Dean Smith's Tar Heels.

Randy Wiel is the center of MTSU's basketball renaissance and will be credited for taking the Blue Raiders back to the NCAA Tournament in the near future.

Scoff if you will, but don't be surprised when people begin jumping on the bandwagon, and Murphy Center becomes the raucous arena that it is capable of being. •

Killer moves



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Tara Miller goes for a kill against Austin Peay at last Wednesday's volleyball game.

Cherry named best OVC offensive player of week

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP) — Mike Cherry of Murray State threw two touchdown passes to earn offensive player of the week honors Sunday from the Ohio Valley Conference.

The senior quarterback passed for 235 yards Saturday as the Racers beat Eastern Kentucky 17-14. Murray is undefeated this season, with seven victories.

Anthony Hicks and Robert Taylor shared the nod for best defensive player. Hicks had 11 tackles during Middle Tennessee's 30-12

defeat of Tennessee-Martin. Taylor had seven stops and intercepted a pass to help Tennessee Tech beat Tennessee State 21-19.

Rob Hart of Murray State was named best special teams player, for kicking a 36-yard field goal as the clock ran out to give the Racers the victory over Eastern Kentucky.

Newcomer of the week was Keverick Green of Middle Tennessee. He rushed for 168 yards and four touchdowns. •

Green shines vs. Martin

By Doug Malan/ staff

The roster sheet, his surname and conventional wisdom indicate that freshman tailback Keverick Green should be slightly less productive than he has been the past three weeks.

However, after posting three consecutive 100-yard rushing performances while filling in for the injured Lebrion McGill, Green is no longer a novice to college football.

The 5-foot-10-inch, 186-pound continued to defy all Saturday, rushing for 168 yards on 25 carries and scoring four touchdowns in the second quarter, tying a school record held by Kippy Bayless (1993) for touchdowns in a game.

Coupled with a smothering Blue Raider defense that limited UT-Martin to -8 yards rushing for the game, Green was able to break open a scoreless game, and Middle Tennessee State cruised to a 30-12 victory over the Skyhawks in Martin.

For UT-Martin, the second quarter was a three-fold case of deja-vu.

Following a scoreless first quarter, Green scampered in from 25 yards out for his first score, three minutes into the second quarter.

Two minutes later, Green brought in a four-yard touchdown.

Four minutes later, Green added a 10-yard touchdown.

Three minutes later, Green took a 46-yard touchdown.

When the Skyhawks came to, MTSU had a 27-0 halftime lead, and Green had 156 yards on 20 carries.

The Blue Raiders offense coasted in the second half, adding only a 44-yard Keegan Ray field goal in the second quarter. MTSU ended the game with 201 team rushing yards.

Defensively, Middle Tennessee State held UT-Martin scoreless until mid-way through the fourth quarter, when the Skyhawks scored two touchdowns on passes from Rick Wilson to Deumaine Reeder.

The Blue Raiders, although yielding 20 first downs, decimated the Skyhawk rushing attack on 28 carries, intercepted two passes, and recovered a fumble.

Statistically, Saturday's was the most complete defensive output for MTSU since holding Austin Peay to 14 points on Oct. 12, their last victory prior to visiting Martin.

Middle Tennessee State improved its record to 4-5 overall and 2-4 in the OVC, where the Blue Raiders sit in fifth place.

With victories in the last two games of the season, both of which are at home, MTSU can avoid only its third losing season in 16 years.

Eastern Illinois, 7-2 and 5-1 in conference, visits Murfreesboro this Saturday at 2 p.m. •

Tigers dash Vols' hopes

By Tom Sharp

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — There was no reason to think Memphis could play with Tennessee.

The Tigers were 3-6, had lost four in a row and scored 19 points the last three games combined. They were 0-15 all-time against the Vols, 4-23-1 against ranked teams since 1980, 0-2 under Rip Scherer.

But the Tigers made big plays on defense, picked up a dramatic special teams touchdown, and put together one offensive drive for a touchdown with 34 seconds to play and an improbable 21-17 victory that many were calling the biggest in school history.

