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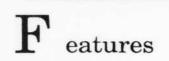
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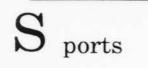
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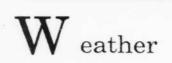
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Today's High 80

Mostly fair and pleasant through the weekend with isolated afternoon thunderstorms and high's in the 80's and low's in the 60's

Walker changes accountability

ERIKA MATTHEWS News Editor

President Walker has made an effort to put MTSU in a position to move forward by changing departmental accountability and adding a new university department.

According to Walker the changes are minor and will go into effect July 1.

"The current organizational structure is good, but there needs to be minor changes. These changes will take the university to a new level," he said.

The position of Vice-President for Business and Finance has been replaced by the office of Vice-President for Finance and Administration. Essentially the responsibilities are the same, said Walker.

Under the new plan the athletic department will answer directly to the president. Previously, the athletic department answered to the Vice-President of Business and Finance.

" I feel that the kind of issues taking place in regards to athletics is important. If you look nationwide it is unusual to find that the athletics department doesn't answer to the President."

The only new addition is the office of Vice-President for Development and University Relations which will deal with the development and public relations of the university.

There are no candidates for the position as of yet, said Walker but efforts will begin as soon as possible to fill the position.

COOLING OFF!!!



Shelley Mays/Photographer WET AND WILD: Residents at Family Housing cool off from the summer heat by taking a backyard splash.



Shelley Mays/Photographer

CHANGES IN HIERARCHY: MTSU President James Walker discusses accountability changes for administration. Department heads and the athletic department will work closer with the president as a result of his proposed changes.

Record-high summer enrollment expected Enrollment figures indicate a 18% increase over last summer's figures

MORGAN MINCH Staff Writer

Summer enrollment increased by 18 percent compared to previous summer enrollment figures according to Cliff Gillespie, dean of admmissions, records, and information systems.

This year's session is projected to be the largest summer enrollment in MTSU's history. After late registration is completed we will have a definite indication on how many students are enrolled, said Sherian Huddleston director of records.

During Intersession, 2,744 students completed the term which was a 13.8% increase from last year's 2,411 students. According to Gillespie, 40% of these students are also attending the rest of the summer.

Monday's registration figues showed that 5,144 students are currently enrolled for sessions II, III and IV in contrast to last summer's figure of 4,356.

"Registration went smoothly, there was some delay in the beginning, but this was quickly corrected," said Huddleston.

Students can drop and add for Session III until Thursday June 6 1 ate registration for session II ends today.

Published reports have projected MTSU's enrollment to increase to 17,000. Present enrollment tops about 15,000. Additional student enrollment will place further strains on class space, parking and housing.

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MTSU graduates largest class ever Senator Gore delivers graduation address

TIFFANY MORTON Assistant News Editor

MTSU had a record-breaking number of students graduating in spring's commencement of 1991.

Spring's commencement of approximately 1,000 students was the largest graduation the university has had since MTSU opened in 1911.

"Although we are still waiting for transfer grades for a few students, spring graduation was the largest commencement we have ever had," said Records Director Sherian Huddleston.

May's graduation has always been the largest, but over the recent years, it has gradually increased

In May of 1990, 889 students graduated and in May of 1989, 762 students graduated. That is an increase of at least 100 students each progressing year for spring graduation.

Since enrollment is increasing with each year, it is likely that the number of students participating in the spring Commencement services will also continue to increase.

MTSU may have to follow in the footsteps of other universities by changing their commencment procedures in order to accomodate this increase of graduating students.

"To accomadate this increase,

there has been some talk about having commencement ceromonies by separate colleges at the university or rearranging the faculty seating" said Huddleston.

Competiton for jobs for MTSU's newest alumni has also incresed with the number of students graduating.

"Competion for jobs is greater because of the weak condition of the economy at this time and it has also been affected by the large number of graduates," said Director of the Placement Office Martha Turner.

"Graduates will have to be more flexible in the jobs they are seeking," she said.

Senator Al Gore addressed the graduates, university faculty, staff, adminstation, and guests during the commencement service during which he spoke of envoronmental issues.

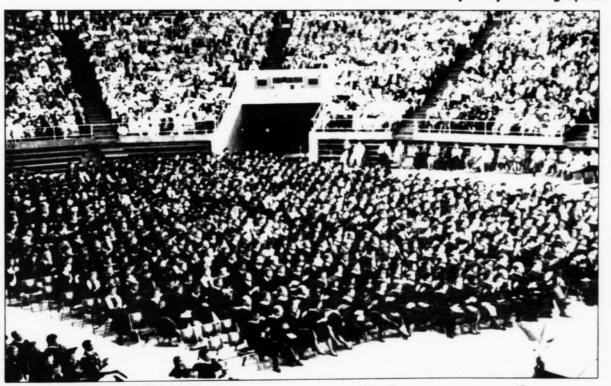
Gore, a native of Carthage, is the son of former Albert Gore Sr., MTSU alumni and former senator. The speaker was a 1988 candidate for president in which he finished third in the compaign for the Democratic party.

