

SIDELINES IN BRIEF

Candlelight Tour of Homes

Oaklands Historic House Museum hosts the "Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes" this Saturday. The tour features five privately-owned homes in the Murfreesboro Historic District, Central Christian Church and the Oaklands Mansion. Cost of the tour is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 16 and under. (see story, page 1b)

MTSU IN BRIEF

Mapp named

Outstanding Professor

MTSU English professor Larry G. Mapp was named Outstanding Teacher for Comprehensive Universities at the 67th Annual Convention of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association held in Atlanta, GA, Nov. 15-16.

Free Gift Wrapping

Faculty and staff can have their holiday presents wrapped for free by Alpha Delta Pi sorority Dec. 9-10 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Those interested can bring their gifts by the Alpha Delta Pi chapter room on the first floor of Cummings Hall. The sorority will provide the gift wrapping supplies. For more information, call 898-4386.

Students reap awards

Nursing students and faculty won three awards and four elected positions at the joint convention of the Tennessee Association of Student Nurses (TASN) and Tennessee Nurses' Association (TNA) Nov. 21-23 in Nashville. Faculty member Shelia Marquart, RN, MSN was named Outstanding Faculty Advisor by TASN and was elected by TNA to be a delegate to the American Nurses' Association. Student Jack Hyrick was awarded the Outstanding Community Service award from TASN. The MTSU Student Nurses' Association (SNA) won the Outstanding Community Service Chapter Award. Meanwhile, Amy Richardson was elected Second Vice-President in TASN. Lindsey Robertson and Audrey Jones were elected Middle Regional Director and Middle Regional Nominations Chairperson respectively.

Students reach out

It wasn't on the syllabus, but the 27 MTSU junior and senior education majors in Nancy Crews' Reading/Language Arts Block class added to their semester through humanitarian projects. Three of their major public service projects included "Make a Difference Day," in which students traveled to Smyrna to help with a children's festival; Room in the Inn outreach to the homeless; and a program with West End United Methodist Church in Nashville that tries to rescue young single mothers who are addicted to drugs. While students were not required to participate and did not earn extra credit, the future educators benefited in numerous ways, including gaining real-life experience with children of different backgrounds.

Know of something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.

Concrete work first in dorm repairs

□ Susan McMahan and Bryan Brooks/staff

Exterior concrete repairs next summer costing \$1 million will be the beginning of planned campus housing renovations, leaving other projects waiting to be scheduled.

The repairs to the concrete of Deere, Nicks, Clement and Gore residence halls will be made next summer to fill holes in the buildings, according to Debra Sells, director of housing and residence life.

"There are places where I don't know what all the correct terms for it are, but it's starting to crack and fall off," Sells said. "That's a safety concern for us."

The concrete work is to be the first chunk of the more than \$45 million of planned dorm renovations. Sells said money has been set aside to make the repairs.

Antwain Davis, a senior recording industry management major who lives in Nicks Hall, said he is more

concerned with the interior of his dorm than the concrete problems and that housing should make the renovations worthwhile to the inhabitants.

"The quality of Nicks Hall isn't bad," Davis said, "but the bathrooms are always messed up and the dresser drawers are off track and I don't like the color of the walls." Davis, who has lived in Nicks for two years, selected Nicks Hall on his housing application.

Fes Ashburn, also a Nicks resident, said that the university should spend construction money to improve the dorms.

"If they can spend \$75 million on the library, I don't see why they can't spend a few dollars on the [dorm] building," said Ashburn, a junior marketing major.

The university will request to issue bonds for, which is essentially borrowing, about another \$7 million next spring to make the second group of repairs.

Sells said that money will be used to complete work over the summers of



Chad Gillis/staff

Cement cracks, like this on one the first floor of Nicks Hall, will be repaired as the first part of the planned \$45 million housing renovations next summer.

1999 and 2000. About \$3.5 million of work will be done each summer.

The housing department is currently trying to decide what repairs

will be done over the summers of 1999 and 2000. Sells said the decision about

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Taste of tradition



photo provided

An international student enjoys a Thanksgiving meal prepared by members of the Student Government Association last week at the Honors dorm.

Ole Blue bids adieu to MTSU

□ Jamie Evans/staff

The pink slip for Ole Blue has been served.

His replacement is about to take over the position and is bringing along a new official athletic logo.

This new mascot and the first ever official athletic logo will be unveiled during the half-time show at the home basketball game against Tennessee State University on Saturday, Jan. 17.

The show will feature a laser show, music and a few other surprises that are not being revealed yet. One thing's for sure though, Ole Blue will be moved out in a "very tasteful manner," but the nickname of Blue Raiders will remain.

The mascot and logo committee is planning the launch of a huge campaign that will build up to the release, with advertisements that "Lightning Strikes" along with the date of the game. It is still a mystery of how exactly lightning plays a role in the new mascot, but it is supposed to be closely related.

"Basically what we want to do," one committee member said, "is get as many students at the game as possible."

The committee made a small presentation to the Student Government Association two weeks ago and asked for their help to build

the suspense.

However, some members of the SGA were reluctant to give their support blindly. There was even a bill passed by the house of representatives and the senate to have the mascot presented to the house and the senate so that they could give their opinion since, according to the bill, "The feelings and ideas of the students are represented through the SGA."

Senator Stephen Platt said he is worried because there is a growing amount of anxiety among the student population concerning what type of image the new mascot will project, and that the students will be disappointed if they show up to the game and the mascot is not favorable.

Williams said that he does not think it will be a disappointment and that he hopes this event will build school spirit.

"We've gotten student input from the very start," Williams said.

Students, like former SGA President Christin Baker and Speaker of the House Jason Reid, were on the committee along with alumni, Blue Raider Athletic Association (BRAA) members, friends of the university and members of the Murfreesboro community.

This committee was started

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Parking Authority uses DMV records for fines

□ Jamie Evans/staff

The Student Government Association is investigating the use of Tennessee Department of Motor Vehicle records that the Parking Authority is using to fine vehicles that park on campus without parking permits.

For the last 18 years, the Parking Authority has bought DMV records stored on microfiche to identify ticketed vehicles without permits. For the past year, this process has become more feasible because the records are now available on-line.

If the vehicle is registered to a student or an employee, they receive the citation. If it is not registered to a student or employee, the Parking Authority checks the name against a "next to kin" list that they have on file, and then charges it to the student who is related to the offender.

The SGA is questioning the legality of these methods and trying to determine if this is fair to the students.

"If that's the way it is, and that is the regulations, then we are going to have to do something about that," said SGA President Ryan Durham. "It's not fair to the students who are here

and who are paying their traffic fines."

Attorney General for the SGA Jeff Beaumont said that he does not think that it is fair to link the cars to the next to kin, and he does not think it is legal. He plans to research the issue.

"SGA is looking into the legality so students' rights are not being abused," Beaumont said.

Some students have parked on campus anyway without a permit because they did not know that the vehicles could be traced to them.

"It's useless to buy a parking permit when you can't find a space anyway," said Leah Moss, a sophomore history major who lives off campus. "Now I have to walk, what else am I going to do, hitch a ride?"

In addition to using the "next to kin" list they use other specifics such as ticket date, time, location and violation in relation to class schedules before charging any tickets to students, according to Connie Hagberg, interim manager of the Parking Authority.

"Many other universities also use the 'next of kin' method in charging citations to students," Hagberg stated.

"We are going to do whatever is best for the students," Durham said.

Loan default rates down

□ Associated Press

The default loan rate for students who have attended Tennessee colleges and universities is down, but still ranks above the national average.

According to data from the U.S. Department of Education, 12.8 percent of Tennessee student borrowers who had loans come due in 1995 defaulted on payments for at least six months. The 1994 rate was 13.6 percent.

The national average for 1995 was 10.4 percent compared with 10.7 percent the year before and down for the fifth consecutive year.

That's good news for Tennessee colleges, considering that students are borrowing more than before with increasing tuition and other costs, said Ron Gambill, executive director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp.

"Schools are doing a good job of making students aware of the responsibilities of repaying their loans," Gambill said.

The average TSAC-guaranteed Stafford Loan increased from \$3,220 in 1995 to \$3,690 in 1996.

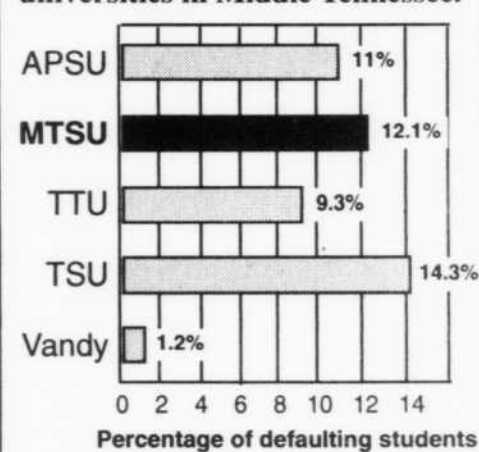
TSAC is using counseling, videotapes and other methods to educate students on repayment responsibilities they will have along with housing, transportation and expenses once they get out of college.

"If students aren't careful they can get themselves buried in a lot of debt with an income that won't support the payments," Gambill said.

The average amount borrowed during college was \$12,000 at public schools, with the average monthly payment being \$150, according to the American Council on Education.

An increasing number of adults are returning to college or entering

Default rate of students receiving federal student loans at 5-year universities in Middle Tennessee.



Source: Associated Press

Adam Smith/staff

school for the first time for additional training or to study for a new career. Their income may disqualify them for grants but not be adequate to pay for tuition.

"Their only option is to look for a loan," Sells said.

Nationally, rates at institutions where defaults are usually high, such as beauty or technical schools, declines from 21 percent to 20 percent in 1995. Three Tennessee schools are among the 109 that face restrictions or termination from federal college grant and loan programs administered by the Education Department. The schools are Tennessee Technology Center at Hartsville (42 percent), Alma's Beauty College in Memphis (50 percent) and William R. Moore School of Technology in Memphis (50 percent).

Default rates at four-year and two-year universities and colleges increased slightly.

Clean sweep



Area III Housing Supervisor Rosa Lee cleans up after a faucet burst in Deere Hall Tuesday afternoon. Chad Gillis/staff

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This committee was started almost two years ago by President James E. Walker as a response to suggestions and recommendations from both individuals and a study of the university image and the athletic program.

This also initiated the proposal to change the name of the university which has to be voted on by the Tennessee Board of Regents and is totally separate from the mascot and logo change.



On Campus



To have information placed in the On Campus section of the paper, come by the "Sidelines" office, located in JUB 310, and fill out a form located on the table by the door. Information must be submitted by Monday at 5 p.m. and Thursday's deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. A new form must be filled out for each edition or the information will not be run.

Dec. 4

Golden Key National Honor Society will host a Sophomore Recognition Reception, Christmas Party and Toy Drive at 6 p.m. in the JUB Hazelwood Dining Room. Members are asked to bring one unwrapped toy to benefit Toys for Tots. For more information, contact Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116.

Dec. 5

Sigma Tau Delta will host a writer's workshop off campus at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Sarah K. Lisle at 898-4985.

Dec. 5-6

The Music City Corriente Show and Roping will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center. Registration is at 9 a.m. Dec. 5 with cattle judging at 11 a.m. Roping will begin at 8 a.m. Dec. 7. For more information, contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

Dec. 5-Jan. 7

The James Union Cafeteria will close at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and reopen at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Dec. 10

The Beef Cattle Improvement Association Tested Bull Sale will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center at 11 a.m. For more information, contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

Dec. 12

This is the last day to pay your outstanding debts to the university if you want to hear your grades via Tram or receive a printed grade report upon request.

Dec. 12-14

The Seventeenth Annual Earth Treasures Jewelry, Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale will be at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds Creative Arts Building from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission is \$2, students 12-18 is 50 cents and children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. More than 30 dealers will display jewelry, jewelry mountings and parts, cut stones, beads, minerals, decorator items of stone, fossils, lapidary supplies and more to view and purchase. The show is presented by Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., a non profit educational organization. Proceeds are used for education and for area college and university scholarships.

Dec. 12-Jan. 4

The Corlew Dining Hall will close at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, and reopen at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 4.

