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## MTSU IN BRIEF...

### Gore conference

Scholars from around the country will be on campus this Saturday to discuss and debate the ideas and politics of Al Gore Sr. Gore and his wife Pauline are expected to attend the event. (see story, page 1)

### Halloween bash

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity sponsored the annual Halloween party for the Boys and Girls Club of Rutherford County. The children bobbed for apples, played darts and won prizes donated by the fraternity members. (see page 6)

### Who's Who

The Student Development Office is accepting applications for students to be awarded the Who's Who on college campuses award. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.8 or better or must have made an outstanding contribution to the university. (see story, page 2)

### Women's basketball

Women's basketball is one of the fastest-growing sports, especially since last year's women's championship game earned a 4.0 television on ESPN and reached 2.85 million households. The Lady Raiders hope the popularity of the sport will increase attendance at their games. (see story, page 8)

### New deal

Facility services recently signed a new uniform contract with UniFirst, breaking off its four years with Aramark. Facility services manager Warren Jackson said he hopes the new contract will bring a "new image." (see page 3)

### Greek houses

First-phase designs for the new Greek Row houses have been completed by the architects. The firm Everton Oglesby Askey Architect will present the designs to the Tennessee Board of Regents tomorrow and to the InterFraternity Council on Thursday. (see story, page 1)

### Drama

Deb Margolin, an actor who began a career 18 years ago with the New York theatre company Split Britches, will perform 'Critical Mass' Thursday and Friday in the Studio Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building. Admission is free and the show starts at 7 p.m. (see story, page 6)

### Internet2

Technology officers from major universities are developing the Internet2, which has the potential to browse 100 times faster than today's standards. So far, 34 universities have committed a half-million dollars in expenditures a year to take part in the new Internet2. (see story, page 6)

### Cross Country

The Blue Raider Cross Country team finished fifth place at the Ohio Valley Conference Men's Cross Country Championships, losing to first place Eastern Kentucky University. Dave Milne finished fourth in a field of 68, followed by Eric Kiauka, who finished seventh. (see story, page 8)



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## Tree topples onto 6 cars

### Tree scheduled to be removed early this morning

□ Angela K. Skala and Gregg Mayer/staff

Violent winds toppled a 40-foot tree onto the roofs of six students' automobiles yesterday, barely missing four others.

"I was sitting in my van when it fell," said Christy Weathers, a junior history major, who was only two car lengths away as the tree crashed down. "I heard it crackling and saw it leaning that way, the wind just helped it over."

Spectators said the tree sounded like firecrackers as it began to topple over, then resounded with a thunderous boom as it crushed the cars.

A helpless Katie Straub stood on the sidewalk as she looked over her damaged, red Saturn. Straub, a junior elementary education major, said she just started driving her Saturn last month.

"A tree fell on my car," she said, with disbelief.

Public safety officers were on the scene less than five minutes after the tree fell, directing traffic away from the James Union Building parking lot—the tree covered the entire width of the lot—and assisting the victims.

"They're coming at 5 a.m. [today] to cut the tree away," said Officer Stucky, adding that pictures will be taken in the morning for insurance purposes. "They'll probably have to section the tree off into three parts," he said, examining the length of the tree with its leaves just turning yellow and orange. Branches lay across the windshields of some of the cars, scratching cat-like claw marks.

"Three cars were badly damaged," Stucky said, "and probably two are totaled."

The JUB parking lot will remain closed behind Rutledge Hall until the tree is removed.



photos by Steve Purinton/staff



As of 4 p.m., the tree was still on the cars as officers stood outside in the rain and heavy wind gusts trying to identify and notify the owners whose cars were damaged.

Ironically, Straub said her sister

had a Saturn parked in the JUB parking lot a few years ago and a tree crushed it as well.

Also in the same parking lot, last January, heavy gusts of wind toppled yet another tree, crushing a student's

A car is crushed underneath the weight of a 40-foot tree (above) that fell over yesterday due to high winds. Public safety officers say the James Union Building parking lot behind Rutledge Hall will remain closed until the tree can be removed. (Left) Katie Straub, a junior elementary education major, and her boyfriend Ross Larson, a senior criminal justice/ Spanish major, look at Straub's car that was damaged. Straub said her sister had a car crushed by a tree a few years ago in the same parking lot.

car parked behind Rutledge Hall.

University administrators could not be reached for comment before press deadline.

## Greek house designs completed

□ Gregg Mayer/staff

Sigma Chi president Mickey Heath will never actually live in his fraternity's new house—he's graduating the semester before construction will be completed.

But Heath, along with seven other fraternity presidents here, are excited to see the preliminary designs of their new Greek Row houses completed by the architects.

"We wanted to get the most out of the house," Heath said. "And we did."

The firm Everton Oglesby Askey Architect has completed first-phase design plans for eight new fraternity houses—ranging in size from 9,100 square feet to 12,000 square feet—to be built on campus by June 1999.

EOAA will present the designs tomorrow to the Tennessee Board of Regents and then to the InterFraternity Council here on Thursday night at the Alumni Center. TBR is the state-funding board that allocates moneys to MTSU and approves capital projects on campus.

