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Photo by Jennie Treadway

Ron Spears (black shirt) waits with dozens of students to get financial aid problems fixed. The line at the financial aid office extended past the stairs and down the hall on the first few days of school.

Financial frustration

Jamie Evans Staff Reporter

Students returning to MTSU expecting financial aid may have been surprised when their loan checks were nowhere to be found.

Some of the students are forms were carelessly lost.

"I've had everything done since last week," graduate student Ron Spears said. "Everything's been signed, but there's no check. I had

"I just hope they put as much money into fixing [the financial aid office] as they did building that empty stadium."

However, David Hutton, interim director of financial aid, federal government on the student aid report (SAR). This information is received electronically, which makes it almost impossible to lose, he said.

"Anyone can make an error," Hutton said. "I'm not going to say that we're 100 percent all the time."

The financial aid office has been under a federal audit for almost a year now. Hutton said said that the financial aid office this audit has forced the office to blaming the financial aid office receives all the information screen aid applicants more thorclaiming that their financial aid concerning an applicant from the oughly, therefore causing the processing time to be longer.

> Hutton also said the processing time would not be such a problem if students would not have waited so long to file their forms.

"Our goal is to get things done early," he said. "The sooner the better."

Hutton said students should have their forms completed as soon as they get their income tax returns back every year or at least before they go home in May. He said this leaves plenty of time for the forms to be processed before new students start filing their forms at Customs beginning in

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MTSU establishes first honors college in state

Staff Reports

MTSU has the first Honors College in the state, following approval by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission late last month.

Established 24 years ago as an honors program, the honors college concept received approval from the Tennessee Board of Regents at its March meeting.

"I never dreamed that I would get the opportunity to get involved with something as grandiose as this, to be involved in the creation of a college at a university," said Dr. John Paul Montgomery. Along with the change in the program designation comes a title change for Montgomery, director of MTSU's Honors Program, who will officially become dean of the new college next month.

Going from a program to a college means honors students will take 18 hours of general studies courses rather than 12, ending up with a total of 36 semester hours rather than 24.

Throughout the program's history, honors classes have been smaller than other sections at the university, providing students with one-onone attention from the university's best faculty.

"We're providing the education students would get at a small liberal arts college within the context of a university," Montgomery explained.

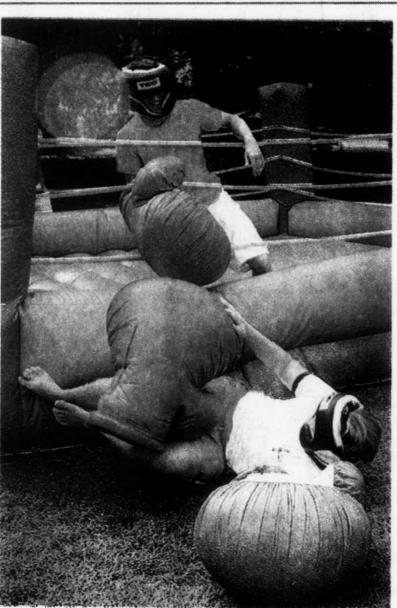
With the change in status from program to a college, Montgomery said students "will acquire better reading writing, listening, and critical thinking skills."

The program has taken a number of steps over the years to meet the requirements of the National Collegiate Honors Association for its college designation, including honors dorms in Wood and Felder halls, which satisfies the residential require-

Students currently enrolled in honors courses who want to continue with the Honors Program in its current form will have that option.

Although the program requires that students have a B average to be admitted, they are not just "bookworms," stated Montgomery. Montgomery boasts that the honors dorm students beat the campus track team in a game of flag football and stressed the diversity of students in the program ranges from artists and musicians to nontraditional

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Scott Sanders, a sophomore Recording Industry Management major, tries to get off the ground after being knocked out of the ring by Michael O'Neal, a junior theater major. See page 3

IN THE NEWS

EDGARTOWN, Mass.— The Clinton administration is escalating the fight against international terrorism by moving to shut down the financial pipeline feeding Osama bin Laden's Afghanistan-based network.

"It's high time that those who traffic in terror learn they, too, are vulnerable," President Clinton declared Saturday.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton revealed he has signed an executive order putting bin Laden's Islamic Army and two of his main lieutenants on a list of terrorist groups. The move allows the Treasury Department to block all financial transactions between U.S. companies or individuals and the Saudi-born millionaire sworn to hit American targets everywhere.

BEIJING- Weeks of high waters cracked soggy dikes protecting cities along the Yangtze River on Saturday, threatening more flooding in an area already inundated.

The state disaster relief agency said high waters surged anew on the upper Yangtze River, which could add to the flooding problem downstream. Governor Wang Maolin said dikes in central Hunan province already were soggy and seriously damaged.

SALINE, Mich.— Hundreds of Northwest Airlines pilots and their families rallied Saturday near three U.S. cities where the company has major hubs, hoping to avert a strike this week by pressuring the air carrier in ongoing contract

With the walkouts set to begin at 12:01 a.m. EDT Saturday, the pilots and the union backing them said they hoped the show of solidarity in Michigan, Minnesota and Tennessee produces a fair contract for the roughly 6,000 affected fliers.

But even as the 2-year-old talks continued, many of the estimated 200 Northwest pilots gathered for a rally and picnic in Saline, just west of Detroit Metropolitan Airport, said they have braced for the worst.

Walk for life

Jennie Treadway Staff Reporter

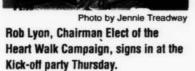
American Heart Association is counting on MTSU walkers again.

Last year, Heart Walk volunteers raised over \$120,000 for the association, ranking 20th in the nation (out of 1,000) and first in Tennessee in donation amounts.

This year the goal is \$150,000 and recruitment leaders say it is not hard to reach.

"I think the reason it gets bigger is because more people find out about it and

ment leader.



want to participate," said Gloria Payne, previous team recruit-

The faculty/staff Kick-Off party was Thursday, Aug. 20, in the Alumni Center. It was hosted by the Heart Walk staff, President Walker and Chairman-elect and Assistant City Manager Rob Lyon. Refreshments and door prizes were featured at the party, along with video clips from last year's walk.

President Walker welcomed the crowd of campus team leaders and spoke of his wife's heart transplant, expressing how it helped his understanding of heart disease. Lyon, too, challenged the group to keep Rutherford County number one in Tennessee.

Nationally, the Heart Walk campaign raised \$23 million last year and is expected to do even better this year.

"The money goes straight into research, operations, preventative education, things like that," said Payne. "Not even 10 percent goes back to the administrative part."

As a reminder of why the Heart Walk exists, the Kick-Off party featured a heart disease patient who helps to promote fundraisers. Harry Horne, a bipass and two-time aneurysm patient, calls himself a survivor.

"I'm still here because of all of you," Horne said to the team

Every leader must recruit 10 walkers and take up donations. Prizes are given after the walk according to the money each leader

A student Kick-Off party will be held Thursday, Sept. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. on the Knoll outside the KUC. This is the first year students are being contacted for recruitment help.

Along with refreshments and prizes, there will be a blood pressure station and vendor booths. Campaign recruiters hope for a positive turn-out and plenty of eager walkers.

The actual Heart Walk will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27 at

Campus Capsule...

The rugby team enters its 19th year of play and is looking to take the national title. See page 8.

SPORTS

See who will be playing at the Middle Tennessee **Variety Showcase this** Thursday. See page 6.

FEATURES







On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308.

