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Rules committee hears UEC's request

By Heather Hybarger/ staff

Students, faculty and concerned citizens met Wednesday afternoon before the University Rules Committee to express their opinions on the Uniform Equality Committee's (UEC) request that the MTSU non-discrimination policy be enhanced to include sexual orientation.

The University Rules Committee plans to hold forums of this type for each suggested change to MTSU rules or policies.

Four members of the community spoke before the committee - Michael Grantham, Uniform Equality Committee chair; Mark Lopez, a representative from the Human Rights Campaign in Nashville; William Turner, an assistant professor in the history department and coach for the Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice; and Lena Sweeten, an MTSU graduate student.

All the speakers encouraged the six members of the 11-member

committee who were present to recommend changing the non-discrimination policy.

The University Rules Committee will give their recommendation on the issue to Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs. LaLance will determine his own proposal to give to MTSU President James Walker, who will in turn present a recommendation to the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the state-appointed governing body of all state universities in Tennessee, excluding the University of Tennessee.

The UEC was formed last June to promote the enhancement of the non-discrimination policy. The proposal will not affect ROTC and Affirmative Action non-discrimination policies.

Since last June, the UEC's efforts have spread state wide. Several state universities have brought up the issue with their respective university officials.

A 90-page report was completed last semester by the UEC, describing

in detail the justification for the policy change and assessing the campus atmosphere toward gays, lesbians and bisexuals. Copies of the report were sent to President Walker and an academic clearing house in Wisconsin that specializes in gay and lesbian reports.

The UEC's proposal has already received attention from TBR, who decided last year to form a task force under the Student Affairs Sub-Council to assess whether a sexual orientation statement should be adopted into a system-wide policy. Currently, the decision to include sexual orientation into the non-discrimination clause is left to each school in the TBR system to decide.

If the task force determines that the addition is necessary, then the state must determine how TBR schools will adopt the policy.

The proposal to change the non-discrimination policy is justified according to Grantham because "policies that promote tolerance

promote respect."

There have been three reports to campus police this semester alone concerning harassment based on sexual orientation, Grantham said.

"Equality is civility, and we must stand for that," he said.

Lopez expressed his concerns for the learning environment on campus for gay, lesbian and bisexual students. He expressed the values that higher education should instill, including truth, honesty and self-respect.

"Honesty is best developed and exercised in harmony with others," he said. "It is difficult for young gays and lesbians to be honest with themselves when they are faced with discrimination on a daily basis."

"Gays and lesbians should have the opportunity to live their lives honestly and openly without fear of discrimination," Lopez added.

Turner agreed, saying "MTSU must commit itself at all levels to

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Last chance to register to vote will be Oct. 6 for Rutherford

By Jason Hollick/ staff

For those students who have not registered to vote, time is of the essence. The deadline for voter registration is Sunday, Oct. 6.

Full-time MTSU students have two options for voting. Either they can vote in their home county or they can register to vote here in Rutherford County.

For those who wish to vote in their home county, it is necessary to write to the voter registration office in that county, or visit the voter registration office in person.

Students who have never voted before and are registering by mail will be required to vote in person. For first-time voters, mail-in votes are not accepted.

For those students who will not be available to vote on election day, early voting will be Oct. 16-31.

MTSU students who want to register to vote here in Rutherford County should visit the voter registration office in person. The voter registration office is located on the downtown square.

When registering to vote the only information needed is: name, address, date of birth and social security number. For further information, contact the voter registration office at 898-7743.

Honors Lecture presents customs of primitive cultures

By Martha Stroud/ staff

The topic for Monday's honors lecture will be "Strange Customs of Primitive Societies." The lecture will be given by Marilyn Wells, professor of sociology, anthropology, and social work, from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 109A.

"What I am going to talk about is essentially that we are not so very different from the rest of the people," Wells said. "There is a thin veneer of exoticism, if you will, but under that, basically all societies and cultures are alike."

Wells is an anthropologist who has

taught at MTSU for the past 30 years, during which time she did field work all over the world. In her lecture, Wells plans to share some of her experiences and insights from her work in various primitive cultures and societies.

"What I hope the people remember and take away is that basically we are all very similar, but what I expect they will take away are some of the exotic examples that I will give," she said.

Wells will also discuss food, clothing, body mutilation, infanticide, cannibalism and other practices and customs of primitive societies, relating them to modern American society.

The lecture is part of the Honors Lecture Series held each semester by the MTSU Honors Program. This semester, the topic is "Cultures and

Customs." Honors lectures series are held in Peck Hall room 109-A at 3:30 p.m.



Marilyn Wells

Off the Wire Victory By Islamic Militants Brings Unexpected Reactions

By Anwar Faruqi/ AP

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Here's an odd twist: Islamic militants come to power in Afghanistan. Iran is critical, while the United States says it's ready and willing to work with the hard-line Taliban movement.

How can this be? Almost 20 years of warfare have left Afghanistan a confusing and chaotic land, and last week's takeover by the Taliban has produced somewhat perplexing reactions from the rest of the world.

For the United States, Afghanistan was one of the main Cold War battlefields in the 1980s. It largely fell off Washington's radar screen when the Soviet Union withdrew its army in 1989 and Moscow's client government fell to Islamic forces in 1992.

Now, America's limited interests focus on drugs — Afghanistan is one of the world's biggest opium producers — and Afghanistan's role as a safe haven for a variety of Muslim extremists who have gravitated there over the years.

The U.S. State Department has condemned the Taliban execution of former Afghan leaders, but says it is seeking early talks with the Taliban on terrorism, human rights and drug trafficking.

Robin Rafel, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for South Asia, has met in the past with Taliban leaders. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said Monday that U.S. diplomats are prepared to resume traveling to Afghanistan if their safety can be assured.

A State Department source in

Washington said the United States does not see the Taliban as pressing the export of its Islamic revolution.

On the other hand, Iran, a neighboring country run by Muslim clericalism, has been consistently critical of the Muslim Taliban.

"The Taliban top brass is sick in the mind," said an editorial Tuesday in the semi-official Kayhan International.

The newspaper also criticized the group's interpretation of Islam, calling it "more akin to the Stone Age." The Taliban are from Islam's Sunni wing; Iran is ruled by Shiite Muslims.

"The 'super fundamentalists' who are trying to set up shop in Kabul are now part of the problem not the solution," the English-language paper said.

Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani was more diplomatic, but he said last week that "the events in Afghanistan are quite regrettable."

There appear to be multiple reasons for Iran's stance.

Iran is fed up with the Afghan conflict and wants to rid itself of the 1.5 million Afghan refugees it continues to shelter with increasing impatience. It fears the Afghan militants could ignite a fresh upheaval sending more refugees streaming toward Iran.

Also, Iran has supported the Shiite community in Afghanistan, a minority that accounted for about 10 percent of the population in mostly Sunni Afghanistan.

But the Afghan Shiites were

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Houston Gordon criticizes Thompson

By Gregg Mayer / staff

Under unpredictable gray clouds and with umbrellas in hand, several spectators and partisans gathered at the KUC Knoll Wednesday to listen to the nine-minute speech of senatorial candidate Houston Gordon. Gordon is challenging incumbent Sen. Fred Thompson.

College Democrats, who hosted the rally in hopes to boost Gordon's campaign by encouraging more students to register to vote, offered everyone free pizza and soft drinks. As of 2 p.m. yesterday, the College Democrats had registered almost 1,000 new voters.

Gordon, lagging behind Thompson by almost 30 points in the latest polls, is beginning to publicly question Thompson's character as "hypocritical" and "promoting violence."

Gordon said Thompson's role in violent movies, such as *Die Hard 2*, is promoting violence among young people, and Thompson is hypocritical when he says he offers "moral leadership."

"It glorifies violence," said Jim Stovall, press secretary for Gordon. "It's hard to argue (movies) don't have an effect on real life, and (Thompson) should take responsibility."

However, Gordon said he wants the elections to focus primarily on issues, not character.

A responsible government that doesn't impose morals yet acts morally is a "good government," Gordon said.

Public education is what gives him the opportunity to run for the Senate, he continued. He graduated from a public high school, graduated from the UT College of Law, served in the military for four years, and used the G.I. Bill to receive his tax law degree.



Ki Hong

Houston Gordon delivers a speech to spectators during a rally held for him by the College Democrats.

"Don't tell me government doesn't have a role in student education," Gordon said. "It does!"

Gordon also stressed he will protect Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. A "good government," he said, is a strong government.

Several students lined up for the pizza the College Democrats were giving away at the rally. Most seemed more interested in the pizza than in the speech. However, a few did show strong support for the Democrats, wearing blue and red partisan T-shirts and wearing "Elect Gordon" buttons.

"We're the future voters," said Mike Steel, a sophomore history major. "If we're not interested now, and we shrug it off, then others will get what they want and we'll complain

about it later.

"I want to see how (Gordon) stands on issues," Steel said.

Other student-Democrats were there just to support the Democratic party, and not necessarily Houston Gordon.

"Republicans all the way around are a bunch of bogus," said Veronica Nash, a junior psychology major. She specifically felt the Republican plank on Affirmative Action is unfair.

Gordon finished his speech to the encouraging appearance of sunlight peeking through the heavy, gray clouds.

Although trailing substantially in the polls, Gordon optimistically promised the crowd that, when elected Tennessee senator, he would not "act like one," he would "vote like one."

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INSIDE THE LINES



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Soccer wins first official game

On Campus



THURSDAY, Oct. 3
The President's Office has confirmed all appointments to the Student Publications Committee for the 1996-97 school year. A meeting is planned for Thursday, Oct. 3, at 3 p.m. in KUC 210. Following a brief review of committee responsibilities and the election of officers, the meeting will be turned over to the newly elected chair. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please notify Ouida Plaisance at 5812.

Beta Alpha Psi, a fraternity for students in accounting, will hold a meeting in the Alumni Center on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. Contact Tammy Wiseman at 898-5600 for more information.

Alyson Wideman is a Hispanic student at MTSU looking for other Hispanic students who are interested in bringing the Hispanic culture to the MTSU campus. With the department of Multi-Culture affairs, Wideman has arranged a meeting Thursday, Oct. 3, in the JUB dining room at 1 p.m. October is National Hispanic month. For more information, contact Lonnie Thompson in Multi-Cultural Affairs at 898-2987.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon/ Criminal

Justice Association will host a speaker from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in KUC 318 at 5 p.m. For more information, call the CJ house at 898-2630.

FRIDAY, Oct. 4
The Murfreesboro Kennel Club Dog Show will be held Oct. 4-6 in the Tennessee Livestock Center. The show begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 and at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6th. For additional information, contact Jacqueline Delaney at 890-5799.

SATURDAY, Oct. 5
The MTSU Army ROTC program will be conducting a Field Training Exercise on Oct. 5-6 at the Smyrna National Guard Training Center. The purpose of the FTX is to help the cadets prepare for their Advanced Camp next summer and show them the importance of teamwork.

The Japan Center of Tennessee would like to announce the 21st annual meeting of the Southeast U.S./Japan Association (SEUS/Japan) on Oct. 6-8 at the Peabody Hotel, Memphis. Approx. 800 delegates will come to Memphis for the conference. For more information, call 898-2229.

TUESDAY, Oct. 8
Phi Beta Lambda will be holding its annual installation ceremony at the Holiday Inn in Murfreesboro. The night will consist of the installation of the new officers and members, a brief business meeting, and a dutch treat dinner (\$12.60). Please RSVP by mailing a check to P.O. Box 40 by Oct. 4. Call James Roberson at 898-3051.

