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Professor accused of assault

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

A student has filed a formal complaint with Public Safety and the English department alleging that he was physically assaulted by his English professor.

Sophomore Bradley Miller has accused Jacquelyn Jackson of "shoving" him out of her office while Miller was attempting to get advice on a paper he was writing for her Detective Fiction class.

"I kept my cool because she was a lady," Miller said. "If it would have been a man, I would have whooped his ass."

According to statements given to Public Safety officer Charles L. Nixon, Miller went to Jackson's office to show her a rough draft of one of his papers. Upon entering her office she told him to wait outside because she was with another student.

Miller waited outside the office for approximately eight minutes before reentering the office. According to Miller's statements to Public Safety, he reentered the office because he did not want to be late to his next class. He asked Jackson for a "minute of her time," at which time Jackson "stormed" out of her

office and proclaimed that she was calling the police. Miller said that was fine with him, and Jackson then turned and went back into her office.

Miller then stepped back into the office and Jackson allegedly pushed him out of the doorway and slammed the door in his face.

Inspector Darrell Collins of MTSU Public Safety said that both parties that were involved have made statements that an incident did occur, but it is still uncertain whether Jackson is guilty of the offense.

"(Miller) made a statement that this (incident) happened and (Jackson) also made a statement that it happened," Collins said.

Jackson told police that Miller has a history of coming to her office and interrupting meetings with other students. She said that he has been told in the past to make appointments just like everyone else.

Miller claims that Jackson has a personal problem against him and has overreacted in the past when dealing with him.

"She's got personal problems," Miller said. "She tried to whoop me for calling her Miss instead of Doctor."

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KUC gas leak proves to be false alarm

Staff Reports

The Murfreesboro Fire Department responded to a call at the Keathley University Center just before 11 p.m. Tuesday, after KUC Grill employees complained of the smell of natural gas.

"The fire trucks were called in," said Public Safety Inspector Darrell Collins. "The building was checked out and evacuated. No

leak was found."

Officials at the Murfreesboro Fire Department said the building's gas line was turned off, even though there was no evidence of a natural gas leak.

Student Toyce Griffet was in the KUC Theatre for a screening of "Elizabeth" when the building was evacuated.

"I didn't really know what was going on," Griffet said. "We were watching the movie, and the fire alarm went off."



Firefighters respond to a report of a natural gas leak in the KUC.

Photo by Zack Millican

Plan calls for removal of modular buildings

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

The modular buildings behind the new library must remain on campus until the university can provide space for the offices now located there, according to MTSU authorities.

This places a hardship on the instructors and other personnel who have offices there and especially on the students who they teach and advise, according to Ken Blake, a journalism professor whose office was in a modular last year.

"Students were unable to find me," Blake lamented, "I felt out of the loop, not a part of things."

Blake added that the moduls were cold in the winter and sometimes

he could feel the top of the building rippling in the wind.

While there is a consensus in favor of moving the offices from the moduls into permanent buildings, there is presently nowhere for them to go, according to Patti Miller, from Campus Planning.

Miller said that removal of the moduls is part of a long-range plan by the university to improve the campus. The plan is for a tree lined mall between the Davis Science Building and the quadrangle, the area between the Business/Aerospace Building and the new library. She added that the university has allocated funds for the redevelopment of the quadrangle only.

"There is no specific timetable for the creation of the mall," Miller said. J. Donald Craig, a member of the Quadrangle Planning Committee and Dean of the Library, said he has seen some preliminary plans for the quadrangle by the landscape architect.

However, it may be the end of the semester before there are detailed plans available.

According to Craig, the improvements the committee is planning will not require the removal of the moduls.

"The committee is assuming the modular buildings will remain in place for some time after the quadrangle is redeveloped," Craig said.

Craig indicated it is possible that Academic Affairs could move the offices presently housed in the moduls into the Todd Building. However, Craig added that James Walker, president of MTSU, has not yet made any decision about the future use of the Todd Building.

Duane Stucky, in Academic Affairs said that when the modular buildings are removed the area will be incorporated into what he called a "larger quadrangle area," rather than becoming the site of another building.

Traffic behind KUC to be blocked for steamline work

Staff Reports

Traffic behind the Keathley University Center will remain blocked or slowed for most of the semester, according to Bill Smotherman, director of Construction Administration.

Workers are performing steam line construction beneath the parking lot adjacent to the KUC, Forrest Hall and the Todd Building.

"The whole area will have to be shut down at one point," Smotherman said.

Fencing has been placed to isolate the work area.

"Some frequently traveled routes will be blocked, making it necessary to seek alternate routes," Smotherman said.

"Depending on weather and unforeseen problems, the fencing will be up until at least Thanksgiving."



Workers continue steamline construction that will shut down sidewalks and roads behind the KUC.

Photo by Derrick Wilson

Man sentenced for sex death

Staff Reports

The man who admitted to killing an MTSU student during a sexual encounter has received a four-year sentence on the reckless homicide charge that a jury handed down Friday.

James Clayton Young Jr., 39, was originally convicted of murder for the 1995 death of Joey Ladd, 19. Young appealed the 1995 decision. His attorney argued that his homosexuality should not have been an issue in the first trial.

Four years is the maximum sentence for a reckless homicide charge.

In Tuesday's appellate sentencing, Circuit Court Judge J.S. Daniel said he considered that the victim was gagged and bound and that the defendant was looking for sexual gratification.

Following the 1995 conviction, Young received a life sentence. He has already served four years for that sentence, so he will be released soon.

Young and Ladd were having sex at Young's Bell Street apartment in January 1995, when Ladd was strangled to death.

Young told police he took Ladd's body to a ravine in the Almadale community, allegedly motivated by the fear that his homosexuality would be discovered.

Ladd's body was found five days later, and police arrested Young following the finding.

Prosecutors argued that the death was in malice and that Young had attempted to rape Ladd. Young maintains that the death was accidental.

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On Campus

compiled by
Wesley Bush

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

Oct. 7

The African American Student Association is holding a general interest meeting at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm, Room 103. Contact Ladoska Holt at 898-4770 for more information.

Scarlett Commons Area Government is having Poetry Night at 7-10 p.m. in the Scarlett Commons Clubhouse. Open to all students who wish to share their poetry with others. Food will be provided. Contact Erika Pryor at 898-3196 for more information.

Oct. 9

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a rafting trip on the Ocoee River available to all students, faculty and staff. The cost is \$20, and only 18 participants will be accepted. Contact Mitch or Sean at 898-2104 for additional information.

Oct. 11-15

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

Oct. 13-14

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

ONGOING

Lambda Association invites all students to attend meetings every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact Talia Elwell at 907-2195 or visit the website at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30

p.m. at the intramural fields. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 SEC Champions and were ranked ninth in the nation last year. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for further information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



World News

Search continues for survivors of rail accident

LONDON (AP) — Police, firefighters and railway crews, working with a heavy crane, searched for more bodies Wednesday in a coach that was burned and mangled in Britain's worst rail disaster in a decade.

The rush-hour collision in the residential Ladbroke Grove area of west London killed at least 27 people and injured more than 160. The train companies said their investigation would focus on the behavior of the outboard train, which may have gone through a red light. Reports said both trains were traveling 60 mph when the outboard train tried to cross in front of the London-bound train.

The London-bound Great Western train had a green light to proceed, according to a statement Tuesday by Great Western, Thames Trains and Railtrack, the company that owns and operates the rail infrastructure. Thames Trains operated the outboard train. Signals in the vicinity were in full working order, the statement said.

Typhoon Dan blows out of northern Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Typhoon Dan maintained its strength as it blew away from the northern Philippines on Wednesday, dumping heavy rains, damaging hundreds of houses and killing at least one person on the main island of Luzon, officials said.

Forecaster Leny Ruiz said the typhoon, the 13th to hit the country this year, was expected to gather strength as it moves toward southern China. One man drowned in the swollen Maluyo River in Balaoan, La Union province, said Aurora Moya of the regional Office of Civil Defense.

Elvira Calina, head of civil defense in Tuguegarao, the capital of Cagayan province, was hit by the typhoon, said initial reports showed 600 houses in the province were damaged and one person was injured.

Two men convicted in 1998 death of American woman

OAXACA, Mexico (AP) — A Mexican construction worker with a previous conviction for raping a foreign tourist was one of two men sentenced to 40 years in prison for the 1998 rape and killing of American artist Carol Janet Schlosberg.

After a nearly yearlong delay due to jurisdictional disputes, an Oaxaca state court in the Pacific coast town of Pochutla announced the guilty verdict Tuesday, just days after the two men confessed to the attack.

Bricklayer Cirilo Olivera Lopez and Rosendo Marquez Gutierrez, a local drifter, said in court late last week they had been drinking at a storefront bar in the nearby resort town of Puerto Escondido on March 29, 1998, when they saw Schlosberg, who was vacationing from Vermont, walking alone on the beach.

They decided to rape her on Zicatela beach, located 280 miles southeast of Mexico City. After raping and beating Schlosberg, they tossed her — still alive — into the Pacific, where she drowned.



National News

Clinton to address Teamsters union dinner honoring James Hoffa

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reaching out to a key labor group, President Clinton will speak at a New York dinner honoring Teamsters union president James P. Hoffa, whose powerful federation is struggling to recover from years of corruption.

Clinton will meet privately with Hoffa on Thursday at an event sponsored by the National Labor Research Association, a labor-backed research group.

"The president reaches out on a regular basis to labor union leaders in this country and will continue to do so," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

Clinton's appearance comes four days before the AFL-CIO, which includes the Teamsters, opens its annual convention in Los Angeles. The union is expected to consider whether to endorse Vice President Al Gore in his race against former Sen. Bill Bradley for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Maker of Metabolife goes on attack against ABC

NEW YORK (AP) — The maker of a dietary supplement is launching a pre-emptive strike against ABC News in advance of a "20/20" segment it believes will show the company in a negative light.

Metabolife International Inc. is posting on the Internet a videotape of an interview that its CEO, Michael Ellis, conducted with ABC News and is spending at least \$1.5 million in advertising to call attention to it.

A full-page ad directing people to a Web site with the interview ran in Wednesday's edition of The New York Times.

"What I'm concerned about is that the whole story won't be out there," Metabolife's CEO, Michael Ellis, said today. "20/20" may, and I'm not saying they will, have a different agenda on how they want this story to go."

An ABC spokeswoman confirmed "20/20" is working on a story that examines health claims made by Metabolife for its products. It has no scheduled air date.

FBI agent suspected of firing shots during Waco crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — An expert sought by the House Government Reform Committee says he believes an FBI agent fired shots during the bureau's 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas. That view, expressed in an interview published in today's editions of The Washington Post, is at odds with the FBI's position that none of its agents fired shots at any time during the siege in which about 80 people died.

The expert in thermal imaging and videotape analysis, Carlos Ghigliotti, has done work for the FBI in the past.

