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Summer marked by winds of change

Administrators say change necessary for survival

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The summer of 1992 will be remembered as a time of change, leaving at least two top administrators without jobs, one demoted and several new department chairs named.

Campus change was characterized by more than just faculty and administrative juggling. Some of the more noteworthy changes were:

- The parking plan was rejected
- Sociology professor Don Schneller ran for congress using controversial tactics
- The TBR approved a tuition hike
- Grill construction began with addition of Pizza Hut and Taco Bell services to be offered
- HPERS professor Powell McClellan sued MTSU over finding of guilt by a hearing committee on sexual harassment charges
- The athletic department geared up to answer NCAA violations

- The campus newspaper underwent a facelift
- A committee was organized to study the condom in dorms issue
- Student Health Services ceased to issue medical excuses

As the summer progressed and the winds of change calmed, President James Walker and Dr. James Hindman, vice-president for Academic Affairs, said many more changes are in the works which represent the university's mission—balancing immediate needs while planning for the future of MTSU.

Walker said the university has made more scholarships available, hired new faculty, begun plans for a trial of phone registration, amended the academic appeals process and renovated the inner structure of the financial aid office.

"We've made changes based on the concerns students expressed," said Walker. "It's very important to the university that as we are growing we never lose sight of the fact that we have always had a reputation for being a personal university which cares about the students."

"We've got to look at the long haul," Walker pointed out. "I know that students are concerned with immediate rewards and if you start telling students that something

will benefit them 10 years from now, they want to know, like the saying goes, 'What have you done for me lately?'"

To answer that question, both Walker and Hindman explained the university mission. One is to strive toward excellence in the classroom and the other is to maintain the campus for future generations of students.

Both administrators said they understand student concerns over the amount of time, energy and money exhausted over the Master Plan at a time when tuition is rising and a recession is in progress.

Hindman said he feels the cost of planning is justified.

"Things are bad across the country financially and we're not as bad off as many places are," the vice-president said.

"Let me put this in a national context. The kind of things we have not done as a country...not rebuilding dams and bridges and roads, not rebuilding college campuses, is a deferred maintenance and we are going to pay the piper one of these days.

We're going to wake up and the whole system is going to be 30 years out of date. We have to invest in the future; planning is that investment in the future," said Hindman.

Hindman said he believes moving ahead is the key to success.

"I believe strongly that we live in a world today where you can't tread water. You can't stay where you are. You either go forward or you go backward. If you don't do that, literally what will happen on this campus is that the facilities will just fall down."

Walker said he agrees with Hindman's philosophy.

"The sad thing about progress is that many of our upper level students won't be here to see the new library or the new business, aerospace and nursing buildings," said Walker. "But even if you don't reap the benefits of the Master Plan right now, the value of

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SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE: Transfer and new students got their chance to register and stand in line as part of their MTSU orientation. MTSU experienced another record growth in enrollment this summer, jumping almost 15 percent over last summer's enrollment. The increase gave administrators a good indication that fall's enrollment will set another all time high. Figures from the Office of Admissions and Records show 847 more students this summer than last summer. A final tally shows 6,537 students here this summer compared to 5,690 last year. Cliff Gillespie, dean of Admissions and Records, says he also anticipates another record fall enrollment. "We're looking at a total enrollment this fall of between 16,000 and 17,000 students."

News Briefs

Schools graduate more black students

(CPS) —More black students earned bachelor's degrees at The University of Maryland at College Park than any other predominantly white school in the nation, a study says.

The top five schools are Maryland (286 black graduates), Rutgers University (255), Temple University (254), the University of South Carolina-Columbia (228) and the University of Pittsburgh (213),

according to a study published by Black Issues in Higher Education.

The study used 1988-89 figures, the latest complete set of figures that were available when the study began.

College seeks Native Americans for program

Hanover, N.H. (CPS) — Dartmouth College is launching a three-year pilot program this fall to increase the number of Native American students who earn college degrees.

open to all Native American students at Dartmouth, and will address academic issues facing the students. It is funded by a \$155,000 grant from the General Mills Foundation in Minneapolis.

While Native Americans

comprise 1 percent of the U.S. population, they accounted for only .04 percent of the students earning bachelor's degrees in 1991, says a report by the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

Crimes continue through summer

ANGELENE NEELEY
News Writer

Campus security had a busy, interesting and sometimes entertaining summer with more than 60 incident reports being filed, Safety and Security Office records indicate.

A rundown of the crimes reported over the summer include 31 thefts, seven arrests, four harassments, four counts of

vandalism, three trespassing, two burglaries to vending machines, two recovered permits, two burglaries, one burglary to auto, one threat, one indecent exposure, one damaged property, one fraudulent permit, one missing inventory, one window breakage, one fight and one lost driver's license.

Among some of the more unusual crimes, a female student reported on May 13 that a male

was sitting at a table beside her in the library exposing himself.

Harold Adams reported on June 5 that he he was driving by the baseball field near Cummings Hall when a baseball broke out one of his windows.

Jennifer Rice reported on June 20 that the rear wheel had been stolen off her bicycle while it was parked at the Woodmore bike rack.

Lashonda Tinker reported on July 13 that her MCI calling card had been stolen from her room in Cummings Hall and a total of 109 calls had been made.

Nonie B. Chaudury reported on July 3 that while she was out of her apartment in Family Housing, the apartment had been entered and things were found in disarray; however, nothing was gone.

Lee Gass reported on July 10 that he kicked a football over the fence at the football field and a someone in a white Geo took the ball and drove away.

John King reported on July 19 that he had been threatened by a male in the serving line at the James Union Building cafeteria after he charged the male for fruit he had eaten while in the serving line.



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Activity Fee Fund: Student organizations desiring to make application for Activity Fee Funds for the Fall semester should secure application forms from Keathley University Center Room 126. The deadline for completing the forms and having them turned in is Friday, Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

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Dear Students:

Can you feel the excitement? The beginning of the fall semester brings an expectation of newness--new surroundings, new friends, new challenges, and new opportunities. Some of you are on campus for the first time; others are returning to continue your educational experience. Whatever the case, I want to welcome you to MTSU and hope that you soon recognize how special a place our campus is.

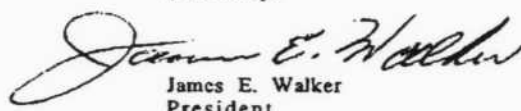
This is an exciting time in MTSU's history, and you are a part of it. Our University has experienced phenomenal growth over the past decade, making it the fastest growing university in the State of Tennessee. Not only are Tennessee students making MTSU their overwhelming choice, but our campus is also a multicultural environment, providing students the opportunity to make new friends and sample other cultures from around the world.

Everyone at MTSU is dedicated to making your university experience a special one. Our faculty and staff are available to answer all your questions and provide the necessary guidance and assistance to assure you receive maximum results from your classroom schedule. Do not hesitate to call on them if you have a question.

Aside from the classroom and books, a wide variety of activities are planned to round out campus life. In addition to thrilling sports events, there are Greek and independent student organizations, intramural athletics, student government activities, and a host of other activities including concerts, movies, debates, plays, and lectures by prominent speakers. There is definitely something for everyone.

Do you feel the excitement yet? Everything has been prepared and is waiting for you. I am glad that you have chosen to be a part of our MTSU family. Choose to get involved and receive maximum benefits of everything our campus has to offer. I hope your fall semester is an exciting one, and I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,


James E. Walker
President

Student Government Association

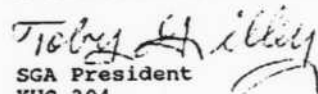
Welcome Back!

Fall is finally here and it's time for work to begin. Your SGA has been preparing all summer for the upcoming year and stands ready to serve you. We look forward to the most productive school year ever.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or problems, please call or come by. The SGA needs you to become involved by voicing your concerns and by serving on committees, being a House Representative, or in any capacity that you can. GET INVOLVED!

I hope that your summer went well and that the Fall semester will be even better.

I look forward to working with you!


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Health Services offers no excuses

LAURA HARDISON
News Writer

Health Services will no longer provide students with excuses for missing classes due to illness according to a new policy adopted by the university effective June 1.

Previously, students who went to Health Services to be examined would have written notification sent to their professors stating why they came in and on what day. Many faculty members would allow this as a valid excuse for missing class.

According to director of Health Services Barbara Martin, this new policy is long overdue.

"It's a carry-over from grade school and high school where mother had to say 'Johnny was sick and wasn't in school,'" Martin said. "We're in higher education and an excuse is between the professor and the student. Health services shouldn't be caught in the middle."

All faculty members were notified of the new policy by memo in the summer and will be reminded of it again at the beginning of this semester.

Introduced by Martin, the policy was approved by both Dr. James Hindman, vice president for Academic Affairs and by Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Robert LaLance.

LaLance says the time has come for a change.

"Since the issue is really the prerogative of the faculty and since it caused some awkward situations for Health Services, we decided it really wasn't accomplishing anything," LaLance said.

He also said he feels it will reduce the number of students who took advantage of Health Services by requesting a note when they weren't really sick.

Yet, Martin says that Health Services will still provide notification to faculty for students who are sick for a long period of time.

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Prof makes headlines with campaign tactics

CHARLES ALY
Staff Writer

MTSU sociology professor and outspoken pro-life activist Dr. Donald Schneller made headlines this summer with a campaign for the congressional seat presently held by Democrat Bart Gordon.

Schneller and businessman Robert Ries lost in a landslide vote for incumbent Gordon in the Aug. 6 Democratic primary for the 6th Congressional District seat.

In his first bid for public office, Schneller focused on right to life issues—primarily abortion. Schneller's strong opposition to abortion led to student protests and a university investigation during the fall of 1990.

Schneller's campaign put the abortion issue in the news with television campaign ads that graphically depicted the results of third trimester abortions.

The television commercials began with a warning to viewers that the images may be considered offensive. The two ads contained video footage of bloody, mutilated human fetuses purportedly aborted in the final three months of pregnancy.

Incumbent Bart Gordon's strong pro-choice position was the catalyst for Dr. Schneller's

candidacy. Gordon reacted quickly in response to the commercials.

"The ads represent the kind of divisive, single issue politics that ignore the other crucial issues facing America like out-of-control health care costs, the need for new jobs, and improving our education system."

"The kind of abortion the ad depicts only occurs in the extreme case of a mother's life being in danger," said Gordon. "To use that kind of tragedy in a recklessly deceptive way for personal political gain is beyond justification."

The voting public apparently agreed, as Gordon received 83 percent of the vote. Schneller and Ries split the remaining 17 percent.

Schneller did challenge Gordon's comment, pointing out that the 1972 Roe vs. Wade decision allows abortions in the third trimester for a variety of reasons, not just when the mother's life is in danger.

Furthermore, he insisted his ads were not part of a political calculation to win votes.

His candidacy did, however, gave Schneller an excellent opportunity to present his views on abortion in such a graphic manner. Television stations, under Section 315 of the FCC's regulations, are prohibited from

'To use that kind of tragedy in a recklessly deceptive way for personal political gain is beyond justification.'

**-- Congressman
Bart Gordon**



File photo

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: Dr. Donald Schneller prepares to speak at an on-campus Pro-Life rally in the fall of 1990. Schneller made the Pro-Life issue a major plank in his platform when he ran for Congress this past summer.

censoring paid political advertisements.

The footage was obtained from American Portrait Films' video "The Hard Truth." The seven-minute long video details what Schneller calls "America's holocaust" with shots of aborted fetuses taken from dumpsters behind abortion clinics.

Proof that the fetuses were aborted and not still-born is on the tape, Schneller said. He claims that spots visible on the fetuses' skin are saline burns, the result of abortions induced by saline injected into the fetal sac.

Schneller has long been a prominent pro-life activist serving two terms as president of the Rutherford County chapter of Tennessee Right to Life. He also sat on the state Executive Board of Tennessee Right to Life.

Dr. Schneller spoke out on the abortion issue in a June 8

interview.

"What we're doing right now is just atrocious," Schneller said. "People aren't aware that you can have abortions all the way up until birth. For me, it's like living in Germany during the Holocaust and doing nothing."

Schneller is not opposed to abortion in cases of rape or incest. However, he said he feels that a very small percentage of abortions are performed out of medical necessity.

"I am opposed to birth control that is abortive," he said.

Schneller said he believes that adoption is the solution to the abortion problem.

"If I were a woman and I had a baby that I didn't want that's what I would do. Either that or keep it. But if I couldn't keep it, I would put it up for adoption," he said.

Other right-to-life issues that are a priority for Schneller include curing AIDS, stopping euthanasia and helping the handicapped.

Schneller was the recipient of the MTSU Outstanding Public Service Award in 1983 for his work establishing a successful treatment program for juvenile delinquents.

Schneller has taught at MTSU for 20 years. His specialties are in social problems, criminology and family sociology.

Dr. Schneller on campus

The abortion issue has proven to be one topic that actually sparks interest in the notoriously apathetic MTSU student body. In his challenge to Bart Gordon for the 6th congressional seat, Dr. Donald Schneller hoped to make that issue, among others, a hot topic in the community and at the university. It won't be the first time.

A Sept. 13, 1990 article in *Sidelines* reported that several students had complained to various university faculty members and administrators that Schneller had overstepped the bounds of proper instruction by raising the abortion issue in a juvenile delinquency class.

On the last day of summer classes before finals, Schneller produced pictures of fetuses aborted in the final trimester of pregnancy and attempted to show them to the class. The class was not receptive to Schneller's views and did not view the pictures.

However, Schneller again presented his views to the class and on final exam day preceded the exam with his views on abortion and again attempted to show the pictures to the class. Some students objected to Schneller's tactics and demanded that the exam be handed out. It was, but the sociology professor interrupted the exam with further discussion of the issue.

Following the exam, five students directed complaints to Dr. Peter Heller, chairman of the department of sociology and to then Interim University President Wallace Prescott. The charges prompted an informal investigation of Schneller's teaching methods. Schneller was subsequently cleared of improper instruction charges.

In a Sept. 17, 1990 *Opinions* Page column in *Sidelines*, Schneller detailed his views on abortion. He asserted that the academic freedom assured by his tenure insures his right to discuss his views on abortion in the classroom.

Few argued that Schneller was entitled to air his views on abortion. However, his tactics in the fall of 1990 drew criticism from students and faculty and sparked a six week student debate on the *Sidelines* opinions page.



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Condom Wars:

SGA vs. Dr. Robert LaLance

SAM GANNON
Managing Editor

Will there or won't there be condoms in campus dormitories? The saga will continue through the fall, since the Student Government Association's committee to study the issue requested more time to make a recommendation to Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance.

Toby Gilley, president of the SGA, said the committee is doing well, regardless of the delay.

"Originally, the deadline for a recommendation was July 1," Gilley said, "but at the request of Speaker [Ray] Lentz, I lengthened the deadline to Sept. 1."

"I didn't want to go to Dr. LaLance with incomplete information," Gilley said.

So far, the committee has randomly surveyed a number of higher education institutions to see whether or not they have condom machines. More than 50 percent of the schools that were surveyed

Our own vice president for Student Affairs is treating us like children.'

**--Ray Lentz
Speaker of the House**

have condom machines in place on campus in one form or another.

LaLance said he was pleased with the committee.

"They tell me that they're making good progress," he said.

A new deadline was requested to allow the committee ample time to conduct a survey of incoming students and dormitory residents' parents.

"We asked for more time to conduct a survey," said Barbara Martin, director of Health Services.

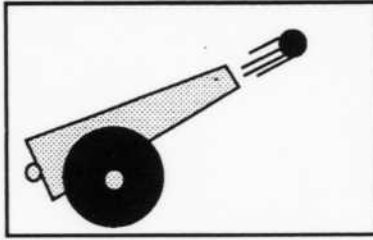
Martin, who wrote and mailed letters to parents of MTSU students, said the letter included "a discussion of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, programs of education and prevention to reinforce what they already know."

More than 30,000 letters were mailed to all parents whose child has an application on file at the admissions office in July.

Student workers randomly called parents days after the letters were mailed to poll their opinions. Only parents of dormitory residents who are under 24 were polled.

No results of the survey have been released.

"The letter will serve as a preface to the random calling of parents," Martin said prior to letters being mailed. "In the letters we are going to relate the



ON THE BATTLEFRONT

Campus-Related Conflicts

issues to college life."

Committee member Lentz said the committee had been expressly asked by LaLance to poll parents for their opinion.

Martin said the committee's recommendation will be in by early spring, but Gilley said he has other plans.

"They have to survey the new students and the parents, but this will not be extended past Sept. 1. Dr. LaLance needs to give us an answer. I want this settled before

the fall semester gets into full swing," Gilley said.

Gilley, who has favored the condom legislation from the start, said that he would "still stick by the standpoint that it can only help the student body."

The committee includes two students, SGA Speaker of the House Lentz and a female resident, Siva Blake.

Lentz, the original sponsor of the bill, said that he is not pleased with what seemed to him to be a bureaucratic delay tactic.

"This is just more red tape to avoid installing the machines, but we're going to win. We're going to get those machines," he said.

"Our own vice president for Student Affairs is treating students like children," Lentz said. "In my opinion, he is trying to put up more red tape."

"I have no problem at all with placing condoms in dorms," Martin said, "we now have an instrument to do that."

Ivan Shewmake, director of University Housing and head of the committee, was unavailable for comment.

MTSU President James Walker has been noticeably silent on the condom issue. Public Relations Director Dot Harrison said Walker is depending on LaLance's insight on the matter.

"We'll be looking with the students this fall in addressing this issue," he said.

Walker, who is a former vice president for Student Affairs, hails from a condom-progressive school.

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Where to find your safer sex information

LAURA HARDISON
News Writer

Get out your notebooks. Here's your first lesson for the fall semester: there is no such thing as safe sex.

No type of sex is truly safe anymore. But there is such a thing as safer sex.

Safer sex is protected sex. Safer sex is protection from syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Safer sex is the only way to be sexually active and not get infected. Safer sex is a topic about which we all need to be better informed.

Education comes through talking with the experts, and the experts can be found at the Rutherford County Health Department and MTSU's own Health Services.

The Health Department's Family Planning Clinic can provide students with a complete physical exam and tests from gonorrhea cultures to pap smears. While supplying condoms for safer sex practices, they also provide devices to prevent unwanted pregnancy such as birth control pills, diaphragms, foams and jellies.

However, according to Bob



Fern Greenbank/Photographer

CONDOM-TIME: Health Services has your safe-sex packet; go by and pick one up.

Moore, public information director for the Health Department, it is better to plan ahead and not wait until the heat of the moment.

"If you want family planning services, you need to call early and make an appointment and get things set up as soon as possible," Moore said.

A more convenient source for information for students can be found at Health Services. They furnish educational information, condoms and administer tests for sexually transmitted diseases.

Yet the best information can probably be gained after talking with the professionals at Health Services.

"Abstinence is the only guarantee," says Barbara Martin, director of Health Services. "But if you are sexually active, limit your partners, know your partner well, and use both foams and condoms."

For more information on safer sex, contact Health Services at 898-2988 or the Family Planning Clinic at the Rutherford County Health Department at 898-7785.

For more information on STDs call the STD hotline at 1-800-526-8368, or the AIDS hotline at 1-800-526-2437.

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Winds of change update

Storm leaves three officials out of office

FERN GREENBANK
Editor-in-Chief

Three MTSU administrators were either fired, asked to resign or demoted by President James Walker early this summer.

Rebecca Rice, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, was asked to resign May 27 due to charges of breach of confidentiality.

Jerry Tunstill, vice president of finance and administration for the past six years, was demoted from his \$70,000-a-year position to director of telecommunications for what he has been quoted as saying a difference of "style."

Walker's executive assistant since October 1991, Bene Cox, decided for undisclosed reasons to return to the MTSU English department as a faculty member effective July 31.

With three top administrative offices vacated in just one week, questions of "head rolling" have surfaced among students and faculty.

"I am not here to intentionally harm anyone," said Walker. "I am here to make sure we have people at the university that can help the university best do the kind of things the university needs to do. There is no agenda of cleaning house or laying off 40 to 50 people or anything of that nature. These three particular incidents were unrelated. They just happened to come to the surface at the same time."

● Cox is the only one of the three administrators leaving office to have been hired by Walker. Rice has been with the university for eight years and Tunstill has been employed by MTSU for more than 19 years.

Cox assumed the position of executive assistant approximately a year ago, leaving a position as assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs with the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) which she held for four years.



From 1976 to 1988 Cox was an associate professor in the MTSU English department.

Cox denies rumors that she was relieved of her duties as the highest-ranking female administrator of campus due to a breach in confidentiality.

When asked whether Walker requested her resignation or whether she voluntarily chose to return to teaching, Cox said, "I would have to say 'no comment' to that question."

Cox admits she is "disappointed that things didn't work out," but adds that she is looking forward to returning to the role of educator.

"As an administrator, I have been very proud to be a steward of public trust and funds," said Cox.

Walker says he was also disappointed that things did not work out.

● Rice was asked to resign or face firing due to the result of an investigation conducted by Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs, said Walker.

The Women's Center is responsible for counseling women, offering referral services for a variety of issues and furthering the status of women on campus and in the community.

LaLance said he conducted an intensive investigation of Rice's office and activities based on information presented to him several weeks earlier. The allegations against Rice center around breach of confidentiality. The source of the information was not disclosed.

Rice chose not to comment about the issue.



BENE COX

English professor Ayne Durham has been in contact with Rice and contacted Walker on Rice's behalf.

"Dr. LaLance met with Rebecca at 2 p.m. on Wednesday and gave her until 4:30 to remove her belongings from her office," said Durham. "He [LaLance] eventually gave Rebecca until 9 a.m. on Thursday. I phoned Dr. LaLance on Rebecca's behalf out of respect for her eight years of service and requested that she be

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**-- James Walker
MTSU President**

given until Monday morning to respond."

A group of faculty members met with Walker on 8 a.m. on Thursday morning, May 28, to express their concerns over the manner in which Rice's situation was handled. The group requested Rice be given more time and Walker agreed to take the request under advisement.

Durham says Walker phoned her saying he had consulted with the Board attorneys and the 4:30 p.m. deadline would remain intact.

Walker says Rice submitted a letter but did not resign.



REBECCA RICE

"Dr. LaLance recommended that she, therefore, be terminated, and I have acted on his recommendation," says Walker.

The president added that the TBR attorneys had been consulted and that he acted upon the attorney's advice.

Faye Hubbard, recently hired secretary for the Women's Center, said the staff of the center was told by LaLance's office not to comment on the situation.

"It's been very quiet around here," said Hubbard.

● Jerry Tunstill, vice president for finance and administration, was noticeably shaken during a telephone interview. "I don't like to talk about it," said Tunstill. "I'm still in shock."

Tunstill is the only vice president who does not hold a doctorate degree. He obtained a master's degree in education from MTSU.

The former finance vice president will move to the telecommunications department in July. Tunstill's salary will be adjusted from his current \$70,000 to \$45,665.

Financial management analyst Reta King, who worked with Tunstill on the MTSU parking plan, said "I think Jerry's done well to adhere to his [Dr. Walker's] policy - he knows MTSU."

"Jerry started at the bottom and worked his way up. I see no reason why he should be let go," said King.

Tunstill told the *Tennessean*, "I think that the president, as presidents do sometimes, feel he wants somebody who more fits his style."



JERRY TUNSTILL

Walker said he and Tunstill had talked about "style."

"We talked about styles of leadership, and we talked about how as the university grows, the job grows. We talked about people growing with the job or not and staying up to the job."

"He [Tunstill] indicated his concern and dissatisfaction with parts of the job that he did not feel very comfortable with in terms of things he had to do. He felt that he would be much more comfortable in the position he is going into," said Walker.

"I encourage people to continue to dedicate themselves to the kinds of things that are necessary to keep this great university moving forward and not be distracted by the kinds of things that have occurred over the past few weeks," said Walker.

An internal search was conducted for the executive assistant position and four finalists were chosen. They are Angela M. Steffenhagen, Dr. James Neal, Dr. Wayne Rollins and Dr. R. Earl Thomas. Walker is expected to announce his final choice soon.

Bob Adams, vice president for Finance and Administration and Business Office director, was chosen to act as interim vice president for finance and administration. An outside search firm has been employed to recommend candidates for Tunstill's position, said Dot Harrison, director of Public Relations.

The position of Women's Center Director was posted and applicants are now being processed for interview. A decision is expected in the near future.

Ginanni retires as chair

DAVID SMITH
News Writer

Dr. Francis (Frank) Ginanni's retirement as chairman of the English department became effective Aug. 1. Dr. Jacqueline Jackson, a member of the English department faculty will interim chair until a permanent chair is found.

Ginanni, plagued recently with health problems, will leave his position after eight years of service. He will, however, resume his teaching duties in the fall.

Ginanni emphasized that the decision to step down was totally his own and that it was in no way connected to the recent dismissals and demotions that have haunted the campus this summer.

"I made this decision in March primarily as a consequence of major neck surgery," Ginanni said. "I have another surgical procedure that needs to be done and I based my decision on that."

Ginanni had considered stepping down anyway before his recent medical complications.

"I have been thinking very seriously about leaving the chairmanship anyway and had planned to announce that this fall at the opening faculty meeting," said Ginanni.

The professor said the decision to step down from his position was an easy one to make.

"I had been there for eight years," Ginanni said. "I just thought it was time for a new chair."

Dr. John McDaniel, dean of



FRANK GINANNI



JACQUELINE JACKSON

Liberal Arts, praised Ginanni for his long term of service.

"He has held the chair for quite a while and it is not the easiest of jobs," McDaniel said. "I have appreciated his enthusiastic and forceful leadership over the last eight years."

Pigg leaves Campus Planning

SAM GANNON
Managing Editor

After many years of service to the campus community, Charles Pigg, director of Campus Planning, has retired.

Recently, Pigg's department has been preparing for the massive undertaking of the Master Plan for campus growth.

Pigg has been involved with the Master Plan since its inception and has seen it grow and change.

We are "on the threshold of another breakthrough at MTSU," he said.

Pigg said that he reluctantly left the Master Plan; however, he is happy that he is retiring now before any major construction so that his replacement can be involved from the beginning of the project.

Instead of planning his retirement for relaxation, Pigg plans to start another job.

"I've been offered something a little different, working with an architectural firm," he said.

"They're taking a little different perspective on things and offered me a flexible schedule," Pigg said. "It will be a



CHARLES PIGG

transition from full-time work."

Pigg served the university for over 36 years and pledges that, although he may no longer be employed by the university, he will still be around.

"I'll really miss being here. I've been a vital part of the campus community," Pigg said, "but I'll be back for cultural and sporting events. I'm not going away."

Pigg's last day on campus was May 29.



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STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: Women faculty members wait outside President Walker's office before bringing their grievances out in the open.

Women faculty confront President with concerns

FERN GREENBANK
Editor-in-Chief

A group of more than 15 concerned women faculty members converged in President James Walker's office in June to express concerns about recent administrative personnel changes.

The women's concerns centered around the manner in which Rebecca Rice, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, was asked to resign and was subsequently fired.

Walker, along with Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president of Student Affairs, granted the group permission to air their grievances.

English professor and spokesperson for the group Ayne Durham said, "We're not here to address the charges against Rebecca Rice. We're here to express our shock that someone who has worked hard for the university for eight years, someone with a fine record, would be called in at 2 p.m. and told to resign from her job by 4:30."

Durham asked that Walker and LaLance consider giving Rice more time to think about what had happened to her and to make a decision.

"She warrants that much respect," said Durham.

"Eight years ago the Women's Center was in danger of closing," added Durham. "Everyone in this room has benefited from her work. We're proud of the MTSU family but we don't understand a system that would treat a family member this way."

"It is apparent to me that there is a great possibility for a legal response, and I really need to consult with the attorneys. I am not accustomed to arbitrarily or capriciously dismissing people," said LaLance.

"Information was brought to me and corroborated by six individuals, both colleagues and students. The information was

simply so damaging to the Center that, in my opinion, I was rightly justified in doing what had to be done to protect the university," the vice president added.

