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Enrollment rate adds new challenges

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If new figures are correct, then MTSU, unofficially at 16,426 students, is continuing its seven-year growth rate, said the dean of Admissions and Records.

With a sizable growth comes many challenges and Cliff Gillespie, dean of Admissions and Records, says MTSU is struggling to meet these challenges.

With an estimated 17,000 students planned for next fall's admission, Gillespie said he has also been taking steps to meet upcoming constraints, including meeting with guidance counselors to help prepare for future freshmen.

"Planning is important," said Gillespie. More class offerings this semester and in semesters to come will allow students to get the classes they want to take, and often at convenient times. However, he said finding the teaching space for additional classes was a difficult problem.

Gillespie said that higher enrollment does not mean higher funding.

"Funding is never plentiful in any department, but unless more is allowed for education, they'll have to get by with what resources they have, working overtime to help the



Sam Gannon/Photographer

LINE FORMS HERE: Students wait in line for lunch at the Grill, where even a long awaited expansion isn't able to accommodate the rising student population.

students," he said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs James Hindman said that additions to the MTSU faculty will help alleviate many of the problems that large enrollment presents.

"MTSU has added 34 teachers this year," he said, "and the teaching staff is at around 700."

"All across the campus we've done a good job of hiring faculty

but we still need people for the support staff like people for the library, secretaries and other office staff," Hindman said.

Hindman said his entire staff of administrators, staff and faculty had been working extra hard through breaks and lunches and many additional hours to help students get started on the right track. He said he commended them for their diligent work.

A continuing challenge for everyone on campus is the parking problem. Finding a place to park close to class or work becomes more difficult as enrollment increases.

The director of Public Safety and Security said additional lots on the east side of the campus will help to alleviate this problem.

Construction will continue into the fall on the new lot behind

the Mass Communications building, Drugmand said.

"The two new parking lots will accommodate about 1,200 cars," he said.

Plans that are being discussed for parking in the future include two high rise parking garages, Drugmand said.

Funding for the garages would have to come from the students, staff and faculty, possibly in the form of higher parking fees or increased tuition.

"It's hard to go into details about why the state can't provide the money for that type of project, but we're talking major red tape," Drugmand said.

Drugmand also said that with increased enrollment comes an increase in campus crime.

MTSU has a low crime rate, Drugmand said, because of the five full-time officers and more than 50 student workers.

"Students patrol, dispatch and work in the office so if a situation comes up a student patrol officer can call in and, with the help of the new computer-aided dispatch unit, a full-time officer can be on the scene in about 60 seconds," Drugmand said.

"If you have to walk alone, walk with confidence and act like you carry a big stick," Drugmand said.

CNN execs give Mass Comm facility rave review

LAURI BEASLEY
News Editor

What advice can a vice president of CNN offer a college student about putting in job applications? What does he look for in a prospective employee? Last Friday, mass communications students had a chance to ask these and other questions when two top CNN executives visited the campus and spoke to students.

V. R. (Bob) Furnad, vice president for CNN Production, and designer of the plan under which CNN carried out coverage of the Gulf War, and Jay Suber, vice president for News Features, were visiting MTSU upon the request of broadcasting professor Dr. Al Moffett.

"We were having lunch, Bob and I, and I told him, 'You won't believe this place. Come on up and see it,'" said Dr. Moffett.

The executives said they felt the MTSU Mass Communications facility was surprisingly well-equipped, and gave students their

impression of their tour through the building.

"The facility you have here almost dwarfs the first CNN building we had," said Furnad.

"After seeing this facility, I need to go back to school," said Suber. "Though, seriously...our concept of news at CNN is what makes CNN viable in the market. And that is, to a large extent, you. It is the futuristic techniques that you are learning here...and the technology you're learning to work with," he said.

Most of the students in the audience seemed concerned about the ever-increasing difficulty of finding a job after graduation. The advantage in the broadcasting field, said Furnad, comes—without a doubt—through internships.

"Don't miss an opportunity to do an internship," he said. "The quality of grads trying to find work has a 3.5 grade point average and has at least three internships."

"The reality is that we have a

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

A BIG DEAL ON WHEELS: MTSU'S Mobile Production Lab is just one of the Mass Communication program's assets that impressed CNN executives during their visit to campus last week.

Campus Crimes

Campus Crimes is a public service of Sidelines. Crimes printed are from actual reports released by MTSU's department of Public Safety and Security

On Aug. 31, Diana Lovell reported that someone had stolen her son's bicycle from the breezeway of their apartment in Family Housing. The bike was not chained.

On Sept. 1, Franita Mallory reported that her radio antenna had been broken off while it was parked in the Cummings Hall lot.

On Sept. 1, Anne Brzezicki reported that her office in the Tennessee Livestock Center had been burglarized. The burglar evidently removed the vent from the lower portion of her door and unlocked it from the inside. Stolen from the room were: an IBM computer, Epson printer, operating manuals, and other computer related items (\$3250).

On Sept. 2, Safety Officer Terry Logan reported a tree limb had fallen onto a car behind the Voorhies Industrial Studies building. The car, belonging to faculty member Walter Coppeans, received some damage due to the fall. The limb appeared to have fallen due to strong wind and rain.

On Sept. 3, Officers noticed a Marklift (machine) parked across two lanes of traffic on Faulkenberry. The machine was started by use of a cabinet lock key. A steam plant operator reported no suspicious activity except for some males driving around in an old Nissan.

On Sept. 4, Yonnu Lovelady reported that 10 bags of Ruffles chips and eight packages of birth control pills (\$164) were missing from her dorm room in Monohan Hall. Lovelady reported that her door stays locked at all times.

On Sept. 4, Michael Randolph reported two speakers (\$200) had been removed from his room in Nicks Hall. The doors were locked, but the window had been unlocked.

On Sept. 4, Gina Parrish reported that a basket of clothing (\$400) she had left on the porch at Wood Hall had been stolen.

On Sept. 5, Tracy Harrison reported that a man had exposed himself to her while sitting in her vehicle as she was walking

by Kirksey Old Main. She said that as she passed by, she saw him masturbating, he followed her in his car to Reynolds Hall.

On Sept. 5, a false fire alarm went off at Deere Hall. No fire or pull station was found to be pulled. Safety Officer Terry Logan was notified.

On Sept. 7, Larry Beaty II reported that Jack Jalepes entered his room in Judd Hall and harassed him. Beaty also said that he had filed a similar report in June against Jalepes. Officers searched the campus, but the suspect was not found.

On Sept. 7, James Teal reported that his in-dash cd car player had been stolen from where it was parked at Family Housing. The doors were locked and there were no signs of a forced entry. Investigation pending.

On Sept. 8, an officer noticed that a car parked in the family housing lot had been broken into. The driver's window had been broken. Owner, Yvonne Warner, said the only items

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Campus Capsule

Campus Capsule is a service provided by Sidelines for non-profit campus groups. If you have a notice that you would like to run Campus Capsule, please fill out a Campus Capsule submission form in room 310 of the James Union Building. Items must be received by noon on Monday for Wednesday's publication.

Monday, Sept. 14

Students for Environmental Action meeting at 8 p.m. in Keathly University Center 309, for information call 895-5384.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Auditions for "The Servant of Two Masters", 7 p.m. in the MTSU Arena Theater. If you're skilled in juggling, dancing, gymnastics, or fire breathing be prepared to perform these skills. Dress to move! Auditions continue through Wednesday, Sept. 16. For more information, call 898-2716.

Blood drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross and Phi Kappa Alpha, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., KUC rooms 322 and 324. The blood drive will also be held on Sept. 16. For more information please call Nancy McGill 893-4272 or Greg Lunsford 896-3886.

National Press Photographers Association's first meeting will be at 8 p.m. at the photo lab, for print and broadcast photo-journalism students.

Ad Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Shoney's Inn.

Student Chapter of the International Television Association will hold an organizational meeting at 5 p.m. in the Mass Communications Building, Room 103. for more information call Mary Nichols at ext. 2795.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

The student member section of Human Sciences will hold an ice cream social at 3 p.m. in Ellington Human Sciences 106. All Human Sciences majors and minors are invited to attend.

Womyn's Political Action Group and TKAL's (Tennesseans Keeping Abortion Legal) will have a table from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the KUC to register, for

more information call Alice Sheperd, 883-8114.

Auditions for **"The Servant of Two Masters"**, will be at 7 p.m. at MTSU Arena Theater, dress to move, call ext. 2716 for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 17

First meeting of the **Criminal Justice Society**, 5:30 p.m., KUC 316. For more information, call Gretchen Wamsley, 895-9525.

The **Womyn's Political Action Group** will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the grill. Both men and women are urged to attend.

Sierra Club Program Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Cumberland Science Museum in Nashville.

Ongoing

Student organizations who want to apply for Activity Fee Funds for the fall semester should pick up application forms from KUC 126. The deadline for completing the forms is Friday, Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. Forms must be turned in to the Dean of Students' office.

Weekly College Worship sponsored by **Presbyterian Student Fellowship** every Wednesday, 9-10 p.m. at PSF house across from Alumni Gym.