He is married to the former Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Aitcheson. They have three daughters and one son: Karenna, Kristin, Sarah, and Albert III.



GORE AT GRADUATION: Pictured above, Sen. Al Gore addresses MTSU's largest graduating class (pictured below). Commencement exercises were held in Murphy Center on May 11 for more than 1,000 graduates and their families.

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Commerials premiere on Nashville television

A new series of MTSU commercials premiered last week on Nashville's three television network affiliates and Channel 17 and Nashville radio stations WSIX-FM, WRMX-FM, WLAC-FM, and WRLT-FM, according to Dot Harrison, director of public relations.

Currently running on television are four 15-second spots which highlight academic areas in four colleges: Mass Communication, Liberal arts, Business, and Basic and Applied Sciences. Discussions are underway for additional spots representative of the breadth of MTSU's academic offerings,

Harrison said.

The spots feature Mass Comm student Joel Dobbins, Dove award nominee for Best Christian rap song; MBA graduate Todd Mullenger; Nashville artist and former track team member Myles Maillie; and former Murfreesboroan Dr. Frankie Baskin Stentz, who travels to Basel, Switzerland in June to receive an international award in chromatic graphics. A radio spot features CNN night editor Ken Strickland.

The commercials, targeted at an audience ages 18-49, will run through July 21.

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Budget cuts could result in tuition increase

In addition to a hiring and salary freeze, proposed MTSU budget cuts may

result in a 5 percent tuition increase.

According to MTSU President James Walker, the Tennessee Board of Regents has proposed a 5 percent increase across the board at all universities in the TBR system. MTSU was

given a directive in January to plan for a 5 percent budget decrease.

> Current tuition costs for fulltime, in-state undergraduates is \$673.00. A 5 percent increase would raise tuition to \$706.65.

> The budget cuts have resulted from Gov. Mc Wherter's plans to balance the state 1991-1992

budget. Chairman for the House of Representatives' Finance Committee predicted that the governor would cut \$190 million from the 1991-1992 education budget. These cuts would take away \$70 million from higher education.

"Total cuts for MTSU may be \$3 to \$3.5 million,"

said Walker.

Walker's plans to hire 81 additional faculty members were curtailed by the chancellor's announced hiring freeze.

"It's my intent to have as many faculty members to meet

the needs of students. "We won't turn away students because of a lack of faculty.'

Final approval from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for the mass communication master's program will not clear until the state budget and any possible budget cuts have been finalized.

Out-of-country and out-ofstate travel and equipment purchases from unrestricted funds have also been frozen.

Prof trying to revive the art of dating

A administrator at two different schools are tying to bring back what they say is a disappearing pastime on college campuses: dating.

The two are using their classes to encourage students to socialize with their peers.

"With all the sexually transmitted diseases hitting the front page of every newspaper and magazine in the world,"students have been hesitant to date in the past decade, explained David Coleman, director of student activities at Xavier University in Ohio.

"The majority of young people don't go into the normal healthy process of meeting oneon-one," agreed Bruce Smackey, a marketing professor at Lehigh University in eastern Pennsylvania.

To get his students to go out and meet each other, Smackey has started offering extra credit to students who go on dates.

Smackey offer the 33 students in his "New Product Planning" course this spring five extra points on a test if they go on a date during the course.

Dating a student in the class

Professor and an nets both students an extra seven points. A student who gets turned down three times receives a "her's award" of five points.

"In reality, the points will not penalize students one way or another," Smackey admitted.

Students say the idea had encouraged them to meet their peers.

"At Lehigh, there just isn't a lot of dating that goes on at all," said Julie Johnson, a senor who dated a graduate student outside of class to earn five points and later earned even more by dating a classmate

"I think (Smackev's) intentions are good in that he sees a lack of interaction" among students on campus, Johnson added.

At Xavier, Coleman tries to change students' attitudes about dating through a class he has taught at the university and around the country since 1985.

That's when a group of sitting around students, Coleman's office, were trying to think of something to do. "The only thing they could think of doing was going to a local bar," Coleman explained.

So he developed a class in

which students talk about how to fin a date, the fears involved with dating and creative ideas for what to do on a date.

Some of Coleman's 300 creative date ideas include climbing a tree, making ice cream, taking a self-defense course, catching fireflies and renting a bicycle built for two.

"It gets them to think differently" about dates, Coleman maintains."It helps them get rid of the tunnel vision" of thinking a date means a trip to bar or movie.

Students taking Coleman's

class receive copies of the "10 Commandments of Dating," which include "never asking your date's major" and "always sending a small gift after the first date.'

They also get the "Dater's Bill of Rights," which says students "have the right to refuse a date without feeling guilty."

Coleman and Smackey have different thoughts about why students are so reluctant to date.

