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IN BRIEF...

Battalion wins first place

The Blue Raider Battalion took first

Challenge competition held at Fort

Knox, Ky, Oct. 17-19. Twenty-nine

schools from four states competed.

Grill receives low score

The Keathley University Center Grill

scored a low 60 points on its health

department inspection Friday, Oct.

10. After a reevaluation last Monday.

the score was raised to an 80. (See

Leadership scholarships

Eleven freshmen were awarded the

Scholarships: Matthew Thigpen,

Lori Bruce, Ryann Russell, Lisa

James Knight, Jason Winchester,

Gingras, Robert McKenzie, Robert

Graham, Alison Dempsey, Joshua

civic and leadership success during

Miss Black and Gold The Miss Black and Gold annual

scholarship pageant will be held in Tucker Theatre Thursday, Oct. 23 at

7:30 p.m. Contestants will compete

for a \$400 scholarship. (See story,

Markham and Allison Miller. The

Leadership/Performance

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high school.

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Scholarships are awarded to entering freshmen who have achieved outstanding academic,

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place in the 1997 Third Brigade,

Second ROTC Region Ranger

Thursday, October 23, 1997

Health Inspection

KUC Grill

Grill better after health inspection

Damie Evans/staff

The Keathley University Center Grill received a score of 60 on its health department inspection on Friday, Oct. 10, after four critical violations were found.

"Anytime we do a restaurant, we are going to find some criticals," said Jerry Franklin from the Murfreesboro Health Department.

He said that the score was not real good, but that the law allows 10 days to get the problems corrected.

The Grill did have all of the critical violations corrected when the health department returned for a follow-up last Monday. The points that were lost were given back, which raised the score to an 80.

"We've gone overboard with correcting," Grill Manager Sue Yost "We've done everything they said. asked."

According to Franklin, the health department looks for trends when grading, so one low grade will not cause a restaurant to be closed down.

If a critical is found twice consecutively, the restaurant receives a warning. The third time is grounds for revoking its license. The restaurant

then has to go through the process of buying a new license.

The KUC Grill received an 86 without any criticals on its previous inspection and before that has always scored an 80 or above, according to Yost.

Yost said she feels that they have always served good food, but that the health department has raised its standards and started doing more fine tuning in the last year with things like the E. coili scare that has been going around in the larger restaurant chains.

One big change requires all of the food be refrigerated at 40 degrees instead of the previous standard of 45 degrees. This requires that all of the refrigeration units be recalibrated to meet the new requirements.

Gloves are being done away with as well, and liquid hand sanitizers are being implemented in their place.

Coffee stirrers have to be in a container now, and the ketchup soufflé cups have to be kept upside down on a flat pan instead of the baskets that they are now stored in.

The four criticals that were found were: a drink left by an employee without a lid in the dish room; some the

dented cans stored with the other cans that were not marked unusable; bug spray being stored with the other chemicals: and a plastic pan insert being used instead of stainless steel

> Yost said that there is place designated for employees

to drink, but as long as there is a lid on it, the health department does not have a problem with it.

The dented cans were stored in the same place as others without being labeled, but were separated from the other cans.

The bug spray was for flies that Grill was having trouble

controlling during the summer, but the health department told Yost that the bug lights in the Grill would be enough.

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SGA passes resolution giving spaces to students □ Jamie Evans/staff The Student Government Association House and Senate passed a resolution to restore 11 parking



However, if Yost wanted to keep using the spray, it would have to be stored completely separate and under

Heart Walk '97

MTSU was the top dollar-raiser at the annual Rutherford County Heart Walk this year. MTSU raised \$23,500 and was represented by 600 walkers.

New basketball coach

Stephany Smith, the interim head women's basketball coach, signed a three-year contract to continue as head coach. The Lady Raiders open their season Nov. 6 against the Atlanta Lady Rage in Murfreesboro. (See story, page 8)

Buchanan scholarships

Ten freshmen will be presented with the first Buchanan scholarships ar a luncheon Friday: Susanna Baxter, Robert Renegar, Adrian Gregory, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Hood, Leanne Jenkins, Jessica Porter, Sara Salyer, Dustin Schaerer and Kimberly Williams. The \$1,000 scholarships, named in honor of Nobel Prize winner and MTSU alumnus James Buchanan, are given to 10 students who qualify as Presidential Scholars, requiring an ACT score of 29 or better and at least a 3.5 high school GPA.

Minority scholarships

The annual Minority Gradute Scholarships have been awarded to 10 full-time African-American Tennessee students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The recipients are Christie Michelle Floyd, Shirelle Mae Ford, Camille Gray, Teresa James, Carla Kay Jones, Valerie Annette Sanders, Susan Marie Sawyer, Donald Kevin Whitmore, Douglas Williams and Carmen Michelle Wilson.

Know of something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487.

Jackey Harper, a freshman dental hygiene, left, Chay Sysenkham, a freshman chemistry major, center, and Alison Miller, a sophomore pre-veterinary major, right, try to find hydrates by testing an unknown in their Chemistry 121 lab class Wednesday.

Annual pageant to be held Thurso

Lesli Bales/staff

Seven women will compete tonight for the title of Miss Black and Gold. The annual scholarship pageant will be held at Tucker Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the pageant is open to anyone on campus. Although Alpha Phi Alpha is a traditionally African-American fraternity and the contest usually attracts African-American participants, there have been contestants and winners of other races and ethnic backgrounds. The only guidelines mandated by the national body of the fraternity is that contestants must be "single and without child."

"The pageant was originally a tribute to womanhood," said Alpha Phi Alpha graduate chapter member Antonio Adams. "What started out as the fraternity's contribution to the

Philosophy professors here have

expressed some concern-and a bit of

anger-after a student organization

posted flyers promoting a "Philosophy

Lyceum" on Oct. 28. The professors are

worried the public might confuse the

organization's lyceum with their own

"Applied Philosophy Lyceums"

advertising and title, [the student

organization's lyceum] is neither

"Despite some similarities in

Gregg Mayer/staff

beginning next semester.

celebrate both the outer and inner beauty and the talents of young ladies.

The women will compete in categories such as casual wear, evening wear and swimwear. Talent competition will count the most at a heavy 30 percent. There will also be a question-and-answer session, and GPA is factored into contestants' scores

Five local judges will evaluate the women based on communication skills, articulation, poise, beauty and appearance.

The winner will receive a \$400 scholarship while first and second runners-up will receive \$200 and \$100 scholarships respectively.

Miss Black and Gold will later compete in a state competition with Miss Black and Gold winners from other Tennessee campuses. The

'Lyceum' not offered by philospy dept.

feminist movement has expanded to national winner will receive a scholarship to pay for the rest of her higher education, graduate school included.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and can be purchased either in Student Programming (Keathley University Center room 308) or at Alpha Phi Alpha's table on the first floor of the KUC. Tickets are \$8 at the door. Proceeds finance the scholarships.

Contestants include Chanda Marie Beach, a senior recording industry major; Aeshia DeVore, a freshman advertising/marketing major; Treasure Yvonne Maddox, a junior elementary education major; Jada Matthews, a freshman premedicine major; Carmen Mitchell, a sophomore finance major; Rachel Parrish, a junior journalism major; and Tyjuana S. Phillips, a senior wellness and fitness major.

en taken away 10 of which have been made into faculty spaces.

"We are going to fight for [the spaces] as far as we can," House Speaker Jason Reid said.

The resolution states that students who pay to live on campus are being prohibited from parking in 11 spaces near their residence halls, while non-residential staff enjoy parking privileges in these spaces.

The sponsors-Representatives Adam Valle and Greg Atwood, along with Sen. Susan Sweetman-are concerned that with all construction at the Business/Aerospace building, the new library and the football stadium, much of the parking from the center of campus has been removed.

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

The sponsors want these spaces given back to the students because they are concerned with student safety.

The resolution states, "The present prohibition of student parking ... inhibit (sic) the safety of residents who heretofore must park in remote locations and walk long distances at night."

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

The sponsors said they wrote the resolution to say that by making the white spaces into green spaces, it would allow "equal opportunity" for students and faculty to park near buildings

SGA President Ryan Durham has vetoed the resolution because he disagrees with three out of the five parts from section one of the resolution.

"We're talking a few spaces here," Durham said.

The six parking spaces in question are one near a handicap ramp, one reserved for administrative staffboth of these being located at Reynolds and McHenry Halls-and another four at the James Union Building.

