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Freshman meal plan causes confusion

By Leslie Carol Boehms
Staff Writer

If you're confused about that automatically billed freshman meal plan, you're not alone.

There are many meal plans offered to students beyond the first year plan. However, it seems that the most controversy, as well as the most frustration is derived from on-campus freshmen.

According to Paul Stuart, director of Dining Services, this year's plan has received fewer complaints.

"I worked last year with the Student Government Association when it had gotten to the point where the freshmen weren't happy," said Stuart. "I'm a business man. The last thing I want is a freshman to come on this campus and not be happy."

Stuart's objective in adjusting the freshman meals was to attract repeat customers. For him, having a freshman return to campus the next year and voluntarily buying a meal plan proves that he's completed his task.

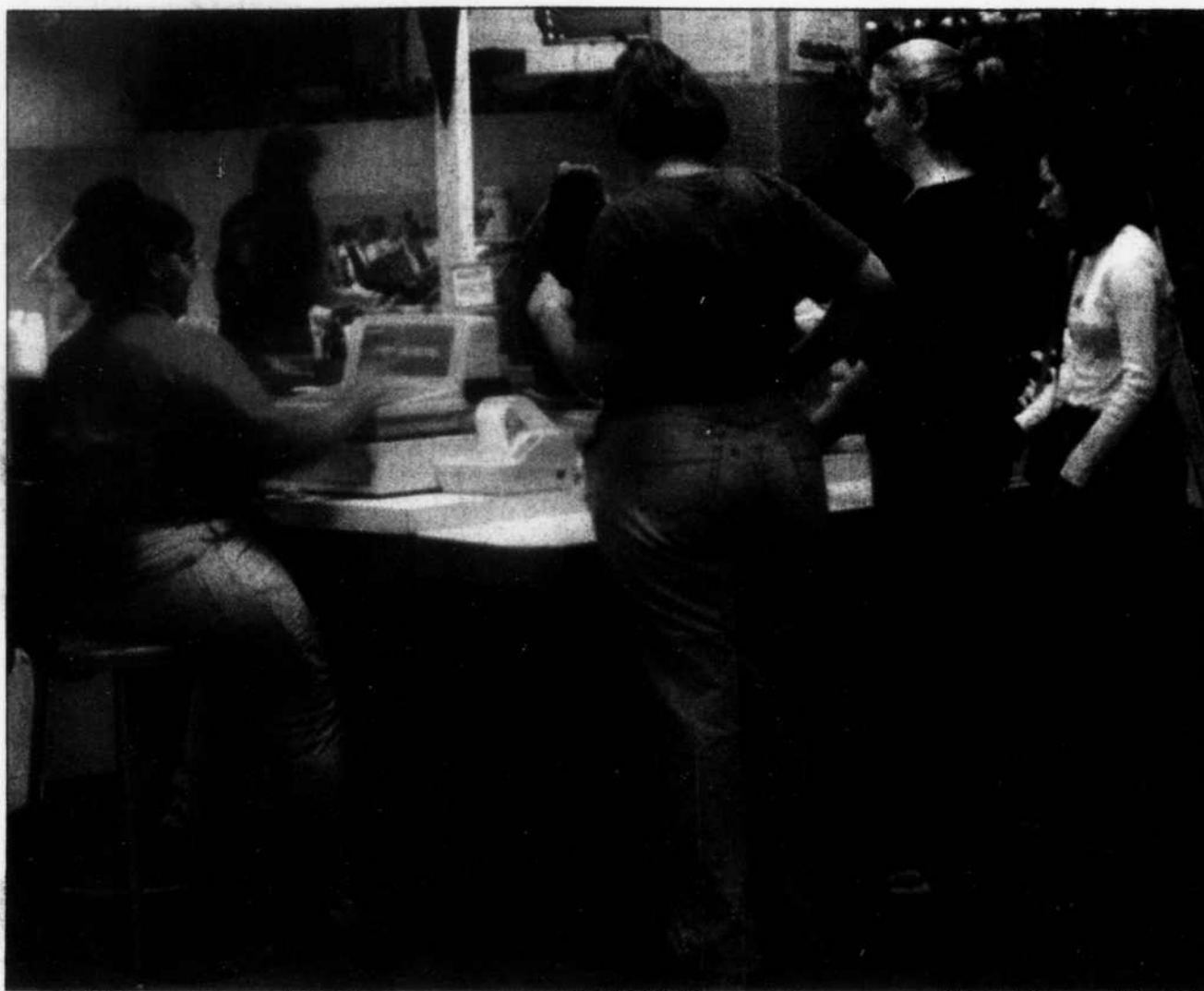
The current freshman meal plan includes ten meals per week along with a \$200 declining balance called Flex Dollars. The meal plan can only be used as cash equivalency in the James Union Building and is all you can eat at McCallie.

The Flex Dollars, however, may be used in any cafeteria on campus, including the Mass Communications and Business Aerospace Building carts.

The meal plan costs \$698 and is automatically billed to incoming freshmen that live on campus.

So how much do freshmen actually save with the plan? According to Stuart, it's an incredible bargain.

"You take \$698. Back out \$200 for your Flex Dollars. That leaves a \$498 amount; divided by 170 meals a semester, 17 weeks at 10 meals a week. When you divide it out it comes to \$2.93 per



Students use their meal plans to purchase dinner in the James Union Building cafeteria.

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meal," explained Stuart.

Assuming that a student eats every pre-paid meal, the plan is an incredible deal. However, the Aramark Company along with Stuart knows quite well that this is rarely the case.

"We can do equivalency because we know that students don't eat every

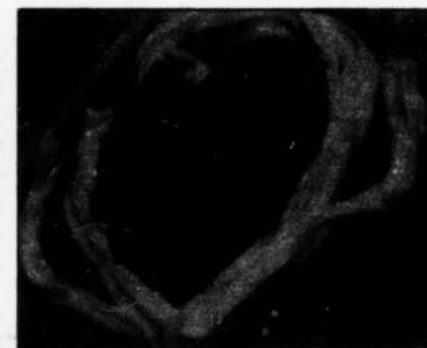
meal. That's the key to it," he said.

The James Union dining hall supports the cash equivalency policy. With the equivalency, students are allowed to purchase any item within the allotted amount. But past that dollar amount, students must either pay the difference with cash, or Flex Dollars.

"The cash equivalency prices are set forth in my contract with the university," said Stuart.

"I call it monopoly money cause it's not real money; it's kind of an artificial figure that equals what that student can eat. It's good for the student and

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Managing time key to avoiding Freshman 15

By Leslie Carol Boehms
Staff Writer

Worried about gaining the "freshman fifteen?"

You may actually have more to be concerned about than simply gaining a few pounds. According to nutrition instructor Pam Marks, time management is the number one factor to eating healthy and staying fit during college.

"When you don't have a routine you tend to over eat," explained Marks. "And when you're socializing a lot, you don't pay attention to how much you're putting in your mouth. That's one of the reasons that so many kids gain weight when they come to college."

Fast food is a college student's best friend. However, these fatty foods are also the worst enemy of someone attempting to avoid the gaining weight.

See Health, 3

Student groups losing their voice

House attendance dwindles, plagues dedicated members

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Reporter

The Student Government Association House of Representatives met Monday, despite the dwindling attendance of its members.

"There is a core group of people interested who are dedicated and working to get things done," Speaker of the House Matt Walker said. "However, if organizations aren't interested in being involved, we can't make them."

There was some confusion at the beginning of the year about the

requirements for organizations to receive the student activity fee.

