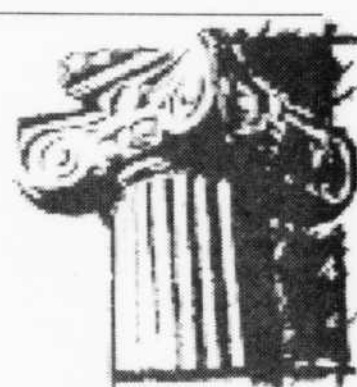




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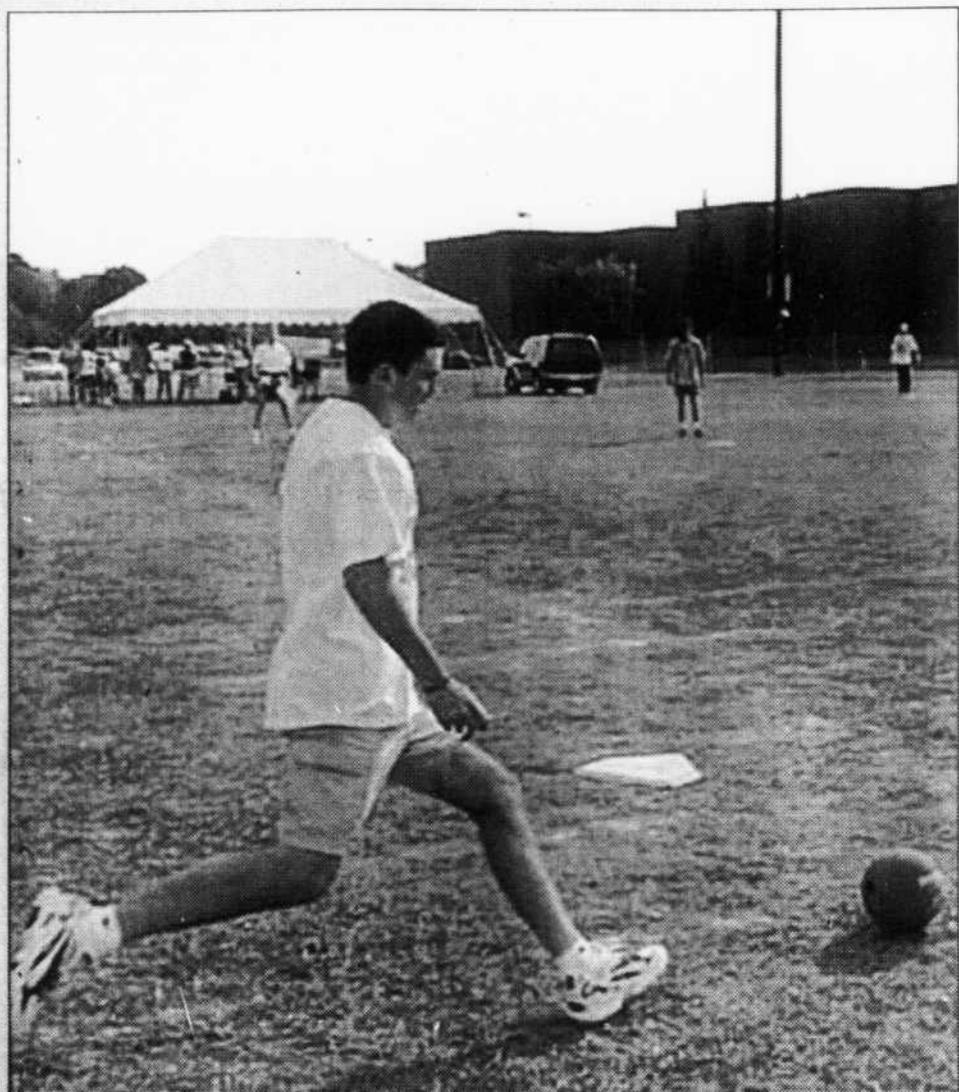


Photo by Derick Wilson

A player takes a swing at the kickball tournament kickoff to Homecoming '99.

Schedule of events for Homecoming '99

Monday, September 27

Starflicks
KUC Lounge, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, September 28

"Carnival"
KUC Knoll, All Day

Movie on the Knoll
KUC Knoll, Dusk

Wednesday, September 29

Special Guest Production
Murphy Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 30

Treasure Hunt
SGA office, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wild West Chilifest
Murphy Center, 6 p.m.

MTSU goes to Hollywood Pep
Rally/Fight Song
Coach McCollum, Football Team
Murphy Center, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 1
NPHC Step Show
AMG, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 2

Homecoming Parade
East Main Street, 10 a.m.

Alumni & Student Tailgate

Homecoming Game
MTSU vs. Troy State
Floyd Stadium, 6 p.m.

SGA to landscape for Habitat for Humanity

LaSonya Washington
Staff Reporter

Some industrious MTSU students will do house and yardwork for a weekend in October—but not in their own houses.

The group of around 30 volunteers will work Oct. 8 and 9 for the Murfreesboro affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International.

Student Government Association President Andrae Crismon came up with the idea.

"I wanted to see SGA be involved in community service activities," Crismon said.

Crismon approached Maggie Prugh of Student Organizations to help coordinate the activity.

Habitat for Humanity International is a

nonprofit, inter-denominational Christian ministry. Its goal is to combine conscience and action to eliminate indecent housing and homelessness worldwide. Since Millard Fuller and his wife Linda founded HFHI in 1976, the organization has built over 80,000 homes worldwide housing 400,000 people.

Local operations are located in all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico and 63 foreign countries.

HFHI accepts government funds to pay for streets, utilities and some administrative expenses, but fundraising and donations account for most of the money and all materials. Families are selected to become partners based on their levels of need, willingness to become partners in the

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Fraternities banned from intramural play

Wesley R. Bush
Staff Reporter

Judicial Affairs ruled last week that two fraternity teams may not compete in intramural football for the remainder of the semester.

Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, both high-ranking teams, will be excluded from Team 1 play, the most competitive level of intramural games. The decision, in response to a fight that erupted during play between the two fraternities, sends a clear message that fighting will not be tolerated.

"I'm disappointed at the decision," says Brent Campbell of KA. "There have been fights between other fraternities in the past that didn't result in a disqualification."

This fight, however, involved an unusually large amount of people. Some estimate that between 40 to 50 students participated in the fight itself. The commotion of the brawl, combined with extremely dry conditions, caused a dust cloud to cover the playing field.

"I could have sworn that somebody was going to get hurt," says Trent Burton, a student who witnessed the action from a

nearby parking lot. "It was just too many people for someone not to."

Although several people received black eyes and busted noses, there were no injuries that required medical attention.

Brandon Lee, president of SAE, was also upset at the decision to eliminate Team 1 from eligibility.

"I wish they would have disqualified individual players instead of the entire team so we could still compete," said Lee. "The fight did happen, though, and I can see why they ruled the way they did."

Some of the players on both teams will not only be ineligible from play for the rest of the semester, but also will not be allowed to come to the games when their fraternities are playing. This is due, in part, to degree of participation in the fight.

"It's a shame that the incident turned out the way it did," said Campbell, "but when everyone moves into the new fraternity houses, this type of thing is going to have to come to an end."

Both fraternities may continue to participate in lower-level divisions of flag football but eliminating the two teams from Team 1 play leaves only six teams competing for the high ranking championship.

Japan Center looking to make strides by December

Rachel Pickel
Staff Reporter

The declining progress of the Japan Center of Tennessee has recently been a cause for much concern not only in the local community, but around the world as well.

However, due to a new plan and under new supervision, the program's director, Dr. Kiyoshi Kawahito says the future is looking brighter.

Recent progress, Kawahito said, includes the promotion of "Japan-focused academic exchanges, student exchanges, field studies, Internet-based learning, public lecture series, and the like."

Founded at MTSU in 1982, the Center has been declining rapidly over the last few years. This is due in part to the illness and January death of the program's founding director, Esther Seeman.

According to Kawahito, all Tennessee and Japanese government grants and

contracts have recently been discontinued, and contributions from Tennessee businesses from Japanese connections have been declining as well.

Then, Kawahito says, the acting director at that time, Rick Elam, saw the need for immediate action. He immediately implemented a strategy that became known as the "MTSU Plan."

Under the new direction, several changes began to take place at the Center. The staff was reduced, publication projects with expiring contracts were suspended, and the focus was narrowed to educational institutions and organizations.

After downsizing the Center, the leaders decided to merge in June with the U.S.-Japan Economic and Educational Partnership Project. This is a volunteer program set up by the Center's current director, Kawahito.

Through this merger, the Center became officially known as the "Japan Program of MTSU," incorporating both the Center itself and the U.S.-Japan Project. According to Kawahito, the

Center also developed its goals and purpose for MTSU.

"The operation of the Center and the Program has significantly been hampered...by the uncertainty about the future which makes medium-term and long-term planning nearly impossible," Kawahito said.

Kawahito's ray of hope comes in a new committee developed in February to discuss the alternatives to the MTSU plan. According to Kawahito, the outcome "could drastically change the Center's location, structure, mission, activities, staffing and financing."

"The uncertainty may be cleared...by December. We will do our best in the meantime," Kawahito said.

For more information on the Japan Program of MTSU, check out the UJEEP home page at www.mtsu.edu/~kawahito. The site includes news and updates from Kawahito himself, information about U.S. relations, as well as some fun things such as a quiz to test your knowledge of Japanese culture.

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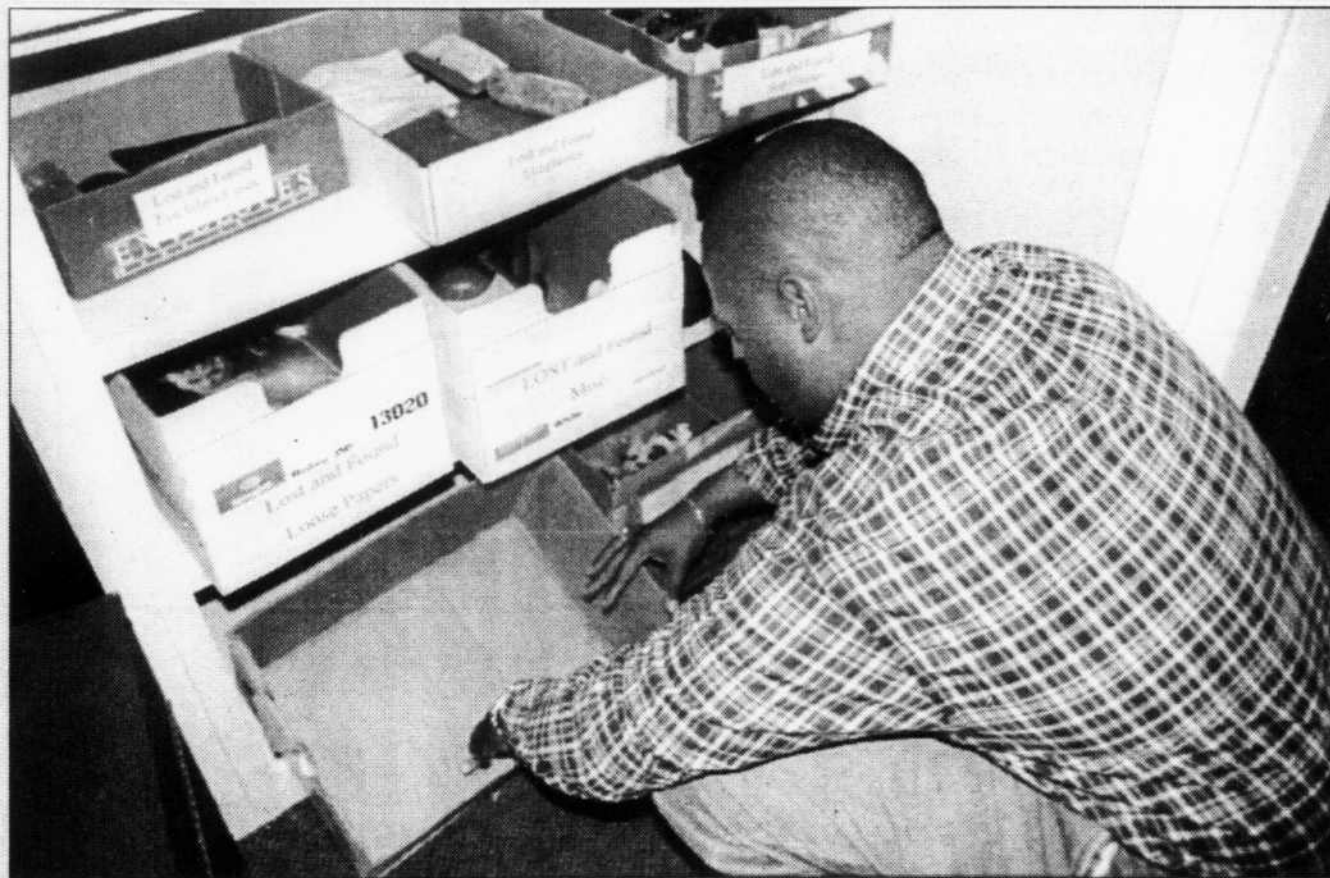


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MTSU senior Dennison Bradford rummages through the university's Lost and Found, located in KUC 304.

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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. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

Sept. 28
Career Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Murphy Center track. All students and faculty are invited and encouraged to attend. Approximately 100 employers and graduate schools will participate. For more information, call the Placement Center at 898-2500.

Sept. 30
The Office of General Studies is sponsoring an open forum, "Current and Future Trends in General Education." The speaker is Dr. John Hinni, Dean Emeritus, Southeast Missouri State University. The forum will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall, BAS S102. For further information, call the General Studies Office at 904-8416.

