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Student arrested twice for intoxication

By Wesley R. Bush
Staff Writer

Eighteen-year-old Preston Woods of 3446 Shenandoah Lane was arrested twice last week for public intoxication, and Dean of Student Life Gene Fitch said it's unlikely that any disciplinary action will be taken.

Last Wednesday evening,

police responded to a call from Corlew Hall Resident Director Andrea Gooch about a white male who was being loud and harassing other students, according to police reports. When police arrived, they asked Woods if he'd been drinking.

"Upon our arrival, we located Woods in the lobby," reported Officer Matt Foster in the police report. "Mr. Woods had

the odor of alcohol and admitted to drinking alcohol."

Woods was placed under arrest for public intoxication and transported by the Rutherford County Ambulance Service. Bond was set at \$250. Woods was released on bail.

Two days after Woods' arrest, campus police saw a white male who was "having a lot of trouble keeping his bal-

ance and could not walk a straight line."

After discovering it was Woods, police noticed he smelled like alcohol and air freshener. The air freshener, found in his pocket, was used to cover the smell of cigarette smoke, Woods told police.

"During this time, I determined that Mr. Woods had been drinking and was a possi-

ble danger to himself and to others," reported Officer Dana Harper, in the report.

Woods was arrested for a second time and bond was set at \$1500.

Fitch said the university has the option of taking disciplinary action but only on a case-by-case basis. If that happens, Woods would be taken before a university judicial board, which

could result in probation or suspension from the university.

"There are so many factors to consider in each instance before action is taken," said Fitch. "The important thing is that the person responds quickly and schedules a meeting with the appropriate department."

Woods' court date has been set for Oct. 4 at 9 a.m. ♦

Making investments



Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

University officials plan to acquire St. Marks Methodist Church as part of a master plan to expand the size of the campus.

Expected purchases of area churches to expand campus

By R. Colin Fly
Online Editor

In an effort to expand the size of the current campus, MTSU will purchase two churches that border the school.

Belle Aire Baptist Church, located at 820 Fairview St., will be purchased for \$1.9 million, sources in the business office confirmed.

Mike Gower, associate vice president in the Business Office, helped coordinate the purchase.

"We plan to close out the purchase of Belle Aire within the next few weeks," Gower said. "The money will be put in an escrow, interest-earning account until they finish their new building late next fall."

The money to purchase property comes from a reserve fund. Gower explained that the majority of funds come from these reserves, but occasionally larger purchases have to be financed.

The church will build their new building a few blocks from campus.

Belle Aire's funds will be transferred after the church moves to its new location.

The building will be used for academic programs as well as parking services.

Rev. Ron Moore of Belle Aire said that a few churches called to inquire about building and the property, but the university expressed the most interest from the start.

Belle Aire has owned the property

since 1954.

MTSU also received approval for the purchase of St. Mark's Methodist Church, located at 1403 E. Main St., late last month from the state's Higher Education Building Commission.

St. Mark's rests on a two-acre plot of land located adjacent to the main entrance of the university.

There has been no disclosure of funds at this stage of negotiation.

"I think it is in the university's master plan to acquire the church, and that suits us just fine," Rev. David Huffman of St. Mark's said.

Both purchases are within the master physical plan map, drafted by officials of Campus Planning, in an effort to show the future of building and property lines

on university grounds.

Acquisition of different properties is quite simple, Mike Gower, associate vice president in the business office, explained.

"Owners approach us and want to know what the procedures are [to sell land to the university]," Gower said. "If they want to sell to us and they make that clear to us, then we will go to the building commission and seek approval, just like we're doing for St. Mark's Church. We have to get permission of the state to purchase the property first."

St. Mark's has been on the current property since 1948. Their new building is tentatively set to be finished in the fall of 2001. ♦

Honors College receives grant for new building

Associated Press

MURFREESBORO, Tenn.-MTSU's Honors College may soon have a home.

Paul W. Martin Jr., the first graduate of MTSU's honors program, and his brother, Lee, have given the university \$2 million to help construct a building for the Honors College, which has 757 students and 145 faculty members, but no central location.

MTSU has agreed to raise an additional \$2 million from other donors to match the gift.

The total amount will be used to build a 18,800-square-foot building with classrooms, administrative and faculty offices, student meeting areas and an amphitheater for the college's lecture series, said J.P. Montgomery, the college's dean.

Construction could begin by June 2002.

"This will create the sense of community every college longs for," Montgomery said. "We're creating the atmosphere and feel of a small, selective college right here at the heart of a university that's 19,000 (students)."

The honors program brings together many of the university's most academically talented students in classes of 20 students or less.

Paul Martin, 49, said he and his brother, a University of Tennessee graduate who heads the Tennessee Technological Development Corp., wanted to honor their late father, a former TVA engineer, and his commitment to education.

They also hope to provide an education that's both first-rate and reasonably priced.

"Somewhere we have to have a quality education that challenges students to think critically, or they're going to go somewhere else," said Paul Martin, chief financial officer of Pro2Serve, an Oak Ridge-based company that helps other companies with business strategy. "And they don't come back."

Linda Hare, MTSU's vice president for development and university relations, said several sites on the campus are being considered for the building.

MTSU has until December 2001 to raise the \$2 million in matching funds. Hare said the university will approach alumni, other individuals and various philanthropic foundations for support.

"The clock is running," she said. "It's a challenge. But it's doable, especially on the heels of the campaign we just finished."

MTSU completed a \$30 million fund-raising campaign last fall, more than two years earlier than organizers had planned. ♦

Construction projects continue across campus

By Randy Allen
Staff Writer

With the completion of the S-curve behind Jones Field, construction officials continue to plow through new projects on campus.