Dec. 13-14

The Tennessee Valley Ropers Association Finals will be held beginning at 9 a.m. each day at the Tennessee Livestock Center. For more information,

contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

Dec. 13-Jan 4

The KUC Grill will be closed from 2 p.m. Dec. 13 and reopen at 3 p.m. Jan. 4.

Dec. 18-20

An Intercollegiate Horse Show will be hosted by MTSU at the Tennessee Livestock Center. For more information, contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

Dec. 26-29

The Tennessee Quarter Horse Association Holiday Circuit Cattle Classes will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center. Team Penning will be held Dec. 26 at 5 p.m. and Dec. 27 at 9 a.m. Barrels and Poles will be held at Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. and Penning and Barrels and Poles will begin at 8 a.m. Dec. 29. For more information, contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

Jan. 2

Any students academically suspended at the end of the Fall 1997 term who have preregistered for classes will have their schedules deleted from Spring 1998 term. Those who wish to appeal to attend the spring term must contact the Records Office by this date for an appeal application. Appeals received after 9 a.m. will not be accepted. The Records Office will close at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 and reopen 8 a.m. January 2. If you have

any questions, please call the Records Office at 898-2164.

Jan. 7

The Woodmore Cafeteria is closed for the holidays. It will reopen at 10:30 a.m.

Continuing Activities

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship (PSF) invites you to investigate their exciting opportunities to grow spiritually and socially. Multiple discussion and discipleship groups as well as fun social activities are available Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for you to get plugged in. Check it out for yourself at 615 N. Tenn. Blvd. or call the house for more information at 893-1787.

The Japan Center of Tennessee is presenting a mini exhibit of Japanese greeting cards in the front lobby of the Cope Administration Building through January. The exhibit includes cards showing children in their best kimonos, the Japanese traditional attire for the New Year's holiday. There are also cards featuring Kabuki actors, as well as Mt. Fuji, Dancing girl (Maiko) and Kokeshi Dolls. Call extension 2229 for more information.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold a CRU meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Mass Comm. 104. For more information, call 867-3054 or 848-6741.

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Convenience store robs neighbors?

□ Jamie Evans/staff

A convenience store/restaurant, which will consist of a Taco Bell and a Chevron gas station, is being planned on Greenland Drive despite some opposition from neighborhood residents.

"It's a complex issue," said Murfreesboro Planning Director Joseph Aydelott.

The Murfreesboro Planning Commission is looking into rezoning a lot on the corner of Greenland Drive and Old Lascassas Road so that the store can be built, but according to Aydelott, some residents of the area are against the idea because they do not want any more commercial activity near their neighborhood.

Adding to the controversy is the house located on the property.

The house marks the entrance to the non-commercial residence area, but will be torn down if the rezoning is approved.

Aydelott said that the house is old but is not classified as a historic site. However, neighborhood residents consider it a community landmark. Once used as a boarding house for MTSU students, the home and property are now owned by



Shawn Sidwell/staff

This house on Greenland Drive could possibly be torn down after a vote Murfreesboro City Council Jan. 8.

Robert Agee.

The residents who are against the destruction of the house are trying to persuade the city not to approve the rezoning fearing that commercial activity will continue to spread into the neighborhood, bringing with it excess noise and traffic.

At the planning commission's Nov. 5 meeting, two motions—one to approve the rezoning and another to deny it—were defeated by tie votes of 3-3.

Residents in attendance gave both favorable and opposing remarks.

A public hearing will be

held at the Murfreesboro City Council meeting on Jan. 8. The council has the option of approving the rezoning or sending it back to the planning commission for more research and discussion, though Aydelott said that situation is very unlikely.

TBR member to speak at Fall commencement

□ Staff reports

Fall commencement on Dec. 13 will feature MTSU graduate J. Stanley Rogers as speaker to approximately 1,080 undergraduate and graduate students.

A noted attorney, former legislator and current member of the Tennessee Board of Regents, Rogers graduated MTSU in the spring of 1961 with a bachelor of science.

He was student body president during his college days.

He received his J.D. from Vanderbilt University in 1964, the year he began practicing law in Manchester. He is now a senior partner with the firm of Rogers, Richardson and Duncan.

Rogers is a member of the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Trustees

of Lawyers Involved for Tennessee, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Coffee County Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, as well as a Fellow of the American College for Trial Lawyers.

A member of the Tennessee Appellate Court Judicial Selection Commission, which he chaired one year, Rogers has also served as a member of the United States Circuit Judge Nominating Commission, Sixth Circuit and a member of the State of Tennessee Appellate Court Judicial Evaluation Commission.

Rogers served in the state House of Representatives for six years and was majority leader during the 88th and 89th General Assemblies.

How to invoke the gods of good luck for finals week

□ Lisa Bertagnoli/CPS

Finals week means it's time to study, eat too much (or too little), freak out and indulge in a little ritualistic behavior.

When it's exam time, students around the nation report they'll try almost anything to invoke the gods of good luck.

"One student rubs a redhead before taking a test. Another writes to her mother before every test or 'she is cursed.' Still another student reported that she does not take a shower during finals week," says James Farmer, public information officer at Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colo.

Others take a more simple approach.

"I pray a little more," says Mike, who's on the staff of the Orion student newspaper at California State University, Chico.

Believe it or not, a little ritual or two actually might help you pass that exam, says George Howard, a professor of psychology at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind.

"You want to do everything you can to be prepared, and if that means walking on the right side of something, then you're prepared," he explains.

Engaging in such rituals also can put a student in a good frame of mind, which is crucial for good test-taking, Howard says.

At many colleges, finals-week superstitions and

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Freshmen, sophomores can get tax break

□ Pam Kelley/Tribune News Service

It seems like unusual advice but colleges across the country are giving it: Don't pay that spring tuition bill just yet.

Students in their first two years of college can take advantage of a new federal tax credit that can save them up to \$1,500 a year but only if they wait until Jan. 1 to pay their spring semester bill.

So a host of schools that normally require December payment are advising students to hold off.

For many of those attending low-priced community and technical

colleges in the Carolinas, the tax credit will translate into free or nearly free tuition.

"Masses of people are going to find it easier to upgrade their skills," says Tony Zeiss, president of Central Piedmont Community College.

He predicts the tax credit's impact will be as profound as that of the GI Bill, which subsidized the college education of millions of returning veterans. Dubbed the Hope Scholarship Credit, the program goes into effect Jan. 1.

Students or parents — depending on who pays the bill — can receive a credit on their 1998 taxes for up to \$1,500 of

their 1998 tuition and fees.

The tax credit, introduced in the 1997 tax law, benefits those with adjusted gross incomes of \$50,000 or less who file singly, or up to \$100,000 if filing jointly.

"It will be very good for students on their own," CPCC student Jason Sorrow says. "The single parents — male or female — this is a big opportunity for them to get back some of the money that they're having to dish out."

At North Carolina's 58 community colleges, maximum tuition is \$280 per semester for N.C. residents.


In South Carolina, tuition

ranges from \$420 to \$550 a semester for students who attend schools in their home counties.

Many students "will be able to come to CPCC for two years just for cost of books," says Michael Moss, CPCC's controller.

On some campuses, including UNC Charlotte and Johnson C. Smith University, the timing of the new credit isn't causing major angst, because the schools' regular deadline for fee payment doesn't come until 1998. But in the Carolinas and across the

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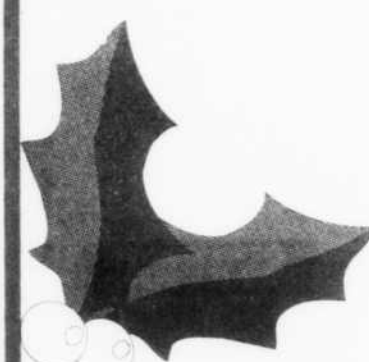
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country, schools that usually collect school tuition in December are scrambling to change their schedules.

At North Carolina State University, officials are enclosing a special form in each bill that students can fill out to defer payment until Jan. 8.

Normally, payment is due Dec. 9, and students who fail to pay are deleted from their registered classes.

CPCC, which is extending payment until Jan. 6, is explaining the tax credit in the spring class schedule and mailing out notices to current students.

Student government leaders are helping spread the word, too.

"For me, (the savings) will be very nominal," says CPCC Student Government Association President Uma Subramaniam, who completes her studies this spring. "But for other students who are just starting, I think it'll be a phenomenal change. Hopefully it'll enable more students to join CPCC."

In Rock Hill, York Technical College is going to great lengths to accommodate students.

Along with extending payment deadlines to Jan. 6, the school is refunding tuition to students who have already paid for the spring semester so they can pay again after Dec. 31.

"It's a burden on our accounting system, but again, we don't want students to miss out on a tax credit," says York Tech's Joe

Polinski, director of public information and marketing.

Spring semester will be the only chance for sophomores to take advantage of the credit, since it's limited to students in their first two years of college.

So at Wake Forest University, sophomores can pay after the Dec. 15 deadline but only if they specifically ask to delay payment.

Like many college officials, York Tech's Polinski wonders why the government couldn't have written its rules a little differently — perhaps to allow the tax credit based on when students start classes, not when they pay their bills.

"The people who write the guidelines sometimes don't have the benefit of the front-line experience that we do," he says.

For colleges, the bad news is that they're going to have to go through this again when the government's new Lifetime Learning Credit takes effect July 1.

That program, worth up to \$1,000 a year, is similar to the Hope credit, but can be used by any college student.

You don't have to be a freshman or sophomore, and you qualify even if you're taking only one course.

But like the Hope program, the Lifetime Learning Credit can only be used for payments made after the program goes into effect.

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what will be done must be made by February or March of next year.

"What we will be trying to do is deal with problems that have the potential to create more problems," she said. "In other words, what we want to do is stop any further deterioration of the buildings so high priority items would tend to be things like roofs."

The architects and engineers who inspected all of MTSU's dorms to determine their conditions have given Sells their insight about which problems should be fixed with the initial money.

"There's nothing specific that's been decided," Sells said. "It's more a question of looking at the overwhelming cost and figuring out what we do about it."

The source of the rest of the money needed to do the repairs has not been determined yet. Sells is working with Bob Adams, assistant vice president for the business office, to plan for project funding.

As a result of the renovations, dorm costs will rise for residents. Sells said the exact amount of the increase has not been determined.

"Certainly there will be price increases," Sells said. "There will have to be."

Another side effect of the renovations is that some dorms might have to be closed for a semester while repairs are being made.

"Part of what we're up against is that we can close some of the buildings during



Chad Gillis/staff

The concrete underneath the stairs of Nicks Hall is crumbling.

the summer and nobody really feels much pain except for camps and workshops that want to be with us," Sells said. "From May 15 until the beginning of August, we could take a building and have it be empty and nobody is out of housing."

Sells said that usually four or six dorms are used for summer school students. The rest are saved for camps and workshops, which bring additional revenue to the school.

Housing also has the risk of losing the use of a building for more than the summer semester because not all work can be completed during the

two-and-a-half months.

"If a building is not available for people to move into when school starts in August, people are going to make arrangements and no one's going to need to move into it in November," Sells said.

Because there are few students who need to move into a dorm beginning in January, Sells said that a closed dorm could remain closed for two semesters.

"If we don't have it ready to be lived in in August, when the school year opens," Sells said, "we really run the risk of losing revenue for either the whole semester or possibly for the whole year."

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and rituals have been elevated to a campus tradition. Here's a sample of some of the rituals that superstitious students indulge in year after year:

- The smell of success. Test-takers at Colorado Electronic Community College are encouraged to wear a fragrance they've never worn before while studying, then wear it again while taking the final.

- "This actually works; our sense of smell evokes the strongest and most vivid memories," says college president Mary Beth Susman. "Of course on exam day the whole classroom smells like a fancy whorehouse," she adds.

- The primal scream. At 9 p.m. the Sunday before finals,

the 8,000 or so students at Northwestern University, throw open their windows and scream at the top of their lungs. It's been going on "since time immemorial," says Stefani Sarvadi, '99, adding that students off-campus let it all out, too.