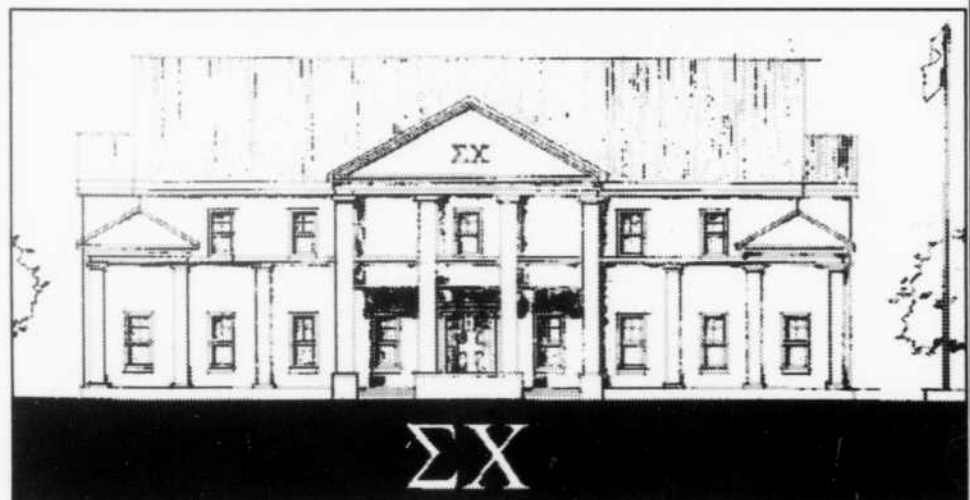
Intern architect Chuck Gannaway is preparing both presentations.

"To us, this is really a unique project," Gannaway said. "We're basically establishing a community."

Bulldozing inside 10 acres of university-owned property behind the Recreation Center, Greek Row will be located off Rutherford Boulevard.

"[The designs] are very well thought-out," said Victor Felts, director of Greek life. "The architects are doing a phenomenal job."

Officials from MTSU, like Felts, have been maintaining close contact with EOAA as the first-phase designs have been drawn up. Felts said he has checked-in with the firm every two weeks since the project was approved late in the summer for updates on the



This is the first-phase design for Sigma Chi's fraternity house. This house will accommodate 25 members and is estimated to cost \$1 million.

progress.

Eight fraternities—Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Gamma Rho, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi—deposited \$10,000 in August to ensure their spot on Greek Row. Beta Theta Pi will be purchasing the largest house, estimated to house 36 members and cover 12,000 square feet at a cost of \$2 million.

The university is purchasing a state bond to pay for these houses that fraternity members will pay back in a 30-year period.

"We told them what we wanted and the architect came up with the design," Heath said. "We are hoping [moving the fraternities on campus] is a benefit for everyone."

To pay back the state bond, dues to join fraternities will increase once the members move in to their new houses. Heath, who said his fraternity house would cost a little over \$1 million and house 25 members, estimated costs to join Sigma Chi would inflate by \$100.

Fraternities that didn't sign up for

houses, but whose members might have changed their minds since August, are out of luck, Felts said.

"These are the only eight [fraternity houses] at this point," Felts said, explaining there will be no plans for additional houses until after the original Greek Row is built.

After TBR and IFC approval, Gannaway said the firm will begin the second part of a three-part design phase. The design-development stage will hammer out any last-minute details fraternity members or TBR wish to change, and then the construction phase will determine which building materials should be used.

"We're giving every individual fraternity their unique identity," Gannaway said.

EOAA was recently a finalist in the competition to build the new Nashville Arena located on Broadway. Currently, the firm is working on a Renaissance Center in Dickson, Tenn., which will house a planetarium, an auditorium and multiple video/art studios.

## Conference pays tribute to the politics of Al Gore Sr.

□ Staff reports

A conference on the political life of Albert Gore Sr. will bring a distinguished assembly of authors, judges, politicians, historians and journalists to campus Saturday to examine the 32-year public service career of a Southern "moderate" and to probe the thoughts, attitudes and behaviors of post-war Tennessee.

"Albert Gore, Tennessee and the New South: A Conference on the Senate Career of Albert Gore Sr." is being held in the Business and Aerospace building on Nov. 8. It is sponsored by the Gore Research Center, the Student Government Association and LaPaglia and Associates of Murfreesboro. Albert Gore Sr. and his wife, Pauline, are expected to attend the event.

"We are extremely pleased to host a conference on such distinguished academicians, jurists, public officials and media and literary figures," said James Neal, director of the Gore Research Center. "From various perspectives, they will give us a fresh look at the political career of Albert Gore Sr. during one of the most exciting eras of modern Southern history."

"This retrospective of Sen. Gore and his times is long overdue."

All sessions and a reception—hosted by President Walker in the East Aerospace lobby—are free of charge. However, due to limited space, anyone interested in attending

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## Student Development looks for 'Who's Who'

□ Shawn Whitsell/staff

Do you know who's who among American colleges and universities?

Well, Gina Poff and Shane McFarland of the Student Development Office are on a mission to find out who really is who at MTSU.

Every year the Student Government Association submits applications for the selection process for the Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Award.

This award recognizes students who have excelled in their college academic endeavors.

Although this award is based mostly on academics, other elements such as athletics and community and school involvement play a small role in the selection process.

Ryan Durham, SGA president, Jason Reid, speaker of the house, Brian Lewis, speaker of the legislature, Christian Haseleu, Faculty Senate president, eight members of the Faculty Senate and appointed department staff will form a committee and select this year's award recipients.

The committee will not be given the names of the applicants to prevent any bias or discrimination.

The amount of awards given out varies from year to year but the most that can be given out is 99, said McFarland.

Recipients will receive certificates and their names will be recorded in the "Who's Who" book.

Students may have their pictures and biographies put in

the book as well. The book is made available for students to buy.

The winners may also purchase plaques with their names on them.

These students will also be recognized at the SGA banquet and various other places including "Sidelines" and campus radio stations.

To be eligible for this award students must have an overall GPA of 2.8 or better or any junior, senior or graduate student that the committee feels has made an outstanding contribution to MTSU.

Students who have received this award in the past are not eligible.

Student Development—formerly the New Student Orientation Office—is sponsoring the award.

Student Development was formed about a month ago to bring more leadership opportunities to MTSU students.

McFarland has received the award in the past and he feels it is a great opportunity for students.

"It's great to have on your resume," McFarland said. "We really encourage students to come by and pick up an application."

