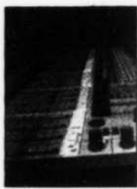




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Walker, Smith plan smooth transition

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

James Walker and Gene Smith are two men who know what it's like to live complicated lives with hectic schedules, but the month of September may prove to test their limits.

Friday, Smith — previously the vice president for Business

and Finance at The University of Memphis since 1971 — was confirmed as the interim president of MTSU in wake of Walker's departure from the university to



Smith

become president of the Southern Illinois University system.

In a sense, both men are going back home. Smith was raised in the Murfreesboro area, and graduated from MTSU in 1957. Walker wasn't raised in Illinois, but he did begin his teaching career at the University of Southern Illinois in 1972 as

an assistant professor.

Walker is slated to take the position Oct. 1, and Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Smith wants to have Smith firmly in the presidential position at MTSU by the time Walker leaves. That makes September the transition month for both men.

On top of saying good-bye to

a slew of old friends, Smith will be traveling back and forth between the two universities "winding up things in Memphis" until an interim vice president is in place at Memphis, said Doug Williams, director of News and Public Affairs.

The details of the transition are still being hashed out,

according to the president's officials. In fact, Carlene Henry, assistant to the president, said there are still a lot of uncertainties such as how much Smith's salary will be as interim president, if he will lie in the president's on-campus house or what benefits Smith will receive

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Sponsoring a miracle University kicks off annual Heart Walk

By Jenny Cordle
News Editor



The five-year old, sporting the red American Heart Association cap which reads, "I'm a survivor," balances himself while his dad holds him up to the microphone long enough to muffle a little hello.

For Larry Douglas Brandon II's parents, the "hello" is nothing short of a miracle.

For advocates of the American Heart Association, it's nothing short of a ray of hope for the millions of Americans who suffer and die from heart disease and strokes every year.

In an effort to promote "lifesaving research and educational programs" of the AHA, MTSU remains the largest sponsor of the Heart Walk on Sept. 17, of which "L.B." is a red cap honoree, a survivor of heart disease participating in the walk.

The Heart Walk hype began Tuesday afternoon as administrators, faculty, students and visitors of the community gathered in the Alumni Center to kick off the annual fundraiser, which happens to be the largest in Rutherford County.

Various information booths were set up in the center to provide participants with blood pressure screenings; body fat assessments; information on nutrition, stress management, exercise programs; and neck and shoulder massages by MTSU's Holistic Institute for Health.

Approximately 46 teams from MTSU will participate in Heart Walk, making it a total of 100 teams from Rutherford County participating, which includes a turnout of about 1200 walkers.

"You can see that MTSU is a vital part of the success of the American Heart Association in Rutherford County," campaign leader Deborah Gentry told those attending the kick-off.

"Over the years that they've been having Heart Walk, we have been responsible for raising \$66,000 that has helped friends and neighbors right here."

Doug Winborn, professor of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety department, is also a campaign leader for Heart Walk.

This year's goal set at \$110,000 can be reached and surpassed, said Jan Berry, regional director of AHA.

Holly Thompson, a graduate of MTSU and news anchor for WSM Channel 4, spoke on behalf of Nancy Allen, county executive and chairwoman of the Heart Walk committee.

"Heart disease is America's number one killer," stressed Thompson, whose grandfather died of a heart stroke. "It's not the murders, it's not the crime we see, it's cardiovascular disease."

"Within the next eight years, AHA hopes to reduce coronary heart disease and strokes by 25 percent," she said after mentioning the three million dollars AHA recently invested into heart research in Tennessee.

"That's an incredible goal," Thompson said, "but with the continued support of people like you, they can do it."

Senior Shalonda Brooks, whose grandfather suffered from three heart attacks, said she's participating because "the money is actually going somewhere."

"It's going toward research for people with heart problems," she said, which is why she is considering gathering a team of members from her church to participate.

Jerry Langham, MTSU's fitness director at the body fat testing booth said he's walking because he believes in what Heart Walk is about.

"It's an educational event," he said while graduate assistant Keri Loyed nodded in agreement.

Loyed, who received her Master's in recreation, will also walk the miles in Heart Walk, as well as Eric Fuchs, a graduate assistant athletic trainer, who set up a booth at the kick-off in order to educate the campus community about five life saving units placed on campus.

Through the Christy Houston Foundation and AHA, Rutherford County was recently awarded a

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(Top) Heart Walk participant Larry Brandon I speaks with other participants at the Walk Kick-Off Tuesday. His son, L.B., anticipates the start of the program in which his dad will discuss L.B.'s battle with heart disease.

(Bottom) Lori Ducey, manager of event coordination, mans the door prize booth at the Kick-Off.



Station prepares for new season

By Randy Allen
Staff Writer

A general interest meeting of MTSU's Channel 10 was held Tuesday, August 29, at the Learning Resources Center.

A presentation given at the meeting informed the 130 in attendance of upcoming coverage, available positions, and the need for original student programming.

Matthew Pessoni of production announced upcoming special events including lecture coverage, a live football game September 14 and a live telethon during the spring semester.

"Channel 10 has set a goal of 12 hours of original student programming per day," said Pessoni.

Employees hope to be able to reach this goal by October and no later than the spring semester.

The station has agreed to broadcast eight hours per week of programming from the College Broadcast Company which will include original student programs from other universities.

Programming from MTSU can also be sent to College Broadcasting and aired at other university stations. CBC is also using broadband web casting that can be seen at CB.com.

Channel 10 is looking for students interested in the production of original programming.

