



SIDELINES



SGA plans for new semester

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

With the fall semester starting, members of the Student Government Association are eagerly trying to catch the attention of the students.

Especially Andrae Crismon, the newly-elected SGA president, who has spent the summer finalizing a way to reward students for keeping their grade point averages high.

What Crismon has created is the blue and white card program. The cards work similarly to the SmartCard program that other organizations use for fundraising, except the SGA cards aren't for fundraising. The SGA is footing the entire bill.

"This is a program to reward students for good grades," Crismon said.

Students with a GPA of 3.5-4.0 get the blue card which has special offers and discounts for 12 local businesses, such as a \$10 oil change at Mr. Tire. If students have a GPA of 3.0-3.49, then they get the white card which has similar discounts at seven local businesses.

Crismon is also setting up town hall meetings where students can gather to discuss current issues and

Quick Facts

Who they are: The Student Government Association, a governing body of students who serve as a liaison between the general student population and the administration.

1999-2000 officers: President, Andrae Crismon; Senate Speaker, Megan Smith; House Speaker, Kevin Travis; Election Commissioner, Jennifer Sykora

Upcoming Events: Sept. 1: Senate meeting, Sept. 7 (tentative): Town Hall Meeting, Sept. 22, 23: Freshman and Homecoming Queen Elections

problems. In the past, these types of meetings have primarily been used for special issues, like a parking crisis, but Crismon is wanting to hold one meeting per month to keep the dialogue flowing between students, the SGA and the administration.

The location and the specific dates for these meetings are still being discussed, but Crismon thinks they will be held in the Woodmore Cyber Cafe on Sept. 7, Oct. 4, Nov. 2 and Dec. 1.

The meetings will open with Crismon and possibly other SGA

officers discussing some of the current events and then will feature representatives from the administration, including Housing and Residential Life, Financial Aid and Parking personnel.

At the end of the meetings, students will have the chance to ask questions of the various administrators or bring up new topics to discuss.

For the first meeting, Crismon said he wants to devote some time to the Blue Raider football team and give them support for their first season in

Division I-A. To do this, he is trying to secure Coach Andy McCollum as the guest speaker.

"We want to rally the students around the football team," Crismon said. "Since they are turning division one, the spotlight is on them."

In addition to the town hall meetings, Crismon has to work on the allocation of the activity fee, which was voted up to \$15 last year by the students in the spring elections.

"Right now, there are no constraints about how it is dispersed," he said. "That's something we're working on."

One possibility, Crismon said, is to help fund the child care facilities on campus. Currently, child care is not available for children for all five days of the business week. Instead, children are put on rotations where parents can use the daycare on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

With additional funding through the activity fee, Crismon said care may become available for all five days.

"[The campus daycare employees] are trying to serve as many children as possible, but have limited facilities," he said. "There are a lot of students, the average age being 25,

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New signs redesign parking

Stephen Lassiter
Staff Reporter

All parking violations begin receiving tickets today, amidst a wave of parking changes that include a new sign system and more than 700 new spaces.

Painted curbs were sandblasted and replaced with new signs this summer.

Connie Hagberg, manager of Parking Services, said the new sign system cuts costs and makes the campus more attractive.

"As parking changes occur on campus, it will be easier and more cost efficient to move signs than to re-work curb colors," she said.

She urged everyone to become familiar with the signs and pavement markings on campus. All parking areas are indicated on a map distributed to everyone who purchases a permit.

Ticketing actually began Aug. 23 for violations other than vehicles with no campus permit and those that were "improperly parked."

"We wanted to give students time to get their permits," Hagberg said.

Instead of tickets, approximately 3,000 blue "friendly reminders" were placed on cars last week. The reminders stated the violation and contained a notification that

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Former financial aid director indicted

Randall Ford
Staff Reporter

Robert Winston Wrenn, MTSU's former Financial Aid director, is scheduled to appear in court in November, accused of misusing funds to alter students' aid eligibility, including that of some of his relatives.

The charges, described in a special report by the Tennessee Division of State Audit, have led to grand jury indictments against Wrenn on five counts of criminal misconduct, one count of theft over \$60,000 and one count of tampering with or fabricating evidence in connection with his job at MTSU. The matter originated in October 1997, when a Business Office clerk and Bob Adams, then MTSU Associate Vice President of Finance and Administration, questioned an excessive aid amount awarded to a relative of Wrenn's.

"During our review of the financial aid Mr. Wrenn improperly caused to this relative," the audit report states, "we discovered other improprieties related to Mr. Wrenn's activities in the MTSU financial aid office."

Wrenn was fired as director of Financial Aid in November 1997. The report says Wrenn was not suspected of having awarded illegal aid to relatives before the fall semester of 1996.

Wrenn had not returned a phone call to his attorney at press time. Frank Fly, Wrenn's attorney, said Wrenn denies the accusations. "He says the same thing now that he's said all along," Fly said. "He is not guilty."

The report says university administrators have also issued written reprimands to five Business Office and Financial Aid office employees.

The report lists several recommendations, including that the university should: create a monitoring process by staff external to the Financial Aid office; better ensure implementation and compliance with financial aid regulations and policies; review financial aid awarded to employees and their relatives.

What the Report Alleges:

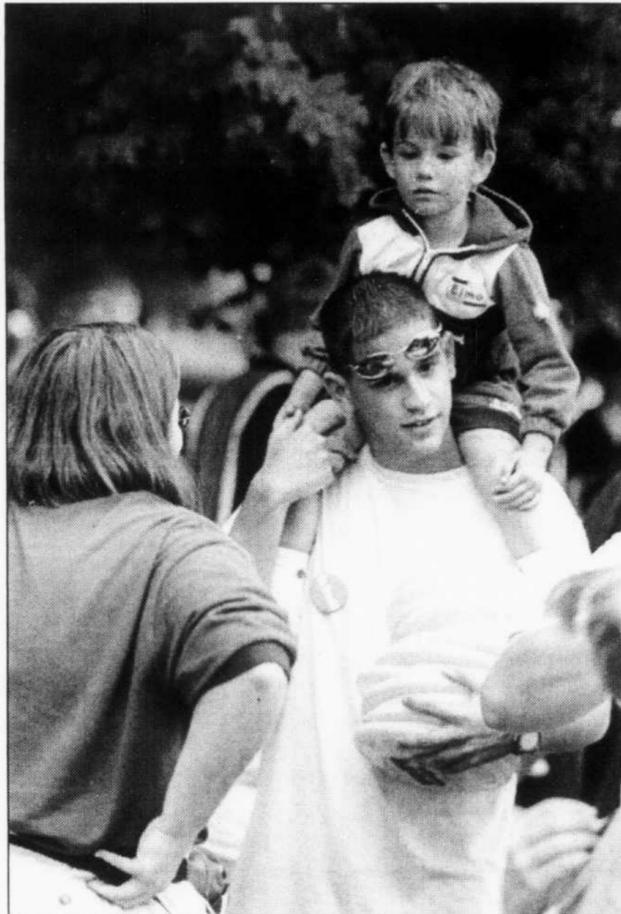
■ Mr. Wrenn approved \$71,250 in federal Stafford Loans to himself and four of his relatives. Mr. Wrenn deposited the money from these checks into his personal bank accounts and then used the money to pay bills and make purchases.

■ Mr. Wrenn instructed a financial aid office clerk to improperly change information on six federal financial aid applications to make students who were actually ineligible for federal Pell Grants.

■ Mr. Wrenn awarded an MTSU employee institutional financial aid totaling \$33,797.50 to supplement the employee's salary. The employee admitted obtaining student status for himself solely to receive aid and deposited the money into his personal bank account and then used the money to pay rent and child support. This reduced the amount available to other students.

—Tennessee Division of State Audit

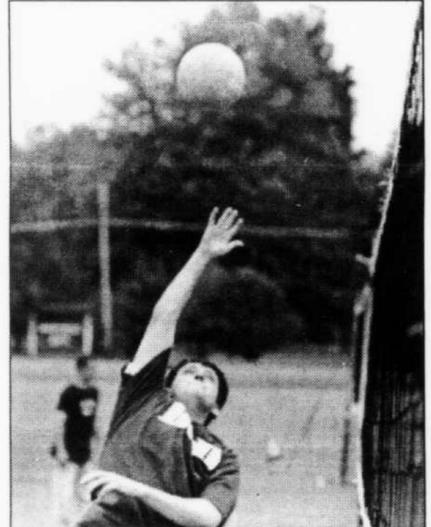
President holds picnic on lawn



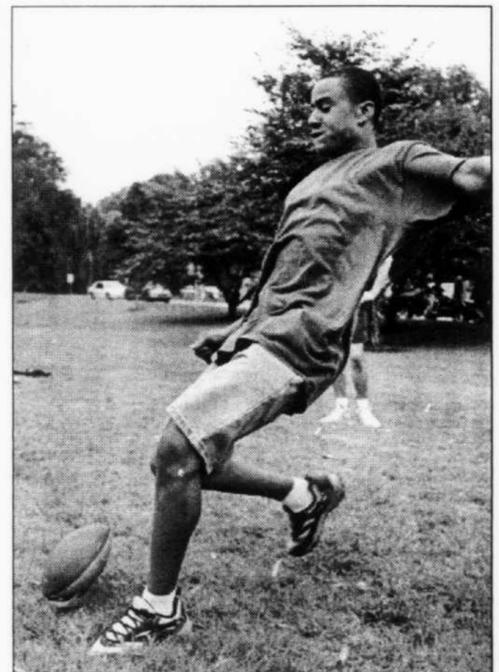
Photos by Derrick Wilson
(Top) Joe Crutcher, sophomore, has Tyler to help him pass out free Frisbees.

(Right) Therman Boddie, a junior business administration major, takes a shot in the field goal contest.

Free food always draws a crowd. The annual President's Picnic is no exception. Hundreds of students turned out at the on-campus home of MTSU President James Walker on Monday, Aug. 23. The Band of Blue performed at the picnic.



Bobby Toy plays volleyball on the President's lawn.



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WEATHER FORECAST



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On Campus

compiled by
Wesley Bush

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

Sept. 2-8
The Office of Student Organizations and Community Service will have mandatory meetings for all student organization presidents.

Each president or a representative is to meet in KUC 324 on Sept. 2 at 3:00 p.m., Sept. 7 at 4:00 p.m., and Sept. 8 at 5:00 p.m. Advisors are also encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Maggie Prugh at 904-8418.

Sept. 7
Blood Chemistry and PSA profiles will begin for the semester in room 109 of Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. Appointments are requested by calling 5950 or e-mailing lawrence@mtsu.edu. Blood chemistry and PSA profiles are \$15 each. Also available is the CA125, a cancer screening for women, for \$35. Other tests are available by request.

Sept. 7-21
The Student Government Association will hold three mandatory meetings for those interested in competing in Homecoming events. The meetings are to be held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in KUC 322. For further information, come by the SGA office (KUC 208) or call 898-2464.

Sept. 8
Homecoming Queen ballot

petitions are due by 4 p.m. in the SGA office. For petition packets, come by the SGA office or call Jennifer Sykora at 898-2464.

Sept. 11
Campus Recreation is sponsoring a rafting trip on the Ocoee River. Students, faculty, and staff who are interested should contact Mitch or Sean at the Campus Recreation Center or call 898-2104. The cost is \$20, and only 18 rafters will be accepted.

Sept. 18
Campus Recreation is sponsoring a Backwoods Mini-Triathlon at 9 a.m. Students may compete alone or as a team of up to four. The cost is \$10 for students and \$15 for guests. Competitors should arrive at 8:30 a.m. For further information, contact Campus Recreation at 898-2104.

Sept. 19
Campus Recreation is sponsoring a rafting trip on the Ocoee River. Students, faculty, and staff who are interested should contact Mitch or Sean at the Campus Recreation Center or call 898-2104. The cost is \$20, and only 18 rafters will be accepted.

ONGOING
Volunteers are needed for Homecoming preparation and Homecoming week. Anyone interested should call 898-2464 or come by the SGA office in KUC 208.



World News

Hurricane Dennis grows stronger

NASSAU, Bahamas - Hurricane Dennis is growing stronger as it blows through the Bahamas and chugs toward the U.S. Eastern Seaboard, stirring up gale-force wind that whipped coconut palms and storm surges that crashed onto roadways. With Dennis intensifying and slowing down at the same time, U.S. forecasters say the storm is expected to stay offshore as it moves past Florida, with landfall on the mainland possibly as late as Tuesday somewhere in the Carolinas. ■

Stevanovic reveals stories of attacked Serbs

GNJILANE, Yugoslavia - Slobodan Stevanovic pulls out a 40-page list which he says documents the stories of Serbs in this American-patrolled town who have been attacked or chased from their homes since NATO-led peacekeepers arrived in June. Across the province, Kosovo Serbs say they can't rely on peacekeepers to protect them. Their complaints are raising questions over whether NATO can establish a multiethnic Kosovo. ■

Vote for independence strong despite attacks

DILI, Indonesia - Sheltering with other East Timorese in a makeshift camp, an old man told how anti-independence militiamen swept through his village. "They killed some of my family... But it makes no difference. We will vote for independence," he said. About 450,000 East Timorese will decide Monday if they should break away from more than 23 years of Indonesia's control. After violence by anti-independence forces, there are grave fears over whether the U.N.-supervised vote can be free and fair. ■

IRA building new weapons arsenal through U.S. network

LONDON (AP) - The Irish Republican Army is acquiring a new arsenal through U.S.-based sympathizers, the Sunday Times reported. The London-based newspaper said the British domestic spy network, MI5, made the assessment earlier this month in a written report to Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Cabinet minister in Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam. Mowlam last week angered leaders of Northern Ireland's British Protestant majority by ruling that the IRA's July 1997 cease-fire remained intact despite the outlawed group's links with a recent Belfast killing and an arms-smuggling ring in the United States. IRA death threats Saturday against four Catholic youths, and against a fifth on Sunday, further angered Protestant leaders who have refused to form a new government that includes the IRA's allied Sinn Fein party unless the IRA starts to disarm. ■



National News

Starr, Justice Department join on Lewinsky investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) - Usually antagonists, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr and the Clinton Justice Department have joined forces to appeal a judge's ruling on alleged grand jury leaks during the Monica Lewinsky investigation, legal sources say. Starr asked an appeals panel in mid-July to intervene quickly and overturn the findings of U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Justice Department has had its own inquiries into leaks that may have come from Starr's office. But it has joined the independent counsel in his appeal, the sources said. At issue is whether the independent counsel improperly leaked secret grand jury information to the news media. Federal rules prohibit prosecutors and court officials from disclosing evidence brought before a grand jury. ■

Gun control gains momentum in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Emboldened by a shooting rampage in its own backyard, Los Angeles County is trying to shut down weapons sales at the nation's largest gun show, igniting a volatile battle between California firearms sellers and anti-gun forces.

The vote last week by the small but politically powerful Board of Supervisors to ban gun sales on county property is part of a groundswell in California, where Gov. Gray Davis signed three weapons-related laws on Friday.