Monday, Aug. 24 Public Safety is offering Rape Agression Defense Systems classes for women. This course will last through Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will take place at the Foundation Reception House at 324 W. Thompson Lane. The 12-hour class costs \$15 for all MTSU female students, faculty and staff and \$30 for all others. To register, call Public Safety at 2424 or 2259 or go to the office in the Haynes Turner Building. Other sessions will be offered throughout the year.

Tuesday, Aug. 25 The College Republicans will hold their first meeting of the semester at 7 p.m. in room 305 of Keathley University Center. Free pizza and soft drinks will be offered. For more information, call Brandy Carder at 849-9797.

Wednesday, Aug. 26 A meeting for the advisors and presidents of student organizations will be held in room 322 of the KUC at 5 p.m. Either the advior or the president of all organizations must attend one of the three meetings. This orientation serves as a means of updating membership with the university and applying for student activity fee money. Failure to attend a session could result in an organization being placed on inactive status.

Thursday, Aug. 27 A session of the campus organization meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. in room 322 of the KUC.

Monday, Aug. 31 A session of the campus organization meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in room 322 of the KUC.

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"Most people don't realize the volume of loans that MTSU deals with each year," Hutton said.

According to the figures for this year, MTSU has granted \$42 million in Stafford loans alone.

Hutton said some students think that they do not have to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form because they have the misconception that it only determines if the applicant is eligible for the Pell Grant. Not only does it determine an applicant's eligibility for the Pell Grant, it also establishes the student's needs for other types of financial aid.

Hutton said the MTSU undergraduate catalog explains this and that there is also a reminder on TRAM that students wishing to

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students and students of differing ethnic groups.

"Our diversity helps provide a richness of experience," he said. Montgomery attributes the popularity of the growing college to the select college atmosphere provided by small classes and more one-onone attention from faculty.

In 1991, their were 119 students enrolled in 11 sections of honors courses. So far, 659 students are enrolled in over 60 sections of honors courses for the fall 1998 semesreceive financial aid must complete the FAFSA form.

The new regulations for deferment of fees through the Financial Aid office is also confusing some students. Under the new regulations, the financial aid office cannot defer fees until they have received an applicant's SAR from the federal government.

"We have to explain about the new deferment procedure," Hutton said. "The more you have to explain, the more it slows you

There are other things slowing down the processing time as well, Hutton said.

One thing is the office is presently under staffed. Hutton is serving as both the interim director and the associate director of financial aid. He added that two new employees have already been hired and will be starting soon.

Lower division courses have 20 students each, and upperdivision courses are capped at 15 students.

One of the features of the college will remain the undergraduate thesis required for students, begining during the junior year and completed during the first semester of the senior year. Students defend their work before faculty and their peers in the lecture seminar.

New to the college is a one-hour tutorial, helping prepare students for writing the thesis. Students will do research on their proposed topic, state the problem, and document the fact that their topic has not

Plans to remodel the financial aid office are also expected to increase efficiency. The Japan Center, which is located adjacent to the office, is going to be converted into the new reception area.

Instead of forming a line out the door and down the hallway, students will be able to sit while waiting to be helped. This renovation is supposed to begin at the end of October, according to Hutton.

Other developments include adding a new section to the MTSU web page which will allow students to check on the status of their financial aid. However, some of the details of this project are still being finalized, and Hutton said he is not sure when it would be completed.

"The first thing we are doing is getting the deferments," Hutton said. "Then we are going to make getting the forms processed a prior-

been written on. The project can either be academic or creative.

Another trademark that will make the transition is the lecture series held each semester, featuring speakers from departments across campus, each speaking on the semester theme as it relates to their specific disciplines, providing students an "inter-disciplinary" look at a given subject and exposing them to the university's best faculty members.

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HOMETOWN NEWS

MEMPHIS - Arlington Developmental Center, a state home for the mentally and physically disabled, hasn't met a judge's timetable for moving patients into the community. Part of the reason may be the state doesn't pay enough to find people to care for the former residents.

U.S. District Judge Jon McCalla ruled five years ago that care for Arlington's roughly 400 residents was so poor their civil rights were being violated. Some children couldn't use their arms or legs because they had been left in beds so long, McCalla was told.

The following year, he ordered the state to cut Arlington's population to 200 by September 1997 by moving residents into small group homes.

But at last count, Arlington still had 318 residents, and only 22 had been moved in the last year.

Federal court says drug checkpoint violates motorists constitutional rights.

KNOXVILLE - A drug and alcohol checkpoint along Interstate 40 in Roane County is a trap that violates the constitutional rights of motorists, a federal appeals court panel says.

That reverses a ruling by U.S. District Judge Leon

Jordan of Knoxville.

Jordan's ruling came when he denied a motion to suppress evidence in a case against a Rhode Island couple arrested after police said they found nearly 266 pounds of marijuana in their van.

NASHVILLE - A law-firm receptionist has filed a \$1 million lawsuit against people at a Nashville business that she says locked the door in her face when she sought shelter from a tornado.

Capucine Iraldo said in a lawsuit she was driving through downtown on April 16 and realized the storm was so strong it was not safe to remain in her car.

She said she ran to the door of Nashville Bonding Co., but the business's owner, Craig Guthrie, or an

office worker, identified in the lawsuit only as Jane Doe, locked the door and headed for the interior of the

Iraldo said she now has a scar on her forehead and suffers "constant and debilitating headaches, blurred vision and floaters in her vision."

COOKEVILLE - Tommy and Linda Maxwell had a tough time kissing when they renewed their wedding vows on their 25th anniversary this month.

After all, they were underwater. So the kiss meant taking off their oxygen regulators, kissing, then popping the regulators back in.

"We had a rehearsal, just like at a regular church

wedding," Linda Maxwell said. "It's a good thing because we had to practice that kiss."

NASHVILLE - Four Tennessee schools are ranked in the top 25 in various categories of U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of the top colleges and universities in the nation.

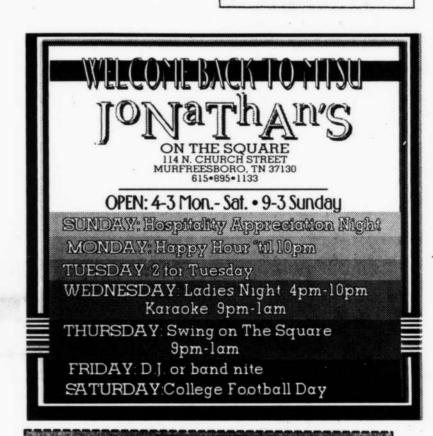
The rankings are included in the magazine's annual publication, "America's Best Colleges," which goes on sale today.

Harvard, Princeton and Yale universities share the No. 1 spot in ranking of the top universities.

Vanderbilt University in Nashville is tied with

Georgetown University in Washington for No. 20. The University of the South at Sewanee tied with five other schools at No. 24 for national liberal arts colleges. Oberlin College in Ohio, Macalester College in Minnesota, Connecticut College, Colorado College, and Barnard College in New York share the ranking.

Two Tennessee schools tied for the No. 9 slot in the list of Southern regional liberal arts colleges. David Lipscomb University in Nashville and Marvville College shared the spot in the top 10 with South Carolina's Columbia College and Arkansas' Baptist University.





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Attention: Students, Staff, & Faculty

The University Rules Committee annually reviews MTSU's promulgated institutional rules. This material appears at pp. 42-73 in the 1997-1998 edition of the Student Handbook. Proposals for changes to existing rules, or for the creation of new rules, must be submitted no later than September 4, 1998, to Dr. David Hays (MTSU Box 30). Regulations appearing in the MTSU Traffic & Parking Rules pamphlet are also a part of the University's institutional rules. Proposed additions or changes in these rules must be submitted to Ms. Connie Hagberg (MTSU Box 147), also no later than September 4, 1998.