"I conclude that the FBI fired shots on that day," Ghigliotti told the Post in an interview conducted Tuesday. "I conclude this based on the ground-view videotapes taken from several different angles simultaneously and based on the overheard thermal tape. The gunfire from the ground is there, without a doubt."



State News

Gore to open new campaign headquarters in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Al Gore, looking to add energy to his sagging campaign, came home to Tennessee Wednesday to open his new campaign headquarters.

Gore announced last week that he would move the headquarters from Washington to Nashville.

Analysts say Gore wants to shake his image as a Beltway insider, distance himself from President Clinton and retell a top-heavy campaign that's losing momentum to former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, his only rival for the Democratic nomination.

"It's basically a public relations effort on the vice president's part," said M. Lee Smith, publisher of a Tennessee political newsletter. "The move and the new setup will have some effect in getting up some new enthusiasm. ... I tend to think it won't last very long or go very far."

The building housing Gore's new campaign office most recently served as headquarters for newly elected Nashville Vice Mayor Ronnie Steine.

Five dead in Memphis house fire

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A fire apparently started by a space heater tore through a single-story wood-and-brick home, killing a mother, her three young children and their 7-year-old cousin.

A 19-year-old neighbor, Vincent Clark, said he heard a woman's screams around midnight Tuesday, looked out the window and saw smoke. He called his cousin, grabbed a baseball bat and went next door.

He and his cousin pounded on the front door but could not get it to open.

Memphis Fire Marshal H.J. Pickett said a preliminary investigation determined a kerosene space heater placed too close to combustibles started the fire. He also said investigators found no smoke detector in the home.

Cheerleading uniforms banned from classrooms

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Cheerleader uniform skirts are too short and not suitable for class, some Williamson County principals say. They've forbidden cheerleaders from wearing their uniforms to school, sparking a spirited debate.

"I just think it's terrible," Jack Watkins, chairman of the Williamson County school district policy committee, said about the bans. Coincidentally, the committee had adopted a stricter dress code two weeks ago, effective next year.

But Franklin High Principal Doug Crosier said the district policy had nothing to do with his restriction on cheerleaders. He said cheerleaders there are allowed to wear uniforms to class only once each football season and once each basketball season.

The district policy will ban skirts and shorts revealing more than six inches of thigh for middle and high school students. Williamson County is just south of Nashville.

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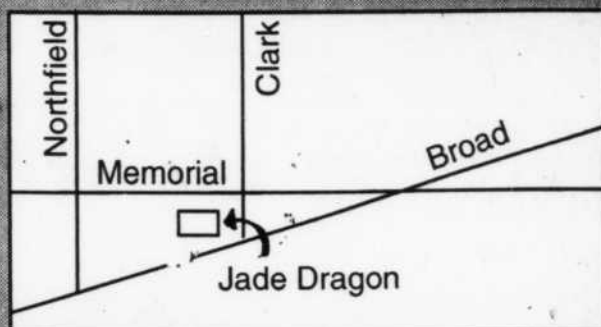
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Lecture to cover cloning technology

R. Colin Fly
Staff Reporter

The lecture series shifts gears next week when Dr. Cliff Ricketts of the agribusiness and agriscience department speaks on Advanced Technologies in Agriculture.

Dr. Ricketts' lecture will take place in Peck Hall room 109A at 3:40 on Monday and consist of the advancing technologies in the agriculture industries.

Among the topics of conversation Dr. Ricketts will address include global positioning satellites, cloning, and gender selection.

"The global positioning system consists of 24 satellites that beam infrared rays into fields. The satellites help map the soil types and nutrients in the land," said Ricketts. "Global positioning helps

maximize efficiency."

Cloning has also come to the forefront in the agriculture industry as well as transgenic research.

A geep was created at the University of California-Davis, Ricketts explained, which is a cross between a goat and a sheep. Scientists have also attempted to clone a pig and a cow for a better pork product with less fat.

Cloning already occurs in the plant community in the form of tissue cultures, according to Ricketts.

"One rosebud can lead to 1,000,000 plants in a very simple procedure," explained Ricketts. "In fact, most commercial flower companies use the procedure right now for their flowers."

NASA now grows 10 to 12 different types of crops in space, according to Ricketts, using hydroponics, or the growing of plants in nutrient solutions.

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Growth hormone is also very important to the advancing agricultural technologies. For a few hundred dollars, farmers can increase their cattle's weight by 30 to 50

lbs. thereby increasing their herd's net worth by several thousand dollars.

Computers have also helped the agriculture industry, allowing computers to regulate feed and milk production as well as automatically adjusting feed levels for illness or injury.

"People think of farming only as cows, plows, sows, weed, seed and feed," Ricketts offered. "However, in actuality, one fourth to one third of all the jobs come directly or indirectly from agriculture in the form of output. Restaurants, for example, are the output of the agricultural process."

Dr. Cliff Ricketts is the 6th speaker of the fall 1999 series. He received his doctorate from Ohio State University in 1982 in agricultural education. He attended MTSU, but graduated and earned a master's degree from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He has been part of the MTSU staff since 1976. ■



Ricketts

University says it's ready for Y2K

Kelley Ferguson
Staff Reporter

With only 85 days left in the countdown to the year 2000, the threat of a Y2K meltdown is becoming more and more apparent.

Students are probably wondering where MTSU stands on the issue of Y2K.

Preparing MTSU for the year 2000 "has been going extremely well," said Lucinda Lea, Assistant Vice President of Information Technology.

According to Lea, MTSU has been working for years to prepare for the year 2000.

One thing they have done is to purchase a separate computer to test dates and make sure that dates for the year 2000 still work.

"They made a test system for us to test our programs. So far it has been going good," said Sherian Huddleston, director of records.

"Testing of administrative applications has been going extremely well," said Lea.

There is a team of workers to check computers to see which were Y2K compatible, which weren't but could be fixed, and which computers needed to be replaced.

According to Lea, less than 200 computers needed to be entirely replaced and within the past year most of them have been replaced.

Over Fall Break of 1998, MTSU began an extensive Y2K update on student records, said Lea.

"We'll be here Jan. 1 at 8 a.m., and some staff will be here as the clock rolls over to run tests," said Huddleston.

Huddleston added that in the event of a computer meltdown, the records office has a back up manual system planned that just needs to be carried out.

MTSU is not the only group who feels prepared for the year 2000.

"The Internet's core structure is expected to remain operational during the transition to the new year, unaffected by the infamous year 2000 technology problem," a White House official told MSNBC.

According to BBC Education On-line, there are many things that home users and e-mail businesses can do to protect themselves against the year 2000.

The BBC recommends calling the manufacturers of anything you own that shows the date on it to ensure that it will work when the year changes over.

"Most home computers and software are recent enough not to suffer seriously," said the BBC. ■

U. of Georgia stands firm on affirmative action policies

TMS Campus

ATHENS, Ga. (TMS) — The University of Georgia has announced it will continue to use affirmative action in admissions decisions despite legal advice warning such policies are unconstitutional.

"My commitment to providing opportunity to all is fundamental, and under my leadership, the University of Georgia will remain committed to this basic right," UGA President Michael F. Adams announced during a campus forum on Sept. 30.

The university has been sued in federal court for awarding bonus points to borderline applicants who are American Indian, Asian American, black or Hispanic. School officials said they would continue giving those special preferences but chose to discontinue the university's preference for male applicants after a woman sued UGA for rejecting

her. A federal judge in July dismissed one case against the university but said at the time that UGA could not "constitutionally justify" its preferences.

UGA reported that race was considered only for the final 10 percent of the class entering in the fall of 1999.

High-school grades and standardized test scores remain the most important factors in making admissions decisions, school officials said, quickly adding that a diverse student body also provides tremendous educational merit.

"Those who argue that the only fair method is a statistical ranking of applicant's academic records miss the point," he said. "True fairness also includes a professional assessment of unique family situations, the schools the student has attended, the community he or she came from and whether applicants had to overcome economic hardships to build a record of academic achievement." ■



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"We need to get into the business of financing more experiments. Let kids see if they are college material," he said. "If they find out they are, they'll be more willing to take the risk of loans."

"That small-vehicle convoy was ambushed by an unknown number of people with firearms. The soldiers immediately entered a counter-ambush drill," Australian army Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove, head of the international force known as Interfet, told reporters in Dili.

Belo shared the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize with Jose Ramos Horta for their peaceful struggle for East Timorese independence.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said, however, "We'll have to obviously look carefully at the proposal and consult with the U.N. with respect to the size of the mission and the cost of the mission."

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Clinton hints he'll accept test-ban delay, but GOP wants it in writing

Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton signaled Wednesday he would accept a postponement of next week's scheduled vote on a global nuclear test ban treaty rather than risk near-certain defeat.

But Senate conservatives, led by outspoken treaty foe Jesse Helms, R-N.C., demanded the president request the delay in writing and also promise not to seek action on it through the remainder of his presidency.

Clinton, who has made the treaty a top foreign policy priority, did not offer to seek such a delay, only indicating that he might agree to one if Senate leaders made such a move.

"After two long years of inaction, one week is very little time for considered action," he said.

Clinton said that he would continue to try to summon support for the treaty in the absence of such an agreement.

Democrats have balked at being seen as initiating such a delay, or being denied a chance to bring up the treaty in the 2000 presidential election year.

But Helms, who had kept it bottled up in his Foreign Relations Committee for two years, told a news conference, "We're ready to vote."

Democrats, seeing they lack the votes to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, "are trying to dictate the terms of their own surrender," Helms said.

Helms' objection is significant because under Senate rules any move to cancel next week's vote would require unanimous consent of the Senate.

Furthermore, Helms was joined by other prominent Republicans in demanding Clinton seek the delay in writing.

"He must share with the Senate leadership the burden of not going forward," said Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

The development came as Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., were trying to negotiate terms of a delay.

Without a delay, the Senate will begin debating the treaty on Friday and vote either next Tuesday or Wednesday.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said if the Senate wanted to propose

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another schedule, "we'd obviously want to be supportive" of one that provides for serious analysis and timely action on the treaty.

"Obviously, the worst outcome would be to vote this treaty down," he said. "There's no question about that."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, preparing to testify in support of the treaty on Thursday, told senators in a letter that American scientists were able to maintain the U.S. nuclear deterrent without test explosions.

The treaty, she said, would provide an unprecedented monitoring system to detect others' tests.

"If the United States rejects this treaty and treats nuclear weapons testing as 'business as usual,' so will everyone else — and the nightmare of proliferation will grow," she wrote.

Meanwhile, Defense Secretary William Cohen told the Senate Armed Services Committee a vote against the treaty could draw international condemnation and even lead to new nuclear testing elsewhere.

"If the Senate rejects the treaty, the proliferation of nuclear weapons is more likely, posing serious challenges to our nonproliferation goals," Cohen said.

He said it could thrust the United States into a nuclear "no man's land" from where it would be difficult to condemn other nations for conducting nuclear tests.

