

IN BRIEF



WORLD

Rebel leader orders unilateral cease-fire

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The leader of the Tamil Tiger rebels announced a unilateral cease-fire hours after the inauguration of Sri Lanka's new president.

In a message broadcast Saturday over the Tigers' clandestine radio station, rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran said the guerrillas should retaliate only if attacked, military intelligence officials said.

More than 34,000 people have been killed in the Tamil Tigers' 11-year war for a separate nation in the north and east of this island off the tip of India. Tamils make up about 20% of Sri Lanka's population.



NATIONAL

Assisted suicide victory leaves legal questions

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The world's first assisted suicide law is leaving many doctors and patients with one question: "Can I go through with it?"

"I intend to take that option," said Tim Shuck, a 45-year-old with AIDS who was given less than a year to live.

"Can I change my mind? Sure. What I now have is the legal option. Whether I choose to fulfill that option, time will tell," he said.

The law approved by voters on Tuesday allows patients with less than six months to live to ask a doctor for a lethal prescription.



Marijuana suspect indicted for murder

JOHNSON CITY (AP) — A Grey man accused of heading a marijuana ring has been indicted in connection with a drug-related murder.

Ray Allen Ward, 38, was indicted earlier this month by the Washington County grand jury in the solicitation of the murder of Jeffrey Scott Bledsoe, 25, of Johnson City.

Two other men have been indicted on first-degree murder charges in Bledsoe's Feb. 12 shooting death. Authorities say Bledsoe was killed over a \$15,000 drug debt he owed.

Ward also faces trial Nov. 29 in U.S. District Court for allegedly heading a local marijuana distribution ring.

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Housing creates new hall director position

KRIS WETZEL

Staff Writer

A new hall director position was created this summer in the Housing system. These five hall directors (HDs) will serve in a full-time capacity to create a community within the residence hall environment.

The job of the HD is to preside over the order, discipline and development of the buildings according to Ivan Shewmake, MTSU housing director.

Housing has received hundreds of applications, but has filled only one space.

The selection committee for hall directors favors applicants with a master's degree in either Higher Education Administration or Student Personnel Administration, said Shewmake.

"I wasn't satisfied with just hiring a warm body," Shewmake said. "We're looking for educated, competent and caring individuals."

HDs will work with the hall counsel, a group of residents who suggest building improvements, ideas for changes in building policies, such as a non-smoking lobby, and group activities.

"They are (to Housing residents) like the SGA is to the student body," Kathy Locke, Area III coordinator, said. (Area III is composed of Corlew and Cummings Halls, two high rise buildings that require both a hall director and an assistant hall director to cover the large population of the buildings.)

Hall directors live in the residence halls free of charge and also receive free cable television, local telephone calls and a parking space. Their salary is \$20,000 a year according to Locke.

"Being hall director shows others that you are a responsible person, but it also continues to teach you a lot of responsibility. It's taught me how to get along with a wide diversity of people," David Howard, graduate hall director of Judd Hall.

Howard added, "I feel overburdened at times. . . because there is a lot of work outside our scheduled duty time, but I still enjoy it and would recommend the job to others."

Residence halls that do not have the new hall directors are currently supervised by two graduate hall directors, which Locke feels provides "good or better service than last year's staff."

Housing is currently at 100% capacity and are anticipating building more dorms to accommodate student demands according to Locke. □



CHARLES HOGUE/Photo Editor

STRIKE UP THE BAND! MTSU Band of Blue members show their school spirit wearing their new uniforms at Saturday's game against Illinois St.

SGA puts forward ambitious agenda

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The SGA met Wednesday night in the lobby of Lyons Hall to discuss future plans and field student questions.

Although no students attended the meeting, the SGA tackled areas of interest and concern. Better parking remains a priority for the SGA, especially for resident students. The SGA suggested "red and white" parking which would expand and restrict resident parking lots.

The SGA speculated that the price of the green and black parking permits would either remain the same price or decrease if the resident parking lots were put into effect. They also discussed the future of parking garages to help solve the parking dilemma on campus.

Other SGA items of concern discussed at the Nov. 9 meeting:

- raising student attendance at MTSU sporting events.
- providing more student mailboxes on campus.
- creating more school activities to raise school spirit.
- improving lighting on campus for student safety.
- issuing a bulletin containing the plans and concerns of the SGA. □

Illegally parked bicycles pose problems for disabled students

KRYS SPAIN

Staff Writer

Bicycles parked on handicap ramps are causing some disabled students to have problems, but there is currently no policy to ticket or confiscate bicycles that are blocking the ramps, according to Manager of Public Safety Gary Hunter.

Bicycles that are attached to handicap ramps could cause harm to disabled students coming down the ramps. They obstruct the way for wheelchairs to go up and down the ramp safely with the handlebars protruding up to 7 inches into the ramp space, making it difficult for individuals to move along the ramp.

Many people choose not to register bicycles because they aren't required to be registered.

As a result, there is no way to ticket bicycles.

One student has suggested that registration of bikes be mandatory for this purpose, as well as for the owner's protection in case of theft.

"I am submitting some legislation to the SGA, requesting that it be mandatory for persons to register their bikes on campus. This will protect the student's bicycle from being stolen, as well as giving the university a way of knowing who the bicycle belongs to," said Scott Davis, a junior Nursing major.

In the event that a student becomes injured due to the presence of the bicycles on the ramps, than the university will be held liable. The ramps are made a certain size in order to accommodate wheelchairs.

Marvin Berry, a sophomore Accounting major, is a Quadriplegic, meaning he can only

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New astronomy class to 'Explore the Universe'

GREG CANTRELL
Special to *Sidelines*

A new astronomy class, "Exploring the Universe" or ASTR 140, will be offered for the first time to MTSU students beginning in the Spring 1995 semester, according to physics professor Dr. Jay White.

"The class will cover everything from the solar system, the sun and other stars, our galaxy and others, and the life and death of the universe as a whole," White said.

"They made a misprint in the schedule books. It (the schedule book) says 'Astrology' and it's supposed to be 'Astronomy.' I don't want students to think it's a class to learn how to read Tarot cards or tea leaves, although I'm sure that would be an interesting class, too," he explained.

Chemistry professor Dr. Roy Clark awarded the class to White after teaching it as part of physics for many years.

"He had taught it since the 1970s, but not many people knew about it because it was hidden as a physics class. No one expects to find astronomy under physics," White pointed out.

Astronomy 140 was previously known as Physics 340 and 341.

White said he believes the classes were misnumbered and that they are basically of the freshman level. He wanted to make sure the astronomy class had a lower division number in hopes that

it would encourage students to take the class.

The class would probably benefit education majors because many middle and high schools are now offering some type of astronomy classes, White said.

"Just about everyone is interested in some form of astronomy, from a four-year-old on up. Everyone has looked out at the nighttime sky at some point in their lives and just wondered," he said.

White said he would like to see the new class divided into two parts in the future.

"It's unfair to students because they can't get good depth or fair coverage (of materials) to what they're doing," he said.

To boost interest for the class, White has posted flyers that he made featuring pictures of Edwin Hubble and Druids around campus.

He hopes their humor will peak students' curiosities.

The class has an optional lab, and will be held in the Davis Science Building. Special classes will be conducted at the MTSU Observatory near the new recreation facility.

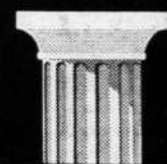
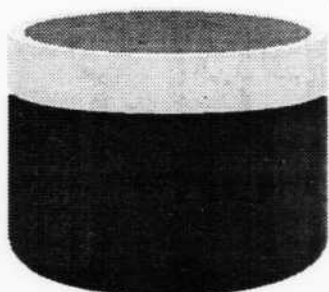
"I would probably take the class because I have an interest in the unknown, especially space," said Lori Blaylock, a public relations major.

"This (class) is a greater chance to show that astronomy is not a finished process. There are so many questions to study. This is a great time to be alive and an astronomer," he added. □



Smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking. Habitual use of smokeless tobacco is linked to an increased incidence of Leukoplakia, an oral condition that is precancerous 5% of the time. It leads to a decrease in the senses of taste and smell and increased dental problems, such as receding gums and tooth decay.

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CAMPUS CAPSULE

Monday

There will be an Ad Club meeting in Mass Comm Room 104 at 6:30 p.m. Topic: "Commercial Speech." A surprise speaker will be there. Contact Jeanette Gipson at 4867.

Tuesday

The Psi Chi/ Psychology Club is presenting a "Test Anxiety and Stress Management" workshop each Tuesday Nov. 1-22, at 10 a.m. in KUC Room 312. Dr. Beryl West, RBJ Campbell Distinguished Professor, will be speaking.

Wednesday

Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society will hold a meeting at 4:30 p.m. today in Peck Hall Room 300A. English majors and minors welcome. Also, the scheduled discussion of Willa Cather's *The Lost Lady* has been postponed until the Nov. 30 meeting. There will be no meeting on Nov. 23. Contact Candace Moonshower at 646-4527 for more information.

Thursday

Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women will meet today in JUB Dining Room C from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. The program will consist of a Mercer Update by Ramona Taylor. Also, election of officers for 1995-1996 will be held.

Attention all LSAT examination candidates! The Pre-Law Society is sponsoring a lecture by Dr. Ron Bombardi of the Philosophy Department today at 3:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 219. Bombardi will provide information about the LSAT examination. Everyone is invited. Contact Monica Hines at 898-3007 for more information.

The Student Advisory Council for the College of Mass Communication will meet today in room 112 of the Mass Comm building at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Beryl West will speak at 5 p.m. on the validity, effectiveness, and construction of teacher evaluation forms.

Upcoming & Ongoing

"Raiders For Christ" meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Christian Student Center. For more information contact the Center at 896-1529 or Eddy Dyer at 3216.

The Japan Center of Tennessee in cooperation with the Scarritt Bennett Center will sponsor an Origami Exhibit on the 2nd floor of the Laskey Library at the Scarritt Bennett Center at Vanderbilt. The exhibit will run through November 1994. The public is welcome Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Baptist Student Union holds Bible studies or fellowship every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at noon "Noonday" is held. All you can eat for \$2. The Baptist Student Union is located at the intersection of Faulkenberry and Tennessee Boulevard.