Proposals are to be typed and must contain the following information: (1) the text of the rule as it now appears; (2) the text of the rule as proposed; and (3) a statement of rationale which supports the proposed change. Item (1) should be disregarded if the proposal is for a new rule.

Meetings of the Rules Committee will be announced via Sidelines and on All-in-One.

President's Picnic attracts 3,000

David Figueredo Staff Reporter

Over 3,000 new and established students gathered on the lawn of MTSU President James Walker's campus home on Tuesday to dance and socialize with fellow students. The annual event marks the beginning of the fall semester. Games and food were provided to make the picnic seem like a carnival for campus life. "The party on the lawn," as some have come to call it, held games such as bungee-cord racing and inflated boxing for students.

The picnic tradition began in October of 1991 when President Walker first arrived at MTSU.

"I wanted to do something to bring the freshmen together," stated President Walker. "It started with 700 freshmen and has grown to 3,000 students, and now it is for all students."

President Walker was on hand to greet students and faculty as they arrived. Kicking off the party with a few brief words, President Walker promised "no long speeches" and bid the students to have a good time. He was even seen limboing with the students. Lee Fouler, Athletic Director for MTSU, gave a

short speech informing students of the various sports teams that were gearing up for a new season.

"The best things out here are the people and the food," said Chris Davis, a freshman political science

Transfer student Valerie Ogilvie, a recreation major, said that she came to the picnic to "get to know what was going on around campus" and to get some of the "free stuff" that was handed out at the picnic.

Students danced to the reggae sound of Island Wave. The band, now a regular at the picnic, played a mix of island sounds and contemporary music. Members of Island Wave are no strangers to the MTSU campus. All the musicians of the band were at one time students at MTSU.

Students feasted on hot dogs, hamburgers, and brownies, all of which were donated courtesy of Aramark Food Services. Food preparations for the picnic began at 1p.m. that afternoon and continued throughout the party. "Master Chief Jeff" Richter was on hand to oversee all the work done during that time. With a staff of eleven and five lit grills, Richter managed the preparation of 3,000 hamburgers and 1,600 hot dogs.



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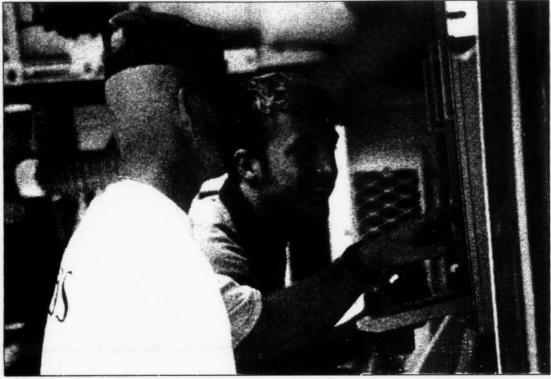
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Raider Extravaganza



ROTC gets an early start on freshmen-recruits with 'Raider Extravaganza.' Last week, students were able to explore the 'ins and outs' of military life by instruction of MTSU officers. First Class Specialist Sprinks, from Military Drug Inforcement, gives a new student a tour of the inside of a drug detection device

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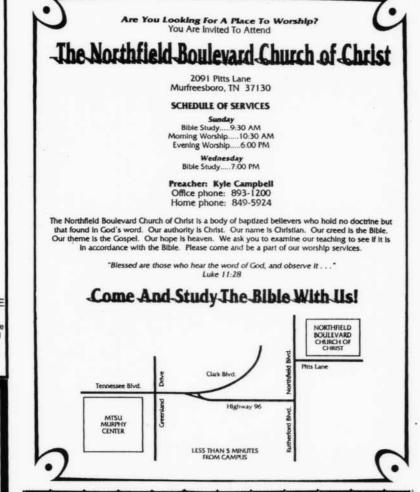
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Does this class allow for sleep?

-Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

What a way to begin the semester. Financial aid decided to be a headache, the parking lots are near full by dawn and our nation's president admits to a fling with intern (what was her name again?).

The combination of increased tuition and textbook cost is enough to fix the national debt and no one told me multimedia learning was required.

It's not hard to find something to complain about on this campus, or any campus for that matter. There is and will-always be something to gripe

Here's a suggestion: The next time something gets under your skin try turning the complaint into a solution. Think of a way to fix the problem instead of drowning your sorrows in unproductive conversation.

Sure, the financial aid process is not going as smoothly as it should. Remember that the school's population has grown-get your applications in early!

Yes, parking is a problem. Hasn't it been a problem for years?

So, Bill couldn't keep his hands to himself. Let's accept his apology, forget about it and hope he makes better decisions for our country.

Most major problems can't be solved by verbal complaint. Some can't be solved by government inter-

Since MTSU is increasing every year, there are a few changes that might make things run a little smoother this semester and those to

☐ Extend the library's hours. Some larger universities are open 24 hours. Closing at 11 p.m. is unheard of. ☐ Extend cafeteria hours on the weekends. Not everyone goes home for

Mama's home cookin'. ☐ Extend computer lab hours. Not everyone has a personal computer to work on their own time.

☐ Give a textbook at least three years to get used. Stop changing the text every year and charging more money for the newest edition. It's not like students enjoy reading the retired texts for fun.

☐ Give us something for free. We pay for mail boxes on campus to receive bills requiring us to pay the school for using the mail boxes.

Whatever the gripe, train your brain cells to think productively. Think of solutions. Think of ways to better our campus.

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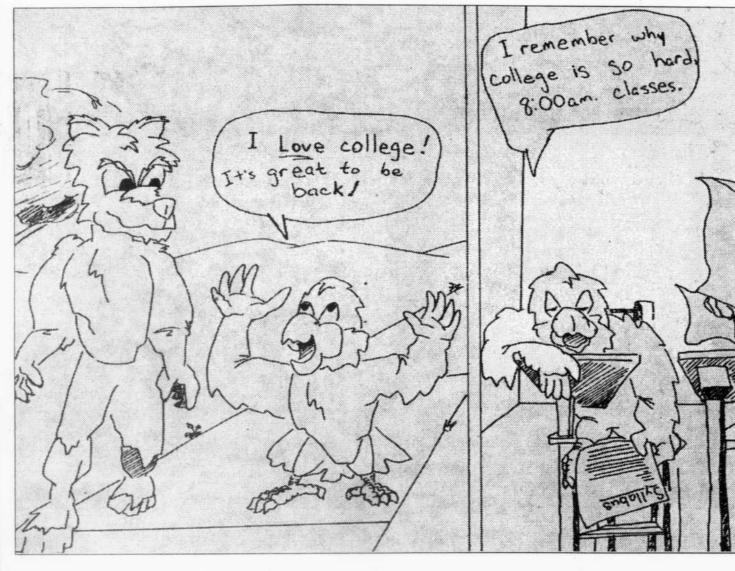
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Money-making business: parking

Kin Easter Staff Reporter

First day of school. Yuck.

I noticed some of the smiling faces, some were new, some were old. Hundreds of cars surrounded the dormitories earlier in the week, and later filled up the Murphy Center, agricultural and Rec Center lots.

I arrived on campus 20 minutes before my 9 a.m. class on Wednesday, which was in Peck Hall. I was frustrated, because a parking spot was nowhere to be

This wasn't the main reason for my frustration. I was fortunate to find a spot in the gravel lot by the Rec Center right next to a small fence. Some were not as fortunate finding a space.