The June Anderson Women's Center will begin "Looking Forward," a support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The group will meet on Thursdays at 3 p.m. in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, Room 124. Call 898-5725 for more information.

Oct. 7
The African American Student Association is holding a general

interest meeting at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm. Room 103. Contact Ladoska Holt at 898-4770 for more information.

Oct. 9
Campus Recreation is sponsoring a rafting trip on the Ocoee River available to all students, faculty and staff. The cost is \$20 and only 18 participants will be accepted. Contact Mitch or Sean at 898-2104 for additional information.

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.

Lambda Association welcomes new students and invites all to attend meetings every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact Talia Elwell at 907-2195 or visit the website at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold CRU, its weekly meeting, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in LRC 221. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rich Humphrey at 896-2039 or e-mail him at rich.humphrey@uscm.org.

Raider Victory Ministry is holding Sunday Celebration church services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the MTSU-alumni Gym. The service features Generation X music, food, and relevant message on campus each week. Contact Pastor Franco Gennaro at 896-2348 for more information.

Champions for Christ is sponsoring Campus Bible Talks every Monday at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons Building 7, Room 713 for all students and athletes. Food will be provided.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Women, Food, and Body Image," an ongoing support group for women students who have eating disorders or concerns about body image and food. The meetings will be held every Tuesday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. beginning Sept. 28. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

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World News

Three killed in aftershock of Taiwan quake

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A strong aftershock rocked Taiwan Sunday, killing three people, injuring 58 others and collapsing several buildings weakened by the killer quake that struck six days earlier. People donned motorcycle helmets and huddled in safe, open spaces after the 8 a.m. aftershock, which registered a 6.5 magnitude.

All the casualties were in central Taiwan, which also bore the brunt of Tuesday's earthquake.

Twenty people were also buried under rubble loosened by the latest jolt.

Opposition claims Yemen elections were fixed

SANA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's presidential election was marred by vote tampering and inflated government figures of how many people voted, opposition groups charged on Sunday.

The vote ended in the overwhelming reelection of President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The Higher Election Committee said 66 percent of the registered electorate of 5.6 million people cast ballots, with 96.3 percent voting for Saleh and 3.7 percent for his only opponent, Najeeb Qahtan al-Shaabi.

But polling stations across the country were relatively quiet during Thursday's election — the country's first direct presidential polls — and opposition parties said far fewer registered voters actually participated.

Davenport wins Toyota Princess Cup

TOKYO (AP) — Top-seeded Lindsay Davenport defeated No. 2 Monica Seles 7-5, 7-6 (7-1) Sunday for her first Toyota Princess Cup title.

The victory, Davenport's fourth straight against Seles after losing their first two meetings, snapped Seles' winning streak in the tournament at three. Seles has won the event five times since 1991.

Seles said it was difficult playing Davenport after a tough semifinal Saturday against Japan's top player Ai Sugiyama.

Davenport, the world's No. 2 player, gained a key break in the 11th game of the opening set for a 6-5 lead, then held serve in the next game at love.



National News

Dust storm kills six on Oregon interstate

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — A blinding dust storm blowing across a desert stretch of Interstate 84 set off three deadly collisions between semitrailers and cars Saturday that left six dead and injured at least a dozen more.

Dozens of vehicles were involved in the three pileups in the eastbound lanes, said Lt. Gregg Hastings, an Oregon State Police spokesman.

The Oregon Department of Transportation said two crashes in the westbound lane, each involving semitrailers and passenger vehicles, killed one person each.

At the same location in the eastbound lane, a crash involving five semitrailers and 11 vehicles claimed four lives. Visibility was reduced to near zero, police said.

Tough Connecticut law targets gun owners

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Before Columbine High School, before the Atlanta day trader offices, before the Jewish community center in Los Angeles, there was Matthew Beck.

In March 1998, the 35-year-old accountant went on a suicidal shooting spree in his offices at the Connecticut Lottery headquarters. Four people died before Beck put the gun to his own head.

Lawmakers reacted with one of the toughest gun-seizure laws on the books.

Starting next month, Connecticut police will be allowed to confiscate guns from anyone determined to be an immediate danger to himself or others.

Richardson recommending Clinton sign defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said Sunday he will recommend President Clinton sign a \$288.9 billion defense bill, satisfied about resolving concerns over a new nuclear weapons agency and a department reorganization.

Congress last week overwhelmingly agreed to the changes, which came in response to months of allegations about Chinese espionage at the nation's nuclear weapons laboratories.

The reorganization was in a defense bill that raises military pay and offers a 4.4 percent across-the-board increase in Pentagon spending.



State News

Film may hold clues in downtown plane crash

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Film from camera equipment found in a small plane that crashed in a downtown neighborhood could provide clues about the incident that left two men dead.

The single-engine vintage trainer plane crashed at about 11 a.m. Saturday in the Germantown neighborhood. The North American SNJ-5 World War II-era craft clipped some trees and lost a wing before smashing in between two houses and bursting into flames.

The fire was quickly doused, and the home against which the wreckage finally nestled was not seriously damaged. Both the pilot and a passenger died, but no one on the ground was injured.

Federal utility's retirement fund exceeds expectations

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Investments have gone so well for the pension plan of the Tennessee Valley Authority that the federal utility may not have to contribute to it for the next two decades.

Over the past 10 years, the \$8.5 billion fund has averaged a 14 percent return, reported the Chattanooga Times/Chattanooga Free-Press on Sunday. Over the past five years, it's been averaging 19 percent.

"The TVA Retirement System is one of the top 10 percent for pension plans of its size," said Lewis Wallace, a TVA retiree who chairs the TVA Retirement Board.

Cannon County sheriff charged with assault

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Cannon County Sheriff Charles Brandon faces an Oct. 14 court date in Rutherford County on assault and burglary charges filed by the son of his chief deputy.

Brandon surrendered to authorities Friday. He and two other men charged in the case were released on their own recognizance.

Kyle Barrett, son of Brandon's chief deputy Jerry Barrett, claims he was assaulted by the three men while sleeping at his Murfreesboro home.

He identified the assailants as Sheriff Brandon, Kenneth Spry and Mike Simmons, and said Brandon was wearing his uniform during the alleged attack Thursday evening.

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University receives donation for athletic training facility

Staff Reports

MTSU is planning to build a new athletic training facility, to be paid for by a \$1 million donation from the National HealthCare Corporation, according to James Walker, president of the university.

"The timing of this good news couldn't have been better," Walker said. "As MTSU moves into Division I-A football, it's only fitting that we should have a first-class athletic training facility for our athletes."

"On behalf of the entire MTSU family, I'd like to express our sincere appreciation to National HealthCare Corporation for their generous support in this undertaking."

MTSU will design the athletic training room, football locker room and new academic space related to sports medicine.

Trainer Bobby Barlow said it will be a top-quality center.

"This will allow us to purchase first-class equipment for our athletes," Barlow said. "We'll have a physical therapist on

hand for the rehabilitation of athletes. This is a big step for us. I'm so proud, I'm at a loss for words."

The State Building Commission approved plans for the new facility earlier this month.

In return for its donation, NHC will be named the official sports medicine provider and will perform any rehabilitation services that are needed for student athletes outside the MTSU training room.

MTSU's athletic training education program will also benefit from the new facility, according to Bill Whitehill, the program's coordinator and an associate professor of health, physical education, recreation and safety.

"It'll definitely help us," Whitehill said. "Our current training room at Murphy Center is small. The additional square footage will give us the space to treat our athletes in a better environment."

"It'll give students in our program a much nicer clinical rotation in which to practice. This is something we've needed for years. I really appreciate NHC's support."

HABITAT

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program, and ability to repay the no-interest loan from HFHI.

This means hundreds of hours in "sweat equity," working on other homes as well as their own. HFHI partners continue helping others after moving in; mortgage payments go directly into paying for new homes.

The Murfreesboro affiliate began October 1989.

"We decided we needed an affiliate in Murfreesboro," says

Jack Goodrich, who helped found the operation now located at 210 N. Spring St. He served as president three times and now handles public relations and fundraising.

Since its beginning 10 years ago, Goodrich says 29 houses have been completed. "We plan to build two more houses by this year's end," says Goodrich. That means there is plenty of volunteer work to be done.

Goodrich says MTSU had a student HFHI chapter which helped build the first two houses.

"I'd like to restart that," he said. Crismon also hopes students

will participate on a regular basis. Work is done year-round and includes everything from mowing grass and landscaping to painting and moving materials. During the colder months, volunteers can work indoors.

The Webpage for Habitat for

Humanity International is www.habitat.org and includes a search engine which can find the HFHI affiliate nearest a person's city. Anyone interested in helping Habitat for Humanity in the Murfreesboro area can call 890-5877.

March of Dimes needs volunteers for fundraiser

Staff Reports

The March of Dimes is looking for MTSU volunteers to help with its second annual "Walk on the Town... a Taste of Middle Tennessee."

The fundraiser will take place on Oct. 4.

"We're expecting approximately 1,500 tasters to sample the specialties and favorite dishes of Rutherford County's finest restaurants," said James Nichols, event chairman. "All proceeds from ticket sales go directly to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation."

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$20 for a family. Children under six years old are free; group tickets will be available in blocks of 15 for \$100.

The event's organizers said volunteers can receive free food and community service credit hours.

The event is sponsored by MTSU's Murphy Center; JC Penney; Pillsbury and City Publications, LLC/Murfreesboro Magazine; O'Charley's, Inc.; Singer Sewing Company; State Farm Insurance's South Central Regional Office; Suntrust Banks of Rutherford County; and Captain D's.

The March of Dimes is the national nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Please take a minute to visit the March of Dimes home page on the World Wide Web at www.modimes.org. The March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy that saves babies.

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Bomb explodes on Florida A&M campus

David Cox
Knight-Ridder Tribune

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tensions ran high among students and administrators at Florida A & M University last Wednesday after a small bomb exploded and a caller spewing racial epithets warned that "this is just the beginning."

It's the second bombing at the historically black university in three weeks, and both are believed to be racially motivated.

No one was injured in either blast. "Do you really think this ... is the end ...?" local ABC affiliate WTXL TV quoted an unidentified man who called the station after the explosion. "This is just the beginning, brother."

Authorities believe the caller may be the same man who contacted the station on Aug. 31 warning about a bomb that went off in the building where FAMU President Frederick Humphries' office is located.

"We're not saying categorically it is related," said Tallahassee regional FBI supervisor Byron Price. "But you have to certainly consider that a possibility."

FAMU is Florida's largest historically black college. The apparent pipe bomb exploded in a men's restroom in a classroom building that houses the university's Navy ROTC and colleges of agriculture, science and technology.

Authorities have no suspects. Just last week the FBI and FAMU officials pleaded with the public for any information about the first bombing in August and offered a reward of up to \$10,000.

The man first called the television station shortly before Wednesday's explosion at around 10:47 a.m. FAMU spokesman Eddie Jackson said university officials did not get word of the bomb before it exploded.

WTXL assignment editor Mike Roberts, who took the man's call, said he used a lot of profanity, including the word "nigger" and other racial remarks.

FAMU police received another bomb threat around 1 p.m. for one of the university's administration buildings.

Authorities are investigating the Aug. 31 bombing as being racially motivated because the man who called the television station made similar racist remarks as the caller Wednesday.

But unlike the bomb three weeks ago, Wednesday's bomb packed a much stronger explosion, FAMU's Jackson said. Damage from the blast was limited to some ceiling tiles and other fixtures in the bathroom, he said.

"It's more than disastrous. I don't know if I can find the proper words to express how furious we are," Jackson said.

The building where Wednesday's blast occurred is at the south end of a popular gathering strip for FAMU students called "The Set." The administration building where the Aug. 31 bomb exploded is on the north end of the strip.

Many students wondered whether one of their classroom buildings would be the next and why the area where students congregate the most is being targeted.

"He's systematically knocking off major portions of FAMU," said Bisrat Gebru, 19, of Orlando. "They ain't playing."

FAMU student affairs director Ronald Joe fielded questions from a tense crowd of students, who gathered at the plaza outside the school cafeteria at lunchtime.

"Why don't y'all put (a security officer) in front of every building to stop this sicko," one student asked.

Azmar Dannel, a junior from Miami, suggested that the university was putting students' lives in danger by continuing to hold classes.

Gebru asked Joe: "What measures are going to be taken to make sure this doesn't happen again?"

"I can't tell you at this time," Joe said. "I would tell you to plan on coming to class Thursday."

FAMU officials closed the campus at 3 p.m.

but it was reopened about two hours later. All classes are scheduled to resume today.

Two dormitories near the building where the bomb exploded were evacuated, but students returned to those dorms later in the evening.

Authorities roped off about a six-block section of the campus after the explosion to conduct their investigation.

Employees in the Navy ROTC program, whose offices are closest to the bathroom where the blast occurred, reported hearing a loud explosion and seeing smoke.

Esa Frazier, a secretary for the program, said Capt. Robert L. Cunningham was walking near the bathroom when the bomb went off. Frazier was in her office near the restroom when it exploded.

"When I stepped out into the hall, Capt. Cunningham said, 'There's smoke coming out of the restroom. Get a flashlight. There's been an explosion,'" Frazier said. She then called the campus police.

FAMU President Humphries was in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday but urged authorities in a statement to use all of their resources to catch those responsible for the bombings.

The university set up a toll free hotline for parents and anyone else who wants to check on students or faculty at FAMU. The hotline number is 1-800-501-5352.