Murfreesboro Bicycle Club sponsors weekly bicycle rides every Monday at 1:30 at Greenland Parking Lot, for more information call Guy Anderson, Ext. 2688 or 6051.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room, underneath the home side of the football stadium. Everyone is welcome, for more information call Ext. 1470 or 3234.

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News Series

Reporting sexual harassment

Get the facts first

FERN GREEBANK
Editor-in-Chief

There's more than one way to skin a cat, right? Of course, many of us won't ever have to decide which way to skin a cat in our lifetime, but just in case you had to, you would want to know the correct way to do it, wouldn't you?

If you are faced with a situation of sexual harassment on the MTSU campus, there are several ways to handle things. There is the official policy, there is the unofficial policy, and there are variations on both. Individual students must decide for themselves how emotionally prepared they are, how strong their network of support is and, most importantly, how far they are willing to take the process.

The Affirmative Action Office has issued a statement which reflects its stand on the procedure of reporting sexual harassment. Forrestine Williams, MTSU's affirmative action officer, says a student should come directly to her office to discuss any problems with sexual harassment BEFORE SPEAKING TO ANYONE ELSE.

"There are too many hidden agendas on this campus," says Williams. "If you talk to someone else and reveal names, then anything could happen."

Williams emphatically states her office is the appropriate place to handle all complaints of harassment and discrimination. However, she also points out that the Affirmative Action Office is not set up to be a place where students come "for a shoulder to cry on."

"If a student wants counseling and comfort," says Williams, "there are other places on campus to go. Our office is set up for action and it's my job to follow the policies. I hope students will understand that," she explains.

Heidi Dorris, attorney for the Tennessee Board of Regents and MTSU, says that

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Williams' office is supposed to be a clearing house, a central location for handling complaints.

"Forrestine wanted it that way," says the attorney, "because if a student talks to a professor in one department about a professor in another department, then the situation gets more complicated. Problems occur when too many people are involved who are not properly trained to handle sexual harassment and Forrestine wanted to centralize the process in her office."

There are those who disagree with Williams' advice, however. As we have seen from the case of student Lea White and professor Powell McClellan, there are drawbacks to the AAO route.

First, Williams' office is required to investigate complaints whether they are signed or not. Many faculty members have been told this is not true. However, the MTSU policy states: "Where the aggrieved individual refuses to sign a written charge, the AAO will still investigate the allegations and take appropriate action. Based on the findings of this investigation, the AAO may take appropriate action which may or may not be the steps outlined (for written charges.)"

This leaves a student wondering what actions will be taken if he or she chooses not to sign a complaint. If a student believes that not signing a formal complaint is paramount to dropping a complaint, the student is misunderstanding the policy.

Once you speak with the affirmative action officer and sign a formal complaint, an investigation takes place. The contents of that investigation are considered confidential,

says Williams, and the file is sent to the TBR attorney's office.

"We're glad to get it out of our office," says Williams.

After the investigation, Williams makes recommendations to the president and he decides what to do next. His recommendations are then relayed to the individual charged.

A faculty member charged with sexual harassment can either abide by the president's recommendations or ask for a full hearing.

"Once the student has filed a complaint," explains Cheryl Eller, sociology professor and frequent speaker on the subject of sexual harassment, "they are no longer in control of the situation."

"There is so much built into the system that takes away your control and there is so

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**-Cheryl Eller
Sociology Professor**

little tangible in the way of results," says Eller. "Women have to approach the issue with knowledge but also keep control of what happens to them," the professor continues.

"I think Lea White is a classic example of not only being harassed, but the situation was out of her hands. She was no longer in control of the consequences," says Eller.

Where do students lose control of the situation? Many say this occurs the minute they talk about it. But at the same time, several campus officials encourage students to do exactly that—talk about it.

While the AAO warns strongly against speaking to anyone except its office about a sexual harassment situation, the Dean of Students office encourages students to talk to someone they trust before deciding to officially report claims of harassment.

"A lot of what I say is based on what happened to Lea White," explains Gail Stephens, assistant dean of students. "I did some things that I don't think were actually wrong but I acted out of ignorance. I would have done some things differently had I known."

Stephens is referring to the part she played in the Lea White case. As is the case with most faculty and administrators, Stephens believed she and her colleagues were obligated to report any claims of sexual harassment. The truth is, they aren't.

Dr. Molly Whaley, chair of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation department, counseled Lea White to speak with the AAO, probably because this has been the prevailing belief on campus.

Stephens says she feels the policy does not explicitly state this and although she might feel a moral obligation to keep sexual harassment from being repeated, she says she doesn't believe the policy actually requires that faculty members divulge student confidences.

There are some professors, like Patrick Doyle of the biology department, who say, "Students are more important to me than the policy. I would never tell anything that a student told me in confidence. Student trust is very important," says the biology professor.

Dorris, the attorney for MTSU and the TBR, reluctantly admits the policy does not require faculty and administrators to report sexual harassment to the AAO.

"It has been and will be our position that they [faculty and administrators] should

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What does the Affirmative Action office recommend?

The Affirmative Action Office of Middle Tennessee State University has responsibility for investigating complaints alleging sexual harassment against university employees. Students and employees who believe they have been victims of sexual harassment as defined in MTSU Policy No. 1:02:22 and the university brochure, **Sexual Harassment Will Not be Tolerated on the MTSU Campus**, should contact the Affirmative Action Office for assistance. This office will address any questions regarding procedures and assist in taking action against harassers.

The University policy and brochure are designed to direct individuals to the Affirmative Action Office for immediate assistance prior to contact with other offices and to protect the complainant and the alleged harasser should an investigation be necessary. The intent is to alleviate for the student much of the confusion, uncertainty and uneasiness that often result from advice provided by friends, classmates, co-workers and other well-meaning individuals prior to contact with the Affirmative Action Office. Students and employees should understand that the Affirmative Action Office will address their complaints as confidentially as possible. However, the ability to maintain confidentiality may be minimized by contact with other individuals. Students and employees who experience sexual harassment should not divulge the names of alleged harassers until they have been properly advised by the Affirmative Action Office. In addition, immediate contact with the Affirmative Action Office provides the opportunity to protect students and employees against retaliation, take appropriate action and minimize liability.

Our goal is to ensure the environment in which we study, work and participate in activities and programs of the university is free of sexual harassment and intimidation. We need the cooperation and assistance of the entire university family—administrators, faculty, staff, students—to achieve this goal.

What does the Dean of Students' office recommend?

How do you stop sexual harassment?

Remember the old adage—"Just ignore it and it will go away"? That's not necessarily true in this case. One of the myths surrounding sexual harassment is "if they didn't say anything, they must have liked it." In that case, the harassment will continue.

Some suggestions on how to handle it are:

1. Be assertive and confront the harasser. Tell him you don't like what he said or did.
2. Tell a friend and/or write down what happened to you including where you were and when it happened.
3. If you need help in dealing with the problem, get some advice. This can come from a friend or family member. In addition, there are people on this campus who can help you. The staff of the MTSU Guidance and Counseling Center are available to assist you. You should also be aware that you can receive assistance from the Women's Center or from the office of the Dean of Students. If you have found a faculty member whom you trust and wish to talk to, go to them. We advise you to leave out the name of the harasser and any other identifying information regarding the harasser if you seek only advice on how to handle your situation. The faculty and staff of MTSU do not want sexual harassment to be tolerated on our campus and because of this, if they know who you are talking about, they may feel morally compelled to report it.
4. If you want the harassment stopped and have been ineffective in dealing with it on your own, report it to the Affirmative Action Office in room 220 of the Cope Administration Building. This office will guide and assist you in stopping sexual harassment on this campus.

Campus violence/crime raise concerns

JOHN WILLIAMS
College Press Service

The image of a quiet college campus may just be that—image—as faculty, administrators and students are coming to terms with the reality that crime and violence take place in the most pastoral of settings.

"You will find crime on any college campus. You have a large concentration of people and valuable property, and the 17-25 age group is the most highly victimized group in the nation," said Bill Whitman, director of the Campus Safety and Security Institute. "Colleges can't protect everyone all the time."

Campuses nationwide have to cope with crime, from minor theft to murder, and only recently has the issue moved to the forefront of public awareness and acceptance that it does exist.

"The first thing to recognize is that no campus is crime-free or violence-free," said Clarinda Raymond, co-director of the Campus Violence Prevention Center at Towson State University in Baltimore. "They denied themselves into the belief that they are ivory towers. They are not."

The U.S. Department of Education has published new rules in the Federal Register that, if enacted, would require colleges and universities to release an annual security report containing campus security policies and procedures as well as campus crime statistics.

For now, students and their parents may want to know about the school's reputation, its academic achievements or athletic programs, but safety and crime statistics are generally not mentioned.

"We need to educate parents and students. Campuses are not sanctuaries," said Whitman, of Campus Safety, an organization that audits campuses nationwide on

security measures and standards.

In a survey on college compliance with crime disclosure rules, Whitman wrote that "Colleges and universities no longer enjoy the unquestioned confidence of staff, students, and parents when it comes to safety and security on campus. There have been too many documented cases of deception and cover-up for institutions to expect the public to take them at their word."

