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Today's High: 88°
40 percent chance of rain today. Thursday-Saturday, partly cloudy with no mention of rain. Highs: mid 80s Lows: lower 70s.

Bruce Stewart leaving

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's athletic department and fans were shocked last week when MTSU men's head basketball coach Bruce Stewart announced his resignation.

The highly successful coach left the university to fill his "ultimate goal to coach professional basketball." Stewart, who resigned officially last

Wednesday, headed north to Grand Rapids, Michigan to take the head coaching position for the Hoops of the Continental Basketball Association.

"My goal has always been to coach pro ball, and Grand Rapids is a solid organization with solid ownership," Stewart said. "With coaching pro basketball being my ultimate goal, this is the time to do it by getting into the CBA."

However, Stewart's timing

has left the door open to criticism that he was running.

MTSU received a letter of inquiry in March which concerned possible NCAA rule violations. The NCAA came and interviewed several members of the team, but no word has come back as yet.

However, many fans believe Stewart is running away from the problem and will get away scott free if the NCAA does return to

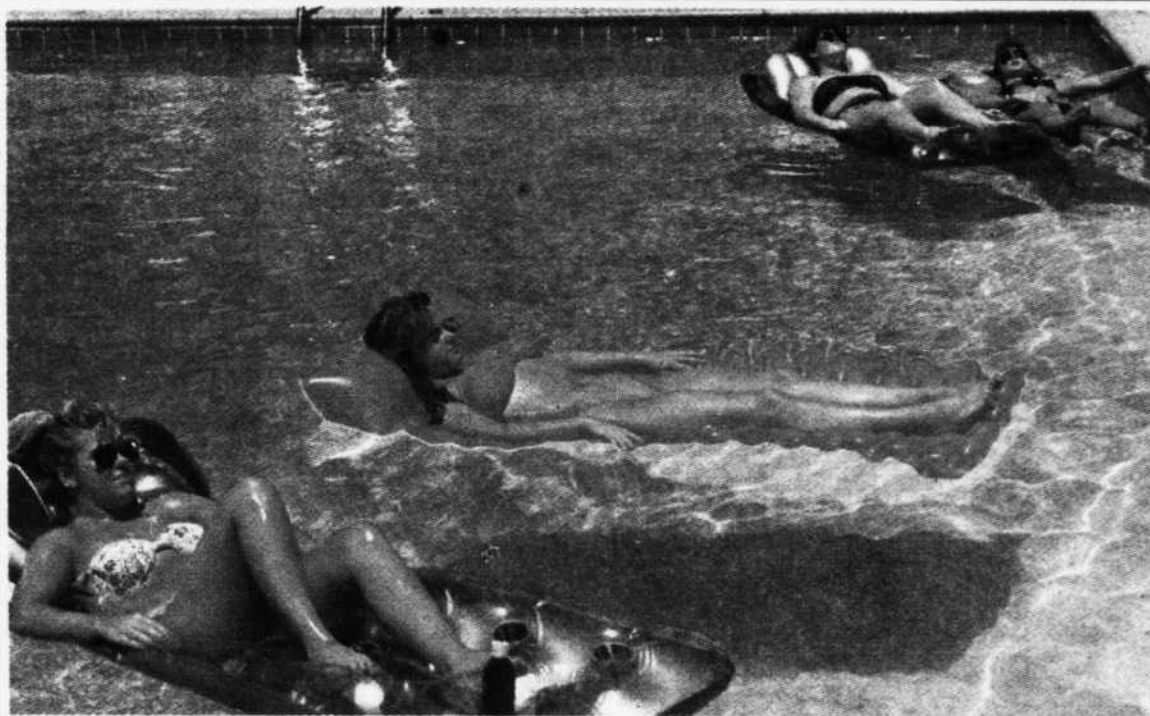
punish Middle Tennessee.

"There was no pressure. We've been planning for the future of the Blue Raider program right up until now," Stewart said. "there is a lot of talent coming back next year, and MTSU will keep the ball rolling."

"As far as the NCAA, you can't fight it, but I'm not worried about that, and I'm not worried

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SUMMER FUN



Shelley Mays/Photographer

CATCHING SOME RAYS: Leigh Thomas, left, a sophomore accounting major, and Kari Childress, a sophomore pre-law major, relax and cool off last week at the University Terrace apartment's swimming pool. With temperatures nearing 100 degrees for a week, students have been seeking ways of beating the heat.

Enrollment, 'Customs' exceed expectations

STAFF REPORTS

A 26 percent enrollment increase for fall and enthusiastic response to MTSU's first "Customs" orientation sessions for freshmen and transfer students have led to the decision to add two additional half-day sessions, officials have confirmed.

Anticipated enrollment for the fall semester has increased by 26 percent from last year's figure based on preliminary statistics, said Roger Sims, director of admissions.

"As of July 3, there was a 17 percent increase in freshmen applications," he said. "Of those applications turned in, 55 percent were accepted."

"We are expecting an entering freshmen class of 2,000," Sims said.

Last fall's enrollment reached 14,815, a 5.24 percent increase over the previous year's enrollment and an all-time high for the university.

"Transfer student applications are also on the

rise with 33 percent more in comparison with last fall, and we have accepted 31 percent more students," Sims said.

Freshmen entering the university for the first time this fall and their parents have reacted favorably to the orientation sessions that were conducted in June and earlier this month, said David Hayes, associate dean of men.

Staff and faculty who participated in and helped organize the event are also pleased with the results of the sessions, Hays said.

"Ninety-nine percent of the comments were very favorable, especially from the parents, who are very pleased to be included in the orientation process," Hays said.

This is the first time efforts have been made to allow freshmen and transfer students access to registration for fall classes during the summer months, Hays said. The new registration system was

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Discovery, creation Honors theme

SAM GANNON
Staff Writer

Analyzing subjects from an artistic, psychological and linguistic point of view will be the focus of this fall's Honors Lecture Series, the program director said recently.

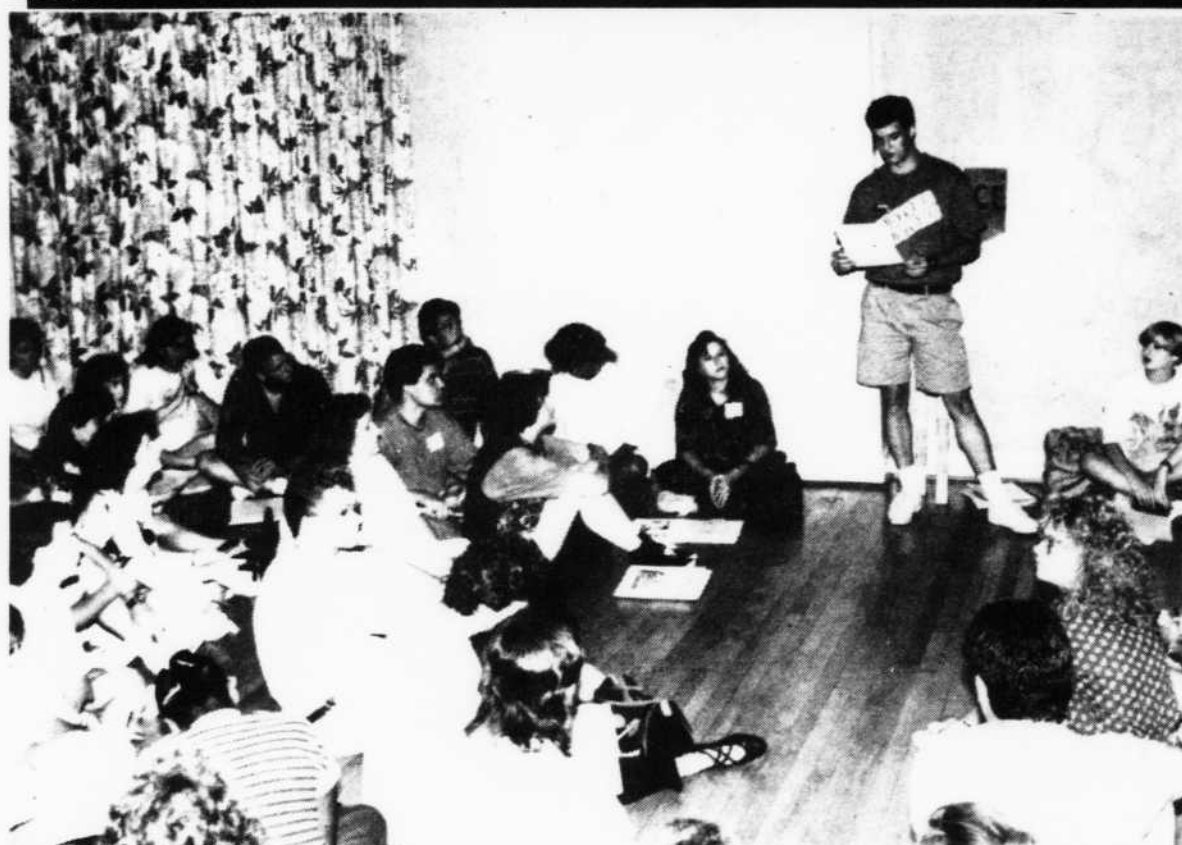
"Discovery and Creation" is the theme of the lecture series which begins with a discussion of the philosophical relationship between creation and discovery, said Dr. John P. Montgomery, director of the Honors Program.