College Democrats will host Don Fowler, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in KUC 314 from

1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Renee Chapman at 898-3941.

FRIDAY, Oct. 11
MTSU Student Nursing Association will end its clothing drive on Oct. 11 in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. This is the last day for donations. Contact Christy Wheeler at 360-9839 for more information.

The Tennessee Dairy Expo will be held Oct. 11-13 in the Tennessee Livestock Center. The expo begins at 8 a.m. on all three days. For further information, contact Stan Hayes at 893-7631. •

MONDAY, Oct. 14
Cheryl Lewis, developmental studies instructor, will present a workshop on "Writing a College Composition" from 3 to 4 p.m. as part of the "Reach for the Pinnacle" workshop series. To sign up, students should call 898-5989.

FRIDAY, Oct. 18
The Pleasure Walking Horse Sale will be held Oct. 18-19 in the Tennessee Livestock Center. The preview will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18. The sale will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19. For additional information, contact Mark Davis at 1-800-340-9440.

SATURDAY, Oct. 19
The Walking for the Children Horse Show will be held Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Livestock Center. For more information, contact Tommy Hall at 890-9120. •

Holocaust conference brings scholars, survivors

By Christi Underdown / staff

"Perspectives on Holocaust Studies: An Interdisciplinary Conference," which will be held Oct. 5-7, is bringing together authors, scholars and Holocaust survivors to keep people aware and to remind them of the horrors of the Holocaust.

The conference is open to the public. A registration fee of \$40 pays for the lectures and a luncheon on Saturday, at which Kosher and vegetarian alternatives will be provided upon request. The price at the door is \$50. MTSU students can attend for free. All activities will take place in the James Union Building.

The majority of speakers are published authors, either in the media or literary fields. Three guests are featured: Magda Herzberger, poet and Holocaust survivor; Irena Klepfisz, author of "Dreams of an Insomniac: Jewish Feminist Essays, Speeches and Diatribes" and "A Few Words in the Mother Tongue: Poems Selected and New (1971-1990)"; and Laurence Mordekhai Thomas, author of "Vessels of Evil: American Slavery and the Holocaust".

"In addition to speakers, we'll have a number of panels on topics such as the politics of

memorializing the Holocaust, women's Holocaust experiences, popular culture and the Holocaust, and the Holocaust as an artistic subject," said Elyce Helford, MTSU assistant English professor and chair of the conference. "We tried to offer a variety of topics of interest to the public."

While some subjects take a more nontraditional approach, such as the influence of the Holocaust on children's literature, others are testimonies of survivors.

"Survivors will be bearing witness to their experiences during the Holocaust," Helford said.

Moderators, chosen from scholars representing different schools such as St. Andrews-Sewanee School and MTSU, will be present at all the panel discussions. The two- to three-person panel participants range from graduate students to rabbis.

We wanted a combination of traditional as well as new information, Helford said.

The last conference was several years ago, but since then MTSU has sponsored a great many artists, speakers and organizations dealing with the Holocaust.

"The conference gives us a chance to combine these people with scholars in one event to

reach different audiences," Helford said.

Helford was involved in the 1995 Women in Power Conference, but this is her first time as chairperson.

"Although we have a small committee, we have done a lot of work," Helford said. "I am very proud of the group of speakers we have gotten... It is very important for those interested to see the diversity."

A small, but devoted group of 100 to 200 people are expected to attend. These are predicted to be mostly university faculty and students interested in Holocaust studies and international affairs. To encourage other students and the public, the committee has put up posters on campus and sent information to various academic departments.

The Garden Plaza Hotel is providing accommodations for guests, and a shuttle is being supplied for the trip from the hotel to the campus. Since the conference falls on the Jewish holidays Shemini Azret and Shmitat Torah, transportation to evening services will be available for pre-registered attendees.

Information, brochures and schedules are available through Elyce Helford at 895-8336 or 898-5961. •

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But the Afghan Shiites were never major players in the conflict, and they suffered greatly during the long years of war.

In addition, Iran seems to have lost out to Pakistan, the country that has tried hardest to control events in Afghanistan in recent years.

It is widely believed that Pakistan supports the Taliban, allowing them to win control

over much of the country less than two years after they first entered the war. Pakistan denies the charge, but few seem to believe them.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sardar Aseff Ali said his country recognized the Taliban as Afghanistan's legitimate rulers and called their leaders "men of piety, (with) great love for Islam."

In the first few days of their rule, the Taliban have ordered women to stop working and have

closed down girls schools in the name of Islamic modesty. They have ordered men to grow long beards, to emulate Islam's 7th century prophet, Mohammed.

As a poor country devastated by war, Afghanistan is in no position to enforce its will on other nations.

But as a country that already has sent millions of refugees to neighboring countries, there are fears in the region that the anarchy could spread. •

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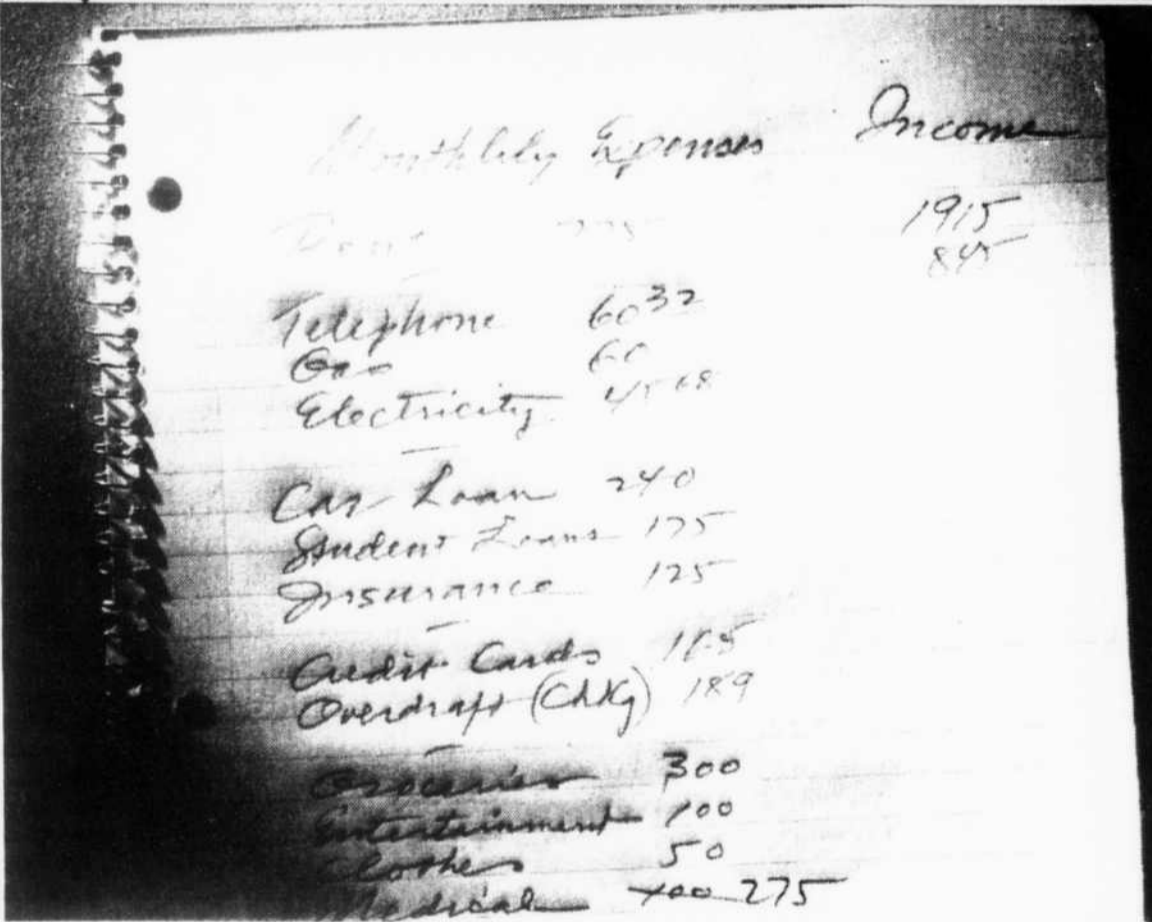
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Around the World

Peruvian Jet Crashes After Mechanical Failure

ANCON, Peru (AP) — A Peruvian jet carrying 70 people crashed into the foggy Pacific Ocean north of Lima early Wednesday after the pilot reported mechanical failure, the airline said.

Rescue crews working three miles north of Ancon, 30 miles north of Lima, had found no bodies or survivors as dawn broke. A heavy fog shrouded the ocean, hampering their efforts.

One air force spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a search helicopter had spotted a sheen of oil, but no debris, floating on the surface of the ocean.

Aeropero Flight 603 had flown from Miami to Lima and was en route to Santiago, Chile, when it crashed near Ancon, the airline said in a statement.

Ice-breaker Meeting May Revive Mideast Peace Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — After an ice-breaking White House meeting, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat are looking for a formula to renew Mideast peace talks while they remain at odds over Israeli troops in the explosive West Bank town of Hebron.

Their three-hour session Tuesday that began with a chicken and carrot cake lunch in the White House library produced a positive, atmospheric change in their relationship. "They clearly had a cordial meeting," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

But as the unscripted Washington summit entered a second day today with another White House meeting with President Clinton, there was no accord on the divisive issues that boiled over into bloody riots last week on the West Bank and in Gaza and took 76 Israeli, Palestinian and Egyptian lives.

Netanyahu did not reverse his decision to open a second entrance to a tunnel that takes tourists to the Temple Mount, and its Muslim and Jewish holy sites, nor did he set a date for Israeli troops to pull back from Arab neighborhoods in Hebron under a 1993 Israeli-Palestinian agreement.

Pentagon Triples Number of Exposed Troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has tripled to at least 15,000 the number of U.S. troops it says may have been exposed to nerve gas during the destruction of some Iraqi chemical weapons — and that number may grow far, far higher.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Tuesday that a sophisticated CIA computer model could reveal "a very large number" of soldiers may have been exposed. He did not rule out the number going as high as 100,000.

Currently, Pentagon officials are contacting about 5,000 troops whom they believe may have been exposed during the first of two explosions at an Iraqi chemical weapons dump in southern Iraq in March 1991.

But Bacon said a new CIA study that looks at wind



conditions, the potential number of chemical rockets destroyed and other matters involving a second explosion on March 10, 1991, may show far greater numbers of troops could have been exposed.

Perot Traditionalizes Image

DALLAS (AP) — His strategy of high-profile debates and a blitz of television advertising now in shambles, Ross Perot is preparing to shed his campaign cocoon and emerge as a more traditional candidate.

"We can now go full bore. You're going to see a lot more of Ross Perot," his running mate Pat Choate said Tuesday after a judge rejected Perot's bid to be included in this month's presidential debates.

Perot and presidential candidate John Hagelin of the Natural Law Party were granted an expedited appeal to try and resolve the issue before the first Sunday face-off between President Clinton and Republican Bob Dole.

Oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals were set for Thursday in Washington, but the Reform Party ticket wasn't counting on anything.