"Originally, organizations thought that they had to attend House meetings in order to be eligible for the student activity fee," Walker said. "When they found out that attendance was not a requirement, we lost quite a few organizations."

Walker said that several new organizations have begun to participate replacing the ones that dropped out. "We still have our committees working on their projects," Walker said. "It's just going to take time to see the headway they have been making." ♦



Hutcheson

Cancer claims life of veteran music professor

Staff Reports

Services for Lynn Thomas Hutcheson, 58, of Murfreesboro, who died Wednesday, Oct. 18, at his home, were held Sunday Oct. 23 at First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. David Garth officiated.

He was the son of Henry E. Hutcheson of El Paso, Texas, and the late Elizabeth "Betty" Booth Hutcheson. He was preceded in death by brother Calvin Bruce Hutcheson.

He is survived by his father; his wife, Jane Jones Hutcheson; sons Scott Thomas "Zack" Hutcheson of Rockford, Cory Thomas Hutcheson and Graham Thomas Hutcheson, both of Murfreesboro;

sister Hannah Ruth Skupen of Placentia, Calif.

A native of El Paso, Texas, he was graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, and received his master's degree from Northwestern University, and his Ph.D. in composition from Florida State University. He had been a professor of music at MTSU since 1972, where he served as interim chair of the music department. He was choral director at Smyrna First United Methodist Church.

He was a descendant of Clan Donald. He was a composer of music, and many of his songs were recorded by Prague Radio Symphony. ♦

New media uses technology to enable everyone to be publisher

By Sarah Johnson
Lectures Series Reporter

Jan Patrice Quarles, professor of Journalism, discussed media revolution at Monday's honors lecture.

This revolution is changing what we do and how we receive our news and information.

"In today's media world, the only constant is change," Quarles said.

Quarles told how even the basic communication model of "sender-message-receiver," has changed. She said, "today when we talk about mass media, every aspect of this model is

Next Honor Lecture:
English professor
Michael J. Neth presents
"The Romantic Revolution"
Monday Nov. 13 in Peck Hall

changing."

Beginning with the sender, changes in who 'counts' as a sender and who controls the information being sent are seen.

Quarles points out that anyone and everyone can be a publisher of some sort, anywhere in the world.

"You can start your own web page, your own newsletter, whatever you want," she said.

This also changes who 'breaks' information first. Messages are changing in number, length and content.

"Countries are finding that censorship is no longer what they thought it was," said Quarles.

How the message is written and who is in control of the messages has changed as well.

Last, there are changes in who receives messages and how they interpret them. Receivers have become more interactive.

Quarles uses the Internet as an example. She explains how companies can track user's Web use, and in turn those companies will sell your information to others.

After discussing these changes in the transmission process, Quarles talked about one specific area of media — news. She discussed how newsgathering organizations are now working together.

"Convergence combines the immediacy of the Internet with the urgency and emotion of television and the death of print," she explained.

Quarles also mentioned possible

future developments, as well as what is available now.

The media revolution is one that began with newspapers, made its way to radios and will continue to progress and change in the future.

Quoting Ray Kurzweil, Quarles said, "with the exponential nature of knowledge, our media revolutions occur in days."

The Honors Lecture Series takes place every Monday at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. Next week the Honors College welcomes Michael J. Neth from the English department to discuss the romantic revolution. ♦

WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Associate News Editor

Nebraska abortion doctor threatened with eviction

BELLEVUE, Neb. (AP) - The doctor at the center of a U.S. Supreme Court case over what abortion foes call "partial-birth abortions" is trying to head off eviction from his clinic.

In May, a partnership of three people opposed to abortion, including state Sen. Paul Hartnett of Bellevue, bought the building used by Dr. LeRoy Carhart.

They want to evict Carhart, who is one of only three doctors in Nebraska known to perform abortions.

Carhart has gone to court, arguing that his lease allows him first right to buy the building.

Also in May, an anti-abortion group sent letters to 13 area mayors, asking them to take a stand against Carhart moving to their communities.

In addition, in October, the University of Nebraska Medical Center said it is dropping Carhart as a volunteer faculty member. The medical center gave no reason.

Carhart challenged Nebraska's law banning partial-birth abortions. In June, the Supreme Court struck down the ban, ruling that the law created an undue burden on a woman's right to end a pregnancy.

Carhart performs more than 1,200 abortions a year, of which he says about 20 employ the "partial-birth" procedure, which involves cutting the skull of a fetus and draining its contents before extracting the body. ♦

Caldwell asked Roanoke Circuit Judge Clifford R. Weckstein on Tuesday to rule that the lengthy sentence would be suspended after 45 years and five months.

"This sentence gives him some hope, some credit," said Caldwell, who said the victims' families agreed with his recommendation.

Weckstein went along with Caldwell's recommendation.

Caldwell said later that lengthy sentences were meaningless for convicts as young as Jackson because they typically are eligible for parole at age 60 regardless.

Before Weckstein read his decision, Jackson told the judge he was extremely sorry, adding, "I'd gladly walk up heaven's stairs and trade my life for theirs."

One of the residents of the house, Willie Caldwell, had been charged hours earlier with killing Jackson's cousin, Kevin Lee Jones.

Caldwell was not home when the fire was set and was eventually acquitted of murder in the cousin's death.

"I think the sentence was fair," said Charlotte Murray, aunt of Summer Green, one of the fire victims. "I'm glad he finally admitted he took part in this and is taking responsibility for what he did."

Another man, Michael "Jay" Clements, pleaded guilty to arson and received a 25-year sentence in exchange for his testimony against Jackson. Clements testified that he and Jackson recruited an admitted crack addict, Andrew Lewis Terry Jr., to buy the gas and set the fire as they waited in a car.

The prosecutor has said more evidence was needed in order to charge Terry. ♦

That was less than the \$13.4 billion the central bank previously estimated.

In September, demand for revolving credit, such as credit cards, rose by \$3.6 billion - a 6.8 percent annual rate - down sharply from \$6.7 billion and a 12.6 percent rate in August.

Total nonrevolving credit, such as loans for new cars, vacations and other big-ticket items, inched up by \$2.8 billion at an annual rate of 4.0 percent. That was down from \$5.6 billion and an 8.1 percent rate in August.

The Fed has raised interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the economy and its main engine, consumer spending. Consumers account for two-thirds of all economic activity.

The central bank's rate increases are designed to raise borrowing costs and thus cool demand for such big purchases as cars and homes.

Last month the Fed, citing evidence of moderating economic growth, opted not to boost rates again.

But it held the door open to additional increases should inflation risks intensify.

The Fed's report on consumer credit includes credit card debt and loans for autos, boats and mobile homes.

It does not include loans backed by real estate, such as home mortgages or increasingly popular home equity loans. ♦

the boy did not have the same strain of E. coli as the other children.

Montgomery County Health Department director Robert Gage said his agency was told of the first case on Sept. 15, and warned hospitals, schools and day care centers after the second case was reported on Oct. 5.

E. coli can be spread through contaminated food or water, contact with animal waste or through person-to-person contact. The farm has signs advising visitors to wash their hands after touching the animals.

In July, an E. coli outbreak that sickened at least five children was traced to animals at a petting farm at Everett, Wash. ♦

Teen smokers likely to suffer from anxiety

CHICAGO (AP) - A study suggests teen smokers are prone to anxiety disorders in adulthood, adding to a growing body of research implicating cigarette use as a cause rather than a result of emotional upheaval.