State University System Chancellor Adam Herbert said everything possible is being done to protect students, faculty and staff on the 500-acre campus.

"I encourage anyone who has information regarding either of the bombings to contact law enforcement agencies immediately," Herbert said.

But no matter how diligent FAMU officials react to the two bombings, they cannot make the campus completely safe, said the FBI's Price.

"This is a big campus and this is a free society, so it's going to be hard to be vigilant and lucky at the same time," he said. ■

Colleges battered by Floyd suffer flood damage

CHICAGO (TMS) — Nearly a week has passed since Hurricane Floyd battered the East Coast, dumping torrential rains between South Carolina and New York, but students at colleges in many coastal states are still feeling the storm's effects.

Severe flooding damaged several campuses — ruining libraries, destroying several prized possessions and forcing students to transfer temporarily to campuses less affected by the storm.

Officials at Rutgers University announced Thursday that they were considering sending a total of about 6,900 students on the university's Busch and Livingston campuses home until water supplies were replenished. Both schools remained without water Thursday. Severe flooding overwhelmed and shut down local water plants, prompting school officials and ROTC members on both campuses to distribute hundreds of bottles of water to students and to urge them to conserve water left in very limited supplies by taking fewer showers and trips to the bathroom. Both schools closed bathrooms in academic buildings and scattered a combined total of 140 portable units on campus to serve students.

Students on Rutgers' New Brunswick campus experienced fewer problems Thursday but were advised to boil water before drinking it and to take sponge baths instead of showers.

Students and faculty at Felician College in Lodi, N.J., lost what school officials have assessed at "millions of dollars" in books and valuable texts. Flood waters — some reaching as high as 8 feet — seeped into the campus' library, faculty offices and cafeteria. A school maintenance worker even caught a live carp near the dining hall.

No one on the Lodi campus was injured during the storm, but spirits were certainly dampened, said freshman Christine Hoffman, who lost all of the notes she had taken since the start of the new semester.

"My professors say I can borrow their books, but it won't be easy," she said.

At St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., students worried about the damage done to The Liberty Tree, a beloved bit of state history. The 400-year-old tulip poplar is in critical condition with a 15-foot crack in its trunk. Hurricane Floyd also loosened a large limb on the 96-foot-tree, sending school officials scrambling to build a temporary fence that keeps people at least 50 feet away from it — a sad development, many students say, given that the college's commencement has been held under the tree for 200 years.

Tree experts advised the college to remove what is now a potential hazard, but Christopher Nelson, the college's president, said the Liberty Tree will stay.

"(It's) not just a tree," he said. "It's a symbol of our national identity." In all, there were 13 Liberty Trees — one in each of the original Colonies — where the Sons of Liberty met and planned the American Revolution against the British. Maryland's is the last surviving Liberty Tree. ■

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MTSU considers development of Main Street lot

Staff Reports

The Murfreesboro City Council has approved the first reading of an ordinance that will allow MTSU to redevelop 14 acres which the university owns between Ragland Avenue and East Main Street.

Currently, the acreage is zoned RS-10 for residential and single family use.

If the rezoning goes through successfully, the university will be able to use the land for other projects.

Two more readings are required for the rezoning to be approved.

However, Murfreesboro Planning Director Joseph Aydelott

said the readings are just a formality, because the university is an extension of the state, and as such, does not have to answer to the city.

Basically, university officials can use any acquired land any way they see fit.

Aydelott told council members that for now, the university intends to use the land to develop a parking lot which will have direct access to East Main Street. The lot will also be serviced by the Raider Express bus system.

If the rezoning goes through, homes on lots 1907, 1911, 1915 and 1919 on Ragland Avenue would be removed in order to construct the parking lot. ■

Government files lawsuit against tobacco companies

WASHINGTON — Taking its most aggressive stance against a private industry, the Clinton administration sued tobacco companies Wednesday, seeking billions of dollars to recover the health-care costs of people that the government alleges were victimized by a decades-long "coordinated campaign of fraud and deceit."

The action brought to a new and more contentious level the ongoing struggle between those affected by smoking and the companies that produce cigarettes.

Unlike class-action lawsuits filed on behalf of individuals, the federal action seeks to recover the costs the government paid to treat patients with smoking-related illnesses, including heart disease and lung cancer, primarily through Medicare.

Attorney General Janet Reno estimated that cost at more than \$20 billion a year, but the suit seeks no specific amount of damages, leaving that question to a jury in the event of a finding of guilt.

The lawsuit pits the tobacco industry against its most formidable opponent to date, given the breadth and depth of the Justice Department's resources for waging legal battle.

The suit also provides a backdrop for the 2000 election campaigns, as Democrats long have sought to portray Republicans in Congress as handmaidens of the tobacco industry. Critics of the administration's action, proposed originally by President Clinton in his State of the Union address last January, tried to cast it as a political tactic disguised as a legal one.

"The Justice Department is taking the right course of action: It is time for America's taxpayers to have their day in court," Clinton said in a statement. Tobacco companies responded pointedly, accusing the administration of trying to score political points in court.

"The federal lawsuit that was filed today has no basis in fact and no basis in law," said Gregory Little, associate general counsel for tobacco giant Philip Morris. "This lawsuit is a blatant political maneuver. ... (It) should be dismissed, and we believe it will."

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the leading contender for the Republican presidential nomination, was among those critical of the Justice Department.

"Gov. Bush is troubled by the Justice Department's reversal of its previous position that there was no merit for the federal suit," said his spokesman. "And he hopes that the era of big government is not replaced by the era of big lawsuits."

Reno said the department is formally closing its 5-year-old criminal investigation into whether tobacco company officials lied to Congress or regulatory agencies about the addictive nature of tobacco. The Justice Department declined to say why the criminal matter had been dropped.

However, a civil suit has a lower standard of proof than a criminal action. The civil action, Reno said, was a way of "moving forward" toward a more comprehensive settlement of the dispute with the tobacco industry.

The lawsuit accuses tobacco companies of a long-running "public campaign of deceit" designed not only to attract smokers but also to fraudulently shape opinion to diminish evidence of the ill effects of smoking. The industry's principal public relations arm, the Tobacco Institute, was named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Some of the deceptions, the lawsuit charges, go back to the 1940s, when scientific researchers published findings indicating a relationship between cigarette smoking and diseases, including lung cancer. The suit also charged that Brown and Williamson, another major tobacco company, had research indicating that nicotine is addictive, but withheld the research from the surgeon general in advance of a landmark 1964 report about the dangers of smoking.

Labeling the overall efforts an ongoing conspiracy, the government filed its suit under federal racketeering statutes as well as the Medicare Recovery Act and the Medicare Secondary Payer Act.

The lawsuit seeks damages under laws that have a statute of limitation ranging from three to six years. At the outside, the potential recovery, which would be determined by a court, would not exceed \$120 billion. ■

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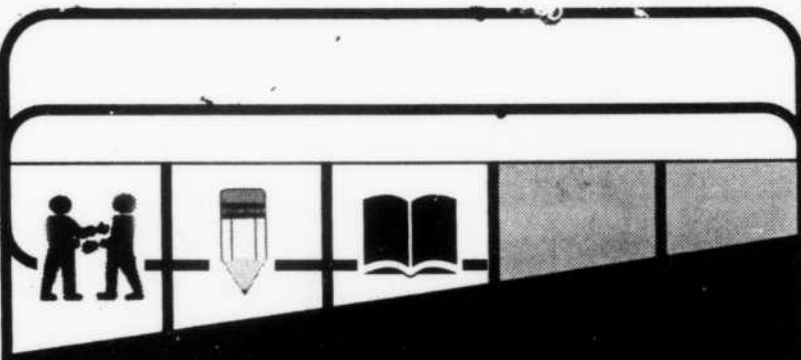


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OPINIONS

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

—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Women's Center offers variety of programs

Sunday was the debut of "Women," a new weekly magazine in The Tennessean. "Women" was created for you. The woman. The woman with a family. The woman with a career. The woman in search of a relationship," reads the letter from the editor included in the first edition.

It sounds like a good idea, but I can't help but find the advertising for it and inside it a little insulting.

One television ad shows a woman explaining to us that she CAN look good in a bathing suit AND a business suit.

Are we supposed to be impressed with that?

Then, perusing the pages of the magazine itself, it's hard not to notice three ads for cosmetic surgery (offering services such as breast augmentation and liposuction) as well as ads for "prescription" diet pills and ways to get rid of "embarrassing" varicose and spider veins.

As if Cosmo doesn't make us feel inadequate enough!

Female students looking for a place where women build each other up instead of tearing each other down should visit the June Anderson Women's Center, located in JUB 206.

The Women's center offers a variety of services and programs. Counselor Mary Glantz is facilitating two support groups this semester: one for survivors of sexual assault and abuse and one for women who have issues with food and body image. Meanwhile, student Brooke Rodgers has started the Every Woman's discussion group.

The JAWC is involved with several causes. In October, the center will be taking the lead for the Nashville Cares AIDS Walk by getting together teams from MTSU. The women's center also will play a vital role in several events during Sexual Assault Awareness Week, including "When a Kiss is Not Just a Kiss," the "Clothesline Project" and "Take Back the Night."

MTSU has a strong support system for women. So, step away from the Cosmo and check out the JAWC. You might feel empowered instead of belittled. ■

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Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Staff Columnist

Art department ignored for too long

"Painting isn't an aesthetic operation; it's a form of magic designed as a mediator between this strange hostile world and us, a way of seizing the power by giving form to our terrors as well as our desires," Pablo Picasso once said in an interview for his book, "Life with Picasso."

Wow. That almost makes me want to switch majors from journalism to art. How could someone not be inspired?

Obviously MTSU is not. Neglected yet another year, the art department continues to thrive (or is it survive) under less than favorable circumstances.

Here's the kicker. How did Todd Library's renovation jump above new art facilities?

I understand someone on the Tennessee Board of Regents doesn't like the green carpet in there, but it is ridiculous for art majors to have to swallow that pill again. Unless of course, they are using it as motivation for their work, since I've heard artists thrive under duress.

Beyond the art department being ignored, what I cannot seem to understand is why the university should be the art department deeper into the closet. The only work seen in prominent locations on campus are the sidewalk murals that crop up near the end of the fall and spring semesters. No work is displayed anywhere else visible to large numbers of students. Only the barn itself and "Collage" seem to house any more work from students.

Not only is Todd Library ranked number three on the TBR's to-do list, but also a new science building sits above the art department.

Renovation is needed all over campus and I understand the need for a new science building, but the art department has been much more deserving. The new art facility is ranked 22 out

of 26 projects slated as top priority capital projects. That would make it fifth to last, or not that important again this year.

The greatest thing about this whole debate is that the budget might fall \$300 million short this year in Tennessee, meaning, surprise, all these projects will be bumped back at least a year. More important "priorities" will pop up. Guess which group will still be in the barn when this year's freshman graduate?

We want to be a 21st century school. That's fine. We can completely cut out the art department and the rest of the liberal arts for that matter. Who needs to study the classics when the computer can rule our lives? In fact, let's be a technical only school. Not that there's anything wrong with technical degrees, but a balance must exist on campus. A balance MTSU and the TBR seem to have overlooked.

There's nothing more fascinating than arriving at an art museum just after lunch to stop in for a few moments, only to be ushered out 15 minutes past the museum's closing.

If you've never had that experience, take a weekend trip to Chicago and try it. What happened to the time in the museum? It was lost in a magician's trance, devoted to the cause of expanding horizons, meeting the mediator and trying to understand the hostile world, if only for a few fleeting hours. Then, wham! The peace is gone and the dark clouds reappear.

Time waits for no one, but for an instant the ideas of misundoubtedly men shed meaning on all of our lives. MTSU should take a lesson.

At least, that's the view from my seat in the crowd. MTSUVIEWS@email.com is the place to e-mail me with comments or suggestions or reach Sidelines at stupubs@mtsu.edu. ■

Clinton stumbles into gutter, refuses to get out

Ryan Loskarn
Tulane University

Mr. President, shut up.

The American people are tired of you.

For eight years you have burdened us with your bold-faced lying, adulterous behavior, and criminal activity. Now you feel the need to interfere with the 2000 presidential elections.

Last week Bill Clinton jumped into the cocaine debate surrounding Governor Bush. No, he did not ask to borrow some of George's stash. In typical Clinton fashion he bit his lip, put a little catch in his voice and admitted that he had never used angel dust. As if we believe that.

Mr. President, America may have voted for you twice, forgiven you for seducing an intern, even allowed you to reclaim an ounce of decorum, but there is no one left who is moved by your all too frequent heartfelt admissions. We no longer buy the type of fertilizer you sell.

If you believe the American public will be astonished to find that George Bush may have used cocaine in college, then you must have slept through the last eight years.

Outrage is no longer so easy to come by in our country. It takes much more than the illegal use of narcotics to damage a candidate's poll position.

Republicans can thank William Jefferson Clinton for providing a striking backdrop to the current cocaine scandal. The president's statements, meant to boost his standing while damaging Bush, are ineffective because he has overestimated his credibility. Instead of harming George W. Bush, the president effectively established a benchmark of acceptable behavior

which includes possible drug use.

This president's scandals have inured voters to candidates' failings, or in Bush's case, alleged failings. It is now expected that a presidential hopeful will have been unfaithful to their spouse, used illegal drugs, and/or protested against their nation. Any one of these is acceptable, we just ask that our future presidents restrict their misbehavior to one "mistake" rather than all.

For Bush this means America can accept his alleged cocaine use, so long as that is the extent of his misbehavior. Bush's continued strength in the polls, despite Clinton's feeble attempts to add gravity to the drug charges, illustrates the president's legacy. We will not vote for another Bill Clinton but we can accept some flaws in our next president, flaws that a decade ago would have doomed a candidate to failure.