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Walter Hill directs this sweeping historical drama that traces the life of the legendary Native American leader from 1881 until his death in 1909. Wes Studi portrays Geronimo, Jason Patric is the cavalryman empowered to hunt him down, and Robert Duvall is the Indian tracker Al Sieber. Also starring Gene Hackman and Matt Damon. (1993, 115 minutes, color)

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"Those who oppose [the enhancement of the non-discrimination policy] wish to retain a possibility for discrimination in the future," Turner said.
Sweeten said she "cannot stand the possibility that someone is being discriminated against."
She challenged those that oppose changing the statement to "guarantee no member of the [MTSU] community will be discriminated against."
"If they say that is impossible aren't they proving its necessity?" she asked.
Some would view the addition of another social category to the non-

discrimination policy to be only perpetuating inequality.
"I have the simplest solution that will please everyone," said Scott Link, who was present at the meeting and argues that the non-discrimination policy should not be changed to include sexual orientation. "We should rewrite the clause to say 'MTSU does not discriminate on the basis of any demographic factor except for academic achievement.'"
"Why keep adding to the list?" Link asked. "What matters is an individual's merit, not the sum of her communities."
"I am optimistic the university will do what is just," Grantham said. However, the debate continues among students, faculty and administrators as to what is considered "just."


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In our view

Talibans just in taking Kabul

Islamic fundamentalists, some would even say extremists (Talibans), overran the Afghanistan's capital city of Kabul five days ago, and the mullahs (Islamic clerics) are now controlling the city in what the *New York Times* has referred to as "the medieval labyrinth."

The Talibans lynched former communist president Najibullah five days ago, left his body dangling outside for two days, and are currently looking for other former communist heads. Soviet Union took control of Kabul in 1979, and corrupt leaders like Najibullah were well-known to control "death squads" throughout the city. Although Najibullah was under United Nations' protection and had no power in Kabul at the time of his lynching, the Talibans were seeking revenge for years of communist oppression.

After months of siege, the rebels suddenly seized the city last week in a fury of attack.

Mullahs have now ordered all men to grow "proper beards," - that is unshaved beards - within the next 45 days. Women are ordered to remain fully clothed in chaderis - a long, full gown - and are beaten in the streets with wires if they are not. Women also are not allowed to be educated.

These unusual, and brutal demands seem frightening to most Americans. And they should.

However, these are Islamic traditions. This is their way. Russia imperialistically dominated the region for too long, and the Talibans are finally regaining what was rightfully theirs.

After the capture of Kabul, the Taliban rebels control 70 percent of Afghanistan. They continue to press northward, and the former communist leaders still in Afghanistan fear the same fate as Najibullah.

They should.

Correction

In the Monday, September 30, issue, *Sidelines* incorrectly reported that the Alpha Delta Pi Sand Volleyball Tournament had to be held inside because of rain. Although it rained during registration, the tournament was held outside as scheduled. *Sidelines* apologizes for this embarrassing error.

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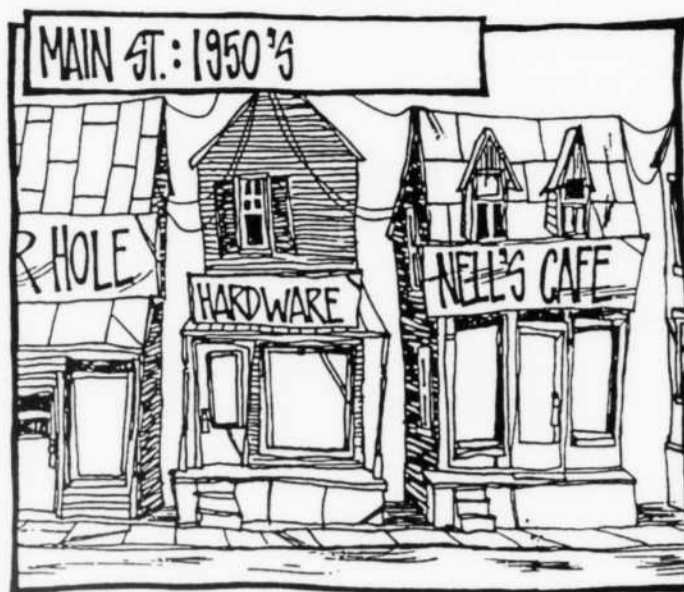
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Letters to the Editor

Tired of Uniform Equality Committee

To the Editor:

On behalf of all students, faculty, and administrators who are tired of the Uniform Equality Committee, the Lambda "support group," and gays and lesbians in general, allow me to suggest a new, non-discriminatory statement for MTSU:

MTSU...WE TAKE ANYONE—INCLUDING GAYS! Y'ALL COME.

If this blanket statement is unacceptable, however, maybe I can petition the University Rules Committee about adopting a non-discrimination clause for balding, Southern-Baptist men.

Sincerely,
Jon Duncan
Graduate Student

Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional

To the Editor:
Students and Faculty of MTSU:

I would like to share with you my disappointment in our government, most specifically in President Clinton. He recently passed the Defense of Marriage Act, allowing states to discredit homosexual marriages performed legally in other states and defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Both of these provisions are blatantly unconstitutional!

The first defies Article IV, Section I of the Constitution which states that "full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state." The news media certainly knew about this, because they were constantly making references to it in their articles. Congress, however, chose to ignore this and proceeded to make this one little exception. This law needs protection under that clause more than most due to its being so controversial! Excluding one law, one that pertains to a specific group of citizens, is clearly outright discrimination. It saddens me to think that our progressive nation has, with this once piece of legislation, reverted back to repression of minority individuals. It especially concerns me that President Clinton, who has formerly been so supportive of equal rights for gays and lesbians, would not quickly veto such a blatantly oppressive bill.

The argument presented for the bill involved the definition of marriage. Bob Dole and many others often enjoyed saying that marriage "was now and always had been the union of one man and one woman." It also involved the widespread fear in Congress that Hawaii would legalize same-sex marriages, and laws like that would spread. They saw homosexual marriage as a threat to the institution of marriage itself. If anything threatens the institution of marriage, it is the frequency of divorce and marriages made for economic reasons among heterosexuals themselves!

Marriage, however, has not always been defined as the union of one man to one woman. It is first and foremost the union of two people who LOVE one another. The limitation of this privilege to one man and one woman

is, if anything, based on religious principles. Which makes this bill contrary to the First Amendment! Not every citizen of this country follows a major religion, or even a religion at all. It is therefore a violation of their rights and a discriminatory action to impose these religions upon their lifestyles.

The only thing about marriage with which Congress should even be concerned is whether or not to provide same-sex marriages the same benefits that heterosexual couples receive. There is, in fact, no reason why they should not, considering that there are only two recipients involved either way. The Government would be spending no more money on homosexual spouses than on heterosexuals.

However, the bill has become law. It may be too late to change that, but pending in committee right now in the State Legislature is a bill to refuse recognition to homosexual marriages performed in other states. To stop it we can write to our State Senators and Representatives asking them not to support this bill. We can also hope that when a case comes to the Supreme Court, and I am sure that it will, the Justices will declare the law unconstitutional. MTSU's chapter of Lambda has already sent a letter to our Senators, protesting that they voted for DOMA. I suggest that you do the same. This issue will not die until gays and lesbians are treated as people and given the same rights as heterosexuals. We cannot allow this country to violate the human rights of its very own citizens!

Lois Deering
Junior
Majors in History and English

Call for more parking

To the Editor:

This is yet another article about the parking situation. I hope this one will be different, however. The entire student body as well as the faculty have been in an uproar because parking is horrendous. The word from the Transportation Department has been essentially "tough," park further out, walk, or hop on Raider Express. It is apparent that this statement has been made without an inkling of comprehension. If the Director would leave her new, shiny office at high noon, she would see this campus pushed to its capacity. When driving through campus I see Greenland, Bell Street, all the lots past Cummings, the Rec Center, and even the gravel softball lot filled completely. It is obvious then that we need leadership and a solution. We need more parking and this gives rise to two problems; cost and location. The problem of cost could be solved by the previous example. A one-time fee increase helped raise enough funds to move to Division I football. The university could impose such a fee for a parking expansion project. I believe this fee increase would be more comfortably backed than it was for football. Private citizens of Murfreesboro might be willing to donate money too. The next problem is that of location. A new parking garage would need two entrances and exits. A perfect location would be the tract of land across from the baseball stadium at the S-curve. This land is virtually unused and large enough for a high-rise parking garage.

An alternative idea would be to raise the Bell Street lot by five levels. The Transportation Department has told the student body to be grateful, it could be worse. We as a university need to decide if we want to be satisfied with mediocrity. The alternative is to set an example for other universities who will strive to meet our standards. The choice is ours, and ours alone to make.

Brooke Gearhart, Junior
Psychology

No freedom of choice when it comes to paying recreation fee

To the Editor:

The People's State of Campus Recreation must be abolished. MTSU, return my freedom of choice.

PSCR offers me no freedom of choice with regards to recreation facilities. Sure, I can choose whether to use the swimming pool, the gym or the climbing wall, but they don't offer the student of MTSU a choice whether to pay for PSCR or not—the fee is automatically rammed down our throats, and if we don't like it, then we can pack our transcripts and go to another university.

If I had the freedom to choose my recreation palace—PSCR wouldn't be the first, second or third choice on my list.

Here is why: A program was started in January of 1995 by PSCR to reward swimmers for the miles that they swim. As advertised, if one swims 100, 200, 300, 400 or 500 miles, then the person gets an award. On July 24, 1995, I completed the first 100 miles. Since, I have completed 200 and almost 300 miles—I have yet to see any reward.

It is Oct. 1, 1996, almost two years since the program has started.

Instead, I have only received excuses guided by one of Lenin's favorite principles: "Tell the people what they want to hear." I have been told that the shirts were at the printer's, that the disk which contained the design was lost, and finally, I have been told that the shirts were NEVER budgeted. I have talked to Glenn Hanley, director of PSCR, to no avail. I have talked to Jan Dodson, head of aquatics, to no avail. I have talked to Charles Gregory, facility manager, to no avail. I have talked to Allen Wright, the G.T.A. responsible for the swimming pool, to no avail.

Because MTSU doesn't offer the student a choice in their recreation service, I'm forced to put up with excuses instead of results. If I'm at McDonald's and they don't have my plain cheeseburgers to me in a matter of minutes, then I'm through the door heading to another franchise that will provide me with service.

I want justice. Either hand over my just desserts or give me a full refund. Hopefully, either action will be the first step in transforming the People's State of Campus Recreation from a bureaucracy, which COERCES one's money by political pull and is not required to offer a value, to a business, which PERSUADES people by trading value for value.

Lee Sandstead, Senior
Journalism and Philosophy

Perspectives

Campus will experience day of infamy if Lambda, UEC succeed with non-discrimination clause

Part 1 of 2

October 13, 1995, is a day that, if the Lambda Association and UEC have their way, will live in infamy. This is the date of an event which they hope to be the catalyst for their movement. I will talk more about this event in the second part of this series. For months now lesbians, gays, bisexuals and their supporters have been striving to add the words "sexual orientation" to the MTSU non-discrimination clause. On March 28, 1996, the UEC released a report filled with testimonies and records relating to this issue.

Found in "The Uniform Equality Committee Report on Sexual Orientation and Middle Tennessee State University" is a section devoted to a "collected testimony" written by students, faculty, staff and other interested parties about this issue. Of the letters, almost all expressed a fear of being discovered as non-heterosexual. Yet, there were very few reports of actual discrimination. In fact, the second sentence of the first letter in this section of the

report states: "I'm happy to say that my coming out at MTSU did not subject me to discrimination in seeking tenure, promotion or support for my research." The writer then goes on to describe a fear of "coming out." The next letter also expresses this fear, but then says that after this person "came out" to two colleagues, "both have accepted me as I am." It seems their fear was unfounded.