Even before Helms demanded a written request from Clinton, Lott had sought to extract a guarantee from Democrats that they wouldn't press for action at least until after next year's presidential election and the convening of a new Congress in 2001.

Daschle suggested that went too far.

"Rather than laying down yet additional conditions, I think we ought to simply make the decision not to have the vote until such time as we know that we've

got the votes to pass it," Daschle said.

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Clinton, speaking with reporters in the Rose Garden, indicated he would press on in seeking to build support for the treaty in the absence of a delay.

"For now, the vote is scheduled for Tuesday, and I will continue to aggressively argue to the Senate and to the American people that this is in our national interest," Clinton said.

Joe Lockhart, Clinton's press secretary, said senators may need "more months to look at this."

"If they change the schedule, we will adjust accordingly," he said.

The treaty has been signed by 154 nations, but ratified by only 48 — Mexico becoming the latest to do so on Wednesday.

But only two of the seven declared nuclear powers — Britain and France — have ratified it.

To be ratified, the treaty must be approved by 67 senators, or two-thirds of the Senate. Even if all 45 Democrats vote for it, they must be joined by 22 Republicans for it to pass. ■

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Miller said he has been instructed by Public Safety officers how to file an assault warrant with the Murfreesboro court office if Miller wanted to do so.

Miller said he is planning to file

the warrant.

Collins said if Miller does file the warrant, Public Safety will have to pick Jackson up and she will be booked accordingly for misdemeanor assault.

The issue will then be processed through Rutherford County General Sessions Court. ■

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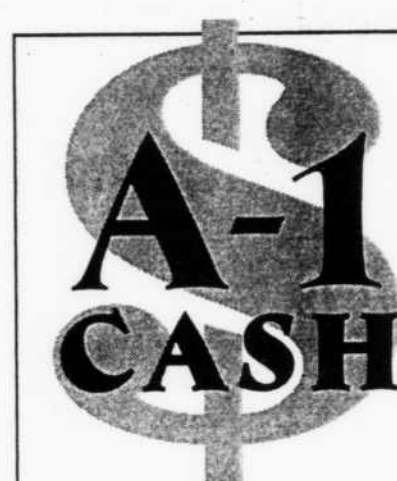
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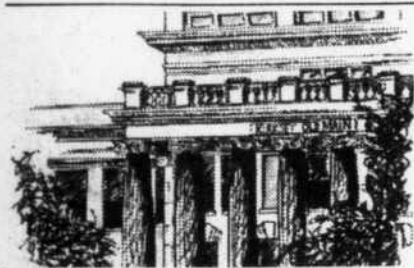
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Rudeness runs rampant on campus

Whatever happened to common courtesy? Is the Golden Rule forgotten forever? Apparently it is on this campus.

MTSU students constantly ignore the unspoken laws of courtesy as they trek across campus being rude and walking on the wrong side of the sidewalk.

We drive on the right side of the road, so why does that concept die with our car engine when we turn the ignition off? Nobody enjoys those encounters when we clumsily try to avoid the person coming right at us.

The solution is simple: walk on the right side.

Ever notice when you're in a hurry and the person in front of you conveniently runs into their long-lost boyfriend from the third grade? An indefinitely long conversation then begins, forcing you to reroute your path to class.

The KUC, one of the most crowded areas on campus, is the most common place for these situations. Not only do people block the sidewalks there, but many choose to stop on the stairs leading from the lower level to the Grill.

Be considerate of those who have something other to do than congregate on a sidewalk or a staircase. Hold your conversations somewhere other than a high traffic area.

Another common disruption in your normal path to class involves the infamous slow walker. This person is obviously in no hurry to get anywhere and doesn't seem to care that someone else may be.

If you walk slowly, do everyone a favor and get out of the way.

Being a human roadblock is an inconvenience to many, but especially for the many blind students on campus. Be aware that they don't want to run into you anymore than you want to be run into.

Rudeness isn't displayed by walkers alone. Those of you who drive on campus need to observe the signs stating that pedestrians have the right of way in all crosswalks. This does not mean speed up before the person gets there. Come to a stop so the person can cross safely.

Common courtesy requires nothing more than common sense and should be second nature to people. It should be something we always practice and expect to receive from others. ■

People more interested in celebrity life than politics

Cathleen Lewis
The Daily Targum

The nation survives because of, and at times in spite of, what happens in the West Wing.

A good summary from a professor trying to explain to his students why it's important to study the politics of the American presidency? No, it's the promo for "The West Wing," a new show on NBC.

Now, yes, as a political junkie, I will watch the show, but I see a problem here and I'm hoping somebody else does too.

So I read all the political magazines starting with "U.S. News & World Report," "Time," "Newsweek," and then venturing into gloss with "George" and "Talk."

And here's where the line begins to blur between politics and celebrity.

It's where the gloss begins to outshine the substance, and it's where the other magazines begin to pick up the gloss.

And when the gloss disappears, what do we remember?

"The more we know them as people, the less we know them as thinkers and as doers," Michael Rockland, professor of American studies, said.

And that's why Ken Starr and Bill Clinton were Time's men of the year: not for substance, but shine.

And when they become that, what is the process boiled down to?

Rockland, who studies the culture of

society, said there is less of a distinction between show business and the other public arenas, and some could argue if there really should be.

Are we in an age where, without celebrity drawing us in, we don't care?

magazine that was "not just politics as usual."

The point behind "George" was that young people would be interested in the political process if celebrity was bought in, if it was made to be more appealing.

The idea was a plausible one - we like celebrities and we like knowing the nitty-gritty of a people's life, so why not tell people all those things and then trick them into becoming interested in politics?

"The West Wing" will presumably draw in political junkies like myself, and then it will draw in those who want action, suspense, sexual tension and well-written drama.

And comparison is inevitable. Does President Clinton refer to himself as POTUS? Did George Stephanopolus really deal with things in the same way that Sam Seaborn, Rob Lowe's character, does? What's going on behind the scenes of that press conference?

And this could all fuel a deeper interest in politics, much like the late John F. Kennedy Jr. had hoped to in starting a

But this thinking hasn't done its job.

"First of all, the greatest danger America faces is that people don't vote. How can you have a democracy when people don't vote? Even in a presidential election ... such a small number of Americans show up," Rockland said.

And the young just don't vote. It doesn't matter that Lowe is on the cover of "George," teasingly without clothing, or that Liz Taylor and George Pataki both grace the cover of this month's "Talk" or that Hillary Clinton and a vamped-up Gwyneth Paltrow appeared on the first cover.

The idea was a plausible one - we like celebrities and we like knowing the nitty-gritty of a people's life, so why not tell people all those things and then trick them into becoming interested in politics?

Because then they don't care about politics, they care about Hillary Clinton's hair.

"These sorts of things, the president's sex life, are instantly more interesting to people than his views and his programs," Rockland said.

And they always are. Lowe, a self-appointed political junkie, is remembered for working on Michael Dukakis' campaign. But not for his political stumping speeches, but for his faux pax of having a menage a trois in the hotel while on campaign.

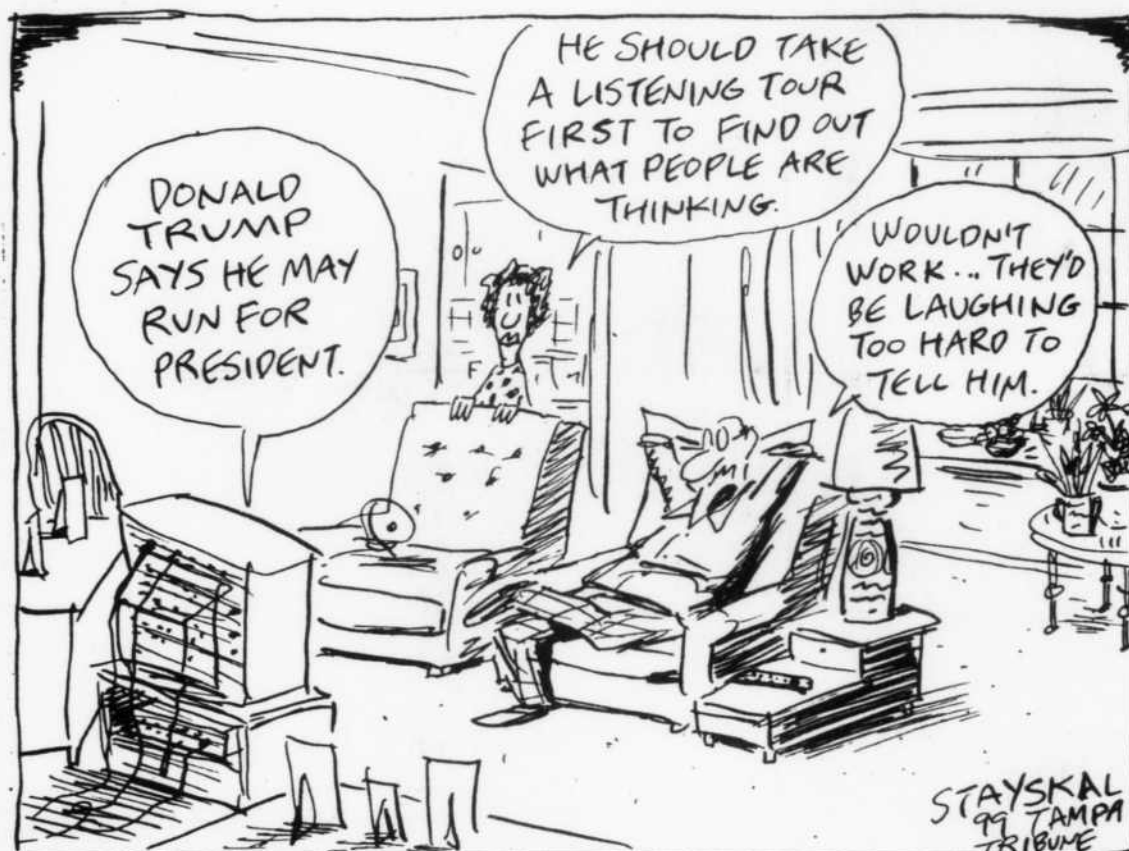
So it hasn't worked and we've got to try something new.

We've got to find a way to make politicians known, even celebrities if we must, but for their content.

We can do it: JFK was known for his ideas, his words, while in office. So he was known as a womanizer after his death; it didn't mar his public record.

There are plenty of intelligent people out there who won't run because they don't want to be celebrities. And plenty of celebrities to run in order to maintain their status.

The question is: Do we want President Warren Beatty or the next Abraham Lincoln? ■



Financial aid can be real pain

Amber Christian
Adams State College

What is the biggest frustration of college? Taking courses with higher demands? Dealing with roommates? Making new friends?

Yes, those are all interesting challenges, but the largest hurdle to jump is a little thing called Financial Aid. Say the words, "I just got out of Financial Aid," and anyone can understand the reason for your tired eyes and slouched stance.