"Game shows, drama, and talk shows are some of the student ideas we are interested in," said Jason Bailey of programming.

Channel 10 is now able to air three hours of original programming per week, which is divided into six 30-minute shows.

"The station is depending on the student activity fee to help purchase the additional equipment needed to reach our goal for student programming," Bailey said.

Original ideas will be accepted at the Channel 10 office, Bragg Mass Communication building, room 173, until noon on Sept. 1 and on a limited basis thereafter.

Channel 10 News is allowing students to sign up to for anchor positions. Tryouts are Sept. 5, 6 and 7 from 5-9 p.m.

"Television news stations are looking for people with experience in front of as well as behind the camera," said news director David Fletcher.

Live newscasts begin Monday, Sept. 18.

For more information visit Channel 10's web site at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~mttv> or call 898-5050. ♦

WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Assistant News Editor

Clinton visits Columbia

President Bill Clinton visited Columbia this week, bringing with him \$1.3 billion to be used to aid the Colombian government's war on drugs and rebellion. Clinton, accompanied by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, promised Colombian President Andres Pastrana his support in the Colombian government's fight in their 30-year war against Marxist rebels, who have control of a major portion of the country.

Gore challenges Bush

Al Gore has challenged George Bush to three nationally televised national debates, accusing him of avoiding high-profile debates. Bush says he welcomes the chance to debate, but that he will not necessarily agree to Gore's initial offer. His campaign manager suggested that an online debate was one possibility.

Scientist released from jail Friday

Former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist Wen Ho Lee is to be released Friday, said a federal judge. Lee has been jailed since Dec. 10 when he was arrested for transferring restricted data to unsecured computers. Lee is to be released by noon Friday on a \$1 million bail.

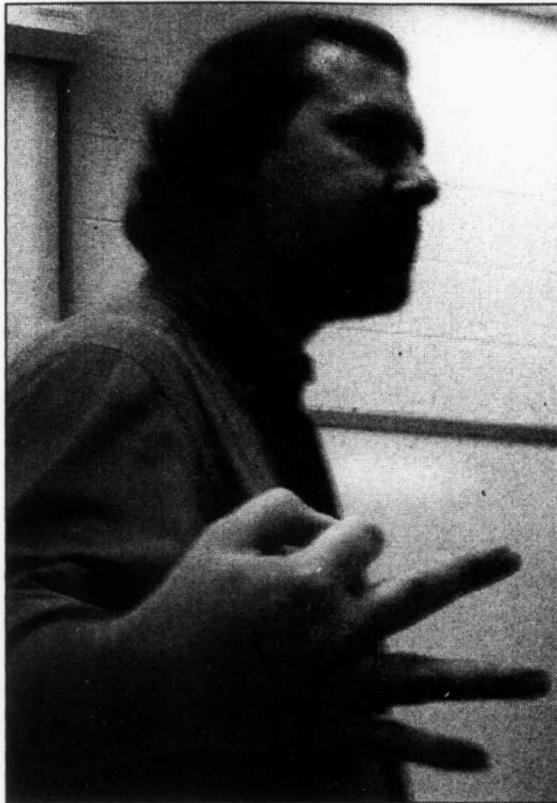


Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor
 Michael Principe, professor of philosophy, lectures about "The On-going Revolution" at the Monday Honors Lecture Series called "Revolution" in Peck Hall, Room 109A.

Catholic church to pay for Nazi labor

Germany's Catholic church agreed Tuesday to pay \$4.6 million in compensation for its use of labor forces provided by the Nazis. The money will not go to the fund established by the German government and businesses who profited from slave or forced labor. Protestant church leaders have already agreed to contribute to the government-established fund. The Catholic church has decided to give its money to surviving victims by way of charities.

Microsoft in court again

Microsoft Corp. is expected to be in a California courtroom by the end of the year. On the allegation that the software giant's monopoly harmed California consumers, San Francisco Superior Court Judge Stuart R. Pollak allowed the first class-action suit to proceed. Attorneys in the case will meet in early October to prepare for the trial.

Voter registration packets are available in the SGA office, KUC 208. The last day to register is October 1. Call Josh Pounders at 898/2464 for more information.

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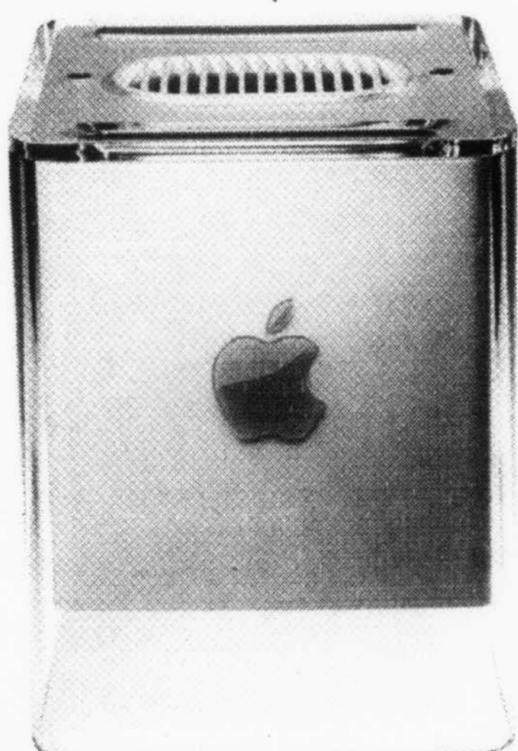
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grant of \$348,000 to purchase automated external defibrillators for distribution throughout the university.

