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Renovations on Alumni Center nearly done

DARRYL ATHANS
News Editor

MTSU's Alumni Center, is nearing the final stages of its extensive renovation plan spanning over five years and totalling over \$322,000, according to Charles Pigg of campus planning.

Upon completion of the work being done to the building, the director of the Alumni Association, Marie Kirk and its other members will have their offices relocated from their present location in the Cope Administration building. A *Static Display Area* is also listed as a possible use of the building said Pigg.

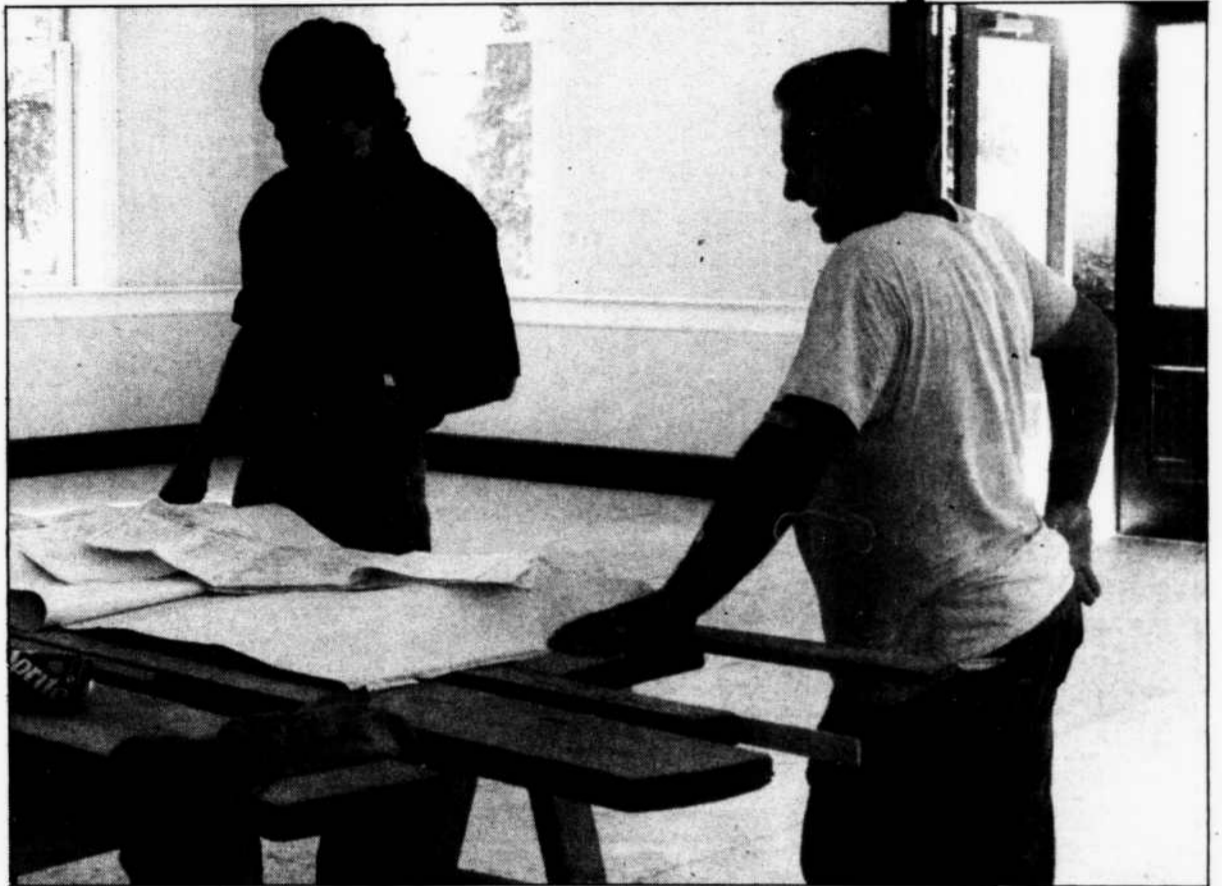
"The project has been funded by the Alumni Association and private donations," Pigg said. "And is 90 percent complete at this point and time. In fact, the renovations being done to the building should be completed some time this month," added Pigg.

According to Pigg, the cost of the renovations include construction costs and fees, as well as administration costs. He went on to say that the cost for the construction alone was approximately \$295,000.

"The Alumni Center which was built in 1911 as Middle Tennessee Normal School's dining hall has also been the site of classrooms," said Kirk. "It ceased being the dining hall in the early 1950's and housed classes for certain departments such as: the music, aerospace, photography, and industrial studies departments as well as for drawing classes."

"Our object was to save as much as possible of the original interior, but much of it was too far gone," said Pigg. "Though we are retaining the original doors, windows and crown moldings."

The next building on campus to be renovated will be Saunders Fine Arts building for the 1991-92 scholastic year, said Pigg. ■



Shannon Corban•Staff

Johnny Spain and Sammie Adams are discussing the layout of the new floorplans inside the newly renovated Alumni Center. The completion of the building is expected to be by the end of this month.