These three sections contain six out of the eleven white spaces that the house and the senate had proposed to be turned into green spaces.

Durham said that he had the lots researched by Attorney General Jeff Beaumont and his assistant Kevin Travis and then did his own personal

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sponsored by nor in any way connected with the MTSU Philosophy Department," writes Jack Purcell, professor of philosophy. Purcell forwarded this e-mail message to all of the academic departments on campus.

The student organization, Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism, is planning to host several lyceums this semester, including next week's videotaped presentation titled "Capitalism vs. Socialism: Which is the moral system?" In the background of the flyers, in bold letters, the words

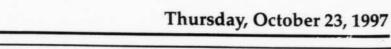
"Philosophy Lyceum" are written.

President Lee Sandstead said that he intentionally copied the title "Philosophy Lyceum" to attract a greater audience.

"I wanted to tap into their market," said Sandstead, a graduate of the philosophy program here presently seeking his master's in art history. "It is an effort to tap into some of those who are interested in philosophy. "On theirs [the philosophy depart-

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To have information placed in the On Campus section of the paper, come by the "Sidelines" office, which is located in James Union Building room 310, and fill out a form located on the table by the door. Information must be submitted in person. The deadline for Monday's edition is Thusday at 5 p.m. and the deadline for Thursday's edition is Monday at 5 p.m. A new form must be filled out for each edition or the information will not be run.

Oct. 23

Kappa Delta Sorority will offer students, faculty and staff complimentary snacks in honor of celebrating their 100th birthday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the KUC courtyard.

The Golden Key National Honor Society will have a brief business meeting followed by a representative from Nation's Bank speaking on "Etiquette in the Workplace" at 5 p.m. in KUC 322. Casual business attire is suggested. For more information, contact Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116.

Oct. 24

An organ Halloween concert will be presented by music department faculty and students at 8:32 p.m. in Wright Music Hall. Costumes will be worn and everyone is invited to attend.

Oct. 25

Rutherford The **County Democratic** Women are hosting annual their membership tea 2-4 p.m. The MTSU College Democrats are proud to be a part of ths and invite everyone to come and bring a friend. For more information contact Pam Arnold at

898-4534.

Oct. 27 Walt Disney World will offer an information meeting for Spring 1998 internships at 5 p.m. in KUC 322. Students must

attend the meeting to eligible be interviews the following day. Contact the Placement Center, KUC 328, at 898-2500 to sign up for the meeting or for more information.

Oct. 27-31

The Office of Institutional Research will be administering the Graduating Senior Survey at the Graduation Fair this week, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information, contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

Oct. 27-Nov. 24 MTSU Continuing Studies and the American Management Association are offering a 15-hour course on First-Line Supervision on Mondays, Oct. 27-Nov. 24, from 6:15-9:15 p.m. The instructor is Harold King, a management trainer who has led courses for

Opryland Hotel and Nov. 4

Theme Park, Institute Enjoy a doughnut and at 904-0116. of Financial Education, bake sale from 8 a.m. Belmont School of to 12:30 p.m. at KUC and KOM. Sponsored by Golden Key National \$205 fee will include Honor Society.

Nov. 7

FREE BEER!! (NOT!!) We won't have free beer but we will have free food and frozen yogurt for all participants in the Jim Shannon Fall Classic Spades Tournament. The tournament will be held 6-11 p.m. in the Campus Rec Center. Entry fees are \$8 per team or \$4 per individual. Prizes will be awarded for first and information contact Luc second place finishers. Individuals who do not have a team will be paired up. Entry deadline is Oct. 31 and their is a 16-team limit.

office.

Coffee House Poetry Night sponsored by Golden Key National Honor Society will be held at 6 p.m. at The Red Rose Coffee House & Bistro on College Street. Guest poet will Victor Fried. be information, contact Anyone who would like to share their favorite poetry can pick up a registration form in Dean Burke's office. KUC 126. For more information, contact Cosette Joyner-Watson

Sign up at Rec Center

Continuing Activities

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, Heather contact 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.

Tennessee bands win annual contest

Business, Nashville Tech and MTSU. A materials provided by the AMA. Participants will receive 1.5 CEUs from Continuing Studfor ies. For more information, call 898-5436. To register, call 898-2462.

Oct. 28

A videotaped debate, "Capitalism VS. Socialism — Which is the Moral System?" will presented at 7 p.m. in KUC 316. Everyone is invited. For more Travers at 893-9531.

Oct. 31

Deadline for Spades Tournament (see Nov. 7 for details).

Nov. 3

Nurses Career Day Nov. 13 will be held in the Tennessee Room of JUB from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.Representatives from many organizations will be present to talk with students interested in health occupations. For more Turner, Martha director of University Placement and Student Employ-ment, at 898-2500.

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call 898-2500.	Sign reserv	ation form to attend.	
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Gregg Mayer/staff

Tennessee high-school marching bands absolutely dominated the Contest of Champions last Saturday, a regional competition held here at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium.

Three Tennessee marching bands-McGavock, John Overton, and Columbiarounded out the top finishers, beating out Central Hardin from Kentucky, a band undefeated in competition up until Saturday.

The Contest of Champions is an annual event sponsored by the music department to raise money for scholarships. Members of the Band of Blue work the gates and sell contest

Columbia, who came in at 90.1. programs, in addition to ensuring high-school band directors stay on time as they move from warm-up locations to performance starts.

"This year's contest was a definite success," said Terry Jolley, associate director of bands.

McGavock, one of the largest marching bands competing with 190 members. won Grand Champion and the Tennessee's Governor's Cup with a score of 94.3, performing "Sir Malcolm Little Suite #2." Clearly the loudest band on the field. McGavock's low brass made the stadium seats shake.

John Overton, who placed second with a score of 90.4 winning Reserve Grand Champion, barely beat

Although Columbia's "1812 Overture" theme elicited a greater crowd response, John Overton was technically a little better on the field. Contest judges watch for details like marching style, formations, and how well the music is played. Last year, Columbia beat John Overton by only one-tenth of a point.

Central Hardin marching band, winner of the Kentucky Governor's Cup for being the highest scoring Kentucky band, came in a close fourth overall with a score of 89.

Finishing out the last six bands in finals competition: Union City High School placed fifth with 85.8; Greenwood High School placed sixth with

85.6; Brentwood High School placed seventh with 83.3; Boone County High School placed eighth with 81.1; and Father Rvan High School placed ninth with 78.3.

Band of Blue The performed a highly energized exhibition show after the preliminary and finals competitions. This year's Band of Blue theme is a retro look at the 80s, with tunes such as Prince's "1999." They will perform here at two more home football games on Oct. 25 and Nov. 8.

The Contest of Champions will be televised on WDCN Channel 8 in Nashville on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 27.

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Evolution subject of next honors lecture

Shawn Whitsell/staff

Back in 1925, Tennessee passed a law making it illegal to teach evolution in science

classes. This law IDEAS IN CONFLICT Butler Bill. In that same John year, Thomas Scopes taught evolution He was arrested. tried, found

guilty, fired from his job and fined \$100. His trial was known as

which marked the beginning of a conflict that is still going on today

Charles McGhee, professor of biology, will be discussing this issue in his honors lectures on Oct. 27, relating it to the First Amendment, separation of church and state, and why

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ment's lyceum flyers] it says 'Sponsored by the Philosophy Department." Sandstead continued. "There really should be no confusion."

But some philosophy professors seem to think there is

"It does generate confusion," said Michael professor Principe, of philosophy. "It seems an act of deception.

"They're trying to ride our coattails in a way.

Philosophy Department Chair Ron Bombardi agrees.

"I'm disappointed," Bombardi said. "The promoters feel the material doesn't have enough draw on its own."

Purcell, Principe and

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research. His determination was that these spaces were necessary for the faculty.

Durham said that the first space being proposed at the access space required for

separation is necessary According McGhee, evolution is a very essential

element in biology. "I am a biology teacher and

you cannot teach biology without teaching evolution,' McGhee said. McGhee said he also believes hat Genesis

"The Scopes 1997 Honors Lecture Series cannot be taught in

the science classroom.

"In my opinion, the story of creation is very interesting. No one knows exactly when Genesis was written or who wrote it. There is no science in Genesis therefore it cannot be taught in science classes," said McGhee.