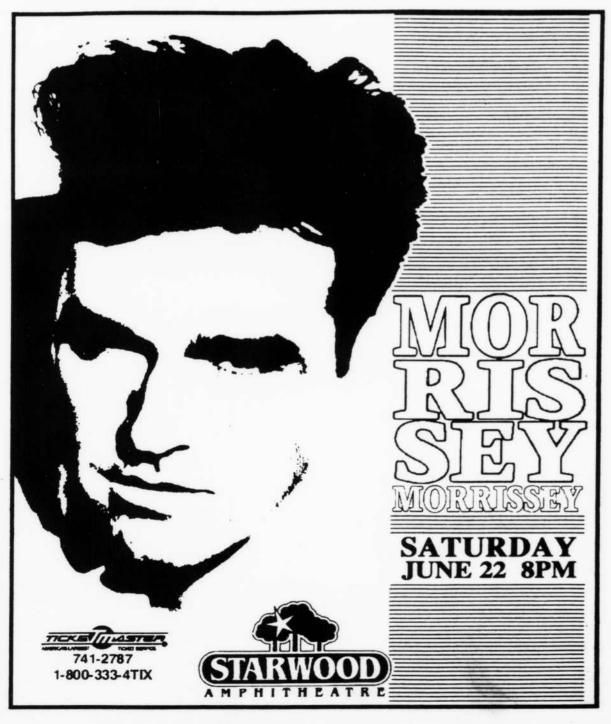
"College is a microcosm of society," and society fears dating primarily because of sexually transmitted diseases, Coleman theorized.

Smackey sees students' fear as a function of low self esteem.

"Something has happened in our society that has made the issue of rejection a great concern among young people," he said.

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More not always merrier

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The old saying "the more the merrier" is true in many cases, but only under certain conditions.

For example, invite a couple of friends over to share a six-pack and you've got a nice conservation, but invite seven without buying more beer and you might have, a good old-fashioned barroom brawl. Hence, more is only merrier when the benefits are increased to accommodate more.

MTSU is facing a similar set circumstances with the possibility of enrollment reaching 17,000 students this fall, over 2,000 more that last fall, the university will find out exactly how much merrier more really is.

Clearly such an increase can be positive. Anytime a university's population rises in such a drastic manner good things are happening. MTSU is making a name for itself, people are choosing it over other schools and more money is coming in.

But with the university facing a budget and hiring freeze and possible cuts from the struggling state government, is it wise to take on such an increase at this time?

Will student-to-teacher ratios shoot up while the quality of education drops?

Will there be adequate classroom facilities to handle the additional students?

Will there come a time where the closest legal parking space to campus is in Lascassas?

Will the personal nature of the university be abandoned for a system in which students are mere cogs in the wheel of a huge diploma mill?

These are a few of the questions the university must answer when making the decision to grow. An increased student population can be positive, but only if it is accompanied by, at minimum, a proportionate growth in sevices. If not, the more the scarier.

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LET US PURSUE AN SOI PROGRAM THAT CAN DEAL WITH ANY TO THE UNITED STATES. FUTURE THREAT -George Bush

Lesson must be learned from Holocaust tragedy

I recently had the good fortune to attend some of the activities held here on campus in association with the conference entitled "Understanding the Holocaust: Fact, Fiction, Fallacy". The conference was cosponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and among MTSU other organizations and institutions.

and social institutions of that day.

As we watched the dramatic movie, The Holocaust, we shed tears over the millions of fallen Jews. Their only crime was being ethnically and religiously different. Our hearts ached for those Jews who lost their businesses, citizenship, families and ultimately their lives.We shook our heads in total disbelief as we viewed pictures pf the concentration camps of Auschwitz and Treblinka, As I listen to the downpouring rain I can almost hear that very wise person.

Throughout history there have been other instances of genocide. Because each particular instance had its own indigenous elements, it would be an injustice to all parties involved to collectively categorize all such acts of genocide together in a lump sum. However, certain aspects of the Jewish Holocaust is indeed comparable to their acts of human devastation. Their Holocaust in many ways can be paralleled with the African-American experience in this hemisphere. The fact is that painand suffering do not discriminate.

Their Hitler and Nazi Third Reich was our American slave masters. Their Holocaust was our enslavement. Our slave their plantations were concentration camps. Their pain was our agony and vice-versa. Their Ann Frank was our Fredrick Douglass. Our tears were their fears. Their inhumane treatment was justified and manifested through evil political and religious propaganda. The treatment of African-Americans was also justified through demonic exegeses of Biblical scriptures.

As aforementioned, our sympathies go out to the Jews in innumerable ways, but what about those 25,000.000 blacks who died just during the Middle Passage? Why doesn't anyone want to hear about the atrocities associated with the enslavement of blacks?

There is a reason for this reluctance- America is guilty as is Germany in the case of the Jews. Just as German history books teach that it was not the moral Germans but Adolf Hitler and the Reich who decimated the Jewish population, so it is with American tradition which teaches that it was only a few-white southern plantation that ownersparticipated in the sub-human bandage of the imported blacks. Just as 10,000,000 German youths were taught to be antisemitic which not only hardened their minds but also their hearts, so were America's future leaders taught in their homes churches and schools that blacks were naturally inferior and that it was against the will Almighty God that they deemed otherwise.