The study of nearly 700 adolescents followed into early adulthood found that generalized anxiety, panic attacks and agoraphobia - fear of public places - were much more common in those who had smoked heavily in their teens.

Teens who smoked 20 or more cigarettes daily were more than 15 times more likely to develop panic disorder as adults, nearly seven times more likely to become agoraphobic and more than five times more likely to develop generalized anxiety disorder than teens who smoked less or not at all.

The findings were published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. They follow a study in October's issue of the journal Pediatrics suggesting that smoking may be a cause of depression in teens.

The authors of both studies theorize that nicotine may upset the central nervous system. Smoking's damaging effect on the body's ability to use oxygen may also play a role, said the authors of the anxiety study, led by researcher Jeffrey Johnson at Columbia University.

Johnson and colleagues interviewed 688 teens age 16 on average in 1985-86, and again in 1991-93, when the participants were 22 on average.

The study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Drug Abuse. ♦

Man sentenced to more than 45 years for fatal boardinghouse fire

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) - A man was sentenced Tuesday to 45 years for helping set the fire in a boardinghouse fire that killed six people.

Brian E. Jackson, 22, was convicted in June of murder and arson for helping set the fire in May 1998 to avenge the shooting death of his cousin.

The jury recommended Jackson serve 125 years in prison - 20 years for each murder conviction and five years for arson - the minimum sentence available under the law.

But Commonwealth's Attorney Donald

Americans' credit use slowed in September

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans slowed their borrowing in September as they cut back on the use of credit cards and auto loans amid a slowing economy.

The Federal Reserve said Tuesday that consumer credit increased by a seasonally adjusted \$6.5 billion in September, or at an annual rate of 5.2 percent, the slowest pace since October 1999.

Consumer credit in August grew by \$12.3 billion, or a 10.1 percent rate, according to revised figures.

Children infected with E. coli at petting zoo, officials say

LANSDALE, Pa. (AP) - As many as 21 children became infected with E. coli during a visit to a petting zoo, health officials say.

Two of the children, girls ages 3 and 4, remained on kidney dialysis Tuesday.

E. coli infections have been confirmed in 12 of the children and are suspected in nine others. All of them had visited Merrymead Farm.

Investigators from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been at the farm collecting feces and analyzing the water supply and animal health to try to pinpoint the source of the bacteria.

Farm owners Mark and Stacy Rothenberger confirmed Monday that their 4-day-old son, Dayne, died Oct. 14 of a combination of E. coli, sepsis and meningitis, but said doctors told them

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Meal: Students lack options

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for the contractor. It has to be a win-win situation for both."

Stuart said the downfall to the current freshman meal plan is the lack of options available to students on the weekend.

"We traded closing on weekends to keep the price down to \$698, just below the \$700 minimum," explained Stuart.

"That's the figure we used because we didn't want to scare the parents off. MTSU is noted for having very, very low meal plan prices."

However, if you are on cam-

pus for the weekend there are still several choices. The KUC Grill is open on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. And the Cyber Café is open on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. McCallie also opens for meal plan exchange Sunday night at 4:30 p.m.

MTSU is Stuart's first university in the southeast to get an official e-commerce site.

At the site, students and parents are able to buy meal plans as well as add money to their Raider or Flex Dollar funds over the Internet. The address is www.mtdining.com. ♦

Health: Eating not priority

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"Students tend to eat what's fast and expedient and most of it is very high fat and you get a lot of extra calories," said Marks. "[Eating healthy] is just not high on a students priority list and especially when they are trying to budget their time between studying, sleeping and friends. They end up just try to squeeze the food in."

Marks said a good way to achieve a healthy diet is to always have variety of foods and keep in mind is that only 30 percent or less of your daily calories should come from fat.

So next time you're standing in line at the James Union Building, pick up that apple or salad at the cash register.

Sure, it may look scrawny, but your body will thank you for it. ♦

Scotland Yard foils attempt to steal diamonds

LONDON (AP) - Crashing into the Millennium Dome on a bulldozer and throwing smoke bombs, thieves expected to snatch \$500 million worth of diamonds and zoom away in a boat waiting on the Thames.

It would have been the world's largest robbery, but the diamonds were already gone from the tented exhibition arena and Scotland Yard was waiting Tuesday morning. Officers disguised as cleaners overpowered the robbers, and a dozen men were arrested without a shot fired.

Tipped off by police, dome officials replaced the gems with crystal fakes - including the spectacular 203-carat De Beers

Millennium Star.

The pear-shaped diamond is arguably the most perfect large diamond in the world and third-largest ever discovered, said Kate Evan-Jones, a spokeswoman for the South African company.

"If this had been carried out in accordance with their wishes, this would have been the largest robbery in the world," said Detective Supt. Jon Shatford, who led the operation involving more than 100 officers. "It was an extremely audacious operation."

Built on the Prime Meridian at Greenwich, the dome - at 1,050 feet in diameter and 165 feet high at its center - is the

world's largest structure of its type. It opened last Dec. 31 with a party that attracted thousands of high-powered guests, including Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Tony Blair, but since then it has struggled to attract visitors and has needed infusions of cash to keep going.

Police had warned dome officials about the attempt five weeks ago, and had expected the attack any time in a three-week window.

Four men were arrested who trapped themselves in the vault that usually houses the diamonds. Police picked up another near a speedboat on the river, and a sixth man on the opposite

shore. Six others were apprehended later in southeastern England.

"I heard a terrible crashing noise as if there was an accident," said Ozcan Ocak, a worker at the dome. "When I went out to look I saw a bulldozer outside going through the Money Zone."

Dome operators, the New Millennium Experience Co., said the diamonds are displayed in an exhibition area of the East London facility called the 'money zone' and are very closely guarded.

The Millennium Star is displayed in a reinforced glass cylinder and the area has alarms and security cameras. ♦

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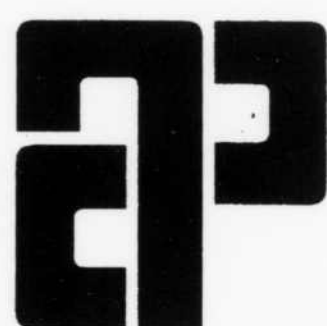
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Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff

University guidelines are for everyone's own good

The university does not allow residents of the dorms to have certain items such as incense, candles, extension cords, hotplates, etc. Residents often complain about these regulations, and some of them even chose to break the rules and use these items in their dorms anyway.

It is important that residents realize just how much their actions affect those who live near them. Dormitories are literally crammed with people - anyone who lives in one knows that.

An accident in such a building could have extremely grave circumstances.

All it takes is the carelessness of one person to burn down a building full of expensive items owned by many people, or even more frightening, a building full of people. Even if no severe damage is done, just think about all the trouble you'll put everybody through.

No one wants to be waiting for a fire truck in the middle of the

night. Better yet, no one wants to be waiting on an ambulance.

On Monday morning around midnight, residents of McHenry Hall were forced to evacuate the building because candles were left lit in a room, which subsequently caught a CD player on fire.

Luckily, the smoke alarm warned residents of the hazard, and the proper people were able to get into the room before any further damage was done.

No disrespect to the person or persons who made this mistake - we're pretty certain that this wasn't done on purpose. We just want to use this situation as an example. We must follow the rules so that we don't put ourselves in danger.

We realize that most of the people who have hazardous items in their rooms are probably not going to give them up.

But we do encourage you to be careful if you're going to break the rules.

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Well, it's Thursday the 9th of November. You know what that means.