The Campus Violence Prevention Center found that out of 437 institutions responding to a national campus crime survey in 1990, there were eight on-campus murders, 429 sexual assault cases, 215 rapes, 139 strong-arm robberies, 95 violent incidents against gays and lesbians, 219 similar attacks against ethnic minorities and 259 reports of arson.

Consider some other national statistics:

- One out of every four

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**-Clarinda Raymond
Co-Director
Campus Violence
Prevention Program**

college women have been raped or sexually assaulted.

- Ninety-five percent of violent crime on campus is related to drugs or alcohol.
- Eighty percent of campus crime involves student against student.

The most dangerous places on campuses are dorms, where more crime takes place than other areas on campuses, Raymond said.

"There is a lot of low-level

Female student assaulted near Cummings Hall

LAURI BEASLEY
News Editor

A female student reported last week that she was assaulted in the new parking area of Cummings Hall.

The student reported that at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8, she was walking back to her car in the new Cummings Hall lot when a man began to make advances

toward her. He reportedly pinned her against a car and then struck her in the face when she resisted. She said she broke free and then ran toward Cummings Hall and on to class.

She described the suspect to a Campus Security officer as a white male, about six feet tall with short, dark hair and a clean-shaven face. She said there were two other subjects,

both white males, with the man that assaulted her but they stood at a short distance. She stated that she had never seen these men before.

An investigation is pending.

Campus Security has advised that when walking alone across campus, especially in the dark, students should call a security escort to insure their safety.

crime, such as stealing from dorm rooms, which doesn't get reported. In cases of sexual assault, there is also a low level of reporting by students and colleges," said Alan McEvoy, of Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

McEvoy, who studies campus crime, said the crime with the most frequency on campuses is probably underage drinking and substance abuse, but "very little is probably done about it," he said. "Acts of personal violence are the most serious."

Experts say that in cases of violent crime, especially in rape and sexual assault, alcohol plays a leading factor.

"Students should avoid alcohol. It is involved in almost every acquaintance rape," said Andrea Parrot, a professor at Cornell University. "There is a double standard involved. A good girl doesn't get drunk, but if she does and goes back to a male's room, she's asking for it."

Of all major crimes, it is perhaps rape and sexual assault that are the most underreported.

Mary Koss, a professor at the University of Arizona, conducted a 1985 survey on 32 campuses, in which 15.4 percent of college women recalled an incident since

their 14th birthdays that met the legal definition of rape. Eight of 10 rapes involved someone the victim knew and 57 percent of the rapes happened on a date, her survey found. At least 50 percent of the victims and 75 percent of their attackers had used intoxicants at the time of the assault.

Despite these statistics, there is still reluctance to report such crimes to campus authorities. Koss' study found that less than 5 percent of college student rape victims reported the assaults to the police; almost half told no one.

Parrot gave several reasons why sexual assaults aren't reported:

- The victim knows the assailant and they may have common friends. She may be afraid that their friends would take sides, and she wouldn't be believed.
- She may have been drinking, and the perception would be that she "asked" for the assault.
- Friends may tell her it really wasn't rape.
- There may be pressure from her family or the institution not to report the assault because of reputation, either for the victim or the school.

There are no standard mechanisms to report crime on campuses.

This lack of uniform reporting procedures is changing somewhat, at least in the area of rape and sexual assault. The Higher Education Reauthorization bill, which President Bush recently signed into law, includes the Campus Sexual Assault Victims Bill of Rights Act.

The bill requires colleges and universities that receive federal funds to develop a campus sexual assault policy that mandates procedures to follow after an assault has occurred, educational programs to promote awareness of rape and counseling service. The schools must also have the option of rescheduling classes and changing residence situations to prevent contact between the victim and alleged assailant.

Experts in campus safety maintain that only through education can students learn how to avoid crime. It's not so much that crime on campus is rising, but what colleges are seeing is more violent crime, said Raymond, with the Campus Violence Prevention Center. "Gradually, colleges, parents and students are becoming more educated," she said. "But until things change, students must remain vigilant."

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always report claims of sexual harassment directly to the AAO because the university could be held liable in the future if the harassment recurs or a dangerous situation occurs," reveals Dorris.

However, Dorris admits that this is only a position and the policy does not mandate this action. In the past, memorandums have circulated to MTSU employees which explicitly stated that the AAO was to be informed if a student divulged names in reference to discrimination or sexual harassment situations. For the most part, employees on campus have complied with that request, but it is only a request, not an official policy.

Dorris says that a professor who weighs each individual situation and chooses to keep a student confidence will not in all likelihood be held liable in the future should something happen.

This interpretation of the policy opens the doors for students and gives them an option not formerly openly discussed. Stephens and Eller both prefer that students discuss their situation with someone they trust before making any decisions.

"First of all, we want students to know how to recognize sexual harassment and handle it themselves first, but if you are having problems handling it and you simply want advice, go to someone you feel you can confide in," suggests Stephens.

Stephens says there are several places on campus that a student can go to seek advice. If you don't feel comfortable talking with a faculty member, the Women's Center and the Guidance and Counseling offices are your best choices. These offices are able to keep confidences by virtue of their client/professional relationship, says Dr. James Covington of the Guidance and Counseling Center.

The Dean of Students office publishes a brochure which clearly points out what constitutes sexual harassment and what to do if it happens to you. This brochure is in drastic contrast to the

AAO's stand and the policy of the TBR attorney's office, however. Students need to weigh the pros and cons of each path and decide how to proceed. Knowing the facts up front is the most important part of the process, says Stephens.

"We don't want any student to walk into the situation blindly like Lea did," notes Stephens. "But at the same time, we don't want to discourage any student from reporting. We want it stopped. That's the job of this office, to see that students have the information and support they need to make an informed decision," continues Stephens.

At the present time, MTSU does not have a "formal" informal process. Students provide their own informal process by following the steps spelled out by the Dean of Students office. Once the student goes to the AAO, the process is formal by most people's standards.

"We will look at the policies of other schools and it isn't out of the question that we could consider instituting an informal mediation type of process to handle these situations," says Dorris.

As of this time, however, MTSU's policy is clear-cut. The AAO is set up to act in a formal manner, to follow the law, and that usually means an investigation and no turning back.

Many of those who have observed the Lea White case evolve from beginning to end fear the process may be flawed. No one seems to dispute the good intentions of the current policy, but if there are alternatives then they should be considered.

As is the case in many areas of life, all too often we see only the end result and if that result is unfavorable, we tend to quickly dismiss perfectly good options.

Take Lea White, for example.

Powell McClellan is still teaching here at MTSU. Lea White has dropped out of school. Any questions?

Crimes

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missing were the title and the owner's manual.

On Sept. 8, Stephanie Martinson reported that someone had slashed the left front tire of her vehicle which was parked in family housing.

On Sept. 8, William Gordon reported that someone had removed the fog light from his Jeep (\$30) while it was parked in the Cummings Hall annex lot.

On Sept. 9, Jack Galloway reported that a Minolta 35mm Camera and lens (\$250) he accidentally left in class were missing upon his return.

On Sept. 9, Jennifer Powell reported that a 10K gold Spanish dollar ring (\$125) was missing from her room in Monohan Hall.

On Sept. 10, Officers arrested Vincent Batts at Fred's Department Store for resist/stop/halt. They had been trying to question him outside the James Union Building—he had evidently been trying to start a fight outside the dance—when he fled by car.

On Sept. 10, Stacie Densie Varner was issued a State Citation for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Services (two stop signs).

On Sept. 11, James Randall Byrd was arrested for DUI after officers noticed him driving erratically on East Main Street. He failed three sobriety tests, smelled of alcohol and had slurred speech. Later tests showed a blood alcohol level of .19 percent.

Campus Security officers are on duty 24 hours each day, seven days a week. Also the department provides and participates in several crime prevention programs such as Operation ID, campus escort services, rape awareness—personal safety seminars, and

Crime Stoppers.

If you should, for any reason, need assistance or an escort, do not hesitate to call the campus security office at 898-2424. Their offices are located in the Haynes-Turner building in the Maintenance complex.

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Editor's Corner

The messy Mass Comm divorce...

People are always calling the university a family. In a way it is. Students not only look to faculty for their education, they look up to them as role models and mentors much in the way children look up to parents. Using this metaphor can be dangerous, however, because we don't want to be treated like children.

Chances are good that all of us have either experienced or know someone who has experienced a traumatic family situation. Just about every department on campus has gone through some type of "domestic dispute" in the past as well. Let me tell you about the divorce between the College of Mass Communications (specifically journalism) and Student Publications (specifically *Sidelines*). It is important to remember that children suffer the most from divorces and very rarely is it their fault.

A long, long time ago (about 1987 or so), Student Publications was a part of the College of Mass Communications. The *Sidelines*, *Collage* and *Midlander* were under the direction of both the Office of Student Affairs and the department of journalism. Evidently, this wasn't satisfactory to the student publications coordinator at that time, and she arranged for a divorce. Gossip has it that it was not an amicable split.

