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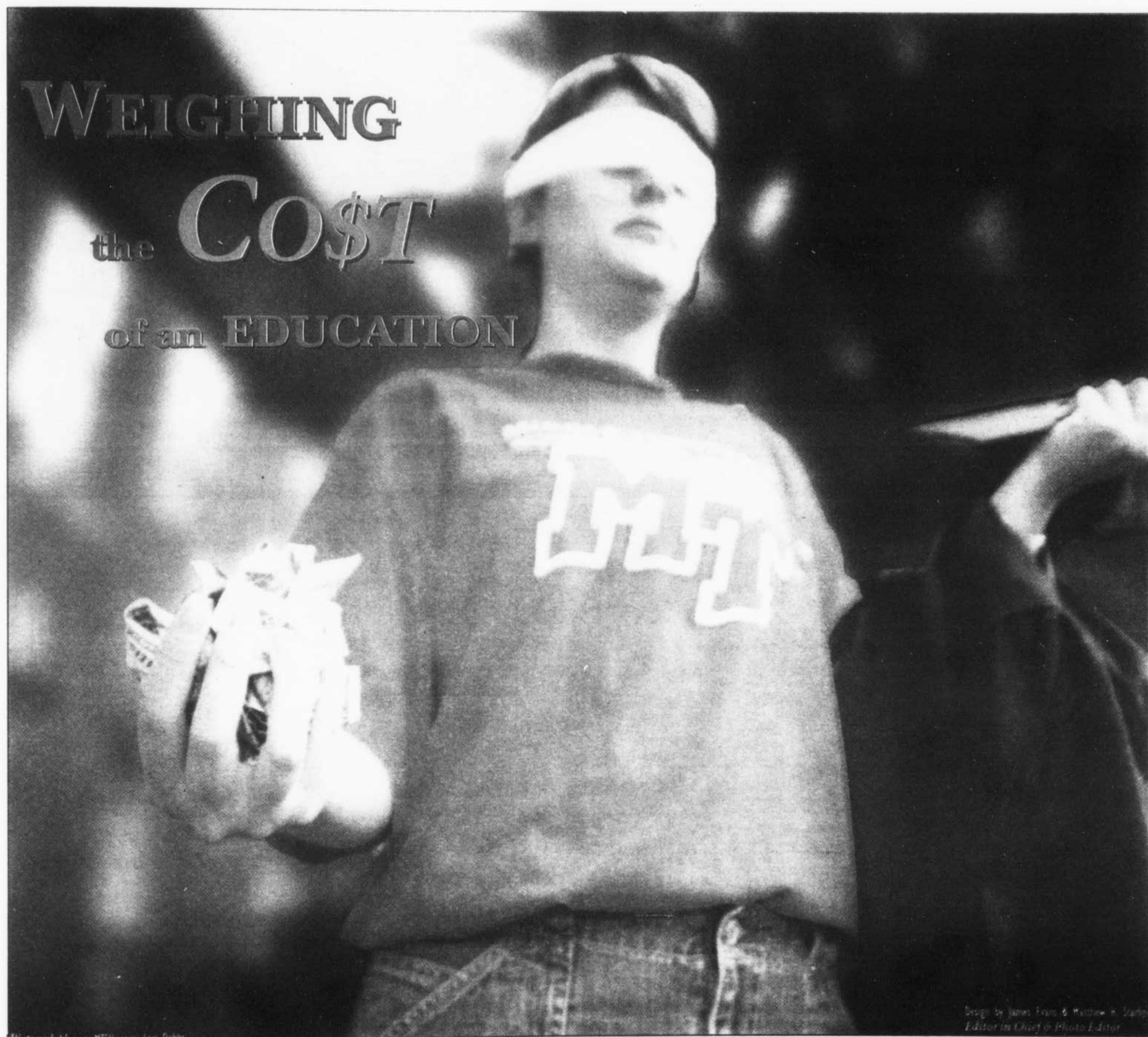
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Pictured Above: MTSU junior Lori Dobbs

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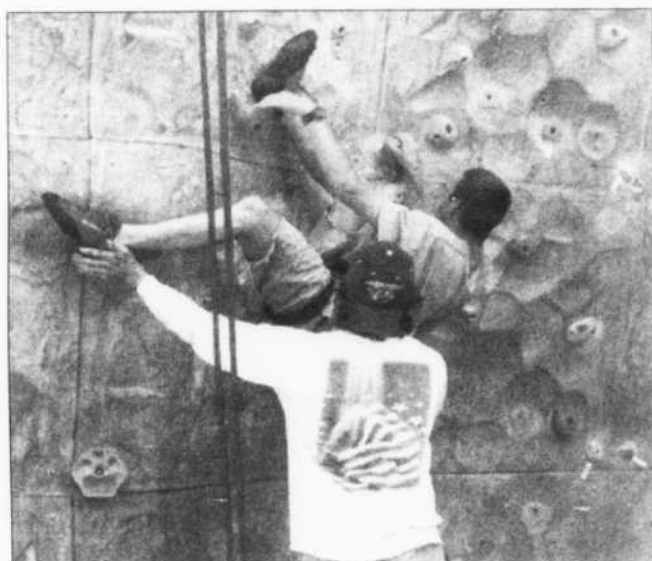
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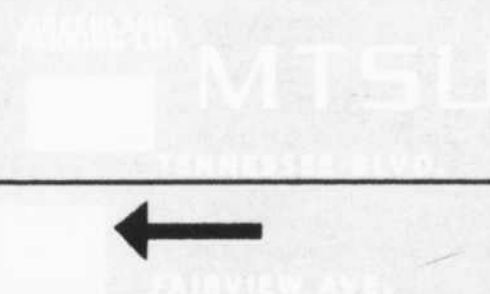
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- \* AUG. 20 - AQ on the Knoll (11 a.m. - 1 p.m., K.U.C. Courtyard)
- \* AUG. 22 - All yard party (11 a.m. - 1 p.m., K.U.C. Courtyard)
- \* FREE MEAL (3 p.m. in Belle Aire)
- \* Connecting Point (7:30 p.m. in Belle Aire)
- \* AUG. 23 - AQ on the Knoll (11 a.m. - 1 p.m., K.U.C. Courtyard)
- \* AUG. 26 - Campus-wide worship/FREE lunch (11:30 @ Tucker Theater)



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# Weighing the *cost* of an education

by  
**JAMES EVANS**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

**Can MTSU still claim to be the economical value it used to be?**

An in-state full-time student at MTSU in the fall 1992 could expect to pay \$740 per semester.

A student of today - nearly ten years later - pays \$1,404 per semester, nearly double that of 1992.

University supporters used to boast that MTSU was a place where students - both in-state and out-of-state - could go to get a good education for a fraction of the cost of big name schools.

But low state funding has forced the Tennessee Board of Regents, the governing body of MTSU and five other four-year universities, to annually raise tuition throughout its institutions.

This year will be no different, but just how much tuition will be raised is anyone's guess.

Officials in MTSU's business office said there had been a rumor about a tuition increase as high as 15 percent, but said that the rumor was unfounded. Instead, a 4 to 8 percent increase is expected, officials said.

Still Mary Morgan, director of communications for TBR, said that it is impossible to determine how much tuition will be raised until after the Tennessee Legislature solves the state's budget crisis.

"I think people are slinging a lot of numbers around, but no one really knows yet," she said.

Contingent on the Legislature's finalization of the state budget, TBR is planning to meet on the campus Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Knoxville June 28-29. If the Legislature doesn't have the budget ready yet, the board has a back-up meeting planned for July 9 at TBR headquarters in Nashville.

Over the last five years, MTSU hasn't been the only TBR school to feel the strain from low state funding. When the board sets a tuition increase, it usually applies the same rate across all of its similar schools.

The exception to this rule is the University of Memphis, which typically receives a higher increase because it is considered to be in another group of peer institutions than the other TBR universities, Morgan said.

Based solely on tuition figures for the

2000-2001 school year, MTSU - the largest institution out of TBR's six four-year universities - is the third most expensive behind Memphis and Austin Peay State University, according to figures from each of the universities.

The tuition figures for the six universities are: APSU, \$1,415; East Tennessee State University, \$1,380; Memphis, \$1,543; MTSU, \$1,404; Tennessee State University, \$1,336; and Tennessee Technological University, \$1,365.

The big spike in tuition rates for Tennessee universities such as MTSU was started by an enormous cut by the state to the higher education budget in 1997.

Gov. Don Sundquist gave the State of the State address on February 10, 1997 and announced a 4 percent reduction in the base budget of higher education. This cut slashed \$40 million out of the higher education budget.

Later in February 1997, then MTSU President James E. Walker predicted a tuition increase of 6 to 10 percent for the next school year, which would be the highest increase in the history of MTSU.

A 6 percent increase was confirmed in June of that year. The increase was attributed to the need for the university to offset the state budget cut.

The 6 percent increase may have been a first in MTSU's history, but it wasn't the last. TBR increased tuition by 6 percent for a second time two years later in June 1999 (in 1998 tuition was increased by 5 percent).

Another milestone was reached in July 2000 when tuition was raised by an unprecedented 10 percent for the 2000-2001 school year.

University officials claimed both the 1999 increase and the 2000 increase were necessary to hire additional staff to fill vacant teacher positions due to MTSU's continued increase in enrollment.

The MTSU tuition rates haven't completely doubled the rates of 1992, but this year's inevitable increase is expected to push the rates to that point. ♦

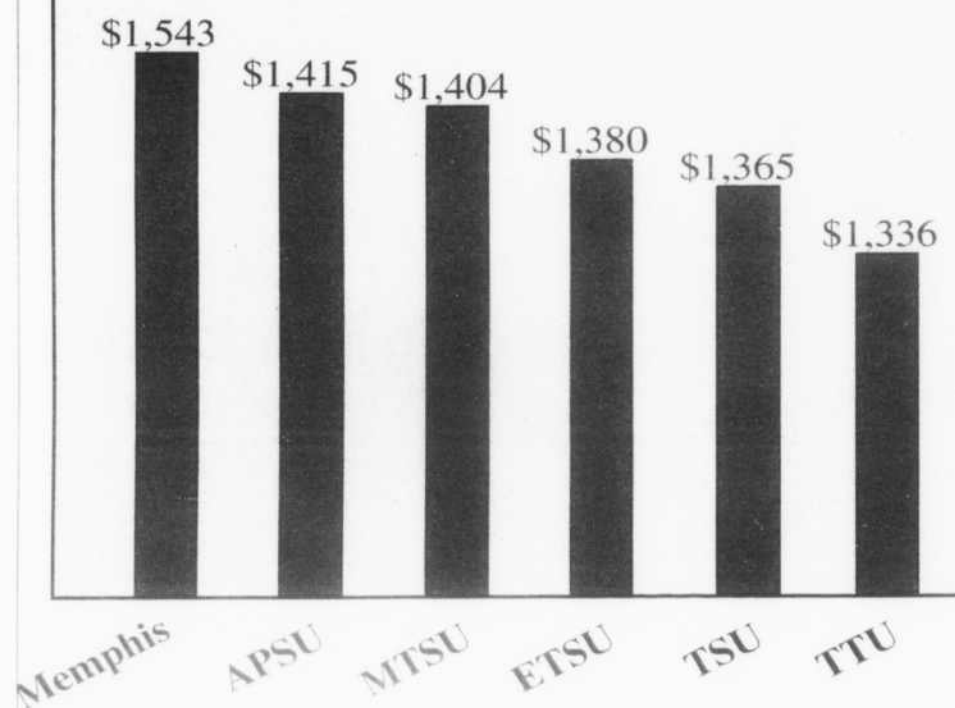
**"I think people are slinging a lot of numbers around, but no one really knows yet."**

**- Mary Morgan**

*TBR Communications Director*

## Tuition Rates of TBR Universities

\* For fall 2001



## MTSU Tuition Increases





# August Welcome Week approaches; focus on new spirit

## Saturday Night Live comedian to highlight series of events

Amanda Maynord  
Staff Writer

August marks the return to classes as well as the beginning of Welcome Week for MTSU.