"I think this will be a dynamite series...when you have something you're looking at from an artistic, psychological, and language point of view, it makes the subject come alive," Montgomery said.

Dr. Ron Bombardi of the philosophy department will conduct the first lecture and discussion entitled "Poiesis, Liberty and the Possibility of Culture," Montgomery said. Scheduling information is available through the honors department.

Other speakers will include Dr. Kevin Donovan, Dr. Jacquelyn Jackson, and Dr. Jill Hague, all of the English department; Dr. David Rowe of the history department; Bryan Miller of the biology department; Dr. Larry Brandon of the management and marketing department; Carlyle Johnson of the art department; Dr. E.C. Kreis of HPERs; William Shulman of the criminal justice department; and Dr. Geoff Hull of the RIM department.

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REGISTRATION PREP-COURSE: Student orientation ambassador Jason Harper helps familiarize new students with registration process during orientation last week. About 700 students attended orientation.

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instrumental in creating the need for such an orientation program.

The orientation program was a good idea and is working well and will help alleviate many of the problems new students often have to deal with, Hays said.

"The students and parents were asked to fill out a comprehensive evaluation form, so that we will know how to fine-tune the program," he said.

Approximately 700 freshmen attended the first three two-day sessions and close to 500 attended the last orientation, Hays said.

Students met with advisers

HONORS

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The lecture series is just one offering of the university's Honors Program, Montgomery emphasized, and the senior interdisciplinary seminar on the holocaust is also open to anyone interested in attending.

The Honors Program is looking in a new direction this fall and is seeking greater participation from students, Montgomery said.

"We are looking for bright students who are interested in small classes, and who also want to learn," he said.

Students must have a 3.0

from their designated curriculum majors to arrange a schedule of classes for this fall. They also met and talked with administrators about housing, sexual harassment, financial aid, scheduling, health issues and campus safety.

The day-and-a-half sessions also familiarized students with campus programs such as student programming, student publications, campus recreation, military science, guidance and counseling and job placement. During an hour-and-a-half ice cream social, students also found out about sorority and fraternity rush, food programs and off-campus religious opportunities.

GPA to qualify for the program, but the lectures are open to anyone interested in attending, he pointed out.

Most classes in the program have less than 20 students.

Many students worry that if they take honors courses their GPA will go down, he said.

"If you come with us for an honors course, your GPA is more likely to go up, because in a small class you have the teacher right at your hands, and the students around you are interested in the subject," Montgomery said.

Those interested in additional information may call the Honors Program office in Peck Hall 106.

Campus Capsule

Campus Capsule is a service provided by *Sidelines* for non-profit campus groups. If you have a notice that you would like to run in Campus Capsule, please submit typewritten or printed information to our office in the James Union Building, Room 310. Items must be received by Tuesday at noon for Wednesday's publication. Inclusion is not guaranteed and is based on available space.

About 120 head of cattle will be shown in the Tennessee Polled Hereford Show at the Tennessee Livestock Center Friday and Saturday. The Junior Show begins at 3 p.m. Friday. The State Open Show runs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. Both shows are free and open to the public and sponsored by the Tennessee Polled Hereford Association.

MTSU Day Care Lab announces the sponsorship of the Tennessee Department of Human Services Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled children at the centers who are eligible.

A sales tax workshop offered to assist small business owners, accountants, lawyers, and

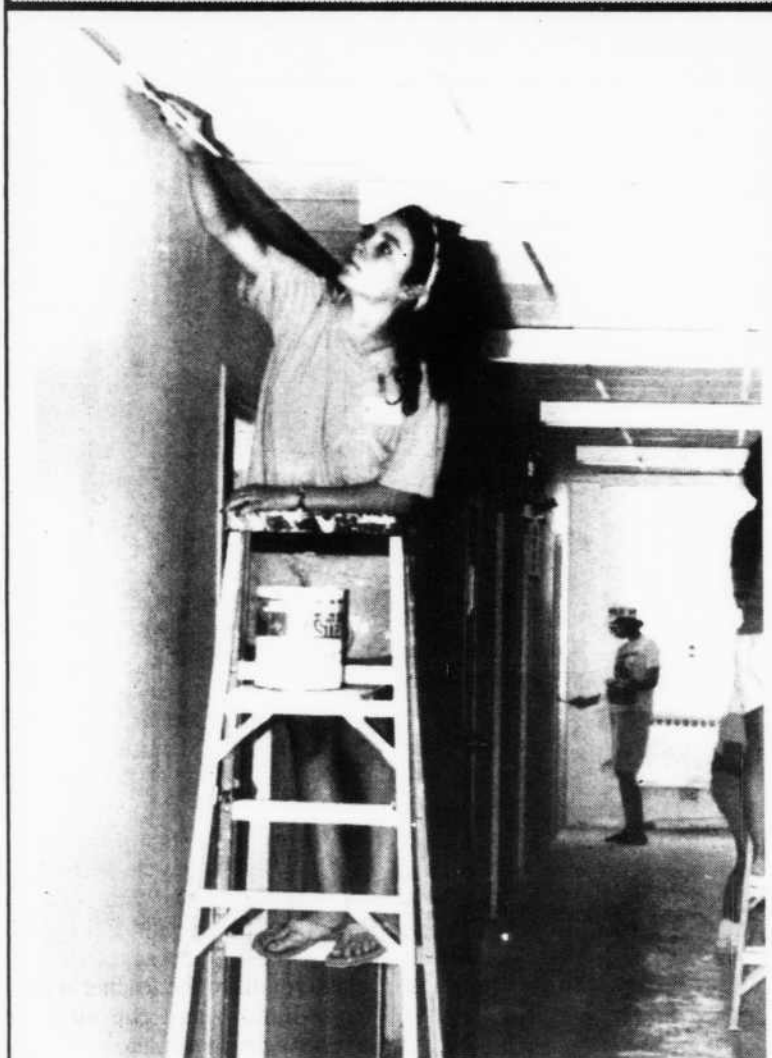
others. The workshop will deal with sales tax, regulations, problems and procedures is scheduled for Aug. 15 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the KUC theater. For more information, call the Division of Continuing Studies.