"I give them a lot of credit. They played a great defensive game and made enough plays on offense to win," said Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, who was 23-of-40 for 296 yards and a touchdown, but also threw two damaging interceptions.

"Any competitor hates to lose a game you should have won. But Memphis played great football and just flat whipped us."

Scherer was thrilled. "It's a heck

of a big win because of what it means for these kids, and the fact that nobody believed it could happen," he said.

The loss dropped Tennessee six places to No. 12 in this week's AP poll, and ended any hope for an alliance bowl bid. It was the first Vol loss to anyone other than Florida since October 1994.

"Obviously this is the most disappointing game I've coached," said Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer of the second non-conference loss in his four-plus years. "But I don't want to take one thing away from Memphis. Our challenge now is to see what we're made of."

Tennessee led 7-0 early on Shawn Bryson's short scoring run. The Vols moved to the Tiger 27 late in the half when Manning thought receiver Joey Kent was in man-to-man coverage, and tried to hit him on a quick slant pattern.

Safety Keith Spann read it perfectly, picked it off and ran 77 yards to the Tennessee 1. Qadry Anderson scored and it was 7-7 at the

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Going the distance



Daniel Ritchie/ staff

Boniface Amuzu tries for distance Friday afternoon during a time and distance trial. Coach Dean Hayes said the trials help to see where the team stands.

TIGERS:

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half.

The turning point came after Manning's 11-yard pass to Jay Graham gave the Vols a 14-7 lead early in the third quarter.

Kevin Cobb took the ensuing kickoff at his 5. He was hit at the 25 and spun around horizontally, landing on his feet and his left elbow. Everyone stopped, thinking he was down, but Cobb got up and raced to the end zone to tie the game at 14-all and swing the momentum to the Tigers.

Tennessee threatened again late in the third period, with a first-and-goal at the Tiger 4. But Duron Smith intercepted Manning in the end zone on third

down to preserve the tie.

With time becoming a factor in the fourth quarter Tennessee drove from its 12 to the Tiger 20. Graham picked up seven yards on first down, but again the Tiger defense stiffened.

Linebacker Marcus Gary stopped Graham for a yard loss on third down and the Vols settled for Jeff Hall's 28-yard field goal and a 17-14 lead with six minutes to go.

"I felt like a field goal would be enough," Fulmer said.

The Tigers converted a fourth-and-one at midfield to keep the drive alive. Then Anderson hit Don Haselwood for 41 yards to the Tennessee 16.

A draw to Jeremy Scruggs got to the Vol 3. On second down Anderson hit tight end Chris

OVC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Murray State	7	0	8	1
E. Illinois	5	1	7	2
E. Kentucky	5	1	5	4
Tenn. Tech	4	3	5	4
Tennessee St.	3	3	4	5
MTSU	2	4	4	5
SEMO	2	5	2	7
UT-Martin	1	6	1	8
Austin Peay	0	6	0	9

RESULTS

E. Illinois 41, SEMO 21
Murray State 17, E. Kentucky 14
MTSU 30, UT-Martin 12
Tenn. Tech 21, Tenn. State 19

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 16
E. Kentucky @ Austin Peay, 1:30 p.m.
E. Illinois @ MTSU, 2 p.m.
Tenn. State @ Murray State, 1:30 p.m.
SEMO @ Southern Illinois, 12:30 p.m.
UT-Martin @ Samford, 1 p.m.
Tenn. Tech @ Illinois State, 1 p.m.

SEC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	SEC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Eastern Div.				
Florida	7	0	9	0
Tennessee	4	1	6	2
South Carolina	4	3	5	4
Georgia	2	4	3	5
Kentucky	2	4	3	6
Vanderbilt	0	6	2	7
Western Div.				
Alabama	5	1	8	1
LSU	4	2	6	2
Auburn	4	2	7	2
Miss. State	1	4	3	5
Arkansas	1	4	3	5
Ole Miss	1	4	4	4

RESULTS

Kentucky 24, Miss. State 21
Arkansas 13, Ole Miss 7

Sports Shorts

Auburn 28, NE Louisiana 24
Florida 28, Vanderbilt 21
Memphis 21, Tennessee 17
Alabama 26, LSU 0

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 16
Alabama @ Miss. State, TBA
S. Carolina @ Florida, 11:30 a.m.
Vanderbilt @ Kentucky, 12:30 p.m.
Georgia @ Auburn, 1 p.m.
LSU @ Ole Miss, 2 p.m.
Arkansas @ Tennessee, 11:30 a.m.