Oh, you don't? I'm sorry. Usually it means that some Ivy League graduate who earned a degree in the art of puppeteering has just found out that he and his "wife" get to move into some prime real estate in the middle of Northwest D.C. (Show 'em what dey won Smitty!)

Along with this, he gets told how to tell everyone what to think. What a lucky tool.

In doing so, he has made the battleground of the mass media a whole lot quieter. At least until the presses find someone else to fry, figuratively speaking, of course, for something like, I don't know, blatantly lying through their teeth in an effort to gain MORE POWER.

And on national TV, too. At least you won't have to listen to any of the "vote for me, please (gaghh)" mindless propaganda until the next "debate of the baboons." Man, what a joke that was.

I don't think I'll ever be satisfied with the current debate format until those guys are up there without those cables attached to their cheeks and brains and actually have to debate with those who can actually think for themselves.

I guess we're in for another four years of

unnecessary world policing, tax hikes to support the dwindling social security system and speeches from a presidential figurehead who is moderately unattractive. Dude, I'm excited, how about you?

But, it'll be cool, Daddio! Just think of these coming years as a bridge to the 21st century. No wait, hold up, that's not right. Just have some fun is what I mean, and be groovy to each other.

Plus, since the elections are over, I guess there's nothing else to write about, so I think I'm going to switch over to a tabloid format. I've always wanted to have headlines like, "Man Eats Baby," or "Giant Grasshopper Eats Man," or "Giant Grasshopper's Baby gets Elected President."

Yep, that's my dream. Man, my future's looking bright already.

Oh, by the way, who got elected president? ♦

Election's over - now what?

Why is PDA different for gays?

By Chip Hosken
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Earlier this week, something was brought to my attention that both surprised and concerned me. On my way to class, I glanced up and in the hallway were two guys about my age walking arm and arm. I dig romance, and I could plainly see the sparks between the couple. Surprisingly, this marks the first time in all my years at the University of Illinois that I've noticed a same-sex couple in an academic setting.

And this concerns me. How come it took four years of being here for me to see this outside of a purely social atmosphere? I rarely notice the PDAs of heterosexual couples. A guy and a girl walking arm and arm in the hallway wouldn't even raise an eyebrow for me. Even in a social setting, a same-sex couple would be noticed, but wouldn't stick out like the two guys in the hallway did for me.

Admittedly, this made me curious as to the size of the homosexual community on campus. I'd assumed this population to be larger than average, considering the liberal nature of this

University and concentration of diversity around Urbana-Champaign. But that still doesn't explain why I can walk through the halls of the University for years and not see what I feel is a substantial and important part of the local community.

Apparently, this information doesn't exist for the campus community. And according to the opinion of one contact, even if a survey documenting the sexuality of the student body did exist, many members of the gay population here on campus might be afraid of the repercussions of reporting their sexuality. In conjunction with the brave display of non-standard sexuality I witnessed, the idea that people can't be who they are in public opened my eyes to a serious problem here on campus.

The assertion that a segment of the community is possibly afraid to acknowledge itself really bothers me. I can freely walk around expressing my heterosexuality - whether through dating, kissing on the Quad or dancing with a girl in a bar. Yet it seems that in today's society, a gay person can't express their homosexuality in most public places without someone taking notice because it is so rare or, even worse, without the fear of retaliation and discrimination for being

different. And this is very wrong.

Sexuality is ubiquitous, and so is the kind of oppression based on sexuality.

Being a straight, white male, I am automatically part of the problem. Through television, radio and even in comic books, straight characters and straight relationships are the de facto standard. Seemingly, straight society doesn't even want to acknowledge the existence of a gay community; just look at the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

I'm sure even the use of the word homosexuality in this column makes many readers out there uncomfortable or angry. I can envision the religious type who will write in saying gays should rot in hell because the Bible says so. But the Bible is very old, written in a different age, not capable of adapting itself to the new realities of human existence. We have no place to condemn others for being true to their own existence.

As a society, we must be careful to filter out the kinds of bias that can creep in just by living in America.

It's time that the straight community accept gays the same way gays have been forced to accept the straight community. ♦

Letter to the Editor

Women selfish for not wanting children

I am writing in respond to Angela White's article that appeared in the October 25, 2000 edition of Sidelines.

After reading Miss White's views on motherhood and role-reversal, I was saddened and disgusted. Miss White suggests that men should somehow be responsible for bearing children because women need to devote their lives to themselves and not have the "burden" of being mothers.

Well Miss White, I would like to let you in on a little secret-IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN!!!

Motherhood is one of the most beautiful and special gifts a woman could ever experience, and you want to take that away from us and give it to men because you think we should be more selfish and career-oriented.

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu. Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

What really sickens me the most is your description of motherhood as a burden or even a disease, and how men are the only ones who want children.

I was told several years ago that because of previous medical problems, I would never be able to become pregnant. Hearing that news devastated me as well as my husband, and I abhor the fact that you would celebrate my misfortune as some kind of victory.

I am a part-time student here at MTSU, but I have also been in the work force for 11 years. Needless to say, my life is pretty busy. Last fall, in the midst of my hectic work and school schedule, I discovered something that I didn't think was possible-I was pregnant.

I was shocked as well as overjoyed, and from the moment I found out about my pregnancy, my priorities completely shifted and revolved around being the best mother I could be.

This past Mother's Day, I gave birth to a beautiful and healthy set of twins. I had to take a

semester off from school and take time off work during the last stages of my pregnancy and the first few weeks after I gave birth. This is something you would view as a heavy sacrifice and a reason to either have an abortion, or as you insanely mentioned, to somehow bestow on my husband and make him responsible for the birth and care of our babies.

Let me tell you something - until you have gone through the experience of bringing new life into this world and being a mother, you have absolutely no right to bombard the rest of us with your grossly distorted opinions on parenthood and gender roles! I sincerely hope that you never have a child because if you did (which would be amazing considering your extreme hatred of men), that child would either be slaughtered in an abortion or grow up feeling like a burden and would have ultimately have a world of problems.

Victoria Sepúlveda

CAMPUS LIFE

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SIDELINES ♦ 5

Hair-pulling, nail-biting stressed-out women

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

Stress is an every day factor for almost every person on earth. We all have our ways to deal and we all have different reasons for "stressing out". For women, stress is a constant in the new age. Everything from work and family to children and school can bring on a heavy load of stress.

Dr. Barbara Draude of MTSU agrees that, "things that take up a lot of our time and energy, certainly have the potential for being our leading stressor - for example - work, family, children, school etc." Women here at MTSU are no strangers to stress and most students usually do feel an extra burden.

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Dr. Barbara Draude

Draude suggests that, "Students in general are more likely to feel stress because of multiple roles and obligation. A woman who is a student, a mom, a wife, a friend, a housekeeper, a laundry person, a cook, and everything else that she must do is very likely to feel the effects of stress."

The way in which we deal with these stressors vary greatly from woman to woman. Freshmen Katie Knox deals with stress by usually just working through it, and sometimes getting cranky. Very differently, Freshmen student Misty Kizer tends to snack around rather than getting "cranky".

For men, the way for dealing with stress is very different from women. Men tend to resort to physical activity, such as running or working out, were as women look for relaxation with social crowds.

Dr. Draude observes that "Women are going to use things that they feel comfortable with as stress management mechanisms - talking with friends or family, reading and relaxation techniques; they are more likely to choose methods like yoga or organized exercise programs like aerobic classes."

Each woman is different and the only similarity is that we deal with so many stimuli that have the potential to cause stress. So ladies, if you are feeling stressed, find a way to deal with it that fits your own agenda. Don't let stress damage your schedule. ♦

And the winner is...

