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IN BRIEF



WORLD

Italian cruise ship burns off Somalia

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The Achille Lauro's history of misfortune ended in flames Wednesday on the Indian Ocean, where nearly 1,000 passengers and crew fled in lifeboats as the cruise ship burned.

At least one death was reported. The ship burned into the night, tilting over to its port side off the coast of Somalia. The captain of a ship that went to the rescue said it was in danger of sinking.

The Achille Lauro gained notoriety when Palestinian hijackers killed an American passenger in 1985.



NATIONAL

Newly discovered 'fat gene' may help dieters

NEW YORK (AP) — In findings that may help treatment of obesity, scientists have discovered a gene that makes mice fat when it is defective — and what is probably the human version of the gene.

Mice that lack a normal version of the gene become three times heavier than their siblings, said researcher Dr. Jeffrey Friedman.

In its normal form, the gene appears to let fat cells tell the brain how much fat the animal has, so that the mouse will adjust its feeding and activity to keep its weight normal. But that system goes awry when the gene is flawed.



STATE & LOCAL

Teacher suspended for playing 'spin-the-bottle'

MONTEREY, Tenn. (AP) — The state's humanities teacher of the year says playing "spin-the-bottle" with students at a school dance was "good, clean fun."

School officials thought otherwise. She has been suspended for removing her cancan slip that was part of her costume.

Peggy Fragopoulos of Monterey High School, who wrote the state's pilot humanities program, is accused of inappropriate conduct.

Participants removed an article of clothing whenever the bottle was spun and stopped with its neck pointing in their direction. The teacher said she removed a cancan slip under her ankle-length skirt when the bottle pointed her way.

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MTSU disciplinary hearings closed to observers

◆ University claims exemption to 'Sunshine Law,' but recent court ruling may force change

DREW BUTLER
Staff Writer

Disciplinary hearings at MTSU are presently closed to the public, but a recent ruling by the Georgia State Supreme Court may have set a precedent by which student disciplinary records and hearings at universities across the nation will become open to public scrutiny.

Often, universities have their own judicial boards that pass judgement on student offenders and punish them for misbehavior. These hearings are generally off limits to the public.

There is currently a policy of MTSU closing its disciplinary hearings of their two principal disciplinary bodies, the University Discipline Committee and the Student Supreme Court. The exclusion is justified by claims that these committees are exempt from the State Sunshine and Open Meetings Law.

"They are not open unless the student whose case is being heard would request that it be open," said Dr. Gail Stephens, associate dean of students at MTSU. "It's not covered under the Sunshine Law. It's a very private thing."

There are examples of records and hearing that are closed by the university.

"We had a case where a student managed to obtain purchase orders and carry them to some local stores and purchased items with university money because he had purchase orders," said Stephens. "Because of the nature of the rule that he broke and the way that he

broke it, the case was referred to the University Discipline Committee."

It was recommended that the student be expelled, but the decision that the committee made is unknown.

An example of a case heard by the Student Supreme Court is one where a student was waving what looked like a real gun at a motorist. The ruling in this case is also unknown.

Though MTSU's two judicial bodies may sound similar, there are some differences between them. The University Discipline Committee generally hears cases of student crimes against the university, or a faculty member of the university. The committee is composed of seven faculty members and four student members, with a chairperson (usually a faculty member).

"The University Discipline Committee makes a recommendation to

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Sermon on the Knoll:

ABOVE: Phillip Thompson (left), junior, delivers a message of his own to Brother Tom (right), who was delivering a 'fire and brimstone' sermon in front of the KUC Monday afternoon.

RIGHT: During a break from his sermon, Brother Tom spends a moment in prayer with Wesley Greer (right), sophomore.

PHOTOS BY **CHARLES HOGUE**,
PHOTO EDITOR



New federal financial aid streamlining affects MTSU

GENA J. WELLMANN
Staff Writer

According to the College Press Service, the federal government is beginning to streamline the path of financial aid available to college students.

Congress has recently passed the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan program, which includes Individual Education Accounts (IEA's). This program gives students a variety of different ways in which to repay college loans. Students can even change payment options if their financial situation changes.

As a result, colleges and universities will be able to process a student's entire loan package, including governmentally-funded Pell Grants and PLUS loans.

The office of Financial Aid at MTSU has already begun to train for the new loan program, and signed a participation agreement. The plan goes into effect July 1, 1995.

Dr. R. Winston Wrenn, director of the office of Financial Aid at MTSU, says that the program "might [make loans] more readily available to students." He stated that many students, when applying for loans, don't always return their applications back to the lending institution. With the new program, he said, they might be more inclined to go

PLEASE SEE **LOANS**, PAGE 6

Postal Commission approves stamp price increase after Xmas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of mailing a letter is going up after the holidays — from 29 cents to 32.

The independent Postal Rate Commission approved the Postal Service request for the January increase on Wednesday.

But the commission turned thumbs down on a plan to raise nearly all postage rates by the same percentage — instead setting larger increases for mailing printed matter, advertising and parcels and holding down the increase for heavier first-class items.

The package is expected to bring the Postal Service \$4.7 billion in added income in 1995, said Rate Commission Chairman Edward J. Gleiman.

The post office lost \$1.3 billion in the just-completed fiscal year and \$1.7 billion the year before.

"The Postal Service clearly established its need for additional revenues," Gleiman said.

The increase is expected to cost the typical household an extra 60 to 75 cents per month.

The matter now goes back to the post office's governing board, which is expected to hold a special meeting in December to set a date for the increase — perhaps as early as Jan. 1.

The governors could reject the commission decision and ask it to reconsider. That is unlikely, however, since the ruling has few major

differences from the Postal Service's request and the agency urgently needs additional income.

Art Sackler of the Mailer's Council, a coalition of large mailing organizations that had spearheaded the original rate proposal, said that plan would have been preferable but characterized the decision as "neither great nor terrible."

But Jonah Gitlitz, president of the Direct Marketing Association, said higher rates for advertising mail will require businesses to look to other ways of delivering their message, causing a drop in mail volume and hurting the Postal Service.

The Postal Service's request, sent to the commission in March, urged what amounted to a 10.3 percent rate increase for all types of mail.

The commission

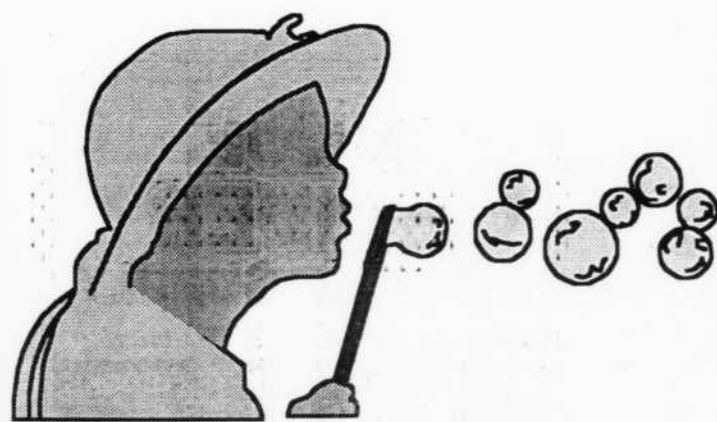
held the increase to 8.9 percent for a first-class stamp by setting a 20-cent post card rate instead of the 21-cent proposed by the post office and sticking with the current 23-cent price for each extra ounce of a first-class item. The post office had wanted the extra ounces to cost a quarter each.

To make up the difference, the commission proposed increases of 14 percent for second-class items such as magazines and newspapers and third-class advertising mail. Parcel Post would jump 18 percent and the special library rate would be increased a whopping 70 percent. □



"Maturity is not an outgrowing, but a growing up. An adult is not a dead child, but a child who survived."

-Ursula K. Le Guin



CAMPUS CAPSULE

Today

Church of God in Christ (COGIC ROC) Campus Ministries meets today in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. For more information contact Kevin Johnson at 895-5968.

Friday

The MTSU Theatre will present *The Importance of Being Earnest* tonight at 8:15 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. Other showtimes for the play will be Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8:15 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:00 p.m. Performances are also scheduled for December 6-10 at 8:15. MTSU students free with I.D. General Admission \$5. Contact Joseph Sturgeon at 2267 for more information.

Upcoming & Ongoing

The Baptist Student Union holds Bible studies or fellowship every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at noon "Noonday" is held. All you can eat for \$2. The Baptist Student Union is located at the intersection of Faulkenberry and Tennessee Boulevard.

The MTSU chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 5 p.m. in Wiser Patton Science Hall room 201. Contact Leonard Walther at 895-3212 for more information.

A Christian gathering for singing and sharing is held every Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the KUC Courtyard.

ATTENTION! Students, Faculty, and Staff: Your efforts are needed in the MTSU recycling program. The price of recycled materials is down, so we need every piece of white paper, computer paper, and every aluminum can possible. All proceeds fund academic scholarships. Call 2847 for pick-up.

International Student's Association meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in KUC 316. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

The Student Coalition for Animal Rights meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Contact Kellie at 898-0457.

Speech testing or speech therapy services are available to MTSU students. Students should call the MTSU Speech Clinic, 898-2661, for an appointment.

The MTSU Symphony invites interested students to rehearsals Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Contact the Symphony office at 898-2484 or go to room 264, Wright Music Building.

MTSU Lambda Association is a local support group for bisexual, gay, and lesbian students, faculty, and community members. Meetings every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Comm. room 149. Call hotline at 780-2293.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in KUC room 315. Everyone welcome. Contact Greg Logan at 3081.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship sponsors College Worship on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. at the fellowship headquarters at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787 for more information.

A Cross Country Ski Trip will be held by Campus Recreation from January 14 to 16 at Roane Mountain. Contact Campus Recreation at 2104 or come by the AMG Room 201 to sign up before November 21.

The Final day to pay outstanding debts to the university to hear your grades via TRAM and/or receive a printed grade report upon request is December 16, 1994.

The Christian Center hosts "Raiders for Christ" Devotionals every Monday at 7 p.m. and small group bible studies on Thursdays (times for Bible studies vary). Contact The MTSU Christian Student Center at 896-1529 or Eddy D. Dyer at 898-3216.

Voices of Praise Gospel Choir will hold its Winter Concert on Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. in Wright Music Hall. Contact Latresa McCamoll at 898-3989 for more information.

The MTSU Symphony will hold a Christmas Concert on December 12 in Tucker Theatre at 8 p.m. The concert will include orchestral selections from traditional Christmas music, the Ann Carroll Dancers from Franklin, Tennessee, a special guest soloist and a mixed quartet from MTSU's Music Department.

The MTSU Theatre will hold auditions for *Beyond Therapy* December 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. in the BDA Arena Theatre. Have a 1 minute monologue prepared. Contact Dale McGilliard at 2640 for more information.

Do you need money? How about a summer job? How would you like to be a Student Orientation Assistant (SOA)? Applications are available in KUC 122 for these positions. Applications are due January 31, 1995. For more information, contact the New Student Orientation office at 5533, or stop by KUC 122.

Kappa Delta Pi will host its Holiday Social on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 4-6 p.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room in the JUB.

DEADLINES FOR CAMPUS CAPSULE SUBMISSIONS:

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SGA passes motion to include Fall Break in 1995-96 calendar

GENA J. WELLMANN
Staff Writer

At the SGA meeting held November 10, a motion was introduced to the governing body by Alison Gambill, Speaker of the House, to incorporate a fall break into the calendar for the year of 1995-96.

The break will probably be worked into the schedule for the month of October, Gambill said. It will be two days, hopefully before or after a weekend. The motion was passed by a large majority of those represented at the meeting.