MTSU increases available scholarships

RUSTY GERBMAN
Assistant News Editor

Two hundred and fifty new work scholarships are being allotted to MTSU by the Tennessee Board of Regents, which will almost double the total number of scholarships for the Fall semester.

Along with an increase in scholarships, the name of the scholarship will be changed from a work scholarship to an Academic Service Scholarship.

The TBR allows all institutions of higher education an allotted amount of five percent of the maintenance fees to supply the service scholarships.

"Beginning this year they will be able to use ten percent of that fee," said Winston Wrenn of student Aid.

This will create approximately 250 new service scholarships, which, when added to the existing 420 will bring the total scholarships available to 670.

"It will not totally (double) our

numbers for the increase in fees and book allowances," Wrenn said.

This increase will benefit all students either entering or currently enrolled at MTSU. This will enable the financial aid office to award more service scholarships to the students that might not have received one because of the number of applicants.

The increase and the name change will not be official until after next week's TBR meeting. ■

Congress set to consider constitutional amendment

From Staff Reports

Congressman Bart Gordon says the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning a law against flag burning means Congress will turn to a Constitutional amendment to protect the flag.

"Carefully written legislation, if it could have passed the Supreme Court, would have been the fastest way to install legal protections for our flag. Because of the vote of one Supreme Court justice, we now have to turn to the more difficult Constitutional amendment process," Gordon said.

Congressman Gordon cosponsored a Constitutional amendment so Congress would have one ready as a fallback position if the faster legislative route failed. The Supreme Court voted 5 to 4 to strike down the Flag Protection Act that made it a federal offense to damage or destroy the American flag. Congress had passed the law in September 1989 to make it a federal offense to burn or desecrate the flag. Writing for the majority, Justice William Brennan, ruled that the law was unconstitutional because it violated the

First Amendment.

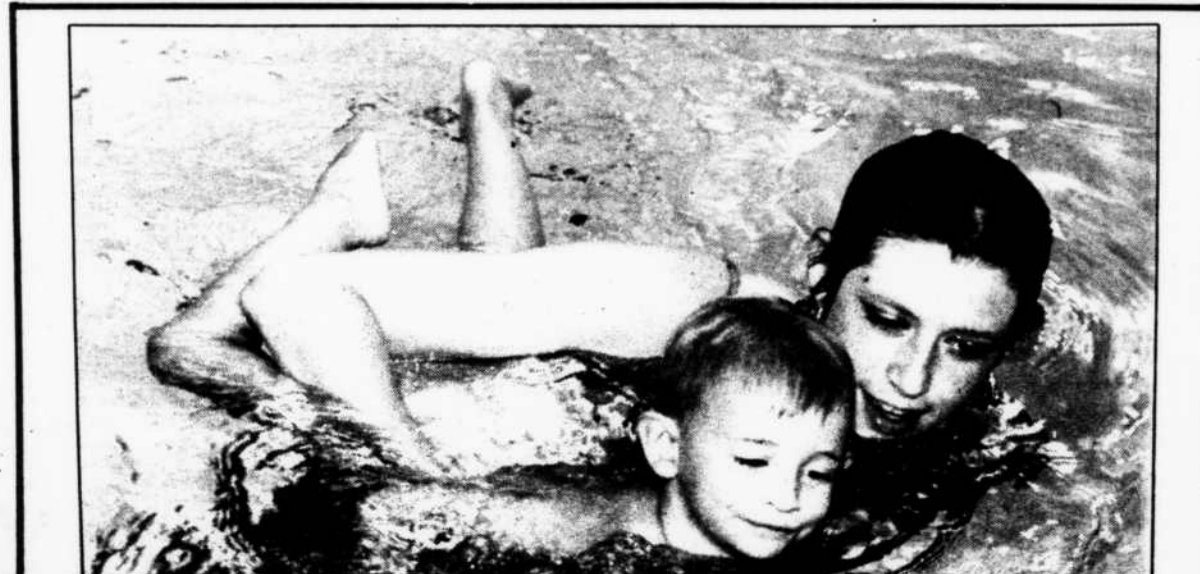
"Our flag is a symbol of our nation and our freedom, just like the U.S. Capitol or the Lincoln Memorial. Obviously, the same principle should apply to someone who burns the American flag as to someone who tries to deface one of our national monument.

"It is unfortunate that the Supreme Court struck down the flag burning law in a 5-4 decision. I believe the law against burning the flag was reasonable, and if only one justice had changed his mind, the law would have been upheld," Gordon said.

A Constitutional amendment requires approval by two-thirds of the members of the House and Senate and ratification by 38 state legislatures. The First Amendment has not been altered in 199 years.

Last year the Supreme Court struck down a Texas law that banned flag burning. The court ruled in the Texas case that a protester who burned a flag was making a statement protected by the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech.