LaLance told the faculty members that his investigation revealed that information about clients was divulged which "compromised the integrity of the center and violated confidences."

In response to the charge that Rice was not given enough time to answer to charges, Walker said, "I believe that as professionals, you would have made the same decision if you knew the details. We have a responsibility to protect the rights of the students, the image of the university and the future of the Center."

Rice did submit a letter to Dr.

'We have male faculty who have been repeatedly charged with sexual harassment on this campus—they're slimebuckets and they're simply slapped on the wrist. Women's heads roll.'

— Sharon Smith
Journalism Professor

Walker but did not resign.

The faculty members expressed concern over the apparent lack of due process in Rice's case in comparison to cases in the past.

"We have male faculty who have been repeatedly charged with sexual harassment on this campus — they're slimebuckets and they're simply slapped on the wrist. Women's heads roll," said journalism professor Sharon Smith.

"I am angry and disturbed that there is a faculty member with 25

years' experience of sexual harassment who continues to teach here. And here is a woman who has worked hard to heal and she is kicked in the teeth," said Art Professor Janet Higgins.

"I don't understand the dynamics of this system," added Higgins. "I can only respond to this from my vantage point. I am proud of this institution under yourself [LaLance] and the president — forward thinking toward a non-sexist and non-racist environment, but I am shocked and outraged by this."

Dr. Nancy Rupprecht, history professor and chair of the women's studies program, said, "Until the facts are out, we can't judge but we can question the methodology used here. Two hours isn't even long enough to buy a pair of shoes. Rebecca's eight years of service deserves more respect."

Walker pointed out that the sources and information could become public if a legal response follows and the university has a responsibility to protect those who came forward with information.

"While Rebecca doesn't know the names of people involved, she knows the nature of the reports," said LaLance.

Heidi Dorris, attorney for the Tennessee Board of Regents, said, "It is my understanding in this case that the procedure followed was pursuant to Rice's contract," said Dorris.

"None of us enjoy these things. There is some level of compassion and concern but the gravity of the situation is quite severe. We must protect the students, faculty and the university," said Walker.

"The MTSU family image has been touted," said Sonja Hedgepath, assistant professor of foreign language.

"I do think of MTSU as a family in that there is caring and there will be actions taking place for the betterment of that family," responded Walker.

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Missed step saves students fines, fees

SAM GANNON
Managing Editor

Students will not pay new parking fines or fee increases this fall because the comprehensive plan to restructure parking has not been passed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

In fact, the planned parking fee was not even discussed at the meeting because in its planning a major step in the bureaucratic process was omitted.

"Dr. Walker received a letter from Chancellor Floyd (of the Tennessee Board of Regents), what it boiled down to was that the fees and fines portion of the the plan had to be filed with the Secretary of State's office; we didn't do that," said Reta King, designer of the parking study.

Fee/Fine rule changes must be submitted by the Vice President for Student Affairs to the TBR in the fall. If the Board passes the changes, the plan would then go to the Secretary of State for 45 days (all matters of a financial nature must go through the Secretary's office). If there are no problems, then the plan is implemented.

King said that she hopes President Walker will continue to proceed with the plan by



having Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Robert LaLance submit the changes in the fall. If all goes well, the plan will be implemented in fall of 1993.

Walker said he will continue with the already-approved plan with only a few changes.

"My plan is to start working on this and make sure that it gets back on schedule," he said. "We're going to do it right this time."

One feature of the plan that will not change is the continuation to build two new lots on the perimeter of campus. Jerry Tunstill, former vice president for Finance and Administration as well as director of the parking study, said the funds were already available and the construction will be completed.

King said that parking meters may also be installed at the Keathley University Center and Cope Administration Building.

What did we lose?

Students coming back in the fall expecting a ride on the shuttle bus may not be too disappointed — especially when they learn that the shuttle bus will not be there because their fees have not been increased to pay for the buses.

The proposed plan, which was approved by President James Walker late last Spring, would include a four-tiered fee structure, a shuttle system, and higher fines.

Walker took input on the plan from various sources, including the Faculty Senate, the Student Government Association, the Executive Committee and the University

Traffic Committee.

If passed, the plan would have increased parking fees from \$5 to a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$35, while fines would increase from \$4 to \$10.

The plan released in March would call for a parking auxiliary to be formed, allowing all money generated by parking to go toward parking improvements.

Construction will be completed on two additional lots that were part of the program, but, further implementation of the plan is still up in the air.

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MTSU graduation ratios drop to third place in TBR schools

LAURA HARDISON
News Writer

MTSU has fallen from second to third place in graduation ratios among Tennessee Board of Regents schools across the state.

The TBR continually evaluates graduation ratios for all its schools. Based on the number of freshmen who entered MTSU in 1985, only 39 percent had graduated by the end of the 1991 academic year, said Cliff Gillespie, dean of Admissions and Records.

MTSU fell one percentage point from 40 percent to 39, Gillespie said, but he does not see this as a problem.

"We've just dropped one point, and another college has gone up one point," Gillespie said.

According to TBR statistics, Tennessee Technological University tops the list of graduates per enrollment with 48 percent, while East Tennessee State University ranked second with 41 percent.

"One percent could be 15

students," Gillespie said, "they [ETSU] went up a point and we went down a point."

Although his office has yet to officially investigate the reason for the drop, Gillespie already has a good idea why this has happened.

"I would suggest that it's due to the high number of part-time adult learners enrolling," Gillespie said. "It sometimes takes them longer to graduate."

Dr. John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, agrees with Gillespie.

McDaniel says there has been a steady increase of adult learners in the area of Liberal Arts and believes they are a distinct group of students.

"Adult learners are quite persistent and dependable," McDaniel said. "Most start off with a lighter load of classes while they work to get back on their feet."

McDaniel also believes the economy is another possible reason for the decline.

"Most students are having to work during school because of the recession, and it's taking

them five or six years to graduate," McDaniel said.

Dr. Barbara Haskew, dean of the College of Business, said she thought that many students leave school because of economic reasons.

"Seventy percent of students work, that stretches out their time here," she said.

Haskew went on to say that in the College of Business it takes an average of four years and 11 months to graduate.

Haskew said she hopes the results of the study will not reflect badly on the university's standing.

"We could lose some people," she said. "I'd like to see us study the problem to interpret the facts accurately," she said.

"We want to see more people graduate," Gillespie said, "that is our goal."

MTSU's Dr. James Hindman, vice president for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Peter Consagra, associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for the TBR, were not available for comment.

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Condoms:
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At the University of Northern Colorado, which has more than 10,000 students, condoms are available at all residence halls, the student center, the student convenience store and they are free at student health services, a spokesperson for the university said.

Several locations have been targeted for condom machines

including the second and third floor bathrooms of Lyon, Schardt, Felder and Smith Halls, the fourth and seventh floor bathrooms of Corlew Hall, the third floor weight room of Nicks Hall or in the lobbies of Nicks and Felder Halls.

A final decision on the condom crisis could come as early as September or as late as mid-Spring of 1993.

Other TBR schools' policies:

Austin Peay State University: Does not have condom machines in residence halls. The school's SGA tried but did not pass legislation regarding condom machines on campus.

East Tennessee State University: Machines have been on campus for three years in some of the residence hall bathrooms and at the university center. Any residence hall can request machines. Due to budget cuts, condoms are no longer free at the Heath Services Center. The placement of condom machines on the campus was initiated by the student government.

Memphis State University: Does not have condom machines in residence halls. The student government passed a measure to place condoms in

residence halls, but the measure was rejected by the administration. The student Health Services give condoms out to students from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tennessee State University: Does not have condom machines in residence halls. The student government has not made any proposal to place them on campus.

Tennessee Technological University: Does not have condoms in residence halls. The student government has submitted two proposals in the past four years to place condoms in residence halls, but the administration rejected each proposal. The administration was concerned about the message the decision would be sending out.

Price Wars: Blue Raider vs. MTSU's Bookstore

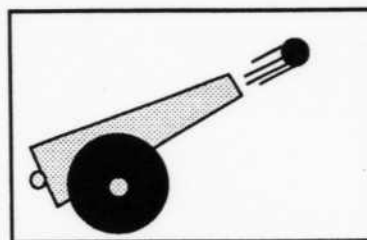
CATHY CLISSOLD
News Writer

New students will probably be surprised at the expense of textbooks this fall. They will be even more surprised at the small portion of the original cost they receive when they try to sell their books back at the end of the semester.

Blue Raider Bookstore and Phillips Bookstore both claim that they are not in competition with each other, but there are often price discrepancies.

According to Darrell Isabell, Blue Raider Bookstore manager, Blue Raider Bookstore and Phillips Bookstore do not engage in "price wars." The publishers, not the bookstores, set the retail prices for textbooks, he says. Price increases are published monthly and the price differences occur when one store receives an increase before the other.

Buy-back prices are determined by 50 percent of the new book retail price. Then the book is resold for 75 percent of the new book price, said Earl Harris, manager of Phillips Bookstore. If a book is sold used, the buy-back price remains at 50 percent of the new book price.



ON THE BATTLEFRONT
Campus-Related Conflicts

If a book costs \$10 new, it will be bought back at \$5. The book is then resold at \$7.50, but the same book is still bought back at \$5, explained Harris.

Both managers said that they try to buy back as many used books from the students as possible. They

then try to purchase books from a used book distributor before buying new textbooks.

MTSU policy on textbook change requires notification to the bookstores within 30 days of the last semester of use. If a bookstore has a surplus of a discontinued text, they are unable to buy back a book from the students.

Isabell said that Blue Raider Bookstore is set up as an off-campus bookstore to offer the students more used books. Blue Raider tries to compete with Phillips by offering the students a more service-oriented bookstore run by other students.

Price Wars:

A comparison between Blue Raider and MTSU

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Physical Science	\$36.55	\$35.05	\$47.05	\$46.75
Sociology	\$33.60	\$25.25	\$44.80	\$44.80
Mass Comm	\$25.45	\$25.25	\$33.95	\$33.65
Effective Living	\$20.20	\$20.20	\$26.45	\$26.95
Harbrace Handbook	\$16.10	\$15.10	\$21.45	\$20.15
College Algebra	\$35.55	\$34.10	\$46.10	\$45.45
Math (Math 300)	\$34.10	\$32.15	\$45.45	\$42.85
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Board approves tuition increase

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Students will be paying more this year for education than last year after a 7 percent increase in tuition was unanimously passed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

This decision comes after months of discussion and debate. It was barely a month ago that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission recommended the 7 percent fee increase. THEC annually recommends fee increases which are later decided on by the TBR.

This 7 percent increase comes only one year after 1991's five percent tuition increase. Nationwide, tuition increased by 12 percent.

Otis Floyd, chancellor of the TBR, said he supports the increase.

"I believe the 7 percent increase will still give us what we need to take care of those points [access, accountability and quality]."

Vice Chancellor Jim Vadam said he also feels the increase will still make a college education accessible.

"We have always been a low-fee state. We will still try to keep our fees low. We are still low compared to our peer schools."

Floyd said that tuition will still be low enough to guarantee access to anyone who wants to attend a facility of higher education.

University presidents, like MTSU's Dr. James Walker, have said that they will use the

additional money to hire more professors and get better equipment.

"With increased enrollment MTSU has been pressed to add service and more faculty," said Vice President for Academic Affairs James Hindman.

"It [the money] will help us a great deal," he said.

"If you look at this nationally, we're still a good bargain," Hindman said.

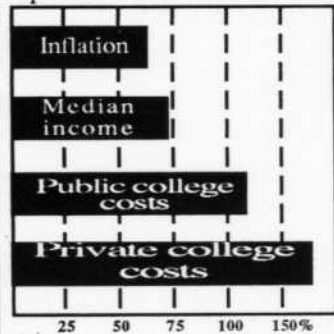
At MTSU, more than \$1.5 million in additional funds will be generated by the tuition increase. Students will pay an increase of \$49 a semester (from \$691 to \$740).

THEC had originally planned to recommend a 9 percent increase, which Floyd said would not have been passed by the TBR, but state legislators asked that increases be kept to a minimum.

In the past three years enrollment at state colleges in Tennessee has increased by 30,000.

The Cost of Education

In percent increase from 1980-1990



Source: College Press Service

Brian Rogers/Artist

Administrators foresee telephone registration

LAURA HARDISON
News Writer

When students think of registration at MTSU, they automatically think of hours of waiting in long lines in the basement of the James Union Building. Yet, if plans for a new system of registration pass, registration will be as easy as picking up the phone.

The plan for implementing telephone registration is already in the works and has only to wait approval from the Board of Regents, says Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie.

Gillespie says the main purpose of this new plan is to benefit the students.

"We want to give to you the convenience of registering from wherever you are in the world at the time you want," Gillespie says. "You will also be able to drop/add at your convenience instead of ours."

The new system is based on voice response technology. A computer program will be hooked up to a voice response machine

that will speak certain phrases, words, and sentences such as "English 111 is closed. Please dial a 3 to choose another course." The system will be programmed to give students all the information a registration worker normally would.

The new system will cost about \$120,000 with additional charges for upgrading the mainframe computer and for purchasing new phone lines.

Despite the high costs, Gillespie says the system will pay for itself after a year in service and will save money in the long run. He also says that he foresees "no additional costs to the students."

The system will be tested on randomly selected students in the spring and it will possibly be used for registering all new freshman during the summer semester and all students by November 1993.

If all goes as planned with the new registration system, officials hope to increase usage of the new technology. For example, it may be used by students to get their grades, financial aid status, and other information.

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MTSU Master Plan steams ahead

CATHY CLISSOLD
News Writer

MTSU could have approval to begin the planning process for several buildings in the first phase of the Master Plan if the state building commission approves the Tennessee Board of Regents proposal on Aug. 27, according to Bill Smotherman, director of the Physical Plant and interim director of Campus Planning.

If the school receives approval, Campus Planning can assign architects and engineers to start planning the buildings, said Smotherman. However, this does not include the Student Recreation Center.

Phase I of the Master Plan does include a Business/Aerospace facility, a new library, a new art facility, nursing facility,

and Student Recreation Center, along with an expansion to the Corlew Hall dining facility and a parking garage at Kirksey Old Main.

The Business/Aerospace facility is still in the planning stages, said Dean Barbara Haskew of the School of Business.

Haskew is also working with Dr. Wallace Maples, chairman of the Aerospace Department, about the new building design.

Associate Dean of Business Dr. Dwight Bullard and Haskew are planning to visit several business programs at other campuses.

The College of Business wants to "incorporate features that other schools have found successful" in the new business program, Haskew said.

The Nursing building will hopefully be completed by

summer 1994, said Judith Wakim, chairperson of the Nursing department.

The nursing department, which is currently located in the Stark Agricultural building, will not have to move too far--the new facility will be located in front of the Agricultural building where there is currently a parking lot.

Wakim, like Haskew and Maples, is also visiting other nursing departments to look at their building designs.

The Art department is currently awaiting approval to begin planning their new facility. They hope to begin planning this fall and complete by March 1993.

Library Director Don Craig is also awaiting approval from the state to begin planning a new library facility.

This month is to be the beginning of the planning and design process for the new

library, said Craig.

After the new library facility is completed, the building in which the current library is located will house Admissions, Records and other student services offices, according to the steps of the Master Plan.

The parking garage behind Kirksey Old Main has currently been put on hold, said Smotherman.

Smotherman also explained that the whole process of Phase I has to be coordinated. After the Business/Aerospace building is completed, faculty with offices in Boutwell Dramatic Arts will move to KOM while the dramatic arts building is being renovated.

The Corlew Hall dining expansion is still in the financing stages, said Smotherman, but the expansion is to be student funded.

The Phase I renovations

include the Keathley University Center, Todd Library, Alumni Gym, Saunders Fine Arts, Stark Agricultural building and Kirksey Old Main. Most renovations cannot begin until after other projects are completed.

For example, the renovation of the agricultural building cannot begin until after the nursing facility is completed. A larger agricultural program will be included in the renovations.

The Master Plan also includes a new Infrastructure Program. This allows for the increased demand on utilities, electricity, drainage and communication services.

The sites for several of the new buildings are located over what are presently drainage ditches. The Master Plan proposes to relocate drainage water to a pond to be located close to Rutherford Boulevard.

Nursing: The first hurdle of Phase I

SAM GANNON
Managing Editor

Initial planning for the new nursing facility should begin this fall since more than \$3 million in funds have already been made available by the Christy-Houston Foundation of Murfreesboro.

The facility would be located in what is now the parking lot on the corner of 2nd Street and B Street, across from Corlew Hall and in front of Stark Agricultural Center.

The building received construction approval in April from the State Building Commission.

The Christy-Houston grant of \$3.15 million will be provided over a period of two or three years. The Foundation, located in Murfreesboro, focuses its attention on improving health care.

"We believe that the best way in which to enhance the quality of health care is to offer the best preparation possible to those who will deliver that care," James R. Arnhart, foundation president, said.

The department of Nursing has been housed in the same building as the agricultural program since its inception in 1966 and uses whatever space is available.

"Nursing has never really had a home on this campus," said Dr. Judith Wakim, nursing department chairperson.

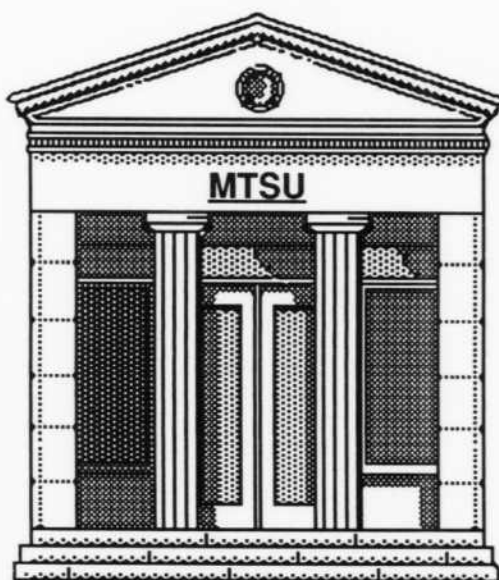
The preplanning phase will take between six and

eight months with construction beginning in spring, said Bill Smotherman, interim director of Campus Planning. "Classes could begin by fall of 1993."

Wakim has already made trips to various Nursing programs on other college campuses with the architects for the facility, McFarland Huitt of Nashville.

The schematic layout of the facility will soon be available. Following this, the design and development process will begin with final plans and bids being taken in spring.

"The nursing building is ahead of them all," said Bill Smotherman, director of the Physical Plant and interim director of Campus Planning.



MASTER PLAN

Phase One of the Master Plan includes:

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New Library

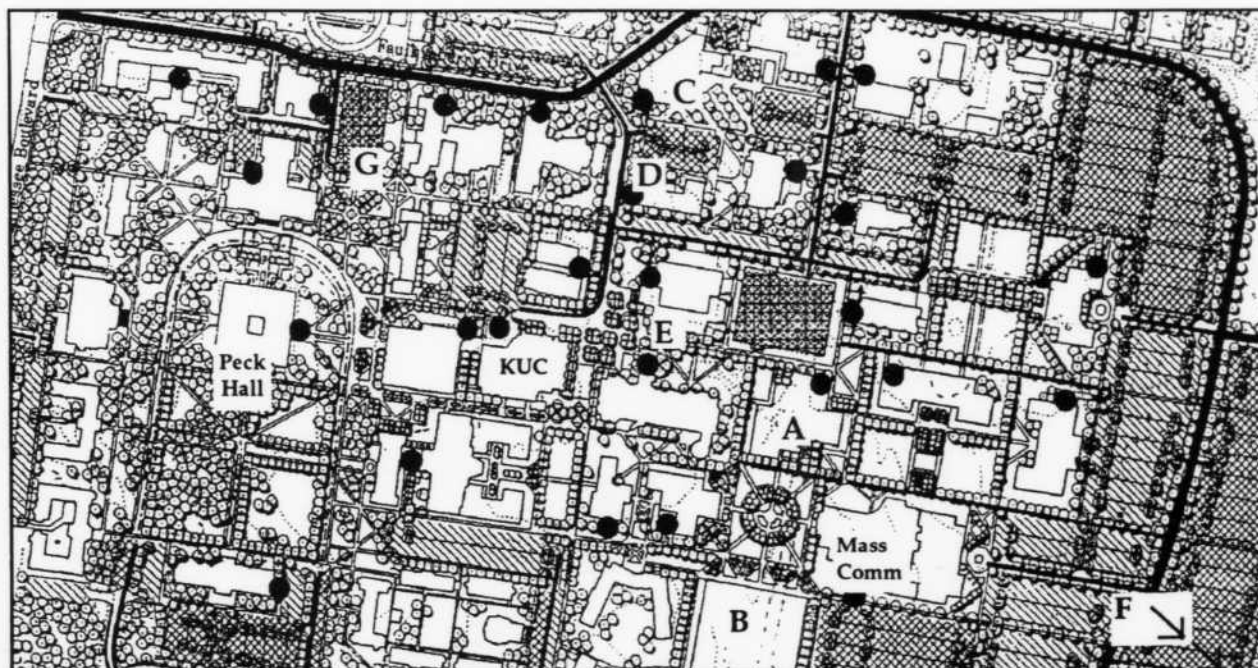
Art Building

Nursing Building

Expansion of Corlew cafeteria

Student Recreation Center

Parking Garage at Kirksey Old Main



LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE: Letters mark locations for new buildings in Phase I of MTSU's Master Plan. A-Business/Aerospace building, B-New Library, C-Art building, D-Nursing building, E-Expansion of Corlew cafeteria, F-Student Rec Center, G-Parking garage at Kirksey Old Main.

Rec Center start date unknown

CATHY CLISSOLD
News Writer

Construction will not begin as planned for the new Student Recreation Center because of delays in state approval, said Director of Campus Recreation Glen Hanley.

An architect was to be named this summer, but this has to wait until consent from the state has been received. Hanley said that he hopes an architect will be named by the fall.

The Campus Planning Office has submitted the necessary requirements to the Tennessee Board of Regents, explained Director of Maintenance Bill Smotherman. The next step is to wait to hear from the state.

Campus Planning was responsible for organizing the

function and definition of the building on campus, the estimated cost and space utilization, and other requirements in the presentation to the state.

Unless there are further delays, construction will begin next summer, said Hanley. Construction will take about two years. The university wants the Center to be operating by the spring of 1995.

The Recreation Center will be located east of family housing and the communications building, and is part of Phase I of the university's Master Plan.

The Recreation Center will be a \$12 million facility of about 100,000 square feet. The Center will contain a weight room and a wellness center, an aerobics room, six basketball courts eight volleyball courts, an Olympic-size indoor pool, an outdoor pool with a sun deck, sand volleyball courts, and equipment check-out.

Hanley said he hopes this will help reduce the number of students going home on the weekends. Tentative hours are 6 a.m. to midnight.

Tennessee Tech has recently opened a smaller facility and they estimate having 1,500 to 1,600 students in the facility a day.

The Center will be run by students, for students. There will be no athletics or academics in the Rec Center. Students will be needed to work at the Center as lifeguards, instructors, and referees.

MTSU president Wallace Prescott approved the proposal for the Rec Center in 1989. In March of 1991 the referendum was approved by the students.

Gilley's government gears up for semester

FERN GREENBANK
Editor-in-Chief

At a time when government isn't viewed favorably, MTSU Student Government Association President Toby Gilley has his work cut out for him.

Gilley has denied charges that the Student Government is merely part of an appeasement policy on the part of administration—allowing students to feel a false sense of being involved in the decision-making process.

"I think a lot of times our proposals get nixed because the administration sees things like low voter turnout...it knows that we [in the student government] will only hold office for a semester and then move on. If the other 17,000 students don't care, then the administration feels it can say no to us," said Gilley.

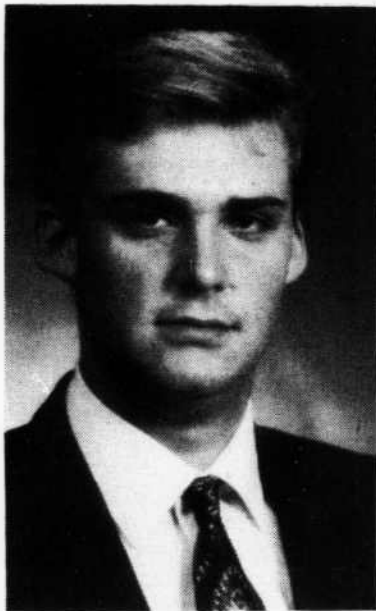
Proposals such as the one for having condom machines in dormitories have faced strong opposition, but the SGA has refused to back down.

"Many times when the students get tired of an issue and want to forget it, then we have no choice but to forget it, too," said Gilley, "but they haven't lost interest in the condom machine issue. It's a matter of principle."

President James Walker has been criticized by some for his perceived administration style—keeping a low profile and delegating responsibilities to vice presidents. Gilley, however, said he likes Walker's style.

"Sam Ingram had to have his hand in everything on campus," said Gilley. "Dr. Walker is a quiet leader."

Gilley, a graduate student, said that this semester's student

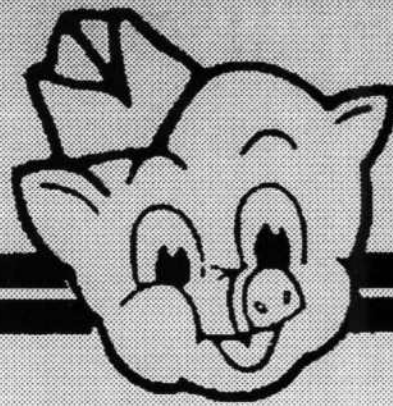


TOBY GILLEY

legislature is one of the strongest ever assembled. He said he plans to work with the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature to fine-tune proposals and procedures.

The SGA is already planning its agenda for the upcoming semester. Some of the issues to be confronted are:

- Removing F grades from transcripts if a student repeats a course with a passing grade.
- Working closer with the Tennessee Board of Regents student representative in order to be heard when the TBR considers proposals which affect students.
- Installing condom machines in dormitories.
- A fall break proposal which would allow students several days off either at Thanksgiving or mid-October.
- Longer library hours.
- Institution of a morale committee headed by MTSU's mascot Eddie Johnston. The committee is aimed at encouraging greater involvement in campus organizations, Student Program-ming Friday afternoon concerts, sporting events, academic clubs, etc.



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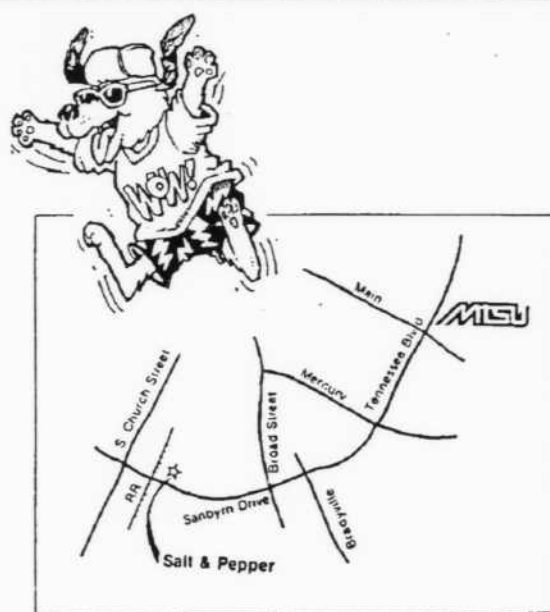
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News Editorial

Politics heat up as election draws near

CHARLES ALY
Opinion Writer

The following political update is for those who have been on safari and those for whom Sidelines is their only source of news...

The summer of 1992 has seen strange happenings in the world of presidential politics. H. Ross Perot turned the campaign upside-down with his candidacy. However, his withdrawal did not put the race back on four wheels. In fact, the role-reversal the Democrats and Republicans have conducted has left the race looking eerily like a low-budget sci-fi movie about brain transplants.

Billionaire Perot, whose straightforward approach to the country's problems inspired so much hope, dropped his campaign in July without warning. Citing the resurgence of the Democratic party, Perot concluded he could not win the race outright and ended the campaign so as not to send the election into the House of Representatives. Privately, however, Perot admitted that ruthless media attacks were a major factor in his decision.