- The petting zoo. A water fountain at Ball State University holds a statue of a small child holding a frog. Students rub the child's nose before taking a final for good luck. Similarly, students at Miami University pet the little turtles that decorate a sundial on campus for good luck. "Those turtles have very polished heads," remarks Claire Wagner of the school's news bureau.

- Watch your step. Miami

University students also avoid a metal seal embedded in concrete in the middle of campus if they want to pass their first final.

- "Some people press their luck and jump on it, but most people stay away," says Melissa Morris, a Miami University graduate.

Likewise, students at Bowling Green University walk on the right side of the school seal for luck.

- Stay-away study area. Students at Baldwin-Wallace in Berea, Ohio, avoid a concrete study area built last year near the library. "People say that if you study near it, you'll forget what you studied while you were there and fail your finals," says Jason Miller, '01.

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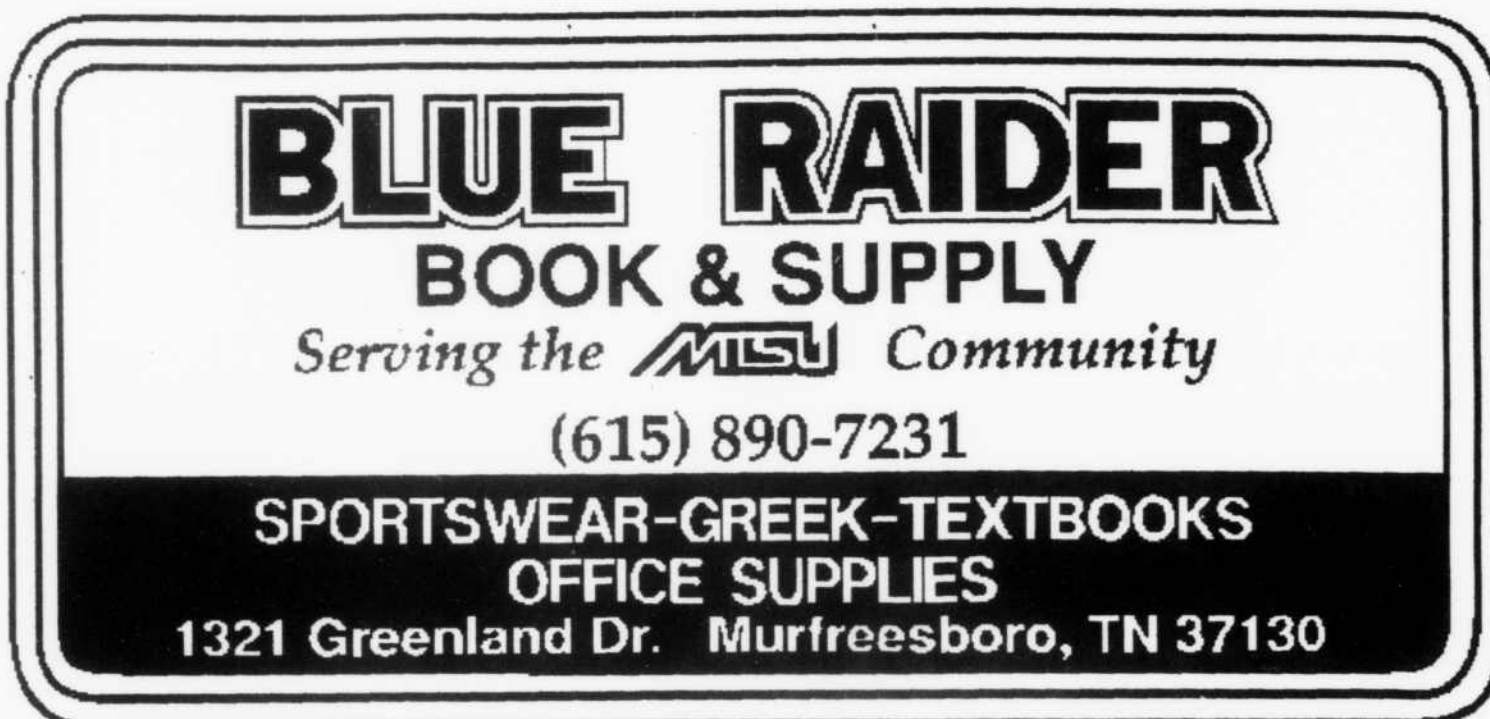
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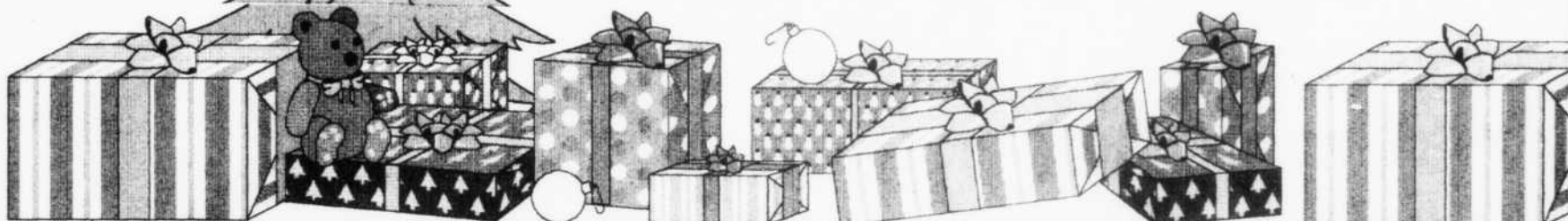


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Editorials

Parking Authority's 'next of kin' list is absurd

The Student Government Association is right in its investigation of the Parking Authority's use of the 'next of kin' list.

The Parking Authority's "Process of Using Department of Motor Vehicles" policy states if an "unidentified" vehicle receives two or more tickets and that vehicle is traced through the DMV to a student on campus without a parking permit, the student is charged for the citations. Also, "the student, in most instances, is being viewed as driving a vehicle that is registered to 'next of kin,' (such as a parent). Since the student did not purchase a permit, he/she is parking illegally on campus."

So, let's say Crazy Uncle Eddie decides to take a road trip down to Mufreesboro, get sloppy drunk on campus, smash a few lights, bust out a few windows, attack a few young ladies and shoot a campus policeman while Nephew Ned sleeps peacefully in his dorm room without any knowledge of Uncle Eddie's visit. What's the obviously right thing to do? Exactly. 'Cuff the nephew.

While this is an obvious extreme, the principle is that the Parking Authority is trying to justify the punishment of students for the actions of their "next of kin." Just because the statute has been in place for 18 years and many other universities use the "next of kin" method does not make it right.

Fact is, there is no justification whatsoever in punishing students for the actions of relatives. Hopefully, the SGA will follow through with their investigation and put an end to this ridiculous policy for good.

How does anyone at the Parking Authority sleep at night knowing this goes on?

Americans with Disabilities Act provides more than advantages

John Harris

Director of
Disabled Students
Services



Many of you have heard about a law called The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This act was signed into law on July 26, 1990, by former President George Bush on the White House lawn. What you may not know is that this particular signing ceremony was the largest attended presidential signing ceremony in the history of our country. President Bush said on that day that "by signing this law, it meant that 43 million Americans would no longer be considered second-class citizens and that many of the individuals with disabilities would now have the opportunity to participate fully in society."

It has been seven years since the signing of that act and now many colleges and universities, including MTSU, are beginning to experience the excitement of individuals with disabilities being a part of our educational environment. Many people with disabilities have many things to contribute to society and it is our responsibility as Americans and as employees and students of MTSU to ensure that the opportunity is provided. If individuals with disabilities are going to have the

opportunity to make contributions to society, we as an institution must come to understand what accommodations will be necessary.

The ADA identifies the following accommodations and/or modifications to be necessary if individuals with disabilities are given that opportunity to become a full participant in the university's programs and activities which ultimately lead to our becoming successful graduates from MTSU

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and/or other colleges and universities with marketable skills: removing architectural barriers; providing services such as readers for blind or learning disabled individuals; offering qualified interpreters and notetakers for deaf and hard of hearing students or students with learning disabilities or mobility impairments (colleges and universities may, but need not, provide aids, devices or services of a personal nature, such as personal assistants,

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So, as you can see the accommodation list is an exhaustive one, but in no way intends to give individuals with disabilities an advantage. It is intended to give us an opportunity. What we do with that opportunity is each our own choice. My request to those of you who work with individuals with disabilities is that you subscribe to the accommodations above and society will be a better place for all to live.

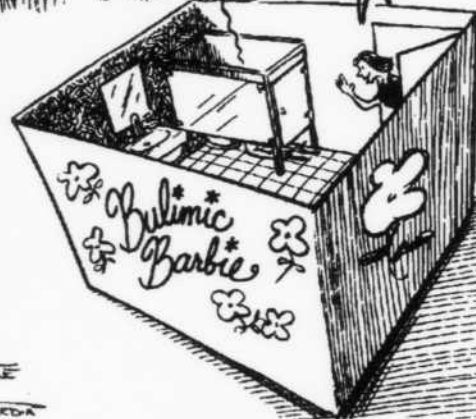
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From the Mailbox

Reader argues that the right to property concept is not logical

To the editor:

Lee Sandstead's letter of 11/20/97 criticizes a certain Professor X for illegally obtaining free picture development from Wal-Mart. Mr. Sandstead's thesis is that Professor X was wrong to take pictures from Wal-Mart because those products are the property of (the owners of) said corporation. Such ownership is rarely questioned, but I think it ought to be: What makes such a product "theirs" (or anyone's) in the first place? Is it because "they" purchased it from someone? If so, what made it (or the raw materials to eventually make it) that "someone's" before "them" to sell it (and so on and so forth)? Eventually, such questioning leads one back to an initial "discoverer" of those raw materials which (come together to) produce some commodity. And so what? By no logic does "I got to X first" imply "I have exclusive rights to X henceforth." (Any reasoning that will yield such I challenge Mr. Sandstead and others to present, with confidence that such satisfactory will not be forthcoming.) This, I submit, undercuts the very principle of private property.

Mr. Sandstead, however, argues further that it is not only one's right to

raw materials, but rather the "thought and effort" which "create[s] [an] object," which entitles one to own the object produced. On the one hand, if you are going to argue that ownership follows from the "effort" which forms a product from raw materials, then you cannot require me to own a thing (in the form of raw materials) prior to exerting, or being permitted to exert, this effort upon it; this would amount to what logicians call a "circular argument": Ownership depends upon effort, which depends upon ownership, which.... (Assuming that capitalists agree with Sandstead about the dependence of ownership upon "effort," I request of them to relinquish control to me of some raw materials, upon which I shall be happy to exert some "effort" of my own. But of course, I should be asked to own these prior to working upon them, which is my point precisely.) The point is that anyone who has ever added thought and effort to some material has presupposed some prior claim to that material—at least, this is what capitalists of Sandstead's stripe seem to be saying—and any theory which claims that the right to add these elements gives one the right to the material is clearly contradictory. And as far as the role of

"thought" goes, it is no more correct to say that "I thought of X first" logically implies "I have rights to X" than does "I got to X first." Objective copyright laws are no less a fiction than those governing property rights. In summary, as Sandstead surely implies, neither effort nor thought can produce a commodity without (prior) natural resources; so the argument that the "thought and effort" of a person entitles him or her to "own" the end result depends upon a (prior) argument for ownership of natural resources is a concept for which no logical grounds seem available.

In sum, when the property concept is argued for at all—it is most often baldly assumed by its advocates—it rests upon a fatal flaw of reasoning. Thus we have no good reason to respect bourgeois property rights when these represent barriers to the "needs" which Sandstead undervalues. And until such Revolution takes place as should render such maxims irrelevant to practice, I repeat: I cannot steal from you what isn't yours to begin with.

Joshua R. Liner
philosophy major

Full-time student and mother calls for more campus day care

To the editor:

I want to express the great need for the expansion of the campus day care. As a full time student and a single mother, child care is of utmost importance to me. My child is currently enrolled in the part time program at the MTSU day care. The quality of care is excellent and I feel it wonderful that my daughter is able to experience the structures of learning environment of a preschool.