The MTSU chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 5 p.m. in Wiser Patton Science Hall room 201. Contact Leonard Walther at 895-3212 for more information.

A Christian gathering for singing and sharing is held every Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the KUC Courtyard.

Church of God in Christ (COGIC ROC) Campus Ministries meets every Thursday in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. For more information contact Kevin Johnson at 895-5968.

ATTENTION! Students, Faculty, and Staff: Your efforts are needed in the MTSU recycling program. The price of recycled materials is down, so we need every piece of white paper, computer paper, and every aluminum can possible. All proceeds fund academic scholarships. Call 2847 for pick-up.

MTSU Student Ambassador applications are now being accepted for membership. The Student Ambassadors is a service organization that serves as hosts and hostesses for university activities. Applications may be picked up in the Public Relations office, Cope 205. Students must have been on campus for at least one semester and have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Deadline for applications is Nov. 14 and interviews will be Nov. 21. Call Gayle Robinson at 2919 for further information.

International Student's Association meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in KUC 316. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

The work of photographer Lewis Koch will be on display in the LRC October 16- November 17.

The Student Coalition for Animal Rights meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Contact Kellie at 898-0457.

Speech testing or speech therapy services are available to MTSU students. Students should call the MTSU Speech Clinic, 898-2661, for an appointment.

The MTSU Symphony invites interested students to rehearsals Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Contact the Symphony office at 898-2484 or go to room 264, Wright Music Building.

The June Anderson Women's Center has support groups for women meeting throughout the semester. All groups are free to students. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to sign up. Space is limited.

MTSU Lambda Association is a local support group for bisexual, gay, and lesbian students, faculty, and community members. Meetings every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Comm. room 149. Call hotline at 780-2293.

Phillips Book Store will be giving away a \$50 gift certificate at every home football game. You must be at the game to win.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in KUC room 315. Everyone welcome. Contact Greg Logan at 3081.

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'Real World' star Pedro Zamora dies of AIDS

MIAMI (AP) — Pedro Zamora, who educated the public about AIDS by discussing his life with the disease on MTV's "Real World," died Friday, hours after his farewell appearance was broadcast on the show's season finale. He was 22.

Zamora was sick but still active in June when he filmed the closing episode of the program, which documents the real lives of a group of young roommates.

"That's where the real tragedy, the real mystery of the disease lies," said Doug Herzog, MTV executive vice president of programming and production in New York. "He leaves the house a healthy man, or seemingly healthy. Four short months later, we're saying our goodbyes to him."

Zamora learned he had the AIDS virus when he was 17. Handsome, trim, dark-eyed and a gifted speaker, he went on a lecture tour, telling audiences at high schools and other organizations that he was infected through unprotected sex.

He testified before Congress, showing that "AIDS is a disease with a human face," President Clinton said Friday.

"If you want to reach me as a young gay man, especially a young gay man of color, then you need to give me information in a language and vocabulary I can understand and relate to," Zamora said at a congressional hearing July 12, arguing for more explicit AIDS educational programs.

He also was a member of the AIDS Action Council, a lobbying group for AIDS legislation, research and funding.

This year, Zamora appeared on the MTV program, in which a camera crew follows the unscripted activities of real people who were chosen to live together.

In the final episode, shown Thursday, they said goodbye to each other as they moved out of the house.

"The message was, 'Look at me: I'm 22 years old. I look healthy, I look vibrant ... but there's a killer lurking inside of me and it can come up and grab me at any moment. And we have to think of a way to stop it,'" Herzog said.

When he joined the program, Zamora did not initially tell his housemates he was HIV-positive. Instead, he showed them a scrapbook of photographs and newspaper clippings of his life as an AIDS educator.

Most cast members ultimately accepted the situation, and several became his close friends. Two of them, Judd Winick and Pamela Ling, were at the hospital Friday and had been filmed with Zamora when his doctors called to tell him he had developed full-blown AIDS.

More recently, Zamora developed a severe neurological disorder, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy or PML, found in about 5 percent of people with AIDS.

In recent weeks, an ailing Zamora was reunited with three brothers and a sister he had left behind in Cuba when he came here at age 8 in the Mariel boatlift. They flew to Miami to be with him. He was one of seven children.

"I'd like to say I am not afraid, but that's not so," Zamora once said. "I don't fear death itself, because death is something very natural. What I fear is the process of illness, the preamble for which we're not prepared."

Funeral services will be private. A public memorial service is being arranged. □

EDITOR'S NOTE: Zamora's family established the Pedro Zamora Memorial Fund at the AIDS Action Foundation, 1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Issue of AIDS pushed to fore in 'Real World' and at MTSU

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Staff Writer

The issue of young people and AIDS has once again been pushed to the fore with President Clinton's praise of Pedro Zamora, one of the stars of MTV's show "The Real World," in a video message played Oct. 23 at a Los Angeles benefit.

Zamora, now 22, was diagnosed as HIV-positive when he was 17, according to a recent press release from the White House, and has become an active spokesperson for young people with AIDS.

"Now no one in America can say they've never known someone who's living with AIDS," the President said. "The challenge to each of us is to do something about it and to continue Pedro's fight."

Zamora's willingness to publicly address community groups, schools, and the Presidential Commission on AIDS led the President to praise him as a role model for us all.

"He's shown the courage and strength to move beyond himself, reaching out to others while struggling with his own illness," President Clinton said.

Pedro Zamora has made

AIDS a reality for the MTV generation, a group health care officials say is at a high risk for contracting the disease.

"Certainly people aged 20-29 are in a great risk group," said a spokesperson for the National AIDS Information Hotline.

Because most college students fall into this age group, colleges are becoming more aware and more concerned with the AIDS issue.

Barbara Martin, director of Health Services at MTSU, said a recent report from the Rutherford County Health Department showed 47 HIV positive cases in this county and 50 separate AIDS cases.

In light of these facts, she said, "It would be naive of any of us to think there are not HIV-positive people on campus."

Specific campus statistics were unavailable.

While many students are unsure how big a problem AIDS is on campus, most feel it is an important issue and should get more attention.

"I don't know how big a problem AIDS actually is, but my personal belief is that premarital sex and unprotected sex is a big problem," said

Jennifer Templeton, a senior recording industry major. "I haven't read any statistics or reports and I think the issue needs to be stressed more—if not in lectures and classes, then in *Sidelines*."

Jamie Allen, a senior recording industry major, agrees that AIDS education must continue.

"I think [students] are not as well educated as they could be," she said. "I think a lot of people think they know a lot, but there are a lot of details even I myself don't know."

AIDS and the related HIV virus are spread through body fluids like blood, semen, and vaginal fluids. Unprotected sex, the sharing of hypodermic needles and, in rare cases, blood transfusions can transmit the disease.

Barbara Martin's advice to students is caution. "Treat everyone whose blood you come into contact with as if it were HIV-positive," she said.

The only absolute protections are abstinence from sex and drugs, she added.

For students who do engage in sexual activity, the Centers for Disease Control recommends the use of a latex condom for anal, vaginal, and oral sex. □

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University News

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Michigan prisoners scam UF into paying long distance calls

GAINESVILLE, FL-CPS—Although they were behind bars for a variety of offenses, inmates at a Michigan prison were getting away with murder when it came to dodging long distance charges.

Inmates at the Michigan Correction Institution were charging personal phone calls made from the prison to several University of Florida departments, which until recently, picked up the cost of the calls.

To make a "free" call, inmates used MCI's automated operator system to dial up the university. First, they would call a toll-free number to reach a MCI operator. They then would ask the operator to place a collect call to the university. The prisoners would tell the operators that they wanted some information about the university, but were disabled and could not dial directly, and that's why they needed to place a collect call. Well-meaning school personnel would accept the charges. Then, after a few minutes of conversation, usually about school-related topics, they would convince the employee that they needed to make another call and would ask the employee to forward their call to a different long-distance company, such as Sprint or AT&T.

After reaching the operator at the long-distance company to which they

asked to be connected, the inmates would then ask to have a call placed to whichever number they chose. Since the charges were accepted by the university, and the connection was never broken, the university was billed.

When the school's accountants noticed the large amount of calls from the prison, they questioned employees from the various departments. At least seven departments reportedly transferred calls.

After sending out memos warning university employees to use discretion when accepting collect calls, the school's telecommunications office contacted officials at the Michigan prison to try and correct the problem.

Although the total cost of the transferred calls has yet to be released, Andy Hulsey, telecommunications director, said it did total thousands of dollars.

New talk show, Owens to be 'Limelight' of UNC-TV

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.-CPS—Joining the unlikely ranks of Suzanne Somers and Marilu Henner as a new talk show host is B.J. Owens, a University of North Carolina student who thinks he has a gift for gab.

Owens will be starring in "Limelight," a weekly series

developed by UNC students that will focus on issues and personalities on and off the Chapel Hill campus.

"We think we have a chance to give UNC students an alternative to their regular programming," said Owens, 19. "We're not going to try to beat Letterman or anything, but we still think we can put out a good show."

If Owens finds success on the small screen, he'll owe it all to the "guy down the hall" who came up with the concept, Frank Wang.

"They have tried to do shows similar to this in the past at UNC, but nothing's ever really succeeded," said Wang, the show's producer. "We're going to be a comedy talk show for the university, and B.J. is a natural for the job of host. I envisioned him as the nucleus and then built the show around him."

In addition to interviews with local personalities, the UNC students plan on doing various sketches on topics relevant to the university. "We have a staff of about 30 people and we plan on getting everyone involved," said Wang, 19. "The best way to do that is to do remote skits and use various writers. We want to show the university community from a student's perspective."

Although one episode will be taped per week, the show will air Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at 8:30 p.m.

Record high number of women enrolling in medical school

WASHINGTON-CPS—Students are flocking to medical schools in record numbers and represent a more diverse cross-section of the American people, says a new report from the American Association of Medical Colleges.

This fall, 45,365 people applied to enter 126 U.S. medical schools, including a record-high 18,968 women.

Medical schools also received application from 5,060 students who are members of minority groups currently under-represented in medicine, including African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans and American Indians.

For the first time ever, enrollment of minority students topped 2,000, more than 12 percent of the 16,287 students in the 1994 entering class.