Since that time, Student Publications has been solely under the direction of the Office of Student Affairs. After the split, the journalism chair stepped down and a big shot from the Midwest was recruited for the position. He lasted six months or so before being asked to resign after a little shoplifting episode. A new chairman was appointed and scuttlebutt has it that he was allegedly involved in some kind of illicit relationship with another MTSU employee which didn't sit well with the department. He was voted out and the chairman that had stepped down after the divorce was put back in place.

Somewhere along the line, the Student Publications coordinator was asked to resign (for reasons no one wants to explain) and poor Jenny Tenpenny Crouch was given the task of taking care of the "children" left homeless by this divorce.

Now, remember that most of the players in this sorry tale are still here (with the exception of the shoplifter guy, of course). This is sort of like having your father divorce your mother and then still live with her while his mistress and her former boyfriend all live in the house, too. The kids just

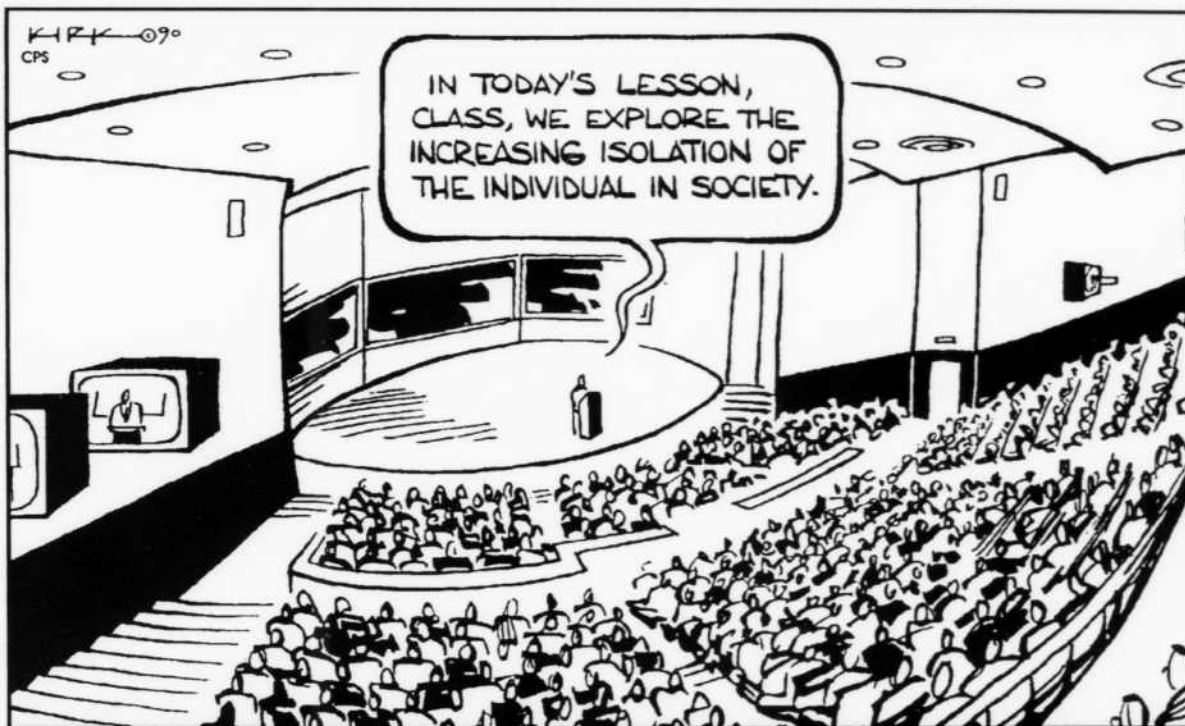
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Letters to the Editor

Student offers two cents

Somebody heard the change jingle in my pocket. Some opportunistic evildoer with a "suck 'em dry" radar heard the dime, nickel and two pennies clink together, the only 17 cents I had remaining after paying more than \$1000 for registration fees and books.

For the sake of clarity and gender neutrality, let's call this somebody "RIP OFF"—the person(s) responsible for the newly installed parking meters.

With the fervency of one on a direct mission from God, "RIP OFF" set out to develop a scheme to get my last two cents—oh, correction, the parking meters don't accept pennies—well, back to my last nickel and dime, then.

PARKING METERS
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Was it divine inspiration? Was it a vision or just a dream? Whatever foul means by which "RIP OFF" conceived such a pernicious concept, the result is insufferable. What about the \$5 fee we are charged for parking permits? As a commuter, I'm already paying for the privilege of parking in the outermost regions of campus.

Are the plans of "RIP OFF" more pervasive than simply installing parking meters? Is there a complete "MTSU Gouging Guidelines for 1992-93, 94, 95 . . ." in some administrator's office? For example, the campus bookstore has probably been utilizing these gouging guidelines for years now . . . \$1.95 for a No. 2 pencil, \$6.95 for peanut butter crackers, and mercy on your soul if you run out of toilet paper—\$32.95 per roll! (Hyperbole, yes, but not

really that far off the mark).

What other insidious acts lay in wait for us, compliments of "RIP OFF"?

Pay toilets (\$1.00 per visit). Turnstiles at the classroom doorways (a bargain at only 50 cents for each class period). Toll booths on Tennessee Blvd. (let's stick it to the whole community!)

Since I had two cents left, I thought you, at least, might as well have them.

Valerie Laprad
 General Delivery

Pro-plaquer writes in

How many people on this campus actually know the story of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest? How many people who continue to bash his name and the Confederacy have read any biographies on him? It is plain and simple that should they read the facts about his life, the "Devil" they see in Forrest would vanish.

Forrest was not a book-educated man; he probably had six months of schooling in his life, but he had what amounted to genius in turning his advantages into money as a civilian and into victories as a soldier. Having been born in Bedford County (southern neighbor of Rutherford County) he rose from abject poverty to become a millionaire before the war.

Many knowledgeable people consider Forrest to be Tennessee's greatest hero and military general par excellence. His tactics during the War are still studied throughout the world. On July 13, 1862, Forrest freed Murfreesboro from Yankee occupation; there, he captured two brigadier generals, staff

officers and 1,200 men, along with military stores worth more than half a million dollars. Thus, the first great attack by a Confederate commander within well-established Union lines was a success at Murfreesboro.

Too many people who attack the Confederate colors and heroes today do so in the name of race. Nothing could be further from the truth. If one would just read the letters, diaries, journals and publications of the 1860s they would see the war began as an attempt at independence by the newly formed Confederate States of America. Tennessee, Virginia and other states who joined the Confederacy didn't secede until Lincoln called for volunteers to suppress the "rebellion." This meant an invasion of our homeland by the United States aimed to force us back into a union of federal dictatorship.

Even the Northern soldier didn't see slavery as an issue until "Dishonest" Abe issued his political proclamation which did nothing to free the slaves in the North or border states where he had the power to end slavery!

According to the 1860 census, less than 20 percent of Southerners owned even a single slave. In the military the count is less than 5 percent. No one suffered and died like the over 250,000 Confederate soldiers did, soldiers who would carry on through four years of intense hardship to protect a rich man's institution.

I have never felt that being pro-Confederate meant that one automatically had to be anti-black. I am not so narrow minded as the bigots who would allow us

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Sidelines introduces the Hotline

FERN GREENBANK
Editor-in-Chief

As editor of the *Sidelines*, it's my job to see that the newspaper does not reflect only the views of those on staff.

Letters to the Editor are the mainstay of the newspaper. They help students communicate with each other, which is becoming increasingly hard to do as the student body grows. Over the years, heated debates have taken place via the Opinions pages and diverse views have been exchanged. We welcome your comments and ideas and hope you'll take the time to send a Letter to the Editor at Box 42.

We've also installed an answering machine that actually works and we urge you to call with your opinions and suggestions. The machine will be turned on between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Monday through Friday and 24 hours a day over the weekend.

Although the Hotline is a new service to readers, we've already had calls and some great suggestions.

Just as the "Letters to the Editor" policy states that unsigned letters will not be printed, a message left on the machine without a name and box number/phone number will not be printed. If you prefer that your message not be printed, please be sure and state this preference.

We've been warned that students are too apathetic to actually pick up the phone and call or write a letter to the editor, but we've chosen not to heed those warnings.

We are genuinely committed to improving your campus news source and we're asking for your help to do that.

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stand around confused and ignored.

The bottom line is, the journalism students at MTSU have been left without much direction. We're latch-key students. We learn by ourselves, more or less. There is virtually NO voluntary communication between the journalism faculty and the Student Publications staff, with one exception—Dr. David Badger.

Badger beats up on the paper mercilessly, but his intent is honorable. He wants to help us. He makes suggestions and critiques our paper. He answers our phone calls. He answers our questions. He offers emotional support. He does what teachers are supposed to do—teach and care about those they teach. However, he's the only one—and it's not enough—and it's not fair.

We had nothing to do with the divorce between Student Publications and the journalism department. We should not be suffering the consequences of our "parents'" antics—but we do.