Now, let me disarm my critics by admitting there may be a reason for this fear. However, this reason has not been shown in the report. If you want people to believe there is a real need for protection, you must do more than show fear of discrimination, you must show instances where discrimination is allowed when the law is enforced. If this happens, there is a visible need for a revision of the law. If a law exists, and is not enforced, you should go to the next level of authority and insist that it be enforced. Those who break the law and commit crimes of hate should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The rest of the events described pertain to either things that are already illegal, events that happened at other universities, or homophobia. When discussing the climate of this particular campus toward non-heterosexuals should we include events at other universities? They have a different climate. We cannot point to those things and say they are evidence of discrimination here.

If the actions are already illegal, then there is already protection. Vandalism is illegal. Death threats are illegal. Harassment is illegal. In addition, as described in the report, there is another classification reserved for these types of crimes.

"The term 'hate crime' is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting Codes of the US Department of Justice as '[a] criminal offense committed against a person or property

which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, ethnic/national origin group or sexual orientation group.' (Page 8 of the UEC Report).

Other letters express anger at the opinions of others. Many people, both homosexual and heterosexual, registered their disgust over what they deemed a homophobic.

There is a major difference between homophobia and discrimination. Homophobia is an irrational fear of homosexuals. Discrimination is an action taken by someone, with power over another, to deprive that person of some right or privilege guaranteed to everyone. A person can be extremely homophobic and never discriminate against any non-heterosexual. Freedom means I am allowed to disagree with you. Being homophobic, expressing your opinion on this issue, or even ridiculing the gay

population is not discrimination.

It is an example of free speech. The down side to free speech is that people who are insensitive, people who disagree with you, and even people who are wrong get to enjoy its protection. I can tell you from personal experience that having your demographic included in the non-discrimination clause does not ensure that you will be free from ridicule. It also does not mean your fliers will remain up on the bulletin boards, or that you will not be subject to verbal abuse. These things plague many different organizations, not just the Lambda group.

The non-discrimination clause applies only to MTSU as a whole. It has no power over the attitudes and beliefs of the individual. Yet, the desired goal of this drive is said to be a change in the attitudes of individuals: "Through negative stereotypes demonstrated by jokes, harassment, and physical violence, this alienation becomes threatening." and "... a policy issued from an institution with sovereignty

sets a precedence and expectation in which its constituents (i.e. students, faculty, staff and others) may safely address and contribute to ending a history of prejudice and its resulting actions." (UEC Statement, 1995). Non-heterosexuals want their sexual orientation to be accepted and even affirmed. This addition to the clause is a first step toward that.

In psychology, we learn that the cognitive process of reactance will come into play when we are told we cannot do, possess or think certain things. Those things increase in attractiveness. The forbidden thing is now more appealing.

You cannot force people to change their attitudes. Given this and the fact that homosexuals enjoy the same freedom from discrimination from the university as a whole that all do, I do not see the need for this addition, other than to give a sense of societal approval to all sexual behavior. It is not the place of this university to make that moral judgment.

Pay \$900 and what do MTSU dorms give you? Cold showers, roach motels, and freezer meltdowns

I am one of the lucky ones. And if you live in the dorms, you too are equally fortuitous. We form a special, select group that can stand up and proclaim, "Yes! I am fully enjoying the benefits of campus housing."

I began my fruitful dorm life existence in 1994 in Felder Hall. There were no major problems with the room itself, but I was being teased to believe in MTSU housing.

I then made a switch to Judd Hall.

While living in the converted closet that is a Judd Hall room, I enjoyed the company of several hundred roaches that freely roamed the

fully justify sleeping in my gloves and hat in February. And who doesn't love to walk into a freezing room after a 7 a.m. shower?

The following fall, I moved to Ezell Hall, where I have lived for a year and a half and have been exposed to the choicest facilities MTSU has to offer. The stories of asbestos-filled ceilings were very reassuring when I first moved in. Anytime you're told that everything will be okay as long as you don't touch the ceiling, you've got to feel good about your situation. Also, I found it pleasing that the ceiling had more mold on it than some university

made me see just how attractive white cinder block walls really are. The ultra-musty smell of the room gave me a mysterious high and was the only thing saving me from year-round delirium.

One thing I could always count on in my cell block was roach infestation. And now I am in my second Ezell apartment, and I have already battled bugs the size of a half-dollar. I'm still trying to discover why my parents agree

this dump.

But wait kids. We have a new dormitory in the plans for MTSU. And don't we appreciate the fact that more construction is in our future? As a result of this expansion for the betterment of our campus, numerous

people have had their cable and telephone lines cut at one time or another in the past year. Some disillusioned souls may argue that these services

Hot water falls into this category, too. Half of the campus has been without hot water on the weekends twice this semester due to a water main break or some other excuse. And no one ever has a clue when it's coming back on.

It's become such a routine now that when I go home for an extended break, I periodically turn off the hot water just to keep myself humble.

And it's a seemingly endless cycle that includes freezer meltdowns (thanks MTSU housing for your prompt response to this problem) and a heating/cooling system that requires a petition to activate.

mausoleums/dormitories. But the authorities don't care because a minority of the students live on campus and their propaganda continues to be pumped out about the increase in enrollment and the new Aviation/Business building, library and football stadium that will make this university a force to be reckoned with.

Meanwhile, students who won't be around when the buildings are completed, are living in the healthful atmosphere of institutionalized housing.

Hey, nothing but the best at MTSU.

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ME TOO!!! I WONDER WHERE WE TURN IN OUR IDEAS...

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JUGGLING 101

How busy 'non-traditional' students learn to balance school, work, and family responsibilities

By Dorothy Davis

Juggling 101. With so many MTSU students trying to balance job, marriage, family and school work, it ought to be a required course. You could almost launch a nouveau circus act to rival the ones in France's famous Cirque de Soleil.

Who are these jugglers? Well, look around you: in your classes, as you walk around campus, as you study in the library. Probably most of the people you see are doing some form of schedule juggling.

The real world-class jugglers, though, are mostly the older, so-called non-traditional students. You know—"adults."

Two outstanding jugglers are David Laprad and Carol Washington. They both keep many balls in the air—jobs, children, classes—to name a few.

Washington does such a spectacular job of juggling that she received an award for it. Last spring the Older Wiser Learners (OWLs) honored her as the Best Juggling OWL of 1996.

"That award woke me up," Washington says. She realized she had to make some choices and changes to refocus her priorities on her education.

Washington is a senior honors student with a double major in art therapy and special education. Before she received the OWLs award, she worked full-time, carried a full course load, volunteered full-time at her church and kept her grandson on weekends.

Now Washington works 12 hours a week. She sold her home and moved on campus to reduce time spent maintaining her house. She is still, however, a full-time student, mother and grandmother. Her daughter, Nephertiti, is a junior at MTSU. Her son, a truck driver, has left the nest and has his own family.

Laprad, a journalism major, is also

a parent. His children are two and four years old. He and his wife Valerie care for Lucas and Abby with the help of Valerie's mother when they are at work or in school.

This semester Laprad doesn't have a full-time job; he has a full-time internship at the Smithville Review. He carries 13 hours instead of 21.

Laprad's typical day begins at 6 a.m. when he gets his daughter up and ready for her day. At 7 a.m. he wakes his son and takes care of him until time for his hour-long commute from Smithville to MTSU. Every day he attends classes from noon until 2 p.m., except Wednesday he has classes all day. After class he returns to Smithville and works at the Review. Then he goes home, bathes the children and puts them to bed. Finally he starts on his school work.

Time management? Coping techniques? What are those?

For Laprad, time management techniques require that you have the energy to follow them. He copes with stress by using his driving time to listen to music he likes. He also makes sure any personal time he does manage to get is good time.

Washington has reset her priorities and simplified her life as much as possible. She makes good use of the support and the facilities available at the Adult Services Center. She also says it's important to make connections with your instructors and other students, as well as finding and using the different services that are available at MTSU to help juggling students. Here are a few places to look first:

Counseling and Testing Center

The employees at the Counseling and Testing Center help students with both personal and academic problems. They advise all undecided majors and help them determine what field of study they want to go into. The center's personnel also administer a

number of different tests for students who want to earn college credit by examination, who need to take an exam for graduate school or who need to be tested to complete correspondence courses.

The counselors also help students who are experiencing problems due to stress. They help students work out new study habits or develop better ways of coping with an overwhelming amount of responsibilities.

The center is located on the third floor of the Keathley University Center in room 329.

Adult Services Center

The Adult Services Center serves the older students at MTSU. Nationally, the percentage of adult students, defined as age 23 or older, is rapidly approaching 50 percent of all students. At MTSU this fall 42 percent of the students are classified as adults.

The center provides help for students in dealing with the maze of forms that go hand in hand with university life, and help find the services they need but don't know how to access. It provides support in the form of the Older Wiser Learners (OWLs) group, peer mentoring, other support groups as needed and seminars on different topics of concern.

The center, located on the third floor of the Keathley University Center, has facilities to store and heat food, places to study, a computer for students to use and an area if you just need to relax. There is also an extensive array of brochures on university services and groups.

The center also sponsors Pinnacle, an honorary organization for adult learners.

Center hours are: Monday - Thursday - 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

June Anderson Women's Center

The Women's Center provides a



Julia Ann Graves staff /

Children of MTSU students play outside the Family Housing Complex.

wide variety of services for women at MTSU. Their mission statement explains that "the mission of the June Anderson Women's Center is to serve as a focal point for services to women at MTSU and to serve as an advocate for women, particularly those who are students, at MTSU." The JAWC provides a full-time licensed counselor, a library on women's issues, a legal clinic, financial aid information for women, an information and referral service, materials on women's health and a newsletter, Speaking of Women.

The center makes sure all information is confidential in order to provide women with a safe haven and

all JAWC employees sign a confidentiality agreement.

The JAWC is located in room 206 in the James Union Building. Hours are: Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday evenings until 7 p.m.

The Recreation Center

When you need to let off some steam, the Recreation Center provides a wide variety of physical activities to help students deal with physical and mental stress. Additionally, the Fitness and Wellness Program at the center sponsors periodic seminars on stress and how to handle it. For more information call 898-2104. •

That thing Hanks does works again for audiences

Associated Press

So is there anything that Tom Hanks can do?

That's bound to be the buzz following the release of "That Thing You Do," (PG) Hanks' fable about a 1960s rock band, The Wonders, and the group's one fleeting summer of success.

Written and directed by Hanks, who also co-stars, it isn't nearly as serious enough film to put the two-time Oscar winner for "Forrest Gump" and "Philadelphia" up there yet with Kevin Costner and Mel Gibson as an actor who also takes home the Academy Award for directing.

It's a delightful film nonetheless, and one that is done in that circa-1960s Disney style, which seems to say to you that you might want to think about taking the whole family to see it.

As the film opens, the summer of 1964 is just beginning. That was a kinder, gentler time, Hanks reminds us, when Americans were still fascinated by washer-dryers and 14-inch TVs. When we still lived in towns that had Main Streets instead of malls and the Main Streets had rows of bright, shiny parking meters.

It was also just months after the Beatles had stormed across America, leaving in their

wake hordes of young men with cheap electric guitars, drum sets and the conviction that they, too, could impress girls by playing rock 'n' roll.

Among them are four guys from Erie, Pa., whose biggest musical dream is winning the \$100 first prize offered at the local battle of the bands.

They've got just one original song, "That Thing You Do," written by their leader, Jimmy (Johnathon S. Johnson). They've got a gimmicky name, The Oneders, that Jimmy's girlfriend (Liv Tyler) thought up, and which everybody mispronounces.

Then they get lucky. Their drummer breaks his arm trying to vault one of those shiny parking meters and they ask their friend Guy Patterson to sit in.



photo courtesy Twentieth Century Fox

Tom Hanks directs and co-stars in 'That Thing You Do.'

