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Debris fire sparks near Cyber Cafe



The Murfreesboro Fire Department fights a small blaze outside the Cyber Cafe yesterday., one of several such fires that have broken out on campus lately.

Robin Wallace
Staff Reporter

In the stillness of a typical Sunday afternoon on campus, sirens ripped through the quiet, charging up to the Woodmore Cyber Cafe.

The building had to be evacuated around 2:10 p.m. yesterday, when MTSU Public Safety Officer Misty Hellstrom, who was patrolling the area, first noticed the smell of wood burning and then saw the smoke coming from the back of the Cyber Cafe.

She immediately alerted the campus dispatch and Derek Spirk, a student manager, of the situation. Within a matter of minutes, the Murfreesboro Fire Department responded to the call.

After a quick assessment, firefighters hosed down

the area, extinguishing the flames. The smoke came from a small debris fire underneath the air conditioning unit located against the back entrance of the cafe. It was 20 minutes before employees arrived.

"I came in at ten till 2 and nothing was there," said David Mathes, a student manager at the Woodmore Cafe.

This week has produced a string of fires on campus, most the result of cigarette butts tossed in mulch, particularly around residence halls. At first, back-up Public Safety Officer Broede Stucky thought this fire was similar.

"First thing I thought was that it was mulch on fire again," Stucky said.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the possible ignition of the debris came from another careless cigarette toss. ■

Fair to promote student involvement

Heather Whitehead
Staff Reporter

Students looking for a chance to become involved in student life should check out the Student Organization Fair in the KUC courtyard on Wednesday.

More than 50 organizations will set up tables in the courtyard to promote their organizations.

The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"There are 210 organizations on campus," said Maggie Prugh, director of Student Organizations and an organizer of the fair, "and this is just a good time for them to try to recruit some people."

Prugh said student involvement is especially important to help keep students active on campus, even on weekends.

"A lot of people say MTSU is a suitcase school,"

Prugh said. "But there are all sorts of ways to get involved with all sorts of different groups."

Prugh said the fair is one of the best ways for students and organizations to meet each other.

"Individual groups can go out and hang up flyers on bulletin boards to get the word out about their organization," Prugh said, "but sometimes flyers get lost. This is a way for people to actually meet, and some of these people bring sign-up sheets with them."

Some organizations who will be participating in this year's fair include Biology Club, Collegiate Women International, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mock Trial Society, Lambda Association and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Student Programming will provide music at the Organization Fair, and Relax and Ride, a regional commuter bus service, will offer complimentary Sno Cones. ■

Application deadline set for legislative internship program

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

Imagine being behind the scenes of the state government, earning valuable career experience, a semester of credit and getting paid weekly all at the same time.

This opportunity could be yours by applying for a legislative internship for the 2000 session of the Tennessee General Assembly.

The program is open to all majors interested in learning more about the operations of state government. Selected interns will earn 12 credit hours towards their degree during a five-month legislation period, as well as a stipend of \$325 per week.

Applications for the program are due Oct. 15. "This internship is a fantastic learning experience," said Mark Byrnes, political science professor.

Students get the chance to see how the state government works and is beneficial to anyone, regardless of major.

To be eligible for the internship program, which has been offered to MTSU students since the early 1970s, applicants must be enrolled as juniors,

seniors or graduate students and be registered to vote in the state of Tennessee.

A minimum grade point average of 2.5 is required for acceptance as an intern, with a preferable GPA of 3.0 or above. Interns will be selected based upon their applications and an interview process.

Interns' duties for the program include working in legislative leadership offices and committees from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Interns may perform tasks such as bill analysis, constituent work, computer and library research and general office work.

Other requirements include attending weekly intern meetings, touring state buildings in downtown Nashville, listening to various governmental speakers and participation in philanthropic activities.

"MTSU is very active with this internship program," Byrnes said. "The university has sent the most interns in the state each year behind the University of Memphis."

Students interested in the internship program should contact the political science office at 898-2708. For more information, visit the Tennessee General Assembly's web page at www.legislature.state.tn.us. ■

Fundraising event to help St. Jude

LaSonya Washington
Staff Reporter

Imagine a huge party complete with free food, live bands and door prizes. Nothing unusual, right? But how many parties are hosted by children who want to thank their guests for helping save their lives?

This year in Murfreesboro, there is only one party of this kind to be found. Up 'till Dawn, a celebration of life and charity, is a 12-hour social event to reward individual and team fund-raising efforts for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

The fun will begin at 8 p.m. on Nov. 19 and carry over until 8 a.m. the following day. To let the participants see the fruits of their labor, a large check for the money raised will be presented to a St. Jude representative at the party.

Danny Thomas, a deceased entertainer from Memphis, founded St. Jude in 1962. He named it

after Saint Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of hopeless causes.

The hospital is dedicated to the conquest of childhood diseases such as Hodgkin's disease, Wilms Tumor and several leukemias.

When long-term care is needed, the patient and his or her immediate family may stay in Ronald McDonald House or Target House.

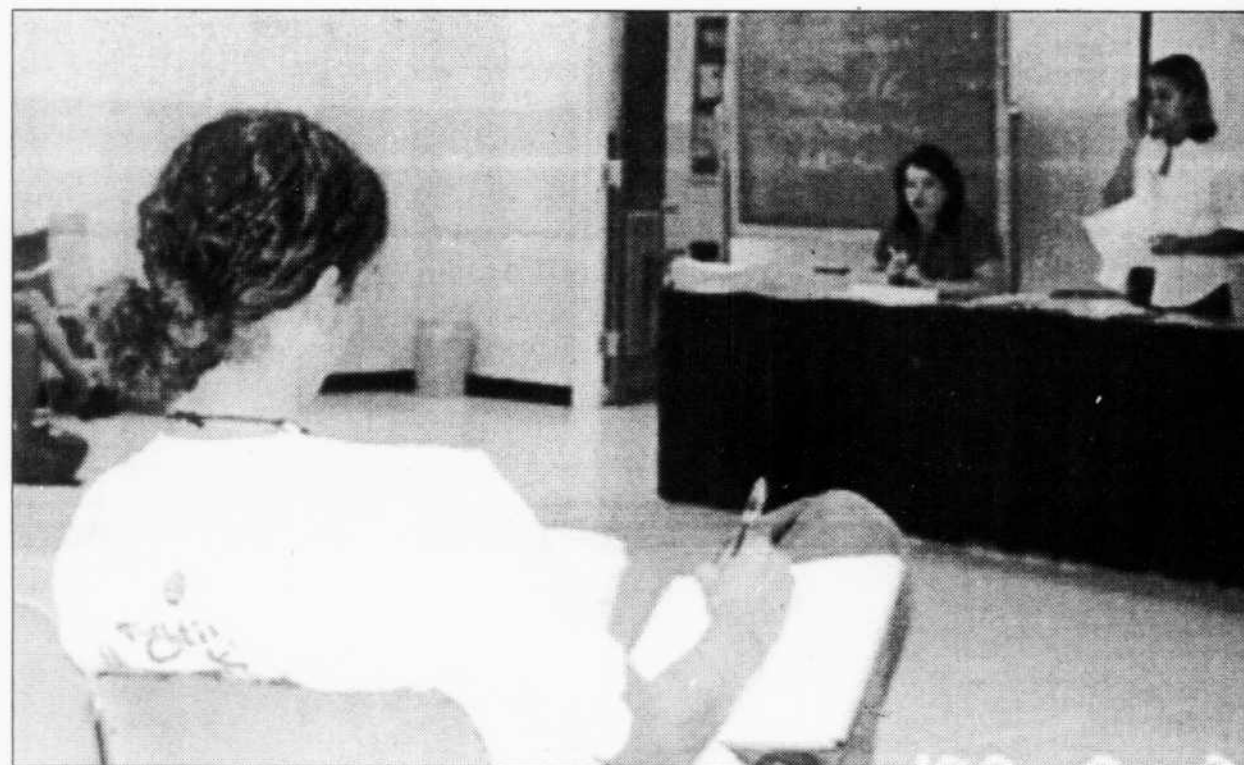
It is the first institution established solely for basic and clinical research into terminal childhood diseases. Since its opening, St. Jude has treated over 16,000 children.

These young patients have come from the United States and over 60 foreign countries and are accepted regardless of ability to pay.

This is made possible primarily through donations.

The American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities, St. Jude's fund-raising arm, provides more than 70 percent of the hospital's funds.

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Presidents of student organizations attend a meeting last week. Representatives of some of the university's 210 organizations will participate in Wednesday's Organization Fair..

Organizational communication major first of kind in Tennessee

Jenny Cordle
Staff Reporter

MTSU recently became the first university in Tennessee to establish a major in organizational communication for students.

The program is for students interested in careers dealing with communication problems and opportunities in organizations and communities.

"No other colleges or universities in Tennessee have this major, and that was crucial in our going ahead with this," said Sharon Smith, professor of speech and theatre. "Students coming in to this major will learn writing skills, how to recruit, orient, train and communicate with employees, how to plan special events, and how to do what organizations need people to do right now."