Gambill stated the reason for the bill was because of a student consensus that a high stress period occurs in classes for the month of October. Mid-terms occur during this month, and, as one student put it, "It will give me some time to catch up with everything."

Another reason for a fall break was a feeling of

"Everyone else has one, why don't we?" The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has a two-day fall break during the month of October, as does Western Kentucky University.

One complaint, however, was that the two universities' calendars begins four days before MTSU's. Gambill was not sure how the addition of the fall break would affect the fall semester calendar.

"From what I've seen, people would not use it to their advantage..."

Ed Stambaugh III
Senior

Alan Roberts, a freshman art major, said, "I don't have a problem with... the extra days [at the beginning of the year]. If the school wants an extra two days to kick back and do nothing, it's fine with me."

Senior recording industry and psychology major Ed Stambaugh III said, "From what I've seen, people would not use it to their advantage, they would just use it to party or whatever, so I would vote against adding the fall break." □

School superintendent pulls 'Of Mice and Men' from ninth grade Honors English reading list

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — School superintendent Mark Gentry has ordered the novel "Of Mice and Men" removed from a classroom because a parent complained.

"Due to the language in it, we just can't have this kind of book being taught," he said.

The book, by John Steinbeck, is about two migrant farm workers during the Great Depression. It contains profanity, a racial slur and sexual allusions.

It was part of a Cookeville 9th-Grade Honors English class.

The book is on the state's official approved list to be taught in high schools, Gentry said. But in Cookeville, he said the 9th grade is at the junior high level, not high

school.

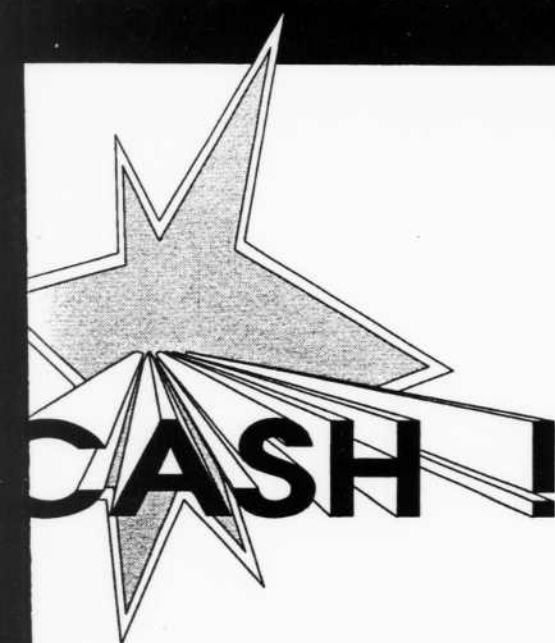
"I know the book is a classic, and I'm sure it has cultural and literary value and at the appropriate age levels, it would be good reading for these students," Gentry said.

"But the father who complained said that if his child went down the hall at school saying the words that are in that book, the child could be suspended from school, and I don't feel that kind of language is appropriate for that age group."

The novel was removed from Loganville High School in Georgia recently after a mother of a student complained about language in it. But it was returned to classrooms and the library after being reviewed and debated by parents, students and school officials. □

Happy Chanukah!

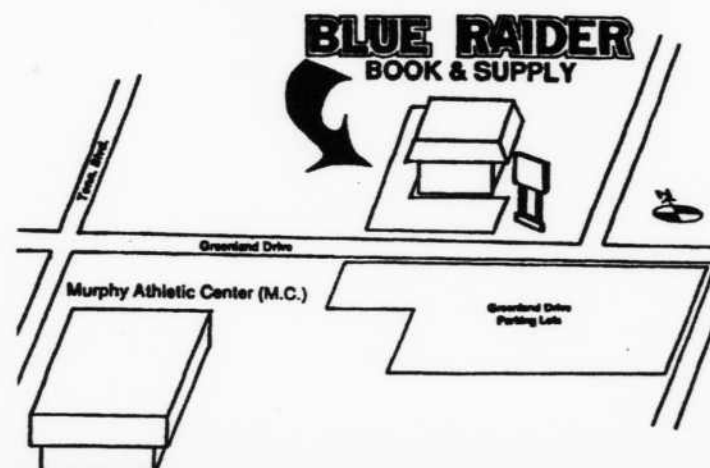
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LaLance and Stephens honored by NASPA

JOHN LYNCH

Special to *Sidelines*

The division of Student Affairs was doubly honored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

Vice President Bob LaLance received the Region III John Jones Award for Outstanding Performance, presented at the awards luncheon on October 31 in Nashville.

LaLance, who will also serve as the regional nominee for NASPA's Scott Goodnight Award, said "I was pleasantly shocked to receive this honor. The bottom line is that without the staff and loyal support I've received from other people over the years, I

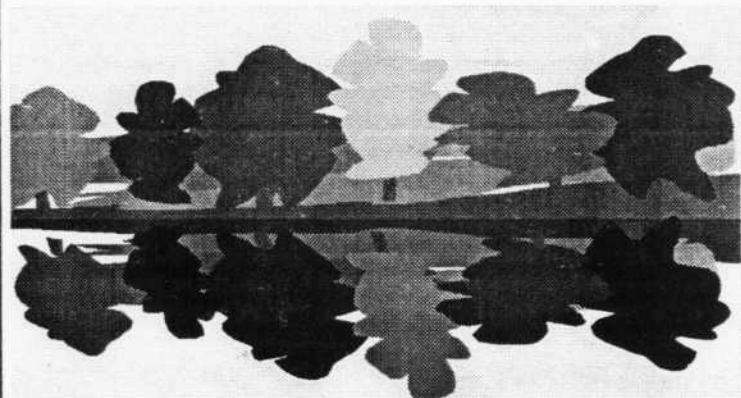
undoubtedly would not have been recognized. This belongs to the people who made this division what it is today."

NASPA's second honor came to Gail Stephens, associate dean of students. She was selected as one of only thirty people of a much larger national pool attending the 1994 NASPA Symposium for Women Preparing to Become Student Affairs Officers held in Boston November 10-12.

LaLance praised Stephens accomplishment, saying "she has distinguished herself through her zeal to keep abreast of the developments in this area. It is an honor for the university to have an administrator of her stature among those selected for this symposium." □

"In wildness is the preservation of the world."

-Henry David Thoreau



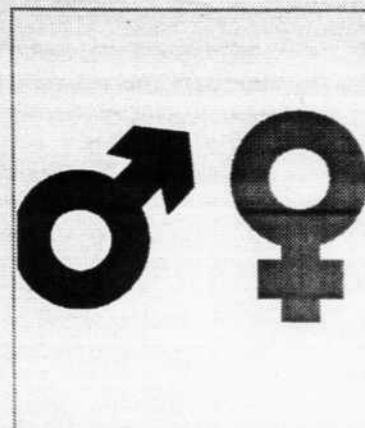
Stephen F. Austin University president says Gay/Lesbian group ban is illegal

NACOGDOCHES, TX—The president of Stephen F. Austin University has ordered that the school's student government recognize the Gay and Lesbian Student Association after student senators voted to deny the group certification.

In mid-October, the university student senate recommended to revoke recognition of the year-old Gay and Lesbian Student Association (GLSA) and slashed its funding from student fees by 60 percent.

After heated debate, the Stephen F. Austin student government voted 30-26 to ban the GLSA because its members may participate in illegal behavior. Student senators in favor of the ban argued that by participating

in homosexual relationships, members of the GLSA were engaging in illegal activity. Sodomy is illegal under Texas law.



But President Dr. Dan Angel revoked the vote, saying it violated the gay student group's First Amendment rights.

"The Student Government

Association is an entity of the state and cannot restrict speech or association just because many, or even most, people find opinions of a particular group repugnant," said Angel, citing a 1984 federal court ruling against Texas A&M University in a case in which a gay student group was denied recognition by the school.

Each year, the student government board distributes \$44,000 in student fees to campus student groups. Currently, there are 180 student groups at Stephen F. Austin University.

Had the vote stood, the GLSA would not have been able to post signs or hold meetings on campus. □

North Carolina State researchers test 'rubcrete'

RALEIGH, N.C.—Rubber tires that used to travel across the highway could be recycled to become part of the highway, says a North Carolina State University researcher.

The NCSU researcher is mixing ground rubber with concrete to form what he calls "rubcrete."

"There is a dire need to dispose of these tires," said Dr.

Shuaib Ahmad, professor of civil engineering. "What we are trying to do is to utilize ground tires in concrete or cement materials. A Mississippi-based company grinds the tires into a small, powder form, and we take it from there."

Tires don't decompose in landfills, and already, landfills and dumps across the nation contain enough rubber tires to

form a chain that would circle the globe 40 times. Americans throw out enough tires each year to go around four more times.

Early tests indicate that while rubcrete is neither as strong nor as stiff as concrete, it could be used to build concrete roads or pavements, overlays for bridges, sidewalks, sound barriers and highway dividers. □

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ABA survey says check fraud has doubled from 1991-1993

WASHINGTON (AP) — Check fraud, often involving organized thieves using high-tech equipment, more than doubled from 1991 through 1993, a banking trade organization reported today.

The American Bankers Association said a survey revealed 1.3 million fraudulent checks were passed last year, compared with 536,000 in 1991. That cost banks \$815 million, \$247 million more than in 1991.

Although a majority of banks across the country reported experiencing fraud in 1993, financial institutions in the Northeast and West were the hardest hit, the report said.

"Given the increases over the past two years, the only plausible explanation is that we're facing an organized, sustained effort to pass fraudulent checks," said Bruce Brett, chairman of the ABA Check Fraud Task Force.

The task force attributed the increase in part to the proliferation of desktop publishing, which has made computer equipment and software used in check forgery more affordable, and to the availability of laser products to duplicate and print fraudulent checks.

In addition, it said customers are more likely to reveal information about their accounts. And because of

competition among financial institutions, banks tend to avoid inconveniencing customers by verifying their checks.

The ABA said individuals and corporations wrote 61.1 billion checks in 1993, an average of 244 checks for every man, woman and child in America.

The survey found that on average, a fraudulent check was written for less than \$1,000. That relatively small amount, together with the volume of checks, made fraud more difficult to detect.

"Our attempts to spot a fraudulent check is like looking for a needle in a haystack," Brett said. "Banks have improved the ability to spot check kiting activity, but counterfeit checks and forgeries are still on the rise."

The task force found a much higher proportion of fraud losses among mid-size and large banks than smaller community banks.

Fifty-four percent of community banks, those with less than \$500 million in assets, experienced fraud problems.

But 94 percent of mid-size banks — \$500 million to \$5 billion in assets — reported check fraud losses. And 88 percent of large banks, with more than \$5 billion in assets, were victims. □

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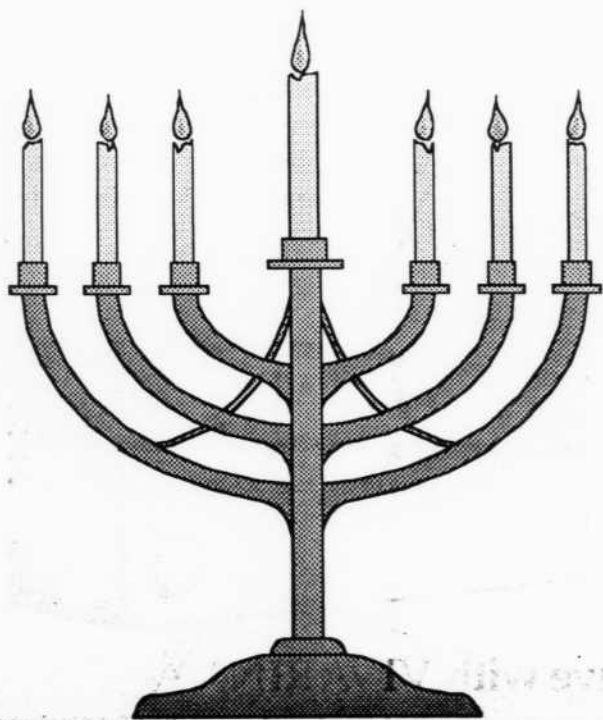


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LOANS

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through with the loan process.

