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SIDELINES IN BRIEF

Joe Campbell Jr.

All-time Raider rushing scorer Joe Campbell Jr. has finally found a home with the Nashville Kats. He reminisces about his rocky career in the NFL and Canadian football which eventually led him back to Middle Tennessee. (see story, page 6)

Center for the Arts

The Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts, 110 W. College St., will feature over 25 Metro-Regional artists this month. On Dec. 13, the Center will present its third annual "Holiday Gala" with the theme "An Old-Fashioned Christmas."

MTSU IN BRIEF

Alpha Delta Mu

Alpha Delta Mu social work honorary is currently sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Bedford County Veterans Army. Collection boxes for canned goods are located in Peck Hall rooms 309 and 317.

Jimison hospitalized

Photography professor Thomas Jimison underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery Friday morning at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville. Jimison is in the intensive care unit and recovering well.

Future Airport Executives

Future Airport Executives campus organization is selling T-shirts for \$15 each to pay for its recent trip to the Smithsonian Aerospace Museum. The T-shirts are gray with blue lettering and black trim. The front has a "MT" on the upper left while the back says "Middle Tennessee Aerospace" with a picture of an airplane in the center. Those interested can buy from any Future Airport Executives member or come by Business Aerospace S240.

New honor societies

The Dean of Student Life Office and Office of Student Development are now organizing four new student honor societies. Phi Eta Sigma is being organized for students with 12 or more credit hours; Lambda Sigma is for students with 30 or more credit hours and a GPAs of 3.5 or above; Blue Key is for students with 60 or more credit hours and GPAs of 3.0 or above; and Mortar Board/ODK is for students with 90 or more credit hours and GPAs of 3.0 or more. Information sessions about all of the groups will be held in the KUC Theatre the following days and times: Monday, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 20 at 5 p.m.

Cortez to speak

Carlos Cortez, professor emeritus of Riverside, will speak this week on civility and gender relations. On Nov. 17, he will speak in the JUB Tennessee room at 7 p.m. and at 8:15 in Dining Room C and on Nov. 18 he will speak at the KUC Theatre at 9:30 and 1 p.m.

Know of something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-6487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.

Bomb squad blasts ticking package

□ Chad Gillis/staff

The MTSU Postal Office received a large, ticking package Friday morning at 8:30, according to Elizabeth Lanier Patty, post office mail manager.

An employee discovered the ticking sound, later identified as a metronome being sent to a student here, while sifting through a morning mail gurney.

"This was a package in our mail stream," said Patty. "At first just a ticking was heard; it was a matter of listening to find which package it was. The employee [who discovered the package] said 'Ms. Patty, we have a ticking!' They brought it in and laid it on my desk. The ticking was so unusual, it was loud."

Upon hearing the ticking, Patty called the postal inspectors office in Brentwood. Next, public safety and the Tennessee Highway Patrol Bomb Squad were informed. Initiating the evacuation of the Keathley University Center, public safety pulled the fire alarm.

The bomb squad arrived on the scene shortly after 10 a.m. while public safety, with the help of university deans and KUC employees, further secured the immediate area.

THP next backed a steel trailer, with a large explosive-disposal barrel on top of it, down the mail ramp in back of the building. A member of the bomb squad, dressed in a protectively padded suit, entered the building to retrieve the package in question. He came out with it in hand and dropped the package into the disposal barrel and THP removed the object from campus.

The package was sent from Japan over the summer. The name on the return address suggested that the sender of the package was related to the signee, but the description of the enclosed material did not warrant a ticking, according to Patty.

"It was addressed to a resident. It was an international package saying clothing and food," said Jack Drugmand, director of public safety.

The bomb squad took the package to a remote field, wrapped it in detonator cord and exploded it. The contents included a towel, food products and a battery-operated metronome, a ticking device used by musicians for rhythm.

All international packages are required to list enclosed contents. The package which caused the scare listed



Photos by Chad Gillis/staff

Above: The Tennessee Highway Patrol Bomb Squad removes the ticking package from Keathley University Center Friday morning. The package was placed in a large tank and driven to an open field and exploded.

Left: The Tennessee Highway Patrol Bomb Squad drives away from the Keathley University Center with the large tank containing the ticking package. The sign on the truck reads 'Danger: Explosives Enclosed.' The package actually contained a metronome, a towel and food sent from Japan to a student. The battery-operated metronome began to tick when its battery went low after months of shipping. All international packages must have their contents listed. The package's contents.



towels and food stuffs, but no mention of a metronome was visible, according to Patty. "With the contents listed, it shouldn't have been making this sound."

Later in the day the owner of the

package was notified and some of the items were salvageable. The metronome was not, according to Doug Williams, director of news and public affairs.

"I've been here almost 21 years,

maybe once or twice has it ever gone this far," said Patty. "I apologize for the inconvenience, but we just can't take the chance of students getting hurt."

Coliseum opening may be delayed

□ Bryan Brooks/staff

The \$20 million Tennessee Miller estate, which was donated to MTSU to be used to construct a horse coliseum, has been liquidated except for a \$3 million chunk of land near Anchorage, Alaska.

This opens the possibility that the date to open the horse coliseum might be delayed.

"There might be a delay because we want to make sure we have our financial structure in place to satisfy all obligations in the construction of the horse coliseum we are going to build," said Steve Shockley, executive director of the MTSU Foundation Office.

"Proper funding is more important," said Shockley.

Shockley said funding alternatives are a possibility, but the foundation prefers to do it the way originally planned, which is with

cash from the liquidated Miller estate.

According to the "Daily News Journal," possible alternative funding could come from state bonds. Shockley declined comment when asked about state bonds.

The MTSU Foundation office has hired an Alaskan real estate firm that deals with commercial property and Shockley said he feels, "real comfortable that the land will sell," after winter.

Evidently there are prospective buyers, but winter is prohibiting the sale of the land because extensive clean-up of the property, which was used for storage of trucks, is required before it can be sold.

Shockley said the work on the land can't proceed because of the harsh Alaskan winter weather.

It is the salesperson's respons-

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Harvey totem pole stolen

□ Susan McMahon/staff

The traditional prize of the annual MTSU and Tennessee Tech football game—a six-foot totem pole named Harvey—has been stolen a week before this season's game.

Harvey is normally kept in a glass case in the SGA office. Student Government Association President Ryan Durham and SGA member Jerome Hruska were in the process of moving Harvey from the Keathley University Center area to a "safer place" when they were ambushed by several Tech students and Harvey was stolen.

"We like to say [we were] physically assaulted," Durham said.

"It's not as embarrassing."

Durham said that they had received five calls that someone would steal him.

"Once we got that fifth phone call, we decided to move him," Durham said.

Hruska chased the men, but was unable to catch them. Durham called Tony Via, the SGA president at Tech, and went to see him that night in Cookeville along with several MTSU SGA members.

The group went looking around the campus to try to find Harvey. Durham has been to Tech two other times since Harvey was stolen to try to

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Employee giving campaign to benefit three local charities

□ Sara Salyer/staff

All faculty and staff of MTSU are invited to the Employee Giving Campaign's kick-off party on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the KUC Theatre from 3 until 4 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be given away. President James Walker, as well as other university and community leaders including real estate agent Bob Parks, will speak.

The 1998 Employee Giving Campaign is a way for all faculty and staff to contribute to charitable organizations. The campaign uses a payroll deduction system, which is the most cost-effective way for individuals to support a charity.

Department coordinators will distribute packets of information along with a 1998 pledge card to all faculty and staff.

"The amount of contribution is strictly voluntary," Walker said. "However, no amount you may want to

contribute is too small or insignificant."

Walker encourages full participation from the university community in this campaign which will end on Nov. 26.

The fundraiser was formerly the United Way campaign, but now benefits more than one charity. The money raised will be distributed to United Way of Rutherford County, Community Shares of Tennessee and Combined Health Appeal of Tennessee.

All Tennessee Board of Regents institutions will participate in the campaign. United Way organizations throughout the state will receive contributions.