Like many of the other parents, however, I must take my daughter to a private babysitter on the days that the campus care is not available to me. This is distressing for my daughter as well as myself. Even though we have been following the same routine

throughout the semester, she continues to ask if she can "please" go to school every day. I have heard similar stories from other parents at the day care.

Because of the high cost of private preschool, the MTSU day care is the only opportunity my daughter has of attending a preschool. The parents make arrangements as they must, but there is added difficulty and instability on both the children and the parents. This situation is troublesome since security and stability are such important needs at the preschool age.

I realize that part time care was implemented in order to service a greater number of students. I also understand that funds must be

allocated in order to expand. The need for day care growth is great and I expect the need will only increase as enrollment increases, especially in MTSU's largely adult population.

The simple fact is students with young children need child care to attend this university. Although some campus expansion may look nice to prospective students, no one needs a bigger football stadium or a multi-million dollar rec center to attend classes. I hope that MTSU follows with its Master Plan and allocates funds to the successful, yet underdeveloped day care program.

Jennifer Carlisle
School of Nursing, senior

Shannon thanks participants and supporters of spades tourney

To the editor:

I would like to thank everyone involved in making the First Fall Classic Jim Shannon Spades Tournament a success. Nine teams participated. First prize of \$40 went to

Denis' Thomas and Jim Ford. Second prize went to Will S. and Michael Huwe. Thanks for the material donated by Phillips Bookstore. Pizzas were donated by Pizza Hut, Sir Pizza and Domino's. Thanks to those fine

establishments for their help. Kudos to the staff of the Recreation Center for their participation. I look forward to playing in the Spring Classic.

Jim Shannon

Little known information about a valuable MTSU asset

To the editor,

One of my final obligations as a soon-to-exit MTSU graduate student is to inform interested parties of some little-known information about a valuable MTSU off-campus asset. I have been associated with this university for six and one-half years and have acquired a B.S. degree in plant and soil science with minors in biology and music. I will soon complete the requirements for a M.S. degree in biology with a botany emphasis. I have worked as a biology GTA the last two years.

The MTSU Foundation owns almost 1,000 acres in Hickman County, Tenn. This land was donated to the Tennessee Board of Education by Dr. Clifford Stark (former MTSU Agriculture Department chairman) and his wife, Pauline, on the 25th day of June 1969 with the expressed written intent of educational and recreational use by MTSU. This land is currently a nonspecific Wildlife Management Area managed by TWRA and has been the focus of my master's thesis research the last two years.

This land is valuable and unique in many ways. It is a large parcel of relatively undisturbed mature woodlands, consisting primarily of deciduous hardwoods. My research will show a high dendrological diversity index (for instance, I have surveyed 10 species of oaks that naturally occur on this land) with many trees well over 100 years old. There are several springs originating on this land that eventually converge into Trace Creek. These crystal clear springs and Trace Creek wind through this property creating a riparian ecosystem that contrasts wonderfully with the relatively dry and moderately slow-growing ridges and slopes. Trace Creek exits this property with a subtle but still somewhat breathtaking waterfall. This land is beautiful, western highland rim Hickman County timber country. The only disturbances I have noticed are occasional outdoor and nature enthusiasts (like myself) and some deer hunters (like myself). I have

also noticed that the deer have the advantage on this land. There are no signs of manmade erosion or pollution. There are not even any viable manmade structures or logging roads...yet. Due to the efforts of Dr. Stark and others, this land has been allowed to evolve naturally the last 100 or so years, and it has evolved into an outdoor enthusiast and natural scientist "dream."

You guessed it, now the bad news. The valuable and unique attributes of this woodland have a downside. These woodlands possess a valuable monetary value as well. The MTSU Foundation is considering cutting the timber and selling this land. They are considering disposing of this property in the most economically feasible method. That means cutting and selling as much timber as possible, and then selling the land for the highest market value. The Foundation has incorporated the help of a private forestry management company to aid in their apparent goals. At this point I will not engulf the reader in details of the types of timber harvest recommended or a discussion of road buffer zones, but there were no considerations of long-term management or group selected cuts, since the Foundation is considering "disposing" of this property. I get the impression that the MTSU Foundation would like to dispose of this property quietly and promptly. On May 29, 1997, for a sum of \$10, the ownership of this land changed from the Tennessee Board of Education to the MTSU Foundation via a "Quitclaim Deed." This land has recently been surveyed and now appears ready for a decision.

I am not necessarily mounting a "save the trees" campaign, but there will be certain biological, conservation and ecological sacrifices made with the disposal of this land. I am sure MTSU's general fund could use the substantial amount of legal tender that disposing of this property would generate. However, I am not so sure that these types of sacrifices are worth the amount of legal

tender that would be generated. As I envision what this land would be like in 50, 100 or 200 years if left under the protection of MTSU, and speculation on the amount of scientific knowledge that could be gained from this land, I find an ironic situation. The same institution that helped my strong feelings toward this land develop and mature now has me worried that I will drive to my research site some day in the near future and find bulldozers, logging trucks and gassed-up chainsaws.

In defense of the MTSU Foundation, I suspect that MTSU has exhibited a small amount of interest in this property, especially in the last few years and partially due to the distance from campus. So, the aim of this writer is twofold. First, I need to inform interested parties that this property exists, of its unique attributes and of the intended use of this property. Second, I need to inform the decision makers of this property's outcome that if more than a handful of people are aware that we own this property, of its attributes and its intended use, maybe some interest will be generated that could lead to other alternatives besides disposal. By this letter, I am attempting to voice these concerns to the MTSU Foundation, the administrative overseer of this property and other interested parties. If an interested reader would like more information, they are welcome to contact me. Maps of this land are available through TWRA.

In closing, I will relate some of the now-deceased Dr. Stark's thoughts as written in the original deed, dated the 25th of June 1969.

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activities by and for MTSU, its students and faculty and, of course, that all practices be performed in such a manner that the education and general welfare of mankind will benefit thereby. We envision ultimately such a fin outdoor

educational laboratory that other educational groups may benefit by its use, and accordingly, request that the President of MTSU be accorded the privilege of granting pursuant use by other groups

regulations of MTSU."

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Student is 'disgusted' with editor's recent editorial

To the editor,

I just read your article contrasting Christianity and Wiccan/paganism and I feel the need to address some critical faux pas in your philosophy and proclamation of religious freedom. Though I could write a very lengthy essay on this subject I will narrow it to three major points of error in your writings.

To begin, I am disgusted that the editor of this paper would have the gall to use "Sidelines" as a religious vehicle for one's personal beliefs and doctrines. It seems you have forgotten that this particular university newspaper's objective is to report news. It is not a personal religious arena for the editor to minister to readers. Have you ever encountered the Gospel According to the Editor in the "Daily News Journal" or "The Nashville Banner"? I believe the answer is no. I think your article was highly unprofessional and in bad taste. It is because of biased and superficial reporting of this publication that I very rarely even pick one up. However, I am glad certain forces guided me to grab one this morning.

Because you made the poor decision to publish your religious creed in a public paper, you have opened yourself to criticism. The bulk of your writing dealt with your belief that Wiccan/paganism cannot be reconciled with Christianity. As is usually the case with such haphazard decrees, I think you are ignorant of your own religion's history, resulting in a very narrow mind. Exactly how do you think Christians historically tried to convert "pagans"? Do you think the majority of a religious population that persecuted, tortured and burned an estimated tens of thousands of alleged witches and raped and

destroyed countless native cultures took the time to sit people down and explain the glory of God? Again, I believe the answer is no. Have you ever wondered why certain sects of Catholics place primary emphasis on the Virgin Mary Holy Mother of God? It is because when the Papal empire set out to conquer and convert a bunch of Goddess-worshipping pagans and witches they did a whole lot of reconciling. After ransacking villages and suppressing an ancient, established religion, Christians transposed images of both religions. Both have powerful female figures. Christianity has the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Witches have the Mother, the Maiden and the Crone. Throughout religious history, Christianity and paganism have had similarities. Currently in Brazil the Umbanda beliefs mix Christianity and native pagan images (amongst others)—Mother Mary is worshipped as the Goddess of Water and Exu the trickster fits nicely into the Christian role of the devil. And what about the Golden Rule Christians are so fond of, "Do unto others as you would have done unto you"? That seems an echo of the "Three Fold" law of Magik—what ever you create returns to you three times. Consequently, with two religions that have borrowed from each other through the passage of time, it seems impossible that they cannot be reconciled for those who choose to. Just because your God is narrow and intolerant, do not deny those who seek a more encompassing, and just as sacred, path.

So, with that bit of history, I will now derail your philosophy and attitude. As to your request to "not include a very separate faith in Christ ... unless it is to worship Him as it

is intended for him to be worshipped," pagans will incorporate any non-evil belief (including Christ) that we wish. It is not your duty, nor your privilege, to dictate someone else's faith, and do not think you are not. And how should Christ be worshipped? In a church, a revival tent or cathedral? With a rosary, a tacky praying hands lamp or that trendy WWJD merchandise? (What do you think Jesus would do if he knew he and Elvis were the easiest icons to make a buck off of?) You see, even amongst Christians you cannot find common ground. Concerning your "I respect your right to assemble and to worship as you please." Malarky! Relating "the gospel of Christ" as a "very real relationship" as though its spirituality or another's is flippant because it is "mystical or magical" shows the true disrespect and inflated religiosity behind your polite article. With Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Pagans and others, do you think in our vast human population your religious ego even matters an inkling? I have no problem with Christ. I think he existed as a human and I think he was one of the most compassionate and admirable figures in human history. I have a problem with the organized church and people with your attitude. Christianity is not without fault nor bloody hands. Your religious beliefs are no more valid, or invalid, than anyone else's. You and I both are alike in that we are insignificant when compared to the power of natural laws or a supreme being. No person has the right to admonish another's beliefs or dictate their creed.

Shannon Smith,
A member of the Student Pagan Organization

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Monday, December 8

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Sunday, December 13

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- ✕ Torture Kitty, Nowhere Squares, Mr. Fancy and The Veins will be at Lucy's Record Shop at 8 p.m.
- ✕ Roland White and the New Kentucky Colonels with David Grier will be at J.T. Gray's Station Inn
- ✕ Sherri Jackson along with John Hiatt will be at the Ryman Auditorium

Monday, December 18

- ✕ The Tennessee Repertory Theatre will be holding auditions for its March production of MacBeth at 427 Chestnut Street
- ✕ The Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts presents "A Christmas Carol" at 8 p.m. It continues through Sunday, Dec. 21. Ticket prices are \$12.50 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for children and students. Reservations may be made over the phone with Mastercard or Visa at 904-2787.

Please direct any entertainment information to the Sidelines Features Desk at 898-2816.

Christmas by candlelight

Oaklands Historic House Museum hosts "Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes" this Saturday

□ Tara Larimer/staff

Have you often passed by the houses in East Main Street's historic district and wondered what they look like inside?

This Saturday, many of these houses will be open for public viewing when Oaklands Historic House

Museum hosts the "Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes," a self-guided tour featuring five privately owned homes, Central Christian Church and the Oaklands Mansion.

In addition to satisfying curiosity, the tour is an interesting architecture lesson, according to Oaklands Director Edward De Boer.

"We have a variety of homes built from the 19th to early 20th century so it's great to look at all the different historical architectural features in the homes. It's also great for decorating ideas—homes will be dressed up for Christmas so you can gather ideas and get into the Christmas spirit," he said.

Oaklands Mansion is an enjoyable history lesson in itself, as the other buildings in the tour will prove to be. A circular drive leads to the front of the two-story red brick mansion, accented by 30 cream-colored pillars and green window shutters.

This elegant section of the mansion was actually the last addition made to the home once occupied by Sally Hardy Murfree Maney and her husband, Dr. James Maney. Sally inherited the land around Oaklands from her father, Colonel Hardy Murfree, to whom Murfree owes its name.

Oaklands was built in a series of four phases. The first in 1815 was built only to shelter the Maney's and contained two rooms. Two more stories were added in the 1820's as the Maney's prospered, and by the 1830's the Maney's had eight children and added an extra wing and story to accommodate them.