Clinton is proving to be as harmful to his party's dreams of retaining the presidency as he was skillful in capturing the office.

By breaking the boundaries of honorable behavior, Clinton has allowed every other presidential contender the opportunity to claim that they are more honest, trustworthy, and stable. With each word he utters regarding the 2000 elections, Clinton emphasizes his poor record. This gives Republicans further opportunity to hide their candidates' possible inadequacies behind the national disdain for the president's actions.

Mr. Clinton, if you wish to serve your country simply fade into history, leave the presidency alone to heal the damage you have left behind. Do not seek further elective office. Do not attempt to influence American society.

Let us be. ■



Going off on a Rant

by Matthew Gross, Staff Columnist

Sports fans should be allowed to boo when displeased

As I sit reading the sports section of "The Tennessean," I find myself wondering what goes on in people's minds. In the first game of the season for the new Tennessee Titans, the offense took over in their own end of the field, down by nine, with only a few minutes left in the game.

They were greeted by the crowd with a series of loud boos. In reaction, the team managed to march down field to score a touchdown, get the ball back and then march down field again to kick the winning field goal. But even that wasn't safe, as Cincinnati still had one more chance, only failing when their last pass fell incomplete in the end zone as the clock expired.

So what, you may ask, is my problem? Over the next few days, I saw tons of letters and two editorials by the staff of "The Tennessean," COMPLAINING about fans booing! One fan promised in his letter to never boo again! Now maybe it's me, but I think this is taking Southern hospitality a bit too far.

Let's look at some facts here. In the NFL, these people are paid to not only play, or in Jeff Fisher's case, to manage the team, but to win. Success is not based on how many people graduate or how well you played that week, but in the final score and your end of season record.

Since the Titans-Oilers franchise has not made the playoffs since before they moved to Tennessee, I can understand quite well the frustration of the fans.

But people, let's be real. When you pay an average of \$65 per ticket, and you take a family of four to the game, that comes to almost \$350 after you factor in parking, food, drinks, and souvenirs! Multiply this eight times a year, add in the personal seat license fee for each ticket, and you can see how this will add up to a few thousand dollars per family.

If I spend a large sum of money on a team, I expect to see good results. When I look at the Titans, unlike looking at the Blue Raiders, I see a team that has had a few years to rebuild and should be contending for the Super Bowl.

I see a team that should not be blowing 19 point leads in the second half of a game. If I was a fan who paid for tickets, like those who sit in Adelphia Coliseum, I'd be upset too.

As the owners of teams get richer, they still need to remember from where they get their revenue. Even though the television contracts may pay their salaries and operating expenses, it's the ticket revenue that makes them a profit.

Ticket holders have only two ways to express their displeasure with their team's performance, and someone who's paid thousands for their tickets will not give up going lightly. This leaves booing as a viable option to show their anger and how upset they are with how the team performs. Being a born and bred Yankee from Philadelphia, I've seen and heard a lot worse. Fans in Philadelphia are known around the nation for booing -- we make New Yorkers look good!

We've booed Santa Claus for backing the wrong team and we've thrown ice balls at Jimmy Johnson on national television. While we may go overboard at times, at least we make our displeasure known. It's up to the team to listen to us, and if they don't, well they end up like this year's Phillies, with very small crowds coming to see them play.

That's just me though, and that's just how I see it. I'm sure our football team would rather be booed than sit in front of an empty stadium -- at least they know the fans care! The same goes for all professional teams. So quit complaining about booing, and enjoy the show. ■



From the Mailbox

Vanderbilt undeserving of criticism

Michael Edwards just doesn't get it. "At least we're not Vanderbilt," he says. Apparently, young Michael doesn't understand college football. Look at the standings, Michael. Vanderbilt is 2 and 1 with a road win at Ole Miss under their belts. Although it's early, SEC powerhouses like UT are looking up at Vanderbilt in the standings.

MTSU should strive to be a competitive as Vanderbilt. I hope they do soon, but it looks to be a long road, young Michael.

I know your article was only an opinion, but you should research your subject before just running off at the mouth, my young naive friend.

Maybe you're just a belligerent Northern Illinois fan, or maybe you're just jealous of Vanderbilt's exposure (and talent for that matter). But either way, your article just wasn't on target.

Sincerely,
Charlie Campbell, senior

College publications censorship case not decided by Supreme Court

To the editor:

Even though I consider myself to be a near-absolutist when it comes to freedom of expression and the press, and would therefore normally be very sympathetic to Steve Cagnina's Sept. 16 column decrying the censorship of college publications, I find it hard to do so when you and the other editors are so busy engaging in mindless boosterism for "school spirit" that you didn't correct Cagnina's glaring error in attributing to the U.S. Supreme Court a decision that was actually handed down by the 6th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals - and which may or may not be appealed to the Supreme Court.

It's kind of hard to drum up public support for freedom of the press when the press in question doesn't even display the basics of journalism.

I won't even go into the continuous stream of grammatical, syntactic, typographical and word selection errors that appear in this paper!

Dr. Richard Osborne

Left and out in the Semideep South

by Joshua Liner, Staff Columnist

Voting doesn't necessarily lead to democracy

The year 2000 is around the corner, when, provided our computers permit, one in two of us will step forward to spend the ritual pittance of national-democratic power we are allotted.

Already, we hear the familiar motivational rhetoric of the election.

We are told that "if you don't vote, you can't complain about what happens" in the term to come. This popular maxim is telling in a number of ways. First, it reflects the way in which Western liberals view voting as "the thing" when it comes to being democratic.

The Western penchant for defining a "democracy" as a "country with periodic elections" was solidified in the '80s under the guidance of that charismatic executioner, Ronald Reagan. The definition was chosen because it was useful in justifying American efforts to crush and restrain popular revolutions throughout Latin America.

As the Nicaraguan Sandinistas learned, "democracy" was likely to mean elections administered by the United States and rigged with its money in the favor of some brutally repressive government. The victors would be armed by the U.S. for the purpose of making the region safe and stable for the interests of first-world investment capital to flourish.

Aside from the implication of violence here, the flourishing of capital under foreign (read: American) control had to mean, of course, a proportional decline in the ability of domestic peoples to control the very life-resources of their country — a right which, if not itself a better definition of "democracy," certainly seems to be a basic and necessary component of the

concept, and one which the American idea leaves out altogether.

So it seems that "having periodic elections" does not itself ensure democracy in any important sense of the word. What's more, it seems that voting alone cannot even in principle live up to the (supposed) American ideal. If elections are democratic to the degree that they embody a "free choice" between representatives for office rather than having them simply given to the voters, we have a problem — because the actual set of choices we have to select from are themselves given to us, not chosen by us. Ultimately, we don't have a choice of possible representatives, only a choice between them once they come up for election.

Granted, they aren't chosen by anyone else either, so we can't claim tyranny here — rather, the voting choices we get emerge or evolve naturally from the system itself. The political system embodies a certain form or structure of organization which allows the terms of election (say, Bush and Gore), to come up. But the fact that our election choices aren't deliberately chosen by some dictatorship and served up on a plate doesn't mean the choices we get are exactly accidental; they are more likely to take a certain character than another. The kind of system we have will affect the kind of choices it typically "permits" to emerge. And as the example of the Sandinistas may imply, a system which is capitalist in nature is apt to encourage the kinds of choices which frustrate genuine democracy. The vast majority of people in capitalist "democracies" aren't wealthy, but our state and national candidates almost always are.

In any case, the winning campaigns are always

wealthy and have to be to reach the numbers of people needed to win. Of course, a campaigner could receive money from benefactors, but this would also require a kind of "campaigning" to get oneself recognized among the benefactors in the first place. So only the already well-established can seek private money for campaigning, and this tends to come from a wealthy few anyway rather than from many average-income donors (because the more benefactors one could get to fund a campaign, of course, the less the campaign would actually be needed). Thus, even those who must seek campaign funding tend to be of wealthy circles.

So the capitalist system, by nature, tends to encourage leaders from the wealthy classes and not the lower classes. This is a definite problem, because the concept of class means something. Classes are inherently antagonistic when it comes to their interests, which means that what's good for one class is in some ways bad for the other.

For instance, it is not in the best interests of the big-business class for there to be full employment in society, because very often, producing at competitive levels means having to hire many people at once from an available pool of (unemployed) labor. At other times, it may be necessary to lay off many people at once to save on production costs (in this case, wages). This explains why capitalism always has substantial

unemployment and why U.S. corporations are closing shop in droves and leaving for the cheap labor of the third world. This, of course, can hardly be good for the working class. And it is impossible for capitalism to serve the interests of both classes at once; it must satisfy one at the expense of the other.

Rich leaders tend to have significant ties to big-business — again, that's how they got elected. Thus, the leaders which depend on these ties will tend to make decisions which in the long run benefit this minority and hurt the majority (for instance, by opposing right-to-work legislation), which by definition is not democracy. "Vote, or don't complain" is a problem because it allows for change to the system only on the system's own terms. It rules out any possibility that it might be the system itself which is problematic.

The 17th century abolitionists could not be satisfied with a reformed slavery; it was the system of slave production itself which had to go if democracy was ever to be achieved. Similarly, our electoral system is itself flawed to the point of being radically undemocratic, so it isn't the sort of thing which more voting can fix.

Since the problem is — like so many others — a necessary effect of capitalist production, it is that system which must go to achieve democracy in any substantial sense. ■

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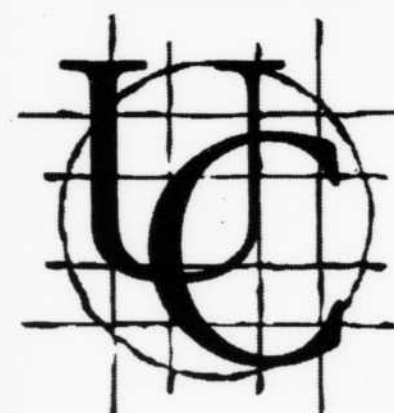
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Murfreesboro, TN



Tonia McKamey
Staff Reporter

Here's some good moos MTSU produces milk for campus

and then I saw the milking herd, where the cows that are being milked are kept between milking. All of the cows were very healthy and they received the best care on the farm.

Fortunately, I arrived right on time to watch a group from the milking herd get milked. The process took place in the milking parlor. Some of the herd is brought in, and their teats are sterilized and hooked to a vacuum pump suction machine.

The milking time varies from cow to cow and each cow produces an average of 90 glasses of milk a day.

The farm's computer system tracks each cow's production through a neck monitor equipped with a computer chip. It monitors the amount of milk produced daily as well as for each milking for any amount of time.

The system can also monitor abnormalities in the cows' behavior. After the cows are milked, the milk flows through a series of pipes and goes to the cooling tank. The milk is immediately cooled to prevent any bacteria from forming.

After that tank is filled, the milk is then ready to be transferred to the Agricultural Center for processing.

That is where Kitty comes in. Once the milk arrives on campus, it is transferred from a bulk tank to a separator which separates the milk and cream. It then goes to a balance tank and then on to be pasteurized.

Pasteurization is when the milk is heated to 160 degrees for 15 seconds. This process kills all bacteria. Next it is sent to the homogenizer where the cream particles are busted up, and it

creates a smooth consistent flow.

At this point, the milk is still hot and needs to be cooled immediately in the shortest amount of time, so it goes through a machine that is a chiller to prevent spoiling.

After all of these steps are complete, the milk goes into a holding tank and is ready to be packaged.