Tom Everett Scott's Guy is just what they need. He's unassuming and unambitious—but he can actually play the drums. And the hard-driving beat he lays down quickly transforms "That Thing You Do" from a tepid bit of fluff into a legitimate pop-rock not all that far removed from the Beatles' "I Want To Hold Your Hand."

their name and sends them on their way to stardom.

Hanks has said his script was influenced by The Compleat Beatles documentary, and that's evident.

For before the boys are halfway to California, Steve Zahn's Lenny, the irreverent

guitar player, is cracking jokes like John Lennon. Jimmy, the serious one, is trying to peddle more songs, like Paul McCartney might do. And at one point all four (Ethan Embry is simply the bass player) are scampering across the screen in a scene straight out of "A Hard Day's Night."

The movie offers up one running tribute to pop trivia after another.

That message on the screen consoling the girls to Jimmy being engaged when The Wonders finally appear on TV? Ed Sullivan did it during a Beatles' appearance, his message noting, "Sorry girls, he's married," when the camera cut to Lennon.

And The Wonders cut their record in a church to meet fan demand? So did the Cowboy Junkies.

The ending? "American Graffiti" but more upbeat.

The sense of fun Hanks has with his material, the inspired performances he gets out of his youthful cast, and the upbeat, original music can't help but take you along for the ride.

When it's all over, you might even wish The Wonders had kept it together and recorded a couple more songs. Maybe they could have been another Dave Clark Five. •

'Playworks' spotlights student-written performances

Staff Reports

"Playworks," a series of student written plays kicked off the first of two weekend performances last night at the Studio Theatre inside the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

The performances, beginning at 8 p.m. each night from Oct. 2-5 and Oct. 8-12, will each feature three one act plays written, directed, and produced by MTSU students.

Beginning this week, the performances will open with Warren Gore's "Last Summer Vacation," (directed by Deborah Anderson) followed by a Reader's Theatre "Scotland the Brave." The third and final performance of the evening will be the Julie Shavers written and John Seroff directed "It Only Hurts When I Tinkle."

MTSU students with IDs will be admitted free of charge to any of the performances. Admission is \$5 for the general public.

In other Tucker Theatre news, Louise Runyon Barth will be on campus Monday, October 7, for a solo performance titled "Crones, Dolls, and Raging Beauties." Featuring avant-garde dance and storytelling, the performance is sponsored in conjunction with National Women's History Month. •

Detours

The Loony Bin

Bull gets flying lesson thanks to couple

GRIFFIN, Ga. (AP) — David Conner was confronted with a most disturbing sight while driving — an airborne 1,200-pound bull headed straight for him.

The black Angus was sent aloft when Joe and Brenda Smith of Brooks rounded a curve in their pickup truck Saturday and ran into it.

The impact launched the 1,200-pound bull more than 15 feet into the air, the Smiths said.

The flying bovine then landed on a car driven by Conner of Griffin, smashing the windshield before rolling off.

"About the time y'all hit it, I saw it up in the air with all four legs flying up," Conner told the Smiths.

Afterward, the bull had a limp but appeared more annoyed than injured.

The Smiths were not injured. Conner had a cut from broken glass.

Steamy wedding kiss sets off blaze

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — When Craig Looper kissed his new bride Jill, bells went off, literally.

The Loopers had just sealed their wedding vows at First Presbyterian Church when the fire alarm sounded Saturday. All 350 people escaped unharmed, but the wedding cake was ruined by smoke.

"One hot kiss," joked Lori Powell, the bride's mother.

The probable cause was actually an electrical problem in the basement of a 3-year-old addition to the 88-year-old church, fire Battalion Chief Dan Brown said.

The Loopers, both 23, signed their marriage license on the hood of a fire truck.

"Every wedding has little things that happen," Powell said.

Police take bite out of female Crime Dog

PITTSBURGH (AP) — McGruffette, the female Crime Dog, has landed in the doghouse for unpaid back taxes and could go to jail.

Unmasked, the costumed crime fighter turns out to be Judi Landa, a 39-year-old Pittsburgh woman hired by city police in 1977 to rig herself up as a big, friendly bloodhound and teach kids how to take a bite out of crime.

As McGruffette, Landa sports long eyelashes, red fingernails and a bow that make her a big hit with the youngsters.

"Little children are always hugging me and saying, 'I love you doggy,'" she says.

But city financial officers aren't as charmed. They say Landa hasn't paid the business privilege tax on her public-appearance fees.

She could be fined up to \$500 or sentenced to as many as 30 days in jail if convicted.

Local Events Calendar

The Boro

Thursday, October 3: Cross-eyed Chicken and Smoking Section 9:30 p.m.

Friday, October 4: Tequila Black 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 5: Subrosa and Three Days Gone 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 6: Roland Gresham Jazz 7:00 p.m. - no cover

Jonathan's on the Square

Thursday, October 3: Savoir Faire 10:30 p.m.

The Bunganut Pig

Thursday, October 3: Crosstown Traffic 8:00p.m.

Friday, October 4: Tom Mason 9:00p.m.

Saturday, October 5: Blue Like Me 9:00p.m.

Shenanigan's Pub

Friday, October 4: Blue Like Me 10:00p.m.

Saturday, October 5: Tombstone Trailer Park 10:00p.m.

Music on the Knoll

Friday, October 4: Subrosa, Sister Ray, and Java Christ

The show begins at 3:15 pm and includes games, booths, and free cd give-aways.

Tucker Theatre

Thursday October 3-5: MTSU Theatre Presents "Playworks," performances of student written plays. Begins each night at 8 p.m. Students admitted free with ID. General admission: \$5

Today's List

Top 10 movies from last week's box office:

1. "The First Wives Club," Paramount, \$15.3 million, 2,312 locations, \$6.624 average, \$41.8 million, two weeks.
2. "Extreme Measures," Columbia, \$6.9 million, 2,298 locations, \$3,005 average, \$6.9 million, one week.
3. "Last Man Standing," New Line, \$3.6 million, 2,579 locations, \$1,387 average, \$12.7 million, two weeks.
4. "2 Days in the Valley," MGM, \$3.4 million, 769 locations, \$4,359 average, \$3.4 million, one week.
5. "Fly Away Home," Columbia, \$3 million, 1,401 locations, \$2,145 average, \$13.3 million, three weeks.
6. "Independence Day," Fox, \$2.6 million, 1,822 locations, \$1,400 average, \$293.6 million, 13 weeks.
7. "Bulletproof," Universal, \$1.9 million, 1,872 locations, \$1,040 average, \$18.4 million, three weeks.
8. "First Kid," Buena Vista, \$1.8 million, 1,858 locations, \$994 average, \$22.5 million, five weeks.
9. "Maximum Risk," Columbia, \$1.6 million, 2,103 locations, \$762 average, \$12.7 million, three weeks.
10. "Tin Cup," Warner Bros., \$1.2 million, 1,523 locations, \$758 average, \$51.3 million, seven weeks.

Landscape exhibition opens inside Art Barn

By Tracy Moore

Seattle artist Nicholas Brown's landscape exhibition opens Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Art Barn Gallery.

Brown employs hand-colored block prints and oil on canvas to depict the natural world. His paintings are Northwestern and Southwestern landscapes in which he uses simplified shapes from nature and vibrant colors to display how people comprehend the natural world.

"People simplify and then analyze many different aspects of nature and place these aspects together to make an approximate view of nature,"

says Brown in his press release. "Expanded to a larger scale, the simplified small spaces come together to form a more distinctive whole, and the images far from the viewer are more realistic, to create the illusion of distance."

Winner of the Ocean Shores Arts Festival's Award of Excellence, Brown holds a bachelor's degree of fine arts and his work has been displayed in museums and galleries across the Northwest.

A reception for the artist including discussion, video, and food was held in the Art Barn Gallery on Oct. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. The exhibition premieres through Oct. 25. •

National storytelling festival returns to Jonesborough

Associated Press

JONESBOROUGH, Tenn. (AP) — When Michael Cotter was growing up on his family's farm in Minnesota during the Great Depression, hobos showed up there looking for food and temporary shelter.

Those who passed through gave Cotter a second career decades later.

Cotter spent years working his family's farm near Austin, Minn., before he realized he is also a storyteller.

"It was a thing I always had and never had a name for it," Cotter says.

This weekend, he is one of more than a dozen featured tellers at the 24th National Storytelling Festival, sponsored by the National Storytelling Association.

The festival, which is expected to draw 8,000 people, is held in Jonesborough, Tennessee's oldest town, founded in 1779. Also this weekend, ground will be broken on the National Storytelling Center that will house the association. The festival begins Friday and continues through Sunday.

Cotter first appeared at the festival in 1989. He is a part-time storyteller, spinning

yarns on the radio and appearing at festivals. When he's not telling stories, he grows corn and soybeans on the family farm.

That farm was where Cotter found out about storytelling. It was from the homeless traveling through during the 1930s.

"They gathered around the window and told stories. We called it talking," he said. "They had a lot of talent and they all had a story."

He remembered the stories he had grown up with from the hobos passing through. Cotter says their stories, like most, spoke of truths of life.

"I was never able to unhook from that experience," he said. "It was a very different time. Times change and you don't realize until you hear the stories."

Cotter sticks to stories about his life and stories he remembers from the past.

"It has really opened up my life," he said.

And he thinks he knows why storytelling has become so popular.

"It's like reading something that just resonates," he said. •

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Homecoming is more than fun-filled week for sororities and frats

By Matt James/staff

The word 'homecoming' conjures up images of a couple of events, a chili cook-off, and an almost sure-win game. But homecoming is more than that.

It is a week filled with pride in Middle Tennessee State University and a celebration of that pride. It is a tradition that dates back to 1953. Unfortunately the only evidence is a photograph of the tail end of the Art Club's float.

While it has been true in the past that mainly Greeks participate in homecoming, Jim Cabbage, the student director of homecoming, is trying his best to promote the event as one for all students and student organizations. According to Cabbage, "The only two events that may require some intense organization [are] the fight song competition and the step show, which is a new event." So, even though someone is not a member of an organization, they can still come out and have fun, all the while promoting MTSU.

Another way Cabbage is attempting to increase involvement is by changing long-standing rules. In the past, Greek organizations have not been allowed to compete in Greek competition if they worked with a non-Greek organization.

"I lifted that restriction for this year and I now know for a fact that there are two independent organizations that are now going to be involved. They're afraid to compete by themselves but if they could pair up with another organization then they would come in. The Greek organization competes in the Greek division while the other competes in open competition."

Casino night, to be held Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB, is an excellent way that someone who is not a member of an organization can participate in homecoming. Cabbage encourages all students to come for casino night.

"It's just good old fun," Cabbage says. "Come in, pretend to gamble and try to win [yourself] a TV or something. We, [the homecoming committee], are trying to get prizes like that. We haven't got confirmation

yet, but I think it's going to work out."

For those who are competing, attendance is a major part of the points awarded. Cabbage declares that "if you and a couple of buddies want to get together and call yourselves 'the Mud Beggars' or whatever and be involved in homecoming, then do it. Just provide me with a roster. Everyone can be involved."

Each event has a different number of points that are awarded for attendance and participation. If, for example, your group entered the window painting competition and did not receive a first, second or third place, you would still be awarded 10 points for competing.

Each event has its own judging criteria and will be judged by various alumni. Point totals will be kept by Student Homecoming Director Jim Cabbage, Student Government Association secretary Patsy Reed, and Dean of Student Life Tom Burke.