Students are encouraged to participate in Welcome Week activities during August 17-August 31.

New students as well as returning students can come and enjoy an array of programs.

The week begins with the opening of the Residence Halls at 12 p.m. on August 17 with dinner being served at 6 p.m. behind Corlew Hall and an opportunity for students to participate in Open Mic.

Charlie's Angel will also be shown as an outdoor movie between Peck and Cope Hall at 8:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

On August 18, there will be a dinner and street fair behind Corlew Hall at 5:30 p.m. after the residence halls open at 8 a.m.

On Monday, August 20, the first day of classes, there will be The President's Picnic at 4 p.m. between Peck Hall and the Cope Administrative buildings.

MTSU's Volunteer and Student Organization Fair will begin on Tuesday until Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the KUC Courtyard.

The fair is an opportunity for MTSU's students to learn about different community service opportunities as well as different on campus organizations.

There will be a Greek Fest at the Recreational Center on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Darryl Hammond, Saturday Night Live comedian, is scheduled to perform on Friday, August 24 at the Murphy Center at 8 p.m.

There will be an Honor's Challenge on August 25, and Summer Reading Discussion Groups on Sunday, August 26 in Wood/Felder Residential Halls.

Tuesday, August 28, students will have an opportunity to meet merchants and organizations from the Murfreesboro Community in the KUC Courtyard from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 29, there will be a Raider Rally and a performance by the Baha Men in the KUC Courtyard starting at 5 p.m.

The last day of Welcome Week will close with the MTSU V.S. Vanderbilt game on August 30th.

Most events will take place during the evening along with a few programs during the day.

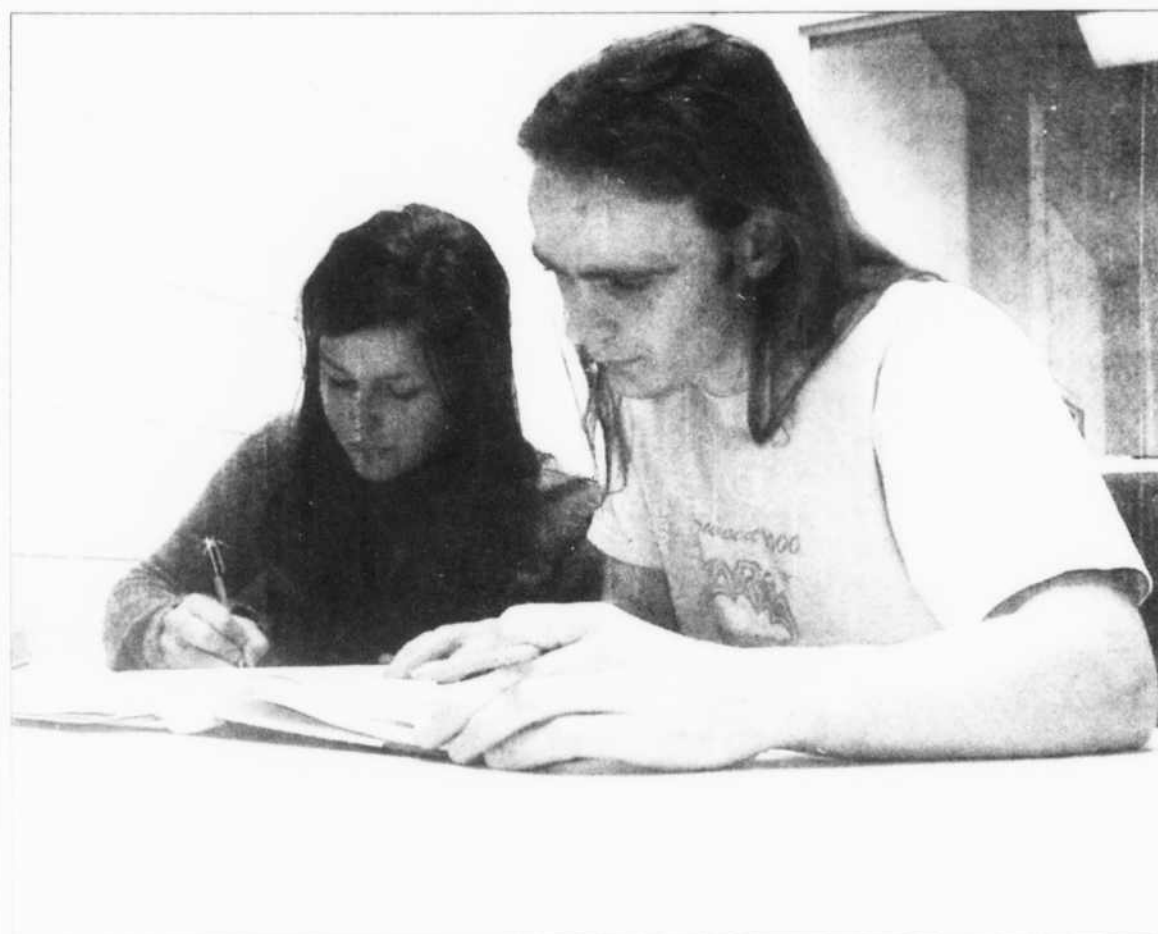
Welcome Week was designed to inform and encourage MTSU students to become a part of campus life.

"We anticipate a better crowd this year because they will have a lot of things to choose and participate from," said Becca Wilson, coordinator of Student Development.

Wilson said there are many different community service opportunities.

According to Wilson, Student Development took suggestions from students to get an idea of what they wanted for Welcome Week activities, surveys and added students to the planning committee.

For more information on Welcome Week contact Becca Wilson at 898-2454. ♦



James Moore helps freshman Melissa Long with her algebra in the tutoring center in Corlew Hall. File Photo

# Home away from home

## The advantages of life on campus

Charlene Callier  
News Editor

The transition of moving away from home and onto campus is an important step in exploring the college experience, but some students shy away from dorm life in exchange for getting an apartment.

"I lived on campus when I attended college and I think its part of the college experience," said Laurie Witherow, associate dean for residential education. "You learn a lot from living on campus, because you learn about yourself and living with people."

"You have plenty of time to rent an apartment or an house later on," she said.

Living on campus is a time that most students will enjoy — the comforts of living in residential housing and being accessible to the academic and recreational activities.

"I think that everybody needs that experience just once," said Kristie Williams, a junior major-

ing in Industrial Psychology.

The housing facilities on campus allow students to be in walking distance to the library, cafeterias, the recreation center and social events.

Each living area is unique by offering a different community that supports academic excellence at the university along with activities.

MTSU's Housing Office provides a package for freshmen's parents that discusses the housing rules, basic questions to discuss with their children before attending college and a list of expectations of the students from the university.

Housing lists three advantages of living on campus in the package, which are the academic, financial and social advantages.

The academic advantage is that freshman residents living in Corlew Hall and Cummings Hall have tutors available to them on every floor, and there are academic advisors with offices in the building.

Studies have shown that students living on campus are associated with greater persistence to graduation, a greater attachment to the university and demonstrate school spirit.

The financial advantage of living on campus is that, in most cases, it's cheaper than living off campus.

Laundry facilities, Internet connections, local phone service, cable, utilities and front desk assistants 24 hours a day are some of the services provided to on-campus residents.

The students are offered a variety of housing plans and meal plans that make it convenient for them to choose from.

The social advantage of living on campus is that students are provided the opportunities to make lasting friendships by meeting new people.

Each housing facility offers students the chance to participate in on-site activities that promote healthy student interaction. ♦



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*2001 Welcome Week Events at*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

- Residence Halls Open - 12 noon
- We-Haul - 12 noon - 4:00 p.m.
- Dinner served behind Corlew Hall- 6:00 p.m.
- OPEN MIC NIGHT behind Corlew Hall - 6:00 p.m.
- CHARLIE'S ANGELS (OUTDOOR MOVIE)  
between Peck and Cope - 8:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

- Residence Halls open - 8:00 a.m.
- We-Haul - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Dinner and STREET FAIR behind Corlew -  
5:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

- Residence Halls open - 8:00 a.m.
- Co-ed Softball Tournament -  
Intramural fields - 5:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 20

- Classes Begin
- PRESIDENT'S PICNIC - 4:00 p.m. - The Green  
between Peck and Cope

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

- VOLUNTEER FAIR - KUC Courtyard  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

- GREEKFEST at the Rec. Center - 7:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR - KUC  
Courtyard 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

- COMEDIAN DARRELL HAMMOND at Murphy  
Center - 8:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

- Honor's Challenge

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- Honor's Convocation - 4:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

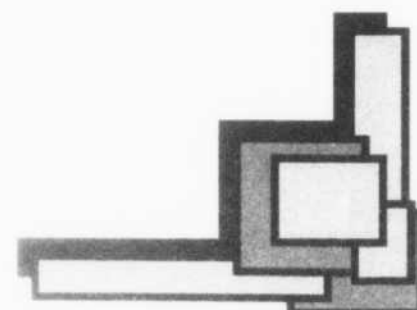
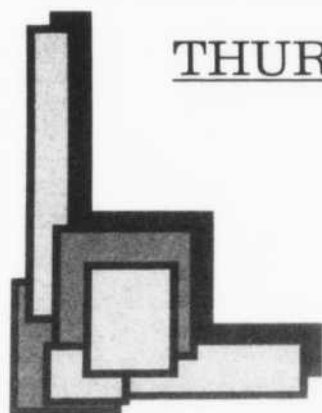
- MEET MURFREESBORO - KUC Courtyard  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

- MEET MURFREESBORO - KUC Courtyard 10:00  
a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- RAIDER RALLY AND BAHA MEN - KUC  
Courtyard - 5:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

- MT vs. VANDERBILT - Nashville 7:00 p.m.





# McPhee named tenth MTSU president

By James Evans  
Editor in Chief

Sidney McPhee — currently executive vice chancellor for the Tennessee Board of Regents — has been named the 10th president of MTSU.