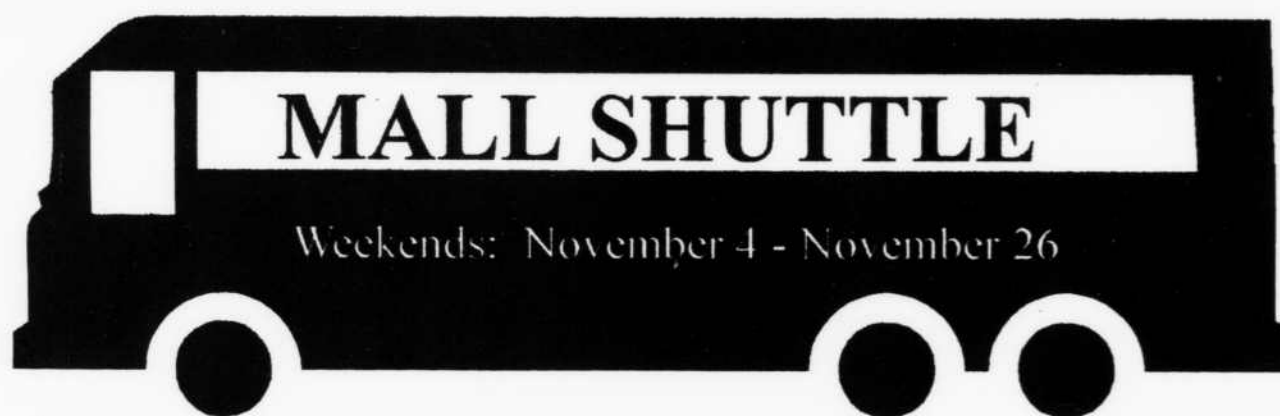
AAMC President Jordan Cohen said that the increase in minority students is the result of "Project 3000 by 2000," the association's national campaign to enroll 3,000 minority students annually by the year 2000.

"Through educational programs and partnerships with local school systems, high schools and colleges, the nation's medical schools have succeeded in increasing the number of educationally prepared minority students interested in careers in the health sciences," said Cohen.

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THEM BONES, THEM BONES, THEM DRY BONES: Dr. Peter Cunningham shows Mr. Bones Jones to children at Black Fox School.

MTSU Skeleton Crew instructs Murfreesboro youth about bones

JASON YOUNG
Special to *Sidelines*

Dr. Peter H. Cunningham instructed youth in Murfreesboro area schools using "Mr. Bones Jones," MTSU's human skeleton, throughout the month of October.

Cunningham, associate professor of HPERs, received a public service grant to help educate children about the skeletal system and general safety.

"We're supposed to be serving the community, and this is a good way of doing it," Cunningham said. "I bring worksheets and crafts so the students can make their own skeletons. They can pass around a skull and look inside to see where the brain is supposed to be."

"It was like a cool idea," said Hobgood first-grader Wills Boyd, "I asked him like four or five questions... about how the skeleton moved and what the heart did."

Hobgood kindergarten student Price Stallard liked the presentation as well.

"I saw the skull, and the body and the head," he said, immediately changing the subject and saying "It's pretty fun in the computer room. We play games."

Cunningham and his Skeleton Crew took their show to Reeves Rogers Elementary on October 17; Northfield Elementary on October 19;

Hobgood Elementary on October 26; and Black Fox Elementary on October 27.

Third graders at Black Fox were introduced to Mr. Bones Jones, MTSU's human skeleton. Cunningham was showered with questions as to how Mr. Bones was acquired.

"When people die they sometimes leave their bodies to science so doctors can learn from them," Cunningham explained to the students.

When the presentations were over, the children asked questions about the skeletal system.

"I'm amazed at the quality of the questions these third graders can articulate," Cunningham said. "It's a great program. The teachers love it because they can introduce health science units and the children get interested."

"I saw a skeleton out of somebody's body at my school," said Hobgood student Lindsay Martin. "I forget [what questions I asked, but] I remember one my friend asked. [she asked if the skeleton] was taken out of a body and he said yes."

"I think it's really good for them," said Jeannie Martin, Lindsay's mother. "It's important for them to learn that we really are real under our skin."

Crew member and MTSU student John Scarlett said "The kids only want to see the skeletons, not us. But it still makes you feel good." □

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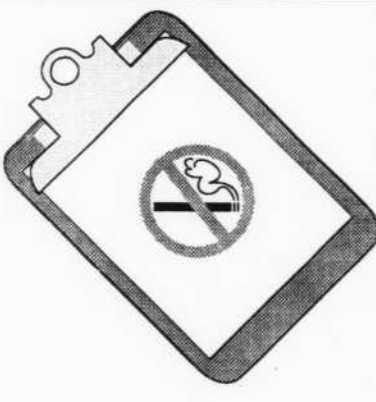
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Republicans promise quick action over welfare reform

JENNIFER DIXON

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are promising quick action to reform the welfare system with a plan to strip young, unwed mothers of cash benefits and funnel the savings into orphanages and adoptions — but not abortions.

Preparing to seize control of Congress, Republican lawmakers say they are willing to work with the White House to overhaul welfare by imposing strict time limits on benefits, work requirements and restrictions on aid to most immigrants.

But their legislation, included in the "Contract With America" signed by more than 300 Republican House candidates, may be too conservative for President Clinton, governors and moderate lawmakers.

Hearings on the bill could begin in early January and the House is expected to vote on it within the first 100 days of the session.

Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the likely House speaker when the GOP takes over in January, is interpreting Tuesday's Republican landslide as a mandate for the contract, a list of 10 pledges that also includes tax cuts and a balanced budget amendment.

Gingrich, speaking Sunday on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," suggested radical changes in welfare where no payments would go to people capable of finding work and those without jobs would depend on private charity.

"People ought to have to do something for any resources they get if they are able-bodied under the age of retirement," he said.

Welfare reform was a favorite issue in this year's campaigns. Clinton used his promise to "end welfare as we know it" to define himself as a new, centrist Democrat two years ago.

Republicans and many Democrats agree that welfare must be overhauled to promote work, end long-term dependency, and strengthen child support collections.

The House plan goes even further by ending monthly welfare checks and housing assistance to unwed mothers 17 and younger. States would also be allowed to ban cash benefits to women ages 18, 19 and 20.

Rep. Jim Talent, R-Mo., said Tuesday's election outcome signals a demand for dramatic change in a welfare system that discourages marriage and work, and encourages illegitimacy.

"This was a decisive repudiation of the policies of the Great Society," said Talent, who wrote the ban on welfare to young mothers. "We've got to change the incentives in the system ... and attack the problem with the out-of-wedlock birth rate. And the only way ... is to end the cash and cash-related benefits and take care of families in a different way."

Under the Republican bill, the savings generated by denying aid to teen-age mothers would be returned to the states to provide services to the women and their children. These services would include promoting adoptions and establishing orphanages or group homes.

Older mothers would be required to identify the fathers of their children to receive a monthly check and would be required to work after two years on welfare.

The GOP plan would also cut welfare benefits to most legal immigrants, saving \$22 billion over five years.

"I want a comprehensive welfare bill that asks the people riding in the wagon to get out of the wagon and help the rest of us pull," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." □

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move his head. His wheelchair is designed to move when his head does.

Berry was going down a ramp in front of the KOM building where three bikes were attached to the ramp. His arm was caught by the handlebars of a bicycle and he was pulled into the rail.

"It is a problem with the bicycles being in the way. There isn't much room to get up the ramp as is; with handle bars in the way, it makes it even more difficult," Berry said.

"The first day I was going down the ramp, I skidded against the rail and cut my fingers, because the ramp is not wide enough. The bikes are locked on the outside of the rail but the handlebars always hang over," Berry added.

Disabled Student Services said they believe handicap-friendliness is the answer, not confiscation of bicycles blocking the ramps.

"I am aware that this is being done, but I don't think that it is such a problem that MTSU should confiscate bikes. I think that we have more important things to think about. I would encourage students not to use ramps to lock bicycles on, so that the ramps can be available for persons with wheelchairs," said John Harris, director of Disabled Student Services. □

November 14, 1994

In Our Opinion

By the Sidelines
Editorial Staff

A bold new crime proposal

It was dark in the room. Desks and chairs were booby-traps in the darkness, waiting to be tripped over or slammed into, begging for a confrontation with my shin or other soft parts of my person. I peered carefully around a corner as the sweat rolled off my brow, exposing more and more of my face to get a better view of the room.

And then it hit me. Right in the eye. Tears came without being called, boiling out of my eye and joining the streams of sweat from my forehead. My vision failed as the tears kept coming, and as I let up my guard I was hit yet again, this time in the neck, from my assailant and co-worker. I knew where he had been hiding now. He was cleverly concealed behind a heater on one side of our office. I hadn't even seen it coming. I surrendered unconditionally before he could get off another shot.

Rubber bands can be effective weapons, I found out that day during a lull in the 9 to 5 routine. As I thought about this, it hit me: Why not replace firearms with rubber bands? The more I thought about it, the more it seemed to make sense. Rubber bands couldn't create the colorful bloodbaths that we have grown accustomed to in American society, but would still allow gangsters and violent criminals to express themselves in ways that cause lots of pain. Imagine-- a drive-by shooting where the victim is dealt a stinging blow to the neck (among the most painful, let me tell you), but can walk away and even stalk someone else with the very same rubber band. Convenient and environmentally sensitive. No more wasted bullets.

The police would also find that rubber bands make effective weapons. No more dead criminals, but repentant criminals who can hardly walk from all the well-aimed shots by the trained professionals on the force. I would love to see the look on an axe-murderer's face as the police flog him over and over with good, strong rubber bands. And they *would* have the most painful kind, of course. Crime would have a brand new enemy.

Let's face it-- our children are killing each other in our neighborhoods because of our obsession with steel and lead, our "right to bear arms." I would much rather see my son come home from school with a whelp on his cheek than a hole in his chest. And, yes, I would encourage him to pick that damn thing up and fire right back. I'd teach him the best way to hold it, how to stretch it just the right amount before letting go-- you don't want it to break, believe me. I'd tell him to aim for the neck.

Consider this idea the next time you see a violent shooting on T.V. It sounds crazy right now; it might not sound so crazy then. And you might want to go out and pick up a bag of medium-sized rubber bands (the small ones break, and the large ones are too slow). You never know when they might come in handy.