Bombardi all said students have asked them about the event, and they had to explain it wasn't the philosophy department's lyceum.

Sandstead, who began the Students of Objectivism almost four years ago as a special group to discuss the philosophy of Ayn Rand, said the philosophy department has "had a monopoly on these type of lectures" in year's past.

The signs might be similar," he said, "but in the end it is the quality of the philosophy that counts.'

"I don't expect the stuff they are doing is very high quality," Principe said. "I don't want people to think we sponsored it."

departments have to turn things like payroll reports.

The four spaces at the JUB

Fundamentalist Christians believe in the book of Genesis, the first book of the Holy Bible. According to Genesis, there was creation, not evolution.

past, the In fundamentalists made attempts to stop the teaching of evolution in science classes. They failed in their attempts. Groups such as the Scientific Creationist decided that if they could not get the teaching of evolution out of the classroom, they would demand to have their Christian beliefs taught in school as well.

Although some people may not think Christianity is a science, the Creation Research Society claims that they can prove that Genesis is based on observational facts.

Scientists also claim to have evidence to prove that evolution did occur. This is why there is so much conflict among fundamentalists and scientists. McGhee said he feels that

the conflict of creation and

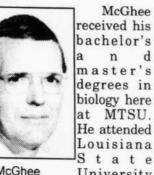
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lock-and-key. She said that they did away with all of the spray and intends to rely solely on the lights from now on.

Yost said that the grill has been using the plastic pan inserts for a while and that they have never been a problem Now the health before. department is wanting all stainless steel because it is more sanitary

Some of the other minor violations were ice build-up in the freezer, grill vents that needed to be cleaned, a pan of

evolution will go on forever but the degree of this conflict can be kept at a minimum if churchand-state matters are never put together.



McGhee University for one year in the doctorate program. He later transferred to an institute in Virginia. He has taught various classes here at MTSU, such as general biology and evolution, since 1969

He is also a fellow of the Tennessee Academy of Science and was a member of the Society of Sigma Phsi.

green peppers that were not wrapped up, the floor under a shelf that was not clean and crumbs that were found on another shelf.

There have been a lot of different meetings to discuss what needs to be done to ensure that the problem is squared away, and training classes have been set up for all of the fulltime employees.

"I don't want to serve the kids something that I won't eat myself," Yost said.

Have members of your organization done something worth recognition? If so, submit the information to be placed in "Sidelines" new In Brief section. Call Sidelines at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487.



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Editorials

SGA wasting students' time

Wasting valuable and irretrievable time seems to be the number one priority for the Student Government Association this semester.

Earlier last month, the SGA sponsored and devoted an extraordinary amount of effort to have Duane Stucky, vice president for finance, stand before a rough audience of 100 students and get bashed for not providing enough parking spaces. Not much else been done by the SGA about parking since the highly questionable Town Hall except one even more insignificant venture

Two representatives and a senator are fighting "as far as [they] can" for 11 white and blue parking spaces -- most near or around the James Union Building--to be turned over to green spaces for students. SGA President Ryan Durham, in a scrupulous moment, devoted the time of his attorney general and his assistant to reassess the appropriateness of changing the 11 spaces and determined only five should be converted to green spaces.

Do the SGA president and the bill sponors truly belive recovering five parking spaces on the JUB side of campus will solve the parking problem for students? Is it even a significant change? Clearly it is not.

The SGA should be concentrating its time to promote significant amounts of parking spaces to open up on the JUB side of campus, not simply five. Considering all of the perimeter parking lots--the lots which contain all of the surplus parking spaces--are on the opposite side of campus, it is imperative and the most prudent course of action to seek alternatives to the parking situation on the JUB side of campus.

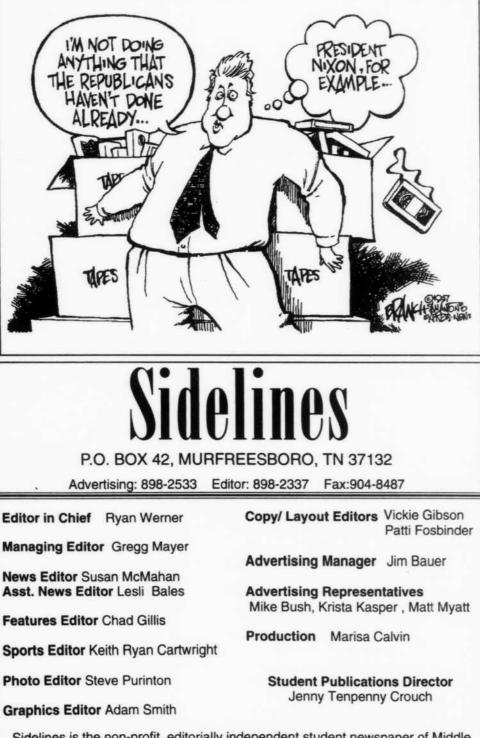
For one, Parking Authority could make a deal with the Middle Tennessee Baptist Church--the same church that recently banned student parking -- to let students again park there. Parking Authority has already made a similar deal with St. Mark's United Methodist, and adding the Middle Tennessee Tennessee Baptist Church parking lot will increase the number of available spaces by almost 100, if not more. This increase will have a significant improvement on the congestion at the Bell Street parking lot, which often full by 7:30 a.m. and remains full all day.

The SGA could promote legislation banning freshmen dorm residents from having cars on campus. Several big universities--the University of Florida, University of Georgia, and the University of North Carolina, to name a few--ban such parking and the increase of avaiable spaces here would be phenomenal.

The SGA could also promote legislation to let students once again park on the grass at the corner lot of Lytle Street and Tennessee Boulevard, which would increase parking spaces by 20. Not a tremendous increase, but a necessary one.

And of course the most obvious course of action would be to suggest building a perimeter parking lot on this side of campus. The Bell Street parking is simply too small to accomodate the vast amount of students who would like to park--and need to park--on the JUB side of campus.

Any of the above proposals are far better than the one currently before the SGA. This newspaper hopes the SGA is listening.



Society and Violence: What can we do?

Phyllis M. Davidson Early Childhood Development Dept. of Human Sciences



In today's society, we need only to turn on the radio or television or to pick up a newspaper to see that we are living in a violent era! What is wrong? What has happened? This violence has been directed towards all members of society, but children have increasingly become the victims. According to the Children's Defense Fund, each day in our country, 16 children are killed by firearms and 8,523 children are abused or neglected. In 1994, over 2,500 teens under the age of 18 were homicide victims, and over 1.5 million reported being victims of other violent crimes. By 1993, almost 6,000 children under the age of 20 were killed by gunfire. This represented nearly twice the number of child-gun deaths in the previous 10 years.

In Tennessee, according to Kids Count data, the number of teenviolent deaths for 15- to 19-year-olds has grown over 30 percent in the past decade. Not only have children as victims of crime increased, but teens as instigators of violence have also increased. Violence in schools has increased at alarming rates. There has been an increase of over 100 percent in the number of school expulsions in the past decade. School suspensions have also increased. The greatest reason given for school suspensions and expulsions was firearms. From 1992 to 1995, school suspensions due to firearms increased over 2,500 percent, and school expulsions due to firearms increased over 4,500 percent. During this same time period, expulsions and suspensions due to dangerous weapons other than firearms, fighting and general misconduct also increased over 1,000 percent.

inity where three teens hav

been arrested in the shooting death of a taxi driver underscore the seriousness of this topic. After that incident, Nashville Mayor Phil Bredeson formed a committee to look at crime and violence in that community. Will they come up with a solution? Who knows? I believe that they should be commended for trying to ban together to solve a problem.

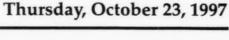
For too long, we have depended on the government and public agencies to solve the problems in society. They have grown too big to be solved by government or one public agency! Blame has been placed on parents, schools, government and other institutions. Schools blame parents! Parents blame schools! Politicians tend to say, "Let's just build more prisons to lock them up and keep them for longer periods of

I believe that we all have to share in the blame and in the solution to the problem.

time." What is going to happen when all of those prisons are filled? Blaming is a dysfunctional coping mechanism!

What is the problem, and what can be done? I believe that we all have to share in the blame and in the solution to the problem. No one thing caused it, and no one thing will cure it. We are all affected by it or contribute to it by virtue of our choices as individuals and family members.

We can all share in the solution of the problem. We do not need to wait Recent events in the Nashville for someone else to take care of it.