"My priority will be on working together as a team to achieve common goals of the university such as strengthening partnerships with the community, business, industry and the public school system," McPhee said after accepting the appointment.

McPhee, 45, has served as executive vice chancellor of TBR — the governing body of MTSU — since April 2000.

He was interim chancellor from January-April 2000, and, prior to that, he was vice chancellor for academic affairs and strategic planning. He was confirmed by TBR last Wednesday.

Before joining the TBR staff in 1998, McPhee spent five years at the University of Memphis, first as vice provost for Academic Affairs, then as senior vice provost. Prior to

that, he was at the University of Louisville and at Oklahoma State University.

The MTSU presidency has been vacant since the departure of former President James E. Walker, who left the university to become president of the multi-campus Southern Illinois University.

He had served as president of MTSU since 1992 and is credited by many for raising MTSU from mediocrity to the largest school in the TBR system and second largest in the state.

R. Eugene Smith has served as interim president since Walker's departure. A graduate of MTSU, Smith was the former vice president for Business and Finance at the University of Memphis until his appointment at MTSU.

Once McPhee takes the helm, Smith said he plans to retire to his home in Collierville in suburban Memphis.

"Hopefully, maybe I can still help out the university and the University of Memphis," Smith said.

He said he will miss the MTSU communi-

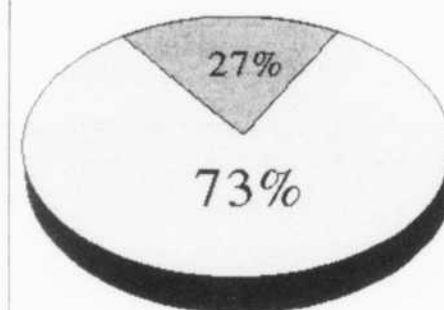
ty "absolutely" and "unequivocally."

McPhee will begin getting started in July, but won't fully take over until classes start in August, university officials said. His salary has been set at \$180,000, and he will also have the use of the president's home on campus.

McPhee was chosen from among five finalists including: Richard Davenport, provost and senior vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at Central Michigan University; Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic

Affairs at MTSU; Duane Stucky, vice president for Finance and Administration at MTSU; and David Wilson, associate provost at Auburn University. ♦

## Will McPhee make the grade?



Sidelines Online asked readers if they thought MTSU would continue to thrive under the direction of President-elect Sidney McPhee.

Of those who responded, 73 percent said "Yes" and 27 percent said "No."

\*This survey is voluntary and as such is not scientific

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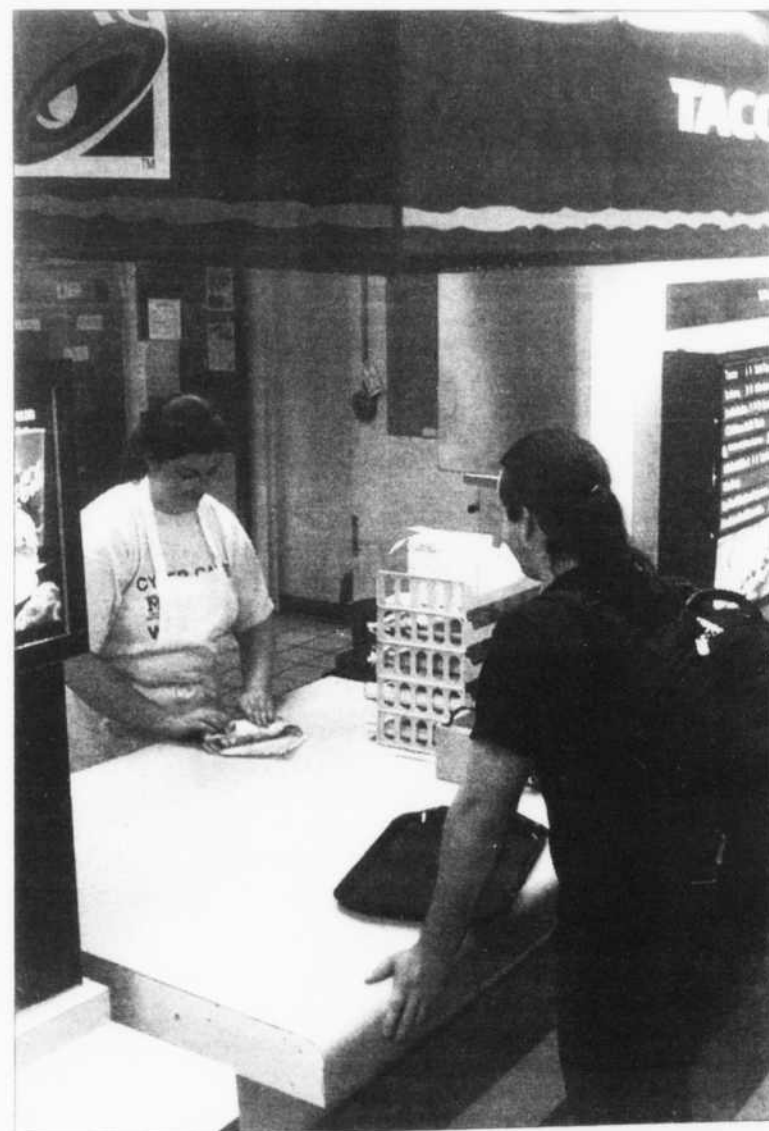


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Margaret Wiles fixes an order from the new Taco Bell in the Cyber Cafe for Don Smith.

## Food Services dicing up locations

### Plans designed for new Eatery in JUB, store in Corlew

Charlene Callier  
News Editor

Taco Bell. Burger King. Pizza Hut. Subway.

These are some foods craved during the semester, but most students do not have the opportunity to leave campus and return in time for the next class.

Aramark Dining Services has provided MTSU with a variety of dining favorites that will satisfy student's cravings with the convenience of being located on campus.

"That's the reason we're here to serve the students," said Paul Stuart, director of Food Services.

Students can choose from a wide selection of favorites, such as Starbucks, Chick-Fil-A, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Subway.

Food Services have made several renovations to meet the needs of students on campus.

One of the first new changes will be the addition of a convenience

store to open Aug. 17, located at the entrance of McCallie Hall in Corlew Residential Hall.

The convenience store will be stocked with a variety of items to meet every student's need.

"We will have everything from microwave dinners to laundry detergent," Stuart said.

The second renovation will be in the Mass Communications building, where a new food service area will be added in place of the cart located in the hallway.

The plan is to knock down a wall and add a glass door, turning the vending area into a permanent food service area where students can purchase salads, chick-fil-a sandwiches and more new items that will be available in the fall.

The set up, Stuart said, will be similar to the food area in the Business and Aerospace Building but on a larger scale.

Patio tables and umbrellas will also be placed in a hallway to provide a sitting area for the students.

Starbucks Coffee has been moved from the Cyber Cafe in Woodmore Hall to the KUC Grill.

Students can still get the origi-

nal and decaf coffee from the Cyber Cafe, but the full line of Starbucks is up and running in the KUC Grill.

"This is where the majority of the students eat, and it's more convenient for them," Stuart said.

Taco Bell has moved from the James Union Building to the Cyber Cafe, providing longer dining hours for students by staying open later at night.

Bene Pizza will replace Taco Bell's place in the James Union Building and will serve items such as pizza, casseroles, lasagna and calzones.

Bene Pizza will also have display cooking with the hot line table to improve the way it's presented, Stuart said.

Food Services works directly with the Student Government Association to get input from students about their services.

They also conduct polls and surveys to assure their services are meeting the students' needs.

For more information on MTSU's Food Services, contact Paul Stuart at 898-2675. ♦

## Dining Services

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- ☐ Rolling Hamper
- ☐ Iron/Board

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- ☐ Quad Chairs
- ☐ Bubbleburst Light
- ☐ Fan (Must Have!)
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- ☐ Upright Vacuum
- ☐ Mini Cordless Drill Driver
- ☐ 18-pc. Companion Tool Set

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- ☐ Camera
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- ☐ George Foreman Grill
- ☐ Hotpot

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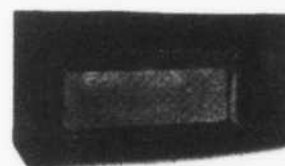
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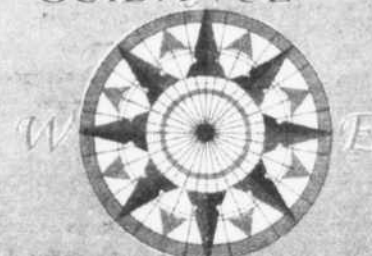
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## Doing that

# Freshman

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**By Shawn Whitsell**  
Features Editor

*For most students, entering college is a major step. The transition can be tough. Mommy is no longer around to make sure you get up for school, and Daddy isn't there to enforce a curfew. All the responsibility falls on you.*

*For some, this is the first step towards independence. For others, it's an opportunity to get wild and loose.*

*The first year of college can prove to be the most challenging. You're in a new surrounding with new people. It can be a tough adjustment.*

*It's always easier to make that adjustment when you have someone to give you advice.*

*Three MTSU students, who have each experienced the ups and downs of life as a freshman, will share their advice and experience with you.*

Rufus Morgan, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, describes his freshman year at Missouri Western State College as "straight" (translation: it was cool).

"It was cool," Morgan said, reflecting on old times. "My fondest memory was acting silly with all my boys, going out to the courtyard and playing our music loud."

After a couple of years at MWSC, Morgan transferred to MTSU. He said coming to MTSU was different because he didn't know anyone at first, but eventually he was able to meet a lot of nice people.

Another "difference" Morgan encountered was the size of his dorm room in Corlew Hall, one of the two first-year experience residence halls at MTSU.

"Compared to my other school, the rooms here were real small so it took a lot of adjusting to get used to that. You feel like you're in prison," he said jokingly, "but they're alright."

Morgan said living in Corlew was a "cool" experience because it gave him the opportunity to meet a lot of people, all of whom were going through their first year of school at MTSU as well.

His advice to freshmen is to maintain a balance of work and play.

"Go to all the parties and have fun, but get your work done, because you'll regret it if you don't. You'll have to take the classes over," he said.

Morgan, who is a member of the Urban Music Society and the African American Student Association, also stressed the importance of getting involved on campus.