By Phoenix Taylor
Fashion Writer

Costume Designer Jennifer Stone brought home a third place award at the International Bobbin Show, which was held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

This national trade show premieres industrial fashion companies from around the world. One of the main features of this fashion expose was the Design Inspiration Fashion Contest, where selected college students from all over represented their fashion departments.

This three-day event is offered every September to the TXMD students who want to network within the industry.

Stone was accompanied by Professors Estes and Robinson in addition to 6 students and 2 graduates from the Human Sciences department.

Stone, a Murfreesboro native and an apparel design major, has always been creative.

She found her calling in '94 at the Tennessee Renaissance Festival where she had to sew and design her own costume.

From there, Stone has been making her way through this business by working in Theater with productions, and participating in events such as Mardi Gras.

She used her creative talents to re-invent elaborate costumes for her enjoyment.

Currently, Stone is the Head Costume Designer for the Rutherford county's NASNNID production of the "Princess Bride". This play is running November 2-11.

The very busy Stone sat with me as we discussed her works and accomplishments:

Phoenix Taylor: What sort of inspiration attributed to your award-winning piece?

Stone: The Japanese Kimono.

PT: That's interesting! John

Bartlett, a fashion designer, just did his collection 2 months ago for fashion week in NY, using Japanese inspiration.

He particularly incorporated rope in his fall collection. Which gave his garments an uniqueness.

Describe for me how you used this traditional piece for inspiration in your design?

Stone: The characteristics of the Kimono is seen visually through the sleeves. I also added a hood along with padding around the caps of the sleeves and at hem lines. This jacket is very fun and whimsical.

"I was ecstatic, giddy and most of all flattered!"

Jennifer Stone

PT: What fabrics did you use and how long did it take for you to construct this garment?

Stone: Well, this contest required designers to work with materials that were sent by the sponsors.

So basically, I was given black sweatshirt fabric and a small sample of multicolored fabric sweater knit, which I used for piping along the front edges of my coat.

The duration spent on this jacket was a couple of weeks and about 30 hours.

PT: Wow Jennifer! So when you won what were your emotions like?

Stone: I was ecstatic, giddy and most of all flattered!

PT: Who is your favorite designer and what historical periods do you like to work with the most?

Stone: My favorite designer is Christian Lacquoix because I



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Jennifer Stone displays her award-winning coat design.

like the way he works with corsets and a lot of his works have historical influences. The time period I like to work with the most are the Victorian and Restoration Periods.

PT: What are your plans for the future?

Stone: I am going to finish under grade and head west to the California area. I want to get my Masters of Fine Arts degree.

PT: What is your advice to young designers?

Stone: Always keep working with fabrics.

Look at trends, but also express and maintain your uniqueness as you are designing.

PT: Speaking of your individuality, do you think originality in design is lost?

Stone: Yes, there is homogeneity with clothing in department stores. Everything looks the same, maybe a few changes and different colors.

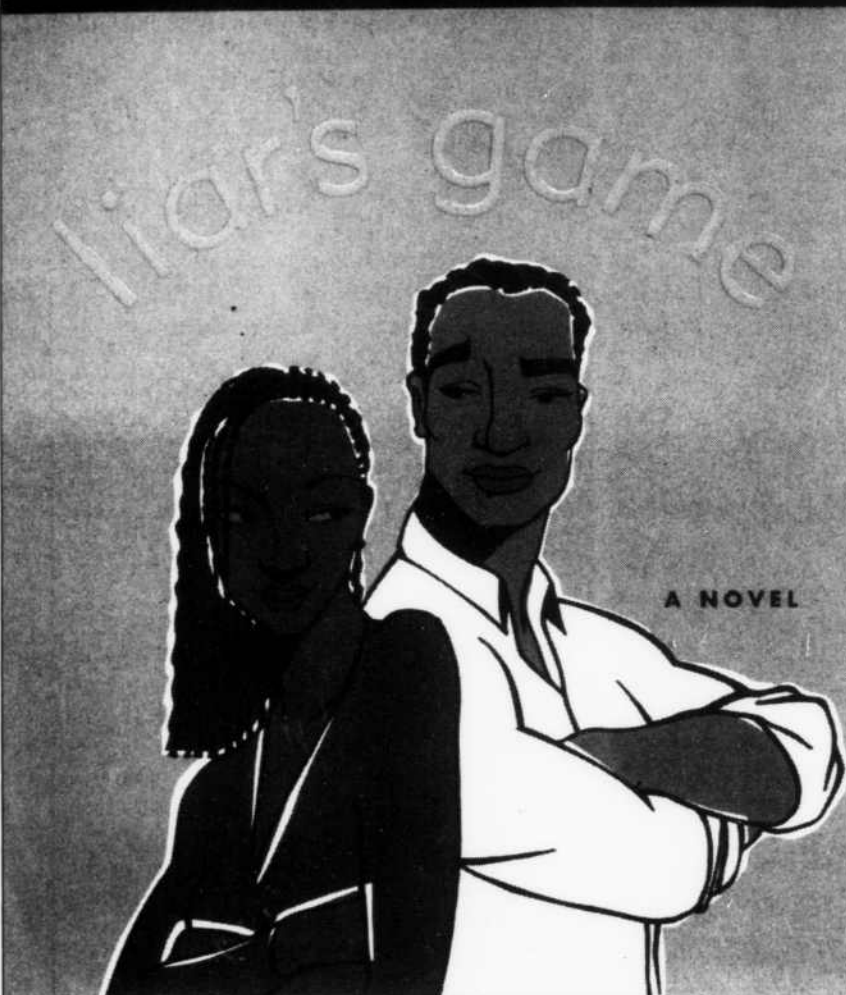
However, I think originality will regain itself within time. I definitely want to be a part and even help create that change within the fashion industry. I am not interested in following the market's trends.

PT: Final thought?

Stone: Be sure to check out the play "Princess Bride" at the Center for the Arts. For further info call: 904-Arts. ♦

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ERIC JEROME DICKEY



The games that lies play

By Shawn Whitsell
Opinions Editor

"Liar's Game" is the latest addition to author Eric Jerome Dickey's collection of novels that deal with the ups and downs of relationships.

The main characters are Vincent Calvary Brown, Jr. and Dana Ann Smith. Vince is described as a handsome, brown-skinned, hardworking aerospace tech and Dana is a beautiful, chocolate-skinned, intelligent, real estate agent.

When the two meet, they hit it off but because they begin their relationship with lies, they have to tell more lies to cover up the ones they told initially. For example, Vince doesn't tell Dana that he is divorced with a daughter that he never gets to see. Dana doesn't tell Vince the real reason she moved to Los Angeles or her previous unhealthy relationship that leaves her a little distrustful of men.

Before too long, ugly truths are exposed, things eventually fall apart and their relationship is brought into question. Amidst the initial confusion and pain of situations such as this, Vince feels that Dana is trying to discourage him from finding his child and rekindling his relationship with her.

With all the confusion, Dana finds herself wrapped in the arms of Claudio, her ex-lover who broke her heart in New York. Because of the complexities with Vince, Dana decides to give Claudio another try but she just can't get her mind off Mr. Brown. On

the other side of town, Vince finds himself sexin' his lesbian next door neighbor that he'd been attracted to for sometime.

Things aren't going great for the couple, who initially seem so perfect and in love. The two realize their mistakes and struggle to find clarity in a massive amount of misunderstandings within their relationship and other aspects of their individual lives.