Although the grandsons and daughters of both the Germans and Americans can not be held accountable for the dreadful deeds of their grandparents, they must and should be held accountable for their own actions. As the rain continues to fall, the howling wind accompanying it sings the song of a very wise person. Peace and may the God (s) of our respective religious please have mercy upon us.

Staff Column VINCENT WINDROW

The topics discussed and the facts relating to the Holocaust certainly go beyond my realm of reality. It is very difficult to understand how such an uncivilized act could have occured in such a modern and seemingly-civilized world. A very wise person years ago said "Those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it."

The actual number of fatalities suffered by the Jewish people does not fully or sufficiently do justice to the extreme atrocities that the Jewish people endured. No mere statistic can tell the full story. However, it is absolutely true that over 6,000,000. Jews were exterminated as though they were termites eating away at the very fiber of humanity. The truth is that in Germany, Austria, and other European countries, Jews made significant contributions to the academic, medical, artistic

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Street Beat

Why did you chose to go to summer school?



Nelson Vaught freshman, undeclared, from Murfreesboro. "This is as soon as I could get in school. I want to get started so I can get finished sooner."

Compiled by: Mike Kile/Writer Patrica Tenpenny/Photographer



Mina Tsbdonf freshman, Chemistry, from Iran "I would like to graduate as soon as possible."



Devin Ward senior, Recording Industry Management, from Silversprings, MD. "This summer will put me on schedule to graduate next summer, and these RIM classes won't be offered in the fall. "



Sonya White senior, Business Finance, from Chattanooga, TN. "I will be graduating in August if I can ever get through registration."



David Peterson sophomore, Nursing, from Antioch, TN. "I sold my business last January and since I am set up to do it, I decided to reenter college and get my degree before continuing with my life."

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FABULOUS INSTUCTORS: MTSU's forgotten branch, the Homer Pittard Campus School, hosted Fabulous Fridays where many MTSU faculty, students and Murfreesboro civic leaders teach classes to kids. Classes range from rocketry to fishing and from basketball to TV production.

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eave it to Eddie to be President

TONYA POWELL Special to Sidelines

Why good evening, Mrs. Cleaver, and might I add that's a lovely outfit you're wearing." These words have been immortalized by someone we have all grown up with — Eddie Haskell from "Leave It To Beaver."

You are probably wondering what Eddie has been doing all these years. Well, he is married and has two sons and still lives in -Mayfield and is president of Haskell Construction.

Currently, he is attempting an

address change from Mayfield to Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. Yes, he is seeking the presidency of the United States. In a Sidelines exclusive. Haskell discusses his campaign and the issues at hand.

His political party is the Good Neighbor Party which of course, Haskell founded. His motto is "Two faces are better than one." He is running without a vice presidential running mate. Haskell says, "I don't feel like it is necessary because the vice president is merely a figure head anyway.

His platform is "Honesty in "I'll win by a landslide." Government." He admits, "I will never take a bribe under the table. It's not going to be necessary to take bribes anyway because special interest groups are benefiting everybody. They are providing services or goods to enhance your life. They are also creating employment. They should have advantages."

The target audience for the Haskell regime is Americans who do not get out and vote. According to Haskell 49 percent of the eligible voters do not vote now. "If I get that many," he says

Haskell has a strong conviction to regulate gun control. He says, "On gun control? Well, I just hope that my neighbor over here doesn't have one which I go over to borrow something."

Also at the top of Haskell's list is abortion. He has appointed Oral Roberts and Madeline O'Hare to advise him on the subject.

Many promises have been made in the youthful Eddie Haskell campaign. He plans to institute a two-day work week and raise the minimum wage to \$25.10 an hour. He would also like to base car insurance rates on how much you weigh. In other words, the more you cat, the more you have to pay. He also promises to return to the 25 cent stamp, for the two-bit service.

How would Haskell have handled the Persian Gulf crisis? He replied, "The only thing that I can see that was done wrong was that we stopped too soon. I think Iraq would have made a fine parking lot."

Haskell does agree with President Bush on one thing. One of Haskell's campaign promises is to put red meat back on the dinner

table. Broccoli will however remain off limits on Air Force during · Haskell's One administration. He says, "I do not eat broccoli. George Bush and I do see eye to eye on some things."

Haskell plans to tour the country on the campaign trail. He says, "There is a good possibility that I will get to Nashville on the campaign tour because I love Tennessee. It's a fun place."

A debate with President Bush and whoever the Democratic candidate might be is in the works. "We are certainly willing to meet on any grounds," says Haskell. Haskell insists that there will be no mud slinging during the debate by him anyway.

For those of you who only remember Eddie Haskell as the creepy kid who picked on the Beaver, Haskell argues, "If Mrs. Cleaver likes me, everyone should like me."

You can find out more information and send your support to Eddie by writing to Eddie Haskell for President, P. O. Box 1776, Studio City, CA 91614.