As a student for the past four years, I have had my share of Financial Aid nightmares. There are numerous times I remember coming out of that office in Richardson Hall with puffy eyes and a tear-stained tissue in hand. If you are lucky enough to have scholarships or help from parents, consider yourself blessed by the money gods. I know from my personal experience and the experience of others that the system is not always that fair and easy.

For example, I have watched a few good friends of mine get bogged down by the weight of finding adequate funding for school. One friend of mine was living alone and on her own for several years. Her parents were not around, but she made do. Being basically independent, she expected that she would qualify for more money than the regular student. But when the money was not rolling in, she had to claim back under her mother.

At least she had parents to claim under. Another friend of mine, who will remain nameless for his protection, is in a very similar circumstance. Only this guy was a ward of the court ... meaning he has no parents. After struggling to finish high school and working his way up in the world, he got his stuff together to go to college.

Being without outside support and resources, one would think there would be all kinds of grants, scholarships, and funds available for him to use. This has not been the case. In fact, it has taken countless trips to the Financial Aid office just to get a direct answer to his questions. It seems the lines of knowledge and communication are down when it comes to something so important to a student's success at college.

In all fairness, I do realize that the Financial Aid Office is extremely busy with all the students coming in and out. I have spoken to a few people who understand how Financial Aid is run, and it is complicated. Each student's case is different and handled between the student and the financial aid counselor. This insures confidentiality and privacy for the student.

On the other hand, there are no clear answers posted or on paper for the student to read. The few resources available are located in the Student Handbook and in the Federal Aid Student Guide. Of course, I have looked over both and they do not have all the information I needed. I finally turned to the Internet and was able to find a few good sites. Again, that took my personal time and effort.

Between school demands and working for a living, not everyone has that time.

There are no perfect solutions, but I think I can offer a few. I think students need to remember to turn in all necessary forms and documentation on - even before - the deadlines. I was unable to turn in all my paper work by the deadlines, but Financial Aid did work with me and performed miracles I am grateful for. I am fortunate to have been given the majority of my financial aid back.

I also think that students need to be informed of how their financial aid works. This is the responsibility of the student to do his/her homework.

Financial Aid does not have the time to hold a student's hand through the process. Students also should be aware of all resources available. This falls on Financial Aid and the student. The student should research what he or she can, and know what he or she is signing and promising.

Financial Aid should provide clearer information and better resources for the student. I think a simple, one-sheet document listing alternative funding to the usual federal loans and grants - not to mention the state and local scholarships, grants and loans - would be nice. Perhaps this could cut down the number of problems within the Financial Aid process.

I wish all students good luck in this up-coming year. May the financial aid gods smile upon you as well. ■

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From the Mailbox

Greeks need babysitters

Looking back on recent events (getting arrested for stealing lumber, brawling on the campus recreational fields and subsequently suspended for the semester), I can fully understand why the university would want to spend millions of dollars to build 'Greek Row' - these guys need babysitters.

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Modern Dysfunction by Rob Evans, Staff Writer

Students to blame for nothing to do in town

It's Thursday, and among the finer points I am pondering (aside from what I am supposed to be paying attention to in class is, what am I going to do this weekend?

I mean, it may not seem like that big of a deal. It's easy to find something to do.

But for someone who does not have the luxury of going home every weekend, or evening for that matter, it is a big deal.

The lamest part of this is that there is hardly anything to do in Murfreesboro besides eat, drink and be merry while you get fat.

Someone told me that there are more restaurants per square mile in Murfreesboro than any other city in the country.

Well that's fine and dandy, but I don't have the money to eat at

O'Charley's, Logan's, Outback or any of the other overpriced "fine" dining establishments.

Then there is the fact that I am too young to get into bars, the other thing to do on weekends in the Boro. Nothing is without a hitch.

There is even less to do if you choose to hang around campus for the 60 or so hours that constitutes the weekend.

Of course there is music on the knoll (what knoll?) Fridays, but that only lasts from 3-6 in the afternoon. What else? I mean, why should there be anything to do?

Everyone decides that they have had enough of the "studying-homesick-heartsick for my boyfriend/girlfriend at home-have to see my friends-college is a bore" feelings and have to make that drive home. Give

me a break! And get a life!

That's the reason this town sucks and the reason there is nothing to do on campus during the weekends.

Yes, this is a drive-through college for many people. It's convenient and close to home among other things.

But move on, move out, make new friends.

If people decide to hang around and invest in some "campus life" another time besides the middle of the week, many things could improve. Bigger and better bands and acts could come to town. More plays could show on Saturday nights as well as Friday nights. Maybe the university could even spring for more campus parties like the President's picnic. The possibilities are endless. ■

by Curt Mann



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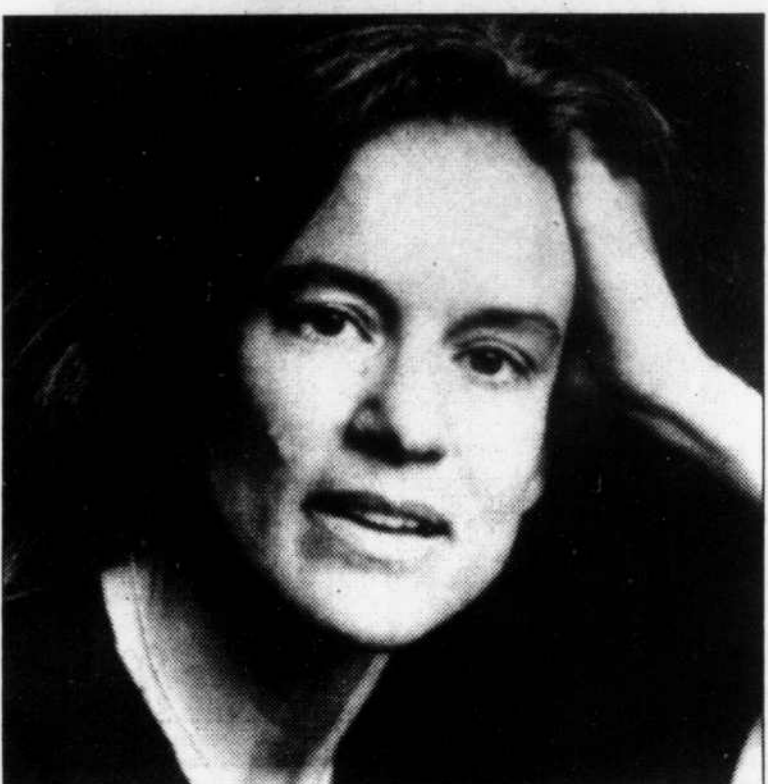
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Writers in the Round: Songwriter, poet and novelist share their works

Brittney Gilbert
Staff Reporter

Three acclaimed women artists will take the stage tonight at 7:30 p.m. for Writers in the Round, the annual symposium which brings national talents to MTSU.

The annual symposium presented by the Tom T. Hall foundation in Mass Communication will feature novel and short story author Bobbie Ann Mason, award-winning poet Sharon Olds and folk songstress Kate Campbell at the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace building.

Dr. Ann Haugland of the Journalism department and promoter of Writers in the Round said that having an all female lineup wasn't initially a goal, but these three women compliment each other and it is nice to see an all women's program.

Mason is the winner of the PEN/Hemingway Award and a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, the American Book Award and the PEN/Faulkner award.

A New York Review of Books critic called Mason one of those rare writers who, by concentrating their attention on a few square miles of turf, are able to open up new and surprisingly wide worlds for the delighted reader.

Her books include the novel "In Country and Feather Crowns" and short story collections "Spence + Lila" and "Shiloh and Other Stories."

Mason will be reading excerpts of her newest work, "Clear Springs," which, according to reviewer Laura K. Barge of the Associated Press, will have you pining for old Kentucky, longing to pick blackberries and wistful about the demise of the family farm.

"New York Times" Josephine Humphreys calls Mason's language "spare and her eye unsparing; she's able to handle sentimentality that ordinarily invite sentimentality or romanticism."

Second on the bill is Sharon Olds, who is widely anthologized and a regular contributor to "The New Yorker" and "The Nation."

Olds, a Lamant Poetry Selection

and National Book Critics Circle Award recipient, was named the New York State Poet Laureate in 1998.

This teacher of poetry workshops at the Graduate Creative Writing Program at New York University will be sharing poetry from her October publication of "Blood, Tin, Straw."

A critic of "Ms." magazine said Olds "writes about a woman's life as women have always known their lives—in relation to other lives—and she does it in verse so plain, so dark, so touched with gleams of light, so simple in its candor as to seem inevitable."

Kate Campbell has produced three CDs, "Songs from the Levee," "Moonpies" and "Visions of Plenty" and has twice received Best Folk Album of the Year nominations from the Nashville Country Music Association.

A "Sing Out" critic calls Campbell's greatest strength "capturing time and place in words and melody and transporting you, at least for the duration of the song, to that time and place."

Those unsure of how a musician will translate her work in this forum should consider the following comment from "Music Beat's" Jim Musser: "(Campbell) is a major, fully-realized talent ready for (and deserving of) a huge breakthrough. Heck, I'd pay to hear her read these eloquent, gently humorous tales."

"Country Musician" magazine further praises Campbell's work by saying of her music "mainstream's loss is Americana's gain, as Campbell continues to turn out diamond after diamond, enough to adorn herself with long necklaces of songs that shine and sparkle in our minds well after the tunes themselves have ended."

The Writers in the Round series has become more popular with the passing years.

Starting out in Room 104 of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building, this year's event has moved to one of the larger lecture halls on campus, according to Haugland.

So there should be plenty of space available to hear these three diverse and lauded women's voices on Thursday. ■

Just for the Health of It

Run (or Walk) Towards a Healthier You

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

Getting yourself in shape can be as easy as lacing up your sneakers and heading out the door for a refreshing run or walk. Both running and walking are classified as cardiovascular exercise, which the American College of Sports and Medicine recommends performing for at least three to five days per week for 20 to 60 minutes per session.

By adding a walking or running program (or even a combination of both) to your daily routine, you will reduce stress, burn fat, speed up your metabolism and improve your health all at little or no cost.

Take a trip to the campus recreation center where you will find the means to walk or run, either on a treadmill in the cardiovascular room or on the indoor track encircling the basketball courts on the second level of the center.