The discussion of the new major began in January 1997, when several MTSU professors, including Smith, talked informally about plans to include the major into the curriculum. Jim Brooks, associate dean of Liberal Arts, chaired the meetings.

The major was approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents in March, Smith said, and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission served as the final authority in July.

The major also allows for opportunities for internships with the Main Street Jazz Festival, the Nashville Kats and the Tennessee Golf Association.

Careers in the field typically include employee communication, special events, volunteer and employee recruiting and training, alumni relations, fundraising and community relations.

Two students currently major in organizational communication. ■

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On Campus

compiled by
Wesley Bush

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

Sept. 13

The June Anderson Women's Center will sponsor a math anxiety workshop at 3 p.m. in JUB 204. The one-hour session is open to all students who want help ending math anxiety. To register, call 898-2193.

Pi Sigma Epsilon is holding an orientational meeting available to all majors at 4:30 p.m. in BAS S126. Pi Sigma Epsilon is a national, professional fraternity in marketing, sales management and selling, and is open to all majors. Contact Dr. Scott Inks at 898-2436 for further information.

Sept. 13-21

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

Sept. 14

MTSU Debate will have an organizational meeting at 4 p.m. in BDA 220 for people interested in intercollegiate debate. No experience is necessary. Regular meetings will be on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. For more info call Michael Krueger at 898-5607, Ben Osborne or Drew Butler at 898-2773, or the MTSU Debate Forum at 898-2739.

Sept. 15

The June Anderson Women's Center will hold a one-hour session to help end

test anxiety. The session, open to all students, will be at 3 p.m. in JUB 204. Call 898-2193 to register.

Sept. 16

A Sacred Harp Singing School will be held in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Stephen Shearon at 898-5984.

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism will hold a video-lecture, "Introduction to Objectivism," by Dr. Leonard Peikoff, at 7 p.m. in KUC 313. For more information, contact Luc Travers by phone at 898-9531 or by e-mail at mtso99@aol.com

ONGOING

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



World News

UN Security Council condemns Indonesia

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Appalled by the chaos in East Timor, Security Council members condemned Indonesia on Saturday for allowing a U.N.-organized vote and transition to independence to deteriorate into an orgy of killings.

Ambassadors demanded that Indonesia allow an international peacekeeping force to be deployed immediately to East Timor to rein in pro-Indonesian militias. The militias have ravaged the province since it voted for independence on Aug. 30.

Aid agencies have estimated that between 600 and 7,000 people have been killed. They said 100,000 East Timorese had been driven into West Timor or other Indonesian regions, and another 200,000 had been chased from their homes.

White House speaks on Asia

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) - Reviewing Asian trouble spots, President Clinton called on China and Taiwan on Sunday to resolve their differences peacefully, urged North Korea to halt suspected missile tests and said Indonesia's military has "aided and abetted" violence in East Timor.

Clinton stepped up pressure on Indonesia to invite U.N. peacekeepers into independence-minded East Timor and said, "We don't want to see the will of the people overturned by violence and intimidation."

Clinton spoke to business leaders of the largest Asia-Pacific region's largest companies on the heels of a fence-mending meeting with Chinese President Jiang Zemin. The two leaders agreed to swiftly resume trade talks and Clinton said, "I hope we can make it happen soon."

Violence erupts in 26th anniversary of Pinochet coup

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) - Police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse hundreds of leftists rampaging through a Santiago cemetery Saturday after a march on the 26th anniversary of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's military coup.

At least three people, including a TV cameraman and a press photographer, were injured by rocks thrown by the masked protesters. Police said they were holding about 15 detainees, but would not be more specific.

The clashes erupted at the end of a 20-block march during which leftists from downtown Santiago paid tribute to the thousands killed under Pinochet's 1973-90 regime.



National News

Inmates withdraw lawsuits against private prison

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) - Fourteen Wisconsin inmates will pursue allegations of torture against the private firm that runs their prison in Tennessee through a federal lawsuit already filed in that state, the inmates' lawyer said.

A separate federal lawsuit filed in Wisconsin by the inmates has been voluntarily dismissed, according to court records.

The suit alleged that guards employed by the Corrections Corporation of America at a private prison in Whiteville, Tenn., inflicted prisoners with electric shocks, pepper spray, chokings and beatings after a guard was attacked.

New York City battles encephalitis outbreak with continued pesticide spraying

NEW YORK (AP) - Workers on foot began spraying pesticide Saturday in Manhattan in the city's war on mosquito-borne encephalitis that has killed three people.

Six other cases of the potentially deadly virus since Sept. 2 have been confirmed and 89 cases are suspected.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani urged people not to be alarmed by the increased aerial and ground spraying, expected to continue at least through Monday.

"There are a lot of misconceptions and people are frightened more than they should be," he said. "This is an infinitesimally small amount of people who are affected or will be affected."

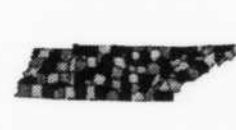
Listening device used to gather evidence in case of missing baby

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Investigators used a high-powered microphone to listen in on the conversations of a couple indicted in the disappearance of their 5-month-old daughter.

Hillsborough Circuit Chief Judge F. Dennis Alvarez gave State Attorney Harry Lee Coe III permission to use the device at the home of Marlene and Steven Aisenberg, starting on Dec. 12, 1997.

The judge allowed the eavesdropping microphone to remain in place for 90 days, according to court records.

The alleged conversations are included in a federal indictment issued Thursday against Marlene and Steven Aisenberg.



State News

Blood droplets on Reid's shoes key to case, says prosecutor

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Blood droplets on a pair of Nikes led police to believe Paul Reid killed two Baskin-Robbins workers in 1997, a prosecutor told jurors Saturday.

Opening arguments began shortly after Reid, who has claimed the Oklahoma City bombing was a government attempt to kill him, was found competent to stand trial by Circuit Judge John H. Gasaway.

Reid is accused of kidnapping Michelle Mace, 16, and her boss Angela Holmes, 21, from the ice cream store on the night of April 23, 1997. Their bodies were found the next day at a state park a few miles away. Their throats had been slashed.

Truck driver sentenced to 512 years for drug possession

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) - A Texas man has been sentenced to 512 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to possession of nearly 500 pounds of marijuana.

Jaime Aguilar, 35, of El Paso was sentenced Friday by U.S. District Judge Curtis Collier.

Co-defendant Abel Ramirez, 33, also from El Paso, was sentenced to 312 years for the same offenses earlier this summer.

Aguilar drove the truck that was stopped in February at a weigh station on Interstate 24 near Manchester. A search turned up the marijuana and about \$300,000 in cash.

Doctors want more money in Oak Ridge screening

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — Doctors what are screening former Oak Ridge nuclear plant workers for radiation-related sicknesses want more money — four times as much — to beef up their efforts.

The program has a \$1 million annual budget to screen 1,200 former workers at Oak Ridge and similar facilities in Paducah, Ky., and Portsmouth, Ohio.

Congress must approve the request.

\$1.1 million to go toward building trails

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — More than \$1.1 million is going to go into trails around the state through Recreation Trails program grants.

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STEAMLINE CONSTRUCTION

Steamline construction between the ROTC Annex and Todd Library is expected to begin soon according to Bill Smotherman, director of Construction Administration.