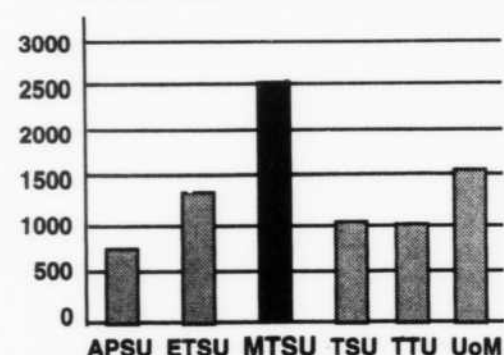
Rush Hicks, university chair, said that if every employee pledged five dollars a month, MTSU could generate more than \$100,000. The goal of the campaign is \$35,000.

For further information, contact Hicks at 898-5468.

MTSU claims top enrollment figures

MTSU has the highest number of first-time freshmen among TBR schools for the Fall 1997 semester. MTSU enrolled 2,558 first-time freshmen this semester. The next highest number came from the University of Memphis, which enrolled 1,693 first-time freshmen. At the bottom was Austin Peay State University, with 897 first-time freshmen.

First-time freshman enrollment, Fall 1997



Source: Cliff Gillespie, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management

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Nov. 17
The United Greek Council invites everyone to Greek Forum: Historically Black Greek Letter Organizations at 7 p.m. in KUC 314. There is no charge and questions about these organizations will be answered.

If you have a strange or interesting talent, sign up for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Talent showcase between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the KUC. A cash prize is available. The show will be Wednesday, Nov. 19. All proceeds will go toward Iota Tau's annual scholarship fund. Open to everyone!

Nov. 17-20
Sophomores, juniors and seniors who have attained outstanding academic achievement are invited to attend information sessions concerning the establishment of four new honor societies on campus. The Dean of Student Life Office and Office of Student Development are now organizing the new student groups. Phi Eta Sigma is being organized for students with 12 or more credit hours; Lambda Sigma is for students with 30 or more credit hours and a GPA of 3.5 or above; Blue Key is for students with 60 or more credit hours and GPAs of 3.0 or above; and Mortar Board/ODK is for students with 90 or more credit hours and GPAs of 3.0 or more. Information sessions about all of the groups will be held in the KUC Theater the following

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Nov. 17-21
To help educate students about the health benefits of milk the KUC Grill and MTSU Dairy is inviting students to have their photo taken wearing their best milk mustache. The event kicks off a week-long "Show Me the Milk" contest in which milk-drinking students will get the chance to win a cash prize of \$150. Students seen drinking milk will be selected at each meal (7-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.) to receive prizes and have their names entered into the grand prize raffle.

Nov. 18
Anyone interested in the controversy surrounding Ayn Rand's philosophy is invited to see "Introduction to Objectivism" at 7 p.m. in KUC 316. For more information, contact Luc Travers at 893-9531.

Calling all hip hop heads and positive, funky music listeners! Real hip hop is about to drop on the 'Boro! From 9 to 11:30 p.m. the Jehovah Java Coffee House will have a hip hop party in the JUB cafeteria featuring Grits with Knowdaverbs and introducing the Redd Five family of hip hop artists. Maybe a

freestyle jam will break out! A \$1 cover charge will get you in. Be there!

International Television Association will meet in the Mass Comm TV Studio Control Room at 4:30 p.m. All TV majors are welcome.

Public Relations America Society of America will have a meeting at 6 p.m. in Mass Comm 151. For more information, contact Lindsay Kirby at 895-6124.

Nov. 18-22
"The Hostage" will be presented on the Tucker Theatre main stage at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Seamus McNally at 898-2716.

Nov. 19
A talent show will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the LRC Multi-media room. Sign up to participate is Nov. 17 (see above). Everyone is invited to the show. Cost for tickets are \$2 with student ID, \$3 for non-students.

Nov. 20
Golden Key National Honor Society is holding a group business meeting at 5:30 p.m. in KUC room 316. For more information, call Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116.

The second lecture in the Frank Essex Visiting Practitioner Program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the McWhorter Learning Resources Center. A reception will be held in the LRC foyer near the entrance to the Multi-Media Room from 6:30-

7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The speaker will be Mr. Larry Harrington, a 1974 MTSU graduate who earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University and served as a law clerk for a U.S. federal judge. He has also worked in a variety of capacities for Vice President Al Gore. Having practiced law in Washington, D.C., Mr. Harrington was appointed by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the Senate as alternate executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Dec. 12
This is the last day to pay your outstanding debts to the university if you want to hear your grades via Tram or receive a printed grade report upon request.

Jan. 2
Any students academically suspended at the end of the Fall 1997 term who have preregistered for classes will have their schedules deleted from Spring 1998 term. Those who wish to appeal to attend the spring term must contact the Records Office by this date for an appeal application. Appeals received after 9 a.m. will not be accepted. The Records Office will close at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 and reopen 8 a.m. January 2. If you have any questions, please call the Records Office at 898-2164.

Continuing Activities

The Japan Center of

Tennessee is presenting a mini exhibit of Japanese greeting cards in the front lobby of the Cope Administration Building. The exhibit includes cards showing children in their best kimonos, the Japanese traditional attire for the New Year's holiday. There are also cards featuring Kabuki actors, as well as Mt. Fuji, Dancing girl (Maiko) and Kokeshi Dolls. Call extension 2229 for more information.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold a CRU meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Mass Comm 104. For more information, call 867-3054 or 848-6741.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship invites everyone to their Wednesday Night Supper and Worship each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. For more information, contact Rich Zeigler at 893-1787.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Student Union will offer "Praise and Worship" at 7 p.m. every Friday in KUC 314. A bible study will begin soon. For more information, contact Heather Norman at 898-3112.

Church of Christ Student Center invites everyone to "Raiders for Christ," a fellowship of Christian friends, praise time, Bible study, videos and more, Monday nights at 7 p.m. in KUC 324. For more information, contact Mike Stroud at 896-1529.

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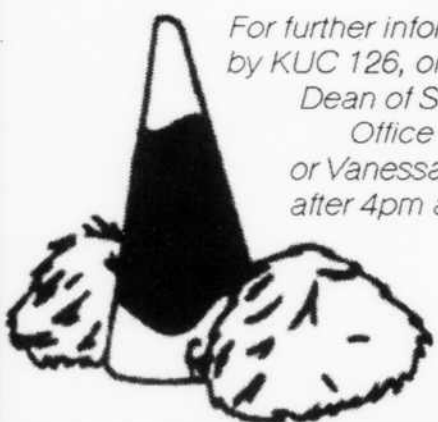
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SGA defies president's veto of spaces

□ Jamie Evans/staff

In a show of defiance, the Student Government Association house of representatives and senate passed a resolution calling for 11 new student parking spaces near the James Building despite SGA President Ryan Durham's veto of a similar resolution three weeks ago.

The first resolution was passed to reallocate 11 parking spaces that are adjacent to residence halls which are currently white spaces for university faculty back to students.

A similar resolution was passed three weeks ago but was vetoed by Durham because he did not agree with all of the spaces that the resolution stated to be reallocated. Durham sent the resolution back to the house and senate giving them the option of rewriting it with his suggestions.

The most recent bill is a revised version, but still includes five parking spaces that Durham did not agree with on the initial resolution.

Four of the spaces are at the JUB and the fifth is between the halls of Reynolds and McHenry. He had these lots researched by Attorney General of Traffic Court Jeff

Beaumont and his assistant Kevin Travis. They gave him a report of their findings.

Durham originally said that these spaces are necessary for the faculty, like the four at the JUB which are intended to be used for the faculty dining room.

The resolution states that construction of the new Business/Aerospace building, the library and the stadium has taken spaces away from the center of campus, and students have to park in the outer lots on campus and then walk unsafe distances to their residence halls and classes, according to Speaker of the House Jason Reid.