YWCA is sponsoring a support group for women of color. The group will deal with domestic violence problems. The group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. For more information call 297-8833. Meetings are confidential.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship looking for someone to lead the group worship and singing time. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. Please call Rob Holmes at 896-5863 for information if you have a guitar and synthesizer, talent and love the truth.

The Internal Revenue Service and the Small Business Development Center are offering a tax workshop. The workshop will be held on Thursday July 25, 1991 in Room 353 at the Tennessee State University Downtown Campus. The free workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. Participants should bring a small calculator. Call 251-1178 to

HARD AT WORK



Shelley Mays/Photographer

LENDING A HAND: Wanda Beelow, a photography major, and fellow students pitched in recently to help renovate Beasley Hall. Other dormitories receiving a facelift this summer include Sims and Rutledge halls.

Environmental Studies aids student with internship

The best part is "the feeling I get from realizing I'm able to apply the things I have learned in school, and I'm able to understand what people are talking about simply because of that background in school," says Bo Fawbush, an MTSU student and environmental intern for Phillips Consumer Electronics.

This summer, the environmental science and technology major is serving as apprentice to the director of plant engineering/environmental safety for the company which manufactures several brands of televisions including Magnavox and Sylvania.

Fawbush has been given several technical assignments this summer and "has learned something new every day," he says.

He played an active role in compiling a plant audit of all chemicals in the facility in order to update the Employees' Right to Know program. This program informs employees of all chemicals the manufacturing facility uses.

The MTSU student was given the responsibility of removing underground diesel tanks used for storing heating oil at the facility and to insure compliance with state regulations.

Fawbush has also reviewed regulations of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) to determine the type of storm-water drains needed at the plant.

The 21-year-old has attended several seminars,

including one on how to file a Form R, a document required by the Environmental Protection Agency that consists of a listing of primary chemicals used by a facility.

With all the responsibilities and technical tasks assigned to Fawbush, he said he has found his internship both rewarding and challenging.

"It's good to know that I'm able to understand and contribute to the company however I can," reflects the Greeneville, Tennessee native.

Phillips Consumer Electronics has asked Fawbush to continue working with them next summer, and he said he is excited about the opportunity.

Graduates with environmental science knowledge are in great demand, and Fawbush said he has high expectations for the future and plans to investigate several options available to him upon receiving his degree.

One option is employment with an environmental consulting firm. Organizations of this type aid businesses in resolving or avoiding environmentally hazardous conditions.

Another option would be to accept a job after graduation, then return later to school to pursue a master's or law degree. With these additional credentials, Fawbush could play an important role in environmental safety in a variety of industries.

Search for VP of development and university relations

A.T. Kearney, an executive search firm, has been hired to conduct the search for a vice president for development and University relations, said President James Walker. The President has named a campus panel to help in the selection process.

Members of the search

committee include Dr. Robert LaLance, chair, student affairs; Ronald Roberts, public relations; Marie Kirk, alumni affairs; Suma Clark, publications and graphics; Jack Ross, photographic services; William Boyers and David Cullum, MTSU Foundation; Tom Seigenthaler, off-campus representative; Jeanne

Massaquoi, developmental studies; Dr. Earl Keese, dean, Basic and Applied Sciences; Forrestine Williams, affirmative action; Dr. Patrick Doyle, faculty senate; Kaye McClellan and Toby Gilley.

An interim vice president will not be named, and Dr. Walker will assume those duties until the new position is filled.

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Opinions

Consensus

A simple farewell to Coach Stewart

Bruce Stewart's sudden resignation as MTSU's head basketball coach last Thursday sent shock waves across campus and opened a Pandora's Box of questions about his intentions.

Coach Stewart has drawn harsh criticism from the scandal-hungry media. As captain of the basketball program, he has been accused of abandoning ship before the torpedoes of an NCAA investigation sink it - the ultimate crime in the high seas.

If ever anyone had the right to cry foul, it was Coach Stewart. In seven years as head coach, he led the Blue Raiders to five post-season tournament appearances (three NCAA, two NIT), three OVC championships and 141-76 win-loss record (not to mention a personal favorite thumping of UT in 1988).

Whether you believe the allegations made against him or not, you cannot deny the accomplishments and recognition he has brought to this university. After all he has done here, it would be shameful for his departure to be remembered for what is only a potential negative situation.

Coach Stewart deserves a fonder farewell than he has gotten. We should let him know how much we appreciate his years of services and influence - not chase him out of town with torches.

Thanks for all you have done here, Coach, and best of luck in your new endeavor.



We should learn from UTSI episode

Recently, word came out from University of Tennessee Space Institute that one of their most distinguished professors and two of his students had been charged with plagiarism. The charges were that Dr. Walter Frost had allowed two of his students,

MARY RHUDY Staff Columnist

as yet unnamed, to plagiarize his work in return for their help in gaining NASA contracts for his private, for-profit company, FWG Associates. Investigations carried out by the officials of NASA and Marshall Space Center in Huntsville have proved that at least one of the students involved, a Marshall employee, was indeed guilty of essentially buying her Master of Science. Allegations against the others have not yet been proven conclusively.

Whether or not any of you

realise it, this situation does indeed affect us at MTSU, faculty and students both. We have a very clear duty as scholars—to strive to the best of our abilities in the attainment of knowledge and understanding and to use that knowledge for the benefit of mankind. Not only have these people failed in their duty as scholars, but they have violated codes of academic honor that have stood for centuries. The honor and integrity of students and faculty have been called into question.

Granted, nothing of any meaning was gained by all this. The contract awarded to Frost's company was only worth about \$50,000, a negligible sum by today's military contract standards. Dr. Frost was forced to resign as a result of the findings of the UTSI committee charged with investigating the incident. The Marshall employee has been demoted by two pay grades, has

taken an \$18,000 cut in pay, has been put in a position of considerably less responsibility, and has been told that she will have to pay back the money NASA paid for her Master's program. In addition, UT has called for the students to render up their degrees. If they refuse, UT will move to rescind them. There will forever be an entry on their permanent records that they charged with and found guilty of plagiarism and that their degrees were rescinded. In light of all this, it hardly seems worth the trouble to gamble on something as important as your future and your honor.

In the coming Fall semester, and indeed thereafter, it falls on us to prove that we at MTSU believe that a degree worth having is worth getting honestly. By our work, as well as by our actions, we must prove that the codes of honor amongst scholars are still just as strong as ever.

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No one can make a difference if they don't speak up and educate the rest of us.

Don't hassle handicapped parker

To the Editor:

Add another aspect to the campus parking issue! Apparently some of the faculty and students at MTSU are so desperate for convenient parking they are jealous of even those legally using handicapped spaces!

I appear to be quite healthy, but I have rheumatoid arthritis which greatly limits my mobility and causes pain continually. Even on my "good" days when I am lucky enough to not be limping, I park close to class to prevent pain and swelling caused by much walking. My blue (handicapped) parking permit is clearly visible, but because I have no wheelchair or other device, observers erroneously assume I am healthy enough to hike across campus.

I have grown accustomed to hostile stares and whispers, and recently, someone was even kind enough to leave a chastising note on my car. The note threatened to smash my windshield if I didn't save those spaces for the "truly needy!"

I would like to offer a trade to those of you who have a green parking permit. I will happily trade my blue permit and its accompanying health conditions for your permit and your health. You will get a much-envied parking space just outside the classes and dorms. You will save time by not having to seek an open space or hike long distances. In exchange, I will take your green permit and park by Greenland Drive and be forced to walk a whole 10 or 15 extra minutes to class.

By the way, some other "benefits" of your gaining a blue permit include pain, swollen joints, daily medication which may or may not have side effects, high medical expenses, and limitations on both your leisure activities and job opportunities.

Poor pitiful me...I will be getting the bad side of the trade. With a green permit I'll have not only a lousy parking space on campus, but I'll also have the freedom to plan a day of walking at the mall or in the park, I'll lose all those lovely doctor visits, and I'll get to choose any career I wish. Oh, and I nearly forgot—I won't get to enjoy those enlightening notes left on my car anymore!