With Perot out of the running, both the remaining candidates scrambled to entice disgruntled Perot supporters. President Bush ended his vicious attacks on Perot and called the former candidate within hours of his announcement. Perot and his supporters were suddenly praised by the president for changing the face of politics in America.

The nomination of Tennessee Senator Al Gore as Bill Clinton's running mate focused attention on Vice President Dan Quayle. As he

is prone to do when the spotlight is on, Quayle gaffed on the Larry King show by admitting he would support his daughter's right to choose if she became pregnant. The Republican damage control was led by Marilyn Quayle, promising that their daughter would have no such choice. However, the damage was done and the polls showed public support for Quayle as the president's running mate at an all time low.

The VP insists he is an asset to the ticket and let it be known that he has no intention of stepping down. The president remained publicly loyal to Quayle, while GOP leaders urged Quayle to step down. One former GOP official urged Bush to step aside, revealing the discontent among Republicans with the state of the nation.

Vigorous economic recovery has yet to be seen and, as unemployment increases, George Bush sees his approval ratings plummet. His indecisiveness in the face of domestic crisis has focused the anger of the public on the president. Bush, whose strength has been foreign policy, is now facing a re-emerging problem in Iraq and a modern-day holocaust in Bosnia that looks to be a major quagmire. His action on these matters is sure to be scrutinized.

Politically, the president has been courting the right-wing support that was taken for granted in elections past. His staunch conservative positions on abortion and family values have left the moderate voters that Ronald Reagan accessed in '80 and '84 out of his game plan.

With the GOP in disarray, it is
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Editor's Corner

A new beginning...

It's going to be a great year. How do I know? Well, I don't know, I believe, and believing is the soil from which possibilities sprout into reality.

That's the approach the new and improved *Sidelines* is going to take this semester. We're forced to report the bad news, enrollment is up and budgets are down, but there is more to this university than just administration and faculty. There are students—the most important element in the university structure. Somewhere along the line, education fell on the priority list.

The *Sidelines* is committed to covering more academic-related news this semester. To tell you the truth, it's hard to find academic-related news. Money and faculty and administration and buildings seem to be foremost in the minds of those who are in charge.

We may not be in charge of decision making at the university, but we are charged with the responsibility of reporting the news accurately and fairly. Inherent in that responsibility is also choosing what is news, and that's where things are going to change.

Your help is needed. In this back-to-school issue opinions section you will find re-prints of editorials from summer issues. They cover topics from condoms to politics. We need your input in response to these issues. We want to know what you think about Bill Clinton and Al Gore and how you feel about abortion and we want your opinion of the quality of education you're receiving here.

In order for us to make this newspaper reflect your views, we must know what your views are. We ask that you join us in our commitment by using the newspaper as a communication link. Let us know what you think about academic programs and what you think we are lacking. Ideas mean nothing if they stay between ears.

Take advantage of this opportunity. The newspaper has not always been staffed by such a group of hard-working students as it is right now. It's a good time to start a tradition of excellence, both in terms of quality in the newspaper and in terms of student involvement with the newspaper. It's the only avenue for expression on this campus which cannot be censored.

We run the newspaper for you. We're taking this responsibility seriously. We hope you'll be proud of it and take part in the new tradition we're trying to establish — a great newspaper run by students, for students.

- Fern Greenbank
Editor-in-Chief

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Sidelines 101: A crash course in how to read your 'new' campus newspaper

Well, what do you think of the new and improved version of *Sidelines*?

Maybe I'm just a little too optimistic, but I think we've begun to gain just a smidgeon of credibility over the last year. OK, there were a few misspelled headlines and typos over the summer but the coverage is getting better and the design is coming along nicely. We're making a concerted effort to decrease the amount of errors so that you will be able to take pride in your campus newspaper.

The *Sidelines* staff has worked hard over the last few months to create a newspaper that will better meet the students' needs. We need your input to know if we're on the right track.

Please bear with us while we diligently work toward improving your campus news source. It is our hope that we will be able to make the newspaper a link between the students and the university. We want this paper to be your voice.

A brief explanation of the new design follows this editorial. We don't want to insult your intelligence by appearing to explain how to read a newspaper. We just wanted to highlight some of the changes in this edition of the new *Sidelines*. We welcome your comments.

THE CHANGES

Overall, we hope you will find the new *Sidelines* style cleaner, neater, and easier to read. We're using reverse black and white style for standard areas and we're experimenting with graphics, scanning and artwork.

The print used for headlines is a drastic change for the *Sidelines* and we can only hope you'll agree with us that this style is more modern and attractive.

FRONT PAGE

Perhaps the biggest change lies in the news section. Rather than digging through the newspaper trying to find continuations of front page articles, you simply flip the paper over to the newly-created "Second Front" which appears on the back. Here you will find the conclusion to all front page articles.

Lauri Beasley, our trusty copy editor, has bravely agreed to serve as News Editor. We think Lauri brings commitment and maturity with her and the news department will reflect those qualities.

We welcome to the *Sidelines* staff a fresh group of news writers. Over the summer, this group has proven their commitment to the new newspaper and you'll soon see a

better grade of reporting. Talent on this campus has been grossly underutilized in the past.

PAGE TWO

Page two is reserved for Campus Capsule (in a new easier-to-read-format) with a submission form to clip out. On this page we will also run the telephone number of the new *Sidelines*' Hotline, designed for students who want to report news tips or concerns and to respond to editorials.

Campus Crimes will be found on page two as will news briefs from the College Press Service. We think the press service allows students an opportunity to follow the activities of fellow campuses and to see how MTSU compares in the big picture.

FEATURES

The features section has been split into two parts. It's sister branch is now Entertainment. Bethlyn Anderson, senior journalism major, has graciously agreed to serve as the features editor. As you may remember, Bethlyn was the main contributor to the Spring semester feature

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QUESTION & ANSWER

with Rebecca Ruck

Do you think condom machines should be available to students on campus?

"I think they should be made readily available. Saying condoms promote sex is like saying that airbags promote car accidents."

John Banks
Psychology major
Junior



"Yes, I think they should. Because students don't always want to go to the Health Services to get the condoms, and this way they can do it in their own private and personal time, instead of having to go to a nurse and ask for some condoms. The student might feel kind of funny asking a nurse, it would be like asking your mom."

Stephanie Bryant
Radio/TV major
Junior



"Most definitely. In this age where there is so much promiscuous activity, I think if you are old enough to attend college you are old enough to make the decision to protect yourself when you do have sex. I think it's better to have protection available."

Tina Shaw
Journalism major
Senior



"Yes, in the bathrooms but not out in the open. Some people are scared to go to the stores and buy protection. It should be where students can get it if they do need it."

La Donna Patton
Accounting
Senior



"Sure, I don't see why not. It's something that is necessary for college students now. I don't see why we shouldn't have them on campus."

Joseph Todd
Undeclared major
Sophomore



"Sure. This place treats people like a bunch of kindergartners. The students should be allowed to make their own decisions. There are cigarette machines available on campus, so why shouldn't there be condom machines? This is the real world, folks. If you want to sit at home and let Mom and Dad tell you what to do, stay home."

Rich Evirs
TV Production major
Senior



"Yes, they should be made available to all students. It's a lot easier to find it here on campus in the bathroom than it is to drive down to Jim Dandy."

Mike Gober
Informations Systems
Senior



CONTROVERSY CORNER

by Charles Aly

You have just arrived or returned to an MTSU campus that is a remarkable microcosm of our nation. This university, like this country, must deal with many crucial problems and issues if it is to be as successful in the future as it has been in the past.

In this column, I will attempt to bring a new perspective to university, local, national and world issues that will, hopefully, stimulate your concern, provoke your debate and inspire your action. Off the top of my head, here are some issues you will read about in this column every week:

The abortion controversy resides on this campus in the form of a pro-life sociology professor who will not let us forget what a divisive issue abortion is. We are also at the center of the education crisis—as our tuition increases, we see the university limit services in many crucial areas. Other hot topics include: the presidential election, government in general, the media, those selfish baby boomers, student apathy, and, of course, parking.

Now that you have an idea of what to expect in the coming weeks, I am going to tackle an issue that is near and dear to your wallet.

When you paid your fees for this semester, many of you probably noticed the \$50 debt service fee and wondered what in the world you were paying for. Please, read on and allow me to tell the story of a powerful self-serving lobby, politicians out of touch with their constituents, wasteful government spending and a confused population being given the shaft. (Sounds familiar, doesn't it?)

The lobby I refer to is Campus Recreation which put together a slick promotional campaign in the spring of 1991 for the then-proposed Student Recreation Center (the shaft). The facility they came up with is basically a modern day health club complete with a sun deck, pools, a climbing wall and other modern gadgetry. It would be paid for by students (hence the \$35 jump in the debt service fee) who would enjoy free access.

This Rec Center (shaft) was not designed to fill any academic or student fitness needs. No survey was conducted to determine whether students felt a need for this facility, no figures were presented to the showing that current facilities were over-used, or even used at all.

But the Campus Rec lobby did not have the welfare of the student in mind when it put this \$12 million dollar fiasco on a student referendum. I can only speculate that the Campus Recreation staff wanted a pretty, new building to work in and were willing to make us (the confused student population) pay for it. They even used university funds to pay for the promotion of their pet project.

Just wait, it gets worse!

The student government, led by then-president Todd Burnett, supported the Rec Center. *Sidelines* allowed supporters to write guest columns urging students to vote for the referendum, while not asking the probing questions we depend on the media to ask. In fact, when I looked back at the issues of *Sidelines* written at

the time I saw HUGE headlines warning students of impending budget cuts interspersed with commentary praising the multi-million dollar (shaft) Rec Center.

So, the students only heard good news. They heard about the neat, new toys they would get to play with, and they saw that it was good. They weren't asked to really think about the proposal and so they didn't care. They also didn't vote.

The Campus Rec supporters did, though, and so did student government. Together, with the help of some Greek organizations, they amassed an overwhelming majority of 1,027 people.

That's right, 1,027! Less than 7 percent (read that number again) of MTSU's students are responsible for the \$35 increase in the debt service fee that you paid.

So, I read in the next issue of *Sidelines* that I was one of only 589 students to vote against the (shaft) Rec Center. I was hysterically P.O.'ed (an emotion that is obviously foreign to me) and fired off a letter to *Sidelines* saying same.

Eventually, I calmed down. I realized that the proposed center would have to clear all manners of bureaucratic review including the university president before being approved. Surely, someone with an objective viewpoint would overrule the students.

Unfortunately, that didn't happen; and the next time I heard about the Rec Center, I was paying for it.

Believe it or not, it's not the money that bothers me. I would be perfectly happy contributing \$35 per semester to a facility that would improve the quality of education. I would be proud to be a member of the student body that paid for library expansion out of its own pocket. Instead, I'm paying for a silly toy that is, by Campus Recreation's own admission, merely a social gathering place. (NEWSFLASH: A nightclub is a heck-of-a-lot cheaper!)

However, the most disgusting thing about this whole situation is an apparent abuse of power. The Campus Recreation staff, with all of the organization and resources of this university, used school funds to convince the students to pay for a building that only they (Campus Rec) wanted. This is obscenely irresponsible!

But let them do it to us and now we're all paying for it. Now that the center has been approved and funded, Campus Rec tells us that they will probably charge admission anyway. SURPRISE, SURPRISE, SURPRISE!!! We could have saved our \$35 per semester and gone to any number of local health clubs!

Is it too late to kill this beast? SGA President Toby Gilley doesn't think so. He is looking for ways to prevent the planning from going any further. But, he could probably use a little encouragement. The powers that be are remarkably easy to reach at this university, and a little student input will go a long way. Call the SGA at 898-2464 or write to me at *Sidelines*, Box 42, and get in your two cents worth. Who knows? You might get a \$35 rebate.

Next week students will tell you what they think are the best and worst aspects of MTSU

Summer of '92: A hodge podge of opinions

Everything I ever needed to know, I didn't learn in kindergarten...

Well, I spent my first week as editor sifting through rumor and opinions and facts. I called my most trusted journalism professor David Badger and consulted with the student publications adviser. I sought the advice of faculty members. I even called my mother and didn't ask for money. All of this was done in an effort to accurately and fairly report the facts surround the administrative changes taking place on campus and the circumstances surrounding those changes without interjecting my opinion.

What I had hoped would be the first of many positive editorials has turned into something entirely different. After a crash course in journalistic ethics, I have come to some conclusions this week — both of which center around basic principles (the ones my mother told me I would understand when I grew up).

1. Just because something is legal, that doesn't make it right.

I know that it is often necessary for people in leadership positions, like that of President Walker, to make changes in personnel so they can implement their visions. I had the opportunity to hire the staff which I felt comfortable with at *Sidelines* when I became editor. Some of my choices have been unpopular; others have been well received. So, I have compassion for Dr. Walker because sometimes even if your heart is in the right place and your intentions are honorable, if people don't like your method, your message is never heard.

2. You should respect your elders — but only if they give you something to respect (sorry Mom; I altered your advice).

If students are to show deference to those in positions of authority, shouldn't those in authority consider how their actions are being perceived by people who look up to them?

As many parents will attest, even if you tell children to do as you say and not as you do, they will still emulate your behavior. It's just human nature.

So, if students enter the university hoping to find a learning environment full of culture and a feeling of community, stability and a shared goal among the citizens of this small "city of education" only to find that those in charge think it's a business instead of a university, then they will emulate those in charge. The bottom line translation of all of this for a student is, "just get the diploma and get out of here." It ceases to be a place of learning and becomes a place of business.

Now I doubt Dr. Walker means to transform the university into a multi-billion dollar corporation, but the point is MTSU is a place to learn, not only from books but from the people who make up this family of educators, students and administrators. If the feelings I've heard from a variety of "family members" this week are an indicator, I would have to say we have become one big "dysfunctional family."

I think families should think long and hard before they split up. They should make every effort to work out their differences. Maybe we should add a new administrative position, Vice President of "Family" Affairs.

- Fern Greenbank
Editor-in-Chief

Learning to think for yourself...

My father said that all ethnic groups were inferior. He didn't like the Catholics and he didn't like the Jews. He had no tolerance for the Democrats or the poor or the rich for that matter. He told me I was a Methodist and a Republican. He also said children were a burden.

I understand now that my father's bigotry was instilled in him but my instincts told me there was something inherently wrong with hating people who were different than myself. That was hard to do, considering I only knew who my father told me to be and not who I really was.

The ability to indoctrinate and socialize is by far the most powerful position to be in—and it starts in the home. People say the media influences our beliefs, politicians manipulate our minds, and churches instill morals. However, I think in many cases parents hold the key.

Even if parents do not try to instill bigotry, as my father did, there still comes a time when you start to wonder whether you truly believe who you say you are or whether you're simply repeating what you've been told. This doesn't mean your parents or other influences are wrong, it just means that you need to stop and think about what you're told instead of accepting it.

Attending college is a time when you start to think for yourself. Before long, you'll undoubtedly hear that the major goal in college courses is to teach you to be a critical thinker. When you take a literature course and start to write a paper on your interpretation, you'll find that each person in the class understands the literature in a different way, and no one opinion can be deemed truly correct. You will also be able to question political

beliefs here, and your ethics will come into play more often than you may think.

It doesn't matter whether you are young or old, college is still a place that encourages self-introspection—looking inside yourself and trying to figure out what you REALLY believe. It's difficult to feel passionate or committed about something you don't truly understand or believe in; and, without passion and commitment, life isn't very meaningful.

Parents can't help but pass on their ideas to children, but isn't freedom of choice the most important idea to impart? Dare we challenge our parents or the authorities that have influenced us? Can we, as adults, now step away from a lifetime of indoctrination and make our own decisions? We may decide we agree with others and we may become even more committed to our beliefs. We may also decide that we can no longer go along with something that goes against our better judgment.

I'm proof that sometimes self-thinking is better than following the given path. Had I continued to believe what I was told, I would be as bigoted as he was. I can say now that he was wrong about many things—and in all fairness, he was right about a few things, too.

While I may have been a burden to my father as a child, this university has given me the time and space as an adult to think about how important each person is—even if their opinions are different from mine. Seize this opportunity to experiment with ideas. You may get off the beaten track for a while, but it's the road less traveled that sometimes leads you to the place you want to be.

- Fern Greenbank
Editor-in-Chief

Clinton, Gore and the old blue spruce tree...

I don't think I'm alone in my state of disillusionment.

Jobs are hard to find. The overall quality of life has declined. Faith in the government seems nonexistent. The environment is slowly being destroyed. Yet it's human nature to cling to hope, and hope will manifest itself differently in each person. Last week, for millions of Americans like myself, hope took shape in the form of Sen. Al Gore Jr.

A large number of voters are struggling to make a decision before the November presidential election. Many have long held commitments to candidates or parties. Many are still unsure. Some, like myself, made a decision but still didn't feel quite comfortable with that decision. However, with the addition of Al

Gore to Bill Clinton's ticket, my decision now feels more like an intelligent choice than a struggle.

Mario Cuomo recalled a poignant story for an article in *Time* which presents a good analogy. Cuomo remembers that as a child, he and his family returned home one day to find their majestic 20-foot blue spruce tree ripped from its base by the storm. The tree teetered precariously with its roots exposed. Cuomo says his father very calmly said, "O.K., we gonna push 'im up?"

The family proceeded to tie ropes around the tree and hoist it upright. Cuomo's father dug the hole deeper for the roots to spread out and tethered the tree down with more rope, placing rocks over the newly packed dirt to keep the tree in place. What

seemed like a hopeless situation was merely a matter of one man's unwavering positive attitude.

To this day, Cuomo remembers, you can drive by his old family home, in front of which stands a now 60-foot blue spruce, "pointing straight up to the heavens, pretending it never had its nose in the asphalt."

This is a tale of hope, or at least I believe that is what Cuomo meant for it to be. It proves that against the odds, all it takes is a commitment to turn things around, to not give up, to believe an obstacle can be overcome, to want to watch the tree grow again.

Our tree has toppled, that seems fairly clear. America the grand old spruce has its nose pointed toward the asphalt. I have asked myself, what would Ross

Perot do with the tree? I think he would cut it up and sell it off at a nice little profit. What would George Bush do? He would undoubtedly call Boris Yeltsin and see if he wanted to have a summit to discuss the tree's future. Dan Quayle would probably say that God had stricken the tree as retribution for a loss of American family values.

I truly believe that Gov. Bill Clinton and Senator Al Gore Jr. would roll up their sleeves in the pouring rain as did Mario Cuomo's father. They would ask the American people to help them hoist the tree back to its rightful place. They wouldn't hesitate to stand by the tree day after day, nurturing it back to health.

Al Gore Jr. added the extra set of strong hands needed to boost the old blue spruce upright.

Clinton knew he couldn't do it alone so he asked someone capable, not a candidate who would look weak beside him in an effort to make himself look stronger. The two represent a team—unlike any other team in history. They're young. They have the strength and vitality, the courage, commitment and patriotism that it will take to revive the ailing tree. They're not perfect. They don't profess to be.

When Clinton and Gore are given the job of rebuilding this country, I think there will be millions of Americans willing to dig in their heels and help provide a firm foundation so that the roots of the old blue spruce can spread out and take hold again.

- Fern Greenbank
Editor-in-Chief

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AND PRO-LIFER/ PROFESSOR DON SCHNELLER.

Changes:

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section and she brings a pretty unique perspective and a lot of enthusiasm to the newspaper.

ENTERTAINMENT

The long-awaited Entertainment Section has finally arrived. This new section is the brainchild of public relations major Sam Gannon. The new section will feature everything from book reviews to profiles of local bands to record reviews and concert spotlights. It will contain photo spreads and movie reviews as well as features on campus entertainers. Our hope is that if students are aware of the multitude of campus activities that occur on the weekends, they will be less likely to continue the mass exodus out of town and stay to enjoy the great entertainment in this area.

OPINIONS

The Opinions section is my personal favorite. This year, we're trying something new. Rather than run a consensus in the left-hand

corner, the corner will be the editor's opinion. It is almost impossible to assemble an editorial board on a student newspaper because of scheduling difficulties. I decided it wasn't fair to make the *Sidelines* staff take the heat for my opinions. You're encouraged to respond to the Editor's Corner by calling the new hotline number.

We will be running a "Controversy Corner" in the Thursday editions, written by our own Charles Aly. Charles will write on a variety of topics, and like the Editor's Corner, his opinions will clearly be his own and not that of the *Sidelines*.

In the Monday editions we will be providing a question and answer column. Rebecca Ruck, our roving reporter, will roam the campus asking students for their opinion on timely topics. A balanced selection of answers will be printed.

But most importantly, Letters to the Editor will remain the focal point of the opinions section. Last

Spring under the direction of Editor Terry Massey, the opinions section saw the beginning of a great relationship between the newspaper and the students. We hope you'll continue to use the *Sidelines* as an avenue for expression.

SPORTS

Sports Editor, Tony Arnold, has had the unenviable task of reporting on the trials and tribulations of the MTSU sports program and will keep you informed as the situation progresses. Tony is committed to covering a wider range of campus activities to include campus recreation, intramural sports and lesser known sanctioned sports. If you had any idea how much time Tony spends attending sporting events you'd undoubtedly have a new appreciation for the term "underpaid."

So, that's it in a nutshell. Happy reading.

- Fern Greenbank
Editor-in-Chief

Politics:

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the Democrats who have emerged as a surprisingly strong contender. Nominee Bill Clinton seems to have a moderate course for his campaign and with a post-convention jump in the polls, he has held a commanding lead over the president. His heartland bus tours have inspired even the cynical press corps as thousands of Americans have waited hours to show the candidate their concern for their country.

Clinton has claimed the middle of the road position that is usually Republican territory. The candidate has proven to be more than the lesser of two evils with a concrete plan of action that the president lacks. Clinton was called "reckless" by the president for proposing air strikes in former Yugoslavia, but the president soon echoed that position, giving Clinton some credibility in foreign matters.

The Democrats look

remarkably like winners while the GOP shoots itself in the foot—leaving the public to wonder how they won three elections in a row. The only thing that could make this election summer stranger is if Frank Zappa emerged as the front-runner. There is still a lot of time until November, plenty of time for Clinton to stumble and Bush to recover.

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Condoms make sense in reality-based world

I'd like to think that every person is important to someone. Every person is someone's child or parent or spouse or friend. If that is true, then we can assume that when a person dies, someone will grieve for them. I don't want to be the person who dies and I don't want to be the one left grieving over the loss of someone I love.

If my mother dies of cancer because she smokes, I will not have loved her any less. If my father dies because he drinks too much, I won't feel any less saddened. And if a friend of mine dies because she had unprotected sex and contracted AIDS, I will still be devastated by the loss.

We warn people not to smoke, but we still sell cigarettes. We warn people about the dangers of alcohol, yet we sell liquor. But when it comes to sex, what are we supposed to do? We can't outlaw sex. It's not like smoking or drinking; it is part of human nature and cannot be taken off the market—although some people would like to think we can.

I think that if we focus on teaching young children the value of abstinence from this point forward, there might be a return to greater restraint.

There might come a day when people will not engage in high risk sexual activity until their partners have been tested for HIV. That should be the goal. But in the meantime, we have to be realistic.

I don't have children, but I have a 2-year-old nephew that I love more than anything in the world. Even if my sister starts right now explaining to Brian how important it is to wait until he's married to have sex, there is still a chance that he might make a mistake. He may take his college sweetheart out for a romantic evening, and thinking that he is in love and the night so special, give in to the moment.

What if he feels the confusion and ambivalence that many young men feel and he just can't bring himself to go to the local convenience store, stand in front of a line of people, and ask the clerk for condoms? What if there is no condom machine in his dormitory where he can buy them in privacy?

Or, what if he has made the decision not to have sex until he's married so he isn't prepared, only to decide at the last minute that he doesn't want to wait and then he can't

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Boycott of Schneller classes an option

Over the summer we were forced to witness the antics of MTSU Sociology professor Donald Schneller as he ran for the 6th Congressional District seat. We also watched as HPERS professor Powell McClellan decided to sue MTSU in an effort to overturn a guilty ruling on charges accusing him of sexual harassment. These two incidents set me to thinking about the faculty at MTSU.

I know tenure was designed to allow professors freedom to investigate alternative ways of teaching and to provide a secure position so they could express their opinions without fear of reprisal. I have mixed feelings about tenure, however, because it can also be used as a tool to get away with inappropriate and sometimes offensive behavior.

Education is a commodity and students are the consumers, correct? Why is it, then, that we have no recourse if we receive a poor product? If a consumer buys a television and it fails to live up to its claims, that consumer can get a refund or at least get the thing fixed.

What happens when students receive a poor education? Can we ask for a refund? I don't see why not. The university claims that if we show up for class, work hard, get involved, be curious and willing to learn, then we will receive a diploma and be off into the "real world" with a distinct advantage.

The problem is that the university also claims the education we receive will be one of quality. Perhaps this is where we get off track. If you, as a student, do everything that is required of you and yet still you do not receive an adequate education, shouldn't you have some avenue of reparation?

I began to wonder if students had any say in their education other than course selection. What happens if one professor teaches the only section of a course which is required for graduation and a student has strong objections to the manner in which



a professor conducts himself or to the content of the course?

Personally, I would not get within 10 feet of Powell McClellan because I think he lacks remorse for his behavior toward students. I certainly wouldn't sit through a class with Dr. Schneller as he shoved pictures of aborted fetuses in my face. I know I would have an all-out verbal brawl with Dr. Robert McMurray, the sociology professor who claims there is no homeless problem in Rutherford County and yet volunteers his time at the Homeless Mission.

However, I am a journalism major and I don't need McClellan or McMurray or Schneller in order to graduate. I did, however, find the format for the required Graphics 301 course under the steel eye of Donald Hill so archaic and absurd that I petitioned for, and was granted, a substitution course.

Now I'm all for freedom of expression and I love it when professors challenge you to think critically, explore new ways of thinking and learn to express reasons for your beliefs. There are many students like myself who genuinely relish a difficult course, but difficult and pointless are two entirely different things.

Students cannot possibly be getting the most education for their money in an environment where the professor lacks communication skills, is so burnt out that he just spits out lectures

in a lulling monotone or is verbally abusive and discriminatory.

I called Dr. James Hindman, vice president of Academic Affairs, to see what action students could take if they found themselves in an intolerable situation, unable to receive a proper education because of the classroom structure or environment.

Hindman's office replied that this decision should be made by individual departments. I called Dr. Peter Heller, chair of the College of Liberal Arts, and asked him whether or not students who found Dr. Don Schneller offensive would be forced to enroll in one of his classes.

Heller said, "No." Is this great or what? Heller says he would first encourage students to work out their differences with an instructor and then if all else failed, he would be willing to discuss the problem and take proper action. If a student absolutely could not tolerate the behavior of a professor like, oh, say Dr. Schneller, then they would be accommodated. In short, you can boycott people like Schneller, McClellan and McMurray if you want to. The practice isn't encouraged, but it can be done.

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Reality:

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get condoms from Health Services because they aren't open?

Should he have to risk dying just because he wasn't perfect? Did my sister not do her job as a parent properly because she couldn't force her child to not have sex? Do I have to lose that precious young man just because someone decided for him that he should not have private access to the one thing that could save his life?

Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs, has decided that condom machines should not be placed in the dormitories because they are available at Health Services (during business hours) and at convenience stores (stocked behind the counter). He also said that "other schools weren't doing it." So why should we?

There are several arguments to support LaLance's decision, none of which I think are valid.

First, it has been suggested that students should be prepared and stock up on condoms. However, if a person has a large supply of condoms, they are perceived as promiscuous and out for one thing. Young people today still have to deal with peer pressure, and young men and women don't want to believe it can happen to them, so they just aren't going to stock up on condoms. It isn't a smart attitude, but again, should people die because they aren't perfect? Do you want someone you love to die because they made a mistake?