A construction project behind Rutledge Hall and the James Union Building will inconvenience many on-campus residents starting September 8.

Students living in Rutledge, Miss Mary, Lyon, McHenry, Shard, Monohan,

and Reynolds halls will be without hot water and heat beginning Sept. 8 at 8 a.m.

Bill Smotherman, director of Construction Administration, said the construction department hopes to have the water back on by 10 a.m. on Sept. 10.

The replacement of 30-year-old steam lines is part of a five-year project that is in its third year. The outage will also effect the Business building, Kirksey Old Main, the Alumni Center and the Cope Administration building. Following the completion of work in the

area of Rutledge, James Union and Smith and Beasley Halls, students can expect steam line replacement to move into the area between Smith Hall and the Woodmore Cafeteria and last until mid-November.

The construction department is also working on a parking project on the Northwest side of campus.

"The parking project will involve paving the lot behind the Cason-Kennedy Nursing building and adding additional parking to the Greek Row/

recreation fields area," Smotherman said.

Another project under construction at this time, involves the recreation fields behind the Student Recreation Center. The addition of lights, more sidewalks and the expansion of one field will allow more flexibility for sporting events.

The new Dyslexia Center will be located on the corner of Baird Lane and Elrod. It will be the first center of its kind on a college campus in Tennessee. Smotherman said bids for the center are due back Sept. 20. ♦

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Assistant News Editor

Clark cleared of accusations

Jeff Clark, MTSU professor and U.S. Senatorial candidate, has apparently been cleared of the two harassment charges filed against him by MTSU students.

Clark claims both complaints were produced by students who felt wronged by him. In one case, according to Clark, the accusation came from a male student who he had caught plagiarizing. In the other case, the accusation of sexual harassment came from a female student who wanted Clark to give her more time to do her work.

University offers management course

MTSU will offer a course on improved management skills. The course, "First Line Supervision," will focus on helping participants improve office morale, boost performance, handle conflicts and deal with complaints. The course will be held every Monday in October from 6:15 until 9:15.

Red Cross out for blood

Donations of blood are needed. Three trauma victims of an August 23 have needed 120 units of blood and 40 units of platelets. This has put a strain on the already diminished summer supply of blood.

All who are able to are urged to donate blood. The Red Cross

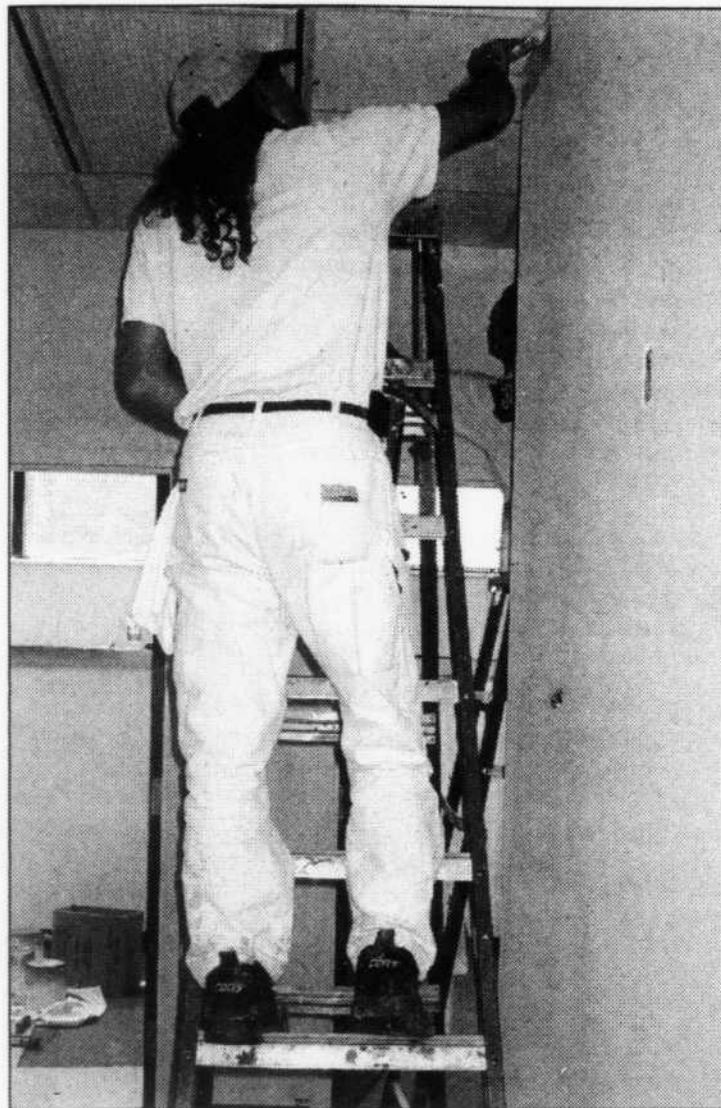


Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

A construction worker adds the finishing touches to the Public Relations lab, located on the second floor of the Bragg Mass Communication Building.

will be taking donations on the third floor of the Keathley University Center this Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

History scholar visits

The MTSU History department will host its second ever Strickland Visiting Scholar, Dr. Steven J. Ross.

Ross specializes in U.S. social and labor history, popular culture and is the author of the Pulitzer-Prize-nominated book, "Working-Class Hollywood: Silent Film and the Shaping of Class in America." He is a professor at the University of Southern California.

The Strickland Visiting Scholar program was established in memory of Dr. Roscoe Lee Strickland to bring distinguished scholars to MTSU campus for two weeks to engage in public lectures, workshops and informal classes.

Art chair selected

The art department has a new chair, Mark S. Price.

Before becoming chair of art, Price was a professor and graduate program officer in the department of Art at Auburn University, where he had taught since 1976. He has also won numerous awards on both the regional and national levels.