D.R. Thompson

Students like MTA route possibilities

To the Editor:

I was genuinely thrilled to read of the possibility of a Murfreesboro-

Nashville Shuttle bus (*Sidelines*, June 19). Friends in other cities (Atlanta, Charlottesville, et al) are incredulous that we have no way other than cars to commute between Nashville and its satellites.

Please let the MTA, James Walker and Jerry Tunstill know this would be a tremendous service to MTSU students and there would be quite a demand for such a shuttle. My personal need stems not from dislike of traffic on I-24, but from the fact that I, like many students, don't own a car. There are a great many employment possibilities in Nashville, and there's no way to get there aside from a \$14 round-trip Greyhound ride.

I hope to be using this shuttle regularly this Fall!

Carolyn Martin
Box 4308

To whom it may concern:

I want to express my pleasant surprise upon reading the *Sidelines* article about the proposed Nashville/MTSU bus shuttle plan. When I came here as a student a year ago, I was disappointed that no such service already existed. I think it's a wonderful idea! I think the mall stops are a great idea, too.

I am concerned, however, that many students who would be interested in this service aren't here during the summer to express their interest. They're probably not aware the proposal is under consideration.

I would like to make several recommendations regarding Nashville bus stops and frequency of service. In addition, I would like to make some remarks on the benefits of this kind of service.

Possible Nashville bus stops:

*Somewhere near MUSIC ROW—perhaps the Demonbreun Avenue Shoney's. A stop in this area would be great for RIM students working on their internships.

*CHARLOTTE AVENUE—perhaps the Kroger Plaza or K-Mart Plaza.

*HICKORY HOLLOW MALL, BELLEVUE CENTER MALL, and HARDING MALL.

*OPRYLAND HOTEL. They employ many students and parking is plentiful.

Benefits of this service from a student's perspective:

*Mass transportation is healthier for the environment, using

less gas and creating less pollution.

*Could save lotsof money on gas, especially important for many students with a limited budget.

*Less wearing on cars.

*Students could study going to and from school...often I lose valuable study time during the commute.

*Dependable, inexpensive access to Nashville would allow MTSU students to tap the Nashville job market and gain valuable experience while going to school.

*Of course, the bus service could actually increase MTSU's enrollment, allowing Nashville residents without reliable transportation to attend school.

Frequency of service:

I recommend service on the half-hour during the week and hourly service on weekends. I also support the idea of continued service during the summer.

Questions:

Would students have an option to pay per trip OR per semester?

What would be the estimated cost for a semester pass?

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Sincerely,

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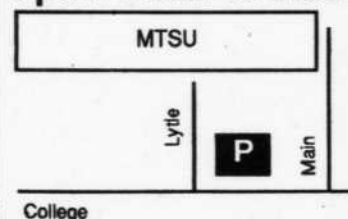


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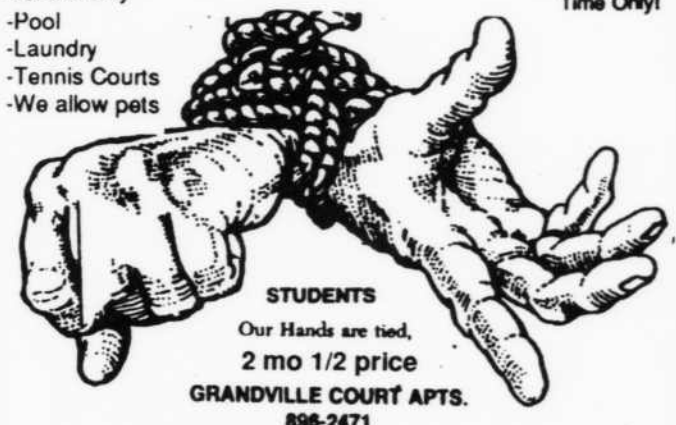
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Features

Yesteryear's cars, today's problems

America's automotive industry is recession proof and growing

GREG ADKINS
Features Editor

Cars are the arch-enemies of man. More specifically, transportation has caused humans trouble and inconvenience since the dawn of time.

Rome and London couldn't have been built without the aid of horses and mules, but how many were shot for broken legs? By the same token, Detroit couldn't have been built without the automobile, and how many of us have wanted to shoot them for broken parts?

All of us remember our first car. Most of us don't remember it fondly. We dreamed of a Porsche or a Mercedes; we got a Pinto or a Chevette.

When I think of my first auto, I break out into a cold sweat. It was a 1972 Toyota Corolla Deluxe. I still haven't figured out what the deluxe was supposed to mean. It certainly had nothing to do with luxury.

It was an ugly, pale green color with tires not much bigger than those of a ten speed bike. The body was held together with bondo, and it was in such bad need of a muffler that it sounded like a Chuck Yeager flight test. With all the necessary repairs, I never got around to that muffler.

During the year I owned that albatross, I replaced the alternator, battery, water pump, master cylinder, fan belts and a headlight. Finally, it threw a rod, and I shed a tear as the junk man towed it from my father's house. My sorrow didn't come from missing the car, but from the fact that the only money I was going

to get from it was at a "push, pull or drag it in" sale.

"I remember getting my first car," recalls Joyce Fuqua, a 36-year-old used car owner. "I was so proud. My pride was short-lived, though. I wrecked my beautiful used MG three weeks after I got it; before I even made the first payment."

Fuqua remembers the hassle of getting estimates on a car that could not run. She was one of the few, the lucky, the fully insured!

Many of us are having to live with those types of cars longer. In today's economic climate, your second, third and fourth cars are most likely second hand. We are having to wait longer for our first new car and its valuable warranty.

"Bought As Is" means having to add new parts and hiring someone else to install them for you. It seems that the businesses that supply these parts and services have a parasitic relationship with all of us. Our needs make these companies recession-proof. When the economy gets worse, they thrive on our dependence on used automobiles.

"We've had a double digit

increase in tire sales since last October," explains David Chavis, manager of Smyrna Western Auto. "Our customers come from

Other auto related business managers and owners agree with this evaluation.

"Our sales have increased steadily over the years," explains Sandra Chaffin, co-owner of N&S Used Foreign Car Parts in Nashville. "Our business hasn't suffered in the recession at all."

N & S provides parts to a wide variety of customers. No longer are there simply young men repairing beat up cars on Thursday afternoons for Friday night dates. All of us are buying parts from salvage yards

rarely does anyone purchase cosmetic items such as chrome wheels and leather seat covers.

"Most people maintain old cars to avoid monthly car payments and to keep insurance cheap," observed Yokley. "There is now a trend for college students to buy cars from the 1960s and '70s."

Parts dealers aren't the only companies catering to used car buyers. The Murfreesboro phone book lists no less than 50 used car lots.

These lots are full service: wholesaler, retailer and note carrier. No bank, no middle man; just walk on the lot; they will sell you a car and finance it, too.

"I do all three: wholesale, retail and note," said Larry Adcock of Murfreesboro Auto Country.

Adcock said older people are buying and maintaining previously owned vehicles. High school and college students aren't the only people having to maintain cars from years gone by.