As mentioned earlier, condoms are available at Health Services and at convenience stores. Most young people simply are not at a point in their lives where they want to

announce to the world that they are going to buy condoms. They're embarrassed—it's that simple.

Women are self-conscious when they have to buy tampons at the grocery store. The idea of buying condoms is out of the question for some. Again, it may seem stupid to LaLance, but I doubt he would want his children to die of AIDS because they were too embarrassed to purchase condoms and someone took away the opportunity to obtain them in private.

I'm annoyed by the accusations that to support the placement of condom machines in dorms is to support promiscuity. I think abortion is wrong, but I also don't want women to die from botched abortions. I think we should focus on teaching men and women responsibility, but we also have to be mature enough and open-minded enough to realize that people will die if we try to force moral perfection on everyone.

I wish that people would wait until they were married to have sex. I wish that people would talk to their partners about past sexual experiences and ask their partners to be tested for AIDS. I hope that parents will be able to instill values in their children and those children will in turn act responsibly. But, for the last time, I don't want anyone else to die because society decided that death was just punishment for making a mistake.

Think about it. What if we were all sentenced to die for one mistake? We'd all be dead, wouldn't we?

- Fern Greenbank
Editor-in-Chief

Boycott:

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lifetime, it will probably not change. The good news is, if you are willing to take charge of your life and insist on a QUALITY EDUCATION, not just any kind of education, then there is hope.

Now I'll probably get a lot of flack for advocating a boycott, but I really believe that you should have some voice when it comes to the quality of your education. After all, this is a commodity for which students must pay. Though I'm near graduation, I will do anything to encourage students not to suffer through some of the most intolerable and unbelievable classroom environments like a few that I've had.

There's no question that the basic premise of tenure was honorable. Over time, however, the guiding principals behind it have eroded and we're left with a tenure track taking students on a ride to nowhere. Unfortunate as it is, some faculty take advantage of the tenure system either to embarrass the university with outlandish behavior or to simply slowly burn out and wait for retirement.

We have some outstanding faculty here who use their secure tenure position to be innovative and committed. They suffer too from the likes of Schneller, McClellan and McMurray.

The worst part is, the value of our education is diminished because the reputation of MTSU dwindles each time we're forced to tolerate the off-the-wall behavior of a few. If we cannot rid ourselves of the bad apples, let's at least make a name for ourselves by being a student body courageous enough to demand our money's worth.

Just think. . . if it catches on, the university will be forced to do something. MTSU can either take action when appropriate or pay a professor to stand in front of a room full of empty chairs. We pay now. They pay later. It seems only fair.

- Fern Greenbank
Editor-in-Chief

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Fortunately, MTSU offers organizations for students of all types to become involved with—organizations that provide opportunities for leadership training, fine tuning of skills in your field of study and for making invaluable contacts for future use.

Some say that the "college experience" is a thing

of the past. That isn't necessarily true. While the make-up of the student body has become more diverse, the university still provides ample opportunity to create your own "college experience," one that will fit specific needs and limitations.

The *Sidelines* offered space to any student organization that wanted to share their program with the student body. On the following two pages, you'll find information from groups that responded. We hope you'll read through them and even if you don't find something that appeals to you, maybe you'll notice the wide range of organizations and be inspired to contact Dean Hays' office for more information.

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Right to Life Chapter

We have all seen and heard much about the abortion issue lately. Now is the time to be informed and take action.

For those of you who support the pro-life movement, the MTSU Right to Life chapter is planning many activities for the coming year. The chapter will be getting a speaker to lead a Rally for Life this fall. The chapter plans to be involved in life chains and sponsor a booth at the street fair. All those concerned about the unborn can find information through the chapter to respond to legislative alerts. Call 890-8583 for more information. Meeting times will be announced in the coming issues of *Sidelines*.

Dairy Science Club

The Dairy Science Club aids in the coordination of a complete agricultural program at MTSU, provides adequate representation for MTSU students interested in any part of the dairy industry, and promotes the MTSU Agriculture Department and Dairy Laboratories through participation in dairy activities. Membership is encouraged for any MTSU student or faculty member who is interested in the dairy industry.

The club sponsors several social and professional activities. Assistance is provided to dairy functions in the Tennessee Livestock Center. The club participates in several intramural sports, and members enjoy social fellowships. Scholarships are sponsored by the club. The dairy judging team is sponsored by the club.

The Dairy Science Club is a relatively recent addition to the academic student clubs in the Agriculture Department. It has rapidly become one of the more active clubs and provided positive support to the department.

Chemical Society

The MTSU Chemical Society is a Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society. Meetings of the society are held at 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month during the regular school semesters.

The Chemistry Club affords an opportunity for students of chemistry, chemical engineering and related disciplines to become better acquainted. The club attempts to secure the intellectual stimulation that arises from professional association and to foster an awareness of the responsibilities and challenges of the modern chemist. Membership is not strictly limited to chemistry majors and minors. All those interested in increasing their knowledge of chemistry and chemistry-related topics are encouraged to attend our meetings.

The club frequently sponsors guest lecturers. These lectures are presented on a level which non-chemistry oriented persons can understand.

Other special events with which the Chemistry Club is involved are National Chemistry Week, the annual Student Affiliate Meeting of the American Chemical Society, the Chemistry Club picnic and various other outings.

Omega Phi Alpha

Omega Phi Alpha National Service Sorority was formed in June 1967.

Omega Phi Alpha was formed on the principles of friendship, leadership, and service. This past year members were involved in raising money for the American Red Cross, collecting food for the food bank, assisting with Special Olympics, helping with a Halloween Party at Covenant House Children's home, adopting a highway and several other projects.

OPA fellowship activities include scavenger hunts, a Halloween party, banana split party, pizza parties and much more. Through fellowship the sisterhood is strengthened.

In OPA, many different people are brought together—people of diverse backgrounds, interests and needs. OPA is not a sorority that looks for or encourages conformity to some standard or a certain "type" of member. All students who meet the basic eligibility requirements and believe in the purpose of the sorority are welcome. OPA Rush will be Sept. 15-17. For further information contact Faith Wiseman at 898-3635.

Eta Gamma Chapter

The MTSU Eta Gamma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will celebrate a monumental occasion in the fall semester of 1992.

Twenty years ago, on Dec. 2, 1972, the chapter initiated its first pledge class, "The First Thirteen." That initiation marked the formation of the first black Greek-letter organization on this campus. These astute black men overcame the racial tension of the period and went on to make their contributions to society after graduation. They are indeed pioneers and role models to the undergraduate Greek-letter organizations of today.

During this semester, Kappa Alpha Psi will continue to strive for achievement and excellence. Beginning with an NAACP membership drive on Aug. 31, the chapter will commit to creating a positive, intellectually-stimulating and socially-conscious atmosphere for MTSU students.

In addition to events appealing to the intellect of the students, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity will have some events to insure that the students will find entertaining diversions while at MTSU. Chapter members say they are ready to make this semester of involvement the best one yet.

See Page 24 for more information on
student organizations.

More on student organizations...get involved!

Audio Engineering Society

The MTSU chapter of the Audio Engineering Society has carried on the tradition of serving the technological needs of the recording engineering students involved in the Recording Industry Management program here on campus since its inception in 1988.

The Audio Engineering Society is a worldwide organization with offices in many major metropolitan areas. Whereas regional headquarters serve the needs of the particular region in which they are based, student sections serve the more focused needs of recording engineering students for a particular educational institution. The MTSU chapter of the AES upholds the Society's basic fundamentals of the exchange of technical information in the form of seminars and panels, while addressing student concerns and opinions.

There are a number of ways this is done. *The Track Sheet*, the MTSU AES Chapter newsletter, serves as a vehicle for the exchange of technical information and studio-related news to engineering students. Various panelists are brought in to speak on a diverse number of topics, including advancements in the field of audio engineering, vocational planning and educational subjects. In the fall of 1992, the AES will introduce the AES Achievement Awards, which will be given to deserving engineering students that produce exemplary work in their audio production classes.

Each semester, the MTSU AES office also supplies audio tape and accessories to engineering and production students, making it much easier and quicker for these students to obtain the proper types of materials.

Once a student member of the international AES organization, an MTSU graduate is automatically admitted into regular member status after he leaves the college. Many industry organizations recognize an AES membership as a membership in an established and respected audio engineering association, making membership in the MTSU student chapter a wise choice for serious RIM students.

Clay Club

The MTSU Clay Club is an organization dedicated to better the artistic abilities of its members and promote the use of clay as a medium of art.

All students who are enrolled in a clay class or are interested in working with clay are eligible and welcome to join the Clay Club. The requirements of membership are a 2.25 GPA and participation in at least one fundraising activity per semester.

Dues for the club consist of one piece of work to be sold at a fundraiser per semester.

The group has made considerable contributions outside the campus as well. The Clay Club has attended the NCECA conference and has taken students to Kansas City, Cincinnati, Tempe and Philadelphia in the name of art.

The funds raised at each semester's mug sales have helped to pay for the attendance fees at the conferences for the group.

Interested students should call Marisa Recchia at ext. 1012.

Delta Phi Sigma

Delta Phi Sigma is a local sorority at MTSU that is small in number and big in heart.

The group was founded in November of last year and has succeeded in making its mark on the campus through its spirit and its ongoing determination to achieve its goals. Being a part of a group while retaining your own individuality is one of the goals of the nine-member organization.

The sorority has been steadily climbing the ladder of success since its induction as an associate member of the Panhellenic Council this past February. Since then, Delta Phi Sigma has carved a niche in the

Greek system by placing second in the Greek Week competition, an accomplishment all nine members are extremely proud of.

Delta Phi Sigma will be having its fall rush Sept. 10-14. Information about Delta Phi Sigma Rush Week will be posted around campus soon.

If you have ever wanted to join a sorority and the thought of the hustle and bustle of regular rush scares you, then give Delta Phi Sigma a try. A lot of love, friendship and individualism is what this sorority is all about.

For more information, please contact Lee Post at 895-7921.

Communications Disorders Club

The MTSU Communication Disorders Club is designed for majors and others who are interested in learning more about language, speech and hearing disorders. The MTSU Communication Disorders Club is also the MTSU chapter of the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association. This organization has been in existence since 1976 and members meet regularly in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

The specific goals of the organization are to promote interest in the field of Communication Disorders and to stimulate students to pursue graduate study in Communication Disorders.

Activities planned for this academic year include an introductory cookout, monthly informational meetings, an end-of-the-semester social, a fund-raiser to assist students in attending

the state convention, participation in the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae's Christmas Village (a fund-raising benefit for the Bill Wilkerson Hearing and Speech Center), participation in the Mid-South Communication Disorders Conference and participation in the MTSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic's Roundtable.

The current president of the Communications Disorders Club is Jill Harper. Amy Jordon is the vice president, Rhonda Ferrell serves as secretary, Tracy Maynard as treasurer and Yolanda Henderson as ASB Representative.

Persons who are considering a major in Communications Disorders or other interested persons should call 898-2661 (Ms. Carolyn Shaw) for information.

Political Science Organizations

This year the Political Science department is looking forward to another year of growth and academic success. Many organizations have been formed throughout the years to support and to guide those students interested in furthering their knowledge in selected fields of political study. Listed here are many of the more active groups at MTSU and a summary of their activities.

Pre-Law Society

This group is organized to aid those students who plan to attend law school or those who are interested in the legal system. This year plans have been made to provide a mock LSAT for students to hone their test-taking skills. Speakers will also be invited to speak on topics ranging from how to apply to law school, to employment opportunities. Also, tentative plans have been made to attend the annual Law School Convention in Atlanta this fall.

Mock Trial

This group falls under the umbrella organization of the Pre-Law Society. After a great year of competition the Mock Trial team seems to be one of the strongest organizations on campus. Regional awards went to several MTSU students and the two teams from MTSU finished 10th and 17th respectively at last year's national college competition.

This is a great stepping stone for those interested in pursuing a law degree. By offering the experience of courtroom procedures and outside research methods, the Mock Trial team is more than adequately preparing the next generation of law students.

Society for International Affairs

Organized to lend support to students interested in world politics, this group has become stronger over the past few years. This year the group is looking to advance its activities by structuring its meetings in a forum format with emphasis on learning as much about the world political arena as possible. The Harry Horne Scholarship is maintained by this group. Harry Horne, a former MTSU professor and U.S. ambassador to Canada, has contributed much of his time and energy to help promote the advancement of international studies at MTSU. His scholarship is given to a deserving political science major.

Model U.N.

This group competes each year in several events throughout the Southeast. Trips this year include University of Auburn, University of South Alabama and a trip to Atlanta. A trip to New York is also possible if the team qualifies for the national meet. Competitions involve debate structured around parliamentary procedure. The debates are on resolutions which have been written by the participants. The atmosphere is as realistic as possible and it is always a good experience.

T.A.P.S.

The Tennessee Association of Political Students is interested in promoting the quality of political science students within the state of Tennessee. Activities include topic discussions on the political studies progress in Tennessee and the political climate of Tennessee as a whole.

Other groups include the College Democrats and the College Republicans, each of which meet to discuss their party's platform and to inform the campus of political activities throughout the year. We do hope that you will come and join us as we attempt to better understand the world around us.

For more information on student organizations and how to join, contact Dean Hays' office at 898-2454.

Did you know?

LAURA HARDISON
Staff Writer

Whether it's your first day on campus or your fourth year here there are probably some things you still don't know about the Blue Raider campus.

We here at *Sidelines* would like to let you in on a few of the little perks being an MTSU student has to offer.

Did you know that:

- You can play racquetball on the courts in Murphy Center free with your student I.D.

- There's a recreation room in the KUC equipped with all sorts of fun things to do from playing pool to watching your favorite soap opera in between classes.

- You can work out with free weights and the Nautilus machines in the Alumni Gym for free with your student I.D.

- You can see the best movies Hollywood has to offer for a small price in the KUC Theater.

- You can play sand volleyball or play some tennis around Cummings Dorm or get a little hitting practice in by the baseball cage across from Corlew Dorm and Stark Agriculture Center.

- You can use the typewriters, TV's and VCR's for free with an I.D. in the learning lab in the LRC.

- You can get cash at any



Shelley Mays/Photographer

SET AND SPIKE: Campus Recreation offers many opportunities to indulge your athletic skills in activities such as sand volleyball.

time of the day with the bank machine on the second floor of the KUC.

- You can get into all MTSU athletic events free with your I.D.

- You can practice your guitar, saxophone, or anything else you play in the practice rooms in the Saunders Fine Arts Building.

- You can become a part of the various religious student centers around campus.

- You can swim a few laps in the indoor pool in the Alumni Gym.

- You can take a look at the best artwork and photographs in town at the Art Barn and the photo gallery in the LRC.

- You can rent all types of sports equipment for free with your I.D. on the bottom floor of Murphy Center.

- You can enjoy free concerts in the Wright Music Building or see a play for free in Tucker Theater.

- You can keep in shape and meet lots of people by joining an intramural sports team on campus.

The *Sidelines* staff wishes everyone at MTSU a great fall semester and encourages everyone to become involved in whatever they can here at MTSU. Remember, your college experience is what you make it!

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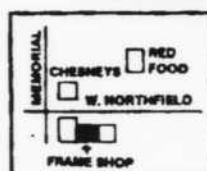
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Weekends at MTSU

Tips on surviving without wheels

BETHLYN ANDERSON
Features Editor

Picture this.

It's the weekend. The dorm is as quiet as the local graveyard and you feel like those drab, cinderblock walls are starting to close in on you. You feel like getting out and doing something before you die of boredom, but you don't have a car.

Sound familiar? Fellow pedestrians rejoice, for you are not alone!

Before you resort to taming those foot-long mutant cockroaches that lurk in the bathrooms for new pets, listen up.

There IS life in Murfreesboro on the weekends.

OK, OK. It's not the hustle and bustle of the usual Thursday night frolics at the local watering holes, but a good time can be had without a set of wheels.

Friday and Saturday nights feature various local bands in clubs like the Boro, the Boro Too and Mainstreet.

Many of these talented bands, like Janie Grey and Speake, are worth the short walk from the dorms (or anywhere else for that matter) and will keep you entertained until the wee hours.

Don't worry if you're under 21, you can still get in.

Gentleman Jim's II is located down the road from the Boro and has many pool tables and a jukebox with a wide variety of tunes for your listening pleasure. If pool is your forte and you are on foot, I highly recommend this place.

The Campus Pub is next door to Gentleman Jim's II and features two dart boards, a pool table, several video games and the ever-popular fooze ball table. This fooze ball table provides hours of boisterous fun and an occasional fight for the locals and anyone else who cares to partake in this favorite pastime.

Okay. Enough entertainment. Let's talk about food.

Everyone knows that Domino's, Pizza Hut, Mazzio's and other fine pizzerias are ready to deliver pizza, spaghetti, lasagne and other assorted goodies at your command.

What if you want something else?

The Boro currently has a groovy two-burgers-for-the-price-of-one deal on Sundays that

price-of-one deal on Sundays that is music to the tummy and to your wallet—the price is \$4 and you can feed two.

Sub-n-Salad delivers nifty sandwiches and—yep, you guessed it—salads for about \$5. The food is pretty good and you get a lot of it.

Ditto for Pronto's. They make tasty Gyros sandwiches that are cheap and they deliver cigarettes, too—perfect for when that cigarette machine in the laundry room is out of order!

For a meal that tastes like mom's home cookin', a walk up East Main to the square will get you the best down-home fried chicken in Murfreesboro at the City Cafe. Their vegetables are good and the yeast rolls are to die for!

Groceries are also easily attainable. If you get a wild hair and feel like walking a bit, Kroger isn't THAT far and walking is exercise, after all.

However, Davis Market, that dusty little store on the corner of East Main and Tennessee, is open and ready to serve your digestive needs. While the selection is somewhat limited, you can probably find something to quiet your rumbling stomach.

Also, convenience stores located on the other side of campus provide a variety of eats as well, even though most of it is junk food and the price is a little expensive. Mapco Express on Tennessee Blvd.

has become quite the hangout for the bored and the insane (tell them I said hello).

Last, but not least, there are taxis available at your beck and call. The rates are not terrific, but if you step outside only to be greeted with torrential rains or you happen to be too smashed from numerous pitchers of beer to stagger back to the dorms, they can be a blessing.

I recommend A-1 taxi service. The drivers are prompt and friendly as long as you don't get sick in their cars. Ask for Gabby. He'll take good care of you!

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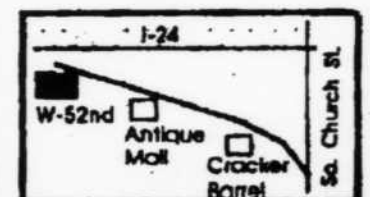
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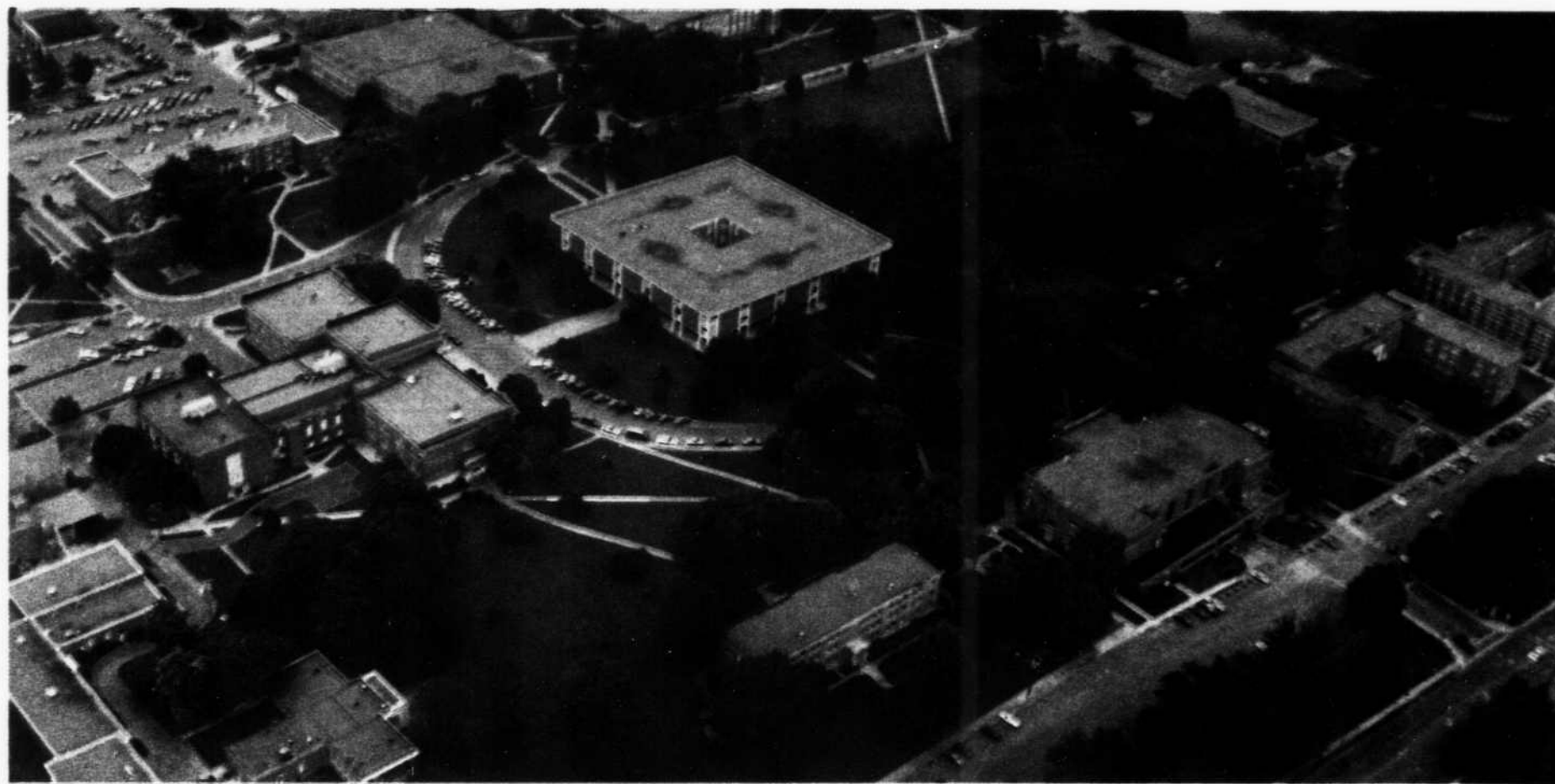


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The Big Picture

What MTSU means to me...

Editor's Note: When you look back on your college experience years from now, your perspective will undoubtedly be different than it is today.

We asked alumni and local leaders to tell us what MTSU means to them...whether that is from a personal perspective or a professional one.

As you'll see, MTSU means different things to different people, but overall, it means something special. It helps to be reminded sometimes.

U.S. Congressman

Bart Gordon

Former SGA president

When I tell people this university is an important part of my life, I am not kidding.

My parents met here as students in 1945. My grandparents were among MTSU's first students in 1911. My aunt was the first woman to serve as student body president, and during my days here I also had the opportunity to serve in that position. Later, I had the pleasure of teaching at MTSU and serving as a trustee on the MTSU Foundation.

My grandfather, Robert Gordon, left a living legacy that many of you have probably enjoyed. When he was in school, he worked for a dime an hour cleaning out fence rows to pay for his tuition. When he would come across a small tree, he would dig it up and as a courting gesture, replant it in front of Rutledge

Hall, where my grandmother, Nora Naylor, lived.

I don't know just how many of those trees it took to convince my grandmother to marry him, but she did.

This story just underscores what a huge role MTSU has played in my life. I met some of my best friends here. Those friends were the base for my first congressional race. Today, we still relish our college memories and are proud of that MTSU's reputation continues to expand nationwide.

MTSU's story is important because, just as it has become mine, it will become yours. And believe me, you will be part of one heck of a success story.

Every time a Middle graduate starts a new business, saves a life on an operating table, is elected to office, makes an interception for the 49ers, or walks across the stage in Stockholm to receive the Nobel Prize for Economics, your answer to the big question—"Where did you go to school?"—becomes even stronger, better, more interesting.

In the last 10 or 15 years I traveled over most of the South. I've seen a degree from this university mean more and more with each passing year. I walk into a business and at the door meet the person whose name is on the sign out front, or the plant manager—the person who really runs the nuts and bolts of the operation—and time after time that person went to MTSU.

From our Nobel Prize Winner, to our success in sports, to what's happening in our classrooms, we have every reason to be proud of the MTSU story. I

know I am because of what it has meant to me.

Now it is your turn to help make sure the MTSU story continues to be a successful one. Be proud, and be a part of the MTSU success story for the rest of your life.

Michael E. McDonald, J.D.

Former SGA president

With a multitude of commitments and responsibilities, it is difficult for me to find time to live in the past. Every so often for a finite moment, I find myself back at MTSU, going through time passages that are locked away forever.

Autumn is the season that stimulates my most prominent memories of college life. Walking across the most beautiful campus in the state. Watching nature paint the trees into the most remarkable colors.

I concede that it is strange to reflect upon my collegiate years and tell myself "those were the good ole days!" Perish the thought!! After all, much of what I remember was like an institutionalized freshman initiation, going through the registration maze and wondering if I was the understanding barometer. Paying a mint for a textbook only to discover during final examination

week that it won't be used at MTSU again. Weekend rations with a 'budget' meal ticket. Working as an R.A. and dorm security guard for minimum wage. "Dining out" at Krystal on a date. AM radio.

In the midst of all these inconveniences were dozens of administrators and faculty members that were ready, willing and able to help me. Perhaps it is true. The more things change, the more they remain the same. Still, if given the divine provision, I would not change one moment.

It is both humbling and rewarding to note that I did not become a lawyer overnight. Long before going to Chicago and earning my master's and law degrees, or the historic trip to the People's Republic of China, my character and vision were being shaped by MTSU.

In a classroom, the grill or under my favorite tree at the NCB (Peck Hall, my mistake), my values were challenged, tolerance for dissent increased and thirst for knowledge quenched.

The academic environment was complimented by a wealth of extracurricular activities. It seems like only yesterday that I was being star struck in the presence of Magic Johnson and Elvis Presley at Murphy Center, and the object of Steve Martin's "wild and crazy guy" routine during a freshman orientation. I rarely packed a suitcase for the weekend.

Being elected student body president provided me with an apprenticeship in leadership and was a vehicle for serving the university community. My presidency was also one of many precursors to the school's present commitment to inclusiveness and diversity. Stevie Wonder is right. When you believe in things you don't understand, you suffer. My classmates learned that ignorance builds walls. Understanding, even in the face of differences, builds bridges.

Most important were the friendships I developed at MTSU. These friendships bond me with many individuals with whom I seem to have nothing in common except a trial or moment of adversity. What could bind me, an upstate New Yorker with a rural Tennessean? Contrasting ethnic and cultural backgrounds?

Trying to concentrate on school with our worlds at home constantly crying for our return. The trauma of losing that special girlfriend to someone else. Rolling pennies to buy food for another long weekend. Realizing that our GPAs did not reflect our redeeming value to society. A clear understanding of the price that was paid for us to receive an education. A desire to make the world a better place because we lived. Nothing in common. Think again. Today we are both lawyers. Thanks MTSU!!

Next week we'll have comments from Murfreesboro Mayor Joe B. Jackson and Tennessee State Rep. John Bragg.

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Peck Hall 109
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Honors Program adds blues to Lyceum repertoire

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Editor-in-Chief

On a sweltering hot summer rural Mississippi night in 1917, neighbors crossed farm lines to congregate at the old Jones barn. Moonshine Mick was selling his goods, getting the crowd nice and soused before the dance began. Finally the musicians arrived and the hat started passing; nickels started flipping in and before the sun came up, old Sam, the harmonica player, would bring in at least \$3 in change.

Feet scuffled all night long to the beat of the blues. That's what music was for, after all, bringing the community together and giving feet a beat to scuffle to.

The blues were born out of a need—not for entertainment. "Music used to be religious, ceremonial...blues started as dance music and was community based," says Bruce Nemerov, librarian for MTSU's Center for Popular Music.