MTSU hosts AHA Heart Walk

MTSU will host the American Heart Association Heart Walk on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The walk will support the AHA, which depends on volunteers to raise money and fund research.

All are encouraged to attend. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the walk will start at 2 p.m.



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When: August 21
Where: Keathley University Center
What: Stolen bookbag and books

When: August 25
Where: Alumni Memorial Gym
What: Stolen calipers

When: August 25
Where: Peck Hall
What: Cross pen stolen from an office

When: August 26
Where: Murphy Center
What: Wireless SM 58 microphone was stolen

When: August 27
Where: Monohan Hall — Lobby
What: Stolen zoology book

Auto:

When: August 22
Where: Corlew Hall
What: Hit and run accident involving a Jeep with Tennessee license plate

When: August 23
Where: Greenland Drive Lot A
What: Leaving the scene of an accident, a parked car was hit

When: August 28
Where: Scarlett Commons — Building 5
What: Blue ford was towed because it was illegally parked

Medical:

When: August 23
Where: Davis Science Building
What: student passed out in class, but refused transportation

When: August 25
Where: Scarlett Commons
What: Resident was having medical problems, which are believed to be drug related

When: August 25
Where: Family apartment K
What: Individual fell and needed assistance to pick him back up

When: August 27
Where: Family Student Housing
What: Medical help needed

Alcohol:

When: August 23
Where: Corlew Hall
What: Public intoxication. A white male in lobby, described as tall, slim, very drunk and getting out of hand

When: August 24
Where: Sigma Nu, Fraternity Row
What: Bryn P. Herrin, of Sigma Nu, received a citation for consuming alcohol under 21

When: August 25
Where: Student Rec Center Parking Lot
What: Public intoxication

When: August 26
Where: Rutherford County ambulance
What: Suspect was arrested for public intoxication

Other:

When: August 24
Where: Cummings Hall
What: Communicating threat/verbal assault

When: August 25
Where: MTSU police department
What: Thomas Austin of 1200 River Oaks Drive turned himself in for aggravated assault and evading arrest warrants

When: August 25
Where: Family Apartment H
What: Simple assault, domestic related. Woman reported that her roommate and roommate's boyfriend were having heated argument

When: August 26
Where: Pi Alpha, Greek Row
What: Fire alarm set off by fog machine

When: August 27
Where: Family Apartment I
What: Domestic dispute

Voter registration packets are available in the SGA office, KUC 208. The last day to register is October 1. Call Josh Pounders at 898-2464 for more information.

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September 5, 2000	4:00	** all sessions in KUC 322
September 6th	5:00	

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OPINIONS

4 ♦ SIDELINES

Wednesday, August 30, 2000

Murfreesboro, TN

From the editor Move over freshmen; we need your space

It's no huge revelation that parking is a problem at this university. This paper has bitched about it for years, and so has the student body in general.

There have been solutions offered, but the usual excuse is that there's not enough money. For example, we need a parking garage, but estimates have put a price tag of \$600 per space. That's sounds outrageous, but reality is reality.

Still, there are some other cost effective things that can be done. Some of them are drastic, but at this point, that's exactly what is needed.

The biggest option - which the *Sidelines* staff endorses 100 percent - deals with freshmen parking on campus.

Freshmen parking needs to be eliminated from the central part of campus. There should be parking lots on the outskirts of campus. There should be parking lots on the outskirts of campus. There should be parking lots on the outskirts of campus. There should be parking lots on the outskirts of campus.

What we're suggesting is that freshmen park further out in

lots such as Bell Street, the Live Stock Lot or in the new parking lots being constructed in the Rec Center/Greek Row fields.

We're not suggesting that freshmen should have to walk that far either. Instead, they can use the shuttle system to get to the central part of campus.

If the university and Parking Services would implement this system, it would free up approximately 3,000 parking spaces closer to the interior of campus.

This would make finding a relatively close spot easier for those who commute. After all, a majority of the student body is commuters. Shouldn't they be the ones that the university caters to?

Understandably, a lot of freshmen are going to be against this change, but people usually are resistant to change anyway. Once we get away from the old system, it won't be as harsh.

To prove this, the Student Government Association should put the idea to a vote. If the majority likes this idea, it should be changed. It's a sacrifice necessary for progress.

MTSU should stay alive during weekends

Through My Eyes



Shawn Whitsell

Opinions
Editor

Other residents in the lobby began to make similar remarks, and I couldn't help agreeing with them.

"There's like no places to eat around here on the weekend," said another student.

Let's face it. MTSU is a suitcase college. It was like that when I showed up here three years ago. Hell, it's probably always been like that. But things can change.

The question is, when are things going to change? I know these things take time, but when are we going to see some real effort put into building a community where people want to stay on the weekends?

My first weekend here in Fall '97, I went outside and thought, "Where'd all the people go?" I had no clue that so many people went home on the weekend. I think we, the freshmen, were the only ones left on campus.

It was only a matter of time before

the freshmen start making those weekly trips home.

See, it starts with the freshmen. Most of the upperclassmen are a lost cause; they're already set in their ways. But if freshmen can be persuaded to stay here on the weekends, then a whole new cycle can begin.

I'm not trying to come down hard on the university because I know there are people making efforts to provide activities on the weekends. For instance, last spring I went to the Fireside Chat with Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, and one of his main concerns was building a community where the students supported campus activities and stayed during the weekends. Not only did he tell us his concerns, but he also allowed us to share ours. Glenn seems like the guy to get the job done. But he needs the support of everyone on campus.

However, in order to get that support, we must start this community building process while the year is still young because when people get accustomed to doing something (such as going home), it's very hard to turn them around.

I suggest that MTSU start with the freshmen, and maybe we upperclassmen will slowly start to see the light.