The units are designed to increase the survival rate of a person suffering from cardiac arrest, while paramedics rush to the scene.

The AEDs are located in the training rooms of Murphy Center and the Alumni Memorial Gym, the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety department's equipment room, and in the Campus Recreation Center.

"Hopefully through Heart Walk, we won't have to have these in the future," Fuchs said about the AEDs.

"That's the problem with our society," he said. "Everybody wants a quick fix. Why not take care of your body instead of having 360 jewels of electricity going through you?"

L.B.'s father, Larry Brandon I, spoke about his family's experience with cardiovascular disease and stroke at the kick-off, while his "miracle" child stood close by.

"When you're young and your family's very young, for the most part, you don't feel like there's anything in the whole world that can bother you and your family," said Brandon, assistant professor of accounting and an attorney.

In 1995, Brandon lost his sister to a stroke and realized after L.B. was born that he had a ventricular septal defect, which is a hole between the two lower lobes of his heart. L.B. also had an artery at the base of his heart, that hadn't formed properly, repaired when he was three days old.

"L.B. has been our blessing and by virtue of the work done with the heart association and the work done at Heart Walk, not only will we continue to have a blessing but other families in Rutherford County, in

Middle Tennessee and all over this country will continue to be blessed with children like L.B," he said.

Brandon said it's a possibility that L.B. will have to have open heart surgery at age 12, but thanks to research "things are going to be possible to help minimize the risk of L.B.'s future surgery."

"We have been very fortunate as L.B.'s parents to have a lot of firsts," he said as he reminisced about looking through photos of L.B.'s first birthday and his first day of kindergarten.

"The work that [the community does for Heart Walk] will help a lot of families enjoy more firsts."

Other Red Cap honorees include Rhonda Smith, a Rutherford County resident for 45 years, and former Murfreesboro mayor Joe B. Jackson.

Heart Walk, which is in its eighth year of MTSU sponsorship, will reside on campus Sept.

Interim: Colleagues preparing for Smith's departure

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during his commission.

"We just don't know," Henry said.

Back in Memphis, the business and finance office is preparing for Smith's departure as well.

Susan Babb — Smith's personal assistant in his former position — said she's going to miss him horribly, and partially dreads the thought of adjusting to a new vice president, but knows it will have to happen.

"What can you do?" she said.

But she said that she's not the only one. Since Friday — when the announcement was made — she said her office has been flooded with calls from the community from people want-

ed to say good-bye.

"We hate to lose him," she said, "but you've got to accept change."

Smith's first appearance at MTSU as president will be next Tuesday. Even he is only expected to stay for a few hours, according to the News and Public Affairs officials.

Smith was born just outside of Murfreesboro in Walter Hill and attended elementary and high school in Lebanon. In 1957 he graduated from MTSU, and in 1997, he was awarded the university's Distinguished Alumnus Award for Professional Achievement.

Smith said he has no intentions to seek the permanent position, which is one of the major attributes Manning said

he was looking for in an interim president.

Smith is expected to remain interim president for approximately one year. What Smith is planning to do after MTSU is unknown, said Tom Tozer, director of media relations for the university.

Smith's appointment came after the announcement that none of the university's four vice presidents were interested in the position.

It has been rumored that Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs for the university, may be interested in the permanent presidential position. Still, Tozer said there has been no official announcement on Haskew's intent. ♦

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Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff Student gives decent drinkers a bad name

Twice now, freshman Preston Woods has been arrested and charged with public intoxication. One word comes to mind -- idiot.

Maybe that's too harsh. According to some students -- who wish to stay unnamed -- Woods has some personal problems with his family.

It should be stressed that this information is unattributed and mostly rumor. I mention it only because I'm hoping there is a good reason behind Woods' irresponsible behavior.

Even so, actions such as these will make it so that alcohol will never be allowed on this campus for those students who can legally drink.

Woods sounds like one of those students who come to school just so they can rebel.

It's not unnatural to rebel, but most students find a happy medium between their class lives and their party lives.

Furthermore, most people who drink -- especially those who are underage -- don't do it on a public campus.

Woods did and even started hellraising on the patio of one of the freshmen experience dorms.

And if once wasn't lesson enough, Woods did it twice.

Yeah that's why the other freshmen signed up for the first-year dorms. Maybe we should start advertising them as the "Drunkards Alley" experience dorms.

I'm not blaming Housing for Woods' actions -- I'm just saying that Woods is making it uncomfortable for the rest of the residents.

Bottom line -- Woods needs to decide if he really wants to be in school, or if he wants to become a vagrant. Think of all that tuition money that he could be using for alcohol.

Of course, I'm not serious. Woods should not drop out to become a drunk.

He should deal with any issues he may have and work on using this university to improve himself. There's nothing wrong with cutting loose, but there's a time and place for everything.

Early morning kill Must I choose between roaches and sleep?!

Through My Eyes



Shawn Whitsell

Opinions Editor

"Housing!"

At first you're startled, then after you realize what's going on, you try to set a new record for the fastest time from the bed to the door because you know if you don't open the door in three to five seconds, they'll open it for you.

You open the door, give the best possible smile under the circumstances

Imagine this. You're lying in bed, getting some of the best sleep you've had in forever. You're dreaming, drooling and snoring. You're cozy, the temperature in your room is perfect, you're in your mother's womb all over again. Then the next thing you know, you hear "Boom, Boom, Boom!"

and let them do their job. The sprayer makes small talk, sprays amidst the junk on your floor and say a warm, "Thanks a lot!"