As a result, people were parked on curbs that were not designated as parking

What did they get? You know, we've all seen it before; a ticket enclosed in a nice, small yellow envelope trapped between the car's windshield and its wiper.

Justice was served. That person should not have parked there.

Spare me, please. If anybody needs some form of justice or punishment, it would be the Parking Services.

The first day of school was a glorious day, financially, for the university. It was raking in the big bucks, and it will be the next few weeks.

Before a number of people drop out of school and figure college is just not for them, people will be parking in unassigned spaces or they produce spaces with their own creativity.

As always, the Parking Services will be there to take your money.

This is what frustrated me as I hopelessly searched a half hour for a spot. I saw these so-called "violators" getting their citations, when they had no choice but to park there.

If a building had caught on fire Wednesday and three cars were lined along a curb reserved for emergency vehicles, who is to blame? The university.

With the growing enrollment at this university, preparations should have been made a long time ago for the first day of

Either this university is trifling, or it's just greedy. I believe it's the latter.

Another example of this institution's greed: last year nearly 13,000 green permits were sold for 3,000 green assigned spaces. The students were not informed

how difficult it would finding the space they paid for.

But the university was sitting pretty. It had made \$15 extra over perimeter (black) parking permits from a few extra thousand people.

A word of advice for the incoming freshman: you are no longer sheltered by your parents or your high school teachers. There are institutions in the "real world" that just want your money and this university is one of them.

You'll learn that quick, whether you're buying textbooks, paying a post office fee if you don't live on campus and you got a mailbox at your place or purchasing a parking permit.

Sometimes I wonder what is the main purpose of the higher learning system. Is it to educate or make money?

not, we can all agree that we've learned

some tough lessons over the past eight

years. The next president has an opportu-

nity to restore some of the respect to the

office - and to publicservice in general -

Let's not miss the opportunity to elect

someone who's faithful to their spouse and

has some moral underpinnings - regard-

less of what party line they happen to fol-

low. We need a president who under-

stands that he or she bears the tremen-

dous responsibility of also serving as a

that has been lost.

Bill Clinton, our bad role model

Gregory Chesmore Indiana University

We still have well over two years before we head to the polls to elect a new president, and the campaign is already beginning. The guys who look like candidates are trying hard to make good first impres-

But what do we really want — or more importantly — what do we need in the next president?

Regardless of who ends up winning the White House, a different person will be occupying the Oval Office. And this should give us all good reason to rejoice. President Clinton has certainly proved what we DON'T need in a president. Let's face it, the guy's an embarrassment to the

Need proof? Talk to the next generation of leaders.

In the June 18 issue of Time magazine, a Denver middle school student was

asked why he engages in sex. "The president does it. Why can't we?" he responded, referring, of course, to President Clinton's alleged - and admitted - extramarital

During one recent segment on CNN announcing the president's new "Get Tough On Drugs" campaign, a high school teacher from New York asked Clinton's drug czar how the president could possibly expect young Americans to take himseriously.

"The kids I teach say, 'Hey, even the president admitted on MTV that he experimented with illegal drugs, so why can't we?"

Kids aren't dumb. The 13-year-old boy who rationalized his early submersion into sex by citing Clinton's fling with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky isn't stupid either. We all know kids learn by example. They learn by what they see and hear, especially from those in our society who are supposed to be role models. Clinton is not the sole reason why so many kids are off track, but he is the president of this country, and the standards he has set are scary.

Is it not a tragedy that today's 6-yearolds are forced to ask Mom and Dad what oral sex and an orgasm is after watching the nightly news? Even worse is that the one guy everyone is supposed to respect and admire (and who is married, mind you) is the one accused of the actions.

Forget about sex education in the schools; have your kids write a report on President William Jefferson Clinton. They'll know more than they need to when they're done.

Thanks to President Clinton's eight years at the helm, I'll be taking a closer look at all the candidates than I usually do when 2000 rolls around.

And I'll be asking myself if this is the man or woman I want as a role model for the next generation of American leaders. Whether you love Clinton's politics or

role model for the nation's children. Anyone who can't accept that responsibility should never

become president.

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Ineligible athletes have no excuses

Staff Editorial
The Latern (Ohio State University)

OLUMBUS. Ohio — This past week the

COLUMBUS, Ohio — This past week there was an uproar in the media regarding the academic eligibility of football players Andy Katzenmoyer, Rob Murphy, and Damon Moore. They could possibly be ineligible to play football this year because of poor grades and insufficient credit hours. Along with the loss of these players, there's the danger of losing the No. 1 preseason ranking by the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll and The Associated Press.

Athletes having problems in the classroom is nothing new at OSU. This has been the case with many athletes over the years. Athletes are no different than the average students who screw up their grades, it's just that when such problems exist for high-profile athletes in summer school, the media jump on the issue and speculate about the outcome of the situation. These speculations are blown out of

Most students who find themselves with gradepoint average problems attend the following quarter, take easier courses and are able to maintain their eligibility for financial aid. This scenario is no different for the student athlete, except the grade-point average they must maintain is usually 2.0, which is much lower than the GPA that must be maintained by students on merit scholarships. Most merit scholarship recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.

Therefore, by virtue of their athletic status, most recipients of athletic scholarships are held to a lower standard than the average merit-scholarship

recipient

It's fair to assume that struggling student athletes will try to take the easier courses. And that's exactly what Katzenmoyer is doing in summer school. He's taking golf, music appreciation and AIDS awareness; therefore, he should ace these courses and thus assure his academic eligibility to playfootball this year. It's almost certain the same applies to Murphy and Moore, who need to earn sufficient credit hours in order to play.

In his own words, Katzenmoyer said, "I screwed

And he and the other players who find themselves in this predicament did it to themselves. Their GPAs are in the cellar regardless of OSU's eight - count 'em, eight - academic counselors pictured in the Buckeye football media guide - which doesn't also include the countless tutors at players' disposal. Because these athletes have this kind of access to people who can help them with their courses there's no excuse for them to be in academic trouble. It appears this trio missed some classes and didn't do all the work required for some of their previous courses. No other group of students on this campus has the type of support or extensive, expensive resources that these players get.

According to university officials, most athletes at OSU take advantage of the counselors and tutors provided for them. They also don't let themselves fall so far behind in their work. That's not the case with Katzenmoyer, Murphy and Moore. They admit they did this to themselves; therefore, we don't feel sorry

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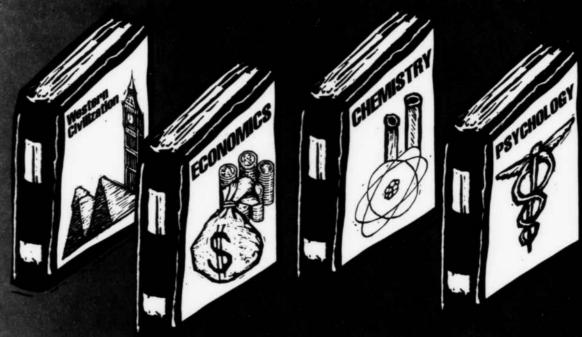
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Murfreesboro, TN



Vickie Gibson Staff Reporter

f you like music of different styles, be sure to check out The Middle Tennessee Variety Showcase at Mainstreet Thursday. The diversity of music being produced in Murfreesboro will be represented on stage by local bands featured along with a few Nashville groups familiar to Murfreesboro's music scene.