"This is the right thing to do," said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, whose ordinance won initial approval on a 3-2 vote and is headed to a second vote. "Real people, the people in supermarkets and in the corridors of the county buildings, are stunned that the county is profiting from guns," he said in an interview. "Why are we facilitating the sale and distribution of weapons?" ■

Anger over new revelations stokes new investigations over Waco

WASHINGTON (AP) - Prompted by the latest furor over federal law enforcement's conduct during the final, fateful hours in the 1993 standoff with the Branch Davidians, Congress is scurrying to review years-old hearing records and organize a fresh round of inquiries.

Congressional ire was raised by the FBI's admission Wednesday - after years of claims to the contrary - that a "very limited number" of incendiary tear gas grenades were lobbed near the Davidians' compound outside Waco, Texas, in the hours before the wooden structure erupted in flames. The acknowledgment came on the heels of a newspaper report challenging the earlier statements.

"It is now clear that the Justice Department misled the Congress and the American people," said House Government Reform Committee Chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind., accusing officials of "sitting on this evidence for six years, all the while maintaining that it didn't exist."

Burton, who dispatched investigators to Austin this week to review evidence gathered from the compound's charred remains, pledged to convene hearings, calling them "absolutely essential." ■



State News

Death of Overton County man investigated

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is looking into the death of an Overton County man killed in a shootout with Putnam County deputies after killing his ex-wife, authorities say. Jimmy Stover, 35, shot Lisa Breeding Stover, 33, with a shotgun Friday night at the market near Cookeville where she worked, said District Attorney General Bill Gibson.

When deputies arrived, Stover repeatedly fired at them and refused orders to put down the gun, Gibson said.

"From all indications, ... the only thing they could do was fire back and kill him," Gibson said. None of the five deputies involved in the shootout was injured.

Putnam County Sheriff Jerry Abston asked the TBI to investigate the case, Gibson said. ■

Jury sentences four gang members to life in prison

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Four gang members have been sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole in the beating death of another gang member who had angered one of their leaders.

Convicted Thursday and sentenced Friday for the murder of Marshall "Pokey" Shipp, 31, were Corey Mickens, 25, Christopher Smith, 22, Choncey Jones, 22, and Matthew Dixon, 20. They will be eligible for parole in 51 years.

Witnesses said that on Sept. 15, 1997, a dozen or more members of the Gangster Disciples put Shipp "under GD arrest" for angering Mickens by selling drugs in the wrong neighborhoods, intervening in another gang beating and violating other rules.

The witnesses said the gang members took Shipp to DeSoto Park, where they beat him with a baseball bat, tire irons, fists and hammers. He then was shot in the buttock as a sign of disrespect and dismissal from the gang. ■

Bar without beer permit selling 'superbeer'

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - A nightclub without a city beer permit is now selling a stronger type of beer that apparently is regulated only by the state.

When the Knoxville Beer Board revoked The Underground's city beer permit in April for selling to minors, the establishment retained its state alcoholic Beverage Control license to sell liquor by the drink.

The club is selling what it calls "superbeer," which has an alcohol level higher than 5 percent.

"Superbeer" apparently qualifies as an alcoholic beverage other than beer under the state code's definition, and the city can only regulate beer, said Charles Swanson, legal adviser to the Knoxville Beer Board.

"They are the state's problem now," Swanson said. ■

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Fall enrollment exceeds expectations

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

Notice a few more students on campus this fall? How about 500 more?

According to administrators, an estimated 18,973 students have

registered for classes, surpassing last year's enrollment of 18,432 as well as the anticipated number of 18,520 students, which was based upon CUSTOMS attendance and early registration.

Cliff Gillespie, associate vice president for enrollment

management, said the university's location and tuition rates make the school attractive to students in the mid-state area. The majority of students are from within the state, but MTSU brings students from all over the country in addition to many international students.

Although MTSU has enrolled its highest number of students ever, the university remains the third largest state institution in Tennessee, just behind the University of Memphis, which had not released exact enrollment figures, as of press time.

Growth in all categories of first-year, transfer and returning students has contributed to the record-breaking enrollment, with records indicating an overall two- or three-percent increase.

Statistics also reveal that the academic improving of students at MTSU is improving.

The average ACT scores for incoming freshman is 21.5, which is above the national average of 20.9, and more than two points ahead of Tennessee's average of 19.3. ■

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New apartments open for student residence

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

The university's newest addition to student housing, the Scarlett Commons apartment complex, produced a positive reaction from both residents and housing staff after opening its doors Aug. 20 for the fall semester.

"We have received excellent feedback from the students and parents on the new complex," said Debra Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life. Everyone appears very excited with the apartments."

"I am very pleased with my apartment," said Joe Chapman, a freshman from Hendersonville who lives in Scarlett Commons. "It's very comfortable."

Franklin native and freshman, Tori Vaive, said the apartments "offer plenty of privacy and space."

Recently completed after a year-long

construction process, the 104-unit, nine-building complex provides housing for 416 students, with four residents sharing one apartment.

Each fully furnished unit features four private bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room and two bathrooms. A central clubhouse at the complex offers laundry facilities, staff offices, meeting rooms, storage, a lounge with a stone hearth fireplace and a 24-hour desk service to its residents.

Although the complex offers the comfort and conveniences of off-campus apartments, residents are expected to follow university housing policies and resident advisors are placed in each of the nine buildings.

Safety is emphasized at Scarlett Commons with a security phone system and sufficient lighting provided and university police patrolling the complex area, in addition to the installation of smoke detectors and sprinkler systems in the unit.

Aside from the convenience of being just a walk away from class, the apartments encourage students to become more involved with the university as opposed to off-campus living.

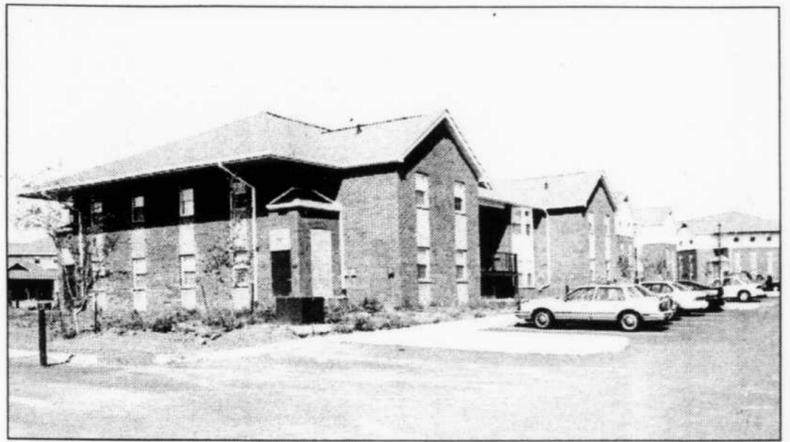
"Students who live on campus are more likely to be successful at school and also have a higher graduation rate than those who live off-campus," Sells said.

Initially intended for upperclassmen, housing at Scarlett Commons was made available to first-year students in addition to those who previously lived in on-campus housing and is currently full.

"We were given the opportunity to offer first-year students who were originally planning to live off-campus a space at the complex," Sells said.

Rent for Scarlett Commons is an estimated \$2,100 per semester, including all utilities such as electricity, water, cable and phone services.

Parking surrounding the complex is reserved exclusively for residents. ■



Parking at Scarlett Commons is for the apartment complex's residents only.

Photo by Erik Wagner

Steam-line project slows foot traffic on campus

Jenny Cordle
Staff Reporter

For the past week, MTSU students have endured new classes, long hours of studying, and that disturbing campus construction set up conveniently between Peck Hall and Todd Library.

The construction, which has been in effect since the first of April, consists of replacing steam lines that are over 35 years old.

According to Bill Smotherman, director of Construction Administration since 1994, steam serves as the primary energy source for most of the buildings on campus.

This process of replacing steam lines will continue near the Wiser-Patten Science Hall, extend 100 feet toward Smith Hall and continue to the backside of the Davis Science Building.

Workers are also scheduled to begin construction behind the ROTC Annex, extending through the Keathley University Center parking lot and behind Todd Library, when additional funding is made available.

Many students simply sigh when the traffic-stopping construction is mentioned; however, freshman Shannon Moore said that the construction serves as a way of knowing where she is on campus.

"Whenever I see all the orange construction signs, I know that I am near Peck Hall."

- Shannon Moore

"Whenever I see all the orange construction signs, I know that I am near Peck Hall," Moore said. "It does get very tiring having to walk all the way around the area just to get to where I am going."

Smotherman is sympathetic towards the students and professors for the chaos that the construction has stirred.

"It obviously has greatly affected pedestrian paths and the bus route. We regret that those things occur; that's just the nature of work that those ditches have to be open across the paths on campus."

By the end of December, students and faculty should be sighing with relief, as that is when the construction is scheduled to be completed. ■

PARKING

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enforcement will occur soon.

Hundreds of new spaces were added this summer, including 72 white permit spaces at the site of the old heating plant on Faulkinberry Drive, 229 black permit spaces in a new gravel lot off Greenland Drive next to the



Photo by Erik Wagner

A new sign lists parking options at the Bell Street parking lot.

Tennessee Livestock Center and Parking Services and 432 reserved spaces for residents of Scarlett Commons.

Residents of Scarlett Commons are required to purchase a green parking permit and display a special validation sticker, which indicates the student is a resident of the complex. Residents may park only in the Scarlett Commons lot. If the lot is full, residents may park in both the paved and gravel Recreation Center lots.

More spaces are planned to be finished sometime this fall. Approximately 168 spaces will be added to the gravel Recreation Center lot. A road will connect the lot to 2nd Street to ease congestion.

Two new Raider Xpress buses were purchased this summer at \$90,000 each.

Currently, there are no plans to build a parking garage on campus.

A parking consultant was hired more than a year ago and suggested a 1,500-space parking garage be built at a price estimated at \$19.6 million, Hagberg said.

"Our permit price structure cannot support a parking garage," said Hagberg. "The price estimate of the garage doesn't even include annual maintenance costs."

Parking permit prices would have to increase to fund a parking garage. If a garage were built, Hagberg estimates that the cost of a green parking permit could cost as much as \$175 in 2003.

A green permit currently costs \$45.

There are a total of 9,741 total parking spaces on campus compared to 12,525 parking permits sold.

Parking Services receives no state funding. The department operates on income from parking permits, meter fees and citation fines. ■

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1-A Day celebrates MTSU's move into football program

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

The last season of the millennium for the Blue Raiders football program will also become a first as the team officially becomes a Division I-A program after a six-year effort for MTSU to face nationally-ranked intercollegiate teams.

To mark this advancement, the university will host a celebration in the recently upgraded Jones Stadium on Sept. 1, the official day of the team's entrance into the higher level of competition.

The event, named "I-A Day," will feature an open house of the stadium's facilities, music, refreshments and team introductions by first-year head coach Andy McCollum as well as a presentation of an official certificate from the National Collegiate Athletic Association, recognizing the football program as a Division I-A member.

The scheduled activities celebrating I-A Day will begin at 7 p.m.

"We would like to see everyone celebrate this very important day in MTSU athletic history," said Ty Coppinger, executive director of the Blue Raider Athletic Association and one of the organizers of the event.

"This is something that all of us have worked hard on and been excited about for some time," he added.

Coach McCollum also shares the enthusiasm of the team's move into Division I-A.

"We're a very enthusiastic bunch and we need our students, alumni and all our fans to be right there with us when we open the season," he said.

The 1999 football season will bring challenges to the Blue Raiders from the University of Arizona, Mississippi State University and the University of Arkansas.

During the next four seasons, the team will play football powerhouses including the University of Florida, Louisiana State University, the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech University and Clemson University.

In addition to celebrating the commencement of the Division I-A season, I-A Day will complete the journey towards the move into the program that began in March, 1993, with a recommendation from a 37-member committee to seek Division I-A status.

On Aug. 29, 1995, the athletic department announced plans for advancing to the higher competition level.

The university has been playing intercollegiate football for 86 seasons with an all-time record of 454 wins, 295 losses and 28 ties for a 60 percent winning average.

The Blue Raiders have finished first in the Division I-AA poll twice and have 25 wins against Division I-A teams.



Lecture series discusses limits of modern technology

Kelley Ferguson
Staff Reporter

The Fall 1999 Honors Lecture Series begins its look at "Technology: Friend or Foe" today in Peck Hall 109A at 3:40 p.m.

The series hopes to view technology from every angle, "to see what we have lost and to see what we have gained," said Paul Montgomery, dean of the Honors College.

The lecture is open to the public and is offered as a class to students in the Honors College. Students taking the class attend each lecture then write a response to what they hear.

The weekly lecture includes professors from different colleges at MTSU. By having speakers from different colleges, Montgomery hopes to achieve a balance from all departments, as well as hear both sides of the discussion on technology.

"We want to see, what does the biologist think, what does the economist think?" added Montgomery.

In addition to professors of biology and economics, students will hear speakers from psychology, journalism, mass communications, agriscience and agriscience, sociology and anthropology, English, computer information systems and social work.

Today's lecture is titled "Morality and the Limits of Technology." Philosopher Clarence

Lecture:
"Morality and the Limits of Technology"
Clarence Johnson
August 30
3:40 p.m.
Peck Hall 109A

Johnson is the speaker.

Other lecture titles include "Surviving the Technology," "The Demise of Work as a Source of Pleasure and Knowledge" and "Dynamic Intelligence in the Networked World," as well as several others throughout the series.

The lecture series is held every Monday, excluding holidays, throughout the semester.

The final session will be held on December 6 and will bring back all the speakers from the entire semester to discuss what they spoke about and draw conclusions from there.

The Honors Lecture Series is the longest running lecture series on MTSU. It was started by June McCash, the first honors director, and has been active for over 20 years.

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that have grown up needs."

Starting an internship program for education majors at the daycare might be one solution, Crismon said, because it would allow some students to get experience on campus and give the daycare a bigger staff.

One immediate focus for Crismon is the upcoming freshman and homecoming queen election, scheduled for September 22 and 23.

Traditionally, student involvement in the elections is relatively low, despite the promotional efforts of various student organizations.

The upcoming elections may prove to be

no different, but Crismon hopes not and has a few ideas to help combat student apathy.

Instead of having only two polls setup, Crismon is going to have them in four locations; one in the Keathley University Center, one outside the cafeteria in the James Union Building, one in the Business/Aerospace Building and one in the Recreation Center.

The times that the polls are open may change as well; but that decision is pending an amendment which must pass through the SGA House of Representatives before the change takes place.

As one last incentive, students will also receive a plastic homecoming cup with a homecoming theme when they vote, which Aramark will refill for 25 cents during homecoming week.

Kickoff party starts up Heart Walk '99

Staff Reports

This may be your only chance to soak your favorite MTSU administrator or student leader.

A dunking booth will be one of the activities at the Heart Walk kickoff party Tuesday in the KUC courtyard from noon until 4 p.m.