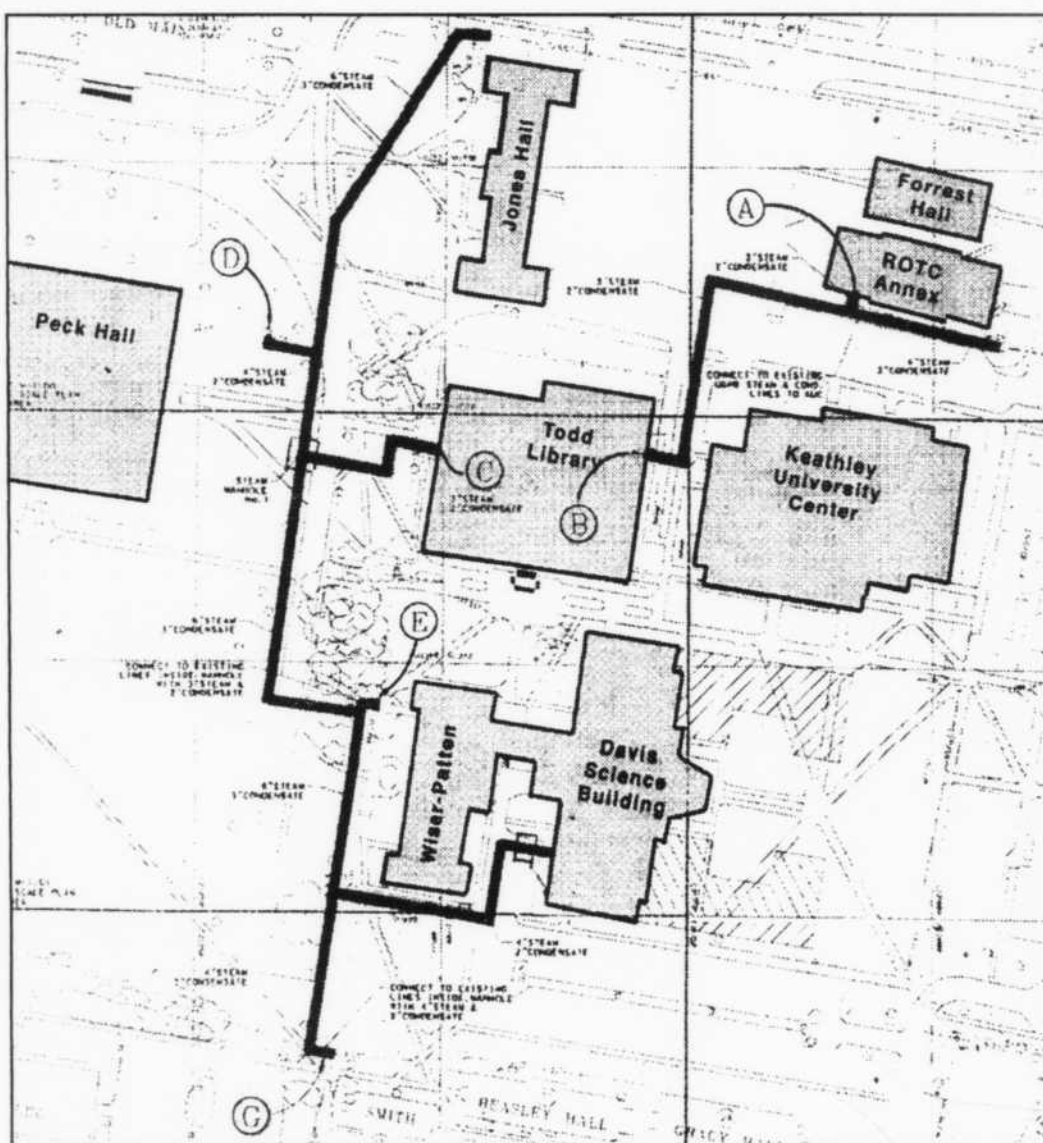
"Excavation on the ROTC end could begin as early as Sept. 15," he advises. "Steam lines have to be installed on grade. They can't dip below or rise above other utilities. Because of this the entire ditch must be open at one time to be sure there are no conflicts with other utilities. Barricades and signs will be installed."

According to Smotherman, students and staff can expect fencing which will be erected to isolate the work area. Some frequently traveled routes will be blocked, making it necessary to seek alternate routes.

He says the steam line construction on the east side of the Loop is approaching completion with some site restoration already taking place. He says the majority of that work will be completed by mid-December.

Jones Hall, Todd Library, Wiser-Patten Science, Peck Hall, Forrest Hall, ROTC Annex, and Keathley University Center will get new steam lines to replace existing lines which are 30-40 years old.

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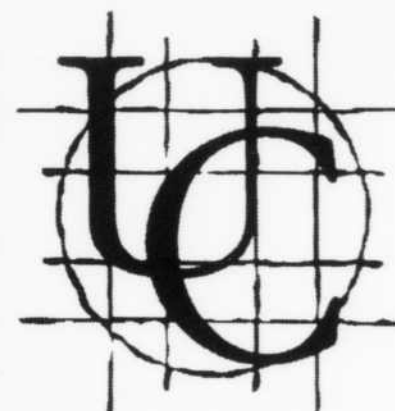


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L.E.A.D. to train leaders

Brittney Gilbert
Staff Reporter

Emerging student leaders will have a new program to accommodate them beginning this semester with the advent of the 101 New Leaders program, implemented by L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Education, Action, Development).

"We wanted to propose a program that brought all types of leaders together to interact with each other and bring different perspectives about leadership and leadership skills," said Gina Poff, director of Student Development and one of the program's creators.

The 101 New Leaders program will include seven New Leader participants on one team paired with one leadership coach—a faculty or staff member—and two current and experienced student leaders called student leadership coaches.

"We hope the leadership coaches will get as much out of this as the participants," Poff said.

Students will be nominated for the 101 New Leaders program by

University 101 faculty members.

"We went with the nomination format," Poff said, "because students may not recognize their leadership abilities, but their professors might."

L.E.A.D. includes other levels of involvement for more advanced student leaders.

These levels, currently under development, will aid in the reconstruction of the resident assistant classes, now required by RAs, to become a more generalized leadership class and include students who are not RAs but are interested in student leadership.

L.E.A.D. also includes the Advanced Leadership Challenge, a recent addition that offers opportunities to upper-class student leaders, such as the adventure-oriented Outward Bound Leadership Challenge, practicum experiences, independent research and community service options, according to L.E.A.D. committee member Cathy Crooks.

The Student Leadership Institute is another component of the program that plans to start weekend retreats and moderated

round-table discussions to learn more about leadership, said Crooks.

L.E.A.D. also offers awards to students who participate as part of a co-curricular transcript. A bronze award will be granted to students involved in one aspect of the program, a silver award for commitment in two areas, a gold award for three-time involvement and the platinum award for students partaking in four or more areas.

Key committee members involved in creating this new leadership program are Poff, Cathy Crooks, associate director for Residential Education; Debra Sells, director of Housing; Glenn Hanley, director of Campus Recreation; Mimi Thomas, assistant director of Student Programming; Stuart Eddings, coordinator of Student Orientations; and director of Student Organizations and Community Service, Maggie Prugh.

Students who are interested in joining L.E.A.D. can contact Gina Poff by e-mail at ghpoff@mtsu.edu or contact the office of Student Development at 898-2454.

ST. JUDE

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According to the ALSAC, 88.9 percent of every dollar it receives goes to current and future needs. These needs include paying for research, covering treatment not paid for by insurance and carrying the tab for children without insurance.

Up 'til Dawn began in 1998 at the University of Memphis. MTSU is the second school in the nation to participate.

"Interest has been strong," said Kealie Frazier, director of Up 'til Dawn. "We hope to make [MTSU's involvement] annual."

Frazier, who is also a student, said the interest has been strong and the 10 board members she

works with are committed.

"They're all students, and they're dedicated," she said.

Anyone interested in raising money for St. Jude as an individual or in a group of four to eight can register in room 306 of the KUC or go to the event's website at www.mtsu.edu/~uptldawn.

Upon registration, participants receive a picture and profile of a St. Jude patient.

Individuals are asked to raise a minimum of \$150, groups a minimum of \$750.

Interest meetings will be in Room 314 of the KUC at the following dates and times: Sept. 14, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 15, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sept. 16, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The deadline for registration is Oct. 15, and all donations must

be turned in by Nov. 15.

Those who do not register as fund-raisers may still enjoy some of the Up 'til Dawn activities by making donations at the door.

In addition to money, donated goods will also be accepted for Target House and Ronald McDonald House.

The Up 'til Dawn volunteers are working to secure even more activities and guests.

"Numerous celebrity people are involved" with St. Jude, Frazier said. "We are hoping to have some special guests, which will hopefully be a surprise."

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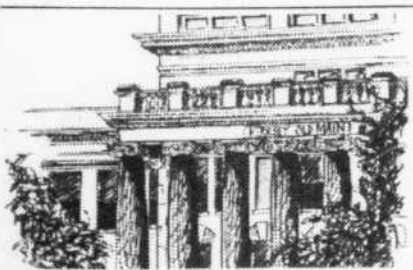
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OPINIONS

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

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Greek Row waste of valuable university land

As students, we need many things here at MTSU like convenient parking, additional housing and a new art facility.

University officials have had opportunities to remedy our needs, but have yet to do so.

A perfect example is the Greek Row situation.

Only a relatively low number of students are in fraternities, yet the university allowed the fraternities to use valuable land for Greek Row. Most students aren't in fraternities, which means Greek Row won't benefit the majority of students.

Did the student body have a say about the use of the land? No. There were no meetings held to talk about the land and possible uses for it. We are just forced to deal with Greek Row. Is this really fair?

This land could have been used for parking, which would be more beneficiary to a larger percentage of students.

Instead, some students are forced to park off campus due to the lack of campus spaces and while the fraternity students will get a nice home, the rest will be forced to find a parking space.

Dorms could've been another use for the land. Currently, many students are limited to living in crumbling buildings infested with roaches, or apartments which strain the budgets of students even more than usual.

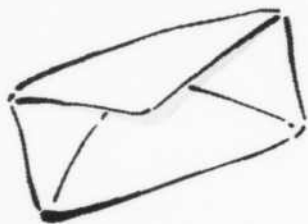
Yet another problem, Greek Row will bring more noise and alcohol to campus, which will surely be bothersome to residents like those in Scarlett Commons. Even though it is nestled near the back of campus, Greek Row is still visible to Rutherford Boulevard traffic and the surrounding residential area where wild, late night parties are certain to disrupt the local Murfreesboro citizens. The "sacred" campus image is sure to suffer.