A number of former and current MTSU students are involved in the show. MTSU's Recording Industry is well-represented by some members of the bands. This is the second such showcase prominently featuring local musicians at Mainstreet. The first showcase last May was organized by Terry McClain, a former MTSU RIM student, who also put together Thursday's show.

"There are no two bands alike," said McClain about the line-up. The showcase will start with Asbestos, a rap/rock band from Nashville. Next up is The Real Side, a local blues/jazz group. Upstream, a Southern rock-style band based out of Nashville, will bring their unique sound to town. Another local group, Hot Lettuce, will rock the crowd with their punk rock sound.

Closing the show is One Forty One, a Nashville modern rock/pop band that has been getting national attention lately.

McClain has been involved in the formation of several bands locally over the past few years. His songwriting talent covers a variety of styles including hip hop and rap to rock 'n roll. While both The Real Side and Hot Lettuce feature McClain's songs and vocals, the groups have very different

The Real Side is a fairly new group that plays blues, jazz and pop. The group started as a pet project of McClain's. The multi-talented musician was a band of one, writing and playing all the parts on the group's demo recording. But for live performances, he recruited some studio musician friends to play with him.

"It's basically something I've been compiling for a long time," said McClain.

The live version of the band includes McClain on guitar and vocals; Clay McAllister, an MTSU RIM graduate, on keyboards; Darin Masters, an MTSU RIM graduate, on drums; and Jeff Manson of Murfreesboro on bass.

Hot Lettuce has been playing together over a year. Band members describe their music as raunchy punk rock with a driving

rock 'n roll. Members include McClain on drums and vocals; Lindsey Willis, a former MTSU student, on guitar; and Jeff Collett of Smyrna on bass.

Upstream is a new band formed by Masters and McAllister last January. Based out of Nashville, the group plays Murfreesboro and Nashville clubs often. After Thursday's concert at Mainstreet, they will open for Murfreesboro's Red Stone Friday, Sept. 4 at 12th and Porter in Nashville. They'll be at the 'Boro Sept. 29.

"We play what is referred to as homegrown organic rock 'n roll," said Masters. He also describes Upstream's music as "rock 'n roll with a touch of blues, a little bit of roots influence and a little bit of bluegrass," or simply Southern rock for short.

Asbestos' music has been described as energetic hip hop, rap/rock, and heavy alternative rock with a rap influence.

Band members include Masters on drums; McAllister on keyboards, vocals; Kenny O'Brien, guitar, vocals; Frank Lopehandia, guitar, vocals; and Jeff Manson, bass and fretless bass.

One Forty One, like many of the other bands on the show, started out as a couple of college students writing and playing music together. Layne Anthony and Gary Ross

were such student musicians two years ago, before they moved to Nashville and joined up with the other two musicians in the group two years ago.

One Forty One members include Anthony, vocals, bass; Ross, vocals, guitar; Clayton, guitar; and Bobby Mitchell, drums, percussion.

The music of the band has been described as exploration. They weave together the experimentation of U2, the melodic simplicity of Oasis and the raw power of R.E.M. The result is the unique sound of One Forty One.

The group has been touring nationally and recently cut a new demo at the Memphis House of Blues Studio. They will be on Jason Coleman's show on WMTS Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. A concert at The Boro is set Sept. 8.

Sony Records in New York picked One Forty One to feature on their website at www.Sonymusic.com in the nationwide "Battle of the Bands." The information on the band should be posted at that website sometime this week.

The Middle Tennessee Variety Showcase is 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. at the popular club located at 527 W. Main Street. Admission is \$5.

Center for the Arts Events

- The Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts is celebrating the arts in Murfreesboro with a series of eight productions during its third season. The 1998-99 Celebration Series has comedy, drama, romance, thrillers and musicals.
- Murfreesboro Little Theater, the Center's resident theatre company, opens the season with Ira Levin's thriller, "Deathtrap," Sept. 11-13 and 18-19. ■ A new version of Bram Stoker's classic horror
- "Dracula" will be on stage Oct. 9-11 and 16-17.
- MLT produces the Pulitzer prize winning "Driving Miss Daisy" by Alfred Uhry Nov. 6-8 and 13-14. ■ The Barfield Schol of Dance will team up with the cen-
- ter's staff to present "Winter Wonderland," a special dance presentation, Dec. 11-13 and 18-19.
- Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" will be produced by MLT Feb. 12-14 and 19-20, 1999.
- Various musical events produced by the Center for the Arts will be featured during Musical Potpourri March 12-14 and 19-20, 1999. Each night will feature a different musical act.
- Shakespeare's "The Tempest" presented by Murfreesboro Little Theater will be April 9-11 and 16-17,
- The Southern comedy "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley completes the season May 7-9 and 14-15, 1999.

For more information about auditions or season tickets, call 904-ARTS.

Be safe, be aware, be prepared — RAD

Vickie Gibson Staff Reporter

Self-awareness and preventive action is the focus of a special rape aggression defense course offered each month this year for female students, faculty and staff.

The course, known as RAD, teaches confrontation principles and personal defense designed exclusively for women. It has been offered by MTSU's Public Safety for the past two years but not throughout the year. It is also taught at other universities such as Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee. It is the largest women's defense system in the country.

Concern for safety of females on campus prompted the more frequent availability of the 12-hour course. RAD helps women keep safe by teaching them to be more aware of their surroundings, avoid potentially dangerous situations and showing them what to do if attacked and how to get away.

RAD graduates say the course gives them awareness to avoid potential dangers but also confidence and permission to defend themselves if necessary.

The course is open to students, faculty, employees and area residents. Women from MTSU pay a \$15 fee which includes the cost of a workbook. Area residents must pay a \$30 fee for the course. Registration is required at least three weeks prior to the session requested. There are only 20 spaces per session. All classes are held at the Foundation Reception House on Thompson Lane. Transportation is available.

The first session begins today and continues through Wednesday. The next session is planned Sept. 15-17 from 6-10 p.m. Deadline for registering for that session is Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Other sessions this semester are set Oct. 25-29 from 2-6 p.m., Nov. 10-12 from 6-10 p.m. and Dec. 8-10 from 6-10 p.m.

For more information or to register, go by MTSU Public Safety in the Haynes Turner Building or call 2259 or 2424. ■



Photos provided

Ruby Sinclair (Vanessa L. Williams) and Rafael Infante (Chayanne) hit the floor at a Las Vegas salsa club in the Columbia Pictures/Mandalay Entertainment presentation of "Dance With Me.

Siskel's Flicks Picks: "Dance With Me"

Gene Siskel Tribune Media Services

(RATINGS: The movie listed is rated according to the following key: 4 stars — excellent; 3 stars good; 2 stars - fair; 1 star poor.)

Our FLICK OF THE WEEK is "Dance With Me," a colorful if familiar romance set mostly in the Houston dance studio where Vanessa L. Williams works as an instructor and rehearses for professional international Latin ballroom competitions.

Drawn to her is the new Cuban handyman, played by the interna-

tional singing star known simply as Chayanne. They do have chemistry, but it's Williams who supplies the most combustible elements as she also deals with the father of her son, her former partner (Rick Valenzuela, a genuine Latin dance champion). In the centerpiece of the movie, they reunite for a world dance competition in Las Vegas.

But that isn't the only competition on the floor when Chayanne

As entertaining as "Dance With Me" is, it suffers by comparison with last year's Japanese ballroom dancing film "Shall We Dance?", which had greater socio-

logical importance. Indeed, President Clinton - no kidding told me in an interview last year that he thought "Shall We Dance?" was emblematic of Japan dealing with its increasing Westernization.