Nemerov says that when he was approached by Dr. J.P. Montgomery, director of the Honors Department, they decided it was that sense of community surrounding the origin of the blues that they wanted to bring to campus for students to experience.

"Things have changed," says Nemerov in a somber but accepting tone of voice. "I think the global village is here and it connects people through modern lines and cables. That's replaced the earlier way of building networks of people," he adds.

Nemerov says communities used to be geographically tied. The person who lived up the road was a fiddle player and the guy over the hill played a mean harmonica. That gave people a relationship to each other. It's that sense of "fellowship" that has been lost by the coming of the "global village," says Nemerov.

It's possible that the alternative and garage bands of today were born out of a search for something lost through high technology. Why else would popularity become a negative thing? Everyone seems to want something to feel personal about and connected to; band followers therefore create their own little communities.

Nemerov says he never thought of it in that sense, but agrees that garage bands do seem to have a lot of the spirit of the blues.

With the help of MTSU's Dr. Charles Wolfe, a renowned music history author, grammy nominee and English professor, Nemerov and Montgomery have put together "Blues from the Boro" as part of the Honors Department Lyceum fall program. If what they plan comes to pass, it will be as close to recreating the spirit of the blues as we could ever hope to experience.

On Sept. 2 in Peck Hall 109 at 4 p.m., 'Boro will get the blues. Local musicians

William Howse and Jack Pearson (formerly part of the now defunct local band William Howse and the Nationals) have been lured to Peck Hall by the persuasive sponsors of the Lyceum.

Howse and Pearson have known each other since their elementary school days and have been playing music together since their teenage years.

Wolfe says the two have "polished their art beyond their years." He also says they "compose new blues as the spirit moves them...often on the spot as they are performing."

"Pearson's guitar playing combines the best of the rural delta slide style and, when appropriate, the city-based shuffle rhythms," Wolfe has written. "Whether supporting William's harp solos, vocals or one of his own slide breaks, Jack's heavy thumb rhythm pushes the music forward—the groove is always there."

While Howse and Pearson provide country blues, MTSU graduate William Richardson, will provide piano blues. A mystery duo is set to perform pre-blues.

"We're going to kill the lights and use only old brass lamp lighting and there won't be a PA system," explains Nemerov.

"We're not going to talk about the blues," Nemerov continues. "Dr. Montgomery and I decided early on to just let the students experience it. It's much better to show something than tell it."

The Honors Program Lyceum events follow this same theme. The purpose, says Montgomery, has always been to simply expose students to a diverse range of expressive outlets—whether that outlet is a poetry slam, an international poetry reading, a Celtic music concert or the blues. We're given the opportunity to experience different types of art and decide for ourselves if we like it.

As Nemerov points out, it's hard to feel connected in a day and time where neighbors sometimes don't even know each other's names. The Honors Lyceum Program is taking down some of the fences so neighbors can see who's on the other side. History majors will see aerospace neighbors and art lovers will see a football player next door.

We'd be fooling ourselves if we thought the Honors Program could actually erase all boundaries. It can't. But it's focusing on the ones it can topple and if last year is any indication...it's working.

Come and see who your neighbors are. Peck Hall 109, Sept. 2, 4 p.m. You may have little else in common but you'll all have the blues.



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PIE IN YOUR EYE: Even raising money for a philanthropy can be fun when you're with your brothers and sisters as the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority have discovered.

MTSU Greeks provide fun, cherished memories

BETHLYN ANDERSON
Features Editor

Does the thought of starting life at a big college make you shiver? Does belonging to a group of people with similar interests ring your chimes? If so, then the Greek system may be for you.

Sororities and fraternities provide fun and friendships as well as a sense of responsibility and social awareness for their members. Sure, the parties are fun, but these groups do a lot to contribute to various charities known as philanthropies.

These philanthropies involve activities that range from blood drives for the American Red Cross to providing a Christmas for underprivileged children.

The social activities these organizations participate in are numerous. Every fall, the Greeks participate in intramural sports such as football and volleyball.

Intramural games and activities like the float competition, chili cook-off, fight song competition and other events

are part of the Homecoming festivities that are a time-honored tradition here at MTSU. During the spring semester, there's Greek Week, Derby Week and All-Sing to look forward to.

Though all of these events tend to get highly competitive, usually no one forgets that they are participating in these activities for fun.

Academics are highly stressed in the Greek system. A student must have at least a 2.0 grade point average to go through rush. Each group has a minimal grade point average that range from 2.0 to 2.25 for their members to maintain.

There are expenses, and each group has their own separate list of costs. Dues, and initiation fees help maintain chapter rooms and houses and pays for many of the activities in which these groups participate.

By now, some may be saying "That's great, but where do I sign up?"

Information on how to sign up for can be found in Associate Dean of students-Women's

Affairs Judy Smith's office for the sororities and Dean of Students Paul Cantrell's office for the fraternities. Both offices are located in the Keathley University Center.

Panhellenic sorority rush will be held from Aug. 26 to August 31. Delta Phi Sigma, MTSU's local sorority, will hold its rush from Sept. 14 through 18. The IFC fraternities will have their rush Sept. 10 through the 25.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities have their rush separate from the other fraternities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Delta Sigma Theta sororities have "interest teas" in the fall and don't pledge new members until the spring.

Each sorority and fraternity is different. The group that may be right for your best friend may not be the one for you, so it is important to keep an open mind.

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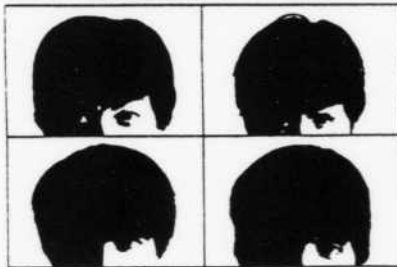
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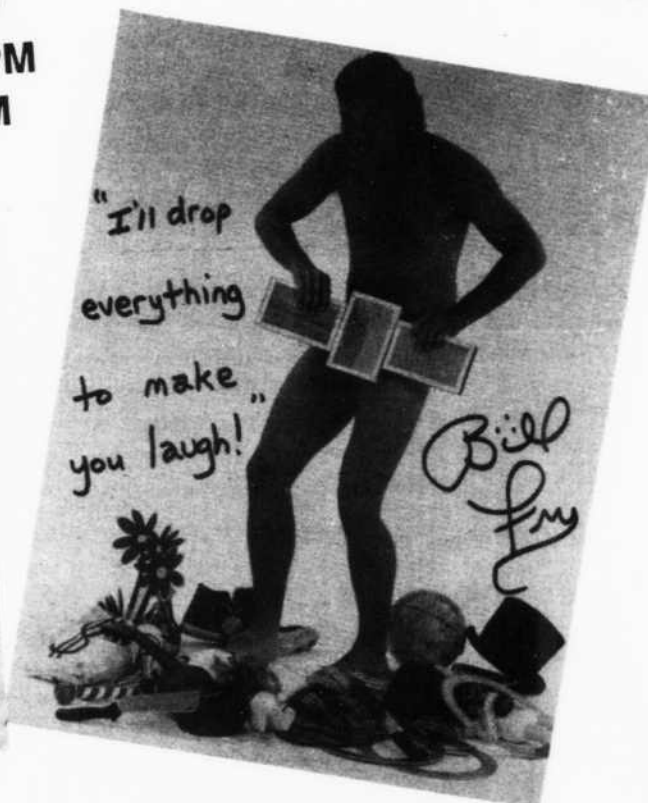
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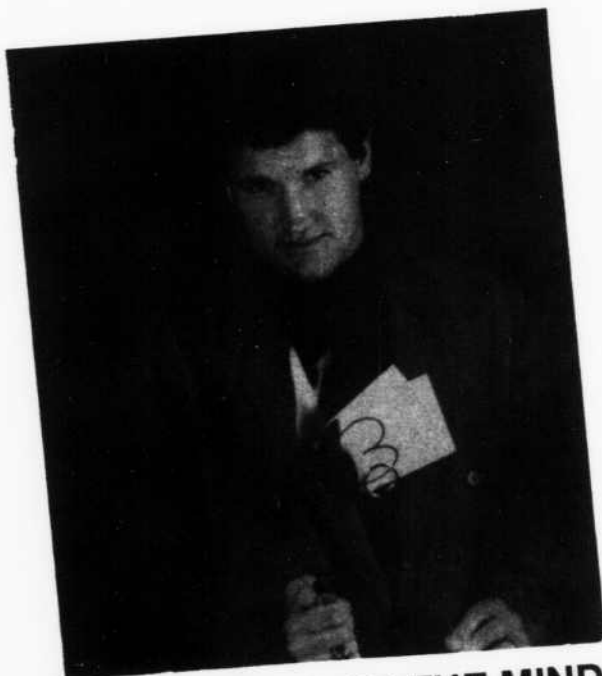
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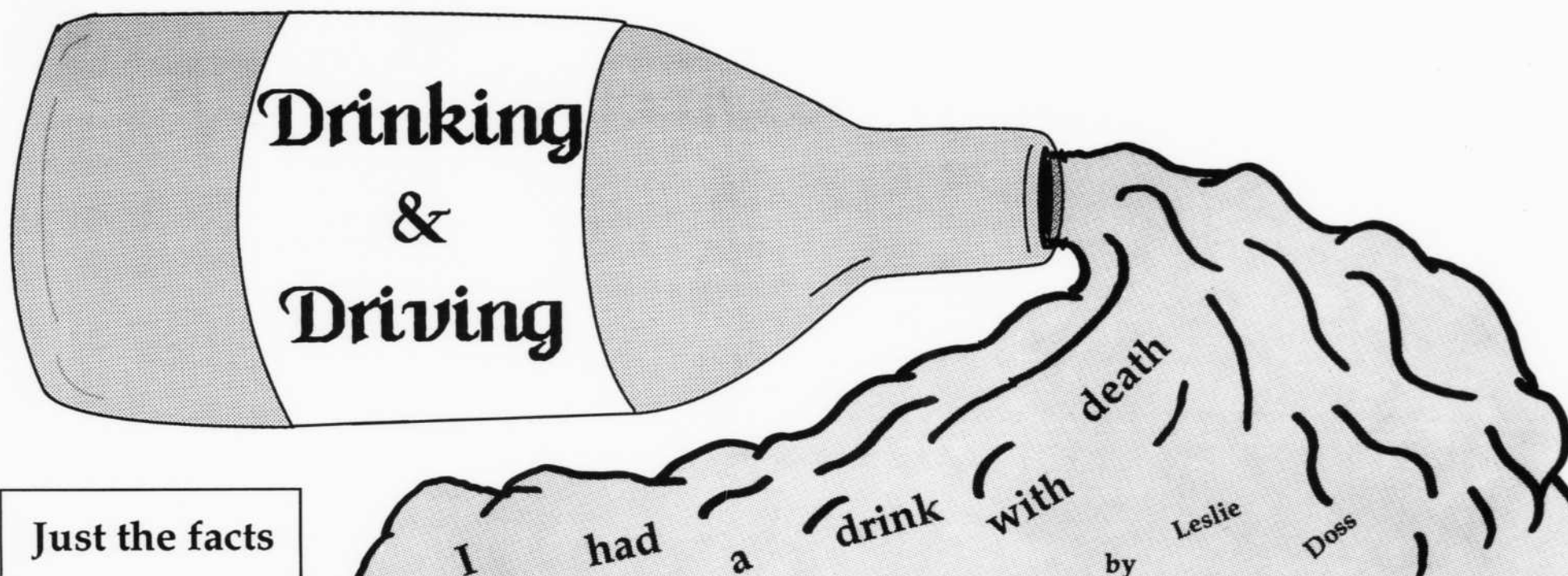
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Just the facts

RUSTY GERBMAN
Staff Writer

OK, I was assigned the story on drinking and driving. Instead of writing about how bad drinking and driving is, I decided I would try a new tactic and give some good reasons to drink and drive.

All right, here are some good reasons to drink and drive:

One:

Mmm, one:

OK, number one...

Well, there are no good reasons to drink and drive. I can't even think of one *bad* reason why someone should drink and drive. There are many alternatives to driving drunk; any one of these could help keep you out of jail, save your life or save someone else's.

Walk. There are at least four bars in walking distance from the campus—and I don't mean any serious street hiking. Three are located across the street from Murphy Center on Greenland and another restaurant is located on East Main, just down from Judd Hall. Remember that you'll have to cross four lanes of traffic at Greenland. That might be easy to cross the first time, but on the second time try to have a spotter to tell you when to go or help you across. A spotter may sound silly or childish, but it may save you from kissing the bumper of a fast moving vehicle.

If walking seems too radical, have a designated driver: Someone to drive you and your friends to the concert, bar or whatever

The radio is loud....It's so loud that from the back seat I can't make out what my two friends are saying up front....Something is wrong....The Chevy Blazer we're in isn't moving right....We're shaking....I think we're swerving....The truck gives to my side....We're shaking so violently my teeth are clacking....Something is wrong. Everything is a blur....I feel the vehicle lift....I'm flying toward the front seat....Everything is black....

I open my eyes. I know something is not right. I'm in a bed, and everything is a pale shade of blue. The end of the bed seems really far away, I mean really far. Voices drift into my head. They're distant and sound like a record played at the lowest speed. There is a TV screen slightly above me. I look at it but can't make out what is on. I'm really thirsty, the thirstiest I've ever been. I open my mouth and say "waater." Someone in the room says, "He's talking." I realize people are around me. To my right, there is a blonde woman in a uniform. She speaks to me, but I don't understand. To my left I see a face I recognize. It's the driver's mom, Cathy, and beside her is my own mother. They smile, but seem faintly sad. I beg again, "waater." Someone says, "No, you may have internal injuries." Internal injuries? Why? Someone says, in a deep male voice, "Can you move your toes?" I try. I can't feel anything. I finally look down at myself. I'm heavily bandaged. Everything explodes. I'm in the hospital, and I'm paralyzed. Everything goes black again.

On May 14, 1991, I was in a near-fatal accident. Two of my good friends from high school and I hadn't seen each other in about six months. I was in Chattanooga, where they lived, and they gave me a call to see if I wanted to go to the mall. We shopped and then had a few drinks. After about three hours, we went to the house of the driver, David, and sat around his pool talking and drinking wine. They drank far less than I, and I soon became sauced. Eventually, we went to a Waffle House to eat. My state of mind was questionable at best. I thought I saw a man dressed in black lift his coffee in salute to me. He had to be a farmer, judging by the reaper he held in his hand. We left the Waffle House, and less than a

mile away we flipped the Blazer on the on-ramp to the highway.

The next thing I know, I'm in intensive care two days later. I had undergone several hours of surgery the night of the accident. They had flown me in on the Lifeforce helicopter from the scene thinking I was going to die. Family and friends later told me they suspected the worst. When I woke up, I didn't think I could move and blacked out again. Actually, I had moved my toes and just didn't realize it.

The first week in the hospital is hazy. I was hooked to a machine that pumped me full of morphine every 12 minutes when I hit a button. I hit the button repeatedly. At one point the nurse came to me with the kindest bedside manner and said, "Mr. Doss, if you hit that button one more time before the 12-minute mark, I will beat your crippled ass." I quickly became a model patient.

After getting in good with the staff and coming to a point where I could remember one minute to the next, I began to ask questions. I found out I had flown through the windshield and onto the pavement. They told me it was possible the truck rolled on top of me as it flipped. I wasn't wearing a seat belt. Preston, the other passenger, had found me lying in front of the Blazer, a few feet from the tires. Apparently the truck had landed on all four wheels and was facing the opposite direction from which we were traveling. Another driver pulled up and helped Preston push the vehicle away from me.

I had more than 200 stitches in my legs, along with 20 or so staples. Seventeen stitches lined the back of my head, where I'd bounced like a superball off the pavement. My elbow was dislocated and had major ligament damage, as did my left knee. There was even damage to the left ear. I had urinary tract and bladder damage, and there was nothing good on T.V. I spent 12 days in the hospital. I couldn't walk, could barely feed myself and I urinated in a bag. All these things made me feel so helpless. Depression set in. I felt sorry and mad at the same time.

David was in a room down the hall. He had been hurt almost as badly. Preston and David had been wearing their seat belts. Preston walked away with just a few bruises. David hadn't been so lucky.

He was deeply depressed, too. He told his mom he had hurt all of us and that it was his fault. It wasn't. We were all to blame for becoming another DUI statistic. I didn't have a seat belt on, and I paid the price. If David had not had his seat belt on, he most likely would have died.

In the middle of all my depression, my friends from Murfreesboro walked in. From the look on their faces I could tell they were shocked to see how badly hurt I was. I almost cried when I saw them. I reacted the same with family and loved ones. Tears always welled up. I finally realized it was time to stop torturing myself and everyone around me. It was time to heal emotionally and physically.

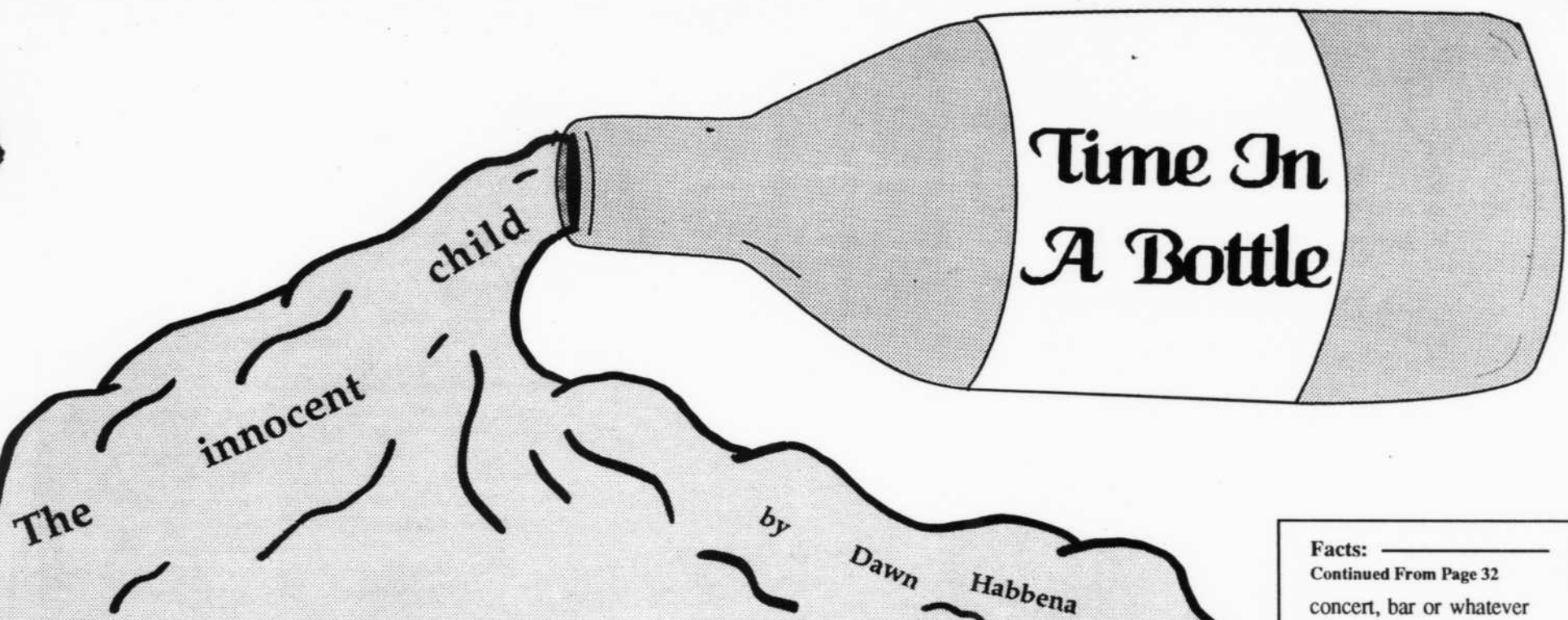
I changed. Some people say I haven't that much, but I have. I used to never care about school, family or much of anything. I really can't remember if I appreciated anything or anybody. Now I do. It's a slow process. I'm not very good at it yet, but I want to get better. I feel like I've been given a piece of wisdom that you don't usually get until you're much older and it's too late to use. Every day I say, "Oh yeah, I get it."

Before, I was failing my classes because I never went and didn't respect anyone or anything—now I'm a different creature. I now have goals and a plan for my life that includes appreciation and compassion. Once I was a being without direction, now I'm a person following a path that makes me happy. My past has given me a future. If I had not been in that awful wreck, I feel my life would have gone nowhere.

David F. Swenson, the philosopher, says, "Man lives forward, but thinks backward. As an active being, his task is to press forward to the things that are before, toward the goal where is the prize of the high calling. His forward movement is conditioned by a retrospect. If there were no past for a man, there would be no future." Pretty deep, huh?

I did have a drink with death that night. I think he even toasted me. I recognize him now, behind the farmer disguise. Now that I've been close to death I feel there's nothing I can't do. There is so much in my life to experience, and I'm still young enough to do anything I want. I plan to use this knowledge to the limit.

If I run across death again, I'll ask him to call a cab.



Superbowl Sunday Jan. 28, 1990. Jessica Barnett, 9, and her sister Bethany, 7, were on their weekend visit their father, Michael. They went to see the movie "The Little Mermaid" at about 2 p.m. at the Fountain Square Theater in Nashville. After the movie their father was going to take them home to their mother, Jennifer, who shared joint custody of the girls. Then they were going to go to a Superbowl party with her.

Little did the girls know that they would never make it to the party, or that the ride home from the movie would change their lives forever. Especially Jessica's.

The girls hadn't really spent a lot of time with their father in the previous year because he had become involved with a wide variety of drugs, mainly alcohol. Mr. Barnett also had another problem: He was a severe diabetic.

Mr. Barnett had just become involved with the girls again a few months earlier, much to the dismay of their mother. Ms. Barnett recalls that when he picked up the girls for the weekend he looked as if he were in no condition to take care of them. She knew from friends that he had been on a week-long binge. When she suggested that they switch weekends so he could rest, Mr. Barnett threatened her with jail for failure to follow the custody agreement.

Reluctantly, she let the children go. As soon as he left her house that Friday, she called her lawyer. She told him something had to be done about letting him have the girls because he was trouble just waiting to happen. The lawyer replied that there was not a judge in Davidson County who would change the custody agreement unless something awful did happen.

The lawyer had no idea how close to tragedy these children were.

Mr. Barnett slept in the theater. Jessica and Bethany enjoyed the movie, then awakened their father when it was over. They were ready to go home. They wanted to go to the party with their mother.

The girls and their father got into the car and fastened their safety belts. Mr. Barnett stopped at a nearby convenience store and purchased a six-pack of the "tall boy" 16-ounce beers. He had not eaten all day, according to the girls.

A lot of what happened next is a blur. Jessica, now 11, recalls that they were driving down the road "pretty fast." Her sister had fallen asleep next to her in the back seat. Jessica felt the side of the car hit something and realized something was wrong. Police said later the car had hit a mailbox. Jessica unfastened her seat belt and looked into the front seat of the car to ask her father what was wrong. He was asleep.

Quickly, she sat back down in her seat and fastened her seat belt. In an instant there was the crushing sound of the front end of the car slamming into an oak tree. At that moment, Jessica's life turned into a nightmare.

Looking at her now you can hardly see the signs of the tragic accident. She has a bright, sunny face sprinkled lightly with the freckles of youth. Her dark brown eyes seem to hide much of what she's been through and of what she has left to go through. Her dark blonde hair frames her face with curls.

As she talks, she looks down at her hands and giggles to hide her embarrassment at being asked questions about herself. Her smile is a shy, child's smile. You'd never know the front teeth are not hers. She has a pretty, slightly sad look about her.

And she has a scar. It starts on the left side of her mouth and travels down across her chin to the right side of her face. It is not an ugly scar, but rather a blemish on an otherwise flawless face.

When she woke up in the hospital on the day of the accident, she could not recognize her face. Her nose had been crushed. Her front teeth had been knocked back into her head, missing her brain by an inch. She no longer has the bone that holds teeth in. All together she had 1,000 stitches inside and out. She spent 28 days in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Even her mother has lost count of how many surgeries Jessica has had and how many she still has to go.

Jessica, however, considers herself lucky. If she hadn't reacted so quickly when she noticed her father asleep, she probably would be dead.

Bethany escaped with a few major bruises from the impact of the seat belts on her abdomen. Jessica's father ended up in the hospital with a crushed leg.

No one can say for sure what happened.

The father apparently blacked out because the accident occurred on a road that did not lead to his house or his ex-wife's. The police found three beers left unopened in the car. Police speculate that he had a diabetic reaction from drinking beer on an empty stomach. Mr. Barnett was cited but never convicted of any wrongdoing.

Jessica's tragedy was compounded when she lost her father six months later as a result of his drug abuse.

Mr. Barnett now spends his days in the chronic care wing of the county hospital. He overdosed and had a stroke. He is mentally retarded, and there is no hope for recovery.

Jessica's mother thinks Jessica is more angry about what her father did to himself than what he did to her. Jessica never got the chance to get over her anger at her father about the accident.

"Jessica will not sit next to him, or kiss

him or sit on his lap or anything when we go visit him in the hospital," sister Bethany says.

Jessica says, "I'm not mad at him...well maybe a little."

Today Jessica would like to put the accident behind her. She is active in her gymnastics class and loves ballet.

Her room is a typical little girl's room. Stuffed animals are strewn around the room, and pictures of ballerinas cover the walls. And then there are posters of paintings by Claude Monet.

The name Monet was music to Jessica's mother at one time.

Jessica had learned about Monet in school the year before the accident. One day her mother was taking her for a ride in one of the red wagons the hospital uses for children's wheelchairs. They stopped to look at some paintings in the hallway. Jessica's mother pointed to one and commented on how pretty it was. Jessica looked up with her swollen face and muttered through her wired-shut mouth, "Claude Monet." Those were her first words in a week.

Now there are Monet posters throughout the house as a tribute to that memorable moment.

Jessica has had a couple of really rough years getting over the trauma of the accident. The doctors are waiting for her to mature a little more before they do any more surgeries on her. She still must have three more surgeries to help remove her facial scar.

When she is about 16 or 17, the surgeons will take some cartilage out of her ears to help rebuild her nose, which now has no natural bone in it.

After her nose is rebuilt, the doctors will take some of her rib bone to help rebuild her upper mouth so she can have permanent implants for teeth. Some of this will be paid for with money from a CD account her mother started for her when the accident happened. Ms. Barnett believes the rest of the expenses will be paid for by Medicare.

Much of the music industry in Nashville rallied around Jessica and did a benefit to help raise money for her rising medical expenses and future surgeries. Her mother was an employee at the Bluebird Cafe at the time of the accident and had several friends in the music industry. Performers such as Vince Gill, Janis Ian and Don Schlitz took part in the event. Jessica even got a donation from a woman in Washington who read a story about the mother's economic plight in *The Washington Post*.

Jessica doesn't really understand the economic impact the accident had, but says, "My mother's friends were real nice to help us."

Jessica says she wants the surgeries to help remove her scar, but not the other

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concert, bar or whatever who will not drink. A designated driver is not the person who had the least to drink or the one who can walk the straightest. The driver should not have any alcohol coursing through his veins.

Another alternative is to take a few extra bucks with you and call a cab. There are two different cab companies that serve the Murfreesboro area, A-One Cab Co. (890-2747) and Yellow Cab Company (893-4024). You just need to remember to take a few extra bucks for the cab and the tip.

If you don't want to spare the extra cash, set up a time for a friend, roommate, relative or someone to come pick you up. If you can, have someone take you, drop you off and pick you up later. Just stay out from behind the wheel if you have been drinking.

Need another good reason why not to drink and drive? The maximum first offense for DUI is a \$250 fine, 11 months 29 days jail time, loss of license for a year, probation for a year and driving school classes that you will have to pay for.

There are alternatives to drinking and driving. Take a few extra minutes before you hit the town to decide how you'll be getting home—without driving—if you're going to drink.