Sally passed away in 1857 and her husband let his oldest son, Major Lewis Maney, take the house over with his wife Rachel Adaline Cannon Maney. Rachel's father was then governor of Tennessee, and the couple went on to become one of the wealthiest families in the county and added the front of the mansion to reflect their prosperity.

The Maney's were host to a

number of prominent visitors, including Confederate President Jefferson Davis and General Braxton Bragg, commander of the Army of Tennessee. Throughout the Civil War, the Maney's plantation was alternately occupied by Union and Confederate troops.

After the Maney's, three families occupied Oaklands: the Darrows, the Roberts and the Jettons. The Darrows, who made the most changes to the home, were "Murfreesboro's first millionaires" in the cotton brokerage business and modernized the home with

plumbing, electricity and central heating.

The Roberts family made only decorative changes to the house during their occupancy from 1912 to 1936, and the Jettons made minimal changes as well. The Jettons occupied Oaklands from 1936 to 1954, when the last sister moved out.

"In the 50's, larger homes were hard to sell and Oaklands sat empty for five years," De Boer said. "It became a target for vandals and vagrants. Eventually all the windows were broken out and there was a lot of destruction."

The city of Murfreesboro wanted to tear Oaklands down and was planning a park and housing development. This is when a group of local ladies formed "Oaklands Association," a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the home.

Restoration began in 1959, when the ladies began clearing out Oaklands themselves with the help of local volunteers. Public support was strong, and within two years the home had a new roof, windows, and furniture and tours began.

Today, visitors of Oaklands are given the opportunity to see how the home might have looked when the Maney's still resided there.

"What we try to do at Oaklands is show people what it would have been like to live here during the Civil War, so we try to set it up to look like it did during the Maney's period. All the furnishings in the home date from 1865 or earlier—some pieces are originals the Maney's descendants donated and others are from the Murfreesboro area and show what others considered fashionable at that time," De Boer said.

Down to the wallpaper designs, cut velvet draperies, and jewelry women of



The Christmas season stands tall at the Oaklands Mansion, despite the fact that the home has stood for nearly two centuries. Photos by Chad Gillis/staff

the Civil War period designed out of human hair, Oaklands has made every effort to produce a true-to-life tour of how the Maney's lived. Fortunately, much of the information has been passed down on a first-hand basis.

"Adeline's daughter-in-law lived until 1968 and knew Adeline personally, so she was able to pass on much of the information Adeline told her to the ladies who started the restoration. Evidently, she said Adeline talked about the Civil War all the time, so you can imagine what an impact that had on her life. A lot of other descendants have almost identical stories passed down, so much of this is based on oral history," De

Boer said.

Oaklands is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday throughout the year, and the Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes will be this Saturday from 4 to 8:30 p.m.. The tour will include refreshments, live music and carolers. Admission to all the homes is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 16. Tickets may be purchased at any tour home, or in advance at Oaklands at 900 N. Maney Avenue.

All proceeds from the tours will benefit Oaklands Historic House Museum. Ed De Boer can be reached at 893-0022 for further information.



The Oaklands Mansion is jammed full of unique antique furniture of all shades, shapes and sizes. The home offers a nostalgic look into a youthful country filled with turmoil.

MTSU film-maker puts final touches on second movie

□ Ginette Garza/staff

Here on campus it has been discovered that there is a drug deal going on in the dormitories. Jerel Mountcastle, a junior radio/television major, is the mastermind behind the situation. Mountcastle is producing his personal project, "Fields," using the MTSU campus.

"Fields" is a film about dealing and using marijuana inside university dorm rooms. Mountcastle was inspired to shoot the film after he noticed acquaintances of his smoking marijuana in their room.

"I began asking questions," recalls Mountcastle. "About what would happen if someone was caught dealing out of the dorms." After investigating the consequences of drug dealing from a dorm, he plunged into his second film. This film is intended to extend his experience of shooting on film.

Mountcastle was developing his film-making abilities at a young age. Though he became interested in the subject at the age of three, he was not able to pursue his hobby until he was 12 years old and received his first video camera. He started out shooting videos with his friends, experimenting with a Super-8 camera when he turned 14.

Though he plans to transfer in order to acquire his degree in film-making, he is focusing on his general requirements and taking advantage of the resources available here at MTSU.

Such directors as William Friedkin and Mike Nichols are credited with providing inspiration to Mountcastle. He also found a slight influence in horror films he watched as he was growing up. He creates the independent projects he works on because he enjoys



Chad Gillis/staff

Jerel Mountcastle dives into the making of his second movie while still in school. Mountcastle has been working the reels for a decade now.

making films.

One of his productions can be accessed through Channel 8. Mountcastle worked on a television show, "Spin Cycle," along with another student, Richard Everingham. The show's purpose was "to show sports with music, local bands and events at MTSU," and was used with incorporated portions of his first film, "The Telekinetic Cat."

"The Telekinetic Cat" was shot while Mountcastle was attending the University of Texas at San Antonio. He

described his film as nostalgic-looking footage with an unusually distorted or disturbing edge.

"I wanted to wake up the stoners and prepare them for my film," he said. "I don't know, maybe I have confused them."

"Fields" is intended to be about 40 minutes to an hour and will be ready sometime during the spring semester. Mountcastle is hoping for air time to reveal his project to students.

'Ninja Crazy: Episode 4' a smash

□ Chad Gillis/staff

When last we left our despairing group of 'well-edited' martial artists, the Dark Ninja, leader of the Fee-Lah Clan, was imposing his mind control over Ninja Boy, of the Addidas Clan.

The latest version, "Ninja Crazy: Episode 4," finds Ninja Girl and Beatbox being held captive at the Fee-Lah Canyon by their very own compadre,

Ninja Boy. Shaking in a mad daze reminiscent of "Kung Fu Theatre," Ninja Boy is powerless over the controlling hand of the Dark Ninja, played by Dave Ellison.

Much to the surprise of the Dark Ninja and his henchman, Robo Ninja, Ninja Girl breaks free from the ropes that bind her and escapes the evil lair with the mighty Ninja Boy, played by Zach McBryde.

At Ninja Island, home of the Addidas Clan, the group trains for the mission of retrieving Beatbox and defeating the dark forces of Fee-Lah once and for all.

Enter a scarlett golf cart in a remote field. The three innocent victims guiding the mobile are ambushed by evil forces. From the shadows emerges the ever-entertaining Mad Ninja, played by Ben Strain, of the Fee-Lah Clan and his partners in crime Robo Ninja, played by Nic Dugger, and Chris Wong, played by Chris Warwick. All three ninjas are mounted on four-wheelers and are in hot

pursuit of the cart.

But as Zach McBryde, producer of "Ninja Crazy", would have it, Phantom Ninja, played by Sean Morelle, along with Ninja Girl and Ninja Boy collectively confront the Fee-Lah Clan and foil their plans.

Meanwhile back at Fee-Lah Canyon, the Addidas Clan storms the compound to rescue the ever-faithful Beatbox, played by Chris Foreman.

The Addidas ninjas free Beatbox from the evil

grip of the Dark Ninja. With a showdown between Chris Wong and Beatbox being inevitable, surprisingly enough a fight breaks out.

Beatbox is seeking to avenge the death of his brother. Chris Wong killed his brother in "Ninja Crazy: Episode 1."

The cinematography is extremely effective. McBryde does a great job editing and the end effect is rib-splitting. With "Ninja Crazy: Episode 4" Ballistic Television continues its video assault on the minds of MTSU.

Can Ninja Girl and Ninja Boy save Beatbox? Will the Dark Ninja conquer the good of the world? Can Fee-Lah overtake the Addidas? Is Sega better than Sony Playstation? Tune in each night at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. for the answers to these and more questions on "Ninja Crazy: Episode 4."

Persimmons, 'possums and puddin'

□ Brenda D. Warren/special to Sidelines

Daddy had told me many times the story of his boyhood when he had hunted possums in persimmon trees.

Find 'simmon trees, you'll find possums," he'd said. "Possums love 'simmons." But I'd forgotten the stories.

Then, three weeks ago, Andrea, a classmate in magazine writing, told the class and her

professor, David Badger, that she wanted to write her next article about food, but she wasn't sure what. Suggestions flew—cranberries, squash, pumpkin, chestnuts, persimmons.

"I don't believe I've ever seen a persimmon," Badger said.

"I don't know that I've ever seen one either," I thought. Then again, I forgot about persimmons.

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Fraternity celebrates 25 years

□ Roderick T. Head/
special to sidelines

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at MTSU is still going strong as it celebrates its 25th anniversary this week.

"It is an honor to be a member of the Eta Gamma chapter. I'm sure the MTSU community is proud to see the chapter still running strong 25 years later," said Shannon Johnson, a 1997 initiate and president of the Eta Gamma chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, which celebrated 25 years of service Dec. 2.

The organization had its beginnings back in January, 1911 when a 20-year-old Elder Watson Diggs led a group of 10 black collegians in forming a fraternity at Indiana University. They could not use most of the school's facilities, residences or dining halls.

Limited only by their imagination, they persevered and formed Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, which has its sole purpose to encourage achievement through every field of human endeavor.

Under the direction of the Alpha Theta chapter at Tennessee State University, the first black Greek-letter organization at MTSU was officially initiated in 1972 as the "First Thirteen."

Some of these men have become household names to Blue Raider fans throughout the years: J.W. Harper was the first black football player at MTSU; Tommy Haynes was a member of the US Olympic Team in the mid-70s; Barry McClure was a NCAA triple-jump champion and the first black All-OVC track star from MTSU; Edmund Miller was the first All-OVC football player from MTSU; and Raymond Bonner was drafted by the Detroit Lions of the NFL and is presently a football coach in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC).

"If it wasn't for the 'First



Ten of the "First Thirteen" charter members of the Eta Gamma Chapter stand outside Murphy Center in 1973.

Thirteen," the black Greek system would not exist at MTSU," said Daryl Holman, a 1966 initiate and nephew of one of the founders, Edmund Miller. "Through Uncle Ed, I was introduced to Kappa Alpha Psi at an early age. Being initiated into the chapter in which my uncle was a charter member was a heart-touching moment for me."

In addition to the accomplishments of the "First Thirteen," other fraternity alumni have made contributions to the field of athletics. Sheikh Faye, a 1976 initiate, was a member of the U.S. Olympic team and a four-time All American in track and field while attending MTSU. Kolas Elion, a 1977 initiate, was drafted by the New York Jets. Dwayne Collier, a 1988 initiate, is making preparations to try out for the PGA Tour in 1998. Marty Carter and Derwin Brewer, 1991 initiates, were drafted by

the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Seattle Seahawks. Steve Rodgers, a 1988 initiate, was drafted by the New Jersey Nets in the second round of the NBA draft in 1992.

The Eta Gamma chapter became the first black fraternity to formally preside over a meeting in the president's mansion on Aug. 23, 1992. MTSU President James Walker is a distinguished member of the Kappa Alpha Psi.

Although the chapter has made many contributions to the world of sports, other members' achievements are in other fields. Sheikh Faye is the president of the MTSU Black Alumni Association. Richard Smith, a 1977 initiate, is the Associate Dean of Students. Rodney Bennett, a 1985 initiate, is the Assistant Dean of Students. Tony Carter, a 1988 initiate, has been a leading cellular salesman in Tennessee over

the past two years. Quincy J. Birdsong, a 1990 initiate, is the South Central Province historian/reporter. J. Steven Barnes, a 1996 initiate, is the Junior Vice Polemarch of the South Central Province, the highest ranked undergraduate officer in the province. Marlow Lawson is the current president of the Collegiate 100 chapter at MTSU, the first Collegiate 100 chapter.

The national fraternity has initiated distinguished personalities such as Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, Mayor Wellington Webb of Denver, the late Ralph Abernathy, Attorney Johnnie Cochran, Orlando Magic basketball star Anfernee Hardaway, singer Montell Jordan, comedian Cedric "The Entertainer," co-host of BET's Rap City Joe Clair, Attorney Robert Harris, Esq., former president of the National Bar Association.

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A week later, strolling from the James Union Building to the Mass Communications building, I deviated from my customary route. Between the library and Jones Hall, I spied them on the ground—small, orange fruit, cradled in brown, fallen leaves. Persimmons!