In addition, the Middle Tennessee Baptist Church parking lot is no longer available for student parking.

"I think the safety concern far outweighs the convenience of the faculty," Reid said.

The resolution also states that by redesignating these parking spaces, it would allow equal opportunity for students and faculty to park near buildings, especially since faculty do not pay for classes or on-campus living.

Durham said he is going to veto the resolution again and will send it back to the authors with more suggestions so that they can revise the bill again if

they choose.

In other business, the SGA passed a resolution initiated by Durham stating that because the growth of the university has increased the distance between buildings, 10 minutes is not an adequate amount of time for students to get to their classes anymore.

According to the resolution, SGA wants the Vice President for Academic Affairs Barbara Haskew to begin a study to evaluate the feasibility of implementing an increase in the time between classes and then present the report to the SGA executive branch.

Durham said he has already spoken to President Walker and Haskew and said that they agree that something needs to be done.

Durham also said before he commits to the idea of increasing the time between classes, he wants to see the study and hear both sides of the issue.

The SGA also passed a resolution congratulating the MTSU ROTC team for taking first place in the 1997 Third Brigade, Second ROTC Region Challenge at Fort Knox,

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ability to clean the land and, "we want to satisfy all of our obligations before we sell the property," said Shockley.

The funds to clean the land are being taken from the Miller estate.

The Miller donation was the largest figure ever received by any public higher education institution in the state.

The estate was left to the school in the spring of 1994 on the death of Mary Miller of Lewisburg with the wish that it be used to construct a horse show coliseum and promote related activities.

Mary Miller and her late husband John C. "Tennessee" Miller were Tennessee walking horse enthusiasts.

The donation was a pleasant surprise for the school, which had no indication that the Millers, who were not alumni, had intended to bestow such a gift.

The planned 6,500-seat horse show coliseum will be located on a 150-acre site at 324 W. Thompson Lane.

"It certainly will be one of the largest facilities in the Southeast, and will put MTSU on the map in the walking horse industry and horse science program," said Tom Tozer, the assistant director of media relations for the school.

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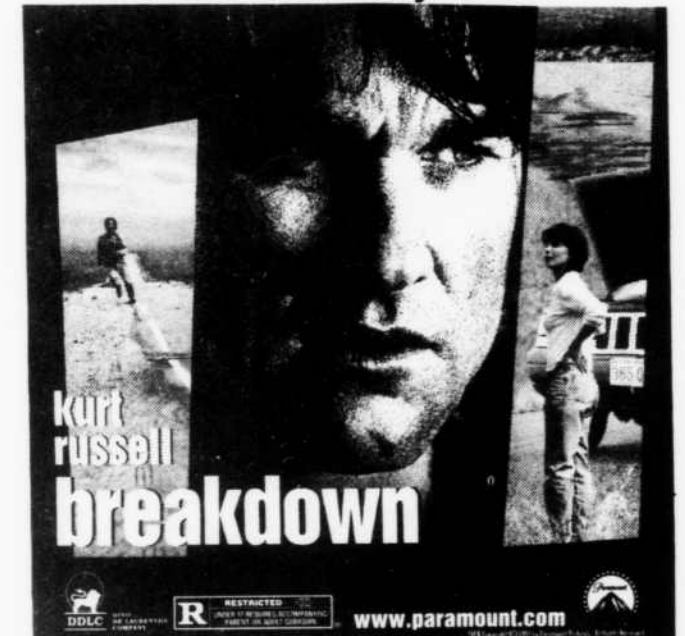


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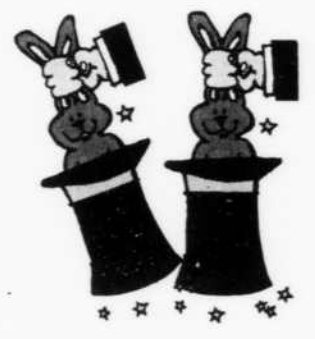
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Editorials

Public safety, bomb squad can handle the pressure

On Friday of last week, many university administrators, officers in public safety and students were frightened after a ticking package was discovered by a post office employee here. Minutes after the package was found, the Keathley University Center was evacuated by public safety.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol Bomb Squad arrived a short time later, despite traffic and delaying construction on I-24 east. With efficiency and professionalism, the bomb squad suited up, backed a steel trailer to the back door of the KUC and entered the building. The ticking package was removed, dropped into a disposable barrel and taken to an open field.

Shortly thereafter, the contents—later revealed to be a student's personal belongs, in particular a battery-operated metronome that started ticking because the battery was running down.

Administrators are not confirming whether they will pay for the contents of the package or not, although it seems unlikely they will. Since the package (postmarked from Japan) was not appropriately marked with "metronome inside," as is required by international law, the bomb squad had no choice but to blow it to bits—it could have been a bomb after all. The student's name was not disclosed to "Sidelines" and he could not be reached for comment.

The only inconveniences affecting the general university population were a closed KUC Grill (only for about two hours) and a lack of newspaper delivery for students who read the "New York Times" or the "Wall Street Journal" since the truck delivering the newspapers from Chattanooga arrived during the evacuation and the driver couldn't wait around until it was over. Minor inconveniences at best.

All in all, public safety and the bomb squad did an excellent and efficient job in handling this tense situation. Both proved they are professionals who can perform their job with the utmost professionalism.

Worldwide Christian persecution must be recognized and remedied

□ Scott Link/special to "Sidelines"

Yesterday churches across the world observed the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

No, I am not referring to school prayer, teaching Creationism alongside evolution, or the use of peyote in Native American ceremonies. I am not referring to anything that is happening in this nation. I am talking about people, primarily Christian people, who are beaten, driven from their homes, raped, tortured, imprisoned for their faith, and murdered simply because they will not allow a group or government to tell them who, or how, to worship.

According to LIGHT magazine, if we limit the term persecution to mean facing violence, torture, imprisonment, or death for one's faith, then 200 million Christians live in situations of persecution across the globe. There are another 400 million who live in situations of legal discrimination and oppression. Chuck Colson said on the September 16, 1996 Focus on the Family radio program: "When I see something like this, my heart aches because the believers here don't even know about it, don't care. We're not expressing moral outrage; we're not indignant of the indifference of the United States government toward this. And we ought to be marching in the streets because our brethren are being persecuted, imprisoned, beaten, sold into slavery, and butchered, and we don't seem to care in this country."

In Sudan it is illegal to be anything but Islamic. The institution of Shari'a laws make it an offense punishable by death to be a non Moslem. Jihad is preached in all aspects of the culture. Thousands of people are forced to convert to Islam. Non Islamic people are considered almost worthless. In fact, Dr. Kevin Vigilante who testified before the House Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights in March of 1996, said that it is possible to buy a human being for as little as \$15 in Sudan.

Calling Christianity a "foreign influence" while conveniently forgetting that the church has been there for at least 13 centuries, China tightly controls the officially sanctioned "patriotic" church while rendering all unofficial Catholic and Protestant churches illegal. Unwilling to be a part of the farce of the state run churches, Christians are forced to meet in "house" church groups. Since 1994 hundreds of local house churches have been shut down, and their leaders fined, imprisoned, and tortured. The reported methods of torture include hanging men and women upside down, squeezing them under a chair, exposing them to extreme weather conditions for extended periods, and burning their tongues with electric batons to prevent them from invoking aloud God's help.

China has an alibi for its imprisonment of innocents for the mere act of worship. They say that these religious "offenders" are sent to laojiao/ laogai [reeducation/ reform] labor camps because they have broken the law. Yet, these "laws" criminalize peaceful religious acts which are protected in international human rights standards. The labor camps are apart from the official prison system. Prisoners can be held without trial or hearing of any kind. Harry Wu, former prisoner of a labor camp, said, "The Chinese laogai camp is fundamentally no different from a concentration camp, from the Gulag. I often wonder why people know so much about the concentration camps and the gulag, but so little about laogai camps."