"Special dunkies" will include Vic Felts, director of Greek life, Tom Burke, dean of Student Life, Andrae Crismon, SGA president, and several Greek presidents.

The events are to raise money to help support the American Heart Association's education and research about heart disease, the leading cause of death in the U.S.

The Heart Walk will take place Sunday, Sept. 19, with registration at 1 p.m. and the walk beginning at 2 p.m.

Brenda Wunder, of the MTSU Finance and Administration office, is the Heart Walk event coordinator.

She is familiar with the American Heart Association, having dealt with the organization when her father had a heart attack at age 59.

"He had five bypasses," Wunder said. "Someone from the American Heart Association explained about the surgery and prepared us before we went in to see him afterwards."

Later they visited his home, helped him learn how to walk, cook and get exercise.

This was just a local group of volunteers working through the

American Heart Association.

Had it not been for their care, I don't think Dad would be so healthy today."

The other administrators serving as leaders for the Heart Walk have felt their lives touched by heart disease also.

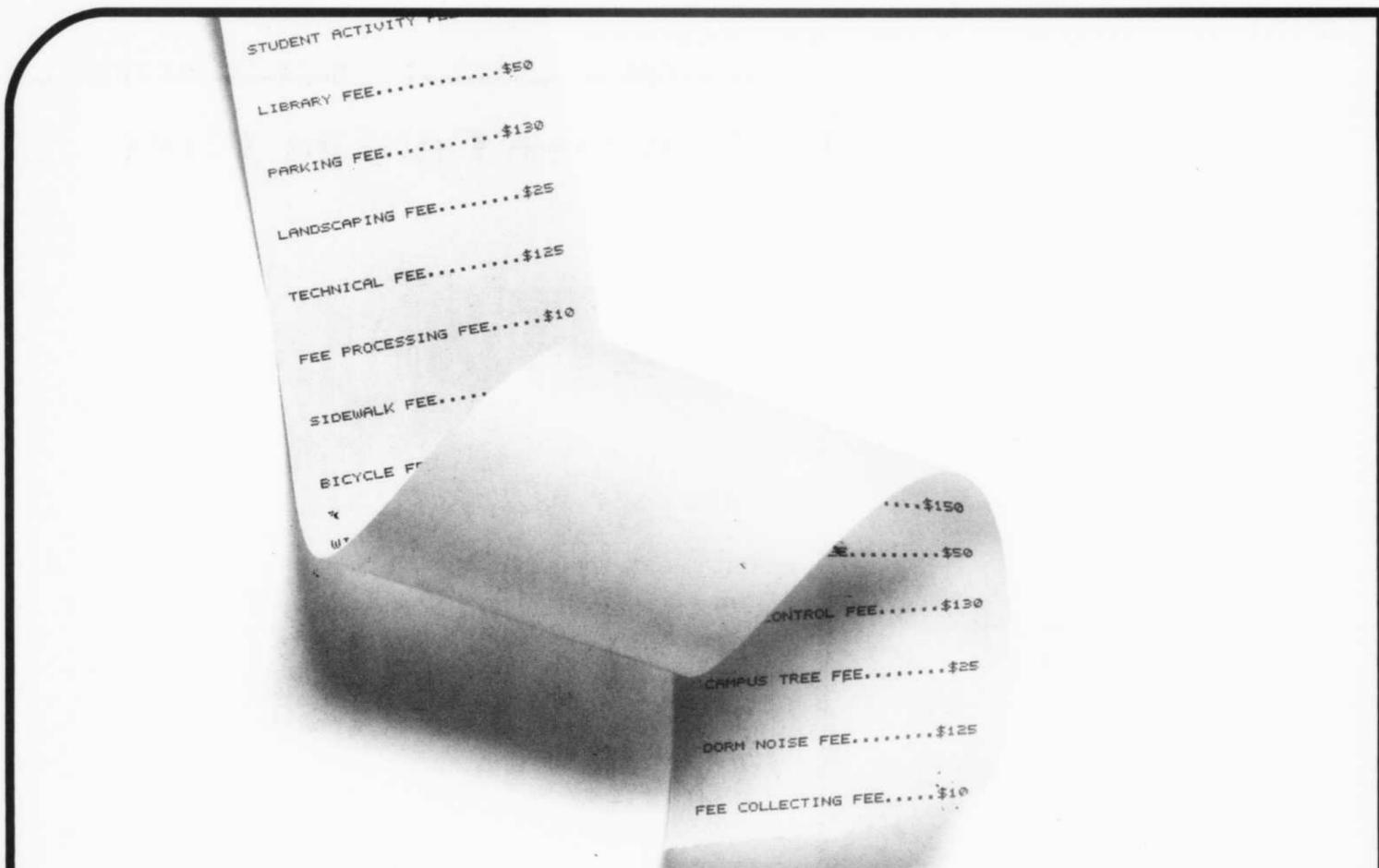
Gina Poff, from Student Life, said her grandfather had a quintuple bypass and her father-in-law had a quadruple bypass.

Stuart Eddings, from Student Life, said both her father and grandfather died of heart attacks.

Business office director Alan Thomas' father suffered a minor heart attack five years ago.

All four of the leaders want to encourage students, faculty and staff to get involved in the Heart Walk.

The goal is to raise \$110,000.



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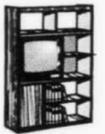
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Red Cross calls for much needed blood

Staff Reports

The American Red Cross has called an emergency blood appeal. With August donations 1000 units short, the organization has not received enough donations to supply area hospitals.

Red Cross officials said a blood drive this week at MTSU could help replenish the depleted supply.

"We've had tremendous response from many generous donors," said Madeline Methvin, director of blood services for the Heart of Tennessee Chapter of the Red Cross. "We are a growing community with growing needs. Local hospital patients depend on donors to provide the blood they need to survive."

Methvin said the supply of some blood types is especially low.

"Certain types are at emergency levels," she said. "We severely need people to donate O positive, B negative and O negative. But all the types are at critical levels."

Blood donations will be accepted Wednesday in room 324 of the Keathley University Center from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Methvin said there will be free pizza, sodas and other snacks for those who donate.

"Our goal for MTSU is 110 units. With that many people at MTSU, hopefully at least 110 will be willing to donate blood."

To be eligible, donors must be healthy, be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and not have given blood in the last 56 days. ■

Couple turns son's death into campaign for responsible drinking

Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - At midnight on the dawn of his 21st birthday, Bradley McCue and his buddies headed to a downtown bar for a collegiate celebration ritual: drinking the number of shots equal to his age.

Bradley knew the record among his friends was 23 shots. So he drank for 90 minutes until he reached 24.

His friends took him home and put him to bed. As he passed out, they scribbled "24 shots" on his forehead, thinking he just needed to sleep it off.

A few hours later, Bradley was dead. The alcohol had depressed his system so much that he stopped breathing, his blood-alcohol level at 0.44 percent.

Devastated by their son's death, John and Cindy McCue set out to keep it from happening to others - and to make binge drinking and its dangers more widely known.

"After we started reading and investigating, we found out this happens a lot," Mrs. McCue said. "People hide it because they're embarrassed, but hiding it means that nobody understands it."

Six months after Bradley's Nov. 5 death, the McCues formed B.R.A.D., for Be Responsible About Drinking, to educate people about celebration drinking and alcohol poisoning.

With their own money and contributions, they send birthday cards to every Michigan State student turning 21 - about 5,000 a year. Each card is signed by the couple and features Bradley's story and picture.

"You're turning 21 ... celebrate! We want you to turn 22 ... celebrate responsibly!" says the card, which includes a wallet-size insert on alcohol poisoning.

The McCues also started a B.R.A.D.

Web site that gives alcohol information and memorializes Bradley, a junior who was majoring in parks and recreation management and was looking forward to a study program in the Netherlands when he died.

They have produced the wallet-sized cards for distribution at colleges and high schools, made videos about alcohol abuse, talked to college and high school groups, and given Michigan State \$7,000 for alcohol education projects.

"They're probably the most powerful spokespeople the university could have," Michigan State spokeswoman Kristan Tetens says. "They bring a real-

life perspective. We can talk about it, but they know it."

Sometimes, students who get the birthday cards write back.

"I am writing you to just let you know that you are affecting others and are helping them to make the right decisions," a Michigan State senior wrote in an e-mail.

Mrs. McCue doesn't fault Bradley's friends, pointing out that they had appointed a designated driver and propped him up when they put him to bed so he wouldn't choke if he vomited.

"It took us a long time to come to grips with the fact that if he had some home that night, we would have done the same thing his friends did," she says. "They thought that when you passed out, you were just sleeping it off."

Now, she hopes Bradley's death and her family's efforts can save others.

"It was on the back burner and this brought it forward," she says.

"Drunk driving 20 years ago didn't have the attention it does now. If it takes 20 years to make this a socially acceptable issue, then it will take that long." ■

College students organize to help Turkish victims

Christine Tatum
TMS Campus

CHICAGO (TMS) — College students across the United States are organizing various efforts to help the victims of a massive earthquake believed to have killed more than 35,000 people in Turkey.

Students at the universities of Arizona and Oklahoma and Ohio State University are among those collecting donations of clothing, food, toiletries and cash for those affected by the massive Aug. 17 quake, which measured 7.4 on the Richter scale — making it one of the half-dozen deadliest earthquakes of the century.

Turkish students, like Suat Kasap at Oklahoma, frantically called parents, family and friends, hoping they were still alive. Others downloaded images of familiar streets and buildings reduced to heaps of rubble.

"I looked at lists of the dead and wounded on the Internet and called about 80 numbers, anyone I knew in Turkey," Kasap, a Ph.D. student in engineering, told the Oklahoma Daily. "I found they (his parents) were alive two days later, but it wasn't until yesterday that I heard my mom and father's voices again." ■

Despite odds students determined to try long distance relationships

Amanda Pressner
Florida State University

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (TMS) — Many students say maintaining a long distance relationship during the first year of college is akin to winning some sort of national championship.

While thoughts of abandoning a beloved high school sweetheart may be unthinkable, first year students almost always encounter tests of their devotion.

"(College) is one big playground for single guys and girls," said Jenny Baggett, a senior at Florida State University. "Everyone here operates under the assumption that the people they meet here are unattached, and for the most part, they are right."

In the comfortable surroundings of home, promises to be faithful can be sincere and made with the best of intentions.

Couples who make the commitment to stay together essentially pledge to brave lonely nights, massive phone bills and missed dating opportunities for their long-distance love to survive.

"My first time cruising ... with my new girlfriends was a harsh wake-up call," said Christina Clausen, a

junior at the University of Central Florida. "I met so many hot-looking guys, and knew that I couldn't even give out my number."

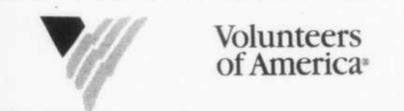
"My friends all ended up hooking-up," she added. "And I got to go home and talk to my boyfriend's answering machine."

Some couples who commit to holding together their long-distance relationship say the separation isn't all bad. Many cite the benefits of exploring new interests on their own and of having a chance to step back from a relationship to assess it more objectively.

"Sometimes being apart can be a really healthy thing," said Alicia Robinson, a grad student at Florida A&M University. "You are able to determine whether you really care for your boyfriend (or girlfriend) and if you feel you can trust him (or her) to be faithful."

Students also say distance from a partner helps them because it often turns up one destructive red flag in a relationship that may not have been detected as easily otherwise: jealousy.

"Jealous feelings always exist, no matter how much you try to ignore them," said FSU senior Stephanie Daly. "Even when you have a good relationship, there is a temptation to imagine the worst...you're not around to watch for the telltale signs that a boyfriend or girlfriend is being unfaithful." ■



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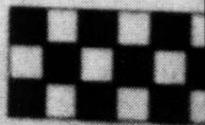
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Clintons' fund-raising vacation becomes hunt for house, money

Kevin Galvin
Associated Press

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — President Clinton delivered his warmest endorsement yet of his wife's all-but-declared Senate race as both Clintons came to New York on Saturday to raise money for her and other Democrats.

Hillary Rodham Clinton deserves her own chance at elected office, after an adult lifetime of unelected public service, Clinton said at the first of a string of political fund-raising parties in the Hamptons, a tony district on the eastern end of Long Island.

"If you want somebody who has thought about this stuff and worked hard and always tried to do it for other people for 30 years," Clinton began, "who has more heart, more intelligence, more ability and more commitment than any person I have ever known, ... then you ought to send her to the Senate and give her a chance to serve."

Mrs. Clinton is raising money for a possible 2000 run for the Senate seat now held by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring.

Mrs. Clinton sounded very much like a candidate. "Like most of you, I've always been somebody who's supported other people," she told about 300 supporters who paid \$1,000 for a barbecue supper with the Clintons, and entertainment by gospel singer Phoebe Snow. "And now I'm stepping forward and asking you for your support and your help."

En route to the Hamptons from a nine-day stay on the Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard, the Clintons and daughter Chelsea made another house-hunting stop in Westchester County, north of New York City.

Some of the money raised at three events Saturday night will go to Mrs. Clinton's campaign, and some to Democratic candidates generally.

Clinton has often described his wife as a partner in their political agenda, and he fondly described that relationship before the loudly cheering crowd.

"When I met Hillary in 1971 we began a conversation about this stuff that was still going on at 1:30 last night, 28 years later," Clinton said.

"She becomes the senator, I'd be the first neighbor? I'm looking for a new role in life, you know? I like that."

- Bill Clinton

The president brought down the house with an apparent reference to last year's extramarital sex-and-impeachment scandal, and his wife's stoicism.

He said the couple took a walk Saturday, their last full day vacationing on Martha's Vineyard, and he asked whether she was tired of their political life.

"She said, 'No, it's still very interesting to me. You may be a lot of things, but you're not boring.'"

The Clintons are spending the weekend in the Hamptons, at the home of filmmaker Steven Spielberg, for two days of Democratic politicking.

In East Hampton, the Clintons also were hosts at a buffet reception of the young Democrats' "Saxophone Club." The relatively low \$250 ticket price drew about 750 people, and was expected to raise some \$200,000 for the Democratic National Committee.

After music from hip-hop star Wyclef Jean, both Mrs. Clinton and the president asked for the support of younger Democrats. Clinton's brief address concluded with another endorsement of his wife's Senate qualifications.

"New York would do well to send her to the United States Senate," Clinton said.

A \$5,000-per-person lunch for 80 is planned for Sunday in Southampton. The first \$1,000 from every ticket, a party official said, will go to Mrs. Clinton's race, with the remainder shared by the DNC and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

In the priest of the galas, rocker Jon Bon Jovi provides the music at a Bridgehampton dinner Sunday night for the DNC. At \$25,000 per couple,

Democrats hope the event will raise \$900,000.

Before beginning the money hunt, the Clinton family did a little house-hunting Saturday afternoon, visiting a four-story colonial in Westchester County.

Clinton brushed aside a question about what he wanted in a home.