Any undergraduate student can pick up an application at the Student Development Office, Keathley University Center room 122.

Graduate students who are interested in applying can pick up an application in the SGA office, located in room 208 of the KUC.

The deadline is Nov. 14.

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To have information placed in the On Campus section of the paper, come by the "Sidelines" office, located in JUB 310, and fill out a form located on the table by the door. Information must be submitted in person. Monday's deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. and Thursday's deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. A new form must be filled out for each edition. The information will not be run.

### Nov. 3

An Honors lecture will be presented in room 109 of Peck Hall from 3:30 p.m. until 4:20 p.m. The lecture will be given by Jackie Jackson, associate professor of English. For more information, contact the Honors department at 898-2152.

Nurses Career Day will be held in the Tennessee Room of JUB from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Representatives from many organizations will be present to talk with students interested in health occupations. For more information, contact Martha Turner, director of Placement and Student Employment, at 898-2500.

### Nov. 3-4

The November member meetings for Gamma Beta Phi will be held at 5 p.m. each day in KUC 322. For more information, contact Cindy Trail at

849-3603.

### Nov. 4

Enjoy a doughnut and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at KUC and KOM. The event is sponsored by Golden Key National Honor Society.

An Introduction to Ayn Rand's Philosophy Objectivism video lecture will be presented at 7 p.m. in KUC 316. Everyone is invited to come and find out what makes her ideas so controversial. For more information, contact Luc Travers at 893-9531.

The Department of Physics and Astronomy will host the MTSU Observatory Open House from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This open house will be rescheduled in the event of clouds. For more information, contact Dr. Jay White at 898-5946.

### Nov. 5

A career placement orientation will be presented at the Placement and Student Employment Center, KUC 322, at 11 a.m. Students can learn about placement services, resumes, campus interviews and employment opportunities. For more information, contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

### Nov. 6

A resume writing and interview preparation workshop for seniors and graduate students will be presented at 2 p.m. in KUC 322. Students can learn the basics for writing resumes and developing interview skills. For more information, contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

### Nov. 9

Gamma Beta Phi will host their induction at 3 p.m. in the Tennessee Room

of JUB. For more information, contact Cindy Trail at 849-3603.

### Nov. 13

Coffee House Poetry Night sponsored by Golden Key National Honor Society will be held at 6 p.m. at The Red Rose Coffee House & Bistro on College Street. Guest poet will be Victor Fried. Anyone who would like to share their favorite poetry can pick up a registration form in Dean Burke's office, KUC 126. For more information, contact Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116.

### Continuing Activities

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Albert Gore Sr. was born in 1907 in Jackson, Tenn., worked his way through what was then Middle Tennessee State Teachers College, then taught school in rural Smith County. He entered politics at age 24, and he studied law while serving as county superintendent of schools. He earned a law degree in 1937, was appointed Tennessee's first commissioner of labor and, that same year, married Pauline LaFon of Jackson, Tenn.

In 1938, Gore ran for Congress and began 32 years representing the Fourth District. He served 14 years in the House and 18 in the Senate. As co-author of the Highway Act of 1956, he promoted the nation's Interstate Highway System. He was a civil rights proponent, was an advocate of racial justice, and was opposed to the Vietnam War.

Session one of the conference, "Albert Gore and the Politics of Post-War Tennessee: The 1952 Senate Race," will begin at 3:30 p.m. The presenter will be James B. Gardner, a Washington consultant and former deputy executive director of the American Historical Association. Gardner's most recent publication is "Documenting the Digital Age."

The academic response will be given by Otis Graham Jr., visiting professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The public response will be given by Fred Graham, chief anchor and managing editor of Court TV. Graham, a former Fulbright Scholar, grew up in Nashville and was a reporter with the "The Tennessean" from 1956 to 1959.

Session two, "Albert Gore and Civil Rights," beginning at 4:30 p.m., will be presented by Anthony Badger, Paul Mellon professor of American history at Cambridge University, England, and fellow of the Sidney Sussex College. Badger has written extensively on segregation, civil rights, modernization of the South and southern liberalism.

The academic response will be presented by Kyle Longley, associate professor of history at Arizona State University. He has written numerous essays on Sen. Albert Gore Sr., as well as on national security, Latin America and the American civil rights movement. Linda T. Wynn will give the public response. Wynn is assistant director for state programs, Tennessee Historical Commission.

The third session, "Albert

Gore, Tennessee and the New South," will commence at 5:45 p.m. It will be an eight-person panel moderated by David Halberstam and John Seigenthaler.


Halberstam has authored nine best-selling books, including "The Best and the Brightest," "The Powers That Be," "The Reckoning" and "The Fifties." He has won every major journalistic award, including the Pulitzer Prize. His forthcoming book "The Children" is about the civil rights movement and will be published in the spring of next year. "The Boston Globe" called Halberstam "this generation's equivalent of Theodore White and John Gunther."

Seigenthaler is founder of the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University, and holder of the Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies at MTSU. A former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, he was also an award-winning journalist. He began as a cub reporter in 1949, and when he retired, he was editor, publisher and CEO of "The Tennessean." In 1982, he became the founding editorial editor of "USA Today." In the 1960s, Seigenthaler was administrative assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Joining Halberstam and Seigenthaler for the forum will be: Judge John T. Nixon, who was appointed U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee by President Jimmy Carter in 1980 and became chief judge in 1991; Judge Gilbert S. Merritt, former assistant dean and professor at the Vanderbilt Law School and circuit judge, U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth district; Adolpho A. Birch Jr., associate justice on the Tennessee Supreme Court, who also teaches at Nashville School of Law; Ned McWherter, former governor of Tennessee from 1987 to 1995, who was appointed to the Postal Service Board of Governors in 1995; Cecil D. Branstetter Sr., founding partner of Branstetter, Kilgore, Stranch and Jennings, a Nashville law firm; and Forrest Harris Sr., director of the Kelly Miller Smith Institute on the African-American Church at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

"The conference itself is an example of the kind of scholarly activity that will become much more commonplace on this campus as MTSU moves into the 21st century," Neal said.