Another issue is China's population control methods. They force

those deemed "unsuitable for reproduction" (A label applied to those with, among other things, hereditary diseases or "relevant mental disorders") to be sterilized, and also force women to have abortions, even if the pregnancies are late term. According to an article by P.H. Mullen in the Spring 1995 issue of The First Freedom: "Using the slogan, 'It is better to have more graves than more than one child,' local authorities repeatedly raid Catholics' homes, confiscate their property, and indiscriminately beat those unable to escape into the surrounding fields. Forced abortions have been performed on women in the last weeks of pregnancy, and several non pregnant women have been sterilized against their will..." Christians in India have been oppressed for decades, especially if they are members of the lower castes. They are restricted from witnessing, and others from converting to another religion. They are often the victims of persecution and violence and are accused of undermining Hinduism.

The caste system in Hindu culture holds that you are reincarnated into a particular social position based on some form of cosmic justice. The lowest of those are the dalit, or untouchables. They are the outcasts of society. They have a grueling existence in the Hindu culture. Because of that, many have found Christianity to be liberating, and over half the Christians in India are members of the untouchable caste.

In recent years the Indian government has allowed members of this caste access to legal remedies for their plight as untouchables. At first this was for Hindu or Sikh religious members only. They alone could legally become a member of the Scheduled Caste, which is above the dalit. Gradually other faiths have been included. Currently all religious groups can utilize legal means to move up in the Caste system, with one exception: Christianity. Dalit members who are Christians are not only subject to the pain and humiliation that being a member of that caste brings, they alone are excluded from the help offered to ease those pains.

Christians are convicted of "forcibly converting" people, and sentenced to what is called "rigorous imprisonment." In Sardhana, at the famous shrine of Our Lady of Grace, and Indian Priest was strangled in late 1994. Another priest, Father Paul Rebello, disappeared on a nearby road on December 27. Father Devasia was called to the window of his room, and his eye was shot out. Sister Rani Maria was stabbed forty times, murdered in Indore on February 25, 1995. Five Franciscan nuns near the ghaziabad-Delhi Border were viciously attacked on April 2, 1995. One of the nuns, Sister Effy, whispered, "They didn't hit me too hard. God held their hands..." (Sunil Dasgupta, "Assault on the Innocent" India Today, April 30, 1995)

These are but a few of the nations who either allow, or condone the persecution of Christians. It is important to note that persecution comes from the extreme factions, and not the majority of each group. However, in every case, the government of the countries where these atrocities happen does nothing to stop it, and we who are free to worship as we please do nothing about it.

Why is there no outrage? Maybe it is because we have such a "westernized" view of Christianity. When most people think of Christianity, the think of Western culture even though in Asia there are millions of people who's roots in

Christianity are older than that of Europe. We automatically picture a Christian as a white person from the South, when we should just as easily picture an Indonesian peasant, and Egyptian shopkeeper, or a Pakistani refugee.

It is partly because business is an international entity, and we trade with those who persecute. The sad fact is that many people are more interested in keeping the price of imports down, and keeping their business booming than stopping persecution. Americans seem to be more concerned with the dollar than freedom.

Many think that religious things have nothing to do with government, or government action. We live in a very secularized society. Religion, and religious views, are marginalized in our culture. We are free to debate any issue, but religious views are relegated to a lower standard simply because they spring from a faith-based perspective. As a result, many people simply disregard any issue that has at its core religious matters. The funny thing is, the core of this issue is not about religion, but freedom. It is about people being harmed and oppressed for no just cause.

So, what can I do about it?

For one, you can support legislation pertaining to persecution. On May 20, 1997, Senator Arlen Specter, R.-PA, and Representative Frank Wolf, R.-VA, introduced the Freedom From Religious Persecution Act. It is Bill S. 772 in the Senate and Bill H.R. 1685 in the House. The legislation will:

1. Create a new White House position titled the Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, which will report on persecution overseas.

2. Provide for sanctions against governments which support, or fail to prevent, persecution. These include a ban on all exports to said nations and the elimination of non humanitarian aid and developmental loans to said governments.

3. Improve asylum proceedings for victims of religious persecution.

We can contact the White House and express our support for the legislation, and contact our elected officials in the Senate and House.

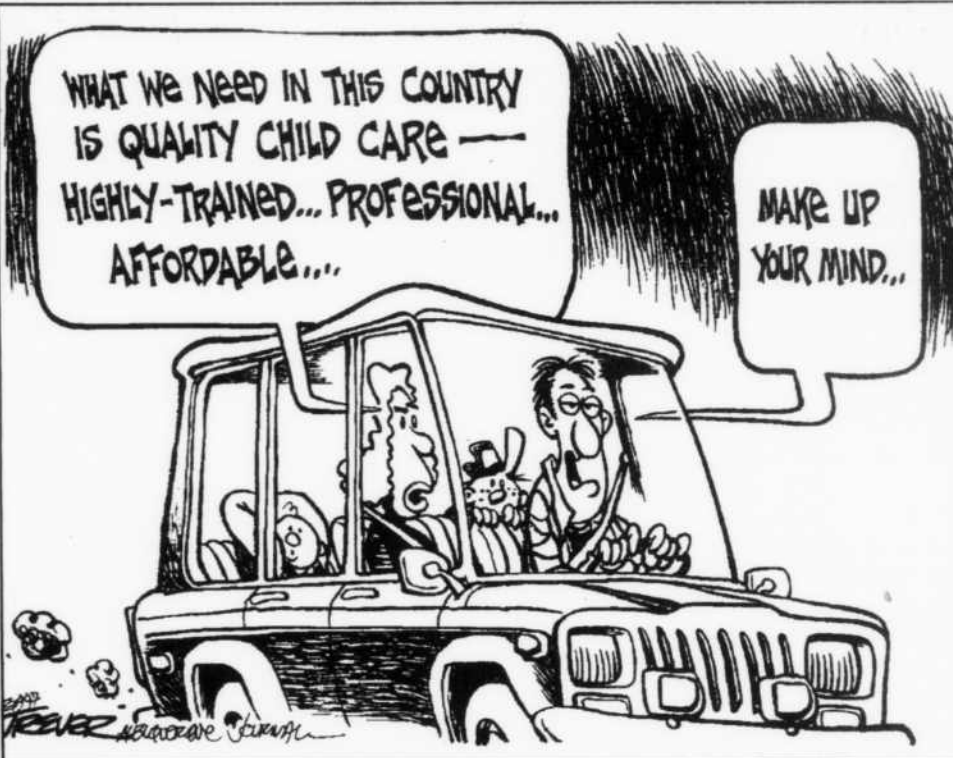
Another thing you can do is write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper. A well written letter appearing in the DNJ or the Tennessee can initiate public dialogue on this issue. The more it is revealed and talked about, the more people will likely become outraged enough to demand something be done about it.

The easiest thing you can do it to talk with other people about this, and encourage them to take action.

Before his recent trip to our nation the President of China said in an interview that democracy and human rights are relative concepts. This flies in the face of what our nation was founded upon, the belief that each person is endowed with certain unalienable human rights. America holds that the freedom to choose how one will worship is a basic human right. If we can stick our foreign-affair-noses into the business of other nation's about everything else, we can surely use our position to champion something as fundamental as the freedom of religion.

Who else but those who are free can stand up for the oppressed of faith? What will you do? How will you live? Will you remain willfully ignorant of the plight of those abused for their choice of religion? Will we continue to take for granted the freedom to worship, or not to worship, as we choose? Or, will we demand action from our nation?

Sidelines welcomes comments from our readers.
However, we ask that due to space constraints letters be kept under 300 words.



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From the Mailbox

Housing director elaborates on probable co-ed freshmen dorm

To the editor:

As always, we appreciate the interest of "Sidelines" in developments within the Housing and Residential Life program. However, I'd like to provide some clarification to your recent article and editorial regarding the creation of a Freshman Year Experience living-learning center.