They were two-inch-wide, orange-red, tomato-shaped fruit, with a brittle calyx—like a brown four-leaf clover, not slender and pointed like a tomato's calyx.

I looked up and there, hanging from the 30-foot tree's leafless limbs, were more of the tiny fruit. I trembled with excitement, and I said aloud, "You're being ridiculous," but I still started picking up mushy persimmons, gingerly putting them on a sturdy, dried magnolia leaf.

"I'll go show them to Dr. Badger," I said. But he wasn't in his office.

I burned inside to know if the tree had grown there naturally or if it had been planted. Putting the persimmons on my car's floorboard, I drove to the campus groundskeeping building and was told to go see Larry Sizemore in MTSU's greenhouse.

Sizemore, who is greenhouse supervisor, told me that the tree was an American persimmon called Diospyros virginiana, which is native to the eastern United States. It and an Oriental persimmon—D. kaki, native to China and Japan—had been planted in 1966.

I asked him, if he remembered anything in particular. Two Virginia live oaks had been planted on campus, he said, one by the agriculture building and one by the KUC. In Georgia and South Carolina, live oaks grow to 100 feet with a 100-foot spread, but the two here are only 15 feet tall. Like evergreens, they keep their leaves in winter.

Sizemore told me to "go to the library and look up the

information" about persimmon trees. Yes, I wanted to do that, and I wanted to see the other persimmon tree by the sidewalk next to Jones Hall.

Outside, between the library and Jones Hall, I searched for larger persimmon fruit on the ground. Nothing.

So, I looked up and around. There, on a 50-foot-high tree, hung the pale-orange, much larger fruit of the Oriental persimmon. Too short to reach the fruit, I threw sticks at them, but none fell. Frustrated, I waved to a tall man.

At home, I showed the persimmons to my Daddy.

"You know what these are?" I asked him.

"Why yeah. They're 'simmons," he said. He told me, again, about hunting possums. "Boys, let's find us a 'simmon tree, and we'll find us some possums," he said.

"What'd you do with the possums?" I asked.

"Eat 'em," he said. "Dip 'em in scalding water with ashes in it, so's the hair comes off slick. Then gut 'em and bake 'em with sweet taters."

"And the persimmon?" I asked.

"Indians made wine from 'em," he said. "Mammy Sally made 'simmon puddin.' Pilgrims had 'simmon puddin' with their meal."

"Really?" I said, imagining a Thanksgiving and Christmas pudding made from the Vitamin A- and C-rich persimmons.

"Want a bite?" I asked Daddy. I mashed the American persimmons, took out the small, black, flat seeds and gave Daddy a plug.

"Umm, good," I thought. Like an apricot, I sweeter.

I cut the larger, pale-orange Oriental persimmon, forgetting that the fruit should be mushy-ripe before eating. Ugh! It felt like a mouthful of astringent cotton. Then, I remembered Larry Sizemore's chuckle and squint as he'd tried to describe the taste of an unripe persimmon.

Now, as I spat out the dry, stinging stuff, I knew what he'd tried to tell me. For the holidays, maybe I'd make some 'simmon puddin'—with ripe fruit.

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On Wednesday, Dec. 3, the MTSU Office of Multicultural Affairs, in conjunction with the MTSU African-American Student Association and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, held MTSU's Second Annual Kwanzaa Celebration at the MTSU Foundation House on Thompson.

The word Kwanzaa comes from the Kiswahili word "kwanza" which means "First." It represents a time of reflecting, reassessing, recommitting, rewarding and rejoicing in an atmosphere of peace, love and unity. It is also a cultural and a political expression to reaffirm African heritage.

Dec. 26 is the day of the principle of Umoja with a central meaning of unity. Dec. 27 is Kujichagulia day, which stands for self-determination. Dec. 28 is Ujima day, which relates to collective work and responsibility. Dec. 29 is Ujamaa day with an emphasis on cooperative economics. Dec. 30 is Nia, which emphasizes purpose. Dec. 31 is Kuumba day with an attachment to creativity. Jan. 1 is Imani day

In order to have an actual Kwanzaa Celebration, participants begin on Dec. 12 with a thorough house cleaning, collectively (Ujima). Then, beginning on Dec. 19, they gather and arrange the Kwanzaa symbols. Any other decorations (ankh, sun, horn of plenty, straw basket) should be in a red, black and green color scheme, symbolizing the Bendera Ya Taifa (Flag of the Black Nation): red signifies the struggle of our ancestors; black is the collective color of all people in Africa; and green is for land, life and new ideas. They arrange the symbols on a low table or on the floor as

- 1) Spread the mekeka;
- 2) Place the kinara in the center of the mekeka;
- 3) Place the vibunzi on either side of the kinara, one ear of corn for each child;
- 4) Creatively place the zawadi, kikombe and a basket of mazao on the mekeka; and
- 5) Place three red, three green and one black mishumaa in the kinara, with the black candle in the middle and the green and red candles on either side.

Next, they conduct a Libation (ancestral communion). An elder/leader pours the libation using, preferably, juice or wine, from kikombe onto the ground or into an earth-filled container in honor of their ancestors.

Following the libation, the leader drinks from the kikombe and responds, "Harambee" (let's all pull together). Each person in turn does the same. Next is the lighting ceremony. One mishumaa is lit each day for the principle of that day, beginning with the black candle, which represents the first principle, Umoja. Each day thereafter they alternately light the red and green candles. After each lighting, the principle of the day should be discussed.

The ceremony should be held at a time when all the family members can be present.

The Karamu (The Feast) is held on the night of Dec. 31 and includes food, drink, music, dance, conservation, laughter and ceremony. When possible traditional African practices should be observed (i.e. African music, dance, storytelling, sitting on the floor or pillows and eating with the hands).

Libation, candle-lighting and Harambee are conducted at the Karamu. Finally, Zawadi, or gifts, should not be mandatory, expensive or excessive. It is suggested that Zawadi be given to the children in one of two ways: one gift each day reinforcing the principle of that day; or one or more gifts on Jan. 1, the last day of Kwanzaa. Personally made gifts are strongly encouraged over commercial purchases. Regardless of what else is given, there are two strongly suggested items: a book and a heritage symbol. These two items reinforce our commitment to education and the richness of our cultural heritage.

Although Kwanzaa is celebrated at the end of the calendar year, it is neither an alternative to Christmas nor a Black Christmas and should not be compared or paralleled to any other celebration or holiday of European origin.

The essence of Kwanzaa is a true of African people, collectively coming together to reflect on and enjoy the infinite beauty of being in the same family, group or organization, sharing the same values, interests and aspirations and engaged in and committed to the same struggle.

Sergeant Ingalls' Military Science 101 students work in teams on the "Web of Death." The drill is designed to teach ROTC cadets to work as a unified team. If a cadet touches the web they "die." The drill takes place on the Rec. Center basketball courts.

☐ Doug Lanskv/CPS

Where can you get married, eat a Walleye on a stick, stuff a teddy bear, get face-to-face with a live shark, attend college classes, and jump around in a 30-foot inflated Snoopy? The Mall of America, of course. Here's a shopping center large enough to have its own ozone layer, and it has a name so patriotic you get the feeling people are supposed to shop with one hand over their heart.

The Mall of America operates on the exact opposite premise of Disney World, where you go for the rides, then get so sick of waiting in line that you decide to do some shopping. The Mall has an indoor flume, roller coaster and several other rides but these things are only what you do when your hand cramps from pulling out your credit card too often.

The Mall is anchored by four department stores connected by a loop of walkways .57 miles around and three levels high. The halls sport more than 500 restaurants and food vendors, eight nightclubs, a Lego Imagination Center and a 100-acre aquarium big enough to water-ski on. And don't forget the 520 stores. This place could swallow the Louvre for breakfast and the Astrodome for lunch. Sound intimidating? Just try to find your car.

With over 20,000 people per year flying in from 60 U.S. cities for SAME DAY shopping, The Mall of America now welcomes 40 million visitors a year — more than Disney World, the Grand Canyon and Graceland combined. What does this say about our society? That people are fond of Mickey Mouse, big holes in the ground and Elvis memorabilia, but they're absolutely addicted to shopping.

The first place I visited was The Chapel of Love on the second level of the north concourse. Who gets married in a shopping mall? Well, when I was there, there was a

"specialty wedding" in progress. The groom, a Medieval history major, was wearing a full suit of armor (made of sturdy plastic; the real stuff was too cumbersome). The bride had adopted the Maid Marian look. Naturally, the best man was Robin Hood. Really.

Following the nuptials, I walked down one level to National College. It looked more like a car rental agency than a school. I picked up a course catalog and proceeded on to a much more interesting place — The Basic Brown Bear Factory.

One of the nice bear factory employees helped me stuff a rather large teddy bear. Then, even though I'd explained I was doing this for "research purposes," she requested that I buy my finished bear. The thing was, I didn't really want a teddy bear, especially a rather expensive one. It took me nearly 10 minutes (longer than it took to stuff the bear) to come up with an excuse for every one of her sales pitches.

"But maybe your niece would like it?"

"I don't have a niece."

"How about your baby brother?"

"I don't have a baby brother"
"You could put it in your

"I don't have a living room." I really don't.

I fled to Oshman's Super Sports USA store. Here, you can not only buy sporting goods but use them. The store is equipped with a putting green, driving range simulator, racquetball court, batting cage, basketball court and shooting range. I played some hoops for a while, then realized I was all sweaty, so I had to buy a new T-shirt. This must be part of their sales strategy.

For lunch, I hit the Rainforest Cafe, one of The Mall's most successful restaurants. The idea is, of course, that you're eating in the middle of a tropical rain forest, except that the place is clean and everybody speaks English. Having been in several rain forests myself, I can tell you

that the rain forest at the Rain Forest Cafe is about 600 decibels louder than an actual rain forest. The food was fine, but between the bursts of thunder and the screaming monkeys, there was no way to sustain a normal conversation. If you want conversation, the staff might assert, you can simply go to the gift shop and chat with their plastic "Talking Tree."

I stopped by the medical center to see what kind of injuries and ailments people get in a mall. The nurse on duty said she treated mainly broken wrists, ankles and hips, or allergic reactions to food. One kid came in with something stuck up his nose but the nurse wouldn't tell me what it was. The clinic dealt with the assortment of medical ailments

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LUCKY 13

Students wishing to have the opportunity to win a free trip to South Padre Island, Texas, during spring break will get their next chance to do so Dec. 29 when the Lady Raiders play host to UAB.

In order to qualify for the drawing students must swipe their valid student ID card at the student entrance to the Murphy Center prior to halftime of any Lady Raider or Raider basketball games.

Any student who attends at least 13 games will be entered into the drawing. Nightly prizes will also be given away at the games.

ESPN

The Blue Raider basketball team will host Murray State over the Christmas break in a game that will be nationally televised on ESPN.

The game is set for January 3 at the Murphy Center with an 11:30 a.m. tipoff. The women will also play immediately following. The two games are the first Ohio Valley Conference games of the season for either team.

MEN'S B'BALL

The Blue Raider basketball team improved their record to 3-1 by defeating North Carolina A&T 75-64 last Saturday in Greensboro, N.C.

Freddie Martinez led all scorers with 22 points in 33 minutes. Point guard Richard Duncan added 14 along with four assists. Senior K.J. Harden, a Murfreesboro native, scored 12 to cap off the bulk of the scoring load for the Blue Raiders.

The Blue Raiders finished the game with a staggering .667 shooting percentage from the field, their best this season, by hitting 26 of 39 shots. They also nailed seven of 16 from behind the arch.

WOMEN'S B'BALL

On Saturday the Lady Raider basketball team evened their season record at 2-2 by handing Montevallo an 87-67 schooling at the Murphy Center.

The Lady Raiders put on a performance at both ends of the court in the second half by turning on the defensive pressure and forcing Montevallo into poor shooting situations and turnovers.

Conversely the Lady Raiders shot .613 percent in the second as they outscored them by 21 in the half for the win. Jonelda Buck led the way with 19 points as five Lady Raiders reached double figures. Teneka Burrell and Joanne Aluka each grabbed 12 boards and reached double figures in scoring for the Lady Raiders' first double double-double of the season.