It is my firm belief that the reason the campus newspaper, magazine and yearbook have lacked in quality in years past is that the students are fending for themselves, learning as they go. They should be commended for their efforts because they have been left alone to learn a trade from scratch, a trade that takes diligence and time and usually a great deal of instruction.

Journalism is the kind of profession that

requires not only technical training but judgment training. When we come to work here, we're faced with unbelievable stress and ethical questions that we aren't always equipped to deal with. We are not ashamed to admit that we need guidance. We ask for it and it just isn't there.

This year, however, is different, because I am a strong advocate for "children," no matter what their age. I have a great deal of respect for the students who commit their time to the Student Publications because they certainly don't do it for money. They don't do it for prestige. They don't even do it entirely for a portfolio collection. In order to spend sleepless nights producing a newspaper and take constant criticism, to let grades suffer and friendships die away from lack of attention—you have to care.

As the newspaper improves in quality (and we'd like to think it is), we feel both a sense of accomplishment and a sense of loss. We aren't able to share the turnaround with the very department that should be cheering us on. Most of us want our parents to be proud of us, don't we? In fact, that is sometimes the only motivation a student has. In this case, we are no longer trying to please our parents because it seems they don't care whether we succeed or not. Well, we're going to succeed and they're not going to get any of the credit.

You might wonder what possessed me

to bring all of this up. The story begins with summer. Dr. Ed Kimbrell, dean of the College of Mass Communications, agreed this summer that students could register for practicum hours as compensation for the enormous amount of time spent working on the newspaper. I planned my schedule around that commitment, as did several other staff members. As you well know, misplanning even one course often means not graduating on time, not being able to go on to graduate school as planned, not being able to start a job, etc...

Over the course of the last few weeks, it seems the squabbles have started over there in the journalism department again. Once again, the ones who suffer from all of this are the students.

The story we get is that the journalism faculty doesn't want the journalism majors to be allowed to have more than three hours in practicum for working on Student Publications. The MTSU catalog states that a student can have up to six hours. Though, as we know, parents get to break the rules any time they want. We break them, and we don't graduate.

The debate culminated in Kimbrell finally giving his permission once again for me to register for practicum hours. Then a phone call came, taking back that permission. It seems the journalism faculty won't allow it because they weren't consulted about the

catalog change. No other reason has been given. They're just mad that they didn't get to make the decision. Sounds like children, not parents, doesn't it?

The new accreditation manual states that emphasis should be placed heavily on hands-on work experience for journalism majors. It doesn't spell out exactly how to allocate practicum hours for our type of situation (divorced), rather, it leaves the matter open for interpretation. The policy allows for anywhere from three to nine hours. We want six. Seems fair doesn't it? But then, children rarely experience fairness in a divorce.

So, for now it seems our family will not be getting back together. We had a little glimmer of hope there for a minute, but it quickly died out. We're on our own again. Please bear with us while we learn to take care of ourselves.

Many of us at Student Publications have given up our jobs and our social lives in order to turn this paper around. We desperately wanted the university (specifically the journalism department) to be proud of its newspaper. Since we don't feel the journalism faculty is proud of us, we can only hope that you will be.

After all, brothers and sisters sometimes offer comfort and understanding to each other like no one else can.

Letters

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only one version of history—theirs, or one version of patriotism—theirs.

I would like to quote Leonard Haynes, a professor of philosophy at Southern University and a student of the Civil War. He said "blacks would not be offended by the Confederate flag and people singing 'Dixie' if they understand that they share a common heritage with white Southerners who recall those days." In other words, we together, black and white, built the South. I would also add that Professor Haynes is black.

If people would open their minds and do a little research, they would find that Forrest didn't form the KKK (an odious blight) but disbanded it. As for the Fort Pillow "massacre," Forrest was called before a Senate Hearing Committee in an attempt to try him. This vehemently anti-Southern committee

in the face of overwhelming support from both Southern and Northern officers, acquitted him.

Today, we of the South are watching the demise of the great culture our forefathers founded and fought for. Everyday the NAACP ancestors exemplified that some things are worth fighting for, but too many today merely act as sad bystanders during the frequent cases of South-bashing and bigotry.

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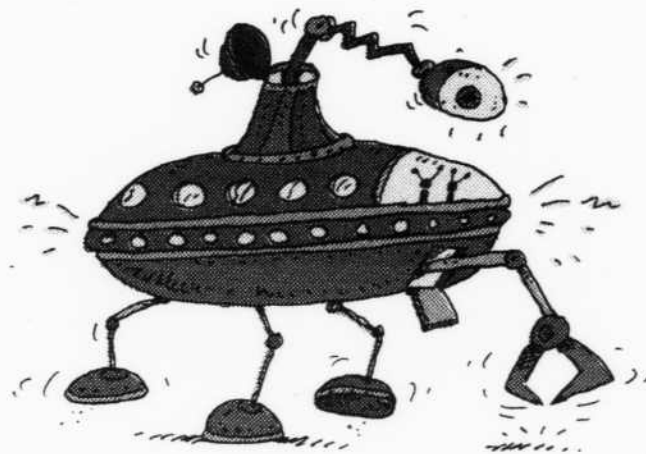
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Jon Roy Sloan
Box 9366

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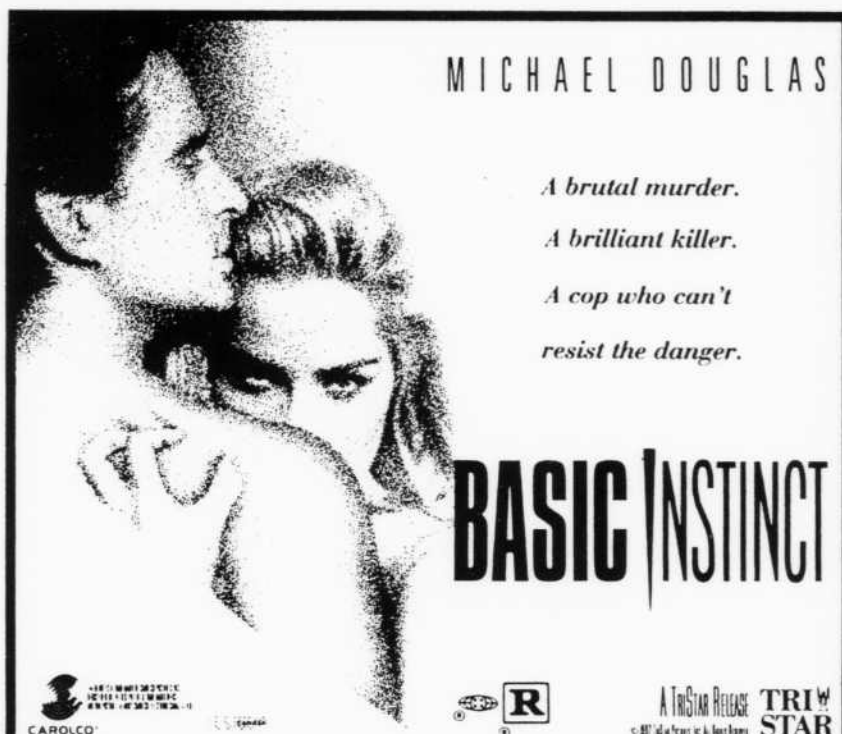
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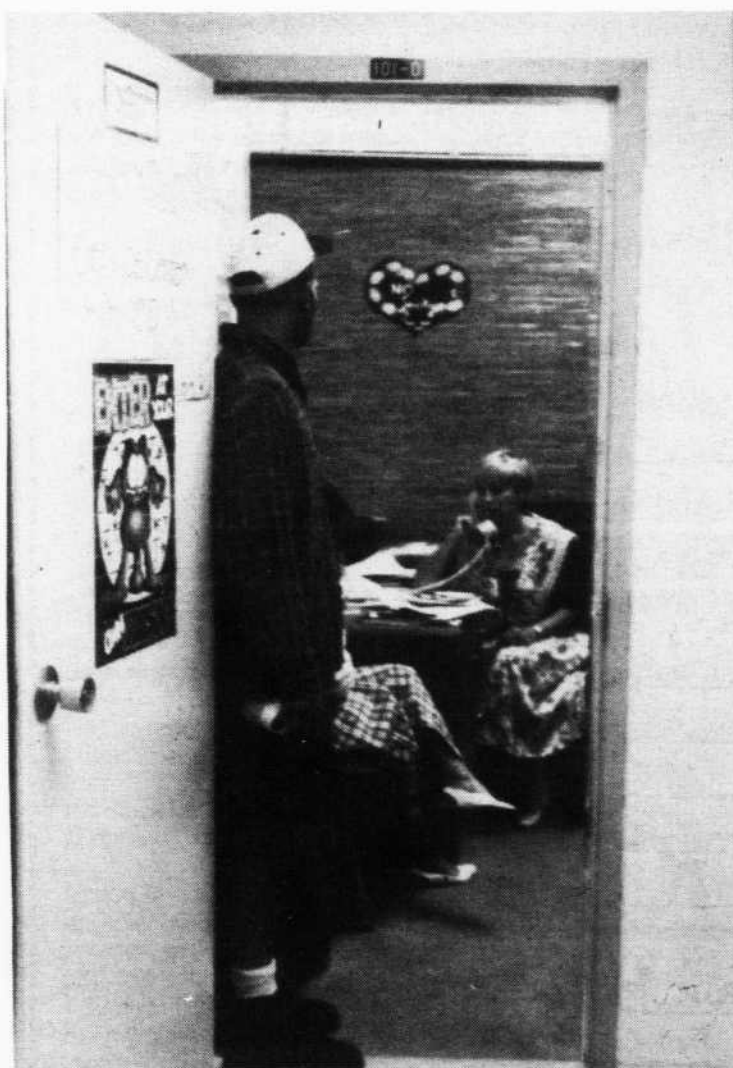
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NEW FACES: A group of "non-traditional" students gathers in the Peck Hall breezeway.