One year ago, a steering committee comprised of faculty, deans, administrators and students was appointed to study the concept of living-learning centers and consider their appropriate development on the MTSU campus. As you noted, the first of the programs recommended by this group was the Honors Living-Learning Center, housed in Wood and Felder Halls. Based on the popularity and effectiveness of this program, the steering committee has recently begun plans to recommend a second program

targeted toward incoming freshmen.

I anticipate receiving a proposal from this group that will outline recommended services to be included in the program, location, and other details. Certainly, providing the broadest possible access to the program, for both men and women, will be an important consideration. As you noted in your article, this may take the form of redesignating some living areas that have previously been all female to allow men to live in certain wings or floors. Should this recommendation be made, appropriate measures will be required to safeguard safety and security for all residents, including the continuation of restricted visitation hours and the monitoring of visitors. Any such recommendation will be required to pass a series of approvals, and students may opt to request an alternative assignment if they wish not to live in the area.

Student comment on the program has already been sought from the United Resident Hall Association.

Research conducted nationally shows that programs of this nature provide freshmen students an advantage in successfully completing their first year by assisting with a successful academic and personal transition to the campus. Should this program receive approval and move forward, creating and maintaining an appropriate academic atmosphere within the living community will be an important part of the planning process. We appreciate your interest in the program, and look forward to hearing comments from the campus community.

Debra Sells, Director
Housing and Residential Life

After Hours

Monday, November 17

- ✕ Third Eye Blind and The Old 97s will be at 328 Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 adv.
- ✕ Dynaflo will be at Springwater in Nashville for a 9 p.m. show

Tuesday, November 18

- ✕ "The Hostage" opens at Tucker Theatre and runs through November 22
- ✕ Champion Records reunion with Earl Gaines, Johnny Jones, Herbert Hunter and Ted Jarrett at 3rd&Lindsley
- ✕ Susan Mullins Youth Orchestra Concert at Wright Music Hall at 7 p.m.
- ✕ Jazz artist Boney James will be at Printer's Alley's Somethin' Live with a \$25 cover charge

Thursday, November 20

- ✕ Smashmouth and Buck O Nine will be at 328 Performance Hall
- ✕ Tim Graves and Cherokee will be at the Station Inn
- ✕ The MTSU Wind Ensemble will be having its first fall concert in the Wright Music Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- ✕ Joe Mark's Brother will be at Bongo After Hours Theatre for an 8:30 p.m. show, \$5
- ✕ Weathervane will be at 3rd&Lindsley at 9 p.m. \$5 cover
- ✕ "Landscape Visions: Works of Charles Brindley" will be at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center's James K. Polk building
- ✕ The Guy Smiley Blues Exchange will be at the Music City Cafe at 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 22

- ✕ Pre-game tailgating party outside Tennessee Tech Stadium just before Blue Raider's final game of the season
- ✕ Middle Tennessee Symphony Cabaret at the James Union Building at 7 p.m.
- ✕ Slump and Shoot The Gift will be at Lucy's Record Shop
- ✕ Swine Ball '97 will be at 328 Performance Hall featuring Mel and the Party Hats, the Billy Goats and Michael Turko and the SOB's at 6 p.m. \$13 cover
- ✕ Josh Graves and Kenny Baker with Randall Hylton will be at J.T. Gray's Station Inn

Monday, November 24

- ✕ Big Head Todd and the Monsters will be at 328 Performance Hall with special guests Abra Moore at 8 p.m. tickets \$10 adv.
- ✕ The Dazey Rifles will be at 3rd&Lindsley at 8 p.m.
- ✕ Dynaflo will be at Springwater in Nashville at 9 p.m.
- ✕ New York's Hail Mary and From Ashes Rise will be at Lucy's Record Shop for an all ages, \$5 show at 8 p.m.

Please direct any entertainment information to the Sidelines Features Desk at 898-2816.

Jammin' Java



Grita, a hip-hop group, play Jehovah Java at the JUB this Tuesday in the cafeteria. photo provided

Landing the big one: man vs. trout

□ Doug Lansky/CPS

It was a fascinating sight: men standing around in rubber pants, adjusting their flies, whipping their rods back and forth and occasionally exclaiming, "Look here. I've got a big one!"

Of course, I'm talking about fly fishing. And here in the shadow of Pike's Peak, fly fishing isn't just a hobby, it's a way of life.

I, too, was wearing rubber pants, better known as "waterproof support hose," as I stood in the parking lot of Deckers, a well-fished stream just 20 minutes north of Pike's Peak, waiting for my 9 a.m. beginners fly-fishing class to begin.

I spent a good deal of time checking my gear, or just fidgeting with it. I carried my rented \$300 rod and reel awkwardly, like a new father trying to find a comfortable position to hold his baby. I spent 10 minutes studying my sunglasses, trying to determine whether or not they were polarized because I'd been told it was a crucial feature. And I rechecked the new fishing license I'd picked up at 7-Eleven for \$5 to make sure it had the right date and a coupon on the back for a Big Gulp.

Fellow classmates Carol and Libby, both in their 40s, arrived together. Mark, also around 40, and the only student who confessed any experience, came on his own.

Our barrel-chested, bearded

instructor was also named Mark. He was co-leading the class with Antonio, a pony-tailed junior high school teacher and part-time fishing guide. Both wore vests covered with several hundred dollars' worth of fly-fishing gizmos, although to the untrained eye they appeared to be colorful wads of lint.

Instructor Mark announced that we would start fishing with nymphs. (At this point, I wouldn't have been able to pick a nymph out of a police lineup, even if everyone but the nymph was wearing a police uniform.) A nymph, Mark explained, stays underwater, not on top of it, and nymphs should "definitely" not be confused with streamers, emergers, wet flies, or dry flies (whatever those were).

To determine exactly what sort of nymph we needed, Mark took a ping-pong net, or something that looked like a ping-pong net but probably cost 10 times as much, and used it as a strainer to catch some small things floating in the river. He pulled up a couple of squirmy critters the size of head lice. He and Antonio studied them with more interest than you'd expect two grown men to display when looking at aquatic larvae. This, they explained (as if it weren't evident), was part of the fun of fly fishing.

Antonio baited his line accordingly and caught a trout to show us how it's done. More impressive than the catch,

Arts center prepares for holiday season



□ Staff reports

The Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts has its calendar full for the holiday season.

Featured in the gallery for the month of November is the Artists Studio Tour. Over 25 metro-regional artists will be presented.

The exhibit includes works from Turning Point Clay Studio, pottery from Popcorn Studio, stained glass from Gallery Saville, Studio S pottery, sculpture and jewelry from Blackwood Studio and the designer of the Tennessee State license plates, Norris Hall.

Over the next two Sundays, the Murfreesboro Ensemble Theatre will perform A.R. Gurney's "The Love Course." After a successful run of

"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me," the group is prepared for its second production.

The cast includes wife-husband Deborah Anderson and Crosby Hunt, and MTSU theatre majors Seamus McNally and Anna Gorisch. Play dates for "The Love Course" include Nov. 23 and 30, with a 2 p.m. matinee performance and an 8 p.m. on both dates.

On Dec. 13, the Center presents its third annual "Holiday Gala." The theme is "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," and several local groups will be entertaining in the performance hall throughout the evening.

Festive decorations, food and a silent auction will be the highlights of the night. "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., black tie is optional. Cost for the evening is \$50 per person. Reservations are required.

The Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts is located at 110 West College Street. For reservations or additional information call the Center at 904-2787.

which took about a minute, was how gentle Antonio was with the fish once he'd caught it. He wet his hands before touching the trout so he wouldn't damage the scales, and extracted the fly like a surgeon. Then he held the trout in the water and stroked it while the fish regained its strength. All of this would have been touching if Antonio hadn't just jerked the fish to shore by its mouth with a hook.

The whole fishing process seemed a bit like lassoing a bird flying south for the winter and yanking it to the ground, then gently fluffing up its feathers and letting it go. It certainly didn't look like much fun for the trout, some of which, Mark explained, had been caught "upwards of 40 times."