There are a total of 11 different events happening during the week of homecoming. The competitions consist of the following:

- banner painting to be judged Oct. 7;

- a canned food drive on Oct. 7 and 8 (number of canned goods donated);

- Special Olympics bowling (must have two people present all times);

- activities day (hula-hoop, dodgeball, balloon toss, wheelbarrow race and kickball);

- disco/casino night (best costume and attendance);

- International Students coffee hour (participation and a foreign dessert to serve at least 25 people);

- The traditional chili cook-off (attendance and best chili);

- jalapeño pepper eating contest (no points, just fun);

- fight song competition (performance, costumes, creativity and enthusiasm);

- step show (participation);

- and the float competition (school spirit, originality and workmanship).

For more information call SGA at 898-2464, or stop by their office in Room 204 of the KUC.

By Corrie Cron

Last year's homecoming was one surprise after another for Mary Katherine Gilbert, the 1995 homecoming queen.

She wasn't in a sorority and she wasn't a little sister in a fraternity. In fact she really didn't know that many Greeks at all. So when she was nominated for homecoming queen last year by the Kappa Sigma fraternity, the news came as a bit of a shock.

As a Blue Raider cheerleader, she had cheered with Kappa Sigs Brad Dees and Ben Robinson. They took a vote on it and asked her to represent the fraternity.

Even though she agreed, she says she didn't have thoughts of actually wearing the crown.

"I didn't expect anything because I've never been in a sorority, and it seems like kind of a sorority thing," Gilbert said.

But that didn't stop her from enjoying the experience.

"I was just excited because I never got to do anything like that in high school," she laughed. Gilbert said it felt funny seeing her picture up in the KUC for the elections.

As a candidate, she attended the queen's tea, where, she remembers, 1994 Homecoming Queen Marla Frisbee gave a speech in which

she impressed upon the young women what an honor they had already received in being named as candidates.

They were also given information such as what to

The election came and went, and only five were left to represent the court. Gilbert was one of them.

Yet even at that point no visions of titles danced in her head.

"I was just happy with that," she said.

The day of the parade came and it was a cold day, as she remembers. Some friends were able to secure a 40th Anniversary Edition Corvette for her to ride in the parade. Her pre-queen duties at the parade consisted of throwing candy and waving.

In the midst of all the homecoming hoopla, the only thing Mary Katherine Gilbert was really concerned with was enjoying the experience.

"I still didn't really expect anything," she said. "I just thought it was neat to dress up and walk around."

Last year, the announcement of the queen was a little different. They began by announcing the fourth runner-up, then worked their way up to Queen. To ready the next girl, the coordinator would stand behind whoever was to be announced next.

Gilbert remembered standing there with her father, who was escorting her. The first runner-up was about to be announced and the coordinator came and stood behind her.

"My dad patted my arm and said, 'Congratulations, honey, you got second,'" she said. "But

then they announced the other girl's name."

Gilbert says being homecoming queen hasn't changed her life at all. She doesn't make appearances. She isn't even recognized that often, except for one guy she doesn't even know.

"Every time I see him, he yells, 'Hail to the queen,'" Gilbert said.

As for what the future holds, Gilbert will have very specific roles in the upcoming homecoming celebrations.

She will read the names of the five members of the court at the queen's tea and will speak to the candidates.

She will be involved in the parade, and also will crown the 1996 homecoming queen during the ceremonies. And as long as she wants, she can continue to return and be a part of future homecoming ceremonies.

If you ask her why she won, she looks back to what else students were voting on at that time. The ballot also contained a vote on the new stadium.

Her guess is that brought out the "athletic vote."

She'll never know for sure, but she heard that more people voted in that homecoming election than in the recent past.

"I think it helps to have another issue to vote on at the same time," she said.

Though there will be no elections for her this year, her goal is the same as it was last year: have a great time just enjoying the experience.

The 1996 homecoming queen will be crowned on Saturday, Oct. 12.

1995 Queen reflects back; looks forward



1995 Homecoming Queen Mary Katherine Gilbert basks in the glow of her last October.

wear for the ceremony or, more importantly, what not to wear. They also announced the names of the five members of the court.

Yet, the pleasant words couldn't mask Gilbert from what was, in her words, "a bunch of girls sitting around glaring at each other" as they vied for the same title.

MTSU Alumni get involved and relive "good times"

By Ann Repasy/staff

Alumni are preparing to take an active role in many events that have been planned for MTSU's homecoming week: Oct. 6-11. The Alumni Center has traditionally provided festivities for students that have already graduated from the university, as well as helping out with events that are planned for current students.

Lou Nave, the local alumni chapter coordinator, shared a brief overview of some of the activities planned by the center. Most of the activities will take

place on Friday, Oct. 10 and Saturday, Oct. 11.

Beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Stones River Country Club, there will be a breakfast with a golf tournament following at 9 a.m. There is a \$53 fee for this event.

On Friday evening, a dinner at James Union Building will be held in the Hazelwood Dining Room honoring past presidents at 6 p.m. This can only be attended by invitation.

The young alumni council, a group for alumni that graduated less than 10 years

ago, is having a pre-

"They [students from 1930's] talked about the good times they had. It reminded me of some of my good times."

homecoming party from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Meacham's Italian Cafe on Northfield Boulevard.

"(The party) is a relaxed gathering for alumni in town to gear up for homecoming," Nave said.

Another branch of the Alumni Center, the Black Alumni Society, is hosting a hospitality room at the Holiday Inn from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

A tent will be set up on the front lawn of the Alumni Center at 9:30 a.m. on homecoming day for a reception. This reception will honor the classes of '91, '81, '71,

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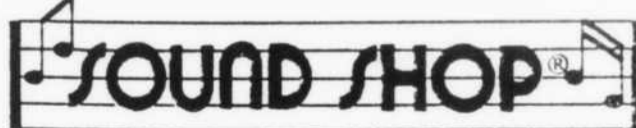
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A look back at a classic Blue Raider homecoming game

By Doug Malan/ staff

In Blue Raider football lore, the 1985 Homecoming game against Murray State stands as a homecoming classic. It deserves to be saved on film, accompanied by powerful classical music and the lilting, staccato narrative of the late John Facenda, the original voice of NFL Films.

The Blue Raiders came into that game in the midst of what would be the team's only undefeated regular season under coach Boots Donnelly. MTSU finished the year 11-0 before bowing to Georgia Southern in the first round of the playoffs.

When Murray State came to Murfreesboro on Oct. 19, MTSU had won its first five games by an average of 24 points. But on this day, the Blue Raiders would have to muster all their defensive strength before defeating the Racers 31-24 in double overtime.

Trailing 17-10 late in the fourth quarter, the Raider defense responded when John Garrett broke through the line and blocked a punt, MTSU's second of the game. That gave the offense a chance with 2:54 left in the game and the ball on the Racer 45.

Quarterback Marvin Collier would move his team down to the 9-yard line in four plays before hitting Donte Lofton in the corner of the end zone for his first passing touchdown of the day. The game was tied

at 17.

The defense responded again when lineman Wade Peery intercepted a Racer pass,

giving MTSU the ball on Murray's 24-yard line. The Raiders failed to win the game in regulation when freshman

kicker Rich Martin missed a 30-yard field goal with seven seconds to play.

After the teams traded touchdowns in the first overtime, Middle Tennessee State got the ball to open the second overtime and capitalized when Collier hooked up with flanker Michael Pittman for the leading score.

Nursing the 31-24 lead, the pressure mounted on a Raider defense that had produced when challenged. And the gauntlet was thrown when Murray drove down to the MTSU 1-yard line on its next possession. With the defense geared to blast any back trying to run through the line, Racer tailback Rodney Payne took a pitch right and

slammed into the heart of the defense.

Linebacker Michael Davis was the first to reach Payne, and his bone-jarring tackle separated leather from flesh. Defensive end Kenny McDaniel recovered the fumble and secured the Blue Raider victory in a hotly contested game played in front of 13,380.

This year's homecoming game will be played nearly 11 years to the week of that epic triumph over Murray State. Austin Peay, who is 0-3 going into its game this weekend, will be the opponent this time around, and while Donnelly would be happy to avoid a gut-wrenching game, fans can only hope the opposite occurs.

No matter the outcome of the game, the pre-game pageantry, the tailgating traditions and the fiery school spirit of students and alumni make homecoming a unique football experience.



The Blue Raiders bring in a final touchdown in double overtime to defeat Murray State 31-24 during the 1985 homecoming game. MTSU came back from a 7-point deficit in the fourth quarter to win.

Band of Blue brings sounds of '70s to parade, festivities

By Gregg Mayer / staff

At the center of the "Sensational Seventies" homecoming parade this year will be the funk-playing, Village Boys-celebrating MTSU Band of Blue.

The Band of Blue, under the direction of Terry Jolley, will keep the parade moving down Main Street to retro favorites such as "Boogie Nights" and "Celebration."

"The Band of Blue is looking forward to an exciting, '70s celebration," Jolley said.

The homecoming parade leaves Greenland parking lot at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, turns left onto Tennessee Boulevard, and then takes Main Street all the way to the square. Spectators may line up anywhere along the way.

Floats, competing in three different categories (Greek, dorm, and open), will be competing in the parade to win coveted points for the "Sensational Seventies" homecoming contest. Various other parade stuff, like clowns and unicycles, will also be buzzing along as the parade makes it way to the square.

During halftime of the football game against Austin Peay, the Band of Blue will perform part of its regular halftime show, and then play a special '70s ballad for the five homecoming queen candidates. Each queen candidate will be escorted onto the field, and then one will be pointed out as the Homecoming Queen of 1996.

"We haven't yet decided what (the '70s ballad) will be yet," Jolley said. "We have a list of about 12 (songs) right now we are choosing from."

On Sunday, following all of the Saturday festivities, the Band of Blue will perform a special concert at 3 p.m. behind the Saunders Fine Arts building for MTSU alumni.

Three special conductors: Jo Ann Hood from John Overton High School; MTSU graduate student Carolyn Hensley; and Joe T. Smith, director emeritus, will lead the Band of Blue in the music of famous composers such as Holst, Shostakovich, Offenbach and Sousa, among many others.

Bring your appetite: 12th annual chili cookoff will tempt tastebuds

By Jennie Treadway/ staff

Break out mom's old recipes and stock up on cayenne pepper, because the 12th Annual Championship Chili Cookoff is coming soon.

The annual chili cookoff, sponsored by the SGA, is a part of the Sensational Seventies homecoming program. Numerous groups and organizations on campus sweat and stir to create the perfect bowl of chili. Fraternities, sororities, clubs and teams will spend hours of dedication to produce the required seven gallons of homemade chili that will wow the judges.

What makes the cookoff even more popular is that many outside businesses, such as local banks, relators and restaurants, participate in the competition. Not only does this give the judges more chili to sample, but it gives the contest another level of difficulty.

This is no low-budget

competition either.

"Many groups will spend some good money on their team," says SGA official Scott Davis. "Some booths are really decorated."

The teams can begin to assemble their station on the Murphy Center track at 3 p.m. They must be checked in and ready to serve the hungry mouths by 6 p.m. The judges, who are normally MTSU alumni, are all objectively picked. There will be no judges at the cookoff that have any relationship with a team or group entered. This way, there is little or no chance of favoritism.

In order to enter the contest, each group must pay the required fees. The cost is \$50 for student teams and \$60 for non-students. Both costs include an entry fee and a \$25 clean-up deposit that will be returned following the competition. Along with payment, there is a necessary entry form that must be turned

in no later than Sept. 27.

Since the contest is sponsored by the SGA, they control where the money goes. After contest expenses are paid for, the profits will go into an SGA scholarship fund. Last year, the SGA could afford four \$150 book scholarships from the money made off of the cookoff.