Non-traditional students face great obstacles and challenges



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OPEN DOOR POLICY: Dianoe Bowden, student volunteer for the Adult Student Services Center, fields questions by phone while another student waits.

GLORIA LONGSTREET
Special to Sidelines

They appeared to be the ideal young, middle-class family of four. Then she found out about the woman in her husband's life. Suddenly, she and her two little girls were alone. In college, just eight short years ago, they had been best friends and lovers. Their dreams had come true and their future looked bright. Now she has to go it alone and be the strong, single mother of two little girls.

She went to work right away because it was a financial necessity. She found a good job with excellent pay, benefits and people who understand and support her in her new situation. Her college degree enabled her to make this first important step toward independence. She never expected to find herself in this situation. Most of us don't. But it happens in more than half of today's marriages.

Those of us close to her - her neighbors - couldn't help but take a closer look at our own situation. Had we gotten too comfortable in our secure environment? How would we survive if the same thing happened to us? We held our families closer as a wave of jitters rippled through the neighborhood.

I was already back in school when the divorce happened. It reinforced my need to complete my college education. I'm one of those non-traditional people on today's college campuses. More significantly, I am a non-traditional woman.

My friends admire me for having the dedication to complete my education. They can't believe I want to take on such a work load. But as I bask in their compliments and admiration, I know completing my college degree is like money in the bank for my family and me.

Sometimes I feel a little guilty after I drop off my children at school and head off on my own for a

stimulating day of English literature discussions, media law cases and creative graphics classes. My counterparts go home to unmade beds and a sink full of breakfast dishes. Many of them have said they don't know what they would do if faced with divorce or the death of their spouse. Their job skills have gotten rusty, and some of them really have nothing to fall back on.

After working for 12 years I realized I would never get the job I really wanted without a college degree. So I'm back. When I sit down to the computer tackling a writing assignment, two little faces are smiling at me, asking if they can stroke the keys and have more apple juice in the same breath. When I studied biology my first- and second-graders went to school with advanced knowledge of what a heart really looks like, not to mention male and female body parts. They understood when I have to study, because they do too. My husband helps when time is in short supply. He baby-sits, washes dishes and cooks his famous spaghetti. I tell him when I get my first paycheck I'm going to buy him that set of Ping golf clubs he's been dreaming about.

My teen-age nieces and nephews think I'm a lot cooler than their moms. Sometimes I have to remind myself I'm not a real college student even though I know what alternative music is, what a "Wayniac Maniac" is and how to dress like I'm a 19-year old. The day I tried to see how high I could get my bangs to stand up I knew it was time to act my age.

My neighbor is absorbed in her new life now. Her dream house is up for sale, and she and the girls will be moving to an apartment soon. Her job has gotten her over the financial hurdles. Thanks to her education, she is able to take care of her family. I hope I'll never have to shoulder the support of my family by myself. But if things ever change, my education will be a source of strength.

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Humane Society advises against buying pets

FROM STAFF REPORTS

For many college students, occasional pangs of homesickness often include missing the companionship of a family pet. Getting a new puppy or kitten might seem like the answer, but according to The Humane Society of the United States, many college pets do not receive proper care.

"Many students don't anticipate the responsibilities of pet ownership," says Marc Paulhus, HSUS vice president for companion animals.

The financial responsibilities include food and veterinary care, which can be neglected on a college student's limited budget.

Although students may be tempted to take in a stray kitten, most rental agreements forbid pets and residents risk losing their home and their pets if these policies are broken. Pets are also forbidden in school dormitories, however some small animals are hidden from university officials.

Students are easy targets for people who want to give away an unwanted litter. To control the problem, the HSUS would like universities to ban the distribution of animals on campus.

"Students must recognize that their homes at college are not permanent," says Paulhus.

The HSUS fears that pets may be left alone over long weekends and vacations. Kennel fees are often beyond a student's means and most kennels will not

take animals for extended periods of time.

Paulhus says animal shelters are the final homes of too many college pets, some of which are simply abandoned after final exams. Students who take their animals to shelters with the hope that they will find new homes should know that two-thirds of animals taken to shelters are euthanized.

"It is very difficult to place an adult animal and many are destroyed within days of reaching a shelter," says Paulhus.

Another reason the HSUS discourages pet acquisitions by students is because many are not settled in home or job and can't provide the stability that a pet needs. Dogs need very rigid schedules and should be fed and walked at the same time every day.

"Students often have a different schedule for every day of the week and just can't provide a stable routine," says Paulhus.

The HSUS is also concerned about animals that are owned by a group of people, such as fraternities and sororities.

"Animals need one caretaker whom they look to for discipline, love and care," says Paulhus.

The HSUS urges students to wait before getting a pet.

Paulhus says, "The responsibilities and rewards of being a pet owner are very much like being a parent. Just like having children, getting an animal should never be taken lightly."



Students' low income and short amount of free time make pet owning difficult

BETHLYN ANDERSON
Features Editor

Although having dogs and cats while in school can be hard on the starving student's wallet, there are alternatives that are less expensive and can still bring joy into your life.

Birds are small and easy to care for. All you have to do is change the gravel paper daily and make sure the seed and water cups are filled and you will have a trusting friend.

Exercise is a must for birds. Any bird in captivity must be allowed to spend time flying outside its cage in order to maintain its health and happiness.

How many birds you choose is up to you. If you are home for a good part of the day, one should suffice. However, if you are gone more than you are at home, you might consider a mate for your bird. Like humans, birds get lonely too.

Be forewarned, though. If you buy two birds, don't expect their undivided attention. Many times, they'll be too wrapped up in each other to pay much attention to you.

The choice of gender is your preference. If you are buying a pair and you don't want to risk them mating, you might want to purchase two males. According to *The New Parakeet Handbook*, written by Immanuel Birmelin and Annette Wolter, two males can "get along very well". However, two females together is asking for trouble.

It is common knowledge that some birds can be taught to talk. Parrots and Myna birds are the most well known in this category. Parakeets can be taught as well, but according to *The New Parakeet Handbook*, "interest and talent for mimicry varies from parakeet to parakeet."

In other words, don't be disappointed if Bocephus doesn't say "yee



haw!"

It doesn't mean that he's stupid. He is just content to communicate in his own way.

If you do try to teach your bird how to talk, it is crucial that you be patient. You can't force a bird to talk.

Expenses for birds are much less than those for dogs and cats. A box of birdseed runs about \$2 and it can last from two to three weeks

depending on if you add any supplement.

Supplement includes molting seed, condition-ing seed and color seed. One teaspoon of one type of supplement a day added to regular birdseed will help ensure your bird's health. The supplements run about \$2 a box and will last for a month or two depending on how often you use them and how many birds you have.

Gravel paper is our fine-feathered friend's answer to the litter box. It's cheaper and not nearly as messy. It also lasts longer. Each birdcage is equipped with a tray on the bottom in which a piece of gravel paper fits. To change your bird's paper, simply pull out the tray, dump the paper and replace with a new sheet. It's as simple as that.

The only time a bird really needs to go to the vet is when it is sick. It doesn't need rabies shots and it doesn't have to be wormed. Any good bird book (a wise buy for any bird owner) will describe bird diseases and injuries and will tell you whether they can be treated at home or if a trip to the vet is necessary.

Other pets, such as gerbils and hamsters, can also live well in an apartment at low cost. So can the ever-popular fish (the only animal allowed in dorms).

Owning a pet while you're in college can be a big, expensive responsibility. However, choosing a smaller pet, like a bird, can reduce the strain on your piggybank and give you hours of enjoyment and companionship when you need it most.

Alternatives to pet ownership

For students who miss the companionship of a pet, there are many other solutions.

- Students can volunteer at a local humane society, animal shelter, or other animal program.
- Students can even start their own pet sitting service or dog walking service. Both of these options are fun, easy and good ways to bring in some extra money.
- Students are wonderful in pet

therapy programs in which trainging in involved: teaching a dog to lead the blind or help the elderly.

- Students can work at a pet store and get a chance to work with all kinds of animals. Employment opportunities exist and there is also a pay check.
- Students can take specially trained animals to nursing homes, hospitals, and grade school classrooms.