Editor's Note: Sidelines knew I had to find out more about Features section hopes to publish an article in each summer edition which will highlight the amateur Expertise of MTSU students and faculty. This week's amateur expert is Michael Moore, an morning ride to school. Walking MTSU senior education major. Moore has attended MTSU since graduating high school and hopes to finish college at the end of the upcoming spring semester. He is a lover of music, philosopher of tunes and an uncommon realist who happens to be a fan of the 60's.

MTSU Expert MIKE MOORE

The 1960's. Everyone has a certain image pop into their mind Old," I knew this was a man 1 when they hear that phrase. Whether it's civil rights issues, long-haired hippies or Vietnam, the 60's had more definitive issues than any other decade in recent history.

For me, what really stands out is the music which was pure, emotion-driven, rock and roll. In the twenty years since that time. nothing has come close to matching the power and intensity of 60's music. I have my doubts anything ever will.

My love for this music began in high school while watching the film "Woodstock" for the first time. I sat in amazement as I viewed 500,000 people from all over the country gather for three days of music from some of the greatest groups of the time. Granted, some came for drugs, to get away from their parents or just to make a road trip but the majority came for the music.

Where else could they see The Who, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, Arlo Guthrie, the ncredible Jimi Hendrix and many thers all in one weekend? They nusic was powerful! The people ame not only to listen to it, but to ive it.

After seeing "Woodstock," I

60's music. I bought some Greatest Hits albums and was hooked the minute I heard them. Jefferson Airplane's "White Rabbit" became a regular in my down the halls singing "Feed Your Head" might not do much for your popularity, but it was just what I needed to make it through another day. Played at extremely high volume, "Manic Depression" by Jimi Hendrix can do wonders in clearing your mind of whatever's bothering you (if you don't mind a temporary loss of hearing).

The group that made the biggest impression on me was The Who. When Roger Daltrey sang "I Hope I Die Before I Get could identify with. In my opinion, Pete Townsend is one of the greatest songwriters of all time. The lyrics to "Tommy" and

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"Quadrophenia" are some of the most moving lyrics I've ever heard.

As a confused teenager, I could easily relate to "I'm The One," the story of a young man who knew he wasn't the geek everyone thought he was. Their songs about insecurities and not fitting in are feelings everyone has had at one time or another.

The Who have enjoyed years of success, but their music of the late 60's has proven to be their most powerful.

Although I have singled out a few of my favorites, there are many other groups who made the 60's what they were.

I have no problem with the music of today, but for an exciting change of pace, take a listen to the music that shaped a generation.

Coming Confessions of a College Yuppie...or What's In Style This Summer



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Summer movies bring laughs, tears and heart-stopping action

Hello! I'm your summer movie guide here to help you spend your movie dollars wisely.

But first, we need some summer movie rules:

1. Ellen Barkin plays a better guy than Tony Randall.

 Kurt Russell plays a better fireman than any of the cheesy guys on Emergency.
 Peter Weller is going to play a

Movie Review GREG ADKINS

Smyrna policeman in Robocop III.

4. Leslie Neilsen will do anything stupid for money. "Switch" was the first summer movie I saw. Its concept was much better than its execution.

Quick plot summary: Ellen Barkin plays a guy (named Steve) turned into a girl because he was too good to go to hell but too bad to women to go to heaven. The only thing **she** had to do to get into heaven was find one woman who liked him.

Barkin is perfect as a stubborn man turned woman. She said she made her husband walk around in high heels so she'd know how to act in the movie. Her antics are entertaining; no one could have done the part better but her supporting cast is pitiful.

Jimmy Smits (an outstanding actor of L.A. Law) is transparent in this role. All Barkin's (Steve's) ex-girlfriends are a little too stupid. This is fine, but how can anyone



CLOWN SUIT: Bryan Brown climbs into the boats as he and Brian Dennehy make a hasty retreat in FX2:The Deadly Art of Illision. One of this summers big budget sequels.

be that stupid and get away with murder? All in all, wait till this one comes out on video.

Next was "FX2: The Deadly Art Of Illusion." Okay, it was a little cheesy and predictable, but you can do that if you have good actors. You can have buddy, buddy giants Mel and Danny. I'll take Bryan Dennehy and Bryan Brown as my friendly crime fighters.

Quick plot summary: Brown makes the stupid mistake of working for the

police again. Yes, he gets burned and has to use his various special effects talents to clear his name.

Dennehy and Brown are the perfect team up, but the special effects take the show. The opening scenes are a wonderful homage to silly special effects movies that have no good actors.

Pay full price for this feature, you won't be disappointed.

"Backdraft" will probably be the summer movie to beat. Ron Howard (yes,

Opie!) follows his line of unique, big budget films which include "Coccoon," "Night Shift" and "Willow."

Quick plot summary: It's about firemen and big money arson. Other that that, there are too many subplots to mention.

Kurt Russell is fantastic, William Baldwin gains credibility as an actor, and everyone in the film is great! So, if you, have a great cast, do you coast on everything else? No! Howard uses real equipment, real firemen and real fire to add to this film's realism.