The door shuts behind them. Gone in 30 seconds.

Thirty seconds isn't too bad, huh? Only now you can't get back in baby sleep mode. You can't get back in regular sleep mode. You can't even get in bad sleep mode. So you spend your precious sleep time trying to toss and turn your way back into that great dream you were having, although you can't remember what it was about -- you just know it was good.

You finally fall asleep, and fifteen minutes later you're suddenly reawakened. This time it's your reawakened mother screaming, "GET UP! It's 9 a.m. Time to get ready for class."

As many times as I've been awoken by the sound of "Housing" beating at my door, I often wondered if they sprayed on the days when students weren't in their rooms, like fall and spring breaks. I bet they don't. That

would be way too simple.

Next time they beat on my door, I'm just going to strip butt-ass-naked and get on top of the covers. After the woman enforces the "wait three seconds then enter" rule, I'll be chillin' on my bed, flipping through the channels like nothing is wrong. Instead of her asking me questions like, "How ya doing?" or "How are your classes?," I'll ask her questions like, "So how are you?" or "How's work going?" That'll teach 'em to walk in my room so damn quick.

All jokes aside, I don't have a problem with pest control or the people who have to spray -- I just wish they would spray in the afternoons or something.

If they have to spray in the mornings, I can live with that. I just wish I had some notice.

Sure, there are signs posted all over my dorm right now because it's the beginning of the year. Just wait until until the middle of the year and see how many signs you see. ♦

The quitter How I became better smelling

By Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum
Staff Reporter

This is the last Thursday I will smoke.

These types of thoughts ran through my head the last week before I officially became a quitter. Like a drunk drying-up, I mourned the end of my habit. I smoked, full-time, for eight years.

It is Wednesday, August 30, 2000 when I write this. I have been a quitter for three days.

I was sad all last week because I quickly realized all the things that I would miss about my smelly friend. It was always "there" for me. It never was too busy to make me feel better. It never pestered me for a blow job. Ahhh, the perfect companion.

I tried to feel better about the eight years of throwing money into the sky.

Um, yeah, I was contributing to my favorite charity, Philip Morris.

Hmmm...

Hey, it's better than crack!

So far, the effort hasn't been that

bad. I am doing the pill and the patch.

For those of you who are healthy and clueless, they have developed a pill for fools like me who are addicted to naughty nicotine. This pill, we'll call it Myban (no free advertising here), is actually a sweet little anti-depressant you may be familiar with called Wellbutrin.

Wellbutrin is a heavy-duty, feel-better pill. My best friend used to take it for depression after he was diagnosed as a bi-polar personality. He stopped taking it because it made him feel crazy.

So I reluctantly decided to try the nut-house pill. I have been popping it for about three weeks and feel nothing. So either it's not working, or I'm in the Twilight Zone and nobody wants to tell me.

The patch, which costs \$22 a week (some bastard is making a nice buck on my weakness -- fuck you), has been a godsend. Quitting smoking kind of feels like coming down the final swoop of a roller coaster. Constantly. To the point where it's painful.

For me, it is a constant anxiety attack. Hence the helpers, patchy and Mybany.

If I fail, I will go on to Plan B. The duct tape approach. It's simple and cheap. I will have my wonderful, loyal boyfriend stuff a sock in my mouth and wrap duct tape around my head. He agreed wholeheartedly. He is so devoted!

I'm one of those very confident people. No, really. I don't have body image problems. I think I'm brilliant and so forth. You know, you're a man and you think this way, you're a strong and capable leader -- a real man. If you're a woman and you think this way, you're a bitch.

I bring this up because last week as I prepared for quitting hell, I found myself experiencing what I think would be called an identity crisis. Liz, the non-smoker. Who the hell is that? Would I be the same person?

Well, I am happy to report I am still loud, opinionated, a little bitchy and fun loving.

I just smell better. ♦

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Correction

In Wednesday's edition of Sidelines, information from Gene Fitch --the associate dean of Student Life -- was misinterpreted. Fitch has told Sidelines that Woods will probably receive some form of disciplinary action.

In the original story, it was reported that Woods would probably not receive any punishment. Andrea Gooch was also identified as a resident director. Gooch is actually a desk assistant.

Wanna write?

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Letters to the Editor

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Fee combination to bring in significantly more revenue

This is in regards to a recently published article about fees being combined.

SGA President Marshall said that there is not a significant difference in fees, and I am assuming he means fee prices.

I understand that there is going to be an estimated \$22,000 in extra revenue coming in. So, was it wise for President Marshall to make that sort of statement?

It might not be significant to the majority of the MTSU population, but it may be to those who are

taking the blunt end of the situation.

Thanks,
Joey Fortner

Charging all for parking fee making situation worse

It is unfortunate that student parking fees will be incorporated into the general access fee, paid by all students regardless of whether or not they drive a car and park on campus.

I am sure that quite a few students walk or ride bicycles to school, especially if they live nearby. Since

students will have paid for parking privileges through the general access fee, there is really no incentive for them NOT to drive and park on campus.

Eliminating students' choice not to pay the parking fee certainly will not help the parking situation on campus. After all, if they are required to pay to park on campus anyway, why walk or bicycle?

The "convenience" of incorporating the parking fee into the general access fee appears more beneficial for raising money for Parking Services than for students.

Michael W. Hiett
Department of Geography and Geology

Murfreesboro: the only ghost town of 19,000 students

Frankly My Dear



David Sargent
Staff Columnist

One of the most beautiful, or rather disturbing, things about a booming college town like Murfreesboro is that the summers here are whispering quiet.