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Tennessee Rep. John Bragg

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As a state representative I watched the State Building Committee last week approve the Rec. building and an orchestra lift and take positive steps toward planning a Business/Aerospace Building, A new library and several million dollars for enhanced infrastructure.

Four great years as a student. Politicking as president of the freshman class and as a senior 1939-40 president of the new ASB. Editor of Sidelines and

playing basketball, baseball and golf, I had a ball.

Homecoming, alumni banquets, T-Club, Blue Raider Club, Foundation, Fund Raising. I've had a ball.

Serving as state representative the past 26 years I have had the pleasure of working closely with president Cope, Scarlett, Ingram, Prescott and now Jim Walker. Before that Dr. Lyon and Q.M. Smith as student.

Many projects: Murphy Center, Wright Music Building addition, Graphic Arts Building, LRC, Livestock Pavilion and Mass Comm Building.

I reminisce as I write these few words.

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Dianne Bowden, acting president of OWLS, strongly stresses that this club is "not an age-based group, but a need-based group."

"I have seen 19 year old students with kids on this campus," explains Bowden. "OWLS is for them, too."

OWLS originally started out as ANTS (Society for Adult Non-Traditional Students) about seven or eight years ago. According to Bowden, the group was very active until about two years ago. Now, however, the

group is making a return as ANTS.

"We're just a continuation of ANTS under a different name," says Bowden.

The OWLS are planning a "kick-off party" in the near future. This party is intended to get students involved in campus activities and ease their minds about campus life.

"[Many adult learners] are very intimidated about the college social life," says Bowden. "We try to provide aid for these people by connecting people needing child care with people

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"We also sponsor activities like hayrides and cookouts," Bowden adds. "We have activities where the students can bring their families and show their kids where mommy and daddy go to school."

For more information on OWLS, please call Dianne Bowden at the Adult Student Services office at 898-5989, or stop by the office in Peck Hall, Room 203.

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Nebraska can't shuck Raiders easily Cornhuskers have tough time shaking MTSU's Big Blue squad in Lincoln

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU head football coach Boots Donnelly tried to pull a fast one on his team Saturday in Lincoln and it appeared to work - for a half at least.

"With Nebraska's red uniforms and all that red we'll see in the stands Saturday, I tried to tell our kids we had just bought Western Kentucky back on our schedule," Donnelly said before the journey.

"But we've already got some of them wondering who why we're boarding a charter flight Friday morning to Bowling Green (a trip of only 90 miles)."

Just as they did a year ago when the Blue Raiders battled Florida State, Middle Tennessee shocked Nebraska, giving them a scare in the opening half, trailing only 14-7 at halftime.

"We knew if we came out and played hard, we could play with anybody," said MTSU starting tailback Walter Dunson. "When it was 14-7, we just wanted to go in the lockerroom and come back out and play. We didn't come to play one half and go home."

Although the Raiders were satisfied in the end, the knew they had missed several golden opportunities that could have made the contest against the No. 11 ranked Cornhuskers even closer.

Mike Caldwell intercepted a Grant Jones pass on the opening drive of the game giving MTSU excellent field

position. Shortly thereafter, Middle drove to the NU 26 yard line with a shot at taking the lead. Garth Petrilli entered the game for a field goal attempt of 43-yards. It sailed wide left.

Nebraska did not make the same mistake on their second drive, mounting a nine play, 74-yard drive that ended with a Calvin Jones 2-yard run.

But MTSU bounced back. Trailing 7-0, Petrilli had a

'In the first half I was shocked. I'd make a change in the play at the line and they'd be screaming, 'The play's coming here' and that's right where we were going.'

- Nebraska Quarterback
Mike Grant

chance at redemption with a 27-yard chip shot. This time too, it went wide of the goalpost.

Eventually, the Raiders did get on the board with a dazzling 61-yard pass from Kelly Holcomb to Vince Parks that silenced the 76,184 fans in the stands.

"I don't know what was called, but I changed it and had man-to-man on the receiver," said Holcomb. "And anybody that covers Vince man-on-man is subject to getting burned because he's so quick."

Although Nebraska's Mike Grant peeled off a 15-yard run in the second quarter to close out the half, the Raider

defense also stunned the crowd.

"In the first half, I was shocked," Grant said. "I'd make a change in the play call at the line and they'd be screaming, 'The play's coming here' and that's right where we were going."

The ability of MTSU to stymie the powerful Nebraska team prompted head coach Tom Osborne to scorn his troops at the half and it obviously worked.

A new Nebraska team entered the field and left little mystery to the outcome with two quick touchdowns. The rout was on from there.

"I don't think its what they did, it's what we didn't do," said Raider linebacker Jabbar Troutman. "We didn't do the things we did in the first half."

While Nebraska was running over the Raiders, literally, the offense began to sputter. Three plays and a punt became a common scenario.

"Basically, I thought in the first half we played as hard as we could play," MTSU head coach Boots Donnelly said. "Then I thought in the second half we played very, very poorly."

Nebraska racked up 600 total yards of offense including 490 on the ground. Derek Brown led the way with 154 yards including two touchdowns.

MTSU meanwhile gained 202 yards, 152 of them coming via the air attack.

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OVC to split into two leagues by '94

TRENT MILLER
Sports Writer

Recent measures approved by the university presidents of Ohio Valley Conference members will mean a new look for the conference in the near future.

Conference membership will be expanded to "an appropriate number of teams" by fall 1994, according to a recent news release from the commissioner's office.

The president's have instructed commissioner Dan Beebe to compile a list of potential new members. The candidates will then be reviewed by the development committee. Schools approved by the committee will then be visited by Beebe to invite the schools to apply for membership to the OVC.

After the new members have been added, two football leagues will be developed. Each league will "reflect common features of the membership of each league," according to the report.

All new members will compete in Division I-AA football, as well as all other Division I sports sponsored by the conference. The OVC will maintain the maximum number (63) of football scholarships and minimum of 44. However, the new division that will be added will not have minimum scholarship requirements. Other regulations for the new league will be developed by member schools.

These measures are aimed at providing equality in the conference. The report says these changes will provide

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Young Raiders learn a lot from Saturday's showdown

SCOTT HASSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

"We did it for the money" was the slogan worn on the backs of some MTSU fans this past Saturday when MTSU took on the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The phrase refers to the fact that MTSU faced Nebraska for the \$300,000 the Cornhuskers shucked over to the Raiders. Someone forgot to tell the Raider players not to play though.

Despite a 48-7 final score in favor of Nebraska, MTSU played a great game, at least for a half.

In a game very similar to last year's "money game" with Florida State, the Raiders scared the heck out of a national powerhouse before crawling into a hole to hide. At the half last year it was 20-10 Florida State. This year it was an impressive 14-7 Nebraska. But, just like last year, the Raiders got pounded hard and often in the second half.

The Raiders had plenty of chances to make the game respectable, if not win it, if not for several mistakes and blunders. The biggest disappointment was the kicking game. Garth Petrilli, the Raider kicker, missed two field goals while Joel Alsbrook shanked punts.

"I don't believe we've ever had a kicking game

as bad as this," said Raider mentor Boots Donnelly. "The amazing thing about it is we've got two good kickers. We missed two easy field goals and for some reason our punter shanked one worse than I've ever seen a punt shanked."

The score at halftime could've been 14-13 Nebraska if not for the missed field goals, but that might not have mattered a whole lot after Nebraska took the field for the second half. The Raiders were blitzed with two touchdowns in four plays to start the half, and the rest of the half continued in that direction.

"Basically I thought in the first half, we played as hard as we can play," Coach Donnelly said. "Then I thought in the second half we played very, very poorly. We didn't do anything offensively, we didn't do anything defensively. Nebraska came out and played like a typical Nebraska team. We backed off of them and didn't do anything."

The Raiders couldn't muster up much of anything in the second half. When Nebraska wasn't scoring, their defense was making sure that the Raiders didn't either.

Derek Huggins watched the onslaught in the second half from his free safety position and summed up the Nebraska performance pretty

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New attitude may lead to better things

Cummings thinks her volleyball team can compete

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

You drive across campus and see it. You ventured across town and see it there too. It seems to be sweeping the nation. It is the sport of volleyball.

For years in this area volleyball was nothing but a backyard game played at picnics and family gatherings. But today, times have changed. Teams are organized in school's and those who are good enough have a shot at going pro.

But why the sudden interest? Lady Raider head volleyball coach Diane Cummings has a few ideas.

"With the Olympic team's, its done a great deal to broaden people knowledge of the game," she said. "Another thing is ESPN and some of the other places that put it on television. Volleyball is a very intense sport and it takes a lot of skill and people enjoy it."

It takes a winning attitude, teamwork and heart to be

successful and Coach Cummings hopes to install that type of desire in her new Lady Raider team this season.

Cummings takes over the program from Jim Luna who resigned last spring. The squad has not enjoyed the best of success in recent years but that is in the history books. This is a new year and Cummings is turning over a new leaf.

"I'm really pleased right now," Cummings said. "The girls have worked as hard as ever. We came in early and practiced as many as three times a day. They've responded really well and done everything I've asked them to do."