I must have caught one of these professional trout. The moment I got him on the line, he swam straight to shore and beached himself. He knew the drill. He didn't even blink when we took a flash photo of him holding him. Possibly because he didn't have eyelids.

I caught two trout and myself three times (twice on my shirt and one once on my hat). Libby and Carol each caught two trout, plus each other. Even Signe, my girlfriend, who put down her camera for 20 minutes, caught two fish, plus Libby. Mark (the student) was having bad luck, probably because he jinxed himself by telling everyone he had experience.

I have to admit it felt good to pull in a fish, to see the line jerk and the trout jump out of the water. I felt a bit like Brad Pitt in "A River Runs Through It," except I'm a little taller. But when I had to reach down to get the hook out of the trout's mouth, it didn't quite seem worth the fish's discomfort. Especially when he wriggled out of my hands and fell on a rock. I can certainly understand the appeal of fishing, however, especially when extremely expensive speed boats are involved.

The fish we caught were called Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout. The Rainbows were imported from California and the Browns were brought in from Germany. I began to wonder what I was doing in Colorado, aside from sponging off my old college roommate, Tim, for a few days.

Tim, an experienced fly fisherman, had witnessed my casting and told me, with that honesty one reserves for good friends, that I was "whacking water with a stick." To learn to appreciate another aspect of the sport, I let Tim teach me to tie a fly.

After an hour, Tim had talked me through making a "10-minute" fly. It looked very artistic...in a Picasso sort of way. It appeared to have two heads and two abdomens and several stray appendages. Tim and Signe just stared at the thing, not quite sure what to say. Perhaps, I suggested, it might perform well in the streams near Chernobyl.

Pianoman



John Kromer, night building manager of JUB, plays some songs Thursday night.

Game rally at Big River Grille

□ Staff Reports

An MTSU pre-game rally will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Big River Grille in Nashville prior to the men's and women's basketball games.

"We'll be there two and a half hours before each game," said Leann Taylor, assistant director of Alumni Relations. "We want to urge everyone to come to the Big River Grille and join in the fun before the games."

The Blue Raider's have a Nashville showdown scheduled

against local rival the Belmont Bruins at the arena.

Tipoff for the women's game will begin at 5:45 p.m., with the men starting at 7:30.

The get-together is being sponsored by the MTSU National Alumni Association in conjunction with the Davidson County Chapter.

This will be Belmont's first contest as a Division I team. Big River Grille is located at 111 Broadway. For additional information, contact Taylor at 898-5099.

Make no mistake about 'Angry Youth'



□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

For The Mistakes their first full-length CD, "Angry Youth," goes a long way in making as much of a sociological statement as it does musical.

At a time when most new punk bands are making lethargic attempts at being crass and abrasive, The Mistakes do so with a purpose and lofty lyrics.

Their best effort is "Blood In The Face," a song based on attaining unity in a world of hate and discrimination. The up-tempo guitar-driven song contains lyrics such as, "Can't you understand that we're all the same? You can't judge a man by the color of his face."

However, the song may be about racial tensions but the band was more than likely drawn to the cause because of their own unusual spiked-hair, facial-piercing appearance. A look that easily crosses over with the track "Freak."

The Mistakes claim they are paramount to the '90s disenfranchised/disaffected youth.

The chorus has singer/guitarist Todd Wiltse belting out "Maybe

someday you'll see that I am not the enemy, but just a freak/Everybody wishes they could be, a freak like me" with the controlled melody of Rancid and Social Distortion.

But seven into the disc, the band proves that there's more depth to their song structures than three-chord power-pop guitars completely overcome with distorted effects. They put together the mild "Getting By," a song about the everyday struggles of a down-but not quite out-struggling musician.

Again the lyrics are written from the perspective of a youthful-minded young man who is shunned upon by society for his look, even though his values, ideals and norms are most likely more caring toward others around him.

After a while of constant bashing, anyone may cave in their sense of stability and confidence which may explain the almost bitter-sounding "I'm Not Sorry."

Like many young bands, The Mistakes are musically put together in a sound fashion. The guitars cohesively bounce between clean and harshly throughout the disc, never allowing them to overshadow either the drums or bass.

What actually elevates The Mistakes to the forefront of another wave of musicians are their stories. Each one is carefully crafted to paint its own unique picture, as unique as the members themselves, without ever straying too far off the path to unity.

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Monday, November 17, 1997

2-MIN. DRILL!



LUCKY 13 CONTEST

Students wishing to have the opportunity to win a free trip to South Padre Island, Texas, during spring break will get their first chance to do so Saturday afternoon when the Lady Raiders play host to Ole Miss.

In order to qualify for the drawing students must swipe their valid student ID card at the student entrance to the Murphy Center prior to halftime of any Lady Raider or Raider basketball games.

Any student who attends at least 13 games will be entered into the drawing. Nightly prizes will also be given away at the games.

WOMEN'S B'BALL

After missing two basketball exhibition games, freshman Kelly Chastain was back in uniform for the Lady Raiders Saturday afternoon.

Chastain had been sidelined with a stress fracture of her right foot.

BASKETBALL

The men's and women's basketball teams will both be in action Thursday night against Belmont.

After ushering in a new Dean Smith-less era in North Carolina the Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders will play what is another game of firsts. The matchup with Belmont will be the first regular season collegiate games ever played at the Nashville Arena.

The Ohio Valley Conference hosts the men's and women's semifinal and final tournament games there in February.

Tip off for the women is set for 5:45 p.m. with the men to follow at 7:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

The MTSU Alumni chapter in Cookeville is hosting a pregame tailgate party outside the Tennessee Tech stadium Saturday prior to the Raiders last game of the season.

The festivities will start two hours prior to the 1:30 p.m. scheduled kickoff. The game with the Golden Eagles is the annual Totem Bowl showdown.

For more information call LeAnn Taylor, MTSU assistant director of Alumni Relations, at 898-5099.

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Raider volleyball team is enjoying a week off in preparation for the upcoming Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

With a disappointing 10-22, 5-3 record the Lady Raiders are hoping for some redemption of sorts in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Nov. 21, 22 and 23.

GAME TICKETS ON SALE

General public tickets for the upcoming men's and women's basketball season are on sale at the Athletic Ticket Center, located on the track level of Murphy Center.

MTSU students with a valid student ID are admitted to Blue Raider athletic events free of charge.

SCHEDULE

Women's B'Ball-
MTSU at Belmont
Thur., 5:45 p.m. Nashville Arena
Men's B'Ball-
Thur., 7:30 p.m. Nashville Arena
Volleyball-
Ohio Valley Conference Tourn.
Fri., Sat., & Sun.
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
Football-
MTSU at Tenn. Tech
Sat, 1 p.m. Cookeville

NEXT ISSUE

► Magic Johnson feature. The former star of the L.A. Lakers spoke in Nashville about HIV and life after basketball in the NBA.

► Preview of the Raider football team's last game of the season. The Raiders take on Tenn. Tech.



Please fax any information on sports and recreational activities to Sidelines at 904-8487.

New outlook for Campbell

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Joe Campbell Jr. may have finally found a home in professional football, but more importantly he's finally found himself.

In the past Campbell, a former standout tailback for the Blue Raiders, has toiled around with several NFL and Canadian football teams until last year when he hooked up with the Arena Football League and the Nashville Kats.

While his professional career hasn't always gone the way he planned, the 27 year old is finally discovering what life truly is all about.

"I was really naive," Campbell said. "I wasn't aware of the scar that money puts on everything. I thought that wouldn't hold true in football."

"But, it's like any multi-million dollar business. You have some cut-throat guys in there."

Campbell's road to reality began during his senior season. A two-time All-American, Campbell was putting the finishing touches on what was a stellar collegiate career.

He's rushed for more touchdowns, 44, than any other Raider tailback in school history and amassed 3,823 total net yards. Two times during his Raider career Campbell rushed for four touchdowns



Joe Campbell, Jr.

in a single game.