Bringing greek life onto campus is important, but it is serving only a small portion of students. There are more vital projects needed.

Josh Ezzell
Sports Editor

Sidelines

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Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Staff Columnist

Solicitors, organizations harass college students

I'll take English words for \$100, Alex.

The answer: to try to obtain by earnest plea or application.

Stumped?

Beep-beep-beep. The answer is "to solicit."

Soliciting is a major problem that plagues our campus. Frankly, I am sick of it. Solicitors no longer attempt to obtain by earnest plea or application. The new strategy is to force it out of you with foot-in-the-door techniques.

This week alone I was approached by no fewer than 15 solicitors. There seems to be a campus infestation. I seem to have a "sucker" sign taped to my back. What's worse is the aggression shown by these salesmen. You literally have to call the authorities to keep the plebeians off your doorstep.

My roommate answered a knock the other day from a broadcast journalism major seeking to sell magazines. He said, "It's hot out here and I don't want to be here." Guess who else doesn't want you to be here either, Einstein. Then he follows it up with, "I'm going to Hawaii for spring break and receiving \$500 in cash for x amount of points. I really want it, so give me a fighting chance."

I have an idea for my salesman. Get a real job. I can earn \$500 a week. However, it is just like everyone else. Work 50 hours at \$2.13 and hope for a lot of good tips.

Do I care you are going to Hawaii? No. That does not appeal to me. The reason is that YOU are going to Hawaii because I PAID for it. My money is better working for me or for organizations that make a difference, like the American Heart Association. My money even works better at a

measly 1.5 percent annual interest rate at my local bank.

This charade continued for almost ten minutes after the initial "no." My roommate is kinder than I am, because I would have slammed the door in his face then called the management of my apartment complex.

Solicitation is so bad that as recently as last week housing officials were forced to call campus security to remove solicitors from the Deere and Nicks resident halls.

Campus organizations, you aren't getting out so easy. Why do you attempt to pull me into these groups? If you want something, you seek it out. It doesn't find you. My family is from the United Kingdom. Therefore, I do not want to "be Greek."

I do not care about equality, Lambda, because face it, life isn't fair.

You can suckers some people into the idea that one day there will be equal rights, but these are the people that believe dreams can really come true.

I do not want to see your band. I do not want to "save that land." I do not want to be "set free." I do not want to buy "diamond rings." I do not want a better life. I do not want a mail order wife. I do not want a magazine. I certainly do not want three. I do not want any of these things. I just want to be left alone, alone you see. I just want to watch a little TV and maybe catch some "Jeopardy."

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Get over it!

by Angela White, Opinions Editor

State, religion shouldn't mix

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"Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

"In God We Trust."

See a pattern?

For a country that claims separation of church and state, there's an astounding amount of religion permeated into our government. Yes, I know we came here as Puritans seeking religious freedom. But what about freedom from religion?

It's not even just religion per se. It's Christian religion. Why does the mail only not come on Sunday? Why is it the Bible on which we lay our hand while swearing in at court? Heaven forbid (oops) you be the 5 year-old who doesn't celebrate Christmas. Whether it be our social, political or professional lives, religion is somehow always present.

Freedom of speech is one thing. Naturally I believe the adults have the right to express their opinion. I don't mind seeing ads for churches in newspapers or receiving junk mail about the "emptiness" of my life. I don't even mind people coming to my house with free Bibles. Of course, I don't have to answer the door.

But our government is another thing.

If the Radical Religious Right had their way, everyone would believe in their God. There would be forced prayer in schools, mandatory church attendance and Jesus' picture on the dollar bill. And people like me wouldn't exist.

I want no mention of religion or creation in schools. They want both to be a daily part of every student's life. I want courtrooms and judicial buildings free of any god. They want the Ten Commandments hanging on every wall. So who's going to win?

Neither of us will.

I should have the right to not be completely surrounded by religion. I should be able to use currency, speak in court and visit a local public school without constantly running into someone's concept of a superior being. But this is the United States, so that's just not going to happen.

And as hard as the Radical Religious Right may try, they're not going to win more than their share of battles in court either.

Extremists just can't get their way in this society, which is undoubtedly a good thing. Of course, that's not going to stop any of us from trying.

Are College Grads Paid More For Knowing Less?

Linda Gorman
University of Colorado

Critics of higher education claim that today's college graduates know far less than those of 40 years ago. At the same time, students of U.S. labor markets claim that a college degree is worth more than ever. Have American institutions of higher education discovered a modern philosopher's stone?

The data used to impute the value of a college degree come from population surveys. After declining throughout the 1970s, estimates of the difference between the mean wages of college graduates and the mean wages of high school graduates increased by 15 to 30 percent in the 1980s.

This stimulated endless moralizing about the "wage gap." The increase was assumed to reflect the value of "college skills." They "had become more valuable" because the "new" economy valued "information workers."

Employers reported interviewing a higher fraction of the unprepared, and American businesses began spending unprecedented amounts of money on testing and training. In 1996, the National Association of Scholars surveyed the requirements for a baccalaureate in arts degree at the top 50 undergraduate institutions as ranked by U.S. News World Report. It found that today's undergraduates spend less time in class. In 1914, the instructional year averaged 204 days with class periods of 60 minutes each. In 1993, there were 156 days. Classes were 54 minutes each.

Today's undergraduates also learn less about less in less intellectually demanding courses. In 1914, 80 percent of the institutions had history, mathematics and natural science requirements. By 1993, only 2 percent of the schools required history, 12 percent mathematics, and 34 percent courses in the natural sciences.

Economists Jeff Grogger and Eric Eide wondered whether the college wage gap applied to everyone or just to certain majors. Entry level jobs in science and business have traditionally paid more than jobs in the social sciences or arts, and the 1980s saw a substantial change in the number of students enrolled in business and engineering majors.

Majors do matter. Entry-level engineering majors earned about 15 percent more than high school graduates. Entry-level education and letters majors earned 13 percent less. From 1978-1986, male graduates in business, engineering, science and social science saw their relative wages increase 9 to 12 percentage points a year. Those majoring in education and letters experienced no wage growth over the same period.

What is college really worth? In terms of lifetime pay, no one knows. The labor market is flexible, individual talent matters, and consumer wants ultimately determine everyone's wages. A computer wizard may enjoy a high salary for the first few years out of school, only to be surpassed later in life by someone with a talent for sales. Employers clearly reward people with good cognitive skills. College curricula used to require that graduates demonstrate them.

That has changed. Now that students can slide by with slipshod majors specializing in pornography, gender garbage, and postmodern claptrap, businesses spend billions on pre-employment tests. Some savvy employers emphasize grades in specific courses with known content. They know that work creates value, and they want people who have proven that they are willing and able to do it by working to improve their intellects while in college.

The information age is characterized by rivers of cheap, unorganized data. Fishing important facts on essential topics from those rivers is easier if one knows something to begin with.

So is making sense out of a life sure to be buffeted with new innovations for the next 50 years or so.

Viacom may be beneficial to CMT, TNN's future

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Staff Reporter

When television was first invented no one could have imagined the impact it would eventually have on society as a whole.

At the time, the equipment was primitive, and its capabilities were limited, to say the least.

The images it produced were fuzzy, at best, and the thought of instant news from anywhere in the world was unheard of.

So as the next millennium nears, just how far has television come?

Better yet, how much is television worth?

Try \$35.89 billion.

That's exactly what Viacom, Inc. proposed to pay last week in order to obtain CBS, Corp., in a deal that has sent shock waves throughout the entertainment industry.

Believe it or not, Music City and the surrounding Middle Tennessee area could stand to benefit greatly from the merger.

Considering CBS purchased the Nashville based networks TNN and CMT, these two fledgling networks stand to gain the backing and financial support of Viacom. The deal still has to be approved by regulators and lawmakers.

CBS purchased TNN and CMT from

Gaylord Entertainment for \$1.5 billion in 1997. Since the CBS acquisition, the two networks have seen a steady increase in revenue and rating shares in many major markets throughout the country.

Both Nashville networks stand to gain a great deal from Viacom, especially in the way of marketing.

Viacom, which would become the world's largest media conglomerate if the merger is approved, has shown its marketing savvy by focusing in on the niches held by both MTV and VH1.


"They are brilliant at marketing and image and certainly have a cutting edge," said RCA Label Group chairman Joe Galante. "My guess is it will help CMT and promote country music. I think their influence will be real positive."

According to PaineWebber analyst Christopher P. Dixon, Viacom is not likely to relocate either TNN or CMT from Nashville.

If, as experts believe, Viacom "revitalizes" the two networks and helps to increase the subscriber base of each, the increased revenue created could mean more jobs.