Since the machines in the dining hall dispense the milk, it isn't necessary to box it, so it is placed in

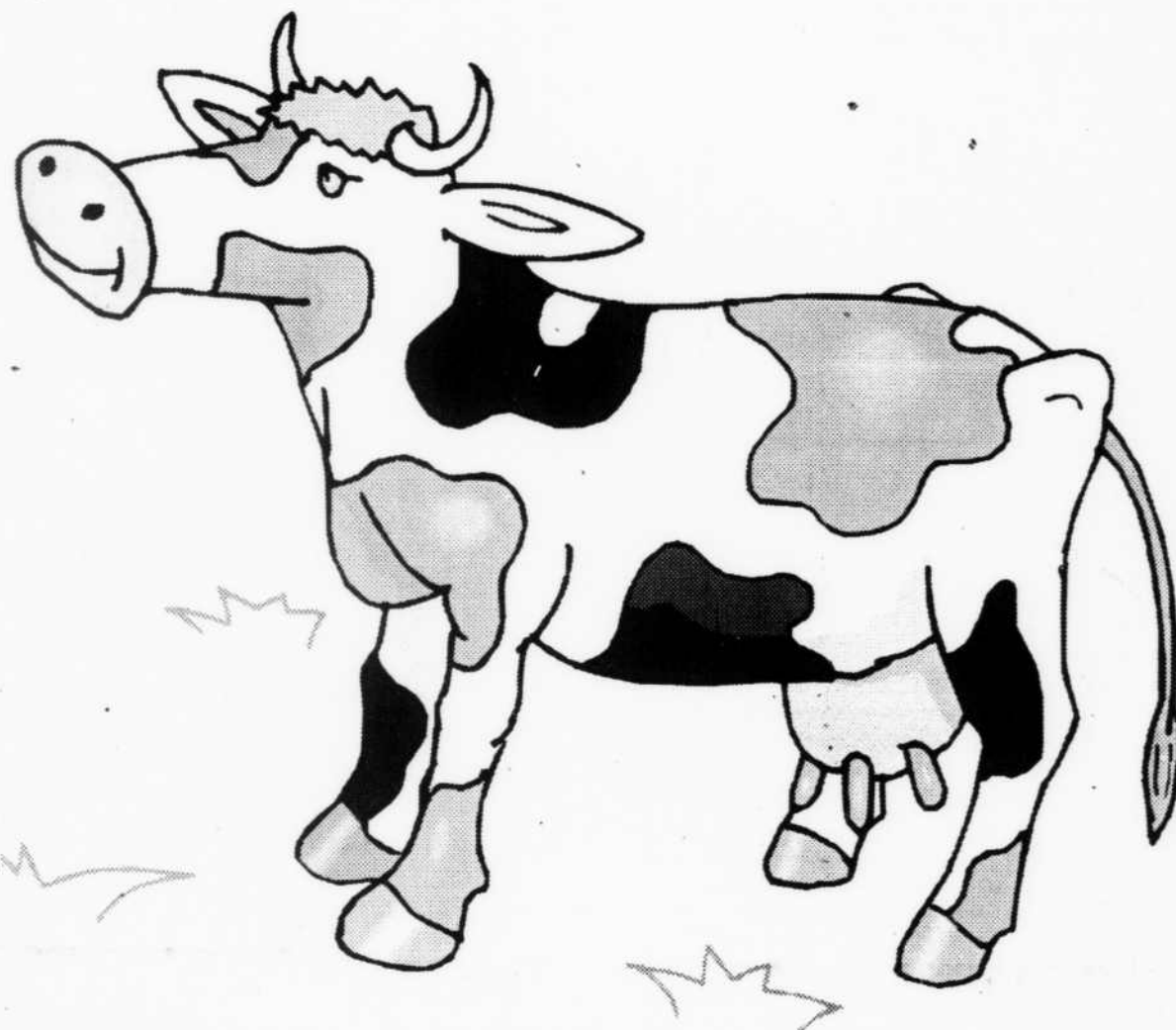
clear bags that look like giant sandwich bags and then into crates for storage. The milk bags are stored in a large freezer room at 38 degrees. They must be kept extremely cold to ensure a long lasting time.

Each bag is color-coded to identify the day that the milk was actually processed, so that it will always be safe for you. These bags will remain in the freezer until they are delivered to the dining

halls and then provided to you.

It's a good thing that MTSU does provide its own milk because it gives opportunities to students to learn first hand the process and responsibilities of farms from breeding to milking, veterinary care and processing just to name a few.

It also gives the chance to go and see for yourself what takes place on the farm and in the processing plant. ■



Milk, It Does A Body Good...right? Of course, and that's why just 15 miles outside of campus at Stark Dairy Farm, hundreds of cows are born and raised to produce milk.

Whose milk? MTSU's milk. That's right, MTSU has a farm equipped with fine technology to monitor, breed and assist the cattle to produce the milk that is served in all of the dining halls here on campus.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with Kitty Waggoner at the Stark Agricultural Center here on campus and was walked through the milk processing steps one by one. According to Kitty, milk is one of the safest foods that you can eat, because in the dairy plant, it is never touched by human hands. Therefore, it is very pure and clean.

I also went to the farm to see the cows and learn first hand about the process of breeding and milking. There I met Steve Waggoner who runs the farm. He showed me all of the facilities, and I was even able to see the calves. One was as young as three days.

The calves play the most important role in the milk making process. This is because a cow must give birth in order to milk.

I was very impressed to learn from Steve that several dedicated students from MTSU wake up at 4 a.m. to milk the cows and care for them.

A lot of the students at MTSU are completing their internships on the farm. The cows are milked twice a day.

On the farm, the cows are separated in areas according to their stage in life. I was able to see three sections, the nursery where the calves are sectioned off, the close-up, where the cows that are almost ready to deliver are kept,

Hop on board!

Semester at Sea program provides an education with a view

Courtney Huckabay
Staff Reporter

Imagine stepping off of a dock in a new land and onto a cruise ship, only to be swept out to sea, stopping at eight different countries along the way for 65 straight days. Sounds like a vacation, doesn't it? Here's the catch—the cruise ship is a floating campus.

The University of Pittsburgh sponsors a study abroad program like no other. The Institute for Shipboard Education at the

heard of who went to Semester at Sea has come back raving about it. They all had so many good things to say about it and were glad they went," Schulz said.

Semester at Sea has been sailing since 1963 and is now offering its second summer program for June 2000. This voyage will be a shortened semester, only 65 days, but still loaded with all the fun and adventure of the usual fall and spring semesters. Applications for summer 2000 are already being submitted and reviewed, but there is still time for interested students

transferable to the student's home institution" and can apply to anyone's major or qualify for general studies requirements. Students are required to take nine credit hours while on board. Class sizes range from 20 to 30 students in each course.

Most of the faculty is required to have resident experience in the countries on the itinerary to help integrate field experience with classroom studies. This program is so popular that many teachers are on a waiting list to be hired for each semester, which means there is always a good scope of educational quality on board.

One may be wondering what else there could be to do on this study cruise. The ship is equipped with a swimming pool, classrooms, a student union, a dining room and a fitness center. Six hundred students from all over the United States and some from various foreign countries make up the diverse campus life. There are also many traditional college organizations and events on the ship. Along with other clubs, a student government is formed, and a yearbook is put together. Sports, dances, art shows, church services, theater and discussions are all part of the experience.

Students live in cabins with either one or two other people. Some cabins are equipped with toilets and some are not. The price for the program varies upon which cabin one chooses to stay in for the summer.

After viewing pictures of the cabins on Semester at Sea's website, the words hotel room came to mind. They resemble up-to-date motel lodgings. One can see these and other pictures for themselves by hopping on the website at www.semesteratsea.com. The site is full of helpful information and more in-depth coverage of all the

shipboard programs.

Semester at Sea is relatively expensive, but when one takes in to account the benefits and experiences gained from living and studying in different countries (and in this case, living on a boat), it could very well be worth the money and more.

Financial aid is available in many varieties for those worried about the extra cost. The financial assistance already awarded to a student at his or her regularly attended college can also be used and awarded to the Semester at Sea program.

The Institute for Shipboard Education also offers its own financial aid. Work Grants (similar to the work-study program), the Financial Award Rate and the Limited Financial Need Rate are all available for application and help.

To apply for the Semester at Sea program one must have completed at least one full semester at a college or university, as a full-time student. An interested student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.75. There is a \$25 application fee and a required essay, along with the application process. Once a student has completed the program, he or she is not eligible to repeat the program.

More information is available at the International Programs and Services office in Cope Administration Building, room 202.

Applications can be obtained there or through the website.

Sadly to say, no one from MTSU has ever participated in Semester at Sea. The International Programs office is always urging students to try it and would like to see someone take the journey. So get over that sea sickness and hop on board; it could be a life-changing experience! ■

Taking the time to SHARE

Becky Dulaney
Staff Reporter

"The best educated human being is the one who understands most about the life in which he is placed." -Helen Keller

One organization on campus is doing its part to make sure each MTSU student becomes a more "educated human being." The members of this group are taking the responsibility to SHARE of themselves by educating their peers about important life issues.

The organization is entitled SHARE, Students Helping And Reaching out to Everyone. It is composed of students from various backgrounds and majors chosen on the basis of leadership skills, interpersonal skills, grade point average and desire to help others.

As peer educators, SHARE members have one goal to inform other students on campus about important college issues. They focus on health issues and address the topics of sexual assault, alcohol and other drugs, HIV and diversity. The purpose of SHARE is not to tell students what they should do. Instead, SHARE provides students with the information needed to make their own informed choices.

"We don't criticize our fellow students for their actions, rather we educate them on how to make more responsible decisions," explained senior agriculture major Chaney Mosley, a member of the group.

SHARE members educate others in a variety of ways.

At CUSTOMS, SHARE members inform the incoming

freshman about important issues they may face in college. They perform skits, organize informative games such as the HIV game, which demonstrates how easily the AIDS virus can spread, and share monologues about drinking and drug use.

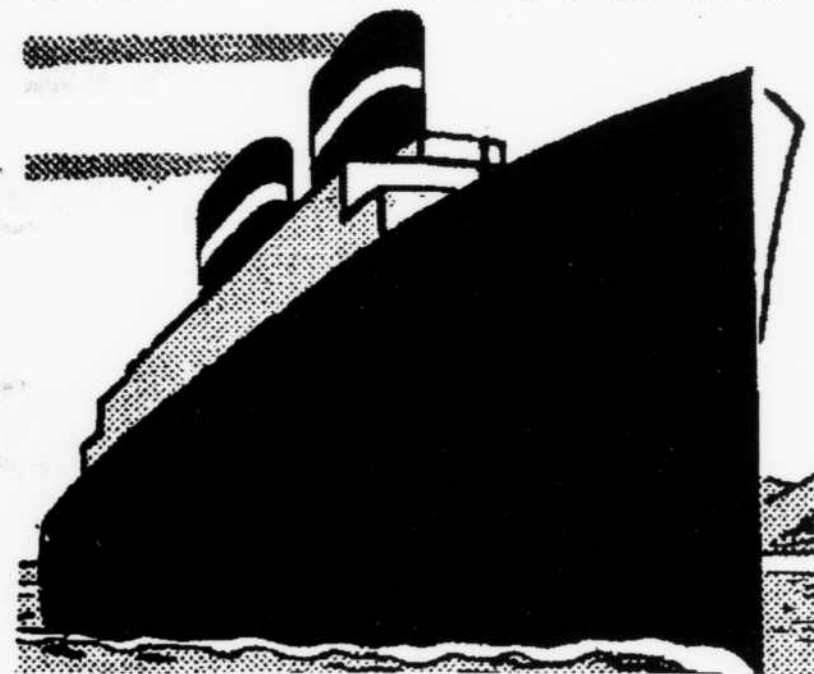
During the fall and spring semesters, SHARE presents similar educational programs to various groups, including University 101 classes. The peer educators do much of their own research for these presentations. According to SHARE member Shrona Black, they combine information from Health Department pamphlets, personal experience and the Internet to get the most effective, up-to-date, information.

While group presentations are an important part of SHARE, they often carry their message beyond the classroom.

Every year the organization sponsors a number of activities during Alcohol Awareness Week. Last year, SHARE members set up information tables in the KUC and gave out educational information about alcohol (e.g. drinking and driving, how to help a friend with a drinking/drug problem). They also served "mocktails" (non-alcoholic beverages) and distributed alcohol-related information at the recreation center.

SHARE joined with the Student Development Office to create a display of tombstones on the KUC knoll that represented the number of people who died in alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents last year in Tennessee.

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University of Pittsburgh administers a program called Semester at Sea. Students involved in this program literally travel around the world for 100 days, taking college classes and experiencing new cultures and lands along the way.

Mary Grace Schulz, assistant director to the MTSU International Programs and Services office, spoke of the response to the program. "Everyone that I have

SHARE

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"This was a very powerful display," said SHARE Director Dr. Cathy Crooks. "We hope to do that again this year."

Alcohol Awareness Week is typically held the week before Safe Spring Break Week, another SHARE-sponsored event. SHARE sponsors various activities for this week including an interactive theater production about sexual assault called "When a Kiss is Not Just a Kiss" and a Condom Carnival. Held in Cummings Hall, the Condom Carnival is designed to educate students about using condoms if they choose to engage in sexual activity. The carnival features games like Pin the Condom and Shave the Condom, that are fun as well as educational.

Beginning this semester, SHARE is expanding off campus. Chosen to assist with a tobacco prevention research grant funded by the American Cancer Society Mid-South Region, SHARE will help train student leaders in three area high schools to educate other students about tobacco prevention. SHARE members will work with these high school student leaders to prevent tobacco use among youths.

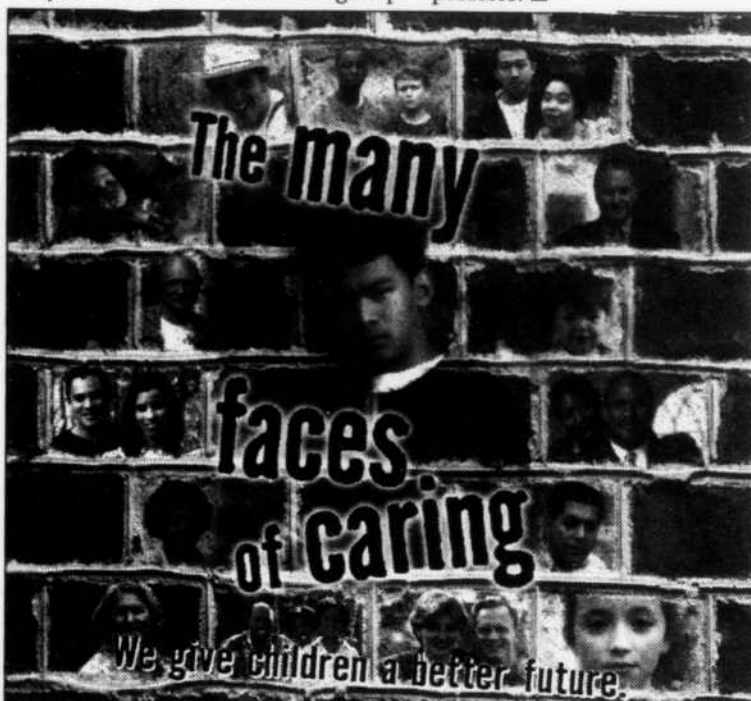
When SHARE members aren't educating others, they are educating themselves in order to educate others better. The group

plans to do just this at the Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education Network Conference in Orlando, FL, this November. The conference will provide MTSU peer educators with networking opportunities as well as valuable information regarding new ideas for programming, techniques for performing peer theater and updated research and information regarding college health issues.