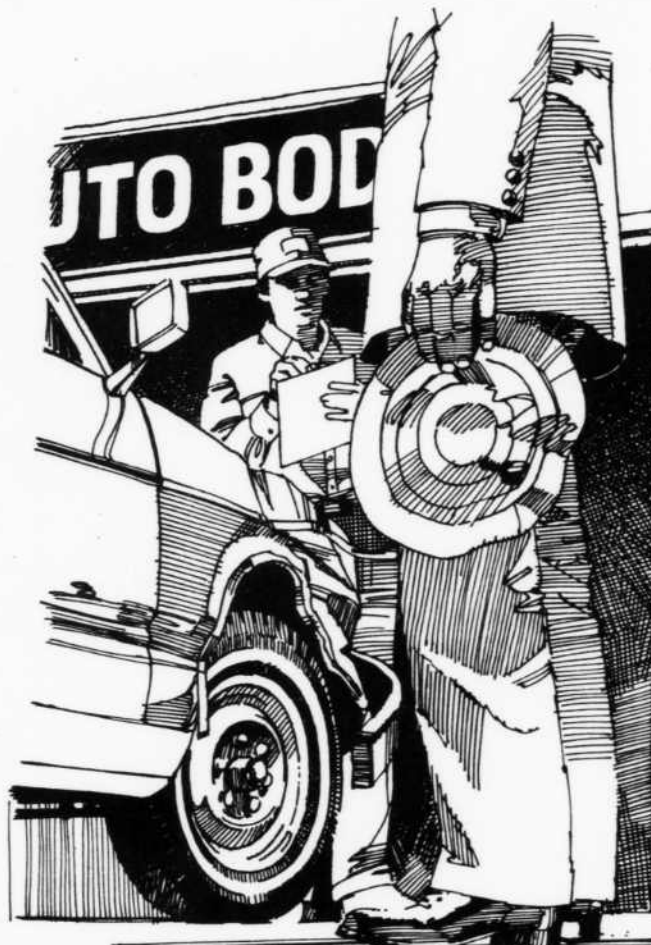
"Auto buyers are mostly working people, ages 25 to 35," claims Adcock.

Interstate Shell's manager Robert Smith adds, "Most of my customers are about 45, and most of our repairs are maintenance. We don't do any upgrades."

Joel Blair, sales manager of Jennings' Tire Company, agrees with Adcock and Smith: "The majority of my customers are 35 years old."

Blair also says that Jennings

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across the board when it comes to age."

Why have auto parts sellers flourished while other business fails?

"I attribute it to high interest rates and a lack of consumer confidence," Chavis continues. "People have to get this confidence back, or the ripple affect could cost them their jobs."

and auto parts stores.

"We have customers who range from retirement age to teenagers," Chaffin described.

Harold Yokley of Chief Auto Parts in Murfreesboro says at least 30 percent of their customers are between the ages of 18 and 25, but the majority of part buyers are about 35 years old. Most of these customers maintain cars, but

Rock and metal heat up Murfreesboro night life

Thunderbirds play to over 300 fans at Mainstreet

MARK ROBERTS
Features Writer

The Fabulous Thunderbirds performance at Murfreesboro's 527 Mainstreet July 11 was an exceptional display of the raw power of the famed group.

If there had been any doubt of the band's performing capabilities after the departure of guitarist Jimmie Van, it was promptly disposed of that night. The club is Murfreesboro's center for alternative music and was packed to excess with more than 300 excited fans showing up to jam with these rockers. The club's

management was even obliged to empty out Austin Audio, located above the bar, affording patrons an exceptional view of the show from the company's balcony.

The crowd was roaring and drinks were flowing while local performer Lark Watts occupied the position of opening act.

The Thunderbirds arrived at the club in a luxury coach liner only 30 minutes before their appearance. When they took the stage, the crowd erupted into a rousing chorus of primal screams.

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First metal fest rocks with headliners Numb Skull

MARK ROBERTS
Feature Writer

Mainstreet kicked off its first Metal Fest this weekend with some of the area's most axe-grinding metal bands.

Headliners Numb Skull inspired their devout fans to congregate in a violent pit on the Mainstreet dance floor and participate in a bit of cranium bashing. This, of course, was preceded by three other friendly neighborhood metal bands, Bishop's Cross being the newcomers.

The band's debut was an

admirable effort, but seemed to stop short of impressing anyone other than their small group of supportive friends. Bishop's Cross' set was short and didn't stray too far from the typical metal play list consisting of songs performed mainly in a minor key and stroked on distorted guitars in speedy frenzy. Though the young metal band didn't show any novelty of style, they did seem to play well together.

The drums and brass were solid, and the lead guitarist played

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skillfully, yet forcefully, to give them a unity seldom heard in young bands. At times their vocalist seemed indecisive, not knowing whether to sing in a low rumble or a high-pitched shriek. He contributed a more appealing performance with songs having a moderate pace rather than the ones played fast and furious. With a few exceptions, the true weakness of Bishop's Cross lies within their songwriting. Most of the tunes sounded as if they were still in the formative stage. Though their guitar rifts were energetic enough, the songs still lacked a sense of continuity.

Overall, the Metal Fest proved successful with the commendable effort of Bishop's Cross, which encouraged many metal-hungry fans to welcome Numb Skull's smoldering and powerful brand of heavy metal.

T-Bird

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The Austin-based blues band promptly encouraged their fans by playing "Wrap It Up," one of their hit singles, and eventually progressed into an intensive range of hard driving city blues that could make your ears bleed.

Both new and long-standing Thunderbird fans were addressed during the performance. The middle portion of the set provided a more rootsy, earthy core while the first and last sets came from their past commercial success.

Hearing the first few chords of "Tough Enough" ring through the club and knowing the end was near, patrons supportively cheered in hopes of a few more tunes.

The T-birds blessed their fans with their appearance and their strikingly forceful music, yet

quickly exited after their hour-and-a-half set. The show was an enjoyable experience and achieved its overall purpose of eliminating sobriety and exploding the blues into powerful rock 'n' roll.

Cars

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"New car sales are down so repairs are up," Blair explains. "The recession helped us. People have been replacing the fan belts, water pumps and old tires on cars they were planing to trade off."

"The new cars always come out in September," Blair added. "last year, the Middle East crisis had been going on for two months and that hurt the car manufacturers. While we haven't seen an increase in repairs, we have maintained sales while other companies' sales have fallen in the recession."

How many horror stories have you heard about used cars? When you ask a friend about buying a used car, do they say: "Why buy somebody else's problems?" But what choice do most of us have?

When the average home costs in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and the average new car boasts a \$12,000 price tag, who can afford a new home or a new car?

We are all dependent on America's complex transportation system which includes manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, parts sellers, salvage yards and, of course, mechanics.

With the pressures involved in owning a used car, finding a good mechanic, arranging transportation while the car's in the shop and calling to Mexico to get that hard-to-find part, and the cost of owning a new car, one can only hope public transportation will once again become a fad.

Whats Happening

The powerful Civil War musical "Shenandoah" is playing at the Cumberland County Playhouse.

Performances will be held Thursdays through Sundays through Sept. 1. Performance times are: Thursdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2:30 p.m. All performances are Central Time. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for Senior Citizens and \$6.50 for students under 18. Group rates are available. For reservations, call the Playhouse box office at 484-5000.

Watch for more straight-to-video-stores movie releases like "La Femme Nikita." (Many low budget movies will follow this path in the future since they can't compete with billion dollar projects.)

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Since Cheekwood will be expanding its holdings of contemporary art in the future, during the months of July, August and September the fine Arts Center will be showcasing a selection of its current collection of contemporary art. The upper Stallworth Galley

will show paintings, works on paper and mixed media from July 6 through September 22. The Lower Stallworth Gallery will display a selection of Fine Arts Center's fine collection of contemporary screenprints, lithographs and intaglios. Cheekwood is located between Belle Meade Boulevard and Highway 100. For more information please call 353-2163.

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Bogus Journey had moments, good and bad

TONY JONES
Feature Writer

Bill S. Preston, Esq. and Theodore "Ted" Logan are back, and this time they are going to hell.

The future students of San Dimas, California discover that an evil ruler, DeNomolos (played by Joss Ackland), plans to completely rule the future. His first action is to create evil Bill and Ted robot doubles to send back in time and destroy the good Bill and Ted. The evil doubles travel by way of the phone booth to the present where they find Bill and Ted in their messy living quarters. On the orders of DeNomolos, the evil robots murder our heroes and begin their quest to bring the world to DeNomolos.