Ernest Miser, a Clarksville, TN native, described his freshman

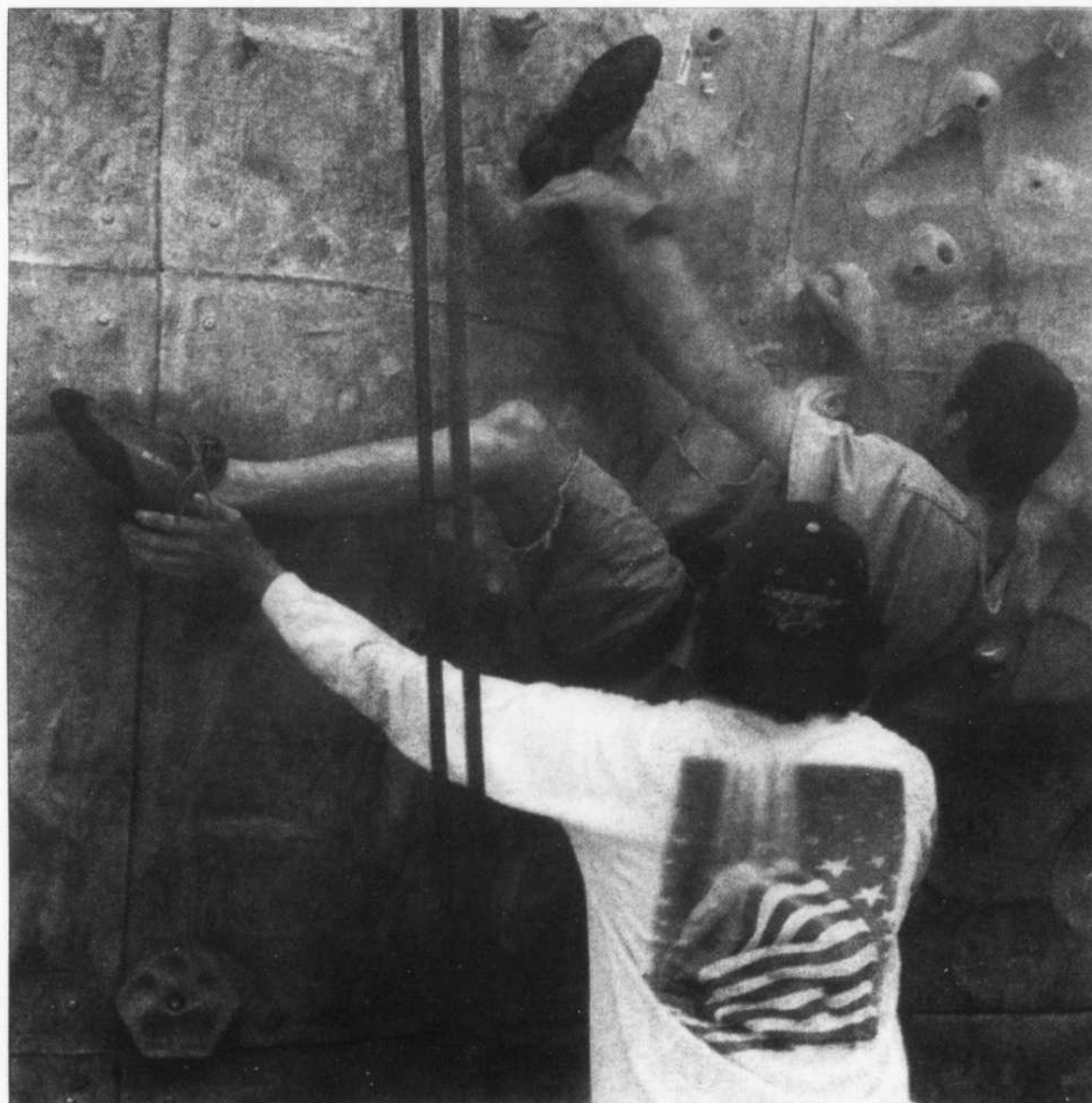


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**A staff member assists a student climbing the rock wall in the Rec Center. The Rec has several offerings for adventurous students.**

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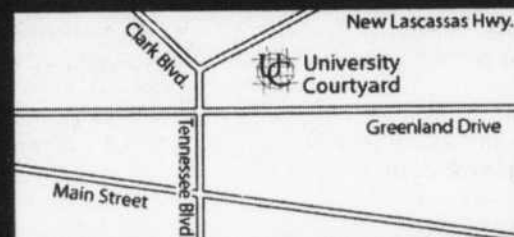
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3. Work out or climb the wall at the Rec Center
4. Attend the Annual Greek Fest at the Rec Center
5. Go to a frat party on Greek Row
6. Attend open mic night at the Cyber Cafe every Monday night
7. Go to recitals/concerts sponsored by the Music Department
8. Go to the KUC movie theater — \$2 admission
9. Attend the annual President's Picnic each fall
10. Attend the National Pan-Hellenic Council Homecoming Step show
11. Attend events during Black History and Women's History Months
12. Attend "Showtime on the Yard," (a talent showcase) sponsored by the Urban Music Society
13. Attend "Music on the Knoll" concert series each Friday sponsored by Student Programming
14. Attend the Honors Lectures Series and the African

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15. Attend or participate in the Miss MTSU/ Miss Blue Raider, Miss Black and Gold and Mr. MTSU pageants

16. Attend Career Day sponsored by the Placement Office

17. Attend the annual Kwanzaa celebration sponsored by the African American Student Association

18. Check out "Expressions" (open mic spoken word) at the Cyber Café sponsored by the African American Student Association

19. Read *Sidelines* every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (another

shameless plug)

20. Get your grub on at "The Feeding of the 5,000" at the Wesley Foundation every fall

21. Go to the library and read a book

22. Check out a video at the Learning Resource Center (LRC)

23. Join a student organization

24. Attend an religious ceremony sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, Raider Victory or other organizations

25. Go to the Placement Office to look for jobs and internships

26. Tour the art exhibit in the LRC

27. Run or vote for Homecoming King or Queen

28. Run and vote for SGA

29. Attend the Student Organization Fair

30. Submit poetry, short stories, essays and art to "Collage" (literary magazine)

31. Listen to 88.3 WMTS (student radio)

32. Watch Channel 10 (MTTV)

33. Meet with your advisor at least three times each semester

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35. Read *Sidelines* (we have no shame)

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# Freshmen: Just being away from the confines of home enjoyable to most students

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"My freshman year was okay. I wish I could've done more. I had to work all the time."

Although Miser admitted that his freshman year consisted mostly of studying and working at Corlew Dining Hall (now called McCallie), he still enjoyed merely being away from home.

Miser added that because he didn't have much time to hang out, he was able to obtain a high grade point average.

Miser, who also works for the Housing Office as a desk assistant, credits on-campus living with enabling him to meet new people.

"Living on campus was cool because I met a lot of people. Some of them aren't here anymore but some I'm still cool with...life long friends."

Miser explained that at first it was hard transitioning from his parents' home to a dorm room that he had to share with another person. However, it was having a compatible roommate that made things easier for him.

"My roommate was cool so we didn't have any problems. We had the same kind of interests," he said. "I recommend living on campus, especially freshman."

The advice Miser has for freshman is simple: "Go to class."

"Even if you wake up late, go to class because you never know what you're going to miss," he emphasized.

Like Morgan, Miser feels an importance in getting involved. Since his freshman year, Miser has become head of fundraising for the African American Student Association and he gives campus tours once a month as a Raider Rep.

Reggie Thomas, a Huntsville, AL native, recently graduated with

a bachelor of science degree in Radio/Television and is enjoying his first semester as a graduate student here as well.

Although it has been four years since he first stepped foot on Blue Raider soil, Thomas remembers his freshman year like it was yesterday.

"It was a different environment from home," he said. "I didn't know anybody and I wasn't famil-

iar with the area, so it took some time to adjust."

Thomas said juggling a full class load and a fulltime job as a desk assistant gave him the tools he needed to perfect his time management and organizational skills.

"Some people go to a university and realize that it isn't for them," he said. "But it made me realize that college was for me."

Thomas also said he quickly learned the do's and don'ts of college life.

He said it's important to write everything down twice on a calendar or an

organizer and to double-check everything.

One of the don'ts Thomas suggested was to avoid scheduling early classes if you don't have the discipline to get up.

"Don't schedule yourself for an eight o'clock class if you're going to be going to parties that end at four," he said. "Also, don't schedule your classes back to back."

"Give yourself time to breathe so that you'll have time to run to the library or get yourself something to eat if you need to."

Thomas also urges students not waste time and procrastinate.

"If you have a paper due in two weeks, don't wait until the night before. Take two hours each day and work on all your assignments. Stay focused and you'll stay ahead of the game."

Thomas said the freshman year is the hardest year and can determine the road you travel in life.

"The freshman year is the time

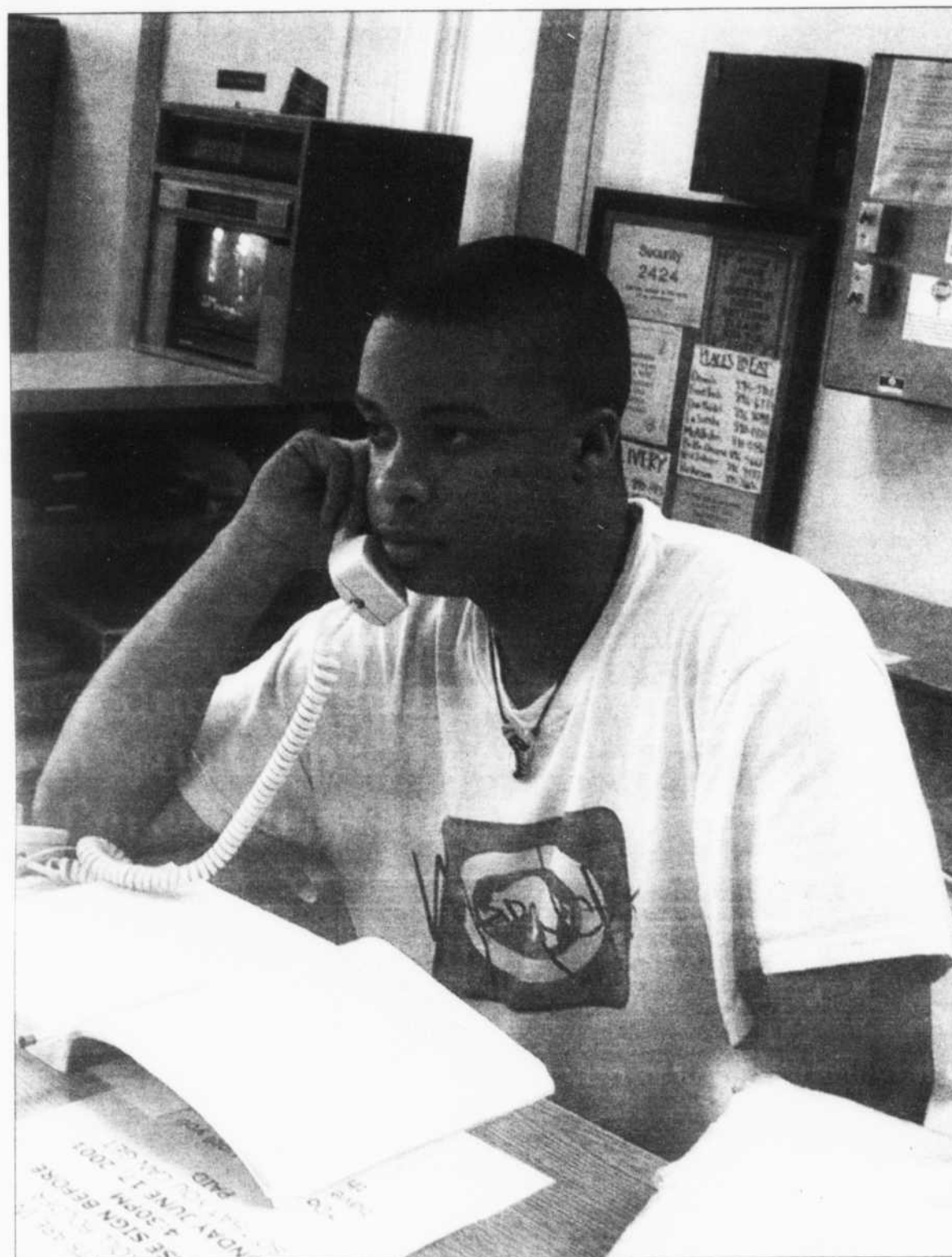


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**Keith Govan, a Recording Industry Management major, answers the phone at Corlew, where he works as a desk assistant. Govan is scheduled to graduate in August but he leaves freshman with the following advice: "Plan as far ahead as possible for the classes you want to take. Also, take a consistent amount of [credit] hours each semester, maybe 15 or 16," he said.**

that's going to make you or break you," he said. "It sets the tone for the rest of your college career."