What can we do? Start by deciding what you as an individual can do. One by one, we can make a difference. Start at the bottom and work up. Do not try to come up with a solution after the problem has happened. Prevention is the key. Begin with something as simple as deciding to take a child development class to learn about the needs of children or by taking a parenting or family class to learn skills needed with children or spouses. Do it before marriage or before children are born or do it to learn how to help others who are not your children or your spouse. Volunteer in your community • in boys and girls clubs, 4-H clubs, child prevention agencies, schools or day care centers. HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING SOMEONE ELSE!

Professor's Perspective

Organize fraternities, sororities or friends to spend time with children who need friendships and adult companionships. You will be amazed at the difference you can make in the life of a child.

Vote! Find out which laws are impacting children and evaluate them and make your vote for children. Children are not old enough to vote. You and I can do it for them.

Run for political office! We can help shape laws and the public agenda in favor of children. Children cannot do this for themselves.

Remember as Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world! Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

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President explains how technology fee is spent

Ryan Durham SGA president



This past summer, the Tennessee Board of Regents, the governing body of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee, approved a system-wide increase in the Technology Access Fee. This fee is assessed of all students upon their enrollment in any TBR administered school.

Before the recent increase, MTSU students paid \$15 per "technology access" to further their educational experience. As the student population grows and academic programs demand even more extensive multimedia and technology-related supports, more funding is needed to not only maintain but also improve the current level of student "technology access." Realizing the irreplaceable role computers and other electronic equipment play in education, TBR raised MTSU's student technology access fee, in conjunction with the advice of MTSU administration and student government, to \$50 per student per semester.

The initial concern is what process will be used to distribute the nearly \$1.6 million. The Board mandates the money be split into two pools-one to manage the original \$15 (pool 1) and another to oversee the expenditure of the new \$35 (pool 2). Pool 1 will continue to be distributed by the Academic Computer Committee, which consists of students, faculty and administrators. Pool 2 will be allocated by the Technology Access Fee Task Force, also made up of students, faculty and administrators. Each year this task force will develop and present to the TBR staff a proposed spending plan for the increased \$35. Upon the Board staff's approval, the money will be spent.

The second, and most important, concern is how to fairly allocate this new money. Where should it go? How should it be spent? What lab gets this? And what department gets that?

Those are difficult decisions to make. In order to find a resolution as easily and equitably as possible, Vice

President for Academic Affairs Barbara Haskew convened the Technology Access Task Force. The task force is simply a colorful way of saying a group of well-representative students, faculty and administrators gathering together to discuss and debate how MTSU should spend the students' money.

I serve as a student representative to this task force. We have met for two official meetings this semester and have held many more via telephone, fax and e-mail. The nature of these meetings is somewhat normal. Every academic and student life department on campus has representation and each comes with a request, a proposal as to how the money, or at least some of it, should be spent. Those proposals are circulated, the floor is opened for

I'd like to see something, to get something for my money. . . If we must pay the fee, the fee should pay off for us, and quickly.

discussion and each is taken into account. After all the proposals are heard, Vice President Haskew, who acts as the organizational factor for the committee, closes the meeting and the real work begins.

In order to speed the process, Dr. Haskew and the Academic Affairs staff compiles a list of projects as discussed by the task force and then distributes them to each member. As a member of the task force, it is my responsibility to evaluate the proposed projects and then respond to Dr. Haskew with any agreement, comment or complaint I might have with the compilation. And so I did.

When I first heard this summer of the Board's vote to increase the technology access fee, I knew how important student input would be and that the MTSU administration would depend heavily on the Student Government Association to provide and make known the concerns and wishes of the student body. At that point I began to gather my thoughts on the issue and advance what I thought to be important factors to students.

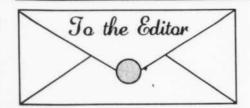
I entered the task force meetings with three goals. One, ensure that the money be spent as quickly as possible. Each student contributes to this pool of money and each student should benefit by it. What about those students who are graduating in • December? They have paid the \$50 and if the money is not spent immediately, it will do them no good. Their educational experience will not be furthered by equipment that arrives in January, one month after they receive their diplomas. And what about everyone else? I'd like to see something, to get something for my money. And I realize all students are the same. If we must pay the fee, the fee should pay off for us, and quickly.

Second, guarantee student computer labs be upgraded to current standards and add new labs where applicable. The equipment in existing labs like KOM and the LRC continually needs improvements to maintain its usability. To keep up • with the advent of web technology and ever-increasing software capabilities, the machines in student labs must be enhanced or replaced.

Third, broaden the definition of "technology access" and focus specifically on the term access. What does access to technology mean? Well, it means going to a lab and using a 200Mhz PC to surf the Internet for the answers to life's biggest questions. But it also means the ability to walk to the door of the lab, turn the knob and know it is not locked. If student workers are not being paid to sit in those labs and keep them open, then what good are they to students? Have students truly gained any technology access? No, they have not. And some of the new money must be spent to give the student body the very basic "access" to technology — unlocked doors on technology-equipped facilities.

Fortunately, my three goals are being met. A majority of the money in this year's allotment is being spent on the upgrade and improvement of existing student computer labs. And yes, I said "is" being spent. A large percentage of MTSU's proposals to the Board staff have already been approved and the money is being spent immediately.

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Homecoming queen not happy about lack of coverage

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Saran M. Dunmore

Speaking

To the editor,

Homecoming Queen is a title that many MTSU women compete to become. Anyone can not just run, there are a few requirements one must fill in order to become a candidate. You must have a G.P.A. of at least 2.5 with 30 or more credit hours. She is usually in an organization and she must have a sponsor. She must also get a petition signed by at least 25 people to be in contention for the title. Usually the women that decide to run for Homecoming Queen are liked by their peers. After all, it's the students that go to the polls.

During the campaigning period, the candidates may write in chalk on the pavement. post flyers or word of mouth to get students to vote for them. I did all of the above. When my sisters of Delta Sigma Theta and I got out at 12 a.m. to chalk the campus, as we say it, we did not expect anyone to write over what we wrote. In one incident someone chalked in before my name a very degrading and disrespectful phrase. The night after, I went out at 12 a.m. again to 'erase' it. By the end of the week, by my name, swastika symbols were drawn. I was told if the symbols were not gone by the next day, then I would be disqualified. Excuse me, but I was not the one responsible for the disgrace of MTSU's campus.

With everything going on I could not wait for election day. That day finally came and we all waited to see who would be crowned at the football game. I won and was crowned that Saturday afternoon. That following school day there I was in the Sidelines with my crown and my escort on my arm, well at least it had my name under the picture. The photo was so dark, all you saw was pearly white teeth. You had to look hard to make out who the

From the Mailbox

queen was. Could Sidelines

have found a better picture?

Surely. Is Homecoming Queen

for that one day or does that

honor last until her crown is

passed down the following

year? The caption above the

picture was misleading to those

who do not know that the

MTSU Homecoming Queen of

1997 lasts throughout the

whole year. The caption read

"Queen for the day." Wrong, I am MTSU Queen for the year.

crowned Homecoming Queen

accomplishment to garner at

least an article in the school

newspaper. Did I have that?

Homecoming Queen '96 have

an article? Only after she and

other students marched in front

of the Sidelines office. What

about MTSU Homecoming

Queen '94? Yes, she did. What

is the difference between these

Homecoming Queens '96 and

'97 are Black and MTSU

Homecoming Queen '94 is

Coalition say this is racism? I

wonder what would the NAACP

say about this? Would the

Nation of Islam say this is

racism? Now I ask you, is this

Homecoming Queen, I would

like to see her have duties she

is to fulfill throughout her reign

as queen. Also I want Sidelines

to be consistent in this

representation of Middle

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Homecoming Queens. I accept

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MTSU Homecoming Queen

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Hispanic month is a success

To the editor,

The Hispanic month is over. October 15 marked the ending of what I considered a successful celebration of the Hispanic Heritage Month. With a few concerns regarding the kind of response we would get from the MTSU community. the Multicultural Affairs office and the Hispanic Students Association decided to take over the planning of different activities needed in order to celebrate the Hispanic Month.

This was the first year a campus-wide celebration was intended and, therefore, we set small goals this time. The main idea was to make people aware of the fact that there is a Hispanic Community here on campus, and that it is willing to share its culture with the rest of the MTSU family.