When Bill and Ted awaken, they discover something very weird. THEY'RE DEAD!

They begin their journey through the afterlife in

search of their life. They meet up with the Grim Reaper, played wonderfully by William Sadler, who takes the boys on a journey through hell. The character of the Grim Reaper is a much needed asset in this rather slow film.

Once in hell the boys are faced with several "evils" from their past. They also meet with the "Devil Dude" on some of the most elaborate set designs ever created for one movie. Bill and Ted want a chance to save their girlfriends from the evil doubles, so they challenge the Grim Reaper to a series of games for the privilege to return home.

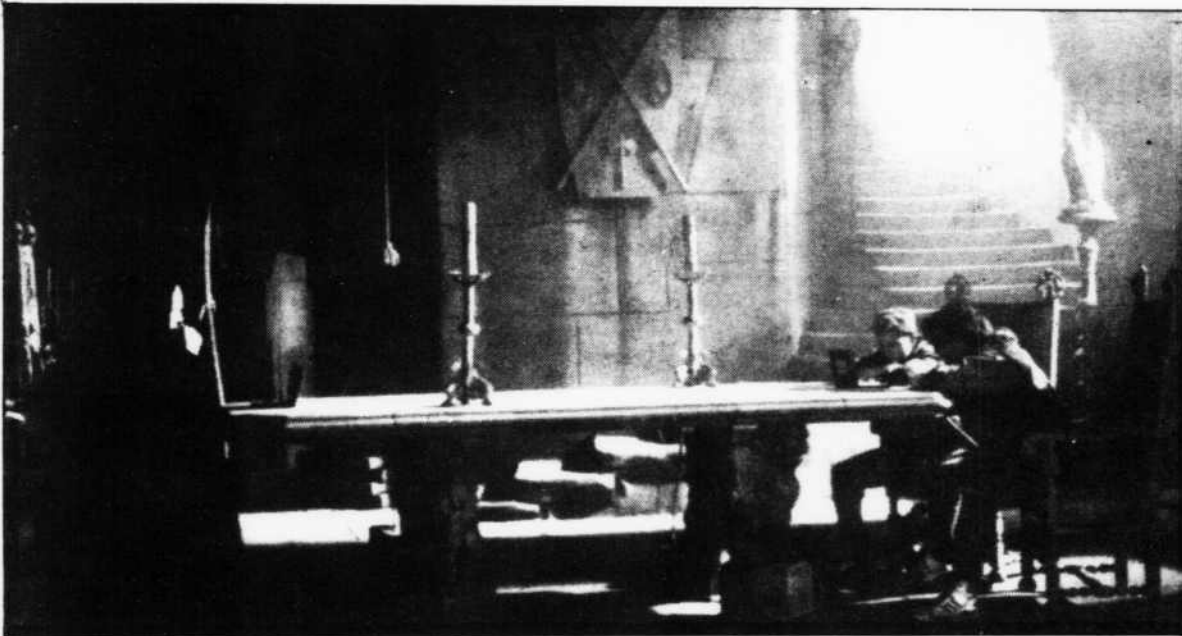
Hell is really the only funny part of this movie. When Bill and Ted play such games as "Clue," "Battleship," and "Twister" with the Grim Reaper, the results are sidesplitting.

Alas, our heroes win their right to move on and wind up when they embark on their voyage to Heaven with the Grim Reaper in tow. Blues legend Taj Mahal plays the

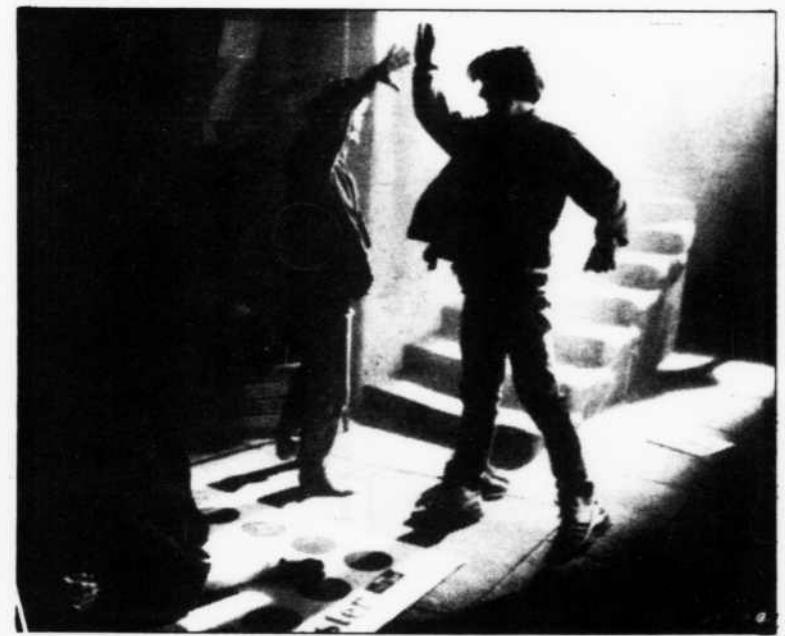
Gatekeeper to heaven. The three come across two martian "animals" called "Station" who help Bill and Ted create a very elaborate but predictable ending.

This film will probably be very successful with children, but the "Bill and Ted language" is very confusing if you don't know the true meaning of their lingo. Overall, the film kept my interest enough for an occasional laugh out loud.

The most "excellent" characters, present in the first film, are missing here. There are no great "Freuds," "Socrates," "Abe Lincolns," or "Billy the Kids." The film centers around the four Bills and Teds, the Grim Reaper, and of course Rufus, played by George Carlin. The absence of those characters also accounts for an absence of comedy. We are stuck with yet another rehash of a more popular original idea. Overall, I'd say this rates at least a "C."



PLAYING WITH DEATH: Bill (Alex Winter) and Ted (Keanu Reeves) is in a life and death game of "Battleship" with the Grim Reaper (William Sadler).



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Sports

Bruce Stewart era is over

Raider head leaves post for pro job

continued from front page that they're going to come back with anything. In 12 years of coaching, I've only had one year of NCAA questioning, they completed their preliminary inquiry and neither I, nor the school, have heard from them."

Stewart is also taking a substantial pay-cut by accepting the pro position.

His base salary at MTSU was \$71,000. Stewart also made \$20,000 from a shoe contract with NIKE, Inc. From summer camps, he stood to pull in \$25,000 to \$30,000 which all adds up between \$113,000 and \$118,000.

His contract with Grand Rapids was not disclosed, but there is a \$55,000 salary cap for coaches in the CBA. The Hoops former mentor, Cazzie Russell, earned \$50,000.

Now that MTSU is left without a head coach in July, athletic director John Stanford and MTSU president James Walker are scurrying to find a new head coach before school reopens on August 23.

MTSU officials have set an Aug. 5 deadline to apply for the university's men's basketball position. The Middle position, along with the head coaching job at Murray State, are the only two division I-A openings in the country.

"It would be hard to speculate as to how many will apply for the job, but we expect to have plenty," Stanford said. "We've already had numerous phone calls, and I expect to get more this week."

"The important thing is we handle the matter quickly, but even by doing it rapidly, we will get an excellent basketball coach."

Current MTSU assistant coach Tommy Smith has applied for the position as well as former Tennessee and Alabama assistant Fred Bryant who has been the head coach of the Pensacola Tornadoes the past two seasons.