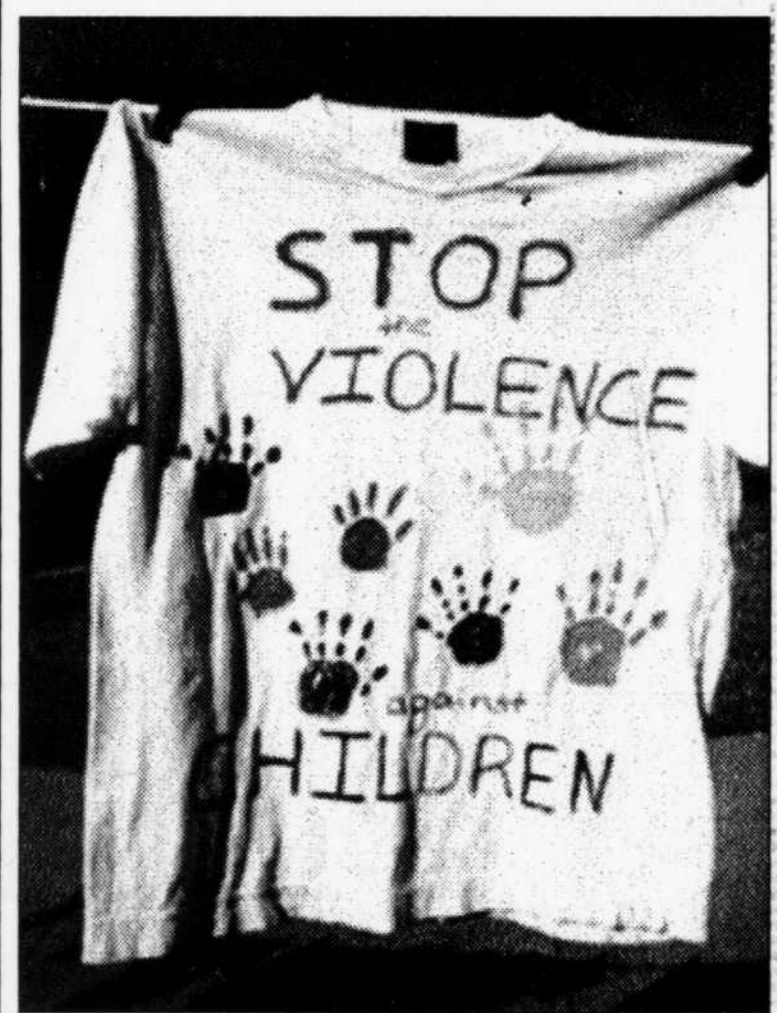
The American Council on Exercise recommends these tips to follow for an effective running or walking program:

- Stretch, warm up and cool down before and after exercise.
- Swing arms, and breathe deeply.
- Wear shoes that fit comfortably to prevent shin splints, blisters and sore muscles.
- Keep shoulders down and relaxed.
- Strike the ground first with your heel, and then roll to the ball of foot, pushing off from the toes.
- Follow a strength-training program on alternating days to help reduce upper-body fatigue.

For those who choose to run, begin your program gradually with brisk walking, then build your stamina up to proceed to a running program.

To beat the boredom factor that many encounter when walking or running, meet with a friend who is at the same fitness level, listen to music while wearing headphones or sort through your thoughts while exercising. You may be amazed at how refreshed you will feel after completing a walking or running workout. ■

Sexual Assault Awareness Week Events



Monday, Oct. 11
"Tie a Ribbon"

The wall of hurt and hope is a free space for survivors of sexual assault and friends can pin a purple ribbon and write a note of courage or memory. It will be displayed through Friday at the Campus Rec Center lobby.

Tuesday, Oct. 12
"When a Kiss is Not Just a Kiss"

An interactive theater production by ASAP (Anti Sexual Abuse Project) about sex without consent, sexual communication and alcohol. The program begins at 7 p.m. at Wright Music Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 13
"The Clothesline Project"

A visual display of T-shirts designed by women survivors of abuse, assault, rape and their friends or family. Display run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the KUC Courtyard.

Thursday, Oct. 14
"Take Back the Night"

The march and rally will include stopping at points on campus where women have been assaulted, harassed or raped, a speak-out for survivors and a candlelight vigil. Begins at 7 p.m. at the KUC Courtyard.

"The Clothesline Project"

Display continues 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. at the KUC Courtyard.

Date rape drugs still dangerously popular on campus

Soraya Gutierrez
The Daily Aztec

Imagine waking up one morning in an unfamiliar place, with no recollection of the events that occurred the night before.

This is what happens to victims who are drugged with one of many "date-rape" drugs such as Rohypnol, GHB and Ketamine.

"The obvious number-one date-rape drug is alcohol," said Sara McArdle, health educator for Student Health Services at San Diego State University.

When people drink alcohol, they may do things that they would not normally do if they hadn't consumed the alcohol, McArdle said.

Unfortunately, there is a classification of date-rape drugs that are being used and abused, she said.

These drugs are being used on both men and women. However, there is no particular person who is at higher risk for being drugged, she said.

"The sad part about it is that (the drug) can be put into a drink, even water, and used on somebody," she said. "They might not see it, taste it, smell it or have

any idea that they're drinking it."

Susan McCrary, corporal detective for the University Police, said Rohypnol, or "roofies," is 10 times more powerful than Valium. Rohypnol is not legally available anywhere in the United States and it is illegal even to possess it.

Rohypnol tablets are packaged and sold in bubble wrap, and have a silver peel-away back, just like many over-the-counter medications, she said. The package has the name "Roche" on the front, which is the name of the company who manufactures the drug.

The drug is commonly dissolved into sweet liquids so date-rape victims will not be able to taste it, McCrary said. Rohypnol is also being used consensually by people who want to get a high from it, she said. It can be swallowed, injected or inhaled if crushed into a powder, and smoked.

The physical and psychological effects of the drug include headaches, slow breathing, hallucinations, blackouts and some people have slipped into a coma and died because of it, she said.

"That's something to consider if you're taking it consensually or giving it to somebody with the intention to commit any kind of an assault," McCrary said.

Victims begin to feel the effects of the drug 15 to 20 minutes after ingestion, she said. The peak of the drug is felt after one to two hours, causing victims to lose consciousness. The duration of effects can last up to eight hours and victims can get a 12 to 24 hour hangover from the drug.

If given too much of the drug an overdose can occur.

Rohypnol is usually detected in urine, she said, so if anybody feels like they have been given the drug, the first thing to do is to take a urine sample.

"When you wake up, the first thing you do is pee in a cup and hang on to that, because that's how we detect through lab analysis whether or not a drug was given to you," she said. "If you don't do that, after 12 hours it leaves your system, so we can never have proof if a woman was raped."

The newest, most common date-rape drug is Gamma-hydroxybutyrate, also known as GHB or Easy Lay, she said. It is a central nervous system depressant, and the onset is felt in 10 to 20 minutes.

GHB can cause dizziness, hallucinations, confusion and deep sleep. The duration of effects lasts one to three hours, she said.

It is usually carried in 35-mm film canisters, eye droppers or water bottles. The drug leaves the bloodstream within four to seven hours, McCrary said.

According to McArdle, anything can happen to a person who is drugged.

"Some people unfortunately believe that if a woman isn't saying no or screaming, then it's not really rape," she said. "But the fact of the matter is that if a woman is not able to say no and somebody has sex with her, then it's still rape because she wasn't in the capacity to say anything."

"Rape is a terrible situation in any case. The scary part is we know that one out of four women will be raped by the time they leave college."

Steps people can take to ensure their safety are:

- Always watch your drink, and keep it with you wherever you go.
- Never take drinks from people you don't know.-If you're at a party, don't drink from the punch bowl because you don't know the ingredients.
- Only drink from a bottle or can, something you can open yourself.
- Always have a friend who will stick with you the whole night at a party. ■

Dorm adornments display character

Stephanie McCarty
Daily Kansan

Pictures of killer whales, strains of paper chains, and family vacation trinkets cover the walls and bookshelves of Minda Ryan's room.

However, Ryan, a senior at the University of Kansas, said that she would not be able to get away with this at home.

My mom never allowed me to hang anything on my bedroom walls at home, unless it looked classy and neat," Ryan said. "When I moved up here, I could put as many ocean pictures on wall as I wanted."

Personalizing residence hall rooms proves to be an ideal way for many students to gain independence and privacy from their parents. With this sense of newfound freedom, students decorate their rooms with their own touches.

Although parents usually do not dictate how to decorate dorm rooms, roommates might. All of the rooms in KU residence halls, except Templin Hall, consist of a single room, which usually

measures about 12 feet by 15 feet. Roommates often find themselves compromising about the wall and floor space.

"My roommate and I basically split the room in half so that our possessions did not get lost in each other's stuff," Ryan said. "My side of the room was decorated totally different than my roommate's side of the room, but we didn't care."

Generally, dorm rooms are only furnished with a bunk bed, desk, chair dresser and miniblinds. Anything else that the students want in their rooms must be bought with their own money.

Emily Best, Wichita junior, said she wanted her room to look as if she were still at home. "I like my room to look very homey," Best said. "I have drapes on the windows, and I bought carpet so that my feet wouldn't be cold on the tile floor. I also have a lot of pictures so that I don't get homesick."

While students are encouraged to decorate their rooms, they must remember to adhere to the safety codes. These codes can be found in the KU Department of Student Housing Handbook, which is

distributed to all residence hall members at their first hall meeting.

"Candles, incense, toasters, and other cooking devices, except for microwaves, are not allowed in the dorms at all," Best said. "Also, anything that acts as an obstacle to doors is not tolerated for safety reasons."

Other rules require that straight pins be used instead of nails when hanging objects so that large holes do not damage the wood.

If the maintenance department workers find that the surface is damaged at the end of the year, the students will receive fines and possible disciplinary action.

"We have to be careful about sticky-tack because it takes the paint right off the walls," Megan Heald, Lindsborg senior, said. "It is tempting at times to want to use the heavy-duty stuff because most of the rooms have cinder block walls."

The housing handbook also states that decorations cannot consist of actual road signs and road construction barricades because it is against state law. The only rule about having loud

audio equipment and sound systems in students' rooms is that it cannot disrupt others.

"I had so much fun when I lived in Oliver Hall because the guys who lived in my hall did not care if I blasted my music and had the bass turned up," Jimmy Smith, Basehor junior, said.

"In fact, my room was the place to go if you wanted to watch South Park or Ally McBeal on surround sound."

Students looking for decoration items can look for ideas in many Lawrence stores.

Peggy Wright, owner of BorderLine, 820 Massachusetts St., said that her store was stocked with interesting home decor.

"Borderline has a wide selection of painted lamps, oriental vases, mirrors and picture frames that I think residence hall inhabitants would find appealing," Wright said.

However, decorating does not come naturally to everyone.