Yeah, it may be your life, but the lives of the people you may hit head-on at 70 mph are not.

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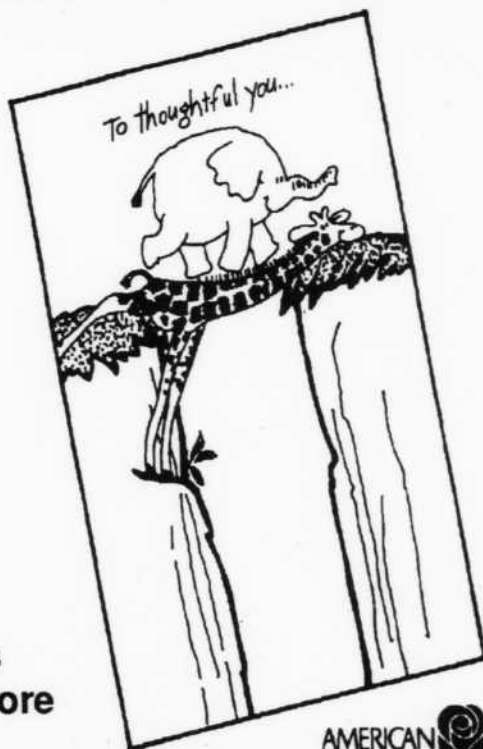
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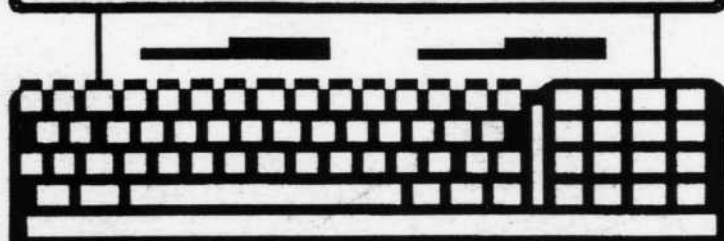
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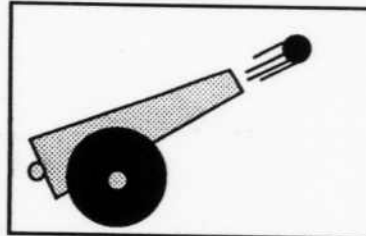
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Apartments vs. Dorms Battling the high cost of living

RUSTY GERBMAN
Feature Writer



ON THE BATTLEFRONT
Campus-Related Conflicts

Living on or off campus is a tough decision for most students, particularly if you're new to college life. Each presents a different variation of the blues and a different set of lyrics:

The freedom of living off campus can put a tight squeeze on your wallet. While nesting at the dorms may save you money in the long run, it can be restrictive in how you would really like to live while in college.

For most college students, money plays the biggest role in deciding where to stay. For overall cost, nothing beats living in the dorms. At the cost of \$619 for five months (fall semester), with water and electricity covered, no apartment even comes close. All utilities, except long-distance phone charges, are taken care of with one payment. There's no worrying about scraping up enough money for rent each month.

Another benefit of staying in a dorm is that all your classes are within walking distance, saving you even more money by cutting down on how much you spend on gas each week. MTSU dorms will also offer basic cable in each room this fall provided you bring the television.

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procedures. "I don't like what happened to me, but I have to make the best of it. I don't care anymore about the teeth or anything else. I don't want any more surgeries. They hurt."

Although she wants to have the scar removed, she doesn't seem to be too self-conscious about it. Last Halloween she painted the scar with fake blood and used it as part of her costume, determined to make the best of a bad situation.

Her false teeth don't seem to bother her, either. Her mother says that she never sleeps with the teeth in. Even when she goes to a slumber party or stays overnight with a friend, she still takes them out. Her friends seem to like the idea that she can do that.

Jessica is not, however,

without some self-consciousness. When she was in the hospital, she made her mother put pictures of her before the accident up on the walls of her room. She wanted people who came to visit her to know what she looked like before the accident.

The accident has left emotional scars, too. Jessica refused to go see movies at the same theater she was at on the day of the accident. Ms. Barnett worries about any other harm the accident might have done to her child, but realizes all she can do is wait and see what happens.

Otherwise, Jessica appears to be a normal, healthy child that has learned her lesson well. She never rides in a car without her seat belt and she knows the real danger of

way you won't have to deal with a roommate leaving his/her underwear on your bed. No more late-night lamp light glaring in your eyes while that other person pulls a 12-hour cram session for psychology.

In an apartment, the worries of running late to class because a roommate wouldn't get out of the bathroom are long gone. You won't have to plan a time to have your date or friends come over. You can bring them over when you want and for as long as you want.

Most apartments are more spacious than dorms, allowing you total indulgence in decorating. Bring in your banana plant and break out your best bear skin rug and to to town.

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Sorority rush: Nothing to be afraid of

BETHLYN ANDERSON
Features Editor

Many incoming freshmen and transfer students will be going through a fun, yet frightening, experience this fall known as sorority rush.

Sorority rush gives you the chance to meet sorority members and find the sorority that best suits you and your personality. In order to stay calm and enjoy yourself during this hectic week, it's nice to know exactly what rush is about.

Here is a step-by-step guide to sorority rush to ease your mind.

• **Registration:** in order to register for sorority rush, you will need to fill out a Panhellenic registration form and pay a \$20.00 non-refundable fee. You will also need to send in seven wallet-size photographs as well.

• **Meeting your Rho Chi:** after you register, you will be assigned a rush counselor, or Rho Chi, who will familiarize you with factual information about the sororities and answer any questions you may have.

• **Go Greek parties:** The first round of parties are meant to get you to join the Greek system in general, not a particular sorority.

• **Display parties:** During the display parties, the sororities bring out their badges, letters, scrapbooks and other objects of interest as the members tell you about their sororities.

• **Theme Parties:** Each sorority performs skits using a theme to amuse and inform you of their sorority traditions.

• **Preference Night:** The last and most serious of the rush parties. Tears are often shed as members reflect on their own experiences in their sororities. Dress attire is usually a good thing for this one.

After the Preference parties, you are asked to make your decision by writing down your first and second choices on a piece of paper. These choices are matched up with the sororities' choices and bids are made.

• **Bid Day:** If you haven't been otherwise notified, you report to the James Union Building's Tennessee Room where there will be a small ceremony and to receive your bid(s) from your Rho Chi.

You choose one and report (RUN!) to the chapter room of the sorority of your choice. Much celebrating occurs.

Rush is an opportunity to meet new people regardless of which sorority you choose or even if you don't choose one at all.

Sororities have a lot to offer college women, so head over to the Panhellenic booth in the basement of the KUC this fall and get ready to have fun!

Fraternity rush: Pledging in five steps

BETHLYN ANDERSON
Features Editor

The fall semester has arrived and many thoughts will be turned to deciding which fraternity to join.

That decision may be a tough one, but in order to choose the right fraternity, one must first go through fraternity rush.

Rush can be as confusing as it is fun. With the gracious help of Interfraternity Council (IFC) president Sean Johnson, *Sidelines* would like to help. We would like to explain the fraternity rush process as simply as possible and we hope to answer some of those questions you may have.

• **Rush Cards:** Don't leave home without them.

The first step of the rush process involves the purchase of rush cards. According to Johnson, these cards sell for \$5 and allow entrance to rush.

The cards will be on sale in the KUC basement on Sept. 10, 14 and 15 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **The first event: Rush Orientation.**

Rush cards can be bought at Rush Orientation, the first rush event, which takes place Sept. 10. Prospective rushees are treated to talks by President James Walker and the IFC president about the benefits and advantages of joining a fraternity.

The fraternities set up tables and rushees are allowed to visit each one and meet members of the fraternities and ask questions.

• **Let the parties begin: Theme parties.**

Monday, Sept. 14 starts off a week of theme parties designed to attract rushees to the fraternities.

"Each fraternity gets two nights out of the four day period to throw theme parties," Johnson explains. "The themes can be anything like Casino Night, a Luau or Carnival Night. These parties last through the 17th and are dry."

• **The tension builds: Smokers.**

The week after the theme parties is filled with "smokers."

"Smokers are more formal than the theme parties and last 45 minutes," says Johnson. "Each fraternity has one set date and time. This is when the fraternity members come together to convince the rushees to pledge that fraternity. It's a pretty serious type thing."

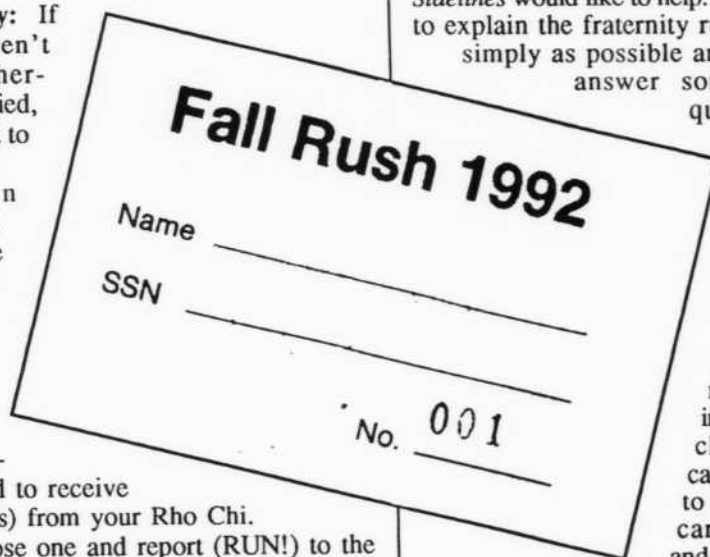
Johnson recommends a coat and tie for the smokers.

• **Bid Day at last!**

According to Johnson, the fraternities select their prospective pledges the last night of the smokers and send their bids to Dean Cantrell's office.

"All the rushees come to Dean Cantrell's office on Friday and pick up their bids," says Johnson. "A rushee may have several bids. The idea is to choose one of the bids and take it to the house of that fraternity to let them know that you accept that bid."

Fraternities can provide many rewarding years for their members, but you can't join if you don't rush, so put down this paper, go buy your rush cards and go greek!



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Campus entertainment broadened by Student Programming activities

This is the entertainment section of the paper. Our sole purpose is to bring you the best of entertainment in the sleepy town of Murfreesboro (the town that always sleeps). So what if we're not the "Big Apple," or radish, or raisin—there's still plenty to see and do.

All summer long, we worked on refining our presentation and hope that we can bring you a broad spectrum of what's going on, including many of the great things that happen on campus as well as off.

The MTSU campus has a variety of entertainment to offer and you can take advantage of these often interesting and unusual activities for little or no cost.

Student Programming, a division of Student Affairs, exists to plan and coordinate with students to present activities for the students. This includes concerts, films, musical events, dances, lectures and other features of the cultural spectrum.

Just this week, Student Programming has much in store for you:

Tonight: Student Programming presents dancing in the streets with the live rhythmic sounds of "Black Widow!"

Tuesday: Student Programming will bring back 1964 as the Beatles, and it's free. The performance will be at Tucker Theater.

Wednesday: Bill Fry and Tim Settimi will



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HEY, HEY WE'RE LIKE THE BEATLES: Student Programming will bring back 1964 as the Beatles, this Tuesday.

present an evening of "comedy, mime, juggling, and magic." Tucker theater hosts this free event at 8 p.m.

Also on Wednesday: Student Programming presents "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" at 11:30 p.m. for all the night owls.

The movie will be shown in the Keathley University Theater and admission is free.

Thursday: Craig Karges, 1991 Campus Entertainer of the Year, will present

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328 Performance Hall continues summer success with even more great performances

Rollins band bends rules for vicious show

Since 1981, Henry Rollins has been on a non-stop tour, first with Black Flag then with the Rollins Band. Touring is not just a job for Rollins, for him it is a way of life. On Aug. 1 the Rollins Band brought their never-ending tour to 328 Performance Hall.

Sharing the bill with the Rollins Band was North Carolina's Corrosion of Conformity. Like Rollins, C.O.C. has been kicking around the underground music scene for the better part of the last decade. In the mid-1980s they built their following with countless tours and several independent releases including *Animosity* and *Eye For An Eye*. With their new release *Blind*, C.O.C. are on the verge of breaking out of the underground forever.

C.O.C. hit the stage and instantly went for the audience's throat. From the onset, the crowd was whipped into a frenzy of slamming, twisted bodies. The band was relentless as they plowed through such songs as "Dance of the Dead," "Mad World" and "Vote With A Bullet." To end their show, C.O.C. brought out guitarist Wayne Kramer of the legendary MC5, and proceeded to tear the Hall apart with their version of the MC5 classic "Kick Out the

Pumpkins smash boundaries with heart-pounding set

What can one say about alternative music today? Very little, actually. To this writer, alternative seems to have fallen, at times, into a clueless hole, conforming to its own surprisingly rigid musical standards and drumming up silly, non-existent teen angst. It's been that way ever since Jane's Addiction began chanting beat poetry (which has always been something only Tom Waits could pull off) to ripped-off punk guitar riffs.

Such is not the case with Smashing Pumpkins, a band which I had the honor to see recently at 328 Performance Hall. The best description of the Pumpkins musically, as well as stage-show wise, would be to mate Syd Barrett's Pink Floyd with (as much as I hate to say it)—Jane's Addiction. The non-fabricated madness sets Smashing Pumpkins apart from clueless alternative bands.

Smashing Pumpkins seems to know this all too well and were quite vocally critical of their pseudo-Tim Leary style teen audience, who seemed to be anti-establishment and yet would still be willing to vote for Ross Perot. More than a few jeers were thrown from the band to the

Time flies for intimate encounter with Tori Amos

In the darkness there is a light, sounding out, calling to me...it grabs me by the hand, like a mermaid to a drowning sailor, tugging me along into its brightness...I become dizzy, drunk with passion, feeling faint.

She smiles and speaks to me in an intimate way, the music begins again...I hear voices, I see colors, my eyes glaze, the voices, they're singing—to me.

The pounding has begun again, pounding, palpitating, pulsating...energy! Music and sirens fill my ears, blinding lights...I've lost sight of the mermaid, I'm drowning in the wine of her passion, I look up and see her before me, Tori Amos.

I swear, the earth moved, trees shook—I melted. Like a driving force, Tori Amos reached out to each member of the sold-out crowd at 328 Performance Hall and touched each one. Not just a breezy, accidental touch, but a calm, gentle touch, full of love and understanding. The feeling of intimacy which is often lost in large venues was easily found the night Tori Amos came to town.

She is a believer in fairies, magic, wishes, and herself. She has met and

How I spent my summer vacation

An internship at Mercury Records fell into my lap somewhere around the month of May. Although I am not a RIM major, I do eventually want to work in the record industry. My major is public relations. It is not a well-publicized fact that you can major in PR with a recording industry specialty. I suppose I'm a RIM person by default.

If you had asked me six months ago if I would enjoy working in the publicity department of Mercury's country division, I probably would have replied, "Well, I guess it's experience." I had no idea I would enjoy myself as much as I did. You see, I'm not the biggest fan of contemporary country. I rationalized it by hoping to meet Johnny Cash, who is one of Mercury's artists. "Hey, who's cooler than the man in black?" I thought. Billy Ray Cyrus? As it turns out, I never met Johnny Cash, and as cynical as I was about Billy Ray, he is actually a nice guy.

I suppose I had the recording industry built in my mind as a mystical place, maybe only a brick or two shy of the Emerald City. What I found was loads of nice people and tons of work to be done. Let me get this straight, I pay MTSU \$62 to work 75 hours? It somehow didn't add up. However, I did receive an hour of credit, an immense amount of experience and a handful of friends.

My duties at Mercury included mailing press kits to anyone who has ever thought about being involved with the media, answering some of the endless phone calls (most of which had something to do with this Billy Ray Cyrus fellow) and doing various projects for my supervisor. I wasn't in the Emerald City, this mystical record industry was just another business. Given, this business is more interesting than, say, selling coat hangers, but the mystique is gone.

Honestly, I'm probably better off without the mystique. You don't get a job by clicking your heels and saying, "There's no business like show business."

The week of July 20 was the last week of my internship. I've really enjoyed it. Interested parties should definitely check out the internship scene. I have this to say in closing: work hard; make friends, not contacts; and, if you run into Billy Ray Cyrus, wear gloves—I've never been given so many high-fives in my life.

-- Gary Miller

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overcome many setbacks, heartaches, and hardships. She'll tell you that in her music, if you listen closely enough. *You can hear a pin drop, the audience is quiet, hushed by her voice, focusing on her and her music, listening to the words, following the rhythm of the piano, devouring her voice.*

Breaking away from the succor of the experience, I gazed at those around me, also deep in a trance. As if under a vampire's spell, they watched while being slowly, innocently drawn in from their souls to live for a moment in her music. Some were moving their lips, not uttering a word, hearing the music that was as much theirs as it was hers.

Tori focused the majority of her performance on tracks from her latest LP, *Little Earthquakes*, and her new EP *Crucify*, which features covers of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," Led Zeppelin's "Thank You" and the Rolling Stones' "Angie." She even taught us a new song she learned in England about uncourteous drivers.

The richness of the show is no farce. Tori is as beautiful and friendly a person off stage as she is on. Everything from autographs and hugs to serving food backstage, she does it all, ("Would you guys like some Krispy Creams?")

Like gifts for the magi, people brought tokens of their love to Tori. She is a Southerner by birth and says she really loves the people of the South and the greetings she has been receiving here. *Would she know, did she know, that it was us who loved her? She was our voice before we could speak, she gave our broken hearts wings and filled our souls with elation, she gave us music and good feelings about ourselves and the world around us.*

Looking from her light, into our darkness, she reached out and pulled us in, into her world, where we lived for too short a time...for two encores she sustained us and then the lights went up. She was gone and our world was our own again, but I was new, revived by her love.

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-- Sam Gannon

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Jams."

After C.O.C.'s set, the crowd stood idle preparing for the Rollins Band, though nothing can prepare you for the musical assault this band produces.

Emerging from the darkness, Rollins strolled on stage to thunderous applause. Not wasting a second, the band tore into their opening number "Low Self Opinion." What followed was a barrage of songs that were delivered with the power and force of an armored tank. Rollins himself was in a frenzy the entire set, releasing songs like "Tearing," "Turned Out" and "Another Life" in the same way Mike Tyson releases punches. He was devastating—

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the audience, mostly from singer/guitarist/writer Billy Corgan.

But, setting the audience aside, I loved the show. Smashing Pumpkins played for a good and very loud hour and a

not to take anything away from the band members, who are nothing short of amazing.

Playing a brilliant set that included most of 1992's *The End Of Silence* LP, the Rollins Band closed the show with their 11-minute epic masterpiece "Just Like You." After a few moments, the band returned to pound the audience with a double fisted encore of "What Do You Do" And "Do It."

From the opening note until the last, Rollins held the crowd in a musical stranglehold. The power of this band has got to be seen to be believed. To truly be a great band you must be able to kick it live, and the Rollins Band kicks like no other.

-- Don Carr

half. Their music was, of course, great, their stage antics were subtle but hilarious, and their attitude was, on the whole, more psychedelic than anything else. They proved themselves to be the cutting edge of pop culture.

-- Seth Timbs

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Friday: Lou Diamond Phillips and his band, the Pipefitters, will perform in Tucker Theater at 8 p.m. Admission is free and the concert is definitely a great way to end a great week of free, on-campus entertainment.

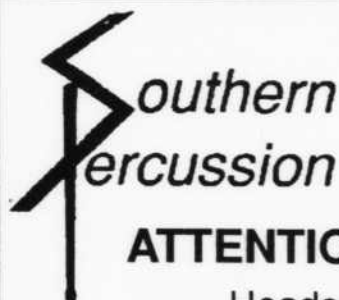
The entertainment doesn't end there! Student Programming also brings second-run features to the MTSU campus for a very low cost, only \$2.

This semester's movie lineup includes: *Wayne's World*, Sept. 1-3; *White Men Can't Jump*, Sept. 8-10; *Basic Instinct*, Sept.

15-17; *M*A*S*H*, Sept. 22-24; *Beethoven*, Sept. 29-Oct.1; *Beauty and the Beast*, Oct. 6-8; *Leathal Weapon III*, Oct. 13-15; *Sister Act*, Oct. 20-22; *Patriot Games*, Oct. 27-29; *Casablanca*, Nov. 3-5; *Fantasia*, Nov. 10-15; and *Batman Returns*, Nov. 17-19. The schedule is subject to change.

Although the Special Events Committee of Student Programming does not have any concerts scheduled yet, this does not mean that there won't be any, so stay tuned. Until then, get involved in the campus community take part in the great things the students and staff at Student Programming have planned. It's going to be a great fall.

-- Sam Gannon



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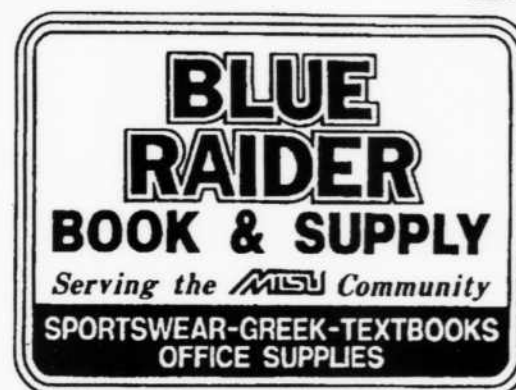
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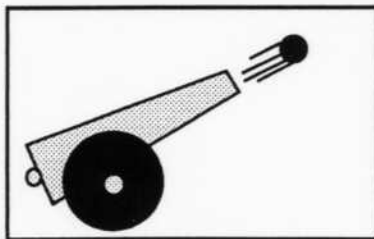
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Bar Wars: Fighting for your beer money

Trying to find a place to hang out with your friends? Do you need a place to eat, drink, and be merry? Well the Murfreesboro club scene may just be the place for you.

Situated just seconds from campus is **The 'Boro** at 1211 Greenland Drive. Live music and drinks of all kinds make this the party place for the alternative scene. Food, including some great french fries, is also available in daily specials. Tuesdays are Mexican nights with \$2.49 Tacos and cheap Corona. On Wednesdays you can get \$2.99 drafts until midnight. Thursdays bring 10 cent wings until 10 p.m. with no cover charge. Sundays are buy one 'Boro burger and get one free. If you like sports, The 'Boro has one jumbo screen and two slightly smaller ones which display sports constantly. Darts, a CD jukebox, and video games round out the joint.

A few doors down from The 'Boro is **Gentleman Jim's** 2. This hole in the ground at 1325 Greenland Drive has live music by bands you've probably never heard of (and no one else has



ON THE BATTLEFRONT Campus-Related Conflicts

either) but who knows, you might like it. They also sport darts, pool tables and video games. As for beer, it's all you can drink for \$5 at the Monday night keg parties.

Another place close to campus, at 903 Gunnerson Ave., is the **Campus Pub**. A D.J. playing rock'n'roll provides the tunes. There is also a dart board and some video games for your enjoyment while you drink and hang out.

The **'Boro Too** at 211 E. Main St. provides live music by good bands and D.J. music as well. An added attraction is their outdoor volleyball courts that are always open for play. Darts, video games, pool tables and a large dance floor make this one a good choice. Food and drink are also available.

Gentleman Jim's at 2115 E. Main St. features various edible items and drinks including Monday night keg parties. D.J. music provides aural entertainment while there are darts, video games and pool tables to help with the fun.

527 Mainstreet at the obvious address features various kinds of live music on an almost daily basis. Happy hour lasts from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. while "monster" quart jars are always \$5.25. Every Monday and Wednesday features 75 cent draft while Thursdays sport free draft for ladies. A jumbo projection screen displays various things for visual consumption.

For great jazz and Greek food try the **Mediterranean** restaurant on the Square.

If you like country, there are many places like **City Limits** at 2146 Thompson Ln. where you can dance and hear the same band almost every night. Also included in the "country clubs" are **Pardners** at 915 Old Fort Pkwy, **Shooters** on River Rock Boulevard, and **Sassy's** on Clark Boulevard.

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Jeffrey Gaines: Believer in dreams

Jeffrey Gaines speaks—and I listen. I learn. I become aware. He talks with me and tells me the things I've needed to hear all my life.

He tells me that it is all right to be scared about living, because it's difficult. The first release off of the self-titled *Jeffrey Gaines*, "Hero in Me," talks about the bravery it takes to trudge on in life. Heroes, he explains, aren't just distant, far-removed people, they are us. We can all be our own heroes.

How do we do this? Hope, dream, and live.

"It's OK to believe in your dreams and yourself," the songs gently tell me. "It's OK to find importance within yourself," his music confides.

Whether intentional or not, Jeffrey Gaines speaks to those of us who are afraid to speak for ourselves. He speaks to us in beautiful, colorful, personal pictures made of heartfelt words.

"I know so many people who are down on their lives," Gaines has said. "What I try to express is what most people try to cover up. And by doing it and remaining sane and honest, I'm hoping people will say 'Well, if he can do it, I can do it too.'"

Whether it be lost love, personal self-actualization, parenthood, death, violence and war, loving yourself, anger or the problems of making relationships work, Gaines



Sam Gannon/Photographer

JEFFREY GAINES

handles his topics with skill and energy.

The music he has written to accompany his songwriting is just as beautiful as the lyrics are. Most of the album is acoustic guitar and piano, but Gaines interjects harmonicas, saxophones, and electric guitars.

These powerful, personal juxtapositions are really hard to come by in modern music. This album is very reminiscent of Tracy Chapman's debut album, in these soft, personal, heavy-hitting ways.

I highly recommend this release to anyone who is willing to look at themselves through Jeffrey Gaines' eyes and music.

-- Sam Gannon

this man. I have talked with him. I know him. He is Jeffrey Gaines.

Talking with Jeffrey Gaines wasn't as hard as I thought it would be. He was open and friendly and full of energy, just like his music. So instead of talking about him and trying to paraphrase his words into mine, he can speak to you the way he spoke to me.

Me (Sam Gannon): As an artist, what would you like to be remembered most for?

Jeffrey Gaines: Broadening stereotypes. I'd like to be known for doing the things that a lot of people are turned off from doing for fear of rejection. A lot of times what happens is that, as a writer, you try to speak for so many people

Jeffrey Gaines speaks

I can imagine a man sitting at a large bay window, overlooking Philadelphia while writing his thoughts, feelings, and emotions into a five-subject notebook; he is watching the people outside, studying their actions and their expressions, just casually watching. I can see him putting his thoughts into words, into music, a message of hope and fear and heroes and love. I have seen

that you just forget what your own head is saying. You always try to guess your audience.

SG: What's the one message you want to get out?

JG: It's ever changing, it's not really one message. I do like to try to talk to people about how no one is promised another day and how short this life can be. Everyone should try to get involved and active in life. It's so short and nothing is guaranteed. Seize the day, it's all been said before. I'm just trying to get through to people.

SG: What's the last disc you bought?

JG: The last thing that I bought was [Sting's] "Soul Cages." I've been asking everybody everywhere I go if they have something by Sultans in Pink. [That group] has this single out called "Stupid Kid." When I was in Europe I saw the video and I wrote it down, anything I see that I like I write it down. It's the most brilliant single and video. I'm searching for that. When I find it, it's going home.

SG: Is there anything good playing at the movies?

JG: I was surprised by a film on the plane. I saw "Hook." It was on and I thought, 'yeah well, okay, why not?' So I sat there and watched it and it was really nice, actually. Some little kid couldn't see because he was way in the back and he came up and sat next to me. We were sitting there, he was about 9 years old and I kind of fused with him—we were both like 9-year-olds checking out the movie.

SG: If you were stranded on a desert island, who would you most like to be with?

JG: (after a very long pause) I'd like to be with an air conditioner. I don't know. (We skip the question.)

SG: You're having dinner and you can have any two people there, living or dead, who do have for dinner?

JG: Dinner...I'd like to have Pavarotti for dinner and just ask him, "How can you sing after eating all that stuff?" And I'd ask Woody Allen—set those two in a room.

SG: Any dead people?

JG: Dead people? I don't think I'd like to have any dead people for dinner. Can I revive them?