To our surprise, the response from the students was Hispanic overwhelming. students as well as students from different backgrounds joined us in the celebration, making all our efforts

worthwhile. Our expectations were exceeded in every single event, encouraging us to look forward to the next day of celebration.

All of us who were involved in the organization of the different activities that took place last month want to THANK all and every one of you, MTSU students, faculty and staff members, for your support in our first step taken towards making the annual celebration of the Hispanic Heritage Month a reality. We are looking forward to next year, when our second annual celebration will take place. In the meanwhile, take a look around and familiarize yourself with all the different cultures and backgrounds that exist here at MTSU. Remember that diversity is the key to a better system, and the possibilities of learning are endless.

God bless and hasta la vista.

Gloria Soria, graduate assistant **Multicultural Affairs Office**

Student grateful for returned wallet

To the editor,

On Oct. 6, I had the misfortune of losing my wallet, which contained many items of value and a key with two Pittsburgh Penguin keychains. That meant a great deal to me. I thought that they were gone for good. But on Oct. 8, Lost and Found called and informed me that someone was kind enough to turn them in. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to the person who found

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A small portion of the money not as much as I had hoped, is allocated to pay student salaries to keep the labs open and available to the student Tammy Shaffer body. I will continue to pursue an increase in this allocation for the next school year.

I do have other hopes for some of this money. A proposal is under way to grant the SGA a small percentage of the fee to distribute perhaps similarly to the SGA Activity Fee allotments. Another possibility is "hard wiring" all residence halls for direct Internet access. The possibilities are endless and we will never know the limits until we test them.

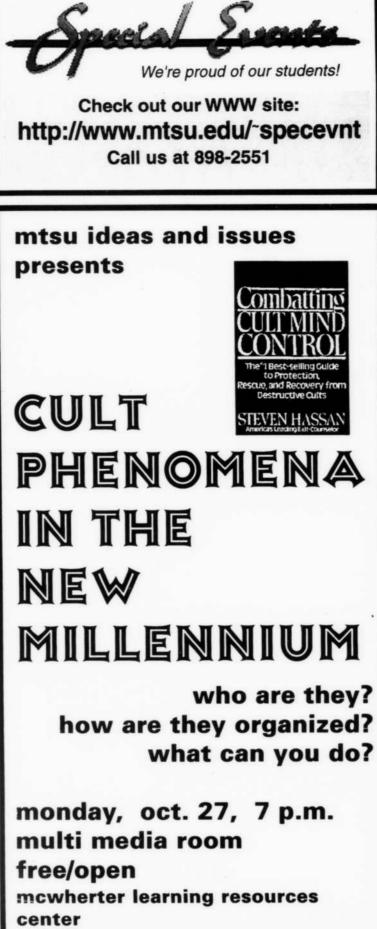
The SGA office is always open to student ideas. Anyone with suggestions of how to spend the students' money is invited to stop by KUC 208

and turned them in. I greatly appreciate your act of kindness. It's good to know there are still some good Samaritans left in this world.

Sincerely,



•ON SITE LAUNDRY ROOM





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After Hours

Thursday, October 23

- Executives from MCA Nashville will speak at a conference in room 104 of the Mass Comm. Building.
- Glass Menagerie runs weekends at 7:30 through November 9 at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center.

Friday, October 24

- X Sneaker Pimps and Junkster will be at 527 Mainstreet at 9 pm.
- The Dead Set will be at the Exit/In for a 10 pm show.

Saturday, October 25

- Pen Pal (NYC) and Nova will be at Lucy's Record Shop in Nashville.
- ✗ The Cowards will be at Springwater for a 9 pm show.
- ✗ Storytelling Folk Festival at Cannonsburgh Village all day.

Monday, October 27

- ✗ 328 Performance Hall hosts Ben Folds Five and Venus Flytrap Girls at 8 pm. Tickets \$10 adv.
- ✗ Halloween Fantasy Middle Tennessee Symphony Concert Tucker Theatre at 7:30 pm in Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

Tuesday, October 28

✗ Norman George portrays master

Hubcaps and Hoods on artistic interstate

Chad Gillis/staff

Matchbox cars defy gravity. Songbirds are actually a surreal look into the human

psyche. Prairie grass is woven, not grown; and colored textile roads interpret life as seen by Nashville artist Barbara Hunter.

An Oklahoma native, Hunter is the latest featured artist at the Murfreesboro/ Rutherford County Center for the Arts. Generally her sculptures are hand woven, rope like strands working together to create a three dimensional illusion.

"I took a trip to Guatemala in 1975 and I was very interested in the weaving the women were doing," Hunter explains. "I knew right away I wanted to work. I am interested in sculptures not flat pieces."

Hunter's work began 25 years ago with a sewing machine. She has since moved on to hand-woven materials.

"Sculptural and Woven Pieces by Barbara Hunter" is comprised of various shades and styles of linen, cotton, wool and silk—some of which are hand dyed. The majority of the exhibit is extremely cohesive with each fabric woven into a strand and each strand added to others to facilitate a natural or societal allusion.

"Hubcaps and Hoods" is one of the more provoking works with Matchbox cars on a textile road twisting, dodging and ducking into one big ball of artistic interstate.

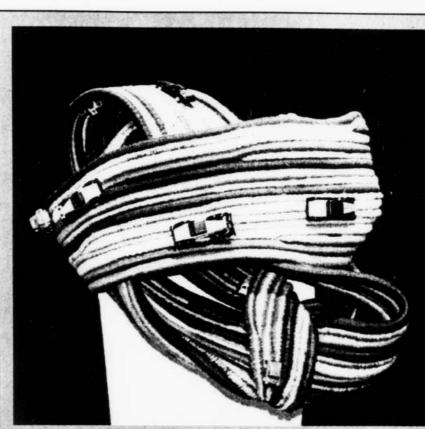
"Roads and journeys are important to me. The movement of the work makes one think of roads," Hunter says. "I am basically a journeyer."

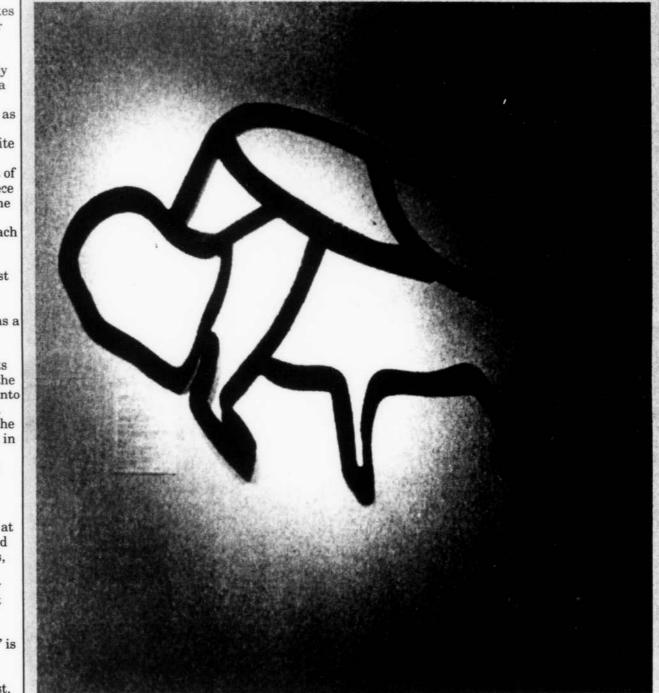
Hunter journeys not only for recreation, but also for a job—she supplements her artistic endeavors working as a travel agent.

"Songbirds" is a composite of jumbled, cloth-covered wires, wrapping in and out of one cohesive unit. This piece is defiantly surreal, with the apparent paths of several birds wrapping, crossing each other in a jumble of colors and cloth.

Poetry accompanies most pieces in "Sculptural and Woven Pieces by Barbara Hunter"—the lyric acting as a literary supplement to the vision oriented sculptures.

Although Hunter sculpts pieces strictly for exhibit, the majority of her work goes into designing corporate foyers. Barbara has designed for the Juvenile Shoe Corporation in Springfield, Mo; Fox CPA Company in St. Louis; and the Quorum Health Resources in Brentwood, Tenn., to name a few. In addition to her work at the Murfreesoro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts, the "Zeitgeist Gallery" in Nashville houses a Hunter piece in "The Elephant Art Show" exhibit. "Sculptural and Woven Pieces by Barbara Hunter" is the latest of a dozen or so exhibits featuring Hunter across the country, her first, "Natural Roundness," dates back to 1978.