"If you're having problems coming up with your own ideas, then go stake out other people's rooms and see how they decorated them," Wright said. ■

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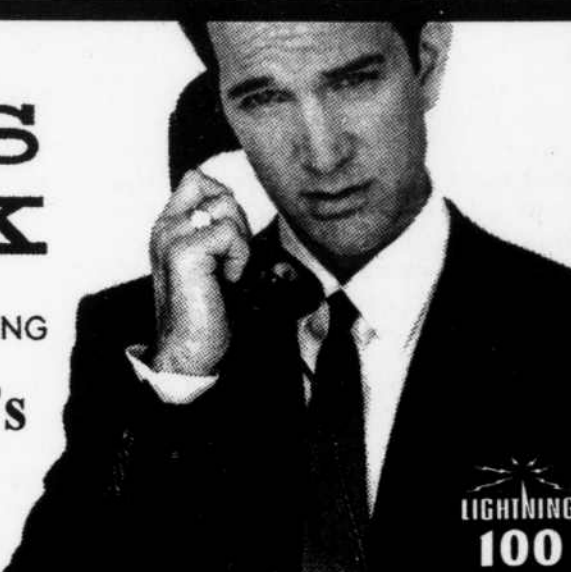
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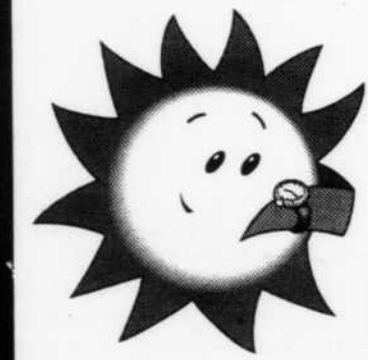
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 TROY STATE 31-48
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 @ Louisiana Tech 3 p.m.
 @ Louisiana-Monroe 2 p.m.
 UT-MARTIN 6 p.m.
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This is the first meeting between MTSU & Arkansas. It is only the third SEC opponent MTSU has ever faced. MTSU has also played Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. MTSU has a record of 0-14 versus SEC teams.

For more information about the Arkansas game, visit goblueraiders.com the official website of the Middle Tennessee State athletic department.

Blue Raiders visit Razorbacks

Both teams hope to snap two game losing streaks

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

When MTSU runs MTSU possibly could have the most exciting offense north of Gainesville, Fla. It all starts with the offensive line. Barry Hall and company have opened gaping holes for tailbacks Jamison Palmer and Kelverrick Green.

Palmer leads the team in rushing with an average of 72.8 yards per carry, while Green is averaging 38.2 per game. Virtually every time Palmer gets the ball, he gains more than five yards. He also has scored seven touchdowns which puts him 37th in the country in scoring.

Arkansas, however, is giving up only 92 yards per game on the ground. However, Palmer is ranked 23rd in the nation in all-purpose yards.

For MTSU to run the ball, they first have to establish that they have a legit passing game. If that is done, Arkansas will not be able to crowd the line of scrimmage like

they will at the beginning.

When MTSU passes

Two words can sum MTSU's passing game: big time. Wes Counts has orchestrated one of the country's best passing games. As a matter of fact, MTSU is ranked 20th in passing offense and 28th in total offense.

Counts ranks as the nation's 28th best passer, while being ranked 11th in total offense. Averaging almost 280 yards per game, he has completed 64 percent of his passes, which ranks him 5th nationally. He has completed 118 passes this season, which is tied for 6th. Counts is nine passes shy of Heisman Trophy Drew Brees of Purdue.

The MTSU receivers also are stellar. Kendall Newson, Hansford Johnson, Tyrone Calico and the emergence of Rashaad Craft have helped MTSU develop that vaunted passing attack. These four players, known as the "Air" Raiders, have picked up an average of 252 of Counts' 279 yards passing this season.

Arkansas' is only giving up 210 yards per game because of its strong secondary and attacking style. The key for MTSU's passing game is very simple: give them a ball. No one can stop the Raider passing game when MTSU plays well. When Arkansas crowds the line with 8-9 men in the box, clear out the endzone because the Raider will throw all over Arkansas' defense. MTSU has a very similar style to Kentucky, who beat Arkansas just last week.

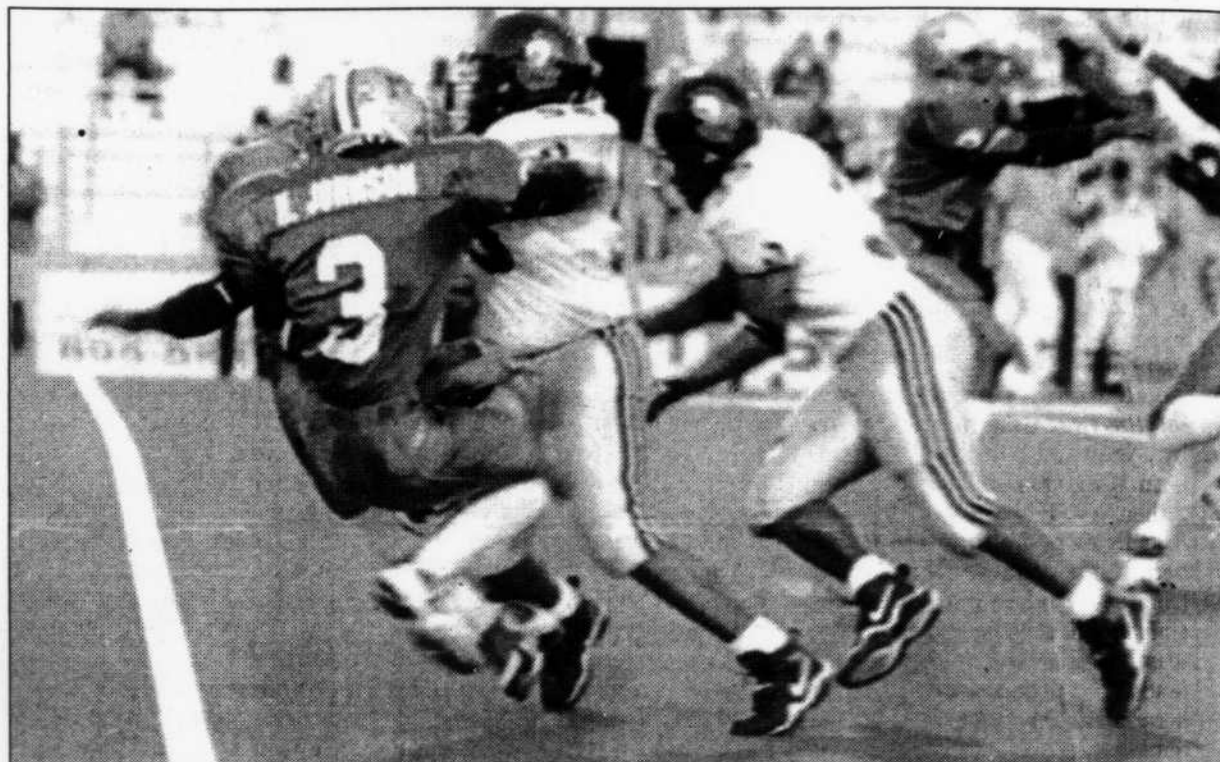
When Arkansas Runs

The Razorbacks have a host of tailbacks that can light up the scoreboard in a hurry. Chrys Chukwuma and Cedric Cobbs are very capable backs and will test the Raider defense early and often.

MTSU, however, has played well against the run in the early part of the games this year. It is Coach Andy McCollum's plan to "come out and stop the run." That is the number one objective for the Raider defense.

MTSU is giving up big yards in the latter stages of games, which is the reason for their 100th ranked rushed defense. MTSU opponents are gaining an average of more than 220 yards per game on the ground.

On the other hand, Arkansas has not had the success that they



Hansford Johnson and the Blue Raiders hope to rebound against the Razorbacks.

Photo by Derrick Wilson

would like when running the football. They rushed for 117 yards against Louisiana-Monroe, and for only 64 yards against the Crimson Tide.

Rushing is not the Razorbacks strongest point, but many teams have turned their weak points into strong points against the Raider defense, which is ranked 113th in total defense. There are only 114 teams in I-A. The key to stopping the run is plugging holes and controlling the line of scrimmage.

When Arkansas Passes

Clint Stoerner is one of the best quarterbacks in America, and he is flanked by great receivers, at least one of whom will play in the NFL. Stoerner is averaging 224 yards per game and is doing it at an efficiency rate of 118.24.

Anthony Lucas is arguably the best receiver in the SEC. Lucas is averaging 93 yards per game and more than 26 yards per catch. Clint Stoerner is salivating over playing against the MTSU pass defense, which ranks 114th out of 114. Lucas, Emanuel Smith and Michael Williams are all good receivers and will give the Raiders a great challenge in the secondary.

MTSU can't look to stop Arkansas's passing, but they can look to just contain it and keep it modest.

If MTSU gives up the big plays

like it did against Troy State, the Razorbacks could score 70 points. The key, as always, is pressuring the quarterback and making him hurry his throws. Unfortunately, when the Raiders blitz that leaves at least one receiver in single coverage. Hope that the cornerback on the "island" is Jermaine Francis.

The X-factor

Defense, defense, defense. That's

all there is to it. For MTSU to have a chance the defense has got to show up. They have not made an appearance yet in the 1999 campaign, and if they don't here, the Raiders will come home 1-5. However, if they do play flawless football and execute on defense, there could be about 50,000 unhappy Razorback fans Sunday morning. ■

Defense non-existent

MTSU defense currently ranked 113th

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

While the football team's offense has been sharp, averaging 30 points a game, the defense has been dull, giving up an average of 38 points and 460 yards a game.

Out of 114 I-A teams, the defense is ranked 100th in rushing defense and 114th in pass efficiency defense and scoring defense. MTSU is 113th in total defense.

"We don't have anybody stepping up on defense," head coach Andy McCollum said. "We have eight or nine guys doing a great job. There are one or two guys breaking down. We've got a combination of things that have got to get better. We ought to be mad."

In the season opener against Mississippi State, the defense surrendered 40 points and 399 yards. The Bulldogs rushed for 145 yards, while Wayne Madkin threw for 235 yards and three touchdowns. Brandon Butler was two for five for 19 yards and one interception. The Bulldogs averaged six yards a play.

In the Arizona game, the defense gave up 400 yards and 27 points. The Wildcats rushed for 265 yards, averaging six yards a carry. Trung Candidate led the Wildcats with 102 yards on 16 carries.

Due to Keith Smith's injury, Ortege Jenkins played the entire game at quarterback. He completed 16 of 23 passes for 118 yards and one touchdown. He also

rushed four times for 23 yards and one touchdown, averaging five yards a carry.

MTSU won the Wofford game 52-42, but the defense gave up 492 yards and 35 points. Wofford rushed for 318 yards on 56 attempts. That's over five yards a carry.

Travis Wilson was 14 of 18 for 174 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

Against Louisiana-Lafayette, the defense surrendered 38 points and 469 yards in a 45-31 loss. The Ragin' Cajuns rushed for 222 yards and four touchdowns, while throwing for 247 yards and touchdown.

"We've got to cut down on mistakes and take care of business," free safety Mario Kelso said. "We have to be in the right place at the right time."

Last week against Troy State, the defense gave up 542 yards and 45 points. Brock Nutter was 20 of 29 for 390 yards and three touchdowns, while throwing no interceptions. David Hill had six receptions for 98 yards and one touchdown. Pop Williams had two catches for 75 yards, including a long reception of 51 yards.

Troy State rushed for 152 yards on 37 attempts. Wayne Thomas rushed for 110 yards and one touchdown on 19 attempts.

"We need to cut down on mistakes and execute," defensive tackle Martez Phelps said. "We have just missed assignments."