"Dance With Me," rather, is simply about very attractive people going through the paces of a standard romantic competition. This is a mixed review because Williams' energy and the way she looks in sparkling outfits holdsone's attention. You root for her to end up with the right guy. Rated PG..2-1/2 stars.

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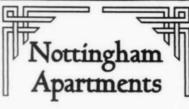
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Easter

I sat under section N of the Monte Hale arena on Wednesday, the first day of the fall semester. I was a little early for tennis class. Why I'm taking tennis, I don't know. I enjoy watching it on television, especially Martina Hingis (what a babe), but the baseball player inside of me can never keep the ball inside the fence surrounding the courts.

A stranger walked up and asked me if this was tennis

"Yeah, I guess," I replied. As we sat waiting for class to begin, we stared at the arena floor covered by sections of car-

pet. "I've had a lot of memories here," he said.

Jeremy, my new classmate, began to speak of the days he played for Class A basketball powerhouse Perry County. The school has a very rich basketball tradition, especially in recent years.

As most of you know, Murphy Center hosts the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association annually. Three levels of top competition compete for the title.

Jeremy and his team were there in the 1996 and 1997 championships-Jeremy's sophomore and junior year. His team lost a heartbreaking game in 1997 to Chattanooga's Boyd Buchanan 48-47 and easdefeated Columbia Academy 82-47 in 1996.

Jeremy recalled the time former teammate Kirk Haston, who stands at six feet ten inch-

MTSU may never have a football program rivaling that of Univ. of Tennessee (at least while I'm here), but maybe one day our sports program will be on a largescale map.

es and 225 pounds, was looked upon by Indiana coach Bobby

Knight sat down on the bleachers during the first half of a Perry County game with two men in suits, one to his left, the other to his right, scouting Haston's moves. No one dared to speak to him and Knight jumped back into his limousine at the half.

People may never be as excited to see Randy Wiel or Stephanie Smith walk into the old gym, and they probably wouldn't have two "secret service agents" at each side. Same case goes for Boots Donnelly at the football field or Steve Peterson on the diamond.

But during our conversation, I couldn't help but notice through the huge windows at Murphy Center a set of bleachers rising to the sky at the neighboring football stadium. The sight was amazing because it was the first time I saw the stadium from inside the Murphy Center.

See EASTER, page 9

Moosemen looking for first national title

Jennie Treadway Staff Reporter

"Close, but no cigar" is the phrase the Moosemen use to describe their performance in last year's National Collegiate Tournament. The one-point loss was all it took to rev the team up for another year of hard play.

Coached by Mark Williams, the MTSU rugby team is entering its 19th year of play. Many come with no experience, only the desire to get involved in the football/soccer combination sport.

"The club started 18 years ago," said Williams. "I started playing during its second semester. I've been the head coach for the past three years."

The name "Mooesemen" came about nonchalantly. It was something decided on years

"It's an old, old name," said Williams. "No dramatic story. We're half moose, half men. It's pretty silly, but it stuck."

In coordination with the new sports clubs at the Rec Center, like fencing and masters swimming, the rugby team is always looking for new players.



"We pass out flyers and go by word of mouth mostly," he said. "Any college with more than 10,000 students will have a rugby team. It's not that rare."

Last year's record was near perfect. One point kept the team from playing in the "Sweet Sixteen," which is the obstacle to overcome this year.

"The fall semester is for practice," said Williams. "Spring season is what counts."

Williams, along with assistant coaches Tony Neely and Robert Keith, decided to encourage the club's growth by offering scholarships to student athletes with rugby experience.

"We would love to bring in international players who have background in rugby," he said.

Partial grants are also considered for students who are in financial need and display plenty of potential.

There will be about 20 to 25 players coming back this year to play. The first official practice is Sept. 1 on the field next to Faces Bar on

The Sports Club Kick-off is this Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Rec Center. Along with introducing men's rugby, the Kick-off will showcase the fencing, masters swimming, women's rugby, men's soccer and volleyball teams.

Immediately following the Kick-off will be a rugby meeting to discuss new plans and recruit interested students.

"We have a winning record," said Williams, "so this should be a good year."

Fall 1998 Rugby Schedule Nashville R.F.C **Parent Day** Sept. 26-27 Heart of Dixie Oct 3 Georgia Tech **Termessee Tech** Oct. 24 Oct. 25 luntsville R.F.C los. 7-8 Ft. Campbell

'Air' McNair strikes again

Saints **Oilers** 26 24

Mary Foster Associated Press

ORLEANS—Steve McNair looks like he's ready for the regular season.

The Oilers quarterback completed 11 of 16 for 200 yards and had two runs for 24 yards in about a half as the Oilers beat the New Orleans Saints 26-24 in an exhibition game Saturday night.

Despite a shaky start, the Oilers (2-1) scored on every possession with McNair at quarterback, getting three field goals and two touchdowns to lead 23-10 by the time Tennessee went to Dave Krieg with 6:25 left in the third quarter.

"We're working hard. We have a young team," McNair said. "We're just going out there and playing hardnosed, nasty football, but clean."

After Saints quarterback Billy Joe Hobert fumbled, Tennessee took over on the New Orleans 6. McNair fumbled a handoff, which Joe Runyan recovered on the Saints 3 and Al Del Greco kicked his first of four field goals, a 21yarder that put the Oilers up 3-0 with 11:13 left in the first quarter.

Del Greco made it 6-0 on the

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Kansas City

Oilers' next series with a 32-yard

lead in three exhibition games in the first quarter when

Smith capped a 82yard drive with a 4yard touch-

run that made it 7-6.

American Conference

field goal. He also hit from 32 yards in the second quarter and 26 yards in the third.

"The first two drives we couldn't ask for anything better,"

The Saints (0-3) took their first 138 yards. Lamar

down

The lead didn't last long as McNair passed for 22 yards and ran for 24 on the Oilers' third possession. Rodney Thomas ended the 79-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown.

McNair followed with a 66yard drive, 57 yards of it on passes, including a 20-yard completion into double coverage while scrambling, that set up another field goal by Del Greco that made it 16-7.

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McNair's final series, the first possession of the third quarter, was highlighted by a 78-yard pass to Derrick Mason on an 88-yard drive that ended with a 3-yard touchdown run by Thomas.

Mason had three catches for

Thomas, who went in in the first quar-

when Eddie George sprained

ankle, gained 40 yards and scored twice on 12 carries.

"It's fine," George said. "The game wasn't on the line. If it was the regular season I'd be in there. I'll be fine by next week. As far as the regular season goes, I should be fine."

The six Oilers runners had 127 yards on 31 carries, gaining five or more yards 12 times.

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National Conference

The Saints, who haven't had a 1,000-yard rusher this decade, continued to struggle with their ground game, netting only 41 with their first-string offense - and 20 of that came on scrambles by Hobert.

"Our running game is nonexistent," Saints coach Mike Ditka said. "If your quarterback is your leading rusher, you're in trouble."

Actually, the top two Saints rushers were quarterbacks. Jake Delhomme had a 27-yard scramble in the fourth quarter for the longest New Orleans run of the night.

The passing game looked better, with Hobert 12-of-17 for 142 yards with no interceptions. The Saints' first-string offense, which had scored only three points in the previous two exhibitions, also scored its first touchdown.

"Offensively we clicked better than we have before," Hobert said. "We're getting there. I never expected to come out in the preseason and really light everything up and score 40 points."