This week's results and schedules of local interest

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

NOV. 16
Sports Reach @ MTSU, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

NOV. 17
European Exhibition @ MTSU, 2 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Nov. 6
APSU @ MTSU
APSU wins 15-12, 15-3, 15-3
Nov. 8
MTSU @ Murray State
Murray State wins 15-4, 15-7, 15-11
Nov. 9
MTSU @ UT-Martin
UT-Martin wins 10-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-9
MTSU's record is 15-18 (7-10 OVC)

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

NOV. 15
MTSU @ Tenn. State, 7p.m.

TENNIS RESULTS

NOV. 9

The Blue Raiders struggled at the Rolex Region III Indoors at the Cedar Bluff Racquet Club in Knoxville, Tenn.

Senior Fred Niemeyer, the fourth seed, had little trouble in defeating Kentucky's Ariel Gaitan, the 19th seed 6-2, 6-2 and Samford's Pieter Calitz 6-2, 6-3, the 18th seed. He has advanced to the quarterfinals to face

Mississippi State's Simon LaRose, ranked 62nd in the nation and the tournament's 14th seed.

Junior Anthony DeLuise, the eighth seed, was upset by Yannick Violette (Tulane) 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

In doubles, the Raiders lost both matches on the day. The top-seeded team of DeLuise/Niemeyer, the fifth-ranked team in the country, were upset by Simon LaRose and Matt Pledger from Mississippi State, the seventh seed, 9-8. The third-seeded team of David McNamara/Julius Robbarts was upset by Georgia's Hisham Hamed and Eddie Jacques 8-4.

GOLF

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Nov. 8-10
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Register: Nov. 1-18
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Basketball Intramural Tournament