Thomas' advice to freshmen is to get involved in campus activities, stay in touch with your advisor and watch out for the credit card trap that some freshman fall victim to.

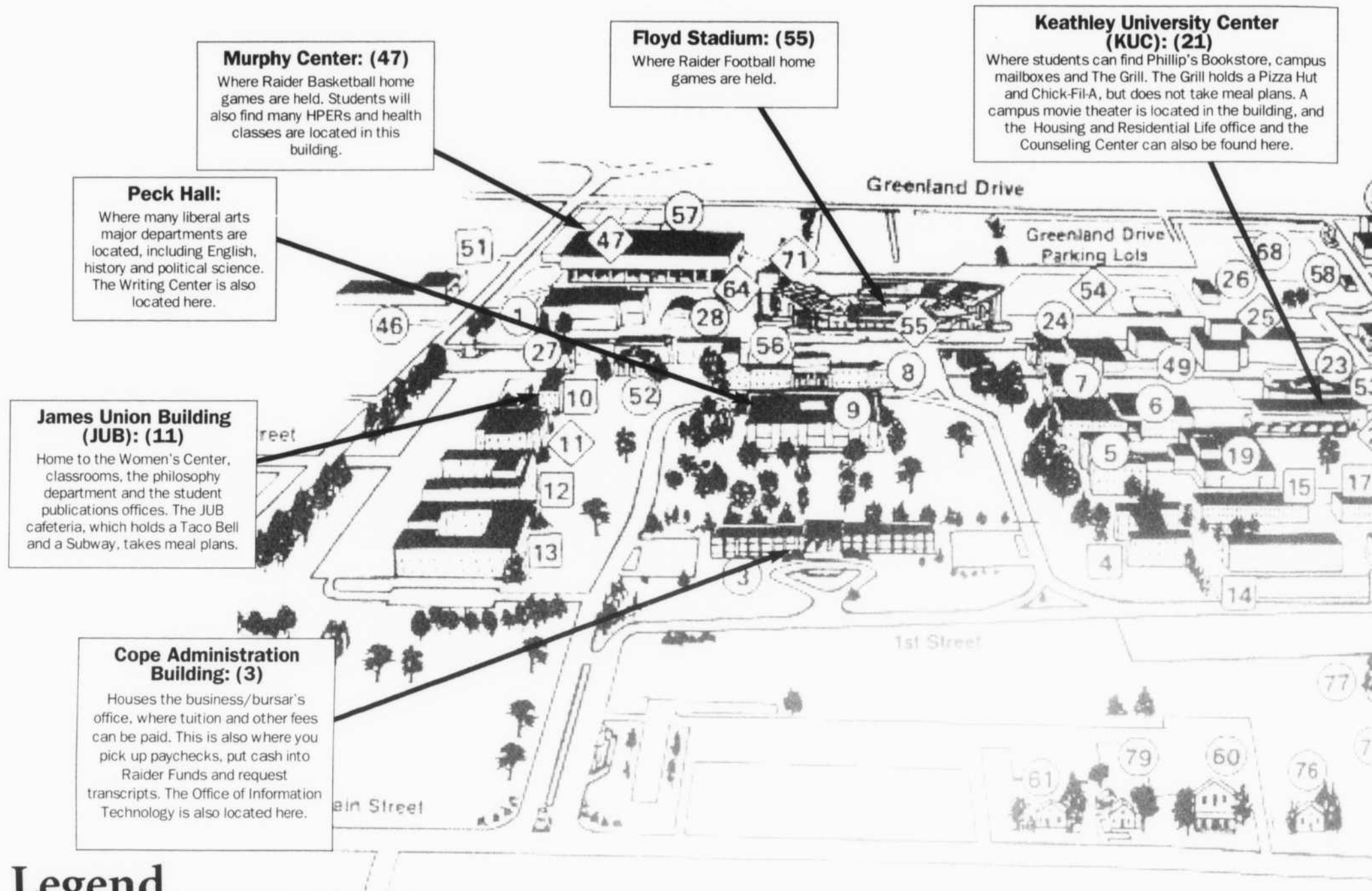
"Coming to college is a lot of

responsibility, but it's rewarding when you get that degree in four to five years," Thomas said. "If college is not your road, then find something else that can help you succeed."

"But remember that college is a great experience. It'll be something you'll never forget, so take it seriously."

Thomas, who is also a Resident Director for the Housing Office, a Student Ambassador and a Raider Rep, credits his success to hard work.

"I believe hard work, dedication, loyalty, honesty all wrapped into one will get you far," he concluded. ♦



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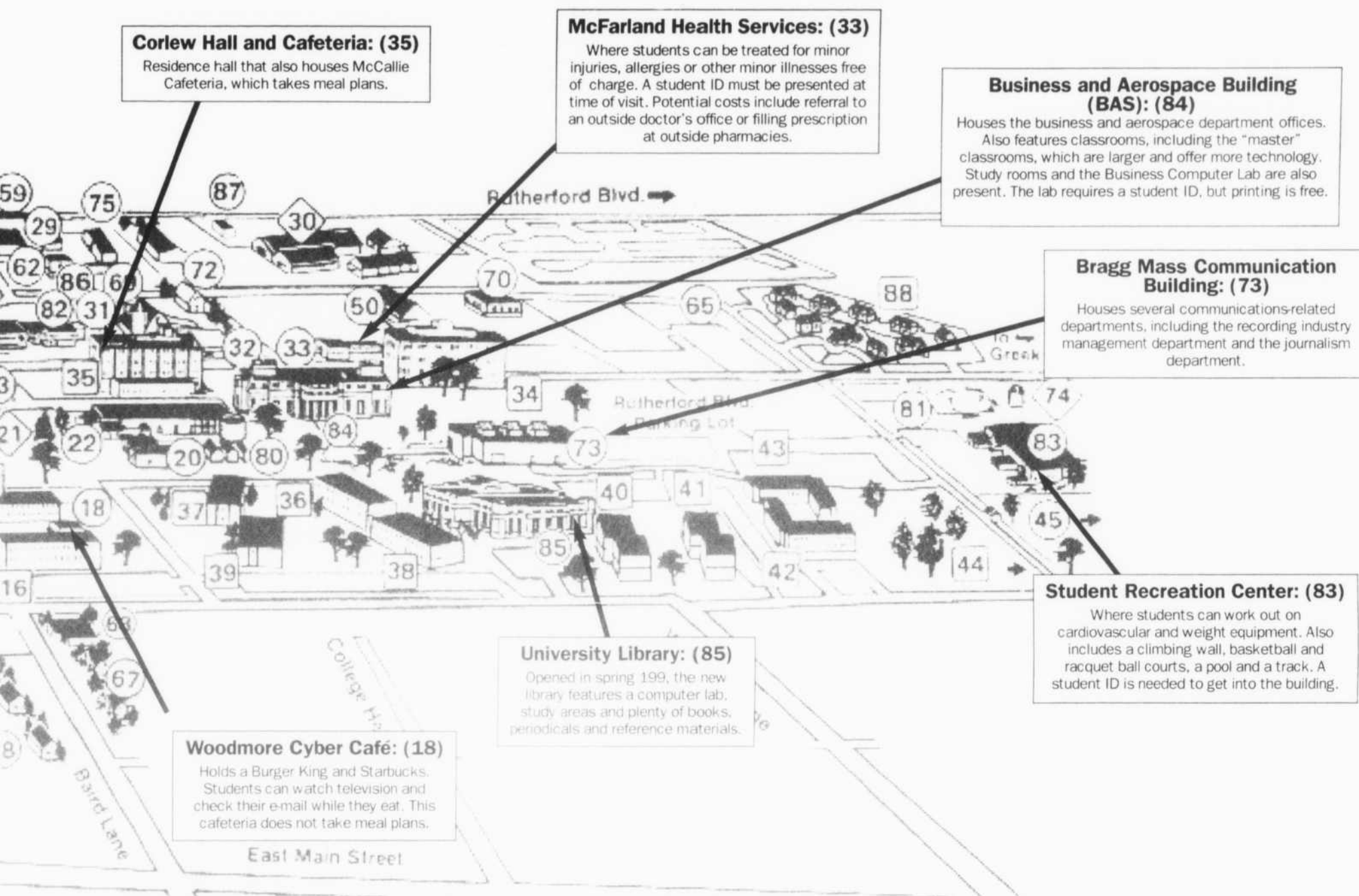
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# Take advantage of your time in college

## On the Real



Shawn Whitsell  
Features Editor

Deciding to come to college was one of the best decisions I've ever made. Upon my arrival to good ol' MTSU, I looked forward to the classes as well as the parties.

Well, somewhere between the classrooms and the frat parties, lies an area that can be just as educational as the classroom, yet as fun as any party. This middle ground is known as extra curricular activities.

MTSU offers a wide variety of things to get involved in on campus. There's the student radio station, the student television station, intramural sports, Greek organizations, as well as numerous other organizations such as the Biology Club, the Freshman Forum,

the Honors Student Association and MTSU Club Wrestling.

As you can see, MTSU has something that appeals to everyone.

It is extremely important to get involved because it helps develop and maintain certain skills the classroom may not provide, such as learning how to work in teams. Extra curricular activities also improve leadership and challenge students to manage their time better.

In addition, it's a great way to meet people and to learn the inner workings of the school system.

There are many benefits to becoming involved, but the main reason I became involved, besides the mere fact that I like to be involved, is because I wanted to learn various types of things.

I'm the president of the Urban Music Society, vice-president of the African American Student Association, former Area

II Government president, a Homecoming committee member, a Black History Month committee member, a Raider Rep and the features editor of this here newspaper, among many other things.