The book is filled with lies, love, fighting, confusion and a lot of love making. I give this book an A+ and strongly recommend it to anyone who has experienced the joy and pain of relationships. I applaud Dickey for depicting African American characters with a certain honesty that is sometimes hard to find. The characters are well-rounded, multi-dimensional, intelligent professionals. Dickey is masterful at tapping into the different sides of human personalities. His characters are clever, funny and intriguing.

One of the main reasons that I'm such a huge fan of Dickey is because all of his books have so many twists and turns, it makes your head spin. Just when you get used to the way things are flowing in the story, Dickey will throw in something to shake things up. "Liar's Game," as well as his previous four efforts, is told through the perspectives of the main characters, giving the reader a full view of what is going on.

For example, when Vince and Dana meet, the reader sees the situation through Vince's eyes. We read everything he's thinking, saying and doing.

Then Dickey will switch to Dana's point-of-view and we get the other side of the story. Like the saying goes, "there are two sides to every story" and Dickey definitely does a great job at telling the whole story.

By telling the story through the eyes of the characters, the story isn't told too quickly - it unfolds slowly, not giving the reader too much at one time. Dickey's books remind me of soap operas. There is so much drama going on and just when something good is about to happen, the scenario switches to a different scene and you have to keep watching (or reading) to see what will eventually happen next.

One of my favorite things about "Liar's Game," is its tone and flavor. It is well written with dialogue that is street, poetic, sophisticated, humorous, clever, bold and intelligent all at the same time. The way Dickey describes people enables readers to relate to the characters.

Besides being entertaining, "Liar's Game" dismisses stereotypes and speaks deep to the heart of those who have loved, cried, laughed, fought, lost and dreamed.

It is a textbook for the realities of love and life. Go pick it up.

Dickey is a best-selling author who has published four previous works: "Sister Sister," "Friends and Lovers," and "Milk in my Coffee," and Cheaters. He's repertoire includes teaching, acting and stand-up comedy. He's a native of Memphis Tennessee, attended UCLA's creative writing program and currently resides in Los Angeles. ♦

ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

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

Nov. 9

All black students are encouraged to attend the African American Student Association at 7 p.m. in the Mass Comm Room 104. Contact Kim Alexander at 895-8328 for more information.

Scribbling Mob's First Annual Open Mic Poetry Reading is open to all students, faculty and friends. It is from 3-6 p.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room, in the JUB. All issues are welcome. Completely uncensored. Give voice to your words.

Nov. 15

Students applying to business school can hone their interview skills by logging onto Kaplan's test prep and admissions web site, kaptest.com, for the free live online event, "The Interview Hotseat." Students will be selected to participate in a practice interview during the live audio chat and a question and answer session will follow. To participate, students must register at www.kaptest.com/events. There is an option to submit a resume prior to the event. Ben Baron, former Admissions Officer at Harvard Business School and current Vice President of Business Development for Kaplan, Inc. is running the interview, which starts at 7 p.m.

Nov. 16

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-8416 for more information.

Nov. 17

The President's office has now confirmed all appointments to the Student Publications Committee for the 2000-2001 school year.

Appointees should plan to meet at 2 p.m. in the KUC Room 210 for an organizational meeting. If unable to attend, call 898-5812 or email to oplaisan@mtsu.edu.

Nov. 18

Want to lead water aerobics classes and have fun while getting paid? Come to the Campus Rec's water aerobics workshop from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It costs \$20 or \$5 for aquatic staff. Contact Karen Nikazy at 898-2104 for more information.

Attention Flag Football Teams! Come try your skills against other schools—men's, women's and co-rec teams to participate. Campus Rec is sponsoring an MTSU/TIRSA Flag Football Tournament at 9 a.m. on the Intramural Fields. Register early at Campus Recreation. Contact Chris at 898-2104 for more information.

Nov. 30

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-8416 for more information.

Ongoing

Applications for Student Activity Funds are available in the KUC Room 130. The application deadline is Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. To be eligible for funds you must have attended one of the orientation sessions organized during the fall and be a registered organization. For further information call 898-5822.

MTSU Crime Stoppers program is currently looking for people interested in making a difference on campus by joining the Board of Directors. If you are a full-time student or employee and are interested you can call Sgt. Wright at 898-2424 for more information or you can pick up an application at the campus police dept. or in KUC Room 303.

Chi Rho Lutheran Fellowship holds

"Experiencing God Bible Studies" on Sunday nights. Any college students interested in a three month weekly bible study in order to grow into a personal relationship with God are welcome to attend every Sunday night from 7:45-9 p.m. at 811 E. Clark Blvd. Contact Jason Dail, pastor, at 904-0570 for more information.

Want to get rowdy for MTSU? Join the Rowdy Raiders. All students are welcome. We get painted up for the pep rallies and the home games. If you would like to join, please contact John Norrell at 898-5672 or stop by KUC, Room 212.

Raider Victory Ministries holds weekly bible studies. Call Andy Roller at 217-3132 or 479-5449 to find out about one of the weekly bible studies that would best fit your schedule. Times and locations vary.

Alpha, a practical introduction to the Christian faith, meets every Sunday from 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 315 E. Main St. There is no cost to the participant. For more information contact the church at 893-3780 or the Ministry Center at 904-7948.

Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational campus ministry, invite all to attend their weekly meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC, Room 221. For more information contact Mike at 848-6741 or Eric at 896-2039.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship welcomes everyone on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. to a fellowship of study, singing, friends and fun. For more information call Rich at 893-1787 or Mary at 867-7370.

The Victory Church and Raider Victory Ministries invite everyone to attend their service on Sundays in the KUC Theater at 10 a.m.

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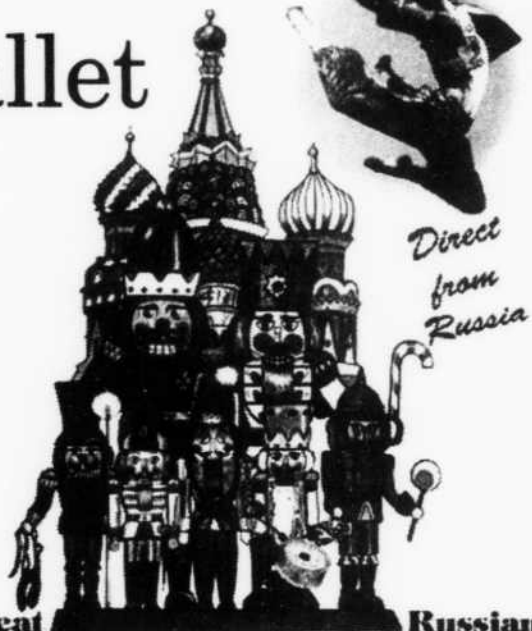


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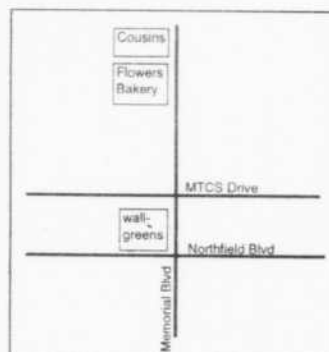
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Football: Hicks sees red against USF Bulls

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The 6-foot-5, 205 pound sophomore quarterback Marquel Blackwell is a very balanced in his attack. He threw for 390 yards last week against Western Kentucky and is very capable of running for half of that yardage.

USF patterns their offense after the abilities of Blackwell, which leans more towards a pass-oriented offense, similar to that of MTSU's.