Considering Middle Tennessee is thought of as having one of the top mass communication and recording industry programs in the country, both networks may provide future graduates with more job opportunities during the next millennium.■

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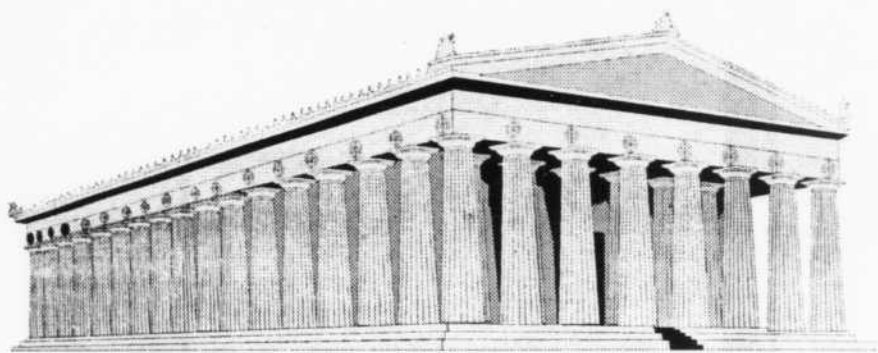
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WMTS tunes in to self improvement

Brittney Gilbert
Staff Reporter

Next time you tune in to the typical Top 40 radio station, remember that there's a student run alternative on the other end of the dial, 88.3 FM.

WMTS, MTSU's student-run radio station is working hard to gain more listeners, upgrade their technology and become more self-sufficient, according to assistant technical director Ryan Acree.

The station is in the process of attaining its own transmitter, having been operating on MTSU sister station WMOT's backup transmitter for several years.

The station is also working toward acquiring a digital automation and assist program and an FM Exciter which aids in live shows and remote broadcasts.

Moving to a digital format is part of the efforts to promote the station's mission to provide informational, cultural and alternative music programming to Middle Tennessee.

This upgrade should also help train students for future

broadcasting careers through hands on experience, training and internships.

The station serves as an on-going lab for the students involved and with more up-to-date equipment this process will be enhanced, according to Acree, but "the main purpose of college radio is to provide an outlet for programming that isn't commercially available."

Access to the alternative programming is provided to the station by reporting to the College Music Journal.

The station submits its top 30 spins to the periodical to gain visibility and receive music for broadcasting that they may not otherwise receive, according to program director Jeffery Lassiter.

The station's DJs are university students who must undergo up to a full semester of training before getting their own time slot.

Once the slots are assigned, DJs are given the opportunity to play whatever they want during "rotation" shows, as long as they play six new songs provided by College Music Journal affiliates. These songs generally occupy one-



Brooke Duncan, a junior, hosts her show which plays mostly hardcore metal and runs Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Photo by Zack Millican

half of a one hour set.

Specialty show DJs are not required to play rotation songs; they stick to a specific genre.

This format provides listeners with music they may never hear on a commercial station and gives them access to independent releases.

"The campus radio station has increased its visibility in the last two years tremendously," says Lassiter.

This can be seen in the number of WMTS stickers and T-shirts seen on and around campus, according to Acree.

WMTS relies on three sources of funding to improve the quality and

visibility of the station.

Besides activity and technology fees that are disbursed by the university once or twice a semester, the station participates in extensive fund raising.

Station officials, DJs and volunteers worked a booth at First American Music Center on Sept. 8 during the Bob Dylan and Paul Simon concert in efforts to raise money for improvements.

The workers sold food and beverages to concert-goers, taking a portion of the proceeds for the station.

There will be a benefit show for the station on Oct. 1 at Sebastian's

and a second is scheduled later in the semester at the Exit Inn. Performers for the shows are to be announced.

WMTS also broadcasts Lady Raider basketball games and Blue Raider baseball games with compensation provided by the Blue Raider Athletic Association.

Some of the volunteers for fund-raising events come from the elected officials of the radio station who are: Andrew Seward, station manager; Jeffery Lassiter, program director; Jon Eaton, promotions director; Elizabeth Hansen, music director; Brian Cassell, technical director and Melody Laundreville,

business manager.

These elected officers then appoint sub-positions which are: assistant technical director, Ryan Acree; loud rock director, Andy Morris; RPM (house and industrial music) director, Dustin Nelson, and hip-hop director, Lamont Gholston.

WMTS' website can be a very useful source for interested participants or the radio listener.

The site includes a schedule of the programming, events listings, upcoming compact disc releases, virtual venues for online listening, music news, photos and an extensive artist information search option. ■



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Travis Walker, Jr. hosts his "Polka Madness" show, which airs Wednesdays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

When every last dime counts Tips to handle a college budget

Jeremy Rush
Staff Reporter

It's Friday night, early Saturday morning, and Brentwood junior Ben Sapperstein has ended up at Waffle House, hungry and irrational.

As students have all found out the hard way, Waffle House doesn't accept checks or credit cards.

Fresh out of cash, Ben ponders his possibilities—Mapco has a cash machine, but one catch, \$1.50 charge.

Well, I'm really hungry, I'll just go for it, says Ben.

A trip to the ATM later, Ben assumes the swiping position and punches in his trusty secret code.

Once again, Miss Visa comes through for Ben and spits out a crisp \$20 bill almost identical to the one he pulled out earlier that night, except this money goes toward tasty Waffle House hash browns instead of cover charges and beer tabs.

Ben grabs his money, slides it in his wallet and rips the receipt off only to toss it in a nearby garbage can. He doesn't like to look at his balance because it only depresses him.

Ben, like most college students, is at a point in his life where every financial decision is important. Most students hold a job at some point during the year and use their earnings for a variety of expenses, including college tuition, books, clothes and entertainment.

According to the American Savings Education Council's 1999 Youth and Money Survey, more than 40 percent of all students report that they worked full time last summer, and 22 percent worked 20-35 hours a week.

With so many new

responsibilities, students need to be aware of their financial situation so they don't wake up one day and find themselves knee-deep in debt.

According to the U. S. Student Association, the first logical step is to create a budget for each semester.

Association President Anthony Samu said that creating a budget is fundamental. "There are many necessary purchases at the beginning of the semester, and you will need to know how much is available to spend," he said.

Beginning this month, the association plans to place responsible spending and budgeting messages in college newspapers and distribute educational materials to help students formulate a plan. To find out more about budgeting, students may also log on to a financial education website, www.creditalk.com.

Oh yes, and who can forget credit cards? Of course, everybody has heard the horror stories.

When students open credit card accounts, they are beginning a record of financial history that will demonstrate their level of responsibility to potential employers and landlords, as well as home and car loan officers, says the association press release.

Apparently, however, credit awareness is on the upswing among students.

Statistics from the Institute for Higher Education Policy's 1998 Credit Card Survey indicates that the majority of students are actually managing their responsibility better than ever. The study suggests that 59 percent of students report paying their credit card balance in full each month, compared with 40 percent of the general population.

Just in case, here are some credit rules to live by, courtesy of the Federal Trade Commission.

1. Credit cards are like a loan—you have to pay what you owe.
2. Keep track of how much you spend—impulse purchases add up fast.
3. Save your receipts. Compare them with your monthly bill to make sure there wasn't a mistake and you weren't overcharged.
4. Never lend your card to anyone.
5. Never owe more than you can repay.
6. Pay your bill on time and in full whenever possible.

If students get in a bind, the FTC offers a toll-free number for advice, 1-800-FTC-HELP. Credit cards can be dangerous, but if used correctly, they could help establish a good, strong credit history.

Checking accounts have also become popular with college

students. In fact, statistics from Campus Monitor indicate that 80 percent of students actually have a checking account. And with checking accounts come check cards.

"Check cards can be really dangerous because students can't actually see the money leaving their hands," says MTSU counselor Jeanne D. Hoechst-Ronner. "The fact that cards are not as concrete as cash seems to get students in trouble."

MTSU junior Charles Sherplin had to learn how to control impulse check card purchases the hard way.

Sherplin says, "I got my check card when classes were just starting and I spent \$1,000 in one week. Five-hundred (dollars) went to books and rent, where the rest went, I have no idea."

A little organization will go a long way, according to Patty Mitchell, a customer service representative from First Tennessee Bank.

"It is important to write down each purchase just like you would if you were writing a check," warns Mitchell. "I get students in here that are overdrawn simply because they don't know how much they have in their checking account."

Managing money in college requires common sense.

Ben Sapperstein enjoyed his Waffle House hash browns that night. He also enjoyed his cheese omelet meal, side order of grits, extra order of toast, large glass of orange juice and slice of apple pie.

What he didn't enjoy was the price—\$10.28 plus a three dollar tip.

"If I would have just waited 30 minutes, I could have eaten the groceries I had at home," said Ben. "I just need to learn to be smarter with my money instead of wasting it on things I don't need." ■

New VP says students and staff key to success

Wesley Bush
Staff Reporter

A new face replaces Dr. Robert LaLance Jr., former MTSU vice president of Student Affairs.