This past verano I got to find out the hard way how Generica spends its vacation time.

You see, at around the beginning of June there is a mass migration to the cool salt water of our nation's coastal areas. Scientists like myself have shown this ripple effect, which is much like Chris Farley pulling a Can-Opener off a high-dive, to be centered right here in Middle Tennessee.

Of course, for the purposes of my moaning, the true epicenter is the 'Boro.

The reasons for this still astound us -- the scientist-type guys, that is. The only attractions a coastline provides are endless parties, multiple counts of women wearing very, very little, the sea-salty breeze filling your mind with thoughts of nirvana (Sighhh!) and the serenity of the tides washing over your naked body...uhhh, I mean toes, I mean toes. That's all.

Come to think of it, that could have been my summer, coupled with a strict regiment of working mildly with friends, partying with lifelong chums and witnessing an insane summer of live music. All of this within the friendly confines of the D.C. Metro area and Ocean City, MD.

No, I am not crying, why would you ask that?

Instead, I got stuck in this ghost

town where I performed graveyard-shift slave labor at a local "friendly" grocery store. Then I made my way home listening to WMTS in pre-program mode with that same hardcore song skipping almost every morning for the whole fifteen-minute-ride home. Of course I listened to it for my own demented reasons. Next I slept until 3 p.m., played drums, ate dinner and got ready for more leather-lashings. However, I really didn't miss much.

Over the summer you really get to see how little Murfreesboro has to offer in terms of, well, just about everything. Yes, you can have a little fun and purchase whatever items you need over in the Walmartian Kingdom, but that's not what makes a city rock. What does is a superfluous arrangement of bars, coffee shops, small knick-knack stores and any other hole-in-the-wall you can possibly pack into the architecture of

this town. Any city worth its weight in copper knows this.

I wouldn't be surprised to find out this corrupt city has been refusing prospective entrepreneurs their liquor licenses for fear of turning Murfreesboro into Satan's lair. Believe me folks, there are just as many good city people as there are good country people.

The only nightlife in this town consist of five-or-so clubs and bars. That's infantile next to most true college towns.

What little glitter the 'Boro grabs from the students during the school year gets covered in soot as the population storms towards Interstates 24, 65 and 40.

Man, you want to talk about a vulnerable town after the lights go out in Peck hall in mid-May?

And as if the over-stocked department of Murfreesboro's finest wasn't

comical enough. Poor guys, they have no crime to fight. Then during the summer, when the population ebbs by 20,000, all there is to do is burn fossil fuels driving around and stopping speeding motorists for having low tread on their tires. Mmmm, for some reason I have this hankering for some pork chops.

Anyway, my post-ranting point should be clear by now. Give the people something to do. And while the things like the skate park at the "Y," the stadium-seating theaters and that Oxygen club may be a start, it's not nearly enough. We don't want any riots from pent-up party energy, and we don't want our "boys in blue" to turn out like the Metro police. We just want to give you our money.

Please give us something worthwhile to spend it on, so I don't have to keep hearing people say, "I'm going to Nashville tonight." ♦

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Murfreesboro, TN

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MTSU student starts recording studio

by Leslie Carol Boehms
Staff Writer

It's common knowledge that there is a large percentage of recording industry majors here at MTSU. Within the masses, it isn't hard to find a few exceptions to the typical, run-of-the-mill musician.

Junior Steve Bray is one of these rare exceptions. Steve has already begun to make his mark on the music industry, and not just in his garage. This recording industry production/computer science double major recently began work on his own recording studio, Bray Studios, located at 201 West Main Street, Suite #303.

Yes, that's right folks, on the square. This prime piece of land not only bought him the rights to rock stardom, it also bought him a gigantic step into a business where your name means absolutely everything.

Bray's interest in the recording industry found root in his hometown of Jackson, Tenn. "A guy named David Langston from the Crow's Nest Recording Studios got me into recording and I really loved it. I like the technical stuff and I like buttons," said Bray.

Steve started buying his current studio equipment at age 15. He saved up money and whenever he could, bought more and more equipment. Some of his most prized pieces include his ADAT and ADAT edit, and his Yamaha pro mix with a Tascam.

In addition to his own recording studio, Steve is also an accomplished musician. "I play guitar, bass, drums, a little bit of keyboard and I own a harmonica," stated Steve. He also has a trophy case full of hobbies. "I'm a computer technician. I'm [also] interested in pretty much everything way too many things, I've got too many hobbies."

Though he'll be on the receiving end of the music in his studio, Steve credits his personal style to old school Metallica. "I used to play Metallica pretty much constantly. Then I got into Pantera and stuff like that. I have broadened my horizons quite a bit since I've been in Murfreesboro. I listen to a little bit of everything now."

So what does it take to start your own recording studio at 21 years of



Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

Steve Bray puts the finishing touches together in his new studio.

age? Bray's advice is simply to focus. "This has been my focus for a really long time and it has taken a long time. It's taken me years to get where I could [the opportunity] to do this and get the equipment and the ability. But now I'm here and hopefully I'll be successful."

Bray also has high expectations for his



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Aspiring recording artists can look forward to this sound board bringing their musical dreams to life.

studio. He wants it to grow as much as possible and to someday reach full potential. But for now, Steve just wants to make his name heard locally. "Right now I want to cater to students at MTSU. I want to be able to offer them a good recording at a more than reasonable rate. And I think once people start hearing about it around campus it will work out really well."