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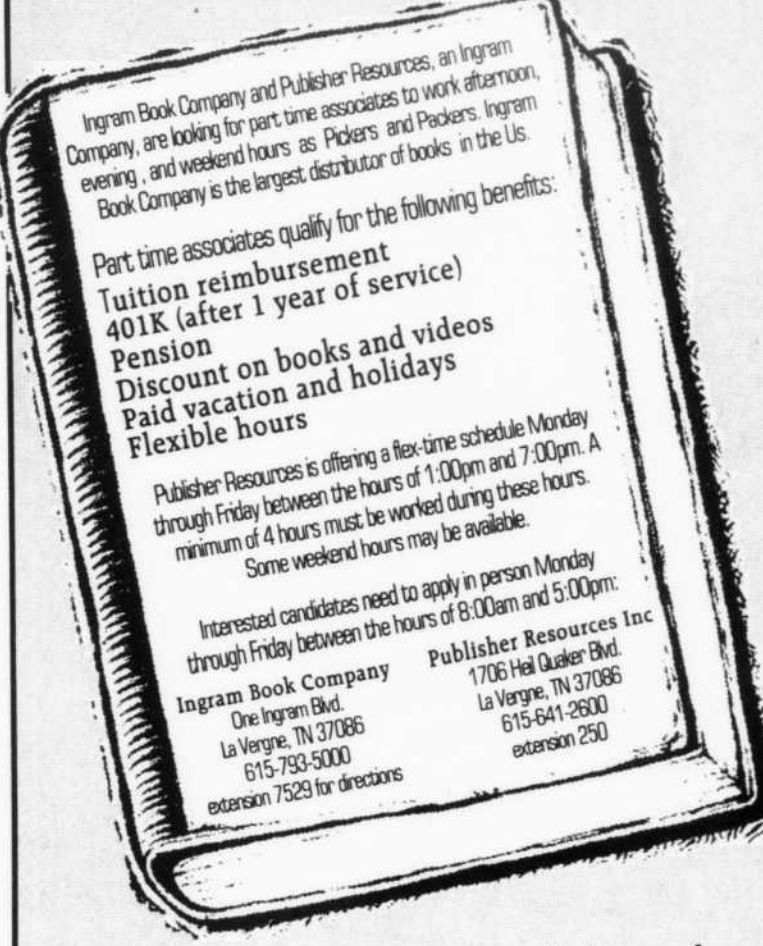
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## Editorials

### 'The Tennessean' is wrong in law school debate

Not much has happened since MTSU first bid to acquire the Nashville School of Law last spring. Not much, at least, until "The Tennessean" ran a story Saturday citing a source claiming Tennessee State University had the right to the law school because of an ambiguous federal court ruling and the article further stated the whole shebang is an issue of race.

According to attorney George Barrett, TSU is "the premier institution of higher education in Middle Tennessee. If a law school is going to become a state institution, it ought to go to TSU and not to MTSU." Barrett says federal courts support his assertion.

What? What business is it of the federal courts to determine which institution is "premier." Each school should have an equal opportunity to present itself as a "premier" institution. Federal courts nor attorneys should attempt to rank one university above another. Let the universities duke it out for themselves.

Healthy competition between the universities--in particular state universities as close together as MTSU and TSU--benefits everyone: the community, the students and the state. As each school improves and other universities try to match it, if not surpass it, then there is significant progress.

To further complicate the matter, "The Tennessean" article sensationalized the story by asserting race is the primary impasse. Race has nothing to do with which should be home to the law school, or which school should be targeted as the "premier" school in Middle Tennessee.

The only source who cited a concern about the race issue in the Nov. 1 article is an unnamed one. It could have been the reporter talking to himself for all the public knows.

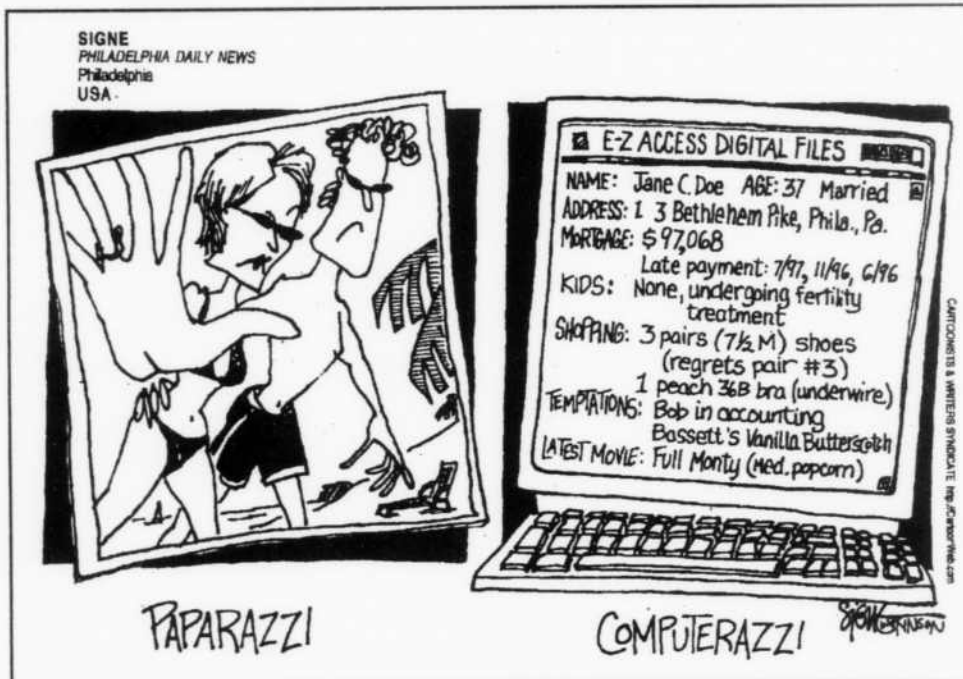
The issue of finding a new home for the law school is an important one. However, "The Tennessean" was utterly wrong in its presentation of it.