"My senior year in college I knew I was going to get drafted," Campbell said, "so I just quit going to class and started working out. I just prepared for what I thought was going to be my career in the NFL."

"After going through what I have and experiencing some of the things I have, I would advise everyone to stay in school."

Just as he thought, Campbell was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams. However, he never imagined that his stay wouldn't last past training camp.

Campbell worked with the team as a tailback, wideout and defensive back but in the end, head coach John Robinson released him from the team.

"There's nothing like someone telling you that you're not good enough for your football team," Campbell said. "I got that pink slip that you hear about and I went in to talk with him and he said, 'Joe, you're a good player and I would recommend you to any team.'"

"I said, 'Why don't you recommend me to this team?'"

It was the first time since Campbell began playing football at age eight that he wasn't a starter, let alone had to deal with being cut.

"Jim Everett [the Rams starting quarterback at the time] told me, 'Joe, you've got some real talent

but nobody plays in this league for any extended amount of time without getting cut."

Everett's words helped to heal Campbell's pain but not for long. His stay with the Houston Oilers lasted one season, as did his time with the Ottawa Rough Riders.

It wasn't until he was nursing a broken thumb while playing for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the CFL that he really realized how cut-throat professional football can get.

The head coach was talking with some of the players, however, he ignored Campbell, who was sitting amongst them. One of the players mentioned to the coach that he hadn't said anything to Campbell. The coach replied, "He hasn't done anything on the field for me, so why I should talk to him?"

That was a situation that really caused Campbell to take a step

back and look at himself and his career. At that point he thought his playing days were done and he was ready to walk away from professional football—for good.

"I've experienced some of the best times of my life in football," Campbell said. "I also had some of my biggest disappointments in football."

"The mistake I made was that I put everything into football. That's great while you're on the field, but there are other things in life."

For Campbell those other things include his fiancée and four-year-old son Justin. This summer he also plans to return to school to finish his degree in Physical Education.

"With my own son," Campbell said. "I just want him to know and understand that there's more things

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Khayat brings old school approach to arena football

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

After 35 years in the NFL, Eddie Khayat brought his old school style of play to the new and expanding action-packed Arena Football League.

Khayat first entered the NFL even before they began playing Super Bowls. He was a member of the Philadelphia Eagles when they defeated the Green Bay Packers in 1960 for the championship.

Nearly three decades later, he was a coach with the 1986 Super Bowl-bound New England Patriots. But according to Khayat, even an old-time traditionalist like himself couldn't pass up a chance to coach an arena football team.

Last season, Khayat took the reins of the Nashville Kats for their inaugural season. The Kats finished 10-4 as the Eastern Conference division champs before losing their first playoff game.

Khayat also serves as the team's Director of Football Operations, a position which has him out assessing possible talent for the Kats. In 1991, Khayat was the head coach of the New Orleans Nights for one season.

"You would think that the old-timers would talk a great deal about how it used to be but we have all sorts of coaches in this league with NFL experience," Khayat said, referring to Danny White, the former quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys, among others.

"Like I said before, you have to see it live at the Nashville Arena to fully appreciate it. It's great football."

Though arena football has its differences compared to the NFL, there are a few things Khayat hasn't changed and won't change anytime soon.

"Our guys don't dance or none that stuff after big plays," Khayat said. "We have girls over on the

sidelines who are there to do that. Our guys don't dance."

Known as a coach who liked to build big physical teams, Khayat has had to make one slight adjustment. In arena football, players have to be more versatile in order to play both offense and defense.

"There's only a limited amount of room on the team," Khayat said. "And because the guys have to play both sides of the ball, they need to be in pretty good shape to keep up with the pace."

Unlike the NFL, arena football teams pit eight men against one another in four 15 minute quarters with a continuous rolling clock except for during time outs. The field is much smaller—69 feet wide and 50 yards long—there is no punting and the ball is still in play on a missed field goal.

During the season teams are only allowed to have 21 active players suit up on game day and seven others on the practice squad. In the off season the team can protect 40 potential players.

"Some of the rule changes took a little getting used to," Khayat said. "But it's the same fundamentals of running, passing, blocking and tackling."

Arena football teams open training camp in April and play regular season games from the end of April through the beginning of August with the playoffs immediately following.

As for how long Khayat intends to coach, he isn't sure.

"It's just been in my family to work well past retirement," Khayat said. "I really enjoy coaching football, so who knows."

"Look at Marv Levy up there in Buffalo, he's 72 and he still loves it."

Khayat's older brother, Bob, who played in the NFL as a Pro-Bowl place-kicker for Washington, still works as the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi.



Eddie Khayat

Raiders usher in new Tar Heel era

□ David Drosnak/AP

It didn't take Shammond Williams long to realize there's a new coach in town and his name is Bill Guthridge.

Williams hit a 3-pointer a little more than two minutes into No. 4 North Carolina's 84-56 victory Friday night over Middle Tennessee State when Dean Smith's replacement wanted a word with his senior guard.

"Last year I was able to take a few shots freely and today I took one and even though it went in he came over to me and said, 'Shammond, that's not the shot we want in our offense.' That was a new thing."

"Last year if I took that shot he would have been like, 'Good shot.' Now he's like, 'Nah, that's not the shot we want in our offense.' Hopefully, if I had that shot again I won't take it. I'm confident with the thing he said. I am going to listen to my coach. If I don't listen I won't get to play."

The Tar Heels, 28-7 and a Final Four team a season ago, dusted off Middle Tennessee State in the program's first game without Smith as head coach since Feb. 25, 1961.

"When I didn't see coach Smith walk out before the game I

thought maybe he just went to get some water at the water cooler, so it was different," said Middle Tennessee State coach Randy Wiel, a former assistant under the legendary coach.

Williams led the Tar Heels, who shot 55.4 percent and placed five players in double figures, with 17 points. Freddie Martinez led the Blue Raiders with 10.

The Tar Heels, playing in the earliest opener in school history, recorded the victory without preseason All-American and last year's leading scorer Antawn Jamison. He is sidelined with an elbow injury and did not dress.

Apparently, some fans were still in shock over Smith's Oct. 9 retirement as the Smith Center was dotted with some empty seats for Guthridge's opening game. However, Smith, college basketball's winningest coach, was there in a box, watching over the North Carolina coaching transition.

The Tar Heels won their 69th straight home opener and their 44th straight non-conference game at the Smith Center, but many eyes were on Guthridge most of the night.

The 60-year-old rookie head coach appeared relaxed and chatted with Wiel, a former coaching

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'Winter blues' a natural occurrence

Stay Fit

Jennie Treadway



For some, fall and winter are favorite seasons. The holidays and winter sports make the cold months exciting. The leaves change, the dreaded humidity drops, warm wool sweaters come out of the back closets, and fireplaces come in handy. Let's not forget the hot chocolate with extra marshmallows.

Even though the holidays are coming up and school will be out, it is hard to avoid the "winter blues." Naturally, the shorter days make people more tired and less energized, and some cases are worse than others.

Researchers have found that as many as 35 million people suffer from depression this time of year, known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). SAD results from the shorter

day length in fall and winter and is seen more in the northern parts of the world. Only one or two percent of Florida residents suffer from SAD compared to approximately 12 percent of New Englanders and people in higher altitudes.

In the summer and late spring, day length can last up to 14 or 15 hours. Cutting the day by almost five hours is enough to disturb the body's natural clock, which regulates eating, sleeping and mood.

SAD is caused by the lack of light, which induces physiological changes in the body. Any disruption to the body's need for light stimulation can affect body temperature and hormone secretions. Somehow, the brain's chemistry is unbalanced and the body's natural reaction is disorder.

A person with SAD can have any or all of the following symptoms: oversleeping/fatigue; tendency to overeat (especially high-carbohydrate foods); joint or stomach pains; abnormal bowel movements;

avoidance of family and friends; lowered sex drive or feelings of guilt; anxiety; misery; despair; frustration; irritation; loneliness and hopelessness.