McCollum said of the USF offense and Blackwell's contribution to that, "They will spread it out and do some things, so we have to get some pressure on him and keep him

contained because he is a very explosive player."

When USF has the ball

Blackwell leads the pass-happy offense against a Middle Tennessee defense that has struggled at times against the pass.

McCollum says, "It goes back to tackling. We have to be a very good tackling team and have to execute on defense. We can't have any breakdowns."

When Middle Tennessee has the ball

Sophomore Dwone Hicks is coming off his second-best game of the season and is running in stride down the home stretch of the 2000 football

campaign. Junior quarterback Wes Counts is also at cruising speed after his third straight solid performance at the helm of the Blue Raider offense. McCollum continues to place emphasis on his offense not turning the ball over.

What to expect

The Blue Raiders are a perfect 4-0 at Floyd Stadium this season. The offense is clicking and the defense is improving in great leaps. The balanced attack is key for Middle Tennessee, as well as not giving up the big play to USF. The Blue Raiders stay unbeaten at home with a 38-24 victory over the Bulls. ♦

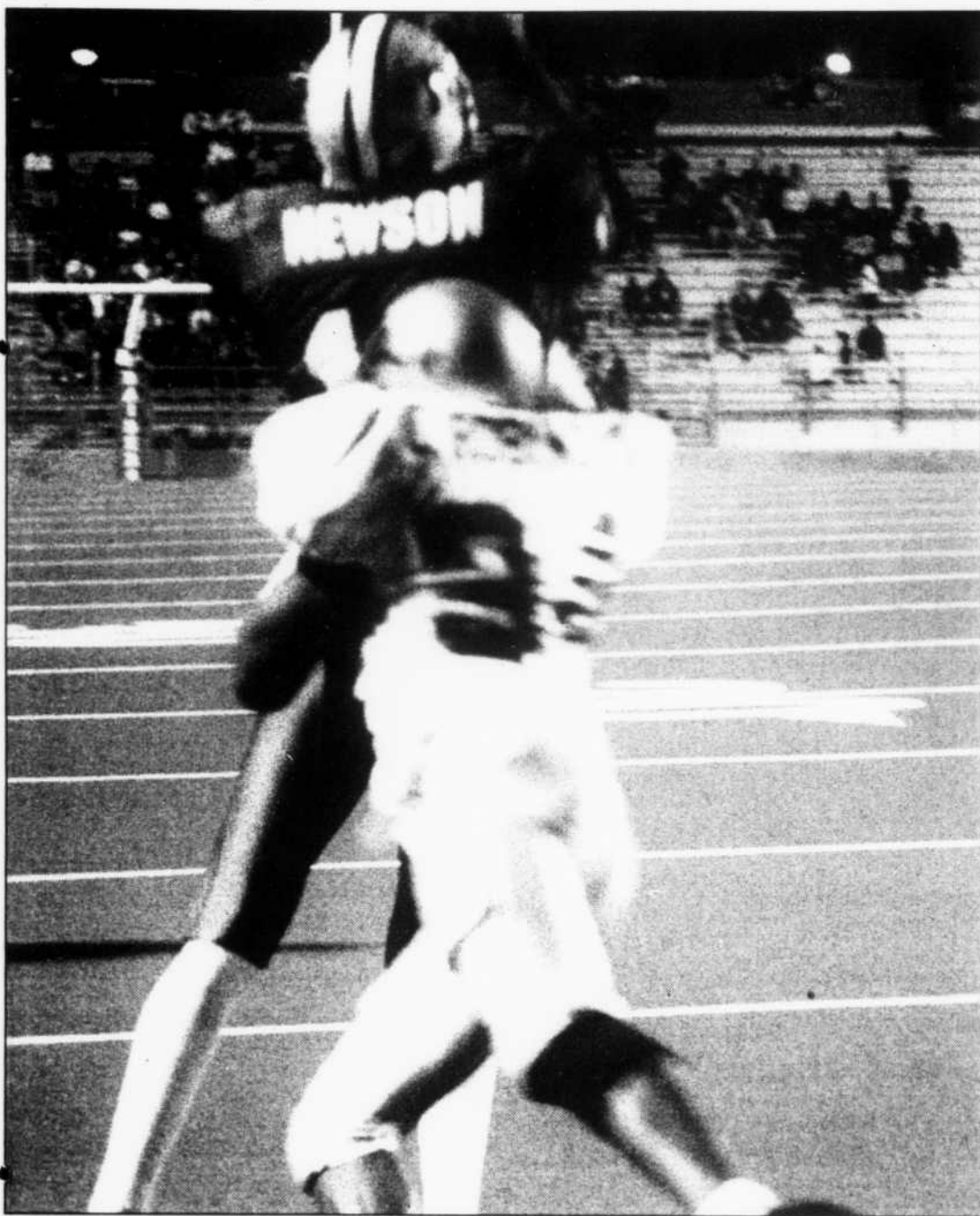


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2. M.E.M.P.H.I.S.
3. Bad Habit
4. Mean Machine
5. Prime Time
6. Deep Penetration
7. Kappa Alpha
8. The Franchise II
9. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
10. Sigma Nu

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October 31, 2000

Men's B League
Gundams 20, Boss Hogs 18

Men's A League

Phi Beta Sigma 25, KC Killers 0
Prime Time 20, Monohan Complex #2 19
Mean Machine 41, Area 3 Attack 7
M.E.M.P.H.I.S. 26, Phi Beta Sigma 0

November 7, 2000

Sorority League
AOPI vs. ADPI
Chi Omega 1 vs. Chi Omega 2

Men's B League

TBA vs. Gundams
Unthinkables vs. Magnificent 7
Prime Timers vs. The A Team

Men's A League

High Rollers vs. Franchise 2
Falcons vs. Mud Dogs
Deep Penetration vs. Bad Habit

November 8, 2000

IFC B League
Kappa Sigma 2 vs. SAE 1
Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Kappa Sigma 1
Beta vs. SAE 2
Sig Ep vs. Sigma Nu