Other coaches rumored to be interested include former Tennessee head coach Don Devoe, Belmont coach Rick Byrd, David Lipscomb coach Doug

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The Stewart Years

Career record at MTSU 141-76

Career record: 205-85

Three OVC Crowns

Two OVC Tournament Championships

Two NIT post-season appearances

Three NCAA post-season appearances

1985: 17-14, OVC Tournament Champs- Raiders go to NCAA

1986: 23-11, MTSU gets NIT bid

1987: 22-7, Raiders get first ever at-large bid to NCAA

1988: 23-11, MTSU defeats Tennessee and Georgia in NIT

1989: 23-8, Blue Raiders stun Florida State in NCAA tourny

1990: 12-16, MTSU suffers their first losing season since '84

1991: 21-9, Raiders are runner-up to Murray in OVC tourny

Smith deserves a fair shot

Long-time assistant would relish coaching opportunity

Last Wednesday, I felt like I had been run over by a freight train after regaining my breath at such horrible news.

What horrible news, you might ask? Well, the word that Bruce Stewart had left the prominent MTSU men's basketball program.

A Fair Shake TONY J. ARNOLD

Sure, I knew that he had applied for other jobs before, but that was, more often than not, hyped up by the local media. However, this time there was no hype. There were no indications that such a disruption would take place.

But it did and there was nothing anyone could do about it as Stewart headed north to Grand Rapids.

So what do we do now?

We could, of course, sit around with grim faces and remember the glory days when Chris Rainey drained 3-pointers, when Kim Cooksey knocked down the jumpers, of Gerald

Harris and his patented passes or the versatile Randy Henry taking care of business. Naturally all of these guy's were Bruce's boys.

But just because Bruce Stewart is gone doesn't mean that we have to go back to the mid-80's, when Middle Tennessee was one of the doormats of the OVC.

Stewart will leave behind what many people consider the most talented team in MTSU history or, from my standpoint, one of the most talent-laden teams the OVC has ever seen.

However, several key members of the squad are a little disgruntled at Stewart's departure. It came to them as a shock, too, and rightfully so.

Word has it that several of the players might consider transferring to other universities to continue their collegiate careers.

This would be a shame since the team has the potential to make the university famous. You see, if this team stays together and focuses in, there's no telling what they can accomplish.



TOMMY SMITH

OVC title - reality. A win over Tennessee - reality. Top 20 ranking - reality. NCAA Final Four - Beyond everyone's wildest dreams, but other teams like ours have accomplished amazing feats.

But what concerns the players most about the path in front of them is the question of who will be the leader.

They certainly know how to

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Rumors ravage MTSU campus upon departure

On July 16th, Bruce Stewart's era as head basketball coach came to an end as dramatically as it had begun. Coach Stewart accepted the head coaching job for the Grand Rapids Hoops of the CBA and tendered his resignation to the MTSU Athletic office the following day.

Ravaging Rumors DANIEL STURM

As soon as the story hit the wire, rumors ravaged the Raider campus. Most of the local TABLOIDS, err newspapers, have insisted that Stewart bolted to the CBA because of a potential investigation by the NCAA. Others believe that he used MTSU as a stepping stone to achieve his personal dreams. Both local papers have hinted that current Raider players may leave the program because of the resignation of Stewart. These papers have also hinted that the aspirations of Tommy Smith could suffer due to the potential NCAA investigation.

If there is one accusation that I cannot believe, it is the thought that Stewart would run from a potential investigation. Whether a person liked Stewart or not, it is obvious that Stewart would rather fight than run. Several characteristics common in Raider players throughout Stewart's career were toughness, grit, and determination to overcome all adversity.

If the NCAA potential investigation affected Stewart's decision to leave MTSU, it may have been because of the lack of support he received from the University when the rumors concerning the initial inquiry began to surface. Instead of investigating the accusations against the Raider basketball program and releasing a public statement concerning the actual intentions of the NCAA committee, the Athletic department chose to sit on its hands and let the rumors flow.

Local headlines blasted Stewart with totally inaccurate allegations of wrong doing which centered around cash payments to Robert "Cat-Eye" Taylor, while

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American League standings

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Minnesota	55	38	.591	—	8-2	Won 4	28-18	27-20
Texas	48	41	.539	5	4-6	Won 3	27-16	21-25
Chicago	49	42	.538	5	6-4	Won 1	26-21	23-21
Oakland	49	44	.527	6	4-6	Won 1	30-20	19-24
California	47	44	.516	7	3-7	Lost 3	24-26	23-18
Seattle	48	45	.516	7	7-3	Won 2	26-20	22-25
Kansas City	43	48	.473	11	6-4	Won 2	20-29	23-19

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Toronto	55	38	.591	—	6-4	Lost 2	30-17	25-21
Detroit	47	44	.516	7	6-4	Lost 2	28-17	19-27
New York	44	44	.500	8½	6-4	Lost 1	22-18	22-26
Boston	45	47	.489	9½	3-7	Lost 5	24-23	21-24
Milwaukee	41	51	.446	13½	4-6	Lost 1	24-25	17-26
Baltimore	37	54	.407	17	4-6	Lost 2	14-27	23-27
Cleveland	31	59	.344	22½	5-5	Won 3	14-25	17-34

National League standings

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	51	40	.560	—	2-8	Lost 1	25-16	26-24
Atlanta	48	42	.533	2½	8-2	Won 2	24-23	24-19
Cincinnati	45	45	.500	5½	1-9	Lost 1	24-23	21-22
San Diego	44	49	.473	8	4-6	Won 1	18-26	26-23
San Francisco	40	51	.440	11	5-5	Won 2	20-22	20-29
Houston	37	55	.402	14½	2-8	Lost 3	20-24	17-31

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Pittsburgh	56	34	.622	—	7-3	Lost 1	27-20	29-14
New York	53	38	.582	3½	6-4	Won 1	27-22	26-16
St. Louis	49	43	.533	8	5-5	Won 1	25-21	24-22
Chicago	44	48	.478	13	6-4	Won 2	25-19	19-29
Montreal	41	51	.446	16	6-4	Lost 2	23-26	18-25
Philadelphia	40	52	.435	17	7-3	Lost 1	23-25	17-27

Note: Standings do not include last nights games.



MOVING UP: MTSU head basketball coach Bruce Stewart, shown here in a recent game, announced his resignation last week. It has been a life-long dream of Stewart's to coach pro ball and he'll get that opportunity with the Grand Rapid Hoops.

STEWART

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Meyer and UT assistant Fred Bryant.

Whoever gets the Raider position will undoubtedly have tough shoes to fill.

Over the past seven seasons, Stewart compiled a 141-76 record. The Blue Raiders won three Ohio Valley Conference Championships and two league tournament crowns.

His teams competed in three NCAA tournaments, one of which

came from the league's first ever at-large bid in 1987, and two NIT's.

"Our goals were to win as many games as we could and go to the NCAA and win. What makes this decision so difficult is that I'm leaving an extremely talented team. I met with the team last Tuesday and told them of my decision to leave.

"Also, leaving friends that you've grown close to and care about is never easy, but it comes with this profession."

Over the past seven years

MTSU went on to attain national recognition with wins over teams like Tennessee, Georgia, Florida State, Michigan, and The U.S.S.R. Soviet National team.

"It's been an honor to be the coach of MTSU," Stewart said. "I appreciate the effort and hard work from our players and coaching staff.

"I really appreciate the people that supported us for the last seven years, and I just want to say thanks - it's been a tremendous seven years."

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play ball with only one player missing from last year's squad. They have been molded and know their offensive sets. They know when to make defensive switches. They could probably walk out on the court right now and play a game without fans noticing that they haven't practiced as a group since March.

If Middle Tennessee officials decide to bring in a new coach from outside the program, they would almost certainly bring in a new game plan and perhaps some new players as well.

Changes would have to be made and well-known plays tossed aside as new one's are implanted, basically putting the team back on square one.

But what if Middle decided to give Raider assistant Tommy Smith a shot. After all, he had a hand in recruiting these guy's, and he certainly knows the game plan well. He also knows the OVC and what to expect from the opponents next year.