"Sidelines" reported this story two weeks ago, omitting the sensational angle. "The Tennessean" reporter should have read that article--he might have had a less-biased, better story.

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### Research scholars ignore 'Seinfeld' Junior Mint Theory

William R. Mattox, Jr./Knight-Ridder/Tribune Media Services

It's too bad Kenny Kramer didn't attend an academic conference in Washington held recently by the National Institute for Healthcare Research. He could have distributed Junior Mints to all of the attendees.

Kramer, the eccentric New York City resident who inspired the "Seinfeld" character by the same name, regularly distributes Junior Mints to Manhattan tourists as a way of reminding them about a famous "Seinfeld" episode in which a Junior Mint Kramer accidentally drops inside a hospital patient during surgery is believed to be responsible for the patient's miraculous recovery.

Not surprisingly, the medical researchers attending the NIHR conference did not devote any serious attention to assessing the healing power of Junior Mints. But for the third time in the recent months, they did devote nearly three days to a proposition some scientists used to think was almost as crazy that some "miraculous" medical recoveries are attributable to divine intervention. Or at least to the role of spirituality and religious faith in the coping, healing and recovery processes.

And having now reviewed literally hundreds of studies on the subject, the group of more than 70 conference attendees announced there is considerable scientific evidence of a link between certain spiritual practices and good health. Apparently, religious faith can be an important factor in both the prevention and treatment of disease.

For example, a task force on physical health (which included

scholars from such prestigious institutions as Duke, Johns Hopkins and Georgetown) reported that people who frequently attend religious worship services have significantly lower rates of hypertension than those who never or infrequently attend. In fact, the conferees said the difference in hypertension rates between devout and marginal church attenders is as great as the difference between smokers and non-smokers.

Similarly, the task force noted a new University of Michigan study published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology offers

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evidence that women with gynecological cancer often find comfort and strength in their religious faith in dealing with the pain and anxiety caused by their condition. And they said a recent University of San Francisco study suggests the recovery rate for intensive-care patients who are being prayed for is significantly better than the recovery rate for intensive-care patients who are not.

Other task forces reported similar findings on the role of religion and spirituality in avoiding or overcoming mental health and substance abuse problems. For example, research on depression shows frequent church attenders are less apt to experience clinical depression than other Americans. According to Linda George

of Duke University, only part of this link is attributable to the "social support" one finds in group activities. In other words, church participation offers something that helps combat depression which is not typically available from participation in civic clubs, bowling leagues, sewing circles or other social groups.

In addition to affirming the link between religion and good health, the scholars concluded steps should be taken now to move this research focus into the academic mainstream. "Until now, the scientific study of spirituality and medicine has been stymied by a view these issues could not be measured or explored using normal research methods," observed NIHR president David Larson. "We believe our innovative efforts to critique and highlight published findings will help legitimize this field of research and help launch exciting new discoveries in the future."

While Larson and others involved in religious research know there are certain questions that their empirical studies will never be able to answer, he says the research on religion and health is compelling.

Indeed, it helps to explain why two out of three family doctors surveyed in a recent Yankee Doodle poll say they turn to prayer when faced with personal health problems of their own.

And it no doubt helps to explain why the research community is not apt to consider Seinfeld's Junior Mint theory anytime soon. "Right now, I think the research community has more faith in God than in Junior Mints," Larson chuckles. "With all the work we have ahead of us, we'll have to let someone else test that Junior Mint theory."



## From the Mailbox

### More bike racks are needed on campus

To the editor:

There are not enough bike racks on campus. Nearly every day, I have to fight just to get a space on the rack. It is imperative that this problem be taken care of in the near future. According to a poll taken on October 13, 1997, twenty-six out of every one hundred people ride a bike between classes. If there are no spaces left on the bike racks, then a student takes the risk of having his bike stolen. Listed below are three solutions to the problem.

The most logical approach to this problem would simply be to purchase more bike racks and place them strategically throughout the campus. If twelve-hundred students are in a building at one time, and approximately one out of every five students ride a bike, then forty bike racks with twenty spaces apiece needs to be bought to provide the needed spaces. To provide the money for additional bike racks, I propose MTSU issue bike licenses at five dollars per year. The cost of these licenses could be appropriated to sufficiently fund the needed cost.

If the university does not wish to purchase additional bike racks, they can be substituted with neatly

planted trees. Students would then be able to chain their bikes to these trees in order to chain their bikes from being stolen. The funds from the bike licenses would sufficiently provide the required cost to implement this very needed project. However, the period of time needed for trees to grow large enough would be rather long. While growing trees would be a very worthwhile and adequate in the future, they would not provide immediate solutions to the problem.

The most inexpensive solution to this problem, however, would be to purchase two inch steel pipe and some boxes of masonry nails from Lowes. Nailing the pipe to the sides of the building would allow for more spaces. The pipe would make spaces available on every corner of every building. The students with pipes would allow for more students to ride their bikes around campus.

Bike riding is a worthwhile cause that should be supported and funded. The bike problem could be solved simply by the funds from the bike licenses. However, making way for more bikes would allow students to get to class more quickly.

Jeremy Bradbury

### Parking is still a major problem for the MTSU campus

To the editor,

There is a major problem concerning on-campus parking. The number of registered and unregistered vehicles outnumbers available parking spaces. For the 97 fall semester there are 10,311 green parking permits registered, but there are only 3,245 green parking spaces available, not to mention other permits. This is something that the president, chairmen and head officials of MTSU need to consider fixing. I propose a three-step plan that will solve the battle over parking.