The knowledge that I've obtained through my experiences with these organizations will also give me that extra boost when I enter the job market.

In fact, when I applied for my internship at Gotee Records, the woman I work under told me she was very impressed by my resume, which listed all the experience my extra curricular activities have provided.

I'm not saying the material you learn in the classroom isn't important. I'm just saying that if you take the stuff you learn inside class and combine that with the experience you acquire from your extra curricular activities, you will have a more well-rounded college experience.

Chances are you'll meet more people and learn more.

Look at it this way, you're paying a lot of money to attend college. You may as well get your money's worth by soaking up all of the university's resources.

So, if you're a biology major, you can still become a DJ at the student radio station, or, if you're an accounting major, you can still join the newspaper staff and learn about journalism.

However, if you do decide to get involved, make sure you put your classroom studies first because that's the main reason you're here. Besides, you can't be involved if you get kicked out of school.

Also, don't try to do too much. Do what you can. You have four or five years to do various things, so don't join 500 clubs doing your first semester.

Lastly, have fun.

Well, I hope you deeply consider my advice. May God bless all of you as you journey through college. Peace. ♦

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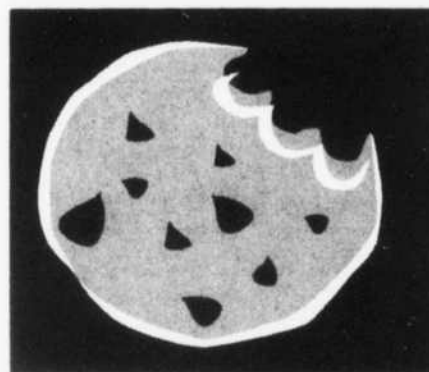


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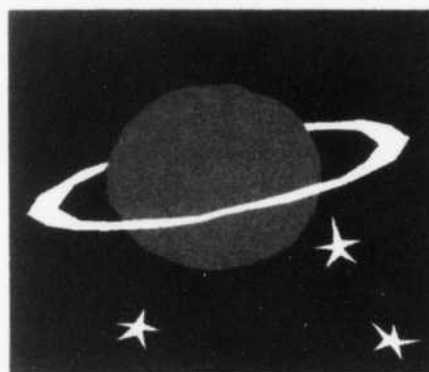
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## What you think you know can hurt you

### For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox  
Staff Columnist

College can be one of the most rewarding and fun experiences of your life, but it can also be hectic and overwhelming. Many students come in either not knowing what to expect or are ruled by their misconceptions and can suffer severe consequences. While I am by no means an expert on these kinds of things, I can share what I have learned.

The overriding theme in college, at least for me, was balance in all aspects of my life. Balancing studying, extracurricular activi-

ties, a job (for some of you) and a social life can be very difficult if you pay too much attention to one aspect. You don't have to schedule yourself to the minute, but set aside time for things that need to be done and let the rest fall into place. Remember: you need time for you, too.

Even if you live in a dorm, you can get time to yourself just by listening to music with headphones and reading. One thing that carried over from high school was my love of procrastination. It may be the best nation, but it's also as addictive as crack.

Quit laughing, it's true. "I'll just do it tomorrow" can be like taking that very first hit. Then you do it the next day and the next. All of a sudden, you're procrastinating every day, and papers are due, and you're going nuts because you just don't have enough time to

finish it all. Don't say I didn't warn you.

For you social butterflies out there, learning to say no to friends can be a struggle. If your friends want to go out, but you have things you need to be doing, just tell them that you can't and that you'll hang out another time.

This doesn't mean you can't have an active social life, but don't let it rule you. There's always another social opportunity close at hand, so if your friends just want to go to a club or are going to see some movie at the KUC that sucks anyway, just say no if there are things you need to be doing.

But on the other hand, remember to keep your social life at least somewhat active. You just might go nuts if you don't.

Finally, know your work and learning style. If you had to work hard in high school

or your grades sucked because you didn't work hard, you will probably need to devote more time to your studies than some of the people around you do. If you need goals, set them. College is not a one-size-fits-all experience; it's about you and your needs.

I know this could scare some of you, but this is your responsibility now. You don't have to be here, and the university doesn't have to keep you. Keep that in mind.

If I come off somewhat preachy, I apologize. I don't want to use the "opinions are like..." analogies because they are both too tired and too crude for this publication, but just get the idea.

Have fun and work hard this year. I know I will. ♦

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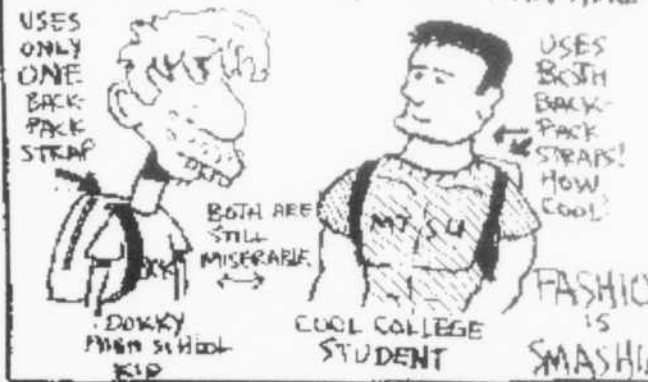
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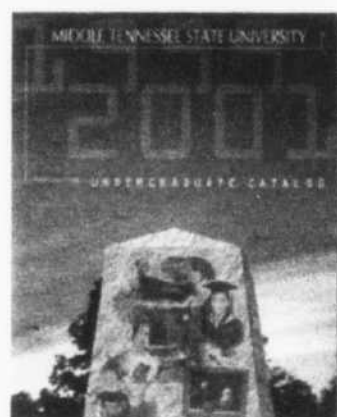
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# Read your assignments or fail the classes

## Canadian Bacon



Patrick Chinnery  
Staff Columnist

I'm going to skip all the crap you've heard a million times already. You know, the thanks for choosing our school, you'll be really happy here, blah, blah, blah.

Now for the real stuff.

If you're still reading this, then you have what it takes to be a successful student here at MTSU: the ability to read. If there's one thing that I learned from my freshman year, it's read what is assigned to you. In some of your classes, you'll get by reading the text and never showing up for class. And in all your other classes, if you don't read the text at all, you'll fail (except for Dr. Brynes' PS 201 class).

That all leads into the next subject: Go to class for the first week. Nothing pisses off professors more

than a student who misses the first day, let alone the first week, of classes. After a week, the teacher will tell you what his/her attendance policy is, and you should be able to judge how often you need to go to class to keep up.

Do not take that as advice to never go to class. The more you show up, the more (hopefully) your professors will respect you. (S)He is putting in the time to get to the classroom. It won't hurt your lazy ass to go too.

One of the key determining factors in whether or not to go to class is the time of the class, which brings us to scheduling.

My first piece of advice here is do not schedule anything before 8 a.m.. Not one class. I don't care if you're a morning person; you'll never make it through the whole semester without skipping some classes.

My first semester, I had one 8 a.m. class on Monday mornings. When I signed up for it, I thought it wouldn't be that hard to get up early one day a week. Boy was I wrong. I missed 7 of the 16 classes that semester (still got a B, but that's besides the point).

Now for my advice on the social scene. This one's suitable for framing, kids, so listen up.

Work hard during the week, and play harder on the weekends. I have a friend who ignored this handy advice, decided to do his partying during the week and kept sleeping through his morning classes. That's just dumb. You're paying money to be here, so get your money's worth by going to class.

And don't commit crimes. One of the best features of *Sidelines* (that's the paper you're reading right now) is the Crime Log. This is the record of arrests made over the previous week on MTSU's campus, including all DUI, public intoxication, public exposure and theft charges. You get made fun of a lot if your name shows up in there.

On a side note completely unrelated to dumb criminals, take advantage of the services that MTSU has to offer. Or, take part in what I refer to as "bleeding The Man for all he's worth."

We have a state-of-the-art Recreation Center, and a library that's the envy of all other schools in the region. The bus routes are good when it's raining (or for when

you have a class in Peck Hall and you live in Scarlett Commons). When it's open, the post office in the Keathley University Center is a great resource, as are the 24-hour computer labs scattered around campus. I can't tell you how many nights I had to head to Lyon Hall to print off a major report that was due the next day.

Oh, and for those of you who wish to be sexually active, the health center provides free condoms.

But I digress. Other than reading and showing up for class, the most important thing to do while at college is doing something not in a classroom.

My first semester, I ran for freshman class president and joined the Academic Team (this was at New York University, by the way).

When I came to MTSU, I hit the ground running again. I joined the Model United Nations and the staff of *Sidelines*. Getting involved not only lets you meet attractive members of the opposite sex, but it also lets you make new friends. After all, something in college needs to be different from high school, doesn't

it?

MTSU isn't for everyone. NYU certainly wasn't. I left after only one semester.

I'd like to tell you to stick it out if you don't like it here, but that would be hypocritical.

Perhaps another college is better for you. But only transfer if you're sure you can't stand it here. If you're unsure after one semester, give it another try. Don't ever find yourself asking "What if?"

College is a lot like summer camp. Except for the bugs. There aren't many bugs here. Go to your classes, have fun with extracurricular activities, and meet new friends. Your Resident Assistant is like a counselor - you can talk to them about any problems you have.