"Some place nice and airy that will make Hillary happy — that's what I want," the president said. His wife, standing a few yards behind him on Air Force One, laughed.

If Mrs. Clinton decides to run for the Senate next year, she'll need to establish residency by Election Day.

The Clintons spent nearly two hours inspecting a white Georgian colonial in Chappaqua that a listing agent said costs nearly \$1.7 million. It boasts a swimming pool out back and an exercise room on the top floor.

The house sits screened by evergreens at the end of a cul-de-sac called Old House Lane, in a community described by neighbors as a quiet area with good schools.

"It's a very nice house, but we don't have any announcement to make," Clinton said after the visit. It was the only house the Clintons saw Saturday.

After the house tour, Clinton left his unusually small motorcade to shake hands with neighbors gathered at the bottom of the street.

One potential neighbor, Osman Osmani, wished the first lady well.

"I hope you become our next senator," Osmani said.

The president jumped in with a reply: "She becomes the senator, I'd be the first neighbor?" Clinton said. "I'm looking for a new role in life, you know? I like that."

Another neighbor said the home's current owner is a doctor who founded a chain of health clinics. Many other neighbors are doctors, bankers and other professionals, neighbors said.

Earlier this month, the family spent a Sunday visiting properties in the area, and Mrs. Clinton left Martha's Vineyard unnoticed on Aug. 21 for additional house hunting, said administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. ■

Four hurt on roller coaster accident in Ocean City

John Curran
Associated Press

OCEAN CITY, N.J. (AP) — Four people were hurt Saturday night after an accident on a roller coaster at an amusement park on the beachfront Boardwalk.

Neither police nor officials at Wonderland Pier would release information about the 10 p.m. accident. But witnesses said one car crashed into the rear of another on the Wild Wonder ride.

Robert Lee, 11, who lives a few hundred feet from the pier, said he heard a crash and thought it was a car or truck coming to a sudden stop on the street. He said a police officer told him that one roller coaster car got stuck on the tracks.

"The car behind it came in and hit it from the rear and knocked the people in the first car out of the car," he said.

One adult and one child were in critical condition and an adult and child were in serious condition, said Heidi King, nursing supervisor at Shore Memorial Medical Center. Of those victims, one child was taken from scene in a neck brace and two other patrons were taken away bleeding, witnesses said.

E.J. Miranda, a spokesman for the state Department of Community Affairs, said inspectors would be at Wonderland Pier on Sunday to check the roller coaster.

"The ride will remain shut down while that investigation takes place and won't reopen until we're satisfied that we know what happened, why it happened and that it won't happen again," Miranda said.

Kathleen McAlary, a spokeswoman for Wonderland Pier, refused to comment and requested that a reporter leave.

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THE CHANGE OF BLACK PERMIT PARKING AREAS TO GREEN PERMIT PARKING

The University Traffic Committee approved a recommendation that the majority of the black permit parking spaces be changed to green permit parking spaces— based on the following:

- The parking permit color code system will be more simplified
- The large number of green permit purchases makes it necessary to provide additional green permit parking areas
- The black permit, once designated for "perimeter parking" is obsolete since there are buildings throughout the entire campus, and perimeter parking no longer exists
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—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

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From the Editor

'Sidelines' '99: Seeking to serve you better by increasing dialogue with readers

Vital. That's what this Sidelines staff wants to make our publication. While brainstorming for a mission statement, it all came back to that: we want to make Sidelines vital.

We envision a newspaper that everyone on campus — administration, faculty, staff and students — will want to snatch the moment it hits the stands. But how can we improve our reputation on campus?

There are several things we can improve internally, from the accuracy and credibility of our writing to the look of the pages.

But none of that does us any good if there's nothing on those pages that make you want to pick up the paper.

Therefore, increasing our dialogue with campus is key. How can we gain your respect? We think we can do this by providing you with two things: what you want and what you need.

This includes accurate, timely and thorough information with more scope and depth (not only do you need to know what is happening, but also how that will affect you). This includes entertaining local features about the things that interest you. This includes editorials that actually mean something to you, written by people who are on this campus and have the same concerns you do. And, this includes complete coverage of all Blue Raider sports, no matter the size or popularity.

We think that these are attainable goals. However, there are few of us and literally thousands of you. We need your help.

Sidelines welcomes your story and editorial ideas. Our newsroom has an open-door policy. Come on in and talk to us. Or call us, fax us or e-mail us. Just stay in touch. Let us know how we can better serve you. We will respond.

One way we are responding is by adding a new feature. We are planning a page just for campus organization news. This will include more than just your basic information about upcoming events, which is now featured in the "On-Campus" section of page 2. This space will be allotted for articles and pictures of what your organization is doing. From fraternities and sororities to professional organizations and campus religious organizations, this feature is for our readers. We need you to submit your information and pictures to make this feature a success.

What else would you like to see in Sidelines? A campus newspaper should be the voice of the campus. Let us hear you. We're listening.

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Get over it!

by Angela White, Opinions Editor

Free yourselves from ties that bind

Remember your first week at college? Getting lost among the vast array of buildings, going to the wrong classes, forgetting to bring the ID that doubles as your meal plan to the cafeteria...and having every greek, religious, political and social organization on campus attempt to snatch you up as though you were on an auction block.

The poor innocent souls barely have enough time to distinguish between the KUC and the JUB before being bombarded by these groups. They entice the naive with promises of acceptance, companionship and free food. But what must you give in return?

Everywhere I go I see signs telling me to "Go Greek" and inviting messages scribbled in chalk. These organizations go to an immense effort to recruit college newbies. But these groups don't just necessarily want the people that already "fit in." After all, it would be one thing to inform students that an association for their interest exists on campus. But these organizations seem as though they will never be completely satisfied until every student on campus is drawn into their trap.

You have the greeks starting the rushing process from the get-go, encouraging freshmen to blend in with their kind rather than bothering to create an identity of their own. Religious groups use guilt trips and threats of living in a fireball for eternity to keep their prey coming back. Social and political groups persist that if you think or believe the same as they do, you must join with them for the greater good. These groups do have one thing in common: they want you to believe that you must belong somewhere, fast.

It's this cult mentality that is stealing our individuality. People should see college as a means to find oneself. Instead, far too many seek to fit in, and these conformist groups are all too eager to take advantage.

After all, who needs to find themselves when someone else will do it for you?

Why do so many have this need to fit in somewhere? It's natural and expected to seek friends with which you can get along, but lately it seems to me that people are no longer cherishing the differences that makes each person unique. We want to find people with the same mindset as we have, or even worse, we want to find people with a mindset we're willing to adopt.

Have we lost the ability to think for ourselves? Do we need a group of people to imitate just to feel human? I encourage each and every one reading this to cut the chord. It's time to separate yourself from the host before there's nothing that is just you left. And for those that are new to campus who have so far avoided the pitfalls of conformity, stay strong. Resist. Find out who you are before you allow yourself to be taken into the clutches of the university cults. Strive to excel...on your own. ■

The ABC's of campaign controversy

Stop obsessing over the past

Kathleen Parker
Tribune Media Services

Sifting through the alphabet, we've apparently finished with the A-word (Adultery) and have moved to the C-word (Cocaine).

Have you ever used cocaine? Prying minds want to know as we begin the quadrennial evisceration of our presidential candidates.

Some proudly trumpet, "no." Some decline to answer. No one says "yes," though some muddle through with the equivocal "yes-but," as Clinton famously did in 1992: Yes, but, "I didn't inhale."

(Voters' key: No probably means "no." Yes means "yes." Decline means "yes." Yes-but means, "it depends on what the meaning of 'is' is.")

Meanwhile, if you want to analyze the relationship between youthful indiscretion and adult behavior, ponder this: For whom would you rather your daughter work? A guy who smoked dope in college, or a guy who pretended to smoke dope in college? Such are the ethical dilemmas of our time.

The correct answer to Did-You-Ever questions regarding youthful, victimless activities is, "I'm not going to play that game," as Texas Gov. George W. Bush said recently. The game is childish, unproductive and motivated by a destructive quality within our political process that needs to be excoriated.

Bush was responding to questions regarding a rumor that he had tried cocaine. After initially refusing "to play," he amended his answer to conform with the standard required of federal employees seeking high-security clearance.

"As I understand it, the current form asks the question, 'Did somebody use drugs within the past seven years?'" said Bush. "And I will be glad to answer that question, and the answer is, 'No.'"

Good enough for me. Even better would be a campaign free of all questions beginning with, "Did you ever ...?" Isn't "Are you ...?" more useful, anyway?

Surely what someone did as a college student doesn't fairly predict what he'll do as a parent or president. I know a few former addicts I'd trust with my child, as well as some pristine noses I wouldn't trust with my lawn mower. I'd wager that most people who came of age 30 years ago partook of illicit substances. Let's just say that when I started college in 1969 at age 17, I assumed my campus had a smog problem. I "inhaled" just by showing up.

Bush - to the criticism of his political foes and the delight of late-night comedians - consistently has said: "When I was young and irresponsible, I behaved young and irresponsibly." What else would we have him say? To what end?

Bottom line: By forcing qualified candidates to confess the sins of their youth, we embarrass ourselves and our children. We also endanger the supply of good people willing to live public lives. After the Inquisition, who's left? People who never made a mistake?

I hope he sticks to it and that other candidates join in the protest. I'm not interested in what George Bush did as a college student, but I'm real interested in what he has done while governor of Texas. I'm real interested in his proposals for domestic and foreign policies, should he win the election.

Onward to the D-word. "Done" playing the game. ■

Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Staff Reporter

The Latte Reformation: Will the Cyber Cafe smarten us up?

I had my first opinions column all laid out. I was going to write on parking woes that I had during my first week. Then I



thought, how boring. We have all heard it before.

However, you may have not heard about the "Latte Reformation."

Woodmore's

Cyber Cafe grand opening is Tuesday. Equipped with computers and Starbucks premium coffee, the premise of the cafe is to grow with the culture that has said, "we cannot live without our Internet."

I cannot live without the Internet or electronic mail.

As I mulled over this column during breakfast, I was drinking a Starbucks Frappuccino, which is my coffee drink during the hot, summer months. Students want coffee as an aid to help them study for exams. However, a journalist needs coffee. It is one of our "four" food groups: aspirin, caffeine, nicotine, and after running around chasing a story all day, Dramamine.

I cannot live without coffee.

Does this mean I am a prime target to go to the Cyber Cafe? Yes. However, I will probably frequent it about as often as I frequent the Business and Aerospace Building, which I have never taken a class in.

Does it mean we as a campus will be more intellectual, sipping our lattes and talking about politics and Kosovo? Do I need to really answer this question?

Intelligent music is the standard for cafes. Some of my favorite musical artists include Duke Ellington, Miles Davis and John Coltrane.

All of which fare well in a coffeehouse scenario. I wonder how many students can correctly identify what style of music they play. Better yet, how will Woodmore respond?

Here are the pitfalls of the Cafe.

Unless you have a web based mail account, it is extremely difficult to check your mail from the protocols.

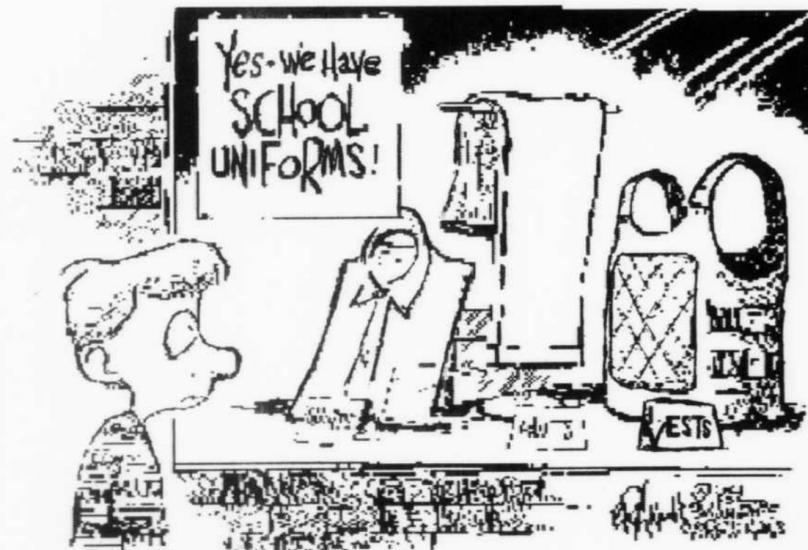
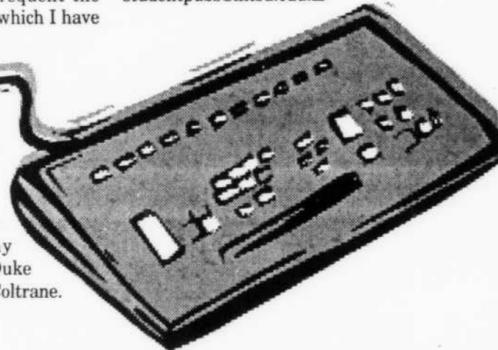
I think the idea of a Cyber Cafe is to cyber chat. AOL Instant Messenger is the tool. However, you always have to reload your buddy list every time you want to chat on a machine. Most people will want to switch to a Java based chat interface, which slows them down.

Starbucks coffee is good. However, the Red Rose makes a great cup of coffee and you can always find a conversation there without the aid of a computer.

The more we distance ourselves from each other, the more out of touch we become. The Internet is a double-edged sword. We are more connected with people farther away from us, but we hide behind aliases, losing sight of those closest to us.

If you want conversation, drop into the lobby of any of the dorms. If you want the Internet, stay in your room. Better yet, turn that computer off and read a book, maybe even the one that is due tomorrow morning.

That's the view from the crowd. E-mail me with comments or suggestions at MTSUViews@email.com or Sidelines at studentpubs@mtsu.edu. ■



Columbine survivors must be wary of celebrity

Ken Garfield
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

They're not just victims any more.

In an inspiring, unprecedented yet slightly unsettling way, the friends and loved ones of the students killed at Columbine High School have become public figures. There they are on national TV with Katie Couric and company, giving the endless stream of TV news and magazine shows something hot to promote.

They're speaking at churches and Christian rallies all over the country, including this summer in Rock Hill, Anderson and Greenville, S.C. Rallies recently at Greenville's Bi-Lo Center drew 10,000.

That was Brad and Misty Bernall getting a standing ovation in June from 7,000 at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta. Misty Bernall is writing a book about her daughter, Cassie, the most famous of the 15 who died at Columbine, the one who professed her faith in God seconds before she was murdered April 20. Thousands of Christian kids these days are wearing Cassie Bernall "Yes, I believe in God" T-shirts.

As soon as her mother's book - "She Said Yes: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall" - hits the stores Sept. 10, she'll appear on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN and CBN. "20/20" goes first.

"There's a chapter about that day," said Sam Hine of Plough Publishing, which is putting out the book (\$17). "(Misty Bernall) wants the whole nation to see how she's able to take something from this."