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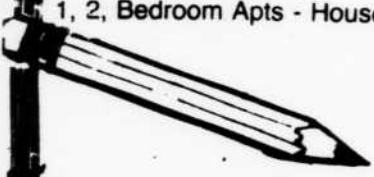
Sandra Rennie•Staff

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McWherter seeks new term to rebuild schools

From Staff Reports

Returning to the place that launched him into the governor's chair four years ago, Ned McWherter asked Tennesseans on Saturday from the state's original territorial capital to allow him to serve another four-year term as governor of Tennessee.

Flanked by his two children and two grandchildren, the popular chief executive said his vision to provide Tennessee children with 21st century classrooms where they can learn the skills necessary to compete in the world economy of the future "is the most important challenge I will ever have."

"Just being average, just getting by, will not be enough for our children. For their future, for their chance to sustain the dream that began on this mountain 200 years ago, I today commit my second administration to the best

education system possible for the children of Tennessee," McWherter told the enthusiastic crowd gathered at a "breakfast on the grounds" for his announcement.

"The task will be difficult, but my goals will be simple. I want to give classroom teachers the resources they need. I want to give local administrators the flexibility they need. And I want to give the taxpayers of Tennessee the accountability they need," he said.

McWherter, the state's 46th governor, also rededicated himself to the same pledges he made from the porch of the historic Rocky Mount log home in 1986: "To a government that will never betray the public trust, to a government that will be fair to every region of the state, and to a government that will never compromise its commitment to the working men and women of Tennessee."

With substantial campaign funding already in hand, the 59-year-old McWherter is considered to be an overwhelming favorite to become only the second Tennessee governor to win election to a second four-year term.

McWherter, a native of Dresden, began his career in government in 1968, when he was elected to a vacant seat in the Tennessee General Assembly. After just two terms in the legislature, he was elected to the powerful position of Speaker of the House. He held that post for seven terms through 1986, a record in Tennessee history.

After traveling through each of Tennessee's 95 counties on an exploratory campaign tour in 1985, McWherter formally announced his candidacy for governor on May 1, 1986 at Rocky Mount. ■

Retired director of housing dies Friday

RUSTY GERBMAN
Assistant News Editor

Former Director of Housing, Samuel McLean, died Friday at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville after a long illness.

A member of Liberty United Methodist Church, he also earned bachelor's and master's degrees at MTSU. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War in the U.S. Navy.

"He was a true and faithful servant to the university", said Paul Cantrell, Dean of Students. "He retired due to medical reasons, and it really hurt to see him go."

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"Freedom of speech is one of the most precious guarantees in our Constitution. However, the flag is a unique symbol of all the

shared heritage and values put forth in that Constitution. Attacks on the flag are symbolic physical attacks on the very freedoms the flag represents. It must be pro-

tected in a narrowly drawn Constitutional amendment that is careful to avoid any other changes," Gordon said. ■

Pentagon may cut ROTC programs nationwide

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Even as anti-ROTC sentiment has erupted at a number of campuses, the Pentagon apparently is considering eliminating 20 to 100 of its 400 ROTC units nationwide.

The U.S. Department of Defense, which administers the Reserve Officer Training Corps, says it may close the units as part of impending cuts in federal military spending, the Army Times reported. "If the army gets smaller, the ROTC will too," said Lt. Col. Cal Blake, public affairs officer for the Army Cadet Command in Virginia. "The number of officers and lieutenants will de-

crease accordingly."

Blake said he won't know how many or what ROTC programs and students will be affected until mid-June.

They want to make sure whatever reductions occur that we'll have a manageable system six or seven years from now," Blake said.

Nationwide, 86,000 students are in Army, Navy, and Air Force programs. Of the 51,845 in the Army ROTC, 8,000 will become

commissioned officers this spring, Blake said.

Campus sentiment against the ROTC for its policy of refusing to

commission gays and lesbians as officers has grown increasingly strong in recent weeks.

The issue has sparked political activity at DePauw, Northwestern, Northern Illinois, Harvard and Yale universities, the universities of Wisconsin and Illinois, Cal State-Northridge, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Washington University in St. Louis.

In late April, MIT provost John Deutch warned Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney that "many universities will withdraw from the ROTC program" if the anti-homosexual policy is not changed.



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Business, not bombs, new threat to U.S.

For almost 40 years we have prepared for war. Stockpiling bombs and boats, planes and tanks, the American government has built up one of the most amazing fighting forces ever seen in the history of man on Earth. But as tension with the Soviet Union fades, we realize that the greatest threat to our security is not from the military might of the Russians, but from the economic power of the "non-superpower" nations like Japan and the soon to be reunified Germany.

This should not come as a news flash to most of us. One cannot fight business with bombs. According to *Stars and Stripes*, the official newspaper of the U.S. armed forces, the money spend on defence in America during the Cold War could have rebuilt every existing structure in the country.

We have already learned from the Pacific Rim nations that our industrial productivity can be successfully challenged. Now, with the emergence of the European Economic Community becoming a reality, the United States will face the gravest challenge to its status as a world power.

As President Gerald Ford said when he addressed MTSU students this Spring, the U.S. must wake up and prepare for the reality of this new world market. Otherwise, we will go from leaders to followers as we enter the new century.