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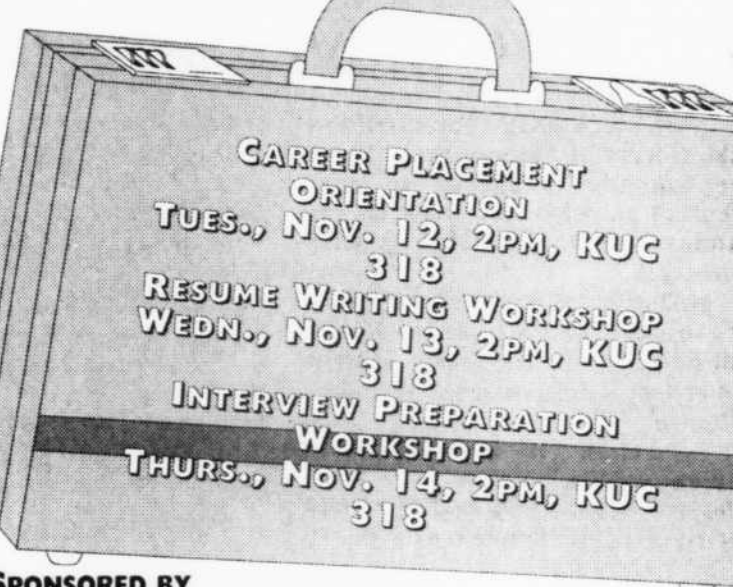
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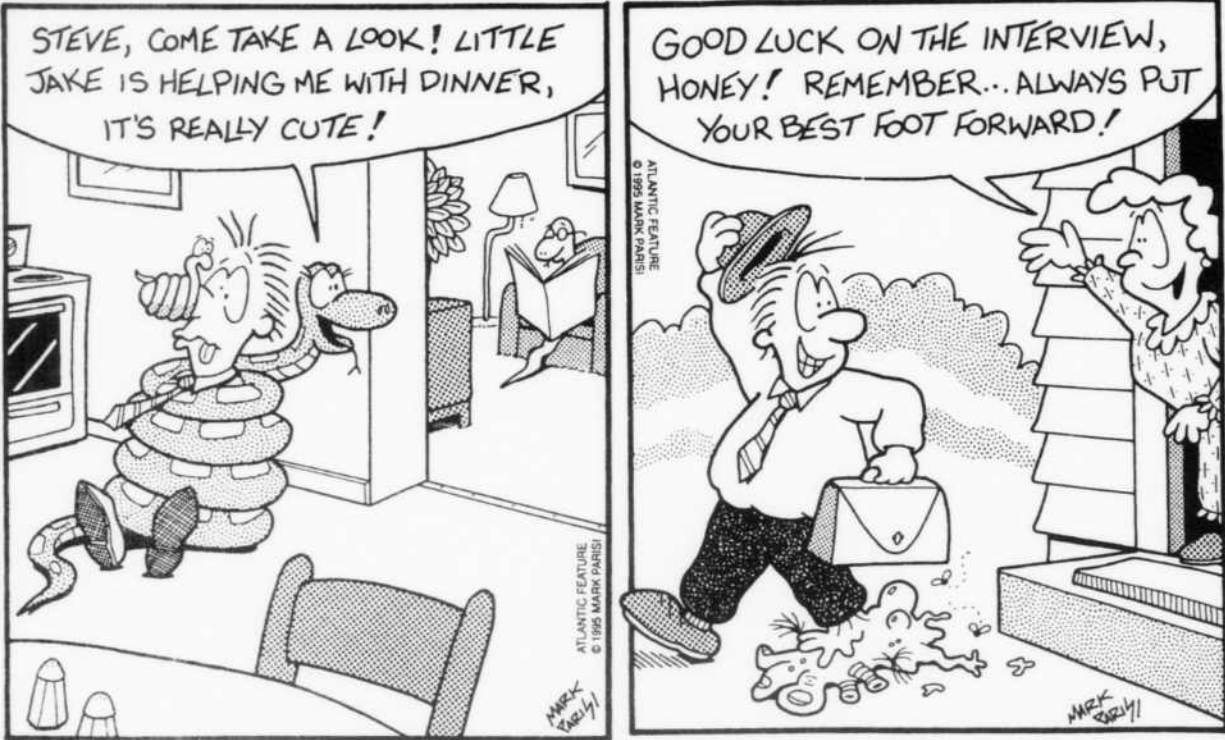
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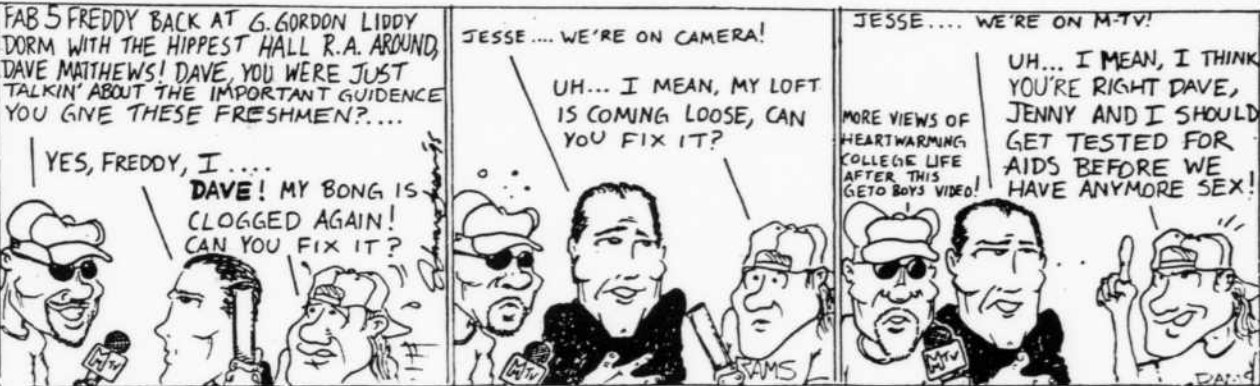
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