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Why shouldn't the good kids be the ones in the spotlight - not just those like Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, whose rage of the day at Columbine brought us this moment?

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Many Columbine victims were already people of strong Christian faith. The massacre has given them a platform from which to evangelize - how God's grace is getting them through this, how Littleton could happen anywhere, how America needs to return to God before more young blood is spilled.

It's also given them an outlet for their heartbreak.

But I worry that the massacre could turn them into celebrities and us into voyeurs. Someone connected with one of the rallies starring a Columbine student likened the phenomenon to drivers slowing down at the sight of a wreck along the interstate.

We can't keep ourselves from staring at someone else's tragedy.

There's so much to admire about the courage and conviction that has catapulted the Columbine folks into the public eye.

The Rev. Herbert Crump of Tabernacle AME Zion in Rock Hill read about Craig Nason in Time magazine, and how he prayed with other students during the shooting.

Crump flew Craig to a youth rally in Rock Hill in June, to share what he calls "a survivor's testimony" with a crowd of nearly 600. Such testimony, said Crump, challenges a youngster to look deep inside and ask whether he could cling to his faith huddled under a desk while two students go on a murderous rampage.

Dale Sellers of WLFJ Christian radio in Greenville, S.C., helped

promote the rally there at which a dozen or so people connected to Columbine celebrated the power of youth to help cure a sick culture.

Columbine turned these victims into celebrities, Sellers said. There's nothing we can do about that. Why shouldn't the good kids be the ones in the spotlight - not just those like Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, whose day of rage at Columbine brought us to this moment?

"The bottom line," said Sellers, "is that if we're going to see things turn around in our country, it's going to have to be the youth who do it."

Linda Olson helped organize a youth rally outside Denver, Colo., that drew 4,000. Three Columbine students spoke. The massacre didn't make them who and what they are today, she said. It just made them more determined to bare their souls.

"I think these kids existed just the way they are all along," Olson said. "They just stepped up to the plate."

I'm moved by the grace it takes for these folks to get up and talk about their fallen children, siblings or friends.

I just want to know that they are not doing it to sell books or meet

Larry King. I want to know that they are not captives of politicians and preachers using the tragedy to push some partisan cause like prayer in the classroom.

I want to know that we are not welcoming them into our churches and communities because we want to rub shoulders with someone who was actually inside Columbine that day.

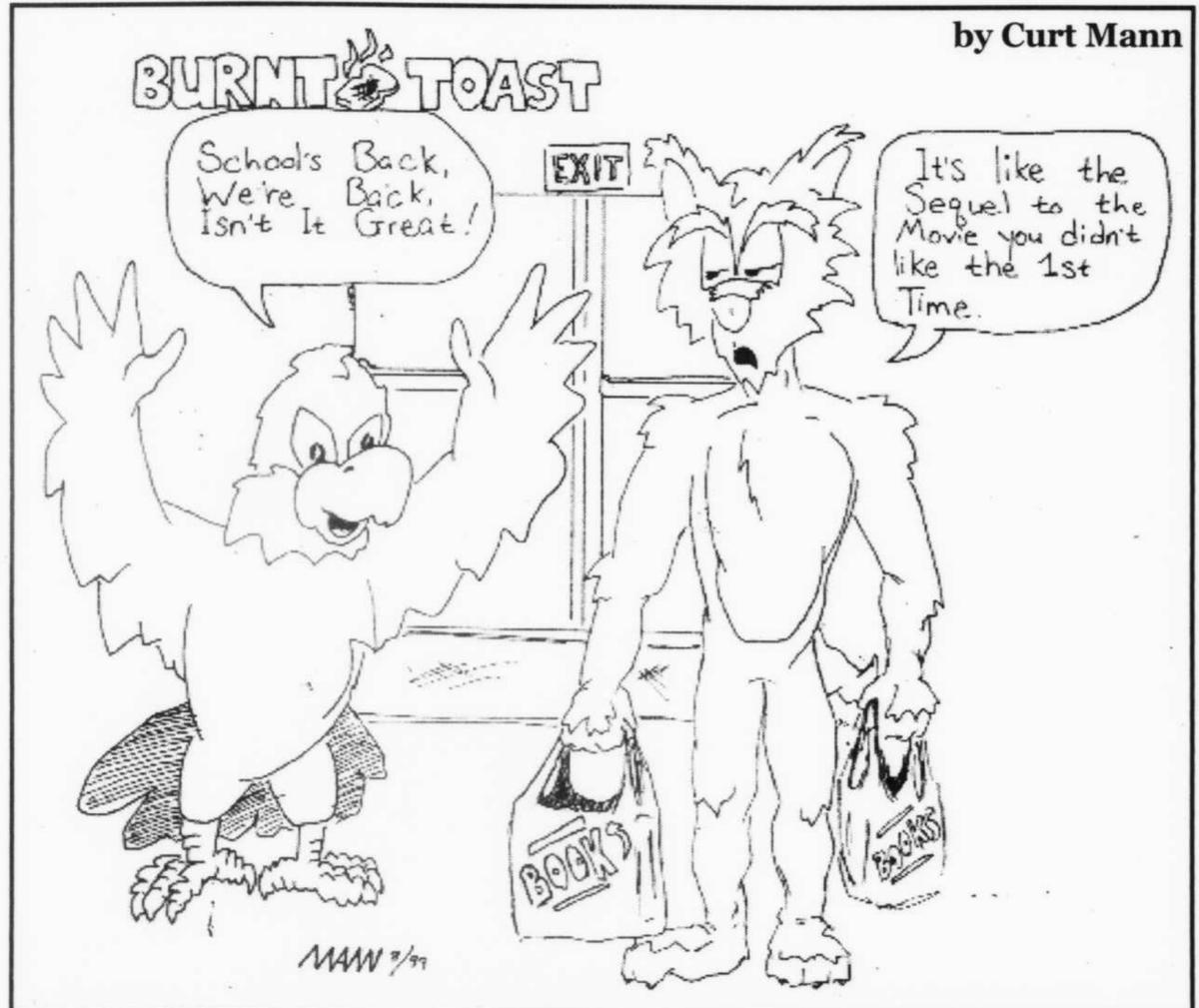
I want to know that we are truly listening to what they have to say about the lessons of the massacre, and not just eager to hear a grisly blow-by-blow account of the event.

Tragedy has made the stage theirs. But only their sincerity and our sensitivity will insure that the people of Columbine's stay in the spotlight remains meaningful.

Whatever else happens now, this much we know: a world in turmoil needs people of faith to talk and an audience of faith to listen.

The killings haven't changed that. In the first days since the school reopened, authorities week found four swastikas scratched into the walls of Columbine High. ■

by Curt Mann



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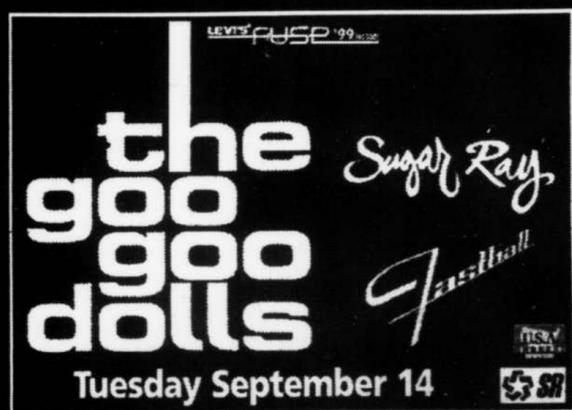
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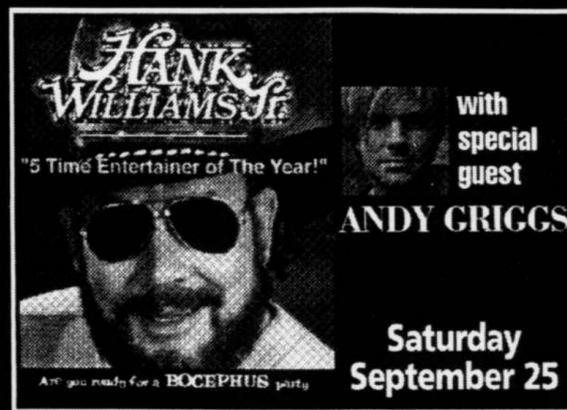
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Fraternity and Sorority rush starts soon

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Photos by Robin Wallace

Kelly Dodd
Staff Reporter

"Go Greek!" That's the statement the 1,200 members of social fraternities and sororities are making as Fall Rush dates approach.

During the past week, Greeks have kept themselves busy with the annual Greek Week activities, ranging from the Greek Fest to a mud volleyball tournament. These activities encourage students to sign up for the final Rush of the millennium.

Fraternity rush is scheduled to begin tonight at 7 with an

orientation meeting in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building while sorority rush is set to kick off on Sept. 8.

According to Vic Felts, director of Greek Life, going Greek is the greatest opportunity for leadership development as well as a beneficial social experience.

Despite the stereotypical statement that Greeks are "paying for their friends," Felts remarked that Greeks are actually "paying for their future."

Students who participate in Greek rush are required to have a minimum grade point average of 2.3, which is the academic requirement for both fraternity

and sorority members to maintain.

Prospective members who attended the Greek Fest on Aug. 25 were treated to music, food, prizes and social interaction with Greeks while tug-of-war and mud volleyball tournaments encouraged members to enliven the spirit of Greek involvement.

A dunking booth on Aug. 26 raised funds for the Children's Miracle Network while the President's Picnic on the first day of classes allowed Greeks to welcome new students to the campus.

For more information on Greek Fall Rush, contact the office of Greek life at 898-5996. ■



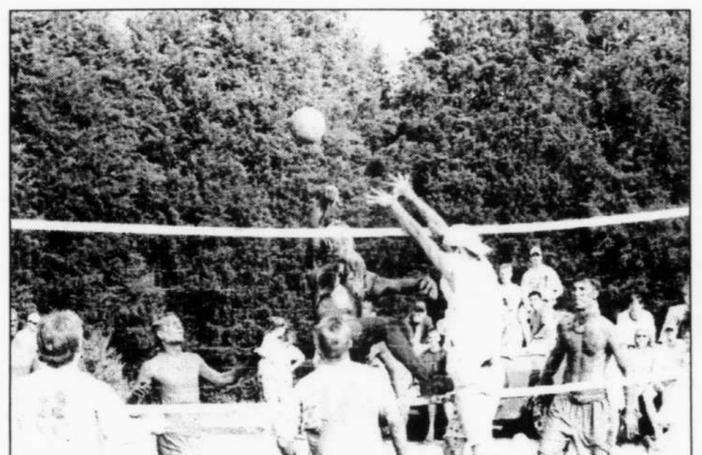
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When To Contact Your Health Care Provider

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms due to a cold, see your health care provider immediately.

- discolored or bloody mucus from nasal passages
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- painful breathing, wheezing or shortness of breath
- severe headache
- fever greater than 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit for longer than two days
- white patches on the back of the throat or tonsils
- an extremely red throat
- chronic, unusual fatigue

Also check with your health care provider if your usual medications are not working or if you have had a recent negative throat culture but the sore throat symptoms have not improved after two or three days.

Source: American College Health Association

Be healthy at college

Exercising, eating right are key

Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

Staying healthy at college is as simple as 1, 2, 3. Eat right, sleep regularly and exercise daily.

Many students find it difficult to practice good health once mom's not there to remind them. However, taking care of yourself doesn't have to be a burden.

MTSU offers meal plans for students from 5 meals up to 19 meals per week. The dining halls on campus offer a variety of meal choices, including the foods necessary for a balanced diet.

Exercise is made possible through the University's Rec Center. Activities range from weight training to aerobics to racquetball in the spacious building.

If you do become sick, MTSU's Health Services Center offers treatments for a variety of minor illnesses. Commonly treated illnesses include upper respiratory infections (colds, sore throat, hay fever and bronchitis), urinary tract infections, vaginal infections and skin disorders.

Health Services is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and

is located in the McFarland Building, directly across from Cummings Hall. Health Services does not treat chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and arthritis. Severe illnesses will be referred to an alternate health care provider, depending on the nature of the illness.

Shandora A. Dorse, MPAS PAC, a nurse at Health Services said the two most important factors in staying healthy are proper nutrition and proper rest.

Taking a multi vitamin daily and eating from each of the food groups will ensure a balanced diet. Eat breakfast every day and avoid foods with high fat contents.

Eating right is not always cheap. The American College Health Association offers some tips for eating right on a budget.

Comparison shopping and clipping coupons often saves a substantial amount of money. Using a shopping list can help you avoid impulse buying. Avoid vending machines; drinks and snacks are usually cheaper in grocery stores. Making your own casseroles, soups and stews is generally cheaper than buying pre-made meals. Fresh and frozen vegetables are not only cheaper

than canned, but also higher in nutritional value.

Sleep is just as important as eating right. One will not benefit you without the other. Dorse mentioned that during sleep is when the body repairs itself and

builds up its immune system. Without a balanced schedule and adequate sleep, the body's immune system wears down and is more susceptible to contracting viruses.

Another good habit to have is washing your hands regularly,

especially after using the rest room and before eating. This will aid in preventing harmful germs from entering the body.

Dorse also recommends receiving a flu shot each fall. The Cason-Kennedy Nursing building offers flu shots each fall for a minimal fee. A mumps, measles and rubella (MMR) vaccine is also required prior to registration.

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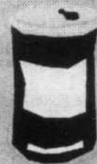
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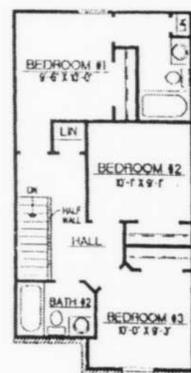
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Music on the Knoll makes an impact

Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

MTSU students: do not leave campus to find weekend entertainment.

The Special Events staff is bringing it to you. Concerts chair, Rob Croisdale, and council chair, Josh Brackin, are working overtime to meet the demands of MTSU students. So far, they have done an outstanding job preparing on campus entertainment, including the Music on the Knoll program.

Music on the Knoll is one of the many events planned for the semester, which offers a variety of talented musicians every Friday afternoon at 3 p.m.

And it's FREE. The knoll is the grassy hill located on the south side of the Keathley University Center. It is a convenient area to accommodate a hopefully large crowd at events such as Music on the Knoll.

Larry Mignogna, last semester's concerts chair, took the suggestions of MTSU students and managed to book up-and-coming bands to provide entertainment free to the public.

Last Friday, Waterdeep kicked off the sequence of concerts. According to the Special Events calendar, "Waterdeep is a contemporary Christian college circuit band that delivers passionate driving rock and emotional acoustic ballads with a signature organic sound along with careful, thoughtful and poetic sensibilities in its clearly Christian lyrics."

Sorry you missed the show? Do not despair, Special Events has much more in store.

This week's agenda includes Breaking Records/Atlantic recording artists, Jump Little Children. Mimi Thomas, advisor

of the Special Events staff, describes Jump Little Children's style as "funky alternative rock." Jump Little Children will perform September 3 at 3 p.m.