Often, people with SAD will experience weight gain and increased need for sleep and will be less productive at work or in school. They also tend to be more sensitive to colder temperatures.

Risk factors for getting SAD are location, age, sex and stress level. As mentioned before, the higher the altitude, the shorter the day length. Younger persons are at a higher risk for developing SAD, as are women. More than three-fourths of the population of seasonal depression victims are female. Also, a high-stress lifestyle can insitgate depression as the days get shorter.

Some cases of SAD are worse than others. The "winter blues"

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Raiders nearly knockoff ECU

□ Associated Press

EKU 35, Middle Tennessee 20

Eastern Kentucky's Derick Logan and Corey Crume combined for 228 of the Colonels' 331 rushing yards Saturday in a 35-20 victory over Middle Tennessee State.

The Colonels (7-3, 6-0 Ohio Valley Conference) remained undefeated in league play and clinched at least a share of the OVC title.

Middle Tennessee (4-5, 2-4) scored the next two touchdowns but had the extra point blocked on the second — a 1-yard run by Lebrion McGill — to trail 14-13.

Middle Tennessee quarterback Jonathan Quinn completed 13-of-25 passes for 240 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Lady Raiders open against Ole Miss

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

The Lady Raiders basketball team may not have started head coach Stephany Smith's coaching career off the way they would have liked to, but they still made a big statement.

Opponents had better step on the court ready to play a full 40 minutes worth of full court pressure basketball.

In opening the season Saturday night the Lady Raiders hosted the Southeast Conference's Ole Miss in a game in which both head coaches were making their regular season debuts.

Ole Miss pulled out a tight 61-60 win over Middle Tennessee at the Murphy

Center in a game that went down to the buzzer.

The Lady Rebels were led by Tiffany Adkins, a Yorkville sophomore out of Ole Miss. Adkins led all scorers with 23 points and grabbed a game high 13 rebounds to give Ole



Stephany Smith

Aldy his first win as a head coach. In the second half Ole Miss led by as many as 10 with less than eight minutes to go. But with just over four minutes remaining freshman Kelly Chastain put in a shot down low and picked up the foul to go to the line and cut the lead to one.

Carlita Elder, who had the game winning shot against 20th-ranked Ole Miss three years ago as a freshman, tied the game at the 2:57 mark at

the line by making two free throws.

The Lady Raiders had a chance to take the lead when Chastain stole the ball from Adkins but Ole Miss's Becky Myatt took it right back and the Lady Rebels built a four point lead.

Elder hit a three-pointer with less than a second left on the clock to pull the Lady Raiders to within one, but it proved to be too little too late.

The Lady Raiders fell victim to poor shooting in the first half, connecting on just 23 percent of their shots from the field. They did, however, win the battle of the boards pulling down 43 rebounds with the help of Teneka Burrell's 12.

Elder led the Lady Raiders scoring effort with 14 points followed by Burrell's 12.

The Lady Raiders now travel to the Nashville Arena Thursday to take on Belmont.

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to life than just football.

"Chances are slim to none that you can go to the NFL let alone stay there," he said. "Kids really need to know that."

For Campbell, he got a call last spring about joining the Kats. He finished his first season in the league playing in 11 games averaging 61.5 yards rushing per contest. The experience was a joy compared

to teams in the past.

Campbell will return to the team this spring for his second season at tailback and defensive back for the Kats as they look to improve their 10-4 record from a year ago.

"For the first time since leaving MTSU, I'm just having fun playing football," Campbell said.

However, it's Campbell's life away from the football field that is really beginning to take shape. As a professional football player, Campbell is using his influence at the Dee Dee

Wallace Center in Nashville.

"I have a lot of troubled youths coming in there and we're catching them right at a good time when they're most impressionable," Campbell said. "Some of them don't listen but if I can turn a couple of them around that'll be good."

"My job now is to deal with these kids. They keep me from growing up. I want to stay young and always work with kids and hopefully one day I can into coaching high school ball."

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colleague with the Tar Heels, during warmups. Once the game started, Guthridge sat on the edge of his seat as he had done for three decades under Smith.

"The hardest part of the day was it seemed like it kind of dragged on, seven o'clock didn't get here as fast as I had hoped it would," said Guthridge.

Ed Cota made the first basket of the Guthridge era, a driving layup 17 seconds into the game, and in typical Smith fashion, Guthridge made his first substitution 1:01 into the contest. Makhtar Ndiaye entered after not starting because of a tardy appearance at the pregame meal.

"Same rules we've had for 37 years," Guthridge said. "Sometimes it can't be helped, but I'm a bottom line man."

Despite Smith's absence, many of his coaching traits remained on the floor and the sidelines. The Tar Heels took high-percentage shots, switched defenses and played unselfish ball while Guthridge substituted liberally.

"We feel confident in the things he's teaching us," Williams said of Guthridge. "We feel good about everything we've learned."

The Blue Raiders, who lost by 50 points to the Tar Heels last season, trailed 22-18 midway through the first half before North Carolina went on

a 15-2 run to go up by 17 about 3 minutes before intermission.

The run was fueled by the team's trapping defense, something Smith had been reluctant to use the past few seasons. But the veteran and more athletic Tar Heels fed off it, turning three Blue Raider turnovers in a two-minute span into a pair of dunks and

an easy layup.

Vince Carter scored six of his 10 first-half points in the final 4:16 as the Tar Heels held a 41-24 halftime lead.

North Carolina put the game away with four straight 3-pointers — three by Williams — during a three-minute span to go up 60-37 with 10:30 left.



Photo provided

The fourth-ranked Tar Heels played without the services of their top player, Antwan Jamison, 33, who was nursing a hyper extended elbow.

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characterize the milder version of depression. A lack of sunlight can affect anyone's mood. However, more serious cases of SAD are treated medically. Anti-depressants and therapy are often suggested to SAD victims.

Light therapy, or phototherapy, is a new kind of treatment that research shows to be effective. Recent studies show that as little as 30 minutes of consecutive light exposure can stimulate the body into regulating its disrupted rhythms. However, those taking light-sensitive medications should avoid this type of therapy.

The treatment is simple: be in bright light everyday (by use of a lightbox or light therapy device). It is important for eyes to be

exposed to light for at least a solid hour. This is why many doctors recommend scheduling vacations to southern or brightly-lit locations during the winter months. Adding more light at home is a good start.

Another suggestion for treatment is getting up with the sun and going to bed earlier than normal. This will make the days seem longer and the darkness shorter. Keep the blinds open during the day to allow natural light to shine through windows. Put bedroom lights on a timer so that they turn on in the morning with the alarm clock. Sit near a window in restaurants and classrooms or at work.

Take breaks during long tasks to look out the window or step outside to get some fresh air. Take a brisk walk at lunch and dress warmly when the weather is colder. Try to manage stress wisely and allow time for

yourself, friends and family. Avoid superficial comforters like alcohol, drugs and food.

Volunteering, getting regular exercise and avoiding procrastination are also ways of boosting self-esteem and increasing motivation to get going. Take a week and record what you do, what you eat and how you feel at certain times throughout the day. Take notice of certain habits and decide to avoid the places, foods and situations that cause depression.

The "winter blues" are quite normal for most people and can be cured by a fun-filled and homework-free weekend. Seasonal depression is more serious and treatment for SAD is encouraged. Talking with your family doctor is a good way to determine your symptoms and treatment.

Meanwhile, keep your chin up. Christmas break is only four weeks away.

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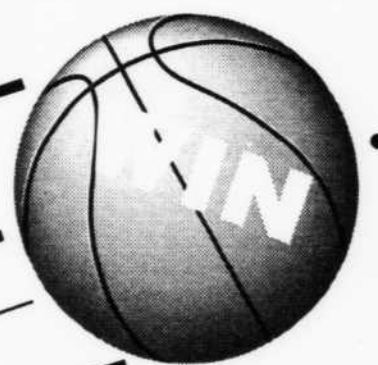
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