Students do have a choice of whether or not they want to change to the new system. Currently, students must go to a lending institution to procure a loan. With the new program, the money comes from the government directly to the university, "cutting out the middle man," Wrenn said.

About 10,500 MTSU students currently pay part of their tuition out of federal loans, Wrenn added.

David Hutton, associate director of the office of Financial Aid, mentioned that "hopefully, it will make the process easier. [Other universities have been experiencing] a 24-hour turnover with applications, [and] interest rates are a little lower. Banks [will] have to give current loans over to the government. Hopefully, it will help students get awards faster."

Senior English major Chris Ervin said of the loan changes, "If I don't have to deal with all the red tape, and the interest rate does not go up, then I will definitely change [my loan plan]."

"I think that in cutting out the middle man, students will benefit initially," said junior graphic arts major Andrew Mays. "But, in the long run, it will be detrimental in that the banks are losing power and we seem to be headed for more direct government control in our lives."

Another student who has government loans, sophomore Jennifer Hardiman, said, "I'm just taking out . . . I'll worry about how to pay for them later. I didn't know [about the new system] but it sounds cool." □

Final Examination Schedule Fall Semester 1994

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7-7:50a.m.	Mon., Dec. 12, 7-9a.m.
8-8:50a.m.	Fri., Dec. 16, 7-9a.m.
9-9:50a.m.	Fri., Dec. 16, 9:30-11:30a.m.
10-10:50a.m.	Wed., Dec. 14, 8-10a.m.
11-11:50a.m.	Mon., Dec. 12, 9:30-11:30a.m.
12-12:50p.m.	Fri., Dec. 16, 12-2p.m.
1-1:50p.m.	Mon., Dec. 12, 12-2p.m.
2:00-2:50p.m.	Wed., Dec. 14, 1-3p.m.

Monday, Wednesday

1-2:15p.m.	Wed., Dec. 14, 1-3p.m.
2:25-3:40p.m.	Mon., Dec. 12, 2:30-4:30p.m.
2-3:15p.m.	Wed., Dec. 14, 1-3p.m.
3-4:15p.m.	Wed., Dec. 14, 4-6p.m.
4:30-5:45p.m.	Mon., Dec. 12, 5-7p.m.
6-7:15p.m.	Wed., Dec. 14, 6-7p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday

8-9:15a.m.	Thurs., Dec. 15, 8-10a.m.
9:25-10:40a.m.	Tues., Dec. 13, 8-10a.m.
10:50a.m.-12:05p.m.	Thurs., Dec. 15, 10:30-12:30p.m.
12:15-1:30p.m.	Tues., Dec. 13, 10:30-12:30p.m.
1:40-2:55p.m.	Tues., Dec. 13, 1-3p.m.
3:05-4:20p.m.	Tues., Dec. 13, 4-6p.m.
4:30-5:45p.m.	Thurs., Dec. 15, 4-6p.m.

Evening Classes

Exams for evening classes not listed above will be Dec. 10-16 during regularly scheduled class meeting times.

Saturday Classes

Exams will be on Sat., Dec. 10, from 8a.m.-10a.m. or 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

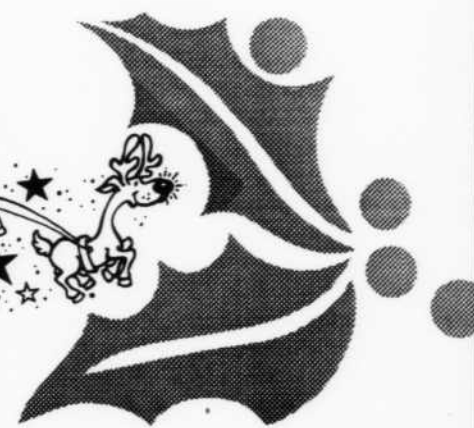
Note: Exams for classes meeting at other times are to be arranged by the instructor between December 10-16.



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DISCIPLINE

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the Vice President for Student Affairs as to what the appropriate sanctions should be," Stephens said. "The Student Supreme Court makes the recommendation to the Associate Dean of Students."

The Student Supreme Court, which is composed of six Justices and one Chief Justice, all students, generally hears cases of student crimes against fellow students.

Neither judicial body is subject to meeting at regular intervals. Instead, both convene when university administration determines that matters requiring their involvement arise. Due to the university's policy of restricting attendance at disciplinary hearings, students are often unaware of meetings.

"The Student Supreme Court is (also) used for matters other than disciplinary," said Stephens. "The University Disciplinary Committee is used for only discipline cases. They're never called for any other reason."

The Sunshine Law was established when the Tennessee Court of Appeals ruled in the 1992 case *Metropolitan Air Research Testing Authority, Inc. vs. Metropolitan Government* that the law "should be construed broadly to promote openness and accountability in government, and to protect the public against closed door meetings at every stage of a government body's deliberations."

The Tennessee Code Annotated supports open meetings through the Sunshine law.

"All meetings of any governing body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times," the Code states.

The key legal term in Tennessee's definition of the Sunshine Law is the term "governing body." Any court case first must decide if the organization is a governing body.

The Tennessee Code Annotated defines "governing body" as "the members of any public body which consists of two or more members, with the authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration."

In addition to having meetings that are open to the public, the governing body is required by law to give prior public notice of the time and date of the meeting. Any governmental body which holds a meeting previously or not previously scheduled shall give adequate public notice of such meeting, the Tennessee Code Annotated states. It is not enough for meetings to be "labeled" open to the public, but the public must be informed of meetings of a governing body, the law states.

The state of Tennessee also defines a "meeting" as a necessary number of people to make a decision or discuss potential decisions.

According to Article 1, Section 2 of the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution, the purpose of the Association is "to control all matters which are delegated to the Student Government Association by the administration of Middle Tennessee State University."

The SGA has the power to make decisions for the university administration and the ability to make recommendations to the administration. This would seemingly fulfill the requirements for a governing body.

Mike Hiestand, a staff attorney at the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C., mentioned criteria necessary for a student government to be considered public agencies.

"The courts have said very clearly if a student government is engaged in things like allocating student funds, they would be public agencies and follow the law," Hiestand said.

Besides closing its disciplinary hearings, MTSU will not provide the disciplinary file of any student unless written permission is obtained from the student. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, commonly known as the "Buckley Amendment," public disclosure of academic, financial and health records maintained by schools is prohibited.

"Basically, the Buckley Amendment says that anything that has to do with an individual's educational record cannot be distributed to the general public," Stephens said.

In the MTSU Undergraduate Catalog, the University defines educational records as "those records, files, documents and other materials which contain information directly related to a student and are maintained by Middle Tennessee State University or a person acting for the University."

"This is just basically our rewriting of how we interpret that," Stephens said. "We even consider the disciplinary process as educational or at least developmental. Those kinds of records come under the Privacy Act."

Universities throughout the United States have become battlegrounds in the fight to enter student disciplinary hearings and records.

The predominant example is the recent battle between the University of Georgia and its student newspaper, *Red and Black*. The University of Georgia barred *Red and Black* (now independent of the university) from attending student disciplinary hearings involving two fraternities accused of hazing. The administration claimed exemption from the Georgia open meetings and records law because the Buckley Amendment included disciplinary information as a category of "education records."

In November 1993, the Georgia State Supreme Court said that the university must grant access to the meetings and records of its Student Organization Court. With the ruling, the state ruled that the Student Organization Court was a governing body and had the responsibility of a public agency.

"Nevertheless, the Organization Court stands in place of, and is equivalent to the Board of Regents and the University under the Open Meetings Act," the Court stated.

Ironically, the ruling of Georgia's highest court granted considerably less access than first expected to student disciplinary records.

"The administration has made it very difficult to get student records by setting up every conceivable roadblock," said Teresa Walsh, a staff member of the *Red and Black*.

Following the ruling of the Georgia Supreme Court, a student facing charges in another campus court sued *Red and Black* to prevent

disclosure of his disciplinary records. The newspaper won the trial court ruling, and the decision was subsequently affirmed at the appellate level.

The Georgia Supreme Court has refused to stay its order of release while the plaintiff appeals his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, an act that has all but nullified his appeal.

Those involved feel that the Georgia State Supreme Court will serve as a standard-bearer for universities nationwide.

"The Georgia Supreme Court has ruled twice that the Buckley Amendment does not cover individual or collective student disciplinary records," said Carolyn Carlson, an Atlanta Associated Press staff member and a member of the board of directors of *Red and Black*.

"These are the first rulings of their kind in the country, and are being used nationally by other universities as a precedent to student record access," Carlson added.

The Taskforce on Campus Courts, a student interest group involving 13 media and academic groups, has been formed to address this situation nationally.

"They are actively trying to capitalize on the Georgia Supreme Court ruling," said Carlson.

The SGA, like the Organization Court at the University of Georgia, has claimed that the Buckley Amendment applies to disciplinary records. Both have closed meetings of campus decision-making bodies.

"The students have a right to know how justice is administered on their campus," Carlson said. "Otherwise, there is no one to make sure that justice is followed through fairly."

One MTSU student, junior environmental science major Chris Crowe, thought disclosed disciplinary records might be worth reading, but expressed concerns that his record might one day be exposed.

"I think [disciplinary records] ought to stay private, although I think it would be interesting to see everybody's stuff in print. But I would rather it stay the way it is, because potentially it could be my stuff that would be given out," Crowe said. □

Sidelines wishes its readers
happy holidays!



In Our Opinion

By the Sidelines
Editorial Staff

Dahmer death has a message

Jeffrey Dahmer was a sick man. A homosexual mass-murdering cannibal who dabbled in witchcraft and Satanism, Dahmer killed seventeen men and boys during his mad crusade.

On Tuesday night's 'Dateline NBC,' Dahmer's only television interview was replayed. Reminiscent of the interview serial killer Ted Bundy gave Dr. James Dobson, Dahmer was brutally honest in revealing what motivated his behavior.

Dahmer said his first experiences were with animals, cutting up dogs and cats to save their skeletons. He enjoyed the power, he said, and was fascinated by the experience.

Next, he fantasized about picking up a hitchhiker and killing him. When Dahmer finally made this come true, the rush he felt told him there was no turning back.

From there, the urges escalated. He spent evenings hopping from one gay bar to another, hoping to lure homosexuals back to his apartment for sex. Once at his home, Dahmer would drug them or attack them unexpectedly, killing and dismembering them.

One victim was tortured for two days before he finally died of exhaustion and loss of blood. Dahmer admitted to having sex with the men's corpses and even cannibalizing several of them. Dahmer said eating their bodies was the height of sexual intimacy, making his victims "permanent partners." And he said that with each experience, it took more the next time to satisfy his urges.

So how does a person become a Jeffrey Dahmer? The answer may have been given best in his own words:

"If a person doesn't believe there's a God, then what is there to keep that person's behavior within accepted norms? That's how I felt. . . . I was brought up to believe in evolution, that we all just evolved from the slime, and so there was no accountability for my behavior. But now I believe in God and that the Lord Jesus Christ is God, and I know that someday I will have to be accountable to Him."