Upcoming performances include a gospel jazz group, Ben Houston & Co., performing September 10, and another funk-alternative band, 2 Skinnee J's on September 17.

The MTSU Student Events calendar describes the music of Capricorn recording artists 2 Skinnee J's as "party-hardy, collections of rock, hip-hop, funk, punk and techno stamped with an unmistakable good time vibe."

Ben Houston of Ben Houston & Co. is a graduate of MTSU and presently owns a Christian coffee house in Nashville, The 23rd Psalm.

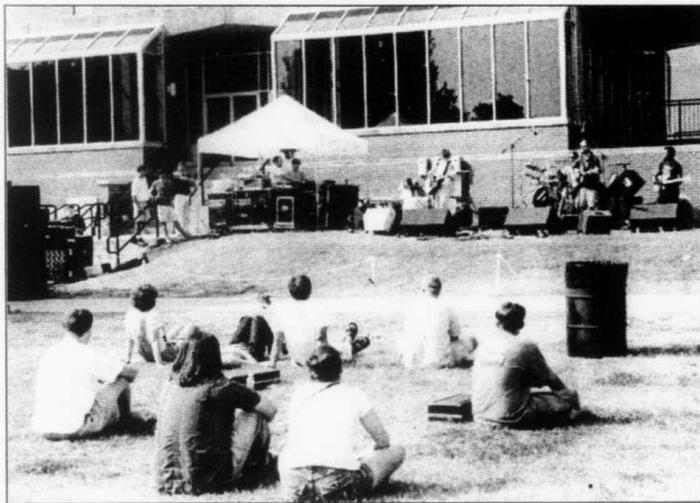
Croisdale and Brackin are planning future acts for later dates, and intend to book bands who represent a number of musical genres, according to Thomas. Such styles include urban (rap and hip-hop), blues, jazz and Top 40 inspired bands.

Thomas complemented the determination of the students working for the Special Events staff and urges students to become involved in the program.

Both voluntary and paid positions are available. Volunteer work ranges from committee membership to serving as chairperson. Attending meetings, making budget decisions and scheduling workers and events are included in volunteer work.

Special Events offers paid jobs involving office help, event workers, promotions, films and production. Working in the production department may require some previous experience, but it isn't mandatory.

For more information or to offer suggestions, call 898-2551. ■



Students gather to watch Waterdeep last Friday on the Knoll. Photos by Pam Hudgens.

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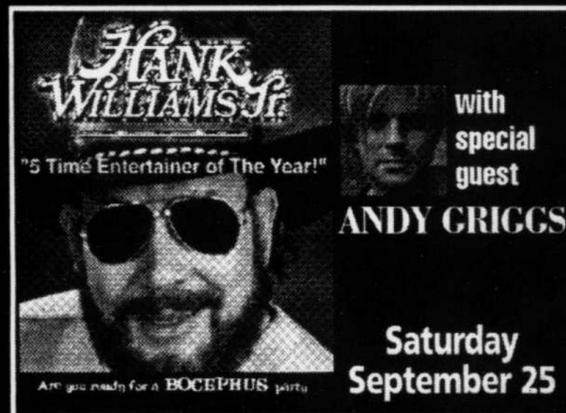
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From home cooking to Aramark gets diversified

Susan McMahan
Staff Reporter

You're away from home and living in half of a room that's the size of a closet.

As if it's not bad enough that Mom's home cooking is hours away, your confined living space severely limits cooking options. There's no gourmet four-course feasts. About the best you can muster is a peanut butter sandwich and a bowl of ramen noodles.

When you start to feel like you'll go nuts if you see one more jar of peanut butter, there's a place you can turn on campus. Actually, there's several places.

They are the cafeterias operated by MT Dining Services: McCallie Dining Hall in Corlew, The Grill in Keathley University Center, the Cyber Cafe at Woodmore, the James Union Building Dining Hall and the Just for Starters Cart in the Mass Communication Building.

McCallie's at Corlew
McCallie Dining Hall is located in Corlew Hall and was formerly known as Corlew Dining Hall. It's an all-you-can-eat meal. You might get a set amount of food each time you go through the line, but you can go through the line as many times as you want. Students can use their freshman meal plan here.

The choices at McCallie are Itzapizza, Grille Works, Salad Garden, Allegro Pasta, Cafe Features, Gretel's Bake Shop, Deli Corner, and Center Stage.

You can eat at McCallie on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for lunch and dinner from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. On weekends, McCallie is open for brunch from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and for dinner from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

James Union Dining
Tucked away in the basement of a building on the outskirts of campus is a dining hall that Paul Stuart, interim director of MT Dining Services, said is the favorite place for many students.

Why is it so loved? Stuart said this is because it's the most intimate dining hall on campus and there's a great and stable staff. He added students have come to

him and told him they never eat anywhere but JUB during their time on campus.

This doesn't surprise JUB cashiers Betsy Jones and Desiree Galbreath. They've been there long enough to get to know many of the regulars. Jones, who at 16 years has been employed at JUB the longest, said people come by because the food is friendly and their are many food choices.

Chris and Deanna Lilly, who tried the JUB for the first time last week, said they were surprised by the choices available in that one cafeteria. Deanna Lilly, a sophomore early education major, originally wanted tacos. She left the cashier line with something else.

Her husband, who will start MTSU in the Spring, said MTSU seems cheaper than Tennessee Tech, their former school, with more food options.

While the Lillys are planning on trying other cafeterias on campus, Deanna Lilly said they might already have their favorite spot.

"We could stay in this one a long time," she said. "And it's not overly crowded."

Galbreath agrees with Lilly's description of the cafeteria.

"Even when it's packed, it's quiet," she said.

The freshman meal plans can be used at the JUB during meal hours. Instead of all-you-can-eat, students are given an amount they can spend. If you go over that amount, you must pay the difference.

The choices at JUB are Grille Works, Salad Garden, Gretel's Bake Shop, Cafe Features, Treat Yourself Right, Subway and Taco Bell. JUB is open 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Fridays from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Breakfast is from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., lunch is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner is from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. This cafeteria is closed on weekends.

The Grill at KUC
Want the most national brands in one spot on campus? Then you want the Grill in the KUC. There's Pizza Hut, Chik-fil-A, Starbucks and Freshens'.

Returning students who haven't been to the Grill lately might do a double take when they walk in. There was a renovation project during the summer and the cashier lines were put in a central location and the condiment bar was knocked out.

It doesn't sound like much of a change, but the new design has made things go quicker when it comes time to pay. The lines at the Grill used to back up easily because it's a popular spot for lunch, even though the freshman meal plan is not accepted.

In addition to the big-name national brands, there's Easy Goes Take Out, Grille Works, Gretel's Bake Shop, Cafe Features, World's Fare and the Deli Corner.

The Grill is open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. It's open Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and closed Sundays.

Cyber Cafe at Woodmore

The Cyber Cafe at Woodmore is different from any other dining hall on campus. Stuart said this is because they went out of their way to make it feel like a coffee shop, not a campus cafeteria.

Complete with comfy couches, 6 televisions and eight computers, this is place Stuart wants to see become the most popular hangout on campus. He's already counting on a big crowd congregating to watch Monday night football.

David Mathes, a student manager at the Cyber Cafe, said he gives kudos to manager Sue Yost for turning the place around. Yost took over the Cyber Cafe after a long stint as manager at the Grill.

Mathes said the newly renovated cafeteria is easy to get in and out of, and has a great environment, reasonable prices and the best overall staff on campus. The only negative comment he has heard about Cyber Cafe is that they don't accept the freshman meal plan.

Kenny Baker, a senior history and political science major, picked Woodmore as his favorite place to eat on campus. Baker prefers Woodmore because of the hospitable workers, cleaner environment and more reasonable prices. In fact, he'd like to see prices lower on campus than off campus.

"We get held up by the bookstore," he said. "We don't need to get held up on food."

As an example of the prices at Cyber Cafe, Mathes said he was told the Starbucks prices are actually lower than what they are in other locations.

The Cyber Cafe, which will have an official grand opening Sept. '00, contains a Burger King, DC Subs, Starbucks, a small convenience store and Easy Goes take out. It's currently open Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. It's closed Saturdays and open Sunday from 2 p.m. until 8.

"If traffic warrants it, we will work to keep it open later," Stuart said, adding this is the nicest small dining facility Aramark, the company that has provided food service on campus since 1976, has in the south. That's putting Woodmore up against big names



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By now, you're probably wondering how you can afford to have regular, balanced nutrition when you're on your own. Stuart said Aramark has come up with several options to help students know where their next meal is coming from.

"Most people don't realize how cheap it is," he said.

If you are a freshman and you are living in a dorm room, you are required to buy a meal plan. That way, Mom and Dad always know that you can have a hot meal three times a day without them there to prepare it for you.

Stuart said limits had to be set on which cafeterias freshmen could use to prevent too much traffic from going to one place.

"Where would everybody go," he asked. "They'd go to the Grill and there's not enough seats."

For those of you who are not freshmen, there are several meal plan options you can choose. There's the 19 meal plan, which gives you all three meals during the week and two meals a day on the weekends. This plan will cost you \$820 for the semester, an average of \$2.54 for each meal.

If you don't need breakfast every day or you head for Mom's cooking every Friday afternoon, there's the 15 meal plan. This is like the freshman meal plan and costs you \$650 per semester. That's \$2.55 per

to be tied down to a meal plan, all cafeterias and the Mass Comm cart accept cash at any time and you can use your Raider Funds account at any cafeteria on campus.

If all else fails and you don't have the cash to eat on campus, you can work for MT Dining Services to make that extra money. MT Dining Services hires students to work all over campus. After all the hiring is done, Stuart expects more than 50 students to be employed.

Changing with the times
Stuart said Aramark has tried to make dining on campus a more user-friendly experience. For example, McCallie and Woodmore were both gutted and completely redone as part of massive renovation projects.

"Ten years ago, we never would have thought about serving veggie burgers"

of campus.
So far, the experiment has been successful and Stuart would like to make the cart a permanent part of the building by installing a counter and roll-up gates.

This would increase selection and allow other types of payment to be used.

Right now, cash is the only accepted method of payment because of the limited facilities, and the menu options are limited to Easy Goes take out, Gretel's Bake Shop and Coke products. One plus about the cart is that Scantron sheets are for sale for students who tend to forget.

The cart is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Another big change is the type of foods served. Stuart said they try to offer health-conscious students meals they can feel good about eating. For vegetarians, soups, pastas and a meatless meal are available at every meal.

"Ten years ago, we never would have thought about serving veggie burgers," Stuart said.

The recent improvements are just some of many that Stuart said has been made at MTSU since he arrived in 1992. One big thing he noticed then was there was no national brands on the campus at that point.

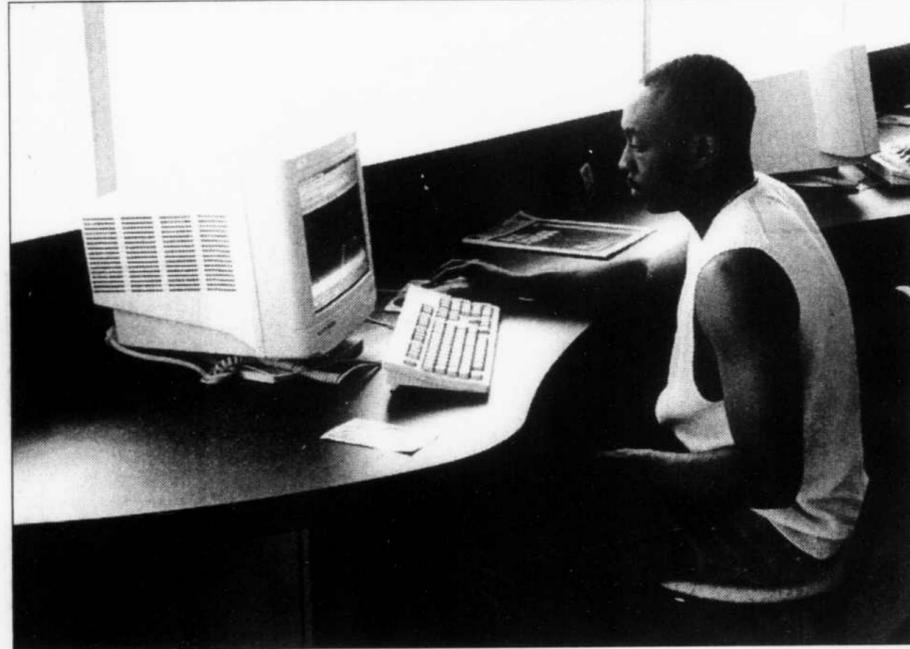
Now, MTSU has seven — Pizza Hut, Chik-fil-A, Freshens', Burger King, Starbucks, Subway and Taco Bell.

"That's a lot for a campus this size," Stuart said, who is one of three MTSU alums in management positions with MT Dining Services.

He thinks students get a great deal when they eat at MTSU, especially when using their meal plan.

He added MTSU's prices can be compared with any other state campus in Tennessee, and students will get more overall for their money here.

"I am most proud that we are on the cutting edge of college food service according to the trade journals," Stuart said. "We've already done things bigger schools are doing now."



A student nourishes his mind at the Cyber Cafe.

Photo by Erik Wagner

There's two meal plan options for freshmen. One is the traditional freshman meal plan, which offers students 15 of any 19 meals at cafeterias that accept the meal plan — JUB and McCallie. This plan works on both weekends and weekdays. It costs \$580 and averages out to \$2.27 per meal.

The other freshmen option is the freshman optional 10 plus \$200. This is the plan for students who feel they can't survive a whole year without Pizza Hut and Burger King.

In addition to 10 meals per week in cafeterias that accept the freshman meal plans, this plan includes \$200 that can be used in any campus dining hall during the course of the semester. This plan can be purchased for \$685, which averages out to \$2.85.

meal.

You can purchase a plan similar to the other freshmen option. The 10 meal plus \$200 per semester plan gives you 10 meals per week and \$200 per semester for other meals. This is \$700 or \$2.94 per meal.

Two other options are the 10 meal plan — any 10 meals a week for \$550 or \$3.23 a meal — and the five meal plan — any five meals a week for \$295 per semester, which costs you \$3.47 a meal.

Finally, there's the declining balance plan. You can use this by itself with a minimum of \$50 per semester or with another plan for a minimum balance of \$25. This is just a debit card that subtracts the amount of each meal each time you use it. It's good all over campus.

For those of you who don't want

The JUB will be given a facelift this fall break. Students will return to campus and find out it has a new coat of paint. Although it's not necessary, Stuart said it's something they want to do.

He thinks the current color of the walls — that same dingy shade of yellow that probably lines the walls of most high schools — is ugly.

The hours of the cafeterias have been increased so students have more options later in the day, and Stuart said they evaluate what students need and try to accommodate them.