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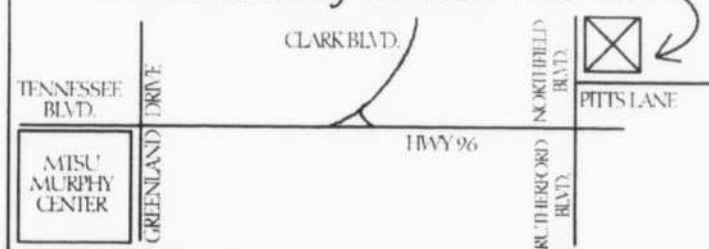
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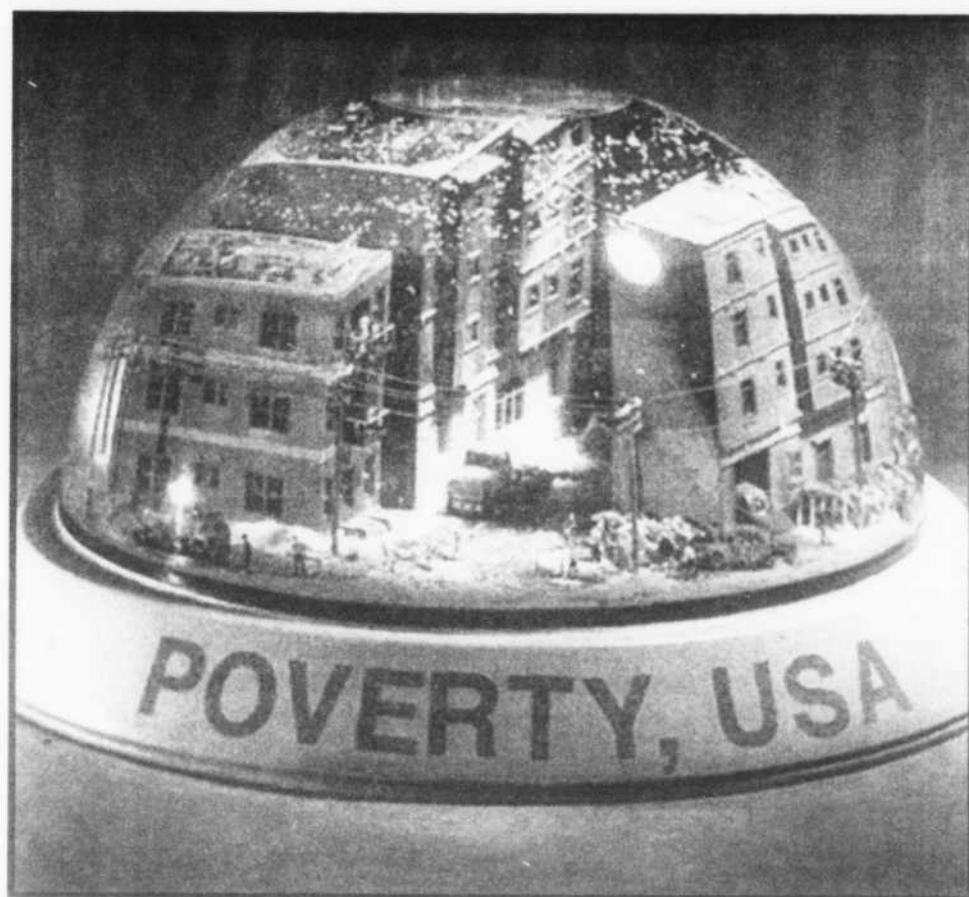
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## From Blue Raider to Devil Ray

### Brazelton third pick overall by Tampa Bay

By J.P. Plant  
Sports Editor

The inevitable has come true. Middle Tennessee's favorite son, Dewon Brazelton, was selected third by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in the first round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft Tuesday.

The junior from Tullahoma was humble in his press conference held at Tullahoma High School among local media, friends, family and around 50 children and youth who view Brazelton as a role model.

Brazelton began the press conference by thanking everyone for coming and for supporting him throughout his baseball career.

"This city (Tullahoma) has treated me well," Brazelton said of his home town. "When I would look up into the stands on Friday nights, nearly half of them were from Tullahoma."

Brazelton credits his maturation from an undrafted high school player to a first rounder to Middle Tennessee head baseball coach Steve Peterson and his coaching staff.

"They mentally prepared me to be a man," Brazelton says. "They've been my father away from home."

While rumors spoke of Brazelton possibly going as the first overall pick to the Minnesota Twins, Brazelton says the Devil Rays told him "your our guy" as the third pick.

The Philadelphia Phillies with the fourth pick and the Texas Rangers at No. 5 were also



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### Brazelton answers questions at his press conference held at Tullahoma High School.

seriously looking at Brazelton. But Tampa was his first choice because it offers him the fastest route to the big leagues, he said.

Brazelton said the organization will place him at either the Class A Charleston club in South Carolina or the Class A Bakersville club in California for a couple of starts. Then he will move to the double-A club in Orlando, Fla.

From there, anything can happen, Dewon says.

"I'm sure I'll get beat up," Brazelton said about being thrown into the mix so early. But he welcomes it, saying, "I'd rather get thrown into the fire."

Brazelton expects to be called up in September, which is not too far fetched considering the state at which the Devil Rays are presently

in. A 5.79 earned run average is lower than only the Texas Rangers in all of baseball, and the 359 runs given up takes the label as worst in the majors.

After two months of play, the Devil Rays are already 17.5 games out in the American League East and post the lowest winning percentage in the majors at .268 with its 15-41 record.

Despite rumors of money problems in the front office, Brazelton isn't worried about his contract negotiations.

"They're not going to have any problem signing me," Brazelton said with a confident smile. "They've got money."

Brazelton is reported by ESPN analyst Peter Gammons to sign at least a \$3 million contract.

When answering one of the last questions of the afternoon, Brazelton reaffirmed his commitment and determination. Dewon mentioned two experiences in which doubt and criticism were aimed at him. He proved he belonged by setting records at Middle Tennessee as well as the lowest ERA in the history of the U.S. National Baseball Team.

"I was more than happy to prove them wrong," Brazelton said.

And this was the message Dewon left the crowded room with at the end of the day -- one of commitment, determination and courage. ♦

## Other Raiders picked in draft

By J.P. Plant  
Sports Editor

Although junior pitcher Dewon Brazelton stole most of the attention on draft day, two other Blue Raiders were selected on day one and another on day two.

Senior Josh Renick, a third team All-American, was selected first in the 11th round by the Minnesota Twins on day one of the amateur draft.

Also selected on the first day was junior Jason Moates, picked 597th overall by the Detroit Tigers in the 20th round.

Renick ended his career as Middle Tennessee's all-time career leader in batting average, hitting .381 in his two years as a Blue Raider. His .420 average with eight home runs grabbed Sun Belt Player of the Week honoree and the second highest

### See Draft, 33



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The Twins selected Renick with the 317th pick overall.

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## Draft: Three join Brazelton in trip to minors

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average in school history.

Renick says he is excited about the opportunity to play with the Twins considering his father won a World Series ring with Minnesota in 1987.

Renick, who was tabbed third team All-American by both the *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper* and the Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, joins fellow Blue Raider Brazelton, named to the first team by both, and freshman John Williams, who was named to the freshman team by the Writers Association.

Williams ended his first season as a Blue Raider with a 7-1 record and a 3.59 earned run average. His seven wins are the most for a freshman since Brazelton won eight in 1999. Williams, a product of Oakland High School, will probably be remembered most this season for his contribution in the win over South Alabama in the

regular season finale to clinch a share of the Sun Belt regular season championship.

Coach Peterson is expecting Williams to become a great pitcher before his career in Murfreesboro is finished.

Joining the list of Blue Raider baseball achievers is Jason Moates, who was also drafted on the first day along side Renick and Brazelton. Moates, a native of Columbia, Tenn., transferred from Alabama after his freshman season. He compiled a 6-2 mark with a 3.19 ERA and by the end of the season had maneuvered his way into the Saturday starter in the weekend rotation against conference opponents.

This wasn't the first time, however, that Moates has been drafted. The Cincinnati Reds took the junior right hander in the 26th round last year but couldn't get him to sign. Moates was rehabbing from "Tommy John" elbow surgery and wanted to

prove himself all over again to the scouts.

Moates does have one more year of eligibility left and could return next year to become the No. 1 starter for Coach Peterson.

Rounding out the list is pitcher/first baseman, Kris Lammers. The senior from Manchester was selected on day two by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 24th round. Lammers had joined fellow Blue Raider Kyle Thomas on the independent team, the Tennessee Tomahawks, of Winchester but had to cut his stint there short due to the call from the Phillies.

Lammers ended his career with a 14-14 record and a 5.29 era, while his career batting average was .282 with 7 home runs and 56 runs batted in.

With four players selected in the draft, it marks only the third time in school history that feat has been accomplished - 1988 and 1990 being the other two. ♦

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## The 2000-2001 sports year in review

### Sports Commentary



Michael  
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Staff Columnist

Successful is the word used when attempting to define the 2000-2001 year of athletics for Middle Tennessee State University.

For years the overall athletic

success has been overlooked not just by the Nashville media, but even by the area newspapers and even by the students and faculty of the university.

Not many people realized that the men's and women's track teams dominated the Vanderbilt Invitational this year or that the Blue Raiders – until recently – have arguably the best baseball player in the country.

Not many people, unless you frequently read this newspaper, know that at one time this baseball season, the Blue Raiders were ranked in the top 25 by Collegiate Baseball America, and have hovered around the top 25 all season.

They are at the top of the standings in one of the best baseball conferences in America – the Sun Belt Conference. The SBC put a team in the College World Series last season, which was won by Louisiana State University.

Although, the men's basketball team was plagued by an inability to win games this year, the women's team made a short run in the conference tournament, and played Indiana University in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament. This predicated the signing of one of the best recruiting classes of head coach Stephanie Smith's short tenure at the university.

On the gridiron, Middle Tennessee finished with a 6-5 record, the first winning season since 1997. This included close losses to Maryland and the University of Alabama.

According to the Massey Ratings, which are used to help determine the national champion, the Blue Raiders were the second best team in the state. Football U., sometimes loosely dubbed the University of Tennessee, was first, followed by Memphis in third, and the Vanderbilt Commodores registered a small blip on the state football map.

All-everything tailback Dwone Hicks was chosen as the best running back among independents, which includes Notre Dame, while recently, MT lineman Barry Hall was signed by the Tennessee Titans.

The men's golf team finished fourth in the Sun Belt, while the brand new women's golf team signed the best female high school golfer in the state, Amanda Harter. New head coach Kim St. John has already started the



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**Eager MTSU students uproot the goalpost after this year's homecoming victory over the University of Louisiana Monroe.**

success which all Blue Raider followers will expect.

The Middle Tennessee soccer team registered some success when Jenny Cox was named to the All-Sun Belt first team, and Kenya Hickey was named to the second team.

The women's tennis team lost in the semifinals of the conference championship tournament after knocking off the No. 26 ranked team in the country earlier during the season. The men's team lost in the championship of the conference tournament.

In softball, the team notched a Middle Tennessee first, when Stacy Preator added her name to a vacant list of perfect game hurlers for Middle Tennessee softball. This

occurred April 17, against Austin Peay. The Lady Raiders dominated with a 7-0 win.

The final team which I will praise, has been without question, the most successful team at the university of the past three years, maybe longer. The Middle Tennessee track squads are the best.

Perhaps, no other school in the state boasts of such a dominant unit.

Both teams, the men and the women, won the Sun Belt Indoor Championships. Not to mention the fact that the Blue Raiders put four student athletes in the Sydney Olympics.

The most frustrating thing as a Middle Tennessee student is when I hear other students talking about the MTSU athletic

department as if it were third rate, and thus, viewing this university as if it were the same.

The facts just simply don't support those types of statements. Middle Tennessee has perhaps the second most successful athletic program in the state of Tennessee. No, we don't vie for national titles in the big sports such as football and men's basketball, but we do in many others.