As the fire burned, I sweated. Eachexplosion rocked my seat. This was an experience, not just a film.

Trust me, if you see one movie this summer, make it "Backdraft".

Finally, "Soapdish" is a very funny look at soap opera life. I really enjoyed the humor.

Quick plot summary: Too complicated for words!

Sally Field and Kevin Klein play well with each other. But again, with this allstar cast (including Robert Downey, Jr. and Whoopi Goldberg), you can't go wrong.

"Soapdish" does get hurried at the end. It could use another 20 or 30 minutes and a whole lot more Whoopi. She's the funniest, but the least seen.

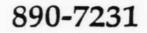
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Sports Saving the best for last MTSU ends year On NCAA note

TONY J. ARNOLD Sports Editor

Saving the best for last certainly what head coach Steve Peterson had in mind for his Blue Raider baseball team but he'll certainly take it.

MTSU had seemingly struggled throughout the season and although alive and well inside the OVC race, their non-conference record was less than sparkling.

In fact, the Raiders battled till the last day of regular season conference action and it all came down to the last game.

Middle faced Murray State in Murray, Ky. with the winner taking the OVC crown and the honor of hosting the OVC Tournament.

It was a shot that they had wanted and earned but when the afternoon was done, they had no one to blame but themselves.

In the final four innings of the title game, the "Raiders stranded eight base runners on the diamond. Finally in the 10th, Murray plated the decisive run that broke the Raiders' back as well as a three all tie.

But even though the loss hurt, Peterson's Blue Raiders wouldn't throw in the towel yet. They knew they still had a shot at the NCAA Tournament if they could go back to Murray and steal the tournament title.

For openers, they faced the hard-hitting Colonels of Eastern Kentucky and no one wanted them more than Raider starter Chris Crabtree. In a contest between the two foes earlier in the year, Crabtree had been roughed up by EKU. He allowed 12 hits in that meeting but this day was different.

Eastern managed only four hits off the Raiders ace as he threw his first complete game of the year while Phil Edwards delivered the game-winning hit in the third as Middle squeezed by 2-1.

On the following day, Middle got what they went for - a rematch with Murray.

Just like their last game, this one went 10 innings and the score was 4-3. But this time, MTSU was on top.

Raider senior catcher Cale Lawson hit the game winning single which plated Gary Myers and moved Middle one win away from the OVC crown.

Murray would later be eliminated from the double-elimination tournament and the Raiders found themselves pitted once more against the Colonels in the finals.

Crabtree took the mound once more and pitched another complete game while his teammates battered the ball for an 8-1 win, giving Middle its second consecutive tournament championship as well as its fourth in six years.

Although, the tournament wins were big, when the pairings were announced, the Raiders (28-31) were brought down to earth when they learned they

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Southern switch likely? Decision in President Walker's hands

TONY KIRK Assistant Sports Editor

When the Athletic Task Force submits its recommendations to MTSU President James E. Walker it is believed that they will suggest that the Blue Raiders switch to the Southern Conference.

Sources were reported in other state papers as saying that Walker will be given the final decision on the jump from the Ohio Valley Conference. However, Race Bergman, the chairman of the task force, has yet to hand over the committee's results to President Walker.

In an article in Monday's *Tennessean* Bergman said that he would submit the report to Walker today.

Walker stated that he can not begin to come to a final answer until he reads the report. "I don't know what the report says. I will have to wait before I begin to make a final decision on the matter," Walker said.

He also added that he has received letters and calls concerning what his final decision might be.

"I have had calls and letters telling me what they thought would be the best conference. Right now the calls have been about 50/50 on whether to stay or to leave the OVC," Walker added.

Plans for the Southern Conference involving expansion have been open to this point. Sources have said that the SC would welcome MTSU and maybe Eastern Kentucky in hopes of forming a Division I-AA superconference. Last season the SC added Division I-AA football power Georgia Southern and on May 24 the conference readmitted

Davidson University.

Davidson left the Southern Conference in the early 80's when they dropped their football program to Division III level. Even though, Davidson will compete in the I-AA football conference, they will remain at the Division III level.

In a statement made on Tuesday, conference officials would not say if the now 10-team conference would offer MTSU a place in their ranks or if the invitation would be made under other circumstances.

"We have always said that the Southern Conference will continue to explore any and all opportunities that present themselves," Walker said.

The task force stated the possibility that many OVC teams

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P Kirk Rueter, Murray St. P Kent Wallace, Murray St. C Jon Grzanich, Murray St. 1B Jason Haner, Murray St. 2B Jay Johnson, EKU SS Roddie McCune, EKU 3B Dwight Robinson, MTSU OF Brad McDaniels, EKU OF Danny Alfedt, Murray St. OF Stacey Brown, TSU DH Gary Myers, MTSU Second Team OF Corey Watkins, MTSU

Short named OVC Coach of the Year Highlights recent OVC activities

TONY J. ARNOLD Sports Editor

SHORT HONORED: Raider tennis head coach Dale Short was named OVC Men's Coach of the Year.