To further increase availability, the Just for Starters cart was added to the Bragg Mass Communication Building. It's MT Dining Service's first attempt to put limited food service on the edge

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It's football time in Middle Tennessee

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

What do these three things have in common? Two a day practices, the dawning of pads and cheerleading practice? That's right, the beginning of college football season, but specifically the start of the a new era in Blue Raider athletics under head coach Andy McCollum.

The Raiders, who worked all summer, and much of the previous spring, have installed a new offense and a new defense. The defense will be a 3-4 formation, with three down linemen and 4 linebackers.

"We are not as big, so we have to have great effort from them," Coach Andy McCollum said after Wednesday's practice. "We've got to force turnovers and play with a lot of heart."

Size will matter when the Raiders battle Southeastern Conference runner up Mississippi State on Sept. 4. The Bulldogs boast of one of the biggest offensive lines in the country. The line guards from 296 pounds of right guard Michael Fair to left tackle Floyd "Pork Chop" Womack's 336 pounds.

The defense is looking good in practice. That was evident during a recent practice when the second team defense stopped the first team offense in just two series of downs.

"We need more reps, the more we get the better we will be," an optimistic McCollum said. "We are getting better everyday."

Jeff Thomas will start the season at right defensive end where he made a big splash last year with the Raiders.

Former walk on Martez Phelps seemed to have the edge at left end coming out of spring practice. Carnell "Boogie" Houston is the front runner to start the year at tackle.

The linebacker spot is a more clear-cut. Keith Pauldo comes back as an all-OVC performer as he led the Blue Raiders in tackling last season. He will start at the linebacker position.

Isaiah Browne also looks to be starter at the linebacker spot. Browne, one of the quickest players on the team, has a great

chance to excel in the new system. New starters Kenta Sadler and Eugene Shaw round out the linebacking position.

Mario Kelso returns to the secondary in his third season as a Raider. Kelso made a big impact last year with the Blue Raiders.

Jermaine Francis is a bright

"He is working hard. David Lill has improved and they are working everyday," McCollum said. "He can't work any harder."

Wes Counts will lead the offense this season. Counts set records for freshman passing last year, but has a tough task on hand against Division I-A opponents.

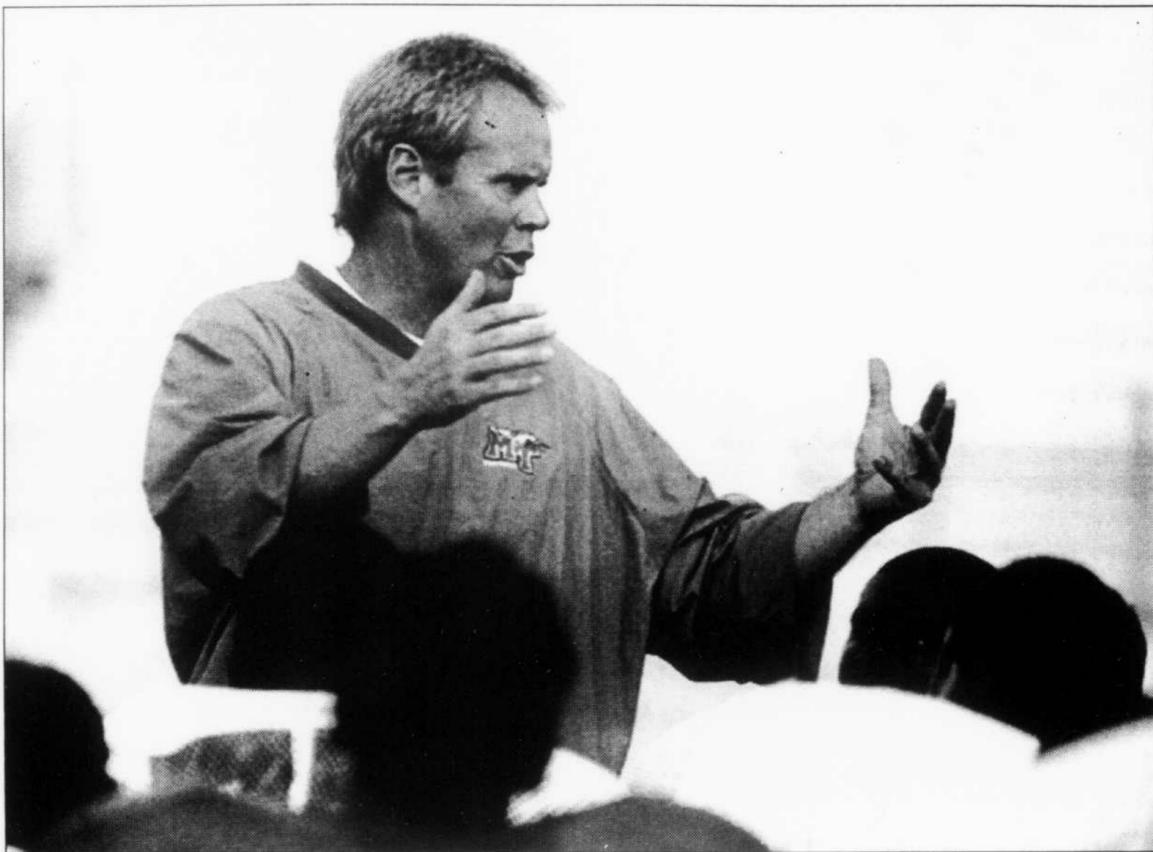
by Matt Lowe and Sulecio Sanford. The new receivers have big shoes to fill but the lot of them have the potential to do so.

Xavier Hatnot is the tight end that is expected to be the starter. Hatnot is expected to do an excellent job of filling the vacancy left by Gary Davis, who graduated.

The staff is also high on the offensive line.

"The offensive line has come out and helped," McCollum said.

McCollum seemed pleased with the overall effort and progression of the team. They appear to be gelling and becoming more and more enthusiastic with every snap.



Coach McCollum instructs the football team after practice.

Photo by Derrick Wilson

spot for the Raiders this year. Francis, a junior college transfer, has been with the team for about a week and is already expected to start.

Last year the kicking game was a roller coaster at best. Keegan Ray made 10 of 14 field goals attempts, and led the Raiders in scoring.

David Lill and Joey Burstynne were the punters by committee last year. Burstynne left the team, which means Lill has the starting spot.

"I have to not make bad reads, but we have a week to cut out mistakes," Counts said.

Counts has a host of receivers to throw to. Hansford Johnson, Kendall Newson, Tyrone Callico, Rashaad Craft, Nick Payne and David Youell are the receivers. Callico and Newson are the headliners for the corp. Newson has speed to burn at the wideout position and Callico is 6'4 and weighs 207 pounds. The two of them will work well together.

The receiver spots were vacated

"Xavier can run and catch, but needs to be more physical," McCollum said. "Newson, Callico, Johnson, Craft, Payne and Youell have all done well."

"The receivers and backs have a lot of depth," Counts said.

The offensive backfield is also loaded. It may be the deepest position on the team. Kelverrick Green is returning and will be joined by Jamison Palmer. Tony Wesley and Dwone Hicks have all been impressive, according to coach McCollum.

"Support the team now. We all want to be proud of the school," McCollum said referring to the MTSU student body. "We've got to figure out away to get them to care about the team."

McCollum has one catch phrase that he has used this season. It is "take care of your business."

"If you take care of your business then you won't have any problems."

Wes Counts works hard on and off the field

Michael Barrett
Staff Reporter

Wes Counts believes team must take the season one game at a time

The Blue Raiders will begin their inaugural season in Division I-A football this Wednesday. MTSU will be led by new coach Andy McCollum and Sophomore Quarter back Wes Counts.

Counts graduated from Oakland High School in 1997. He holds Oakland's all time records in attempts, completions and yardage.

"We have three top twenty-five teams on the schedule right now, we just have to take it one game at a time"

A Murfreesboro native, Wes Counts will begin the season as the starter after winning the job early last season. He finished last season as one of the best freshmen in the country in terms of pass efficiency.

"We have three top twenty-five teams on the schedule right now, we just have to take it one game

at a time," Counts said.

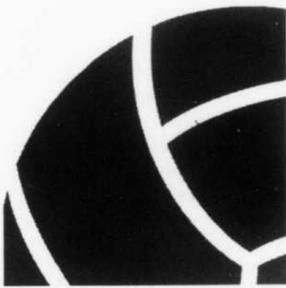
Counts says the Raiders should be "Hard nosed, getting after the ball, and a lot of fun to watch."

Counts works hard, both on and off the field. He spends extra time in both the weight room and the film room. In the off season you can find him over in the Murphy Center piloting the MTSU blimp at BlueRaider basketball games. ■



Photo by Derrick Wilson

Wes Counts fires a pass during a recent practice.



Volleyball team acquires many new players

Gabe Frankel
Staff Reporter

A new assistant coach, former Lady Blue Raider Tara Miller, has been added to the coaching staff. A standout from last year, Carrie Kapfenburg, will be returning to the team as a student assistant coach.

Although the loss of Kapfenburg as a player will hurt the Blue Raiders, senior Kelley Smith should become the team leader.

The team has a fresh young look. Five incoming Freshman should give the team new energy and vigor.

"Our communication is much better than expected at this point," head coach Lisa Kisse said. "Our passing has gelled quite a bit for a week and a half into practice."

"We have six primary passers that are rotating into different positions and passing to different people. There are

three that passed together last year and three new ones... that's pretty hard to do, and do well."

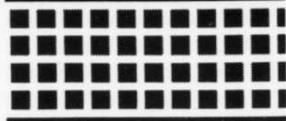
Kisse also believes that the Freshmen could make an impact.

"The Freshman are going to push for playing time, some will push for starting spots as well," Kisse said. "Our defense has stepped up, our pursuit is better and our first ball defense is better."

Top returning players include senior Kelley Smith, Juniors Abby Hartup and Lindsay Pritchard.

The team will be very young with five Freshman and four Sophomores. Latresa Cunningham a 6-3 junior MB/OH, coming from Bishop Borgress of Detroit, is looking good in practice and should be a threat to the opponents.

The season opens against Memphis on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Murphy Center.



1999 Football Schedule

Sept. 4 at Mississippi State 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 11 at Arizona 9:00 p.m.

Sept. 18 WOFFORD 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 25 at Southwestern Louisiana 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 2 TROY STATE (Homecoming) 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 9 at Arkansas 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 16 at Louisiana Tech 3:00 p.m.

Oct. 30 at Northeast Louisiana 2:00 p.m.

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Phenix City falls in finals

Jeffrey Bair
Associated Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) - That's Kazuki with a "K."

Kazuki Sumiyama struck out nine Saturday as Osaka, Japan, beat Phenix City, Ala., 5-0 in the championship game of the Little League World Series.

Sumiyama, a soft-spoken 12-year-old whose favorite U.S. player is Mark McGwire, struck out three of Phenix City's first four batters and had a total of 19 strikeouts in his two appearances. And he can hit, too, batting .615 in the two wins.

U.S. teams have won only six of the last 20 Little League series.

Only Zach Martin and Cory Rasmus got hits, both singles, off Sumiyama, who throws a fastball and variations his teammates call the "Kazuball" and the "Thunderball." His coaches say he is shy even back home in Osaka and that he is already being recruited by Japanese high schools.

He was not bashful about keeping runners off base. The 5-foot-7, 122-pound Sumiyama, or "Sumi" to his friends, did not allow a run in 11 innings at the series. His father was home in Osaka running the family liquor store Saturday, but his mother made the trip to Williamsport along with seven other parents of team members.

In the second, Kazutoshi Adachi scored the first run of the game from third on catcher Rasmus' throwing error on a steal attempt. Martin threw four straight balls to Adachi to start the

inning after getting two strikes on him before about 42,000 fans at Howard J. Lamade Stadium.

Phenix City manager Tony Rasmus, who quit his job as a coach at a private school to stay with the team through the series, pitched, after both his son, No. 3 pitcher, after both his son, No. 3 and 5-foot-4 curveball specialist Bryan Woodall pitched in the U.S. championship victory over defending champion Tom Rivers, N.J., a game that was stretched over Thursday and Friday by rain.

In the fourth, Osaka got a run on consecutive doubles by Kazunori Morishita and Kazuya Yamasaki, and Yamasaki scored when a low pitch squirted off Rasmus' glove for a 3-0 lead. Osaka had a two-run fifth as well before a crowd that included celebrities such as Tommy John, Kenny Rogers and Brian Sipe.

Fans showered the field with paper plates after the game.

The Hiram Little League of Osaka, managed by former Hanshin Tigers outfielder Tsutomu Kameyama, becomes the fourth Japanese team to win the series, joining the Chofu Little League of Tokyo (1976), the Wakayama Little League (1968) and the West Tokyo Little League (1967).

A team from Kashima, Japan, lost 12-9 in last year's championship game to Toms River.

At the invitation of New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, the Phenix City team will board a bus at 7 a.m. Sunday and watch the Seattle Mariners-Yankees game at Yankee Stadium, then dine at the All-Star Cafe.

Holdslaw not surprised she's Rookie of the Year

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chamique Holdslaw knows she wasn't an average WNBA rookie this season.

Touted as the "female Michael Jordan" after establishing herself at Tennessee among the greatest college basketball players ever, Holdslaw said she felt constant pressure to perform. But she didn't wilt, averaging 16.9 points and 7.9 rebounds for the Washington Mystics, ranking sixth and third, respectively, in the league.

Those numbers, plus her role in lifting the Mystics from a 3-27 record in 1998 to 20-20 this season, earned her the WNBA Rookie of the Year award Saturday. She finished

with 48 of 51 votes, with one each going to Detroit's Dominique Canty, Orlando's Nykesha Sales and New York's Tamika Whitmore.

The 6-foot-2 Holdslaw, a two-time WNBA player of the week and East team starter in the all-star game in July, kept the pressure from overwhelming her.

"I'm a pretty level-minded person, and I knew what my focus was," she said. "I just knew I had to come out every night and perform because everyone was going to see what I was made of and test me on a daily basis. I just had to be tough mentally."

Holdslaw, a native of New York, was the No. 1 pick in the WNBA draft in May after becoming Tennessee's career leader in points (3,025) and rebounds (1,295). She led the Lady Vols to national titles in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Holdslaw combined with second-year guard Nikita McCray to give Washington an effective inside-outside duo. McCray, who averaged a team-high 17.5 points, also started in the all-star game. Washington won six consecutive games late in the season to inch toward the final Eastern Conference playoff spot but fell out of contention with a loss to Orlando Aug. 15.

Holdslaw, who will tour with the U.S. Olympic team for three weeks in September, is confident she and the Mystics will be better next year.

"Next year will be the real time when I can gauge myself," she said. "I'll be in the league a year, and I'll know what to expect. I know what it's going to take for us to win. So you'll see more team and individual success next year."

Penn State sticks it to Arizona 41-7

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) - Who says Penn State has no offense?

Kevin Thompson threw for two touchdowns, Chafie Fields ran 70 yards for a score and caught a 37-yard pass for another Saturday and the third-ranked Nittany Lions overwhelmed No. 4 Arizona 41-7 in the Pigskin Classic.