This country doesn't need "midnight basketball." This country needs morality. We need values. We need God.

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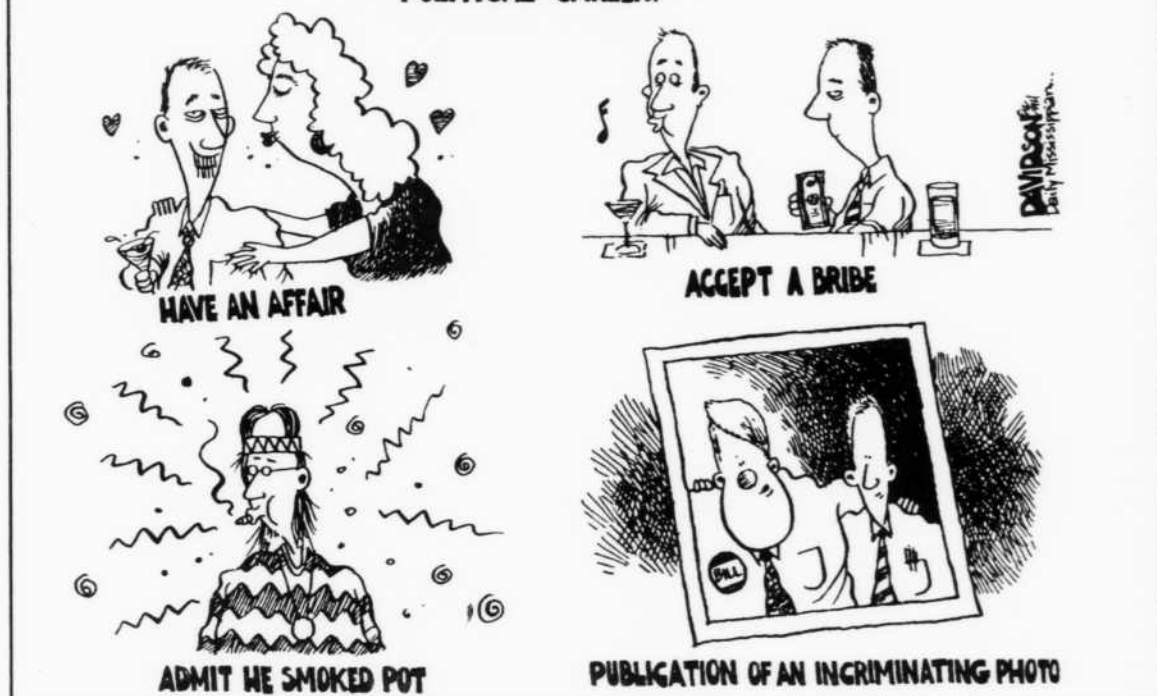
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Football needs more community input

school daze



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Last weekend the Blue Raider football team got routed by second-ranked Marshall University in the Division I-AA playoffs, 49-14. Even though the playoff experience was not too wonderful, the season itself was wonderful.

Coach Donnelly brought this team back from the 5-6 debacle of 1993, marked by

dissension throughout the season, to an 8-3-1 record this season and the playoff berth. Outside of the lopsided playoff loss, this team was three points away from a perfect season. This season proved that Coach Donnelly can still do the job, contrary to some public opinion at the end of last season.

This season has also been punctuated by a new athletic director, Lee Fowler. Fowler has stressed that one of his ultimate goals is to get the Blue Raider football program to the Division I-A level, which will mean more prestige for the football program and more money for the program and the university.

One of the goals that must be accomplished before this can become reality is to build an on-campus football stadium that will seat 30,000 or more people. Keeping the football team in the I-AA playoffs on a yearly basis is a necessity toward accomplishing the ultimate goal. A necessity toward accomplishing the short-term goal (the stadium) is to draw more fans to the games at Floyd Stadium.

Believe it or not, keeping the program in the playoffs is the easier of the two goals.

Fowler knew when he accepted the job that it would be difficult to draw more fans. He knew that students didn't

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Seperate gender standards unnecessary

The debate has been exhaustive as to whether women should be assigned to the combat units of our armed forces. Everyone with an opinion has spoken out from the gossipers of small town coffee shops to "experts" on the floor of Congress. Thus far no consensus has been reached, and due to the emotion of the issue I doubt it ever will to the satisfaction of all parties.

One question keeps popping up, though, that I believe deserves some merit: why can't those women who meet the requisite standards of combat units be allowed to serve with their male counterparts in battle? Some of my fellow officers may want to frag me after I say this, but it's time to think objectively and do some proactive planning before the issue is settled in court by a bunch of amoral, bookish sycophants who have never served a day in uniform.

First, let's end the confusion over the purpose of the military. We are all soldiers. Our primary missions—reduced to their basic form—are to either kill people or train, support,

and sustain those who are. All other missions fall subordinate to these, including peacekeeping, nation-building, and humanitarian relief operations. When soldiers cannot perform their primary mission, they are a liability to themselves, their fellow soldiers, and their Country. When soldiers deploy to a combat zone and come face to face with the enemy, they had better know and understand the spirit of the bayonet!

Second, some female soldiers are physically and emotionally capable of serving in combat. Some are not. This is not limited to the fairer sex: some men fail to meet the standards required for service in combat units. The failure rates of both men and women from the Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky can be used to support either argument; however, a higher percentage of women do fail from this course.

Third, feminine hygiene requirements—conveniently referred to as "special needs"—do create additional burdens for soldiers in the field. While all soldiers require personal cleanliness and must practice preventive health

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maintenance when afield, soldiers are sometimes subject to living in primitive, filthy conditions for long periods of time. This poses potential problems in the areas of resupply, medical evacuation, morale, and mission capability when soldiers require excessive personal maintenance. Put bluntly, menstruating soldiers in a sticky jungle aren't going to be happy when the resupply chopper carrying their tampons gets shot down.

Fourth, the military is an "equal opportunity employer" only for those who meet the physical, mental, and emotional standards. It is not a colloquium for social equality, gender advancement, or

sensitivity training. Granted, sacrificing the best and brightest on the altar of Mars makes war cruel and insane, but it makes even less sense to field a force that may be incapable of performing its mission-essential tasks on the battlefield.

Civilian policy wonks who have never walked point on a patrol or made life-or-death decisions on a daily basis have a hard time swallowing this sort of logic. To them, emotive principle matters more than practicality based on experience. Maybe we should return to the draft so everyone has the chance to die in some faraway land for God, country, and equal opportunity. But the very

thought of having brat-packers like George Stephanopoulos or Dee Dee Myers as "riflemen" in my platoon is enough to snap me back to reality.

Now let's define and solve the problem together.

Serving in the military is a privilege, not a right. The military is a political arm of the government, which represents the people of a region defined by geography, ideology, or mission. The mission of an army is to close with, engage, and destroy the enemy and his will to fight so that our government's will may be imposed upon his. Again, the primary mission of a soldier is to kill the enemy; the secondary mission is to train, support, and sustain fellow soldiers in killing or neutralizing the enemy.

Logically, one fields the

best and most capable athletes in order to win competitive sporting events. Likewise, commanders use the best and most capable warriors to accomplish their missions in the battlespace around their assigned objectives. Whether those forces are composed of men, women, or both is irrelevant: the real issue is whether the forces we send into battle are the best and most capable our Country has to offer.

The Department of Defense should immediately repeal all separate standards based on gender, especially those relating to physical fitness. For service in combat units, strict performance prerequisites should be adopted with no gender stipulation: those soldiers meeting the rigorous standards of combat units will fill the slots. Those who do

not meet combat standards will still be needed in the logistics, maintenance, and support services that make up the vast majority of our military's force structure.

It has been suggested that all soldiers serving in combat units meet the standards required to serve as a rifleman in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The prerequisites include passing the 17-21 age group Army Physical Fitness Test, successful completion of a standard obstacle course with a concluding timed two-mile run, and a 12-mile road march in full combat gear (rifle, helmet, and 35-pound rucksack) in less than three hours. Adopting this policy would help alleviate the dilemma for service in combat units by replacing gender with a measurable performance standard.

The issues of mothers at war, the rape and abuse of captured female soldiers and airmen, and chivalry have become outdated concepts in the courts of law, and women who choose to serve know full well the risks and consequences of their vocation. Except for the exclusion of primary dependent caregivers, women who meet male standards should be given the opportunity to serve in combat units. As for sexual harassment and fraternization, existing regulations and policies adequately deal with these issues.

We only need two standards for our fighting men and women: qualified for combat and non-qualified for combat. If experienced military leaders don't hurry up and decide this issue, then liberal lawyers and judges with no military experience will. □

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come to the games regularly and that it had to change, not just while we are in school but after we graduate.

So a program was developed in an attempt to draw more students to the games. Fowler obviously feels the main factor in drawing more attendance is to get the students involved.

For many reasons, this didn't work this season and will not work in the future. In order to draw maximum attendance, Fowler needs to change his main focus from the students to the community of Murfreesboro.

I became convinced of the higher need to draw the community into MTSU athletics this weekend while watching the MTSU game and the Youngstown State game on TV.

Marshall University is located in Huntington, W. Va., and Youngstown St. is located in Youngstown, Ohio. Both towns are very similar demographically to Murfreesboro—all three have the same general population, age of residents and median income.

But there is one huge difference between those two towns and Murfreesboro. When you look at the football stadiums at those universities on game day and Floyd Stadium on game day, their stadiums are full week in and week out and ours is not. Why? Because the other communities go bonkers over their football teams and Murfreesboro does not.

This has to change.

Fowler certainly must have seen the difference this weekend if he accompanied the team to Marshall. The people in Huntington, while being Pittsburgh Steeler fans, realize that Marshall Thundering Herd football is the game in town during the fall. They treat that team as their pro team and support it in that manner. In Youngstown, though many associate with the Cleveland Browns, they understand that Penguin football (yup, that's their nickname) is their opportunity to see good football live.

In Murfreesboro, the residents don't seem to realize this. It may be because no one has ever set up a marketing campaign directed specifically to helping the community realize this fact.

At Marshall and Youngstown State, the players get involved in the community and the schools do a good job of publicizing the players's works. With a few exceptions, that doesn't happen here. When it does, it certainly doesn't get publicized.

We have football crazy people here. If you don't believe me, go to Riverdale High School's Class 5A semifinal game Friday night. There will be more people in the stands at that game than there were at any MTSU home game this season.

MTSU players could serve as role models for some of the kids at these high schools. If the Sports Information Office will work with the Office of Public Relations to publicize some of the players's community participation, you'll get more people to the games because the community will be able to identify more

closely with the players and the team.

Having had this kind of a plan in place earlier could possibly have helped Donnelly recruit some of the seniors on the nation's 12th-ranked high school football team this season.

Why go after the community more than the students? Simple—MTSU is a commuter school. Yes, there are dorms, but with capacity in the dorms of approximately 2,300 students, that means less than 15 percent of the student body lives on campus. That makes MTSU a commuter school by logical definition.

Many of the students who live off campus live in the Nashville area and commute to school everyday. Many of them live at home to help cut expenses and work on the weekends to help pay for their education.

The cost of tuition and fees per semester is cheap compared to other schools, but \$896 is still a big chunk of change.

Most of those who live in the Murfreesboro community work both during the week and on weekends (as do I) to keep a roof over their heads as well as help pay for their education. Many of them live in the community because there is not enough dormitory space to house them.

There is also a disproportionate number of non-traditional students enrolled here, they being of an older age than the average college student who may have families, full-time jobs or both to support while they look to further their education and well-being.