The Beckoned

I was beckoned in a midwinter.

In a deep white frozen yellowstone world She- mighty bundled structure- awaited me with naked feet near a streaming pool

My small party has gone in search of warmth and I am left, I think alone.

With weathered countenance she pauses and allows me to circle her. She acknowledges that in our way.

She would be right to show no trust no trust in those eyes. She is pure. I am tainted by past peoples held inside of me. I only know the half of it by heart

I grew up in wheat on plain and viewed her pastmates behind fences There are no fences for miles here

I will take this chance on my dream, picking up on a loose thread From my journey where I hope someday to belong She is the thing before the question and I want to fall asleep on her heart

I will be told later That she is dangerous. I am told that by a man. I laugh inside. How could the thing that

delivered my soul to me be

The pieces that were me

has

dangerous.

are back.

storyteller Edgar Allan Poe in Poe Alone at the Murfreesboro/ Rutherford County Center for the Arts through Halloween

Friday, October 31

- ✗ Self and the Fluid Ounces will be at 527 Mainstreet
- ✗ 12V Negative Earth, High Strung and Missfits will be at Lucy's Record Shop in Nashville

Sunday, November 2

✗ The Mystical Arts of Tibet: Sacred Music Sacred Dance for World Healing featuring Famed Multiphonic singers of Drepung Monastery at 7:30 at 328 Performance Hall.

Monday, November 3

✗ Honors Lecture Series on Ebonics-A Panacea or Barrier for African-American students at risk?

Wednesday, November 5

✗ Senior Art Exhibit opens at the Barn Gallery. It will run through November 28.

Thursday, November 6

✗ Who's Magic Hat Feat and J.W. Younger & Sweepy Walker will be at 3rd&Lindsley at 6 pm.

Friday, November 7

✗ Kostas will be at the Bongo After Hours Theatre in Nashville for an 8 pm and 10 pm show. \$10 at the door.

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

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Top right: "Hubcaps and Hoods" shows the depth of Hunter's sculpturing abilities through the use of children's toys. Above: "Beckoned" a textile work with accompanying poe m on right. photos by Chad Gillis.

The length of her forms a space in my life. We will pass through The world together. For forever we two will trudge the snows. I hold these thoughts, as artists do. I draw her into being

In the great round cold

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MJSU Milton Conference a worldwide event

□ Staff reports

Experts from around the world will be on hand this weekend to mill over the epic poetry by one of the brightest lyricists of the 17th century.

More than 150 scholars and enthusiasts will gather at the Holiday Inn on Old Fort Parkway for The 1997 Conference on John Milton Oct. 23, 24 and 25. The intent of the conference, sponsored by the English department, is to learn more about Milton's work as it relates to contemporary issues. Chairs of the conference emphasize that Milton's writing very much involves such issues as the role of men and women, religion, violence in society, and the environment.

In addition to Japan and Norway, this year's attendees are coming from 30 states and throughout Canada.

"From our experience, there is an increased interest in Milton," said Charles Durham, professor of English. "We used to call this event the Southeastern Conference on John Milton, thinking that perhaps that covered too broad an area. After the second conference we were told that we should come up with a different name because people were coming from so many different places."

Originally begun in 1991 by Durham the Conference on John Milton is the only one of its kind in the country. This year's is the fourth bi-annual event taking place in Murfreesboro.

"In the 60s, a lot of schools started dropping Milton from the curriculum," Durham explained. "We [MTSU] never did that. We've always had great interest in Milton classes here."

The conflict about the characterizations of God and Satan in "Paradise Lost" is one reason for student interest with Milton, according to Durham. "A lot of students fined--against their better wishes—that they like Satan better than God," Durham said. "A lot of them feel guilty when they don't like God."

There will be a reception Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday begins with a 9 a.m. session and continues throughout the day until 5:30 p.m. The Saturday session will begin at 8:30 a.m. At 1:30 p.m., there will be a panel discussion featuring four of the foremost Milton scholars in the world, including Mario Di Desare, State University of New York, Binghamton; J. Martin Evans, Stanford University; Roy Flannagan, Ohio University; and Anna Nardo, Louisiana State University.

The \$70 registration fee includes the opening reception, coffee and danish on Friday and Saturday, and Friday dinner. MTSU students and faculty may attend the conference free of charge excluding the Friday dinner, which is \$35. Thursday, October 23, 1997

Clooney and Kidman star in a nuclear bomb thriller

Brandon Jones/staff

Most movies about terrorists follow basically the same plot. The terrorists steal or highjack something, tell people what they have done, make demands and then get their butts kicked by the good guys.

"The Peacemaker" follows a different route. A terrorist comes in possession of a nuclear bomb, but does not want recognition or make demands. He just wants to blow up Manhattan.

Other than that, "The Peacemaker" is your typical cat-and-mouse, good guys against bad guys movie. However, it is a very good one. The story moves quickly, the action is intense, the acting is very well-done and the direction and cinematography are superb.

Nicole Kidman stars as Dr. Julia Kelly, a nuclear scientist and acting head of the White House Nuclear Smuggling Group. Kelly is the first to discover that Russian nuclear weapons have been stolen, and is hence put in charge of the operation to find out who stole them and to get them back.

George Clooney stars as Col. Thomas Devoe, a rather unorthodox military • intelligence officer specializing in Russian affairs who has been assigned to assist Kelly. Devoe knows Russia, has contacts and knows the players. He also feels that the seriousness of the situation gives him free reign to do whatever is necessary to get the nukes into safe hands.

The partnership between these two characters is welldone and gives the movie a real edge. Kidman is mesmerizing as the highly intelligent, stubborn and driven Kelly. Clooney also • gives a top performance as the equally stubborn and driven Devoe, redeeming himself after that half-awake rendition of "Batman." The combination of these two characters and their separate styles makes the chase across Europe and the US all that more intense.

sacrificed to stop a madman particularly effective in decent man with, as he sees it, from causing a nuclear expressing the age-old a righteous motive for detonation?" Often breaking rules and going to extremes, the duo find themselves

which is "How much can be involving a sniper, is evil. He turns out to be a question: do the means truly justify the end.

Even the terrorist in this embroiled in ethical dilemmas film presents an ethical lesson and create peace (hence at every turn. One scene, problem. He is not necessarily the name of the film).

destroying a portion of New York City. He hopes that his action will teach the West a

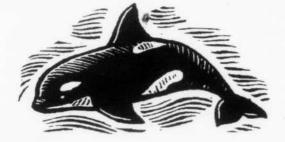
If you like action/suspense movies, "The Peacemaker" is right up your alley and is highly recommended. Even if you do not normally appreciate such movies, it's still an interesting film for the issues it raises.

"The Peacemaker" is the first film released by Dreamworks Pictures, the production company created by entertainment moguls Steven Spielberg, Jeffery Katzenberg and David Geffen. It is directed by Mimi Leder.



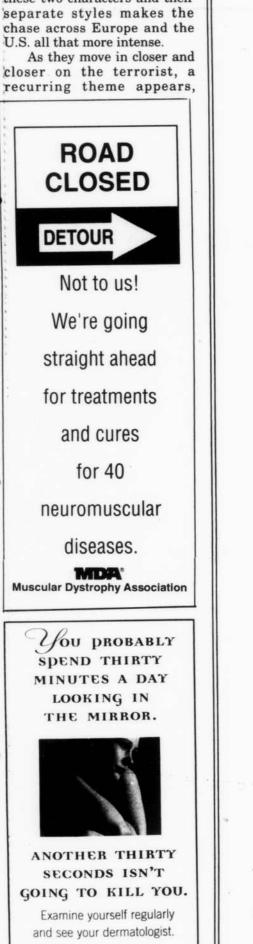
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SPOR'IS & RECREATION Thursday, October 23, 1997



Smith signs three-year contract

DONNELLY SHOW

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Blue Raider football coach Boots Donnelly will be taping his weekly radio show Thursday live from the Santa Fe Cantina & Cattleman's Club, 127 Broad Street.

The show airs from 7 to 9 p.m. It can be heard in Murfreesboro on WBOZ FM-104.9 and WGNS AM-1450.

Donnelly will again be at Santa Fe Oct. 30 for another live taping. The show will then move to Rio Bravo the following two Thursday's.