Robert Glenn, previously dean of students at Southwest Missouri State University, brings with him many years of experience in students affairs. His education has earned him both a master's and Ph.D. in counseling as well as a master's degree in chemistry.

Glenn's student affairs career began nearly 25 years ago when he started working at Birmingham Southern. His great-grandfather, Edgar Glenn, was president of the college when it was known as North Alabama Conference College, a title he held even while he graduated himself.

"While he was president at Birmingham College, my great-grandfather finished his degree and signed his own diploma," Glenn explains.

The church has also been an important part in Glenn's life. Both his father and great-grandfather were Methodist ministers, and his wife is currently a director of Christian education in Missouri. "The church was and is an important part of who I am," Glenn said. "It gave me direction, and my family served as a positive role model."

The new vice president's intent is to become available to all students and faculty who need help.

"My job is very simple: I'm here to take care of students," Glenn said. "If students need me, they come and tell me what their problems are, and I try to help them make sure they get it squared away. Sometimes students come to me simply because I make it clear that they can."

But helping students isn't Glenn's only focus. He said he also works with the faculty to make MTSU a top-ranked institution. Glenn mentions there are two major ingredients to accomplishing this task—student body and administrative staff.

"We have a very solid student body that is coming here and ready to work hard. The other ingredient is that we have a caring and dedicated faculty that is willing to do a good job for our students. I'd put this group of administrative staff up against any other," Glenn said.

Glenn works closely with President Walker in providing direction to teachers, students and the surrounding community. He promises, "I tell students that my guarantee to them is that if they think they have a problem that is serious enough to go see a vice president, then I'm going to think that it's serious too. I will put aside the immediate and make an investment in the student. My door is always open."

Glenn's office is located in KUC 212, and he can be reached by calling 898-2440. ■





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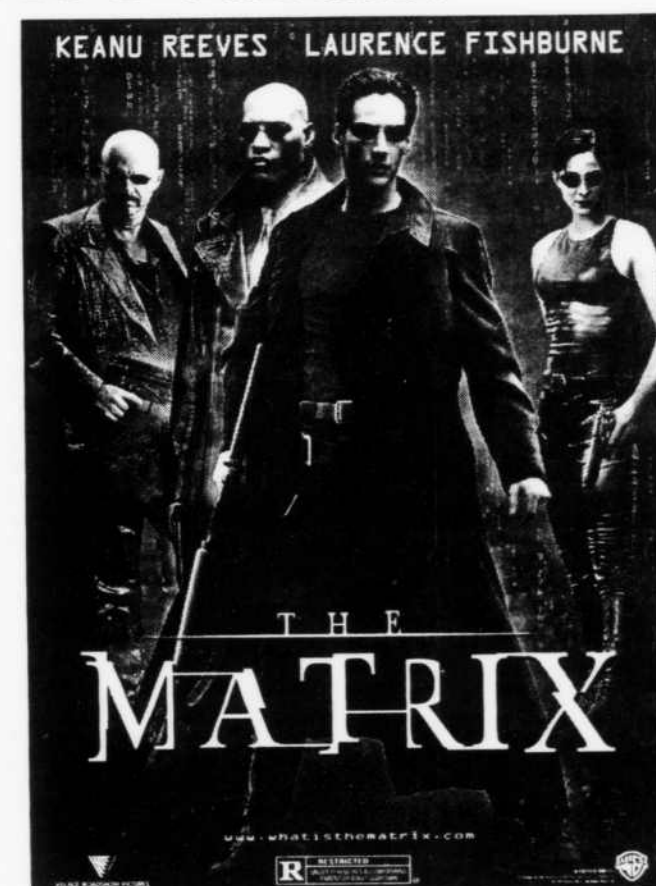
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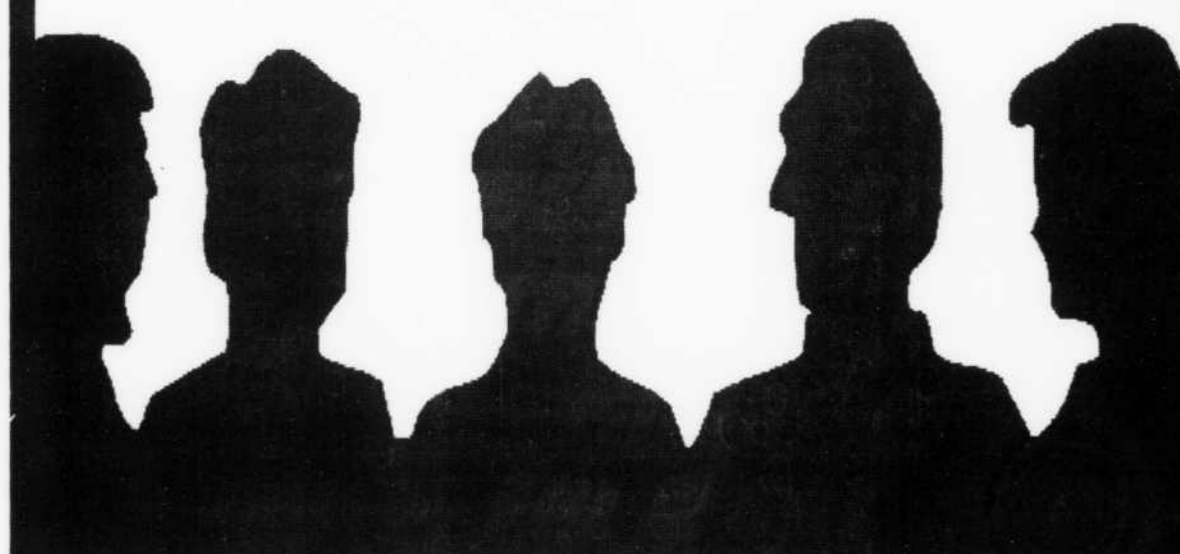
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Raiders suffer a tough loss at Arizona, 34-19

Staff Reports

Dennis Northcutt set Arizona's career receiving record and scored on an 80-yard punt return before a first-quarter injury slowed him down, and the Wildcats beat Middle Tennessee 34-19 Saturday night for their second straight win.

Arizona (2-1), fell from No. 4 preseason ranking to No. 19 after a 34-point humiliation at Penn State and a come-from-behind win at Texas Christian.

But the Blue Raiders outgained Arizona 180-71 in the fourth quarter, scoring three times.

Middle Tennessee avoided a shutout when Jamison Palmer swept left end on a 39-yard run with 10:31 left, Wes Counts scored

on a 1-yard keeper with 5:08 remaining, and Counts finished up with a 15-yard scoring strike to

MIDDLE TENNESSEE



Hansford Johnson as time expired.

Jim Wendler and Lance Briggs scored on 1-yard runs for Arizona, and Ortege Jenkins, playing the entire game because alternate

quarterback Keith Smith had a sore ankle, was 16-of-23 for 118 yards and one touchdown.

Jenkins scored on an 8-yard run that sent the Wildcats to a 20-0 halftime lead and threw a 26-yard scoring strike to Marvin Brown on the first play of the fourth quarter to make it 34-0.

Candidate carried eight times for 57 yards on Arizona's opening possession, capped by Wendler's plunge.

Jenkins gained 12 yards on one quarterback draw during an 11-play, 74-yard scoring drive late in the second quarter, and capped it with his sprint up the middle with 3:06 left.

Northcutt missed the second quarter after taking a blow to the abdomen on his third punt return with 1:03 left in the first. ■

Former Blue Raiders feel no pressure at Pro-Am

Robin Wallace
Staff Reporter

At the Blue Raider Tennis Complex, the 13th Annual Middle Tennessee Tennis Pro-Am Classic kicked off with an evening exhibition match followed by a dinner banquet on Friday, September 10th.

The complex was a beehive of excitement that doubled when partners Fred Niemeyer and Paul Goebel, and the tandem of David McNamara and Julius Robberts took the court.

Fred Niemeyer, a former Blue Raider and three-time former all-American, is currently on the ATP tour, ranking 297th in the world. Paul Goebel, former Blue Raider, was Middle Tennessee State University's first-ever all-American. David McNamara, former Blue Raider and all-American, is also on the ATP tour. Julius Robberts, an all-American former Blue Raider, currently serves as the assistant men's tennis coach at MTSU.

In playing just one set, due to local interest in the Oakland-Riverdale football game in Floyd Stadium, the men displayed a magnificent show of skill, strategy and athleticism.

Partners McNamara and Robberts, who as a result of winning the All-American Hardcourt Championship in 1997 hold MTSU's only national tennis title, won this intense exhibition match 7-5.

"It was a lot of fun to play a match without pressure," McNamara said.

While Robberts commented on the level of play, "It was nervewracking. Playing with three other all-Americans is a privilege, but still very nervewracking."

The conclusion of the match unleashed a jovial crowd to catch up with teammates and coaches over a delicious meal shared in the company of team members' families, sponsors and the current



Photo by Robin Wallace

One of the many participants in this weekend's Pro-Am

MTSU tennis teams.