There will be day – maybe very soon – when all this will change. Actually, that day will be August 30, when the Blue Raider football team leaves Dudley Field at Vanderbilt University with their first win of the season. ♦



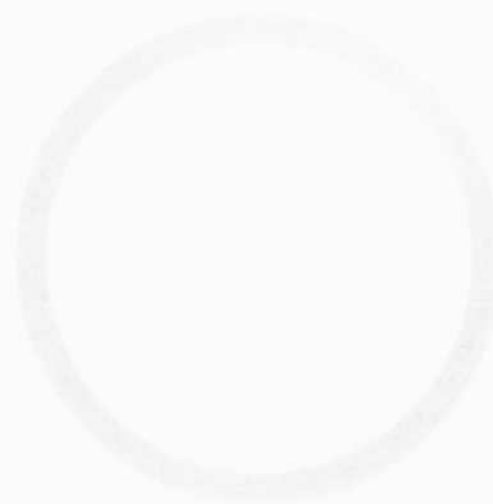
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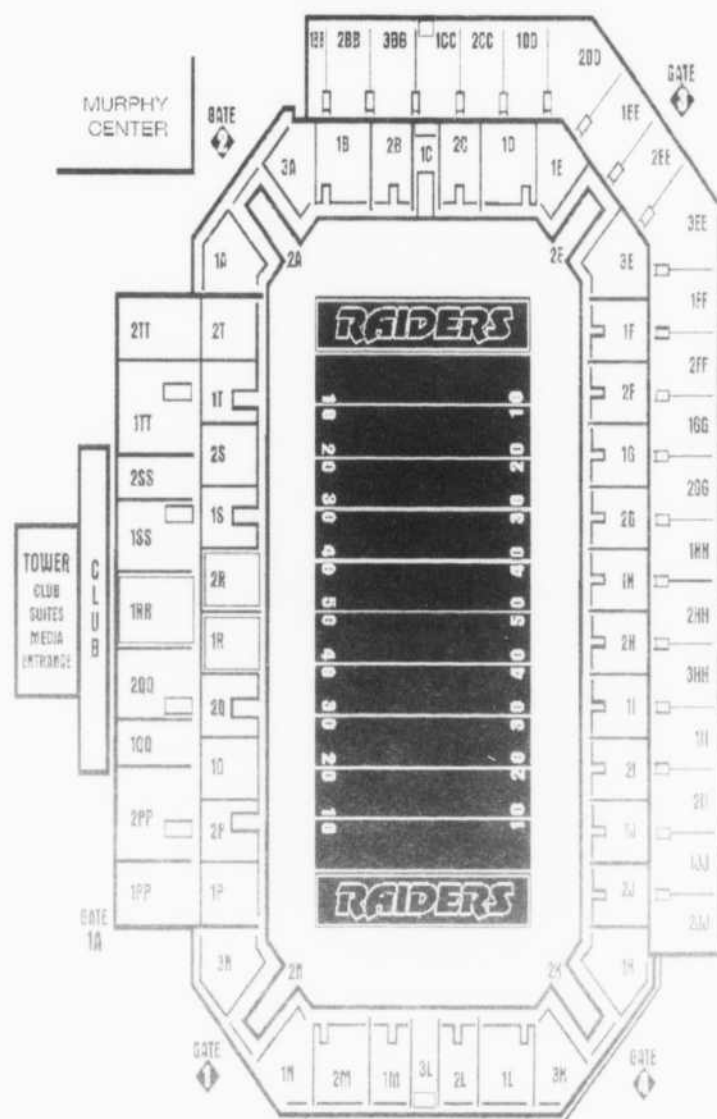
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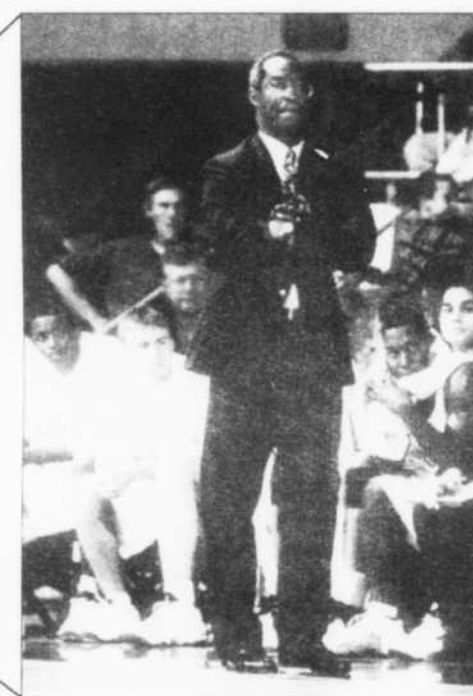
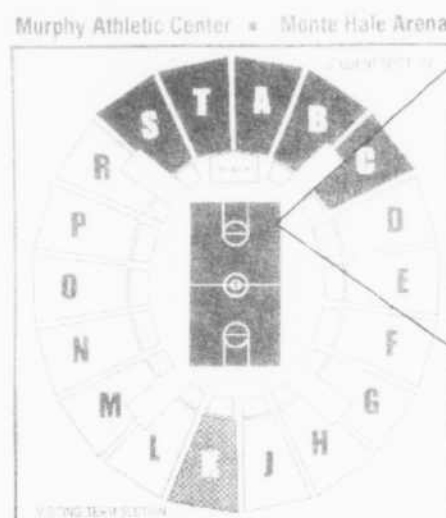
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(Left) Seating diagram for Floyd Stadium.

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# Athletic program wins Vic Bubas Cup

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At the annual Sun Belt Conference spring meetings, junior right-handed pitcher Dewon Brazelton was named the Sun Belt's Athlete of the Year, while MTSU was presented with the Vic Bubas Cup in its first year in the conference.

The athlete of the year is presented to the student athlete that achieves the highest success on the field and in the classroom during each academic year.

Brazelton has been the league's highest profiled athlete during the

season, being featured in several publications including *Sports Illustrated*, *Baseball America*, and *Baseball Weekly*, as well as national broadcast stations such as ESPN.

A native of Tullahoma, Tenn., Brazelton has helped lead the Middle Tennessee baseball team to its 10th NCAA Tournament. Brazelton is also a candidate for the nation's top collegiate baseball player, accumulating an impressive 13-1 record on the season with an ERA of 1.44.

Middle Tennessee's athletic department was also honored with the conference's top award for

excellence throughout the entire year. The Vic Bubas Cup is annually awarded to the institution that accrues the highest point total among all Sun Belt sponsored sports.

"This is a great honor," interim Athletic Director Boots Donnelly said.

"The student athletes and coaches deserve all the credit to be able to win this award in our first year in the conference. They have done a tremendous job to get to this point as tough as the Sun Belt Conference is across the board."

With Middle Tennessee

winning the Vic Bubas Cup, South Alabama had its stronghold on the award come to an end.

USA had won the award the previous two years and 10 of the last 14 years dating back to 1988.

The Sun Belt Conference also honored student athletes in each individual sport with Sportsmanship Awards. Kelly Chastain (basketball) and Mark Pellerin (tennis) were honored as Middle Tennessee's institutional winners for the Sportsmanship Award. ♦

## Players set to appear in court



Johnson



Newson

By R. Colin Fly  
Staff Writer

Seniors Kendall Newson and Jason Johnson were arraigned on charges stemming from a brawl at Oxygen, a Murfreesboro nightclub, in April.

Newson, the team's leading wide receiver last year, is charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct and will be in court again July 9 for hearings on the incident.

Johnson, who started at quarterback last season, was charged with disorderly conduct and will make his case to the court Aug. 6.

Interim Athletic Director Boots Donnelly has declined to comment about the players' status until after their court dates. ♦

## Track star earns third All-American honor

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EUGENE, Ore. - For the third time in his career, Middle Tennessee track and field standout Godfrey Herring earned All-American honors in the 400-meter after finishing fifth at the NCAA Championships at the University of Oregon.

Herring, who qualified for the finals with the third best time at the championships, ran a 45.81

marking the third straight time that he has finished in the top nine in the nation in the 400-meter.

Under the direction of head coach Dean Hayes, Middle Tennessee track and field athletes have now garnered 62 All-American honors over the past 30 years.

Herring, the only Blue Raider in school history to earn All-American in the 400-meter, gives Middle Tennessee its third straight

year with at least one All-American in the outdoor season.

Jasper Demps, who competed in the semifinals of the 110-meter hurdles, was unable to earn his second straight All-American accolade after failing to qualify for the finals, finishing seventh in his heat.

With Herring's fifth place finish, Middle Tennessee ranked 38th nationally as a team. ♦



Herring



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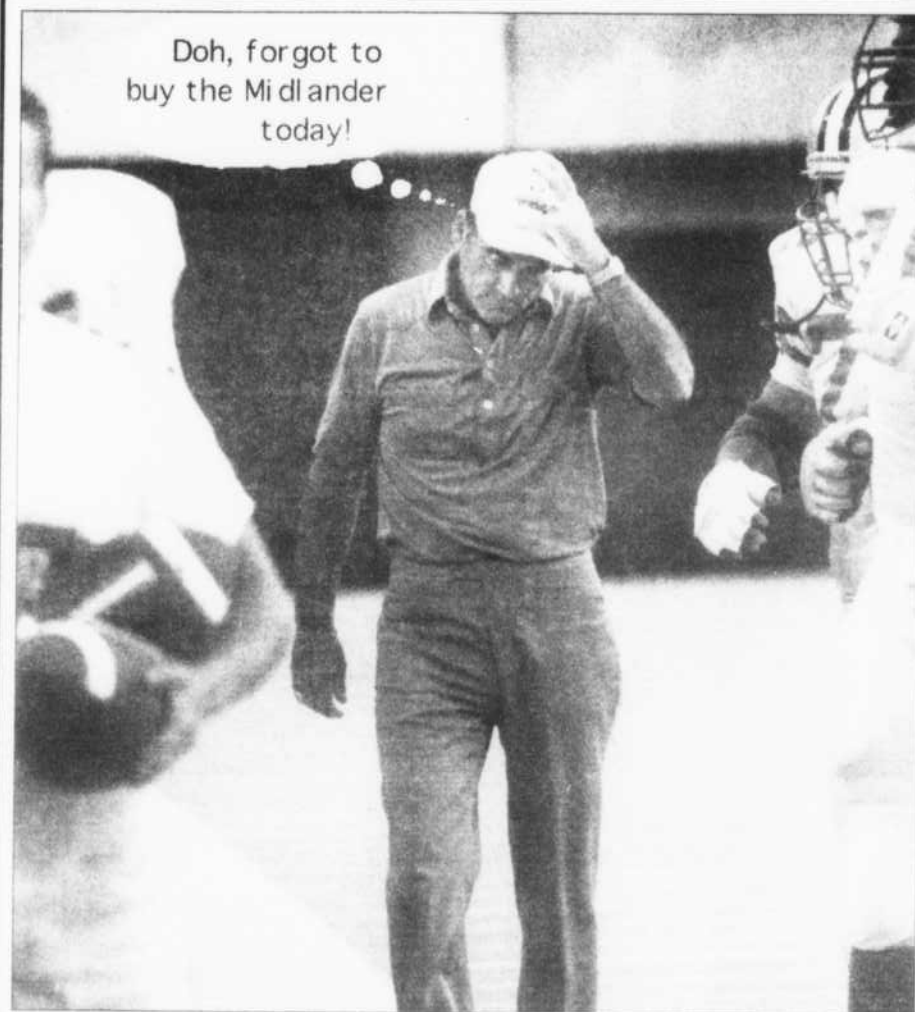
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