IFC A League

SAE vs. Sigma Nu
Kappa Sigma vs. Kappa Alpha
TBA vs. Beta

League	Team	Wins	Losses	League	Team	Wins	Losses
COREC	Warriors	0	5	IFC A	Alpha Tau Omega	2	5
COREC	Jabronees	5	0	IFC A	Kappa Sigma	4	3
COREC	Raiders For Christ #1	2	3	IFC A	Kappa Alpha	6	1
COREC	Tribe of Dan	5	0	IFC A	Beta Theta Pi	7	0
COREC	The Competition	3	2	IFC A	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	5	2
COREC	Raiders For Christ #2	1	4	IFC A	Sigma Nu	5	2
Sorority	Delta Zeta	1	5	IFC A	Sigma Phi Epsilon	1	6
Sorority	Alpha Delta P	7	0	IFC A	Pi Kappa Alpha	2	5
Sorority	Kappa Delta	2	5	IFC A	Sigma Chi	0	7
Sorority	Phi Chi	1	5	Men's B	Magnificent 7	4	1
Sorority	Zeta Tau Alpha	na		Men's B	The A Team	4	1
Sorority	Chi Omega #1	6	1	Men's B	The Gundams	5	0
Sorority	Alpha Omega PI	5	2	Men's B	Farmhouse	1	3
Sorority	Chi Omega #2	4	3	Men's B	Dragons	0	5
Men's B	Blue Thunder	2	4	Men's B	The Blaze	0	4
Men's B	Jolly Rogers	0	6	Men's B	Prime Timers	3	1
Men's B	The Rebels	6	0	Men's A	Phi Beta Sigma	4	1
Men's B	Unthinkables	4	2	Men's A	High Rollers	3	2
Men's B	Joe's Troopers	3	3	Men's A	Wasting Time	2	3
Men's B	The Monkeys	0	5	Men's A	Wolfpack	1	4
Men's B	Boss Hogs	3	3	Men's A	RFC	1	4
Men's B	Riders	5	1	Men's A	Mud Dogs	5	0
Dorm A	KC Killers	4	1	Men's A	Falcons	3	2
Dorm A	Deez What's	1	5	Men's A	Omega Psi Phi	1	4
Dorm A	Monohan Complex 1	2	4	Men's A	The Franchise II	4	1
Dorm A	Monohan Complex 2	3	3	Men's A	M.E.M.P.H.I.S.	5	0
Dorm A	Prime Time	5	0	Men's A	Wesley Foundation	0	5
Dorm A	Area 3 Attack	3	2	Men's A	Alpha Omega	1	4
Dorm A	Cummings Crew	2	3	Men's A	Deep Penetration	3	2
IFC B-North	Tauk Kappa Epsilon	0	4	Men's A	Mean Machine	4	1
IFC B-North	Kappa Alpha	1	3	Men's A	Ant Eaters	2	3
IFC B-North	Kappa Sigma 1	3	1	Men's A	Bad Habit	4	1
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The Two Minute Drill

R. Colin Fly Sports Editor



Commentary

It's kind of weird writing a commentary four days in advance.

You see, I'm in Washington, D.C. at the moment and if you're reading this at about 6 p.m. then I'm more specifically at a Washington Capitals' hockey game against the New York Rangers.

Neither the Rangers nor the Capitals have had a particularly stellar opening week of the season, but I do remember a few years ago when the Rangers had more than 20 ties in a season.

Enter the 2000 Predators, with five overtime games in their first 12 games, Nashville is on pace to compete in 34 overtime contests and 28 ties. The record for ties in a season was San Jose, with 26 in an 84 game season.

But the Predators have been in every game this season and they already have a huge road win against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Nashville, in the third year of a "five year playoff plan," now sits with a viable shot at making the playoffs. A blend of veterans like Cliff Ronning and Tom Fitzgerald and young talent of David Legwand and Scott Hartnell have the Predators competing in every game.

Cliff Ronning and Scott Walker both have 11 points through Monday and Ronning also has a +5 rating, tops on the team.

Throw in Tomas Vokoun and Mike Dunham, who will be back on the ice within the next two weeks, and the Predators are a pain in the side of the Western Conference.

Vokoun has a 2.07 GAA and Dunham's sits at 2.11, with a .936 save percentage.

The hockey world scoffed when the city was awarded the Predators. With an average of 97 percent attendance in three years, the Predators are the last one laughing.

And within two years, they'll be as competitive as any other Western Conference power.

Basketball Pick-A-Seat

Middle Tennessee will hold its annual Pick-A-Seat event tonight during an exhibition double-header.

The Blue Raiders will face Bryan College at 5:30 p.m. and the Lady Raiders will take on Nashville All-Stars at 7:30. Doors for the event will open at 4 p.m. and admission is free.

The event allows fans to walk throughout Murphy Center and select their seats for the upcoming season. Available seats will be marked with a sticker.

Once fans have selected their seats, they can remove the sticker, take it to the ticket office, and purchase those seats for the season.

Fans have the opportunity to purchase season tickets up to the first regular-season home game.

Season tickets for the upcoming season are \$98 and do not include the Blue Raiders game against Tennessee in Nashville at Gaylord Entertainment Center.

Purchase of a men's season ticket also includes passes for the women's games. Season tickets for women's games only are \$30.

The Lady Raiders tip off their season against Tennessee State followed by the Blue Raiders opener against the University of St. Francis.

All Blue Raider home athletic events are free to students with a valid student ID. ♦

For more information on basketball season tickets, contact the Middle Tennessee ticket office at (615) 898-2103 or 1-888-YES-MTSU.

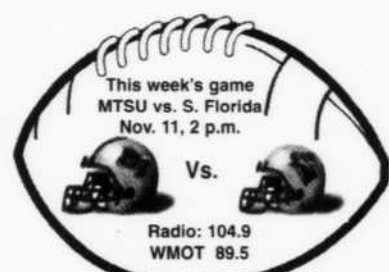


Tyrone Calico stretches out for a reception in the last Blue Raider home game. Calico has a reception in every collegiate game of his career.

Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

Running of Bulls

South Florida presents stiff test for Raiders



By J.P. Plant
Staff Writer

The grueling road schedule for Middle Tennessee came to an end Saturday as they took it to the Huskies of UConn 66-10 and gained their first road victory against a Division I-A opponent as a Division I-A program.

The offense continued to click and in the process committed no turnovers, while the defense collected five turnovers, four interceptions and a fumble recovery.

"The thing we know is that if we don't turn the ball over we give ourselves a chance to win every game," said head coach Andy McCollum in his weekly press conference Monday.

Now the focus turns to the Blue Raiders final two home games. With wins the next two weeks, coach McCollum will give this growing university a winning season that seemed almost impossible when the schedule was set a couple of years ago. The 6-5 record would be a great accomplishment on MTSU's journey into Division I-A football.

The University of South Florida in only their fourth year as a football program, is in their first year as a Division I-A program. The Blue Raiders face, who in McCollum's mind is one of the better quarterbacks his team has faced since he came to Middle Tennessee.

See Football, 7

Lagat's training pays off with big wins

MT Media Relations

With the way the nation of Kenya has dominated distance racing during recent years, you would think the entire country gets together every afternoon for a brisk ten mile run. Kenyans have become so known

for their distance running that the phrase in my mind I am a Kenyan appears on T-shirts and bumper stickers.

But sophomore Geoffrey Lagat is different. Although born and raised in the small African nation, he did not spend his youth traipsing over mountain ranges wearing only his Nikes and a warm-up suit. He did not even begin running competitively until he came to the states just nine months ago.

"I just started training in finishing school," said Lagat. "I was playing basketball and soccer and tennis. I really don't know how I got into it. But I'm glad I did."

On the other hand, participants of last weekends Sun Belt Cross Country Championships wish he stuck with perfecting his jump shot.

During the championship race, Lagat reeled in two runners from Arkansas State and South Alabama with 800 meters to go to win the Sun Belt Conference title in a time of 25:07.

Coming from nowhere the win was a surprise to everyone -- but Lagat.

"Coach (Dean) Hayes and I agreed that I could compete for second place in the race," he said. "During the banquet the day before the race, they announced the top 10 times of the year and my name wasn't even on the list. I think that gave me a lot of motivation for the next day."

Blue Raider runners hope Lagat's motivation stays with him as he begins the winter indoor season that begins Dec. 4.

"Right now, I'm working on the track and doing my speed work," said Lagat. "We do hills every Wednesday and run at least an 8K every day. Now I'm training to defend my title and I'm working hard for it." ♦



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	32-311/6
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	23-114/2
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Sportscast

THURSDAY

■ **Basketball**
Blue Raiders vs. Bryan College (Exhibition)
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 5:30 p.m.

■ **Women's Basketball**
Lady Raiders vs. Nashville All-Stars (Exhibition)
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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

■ **Football**
Blue Raiders vs. South Florida
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SUNDAY

■ **Volleyball**
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MONDAY

■ **Football**
The Andy McCollum Show,
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