Agrarian Remanifest

WM. ANDREW TURMAN
Editor

I believe, through my experience, that the South is, by far and away, the best place to live. The air is cleaner, life healthier.

Centrally, I am opposed to urbanization and industrialization. It has been proven, in sociological studies, that overpopulation in rat colonies leads to a higher incidence of social deviance: (in the pure sociological sense) homosexuality, violence, murder, masturbation, etc... I do not propert that we are necessarily on the level of rats; at times it just seems that way.

Man is an animal--no way around that fact. Whatever the cause--whether it be crowding, lack of fresh air and sunlight, or competition for resources-- man, when thrust into a densely populated environment, fares less than well.

Man is tied to the land, for the sustainment of life and livelihood. Property was once a most important commodity. Wars have been fought, lives lost, over simple tracts of land.

In the South, land is plentiful. One is able to purchase enough land to become self-sufficient. Work done in this type setting is far more rewarding than a nine-to-five office job. I do not care how hard I try in my studies, getting dirty vaccinating goats is

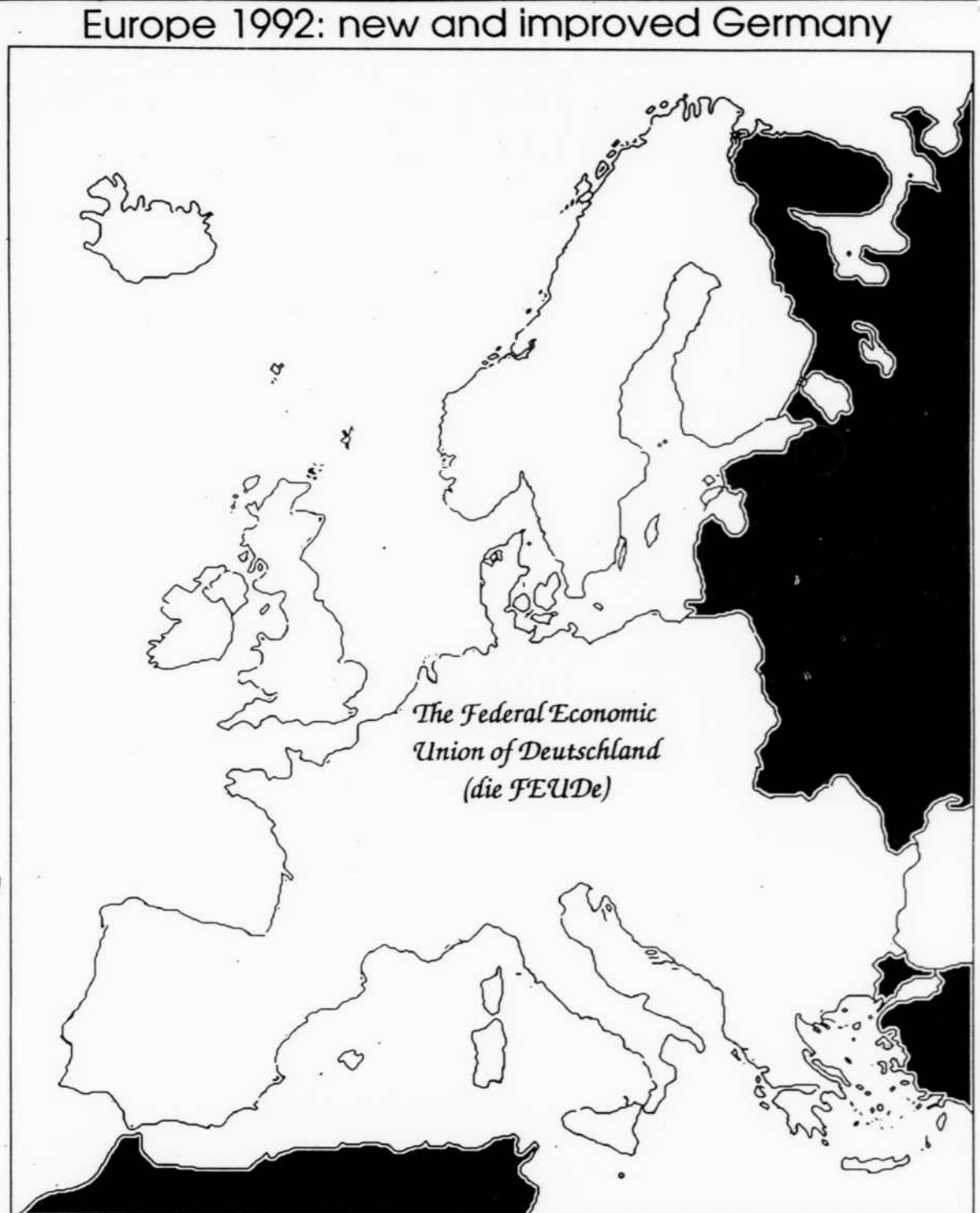
more fun and puts my mind at ease.

By the same token, industrialization and technology are most detrimental to man. I like the old ways best. I yearn for the days of yesteryear when there was no red dye no. 5, asbestos or machines that control us, instead of us controlling them.