It's good to see the university make some effort to keep students here on the weekends. The Music on the Knoll helps. It may not be all that popular (mainly because students are more concerned with heading home), but at least it entertains the few people who

do support it. What I would suggest for the Music on the Knoll is to start earlier in the day. Most students are already in their hometowns before it even starts. Food would definitely help.

My next suggestion would be to produce shows with a variety of music genres. Correct me if I'm wrong, but most of the groups that I've seen have been very rock and alternative-oriented. I love all types of music, but I would really like to see some hip-hop music reppin' (represented) in the shows. I think hip hop would attract a wide variety of people. Then maybe we could get some country music going. Now I'm not a huge country music fan, although I did work at a country music radio station, but I do feel that it is important to showcase as many types of music as possible so we can all be satisfied.

Before I end, I just want to encourage the campus organizations to go out on a limb and provide a few activities over the weekend. We really can't expect the university to do something that we're not willing to do ourselves. I realize we would run the risk of not getting the support we desire, but we have to start somewhere (big up to Phi Beta Sigma for the party and cookout they provided last weekend — it's a start).

Last, but certainly not least, I want you, the students, to let MTSU know what you want. Don't be afraid to speak up and say, "We're not happy with the current situation." Voice your opinions and be heard. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu. Letters can be edited for length, grammar or content.

Mention of plane's worth insensitive

To the *Sidelines*' Editor:

I am writing in response to your article in the *Sidelines* (Friday, August 18, 2000), entitled "Student dies in plane crash."

Let us get straight to the point — how dare you attempt to trivialize my friend's death by stating that the damn plane in which he was in was worth \$25,000? Are you trying to put a price tag on my friend's death?

I suppose that it does not matter that he left behind a fiancé. I would like you to tell her that her future husband was worth \$25,000.

I suppose that you would not like to care to know that doctors told my friend Patrick that he would not be able to go beyond the 8th grade after he was in a motorcycle accident.

He went on to prove them wrong by graduating high school and went on to complete community college before coming to MTSU. He also got a pilot's license and was in the aerospace program.

How dare you try to sum up a life that you will never know by how expensive his death was? How would

you feel if you passed on in a car accident and the price of your vehicle was quoted in the article?

"Student dies in car worth \$10,000."

I would feel pity towards your friends and loved ones. Don't do this again!

Dewey Bullard
P.O. Box 1220

Not all 'ladies' are conservative

Dear Opinions Editor:

This is in response to the "Atypical Woman" article by Ms. Angela White. I have so many objections to her uninformed comments that I am not entirely sure of where to begin.

Let's start with the title, shall we? Ms. White — as I am sure she prefers to be addressed — states, "Women must unite to protect rights." Now, perhaps I am wrong, but I do not believe that bashing fellow females is the most effective tool to unite women.

Furthermore, it is readily apparent that Ms. White does not actually know any of these "Southern ladies" that she

is so eager to condemn. Otherwise, she would not have written such ignorant drivel.

I myself am a Southern lady; however, I do not forfeit the vote and years of progress every time I read Cosmo, accept an opened door, wear a skirt, let a man pay or do anything else that puts me in my "traditional" role. I do enjoy these things, and I appreciate the manners that some Southerners choose to display.

So what? I do not think that Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Margaret Sanger roll over in their graves every time I receive the respect that a lady — nay, a human being — deserves.

Do not assume that just because I am a Southern female that I am also a brainwashed conservative against abortion and women's rights. That is like saying that all feminists are lesbians. Stereotypes are ugly and often untrue — no matter who supports them.

I do not claim to know you or your politics, Ms. White. Do not flatter yourself into thinking that you have even the vaguest idea about me and my politics.

White's article illustrates that women do not need men to hold them back. Women like Ms. White, with

their blatant hate and mistrust of other females, are succeeding in that capacity quite well on their own.

Amanda D. Hendricks
adh2g@mtsu.edu

Friend of student sends welcome

Dear Editor,

I am living in Baton Rouge, La. and attending Southeastern Louisiana University.

I have just received word that my best friend in the whole world has just started attending this school.

I would really appreciate it if you could somehow put a message in the paper telling her that I miss her and I hope she is enjoying college.

This would be one of those things that we will never forget.

Her name is Leigh Hammond. She is originally from Baton Rouge but moved five years ago to Chattanooga, Tenn. Now she is attending college at MTSU.

Thank you for your time.

Katie Piper
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Worried friend: 'He just went in for some books!'

Frankly My Dear



David Sargent

Staff
Columnist

For the last three years at about this time, I seem to get this funny feeling down deep inside of me. I start to daydream, and I envision my friend, The Example, beginning his tragic voyage.

Striding across the Knoll, he feels the hazy sun beating on his epidermis and pushing him towards the shelter of the KUC. He opens the door, walks down into the bowels of the building and timidly looks to his left.

Suddenly, he's overcome by this feeling. He listens closely. What is it

saying? Impatiently his inner voice asks, "Russian Roulette or the Rack?" He reflects deeply, almost worriedly. Okay, so there's a puddle next to his shoes now, and he starts to get *Forrest Gump* flashbacks; well, you know what Forest does best. But, standing his ground, he timidly crosses the threshold of... (Horror movie voice with *Psycho* theme in the background) Phillip's Bookstore.

There are many things to fear in that penitentiary of books. It's as if the longest lines at Kroger, the prices of a Prada clothing store and the books of Barnes and Noble were pieced together into this Frankenstein of a commercial depot.

Of course, it's about a fifth the size of any of those stores. But back to The Example.