COPPINGER

Athletic administrator Ty Coppinger has been named director of external affairs for Middle Tennessee State University.

Coppinger will spend most of his time morking with the alumni, booster club members and corporate supporters.

NOMINATED

Jonathon Quinn, Jacob Sorrells and Brandon Thomas, all members of the Blue Raiders football team, have been nominated for GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American honors.

The criteria for such an honor is that the athlete must be in atleast their second year at the institution and maintain a 3.2 grade point average.

SOCCER

It's been a tough road to travel over the last six games for the Lady Raider soccer team.

After starting the season 6-1-2 the Raiders are 0-5-1 in their last six games after being handed a 4-0 loss by Cumberland Sunday at Riverdale High School.

At press time the Raiders were hosting thier last home game of the season against Georgia State before taking to the road for their final four games.

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Raider volleyball team

Stephany Smith was given a three year contract as head women's basketball coach last week, just days before the Lady Raiders were to begin practice.

□ Keith Rvan Cartwright/staff

Since Lewis Bivens retired last Spring, Smith has been acting as the interim head coach.

"Whether it took place last week or next month or in April, I was confident it was going to take place," said Smith of her

contract. "I know I can do this job. I've been preparing for it for eight years.

"It was good for the community and for recruiting."

For the past four seasons Smith had worked under Bivens as an assistant coach. She was also in charge of recruiting.

It was as the Lady Raider recruiting director that Smith began to make a name for herself among the

other national coaches. Smith was known as a recruiter who got along well with potential recruits and was able to relate with the concerns of the players and their family.

"I know that I have a well-known reputation as being a good recruiter," Smith said. "But, I don't see that I do anything special.

"I'm always honest. It's not that I have higher morals or anything. I'm just not smart enough to lie and to cheat."

With the recruiting duties now turned over to assistant coach Altherias 'Al' Warmley, Smith will focus her attention in the direction of the talent on the court as the Lady Raiders get set to open their season Nov. 6 with an exhibition game against the Atlanta Lady Rage.

"From the outside looking in it was ry important." Smith said. "But as far as I am concerned, and this concept might be a little naive, I'm not approaching anything any differently."

people would love to have this job.

"I am extremely fortunate and appreciative that I was given this opportunity and it will not be taken lightly."

And since taking over six months ago Smith has not taken the job lightly. She's been working on implementing a new defense and fine tuning the team in order to get the most out of each player's potential.

"You need to be able to convince players that this is the way, that this is going to work," said Smith of her assertiveness. "It's not

about how great the offense is or how great the defense is. It's whether or not the players believe in it.

"And if they do believe in it then you will be successful."

Prior to coming to Middle Tennessee, Smith worked four years as an assistant at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. The Brookhaven, Miss., native is a graduate of Harding University.

While at UAB Smith saw the Lady Blazers win three conference titles and make two NWIT

toumament appearances. Two years ago Smith was on the Lady Raider coaching staff when the team earned an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. This year she is hoping to return to the big dancethis time as a head coach.

As an assistant, teams associated with Smith have accumulated a 150-87 record which includes four 20-plus win seasons and two 19-win seasons, the mark by which national contenders are ranked.

The UAB family is back together again in Mid Tennessee

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Their relationship meant a lot more to them than that of a typical player/coach.

So it came as no surprise that shortly after Stephanie Smith became the interim head coach of the Lady Raider basketball program last Spring, she dipped into her University-of-Alabama-Birmingham past when it came time to put together a supporting staff.

As an assistant coach at UAB, there were a few players that seemed to be more like a family than a team.

Seven years later they're together again; Smith and her former players Altherias 'Al' Warmley, Valecia Tedder and Vonda Scott.

"They're people that I trust and that I know will be loyal to me," Smith said. "They believe in me and they are good friends of mine."

The close relationship never ended even after the three players had graduated and Smith had moved onto Middle Tennessee. The former players used to regularly drive up from Birmingham to spend time with Smith on the weekends.

"We had a great relationship,"

Talk of the Town..

Stephany Smith, the newly-named head coach of the Lady Raiders' Basketball Team, has received compliments from some big names in Women's basketball

Smith said of their time together at UAB. "It was a really good family environment."

It's a family environment that is fastly becoming a trademark of Smith's. Known as a person who gets along easily with young players, Smith is referred to by this year's Lady Raider team as "mama."

"They call me 'mama," Smith said with an embarrassed smile. "I don't know how it started. They had never done that before.

"They're a great group of kids and I love them all a lot."

It's a love that is definitely reciprocated on the part of her players and staff.

The day after she was given her three-year contract, Smith received three roses, two balloons and card that read, "To mama: Love your sisters, niece and daughters."

"Sisters" referred to Warmley and Tedder, "niece" was Scott while the 🔔 entire team looked at themselves as .being her "daughters."

"I thought that was very cute," Smith said. "This chemistry has been building for a long time.

"It's not like we didn't have a close staff last year. It's just a different staff. It's all women now and women are different than men."

There is one more little odd twist to the UAB family story unfolding in Middle Tennessee. The Lady Raiders will close out the nonconference portion of their schedule Dec. 29 with a game at the Murphy Center against the Lady Blazers.



improved their conference record to 5-5 with a straight set win over rival Tennessee State in a road match up Tuesday night.

Now 10-14 overall the Raiders downed the Lady Tigers 15-10, 15-10 and 15-8.

DeLUISE WINS SOUTHERN

Senior Anthony DeLuise led the Blue Raider tennis team at the Southern Collegiate Championships by winning the singles title.

DeLuise, ranked 27th in the nation, defeated Robert Samuelsson 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the finals.

It was the second time DeLuise has advanced to the final round of the tournament in Athens, Ga.

The doubles team of David McNamara and Julius Robberts fell in the finals to Mark Way and Chad Copenhaver of Tennessee 7-6(5), 7-5.

SOFTBALL

With a perfect 5-0 record at the Georgia State tournament, the Lady Raider softball team concluded their nontraditional fall season with an 8-2 record.

The Lady Raiders outscored their opponents 35-11 at the Georgia tournament. Pierrecia Lyons led the team with .500 batting average and five RBI, while Jamie Polsteen and Rachel Actkinson each scored 10 runs.

BIG BLUE CARAVAN

The second "Big Blue Caravan" scheduled to take place Saturday prior to the Blue Raiders football game against Southeast Missouri has been cancelled.

B-BALL SCRIMMAGES

The Blue Raider and Lady Raider basketball teams will hold a public scrimmage Oct. 30.

MTSU officals will also run the annual pick-a-seat program from 4 to 6 p.m., for season ticket holders. The program allows fans to pick the seats they wish to have when purchasing their season ticket package.

The scrimmages will begin at 6 p.m in the Murphy Center starting with the Lady Raiders. The Blue Raider scrimmage will immediately follow at 8 p.m.

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However, this year's squad is special to Smith. Natalie Sneed and Teneka "Bama" Burrell were the first two players Smith recruited into the Lady Raider program.

During her last season as an assistant under Bivens, the now retired coach promoted her to associate-head coach in July of 1996.

"Coach Bivens, he allowed me to do a lot of things," Smith said. "He had faith in my abilities.'

With a new contract in hand and the season about to unfold the entire Blue Raider Athletic Department has shown a commitment to women's basketball and Smith's ability as a leader on and off the court.

"The things that Dr. Walker and Lee Fowler have done with this university and this athletic department, the support they give women's basketball has made this a prime job," Smith said. "A lot of

"I think she is ideally suited for the program at MTSU. I've always considered Stephany to be one of the brightest young coaches in America, and if I've ever had confidence in a women's basketball coach, it's Stephany Smith.'

- Van Chancellor, Head Coach, Houston Comets (WNBA)

"Stephany Smith is 'good people,' and that's where you start in hiring a coach! (The team) will sense this and give her their hearts in the form of great effort in practice and in games. This adds up to a winning combination.

- Jim Davis, Head Coach, Clemson University

"I think Stephany is one of the brightest young coaches in America. She has the tangibles and intangibles to succeed as a head coach at the major college level. Stephany is the type of person that players will enjoy being associated with. Middle Tennessee basketball is in good hands.

- Andy Landers, Head Coach, University of Georgia

"Stephany has been a longtime peer of mine. I've seen her on the road recruiting and she always has represented her school in a classy way. It is always gratifying to see someone with her commitment and work ethic get an opportunity like this, and I know she'll do her best with it."