Steve's typical day begins much like most of ours. He wakes up, attends class and then works on campus as a computer technician. His day differs much from ours when he drives onto West Main. For the last few weeks, Steve has put his sweat, blood and tears into Bray studios. Whether it was building a dividing wall, or carpeting a drum room, Bray has single-handedly accomplished quite a feat.

In addition to his recording studio, Bray is going to have some help in the video department. Mark Locke, a recent graduate from MTSU, is Steve's assistant when it comes to anything video related. "Mark and I just finished a TV commercial on Saturday. He and I will be doing all of the video applications together." Mark may be familiar to some of you from MTSU's Channel 10. He is also the brain behind Bottom Line Productions.

Bray Studios is set to open on or around September 1. Also, soon to be up and running is Steve's website located at www.braystudios.net (until then, you can e-mail Steve at rsb2a@frank.mtsu.edu). If you're interested in booking yourself or your band at Bray Studios, the number is 578-6533. ♦

Courtney's Top 10 Current Video Rentals



Huckabay

10 • Drowning Mona stars Bette Midler, Danny DeVito, Jamie Lee Curtis, Neve Campbell and Casey Affleck. Not many know about this, but it was worth the \$3.50 for the laughs.

9 • Gun Shy produced by Sandra Bullock, stars Bullock and Liam Neeson. Also one that no one has heard of, but quite funny as well.

8 • My Dog Skip stars Kevin Bacon and Diane Lane. More of a family movie, but it's got a great story and some laughs, too. (And I'm Diane Lane's least favorite fan.)

7 • Deuce Bigalow Male Gigalow stars Rob Schneider. Hey, it had to go somewhere.

6 • Bicentennial Man stars Robin Williams. Good story and good laughs, just be prepared to sit for awhile-it is bicentennial.

5 • Next Friday stars Ice Cube. Not as good as the first one, but still pretty funny.

4 • The Talented Mr. Ripley stars Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett. This film and its

stars made it on the Academy's list, so why not put it on my list? Really, it is good, but reserve some extra time-it's long.

3 • The Whole Nine Yards stars Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry, Michael Clarke Duncan and Amanda Peet. I laughed my ass off.

2 • The Green Mile stars Tom Hanks and Michael Clarke Duncan, among others. Also Oscar-nominated and for good reason.

And the winner is . . .

1 • Erin Brockovich stars Julia Roberts. Just plain good. Even guys will like it, so don't pull that "it's a chic flic" whine.

Compiled by Courtney Huckabay | Features Editor

Column

Be true to your school


Michael Barrett
Sports Editor

As many of you know this weekend is the first official weekend of major college football. Many of the nations top teams will be starting their drive for a national championship. This weekend also is the first game for your Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders.

MTSU will face the Illinois Fighting Illinoise on the road in Champaign. As the season gets underway many fans are excited about their teams chances for success this season. Many fans are buying new apparel and other memorabilia to take part in the excitement of college football and show their support for their team.

Things are a little different here at MTSU. Students here do not typically flock to the stores to stack up on BlueRaider apparel nor do they get overly excited about their upcoming season. Many

students show little or no support for the football team or any other of our athletic teams we have here. I can go almost anywhere on campus and here students talking about how bad our team is and how we may lose pretty much all the time. I can also walk around and see many students wearing shirts and caps with other collegiate team logos.

Take a second to think why you are wearing that teams logo. Is it because they are successful, or because you attend that university. I can be safe to say its not the latter choice.

Also ask yourself how that team became successful. I can also be safe to say that it is because of the support of its alumni, fans, and most importantly its students.

That is right, I said most importantly its students. I feel that we as people find strength in the support we receive from our peers around us. The more friends and supporters we have, the stronger person we feel we are.

Many of the top schools in the country receive strong support of their athletic teams from their



student body. The students are proud of their teams and the men and women who play on them. These athletes feed of this positive energy. Many of them push themselves harder, set higher goals, and give it all they have when they have the support of their fellow students.

I do not want to say that there is not any support from the students, but I will say that it is

pathetically low. Our athletes work hard at what they do. Not only do they have classes to attend, practices to go to, but many others have jobs and personal things in there life to deal with. Many of these athletes put in very long days and hard work, yet receive no recognition for what they do. It doesn't take much

See School, 8



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The Blue Raiders prepare to take on Illinois this Saturday.

MTSU men's golf team set to tee off

 By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

After a very successful seventeenth place finish in the NCAA tournament last season, the Blue Raiders are ranked forty-fifth going into this fall season. Last year's appearance in the NCAA was the first by a MTSU team in Division I. This year's team, however, is not the same team as a year ago.

The Blue Raiders lost three seniors from last year's squad and Dane Randle, a key player, to academic ineligibility. JR Wade is the only returning starter and the leader for this year's team.

"We lost four of our starting five, so we're starting over," said ten-year coach Johnny Moore. "We're ranked forty-fifth right now, but that was last year's team."

Among those expected to step into the vacated slots

are two sophomores — Justin Miers and Patrick Williams — a transfer from David Lipscomb John Bettis, Hunter Ingram and, freshmen Willie Daniels. Coach Moore also hopes to have the services of Randle again this spring.

"Hopefully Dane will be back in the spring. He played two years for us. Dane will add a big punch to us. He can play," Moore said.

The golf team like the other sports teams at MTSU switches to the Sun Belt conference this season. "It's not going to make that much difference to us. The only difference that will make to us is when the championship is played in April, says Coach Moore. "I know some of the conference teams. It's a much tougher golf conference than the Ohio Valley."