He makes his way back to the stacks

and begins to fear for his life. Will it ever let him out? However, he is consumed with his search and presses on. The books begin to pile up. Five, six, seven, finally 138 books later he ends his endless search and makes his way towards the registers. Impressively, he only stops a few times to restack the tumbling skyscraper of papyrus because his arms are simply too weak to support a full metric ton over that distance.

He's still a ways away, but he can rest here at the end of the line. After waiting approximately three moons, he shaves and makes his final approach. The cheery lady rings up each book, and he reluctantly watches the total add up.

He could have been hallucinating at this point, but the total seemed to read "Your life savings" dollars and "Whatever else you got" cents. He was

probably hallucinating.

Then the cashier jokingly remarked, "You could stock the Library of Congress with those bags!" And, of course, he jokingly responds, "Wow, you're funny. I hear Zanie's is hiring. Gimme my receipt!" In jest of course. She was such a sweet lady too. Shame she had to fall victim to his post-payment bitterness.

I suddenly break out of my daydream in a cold sweat, with the sad realization of the truth in this tragic, tragic story.

Nobody likes to give in to our professors' demands to read, or at least buy, expensive books, but we have to. Plus, there are copyright violations that go along with taking your friends' books to Kinko's and makin' copies (Hmmm?). Makin' copies. The copy man. The Copyrino. Copyrooski...

Oh, sorry, I was having a *Saturday*

Night Live moment.

However, there are certain unmentionable alternatives that I've heard all the smart people use. Like, I don't know, maybe a certain Web site, or maybe a certain establishment on Greenland Drive (wink, wink). But, nooooo, we like The Example and all the other drones, like to tie our own noose.

Yes, my fellow victims, it is an expensive, tolling venture indeed. And, like many of the things you will find at MTSU and beyond, it is a necessary evil. However, as long as you work super hard over the summer and take a nap before beginning your Voyage to the Center of the Earth, you can mitigate the pain...mildly.

Plus, you can reassure yourself with the knowledge that, at the end of the semester, you can sell your stash back for about \$46.25. ♦

Veggie Delight

No need to trek to Nashville; 'Boro eatery ups the ante

By Nathalie Mornu
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a vegetarian restaurant, don't bother going to Nashville: you won't find any. Some places have a few meatless selections on their menus, but that's it. However, Murfreesboro now boasts a restaurant that ups the ante on vegetarian cuisine, and offers only vegan fare.

Vegan cooking uses no animal products. Food that includes no meat, fish, dairy, or eggs might seem bland, but a good cook can whip up food so tasty that you won't miss what's not there. In fact, a talented cook can prepare food with such rich flavor that you might be fooled into thinking that the recipe calls for butter, meat or cheese.

Teresa Leven, who owns and operates The Shepherd's Inn restaurant, works that kind of magic when she cooks for her establishment. She transforms simple ingredients into richly nuanced dishes bursting with flavor.

The restaurant, located a few blocks from The Square, opened at the end of May. With hardly more than a handful of tables and a staff of three, the place shares very little with the big chain restaurants spreading across America. The menu changes from day to day, depending on which fresh vegetables Leven has purchased, and the restaurant doesn't stay open all day and half the night.

Leven enjoyed operating a similar business 11 years ago in Boone, NC. This, and her daughter's interest in participating as a waitress, prompted her to go into business in Murfreesboro. Leven emphasizes that she runs The Shepherd's Inn not primarily for profit, but because she wants to have fun while providing people with top-quality, nutritious and delicious food.

Leven often comes out of the kitchen to converse with the clientele, discussing nutrition and her beliefs in an animated, friendly way. She explains that to fully enjoy her business with little stress, and still have time for her family, she limits her hours of operation. Also, she does not advertise, trusting that word of mouth will provide her with customers; besides, more than 35 or 40 diners per lunch would strain the resources of her small staff. The service isn't slow, but food and beverages tend to come out all at once, rather than in a methodical manner. A short chat with the staff may reveal their Seventh-Day Adventist beliefs.

On Mondays, The Shepherd's Inn stays closed so Leven can shop for fresh ingredients from either farmers' markets or the gardens of neighbors. She also uses this day to do much of her prep work. From Tuesday to Friday, cooking starts around 8 a.m. The restaurant opens at 11:15 to serve the day's meals. The menu usually includes two or three entrees chosen from a repertoire of over a dozen that Leven regularly makes.

The broccoli rice almondine has a wide array of textures. The brown rice comes covered with a rich, velvety sauce of broccoli and something not unlike cheese — Leven won't divulge her secret ingredients, although she says it isn't tapioca. A crunchy toasted almond topping adds a nice counterpoint of texture and flavor.

Definitely try the eggplant linguini. It has a similar smooth sauce, with a hint of tartness. It gets tossed with bits of sauteed eggplant, tomato and cauliflower, and served over a bed of both linguini and brown rice, which adds a subtle nuttiness.

The zesty asparagus features lightly cooked vegetables, with plenty of crunch, over linguini. From the name, I expected the dish to be spicy,



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but it wasn't.

All the entrees come with salads of lettuce, sprouts, chopped tomato, cucumber and other fresh vegetables. Both dressings we tried were good, but the creamy-textured chive dressing beat the chili-pepper dressing hands down. Entrees also come with a large piece of savory whole wheat garlic bread.

Entrees run about \$7.50, but the portions are so generous that you can easily take half home for a second meal. And while they have a buttery, rich flavor and creamy textures, the entrees aren't in the least bit oily.

For a lighter meal, The Shepherd's Inn offers at least one type of sandwich daily, a side dish, or perhaps a soup. Leven makes a variety of soups, among them garden pea, lentil stew, potato chowder, and bean almondine.

The filling oatburger has a nice texture, and an unusual taste of granola. The one I ordered was a bit dry. They serve it with tortilla chips and

garnishes. Sandwiches cost between \$4 and \$5.