None of the students in these situations are able to go to the games.

Part of the drawing card to get students to the games was supposed to be giving away inducements, such as \$50 gift certificates to Phillips Bookstore and a \$500 cash giveaway for juniors and seniors.

Mr. Fowler, this is not enough. A suggestion if you feel bribery is the way to get students to the games—think about giving away tuition and fees for a semester instead of gift certificates. You know what a student can buy with \$50 besides 10 pitchers of beer at The Boro? One not-too-thick new textbook. Tuition means a whole lot more than a gift certificate to the average college student.

Students could win the prizes by kicking field goals at halftime and between quarters. If a student can kick a 45-yard field goal they deserve free tuition, and Donnelly may not have to recruit a kicker for a while.

Blue Raider football deserves a larger following and needs one to advance to the big leagues. Long-time *Sidelines* sports editor and Blue Raider brain, spasmodic sports maniac Tony Arnold will convince anyone of this if asked. But the fact is that the majority of the larger following will have to come from the community.

If you have any doubts about how to do this, Mr. Fowler, spend this weekend at Marshall or Youngstown State. If you ask, I would think the athletic departments at those universities would certainly allow you to gain the secret to attendance success that gives them the ability to put the best I-AA talent on the field and be two of the best I-AA programs year in and year out.

In the long run, football success will get MTSU to the goal of a winning I-AA football program, but attendance must come first in order to establish the winning program. Mr. Fowler, you must go to the community first for the attendance. □

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The administration	1	2	3	4
Clothing and fashion	1	2	3	4
Successful MTSU graduates	1	2	3	4
Interesting students	1	2	3	4
Academic programs and departments	1	2	3	4
Intramural sports	1	2	3	4

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Student government	1	2	3	4
Fraternities and sororities	1	2	3	4
Campus social events	1	2	3	4
On-campus entertainment	1	2	3	4
Off-campus entertainment	1	2	3	4
Professional and student organizations	1	2	3	4
AIDS Coverage	1	2	3	4
Local governments & politics	1	2	3	4
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Clothing and fashion	1	2	3	4
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Campus security	1	2	3	4
Stocks and business news	1	2	3	4
Music, books, theater, and movies	1	2	3	4
Crime and violence	1	2	3	4
Calendar of campus activities	1	2	3	4
The recent presidential election	1	2	3	4

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Cosmetics	1	2	3
Restaurants	1	2	3
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Travel and vacations	1	2	3
Automobile	1	2	3

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- 1 Every Monday and Thursday issue
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- 5 Never

Now, just a few questions to help us analyze the results...

Which of the following best describes how much of each issue of *Sidelines* you read? (Circle one)

- 1 Read only a few stories
- 2 Read about half of the stories
- 3 Read most of it from cover to cover

Which category best describes your employment status? (Circle one)

- 1 Employed part-time
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- 1 Live on campus in campus housing
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- If you commute, do you commute from: (Circle one)
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 - 2 Wilson County
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 - 8 Other county (Write in)

What is your current class rank? (Circle one)

- 1 Freshman
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- 3 Junior
- 4 Senior
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- 6 Other

What is your major? (Write in)

Which category best describes your age category? (Circle one)

- 1 18-22
- 2 23-26
- 3 27-30
- 4 over 30

Which category best describes your marital status? (Circle one)

- 1 Single
- 2 Married
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- 4 Widowed

What is your sex? (Circle one)

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

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- 1 Black
- 2 White
- 3 Oriental
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- 1 Yes*
- 2 No

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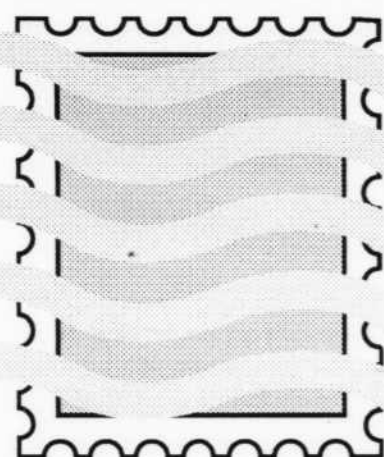
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Page 4. Sidelines' Readership Survey

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Letters to the Editor

Student has words of praise for editorial staff

Dear *Sidelines*,

I commend *Sidelines* and the editorial staff for your excellent job of maintaining balanced reporting. Though I personally agree with the more conservative articles, I do believe that all should have their voice. It is uncommon to find a school paper that can objectively present many different points of view, but MTSU has one.

I applaud your courage in printing such series' as the one on the American Heritage, and for fearlessly printing the name of Jesus Christ in positive ways. Editor Todd Meyers has done an outstanding job of inviting all to participate, and has demonstrated mature thinking in his columns (especially "Our Faith is Not in Man," Nov. 17).

Again, thank you for carrying out your journalistic duties with admirable boldness and exercising your First Amendment rights. May God bless your efforts.

Mark Miller
MTSU Box 9270

Professor criticizes students for poor support of athletics

To the Editor:

Saturday, Nov. 19 I witnessed a great exhibition of football as the Blue Raiders defeated the Golden Eagles. Yet, to me, there was much to be less than happy about. I felt for those players who played so brilliantly, many for the last time on this field, and there were so many empty seats. I wondered how many of our students, faculty and administrators were at other campuses paying exorbitant prices for tickets from scalpers. Did they see a better game? I doubt it.

As Kelly Holcomb and Kippy Bayless came off the field for the last time, I imagined the thunderous ovation each would have received at other schools. If we had the media attention many of our players would have been featured for their performances. I watched the offensive line protect Kelly and wondered if Kelly mentioned them in his prayers.

I've watched many games played at Georgia and at Brigham Young University, but I don't think I saw many better players than those playing for MTSU.

I don't know why there isn't the atmosphere surrounding MTSU games as you find at other schools, but I surely hope things can change. Our players deserve our support. Why should we see more orange than blue on our students? Why is UAB, playing in the shadows of Alabama and Auburn, going 1A after only a few years of fielding their first team? Why shouldn't the great rivalry in Tennessee be between MTSU and UT? Or perhaps between University of Middle Tennessee and University of Memphis?

Bob Newsome
Professor, Economics and Finance
MTSU Box 0162

Student apologizes to campus community

Dear students,

I am a Christian. I would like to apologize for Paul and Tom. (In case you did not see them they were the two men preaching in the KUC courtyard Monday

afternoon.) They condemned the "average" college student and bashed women. Their interpretation of the Bible is one of anger and damnation. They entertained questions from the audience with a misguided interpretation of God's word. Insults were tossed back and forth, as the speaker "confessed" his past sins before a large group of students. Their discussions, arguments, and lectures accomplished only one thing—they turned everyone off of Christianity.

I never claim to be righteous or to know what is right or wrong. I hope to be counted last in the number of people to judge others for their sins. That's God's job. Again I sincerely apologize.

Michael O'Neill
MTSU Box 9138

Another reader takes issue with Christina Basiel

To the Editor:

How many times have I read *Sidelines* and wanted to respond? Well, Ms. Basiel, Conservative Philosopher, you got my pen writing before I could finish the first sentence of your Nov. 3 "Ollie" article.

With the title of Conservative Philosopher, I could expect you to accuse only the liberal left of mud slinging. Please bear in mind that your champion of justice, Bambi-eyes Ollie himself ran negative ads accusing his opponent of being un-American. Across the country Americans were robbed of thoughtful dialogue and electoral information by both conservatives and liberals who found it more gratifying to serve the short run—the advancement of narrow "philosophies" and denigration of anyone who disagrees—then to regard the long run—how we all get American back on track.

Ollie served in VietNam and Clinton didn't. Both soldiers and non-soldiers were exercising the precious rights we have as Americans to think about how we serve our country. Many protested the senseless killings in southeast Asia. Nixon at that time proclaimed, "Love it or leave it!" for those who disagreed with his deceitful agenda. If you or Ollie do not support the current American President's agenda, does that make you Un-American and disloyal? Do you have to love it or leave it? Is Clinton asking you to?

"An easily settled dispute between a Republican president ... blown out of proportion at the expense of taxpayers." Where do I begin? How much money was funneled under the noses of Congress and behind the backs of Ollie's own executive branch (who either "forgot" or were out of the loop)? Were the arms purchased with taxpayers monies not used for the illegal activities of the Contras—illegal because, like it or not, Congress voted not to appropriate these monies? The point of the dispute is, in fact, the subversion of a more important matter than any president or political party or philosophy and that is the subversion of the American Constitution. It is the Constitution which makes America unique in the world. Isn't the Constitution worth protecting?

As to Oliver North's "heroic" actions during peacetime, they are comparable to Paul Hill's assassination of an abortion doctor (he felt it would "benefit many others" despite its illegality) and the recent attack by an anti-Clinton fanatic on the White House. Our White House and our duly elected president. Do you support the breaking of laws for the common good in this matter? I wonder. When does the law become the law?