SG: They can be alive for dinner.

JG: Marilyn Monroe would be nice for dinner.

SG: It's an election year, are you going to vote?

JG: No, those who I would vote for aren't running. I hate to say it but I've never voted and my family has never voted. Our issues were always politics within the family, getting from day to day, dealing with the situations dealt us. Politics are pretty ugly, doing things to get a majority ruling; the mentality that says "let's get the most people." I just can't understand that. People want to win. They ignore the issues. You could lose if you take a stand. I hope someone does, but I don't see that happening.

Matthew Sweet: Better than talking with Elvis

If you haven't heard Matthew Sweet's new disc *Girlfriend or if you didn't catch him live at TPAC with the Indigo Girls*, you must be (a.) very unlucky (b.) very foolish, or (c.) very uninformed, but don't be alarmed, you can still run out and get it, there is no make up for the missed show.

It would be in a vain and foolish attempt to describe and review in detail the inspirational third LP from Matthew Sweet or his set at the Indigo Girls concert, so I won't. Instead, here's something different...

So you've admired him for a long time. So you've found something in his music that makes you sick with emotion. So what do you do when this person, this image on TV, this demi-god, calls you the phone and says "Hi"?

When Matthew Sweet called me that Saturday morning before his Sunday night TPAC gig, I wasn't as rattled I thought I would be. I was profoundly cool--well, I stuttered my way through it.

I had read tons of articles on him. Any and every question that could have possibly been asked had been

asked. What could be left to to question him about?

I knew I had to be creative and entertaining--especially to keep him on the phone. I had this dream that he got really mad at me and hung up. I didn't want that to happen.

I asked him exactly what I wanted to know.

What is the meaning of life?

"Life has no meaning. We are just a part of nature, everything we do is nature. There's no meaning to it."

Who are you going to vote for and why?

"I'm going to vote, I know that much. I just don't know who for, probably Bush, but I don't know. I haven't been keeping up recently, but I will study the issues before I vote."

What's the last movie you saw?

"The last movie I saw was 'Patriot Games.' I didn't like it. Before that was 'Alien3,' it was worse. I want to see 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer.' I did a song on the soundtrack. I read the script and I really liked it. I love teen angst, camp films."

What CD is in your CD player right now?

"Right now I've got *My Bloody Valentine* in the CD player, but I don't really listen to it. I like the new Lindsey Buckingham CD, but it's not that good, not as good as *Tusk*. That was great. Also check out Peal, they're really great."

What's going to be your next single after "I've Been Waiting"?

"After 'I've Been Waiting,' I don't know. Maybe 'Day for Night,' or 'Evangeline,' or we might release 'Divine Intervention' again. There's even been talk of releasing 'You Don't Love Me,' which is a really weird kind of pop love song."

Well, my stuttering ended about two minutes after I hung up the phone. I still won't touch the phone--there's some part of him still trapped inside.

I know he's just a person like anybody else, but people who have a dramatic effect on you begin to mean something to you. There's a larger-than-life aspect to that.

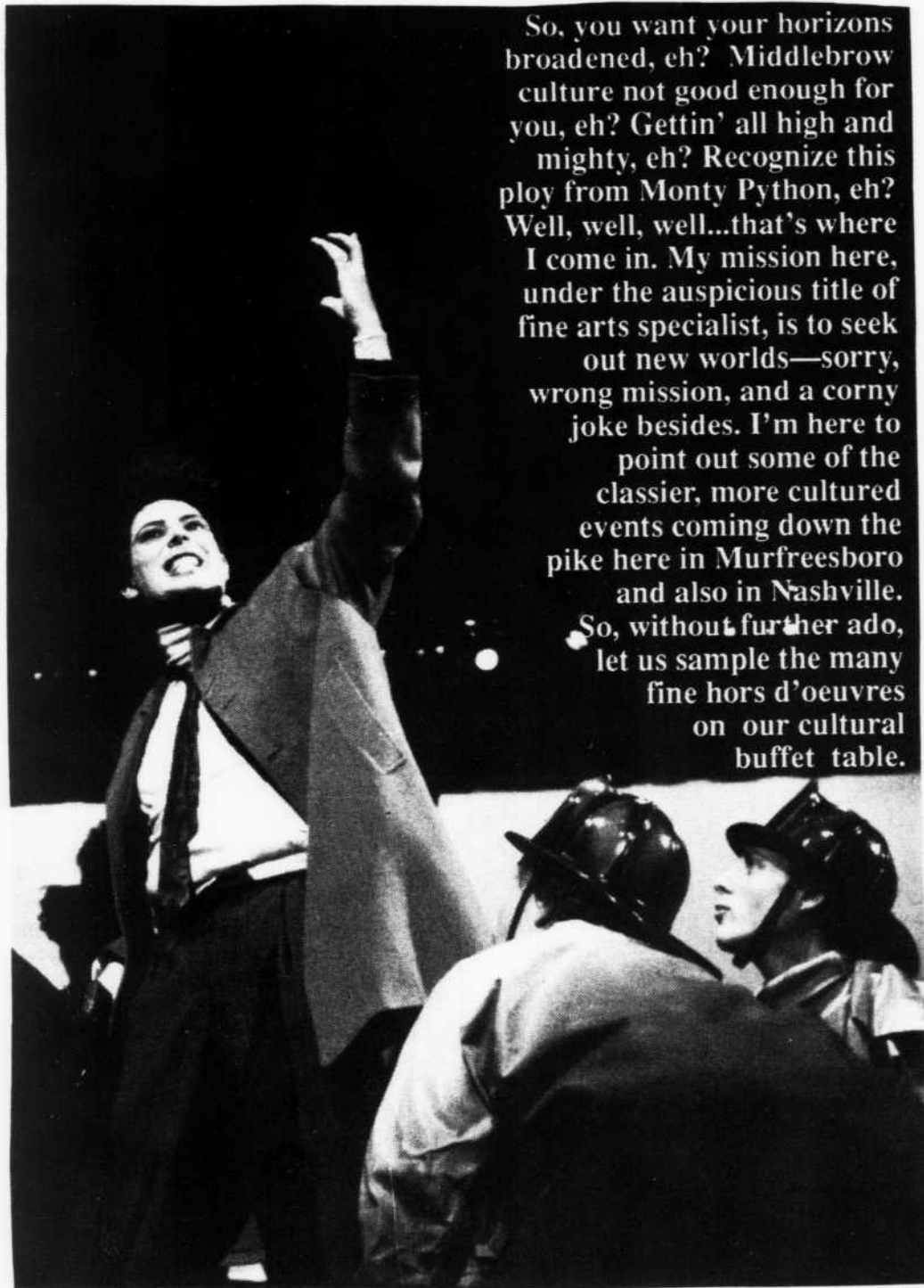
In many ways, to connect with Matthew Sweet for only a few minutes has altered me eternally. Thanks Matthew.

-- Sam Gannon



WHAT'S BETTER THAN TALKING WITH ELVIS? Talking to Matthew Sweet, who will be touring the Northeast this fall.

Sidelines sends Jason in search of fine art



So, you want your horizons broadened, eh? Middlebrow culture not good enough for you, eh? Gettin' all high and mighty, eh? Recognize this ploy from Monty Python, eh? Well, well, well...that's where I come in. My mission here, under the auspicious title of fine arts specialist, is to seek out new worlds—sorry, wrong mission, and a corny joke besides. I'm here to point out some of the classier, more cultured events coming down the pike here in Murfreesboro and also in Nashville. So, without further ado, let us sample the many fine hors d'oeuvres on our cultural buffet table.

MTSU's own theatre department will offer a musical and a play this semester. Dan Goggin's musical "Nunsense," a lighthearted musical comedy (as opposed, I reckon, to all those heavy hearted musical comedies) will open on Oct. 6 and run through Oct. 18. I highly recommend this show, having seen it once in New York; it's largely audience participation, it's very funny, and it pokes fun at organized religion. On Nov. 17, the school will begin running Carlo Goldoni's "Servant of Two Masters." Haven't heard of it? Exactly. When a theatre troupe is willing to go outside the norm, it demonstrates versatility and confidence on their part. Go see it, dadgum ya!

I consulted the music department, and it turns out I could write an entire article on their offerings this year. Indeed, Music Department Chairman Tom "no funny nickname" Naylor told me the music school will produce at least 60—yes, 60—concerts this year. The Stones River Chamber Players will perform frequently, as will the Middle Tennessee Symphony; faculty and general recitals will also occur with some frequency. The Chamber Players will perform Oct. 4 at the Alumni Center and the Symphony will perform at Tucker Theatre on Oct. 21. Of note here is that few, if any, shows will take place this year in the Wright Music Hall, currently closed for repairs. Do you suppose they may have finally listened to my suggestions and are

installing more trapdoors, catwalks and a giant chandelier?

At the moment, details are still sketchy about the art department's plans for fall; a faculty show and an invitational drawing exhibit are on the way. Don't fret—I will keep you posted. You can trust me. Did you know that MTSU's art school produced Wayne Williams, who won an Emmy for the sets he designed for "Pee-Wee's Playhouse" and now designs the fine, fine sets for "Riders in the Sky"? Well, now you know.

The dance department also remains a mystery wrapped in an enigma served with fried cheese. I do know this—they have an experimental troupe called Blue Moves, who have won rave reviews (rave, rave) for their work in the past. I'm keeping my eyes peeled and my ears julienned and will let you know what to expect and when to expect it.

Meanwhile, in Nashville, on Sept. 4 the traditional Italian Street Fair will begin. This year's fair, sponsored as always by the Nashville Symphony, will welcome the symphony's new assistant conductor, Karen Deal. The fair will again take place at Brentwood's Maryland Farms, which has one marked advantage over the old location downtown: the mighty "Kick Bootie" now has plenty of space, ergo less chance for dismemberment. Curious yet? I'll never tell.

Meanwhile, the symphony ...

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Summer Camp: Buffy the Vampire Slayer

"Let me get this straight. You want me to go to the graveyard with you because I'm the chosen one, and there's vampires. Does Elvis talk to you? Tell you to do things? Do you see spots?"
— Buffy

Have you ever had a life-altering experience? Don't have one during this movie, you need to pay attention. Regardless of what anyone says, it's good. It's funny, not too realistic, but funny and entertaining nonetheless.

So, you already know the plot. There's some kind of trendy valley girl who is named Buffy and she and some dwebe 'start slaying vampires.' If you're nodding yes, then you're almost right on target.

Buffy is a trendy, valley girl type who just can't escape a hairy mole she had removed

from her chest. A sub-plot?, you wonder. No, the mole is a mark of who she is.

Buffy, a cheerleader by day, is marked to join a long line of girls before her in slaying



Buffy, of Vampire Slaying fame

vampires by night. They're marked with a hairy mole. All that fun, and a mole, wow, what a lucky girl.

Buffy is just not ready to fight vampires. She's your typical high school teen. She's into shopping, popularity and accessorizing properly. Buffy is a definite child of the MTV generation whose likes include garlic, mirrors, sunrises and sales.

Does it sound really campy already? Just wait.

This new career shift worries our girl Buffy because it may cut in on her shopping quests and cramp that space left between dance committee and cheerleading.

But she must triumph. She has to; it's her movie. She has a vendetta to pay back. Merrick, the slayer's mentor, a mere mortal has been travelling the centuries training girls to be slayers of vampires.

After she rescues the young rebel with justifiable cause, Pike, the two together join forces to fight the powers of darkness and blood sucking, and the prime evil head vampire Lothos.

But, Lothos has a vampire



LET'S DO THE DANCE OF JOY! Buffy clutches her rebel boyfriend, Pike after killing a vampire in summer's campy hit "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," still playing here in town at the Stones River Cinemas.

vampire Lothos.

Lothos, however, has a vampire henchman in tow—none other than the Mr. P.W. Herman, who really steals the show in his death scene. No further explanation is necessary, go see the movie.

One more thing, when the credits start rolling, don't move. It's not over. Sit down and keep watching it.

The movie stars Kristy Swanson and Luke Perry. It will give you another look at teen angst.

The soundtrack, a hit-to-be in it's own right, includes new tracks by Matthew Sweet, C&C Music Factory, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Mary's Danish, The DiVinyls, Ozzy Osbourne, The Cult, and Susanna Hoffs.

-- Sam Gannon

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Bookland, Mercury Plaza. Much like the mall kings B. Dalton and Waldenbooks, Bookland is the place to go if you really need to have the latest Stephen King. Bookland also has an assortment of greeting cards and is conveniently located right beside Baskin Robbins.

Phillips Bookstore, right under your nose in the Keathley University Center. The store has

a lot of books, but most of them are textbooks—who reads them anyway, let alone for pleasure? Phillips does, however, have an assortment of current fiction and non-fiction. With a relatively good selection, it's a nice place to hang out and check the books between class. Phillips gets the gold star for convenience.

Readmore Book-N-Card, Georgetown Square. It's a card shop. It's a bookstore. It's a card shop. It's a bookstore. It's a card shop and bookstore in one. Here is possibly the best of both worlds, that is if you like both worlds; though if you don't, the smaller selection of books vs. cards could annoy you. Don't get me wrong, however, there is a fairly mainstream selection of current best sellers and magazines available.

Williams Booksellers LTD, 262 Heritage Park Drive. Williams has a great selection of magazines, books and other stuff, too. Williams is by far the best store in town if you want to "browse." This is Murfreesboro's smaller version of Davis-Kidd, but more like Bookworld. If you have a special order, they can usually have it in about two or three days. They also sell unusual posters and greeting cards. There are chairs to sit in and friendly people to talk to. You don't have to buy anything (although the management would prefer it) and you can just go and hang out. If you have kids this place is ideal, it has a terrific children's area and selection.

-- Sam Gannon

Buy, sell, trade: Your music sources

People like music. People buy music. If you are one of the above, you'll want to get with one of the below.

Century 21, 108 N. Baird Lane, right next to campus. If you want to sell or trade in your CDs, you're in luck if you venture into Century 21. You can also buy good, used CDs for around \$9. They also have the latest hits on brand new CD (this means unused). Did you leave all those vinyl classics at home by accident? Century 21 still sells new vinyl records, though by "new" we mean unused again, not necessary the current Top 40. Century 21 also features a diverse assortment of incense

and pipe paraphernalia and really weird 1970s posters. It's worth the short walk or drive to soak up that Murfreesboro culture.

Sound Junction, Outlets Limited Mall. Think of it this way, take your mall standard Camelot or Tracks and divide it by two, take the square root of that and subtract three and you've got the Sound Junction. This very small junction has the latest hits and a few others, but that's it. If you're in the mall (what a mall, by the way) and you don't want to have to go somewhere else to get Debbie Gibson's new tape, then go ahead pay a little more and get it at Sound Junction.

Sound Shop, located in the Jackson Heights Plaza. Basically a hometown blend of your regular mall store. They have a good selection of music, posters, T-shirts and videos. The store offers a student discount.

Turtles Music and Video, Georgetown Square. This is Murfreesboro's mother of music stores, making Sound Junction look like an ant in comparison. Turtles has a large selection of music and movies. You can get all your concert tickets here, too. The employees are really friendly and helpful. Turtles offers a student discount among many other discounts and deals.

-- Sam Gannon



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itself will perform its first classical show on Sept. 11 at TPAC at 8 p.m.; the first Pops show, with The Fifth Dimension, will open Sept. 25. Oct. 30 will bring something novel, as the symphony plays during a screening of the original silent movie "The Phantom of the Opera."

TPAC, which is an acronym for Tennesseans Peeking At Culture, also hosts the Tennessee Repertory Theatre. Their season begins on Sept. 10, with "The All Night Strut!," a musical that features the mighty music of Duke Ellington, Fats Waller and others from the swing era (that music also plays on a show on WNAR called "Thrilling Daze of Yesterday"—check it). Oct. 22 brings Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." If you find the original Slick Willy too hard to swallow, don't panic—the Rep always makes him come alive in novel ways. Come Christmas, we'll see a musical adaptation of the film we always watch at Christmas, when "It's a Wonderful Life" opens Dec. 3. Help me,

Clarence!

Somebody say "Art?" Cheekwood, my friends, is usually chock-a-block with art, whatever that means. A display by Beulah Coleman and a display of European political posters are both currently running; both end soon, so get your scurvy butts out there. Sept. 12 will see the opening of "Sigmund Abeles: Realist," to run through Nov. 15. On Nov. 21, the National Painting Competition will open. Those can get pretty rough—paint flying, brush wounds—but it should be fun. Runs through Jan. 3. The Fine Arts Center will host "Seeing the Unseen: Photographs by Harold Edgerton," Nov. 28-Jan. 10.

Plenty of other culture clubs can be found—Nashville also boasts an opera company, a ballet, and at least three other respected theatre troupes; Murfreesboro also has a theatre company. As the semester passes, I will provide more info on all these items. Stick with me, and you'll be so cultured, you'll need your own opera cape! Bravo!

-- Jason Sparks

Escape to the movies

Murfreesboro doesn't have any art-film houses. There are no budget movie houses, either. What's a student on a budget to do? Wait for those art-films on video and partake of the cheap nights and matinees offered to you.

Carmike Cinema Six, 896-4100, located in Jackson Heights Plaza. In my day...there was only one theater in town—except the drive-in and your parents really didn't take you to see anything there—and that one old theater is now called the Carmike Cinema Six. Now the two-screen Murfreesboro mainstay has increased to six screens and has a little competition from something other than the drive-in. If you want a flavor of Murfreesboro and its people, breathe in this theater, more than a million served, I'm sure of it. So what if it's old, it's still a great place to see a movie. There's also a certain charm, like on the days when it rains the forward sections

of the two original theaters are closed. There is gum, older than many faculty members, stuck to the seats. I mean it, this place is great. Matinee prices are \$3 and evening prices are \$5. Tuesday night is cheap night!

Cinema Twin, 890-0205, 726 S. Tennessee Blvd. Almost as ancient as the Carmike Cinema Six, the Cinema Twin bills itself as "your rocking chair friend." Although not all the chairs rock, you find yourself rocking in the comfort of lazy boys away from home. Once a single, the twin hosts many of the hot flicks not gobbled up by the Carmike monopoly. Matinee price is \$3 and evening prices are \$5.

Stones River Cinema (a Carmike family member), 890-8330, right out there in the bubbling and booming Stones River Mall. Unless you're big on Wal-Mart, the Stones River Six is the only reason you should have to visit the world-famous Stones River Mall (so what if it's not

open yet). The Stones River Cinema features the best first-releases in town, and it's also the newest, too—that means it's clean, a bonus for those of us who like to keep the bottoms of our shoes free from unidentifiable debris. If you're a movie-goer, you'll like the Stones River Cinema.

...and last but not least...

Keathley University Center Theater, located right beside the brand new Grill. Second or third-run movies are shown here periodically. Run by the film committee of Student Programming, the select movies will offer you a cheaper way to go (\$2) than the \$5 evening price in town, especially if you're willing to do without comfort, climate, and atmosphere. Keep in mind the film sometimes ends up backwards on the floor, ceiling, walls and general places other than the screen. Yes, it's still a bargain at \$2.

-- Sam Gannon

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Bands on the run

Editor's Note: In an attempt to support local music and students in bands, *Sidelines*, during the month of June and July, requested biographies and photos from local bands. We are printing submitted biographies, or articles we wrote based on information received by us from local bands, so that you can get a better idea of who's who in the local music scene.

Cat Daddy

"We are an original band, although we have various covers that we do from time to time," says Cat Daddy bass player Rick Henegar, and he should know.

Cat Daddy was formed in December 1991 when three friends from work got together with another friend and formed a band.

A relatively new band, Cat Daddy has been tearing up the local scene most of the summer with some headlining showcase gigs at Mainstreet, but Henegar says they are still in the forming process.

"Even though we have been playing in local clubs this summer, we are still writing, refining, etc."

"Eventually we hope to get in the studio and lay down our best material, possibly getting some airplay on the local college radio," Henegar said.

When looking at style, Henegar claims that the Cat Daddy style is diverse and based on a wide variety of influences.

"When we first got together it clicked instantly. We wrote well together and our different musical influences helped it seem very natural," Henegar said.

But what kind of music does Cat Daddy play?

"Our musical direction is alternative, with various influences from all musical styles. Although we all have different musical backgrounds, we are all young musicians when it comes to this form of music," Henegar offers.

Try to check out Cat Daddy next time they play, it's well worth your money.

Idaho Beach House

The members of Idaho Beach House say that they speak to a misplaced generation, a generation about as misplaced as a beach house in Idaho one would suppose. No matter what their name stands for, they want to make it big this year.

"If we don't do something, then we'll all go our separate ways," explained drummer Jay Jones. Jones and IBH frontman

Mark Roberts will enter graduate school next year far from constraints of Murfreesboro.

It all started in 1987 when guitarist Greg Layne met Roberts. After years together with various bands, they met drummer Jay Jones. After going through one bass player, they're on their second, David.

After playing the much-sought-after benefit concert for Vanderbilt's student-run radio station, WRVU, the guys are all hopeful that this year will be the one.

After many months of hard work, IBH is putting the final touches on their first full-length LP. The tape will feature many songs popularized in their local, live performances. Though trying to focus their energies on the new LP they did fit in a few headlining nights at Mainstreet's Monday Showcase.

They may say that they're going to take a rest, but they will probably be playing Mainstreet or the 'Boro before too long. Try and catch them if you can.

Seth Timbs and the Madhatters

Take a refreshing look, at what they're really not sure. Just a refreshing look. Be warned, once you've experienced Seth Timbs and the Madhatters, they swear, you may never turn back.

Riding high off two 'really kicking' gigs this summer the band is hoping to branch out and grab some of the campus crowd.

Recently, the guys finished their second album, tentatively called *Seth Timbs and the Madhatters' Big Gun and Knife Show*, only one of about 20 possible titles. The new tape will feature new tracks from their live performances.

"We want to play everywhere. We want to play on campus. We want to play off campus. We want to play in really little places that no one has ever heard of. We want to play to crowds of millions," explains Timbs.

Whether his aspirations are

high or insane, Timbs believes that his band is happy with where they are today.

"All in all we're a pretty happy band. We've played all over, and that's just this year. Next year..."

Tiger Radar

You can run, but you can't hide. They're closing in...stalking the stage...fearless, breathless, and anxiously awaiting the chance to devour the musical world.

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They strike swiftly, unleashing raw energy and metal muscle. And with a vengeance all their own, Dave, John and Chris aggressively hammer out the tunes as Kelly paces wildly in front. It's not just a show to observe. Tiger Radar grips their audiences passionately, enticing them with their animal instinct.

Whether they're tearing their way through heart-pounding, hard-edged favorites like "Girl's Gone Bad" and "Gone But Not Forgotten" or blue-based ballads like "I'm Lost" and "L.A. to Nashville," the crowd responds enthusiastically.

From Memphis to Knoxville—and everywhere in between—you'll find fans pressed shoulder to shoulder, arms in the air, hips swaying, and voices raised with shouts of approval as they openly embrace the Murfreesboro-based band and their original music.

Tiger Radar is hungry for success, and they'll scratch and claw until they break down that wall to reality.

So keep your eyes open! Don't stop watching...waiting...and listening. Because when you least expect it, Tiger Radar's relentless pursuit could lead them to your club.

Best Bets

Video

- Everyone knows Blockbuster has every movie ever made, it's a great place to go when you're in the mood for an old favorite.
- You saw it on the screen. You've waited months for video and the day has come, but no one in town has it. Have you tried Turtles? They always have new releases in, and you can save stamps for \$30 worth of free rentals.

Hang-Outs

- Try Blue Sky Court on 4th Avenue South in Nashville for a really relaxed, entertaining evening.

Performance

- For really good live acts check out 328 Performance Hall, the best small-scale place to see a lesser major act.
- Starwood Amphitheatre still has a lot of great concerts coming up, including the B-52's with the Violent Femmes, Elton John and Clint Black.

Food

- Taco Bell has the cheapest and best fast food, too bad there is only one in town.
- For Pizza, choose Papa Johns and Dominos, the price is low and the pizza is good.
- La Siesta has your south of the border faves, ask *Sidelines* editor Fern Greenbank about the margaritas.
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MTSU responds to NCAA allegations

Basketball program expects to hear doom in September

MTSU officials generally "concur" that the university men's basketball program violated NCAA regulations and agree the information contained in the allegations released earlier this year are substantially correct.

The NCAA Enforcement Office last week received the university's response to the 11 allegations regarding violations of NCAA legislation by the men's basketball program from April 1987 to August 1990.

In a summary letter to S. David Berst, assistant executive director for enforcement, President James Walker generally "concurs" that the information

contained in the allegations are "substantially correct."

"The university placed a lot of weight on information provided by students and student-athletes. In many instances, patterns of situations were recited by students who had no contact with each other and had no reason to provide misleading or false information," Walker states.

"A review of the results of the investigation leads me to conclude that the university has carried out its duty to investigate each allegation honestly and thoroughly to the best of its ability," the president notes.

"The actions of past coaches

were taken without the knowledge or approval of superiors of the university, but the Athletic Department and the university must accept the responsibility," he continues.

Coordinated by Race Bergman, professor of Elementary Education and University Compliance Officer, the investigation resulted in a 900-page response which involved interviews with "numerous individuals" to determine whether or not the NCAA allegations could be substantiated.

Bruce Stewart, former men's basketball coach, "did not in any way cooperate with the university's investigation," Bergman said.

"We feel comfortable and correct with our response," he

said. "We have put in over 10 weeks interviewing witnesses, listening to tape-recorded statements, taking depositions, and reading NCAA reports."

"We feel that we have done a very thorough job with the report; we feel comfortable with the information contained in the report and believe it to be correct to the best of our knowledge," Bergman said.

"The university staff has worked diligently in aiding the investigation, and their cooperation has been greatly appreciated."

"The university has expended thousands of dollars and hundreds of work hours as a result of this inquiry. This could have been avoided if there had been compliance with NCAA rules," Bergman concluded.

In the preface to the report,

the committee points out there were "severe budget constraints" on the university from 1987-1991 due to rapid growth. The preface also notes "three changes in presidency" during that time and that because of budget constraints, proper administrative supervision was not provided.

Although university representatives are tentatively scheduled to meet with the NCAA committee on infractions on Sept. 26 in Oakland Park, Kan., Bergman said he anticipates a preliminary hearing with the enforcement staff during the first week of September.

Slated to participate in the Kansas meeting in addition to Walker and Bergman are Athletic Director John Stanford, Tennessee Board of Regents attorney Mary Jo Price and men's basketball coach David Farrar.

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Tech has a pair of 'Queens'

When their 1992 football season kicks off Sept. 12 against Lock Haven, Tennessee Tech's Golden Eagles will have a pair of Queens to pen.

Shane Queen and Willie Queen, that is.

Shane Queen set the Tech single-season sack record as a sophomore in 1991 with 10 and returns to his "anchor" defensive end position. Willie Queen, the top freshman running back in the Ohio Valley Conference last year, will operate at tailback.

But veteran coach Jim Ragland could hold a loaded hand when the cards are dealt this fall—beginning with a new attitude among his charges.

Most any coach will tell you that attitude is just as important as ability—if not more so—when it comes to achieving success. Ragland certainly hopes that holds true as he enters his seventh season at his alma mater.

"We had a rejuvenation of positive attitudes throughout the off-season program and during spring practice," Ragland said. "The players went through both with enthusiasm."

That positive attitude, combined with 39 returning lettermen (including 17 starters) should pave the way for the Golden Eagles to improve on last year's 2-9 record.

Ragland and his staff had many questions answered during spring work, but some remain.

"We looked at our younger players and saw where they would fit in on the depth chart," Ragland said. "Also, we solidified our tight end situation."

One big question that remains is in the offensive line.

This fall the Golden Eagles will have the luxury of not one...not two...but three quarterbacks who started in 1991—Randy Beaman, Mike Jones and Daymen Taylor. (Three aces, perhaps, to go with the pair of queens to produce a full house?).