Moore doesn't have many expectations for his young golf team this season. "I'm not sure what to expect this

season. We are very inexperienced," said Coach Moore. "We're going to get better. We've got some talent, but we're short on college experience right now it's going to take us a while. Hopefully young guys will mature quickly, but we have the toughest schedule this university has ever played this year by far."

Moore believes the strongest quality of his team is work ethic.

He says that starts with JR Wade. "JR Wade is going to be our leader. He is a great student with great work ethic and leadership qualities. If they'll follow JR's leadership we'll get better and better and better" remarked Coach Moore.

The golf team tees off the season this weekend at Columbus State University in Callaway Gardens, Georgia. They play four other tournaments this fall and resume their spring schedule in February. ♦

Vandy LB falls down elevator shaft

Associated Press

NASHVILLE - Vanderbilt University football player Luke Hammond was hospitalized in critical condition Tuesday after falling 100 feet down a dormitory elevator shaft.

Hammond, 19, a freshman linebacker from Montgomery, Ala., fell Monday night as he tried to climb out of a crowded elevator that stopped between the ninth and 10th floors, said Steve Caldwell, dean of residential and judicial affairs.

Hammond was conscious and speaking when he was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, officials said.

Thirteen people, three above the recommended maximum capacity, were aboard the elevator when it stopped, Caldwell said.

Several people reportedly forced the door open and Hammond fell to the basement as he attempted to lower himself to the floor below, Caldwell said.

The remaining students on the elevator, who called university police on the elevator's emergency telephone, were safely removed. The elevator was taken out of service for inspection.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Hammond signed with Vanderbilt in February.

During his senior season at Wetumpka (Ala.) High School, Hammond made more than 100 tackles and averaged 6.7 yards per carry as the team's fullback.

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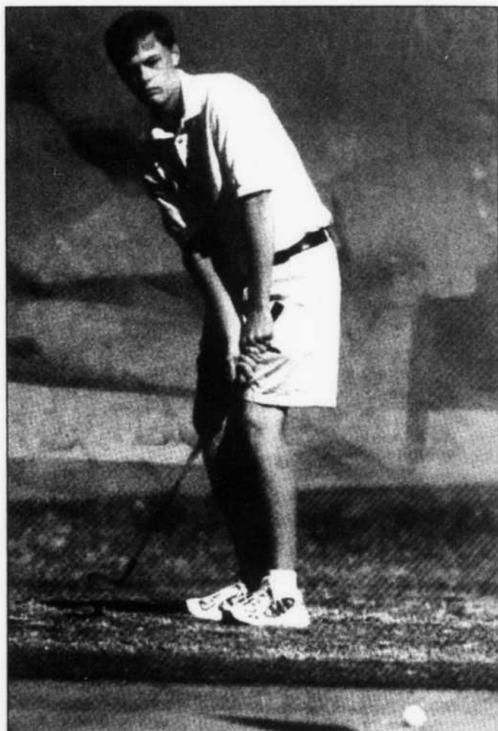


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J.R. Wade is the only returning starter this year.

Vanderbilt suspends two players

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Vanderbilt suspended All-SEC linebacker Jamie Winborn and starting cornerback Jimmy Williams on Wednesday for the first two games of the season.

The two could face additional penalties from the NCAA for receiving free financial planning advice and help with getting individual lines of credit from a bank.

Athletics director Todd Turner said a routine check of car registrations on Aug. 14 uncovered a possible NCAA violation.

The registrations check revealed a relationship between the two players and two Vanderbilt alumni. The investigation found the alumni had guaranteed the credit lines - without the players' knowledge, according to Turner.

"Immediately the antenna went up," he said.

Turner said the players used the lines of credit to consolidate debt and cover some personal expenses for living off-campus, but that no money changed hands until the players - at the university's behest - paid the

alumni back for the financial advice.

Vanderbilt officials stressed there was no agent relationship, and coach Woody Widenhofer said the players told him they made no commitment either in writing or verbally to the alumni.

The alumni also own a financial management company that provides advice to professional athletes. The names of the alumni were not released.

Turner said the pair had no previous relationship with the school, and that the university has disassociated itself from them.

Turner said the investigation showed that the alumni provided the financial advice in hopes of doing business with the players in the future.

Widenhofer said he met with the players, whom he described as very upset by the situation.

"I feel bad for them because I know they were deceived," Widenhofer said.

When Vanderbilt officials started the investigation they contacted the Southeastern Conference office, which sent an investigator.

SEC officials recommended the two-game suspension, with the students paying for the advice they received.

Turner said the school hopes to hear from the NCAA by Friday on whether the two will be eligible after the first two games. "It was never my intention to violate any NCAA rules," said Williams, a senior from Baton Rouge, La.

"I thought I was getting some much-needed financial advice. It never occurred to me that anything was improper."

Winborn, a junior from Wetumpka, Ala., who has led the SEC in tackles the last two years, said he was disappointed. "Those who know me understand how important football is to me," he said. "Missing two games is a heavy penalty. We never realized anything we were doing was a violation. I would never have risked my chance to play football if I thought something was against the rules."

Vanderbilt opens the season Saturday against Miami, Ohio, and visits No. 3 Alabama on Sept. 9. The Commodores, 5-6 last year have not had a winning season in 17 years. ♦

School: Show your support

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time, little or no money, or even that much effort to show how proud we are of our school and its athletic teams.