Garth Hanson & Mary Yoon
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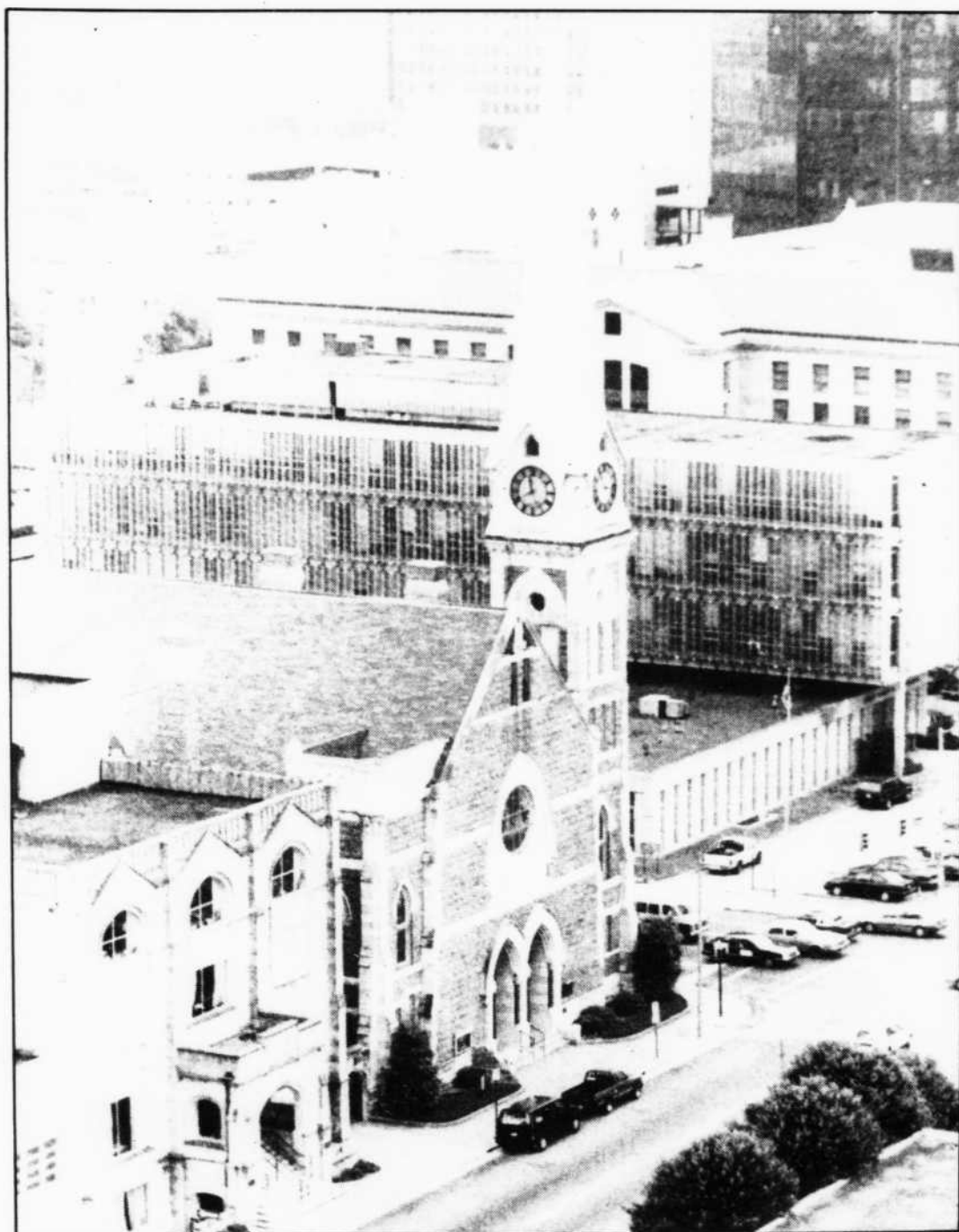
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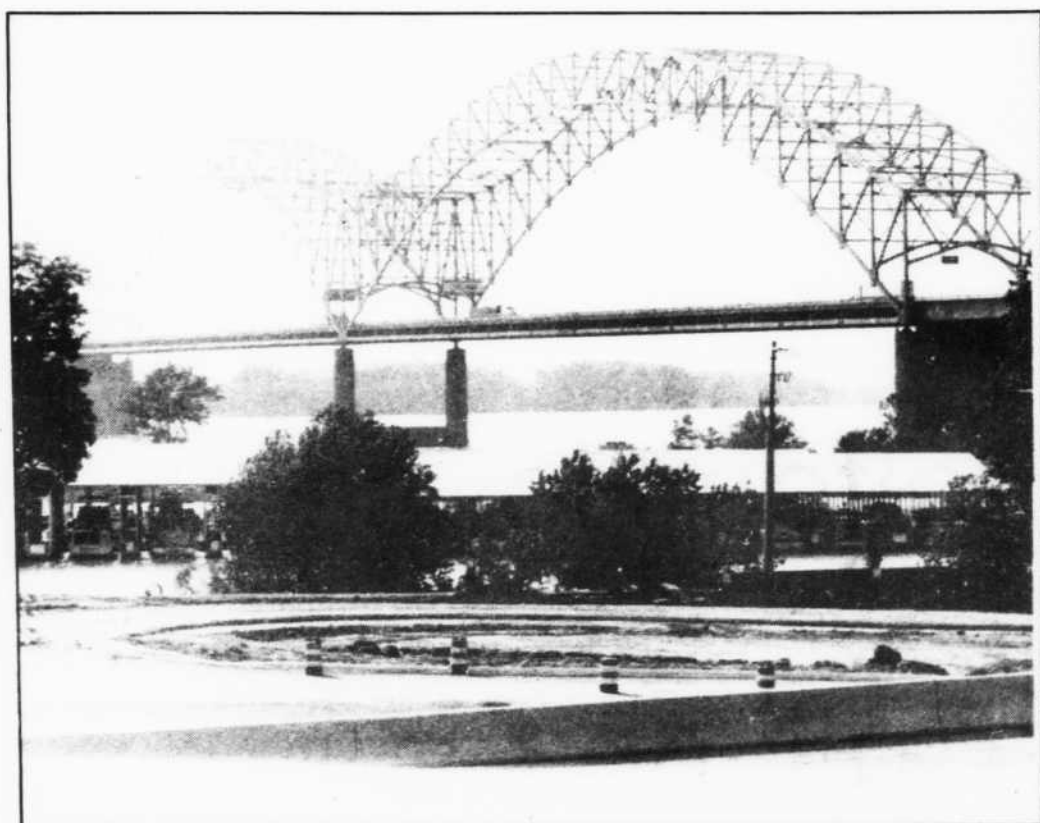
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Memphis is not all Beale Street and booze. Memphis is the city that takes America and reduces it to the limits of one city. It has everything from BMWs to homeless people. Though this may not seem appealing to some, it is a beautiful city all the same. From the Peabody to the missions in the bottom of the churches,

**Photos and
Text By
SUNNY L.
BEASLEY
Assistant
Features
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Memphis is the city of blues, but it is also the city that shows what America is really like. You can walk down the cobblestone Main Street and see the people waiting on the passing trolley as you wander down to the smell of food, fun and music that can bring tears to your eyes. In another section you can see where the king of rock and roll lived for

a small price, of course. You can go to a ball game at the Pyramid or go to Mud Island and wonder for a while.

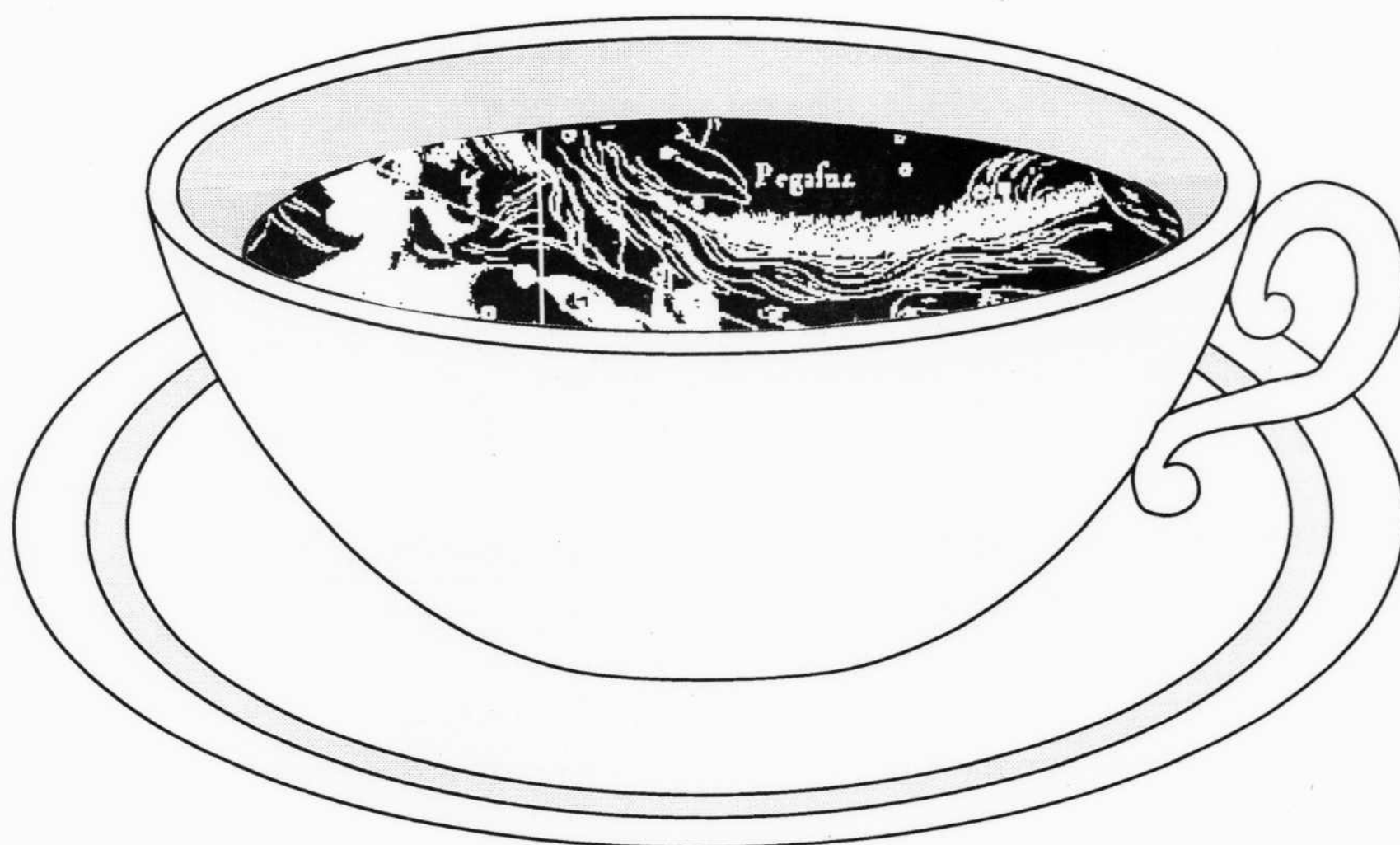
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Chatter on television through internet

LYNN ELBER
Associated Press Writer

You've just finished watching "Melrose Place" and would love to dish the dirt about Amanda's hairdo, wardrobe or skillful abuse of men.

Office cooler chat is a long, bleak nighttime away. So you sidle up to a source of instant gratification: the computer that will carry you into cyberspace to meet fellow "Place junkies."

Or fans of "The Nanny." Or Mike Judge, creator of "Beavis and Butt-head." Or Peter Jennings, who answered

election day questions via computer. Or talk show host Greg Kinnear.

Increasingly, on-line services such as Prodigy, CompuServe, America Online and Delphi are helping TV networks open up a brave new world of marketing and promotion.

The Internet, a worldwide amalgam of computer networks that is free to the public, is also abuzz with TV chatter.

"This gives a network an opportunity to build loyalty, to have a closer personal relationship with viewers," says Prodigy executive

Barbara Bellafiore Sanden, who oversees on-line services for about 40 cable and broadcast networks.

"It's a little early to tell, but that's part of what we're all betting on: This is another promotional tool to cut through all the clutter out there," Sanden says.

It's also, she noted, a way for networks to dip their toes into much-discussed interactivity, using computers for now instead of TV sets.

So-called "bulletin boards" that let computer users talk amongst themselves are a longtime on-line staple. In the past year, a growing number

of actors, producers and network executives have begun sitting down for keyboard chats as well.

A producer or network may browse through bulletin board comments to sample viewer comment. And it can be widespread: One "X-Files" fan logs in to Delphi from the North Pole; others come aboard from Australia.

"What I get from it is a certain, immediate feedback from people who are watching the show, a visceral reaction to what we're doing," says Carter, a regular reader of computer chat. "You don't have to wait for fan mail."

Networks are beginning to use information gleaned from the computer in decision-making.

The initial reaction to the information gleaned from Delphi (owned by Fox parent company News Corp.) or the Internet was a quizzical "What is that?" Kennedy recalls. "Now, it's 'I have my ratings; where's my comments?'"

Networks also are pumping a stream of goodies out to cement the bond between viewers and programs, and to turn computer flow into cash flow. □

Branagh creates a Frankenstein of a different kind

BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

Kenneth Branagh possesses a young man's confidence in challenging popular beliefs — he proved it when he directed and starred in the film "Henry V" at age 28.

Branagh has directed two modern films: "Dead Again," a film-noir murder story, and "Peter's Friends," a kind of British "The Big Chill." Neither was well received by critics or the public.

Branagh faced his biggest challenge

with "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein." Although remade ad finitum, the 1931 version directed by James Whale with Colin Clive as Frankenstein and Boris Karloff as the monster remains in every film buff's mind.

Branagh reviewed the earlier films and was not deterred.

"I checked out all the films, including my favorite, Mel Brooks' 'Young Frankenstein.' It really is the summation of every parodic response to the story itself and to the brilliant ways it has been made in the past. Having seen that, I knew what we couldn't do."

The Karloff makeup, with its platform shoes, high dome and bolt through the neck, has long been copied and parodied. Branagh wanted to avoid comparisons with his monster, Robert De Niro.