Brent Andrews
Assistant News Editor


Election 1994: Liberals still don't get it

It would be difficult to overstate the implications of Nov. 8, 1994. As election returns poured in, fear and panic were evident on the faces of network anchors who only two years ago could not contain their giddiness. Liberal commentators repeated the word "change" like a mantra, as if saying it would make it true. But despite, as Sen. Bob Kerrey put it, the "stinging rebuke of President Clinton's agenda," most liberals still don't get it. The message of election 1994 was not "anti-incumbency" or "voter discontent with the pace of change"—it was clearly a rejection of big government, liberal socialism and Bill Clinton.

Return for a moment to the 1992 presidential race. Before voters elected Bill Clinton, they rejected George Bush. His January 1990 approval rating of 89%, the highest of any president since such polls have been kept, had evaporated by December 1991.

That month, conservative media figure and political outsider Pat Buchanan announced his challenge of the president for the Republican nomination. He never intended to win—or even to finish—the primary contest, but his national draw of over 30% against a sitting president exposed Bush's weaknesses and encouraged Buchanan supporters. This despite an incredible onslaught of negative attacks from both Democrats and Republicans alike. He had challenged all the powers, and they reacted angrily.

Remember that this first assault on George Bush came from the right—not the left. Bush's biggest problems were with conservatives who believed his 1988 campaign promises to continue the Reagan revolution. But his broken promise on taxes, his flip-flop on a civil rights quota bill, disappointing Supreme Court

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It's time for censorship to stop at MTSU

school daze


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Managing Editor

Yeah, there was no column Thursday. So sue me.

Today we touch on the all-encompassing subject of censorship at MTSU. This made me so mad I had to wait a week before discussing it.

In the Nov. 3 edition of *Sidelines*, Gena Wellmann did an interesting piece on the front page about how the university post office has legal authority to open "suspicious on-campus mail." The university post office is an entity of the university and not the U.S. postal service.

This fact gives the MTSU post office the right to censor mail.

I can hear the people at the post office now: "We don't censor mail!" Well, when you remove stuff from the mail that's not yours, it's censorship. I don't care if it's legal. It's censorship.

Back to the subject. Wellmann's article profiled the case of Shelly Losee, a student who works in the office of student programming, who mailed newsletters to students concerning the band Dancing Poetry. That is, she tried to mail them.

Turns out, the post office considered the newsletters to be advertising, so they censored them—I mean, they refused to deliver them to the campus boxes.

The newsletters must have looked suspicious.

When I first read Wellmann's story I thought to myself, "Well, that's all right I

guess. If someone mailed me a letter bomb or something like that, I'd want it pulled." I never saw the newsletter, so I don't know what made it look suspicious.

Then I went to my mailbox last week and picked up my mail. In it was a flyer about a \$500 giveaway for juniors and seniors to be held at halftime of the Tennessee Tech football game this Saturday.

I looked at this flyer and asked myself, "What is the difference between what I have in my hands and what Shelly Losee was trying to distribute?" The answer came back relatively fast. "Nothing."

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Election proves the system is working

Hallelujah! 1994 has proven to be the year of hope and redemption. As the election returns gushed across the television screen Tuesday night, I couldn't help but feel a renewed sense of hope for our country.

The coup of the Tennessee Republicans was a particular thrill, not only because Tennessee is my home, but because Tennessee's general election was considered to be the political "Super Bowl" of 1994. For only the fifth time this century, we have a Republican governor. The former seat of the oh-so-popular Al Gore went to a Republican, and an 18-year incumbent who was in line for one of the Senate's most prestigious positions is out on his keyster.

One of my teachers made a remark the other day that seemed to sum up why the Democrats lost so big this year. My teacher said he didn't understand why the people were so upset with their representatives. Let me tell you why. The American people are tired of losing their money, their rights, and their dreams. The Democrats who lost their jobs Tuesday either don't understand that or they just don't care.

What was most heartening about the political thumping the Democrats received was the number of liberal power hitters who were booted. I was so happy that I cried when Jim Sasser waved good-bye, Mario Cuomo stepped down from his throne, and Ann [Ma] Richards gagged on her own silver foot. Dan Rostenkowski couldn't shovel his quicksand quickly enough to fool his constituents this time, and it appears at the time of this writing that Tom Foley is gone, Daddy-O.

Of course, the night did hold a few disappointments. Ted Kennedy is back, Lawton Chiles isn't going anywhere, and Virginia would rather their representative lie to his wife than to Congress.

The hometown boys Mike Liles and Mike Tobitt couldn't quite hang in there, and we are apparently burdened with two more years of Bart Gordon.

For the most part though, Campaign '94 has been a major success for the American people. Although it is doubtful that Bill Clinton will see this election for what it is, a message from the people that he's going in the wrong direction, there is hope that things will indeed change in Washington.

The tremendous turnover is also an argument against a very popular campaign issue this year; term limits. Now, I realize that my Republican brothers and sisters have been stumping big for term limits, but I am against them and I see this year's election as a perfect example of why they are not

necessary. When the American people are pushed, they push back, and this time they pushed several liberal heavyweights right out of office.

The American political system is working, folks.

I also must admit that with the exception of the tacky concession speech Jim Cooper gave, the losers were quite gracious. Maybe there is some decency left in the Democratic party, after all.

This election is a major victory for moderate to conservative Republicans, but for those of us who stand even further to the right it is simply a good start. We can't expect too much change too quickly, so I will gratefully accept a moderate Republican over a liberal Democrat until the year that true conservatives are once again in style.

We are taking our government back, folks. I will now borrow a few phrases that Bill Clinton and his pals surely must have used in their youth. Power to the people! We shall overcome! □

The Conservative Philosopher

CHRISTINA BASIEL

Staff Writer



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university. What I received was produced by student housing and officially sanctioned by the university.

Can you say hypocrisy? This is censorship in its most blatant form, boys and girls. You need to recognize this because you could be the next victim.

This university has made it through other ugly incidents of censorship. Two summers ago, a former administrative dean threw away copies of *Sidelines* because the lead story was about a student being charged with bank robbery. The issue came out at the same time new student orientation was ongoing, and the dean didn't want these fresh new minds to become polluted with such reprehensible information. It might have made them think MTSU was not the paradise that we all know it is.

Now we have the university approving of censoring our mail. This is an absolute outrage and should not be condoned in any fashion.

See, they are not only taking away our rights to receive information from whatever sources choose to contact us. They are compounding the situation by only sending advertising of events sanctioned by the

university through campus mail. It means that if you rely on the mail for information about what's happening, you're only going to know what the university wants you to know.

By the way, what is considered suspicious mail, anyway? Who determines what is suspicious? Are there any guidelines on which to base suspicion? Is there some committee that looks at all mail that comes into the post office?

Dot Harrison of MTSU public relations said in the article, "Nobody, to my knowledge, has ever opened personal mail." How can she be sure of this? How can we be sure of this? How does the post office know what is personal mail and what isn't?

According to Losee, her newsletters were packaged in plain white envelopes with no logos or any other information on the outside that would tip off the subject matter. They were addressed to students and had a campus box number as a return address. How is this suspicious? How would the post office know it was not personal mail?

Did the post office have to break into sealed mail to tell whether or not the mail was "suspicious," or not personal?

Why is this legal? It means that if you have a girlfriend or boyfriend who lives on campus, you cannot send them personal notes because you

don't know who is going to be reading it. It means you can't in good conscience ask your mom to send you brownies or cookies from home because someone in the post office might be hungry and deem your package suspicious.

Of course, brownies and cookies have been known from time to time to contain various untoward illegal intoxicants. That would be suspicious.

The bottom line is that you cannot know what is going to go through the MTSU post office without being seen. The policy described by Harrison smells of Big Brotherism. It makes me sick and it should make you sick, too. The fact that the university can send advertising but students cannot stinks of hypocrisy. The idea that personal mail has never been read when a plain white envelope was opened and searched is ludicrous.

Harrison said in the article, "This is a practice that has been taking place for a very long time." Well, it's time for this practice of censorship to stop.

I call on MTSU President James Walker to step in and order this practice halted immediately. If you feel as strongly about this as I do, call his office and express your concerns. His office number is in the campus directory.

Your students' rights are being violated, Dr. Walker. Do something about it. □

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nominees, and other general failures to promote an energetic conservative domestic program left him without a motivated Republican power base. The lack of grassroots campaign organizers and workers left him at a distinct disadvantage. Then with campaign advisors who belittled Buchanan and the conservative Republicans who supported him, it was no wonder so many Republicans actually wanted to see Bush lose the election. That alienation of the conservative wing of the Republican party was what cost George Bush a second term.

Ordinarily, these Republicans would have been drawn to the polls anyway in support of whatever Republican presidential candidate was on the ticket. But the Clinton campaign was brilliant, with two Southerners campaigning as "New Democrats" and garnering votes from middle America. Conservatives were less concerned that Bill Clinton might replace George Bush than they would have been if the nominee were Mario Cuomo or Jesse Jackson. But Clinton ran on a comfortably moderate platform that included middle class tax cuts, health care reform, "an end to welfare as we know it," and a host of other ideas which appealed to the swing vote. A significant number of Republicans either crossed over to vote Democrat or voted Perot. An even larger number just stayed home, unmotivated either to vote for Bush or against Clinton.

With his 43% "mandate for change," Bill Clinton had an opportunity most modern presidents have not enjoyed—a same-party Congress with which to work on passing proactive legislation. But instead of working on ideas which were popular and therefore would have passed easily, the Clinton White House focused on their liberal pet projects—projects which had been planned long before Inauguration Day. The first week of the Clinton administration brought presidential executive orders liberalizing the federal government's policy on abortion, fetal tissue research and gays in the military. This brought an immediate reaction from ordinary Americans, who flooded phone banks in the Capitol with protest, but to no avail.

Over the next 21 months the trend continued. Clinton spent precious time and energy promoting unpopular positions on the budget (including the largest tax increases in American history), government-run health care, firearms bans, the crime bill and Education 2000. These victories were won only with pressure tactics and pork inducements, and passed by the slimmest of margins. Then figure in an appointed cast of characters such as Joycelyn Elders, Donna Shalala, Janet Reno, Dee Dee Myers, George Stephanopoulos, Robert Reich and, yes, Hillary Rodham-Clinton. Now top that off with scandals and resignations, and you have the makings of a massive defeat like the nation saw on Nov. 8, 1994.