"It's time for us to break out. We'll shock people when we stop making mistakes." ■

SATURDAY'S PROBABLES

RAZORBACKS

Offense:

Quarterback: 14 Clint Stoerner (6-2, 214)
 Fullback: 47 Nathan Norman (6-0, 243)
 Tailback: 22 Chrys Chukwuma (6-1, 219)
 Split End: 80 Anthony Lucas (6-3, 199)
 Flanker: 84 Michael Williams (5-10, 185)
 Left Tackle: 61 Shannon Money (6-4, 314)
 Left Guard: 66 La'Zerius White (6-4, 318)
 Center: 57 Kenny Sandlin (6-3, 314)
 Right Guard: 68 Jeremiah Washburn (6-6, 301)
 Right Tackle: 69 Bobby Williams (6-4, 318)
 Tight End: 85 Joe Dean Davenport (6-7, 268)

Defense:

Linebacker: 49 J.J. Jones (6-0, 236)
 Linebacker: 45 Jamel Harris (5-11, 230)
 End: 55 Carlos Hall (6-4, 256)
 Tackle: 99 D.J. Cooper (6-3, 280)
 Nose Guard: 94 Curt Davis (6-3, 280)
 End: 1 Randy Garner (6-4, 270)
 Bandit: 30 Jeremy Flowers (6-0, 198)
 Rover: 5 Ontraia Moss (5-9, 182)
 Field Corner: 18 David Barrett (5-10, 195)
 Corner: 2 Harold Harris (5-11, 190)
 Free Safety: 29 Kenoy Kennedy (6-1, 207)

Special Teams:

Punter: 35 Richie Butler (6-1, 222)
 PK: 17 Tony Dodson (5-9, 180)
 PS: 62 Brian Wiley (6-2, 300)
 FGXP: 51 Chuck Nailley (6-0, 215)
 H: 82 Matt Burstein (5-7, 177)
 KR: 39 Hubert Loudermilk (5-11, 182)
 PR: 2 Harold Harris (5-11, 190)

BLUE RAIDERS

Offense:

Quarterback: 17 Wes Counts (6-1, 184)
 Fullback: 48 Jason Spray (5-10, 218)
 Tailback: 21 Jamison Palmer (6-0, 211)
 X Receiver: 3 Hansford Johnson (5-8, 162)
 Y Receiver: 12 Kendall Newson (6-2, 185)
 H Receiver: 27 Tyrone Calico (6-4, 206)
 Z Receiver: 9 Rashaad Craft (6-0, 192)
 Left Tackle: 62 Chris Howington (6-3, 278)
 Left Guard: 61 Reggie Primas (6-1, 286)
 Center: 69 Brock Lillis (6-2, 282)
 Right Guard: 77 Kevin Pascoe (6-3, 283)
 Right Tackle: 67 Barry Hall (6-6, 292)
 Tight End: 84 Xavier Hatnot (6-3, 235)

Defense:

Linebacker: 25 Keith Pauldo (5-11, 248)
 Linebacker: 43 Marcus Harvey (6-3, 220)
 Left End: 95 Terrence King (6-1, 282)
 Tackle: 64 Martez Phelps (6-2, 279)
 Right End: 89 Jeff Thomas (6-3, 274)
 Linebacker: 6 Eugene Shaw (5-10, 210)
 Linebacker: 38 Kendall Solomon (5-11, 202)
 Left Corner: 19 Jykine Bradley (5-10, 172)
 Strong Safety: 24 Delvin Pikes (5-11, 172)
 Free Safety: 26 Mario Kelso (6-0, 191)
 Right Corner: 62 Keith Dollar (5-11, 198)

Special Teams:

Punter: 49 Keegan Ray (6-2, 226)
 PK: 49 Keegan Ray (6-2, 226)
 DS: 86 Wes Stephens (6-4, 240)
 FGXP: 56 Chris Matusek (5-10, 190)
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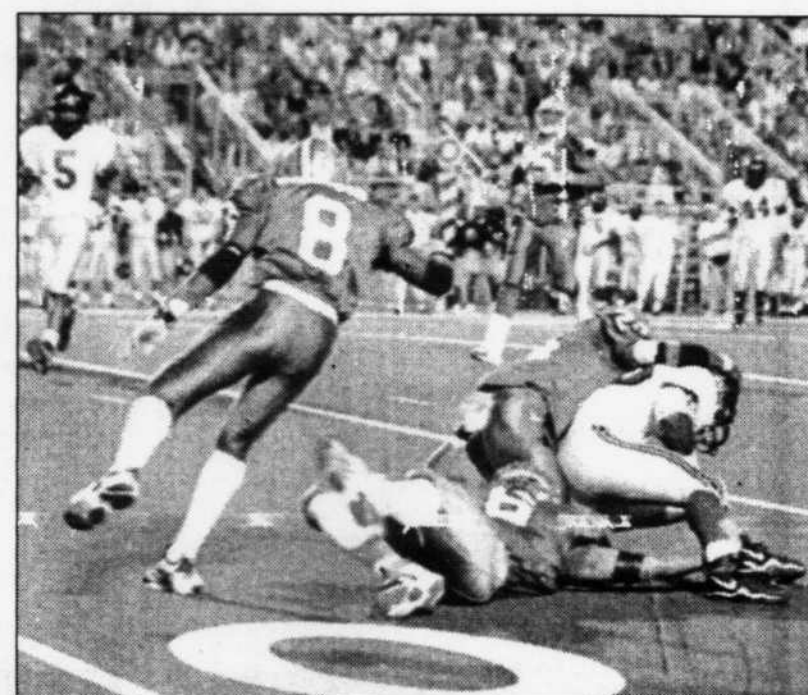


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The 113th ranked defense of MTSU in action against Troy State

The good, the bad and the ugly: a look at teams, players, coaches

View from the Top A sports commentary



**Michael
Edwards**

Columnist

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages: it's time for the inaugural Michael Edwards athletic awards. Fasten your seat belt and prepare to be enlightened.

Let's start with the National pastime, major league baseball. Beginning with the most disappointing baseball team, no one disappoints their fans more than those boys in Chicago. The Cubs are similar to Vanderbilt's football program as far as being hyped about the upcoming season and then falling short. Chicago, as we all know, went to the playoffs for the first time in many years last year and had the same team returning this season. Chicago, although it did have key injuries in Rod Beck and Kerry Wood, fell back to the team we all remember from every other year but 1998. Chicago almost became the first team to win less games than their leading power hitter had homeruns. The Cubs were flat out terrible.

The most surprising team had to be the Cincinnati Reds. These boys of summer were not expected to do anything, but Jack McChesney turned the team into a very productive one. They almost made the playoffs. With Aaron Boone, Shawn Casey, and Greg Vaughn, the Reds have a good future. The most surprising aspect of the Reds was their pitching staff. Can anyone name a starter on the Reds other than Denny Neagle? How

about Steve Parris? Pete Harnisch revived his career and is back to being the pitcher he was in Houston many years ago.

The best player in all of baseball is Chipper Jones. He carried the Atlanta Braves this year and must be the winner of the NL MVP.

Jones slugged a career-best 44 homeruns and led Atlanta to a 103-win season. Jones also is a candidate for a Gold Glove award at third base. He has had very little help as far as homeruns go since Andres Galaraga was injured. Although Andruw Jones had a good year, Brian Jordan was injured throughout the season, thus forcing Chipper to have a huge year.

The most overrated player in baseball is none other than the Yankees' Roger Clemens. Clemens has perhaps the best offense to pitch for, but he has managed to have one of the worst years of his career. Clemens is feared because of his overpowering fastball, but that fastball has not been able to be the pitch it once was. Clemens is over-the-hill and his career is starting to decline. However, if anyone can bounce back from a bad year, it is Roger Clemens.

Vladimir Guerrero is the most underrated player in baseball. This guy can do it all. Not only is he one of baseball's best hitters on one of baseball's worst teams, but he could possibly be the best defensive right fielder in the game. His arm is unmatched by anyone. Even Raul Mondesi can not touch Guerrero's arm.

In the NFL, the over-the-hill and needs-to-retire award goes to none other than Dan Marino. He is looking to win the Super Bowl, but as long as he plays for the Dolphins, Miami will never make another Super Bowl.

Don't misunderstand me: he has had a great career, and is one of the best quarterbacks ever, but it's

time for Dan to hang it up.

The NFL is plagued by young players with bad attitudes. That is one thing that hurts the league. It's a toss up to figure out who has the worst: Ryan Leaf or Joey Galloway? Galloway is on a team that could contend for an AFC championship, and has all the money he will ever need, but he is holding out for money and hurting his team in the process.

Leaf, on the other hand, was the biggest bust in any draft since the tragedy of Len Bias for the Boston Celtics.

Leaf has not proven that he can play in the league. He has great ability but not a lot upstairs. If ever wants to be a winning quarterback, he has to be a man and just play the game without throwing a fit. His rookie year blowups will haunt the rest of his career.

Jevon Kearse will be the next great defensive football player. No one will ever be Lawrence Taylor, but Kearse has a chance to be a Derrick Thomas-type of player. In the future, he will be the most fierce and feared defensive player of his time.

The best coach in college football is none other than Steve Spurrier. This guy wins wherever he is. When he's the underdog, he is the best.

When he is favored, he is still the best. He will stumble every once in a while and lose a game, but he comes back every year and wins at least nine games.

When he wins nine, people say he had a bad year. If that is not a testimony to his success, there is none.

Those are the awards, and, of course they are strictly my opinion, but judging by my record of prognostication from the past and the current seasons, you can pretty much remember my opinions as law. ■

Men's Tennis wins doubles championship

Staff Reports

Daniel Klemetz and Olle Nystrom won four straight matches at the Bell South Mobility Classic in Lafayette, La. to claim the doubles championship in Flight "B" over the weekend.

Klemetz and Nystrom defeated Dobrowski/Breaux from Louisiana-Monroe 9-8 to claim the title.

For the second straight week, a Blue Raider tandem wins a doubles title. Michael Chamberlain and Mehdi Belbacha won the Middle Tennessee Fall Classic last week.

Belbacha and Chamberlain were eliminated in the second

round in Flight "A" this weekend.

In singles, Robert Gustafson continued his excellent tournament play by advancing to the finals of Flight "A", but was beaten by Eduardo Gordilho 6-1 and 6-3 for the title.

Chamberlain and Nystrom both advanced to the quarterfinals but were dropped from the tournament following a three loss set.

Belbacha advanced to the finals of Flight A consolation after losing his first round match but lost in straight sets to Troy State's Willie Campos 6-2 and 6-4.

The Blue Raiders will be competing in the Southern Intercollegiate in Athens, Ga.

beginning Thursday.