The restaurant offers an assortment of fruit and vegetable juices, although some are commercial products. Unless you like the taste of distilled water, bring your own aqua to drink.

The Shepherd's Inn also serves a selection of desserts, but none of us had room left in our bellies to try some. Among the selections listed on the menu: baked apple cheesecake, butter-scotch pie, carob mint cake, and fruit crisp. Freshly-made smoothies can be ordered, too. A small portion of sweet peach smoothie split between friends makes a nice, light ending to a meal.

Located at 324 W. Burton, The Shepherd's Inn is open Tuesday through Friday for lunch, from 11:15-2:30. However, if Leven and her staff are in, they welcome diners. They sometimes open for dinner from 5-7:30, and intend to be open tonight and tomorrow evening. Call to make sure these plans haven't changed: 893-1488. ♦

Sounds 'plume' good

Band's new album 'Rattles the Cage'

By Robin Wallace
FLASH! Editor

It's common knowledge that with good rock 'n' roll comes head bobbing.

But when you listen to The Mike Plume Band's album, *Song & Dance, Man*, your head will be nodding to every track in disbelief of the band's phenomenal sound. It's not that the Canadian band has some incredible new technique that the roots rock scene hasn't already heard. Still, there's something that The Mike Plume Band has that separates them from the rest. Perhaps, it's their method of simply building a song that has everything in the right place at the right time that has put these guys in the passing lane.

"Rattle the Cage," the album's first track truly reflects the band's impeccable sense of balance and timing. It begins with several measures of a strumming acoustic guitar that is then accompanied by Mike



Plume, who after singing the first verse, is met with the sound of the rest of the band at full throttle.

This song is fully loaded with a remarkable performance of dynamic musicianship. Just as the song seems to be gearing down, it takes-off again, racing into crescendos fortissimo and rocking tempos. Yet, in a split second, they go from 60 to 0 mph to stop on a dime and as easily as they stopped, they explode to an

acceleration of 60 mph in less than half a beat. Completing the driving force of "Rattle the Cage" are the cautioning words on the manipulative mind games in relationships like, "if love is blind then you won't see the fall...you're at the fork in the road with no signs or maps."

Bits of folk, blues, country and even ragtime creep into the echoing classic rock sound of *Song & Dance, Man*. Artists such as Guy Clark, Lyle Lovitt,

Steve Earle, Nanci Griffith, John Prime and John Hiatt have predominately spurred the band's creative inspirations. Although, that's not to say that other legendary musicians haven't influenced their work.

While the quality and character of "If There Ever Was a Fool" clearly has an amazing Bob Dylan-Bill Miller feel to it, other songs simply strike familiar chords that cannot be attributed. Nevertheless, all the tracks will leave you singing the

lyrics and humming the melody after just one listen. Yeah, they're really that good. ♦

The Mike Plume Band has won five Alberta Recording Industry Awards for Male Recording Artist of the Year, Pop Rock Artist of the Year, Roots Folk Artist of the Year and Song & Video of the year for "Rattle the Cage." The band's American debut album, *"Song & Dance, Man,"* was mastered by Buddy Miller.

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The Mike Plume Band is all "souped up" in their American debut album, *Song & Dance, Man*.

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Things have changed

Blue Raiders, Illinois different since last battle

By Michael Edwards
Staff Writer

Things have changed. Two seasons ago, the Blue Raiders have past since the last time the Fighting Illini of Illinois and MTSU locked up on the gridiron.

Two seasons ago, the Blue Raiders were a I-AA football team and the Illini were coming off a winless season.

Things have changed.

Since the last meeting, Illinois has won a bowl game easily over the Virginia Cavaliers, while the Raiders have entered I-A, and had the best recruiting class in school history.

Saturday, the Raiders will travel to Champagne, Ill., and take on the No. 21 football team in America. The Raiders have, indeed, come off the best recruiting class in school history, after being ranked 70th by *rivals100.com*. The ranking was ahead of schools which have predominantly been successful on the I-A level.

When the Illini pass

Well, just say one name: Kurt Kittner. The junior quarterback broke the Illinois record for touchdowns in a season (24), which was previously held by the former No. 1 NFL draft pick, Jeff George. Currently, he ranks sixth on the all-time career touchdown list, which is led by Jack Trudeau.

"We are going against probably one of the best quarterbacks in the country," said Andy McCollum, head football coach. "He has improved every year. I don't know if you ever stop a great player, we will try to control him."

The Illini were in the NCAA top 10 in offense in 1999. This year, they return 10 of the 11 starters from that team. The leading receivers will both be returning, including tight end Josh Whitman and full back Jameel Cook.

The Raiders will counter on the defensive side of the ball with a much faster and improved secondary. Junior Jykine Bradley leads the Raider attack since the departure MTSU's leading tackler Mario Kelso. Two sophomores will fill the safety positions, as Delvin Pikes takes the strong safety slot, and Kareem Bland takes the free safety slot. Jermaine Francis, a senior, will be on the right corner.

When the Illini run

One thing about the Illinois offense is the balance they possess. Not only is Kittner one of the best quarterbacks in the country, but Rocky Harvey is one of the best tailbacks as well. Harvey led the team in rushing last season, and was ranked as one of the top 30 tailbacks in America by *Lindy's Magazine*.

"When you play a top 10 offensive team, that means they are probably pretty balanced,"

McCollum said. "Again, it still goes back to what we do."

Harvey, averaged over five yards per carry, as a sophomore, which totaled over 700 for the year.

Middle Tennessee will combat the Illini running attack with a much improved defensive line and line backing corp. Linebackers include seniors Glen Jones and Isaiah Brown, while junior Billy Durham and sophomore Chris Gatlin round the linebackers. Junior Tanaka Scott, seniors Brent Walker and Terrence King are the Raiders version of a defensive line. Middle Tennessee returns only King to the line from last year's team.