The message of 1994 is that America is basically conservative. Traditional family values like God and country are important to regular folks, and they vote with their hearts. But people like Bill Clinton, Barbra Streisand and Bernard Shaw just don't get it. Values aren't really important to them. They can't relate to the people. Instead, they treat ordinary Americans with contempt, and their incredible arrogance is obvious. Americans didn't want change; the vote showed just the opposite. Bill Clinton challenged voters before election day to vote for Republicans if they wanted to return to the policies of the past. Voters responded overwhelmingly, electing Republicans over Democrats from coast to coast. In a sense, the 1994 election was a contest between Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan, and score one for "The Gipper."

When viewed in historical context, the Clinton presidency will be seen as a huge missed opportunity. Had the Clinton administration focused its attention first on passing those positive and popular campaign promises, Democrats probably would have retained both sides of Congress. Instead they have neither, and it appears that may be the case for some time to come. President Bill Clinton, Hillary Rodham-Clinton, and their oddball advisors were able to do what Republicans had failed to do for decades—unite the Republican party.

Besides the obvious individuals who were either helped or hurt by the 1994 elections, there were some remarkable voter trends in this election which produced their own lists of winners and losers. Among the winners for Republicans:

- **Incumbents.** Although the media and the White House have attempted to portray the election results as "anti-incumbency," not a single incumbent Republican anywhere in the country running for either the House of Representatives, the Senate or a state governorship lost his reelection bid. That has never, ever, happened before in any year for either party.

- **Whites.** Republicans gained a majority of votes in every sampling segment of the white voting population, including for the first time a majority of women (51%). Conversely, Democrats failed to pull a majority of the white vote, no matter how you slice it. Whites have made it clear that they feel unrepresented by Democrats, whose left-wing liberalism has gone awry.

- **Conservative blacks.** Republicans ran and elected their largest ever number of blacks for Congress, finally forming a Republican Black Caucus. Exit polls also revealed that more blacks than ever voted Republican, with several black districts going heavily for the GOP.

- **Young voters.** The majority of voters of all races from ages 18-29 went Republican. The college crowd and Generation X went solidly GOP.

- **The Christian Coalition.** Smeared by the media, the Christian Coalition actively promoted nine candidates for Congress, all of whom won on unashamedly Christian campaigns. The Christian Coalition also claimed a victory in the South Carolina governor's race.

- **The pro-life movement.** Republican pro-life challengers defeated 24 Democrat pro-abortion incumbents in Congressional races. Strongly pro-life candidates also won significant races for governorships and seats in state legislatures. Republican or Democrat, not a single pro-life incumbent lost a race for reelection.

- **Governors.** Republicans overtook Democrats in the number of governorships, now holding a 31-18 advantage (with one independent). Republicans also control 7 of the 8 most populous states, representing over 200 electoral votes. This will have a major effect on the 1996 presidential race, with Republican governors in key states able to turn out votes and donations for their candidates.

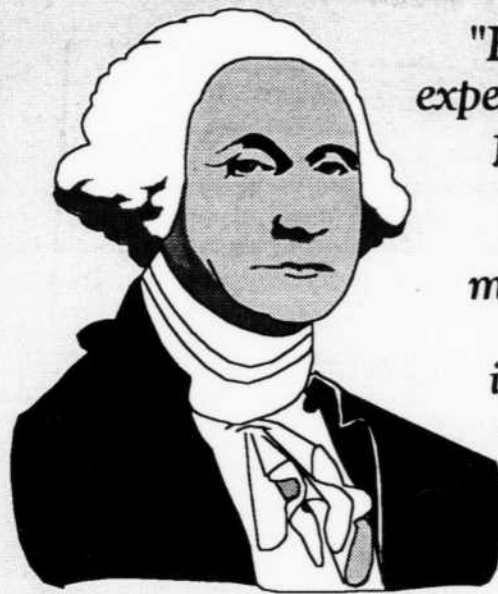
- **The South.** Political observers now predict that what used to be referred to as the Democrats' "solid South" has now gone solidly Republican for the next generation. Southern states elected a majority of Republican congressmen and governors for the first time in history. - **State legislatures.** Several states, particularly in the Midwest and South, elected their first-ever Republican majorities in state legislatures. Observers say a victory has never gone so deep before as Nov. 8 did for Republicans.

But before Republicans get overly confident, they need to realize that the vote was more a rejection of Clinton and his brand of liberal socialism than it was a warm embrace of the Republican party. Voters indicated their discontent with liberalism, as 74% said their votes were motivated by anger with Clinton and the Democrat party. Republicans must not decide to compromise with the President, otherwise voters' discontent will also fall on them in 1996. Republicans were given a mandate to fundamentally change Congress and the government. Voters said they don't like socialist/liberal government—they think government is already too big and it should get out of their lives. Voters also said they want real welfare reform, not some new "touchy-feely" social program. They want lower taxes, a strong military, prayer in schools, real spending cuts rather than Clinton-style money shuffling shell games, and Congressional ethics reform.

Republicans ran and won on these issues. The worst thing they could do now is compromise with the President. They need to pass good, strong legislation and let Clinton either sign Republican bills or veto them and incur the wrath of the electorate in 1996. Either way, Republicans gain a positive agenda to run on in the next election.

The GOP has a chance to lead forcefully; no compromises. And if Republicans do go down, then so be it—just as long as they go down swinging. ☐

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Of The
Round TableROBIN DIXON
Features Editor

Now that we're closing in on Thanksgiving and approaching Christmas, I have a confession to make: I hate holidays. Why?

Out-of-town relatives.

You know who they are. They come to your house about three times a year and treat you like a prisoner of war. They devour every piece of food in the refrigerator (even the old stuff in tin foil). They spend hours at a time in the bathroom (doing God knows what) and they always leave the house in disarray (why should they clean up their own mess).

If you still don't know what I'm talking about, let me describe a few of them to you.

BLACK-SHEEP

UNCLE: (blak'shep un'k'l) The relative your parents always bring up whenever you do something incredibly stupid. [ex. "I'm not going to let you turn out like your Uncle Louie. You're going to graduate and make something out of yourself!"] He may or may not ask you to pull his finger and he usually gives \$5 bills for Christmas—\$10 bills, if he's employed.

Good Qualities: He likes to tell embarrassing stories about your parents.

How to avoid: Spend the holidays with someone else.

BUSY-BODY

AUNT: (biz'i bod'i ant) The only person that can make your father frown just by the mere mentioning of her name. [ex. "That woman is not coming to my house!"] She has the peculiar habit of giving back-handed compliments, which can take several minutes to an hour to discover that they are, in fact, insults.

Good Qualities: Not applicable.

How to avoid: Act like the black-sheep uncle.

GOODY-TWO-SHOES COUSIN:

(good'i too shoos kuz'n) The one person in your family that your parents wish you were more like. [ex. "Why can't you be more like your Cousin Pervis? Pervis never talks to his mother like that. Pervis got all A's in school..."] He/she sincerely believes that you are going to hell for watching *Beavis and Butt-head* and for listening to "devil music."

Good Qualities: Always good for venting frustration.

How to avoid: Turn the
PLEASE SEE TALES, NEXT PAGE

How Many
Pairs of Boots
Can You Fit on
One Stage?SUNNY L. BEASLEY
Assistant Features Editor

Well, if you went to the concert on Saturday, you found out that Sawyer Brown is the new spokesperson for Motel 6. Confused? The band played a song that was called "I'll Leave the Light on For You." Yes, I do know that two-thirds of a pun is p.u. Along with Sawyer Brown was Toby Keith, who made me wish that I was a cowgirl, and Mr. "Thinkin' problem" David Ball.

Before the show, you could see the shirt vendors on the track selling everything from tour jackets to photos of the artists. The prices are outrageous, but some fans

would testify for the worth of these trinkets.

Finally the lights go down and a voice comes from the clear blue nowhere that announces the concert will begin soon. Thank you!

David Ball was the first act. He is fairly new to the country music scene. When he is on stage, he is spectacular. He keeps the audience energized and keeps the crowd waiting until the end for the songs that he has released and have skyrocketed to the top. While he was on the stage, the audience was fairly calm, except when he played "thinkin' problem" and the audience went berserk.

After his 45-minute set, the lights rose once again so that the stage crew could reset



CLIFF KARELL/Staff Photographer

IT'S ALL GOOD: Toby Keith at Saturday night's concert at Murphy Center which featured Sawyer Brown.



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ALL FOR THE FANS: The lead singer of Sawyer Brown, Mark Miller, entertaining in front of an almost packed Murphy Center on Saturday night that opened with Toby Keith and David Ball.

the stage. Murphy Center hadn't quite filled to the brim, but it was getting mighty close.

At last, the lights once again faded and the same voice came from a distant land to tell us that Toby Keith, the reason I had taken the assignment, would be out soon. When he hit the stage he was one of the best stage performers that I have seen. He got the audience to their feet, especially with "I Should Have Been A Cowboy." He made me wish that I could ride again. He has the ability to get you absorbed into his words and forget that you are in the real world, at least for 45 minutes.

Once again, the lights

return after the thunder of applause. Right about then, I realized that my ears had gone totally numb. To tell you the truth, I didn't care.

After the stage is cleared, except for the necessities for Sawyer Brown, the lights go dim and the stage lights up with some sort of thing that I thought was a giant fan until it lit up like Las Vegas. When it lit up the band was standing in front and all you saw was their silhouettes.

The band had the audience on their feet the entire concert, with the exception of the times when he sang "The Walk" and the song that I referred to as the "Motel 6 song" and some others that I didn't know that

PLEASE SEE **BOOTS**, NEXT PAGE

Reviews of the 'Vampire'

MELODY BOYD
and DANIELA GOPFERTFaithful to the
Novel

Envision an exploration into the realms of darkness and the discovery of immortality and all of its horrors.

Interview With The Vampire, directed by Neil Jordan, is a dark tale based on the riveting novel by Anne Rice. It involves the lonely vampire,

Louis, who reveals his distressing story to a young reporter.