Jim Cabbage, who is in charge of homecoming events this year, and the Homecoming Committee have been making extra efforts to get more campus organizations involved with the cookoff.

"We've been pushing to get more residence halls and clubs to participate," he says, "in addition to the Greeks."

Each team is put into one of the four divisions: Greek, residence halls, individual groups and community. Trophies are awarded to the first, second and third place winners, and participation points are also given to campus organizations.

Judges will look at the decoration of the booths and how well they fit with the theme, but 70 percent of the voting is based on the flavor, color and texture of the chili.

For those who wish to leave campus food behind for a night, tickets can be purchased for \$5 on Oct. 4, 7 and 8 in the KUC, and for \$7 at the door. Tickets allow the consumption of as much chili as humanly possible.

"Last year, there was a band and everyone was dancing," says Vic Felts, the Dean of Greek Life. "It was a great time."

This year, estimated turnout is looking good.

"We may have as many as 40 participants," Cabbage says.

The SGA has all the necessary forms and rules sheets in their office for any team willing to tease a few taste buds and go down in chili cookoff history.



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Defense leads MTSU to historical first NCAA win for women's soccer

By Doug Malan/ staff

The Lady Raiders notched a 1-0 victory against Tennessee Tech on Tuesday afternoon, after midfielder Shannon Broadwell scored at the 26:45 mark of the first half. The game marked the first NCAA win in the short history of MTSU's women's soccer.

On a rain-soaked field, coach Collette Gilligan's team used defense and ball control to improve their record to 2-6.

"We were able to control the game with our defense, which is our team strength," Gilligan said.

MTSU out shot Tennessee Tech 13-2 in the game, and Lady Raider goalkeeper Angie Venable was seriously challenged only once.

The speedy Broadwell consistently broke through the Eaglette defense and put several balls on goal in the first half.

Forward April Lynn blasted two

balls in the first period that were stopped by Tech goalkeeper Holly Wildman, who turned in a gutsy performance with 11 saves.

In the second half, intermittent showers turned the game into a battle for field position, and MTSU succeeded in controlling the ball. "We were able to control the middle of the field and keep the ball. (Midfielder) Lynn Wright was a key to the victory as was (forward) April Lynn," Gilligan said.

The Lady Raider coach also lauded the play of sweeper Christine Payne and Broadwell as MTSU gained some self-confidence with the victory.

"We have been playing very hard, but now we have some confidence and a team-first mentality," Gilligan said.

The women's soccer team will travel to Jacksonville State in Alabama this weekend for games against Tennessee Tech on Saturday and Southeastern Louisiana on Sunday.



Shawn Sidwell/ staff

An MTSU player battles for possession of the soccer ball in Tuesday's game against Tennessee Tech

Bowhunting season began last weekend; perfect time to scout deer



Brent Spicer

OTUDOOR CORNER

The early morning light was still so faint that I could barely see the objects in the woods surrounding me. My senses heightened because I knew that this was the prime time for action. I was a little surprised, however, when I heard a twig snap behind me, because I expected the deer to come through the woods in front of me as they returned to the thicket from feeding in the fields, instead of coming out of the thicket to feed in the woods.

Two does and a six-point buck walked by me no more than five yards from my position on the ground. I watched, motionless, as they stopped at the salt lick, and I started to draw my recurve as one of the does presented a perfect shot from about ten yards. However, I decided to wait for a shot at the buck feeding 30 yards away.

As luck would have it, the doe remained so close to me that I knew that she would catch my movement if I tried to draw on the buck, so I let them go on their merry way, feeding through the woods.

I left the woods last Saturday confident and almost as pleased as with a kill. What I had learned that morning would be invaluable in setting up the next hunt there.

Bow season opened this past weekend, and I decided to devote this week's outdoor column to it since it is fresh on my mind. Deer hunting in the first few weeks of bow season is as different as night and day from the following two and a half months of deer season. The hunter who takes advantage of this time can have a successful year before gun season, the real season by most hunters' standards, even starts.

The weather is almost always still warm at this time, unlike the cold weather that accompanies the majority gun season. Deer react to warm weather by using a much smaller core area of activity, allowing the hunter to pinpoint different groups of deer in different areas. This can be very valuable to find out just how many deer you have using your land and allowing good herd-management decisions.

Deer also follow established trails in a very predictable manner in their core areas. If you see three deer come through a particular spot at 6:35 one morning, you can generally count on the same three returning at the same time within the next couple of days. This gives the bowhunter several chances to set up close enough to get a shot, which is usually 20 or 30 yards for a bow.

Deer travel in groups that can include bachelor groups of bucks or groups of does and bucks together. This is the last few weeks before the bucks split apart from each other and from the does for breeding season. It is interesting to think that the same bucks who are staying in the same groups now will be willing to fight each other fiercely at the mere sight of one another in a few weeks. The rest of the season a buck will only be seen with a doe or group of does if he is looking for a doe in heat.

The early season offers the hunter more cover than at any other time. The trees are still in full foliage, offering excellent concealment for a hunter in a tree stand. There is also still much undergrowth, allowing the brave bowhunter a chance to get within range on the ground.

For me, bow season is like free money. I get to hunt areas before most others. I can kill four deer of either sex. Best of all, I get to scout for gun season with a good chance of killing a deer with my bow. Seeing how the deer change their behavior as they get ready for the rut is of great use during gun season when the rut is in full swing. Whether you bowhunt, hunt without a bow, or just enjoy watching deer, the early season is full of action. Get out and enjoy it.

Blue Raiders face Jacksonville State in tough series

By Doug Malan/ staff

This Saturday, the Blue Raider football team will face off against Jacksonville State, whose record reflects a difficult early season. The Gamecocks, in their fourth year of Division I-AA football, enter the game with an 0-4 record following games against several formidable opponents.

Head coach Bill Burgess has been at Jacksonville State since 1985. Burgess molded his team into a Division II power from 1988 to 1992, when he compiled a 56-8-1 record with a national title in '92 and runners-up trophies in '89 and '91. After two losing seasons, Burgess turned his team around last year and finished 7-4. But in 1996, the Gamecocks are still seeking that initial win after a home loss to West Georgia and road losses to Nicholls State, UAB and Southwest Missouri State.

"We're having problems with penalties and turnovers right now,"

Burgess said. "We're not playing well, and that's my fault. But the kids are playing really hard. We've faced some tough teams and made some mistakes."

Jacksonville State is being forced to mature quickly in the face of stiff competition. The Gamecocks have only six seniors on its roster, but many players got extensive playing time last year as freshmen.

One such player is sophomore quarterback Montressa Kirby,

who last year passed for 368 yards with three touchdowns at a 50 percent

rate. Kirby also ran for 269 yards in 1995 out of the option offense. Fellow sophomore JeDarius Isaac spells Kirby

at quarterback and battled him for the number one spot last year.

Junior halfback Amel Jackson was the team's leading rusher last year with 657 yards and eight touchdowns.

Anton Whitt also returns after scoring two touchdowns and averaging seven yards per carry.

Sophomore Patrick Plott, who caught 13 passes for 237 yards a year ago, returns as the main wide receiver

MTSU vs. Jacksonville State

When: Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m.
Where: Jacksonville, Ala.
Televised: WNAB, Ch. 15, at 2 p.m.
Radio: 94.1 FM at 2 p.m.



Athlete skillfully juggles volleyball, soccer, classes



photo courtesy volleyball media guide

Junior Angie Venable goes for a down for a dig in a game last year. Though Angie is here on volleyball scholarship, she also plays soccer for MTSU in her free time.

By Rachel Parrish/ staff

Not too many people can handle the pressure. Bo Jackson tried it in football and baseball. Michael Jordan attempted to do it in basketball and baseball, but even "His Airness" couldn't seem to handle two sports.

But by alternating between the diverse sports of volleyball and soccer, Angie Venable is doing it - and doing it well.

"My schedule is a pretty hectic one," says the 5-foot, 10-inch junior from Kansas. "Volleyball practice is six times a week, including games. I play all the volleyball games and as for soccer, I play all the games that don't conflict. Even though I'm just getting started with the soccer team, I've played the goalie three times in the last three weeks."

Competing in two sports is nothing new to Angie. She began playing soccer in kindergarten, and in high school, stemmed from her fear of boredom, she mastered not only the foot-fancy sport, but track and

volleyball as well. But it was the latter of the three sports that eventually won her heart.

With such a demanding schedule, you have to wonder whether or not there is any room for free time.

"Well, I had a free weekend (sort of) last week but I also had a soccer game...so, technically it wasn't really a free one," laughs Venable. "But when I do get some time, I like to go catch a movie with my friends or get my homework done."

Angie feels that her school work is extremely important, and refuses to fall into the stereotype of the "dumb jock."

"I know that sports won't be around for the rest of my life, so being a good student is important to me," she says candidly. "I need something to fall back on. I plan on getting my degree."

And coming from someone who plays back-row defense for the volleyball team and is the goalie for the soccer team, you have no choice but to believe her.

Brock sets tournament record; MTSU golf takes fourth place

Staff Reports

Senior Maine Brock and freshman Brett Alexander took first- and second-place honors this weekend to lead the MTSU golf team to an impressive fourth place finish at the Mizuno Peach State Invitational at Cherokee Run Golf Club in Conyers, Ga.

Brock, a senior from Albany, Ga., shot a tournament record eight-under par total of 208 (68-71-69) to take medalist honors.

"Maine played lights out," said MTSU Head Coach Johnny Moore. "He played as well as any player I've ever coached. He just consistently went about his business on a very, and I do mean VERY, difficult golf course."

Brock won by 11 strokes and was followed by his freshman teammate, Alexander, originally from Richland,

Mo., shot a three-over par 219 (74-75-70) in his first collegiate round. Alexander made seven birdies and two eagles over his 54 holes of competition.

"Brett played extremely well," said Moore. "He has a great on-course demeanor. I don't know that I've ever had a player that finished second in his first collegiate tournament."

The Blue Raiders finished 13 shots off the pace set by tournament champ UAB. Oral Roberts and Southeastern Louisiana also finished ahead of the Raiders.

What is impressive is the list of those behind MTSU. The Blue Raiders finished ahead of South Alabama, host Georgia State, Memphis, Southern Miss, Tulane, and Troy State.

"That is a remarkable finish considering how young this team is,"

added Moore. "We are starting three true freshmen and a sophomore and to beat a team like South Alabama that just missed going to the NCAA's at year ago is impressive."

"It was somewhat sad that we had the first- and second-place finishers on our team and still only managed to finish fourth. But we have a young and very capable team. These kids have a great future."

Sophomore Steve Russler of London, Ky., struggled early but shot a one-over par 73 in the final round to shoot 239 for the tournament. Freshmen Richard Sprangler of Hixson, Tn., and Whit Turnbow of Shelbyville, Tn., also had their problems over their first 54 holes of collegiate competition.

Sprangler, the 1995 TSSAA Class AAA state champ, shot a 240. His

troubles basically came around the greens as he struggled with the putter.

Turnbow had a rough start which got him down early. He had a 54-hole total of 255, but did have four birdies for the tournament.

"Russler, Sprangler and Turnbow all had their troubles, but for the most part they came around toward the end," added Moore. "For us to move forward from this effort, those three will be the key. Maine and Brett will play well all year, I have no doubts about that, but they cannot continue to put up those types of numbers every tournament. We need to find more consistency throughout the lineup."