When the Blue Raiders run

The running back position will be filled by committee this year. Dwone Hicks and Jamison Palmer will double up on the position, which was seldom used last season. As a matter of fact, the Raiders averaged only 111 yards per game on the ground last season. Palmer led the Blue Raiders in rushing during 1999, with an average of 50 yards per game. He scored just nine touchdowns last year.

The improved and more physical offensive line should help the Raider tailbacks this season. The Raiders added some beef up front with the likes of redshirt freshman Brandon Westbrook. The anchor of the line is fifth year senior Barry Hall, who tipped the scales at 316. Hall has started 31 straight games as a Raider. All of the line returns this season. However, Chris Howington is second on the depth chart behind freshman Westbrook.

"The offensive line has gotten much better," Palmer said. "We have so many weapons, if we don't run it, we are going to pass it. We just want to win."

A pair of 275-pound tackles in Jason Eberhart and Brandon Moore anchor the defensive line of Illinois. The ends are Mike O'Brien and Fred Wakefield. Also, the Illini have a safety named Muhammad Abdullah, who led the team in tackles last year and is *Sporting News* preseason All-Big Ten selection. Safety Bobby Jackson, who is among *Lindy's* top safeties, compliments him.

When the Blue Raiders pass

Wes Counts leads the Raider passing attack, which was ranked near the top of the national charts in total passing. Flanking him will be juniors Tyrone Calico, Kendall Newson and Hansford Johnson. This is without a doubt the Raiders deepest position. Newson is ranked 12th nationally in consecutive games with a catch, while being ranked near the top of the Raiders' all-time receiving charts. Calico is 6-foot-4 and has great ability as a receiver.

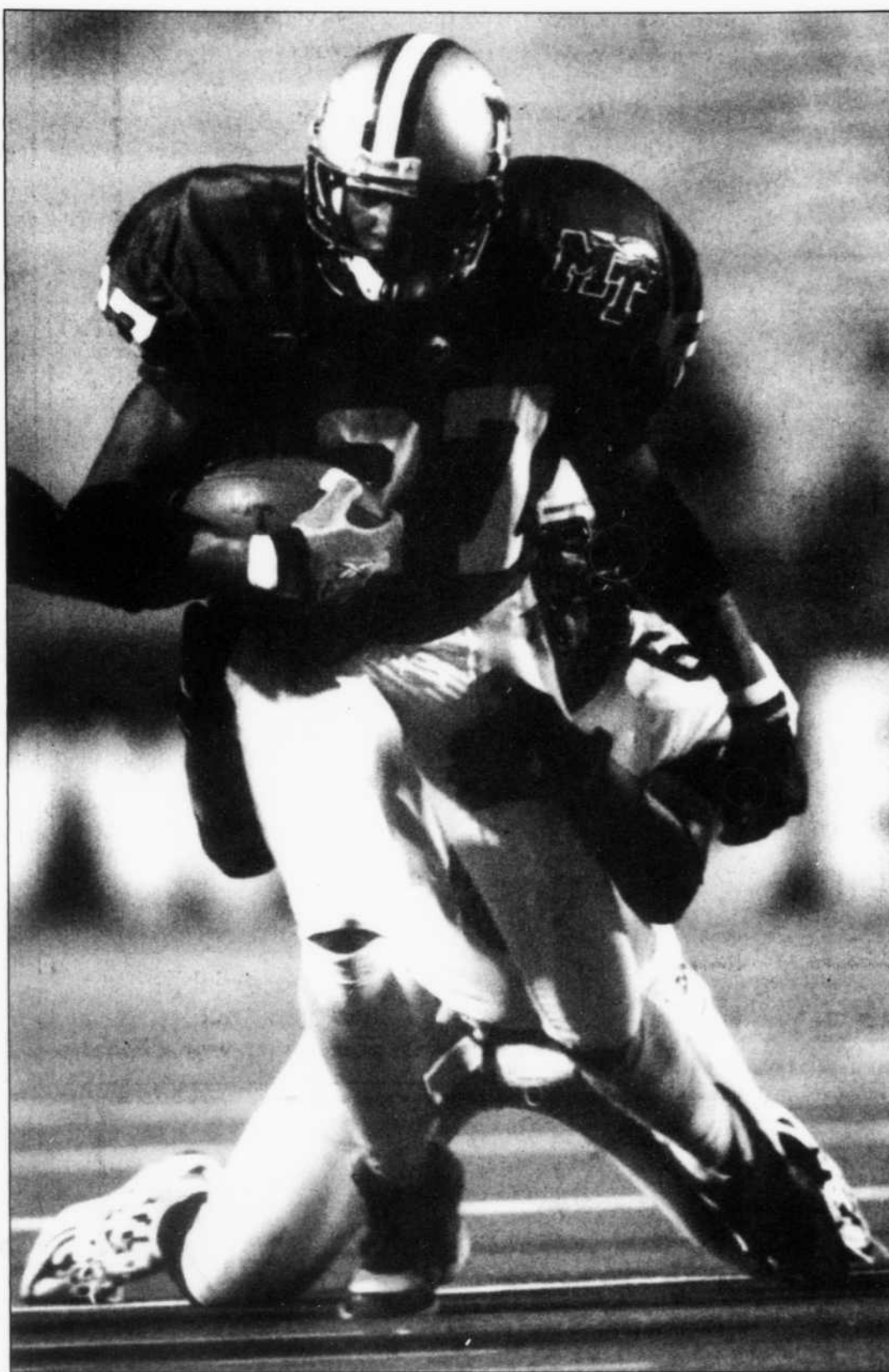


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This season, as opposed to others, Counts will have competition from newcomers Jason Johnson and Lance Phillips. Phillips transferred from Ole Miss, while Johnson left Northwest Mississippi Junior College to attend Middle Tennessee. The Raiders also have a receiver, who was ranked as one of the best by *rivals100.com*, in Kerry Wright.