GAME TICKETS ON SALE

General public tickets for the upcoming men's and women's basketball season are on sale at the Athletic Ticket Center, located on the track level of Murphy Center.

MTSU students with a valid student ID are admitted to Blue Raider athletic events free of charge.

SCHEDULE

WM-B'Ball-
Fri and Sat
UNLV Tournament
MN B'Ball-
Sat, Dec. 6 @ 8 pm
MTSU at Tenn Tech
Track-
Sun, Dec 7 @ 1 pm
MTSU Invite
MN B'Ball-
Sat, Dec 13 @ TBA
MTSU at Kansas
WM B'Ball-
Sun, Dec 14 @ 3 pm
MTSU at Memphis

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of "Sidelines" will be out Thur., Jan. 8, 1998.

Beginning next semester the "Sidelines" sports department will run a performance of the week each Thursday, highlighting the top Blue Raider performer.

Happy Holidays from all of us here in the sports department.



Please fax any information on sports and recreational activities to Sidelines at 904-8487.

Early signing period successful

□ Staff Reports

Recruiting is a crucial aspect of building an athletic program at the college level.

With this year's early signing period in full swing, Blue Raider supporters need not fret. Some of the top high school athletes have already committed to Middle Tennessee.

Women's Basketball

Head coach Stephany Smith and the Lady Raiders had nothing to worry about when it came to early signing period.

Because Smith served as the Lady Raiders' main recruiter for the past four years, the women's basketball didn't lose a step as they received commitments from four players.

"We are very excited with the quality we've been able to sign this fall," Smith said. "I think they will fit in very nicely into what we are trying to do and the goals we have set for this program."

Dana Conner, Jamie Thomatis, Erica Lufkin and Jessica McClure, the four incoming freshmen

for next season, join junior college transfer Sedonia Carter.

Conner is a 6-foot-2 guard/forward out of Obion County Central High School in Troy, Tenn., where she averaged 17 points per game last season as a junior. Central is the same high school that turned out current Lady Raider starter Courtney Neeley.

Thomatis, a small forward at 5-foot-11, is from Ursuline Academy in New Orleans where she averaged 25 points and 10 rebounds per game last year.

Lufkin is another on the growing list of local talent to play for Middle Tennessee. She's a 5-foot-8 point guard from Murfreesboro's Oakland High School.

Baseball

As the defending Ohio Valley Conference co-champions, the Blue Raider baseball team is proud to continue their success with the early signings of two top notch athletes in Jason Howarth and Cheyne Griswold.

Howarth, a shortstop from Germantown, finished last season with a .415 batting average, 35 RBI and 20 stolen bases.

As a high school junior, he

proved to be a well-rounded player not only by hitting for average but by being voted best defensive player on his team.

Griswold comes to Middle Tennessee by way of Derwood, Md.

The 6-foot left-hander hit .427 last year, earning All-Conference honors as a centerfielder for Bishop High School.

Softball

The Lady Raider softball team continued to set their sights outside of Tennessee by signing three players from across the country.

"These three young ladies fill a definite need in our program," head coach Karen Green said. "We expect them to contribute immediately."

The three players are Misty Martin (Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.), Steffi Silva (Livermore, Ca.) and Laura Brockman (Suwanee, Ga.).

Martin, a third and first baseman, will come to the Lady Raiders next season having already led her high school team to three straight top-five state finishes. Martin was also a 1997 Fast Pitch World All-American selection.

Silva, a shortstop from San Jose, Ca., is a complete package,

bringing with her above average ability at the plate and in the field. Last year Silva was named the 1997 Alameda/Contra Costa Athlete of the Year.

Brockman, an outfielder from North Gwinnett High School just outside of Atlanta has hit over .500 for her entire high school career and is one of the most feared prep power hitters in the state of Georgia.

Golf

The Blue Raider golf team got what it was looking for in Glasgow, Ky., native J.R. Wade.

Wade, a senior, averaged 36 during his senior season this fall.

"We got the exact player I wanted," head coach Johnny Moore said. "J.R. has extensive regional and national tournament exposure."

Wade won the 1996 Kentucky Junior Golf Tour with five top-five finishes. He also tied for fifth at the Kentucky Junior Amateur as well as winning a handful of tournaments.

"When you consider we graduate no one from the current team," Moore said, "and add J.R. next year, it gets my blood pumping."

Coaches have a long-term effect on players

Keith Ryan Cartwright

Sports Editor



The most beneficial aspect of sports is often times the most overlooked—the player/coach relationship.

It's my thought that at the college level, especially NCAA Division I, if a student participates on a team they are above average talent wise. However, only a select few will go on to compete at the professional level.

That being the case, what is it that a coach can truly give to their players? A lesson in life.

Some of the best stories in college happen away from the field or court. Their stories of the impressions left on young players by their coaches.

How about the stories people tell about John Wooden? Dean Smith? Or even Gordy Gillespie.

Unfortunately, I have never met John Wooden, but I have been privy to a few first hand stories. Denny Crum, who's the head men's basketball coach at Louisville, first started out at Pierce College, a small community college in Woodland

Hills, Ca.

Last year I attended Pierce, before transferring to MTSU this fall, and met a coach by the name of Ken 'Big Daddy' Stanley. He played basketball at Pierce along with Crum. After a couple seasons Crum transferred to UCLA and would return to Pierce some years later as an assistant coach before taking the Louisville job.

Naturally, having played at UCLA in the glory days, Crum was recruited by Wooden. Through all that Wooden and Stanley became friends and over the years their friendship has grown.

What I was surprised to hear was that Wooden had a history of unexpectedly driving over the hill and into the San Fernando Valley from Brentwood, just talk with Stanley for an hour or so.

Here's one of the greatest coaches of college basketball who formed a long lasting relationship with a teammate of a recruit. And even now, decades later, he still takes time to talk with him and give him pointers on coaching his team.

That brings up another of the great coaches—the recently retired Dean Smith. Like Wooden I never gotten the opportunity to meet him. Hopefully, that will all change one day.

I have, however, gotten the chance this season to talk with and watch, one of Middle Tennessee's very own Smith disciples in action, Randy Wiel.

Wiel played for and coached with Smith at Carolina for a great deal of time. To hear him reminisce about Smith is as exciting as being a 10-year-old on Christmas morning. Like his mentor and every other coach, who is a Tar Heel product of Smith, Wiel not only educates his players on the versus of basketball but the importance of life outside of basketball.

At each practice Wiel has what he calls a "thought of the day." Typically it's a phrase that seems like it has to do with athletics but he chooses instead to have his players explain how it could be applied to their everyday lives.

You see, Wiel understands how important it is for a coach to prepare his players for the day when there is no basketball. In all respects to the game, the team's life after the buzzer sounds at the end of the game is far more important than the buzzer going off and indicating some sort of foul.

Though Gordy Gillespie may not be as much of a household name as Wooden and Smith, his teachings and accomplishments stand on their own merits.

Gillespie, is the winningest all-time collegiate coach. He's racked up wins as a college coach in football, basketball, track, wrestling and baseball. I had the honor last spring

Viva Las Vegas!



Chad Gillis/Staff

The Lady Raider basketball team begins action at the UNLV Tournament in Las Vegas against Xavier at 7 p.m. Friday night at the Thomas and Mack Center.

Happy holidays, less stress

Stay Fit

Jennie Treadway



It's that time of year again.

The temperature is dropping, churches are putting up their front door Christmas wreaths, and professors are squeezing in their last assignments before the semester is over. It's time to cram a semester's worth of information in your head and take final exams. Talk about stress.

Stress is defined as anything that stresses the mental and/or physical health of the body or has a negative effect on the body's normal way of functioning. This can be described by a headache, fatigue, lack of hunger, moodiness, muscle tension or something more serious, like a stroke.

If you are like me, you are ready to sell back your fifty dollar books, get five dollars in return, and get off campus for a real vacation. Until that moment, stress management is the key to surviving that last week of school.

Some professors make it easier by giving the final on the last class day or giving students exemption opportunities. Knowing that the semester was an academic

success helps make the holidays a little happier. However, some students are striving to end the semester with a decent GPA, some at any cost.

When the body is subjected to stress, it responds hormonally through the nervous system. All of the body's organs and systems are regulated by the production and flow of hormones.

Muscles tense up, breathing quickens, the heart pumps harder to provide more oxygen to the body, the liver releases stored glucose, blood pressure rises, and the digestive system suppresses hunger.

The body, while successful in managing moderate amounts of stress, does have its breaking point. There is a point when the body's systems break down and injury, internal and external, occurs. Whether the consequence of too much stress be a headache or a stroke, the body has its way of saying, "I quit."

Many illnesses stem from too much stress and all of them can be prevented. Risk factors for hypertension (high blood pressure) are obesity, high-fat diet, smoking, lack of exercise and too much stress, all of which are controllable.

Atherosclerosis, the hardening of the arteries, is also brought on by stress, along with several other health-related factors. Strokes, heart attacks and

gastrointestinal problems are also physical effects of too much stress.

Although they are not fatal, moodiness, headaches and lack of hunger are physical signs that tension is building up inside. Excitability followed by extreme fatigue can also be indicators that your body needs a rest.

The breaking point may be different for everyone, but the signs of malfunction are universal. The body makes no mistakes in telling you when it needs a break. Unfortunately, some people wait until their body is completely broken down before they try to prevent it.

In order to prevent your brain from frying during exam week, take care of yourself. Eat well, exercise regularly and take study breaks during cram sessions. Don't overload your body with more than it can take. What could be worse than oversleeping on the day of your early morning exam?

As far as Christmas break, there is plenty of room for relaxation. Avoid making too many plans. The three weeks can pass quicker than you think if there are plenty of family and friend obligations and holiday jobs to buy.

Pick up a book you have been meaning to read, go through old

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Blue Raider Athletics 1997 Final Statistics

1997 Women's Volleyball Statistics

RECORD	W	L	PCT
ALL MATCHES	11	23	.324
OHIO VALLEY	5	13	.278
HOME	2	7	.222
AWAY	6	9	.400
NEUTRAL	3	7	.300
THREE GAMES	4	12	.250
FOUR GAMES	4	6	.400
FIVE GAMES	3	5	.375

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	GAME SCORES	RECORD
8/30	CHATTANOOGA	W 3-1	15-9, 15-12, 15-17, 15-13	1-0
8/30	TENNESSEE	0-3 L	9-15, 9-15, 11-15	1-1
8/31	TENNESSEE TECH	1-3 L	10-15, 13-15, 15-12, 9-15	1-2
8/31	EAST TENNESSEE	W 3-0	15-10, 15-10, 15-6	2-2
9/12	KENTUCKY	0-3 L	12-15, 10-15, 7-15	2-3
9/13	OHIO	2-3 L	13-15, 15-8, 9-15, 15-6, 11-15	2-4
9/13	JAMES MADISON	0-3 L	10-15, 11-15, 0-15	2-5
9/16	*TENNESSEE STATE	W 3-1	9-15, 15-3, 15-12, 15-7	3-5
9/18	*SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	0-3 L	2-15, 12-15, 13-15	3-6
9/20	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W 3-1	15-17, 15-10, 15-13, 15-9	4-6
9/20	ST. LOUIS	W 3-2	10-15, 15-6, 15-7, 7-15, 17-15	5-6
9/23	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W 3-0	16-14, 15-13, 15-6	6-6
9/24	*EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-3 L	12-15, 7-15, 7-15	6-7
9/30	*AUSTIN PEAY	2-3 L	15-13, 5-15, 5-15, 16-14, 13-15	6-8
10/3	*MOREHEAD STATE	W 3-2	3-15, 15-13, 15-12, 12-15, 16-14	7-8
10/4	*EASTERN KENTUCKY	W 3-1	15-6, 15-6, 13-15, 15-12	8-8
10/7	*TENNESSEE TECH	0-3 L	4-15, 7-15, 11-15	8-9
10/10	*MURRAY STATE	0-3 L	9-15, 14-16, 12-15	8-10
10/11	*TENNESSEE-MARTIN	W 3-2	6-15, 15-7, 16-18, 15-4, 15-10	9-10
10/14	ALABAMA	1-3 L	12-15, 15-12, 8-15, 15-17	9-11
10/17	SYRACUSE	2-3 L	14-16, 15-12, 15-6, 11-15, 13-15	9-12
10/18	SW MISSOURI STATE	2-3 L	4-15, 16-14, 10-15, 15-10, 10-15	9-13
10/18	WICHITA STATE	0-3 L	5-15, 7-15, 6-15	9-14
10/21	*TENNESSEE STATE	W 3-0	15-10, 15-10, 15-8	10-14
10/25	*EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-3 L	12-15, 6-15, 6-15	10-15
10/26	*SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	0-3 L	4-15, 6-15, 4-15	10-16
10/28	*AUSTIN PEAY	0-3 L	8-15, 8-15, 10-15	10-17
10/31	*TENNESSEE-MARTIN	1-3 L	7-15, 12-15, 15-7, 3-15	10-18
11/1	*MURRAY STATE	0-3 L	9-15, 13-15, 12-15	10-19
11/7	*EASTERN KENTUCKY	2-3 L	11-15, 15-10, 15-11, 8-15, 9-15	10-20
11/8	*MOREHEAD STATE	1-3 L	7-15, 15-13, 6-15, 7-15	10-21
11/11	*TENNESSEE TECH	1-3 L	10-15, 15-8, 11-15, 7-15	10-22
11/21	EASTERN KENTUCKY	W 3-0	15-11, 15-9, 15-10	11-22
11/21	TENNESSEE TECH	1-3 L	15-10, 11-15, 8-15, 7-15	11-23