Penn State's highly touted defense exceeded even its own expectations by shutting down Arizona's high-powered offense on the way to a 31-0 halftime lead.

Led by star linebacker LaVar Arrington, the Lions had five sacks against the quarterback tandem of Keith Smith and Ortege Jenkins and held Trung Canidate, the Pac-10's leading rusher last year, to 31 yards on 10 carries.

Arrington, who had seven tackles, injured his left leg while

making a stop with 3:48 left in the third period. He was helped off the field by team trainers. For Arizona, Smith injured his knee early in the fourth quarter and did not return.

Arrington had cramps and dehydration and should be ready for Penn State's game next week. Smith sprained his right ankle and wasn't expected to miss any time.

The game was never close, even though both teams have visions of a national title.

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					9:30-10:30 Saturday Workout
4:30-5:00pm Abs, Abs, Abs		4:30-5:00pm Abs, Abs, Abs		4:30-5:00pm Abs, Abs, Abs	
5:00-6:00pm Box & Tone	4:45-5:45pm Step Aerobics	5:00-6:00pm Box & Tone	4:45-5:45pm Step Aerobics	5:00-6:00pm Box & Tone	
6:15-7:15pm Muscle Toning	6:00-7:00pm Box & Tone	6:15-7:15pm Muscle Toning	6:00-7:00pm Box & Tone		
7:30-8:30pm Step Aerobics	7:15-8:30pm *Yoga	7:30-8:30pm Step Aerobics	7:15-8:30pm *Yoga		

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Men's tennis team expects a great year

Gabe Frankel
Staff Reporter

The men's tennis team finished off the 1998-99 season with an overall record of 14-15 and an 8-1 Ohio Valley Conference record. The men finished second in the OVC Championships. The team won nine of its last 10 and hopes to improve in the 1999-2000 season.

Coach Dale Short said the teams youth and inexperience was what kept them from making it 10 straight OVC Championships.

"We were a very young team last season. We have a lot of talent and getting this rebuilding season under our belt helped.

"We lost a lot of matches to highly ranked teams on the last

point. Our year of maturity will help us tremendously."

The Blue Raiders have six returning players and five hungry freshmen.

"I think with players coming in this next year and the ones we have returning, we could be a top 50 program once again," Coach Short said.

Five All-Ovc players return this year: Mark Pellerin, Shanne Podbury, Oliver Foreman, Robert Gustafsson and Michael Chamberlain.

Assistant coaches Julius Roberts and Buck Bouldin round out the staff. Over the past eleven years the team has posted a 190-101 record.



Titans give sneak peek of expanded passing game

Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - For the past two seasons, the Tennessee Titans have promised a better passing attack. If the first play of their exhibition home opener is any indication, they are ready to deliver.

Neil O'Donnell found Yancey Thigpen on the left sideline for a 48-yard pass play on the Titans' first play en route to a 17-3 victory Friday night. They also connected later on a 36-yarder.

Not bad for a team that completed only three passes for more than 40 yards all of last season.

"I agree with you guys when you say 'Where has the deep ball been?' I've heard about it," O'Donnell said. "When the opportunity arises, you have to take your chances and push the ball down field, and we did do that."

The Titans have tried to throw the ball down the field this preseason but have had passes dropped. Coach Jeff Fisher said Saturday that the receivers, led by Thigpen, played much better against the Falcons.

"We got better running routes. We threw the ball better, caught the ball better, more efficiently, like we talked about," he said.

But he still saw room for improvement.

"We need to get better blocking out of our receivers. A couple of them are doing well, but by and large, we have to do a better job blocking downfield."

Ideally, the Titans wanted to see Steve McNair throwing those passes. They want to see McNair blossom into a quarterback known as much for his arm as his legs.

An injured back kept him on the sidelines for a second straight exhibition game. He also has missed two weeks of practice - time needed for him to get in synch with his receivers.

McNair has been passing lightly since Wednesday, and Fisher said he should take part in some drills Sunday when the Titans hold their first practice at their new facility.

One disappointment Friday came when the offense started stalling against the Falcons. The defense forced five turnovers, and the Titans netted only an Al Del Greco field goal.

Even worse, Eddie George lost the ball inside the Atlanta 5 on the Titans' third drive - a big loss for the only NFL team in 1998 to score every time they got inside an opponent's 20-yard line.

"You've got to get more ..."

Fisher said. "We're talking about not settling for field goals down there, and we get no points out of that. We didn't do that at all last year, and that we have to learn from."

The offense likely will end up with more chances to score this season if the defense can build on its performance against Atlanta. Tennessee was next to last in the league last season with only 30 sacks, and the unit totaled four in the exhibition.

Fisher particularly enjoyed watching rookies Jevon Kearse and John Thornton hit Atlanta's quarterback just as he was releasing the ball.

"That's a combination I believe we're going to see many years to come," he said. "Notes: @ Tight end Jackie Harris suffered a fractured rib in the game, while running back Rodney Harris fractured a finger. Defensive back Steve Jackson strained his hamstring in the game. ... But tight end Frank Wycheck is expected to play in the Titans' final exhibition Thursday against New Orleans, and Fisher said defensive end Kenny Holmes (knee) also may be available."

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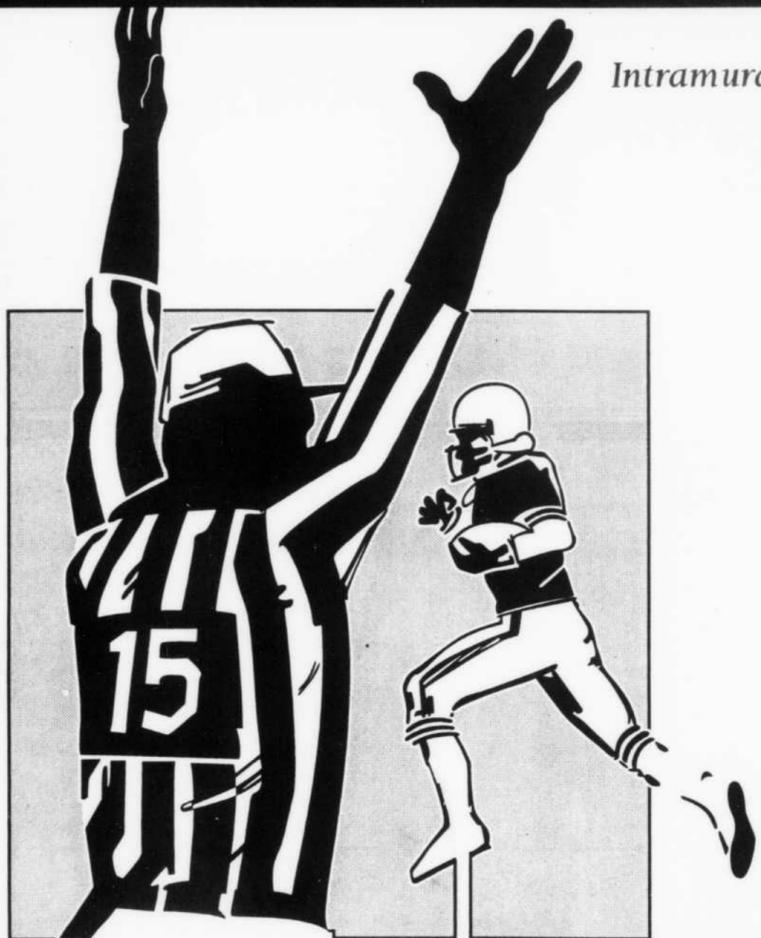
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Triple H wins the title; HBK "lays the smack down"



Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

Due to last year's popularity, The Hook will run a WWF column every Monday.

Jim Ross was supposed to interview Mankind at the beginning of last week's WWF's Raw is War, but Triple H changed things when he entered the ring and started whining about not winning the belt at Summerslam.

After getting mad, Triple H grabbed JR and threatened to break his arm unless Mankind gave the former DX member a title shot.

Mankind agreed, but Triple H still broke JR's arm. Mankind said the match was off, but Shane McMahon had other plans. He entered and ordered Mankind to defend the title against Triple H.

In the first match Triple H Dogg battled Al Snow for the Hardcore Title. A few minutes into the match, the Y2J problem emerged.

The Road Dogg and Jericho battled in the back. During all the commotion in the back, the Big Boss Man attacked Al Snow and

stole Pepper.

In tag team action, former Ministry members battled when the Acolytes battled the Undertaker and the Big Show. Nobody won this match as an all out brawl broke out when Faarooq attacked guest commentator X-Pac.

Now let's shift gears and talk about love. Test proposed to Stephanie, and as this happened Shane ran to the ring. He tried to stop the proposal and he temporarily succeeded as Stephanie said she needed more time.

Let's shift gears again and talk about kitties and puppies. Jeff Jarrett made his way to the ring with Debra and his new friend "Sexual Chocolate" Mark Henry. But he had a surprise for Debra: Miss Kitty, and Mark Henry: the European Title. He then offered an open contract for the Intercontinental Title.

Shortly thereafter, D'Lo Brown beat PMS's Meat and challenged "Sexual Chocolate" for the European Title. Needless to say, D'Lo whooped "Sexual Chocolate."

Mr. Ass tried to take advantage off Jarrett's open contract, but unfortunately for him, he didn't have a pin. Fortunately for Chyna, she had a pin.

Well, the Badd Ass wasn't happy with Chyna. He told her to give him the title shot or he was gonna take it. Then Jeff Jarrett ran into the ring and nailed Chyna with a guitar.

While this was happening Mr. Ass took a guitar from Miss Kitty and made his way to the ring. He clocked Jarrett with a guitar and left.

In other action, the Rock took the bite out of Gangrel and Tori challenged Ivory to a match.

Welcome to Raw is Jericho! After Howard Finkel pushed the

Road Dogg twice the Y2J problem arrived. This time the Road Dogg didn't have a cure for the virus. Jericho attacked Jesse James and delivered two power bombs.

The Road Dogg's DX partner, X-Pac, didn't fare any better. He and Kane lost their tag team match to the Acolytes.

In the main event, Triple H fought Mankind for the title. Mankind appeared to even the odds when he threw Shane McMahon out of the ring. He delivered a DDT, but Triple H was able to recover before Earl Hebner arrived.

The match went outside, and here it went downhill for Mankind. Triple H delivered a chair shot to Mankind and the Rock; Shane delivered a chair shot to Earl Hebner. The action went back inside where Triple H delivered a pedigree and won the belt.

Smackdown began with a verbal confrontation between the Heavyweight Champ and "The People's Champ." The Rock called the champ out and Helmsley responded with insults.

Shawn Michaels stepped in and ordered a match between Triple H and The Rock. He also ordered a match between Mankind and Shane McMahon.

Mankind dominated his match with Shane, but lost thanks to Triple H and Chyna.

And now, for the main event. The Rock took it to Triple H in this epic battle. It appeared to be a fair fight after special guest referee HBK ejected Chyna, but that was not the case.

The Rock had the match won and went for the "people's elbow," but HBK swerved everybody when he played some "sweet chin music" for The Rock.

Triple H retained the title much to the pleasure of HBK, Chyna and Shane McMahon.

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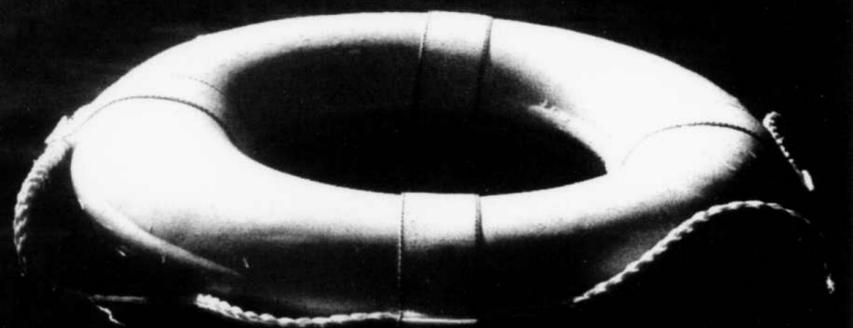
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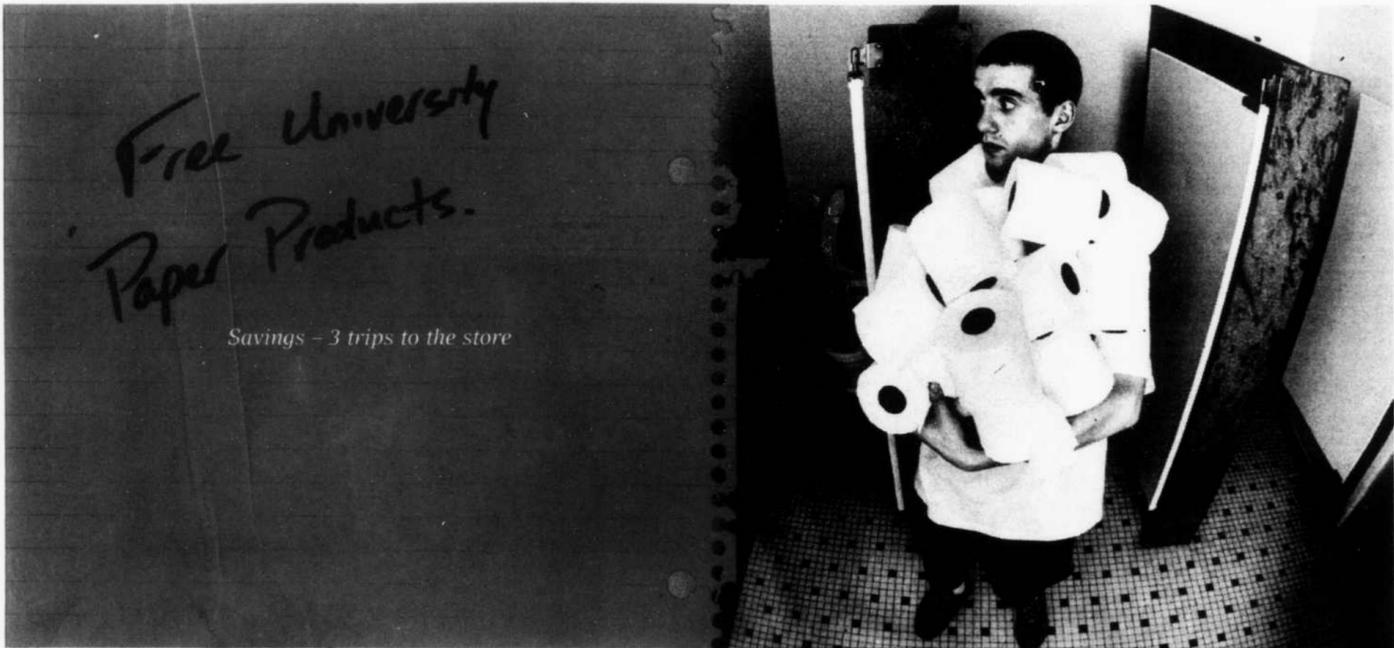
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