Short led his Raiders to its first conference crown since 1979, a team in which Short competed on himself.

BIVENS ILL: MTSU Lady Raider basketball head coach, Lewis Bivens underwent surgery Monday night to remove blood clots in his back and leg.

As of yesterday, he was in critical care at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

WOMEN TIE FOR TITLE: The Lady Raider track team tied Murray State with 88 points in the OVC Women's outdoor track championship.

Middle won four first-places and had five second-place finishes.

TECH FROSH QUITS: Freshman standout Bruce Oglesby has quit the basketball squad at Tennessee Tech.

Oglesby, a 6-6 forward, averaged 12.5 points per-game and was named to the All-OVC Freshman team.

Earlier, he had quit at the half of the MTSU-TTU game but was later readmitted to the team.

COMEBACK: Former MTSU basketball star Duane Washington is trying to earn his way back into the NBA.

"We have always said that arrested for possession of cocaine and banned from the NBA.

Currently, he's playing for the Dayton Wings, a member of the World Basketball League, and hopes to get back in the NBA soon.

MURRAY DISMISSES PAIR: Starting guard Frank Allen and reserve forward Townsend Harris have been suspended indefinitely from the Murray State basketball program for academic reasons.

GRIFFIN SIGNS: Don Griffin, a former MTSU All-American,

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7. Austin Peay

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All-Sports Trophy Standings

Murray State University second to the Blue Raiders. finished off the 1990-91 school year in possession of the OVC men's all-sports trophy, while MTSU's wound up the leader for the women's all-sports award.

The all-sports award is symbolic of overall athletic excellence in conferencesponsored championships.

Murray clinched the men's honor in late April when the Racer tennis team finished

MTSU scored 61 which placed them third.

On the women's side, Middle Tennessee won the title with their tie in the outdoor track championships. It gave MTSU

They tallied a total of 78 points.

the extra point it needed to secure them of the award.

They scored a total of 78 points with Eastern Kentucky on their tail with 69.

Women	
Place	Total Points
1. MTSU	75
2. E. Kentucky	69
3. Murray St.	62
4. Morehead St.	37
5. Tenn. Tech	36
6. Tenn. State	32

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Men	
Place	Total Points
1. Murray St.	78
2. E. Kentucky	69
3. MTSU	61
4. Austin Peay	44
5. Morehead St.	42
6. Tenn. Tech	41
7. Tenn. State	22

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Lakers shock

TONY J. ARNOLD Sports Editor

It was billed as Michael against Magic. It was the biggest game that perhaps the two biggest stars had ever met. It was Game One of the NBA

finals. The media gave the contest a lot of hype and neither Michael Jordan nor Magic Johnson disappointed. However, when the chips were down neither made the winning shot.

Johnson tallied 19 points, dished off 11 assists and pulled down 10 rebounds for his 29th playoff triple double.

Jordan had 36 points, 12 assist, eight rebounds and two big misses in the final minute.

The Los Angeles Lakers who made it to the finals by virtue of a six-game series over Portland, went into the final quarter with a

75-68 lead over the Chicago Bulls.

Chicago made it to the finals by sweeping the defending World Champion Detroit Pistons.

After Chicago battled back and had the lead 91-89, Jordan missed a bank shot with 25 seconds left. Had it fallen, it would have virtually desimated the Lakers chances. However, they grabbed the rebound, called time-out and set up a play. Johnson brought the ball down court, hit

Jordan's former . collegiate teammate, Sam Perkins, who c a l m l y unleashed a

three-point shot as the Bulls Horace Grant tried to block it. Unfortunately, for Chicago

fans, he was unable to and the

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1991 ALL-OVC GOLF TEAM Michel Alary Austin Peay Jeff Sanders Murray State **!Chris Wilson** Murray State Scott Carmicheal Tenn. Tech &Bill Carboy Eastern Kentucky &Steve Graham Middle Tenn. Indicates tie for 3rd player spot &Indicates tie for 5th player spot

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were heading to California to face the third- ranked Southern California Trojans (44-15-1).

It was certainly a big task but the Raiders had nothing to loose and went West with upset intentions.

Although they lost 7-5, the upset bid was alive and well throughout the contest.

It appeared as if would be a blowout early with USC jumping on Crabtree and taking a 6-1 lead after two innings.

Slowly but surely MTSU chipped away at perhaps the most prominent college baseball program.

Trailing by three going into the ninth, Corey Watkins delivered an RBI single to trim it to two. However, with two runners on and the tying run at the plate MTSU saw it hopes go down the drain with a gameending grounder.

On the following day, MTSU had to face 15th-ranked Hawaii and they bid the Raiders "Aloha" with a 7-3 win.

However, the score was certainly deceiving as Middle continued to hang tough.