Living in the South also means a return to traditional values--back to the home and the family, back to simple American virtues that made this country great and can make it great again. In the South there is an immense sense of family: the nuclear family, extended family and the community as a family.

In most areas of this country, the nuclear family is the only root a person has to his past and heritage. However, due to the fracture of this unit (stemming from divorce and single-parent families) many social problems have resulted. A loss of centeredness, a loss of attachment leads to social dysfunction such as: suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness and crime. In the South the nuclear family provides direction, support and much-needed re-inforcement.

The extended family, once a bastion against outside forces, is now in a period of decline. If a



child is the product of a broken home, with remarried parents, he has the potential of having at least four sets of grandparents! Also, our society is more transient than ever. When a child lives thousands of miles away from his aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents, how can he be expected to be close to, or even particularly fond of, them? In the South, where there is a greater communication between kin, a stronger familial bond develops.

Furthermore, in the South the community forms a type of family. The proverbial "Samaritan" lends a hand to the person with a stalled car. Neighbors talk to each other; doors are not locked in fear. Walking down the street, it is permissible to greet a stranger with a smile and a hello. Because the lifestyle is less fast-paced and more laid-back, people stop to talk to each other, reminiscent of the poem "A Time to Talk" by Robert Frost:

*When a friend calls to me from the road
And slows his horse to a meaning walk,*

*I do not stand still and look around
On all the hills I have not hoed,
And shout from where I am,
"What is it?"
No, not as there is a time to talk.
I thrust my hoe in the mellow ground,
Blade-end up and five feet tall,
And plod: I go up to the stone wall
For a friendly visit.*

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I do not intend to imply that the South is some kind of "Utopia Americana." Yes, the South does have its shortcomings and it is neither idyllic nor perfect. But, when given the choice to live in either the North or the South, I would wholeheartedly prefer the latter.

SIDELINES

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FEATURES

Class teaches outdoor skills

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With his self-made flint-tip bow and arrow, Lenny Fottrell takes aim. The arrow is a cane shaft with wild turkey feathers put together with deer sinew. The bow is made from the wood of

an Osage orange tree from Oklahoma. Fottrell is currently using his skills to teach an outdoor survival course here. Sandra Rennie • Staff

from Tennessee Tech and twenty years of experience in the outdoors.

"I'm almost totally self-taught, except for bow making," he said. That craft he learned three years ago at a seminar given in Oklahoma by a professional bow maker and a pair of Native Americans.

He has spent the past several years researching obscure texts and experimenting with various techniques. In fact, he wrote the

manual his pupils are using this summer. Fottrell is stressing hands-on experience and one-to-one instruction in his class.

Consequently, he has limited enrollment in his course to ten students. The university has never offered a class in survivalism previously and it's considered "strictly experimental," according to Fottrell.

"This is a one of a kind course for this part of the country, though out West it's fairly popular

in some universities to practice these American Indian survival techniques," he said.

No prior skills or knowledge is required for this non-credit class, but a love of the outdoors is beneficial.

Although it's too late to enroll in the current offering, Fottrell is considering teaching this course of possibly an advanced version in the future. His long-term goal is to write an in-depth book compiling the various methods of sur-

vival he has researched. Those interested in future classes should contract Lennie Fottrell at 459-0462 or the continuing education department on campus at 2462.

Fottrell's ultimate hope for students enrolled in his class is for them to leave with a newfound appreciation for the ingenuity and resourcefulness of our forbears. A noble goal for a man who says "I wouldn't think twice about just walking into the woods with nothing." ■

Jazz great Miles Davis pens new autobiography

EL GRAY
to Sidelines

*"The Autobiography"
Davis with Quincy*

Davis is a musical genius. His case may be overused, but it's the best way to describe his remarkable talent. For more than 40 years, Davis has been in the front rank of American music. He is not only a very good musician, he is an interesting person as well. The evolution of his musical skill and his personality supplies

enough pleasurable reading material to last an eternity. After being the subject of several biographies, Davis finally speaks out on his own in this book.

"Miles: The Autobiography" not only recounts Davis's life, but the life of jazz as a whole. Davis has been around for so long that he has played with nearly all the jazz greats. Here, he talks about performing with such artists as Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane, Chick Corea, Thelonious Monk and Charles Mingus, just to name a few.

Each of these tales is insightful, fun, or both. He openly discusses

the alcohol and drug abuse between his colleagues. Davis also speaks frankly of his own drug problem and how he overcame it; a process which involved locking himself in a room for almost a week.

The trumpet great is a blunt person and he often demonstrates it in his autobiography. He condemns the racism he has encountered in the music business and in American society.

"Most of the [Grammy] awards went to white people copying black people's s--t, sorry-assed imitations rather than the real music," he says.

Although his discussions of substance abuse, racism and women, are revealing, it is the music that is most exciting. Davis tells his background, influences, favorite performances and preferred recordings. He goes into detail about his favorite musicians, mainly Bird (Charlie Parker) and Dizzy, and why he respects each one.