I am hereby issuing a challenge to the student body hereby on campus. Many of you may not take this seriously. I personally do not think many students here on campus will be up to this challenge, but on the other hand I hope many of you do, just to spite me.

I challenge the students of this university to show more support for your school. Whether its is attending a game, telling any player on one of our many athletic teams

that you appreciate the hard work they are doing, or trading your teams hat or shirt for one that has an MTSU logo on it. Do not go to Knoxville, Nashville, or any other city on the weekend to watch their team play. I challenge you to stay here and support your team.

The BlueRaider football team has tough season ahead of them, with many tough games on the road.

I am sure they would like nothing more to return to campus to see an excited student body who supports them. They would also love to see rockus crowd at Floyd Stadium for all its home games.

I am looking forward to see you there. ♦



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Elevator: LB in critical condition

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He was also an outstanding performer on his high school's baseball team and planned to pitch for Vanderbilt.

His father, Warren Hammond, played football

at the University of Tennessee-Martin, and he has two older brothers who played

Southeastern Conference football — one at Auburn, the other at Alabama.

In March 1997, another

Vanderbilt freshman football player died when he fell seven stories from a dormitory window. Kyle

Gullahorn, 19, of Hueytown, Ala., had hit and shattered the window after an argument. ♦



Men's Fall Schedules

FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	at Illinois	2:30 PM
Sept. 9	at Florida	5 PM
Sept. 16	MURRAY STATE	6 PM
Sept. 23	at Maryland	5 PM
Oct. 7	LOUISIANA TECH	6 PM
Oct. 14	LOUISIANA-MONROE (HC)	6 PM
Oct. 21	at UAB	2:30 PM
Oct. 28	at Mississippi State	1:30 PM
Nov. 4	at Connecticut	11:30 AM
Nov. 11	SOUTH FLORIDA	2 PM
Nov. 18	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	2 PM

GOLF

Date	Tournament
Sept. 2-3	Gunby Jordan Intercollegiate Callaway Gardens, GA
Sept. 11-12	Kiawah Island Invitational Kiawah Island, SC
Sept. 26-27	Raising Cane Classic Hattiesburg, MS
Oct. 2-3	Hillman Robbins Intercollegiate Memphis, TN

MEN'S TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Sep 8-9/14th	Annual Pro-Am	Murfreesboro, TN
Sep 16-24	National Clay Courts	Baltimore, MD
Sep 22-24	Middle Tennessee Fall Invitational	Murfreesboro, TN
Sep 29-Oct 2	Southern Intercollegiate	Athens, GA
Oct 6-8	Indiana State Invitational Terre	Haute, IN
Oct 7-15	National All-American Championships	Stone Mountain, GA
Oct 20-22	Chattanooga Fall Invitational	Chattanooga, TN
Oct 20-22	Westgate Collegiate Championships	Dothan, AL
	Tulane Invitational	New Orleans, LA
Oct 27-29	University of Tennessee Invitational	Knoxville, TN
Nov 2-5	Regional Rolex	Athens, GA

*Matches will be played at Racquet Club of Murfreesboro

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Meet	Location
Sept. 1	Austin Peay Duals	Clarksville, TN
Sept. 16	Western Kentucky Invitational	Bowling Green, KY
Sept. 30	Vanderbilt Invitational	Nashville, TN
Oct. 14	Austin Peay Invitational	Clarksville, TN
Oct. 28	Sun Belt Championships	Little Rock, AR

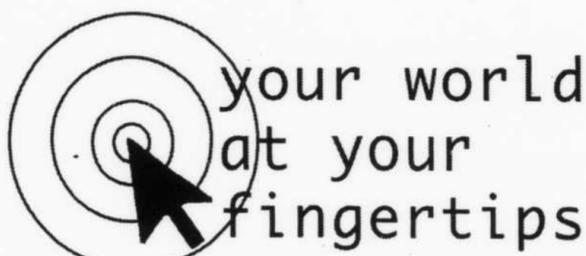
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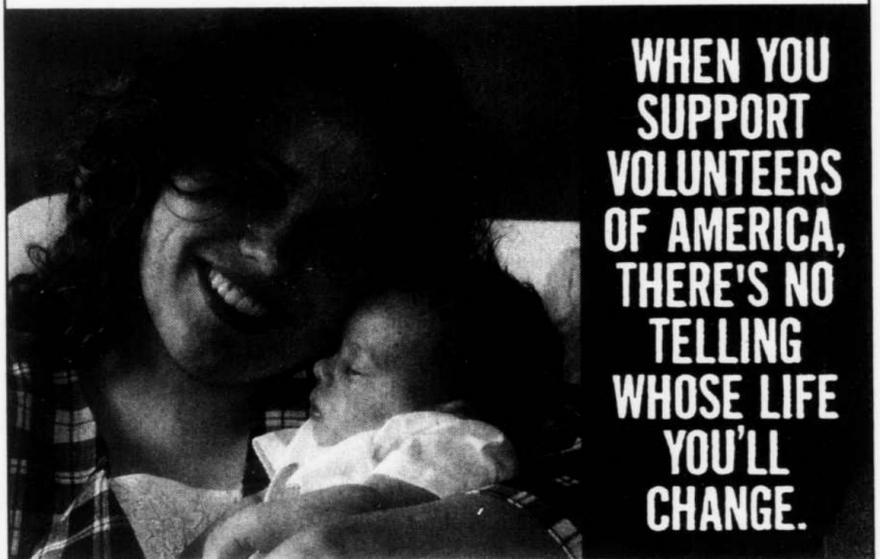
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