Louis, played by Brad Pitt, is the fledgling vampire of Lestat (Tom Cruise), a devious but enticing vampire. Together these two vagabonds wander the streets of 18th century New Orleans, driven by the thirst of blood. Both devastating and alluring, Lestat lusts over the kill, and with his deadly charm toys with his victims before drinking them. Louis, however, is sickened by

Lestat's cruel methods, for he despises the idea of taking human life, though it is necessary for his survival. His "gift" of darkness becomes a curse, and he lives in a tortured sorrow. Then there is Claudia, the golden-haired child that Lestat, in order to hold Louis to him, makes into a daughter of night. Lestat is resented by both of them, and they go on a quest to find others of their kind and answers for their existence.

This film was extremely faithful to the novel, and it

captured the enchantment of evil that Anne Rice has so masterfully crafted in her writing. Though very bloody, this film was not necessarily a horror. It examines these damned souls and how they deal with their immortality. It was not what one would call a glitzy "Hollywood" movie, but rather an artistic representation of a literary work. This element made the movie all the more impressive.

But be prepared: many scenes in this film are brutal
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Thanksgiving: Catch 22

The recycling program needs your support

CAROL IRWIN

Staff Writer

Let's put GIVING back into Thanksgiving at MTSU this season.

The recycling program is a success because of the efforts of students, staff, faculty and administration. As a public service project, students in the Education program are co-sponsoring a new holiday recycling drive.

"Thanksgiving: Catch 22" will raise money to be used for scholarships. It will turn trash into an opportunity for students to show appreciation for their MTSU education, and help make the same goals available for some students who may not have the financial means to pursue higher education.

Here is how it will work. As the four day holiday break draws to a close and we return to campus Sunday, November 27, or Monday, November 28, each person should bring 22 aluminum cans to be recycled.

At the present time aluminum is selling for 50+ cents per pound. If everyone would donate 22 cans each, that would equal one pound of aluminum per person. When consideration is given to the size of the campus, it is

easy to see how fast the monetary value would accumulate.

Together we have the potential to donate \$7,500 to scholarship funds. And it would be accomplished without added expense on our part. Instead of throwing away empty aluminum cans, save them to bring back for recycling.

Recycling saves energy and precious natural resources. And at the price offered today, aluminum quickly becomes a source of much needed money to help other students take advantage of educational opportunities.

The success of this project will depend on cooperation and support from all campus organizations. All we ask is that you show your support by encouraging your members to GIVE at Thanksgiving.

Workers will be available to collect your cans from your car as you drive by. Simply have 22 cans in a bag and we will take it from there.

For more information or to offer your club's support in this effort, please call Carol Irwin at 898-2336, or write to Box 4098. A listing of all supportive organizations will be included in future editions of *Sidelines*. □



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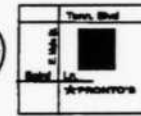
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had a slow tempo. He sang "Thank God for ____" (you fill in the blank) along with "The Race is On." When he left the stage for the first time, the audience was on their feet screaming for more. He returned after about 30 seconds and played another new tune and finished up with "Some Girls Do."

Now that I have told you the minutes of the concert, it is time for my little commentary. First thing I have to ask is "What possessed Mark Miller to do the 'hand jive'? I think that this was a great concert and well worth the time that it took to see, but if you didn't see it, you only missed a great performance from Toby Keith. The rest David Ball and Sawyer Brown were okay, but they just didn't blow my skirt up. □

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television to MTV (they will leave).

GRUMPY GRAND-FATHER: (grum'pi gran' fa th er) He can remember the price of shoes in 1944, but not your name. [ex. "Back in my day we didn't have all these newfangled contraptions! Are you listening to me...boy!] He may or may not smoke those 12-inch cigars that everyone at the dinner table seems to love.

Good Qualities: He is the only person allowed to curse at will - and he does.

How to avoid: Slip away, when he's "resting" his eyes.

WHAT'S-HIS-NAME: (hwutz hiz nam) Someone that shows up at every holiday proclaiming that they

are "kin" to you through a series of marriages and divorces. [ex. "Don't you know how I'm kin to you? Your aunt Jackie is my brother-in-law Jake's third cousin twice removed..."] He is usually the one who makes the biggest mess and mysteriously disappears after that.

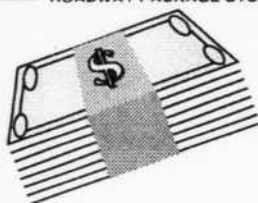
Good Qualities: He is usually the first person to leave your house.

How to avoid: Move to another city.

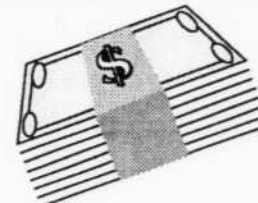
Not too long ago, I asked my mother why she puts up with all these characters running through her house. Her answer was something that still puzzles me to this day.

"Because they're family." □

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VAMPIRE

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and quite disturbing. However, you do not despise or reject the vampires. In fact, you fall madly in love with them.

Lestat, who revels in his reign as a prince of night, is a voluptuous, sensual killer. His main purpose and happiness derives from one thing: the taste of blood.

"There is nothing else, but this is everything!" he proclaims.

Tom Cruise destroys all stereotypes of a pretty-boy image when he plays this fiend. He conveys Lestat's character in all of his wicked charm. Cruise even adds points of humor in this film, for Lestat, although vicious, displays an appealing wit. He is confident in his power, showing no remorse for his victims. "God kills indiscriminately, and so shall we," he states emphatically.

Cruise's performances truthfully exhibits the essence of evil, for Lestat is both seductive and deadly, just as Rice emphasizes in the novel.

Brad Pitt gives a *stunning* portrayal of Louis, the anguished blood-drinker. Hauntingly beautiful, Pitt is a very emotional actor, and he flawlessly recreates Louis' deep brooding. This vampire is a complex character, for though he is immortal, he is so very human. As Lestat so tauntingly

refers him, "Merciful Death" he is, for taking lives causes him great guilt. Louis does not believe that the thirst for blood is the essence of life, but ponders the concept of evil and how it relates to his undying soul. Unfortunately, it causes him great suffering. "This evil, this concept, it comes from disappointment, from bitterness!" exclaims the vampire Armand (Antonio

Banderas) who is exasperated in Louis' search for answers. He is completely connected to the role, and he reflects the same misery as described in the novel.

Perhaps the most chilling performance in this film is given by Kirsten Dunst, who plays

Claudia, the child vampire. What makes her role particularly eerie is her angelic appearance, but her extreme malice. This vampire child kills with a sweet smile, and as she becomes a woman yet remains trapped eternally in a child's body she develops a hatred for Lestat, her maker.

The film explores the relationship with Louis and Claudia, for Louis loves her desperately, yet can never satisfy her longing or appease her hatred. These dark angels are predators that evoke compassion from the viewer, for to live forever will bring about loneliness and conflict.

To watch his movie is to

surrender to a world of immorality and suffering. This film, like the novel, is a paradox: both horrifying and enthralling, bloody and beautiful, philosophical and entertaining. As Louis, with his melancholy demeanor, simply states: "I am not mortal, but immortal and damned, like angels but in hell by God. I am a vampire."

—Melody Boyd □

Not that Faithful

If you love Anne Rice's beautifully written *Vampire Chronicles*, and the intricate details found in them you may want to think twice about seeing *Interview With The Vampire*, or at least be prepared for a letdown.

Numerous important details were either changed or even totally left out of the movie. First of all, the movie begins by saying the reason Louis (Brad Pitt) is drinking himself to death is because his wife died in childbirth six months earlier. In the novel he isn't even married. According to the novel he is drinking himself to death because he feels terrible guilt and responsibility over his brother's death.

Babette, who is very important to the novel because she begins the rivalry between Louis and Lestat (Tom Cruise), is never even mentioned in the movie.

Louis and Claudia's encounter with the "old world vampire" was never mentioned in the movie, although this omission is easily accepted when time restraints are considered.

When Louis and Claudia

reach Paris and visit the Theater of the Vampires and meet the other vampires, including Armand, Lestat never comes to accuse Claudia of trying to kill him. The other vampires simply guess and destroy Claudia and Madeleine.

One of the biggest mistakes was Armand's and Claudia's ages. Claudia is supposed to be approximately six years old. She looks at least 10 or 11 in the movie, shattering the effect of the tiny vicious killer. Yet she is still a little girl and it is still shocking to see how such a little girl could kill so swiftly and unmercifully. Kristen Dunst did an exceptional job of portraying Claudia. I think Armand was my biggest disappointment.

Armand is supposed to be about 16 years old. In the movie, played by Antonio Banderas, Armand looked to be at least 40. The age of both Claudia and Armand was very important throughout the novels because even Armand was considered too young to have been made into a vampire.

After Louis burns the Theater of the Vampires to the ground in revenge for Claudia's death, he does not get away on his own, as in the novel, but is rescued by Armand. Louis chooses not to go with Armand in the movie, in the novel they are companions traveling the earth for a long time.

As Louis goes on telling his story to the interviewer (Christian Slater) he mentioned that he went back to New Orleans and saw Lestat in 1988. Here is where the ending is totally botched. In the novel *The Vampire Lestat*, Lestat "wakes up" in the early 80's and finds Louis' story in a novel written under the pseudonym Anne Rice. The novel was published in 1976. At the end of the movie, however, Lestat is already back full force and attacks the interviewer, therefore intercepting the novel before it was ever written. If there are plans to make the second chronicle into a movie, which is implied by the title *Interview With The Vampire-The Vampire Chronicles*, then the beginning of the movie is already messed up.

While on its own *Interview With The Vampire* was a good movie and the cast worked out beautifully, I was very disappointed in Anne Rice's screenplay. As a long time Anne Rice fan the omissions of such

important details, which could have been easily remedied, was an extreme let down.

I would recommend seeing *Interview With The Vampire* to anyone who has not read the novel, and if you like the movie please take the time out to read the novel afterwards. Trust me. You won't regret it.

—Daniela Gopfert □

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Blue Raiders struggle to 27-27 tie

SCOTT STEWART
Sports Editor

Saturday's football game between MTSU and Illinois State was actually two games separated by a half-time.

The Blue Raiders took advantage of first half mistakes by the Redbirds and led 20-6 at the half, but Illinois State settled down in the second half and came back to tie MTSU 27-27.