"These guys have been putting in 14 hours a day, and you would sure like it for your student body to support you," McCollum said. "Our

guys deserve to have something good happen to them. They have worked as hard as any team in the country, and they will go out there and they won't be intimidated, I can promise you."

"Going against one of the top teams in America, we can't turn the ball over, we can't make mistakes in the kicking game. If we can do that, and we can get a plus in the turnovers, and we can get a big play in the kicking game, and play as hard as we can play, we will give ourselves a chance to win." ♦

Great grandma played big role in Miller's life

MT Media Relations

Ray Miller didn't have it easy growing up in Powder Springs, Ga. There were a lot of different choices to make, most of them ill-advised.

"I'll admit, I was living my life like I had nothing to lose," he said. "Things were pretty tough."

They were made even more so due to a lack of parental guidance. Miller never had a chance to know his mother, who died in a car accident in Alabama when he was just a baby. His father, who never participated in Ray's life, is also presumed dead.

"I spent a lot of time bouncing from one family member to another," said Miller, who also has an older sister, Keshia. "There was a lot of back and forth."

But fortunately, that all changed when he was able to move in with his Great Grandmother, Ethel Swanson. Miller said it was she who eventually pointed him down the right path.

"I went in one day and asked her if I could play football," said Miller. "And she told me Baby, whatever makes you happy."

It made Miller happy alright. It made the coaches at McEachern High School happy too. Miller quickly developed a knack for defense and was told by his coaches that football was his ticket.

He went on to earn 4A Defensive Player of the Year honors from the *Atlanta Journal* and the *Marietta Daily Journal*. During his junior year, Miller recorded 100 tackles and helped lead his



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squad to a state championship appearance and a 14-1 record. He also won a state shot put title and finished third in the heavyweight state wrestling tournament.

Although football put Miller's name on the map and gave him opportunities he might not have otherwise had, it was the experience of bonding with a team that gave him his first real sense of family.

"My football team has always been my family," he said. "I've come to love these guys. If I'm down they

pick me up."

But it's Miller's football prowess that have Blue Raider fans eagerly anticipating their next defensive star. A partial qualifier last season, Miller could only participate in practice last season. But coaches have liked what they've seen during the spring and summer workouts and have him penciled in as a starter at tackle.

"I think I bring a lot of speed to the table and a lot of technique," he says. "We've got eight guys back from last year, and they know what's going on. I think one of our main goals this year is to go out and earn respect. We've made a lot of improvements."

That could also be said for Miller's life in general. He says he has a dream of one day playing in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins.

"Right now things are looking really bright," says Miller. "The path is going straight. My spirituality has helped me a lot and all of this has brought me a lot closer to God and made me a better man."

Of course Great Grandmother had something to do with that as well.

At 86, Mrs. Swanson still lives in Powder Springs and according to Miller "is still moving like she's a 16-year-old."

She doesn't know much or care too much about football. As long as it makes Ray happy she's happy.

"I still talk to her all the time," says Miller. "She usually tells me how everything is going down there and asks me when's the next time I'm going to come down and cut the grass." ♦

Former U. of South Florida player sues coach for racism

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A year after an internal investigation found evidence of racism in the University of South Florida women's basketball program, a former player has filed a lawsuit claiming blacks were singled out and segregated on the team.

Dione Smith, a starter for three seasons but dismissed from the team by coach Jerry Ann Winters in April, filed the lawsuit Thursday in U.S. District Court.

The lawsuit also names Winters, the university and athletic director Paul Griffin.

The lawsuit alleges Winters, the

team's coach for four seasons, often used a racial slur in referring to blacks, including members of her team.

It also alleges Winters segregated the players on road trips, treated black players more harshly and separated the players by skin color during practice.

Last season's team consisted of eight whites, four blacks and one Hispanic. Three of the five starters were black.

Smith said she was cut after she sang a song during a team bus trip that questioned Winters' job security.

"The only thing I've ever dreamed about was playing basketball," Smith

said. "But this cycle can't keep on going. Someone had to step up."

Harry Battson, USF's associate vice president for public affairs, said the university would take action if any wrongdoing is substantiated.

Winters declined to comment on the allegations to local news organizations and did not immediately return calls for comment Friday.

Ron Gathright, Winters' former assistant coach, called the lawsuit a "witch hunt."

"Coach Winters is not the villain," he said. "Racism is the furthest thing from her mind."

Another former player, Sarah Wilson, who is white, said she never

heard Winters use racist words.

"If so, I would have piped up," she said.

But Iris Fleming, a former player who is black, said she heard Winters make racist comments and at first thought she was joking. But the comments persisted.

"After a while it wasn't funny," said Fleming, who played from 1996 to 1998.

Last year, university officials investigated allegations of racism and concluded such comments were made often and loosely. Winters was ordered to attend a diversity seminar, and in turn ordered her team to attend it with her. The case was then closed. ♦

College Football's Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Aug. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and ranking in the previous poll:

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5. Miami	0-0	1,404	5
6. Michigan	0-0	1,381	6
7. Texas (2)	0-0	1,308	7
8. Kansas St.	1-0	1,256	8
9. Florida	0-0	1,248	9
10. Georgia	0-0	1,230	10
11. Virginia Tech	0-0	1,050	11
12. Southern Cal	1-0	966	15
13. Tennessee	0-0	902	12
14. Washington	0-0	785	13
15. Purdue	0-0	728	14
16. Ohio St.	0-0	601	16
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