- Rick Moody, Head Coach, University of Alabama

Just as three former players came to visit Smith in years past, two more former UAB players will be on hand for the match up.

Jacque Nero and Shyronda Misslin who teamed up with Tedder and Scott during Smith's tenure at UAB will be making the trip to Murfreesboro for the game.

Nero is currently playing in Isreal, however, the game falls during her Christmas break and she plans to make the trip.

Misslin is a member of the practice squad for the WNBA's Atlanta Glory.

"They're coming up here to watch that game," Smith said. "So that will be very special."

The game against UAB will be almost as special as her relationship with her former and current players.

"I have the exact relationship with [the Lady Raider players now] as I had with the players at UAB," Smith said.

If her lasting relationships turn out to be anything like the past, "mama" may end up with the largest coaching staff in the NCAA.

Randle comes through in his first attempt

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

In more than one way, the Kroger Intercollegiate was a tournament of firsts for Dane Randle.

A true freshman from Albany, Ga., Randle was playing in the first collegiate golfing tournament of his career for the Blue Raiders.

However, what surprised people the most was his decision to follow his coach's advice, which just so happened to be the same advice as an old Arnold Palmer quote:

"Swing easy when it's breezy."

That's just what Randle did at the rain-soaked Colonial Country Club in Memphis, last week when he led the Raiders to 17th place tie on the former PGA Tour course.

"It was very windy and in the rain you have to swing easy also because you might lose your club," Randle said.

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Raiders look to get back on track

— The Schedule		The Oppon	ent
Sept. 6* at TSU	16-25	Southeast Missouri	
		Indians	
Sept. 27 Murray State	17-35	Oct. 25 at Jones Field, 2 p.m.	112
Oct. 4 Jacksonville St. 2	27-16	Coaching Staff Head Coach: John Mumford	
Oct. 11* at UT-Martin	37-24	Record: Overall 30-47-0; at SEMO 30-47-0 Assistants: Charles Sabbatini (Def. Coord.), Da	
Oct. 18 at Eastern Ill.	17-30	Dumars (DB), Jay Thomas (DL), Steve Schottel (Off. Coord.), Jeff Richards (OL), Roscoe Echols (OB)	
Oct. 25* Southeast Mo.	2:00	Team Information	Scorecard The Teams:
Nov. 8 Austin Peay	2:00	Basic Offense: Multiple Pro Basic Defense: 4-3 Slide	MTSU 7, SEMO 1 At MTSU: MT leads 4-0 At SEMO: MT leads 3-1
Nov. 15* at Eastern Ky.	12:30	Lettermen Returning: 40 (21 Offense, 16 Defense, 3 Specialists) Lettermen Lost: 11 (5 Offense, 6 Defense, 0	Last MTSU win: 42-0 in '95 Last SEMO win: 16-13 in '96
Nov. 22* at Tenn. Tech	1:30	Specialists) Starters Returning: 14 (6 Offense, 6 Defense,	The Coaches:
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In the six years Randle has been golfing, he's lost his fair share of clubs; however, it hasn't been because of the weather. Instead, the 19-yearold ex-golf club throwing youth has toned down his attitude and played two of his best rounds of golf despite the inclement weather conditions that hampered most of the other competitors.

"I tried my best not to get frustrated and it seemed to work," Randle said. "I just went out, relaxed and played golf.

"I've always played better in bad weather."

The weather in Memphis was bad enough that the first round was washed out and the 54-hole event was then scaled back to 36.

Nonetheless it didn't stop Randle from turning in a score of 80 for his first 18-holes once the tournament got underway. Though he was eight over par, • the score wasn't bad for a course that is spread out over 7,300 yards.

"I was a little disappointed in the first day," Randle said. "I could've putted better. If I would have putted better, I would've had a better score."

Randle did come back on his second 18 and put together a near-perfect game despite a steady light rain all afternoon.



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Not known as a good putter, Randle finished up the round needing only one putt once he reached the green 12 times for two over par at 74.

"I'm very impressed," Blue Raider coach Johnny Moore said. "That's outstanding for a freshman.

"He didn't give up. In weather like that a lot of young golfers do, but he stayed focused and concentrated. It's difficult to stay composed in a situation like that."

In fact, Randle was on pace to come in under par on the second 18 but took three and four putts on the 12th and 13th holes respectively.

"I actually wanted to play another 18 because I was starting to hit the ball real well," Randle said. "I had a couple bad holes and I wanted to get those back."

As the Blue Raiders prepare to head to the USA Fall Beach Classic in Gulf Shores, Ala., Oct. 27-29, Randle does figure to get a chance to get those holes back

"He didn't qualify for the [Kroger]," Moore said. "I just picked him. I took a chance and he came through for us.

"It wasn't expected. I had even considered red-shirting him.'

After his gutsy performance in Memphis, red-shirting Randle is no longer an option. Randle, instead, will begin to fine tune his game in

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preparation for the final two tournaments of the 1997 season.

"I expect to get better," Randle said. "I'm working on my putting and chipping mainly."

Considering the company Randle keeps, his sudden emergence shouldn't come as a shock. Randle began golfing at the age of 13 with his father and older brother after moving to Albany from Baltimore, Md.

His brother went to Ole Miss on a golf scholarship, while his friend Maine Brock came to Middle Tennessee. All are graduates of Deerfield-Windsor High School.

Brock, an All-Ohio Valley Conference golfer last year lobbied coach Moore for the younger Randle to become a Raider.

"Albany is really small and there's nothing else to really do." Randle said. "Golf is pretty big there."

With three years of eligibility left, coach Moore once again is looking to put the future of the team in the hands of an Albany native.

"He's learned to control his emotions," Moore said. "He's very easy to coach and he takes advice well."

Then again, taking advice is especially easy when it falls in line with that of a golfing legend with a name like Palmer.

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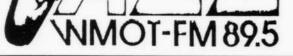
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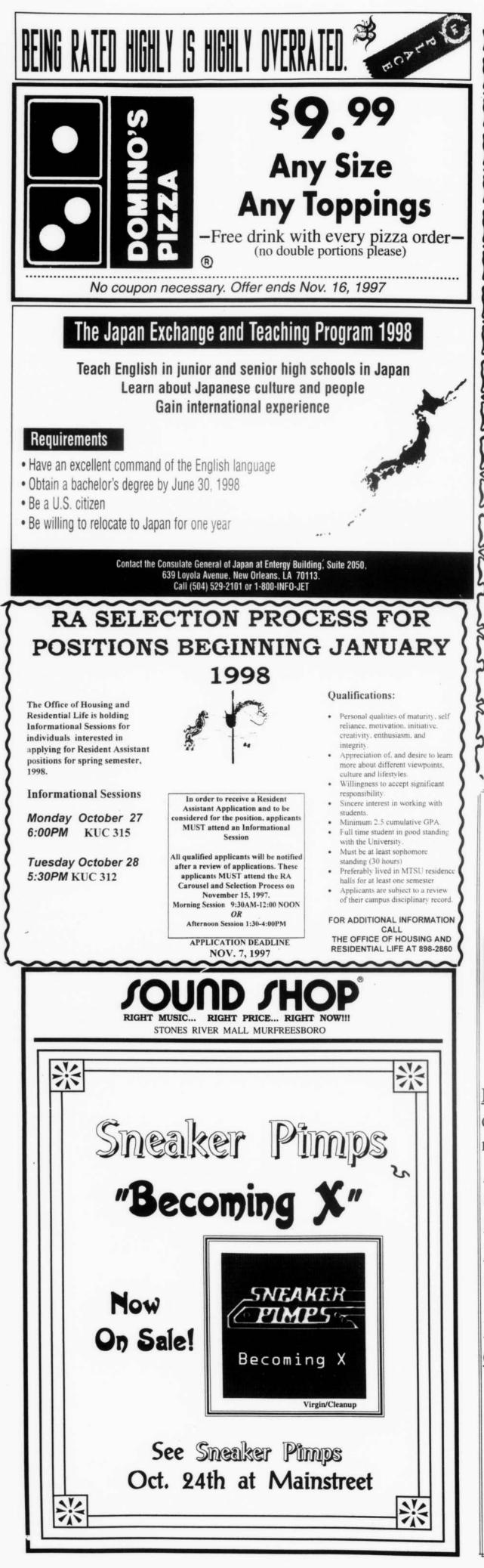
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