Danny Wuerffel, who came in in the third quarter, engineered New Orleans' second touchdown of the game, a 7-yard pass to Brett Bech that made it 26-17. Jake Delhomme made it close with a 5yard touchdown pass to Joe Douglass with 32 second left that reduced the margin to two points.

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Colts face a

Former UT star Manning falls in quarterback matchup

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) Round one went to Ryan Leaf and the San Diego Chargers. The rematch with the Indianapolis Colts Peyton Manning will be in October, when it counts.

Chargers 33 Colts 3

The meeting Saturday night between Leaf, the second pick in the NFL draft, and Manning, the No. 1 pick, was only the second time in NFL history quarterbacks picked 1-2 in the draft had faced each other as rookies.

Leaf was 15-for-24 for 172 yards, set up one touchdown and ran for a score as the Chargers broke a 3-3 tie at halftime and beat the Colts 33-3. It was only an exhibition game, but after a shaky first half, Leaf looked sharp in leading the Chargers to their third straight victory. Manning, playing into the

third quarter for the first time in the preseason, was 11-for-21 for 123 yards but twice had passes intercepted by Mike Dumas as the Colts dropped to 1-2.

San Diego, helped by Indianapolis turnovers, scored on its first five possessions of the second half. On the first play of the third quarter, Leaf passed 36 yards to Freddie Jones, starting a 10-play drive that produced a 6-yard go-ahead touchdown run by Natrone Means. Dumas returned his second

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Martin wins to end Gordon's record bid

Joe Macenka Associated Press

BRISTOL- Jeff Gordon's car couldn't seem to do anything right Saturday night. Mark Martin had no such problems.

Martin dominated the final third of the Goody's 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway, ending Gordon's bid to set a Winston Cup modern-era record with his fifth consecutive victory.

While Martin led the most laps on the way to defeating teammate Jeff Burton, Gordon battled an ill-handling car all night.

Not only did he wind up in fifth place, about one-half lap back, but he never challenged for the lead. It ended Gordon's streak of 14 consecutive races in which he led at least one lap, a run that stretched back to the Texas 500 in April.

Martin's fifth victory of the season and 27th of his career was especially gratifying since it came one week after he failed in his bid to win a race in memory of his father, Julian, who was killed in a plane crash two weeks ago.

Martin was unable to hold off Gordon in the late stages of last week's race at Michigan. It represented another example of Martin having a good finish during Gordon's streak but losing ground to him in the season points battle.

This time, Martin came to Bristol trailing Gordon by 97 points, but trimmed his deficit to

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MTSU may never have a football program rivaling that of the University of Tennessee (at least while I'm here), but maybe one day our sports program will be on a larger-scale map.

Not in our time, but maybe our children's or grandchildren's time. As current students in this college, we'll hardly see big college names come to Floyd Stadium. As Boots said, we don't have the bargaining power to get a top team to come to our turf first. The second meeting would more than likely be at MTSU. But that won't happen, except for a few cases, anytime soon.

All this construction, campaigning and waiting is the sacrifice we are laying down for our future generations. If we help the football program in its move to Division I-A, we will reap small benefits. But we may see more as alumni.

Meanwhile, Friday rolled around for another hour of tennis and Jeremy, the big sports fan that he is, was sporting his new MT baseball cap.

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interception 39 yards on the next series, giving San Diego the ball at the Indianapolis 18. Leaf, who was sacked three times, was thrown for a 4-yard loss by Bert Berry, but an interference penalty on Rico Clark gave the Chargers first down at the Colts 1.

Leaf ran in on the next play, his second rushing TD of the pre-

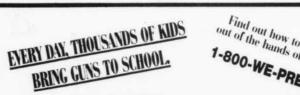
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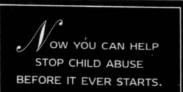












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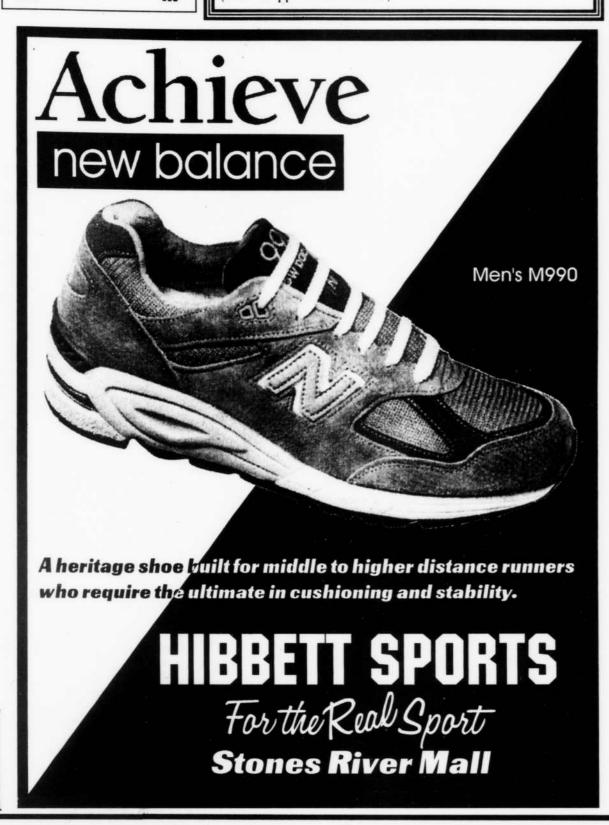
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Plenty of brain and brawn

Marcia Smith Knight Ridder Newspaper

Bethlehem, Pa. There are players who spend time on the field communicating with the gropes and grunts, pointing at waterbottles when they're thirsty and roughing it up with others when they're mad.

And then, amid the sweat and spit, comes the intellectual, a player who would otherwise be contemplating a corporate takeover or a gross domestic product if he weren't at Eagles camp at Lehigh University - a player such as rookie defensive tackle Brandon Whiting, the Eagles' 1998 fourth-round draft pick.

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Whiting, 6-foot-3 and a

solid 278 pounds, majored in economics and developmental studies, which focused on rising third-world nations, at California-Berkeley. He took three semesters of Chinese and earned a 3.3 grade-point average and academic all-Pac-10 honors.

If he weren't out trying to make the football team, Whiting, 22, said he would probably be in graduate school preparing for a career as an economic or political adviser to

These days, on a team where wide receiver Irving Fryar majored in meteorology, defensive end Jon Harris has a masters in psychology, wide receiver John Dolbin turned down a job as a stockbroker, and reserve tight end Chad and Ed Jasper and Bill Lewis has a degree in Chinese, the brains have been trying to make their places alongside the brawny.

"Football has gotten a lot more complicated as far as defenses and reads and calls," Whiting said Monday, watching drills while nursing the right ankle he turned in Saturday's scrimmage. "It is so much more complex than it was 10 or 15 years ago. Players need to be intelligent enough that they can pick up on things and not make a lot of mental mistakes."

Whiting is one of eight defensive tackles on the training camp roster. Hollis Thomas and Rhett Hall are listed as the projected starters,

Johnson are the backups.

Third, behind Hall and Johnson on the left side, is Whiting, who pores over coverage schemes in the three-inchthick playbook every night after dinner, hoping his mastery of the defense will move him up the chart. He has always been a student.

"[Being studious] has helped me with some of the physical things that I lack," said the Long Beach, Calif., native. "I'm not the fastest guy in the world. I'm not the strongest guy in the world. But if I can be one step ahead of the guys mentally, then I can make up for that lack of size or strength."