Since Davis is so frank, the book may be offensive to some. His favorite word is "motherf---er," and he uses it very often as an adjective, adverb, noun or any other part of speech he can imagine.

The book's writing flows smoothly and is easy to read. Davis' co-author Quincy Troupe, is a poet, journalist and a professor at the CUNY College of Staten Island.

There are several reasons why one should read the autobiography. Davis may be our best living musician; he has played with several superb artists and has experienced many peaks and valleys throughout his fascinating life. Miles Davis is not trying to impress anyone, he does not care how people feel about him, and most of all, he is just downright himself. ■

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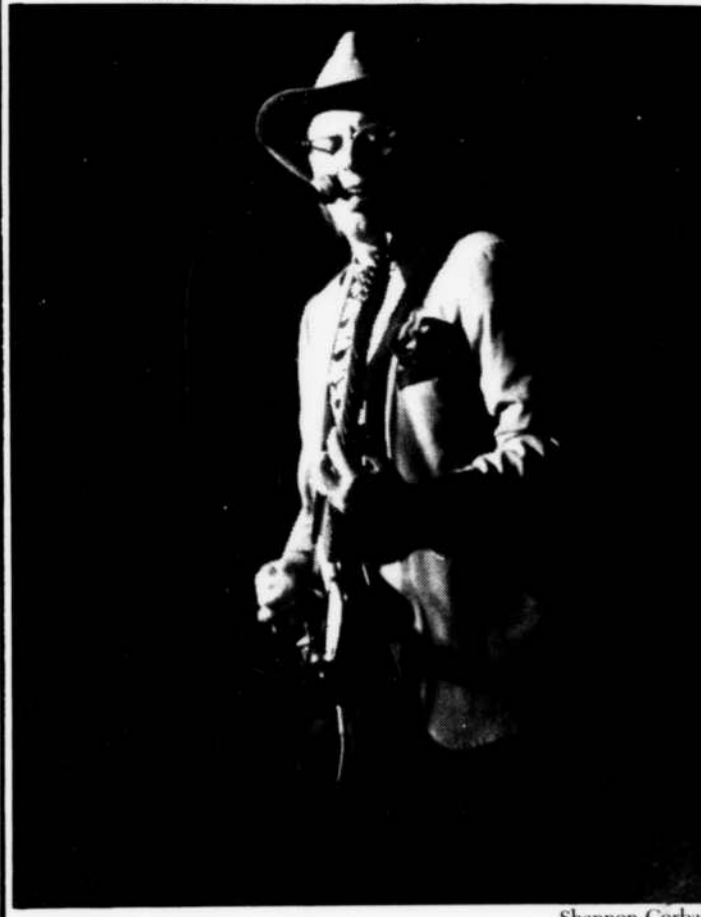
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George Foreman's status as a heavyweight contender and his popularity continue to grow, along with his waistline.

"He became a hotter property," promoter Bob Arum said after the 41-year-old Foreman knocked out Adelson Rodrigues in the second round on Saturday night. "He is one of the hottest, if not the best. He is a phenomenon."

Most of the celebrity-studded crowd of 13,000 at an outdoor arena at Caesars Palace seemed more excited with Foreman's victory than with Mike Tyson's first-round knockout of Henry Tillman. Tyson couldn't have cared less.

"I know I'm the best fighter in the universe," Tyson said, "and I'm out to win the heavyweight championship of the world."

His knockout of Tillman at 2:47, however, left unanswered questions about how he had been affected by his title loss to James (Buster) Douglas. Tyson appeared to be in better shape than he was in Tokyo and seemed quicker, but Tillman

simply offered no opposition.

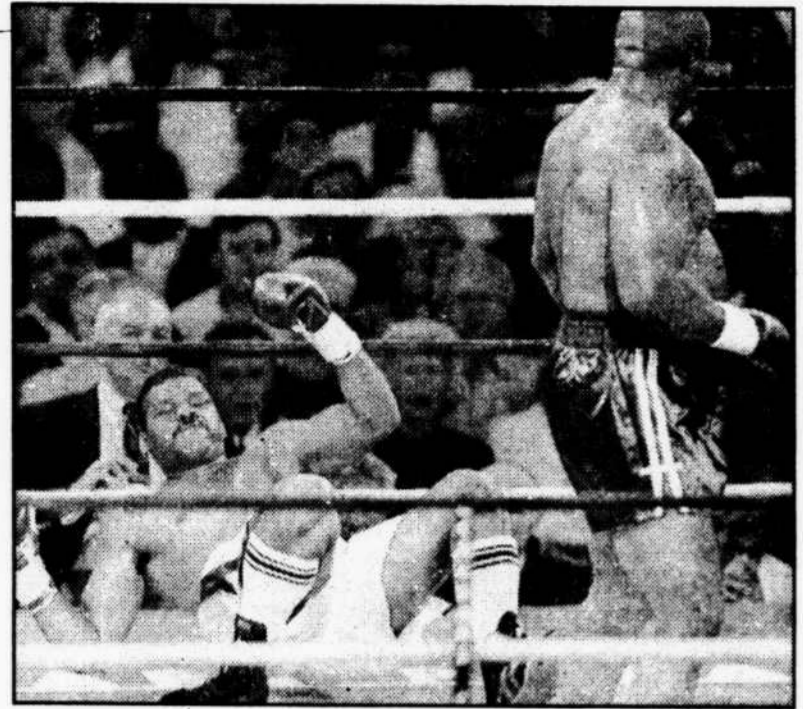
The 29-year-old Tillman, who outpointed Tyson twice in 1984 when they were amateurs, circled away from Tyson so fast he almost lost his balance several times. A right hand that landed high on Tillman's head ended the fight.