SHARE members do receive compensation for all their hard work. MTSU rewards its peer educators with credit hours, but senior psychology major and SHARE member Neil Norman explained that it wasn't the credit hours that made him want to become a peer educator. "I wanted to be a part of SHARE for my own personal edification and for the opportunity to share important information with my fellow students," Norman said.

The other members agree. To them, peer education is not about receiving credit but about taking the time to SHARE.

SHARE is currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. For more information, contact Dr. Crooks at 898-2860 or pick up an application in the Housing and Residential Life Office in KUC 303. Any students interested in assisting with the tobacco prevention program should contact Dr. Crooks as soon as possible. ■



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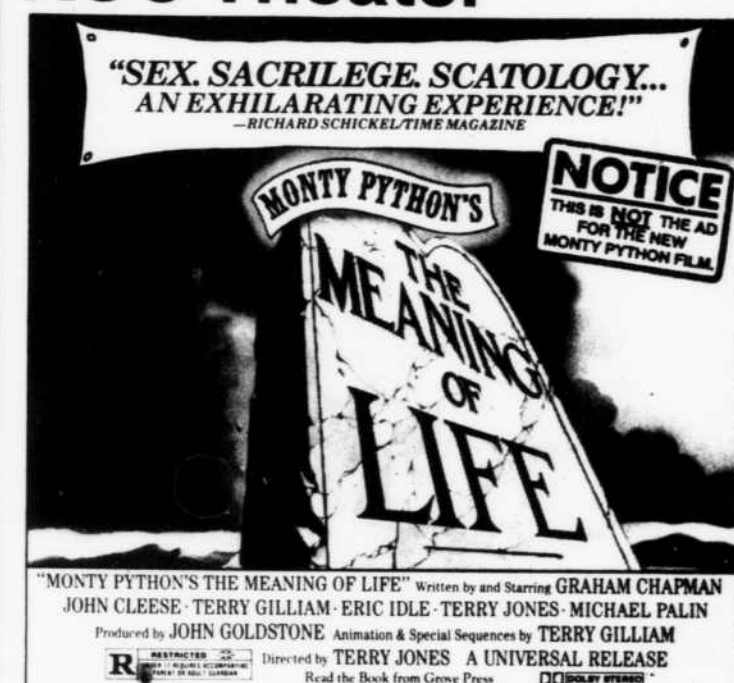
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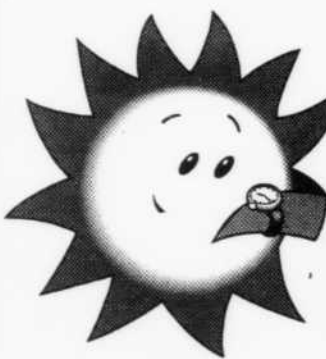
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SPORTS

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Murfreesboro, TN

Blue Raiders lose 45-31 heartbreaker to Cajuns

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Sports Information

Middle Tennessee simply ran out of time its first road game of the 1999 season, losing to Louisiana-Lafayette, 45-31.

With under a minute remaining and trailing the Ragin' Cajuns by one touchdown, quarterback Wes Counts tried to orchestrate a Blue Raider come-from-behind win at Cajun Field.

However, feeling pressure from the Ragin' Cajun defense and knowing the time on the clock was ticking off, Counts had an interception returned for a touchdown.

"It hurts," head coach Andy McCollum said. "Our playmakers have to make plays."

Unfortunately for the Blue Raiders, several crucial errors throughout the game cost them an opportunity to sneak into the bayou and steal a win from the struggling Ragin' Cajuns (1-3) in a gridiron battle of the independents.

"Some of our mistakes were coaching errors," McCollum said. "We won't have personal fouls and late hit calls anymore. That's bad coaching. We [as a coaching staff] have to do a better job and we will get better."

A lack of depth on defense also proved to be a big hindrance, preventing the Blue Raiders from playing an all-around effective football game.

The Ragin' Cajuns were able to exploit that lack of depth by forcing the Blue Raiders defense to stay on

the field for nearly two-thirds of the game.

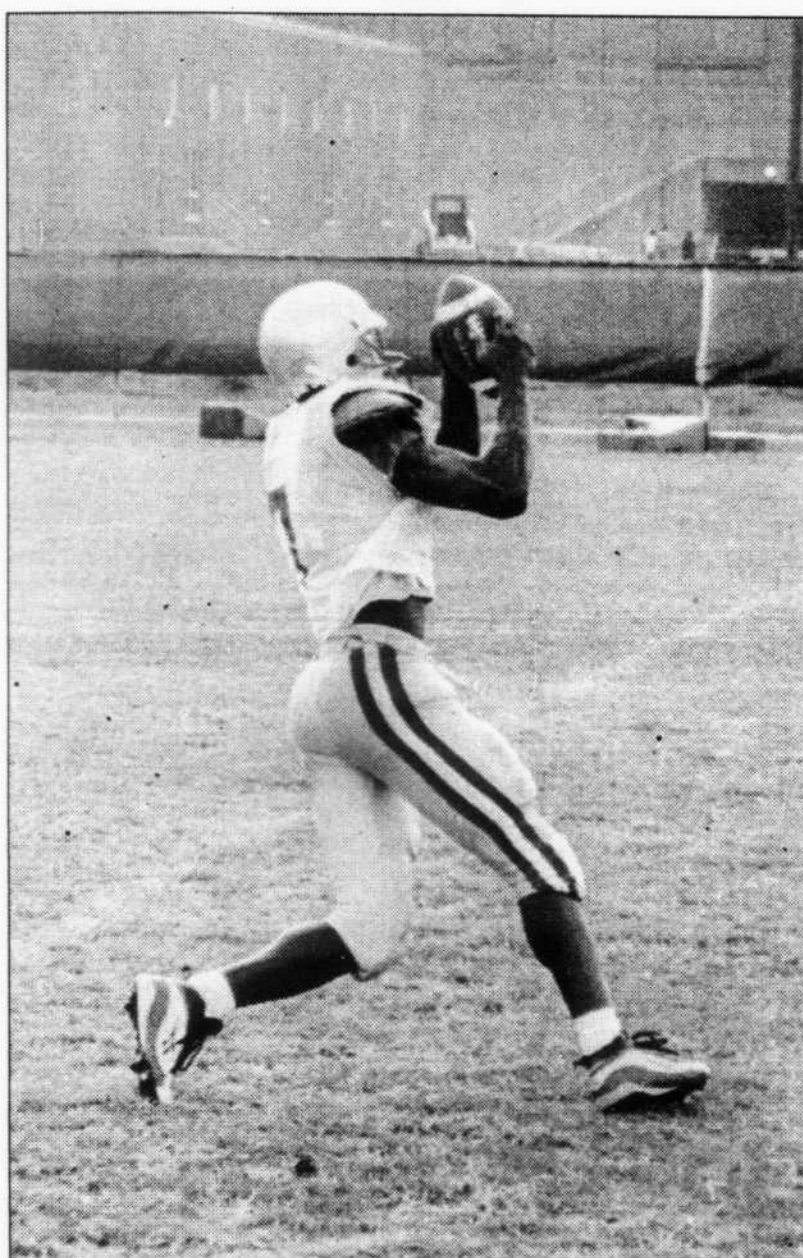
"We don't have depth and numbers to be on the field that long," McCollum said. "But, how do you get off the field? You stop their offense."

On the bright side, the Blue Raiders were able to even out a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter by staging two touchdown-scoring drives to tie the game at 31. The Ragin' Cajuns, however, drove the length of the field to take the lead once again with only 54 seconds left in regulation.

The Blue Raiders never did lead in the game.

"We made a lot of turnovers," wide-out Kendall Newsum said, "and the offense got out of synch."

The Blue Raiders will try to get back on the winning track when they host Troy State next Saturday at Floyd Stadium. ■



Blue Raiders continue to work hard despite rough season.

Photo by Erik Wagner

Commodores continue to roll while UT almost chokes against Memphis

Vanderbilt defeats Duke 31-14, advances to 3-1

Elizabeth A. Davis
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - Duke got its first touchdown of the season against Vanderbilt, but the Commodores made sure they weren't the first team to lose to the Blue Devils.

"I was really concerned about walking into a trap," said Vanderbilt coach Woody Widenhofer after his team's 31-14 win Saturday. "I just didn't want us to be the team that they beat."

Greg Zolman ran for two touchdowns and threw for another as the Commodores (3-1) got off to their best start since going 4-0 in 1984. Zolman finished 15-of-27 for 213 yards, marking the fifth time Vanderbilt has won when Zolman passes for more than 200 yards.

"Zolman was sharp," Widenhofer said. "He threw the football pretty well."

The Blue Devils' offense continued to sputter but did cross one hurdle, reaching the end zone for the first time this season.

"We still have enough problems on offense to not give ourselves enough chance to win the game," Duke coach Carl Franks said.

The Commodores broke away from a 14-14 tie when Zolman scored on a bootleg fourth-and-1 with 4:26 left in the third quarter.

On Duke's next play, Rushen Jones picked off Bobby Campbell's pass at the Blue Devils 43 and returned it 37 yards. Rodney Williams punched the ball in for a touchdown on a 3-yard run.

"That was one play I wish we could take back, because that

certainly was one that was a major turning point in the game," Franks said.

John Markham added a 48-yard field goal at the beginning of the fourth quarter to increase the Commodores' lead to 31-14.

Duke (0-3) had it on Campbell's 45-yard touchdown pass to Scottie Montgomery with 10:59 to go in the third quarter. Darius Clark picked off Zolman's pass early in the third quarter and returned it 34 yards. Four plays later, Montgomery hauled in Campbell's pass and bolted down the left sideline for the score.



Duke's first touchdown of the season came with 3:26 to go in the first half on Duane Epperson's 6-yard run, bringing a roar from a homecoming crowd.

Vanderbilt answered with Zolman's 4-yard keeper for a TD at the end of drive kept alive by Jonathan Shaub's 34-yard run out of punt formation and a pass interference penalty against Duke.

Zolman kept the ball and dodged defenders down the right sideline for the TD to give Vanderbilt a 14-7 lead with seven seconds to go before halftime.

Vandy's first score came on Zolman's 9-yard pass to Elliott Carson with 53 seconds left in the first quarter. ■

Tennessee relies on last minute heroics to win

Duncan Mansfield
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Tennessee has known boos on the road. But at home? For homecoming? For the defending national champions?

"I'd have booed, too. It was awful," Volunteers' coach Phillip Fulmer said after Tennessee had to mount a 78-yard drive in the closing minutes to beat Memphis 17-16 on Saturday.

"We've got too many good players on the field to be looking like we're looking," he said.

Despite the performance, Tennessee (2-1) remained at No. 7 in this week's rankings by The Associated Press.

The Vols' defense and special teams, and a last-minute flourish by their offense, quieted 107,000 discontented fans at Neyland Stadium on Saturday.

Eric Parker had a 69-yard punt return for a touchdown, the first time for a Vol since 1996. And freshman kicker Alex Walls, in his first start, kicked a 37-yard field goal and the extra point that won the game.

Mikki Allen intercepted a Travis Anglin pass in the end zone to stop one Memphis drive in the second quarter. And Tennessee held Memphis to a field goal late in the fourth quarter after the Tigers had moved to a first-and-goal at the Tennessee 6-yard line.

"I don't think our defense would let us lose," Fulmer said.

Three years after upsetting Tennessee, Memphis (1-3) almost did it again.

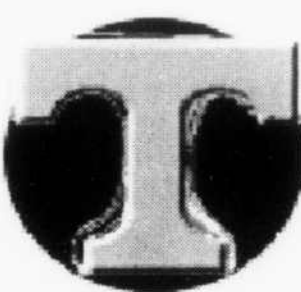
Ryan White kicked three field goals of 32, 34 and 21 yards for the Tigers. And quarterback Neil

Suber was 9-of-23 for a season-high 222 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown pass to Ken Coutain.

Meanwhile, Tennessee's Jamal Lewis rushed for only 45 yards on 16 carries, and quarterback Tee Martin was only 15-of-28 for 172 yards for the game.

But Martin hit Cedrick Wilson with a 15-yard touchdown pass with a minute to play, setting up Walls' chip-shot for victory.

"We might have won that game



in 1996 with mirrors," Memphis coach Rip Scherer said. "In this one, we were as competitive as we've ever been."

A fourth-quarter interception by Memphis free safety Fred Powell led to a field goal to put Memphis up 16-10 with three minutes to play. But Powell got beat by Wilson at the end for Tennessee's game-winning touchdown.

"It was heartbreaking," Powell said.

Tennessee managed only two first downs and 49 yards of offense in the first half while Memphis controlled the ball for 17 1/2 minutes. The second half was only slightly better for the Vols, who were outgained 290-216 for the game.

Fulmer said Tennessee's

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Triple H qualifies, clears McMahon's five man gauntlet

The Hookup:
wrestling commentary



Josh Ezzell

Sports
Editor

What's up wrestling fans? It's time to get your weekly WWF Hook Up.

Smackdown began with the WWF owner, Vince McMahon, calling Triple H to the ring. McMahon yelled at Triple H for trying to destroy him. McMahon then proceeded to tell the former champ that he had to win three of five gimmick matches on Smackdown in order to wrestle in the six pack match. These matches weren't against slouches; they were against The Big Show, Kane, The Undertaker, Mankind and The Rock.