Belinda Bennett, a resident of Deere Hall, commented that "there are not parking spaces in close proximity to my dorm." She also talked about the dangers of walking far distances alone at night from her car to her dorm. Comments like these are what Step 1 of my plan involves. Head officials need to hear the comments students and faculty members have to say about parking. By hearing out people who encounter the parking problems every day, you can receive a great deal of informative information.

Options are keys to solving any problem. After hearing out everyone, figure up all the options. Referring back to Ms. Bennett's comments of parking at Deere Hall, a parking lot could be constructed nearby for convenience and safety. After all to construct the new library students lost the parking lot which was located on the property. Expense is always a factor in any problem. However, the money from parking permits, tickets, etc. could be used to solve the problem.

After all the comments have been heard and the option and expenses are figured out, correct the situation. If the situation involves building a new parking lot, then follow that option. If reorganization of parking lots has to be done, so be it. When it comes to fixing the parking dilemma, most students and faculty will be supportive. By increasing personal safety and convenience you will please every student and faculty member here.

Ryan Johnson

### Rape should still be a concern on campus

To the editor:

One serious problem at Middle Tennessee State University is rape on campus. MTSU's safety department stated seven cases of rape were reported in 1996. There is a good chance the number of cases will increase this school year. It is time for MTSU to take a stand and fight back against these rapists.

The campus is well lit in most areas, yet in some, lighting is a concern. The area behind the art building is a perfect example. Although there are lights in the parking lot across from the building, the sidewalks remain dark. This is a prime spot for a rapist to attack. Adding light will make it harder for the attacker to hide or slip up behind someone, and make pedestrians feel safer.

Campus police play a crucial role in the solution of the problem of rape on campus. More officers should patrol the campus not only in cars, but on foot as well. Our officers do a great job of keeping our campus safe, but I feel that more policemen should be patrolling the darker areas at all times. Students on campus should

also take advantage of calling the campus police when walking alone. The officers will escort you to your destination. These precautions could help to prevent a tragedy waiting to happen.

Other great safety procedures to take are to walk with groups of people and avoid walking the same route every day. An attacker is less likely to bother a group of people. Attackers often watch someone for several days before pursuing the actual attack. By taking alternate routes, the person is less likely to know where to find you.

Rape is a horrible act that could happen to anyone at anytime. Students should be aware of this problem on campus. By enforcing some of the ideas stated above, we can make MTSU's campus safer and less vulnerable for tragedies like rape to occur.

Julie Braxton

*Editor's note: Campus police reported only one case of forcible rape on campus last year. There were seven reports of sex offenses, which include all offenses that are sexual in nature but not necessarily forcible rape.*



## Living conditions in dorm facilities need to be improved

To the editor:

Living conditions in the dorm facilities at Middle Tennessee State University need to be improved. Filth, mold and unsanitary conditions can affect students' health. The oldest dorm, Rutledge Hall, was built in 1915. Thousands of students in 82 years have left not only Rutledge Hall, but all the dorms in desperate need of repairs and improvements.

Students in dorms that would like any affirmative action should form a committee. This committee would be composed of one or two representatives from each dorm facility. Although meetings would be time consuming, they could address specific problems within the dorms. Higher officials could realize what needs to be done and finances could be discussed.

Plans are in the works, as of this time, to update the older buildings. MTSU hopes to start work in 1998. However, the university should keep the dorms up-to-date every year.

## Major parking problem is the availability of easily found spaces

To the editor:

As you already know, I'm sure, one major problem that this university has is the availability of an easily found parking space. It is not just something that I or other students feel like complaining about. It is fact that there is not enough parking spaces versus the amount of parking permits issued along with the amount of students at MTSU.

There are 18,366 students presently enrolled in the fall semester at MTSU. Out of those students 10,311 have purchased green permits. There are only 3,245 open parking spaces for those people to park in. That leaves 7,066 students without somewhere to park! There have been 2,375 black permits purchased, and there are 3,586 parking spots for those people. Do not forget that green colored tags are allowed to park in black. Out of

## Mismatched students cause problems

To the editor:

Moving into the dorms is an exciting event for many students. Some students may choose to live with someone that they've known from their hometown, but others may choose to take the luck of the draw. This kind of match may make a lifelong friendship or it may have a rocky ending when two personalities collide. Relationships between roommates directly affect a students school work and their ability to make the transition from living at home. I feel that students who find themselves unable to live with the roommate chosen for them are at the disadvantage because there is no choice but to confront their roommate or move themselves. I feel that if students were given the chance at the middle of the semester to have a day where they can

This solves problems on a periodic basis, instead of waiting and letting problems get out of control.

MTSU does offer a choice for living on or off campus. Living off campus is inconvenient to the student, but allows a cleaner environment. However, updating the buildings yearly is going to increase prices within the University. Financial matters of improving the dorms will cause a problem with people living off campus.

Although the committees would be a lot of hard work and devotion, the meetings could help solve the problems in the dorms and work through the financial difficulties. If this plan is followed through, incoming freshmen could view the healthier atmosphere in the dorms. A cleaner environment would be more appealing and the enrollment would increase. Students in MTSU's housing facilities would be a lot healthier and happier.

Dawn Cheek

these permits purchased there are still 5,680 students without parking permits. Not only do the students have trouble parking, but also the faculty. There has been 2,181 white permits purchased, and there are only 1,382 parking spaces available for them. I think that something should definitely be done about this problem. What are they doing with the money we have to pay for parking tickets? It is obviously not going in the direction of solving the problem. It is not our fault that they issued an excessive amount of permits when they know how many people can actually park on campus.

MTSU needs to pave the way for more parking or they need to put a lock down on incoming students. This is the only way that the problem is going to be solved.