The evening was part of a two day event that acts as a fundraiser to help boost the tennis program to a national level. The tournament has been such a success in the past that this year marked the largest turnout ever. The interest was so great that Dale Short, director of tennis operations, even had to turn down thirty registrations because of limited facilities.

"It is extremely pleasing to get so many sponsors, as well as to have so many former players come from all over the country to participate in this event," reflected Short, also the head coach of the men's tennis team.

The Middle Tennessee Tennis Pro-Am is as much of a reunion as it is a fundraiser that keeps linking the community and the MTSU tennis program together. As Niemeyer noted, "It is good to have this event, to have former players and good to see old teammates — makes everyone happy."

As appetites were satisfied some left to get a full night's rest in preparation for the tournament, others wandered over to the rival football game, but many ended the evening in a couple rounds of tennis, reminiscing about the glory days of past and dreaming of the days of glory to come on those courts. ■

Charlie Walker has positive outlook on the football season

Stephen Heiman
Staff Reporter

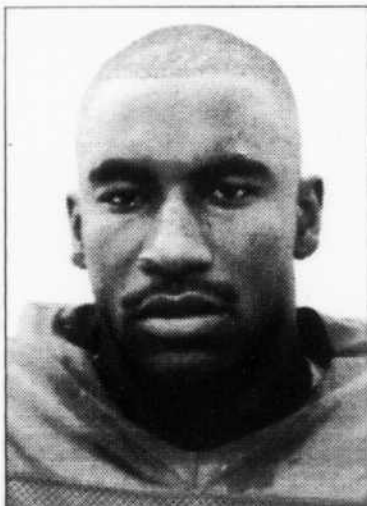
Charlie Walker, a 5 feet 11 inch 205 pound senior, was recently switched from cornerback to linebacker to give the Blue Raider defense a new approach.

"I like to hit, plain and simple," Walker said. "I might not be the biggest guy out there, but I love the contact and make up my lack of size with speed."

The Blue Raiders mostly run a 3-4 set defense which puts a lot of pressure on the linebackers to cover more territory than normal.

"Our defensive set up also calls for a lot of blitzes," Walker said. "Our outside linebackers keep containment on our opponents tight ends, while our inside linebackers who are smaller and quicker blitz and scrape to get to the ball at all times," Walker said.

Charlie Walker has always



Charlie Walker

been a winner. He went to the playoffs every year at Mary Persons High School in Forsyth, Ga. There he played under Dan Pitts, who to this day remains the winningest high school football coach in Georgia with 372 career victories.

"I really want a winning season," Walker said. "Whatever I can do to help the team, I'll do.

This team has nothing but positive vibes running through it. The coaches believe in us, and I know we believe in ourselves."

When asked if it was nerve racking to compete with teams highly ranked in the national polls, Walker noted, "They put on a uniform just like us. Anything is possible when two teams step out onto the field of battle."

So what are Charlie Walker's plans after Raider football?

"My immediate plans are to graduate and get a good job in the real world. In terms of playing football at the next level, I'm not going to worry about it. That is a slow process. I'll just have to wait and see what happens," stated Walker.

No matter what happens in the future, the present is the main thing on Walker's mind. He will supply the Raiders with a quick hitting machine at inside linebacker. The Raider defense has found a key weapon in senior Charlie Walker. ■

Top teams find a way to win

Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

Florida State found a way to win, and so did Penn State. That's the way it works with really good football teams.

Notre Dame found a wacky way to lose for the second straight week, leaving the Irish all but out of the national title race with nary an autumn leaf on the ground.

Heroic efforts by Seminoles wide receiver Peter Warrick and Nittany Lions linebacker LaVar Arrington saved two of the nation's top teams, while a communications breakdown in the final seconds left the Irish in the shadow of the Purdue goal line with a 28-23 loss to the Boilermakers.

Warrick ran for one touchdown, caught a pass for another and finished with 167 yards as No. 1 Florida State (2-0) held off No. 12 Georgia Tech 41-35 on Saturday night.

"Our defense has been picking up the slack for us, but the offense picked up the slack this time," Warrick said after catching eight passes for 142 yards and running three times for 25 yards. He had a 17-yard TD run to open the scoring and caught a 26-yard TD pass from Chris Weinke to put the 'Noles ahead 35-21 in the third quarter.

Joe Hamilton was exceptional in defeat for Georgia Tech (1-1). After being knocked out of the last two games against Florida State, Hamilton was 22 of 25 for 387 yards and four TDs. He completed his final 14 passes.

Arrington nearly cost his team

the game, but the All-American blocked a field goal attempt in the final seconds and Penn State (3-0) escaped with a 20-17 win over rival Pittsburgh (1-1). The Nittany Lions fell one spot to No. 3 in this week's AP poll.

In the first quarter, Arrington lost his cool and was hit with two penalties after wrestling with Pitt's punter and another player who came to aid his teammate. Later, Arrington intercepted one pass, and after two other passes slipped through his hands late in the game, he rose up and swatted away Nick Lotz's 52-yard field goal attempt in the final seconds.

"I think LaVar is playing his heart out, why pick on something?" coach Joe Paterno said when asked about Arrington's early-game misconduct. "He should have walked away from it. It's a good lesson for him. ... He almost had one of the most sensational days a linebacker could have."

At West Lafayette, Ind., the Irish (1-2) trailed by five points with time running out, but Jarious Jackson moved his team to the 1. On third-and goal, Jackson took the snap and moved left. A full-house backfield of Joey Goodspeed, Tony Driver and Tony Fisher made running room sparse, Jackson was forced back and then tackled for a 9-yard loss. Time expired before the Irish could run another play.

"Once again, we may have squandered away some opportunities," Irish coach Bob Davie said a week after a 26-22 loss at Michigan that ended with the Irish trying and failing to get off a final play from the Wolverines

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For Purdue (2-0), Drew Brees threw for 317 yards and a TD and also ran for another score. The Irish fell to No. 24 from No. 16 in this week's poll, while the Boilermakers rose to No. 14 from No. 20.

Also, No. 25 BYU beat Washington 35-28 on Thursday night; and Clemson knocked Virginia out of the Top 25 with a 33-14 upset.

The national title race heats up again on Saturday with two huge matchups - No. 8 Miami at Penn State and No. 2 Tennessee at Florida. Over the years, these two matchups have had a direct impact on which teams play for the national title.

In three of the last four years, the Vols-Gators winner has played for the title; the Hurricanes won the last two games against the Nittany Lions, in 1991 and 1992, and ended up playing for the title each year.

At Tallahassee, Fla., Tech stayed with the Seminoles all night, although they never led. Hamilton threw a 22-yard TD pass to Kelly Campbell with 1:35 left, but an onside kick was fielded by FSU's Travis Minor and the Seminoles ran out the clock.

Chris Weinke threw for 262 yards and three TDs in a game that saw the teams produce TDs on seven consecutive possessions - five in the second quarter. ■

At State College, Pa., Travis Forney's 24-yard field goal with 1:20 left were the winning points

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Soccer team starts 4-0-0 for first time in school history

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

The soccer team improved to 4-0-0 on the season with a 4-0 victory over Mars Hill College on Saturday.

Freshmen scored three of the four goals with sophomore Hailee Walsh scoring the other goal.

Beth Maskey scored the first goal of the game for the Blue Raiders on a pass from Breann Nevins with 23:47 expired from the clock in the first half.

Sheri Robbins scored the second goal off a header with nine minutes remaining in the first half.

The Blue Raiders continued to dominate in the second half. Hailee Walsh scores the third goal of the game with only 1:21 expired in the second half.

Maskey scored her second goal of the game twenty minutes later, driving the ball past Mars Hill goalie Laurie Humphries.

"With the first goal I was in the right place at the right time," Maskey said after the game. "Wednesday was a rough performance, especially for the forwards. I was really into the game mentally. Coach Gilligan worked with us individually yesterday and I think that got us into the game mentally."

Blue Raider head coach Colette

Gilligan was pleased with the team's performance on Saturday.

"Overall, we played well. We managed to get some different combinations into the game and we got some chances from those combinations.

"The defense played solid. We won maybe 90 percent of the 50-50 balls and that was a concern of ours coming into the game because we knew they were a physical team."

The Blue Raiders had 24 shots on goal while Mars Hill only had nine. Blue Raider goalie Jennifer Robb had four saves and recorded her second shutout of the season.

The Blue Raiders' next game is Sept. 15 at Alabama-Huntsville. ■

Lady Raiders volleyball team falls in Valparaiso Invitational

Staff Reports

The volleyball team split two games on the final day of the Valparaiso Invitational, defeating DePaul 3-0 (15-13, 15-8, 15-13) and losing to Valparaiso 3-1 (6-15, 16-14, 15-10, 15-8).

The Lady Raiders dropped their first tournament match to Eastern Michigan on Friday, and finished the tournament with a 4-5 record.

Kelly Smith was named to her second All-Tournament Team of the season. Smith, who was named

Tournament MVP at the Middle Tennessee Invitational last weekend.