After McMahon announced Triple H's opponents, The Big Show entered and took on Triple H in a choke slam match, which means the first person to get choke slammed loses. Triple H failed in his choke slam attempt; The Big Show did not fail in his attempt. After winning the match, The Big Show choke slammed Triple H again for good measure.

In the next match, Triple H's former Degeneration X buddy, X-Pac, fought "Sexual Chocolate" Mark Henry. X-Pac won by count out; "Sexual Chocolate" retained the European Title.

After the match, "Sexual Chocolate" brawled with his former friend, D'Lo Brown. "Sexual Chocolate" threw Brown into the guard rail before leaving.

Triple H faced Kane in an inferno match in his second bout of the night. Kane was dominating the match, but The Ministry of Darkness' entrance changed everything.

The Ministry brought a beaten X-Pac with it, causing Kane to attack Mideon and Viscera. Kane's hand caught on fire during the scuffle, but he didn't care. He looked after X-Pac; Triple H won the match as a result.

Afterwards, The Undertaker told the Ministry it was time to leave, but Vince McMahon had other ideas. He reminded The Undertaker that he had a casket match with Triple H. He also told The Undertaker that he wouldn't be in the six pack match unless he wrestled Triple H.

The Undertaker told Vince that nobody bosses him around, and then he left.

Unlike The Undertaker, Jeff Jarrett wanted to wrestle... women. This time the victim of Jarrett's wrath was a ring director. After Jarrett told her to pick up garbage "like a woman should," Jarrett slapped the figure four on her.

Chyna saved the day, hitting Jarrett with a frying pan and stealing his pants. I guess we know who wears the pants in that relationship.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages—the New Age Outlaws are back!! The Outlaws challenged The Rock and Mankind to a tag team match. The challenge was accepted.

The match went back and forth until Mankind accidentally bumped into The Rock. Mr. Ass landed a fame-ass-er on Mankind and the New Age Outlaws won the tag team belts.

Triple H faced Mideon and Viscera in his third match of the night. Triple H hit Mideon with a Pedigree and put him in the coffin; he appeared to have the match won. Unexpectedly, Shane McMahon entered and told the former champ that he had to put both Mideon and Viscera in the coffin to win. Triple H ended up losing the match.

In Triple H's fourth match of the night he faced Mankind in a boiler room match. Mankind appeared to have this brutal match won when he applied the Mandible Claw. He then climbed up a 15-foot ledge where he was going to jump on Triple H.

Someone pushed Mankind with a steel pole and he fell off the ledge. Triple H left the boiler room victorious.

Hardcore Holly and Al Snow were also in action. Snow lost the match, and afterwards, the Boss Man shoved dog food in his face.

Welcome to Raw is Jericho! Chris Jericho took on Ken Shamrock in a first blood match. Jericho made his way to the ring in a hockey uniform complete with padding. With Curtis Hughes' help, Jericho won the match.

And now, for the main event. The Rock fought Triple H in the main event in a British Bulldog match with The British Bulldog as the special guest referee.

During this match Jeff Jarrett struck again. This time the victim was Chyna. He hit her over the head with a frying pan and applied a figure four.

Back to the main event. The Rock appeared to have the match won when he had Triple H set up for the Rock Bottom. The British Bulldog attacked The Rock at this point, enabling Triple H to land a pedigree and win the match. ■

UTC Mocs sweep Lady Raiders Volleyball 3-0

Brian Albertson
Sports Information

Chattanooga's blocking output 18 to six.

Kelly Smith led the Lady Raiders with 11 kills and four blocks, while Erin Hillstrom and Debbie Wolfe had 14 and 13 digs respectively. Katie Thiesen added six kills and two block assists.

Freshman Kelly Quinn finished with 23 assists and four digs, while Ku'u'ipo Simeona set 11 assists with seven digs.

LaTresa Cunningham and Lindsay Pritchard each finished with five kills and six block assists. Meg Thornton had five kills and one block assist.

Middle Tennessee returns home Tuesday to take on Belmont at 7:00 p.m. before beginning a six game road trip. ■

The Middle Tennessee women's volleyball team went into Chattanooga riding a three game winning streak, but couldn't overpower the Lady Mocs, who won the match 3-0 (15-5, 15-12, 15-5) in non-conference play.

With the loss, Middle Tennessee drops to 7-7 overall, 3-1 in the OVC. Chattanooga improves to 8-3 overall.

Chattanooga's Carol Reedus and Carmen Walker registered 11 kills apiece to lead the Lady Mocs' attack.

Middle Tennessee was out-hit .193 to .079, but managed to triple

Lady Raiders soccer battles Southeast Missouri to 1-1 tie



Photo by Robin Wallace

Shannon Broadwell fights for the ball against SE Missouri.

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offense hasn't really been "in sync" this year, through a 42-17 win against Wyoming and a 23-21 defeat by Florida.

"We've got some work to do," he said.

A bright spot was the Vols' final drive of the game. Martin was 4-for-4, including a 53-yard strike to Bobby Graham, who raced to the Memphis 6-yard line.

"Tee and I told the offensive line if you give us time, we can make the play," Graham said. "Tee made the perfect throw, high over the linebacker, and I made the catch."

Two plays later Martin found Wilson, a Memphis native, for Wilson's third catch of the drive and the touchdown.

"My hat's off to Tennessee," Scherer said. "I have tremendous respect for Tee Martin. He made the plays when you need them."

Fulmer suggested Conference USA Memphis is better than its record, with close losses to two other Southeastern Conference schools, Mississippi and Mississippi State.

"If you can't see we're close to being a good team, then you might want to look at another profession," Scherer told sportswriters later.

This Saturday, Tennessee faces Auburn at home, while Memphis travels to Missouri. ■

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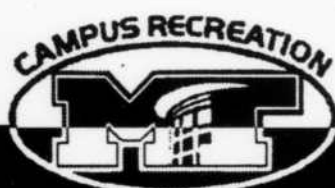
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Europe thwarts U.S. comeback at Ryder Cup

Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) - These underdogs from Europe sure have some bite.

Under the suffocating pressure of the Ryder Cup, with wild and swift momentum changes at every turn, Europe ignored the jeers and turned back an American threat Saturday to take a 10-6 lead into the final day at The Country Club.

Led by the magic of Jesper Parnevik, more clutch putting from Colin Montgomerie and dramatic shots by Sergio Garcia and Paul Lawrie - two of its seven rookies - Europe may shed that underdog label for good.

Only five teams have trailed going into the final day of singles matches and won the Ryder Cup, but all faced only a two-point

deficit. The Americans have double that margin to deal with on Sunday, and no guarantee that Europe is about to quit.

"The Americans are playing great," Parnevik said. "It's just that we have done some special things."

In the last Ryder Cup at Valderrama two years ago, Europe led 10 1/2-5 1/2 after the first two days. The Americans rallied hard, winning eight of 12 points, but wound up a loser once again.

Even on home soil, this has a familiar ring.

No matter how hard the Americans tried, how much emotion they showed or how many putts they made, it still wasn't enough.

Parnevik holed another chip from out of the rough and over a mound, and Garcia salvaged an unlikely halve against Davis Love III and David Duval by making a 7-

foot birdie putt on the 18th hole.

Montgomerie made two straight birdies to take a one-hole lead on the 15th. Lawrie, the British Open champion who never got his due, polished off Tiger Woods and Steve Pate by hitting his tee shot on the par-3 16th to within 2 feet.

"No matter what we do, they do us better, it seems," Love said.

But the Americans' strength has always been in singles. They have lost them only five times in the history of the Ryder Cup, just twice since 1957, and their most dominant showing was 8 1/2-3 1/2 in 1979. That's about what it's going to take.

"It's not too big of a hole," said Hal Sutton, who nearly made an ace on No. 16 to help salvage a split. "We've got 12 great players on this team. We've shown a lot of fight this week, and we've got a lot of fight left in us."

Europe always seems to have a little more.

The only other chance is that captain Mark James' decision to stick with the hot hand leads to fatigue among the seven players who have gone all four matches, and rust among the three players who have yet to strike a ball in Ryder Cup competition.

The partisan gallery did its part. Cheers of "U-S-A! U-S-A!" echoed throughout The Country Club. At times it got a little nasty, especially when Montgomerie was involved. Three times he backed off putts because of the noise, and he accused Sutton and Jeff Maggert of stirring them up.

"They need putting up because they're losing, and they're losing heavily," Montgomerie snapped after his alternate-shot loss Saturday morning.

The same can't be said for

America's best, the team with no player ranked lower than 28th in the world ranking, the team that once again was heavily favored - on paper.

Throughout the closing holes, Europe shredded that up.

Woods, who won his first match in the morning with Pate, missed an 8-foot eagle putt on the 14th that could have given the United States control. Moments later, Love missed a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th that would have scratched out a victory.

Just like that, Europe had the advantage once again.

The Americans had to scramble to salvage a split in the morning alternate-shot matches, thanks to an eagle putt by Woods in one match and two crucial putts and a 7-iron from Maggert in another that kept them within four points at 8-4.

But the only victory they managed in the afternoon came from Phil Mickelson. A day after he missed crucial putts in both his matches, Mickelson showed up with a new putter and got a putting tip from Ben Crenshaw.

It worked. He knocked in a 20-footer for birdie on No. 3, and they never were challenged in a 2 and 1 victory.

Lee Westwood and Darren Clarke, coming off their conquest of Woods and Duval, kept on sailing. They blistered Jim Furyk and Mark O'Meara, who was playing his first match of the Ryder Cup.

Woods finally won his first match. He and Pate never trailed, but the match was tied early on the back nine until Pate hit his second shot in the par-5 14th to 20 feet, and Woods made the eagle putt for a 1-up advantage that they maintained the rest of the match. ■

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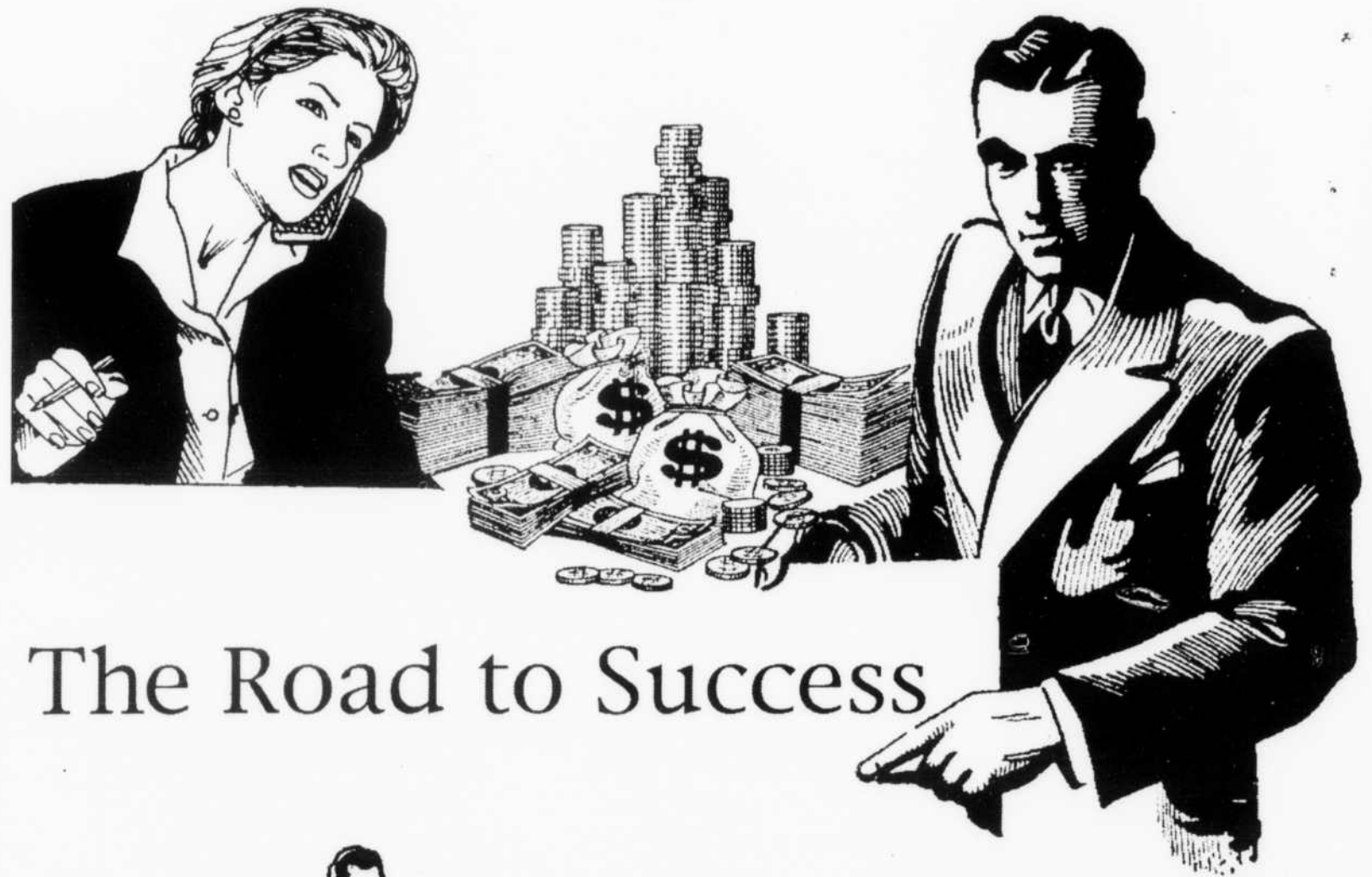
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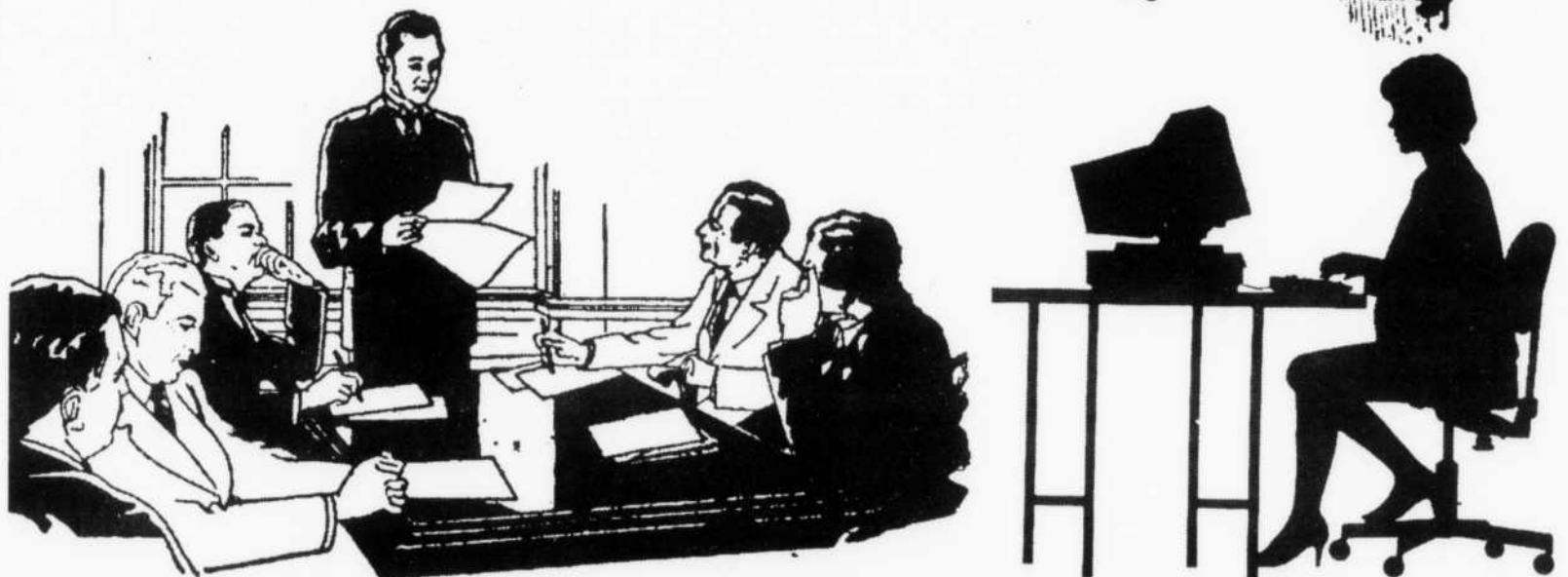
Career Fair comes to MTSU, see who is going to be there