Sincerely,  
Teddy Robinson

move if they feel the need, there would be a lot less chance for roommate to disagree. A semester begins to seem like a long time when two people are forced to live together day in and day out without privacy that they may have become accustomed to when living at home. The chance for counseling between roommates or a chance to move out at the middle of the semester without creating a scene would allow there to be less stress in the roommate situation. I feel that many students would take advantage of this type of offer and that it would be in the best interest of the university to take into consideration the stress that can be incurred my mismatched students who are forced to live in less than pleasurable circumstances.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Joy Miller

## Student voices discontent with the destruction of the knoll for renovations

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to voice my discontent with the destruction of the knoll. I can understand the university's desire to expand the bookstore and generate more revenue. I would also hope that the university can understand the students' displeasure.

I have no problem with the expansion of the university. I have no problem with the continuing construction on campus. What I do have a problem with is the destruction of a part of the campus used and enjoyed by many students. I think that communication between the university and the students could be improved. In this letter I have a plan to strengthen communication in the future.

I also did not know about the construction until about two days before it began. I was unpleasantly surprised when I arrived on Monday to find a fence around the KUC and half of the courtyard. To my knowledge there was not announcement of the

## Student feels campus construction puts restraints on current students

To the editor:

I am writing as a concerned student of Middle Tennessee State University regarding the construction that is taking place on our campus. It seems as if everywhere I go on campus there are metal fences preventing me from conveniently arriving at my classes on time. In my opinion, if the expanding of the campus is necessary for future generations, someone should consider the restraint that it puts on our generation. For example, I park on what is left of Faulkenberry Drive and my first class is at the Alumni Memorial Gym. However, instead of walking from point A (Faulkenberry) to point B (Alumni Memorial Gym), I have to detour around Kirksey Old Main, which means that I have to allow extra time each morning. I propose that the Administration of MTSU consider three things: allowing more time between classes, providing more underground tunnels, and ensuring that the student parking spots are not taken by faculty and staff.

I feel that if classes were cut by just five minutes each day, giving 15 instead of 10 minutes between classes, many students would no longer be coming to class late. I am not saying that this is the only

impending construction. There are bulletin boards in every building on campus, and at least a few informative flyers could have been posted.

I also believe that "Sidelines" could periodically post some of the areas that will be under construction soon. This way, students will be informed previous to the construction. I think that if everyone were aware of this beforehand, then they would not be as angered as when it came as a surprise.

Finally, I have a suggestion although it seems quite unrealistic. If students had some input we might have been less upset. We tend to take more pride in our campus when we are paying to enjoy it. We also take more offense when a part we enjoy is destroyed.

I only wanted to express my thoughts on this subject. Hopefully there are some others who feel the same. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Josh Adams

reason that students are late, but it does account for the majority of tardiness. Also, if more places were provided like the underground tunnel, it would be helpful. Finally, it would be nice if faculty and staff would not use student's parking spaces. I have noticed that where I park of Faulkenberry, there have been teachers and maintenance workers parking in the student's spaces, and I wonder are they given tickets for that? There are plenty spaces in the faculty and staff parking lots for these people to park; however they are apparently too lazy to do so. Please take the time to read and consider my thoughts on the matter.

Sincerely,  
Michael Jones

## Parking problems on campus affect the morale of students

To the editor:

I'm writing this letter in lieu of the parking problem on campus here at MTSU, which effects the moral of the students that attend classes here. According to News and Public Affairs, MTSU has 6,831 student parking places. However, there are 18,366 students enrolled, which leaves students racing to the available spaces meanwhile potentially causing accidents, in the progress. I have a three step plan that could solve the problem.

First of all, this problem could be eliminated by simply adding more student parking spaces. There is land available on the perimeter of campus that could be purchased by the university and easily converted into additional parking spaces. The buses could be re-routed so that the students would have adequate transportation from those parking lots to class.

Also, MTSU could analyze other universities of similar sizes to evaluate the remedies that they found to solve their parking problems. I feel that these studies would suggest that they solved their problems by preventing freshmen from having cars on campus. The freshman class at MTSU is about 2,560, according to current statistics. The available parking spaces would

increase if MTSU adopted the policy preventing freshmen from having cars on campus. This minor change wouldn't be an inconvenience since most of the students are from surrounding cities.

Moreover, the parking problem could be eliminated by providing a shuttle service from neighboring counties. This shuttle would operate to Nashville and other surrounding cities. The number of cities that this bus services would be determined by the number of students in that particular city that commute. The service would pick students up in the morning and return at noon and afternoon hours. Therefore, students would have adequate transportation to and from class without the parking problem.

Many of the problems that students face aren't academic ones, they stem from parking. Many students have to make tough choices to either be late to class or get a ticket. Sometimes, students' cars are towed at the owners' expense. These are just a few of the consequences that students are faced with, however they can be prevented by applying a few simply solutions.

Signed,  
Michael W. Williams  
Concerned Student

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## Boogie man



A Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member, dressed in ghoulish garb, welcomes kids to the Pike house last Thursday. PKA sponsored the annual Halloween party for the Boys and Girls Club of Rutherford County.

Courtney Drewes/ staff

## Arena rockers of the eighties look to return to 'big sound'

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/ staff

Arena rock is back.

Nearly two decades after initiating big shows to go along with their already big sound, Styx, Loverboy, Eddie Money and Pat Benatar are hoping for a return to the style of rock that made them household names.

With the help of a North Carolina-based record company, CMC International, the four bands have all just released new albums.

Considering the four bands have collectively sold over 37 million albums worldwide, a return to the arenas of old may be right around the corner.

### Styx



#### "Return to Paradise"

With the original lineup intact, Styx could very well recapture their glory of old.

Their new album, "Return to Paradise," is a two-CD set conveniently and economically packaged as one.