She finished the Valparaiso Invitational with 36 kills, 24 digs and 12 block assists.

Kelly Quinn finished the tournament with 93 assists, 38 against Valparaiso in the final match.

Abby Hartup posted 11 kills and a team-high 18 digs against DePaul.

Erin Hillstrom finished the Valparaiso Invitational with eight kills and 12 digs.

Four players finished with double-digit kills against Valparaiso.

Kelly Smith, Latresa Cunningham and Katie Thiessen all finished with 12 kills, while Debbie Wolfe added 10 in the losing effort. Wolfe also led the team in digs with 16.

The Lady Raiders begin conference play on Tuesday when they travel to Clarksville, Tennessee to take on Austin Peay, before beginning a three-game home stand on Friday with Eastern Kentucky. ■

Triple H retains title; Stone Cold returns

The Hookup: A wrestling commentary



Josh Ezzell

Sports
Editor

Are you ready? Then, without further adieu, let's talk about the WWF.

The Rock and Mankind took on Kane in the opening match of Raw is War.

Kane's partner, X-Pac, didn't show up for the match. Instead, X-Pac's former Degeneration X partner, Triple H, offered his services to Kane. Kane refused Triple H's services, which turned out to be a fatal mistake in the outcome of the match.

Later in the match Triple H nailed Kane in the back with a sledgehammer. As a result, The Rock pinned Kane; he and Mankind retained the tag team titles.

After the match Triple H continued to assault Kane with a sledgehammer. He didn't stop until the Big Show and the Undertaker made their way to the ring.

In the next match, another champion was in action—Jeff Jarrett. Before the match, Jarrett wouldn't be any "puppies" tonight. He said that Debra McMichael wouldn't be caught dead in Hartford.

The Intercontinental Champ took on Jacqueline. According to Jarrett, he was trying to prepare for his pay per view match with Chyna.

Jarrett dominated the match. After Jacqueline submitted to the figure-four, Jarrett hit her in the head with a guitar.

Former tag team champs The Aclytes met Edge and Christian in the next match.

The Aclytes had the advantage early, but Edge and Christian were able to gain momentum and win the match.

After the match The Dudley Boyz attacked The Aclytes.

GTV struck again. This time GTV caught Val Venis and The Big Show in the bathroom. Venis said something The Big Show didn't like, and as a result "The Big Valbowski" was thrown against a wall.

Welcome to Raw is Jericho! He appeared on the Titan Tron and announced that he would meet Ken Shamrock face to face on SmackDown.

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Jericho's appearance via the Titan Tron was good for Howard Finkel. Otherwise Shamrock would've kicked his butt.

As usual Triple H made his way to the ring and bragged about his abilities, calling himself "The Game."

While Triple H was bragging Mr. Ass heard the word ass. Mr. Ass decided to talk to Triple H.

Triple H got mad at his former DX buddy and challenged him to a

fight. Mr. Ass accepted and the main event was set: Triple H versus Mr. Ass for the heavyweight title.

And now, for the main event. Mr. Ass dominated the main event, but he was unable to get the win because of distractions by Chyna and Shane McMahon.

Mr. Ass finally ran out of chances; Triple H delivered a pedigree and retained the title.

On SmackDown The Rock and Mankind lost the tag team titles to the Undertaker and the Big Show in a buried alive match.

Triple H cost The Rock and Mankind the belts when he interfered in the match and buried Mankind.

Shortly after the match, an ambulance arrived with a surprise passenger—Stone Cold.

After jumping out of the ambulance, Stone Cold opened up a can of whoop ass on Triple H. The whooping culminated with Stone Cold locking Triple H in an ambulance. And after locking Triple H in an ambulance, Stone Cold drove a Peterbilt into the ambulance. ■

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as the 34-point underdog Panthers gave the Nittany Lions all they could handle.

"We knew a game like this would come for us because things have come so easy for us," Paterno said. "You've got to be able to win a game like this if you've got aspirations."

At Gainesville, Fla., the Gators (2-0) have completed their warmups and are ready to talk Tennessee.

"Last year, we went up there and gave them that game," Gators receiver Darrell Jackson said of the Vols' 20-17 OT win in Knoxville. "Now, they think they have better athletes than us."

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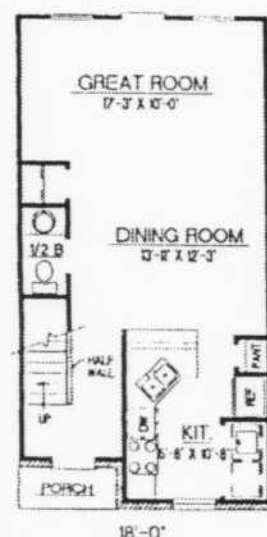
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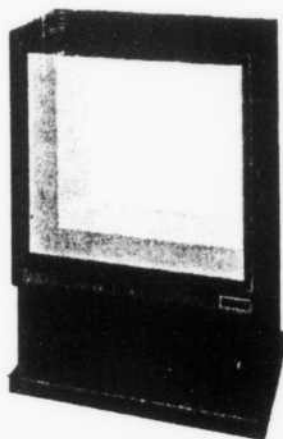
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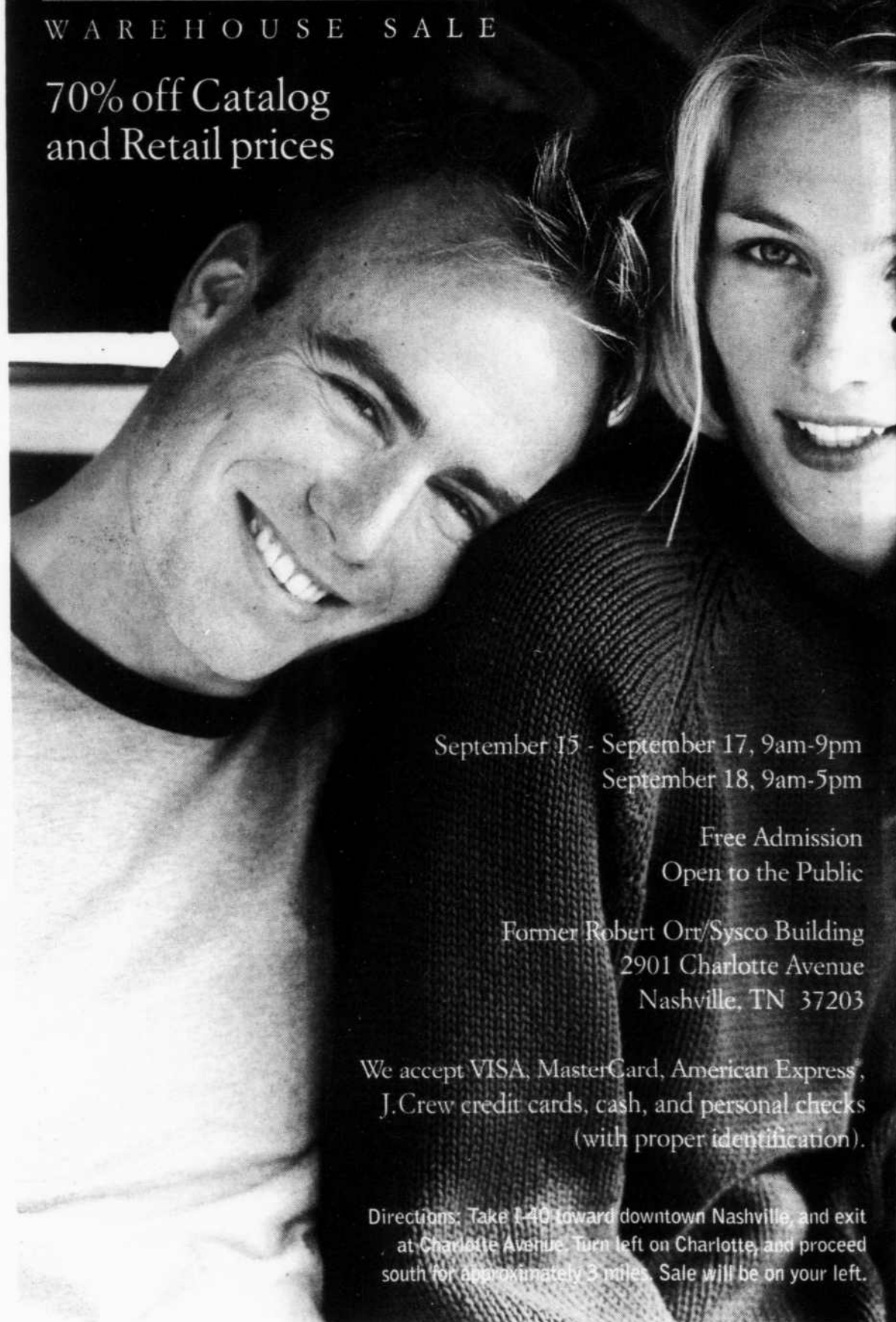
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