"We wanted him to be somebody who was in pain, as though he was covered with sores and cuts that even as you watched him you knew were sore."

Branagh, who will be 34 on Dec. 10, published his autobiography, "Beginnings," at age 28. He is serious about his work, but he is also affable, his boyish Irish face often widening in a

smile.

Branagh's actors adore him. Says Helena Bonham Carter, who portrays his lover and wife in "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein": "He has plenty of humor, and for actors he is ideal because he knows how delicate our confidence is. So he's incredibly tactful."

Branagh was born in Belfast. His family moved to England when he was 9. As a boy he became enamored with American movies. His all-time favorite was "The Great Escape," with the late Steve McQueen. □

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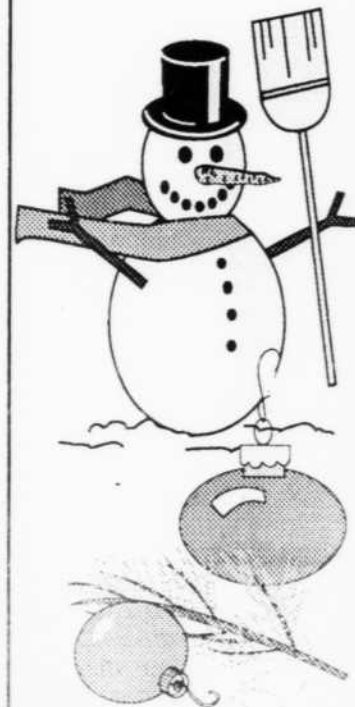
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Special to Sidelines

What do you do when college isn't exactly your cup of tea? You might take a break and open up a coffee house.

Chameleon Cafe, Murfreesboro's newest coffee house, is the brainchild of 22-year-old Josh Alley. When Josh moved from Florida to Murfreesboro in 1990 he thought of opening a coffee house with his mom, but things never really fell together.

Josh went to MTSU for two years and tried his hand at English, philosophy, and psychology but decided that, "I wasn't old enough in my head to commit to the required studies, so I stopped. I'm going to go back someday and get my Ph.D. in philosophy."

With college on the back burner, Josh decided to work in construction. A year and a half later, he was ready to make his coffee house dream a reality and used the money he'd saved working in construction to give birth to Chameleon Cafe.

Today, Josh is the sole owner of Chameleon Cafe on Greenland Drive.

"We are the island of misfits," he explains when asked who frequents the coffee house. "I opened Chameleon hoping to give the intellectuals and misfits a place to hang out and eat, drink, and be merry, and so far we've been quite successful. My ultimate hope is to have some college professors as well as the college students spend some time here."

Chameleon is definitely a place where everyone belongs. MTSU student and professed coffee junkie Holly Denham says she likes Chameleon Cafe because "it's not like a lot of other coffee houses that I've experienced. Most coffee houses are full of people who put on airs and act really pretentious. At Chameleon you just hang out. You could go there in your pajamas and that would be cool. It's cool that Josh is so young. That's what makes the coffee house so cool...Josh is one of us."

Unfortunately, even the kindest of hearts can't provide a problem-free utopia and for Josh, some generation gaps proved hard to bridge.

"I tried for four months to

find a happy medium between high school and college students," Josh explains, "and I came to one conclusion: It's not possible for the two to coexist. The high school students were continually disruptive to the point that they were driving my other customers away, so now they are no longer welcome. The high school students that are quiet and respectful are allowed, but it was getting to the point where the only people in the cafe were people getting coffee to go and the die-hards who would only leave if the building was on fire. Something had to change."

Despite the high school incident, Josh's business is doing exceedingly well. financially, Chameleon has its ups and downs, but it's only

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—Josh Alley

Owner of Chameleon Cafe

been in business for five months. Josh pays everyone's salary, including his own, out of the money the cafe makes, so drawing in customers is a big objective.

To do this Chameleon has extended its hours. They're open from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays; 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays.

In addition to the long hours, Chameleon hosts out-of-town and local bands throughout the week. As Josh explains, "There just aren't enough places in town for all the local bands to play. Now, the bands that should be heard, are. The coffee house is so small and intimate that the crowd is right there with the band. In the coming months we've got bands coming from as far as Canada, California, Baltimore, and Atlanta. It's crazy, but it's going to be really cool."

On Wednesday nights Chameleon is filled with a

different kind of music as the beat poets flock to read their poetry at what is now a Wednesday night tradition.

Going to Chameleon is like going home. With its staff limited to Josh and five others, there's always a familiar face. Josh describes his staff as "the ones who hold down the fort and keep me from going crazy. I put in anywhere from 70 to 80 hours a week. It's pretty tough because I'm a workaholic, but I enjoy it."

Chameleon Cafe's general manager, Forrest Knox, describes his boss as "real down to earth and laid back. For example, last night I was sick and he worked all by himself. he was really understanding. He genuinely cares about us and that's what makes him such a cool boss."

Josh is probably one of the hardest working people you'll ever meet, and chances are if you go to Chameleon on any given day, he'll be there. That's part of the charm of Chameleon, Josh is one of us.

Asked what the pressures of owning his own business were, Josh said he felt at times that he was "comically connected to the coffee house by an umbilical cord. It's like, when I'm not here, business isn't as good. But when I am here, the place

is crazy with business. That's one of the wild things about owning a coffee house. People put all these expectations on me and I'm just a regular guy. People talk about me like I'm a god, like I created Chameleon with my own mud and spit. I'm just Josh, the guy who owns Chameleon Cafe. It's that simple."

Don't be fooled by Josh's modesty because he's anything but average. At 22 he is the sole owner of a prospering business, and by the time he's 25 he hopes to own a sailboat and "sail around the world until I'm dizzy. I want to be a pirate. People say I'm crazy and that I'll never do it, but it's my fate. It's not my fault I was born 400 years too late. I'd like to be the Robin Hood kind of pirate who steals from the rich and gives to the poor, but I'm a strict pacifist."

Pacified for now, Josh is content to be the owner of Chameleon Cafe and welcomes all of Murfreesboro to his "island of misfits." □

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Herd thunders by MTSU

◆ Blue Raiders lose for first time in first round of playoffs

TONY J. ARNOLD

Sports Advisor

After a 31-3 pounding Middle Tennessee State's Blue Raiders dealt Tennessee Tech two weeks ago it appeared as if the Raiders had turned the corner heading into the I-AA playoffs.

Unfortunately, a Thundering Herd from Marshall was awaiting around the bend and Boots Donnelly's troops were trampled in the stampede 49-14.

The loss marked the first first round playoff loss for MTSU in six appearances. In 1985, the squad lost its opener to eventual champion Georgia Southern after receiving a bye in the opening round.

"We came in today and were beaten in every facet of the game," Donnelly said. "Marshall is a very talented team."

"We were never able to establish our offense and our defense couldn't stop them. I feel our team lost some of its confidence and I was disappointed in our effort."

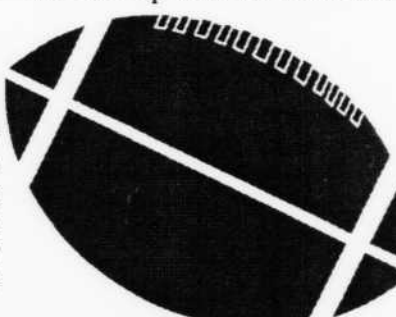
MTSU seemed to build some confidence early in the contest as senior defensive end Sean Luckett stopped Marshall's initial drive with a pick at MTSU's 16-yard line.

MTSU threw an

interception of its own on the very next play and the game was downhill from there.

Using a powerful running game spearheaded by Chris Parker, the Herd tromped about anywhere it wanted and before the Raiders were able to stop it, Marshall was ahead 21-0.

When the Raiders were finally able to stop it, Dennis Mimms miffed a punt that set up another Marshall



BLUE RAIDER FOOTBALL

score that put it up 28-0.

The Raiders did score on the final play of the half, a 10-yard pass from Kelly Holcomb to Demetric Mostiller, giving Donnelly hope that it would spark his troops. However, to his dismay, it didn't seem to stop the runaway Herd and the stampede continued.

"Our touchdown before the half should have helped, but Marshall came the second half and took away what

momentum we had gained."

While MTSU's defense had its problems stopping Marshall, the offense could never get in a flow either settling for punts or giving the ball away on one of four interceptions.

Ironically, it was an interception by Eric McBroom that set up MTSU's final score capped off by Holcomb's 10-yard pass to Corey Simpson.

All in all, the Raiders amassed only 259 yards. The defense surrendered 574.

"They ran a real basic offense," commented Marshall defensive tackle Curtis Duncan. "In one sense it was easy to prepare for them because we knew what was coming but in another it was hard because what they do, they do well. I think we just outmanned them today."

Marshall head coach Jim Donnan agreed.

"We were crisp and we just outmanned them," he said. "They did what we expected but I don't think (MTSU is) as good as they were two years ago (when Middle lost 35-21)."

Nonetheless, MTSU closed out a very respectable season with a 8-3-1 record after suffering its first losing season in over a decade just a year ago. □

Bayless named OVC's top offensive player, 7 Raiders make All-OVC

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP)—Kippy Bayless of Middle Tennessee State and Doug Berg of Southeast Missouri State were named Tuesday the Ohio Valley Conference players of the year.

All the honors were picked by OVC coaches and sports information directors.

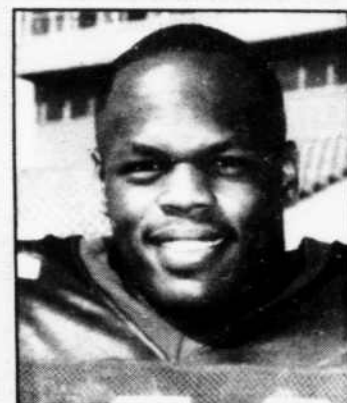
Bayless, a running back, was selected as offensive player of the year for the second straight year. He rushed for a league high 1,346 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Berg, a defensive lineman, led the OVC with 11.5 sacks and 19.5 tackles for loss to win defensive player of the year.

Mumford led Southeast Missouri to a 7-5 overall record and a 5-3 mark in the conference. Southeast was just 3-8 a year ago.

League champion Eastern Kentucky and second-place Middle Tennessee each had seven players named to the All-OVC first team. Chosen from Eastern Kentucky were offensive tackle Jason Combs, offensive guard James Hand, tight end Chris Whitefield, defensive lineman Roosevelt Givens, linebacker Tony McCombs, defensive back Joe Smith and punter Marc Collins.

Representing Middle



KIPPY BAYLESS

Tennessee were Bayless, offensive tackle Patrick Hicks, quarterback Kelly Holcomb, wide receiver Cory Simpson, kicker Garth Petrilli, linebacker Nathaniel Claybrooks and defensive back Eric McBroom.

Also named to the first team were running back Kelvin Anderson of Southeast Missouri; wide receiver Lawrence Segree, defensive end David Bell and defensive backs Cedric Davis and Darrell Williams of Tennessee State; offensive guard Chris Reid, center Tracy Russell and defensive lineman Brian Pankey of Tennessee Tech; linebacker Brian Spano and defensive back Dewayne Harper of Tennessee-Martin and defensive end Brian Harvey of Austin Peay. □

Bailey leads MTSU in 72-63 season opening victory over North Georgia

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Sophomore Roni Bailey scored 19 points and grabbed 6 rebounds as MTSU defeated North Georgia 72-63 Nov. 26 at Murphy Center.

MTSU (1-0) played an up-tempo game to perfection in the first half, shutting down the North Georgia offense with a 27-5 scoring run and taking a 41-18 halftime lead.