"This was a poorly played game, and a poorly coached game," said MTSU coach Boots Donnelly. "We got kicked by a good team; they deserved to win."

MTSU took the early lead

on a 73-yard drive that took 18 plays and 7:15, with fullback Robbie Roberts going in for the score from two yards out.

On the drive Blue Raider quarterback Kelly Holcomb set MTSU's single season passing record with a 15-yard pass to tailback Kippy Bayless.

Holcomb who needed just 12 yards to pass former MTSU quarterback Phil Ironside's 1990 mark of 1,872 yards, passed for 123 yards, giving him a total of 1,983 yards with one game left in the regular season.

The Blue Raiders were helped along in the drive, which was one of the longest for them this year, by four Illinois State penalties which

gave MTSU four first downs.

Illinois State moved the ball to the Blue Raider 22-yard line, when right tackle Mike Ellies pressured Redbird quarterback Joel Bosman into an errant throw that was picked off by free safety Eric McBroom at the 17-yard line.

MTSU was forced to punt and the Redbirds moved the ball 22 yards, where they were forced to settle for a 30-yard field goal from kicker Todd Kurz. With :56 left in the first quarter, MTSU led 7-3.

MTSU's defense took control again in the second quarter, when cornerback Chris Snorton picked off Bosman and returned the ball

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CLIFF KARELL/Staff Photographer

SLAMMIN IT IN- MTSU fullback Robbie Roberts slams into the line in MTSU's game with Illinois State Saturday that ended in a 27-27 tie.

Olympic champion Rudolph dies at 54

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Wilma Rudolph, the inspirational sprinting star whose swift legs conquered polio and carried her to three gold medals at the 1960 Olympic games, is dead of cancer. She was 54.

Rudolph, shackled with leg braces as a child that kept her from walking normally until age 9, became an international hero by becoming the first American woman to win three gold medals in track and field at one Olympic Games.

As a youngster she was

told by doctors she would never walk. But they did not account for an indomitable spirit that propelled her to world acclaim.

Determined and resourceful, she battled through polio with the help of a compassionate family to become one of the greatest women athletes of her era.

She capped her recovery with a triumphant performance in the 1960 Olympics at Rome.

First, she won the 100-meter gold medal in a wind-

aided 11.0 seconds, after having tied the world record of 11.3 in the semifinals. Then, she won the 200 meters in 24.0, after having set an Olympic record of 23.2 in her opening heat.

Finally, she combined with Tennessee State teammates Martha Hudson, Lucinda Williams and Barbara Jones to win the 400-meter relay in 44.5, after having set a world record of 44.4 in the semifinals.

Rudolph died at her Nashville-area home Saturday about 8:30 a.m. EST. She had

been in and out of the hospital for about five months as brain cancer spread throughout her lean frame.

A viewing was set for noon to 6 p.m. Thursday at Tennessee State, with a memorial service at TSU at 10 a.m. Friday. The funeral was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Clarksville.

Said USOC president Leroy Walker:

"All of us recognize that this is obviously a tremendous loss. Wilma was very much

involved with a number of Olympic programs. It's a tragic loss. She was struck with an illness that unfortunately we can't do very much about."

Walker, attending the USOC's Olympic Congress in Nashville, called Rudolph "one of the greatest sprinters of all times, there's no question about it."

Rudolph was born June 23, 1940, in Clarksville, Tenn., the 20th of 22 children of Blanche and Eddie Rudolph.

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IN OUR OPINION

FROM THE SPORTS EDITORIAL STAFF...

If they can't work, they should at least have an allowance

How many times have athletic programs been put on probation because of money given to athletes by boosters? We don't think anyone wants to spend that much time counting.

The NCAA doesn't allow athletes to receive money from boosters, and because of their schedule, athletes can't get a job. In our opinion, if the NCAA wants to cut down on these types of violations, then they should do the right thing—give athletes an allowance.

We realize this is often an unpopular idea, particularly among other college students, but after serious consideration, why not?

Here's one example: some people (maybe even more than we realize) can name an athlete (not necessarily at MTSU) who lives in an off-campus apartment. Others can name an athlete with a fancy car. Some athletes have parents who can afford these things, but most people assume they get things illegally. Put an end to the speculation and give them an allowance.

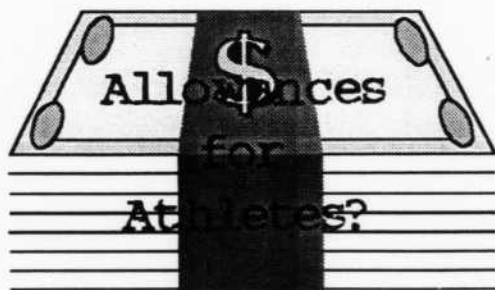
Another example: in the last *In Our Opinion*, we said many athletes go to the pros because of their financial background. Not all students can receive money from their parents,

and that includes athletes. Granted, their scholarships cover tuition, books, room, and board, but money for supplies and emergencies are needed, too. Regular students need spending money, so why not the athletes? They're people, too.

Final example: Why should we even have to discuss the amount of money athletics generate for a school? We know the money is there. College athletes aren't professionals; they don't get paid, and when thinking about it, maybe that's why some of them leave for the pros. With a little tightening of the budget, can't a few dollars be spared for men and women who spend as much time representing our schools as "real" university officials?

In our opinion, unless the NCAA realizes athletes need to be compensated for the time they spend representing their schools, "booster situations" will continue.

Written by Jessica Clayborn
Assistant Sports Editor



Niemeyer tops Region III

MTSU's Fred Niemeyer shocked the field at the Rolex Region III Indoor Tennis Qualifying, defeating three nationally-ranked players to win the qualifying tournament. Niemeyer, a sophomore from Magog, Quebec, defeated the tourney's top seed, Joc Simmons of Mississippi State, in straight sets in the second round en route to the championship. Niemeyer was awarded the championship when Alabama-Birmingham's Gerd Albiez defaulted the final.

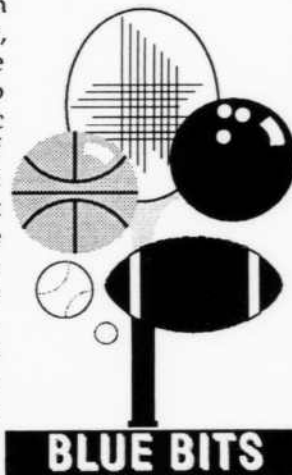
"This a huge day for our program," said MTSU tennis coach Dale Short. "Freddie played outstanding tennis and I couldn't be prouder. His showing ranks among the top five of any athlete in MTSU history."

Raider golfers claim seventh

It wasn't pretty, but MTSU finished in the upper half of the tourney at the Highland Oaks Golf Club in Dothan, Alabama. The field was very strong, but the feeling lingers as to what might have been.

"We just did not get off to a good start and with the conditions on the final day, we didn't help ourselves," said golf coach Johnny Moore.

The Blue Raiders were once again led by junior David Reed with his fourth straight top 10 finish. Reed shot 224 for the tournament. Other top 25 finishers were senior Nick Shelton at 228 and junior Brian Higgins at 229.



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PICKS OF THE WEEK

Visitor	Game	Home
	Tenn Tech at MTSU	
	APSU at UT-Martin	
	SEMO at TSU	
	W. Kentucky at Murray St.	
	Florida at Vandy	
	Auburn vs. Alabama (@ Birmingham, Ala.)	
	Michigan at Ohio St.	
	Illinois at Wisconsin	
	Virginia at Virginia Tech	
	Florida St. at N.C. St.	
	Stanford at California	
	Washington at Wash St.	
	USC at UCLA	
	Oregon at Oregon St.	
	Oklahoma St. at Kansas St.	
	Kansas at Missouri	

Student Picks

We have two weeks left for competition on the Student line. The student with the most wins will compete with the staff on the bowl picks. Since the MTSU game and the Auburn/Georgia game were ties they will not count on last week's records. Here is the top 10 with two weeks left. William Wood is first with 116-40. Forrest Moegle went 12-2 to move into second at 114-42. Emeri Gordon remained three behind Wood in third at 113-43. Corey Staggs moved into fourth at 111-45. Monica Gordon and Carter Henson are tied at 110-46. Robin Lindsay are tied at 108-48. Lee Eaton is ninth at 105-51. Finally, Greg Meyer is tenth at 104-42.

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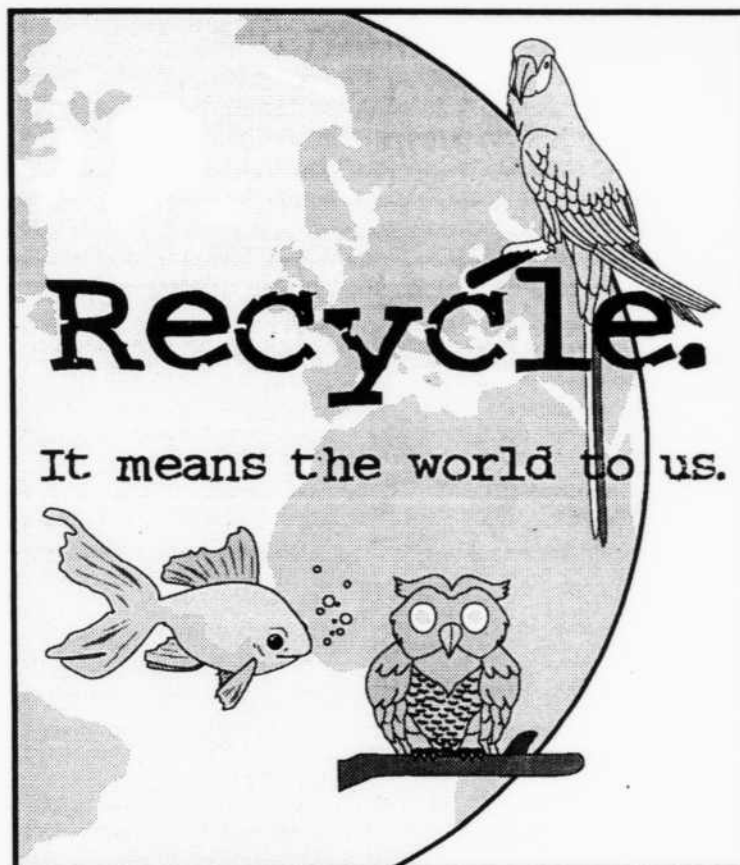
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At 4, Rudolph was stricken with double pneumonia, followed immediately by scarlet fever.