Smith, too, has been molded

by Stewart, and the players know him. The most disgruntled players even admitted that if Smith is the choice, their chances of being in a Blue Raider uniform are greatly increased.

So why not give him a shot? If this team stays together, Smith would certainly need a swift kick, if they end the season with less than 20 wins. The chances of that are slim.

At the least, how about a one year deal to see what these guys can really do?

It basically comes down to having a good team with very little to celebrate about, or a great year with memories to fill up numerous scrapbooks.

The university would benefit from the exposure as well as the ticket office receipts because people will turn out to see the Raiders win.

I'll admit, MTSU is a excellent opportunity for several coaches, and there are going to be some solid candidates applying - many of which will be qualified more than Smith.

I know personal opinions should not figure in to the decision, but Smith is a Blue Raider.

This is his alma mater and I can't help but recall his voice on a radio talkshow last week expressing his desire for the open position.

MTSU was a stepping stone

for Bruce Stewart, who is one of the finest coach's around, and his dedication to Middle was strong, but it was obvious that he wanted to move on.

Smith, on the other hand, would not only be dedicated, but committed to this university for as long as he is welcome. "This is the place I could retire," he said on the airwaves.

I believe that he should certainly be taken at his word that he will work extremely hard to continue the winning tradition which MTSU's Blue Raiders stand so firmly. Because of his hard work ethics and opportunity to carry MTSU to its greatest heights ever, he certainly deserves a fair shot at the position.

I realize that it is the position of the athletic department to make the final decision, but it appears that the fans and students certainly feel Smith deserves a fair shake.

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the actual inquiry centered around the accusations of Juco player Royce Turner of Columbia State. However, the most interesting twist to this soap opera is that the evidence used by both local papers came from two sources inside the Raider athletic office, who seem to have all the information concerning the day to day operations of the athletic department.

There is a world of truth to the statement that Stewart used MTSU as a stepping stone to accomplish his personal goal of coaching in the NBA.

Stewart inherited a Raider program that had fallen on hard times. Using his brash, hardworking style, he quickly

transformed the Raider program into a contender and, eventually, one of the premier mid-major college basketball programs in the country. Without Stewart there would be no victories over Tennessee, Georgia, Florida State, and countless others.

In Stewart's wake is a program that is on solid ground. Middle Tennessee is poised to battle one of its toughest schedules in years with a cupboard full of talented players.

Recent reports have threatened that many of MTSU's better players are angry and upset with Stewart and are debating whether to remain at the University. There is no truth to these reports, either. As of press date both players, Warren Kidd and Taylor, intend to remain

Raiders for the remainder of their careers. However, the impending selection of a new coach has them a bit uneasy.

"A new coach is going to have his own organization. We're going to have to learn his style of play," Taylor stated. "I've never been in this situation before. It's new to me and I don't know how I'll respond. It was a rumor that I was going to leave, but I never said anything about it."

The choices that Middle Tennessee will make in dealing with the dilemma presented by Stewart's resignation are anyone's guess.

The forerunner for the vacant coaching position is Raider assistant Tommy Smith. Smith brings substantial credentials from his prior position as head coach at

Cumberland University to compliment his six year stint with the Raiders. Not only is Smith a Raider alumnus, but he will provide the stability and consistency that will be needed to maintain the program as a dominating force in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The one thing that will hurt Smith's chance is the prior track record of the Blue Raider Athletic program. It is no secret that women's assistant coach Diane Cummings has spent all twelve of her coaching years at MTSU and

has been passed up for the head coaching position two times.

Although current State regulations require that applications be accepted for a coaching position. I feel that coach Stanford and Dr. Walker will send a clear message that commitment, hard work and loyalty still stand for something at Middle Tennessee State University and name Tommy Smith as our next head basketball coach.



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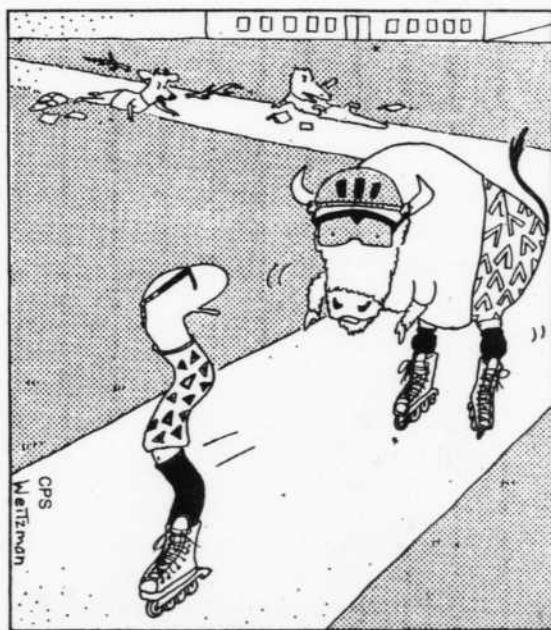


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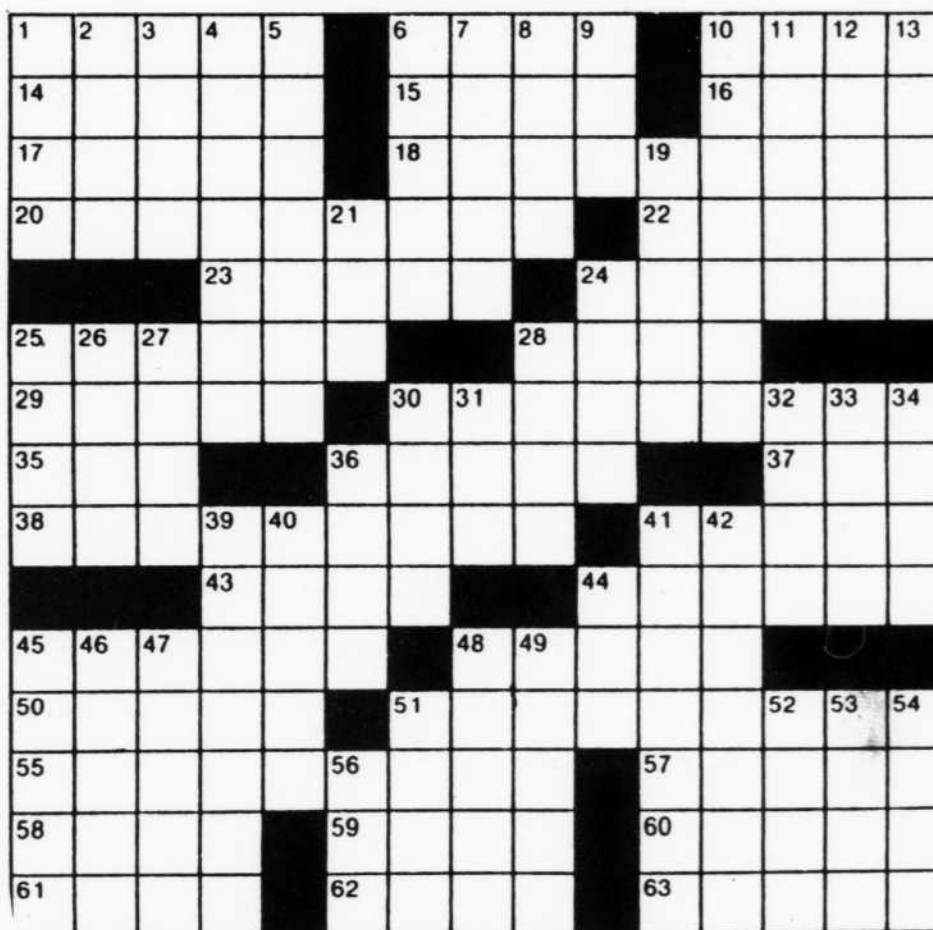
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