In the backfield, Willie Queen rushed 77 times

for 568 yards last season, a 7.4 ypc average. Fullback Billy Shackelford gained 451 yards in 1991 and has rushed for almost 1,200 yards in his career. Chris Stubbs has moved to tailback after earning six starts at cornerback as a freshman last year, while Anthony Carano also has experience at fullback.

Glen Puryear is Tech's top returning receiver after making 17 catches for 184 yards a year ago.

Four starters return in the offensive line, including center Tracy Russell, guards Keith Baldwin and Bubb Winter, and tackle Matt Martin. Other returnees include Derrick Shepherd and Darren Hill. JUCO transfer Sean Rushing took part in spring practice, as did Darrell Taylor, who missed last year.

Shane Queen, a second-team All-OVC selection last year, will be joined on the defensive line by one other returning starter, tackle Jason Hiatt. Brian Pankey should open at the other tackle, with 6-9, 300 pound Derrick Gray—the most-improved player on the team, according to Ragland. Ready at the other end, redshirt freshman Craig Long and sophomore Derrick Taylor will see action, as well.

Several players who have extensive playing time dot the secondary lineup. Cornerbacks George Thompson and Mike Stewart return, as do safeties Tony Eckler and Ted Lockerby. Others expected to contend are Andrew Mathis and Aveory Allen. In addition, Chip Holmes and past All-OVC pick Felix Parham are back after missing the 1991 campaign. Kevin Jackson lines up at rover.

Second-team All-OVC kicker Daniel Gipson (22-23 PATs/13-18 FGs) returns, as does punter Chad Brummitt (36.9 avg./14 120).

All information in the OVC Outlook obtained from the 1992 Media Guide

Racers hope to erase last year, start off fresh

The Murray State Racers will be trying to reclaim this season some of the success enjoyed in the 1980s, when they competed consistently for a first division finish in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Bolstered by 34 lettermen and 14 opening-game starters from last season's injury-plagued team that finished 3-8 overall and 1-6 in the league, the 1992 Racers seem capable of moving about the .500 mark and being a factor in the OVC.

"The attitude of the team was good in the spring," sixth-year coach Mike Mahoney said, "and I'm encouraged going into fall workouts. We could have been 6-5 or 7-4 last season, but we were devastated by injuries."

Mostly because of physical problems, 42 players started at least one game for the Racers last season, and 27 of them are on the current roster. Included are three players who didn't begin the year in the lineup but became solid contributors.

The big news of spring drills was the switch on offense from a multiple "I" scheme to a multiple option concept. The new attack calls for three running backs and one wide receiver rather than two running backs and two wide receivers, except in obvious passing situations.

"We improved offensively and defensively this spring," Mahoney said. "Our players feel good about themselves and believe they'll be successful. We need more depth, but I expect us to win this year. Eastern Kentucky and Middle Tennessee are once again the teams to beat in the OVC, but we can be a contender. We're close to turning this program around."

Mahoney counts on Perry, Lewis, Cox, Aldridge, Gibbs and Rokusek for leadership this fall, and teammates have voted Lewis, Gibbs and Rokusek MSU's permanent captains.

MSU's 11-game schedule calls for six home encounters and one new opponent, Missouri-Rolla. The Racers will face one new Conference opponent, Tennessee-Martin.



Blue Raider lines must be strong, stable

Key to season's success lies within the trenches on both sides

Middle Tennessee Football Coach Boots Donnelly and his staff lose 10 starters from a Blue Raider team that went 9-4 last season, placed second in the Ohio Valley Conference, played in the NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs for the third straight year and finished ranked well up among the Division's top 10 teams in every national poll.

Ten is not an inordinate number of starters to lose, although that particular statistic is strictly the case of "less is better."

However, the loss of even that number of starters is significant in MTSU's case, since seven of the 10 missing players started on either the offensive or defensive interior line.

"The line - on either side of the ball - is the engine that makes the team go," Donnelly said. "And we've got a lot of experience and skill to replace up front."

"Linemen's techniques seem to come more slowly than those at some of the so-called 'skill' positions, so it usually takes a little longer to replace somebody up there."

"We are fortunate, though, in that we have some pretty talented youngsters moving in behind the starters we lost," Donnelly explained. "But they'll still have to build their own backlog of practice reps and game competition before they can become as effective as the more experienced players they're replacing."

This year's offensive line will have to rally around the lone returning starter, tackle Steve McAdoo.

He's a 6-4, 282-pound senior who has been named to at least one first-team All-America berth in each of the past two seasons, so he's perfectly capable of providing splendid leadership.

Anthony Crabtree, a 6-2, 220-pound junior, could be

the heir-apparent at center, while Pat Hicks and David Watson should be prominent in the picture at the guard positions. Onesimus Leslie and Melvin Stevenson could figure in at the tackle slot opposite McAdoo, although there are some other capable youngsters waiting the chance to give a challenge there, as well.

Guard Randy Houston is the only returning interior defensive lineman. Also waiting in the wings are guard James McKenzie, and tackles Montrell Toney and Mike Jordan, among others.

There are at least three other spots where some sizable



shoes are left to fill because of the absence of senior starters from a year ago.

For example, the school's most productive ball-carrier ever, Joe Campbell, is absent from his tailback slot for the first time in four seasons. He reigns as the Raiders' all-time career leader in rushing yards (3,823), touchdowns (45) and scoring (270 points).

And those totals don't even include another 581 yards, five TDs and 32 points racked up during NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs.

Campbell's absence, though, might be a little less painful because of the return of his understudies for the past couple of years. Walter Dunson will be a senior this

fall, after rushing for 621 yards and scoring 13 TDs in 1991, all as back-up to Campbell.

Starting fullback Walt Crowder is also back to give MTSU another running threat, as well as a solid blocker.

Starting flanker Greg James will be missing after starting for two seasons, but the Blue Raiders have a bevy of capable receivers returning. They're led by lightning-quick split end Vince Parks, tight end Steve Dark and wide-out Curt Watkins.

The third most noticeable niche to fill, outside of the offensive and defensive lines, is the hole left by the departure of linebacker Scott Boykin. He led the team in tackles for each of the past two seasons and always seemed to be wherever there was an opposing player holding a football.

Jabbar Troutman, who started nearly all last year as a freshman, returns to man the other linebacker slot, but the rest of the contenders are virtually without experience.

Despite Donnelly's well-known penchant for taking a much-more-than-cautious view of any upcoming season, even the 15-year veteran of OVC coaching might occasionally flash a furtive smile when it comes to his team's quarterback situation.

Depth there could be a problem, but compared to 1991, the Raider's field general picture is as bright as a politician pretends to be in an election year.

Going into last season, Donnelly had absolutely NO experienced quarterbacks and the only two candidates with any playing time at all were question-marks due to previous injuries.

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Colonels offense ready to pop with Thomas in EKV backfield

Eastern Kentucky University head coach Roy Kidd returns 28 lettermen from last season's Division I-AA semifinalist club that posted a final 12-2 record and won the Ohio Valley Conference championship outright.

Leading the returnees will be senior tailback Markus Thomas (5-10, 195), a third-team Associated Press All-American who was also recipient of the 1991 Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year honor.

Thomas, who has rushed for 4,058 yards and 35 touchdowns in his three-year Eastern career, led the Conference in rushing and was sixth in the nation last year with his 123 yard average (1,699 yards, 11 TDs).

Also returning on offense will be senior quarterback Joey Crenshaw who completed 96-181 passes for 1,277 yards and three TDs last year.

Other starters coming back on that side of the ball will be junior split-end Kenny McCollum, who is the Colonels' leading returning receiver (18 catches for 334 yards and one TD); senior tackle Brain Pressler; and senior tight end Dwayne Woods.

Senior placekicker Todd Duffy is also back after setting a school career mark for

consecutive extra points over the past two seasons with 70 made before missing against Tennessee State and eclipsing his own single season record for extra points made with 46.

Other lettermen back on offense are senior flanker Leon Brown; senior tackle Larry Duncan; junior fullback Kendrick Fishback; sophomore center-guard Cas Jessee; senior guard Ted McGonigle; junior tight end

Scott Parks; junior tailback Mike Penman; junior split-end Jason Thomas;

and senior guard-tackle Mike Thomas.

Leading the five returning starters on defense is junior tackle Chad Bratzke, a second-team All-OVC pick last season. Bratzke was credited with 47 tackles, 33 assists and had 18 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Other starters back include junior linebacker Ara Jackson who received National I-AA Defensive Player of the Week honors in the Louisville game and who totaled 53 tackles and 50 assists last year; senior roverback Fred Moton; senior cornerback

Brad Ladd; and senior cornerback Glenn Williams.

These five players led Eastern to a final national ranking of fourth in scoring defense (13.4), eighth in total defense (275.2), and 10th in rushing defense (115.1).

Other lettermen coming back on defense include senior nose guard Pete Lepsis; senior linebacker Ted Fouser; sophomore end Jason Dunn; senior end Kelvin Ford; sophomore Carlos Timmons; junior cornerback Eddie Byrd; and junior cornerback Sean Little.

Twenty-three high school and junior college recruits highlight the list of newcomers for the Colonels this fall.

Kidd, who was named Kodak Region 3 and OVC Coach of the Year last season, will be beginning his 29th season as the Colonels' head coach in 1992. He is currently third among active Division I and I-AA coaches in coaching victories with 230, trailing Grambling's Eddie Robinson and Penn State's Joe Paterno. Kidd's 28-year record at Eastern stands at 230-81-8 (734).

Eastern closed the 1991 season as the No. 2 ranked (behind Nevada) team in the final I-AA poll with a 12-2 overall and 7-0 Conference record.



SEMO expects to see some improvement in new OVC year

Southeast Missouri State University expects to see improvement during the 1992 season after going 3-8 last season in the Indians' first year at the NCAA Division I-AA level.

Last season the Indians lost their first six games, but won three of the last five to finish 3-8 and in a third place tie in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 3-4 record.

Graduation claimed the Indian's top quarterback, top two receivers, and top two running backs on an offense that established six new team records last season.

Despite the losses, SEMO should be even stronger on offense this season behind a veteran offensive line that returns all starters from last season anchored by second team All-OVC center Brandon Norman.

Jason Liley, who passed for 2,333 yards as a sophomore in 1990, had a strong spring practice and appears to be back in the form that helped him ring up the impressive numbers. Last season, Liley battled a knee injury and was relegated to a backup role. The top two receivers from last season are gone, but the next three return. Aaron Layton, who does return, had 43 catches for 440 yards and two TDs last season.

The Southeast running game should be vastly improved with the addition of redshirt running back Kelvin Anderson who has great speed and quickness.

Defensively the Indians return first team All-OVC free safety James Chinn and seven other defensive starters. Two freshmen linebackers, Clause Sanders and Rawleigh Williams, gained valuable playing time last season and should be solid performers as sophomores. Sanders has moved to the inside linebacker position and solidifies the middle of the Indian defense along with returning starters Joe Davis and Nate Questelle.

The defensive line, anchored by three-year starter at nose guard, Chris Pickett, will be strengthened by the return of defensive tackle Doug Berg who missed all of last season with an illness.

The defensive secondary should be solid with Chinn, who had a league leading six interceptions, joined by returning starters Steve Bryant and Michael Graves at the cornerback positions and senior Derrick Smith at strong safety.

BASKETBALL CLINIC

Any boy or girl who will be in grades 5,6,7, or 8 is eligible to participate in a free basketball clinic.

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A year ago, Austin Peay State University football fans would have settled for just one win--and that's exactly what was guaranteed.

When the Governors fashioned a much-improved 5-6 record it made it just as easy for those same fans to expect more in 1992.

APSU coach Roy Gregory is approaching the 1992 season with cautious optimism.

"We hope we can take another step up the ladder," Gregory said. "But the second year of a program is always tougher than the first. I think you can ask (basketball) coach (Dave) Loos about that.

"Last year we won on attitude and everyone pulling in the same direction. These kids had been beaten up pretty good mentally during their careers. Now they have had a taste of some success.

"This year we need to build off that success but the key will be the same thing--attitude and everyone pulling in the same direction. Everyone has to realize their roles on this team and play their roles."

On paper, Gregory should have reason for optimism. The Govs return 15 starters--seven

on offense, seven on defense plus placekicker Steve Munnell. In total, APSU returns 39 lettermen which should bode well in not only finding replacements for the departed starters but add depth as well. Experience, however, is just part of the equation.

"The main thing we have to improve is execution both offensively and defensively and we want our kicking game to be better also," Gregory said. "It's really important we execute our offense more effectively.

In fact, the Govs return their entire offensive back field and much of their offensive line. Senior quarterback Reggie Williams (395 yards rushing, 3.6 ypc), when healthy, proved effective in operation the attack. A mid-season shoulder injury affected his throwing (45 of 107, 773 yards, 5 TDs) and the 5-9, 190 pounder's passing numbers really dropped off in the season's latter stages.

That shoulder problem put even more pressure on the running backs. However, all three finished averaging 5.0 yards per carry or

better. The leader was junior fullback Jody Smith (791 yards, 5.0 ypc, 6 TDs), who was not better than third string entering last fall. The 6-2, 210 pounder was selected offensive MVP by his teammates. Flanking him again should be another pair of juniors, 5-10, 190 Jamie Spicer (503 yards, 5.5 ypc) and 5-10, 160 Samy Hillman (363 yards rushing, 5.0 ypc).

Defensively, the Govs also return seven starters but they must replace defensive MVP, nose guard Jeff Crutchfield, a second-team All-OVC choice who finished second in Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year balloting.

Senior Ray Moore, who reported late last season after finishing up junior college requirements, and redshirt freshman David Wilson figure prominently in the picture. Also challenging should be four other redshirt freshmen--William Bruce, Patrick Storey, Nick Wright and Jason Dawson.

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Morehead has holes to fill

Key individuals return on both sides of the line of scrimmage for Morehead State University football Coach Cole Proctor when he begins his third season with the Eagle football program.

Heading the list of 34 lettermen and 15 starters returning from last season's team that finished 4-7 overall and 3-4 in the OVC are runningbacks Darrin Harris and Anthony Jerdine, tight end Jesse Olverson, outside linebacker Fred Johnson, defensive lineman Richard Shadwick and defensive backs Tyrone Fisher and Lawrence Gore.

The biggest holes to fill will be on the offensive and defensive lines and in the defensive backfield. Two-time Academic All-American offensive guard Jim Appel, offensive tackle Mike Gildea, nose guard Anthony Cox and defensive backs Carlos Tuck and Jerod Thomas are

gone.

The starting quarterback position is expected to be a battle between red-shirts Matt Bloemer (Fr.) and Jeremy Holbrook (So.), both of whom can run the option offense that Proctor prefers.

Defensively, Johnson and Shadwick are candidates for post season honors.

Fisher, an all-Conference cornerback, led the team with three interceptions last season. Gore will move from strong to free safety and should be a standout.

Placekicker Craig Bere and punter Brian Flynn return. Red-shirt freshman Atle Larsen is expected to battle Bere for



Martin ready for OVC action?

The University of Tennessee at Martin Pacer football team begins a new era with its move to Division I-AA and Ohio Valley Conference membership in 1992.

The Pacers completed their transitional season last fall as a Division II independent and got a good taste of their upcoming level of play. Tennessee-Martin prepared for its new league by playing seven OVC opponents among nine I-AA opponents. The Pacers posted a respectable 4-3 mark against their future league rivals and finished with a 5-6 overall mark in a slate that had only four home contests.

Pacer coach Don McLeary is leading the Pacers in their move. McLeary is looking forward to UTM's future in its new division and conference.

"We are excited about the move to I-AA and beginning our association with the

OVC," said the Pacer coach. "Last season, we knew the direction we were heading, so we thought it made sense to schedule the teams that we would be playing in the years to come. Our young team gained experience and showed progress and we are looking to build upon last season in our first year in the league."

With the impending move to Division I-AA, McLeary and his staff signed an all-freshman class in 1991. Last winter's signing class was again predominantly freshmen as the Pacers increased their numbers in the move to the I-AA level. The team will again be extremely young, with only six seniors on the squad.

"We want to build a program and the way to do that is to sign high school players," said McLeary. "We know we have

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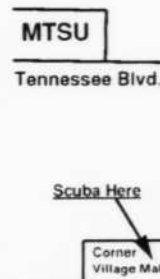
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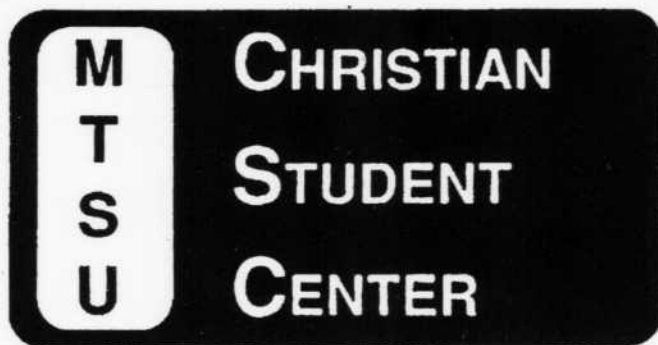
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Gilliam's Tigers getting ready to roar in '92

As the football season nears, problems with the offensive and defensive lines, linebackers and running game will be areas focused on by head coach Joe Gilliam Sr., who's preparing for his fourth season as head coach of the Tigers.

Tennessee State will return 16 of 24 starters and 35 of 45 lettermen from a squad that posted a disappointing 3-8 record (2-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference) in 1991.

Offensively, TSU's success will depend on a healthy James Wade at quarterback. Wade, who was selected All-OVC for his 2,020 passing yards last season, was hampered by a knee injury for the first three games of '91. Chad Germany, Jimmy Bethea and Clint Patana could also see action at the quarterback slot this year.

On defense, 14 lettermen are returning, including seven starters. The line will be led by tackles Gerome Gardner, Robert Hayes, Robert Hillman and Armond Singleton. TSU must replace Darrell Brooks, Elliot Pilton and Bernard Wilson, who are all expected to see action in

the professional ranks this year. Gardner, who also saw action at linebacker, finished last season with 62 total tackles. Singleton, who could emerge as an all-star candidate, registered 52 total stops last year.

The punting duties rest on the capable foot of two-time All-American Colin Godfrey. Godfrey who led the nation as a sophomore with a 45.9 average, enters his final season with a 42.3 yard career average. He also has been a GTE Academic

All-American (second team) selection for the last two seasons.

Overall, TSU's success in '92 depends on several factors. If Wade can stay protected and the young, inexperienced offensive line can open up holes for the running backs, the offense should be explosive. Defensive coordinator Craig Gilliam has holes to fill that allowed a team record 3,927 total yards.

Do not underestimate the Tigers in '92. Last year's 3-8 record will serve as enough motivation for a turnaround this fall.



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In stepped freshman Kelly Holcomb to banish all doubts and fears. He completed 130 of 209 passes for 1,763 yards and five touchdowns, all with only four interceptions.

All five starters on the defensive perimeter are back: Danny Lawrence and Mike Caldwell return at defensive ends, Jamie Redmond and Adrian Owens at cornerbacks and Andre Boykin at free safety.

The kicking prospects are completely turned around from a year ago, Placekicker Garth Pertilli and punter Joel Alsobrooks both performed with solid consistency as freshmen last fall.

"We have experienced nearly everywhere except in the two lines," summed up Donnelly, "but, unfortunately, it takes solid line play to allow your other talents to reach their potentials. We've got some youngsters we feel can play coming into the offensive an defensive line--we'll just have to see how quickly they can become effective.

"Then, too," he added, "we're in the same position we find ourselves in most seasons: almost all our depth will have to come from young players with little, if any, experience. And you always have to wait to find out how they react to being thrown in the fight.

"It looks as though it's going to be another exciting year!"

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a challenge in front of us and are not looking for any quick-fix approach to what we are trying to accomplish here."

UT Martin will again use the "pro-spread" offense. The top priority in preseason camp for the offense is to determine who will lead the attack.

On the positive side, the majority of the 31 returning lettermen are underclassmen which gives the team a good nucleus for the future.

Defensively, the unit has overall better depth and experience coming back. With the increased number of players, good battles for starting positions should also be on tap to whereas in years' past there was a significant difference of quality from the first to the second teams.

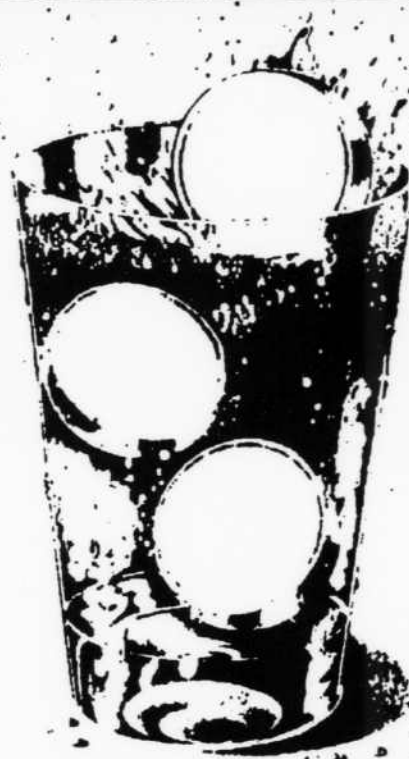
In the secondary, sophomore Dwayne Harper has a bright future. Harper led the team with 98 tackles and tied for the team leadership with three interceptions in his true freshman season. Junior O'Dale Satterfield is a two-year starter an divided his time between free and strong safety due to injuries.

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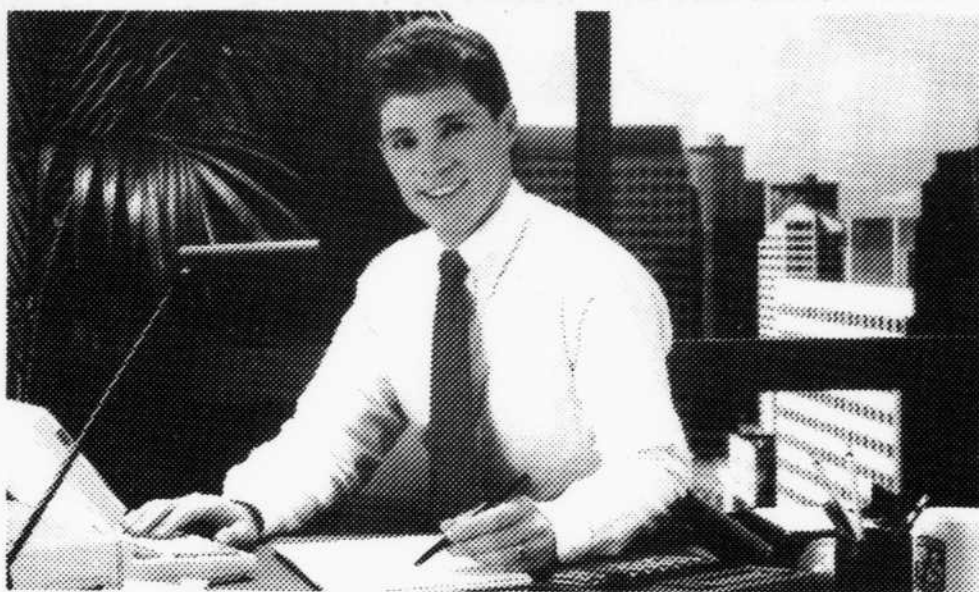
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Nation's debt could threaten expansion of financial aid

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After two years of debate, Congress has approved a massive bill to expand student financial aid and other higher education programs despite warnings that the nation's budget woes could undermine many of its key objectives.

"It's bittersweet victory for students," said Selena Dong, legislative director for the United States Student Association. While the bill permits a major expansion of Pell Grants, for example, Congress may have trouble just maintaining current funding levels, she said.

The Higher Education Act reauthorization bill would raise the maximum Pell Grant from \$2,400 and \$3,100 next year and permit more aid to middle-income and part-time students. But Congress still must appropriate Pell funds based on projected revenue and budget targets. Already, Dong said, members are talking about a cut from \$2,400 - not an increase - to meet 1993 budget targets.

While the HEA bill contains many laudable goals, "we may be talking about pie in the sky" when it comes to financial aid, Dong said. She also chided Congress for defeating a plan to make Pell Grants an entitlement. "Many poor students won't be helped by this bill," she added.

President Bush was expected to sign the HEA bill in late July.

Overall, the measure allows for modest growth in many student aid

programs - again, barring budget constraints--and reflects considerable compromise between separate House and Senate bills debated during the past two years.

The bill recommends moderate growth for Pell Grants through 1997, when the maximum grant could reach as high as \$3,700.

Middle-income students with family income up to \$42,000 a year could receive aid, and the government also would remove home or farm equity as a factor in eligibility.

For student loans, the bill increases maximum Stafford loan amounts from \$2,625 to \$3,500 for second-year students, \$4,000 to \$5,000 for third - and fourth-year students and \$7,500 to \$8,500 for graduate students.

The HEA bill also contains a controversial direct loan proposal in which schools would begin to replace banks in the loan process. Up to \$500 million will be available for the first year of a five-year experiment.

Sponsors of the direct loan concept say it will save money by eliminating the subsidies paid to banks as well as the banks' own administrative cost in handling the loans. But the White House balked at the idea and threatened to veto the entire bill, which prompted Congress to scale back the experiment.

Even during floor debate, lawmakers continued to debate the merits of the direct loan plan. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., called it "one of the most innovative ideas in higher education," while Sen.

Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, countered that it could turn educational institutions into banks. "I am not at all certain that this is a good idea," Hatch said.

In addition, Congress attached a provision allowing any family, regardless of income, to receive a 9 percent loan for education expenses. Higher income households, however, would have to begin repaying the loans immediately rather than waiting until a student finishes college.

Elsewhere in the bill, Congress would create two new programs to identify and recruit low-income, disadvantaged students attending college. "These programs identify at-risk students early in the educational pipeline and make funding available for early intervention programs to keep them in school," Kennedy said.

In addition, the bill would authorize a new Teacher Corps in which prospective teachers would receive financial aid in return for a pledge to teach in underserved areas after graduation.

The measure also would authorize a variety of anti-crime measures designed to promote campus safety. For example, Congress would require college to adopt more consistent policies on sexual assault. Lawmakers also set aside \$10 million for campus rape prevention education programs.

For institutions, the bill expands federal aid to historically black colleges and universities (\$135 million) and creates a new program (\$45 million) for institutions serving a large number of Hispanic students.

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"We need people who have media experience, but those people must also have management skills and training," Tom Sparks, executive vice president of Carden and Cherry Advertising, expressed the feelings of many media executives when he made these comments to a recent focus group at MTSU. The group was studying the feasibility of establishing a new master's degree in mass communication, which has now been approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and will be available in January at MTSU.

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As the man in charge of academics at MTSU, Hindman countered the Master Plan with a plan of his own. Hindman said the Academic Master Plan (not an official term but a general one), is a top priority for him. The Academic Master Plan focuses on improving the classroom environment, said Hindman.

The plan is geared toward increasing interaction between students and faculty. A teaching and learning center where faculty can get help with teaching skills is in the works. Hindman said he is also engaged in conversation with IBM over an instructional technology program.

Hindman said students must be active participants in a cooperative effort.

"Some students today are not willing to put in the time on the task that is necessary to master a complicated subject," said Hindman. "A good education does not necessarily equate to a bunch of happy campers who are having fun and being

entertained," Hindman added. "A good education may be blood, sweat and tears and not much fun at the time."

The make-up of the student body at MTSU has changed, Hindman agreed. He said he realizes many students are forced to work and support families.

"Life has changed," said Hindman, "but what has not changed is what it takes to be successful. You've still got to put in the time to master the subject."

In order to receive a quality education today, Hindman said many students will need to stretch out their time in the halls of academe by taking summer courses, lightening their load during regular semesters and extending their education a year or two.

Both Hindman and Walker said they're proud to be a part of MTSU and don't feel they are part of an "inferior institution."

"We aren't supposed to be another Harvard or Yale. Our role and mission is to serve a wide body of the population and I think we do that very well," said Hindman.



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ONE LAST SHOT AT SUMMER FUN: Walter Hill Dam provided cool shelter from summer heat for Smyrna High School students.