Tyson threw a total of 32 punches during the short evening. He landed 14 blows, most of them being jabs.

The 260-pound Foreman had trouble getting to Rodrigues in the first round, but he remained patient.

The victory, achieved on a jarring three-punch combination to the head, was the 22nd straight for the former heavyweight champion (1973-74) since his comeback began in 1987.

A title challenge by Foreman against anybody would be a big-money attraction. A fight between Foreman and Tyson, especially with the championship at stake, could produce mind-boggling revenues. ■



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Ex-heavyweight champion George Foreman heads toward the neutral corner after knocking down Adison Rodrigues Saturday night. Rodrigues was unable to get up from the second round blow thus continuing Foreman's comeback trail.

SEMO in trouble?

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Almost two weeks after South-Missouri State's admittance to the OVC, the celebrating mood is being brought down to a stare the NCAA at eye

SEMO, along with UT-Martin, recently had their membership to the OVC approved with the condition that they comply with Division I legislation for two

years, without NCAA probation or restrictions.

However, a recent probe into the Southeast Missouri State Bears football program revealed possible violations. These include illegal practices, cash payoffs to players, unauthorized contact with a recruit, and misuse of school funds.

The allegations occurred under former coach Bill Maskill. He resigned his post last November.

Rich McDuffie, SEMO's athletic director, has requested a meeting with NCAA enforcement officials to determine if an official probe will affect the school's Division I status.

SEMO was approved for Division I membership on Aug. 1, 1991. They were to become an official OVC member on Aug. 15, 1991.

According to OVC commissioner, Dan Beebe, if Southeast Missouri State is placed on probation or is under a preliminary inquiry, then they would not be accepted by the league.

The university would have to re-submit an application and go through the entrance guidelines to the league once again before re-admittance. ■

Wegmann picked up, Owens earns honor

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MTSU pitcher Tom Wegmann finally got his call to the big leagues while catcher Jay Owens continued to obtain honors.

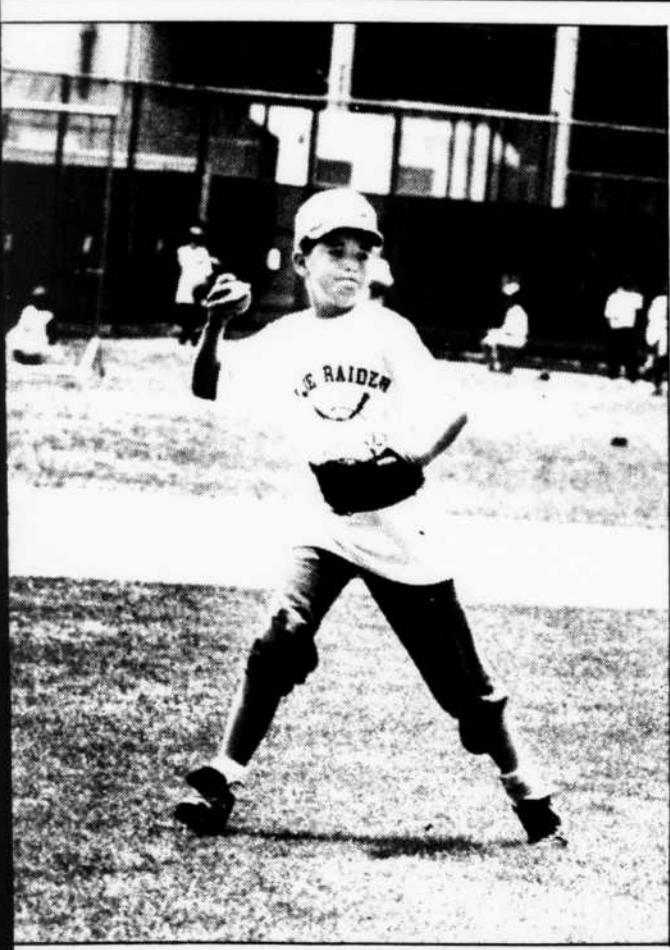
Wegmann, a 6-1, 180 pound senior, was picked up by the New York Mets as a free agent last week. He compiled a 7-2 record for the Blue Raiders last year. His career record at MTSU stood at 13-7. He averaged 8.6 strikeouts per game, which ranked him among league leaders.

Wegmann's most impressive outing came in the NCAA tournament. He held a powerful Stanford team to two hits over a seven inning period before the bats awoke.