MTSU will host the Legends Intercollegiate Tournament at the Legends Golf Course in Franklin beginning Sunday, Oct. 6, and continuing through Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Sports Shorts

OVC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Eastern Illinois	2	0	4	0
Murray State	2	0	3	1
Eastern Kentucky	1	0	1	3
SE Missouri	1	1	1	2
Tennessee State	1	1	1	3
Austin Peay	0	1	0	4
Tennessee Tech	0	1	1	2
MTSU	0	2	1	3
UT-Martin	0	1	0	3

RESULTS

Murray State 34, MTSU 9
Eastern Illinois 38, UT-Martin 0
SE Missouri 17, Austin Peay 13
Eastern Kentucky 28, Tennessee Tech 7

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 5
MTSU at Jacksonville State, 2 p.m.
SE Missouri at Eastern Kentucky, 1 p.m.
Austin Peay at Murray State, 2:30 p.m.
UT-Martin at Tennessee Tech, 2 p.m.
Lane at TSU, 1:30 p.m.

SEC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	SEC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Eastern Division				
Florida	2	0	4	0
South Carolina	1	1	2	2
Tennessee	0	1	2	1
Georgia	0	1	1	2
Kentucky	0	1	1	3
Vanderbilt	0	2	0	3

Western Division

Alabama	2	0	4	0
LSU	1	0	2	0
Miss. St.	1	0	2	1
Auburn	1	1	3	1
Arkansas	0	1	0	2
Ole Miss	0	1	2	1

RESULTS

Mississippi State 14, South Carolina 10
Florida 65, Kentucky 0

Arkansas 38, NE Louisiana 21
LSU 63, New Mexico State 7

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Thursday, Oct. 3
Tennessee vs. Ole Miss at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5
Kentucky at Alabama, 1 p.m.
Florida at Arkansas, 2 p.m.
South Carolina at Auburn, 1 p.m.
Georgia at Mississippi State, 6 p.m.
Vanderbilt at LSU, 7 p.m.

This week's results and schedules of local interest--(all times Central):

WOMEN'S SOCCER RESULTS

Saturday, Oct. 5 and Sunday, Oct. 6
Jacksonville State Tourney
Saturday, Oct. 5
Tennessee Tech, 10 a.m.
Sunday, Oct. 6
Southeastern Louisiana, 12 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Tuesday, Oct. 1
MTSU defeats UT-Chattanooga
15-9, 15-7, 7-15, 16-14

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Friday, Oct. 4
UT-Martin at MTSU, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 5
Murray State at MTSU, 2 p.m.

RUGBY RESULTS

Saturday, Sept. 28
MTSU defeated Tennessee Tech 54-5
Western Kentucky defeated MTSU 17-15
Sunday, Sept. 29
MTSU defeats Alabama 56-0

CROSS COUNTRY

RESULTS

UT-C Invitational Cross Country Meet		
MEN	FINISH	TIME
Curt Arthur	2	20:47
Jason Smith	11	22:19
William Burrus	17	24:22
Marcus Murray	18	24:25
Grant Cruger	19	24:58

TEAM SCORES

Lee College	85
Clayton State (Ga.)	69
MTSU	67
UT-Chattanooga	19

WOMEN

	FINISH	TIME
Sonya Ewing	9	20:30
Stacey Soda	11	21:09
Saran Dunmore	13	21:57
Maronda Harris	16	22:43
Jennifer Cunningham	17	22:43

TEAM SCORES

Lee College	124
Shorter College	96
MTSU	65
Clayton State	64
UT-Chattanooga	18

WOMEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

Saturday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Sept. 29
Furman Fall Classic in Greenville, SC
SINGLES
Alex Toelle 4th place

DOUBLES

Amy King and Malinda Ryan 5th place

NEXT MATCHES

Friday through Sunday, Oct. 11-13
Lady Raider Fall Tennis Classic at MTSU
Teams competing:
Louisville Georgia State
Memphis Appalachian St.
UT-Martin Belmont
Austin Peay UT-Chattanooga
Tenn. Tech Eastern Kentucky
Jacksonville St.

GOLF

RESULTS

Last weekend
Mizuno Peach State Invitational
MTSU 4th place

NEXT ROUNDS

Sunday through Monday, Oct. 6-8

SOFTBALL

Saturday, Oct. 5, and Sunday, Oct. 6
4th Annual MTSU 1996 Fall Tournament
Site: Star Plex Park
Format: Round Robin (6 games each)
Teams: David Lipscomb Univ.
Volunteer St. Community College
Rend Lake
MTSU
TSU
Samford Univ.
Tennessee Tech
Lee College
Univ. of Alabama/Huntsville
Jacksonville St.
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INTRAMURALS

Sign-ups are now being collected for the Campus Rec Dept's Fall intramural sports leagues. Call 898-2104 for more information.

SPORT	REG.	PLAY
Racquetball	Oct. 1-9	Oct. 14-Nov.
Volleyball	Oct. 1-14	Oct. 21-Nov.
Golf Scramble	Oct. 1-11	Oct. 11, 1 p.m.
Slam Dunk	Oct. 1-14	Oct. 14, 11:30 pm
3 on 3 Basketball	Oct. 1-14	Oct. 14

CAMPUS REC

EVENT	LOC.	TIME	COST
Oct. 4-6 Raft the Gauley, WV		5:30 p.m.	\$155
Oct. 5 Hiking/Rock Climbing	Fall Creek Falls	8 a.m.	\$12

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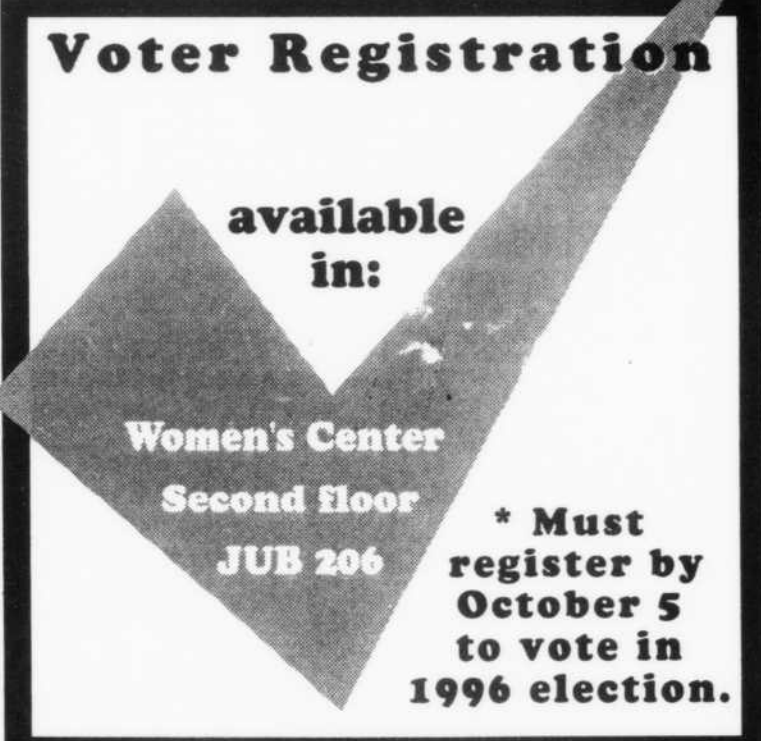
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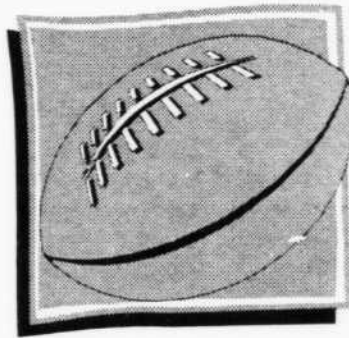
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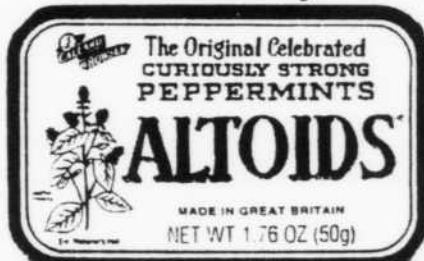
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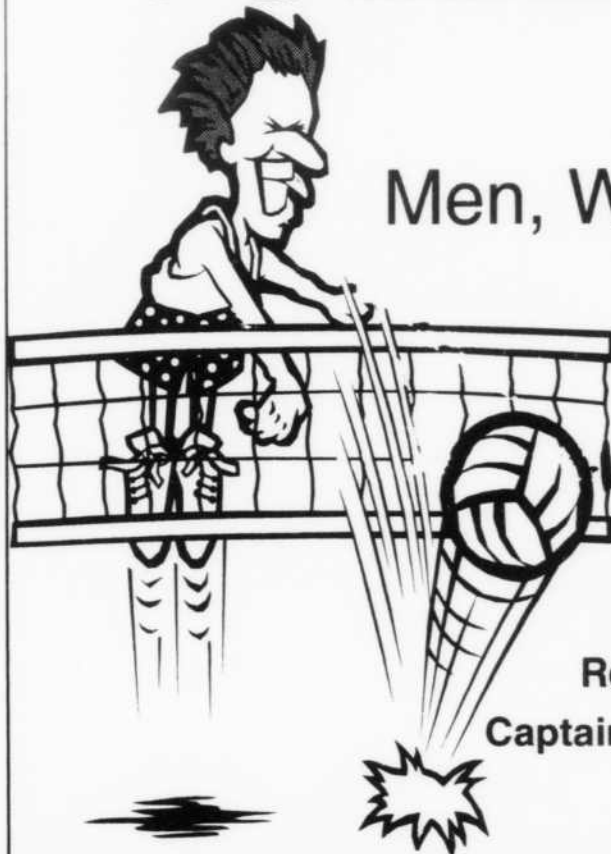
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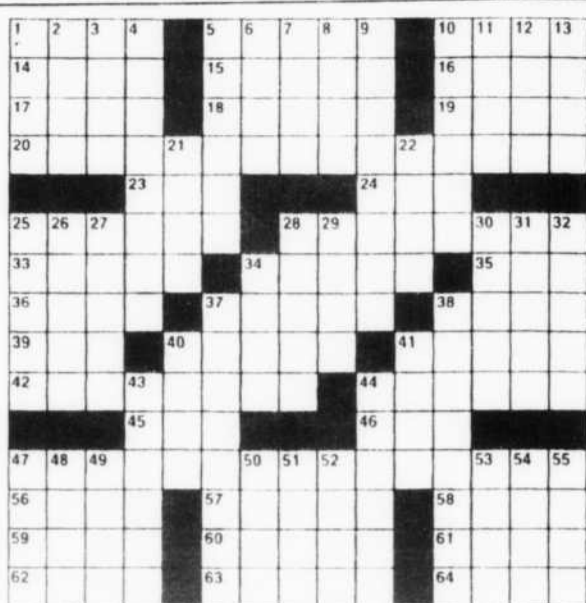


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PA System for sale, only 4 months and hardly been used. Perfect for serious bands that are just starting out. Selling it for \$1200. I bought it for \$2,000. Call 867-2359 ask for Noel.

Black Wooden Futon frame for sale, low to the ground, folds out also. Come check it out! 904-0280.

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Smith Corona Word Processor for sale. 13" monitor, spell/grammar check, spreadsheet and more. Call 848-0297.

Fender Concert Guitar - amp (tube), early 80's black face, 60 watts, one 12" speaker master volume, gain, foot-switchable channels, reverb. \$350.00 898-4943 leave message.

Set of Oak twin beds. Less than one year old. Includes new mattress and box springs. Call 890-6106.

SEIZED CARS FROM \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMWs, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WDs. Your Area. Toll Free 1-800-898-9778 Ext. 1-3834 for current listings.



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