How to prepare for an interview

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Preparing for an interview

Robin Wallace
Staff Reporter

It takes more than good grades and a college diploma to land a quality job. What will turn a job interview into a job offer depends on numerous aspects, but mostly it comes down to preparing for the interview days beforehand.

To prevent being late for the interview, drive to the site in advance so that you know where you are going and how long it will take with possible traffic, construction or detours. You should also become familiar with the company, its background, products, services, management, current projects and pending deals by doing research at the library, on the Internet or in the Career Resource Library at the Placement Center. Review your resume and define your career goals, as well as your job interests. On a more personal level, identify your strengths and weaknesses. Also, take into consideration how previous experiences in work, class and

other activities may help with your prospective job. A growing type of interview is "behavior-based," which requires you to give specific examples that demonstrate your ability to research, to communicate, to be assertive, to be creative, to be committed, to make decisions, to work as a team and to manage time. Consequently, give serious thought to those answers and to questions that you would like to ask at the interview. Remember, it is a two-way street — the company wants to find out if you're right for them and you need to find out if the company is right for you.

On the day of the interview, wear business apparel with minimal cologne/perfume, make-up and jewelry. Once you arrive ten to fifteen minutes early, be sure to introduce yourself with a firm hand shake and a smile. Throughout the interview maintain good eye contact and use the interviewer's name. It is important to be comfortable, but crucial to have good posture. You should not chew

gum, nor should you tap your fingers of feet. Above all, listen intently and when you respond speak slowly and clearly, using pauses to collect your thoughts. Yes, honesty is always the best policy. Therefore, don't hide any mistakes that you have made, rather use them to express how you have learned from those situations. During the interview, be sure to carry yourself with confidence while being positive, energetic and sincere.

Take advantage of the fact that the interview gives you a chance to see the company up close and personal. Observe the work environment. How do co-workers relate to one another? Are they positive about their work and their company? Are they friendly and helpful? Do you feel comfortable with the people, atmosphere and facilities? An excellent way to get a first-hand perspective is by simply talking to one of your prospective co-workers, which

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What Not to Do in a Job Interview

Top personnel from 100 major American corporations offered these stories of unusual behavior by job applicants.

1. "She wore a Walkman and said she could listen to me and the music at the same time."
2. "A balding candidate abruptly excused himself. Returned to the office a few minutes later, wearing a hairpiece."
3. "Asked to see interviewer's resume to see if the personnel executive was qualified to judge the candidate."
4. "Announced she hadn't had lunch and proceeded to eat a hamburger and French fries in the interviewer's office — wiping the ketchup on her sleeve."
5. "Stated that, if he were hired, he would demonstrate his loyalty by having the corporate logo tattooed on his forearm."
6. "Interrupted to phone his therapist for advice on answering specific interview questions."
7. "When I asked him about his hobbies, he stood up and started tap dancing around my office."
8. "At the end of the interview, while I stood there dumbstruck, he went through my purse, took out a brush, brushed his hair and left."
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Annual Career Day helps students jump into careers

Jenny Cordle
Staff Reporter

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Career Day is a day for all students to get information about careers they are interested in and to learn more about job opportunities, said Martha Turner, director of placement and student employment.

"I've seen several students get jobs as a result of this tremendous networking opportunity," said Turner. "It's

great for students to meet potential employers and find out what characteristics they need to obtain jobs."

Turner also said it's a chance for students to get information early.

"You don't have to be looking for a job to get information. We'd like to encourage all students to attend."

Freshman Melissa Knies plans to attend Career Day in order to scope out job opportunities and to get a better idea of what career she is interested in.

"It seems like a great way to jumpstart my future."

Several of these potential

employers will return to campus during the year to conduct interviews. Seniors and graduates are encouraged to present resumes. Dress is casual for all students; however, seniors should dress in formal attire, Turner said.

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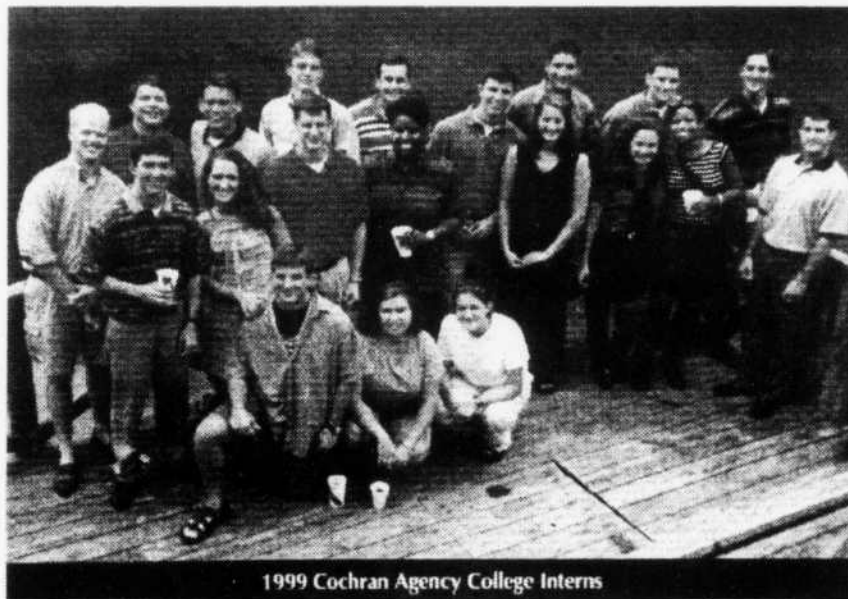
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The Placement and Student Employment Center helps students write resumes, search for employment and prepare to interview for the perfect job.

They also coordinate campus events, such as the Career Fair, and employer visits on campus. Not including the largest ever career fair on campus next week, there will be over 50 individual businesses on campus interviewing students over the next two months.

College students have a great chance of getting an interview and possibly an offer, especially when the company visits campus.

Martha Turner, director of the center, works with students year round to make sure they are prepared and confident in a job interview.

"Many students are overconfident until their first interview," Turner said. "Then they realize that they lack the

preparation needed to be successful."

The staff made 103 presentations on campus last year and recorded 140 mock interviews on video to help students develop and improve their interview skills.

The staff sponsored career placement orientation and classes on resume writing as well as interview preparation.

"Students gain polish from practice," Turner remarked.

More than 9,800 resumes were referred to the 650 plus employers who contacted the placement office throughout the year.

Jobs are definitely out there. The National Association of Colleges and Employers predicts that employers will hire about 10 percent more college graduates over the course of this year than last year.

Think the best time to search for a job is the spring?

Actually, most employers contact the campus in September and October. However, there is also a steady stream of employers who come to campus in the spring.

"Setting your goals early is very important. Start your job search at the beginning of your senior year," Turner said.

Turner explained it takes



Photo by Derrick Wilson

Lynda Adams, secretary at the Placement Office, assists students who need career guidance.

between three and six months to find and finalize the job application process.

"Students should bring resumes to career day and interview with companies they find interesting."

The most sought after college graduates in technical fields

include computer programmers, system analysts, telecommunications workers, engineers and technical support staff, according to the NACE.

Accounting, consulting, finance, education, communication services, as

well as commercial and investment banking, are hot fields for non technical graduates.

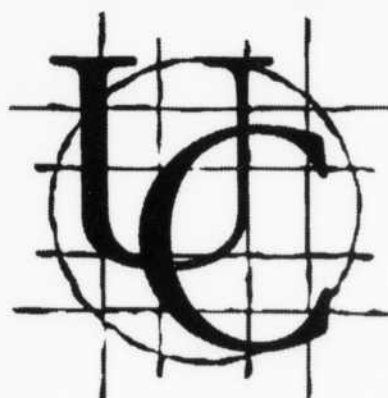
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may actually aid in the success of your interview.

Although you may not be surprised when a second interview is requested, you probably will be taken back when the interview is at a restaurant. This is another rising form of an interview that tests your social savvy. In general, you should follow the lead of your host throughout the course of the meal. Order within the mid-price range, foods that are "safe," foods that don't require twirling, licking or bibs. This bans dishes such as spaghetti, French Onion soup, ribs, Buffalo wings, bony fish, super-tall sandwiches and shellfish, as well as exotic and unknown foods. Even if you are offered alcohol you should not accept it unless you are over 21 and then be advised to have only one drink. While eating pace yourself by remembering your table manners: chew with your mouth closed, don't talk with your mouth full and keep your elbows off the table. Keep in

mind that it is still an interview, so limit the conversation to business related or casual topics, avoiding religion, politics and controversial topics, which includes sport teams in the play-offs.

After any type of interview you should send a thank you note or send an e-mail to the interviewer as soon as possible. Then you should review any questions that you had trouble answering to make you better prepared for the next interview if the occasion should arise. It is also a good idea to do a follow-up either in writing or by telephone so as to keep your name before the employer. However, more than twice will not be seen as being persistent but as hassling. Lastly, the key to turning a job interview into a job offer lies within you- thus be all that you can be by being yourself.

For further information contact the MTSU Placement Center, KUC 328, 898-2500. ■

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Jennifer Thorton, a senior English major looks for a job.

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campus due to the ongoing difficulty in finding qualified grads," said Camille Luckenbaugh, NACE employment information manager.

Grade point averages are important to employers, but according to one popular career planning guide communication skills, work experience and initiative rank well above academics or GPA.

How much money is out there?

The annual report for 1997-98 published by the Placement and Student Employment Center listed the average beginning salary for a graduate with a bachelor's degree \$26,190. The highest offer was for a computer science major at \$45,000 while the average salary increased 2.5 percent. A master's degree averaged almost \$10,000 more, around \$36,000.

Of the 158 respondents to the survey, 42 with graduate degrees received offers of \$30,000 or more.

Graduates from the College of Basic and Applied Sciences led the way, averaging \$29,832. Business students averaged \$27,433 with a high offer of \$42,000.

Mass Communications graduates were next highest with an average of \$24,192, with a high of \$36,000. Liberal Arts and Education rounded out the averages with \$22,502 and \$22,262 dollars respectively.

Non-traditional students are also encouraged to work with the Placement and Student Employment Center.

"Non-traditional students are unique and individualized," Turner stated.

"They vary because some are making career changes while others are beginning their first career. They tend to have more focus in academics as well as preparation in beginning a career than traditional students."

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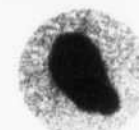


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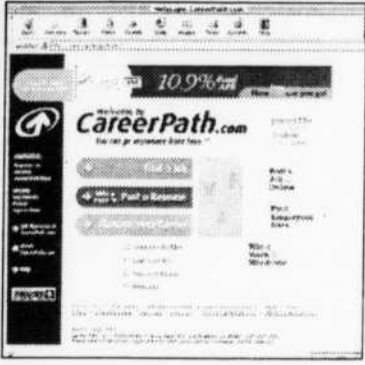

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