Owens, who had already been named the Player of the Year, was dubbed as the OVC Male Athlete of the Year. He also earned a spot on the All South team along with Raider pitcher Rob Angell. ■



Tom Wegmann



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Brown, age nine, of Nashville prepares to throw a pitch at the Blue Raider baseball camp held last week.



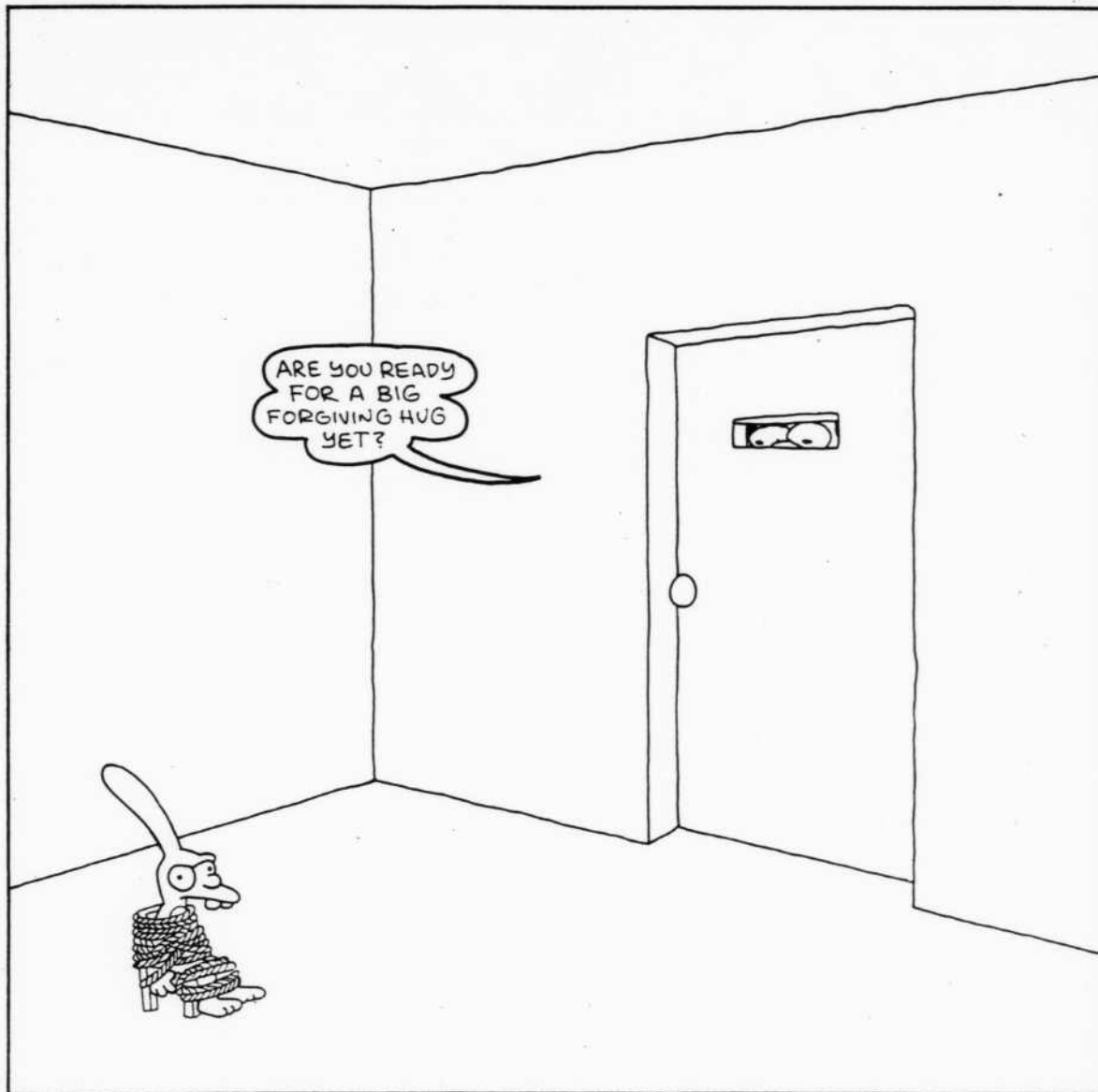
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Chicago	37	24	.607	4	Boston	35	28	.556	2
California	33	32	.508	10	Detroit	32	34	.485	6½
Minnesota	31	32	.492	11	Milwaukee	30	32	.484	6½
Seattle	32	35	.478	12	Cleveland	29	32	.475	7
Texas	28	37	.431	15	Baltimore	30	34	.469	7½
Kansas City	26	36	.419	15½	New York	21	40	.344	15

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Cincinnati	39	20	.661	—	Pittsburgh	38	24	.613	—
San Francisco	35	30	.538	7	Montreal	37	28	.569	2½
San Diego	31	31	.500	9½	New York	31	29	.517	6
Los Angeles	30	33	.476	11	Philadelphia	32	30	.516	6
Houston	26	37	.413	15	St. Louis	27	37	.422	12
Atlanta	23	38	.377	17	Chicago	27	39	.409	13

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