Coaches try to boost team morale

David Markiewicz Knight Ridder Newspaper

FORT WORTH, Texas-If Dennis Franchione was certain of anything when he took over the Texas Christian University football program, it was that changes would have to be made. The Horned Frogs, after all, went 1-10 under Pat Sullivan in 1997.

The most important difference he could make, though--a major talent upgrade--might take years to achieve. So Franchione dipped into the coaches' bag of psychological tricks and made a move unquestioned for its simplicity or its bril-

He changed the color of the helmets. Out with the silver; in with the purple.

Off with the TCU logo, on with the Spirit Frog. He also redesigned the jerseys, going to a darker shade of purple, and reconfigured the

locker room into a single, open space. It's not that Franchione's become a dedicated follower of fashion.

Rather, Franchione explained, "It's a piece of the whole attitude change I'm trying to develop here.

"This team," Franchione said, "needs to gain confidence, self-esteem, put last year behind them. Cleanse their minds. I can't change the players a great deal, but I can change how they think. And changing the helmet and the uniforms and the locker room is all part of that

Plenty of coaches and players agree with Franchione. What might be cosmetic alterations to outsiders can represent a whole new and improved era to a football team, especially one that's been living on the dark side.

Money also plays a role in some schools' decision to change uniforms, logos or color combinations. New and different tends to sell more, and university athletic departments rely on sales of licensed merchandise as an important revenue stream in a time of tighter budgets.

But, for the most part, it's a mind thing.

Downtrodden programs at local schools such as the University of North Texas and SMU have made their own fashion changes in recent years, particularly when they've hired new coaches. By contrast, traditionally successful programs, like the University of Nebraska, aren't as likely to make major changes, such as dropping the "N" from its helmets, even when a new coach is hired.

"It's like we're starting over," explained TCU punter and wide receiver Royce Huffman, endorsing his school's changes. "It's a whole new attitude: getting rid of the past and starting fresh. It's psychological. Yeah, I think it's going to help us.'

TCU linebacker Joseph Phipps calls the darker purple color and the new helmets "a nice change," but adds, "the color of the helmet's not really going to matter when you get out there against Iowa State or Oklahoma."

Asked whether he would rather play in the old colors of the NFL's Tampa Bay Bucanneeers, or Tampa's new, improved colors, Phipps laughed. He chose the new look, but said that's not the reason the Bucs are finally win-

"The changes in their uniforms dian't make them a better team," Phipps said. "It was their coaches' and players' commitment to do better. We changed our uniforms, but what we're really trying to do change is our commitment."

A change in commitment is what Hayden Fry had in mind when he took over the coaching job at the University of Iowa in 1979. Fry, a student of psychology, gave the Hawkeyes black helmets and mimicked the uniforms of the Pittsburgh Steelers who'd just finished a run of Super Bowl championship seasons. He also changed the school logo to a meaner-looking

"The first thing he did when he came here was change the uniform," recalled Phil Haddy, sports information director at Iowa. "He didn't want his team putting on the old uniform, which was associated with losing."



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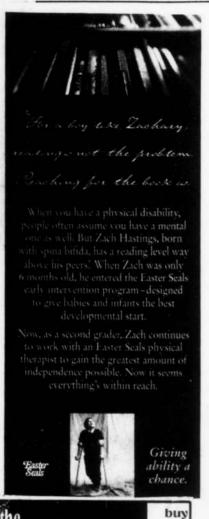
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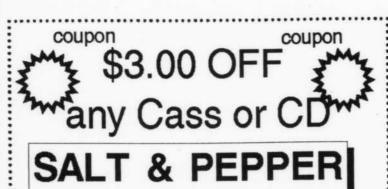
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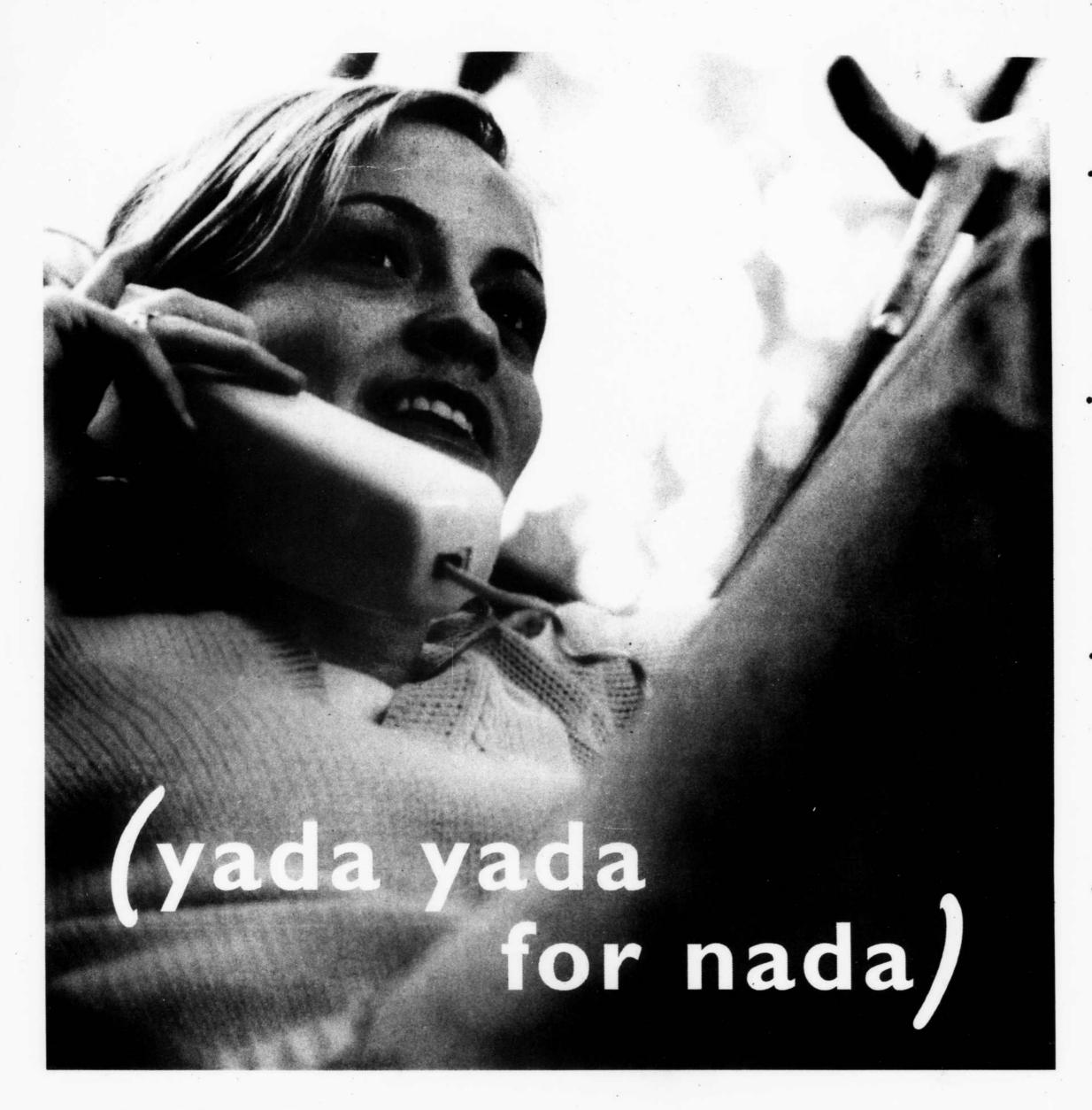
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