* - OHIO VALLEY MATCH

1997 Women's Soccer Statistics

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE	ATTEND	RECORD	WINNING GOAL
9/03	BELMONT	A NASHVILLE, TENN.	W 2-0	48	1-0-0	YOLANDA HENDERSON
9/10	CHATTANOOGA	H MURFREESBORO, TENN.	1-1 TIE (OT)	132	1-0-1	
9/13	EASTERN ILLINOIS	A CHARLESTON, ILL.	0-5 L	110	1-1-1	
9/17	JACKSONVILLE STATE	A JACKSONVILLE, ALA.	W 3-2	100	2-1-1	JAYHIE WINDROW
9/20	MONTEVALLO	H MURFREESBORO, TENN.	W 4-0	103	3-1-1	MACKET HABISREITINGE
9/21	ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE	H MURFREESBORO, TENN.	0-0 TIE (OT)	98	3-1-2	
9/24	TENNESSEE TECH	H MURFREESBORO, TENN.	W 3-0	71	4-1-2	MORGAN GUOAN
9/27	TROY STATE	H MURFREESBORO, TENN.	W 2-0	119	5-1-2	MACKET HABISREITINGE
10/01	TENNESSEE TECH	A COOKEVILLE, TENN.	W 1-0	78	6-1-2	MORGAN GUOAN
10/04	UNC-ASHEVILLE	A ASHEVILLE, N.C.	0-5 L	120	6-2-2	
10/05	JACKSONVILLE	H GREENSVILLE, S.C.	0-3 L	92	6-3-2	
10/08	TENNESSEE	A KNOXVILLE, TENN.	0-7 L	590	6-4-2	
10/13	CUMBERLAND COLLEGE	H MURFREESBORO, TENN.	1-1 TIE (OT)	84	6-4-3	
10/15	CARSON-NEWMAN	A JEFFERSON CITY, TN	0-1 L	76	6-5-3	
10/19	ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK	H MURFREESBORO, TENN.	0-4 L	83	6-6-3	
10/22	GEORGIA STATE	H MURFREESBORO, TENN.	1-2 L	89	6-7-3	
10/25	EAST TENNESSEE	A JOHNSON CITY, TENN.	0-1 L	75	6-8-3	
10/29	SANFORD	A BIRMINGHAM, ALA.	2-2 TIE (OT)	75	6-8-4	
11/01	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	A CHARLESTON, S.C.	1-2 L	68	6-9-4	
11/02	COLL. OF CHARLESTON	A CHARLESTON, S.C.	2-2 TIE (OT)	70	6-9-5	

1997 Football Statistics

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	SITE	RECORD
9/6	*TENNESSEE STATE	16-25 L	14983	A NASHVILLE, TN	0-1
9/13	CHATTANOOGA	24-33 L	8298	A CHATTANOOGA, TN	0-2
9/27	*MURRAY STATE	17-35 L	7897	H MURFREESBORO, TN	0-3
10/4	JACKSONVILLE ST	W 27-16	6911	H MURFREESBORO, TN	1-3
10/11	*UT-MARTIN	W 37-24	3108	A MARTIN, TN	2-3
10/18	*EASTERN ILLINOIS	17-30 L	8700	A CHARLESTON, IL	2-4
10/25	*S.E. MISSOURI	W 55-6	4648	H MURFREESBORO, TN	3-4
11/8	AUSTIN PEAY	W 59-10	4103	H MURFREESBORO, TN	4-4
11/15	*EASTERN KY.	20-35 L	6400	A RICHMOND, KY	4-5
11/22	*TENNESSEE TECH	20-30 L	4216	A COOKEVILLE, TN	4-6

SCORE BY QUARTERS:	1	2	3	4	TOT
MTSU	62	87	76	67	292
AVERAGE	6.2	8.7	7.6	6.7	29.2
OPPONENTS	47	59	63	75	244
AVERAGE	4.7	5.9	6.3	7.5	24.4

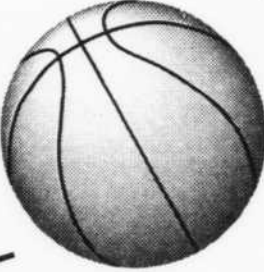
RECORD	W	L	PCT
ALL GAMES	4	6	.400
OHIO VALLEY CNF	2	5	.286
HOME	3	1	.750
AWAY	1	5	.167
NEUTRAL	0	0	.000
DAY	4	4	.500
NIGHT	0	2	.000
AHEAD AT HALF	4	1	.800
BEHIND AT HALF	0	5	.000
TIED AT HALF	0	0	.000

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Blue Raiders indoor track season to open Sunday in the Murphy Center

Staff Reports

Track fans will have a chance to see several outstanding international competitors, including former Olympians, as the Blue Raiders open their indoor

track season Sunday in the Murphy Center.

Taking part in the event are TSU, Vanderbilt, Western Kentucky and Murray State, with field events opening at 1 p.m. and running events starting at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

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of covering his Ripon College baseball team.

The Red Hawks barely finished the season at .500; but when it came time to play in the conference tournament, they put together one of the best weekend's of baseball you could ask for. They made it all the way to the championship game before losing by one run in extra innings.

After the game, Gillespie said something to me that I won't soon forget.

"It doesn't matter whether we won the game or not. It doesn't even matter that we played well. People are always looking for grandiose ideas when it comes to sports, but there aren't any. The only grandiose ideas I know of, have to do with life. The only things that matter, are that these kids continue to grow and mature. That they provide for themselves and their families. And that they use each and every experience they have to help them tomorrow."

So while the thought of Michael Jordan scoring 50

points in an NBA Final or Kirk Gibson coming off the bench to hit a home run in the World Series may in fact be thrilling. The truly amazing stories are how players like Jerry Rice and Jim Eisenreich had diligent work ethics instilled in them by their past coaches.

More importantly, how those players apply those standards to their life outside of sports. Those are the sports stories that interest me the most. When it comes right down to it, those are the only stories that matter when it comes to players, coaches and fans as people.

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clothes to take to the thrift store, and write a few letters to go in your Christmas cards. Pick up old hobbies that have been neglected this semester. Sleep in.

Take time to prepare for next semester. While this last week of stress can break you down, you will have plenty of time to rebuild yourself.



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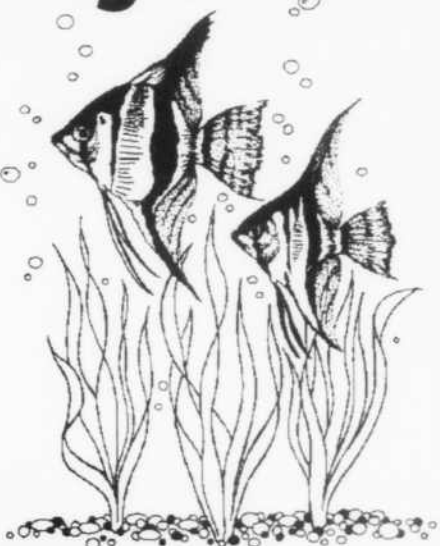
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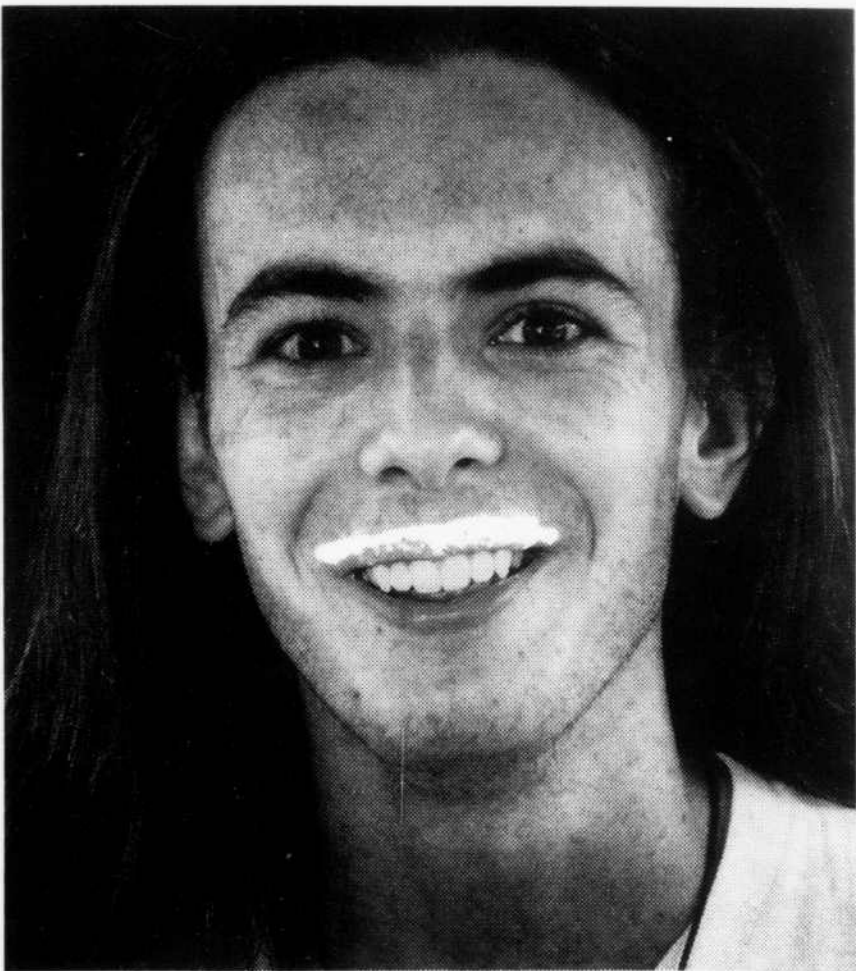
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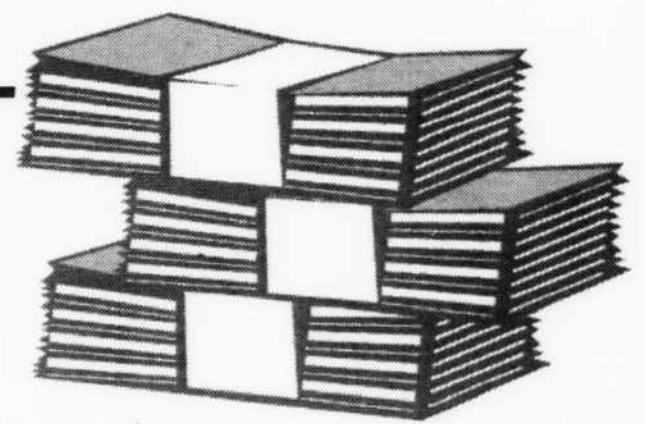
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