"We thought she would die," her mother said.

Later, the girl contracted a mild form of polio.

"All I can remember is being ill and bedridden," Rudolph said about her early childhood.

Her family took turns massaging Rudolph's shrunken legs three or four times daily. In time, her physical condition improved and she walked wearing a cumbersome brace on her left leg.

"With all the love and care my family gave me, I couldn't help but get better," Rudolph once said.

At 9, the brace was replaced by a high-top shoe. Although it gave her more flexibility, she couldn't run, jump or skip like other youngsters.

She eventually became more mobile and prospered at sports. She evolved into an outstanding high school basketball player and once scored a state record 49 points in one game.

She then enrolled at Tennessee State in Nashville where her legend took shape as the cornerstone of the renowned Tigerbelles track team.

In 1960 and 1961, she was selected as The Associated Press' Female Athlete of the Year. She also won the 1961 Sullivan Award as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete and was elected to the National Track and Field Hall

of Fame in 1974.

After leaving the sport, Rudolph — elegant and well-spoken — entered the corporate world with the same persistence that had pushed her to the finish line.

She was a goodwill ambassador for the United States to French West Africa during the early 1960s, co-hosted a network radio show, was a spokesperson for Minute Maid Orange Juice and served as an administrative analyst for UCLA.

Her autobiography, "Wilma," became a made-for-TV movie about 15 years ago.

She also was an executive for a Nashville bank, a Nashville hospital, a baking company in Indianapolis, coached at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., worked the lecture circuit and was president of the Wilma Rudolph Foundation, a nonprofit organization devoted to teaching youngsters they could overcome obstacles like she did.

"I wanted to leave behind a legacy, and I thought this would be ideal," Rudolph said of the foundation. "I don't consciously try to be a role model, so I don't know if I'm a role model or not. That's for other people to decide."

Rudolph is survived by two sons, two daughters, six sisters and two brothers. Thirteen siblings died before she did. □

Soccer team wins conference, tries for national championship

SCOTT STEWART

Sports Editor

MTSU's soccer team beat Mississippi State Friday and Alabama Saturday to win the Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League championship in their first year in the league.

It wasn't easy for the Blue Raiders, who defeated the Bulldogs 2-1 in the first round of the final four tournament in Meridian, Mississippi.

Casey Shea got MTSU's only goal in regulation, as the teams played to a 1-1 tie.

The score remained the same through two five minute overtimes and a sudden-death period.

In the final penalty round, each chose five players to take alternating penalty kicks until one team won.

MTSU hit on their first four penalty kicks, and goalie Jason Ezell blocked two of the Bulldogs' shots to give the Blue Raiders the win.

"We got the win Friday and that assured us a trip to the National Collegiate Soccer League championship tournament this weekend in Tempe, Arizona," said MTSU coach Charlie West.

In order to go into the tournament as one of the top six seeds, MTSU needed a victory over undefeated Alabama.

MTSU went up 2-0 in the first half, but tournament MVP Ali Sohrabi scored at the 60-minute and the 85-minute mark to tie the score and send the Blue Raiders into yet another overtime game.

Once again the score remained tied into the penalty kick round, which MTSU won 4-3 as Ezell blocked one Alabama shot and another went wide.

"The team's fitness, and more than that, their heart, gave them the opportunity to win these games," West said. "Our guys can't be measured for size and athletic ability. They are a very determined bunch of guys."

Sohrabi was named to the all-tournament team along with teammates Brad LaBauve and Alan Oates, from Oakland High School in Murfreesboro.

The NCSL championship will consist of four

divisions with four teams each. The teams in each division will play each other, and the two teams with the best records will advance to the elite eight round, which will be single elimination.

MTSU will be the top seed in their division, which includes Wisconsin, Kansas, and the University of Texas El Paso.

"The worst we can do is end up 16th in the nation," West said. "Each game we win will move us up." □



MTSU SOCCER

RAIDERS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13)

29 yards to the Redbirds' 17 yard line.

From there MTSU scored in just five plays, with Holcomb hitting Roberts from four yards out. Garth Petrilli missed the extra point and MTSU led 13-3 with 10:14 left in the first half.

"All day we knew we needed to keep the defense off the field," Holcomb said. "But our defense gave us the opportunities in the first half."

MTSU's defense rose again to stop the Redbirds on their next drive, when linebacker Nathaniel Claybrooks picked up a fumble by Redbird fullback Maceo Rainey and returned the ball 14 yards to the Illinois State 38-yard line.

The offense could manage only two yards and Petrilli missed wide right on a 47-yard field goal attempt.

Illinois State capitalized on an MTSU miscue when a Bayless fumble was recovered by the Redbirds on the MTSU 13.

MTSU's defense held the Redbirds out of the end zone, forcing them to kick a 27-yard field goal, leaving the Blue Raiders ahead 13-6 with 3:04 left in the first half.

MTSU scored on its next possession with an 11-play drive that covered 70 yards and took 2:46 off the clock. The extra point by Garth Petrilli gave made him the all-time

leading scorer for MTSU with 273 points, passing former MTSU running back Joe Campbell's 272 points from 1988-1991.

Although MTSU had the commanding lead at halftime, Donnelly knew his team needed to play better to win the game.

"We never had a momentum in the game, we were fortunate to get the turnovers in the first half," Donnelly said. "We knew we were going to have to get things straight going into the second half. But our defense never got close to stopping them in the second half."

The Redbirds took control of the game from the start of the second half with an 11-play drive that covered 72 yards, with running back Chris Moore

carrying the ball in from 8 yards out. Kurz added the extra point and MTSU's lead was 20-13 with 5:54 remaining in the third quarter.

"Early on we were trying to stay in our basic defense, and we were able to deep them out of the end zone," said MTSU linebacker Kris White. "They started walling

everything off to one side and giving the ball to their tailback [Will Hill]."

MTSU's offense struggled through out the third quarter, gaining only one first down and committing one turnover, an interception that allowed the Redbirds to tie the score.

"They just came at us harder [in the second half]," Holcomb said.

"They did what they had to do, I couldn't find any receivers sometimes."

The Redbirds move the ball 33 yards in six plays, with Hill scoring on a two-yard dive and Kurz adding the extra point.

MTSU's offense got back on track with a 12-play, 78 yard drive with Bayless carrying the ball in from five yards out. Petrilli's extra point gave MTSU the 27-20 lead with 8:26 left in the game.

Illinois State came right back to tie with a 65-yard drive, set up by a 51-yard

run by Hill. Kurz added the point and the score was 27-27 with 6:03 left in the game.

Both teams stalled on their next possessions, but Illinois State got a chance to win when punt returner Deon McDaniel returned an MTSU punt 56 yards and an MTSU personal foul gave them the ball on the MTSU 13-yard line with 1:25 left in the game.

The Redbirds moved the ball to the MTSU 8 yard line, where Kurz missed a 25-yard field goal attempt to win the game. It was Kurz's first miss inside of 30 yards all season.

"It was very unfortunate for them," Donnelly said. "It is a loss for us; we did nothing to deserve a tie, we should have lost the game."

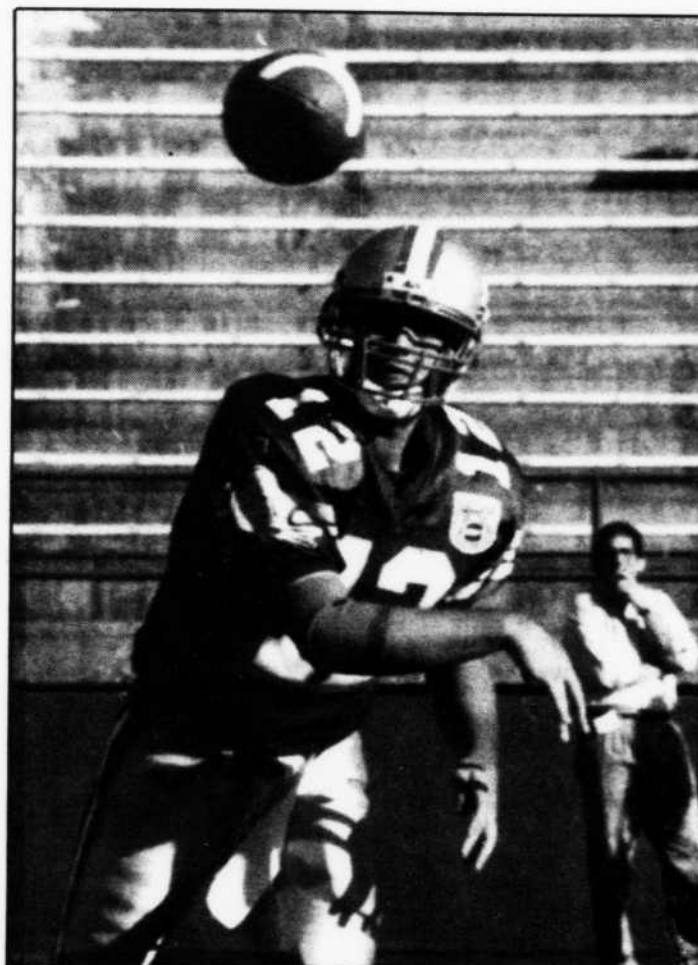
Although the tie seems like a loss to the team, it keeps the Blue Raiders (7-2-1) playoff hopes alive.

"We don't control anything," Donnelly said. "If you ask me do we deserve to be in the playoffs, right now I would have to say no."

Next week the Blue Raiders host Tennessee Tech in the Totem Pole game. MTSU will be looking to avenge last year's 35-14 thumping at the hands of Tech.

"We were embarrassed there last year," Donnelly said. "If we have the same attitude, if we practice the same way as we did for this week, it will happen again."

Game time for the Tech game will 1:30 p.m. at Horace Jones Field. □



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CATCH— MTSU quarterback Kelly Holcomb throws a pass in Saturday's 27-27 tie with Illinois State. Holcomb broke the MTSU single season passing record with 1,983 yards.