Despite the first half success, MTSU's mixture of youth and inexperience allowed North Georgia to outscore them 45-31 in the second half, but they still managed to hang on to a nine-point victory.

Although Blue Raider head coach David Farrar was happy about the win, there were some things he was concerned about—such as the fact his team only shot eight free throws in the game.

"We weren't very patient and we didn't get the ball to the power people. Unless we do that, we're going to struggle," Farrar said. "That is our goal, to continue to grow and to continue to be competitive while winning. We need to continue to win games; we need to



BRIAN G. MILLER/Staff Photographer

THAT'S A FOUL — MTSU forward Bobby Clark (35) is hammered as he goes up for the shot in Saturday's game with North Georgia, which MTSU won 72-63



JOE CARVELLE/Special to Sidelines

SMILING ALL THE WAY TO THE HOOP — Lady Raider forward Jessica Beaty (33) makes her way to the basket in Sunday's SportsBelle Classic doubleheader. MTSU lost to 25th ranked Georgia 95-71.

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Raffo: a shining light in a dim season

JIM HORTEN

Special to *Sidelines*

Webster defines the word *special* as "distinctive or unique; exceptional; unusual; highly valued." These words describe Lady Raider volleyball player Angie Raffo.

The senior outside hitter from Jasper, Tenn. had an "exceptional" season this year, including being named to the All-OVC season team. She is the first Lady Raider volleyball player to be named to an all-conference team. Her 1994 season rates as one of the best in all-time in school history. It would definitely rate as "distinctive or unique."

"She is one of the finest athletes I've ever had privilege to coach," said former head Lady Raider volleyball coach Diane Cummings. "She came to MTSU very new to the game and worked hard to improve year by year. Through that hard work, she turned into one of the most exciting, dominating players in the conference."

Raffo didn't come from a "volleyball" background. She was a 1,000-point basketball scorer at Marion County High School and really only played two years of volleyball before entering college. An outstanding athlete, she made her mark as a blocker early in her Lady Raider career.

"I played [volleyball] all four years in high school, but the first two years didn't teach me very much about [it]," Raffo said. "My main learning about the sport came in college."



ANGIE RAFFO

She had a very good sophomore year as a middle hitter with great things expected of her during her junior year. It didn't happen—MTSU suffered and struggled the whole season. Angie herself had less than a stellar season after moving to the outside hitter position.

"Last year was very hard and I did get close to quitting, but I didn't want to quit on my team," Raffo said. "Coach Cummings says that if you can't make it through the hard times now, how will you get through them in real life? That makes me feel good concerning the future by the way I was able to handle the tough times in volleyball."

Cummings echoes those words.

SOUND BITE

"I can't say enough about how proud I am of my teammates in the way we played to the end of the season in the tournament."

Angie Raffo
MTSU Athlete

"Raffo has proven her ability to overcome obstacles. I really thought I was going to lose her after last season, and I was pleasantly surprised with her dedication, determination, and persistence to achieve. It will serve her very well as she enters the workplace," she said.

With that season behind her and nearing the brink of giving up volleyball completely, Raffo's fire for volleyball was rekindled. The arrival of setter Nidza Castillo from the Puerto Rico National team was a key ingredient.

"Nidza has made a world of difference," Raffo admits. "She's like a coach on the floor. She really knows the game and helped to keep

me going when I got down."

Raffo also credits graduate assistant coach Fito Ramos and Tanya Maltes, both also from Puerto Rico, with aiding her development.

After a somewhat slow start, Raffo poured it on over the last two thirds of the season. She had some of the best individual performances in MTSU and OVC history. Three times she had 10 or more kills in a single game, including 14 against arch rival Tennessee Tech, setting a school record. That night she became the first player in school history to exceed 30 kills in a match with 31. She was the only player in the conference to accomplish that feat this year.

"At times I felt like I had no choice because it was like I was the only one who cared," Raffo continued, "but I can't say enough about how proud I am of my teammates in the way we played to the end of the season in the tournament."

Despite all the athletic achievements, Raffo is a top-flight student. She carries a 3.47 grade point average as an Interdisciplinary Studies major and is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society. Her name is consistently on the Dean's List, as well as the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Those who saw Raffo play this year, you caught a glimpse of why she fits the description "highly valued." Those who got to know her during her four years on the volleyball team know that both on and off the court, Angie is the epitome of the word *special*. □

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Simple tips on slowing the effects of growing older

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I overheard a conversation between two recreational basketball players who appeared to be in the late twenties or early thirties. After playing a vigorous game of basketball (at least vigorous enough to make them sweat profusely), one of them revealed a startling

secret about himself, "I'm not as young as I used to be!" Well buddy, who is?

Whether you like it or not, you're getting older. Maybe that's not necessarily altogether true—maybe you're already old! With age comes several undesirable characteristics: increased body fat, wrinkles, sore joints, the inability to physically do things you used to do, hangovers really start to hurt. There are others. While you can't stop the aging process, you can certainly slow it down. Let's start with a few commonly mentioned tips.

Smoking, drinking, fatty foods, lack of exercise. These

are well-known to accelerate the aging process. Stopping such habits will definitely slow the aging process. Even if you can't quit one of these habits, giving your body a vacation as often as possible will help. For example, quitting smoking for a mere two days will lower blood pressure to a normal level—that being the level it would be at if you didn't smoke. Two days of non-smoking won't do much for your chances of getting lung cancer, however.

Exercise doesn't necessarily mean an hour of high intensity activity. Smaller levels of exercise can

add up and eventually make a difference. Instead of driving to the store for a six-pack and cigs, take a ten minute walk to the store for them (then buy chewing gum and diet Pepsi instead!).

While science hasn't fully confirmed their benefits, herbs and antioxidant supplements may help slow the aging process. Check at a local health food store for further help.

A simple tip on slowing the aging process—yet one so often ignored—is to relax! By reducing stress you will loosen up facial muscles (which may reduce wrinkling), as well as lower

blood pressure.

The single biggest thing a young person can do to stay young looking is to change a unhealthy lifestyle now! The adage of "you get what you deserve" certainly applies to how you live your life. Think of the future; without a healthy lifestyle, you're going to end up looking like Keith Richards or hiring Cher's plastic surgeon at age 30 or 40.

Remember, you can ruin your health and die or you can eat healthy, exercise, and die anyway. The difference is the quality of your life and how you feel and look before it's time for the dirt nap! □

RAIDERS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16)

have a winning feeling. Our kids learned some valuable things tonight. It would have been nice if we hadn't done some negative things to learn them, but we did learn them."

Bailey wasn't the only player that scored in double figures. Tim Gaither had 11 points and 9 assists, David Washington had 12 points, and Velvious Goodloe had 11 points and 6 rebounds. The overall team feeling is positive.

"I think I found out I can do pretty well," Bailey said. "I just wanted to come out and play hard."

"This year's team is pretty good because I've got a lot of players on the team that can score," Gaither said. "It really gives me an advantage to be able to look for more players on the team because we've got a lot of depth and a lot of shooters."

Farrar feels his team will be able to go a long way in terms of accomplishments. "We're on a learning curve right now," Farrar said. "Each one of these [players] can play with us."

The next home game for MTSU is Saturday night as they host Lyon College at 7:30 p.m. □

ON THE LINE FINAL STATS

It was tight to down to the wire, and it took an undefeated weekend for Emeri Gordon to overtake William Wood and win the student On The Line.

Gordon finished the season with a record of 139-46, and won the complimentary plaque.

Gordon also gets the opportunity to compete with the staff experts on the bowl games.

On The Line staff regular season champion Tony Arnold is eager for the chance to go against tougher competition.

"This thing was a breeze, and Emeri is in

for a rude awakening when I get through with him," Arnold said.

Monica Gordon, Emeri's wife, also went 14-0 (the two ties eliminated a perfect record) to pull into second just one game back at 138-47.

William Wood, who was last year's student pick champion, went 12-2 to finish third at 137-48.

Forrest Moegle finished fourth at 136-49, after going 12-2 also.

Corey Staggs took sole possession of fifth, with a record of 130-55 after going 11-3 over the weekend.

Lee Eaton and Carter Henson wound-up tied at 127-58, after both went 10-4.

Greg Meyer finished with a record of 123-62.

That is the final record of the top student pickers. Thanks to everyone who picked, and good luck with basketball! □

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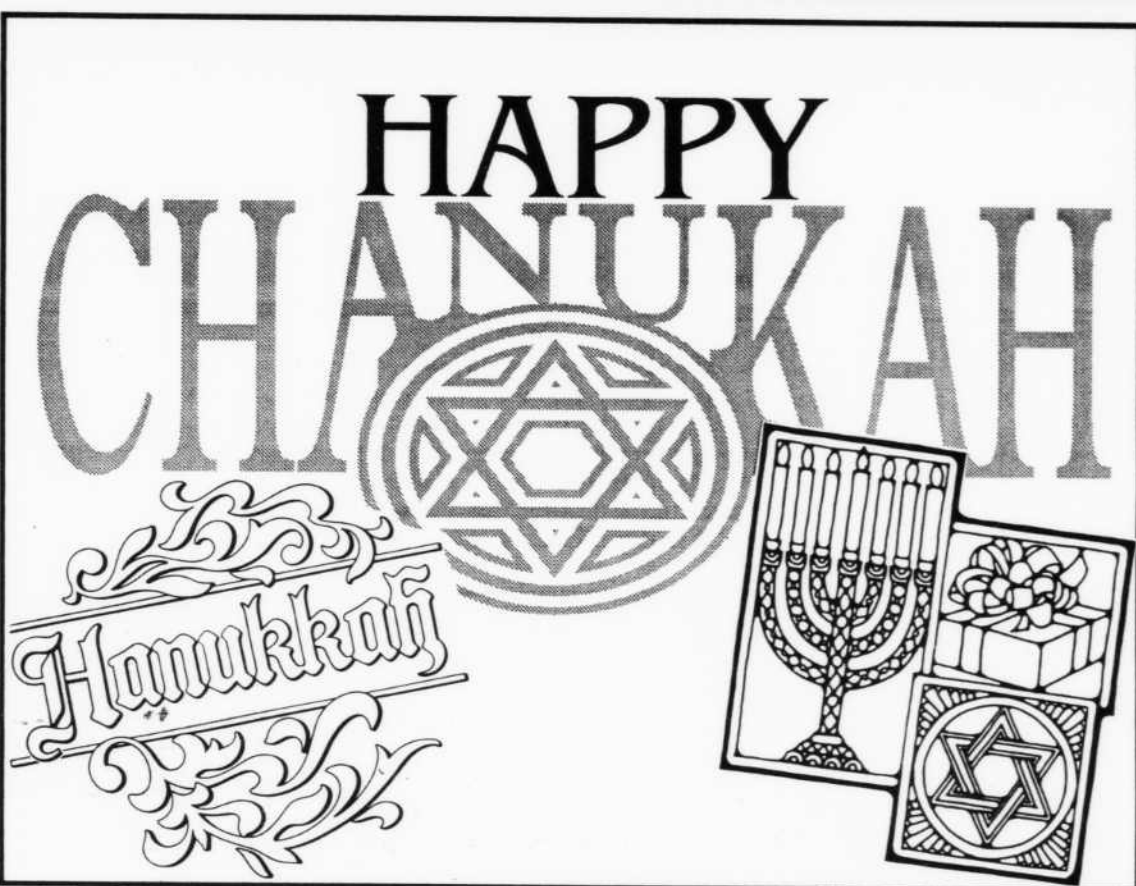
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