Trailing 4-3 in the fifth with runners on the corners and one out, Raider senior Mike Severance ripped a pitch up the middle. But to his dismay, it was tipped by the Rainbow pitcher and it was turned

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into an inning-ending double play. It seemingly let the wind out of MTSU's sails as Hawaii promptly scored three runs for the

desicive win The Blue Raiders season ended at 28-33 but with their performance in both the OVC and NCAA tournament, they proved several doubters wrong when they said they didn't belong there.

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might drop to the new Division I-AAA in football. Even though many of the schools have said that they would remain at the I-AA, yet state budget cuts might change those plans. Also the chance that the OVC may lose their automatic bid to the NCAA baseball

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tournament has also been considered.

The state budget cuts might also be the a good reason to stay according to many that support staying in the OVC. Travel cost would grow larger to the location of many SC members. Tennessee Tech, Tennessee State, Austin Peay and new OVC member UT-Martin are all very close to Murfreesboro in comparison.

Youngstown State, in Youngstown, Ohio left the OVC in 1987 after Akron left for the Division I-A ranks and they stated the high cost of travel as one reason.

East Tennessee, in Johnson City, and UT-Chattanooga are the only two state teams in the SC.

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Other members include; Georgia Southern, Davidson, Virginia Military Institute, The Citadel, Appalachian State, Furman, Marshall and Western Carolina.

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6-4 5-5

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The cost of joining the Southern is \$65,000 and they have a television package of football and basketball unlike the OVC.

If a switch does occur, and if the Southern is MTSU's choice, the university could be a fullfleged member by the 1993-94

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continued from page 9 signed a three-year contract extension with the San Francisco 49ers that is believed to be worth \$2 million.

> NFL **BOUND:** MTSU

receiver Derwin Brewer have signed free agent contracts with NFL squads.

outstanding speed, inked with the was picked up by the Seattle Seahawks.

signed a contract with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League.

MTSU head has sighned 6-9 Mark Newman

Newman averaged 23 points

He picked MTSU over Southern California and Wake Forest.

shot found nothing but net giving LA a 92-91 lead.

and back out.

Byron Scott who grabbed the rebound was immediately fouled and hit one free throw for the decisive margin.

tailback Ricky Martin and

Martin, who is noted for Dallas Cowboys while Brewer

Fullback Wade Johnson also

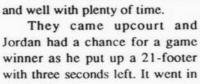
STEWART INKS PLAYER: basketball coach Bruce Stewart from Severe County.

and 11 rebounds for the Smoky Bears during his senior season.

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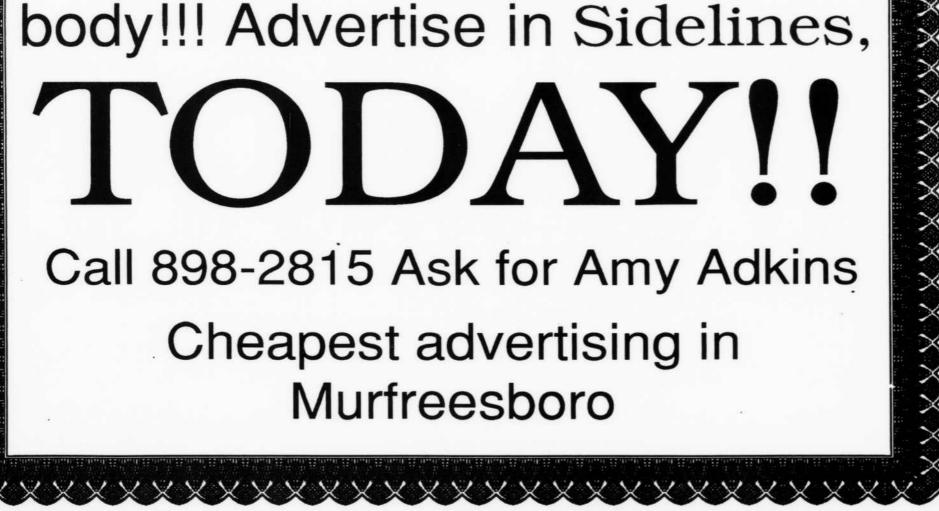
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But still, the Bulls were alive





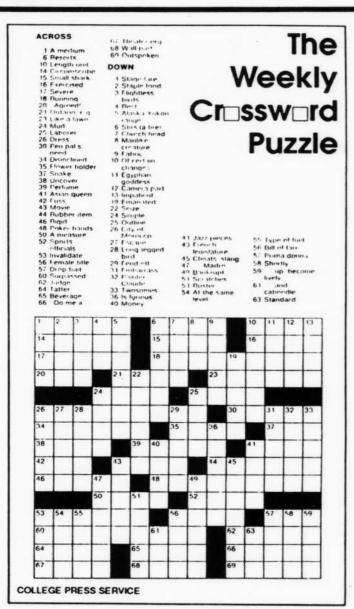
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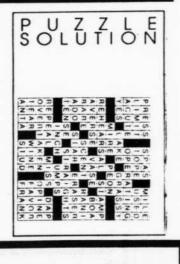
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