The Lady Raiders will host their Fall Invitational beginning Friday at the Blue Raider Tennis Complex. ■

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Pretrip meeting: October 18, 5pm
Cost: \$40 students/45 guests
Limit: 10

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BACKPACKING

Kelly Smith earns OVC Player of the Week honors

Brian Albertson
Sports Information

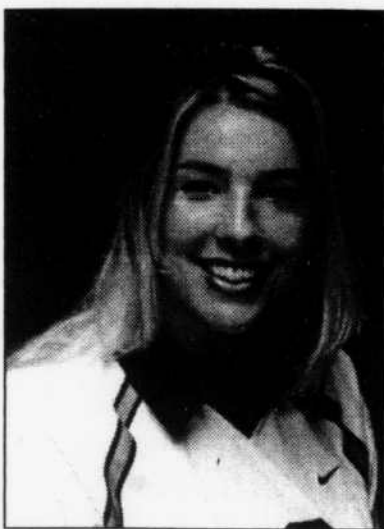
Senior Kelly Smith, who helped lead MTSU to wins over Belmont, Tennessee-Martin and Murray State last week, was named the OVC Offensive player of the Week.

The senior middle blocker led the team against Belmont and Murray State with 17 and 16 kills, respectively. Her best performance came against the Skyhawks, where she tallied 14 kills, 11 digs, eight blocks and hit .333. For the week, she hit .226, serving up two aces and averaging 3.36 kills per game.

Smith also contributed defensively to MTSU's effort, averaging 1.86 blocks and 1.43 digs a game.

MTSU extended its home winning streak to six with a 3-1 victory over Belmont. The Lady Raiders then took their winning ways on the road, picking up 3-2 wins over Tennessee-Martin and Murray State. MTSU (10-7 overall) is off to its best conference start ever with a 5-1 mark against OVC foes.

The Lady Raiders continue their six-match road trip this week with dates at Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky. ■



WWF Wrestler 'The Droz' hurt in Long Island match Tuesday

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) - A World Wrestling Federation star was paralyzed below the waist after fracturing his neck during a match at the Nassau Coliseum - the second professional wrestling tragedy in five months.

Darren Drozdov, a tattooed, body-pierced wrestler known simply as "The Droz," underwent three hours of surgery Wednesday to relieve pressure on his damaged neck.

"It's way too early to say whether or not he'll regain use of his legs," said Dr. Laurence Mermelstein, an orthopedic surgeon at the Nassau County Medical Center.

Drozdov, 30, of Mays Landing, N.J., suffered two dislocated and fractured discs in the mishap.

The 6-foot-4, 270-pounder was wrestling against D'Lo Brown on Tuesday night when the accident occurred.

Drozdov was rushed to the medical center, where doctors pumped him with the same steroid medication given to New York Jets defensive end Dennis Byrd and Chinese gymnast Sang Lan when they suffered spinal cord injuries.

Byrd later regained use of his legs. Lan was paralyzed from the chest down in an accident - also at the Nassau Coliseum - during the 1998 Goodwill Games.

Drozdov's injury came just five months after an in-ring WWF fatality.

Wrestler Owen Hart, 34, known professionally as the Blue Blazer, died May 23 during a live pay-per-view event when he fell from the ceiling of the Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo. His family has

since sued the WWF and its owner, Vince McMahon, for wrongful death.

The WWF had no immediate comment Wednesday on Drozdov's accident.

In an operation that began at 10:15 a.m., surgeons removed a piece of Drozdov's pelvis to replace the injured discs. They also attached a plate and screws to the area in an effort to stabilize his neck, Mermelstein said.

Despite the loss of feeling in his legs, Drozdov was in good spirits when he arrived at the hospital, the doctor said.

Drozdov played football at the University of Maryland and was signed by the New York Jets as a free agent in 1993. He was claimed off waivers by the Denver Broncos that same year, and spent two seasons with them before going into wrestling. ■

Houston to get NFL franchise, paying record \$700 million

Ken Peters
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) - Houston rejoined the NFL today, paying a record \$700 million for an expansion franchise and beating out Los Angeles, the nation's second-largest TV market.

The vote, announced by commissioner Paul Tagliabue, was 29-0 with Arizona and St. Louis abstaining. Twenty-four votes were needed for approval.

Los Angeles business leaders were unable to agree on several proposals for a stadium site. The city lost the Raiders to Oakland and the Rams to St. Louis after the 1994 season.

The vote awarding Houston businessman Bob McNair the team followed months of indecision in which the NFL at one point conditionally awarded a franchise to Los Angeles. A deadline for Los Angeles to come up with a suitable stadium proposal came and went, eventually putting Houston back into the picture.

"I think after a while we all got tired of it, thought it was time to make a decision," McNair said.

The \$700 million fee is the highest for a sports team in the United States. With a \$310 million stadium included, the Houston deal would be worth more than \$1 billion - a first for the NFL.

"It's a great day for Houston, we hope a great day for football," McNair said. "Our facility will be second to none."

The vote returns an NFL team to Houston, which lost the Oilers to Tennessee after the 1996 season

and is the nation's No. 11 television market.

The name of the Houston team is not set, but Tagliabue said it would not be "Oilers." When Cleveland lost its franchise to Baltimore after the 1995 season, the NFL brought back a team to Cleveland, along with its traditional nickname, colors and records.

Owners also voted to adjust the league alignment to eight divisions of four teams each. Right now, there are six divisions - one with six teams and the rest with five.

Houston will be placed in the AFC, where the old Oilers played. That would mean one AFC team would have to switch to the NFC. Arizona and St. Louis abstained because of questions over the proposed alignment.

McNair said a retractable-roof stadium will be completed in time for Houston to play its first season in 2002. Public funds of \$195 million will go into the project.

As part of the deal, Houston will be the site of a Super Bowl "as soon as practical after completion of the stadium," Tagliabue said.

"We've made an outstanding business proposal, and these are good business people who know a good proposal," McNair said. "From what I know about the other proposals, I don't think they compare to ours. I think the main issue is that Houston's ready to go."

The league's expansion committee met with McNair on Tuesday evening and also heard Michael Ovitz make another pitch for giving Los Angeles the 32nd team.

McNair's \$700 million franchise bid is some \$50 million higher than the new franchise was expected to be worth. Ovitz, who most recently proposed building a stadium at Hollywood Park in Inglewood, Calif., and another group seeking a team for the Los Angeles Coliseum apparently did not make an offer anywhere close to the one by Houston.

Ovitz and his backers hold an option on a parcel of land at Hollywood Park. But he obtained the option just last week, so any plan for that site would have to be in the very early stages.

Ed Roski, one of the Coliseum backers, also was in Atlanta. He would not disclose the amount of the offer made by his group, which includes billionaire Eli Broad. Roski said he thought any plan to build a stadium at Hollywood Park faced a number of challenges, including a lack of freeway access, that the Coliseum proposal did not face.

Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas said in Los Angeles that the Coliseum group never received a clear idea of what the NFL wanted in LA.

The league owners voted 29-2 last March to give Los Angeles a team provided the NFL received a suitable stadium and financing proposal by Sept. 15.

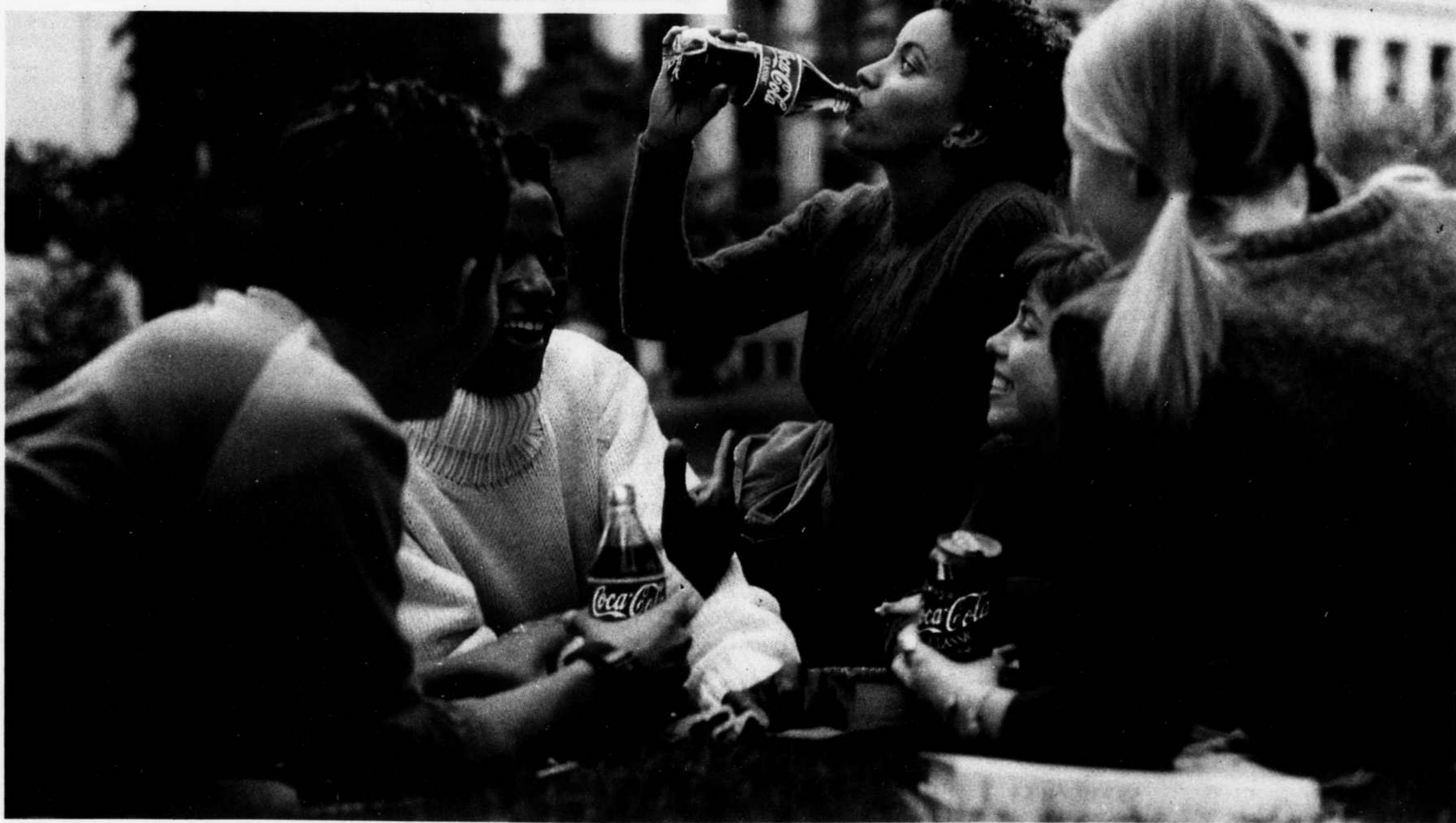
The league soon narrowed in on the Coliseum, eliminating a bid by Ovitz, who proposed building a stadium in suburban Carson. But the negotiations with the Coliseum stalled last summer after the NFL requested - and did not receive - the promise of \$150 million in public funds to go toward the Coliseum project. ■



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