This years squad will be an inexperienced one with four seniors leading the way. Combined with the other girls, Cummings likes her chances of shocking the opposition.

While Southeast Missouri was picked to finish first in the pre-season poll, the Lady Raiders were tabbed next to last.

"I think that will serve as a motivator," Cummings said. "We haven't necessarily got peoples attention yet and that's pushing the girls a little bit harder to prove we are a legitimate contender." After that step is accomplished becoming known on a national level is next for the revamped Lady Raider squad.

"MTSU is very fortunate to draw in the quality athletes that we do," Cummings commented. "I think we can attract athletes from across the United States."

"We can be a contender not only in the OVC but regionally and nationally as well if we bring in more quality athletes and add them to the one's we've already got."

But goals like this will only come day-by-day with hard work and dedication - something they appear to already posses.

While opening the new season with a loss, they quickly bounced back to defeat Southern Indiana 3-2. The home fans will get a peek as Middle's first home

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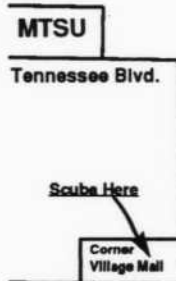
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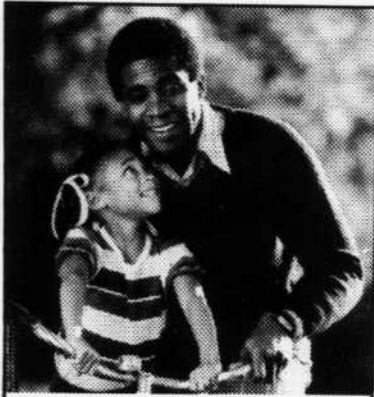
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bluntly.

"They came out in the second half ready to play. They didn't do anything differently, they just got the job done. We just didn't get the job done."

Raider defensive back Mike Caldwell said, "After the first half we felt like we could do it without trying. Like they were going to let us come out and beat on them some more." Unfortunately, the Raiders received the beating.

Finally, linebacker Jabbar Troutman added, "It's not what they did, it's what we didn't do."

All the missed field goals, bad punts, and poor play in the second half aside, the Raiders earned a little respect. For the second year in a row the Raiders exited the field to a standing ovation from the opposing team's fans. For the second year in a row the Raiders hung with the big guys for a half.

Most players agree that the Nebraska "experience" could be a building block for bigger and better things in the future. Whatever the case may be, the Raiders need to improve their skills before playing on the big boys turf.

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"We took this game as a game to better ourselves," Dunson said. "We played it to see who could play and to see who could lay it all out."

"We came in and played hard. When it came down to it, I guess you could say that the

better team won."

The Raiders, who made \$300,000 for playing the 'Huskies, now have time to heal a bit, although they suffered no major injuries. Next week is an open week and in two weeks they will travel to Murray State.

Split

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universities with similar interests the opportunity to develop a new Division I-AA football league, while the current league will continue to compete for the national title.

The report points out that these measures have been necessitated by the Knight Commission Report, Title IX, and other issues dealing with funding which may make it more difficult for some athletic programs to compete at the

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The Second Front Page

Middle Tennessee State University

Parties scramble to gain support of college voters

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Voter registration is shaping up as the major battle line at colleges this fall as Democrats and Republicans try to woo young voters, particularly those left in limbo by Ross Perot's sudden exit from the political campaign.

"Young people support this president and this party," said Tony Zagotta, national chairman of the College Republicans, who unveiled a fast-paced, "MTV-like" recruiting video aimed at young voters that was when the Republicans convened Aug. 17 in Houston, Texas.

An estimated 1,000 young representatives were expected to attend the Republican National Convention, although it was uncertain how many would be voting delegates.

College Republicans were prepared to work hard this fall to register voters and persuade young people that the nation would be better off with the incumbent team of George Bush and Dan Quayle.

Zagotta said voters ages 18-24 were "the most Republican of any age group," and conservatives hope to continue to draw on support from young people who voted for George Bush in 1988 and Ronald Reagan in 1984.

If Bush wins re-election in 1992, "we lock up this generation for the Republicans," Zagotta said.

Tajel Shah, chairman of the United States Student Association, said her group is heading an extensive voter registration program on 350 campuses throughout the country called "Student Are Voting Everywhere."

"It's an extensive push, it's called 'SAVE' and it's about saving education and bringing issues to the foreground," she said.

"Voting because it is a nice thing, a civic responsibility, isn't going to do it. Students will vote because it means power," Shah said.

USSA does not endorse candidates, she said.

Another college voter

registration initiative will be kicked off this fall by College Democrats. The goal is to register 50,000 students by the election.

That's in addition to the music industry's Rock the Vote campaign, a nonpartisan effort to register voters in the 18-26 age group.

With the convention finished, outreach director Terry Northrup said College Democrats will begin heavy campaigning for the Clinton-Gore ticket on their college campuses this fall.

"We're hoping Clinton and Gore will campaign on college campuses," said Adam Kreisel, a junior at Trinity College in Connecticut, and coordinator for the College Democrats national voter registration program.

There are two Democratic organizations for young adults: College Democrats (18-26) and Young Democrats (26-35).

"We have more of a focus. Now graduate students can be included in College Democrats," said Northrup, who said the previous age ceiling was 22 years old.

Travel, study program offers trips to Egypt

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Have you ever wanted to visit the Pyramids, the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum at Giza or the treasures of King Tut?

Those interested in learning about these historic sites can hear a running commentary from Egyptologist Mohammed A. Shanta, former assistant curator of the Pyramids, while visiting Egypt in an MTSU travel and study program.

The Egyptian tour runs from Oct. 1-15, then again Jan. 3-15, 1993. The tour is run by TravelLearn, a company that organizes trips for adult learners who want to study other cultures and visit locations, attend seminars and discussion groups and participate in specially arranged field experiences. Other trips are planned for March and October 1993.

Offered through the university's division of Continuing Studies, the tours draw participants from more

than 150 colleges and universities nationwide, which according to Tonya McCulla, program coordinator at MTSU, makes it very unlikely that a trip would be cancelled.

Tour participants stay at carefully chosen, centrally located, air-conditioned deluxe and first-class accommodations with private baths. In more remote scenic or historic areas, the best available accommodations are provided.

Accommodations and travel arrangements are made by TravelLearn.

"People today want the most for their money," McCulla says. "Instead of spending lots of money on tour guides, TravelLearn provides an itinerary that covers the 'hot spots' economically and participants don't have to plan anything," she added.

For more information on the Egypt tour or future trips, contact McCulla at 898-5651 or the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2177.



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horrible economy, and especially in broadcasting," continued Furnad. "Employers know they have interns who are willing to perform a job function for nothing or next-to-nothing pay. Prepare to be taken advantage of, but you'll walk out with credentials that others don't have."

When it comes to applying for one of the highly-coveted jobs at CNN, Furnad had some advice about applying and some inside information as to what the CNN interview would consist of.

"In your application I cannot stress how important it is to have a brief cover letter, something that will catch attention."

The form of interview used at CNN takes much of the pressure off job-hunters, said Furnad.

"The interview will be over the telephone, a big advantage, really, for most. You don't have to worry about how your legs are

crossed, if you're smiling enough," he said. "You're still selling yourself."

Students can better prepare themselves for the tough job market by sharpening language skills and developing a specialty area as well as having a solid background in broadcasting, said Suber.

"The competition is tough. We look for more background. Develop some talents, some field of expertise."

"You need a focus area, like economics, politics, maybe special health or medical expertise. You may not even play in that arena at first, but eventually you can bring your other area of specialization to the table," said Suber.

Some students in the audience were not as concerned with the news or production side of the industry as with the management role. MTSU offers a course of

study specifically for broadcast management, and Furnad said to take advantage of these classes, but be prepared for some difficulties in the workplace.

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**-Jay Suber
Vice President,
News Features, CNN**

"Universally, managers are ill-prepared for the position," he said. "That's why human resources was created within companies, to take care of lousy managers. [At CNN] we have seminars focusing on

culturally-diverse people issues and sensitivity to women, among others. You'll find many managers are from the old school, and these issues weren't prevalent then," Furnad said.

The executives spoke of the many facets of CNN, from the coverage seen on most cable stations to special channels, like those in the airports and some supermarkets. Students were able to get a glimpse into the structure that is the massive CNN worldwide coverage, and what seemed to be the foremost question for the audience was "Who gets the jobs?"

Furnad told students that CNN has many interns, though whether or not they're offered paying jobs afterwards depends on their other experience as much as on their performance while interning. CNN hires many opening positions as "Video Journalists" or VJs, but

Furnad said the news system hires no outside directors.

"All of our directors come up from inside the ranks. We are so different from local stations, for example, we have variety hour to hour, with live remotes from all across the world," said the executive. "This isn't a one-hour block once a day; our directors must operate in a totally different environment than a local news show."

With talk about a poor economy and job market and the extreme competition between those hunting for jobs, the prospects could sound grim. However, the future is bright for grads who are willing to work harder and continually learn in any job position, said Suber.

"The avenues are there...we have producers now that came in as VJs four years ago. It's possible."