Recorded live in Chicago at the Rosemont Horizon, the disc goes a long way in capturing the depth of sound that helped to sell over 12 million albums.

Lead vocalist Dennis DeYoung hasn't lost any of the vocal control he had prior to the band's breakup. In fact, his maturity as a musician has helped to elevate his already dynamic vocals.

DeYoung's brilliance comes across best on the past hits "Blue Collar Man," "Too Much Time On My Hands" and "Come Sail Away."

However, the band couldn't come close to their past sound without the dueling guitar play of Tommy Shaw and James Young, who also gives breath to Styx signature sound of the keyboard.

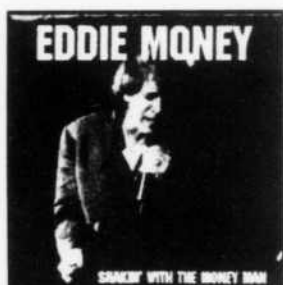
Though Shaw's guitar playing shines on "Crystal Ball," his talent comes across best on "Renegade."

While the band puts the CD into high gear three songs in with "Rocking The Paradise," it isn't until Young's keyboard intro to "Too Much Time On My Hands" kicks in six songs into the first that they're really able to fully convince the listener that they

haven't slipped in the slightest amount since we last heard them.

If there is going to be a band that is able to lead a resurgence to the big sounds of the late 70s and early 80s, Styx is it.

### Eddie Money



#### "Shakin' With The Money Man"

Just as Styx did, Eddie Money returns with a live album full of past glories and possible new hits.

Money shows he hasn't lost his ability to write, having recently teamed up with Paul Stanley, lead signer of Kiss, to pen his newest track, "If We Ever Get Out Of This Place."

The song shows that Money still has the potential to churn out hits just the way he did in the past. However, the brightest moments for Money do come on his old hits.

For Money, that bright spot is the live version of "Two Tickets To Paradise." The song helps to capture the young, carefree emotion that Money uses to transcend to his audience.

In the past, Money's voice was never a smooth-flowing transition of words. Instead his raspy voice coincided with his choppy lyrics. That style is never more apparent than on his 1982 hit "Shakin'," which aptly ends the CD.

"Shakin' With The Money Man" is an essential album for any Eddie Money fan. However, the road ahead isn't all that certain. That may very well be the reason he chose "Something To Believe In" as the lead track.

The 20-year-old song is testament to Money, his life and his career—past, present and future.

### Loverboy



#### "VI"

Like the previous two bands, Loverboy has remained true to the

sounds that made them famous.

However, unlike Styx and Eddie Money, they chose to stay away from their past hits.

Instead, Mike Reno (vocals), Paul Dean (guitar), Scott Smith (bass) and Matt Frenette (drums) regrouped and entered a Vancouver, B.C., studio to write and record an album of all new songs.

The lead-off track, "Big Picture," brings the band as close to their 1981 multi-platinum album, "Get Lucky," as they've ever been.

With its layered keyboard sound and heavy guitar-driven grooves, the band seems to have stepped right back into the formula that turned their career into a whirlwind of success and excess.

Dean and Reno also help to make "Hair of the Dog" and "Spinnin' My Wheels" become two of the stand-out songs on the album.

Loverboy chose to name the album "VI," because it's the sixth time the Canadians recorded a studio album. Since breaking up after the 1987 release of "Wildside," the band has released two greatest hits albums as well.

However, with their 20th anniversary just two short years away, Reno is once again hoping to belt out "Don't look now, but guess who's back in town?"

### Pat Benatar



#### "Innamorata"

Of the four releases, Pat Benatar's is the only one built around growth.

With songs like "Only You," "River of Love" and "In These Times," Benatar takes a bold step forward in showing her true side as a wife and mother of one.

Having outgrown the power of "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" and "All Fired Up," the one-time queen of the power pop market has re-teamed with her husband/producer/guitarist Neil Giraldo.

Rather than write with the aggression of the past, she instead chose to write about her past angers. In "Angry," Benatar sings

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## From Split Britches to 'Critical Mass,' a New York playwright visits MTSU

□ Tara Larimer/ staff

The tables of criticism are about to be turned when writer/ playwright Deb Margolin performs her work "Critical Mass" with current and alumni MTSU actors this Thursday and Friday evening.

Margolin, who has received rave reviews for "Critical Mass," says it is "pointless in a conventional sense—but explores how we belittle each other and are threatened by beauty, and how we become jealous and hysterical in the face of beauty."

"Critical Mass," she says, was inspired by remarks made by her mother's neighbor in regards to her son, who was two years old at the time.

"She told me how beautiful my son was, and normally I wouldn't say 'thank you' to a comment like that, because I really have nothing to do with that; I didn't mold him out of clay," she says. "But this was a woman who had never even recognized that I had a child, asked about my life or work, so I thanked her. She then told me, 'God is good—that a person who looks like you could have a child who looks like that.' You can't take an insult like that seriously; I had to laugh. I thought, 'how miserable she must be.'"

Thus began Margolin's work on "Critical Mass," which stands out from other pieces because the critic himself is its focus. Actors will be critiquing the critic, while attendees of the show can expect to laugh a lot and may or may not 'rise to the demands the piece requires to make them think," Margolin said.

This is not the first time Margolin has appeared on an MTSU stage. In February '96 she performed her four monologues "Of Mice, Bugs, and Women" and spoke to a number of classes, as she will be doing throughout this week.

Assistant Professor of English Claudia

Barnett, who worked with and befriended Margolin during this performance, said she got the idea of Margolin bringing "Critical Mass" to MTSU this spring when she received a postcard advertising the show.

"I knew there were seven people in it, and I thought 'I really wish I could see the show and that she could come, but there's no way she can bring six people with her. Then it occurred to me she could do the show with people here," Barnett says.

Until this week, Barnett has stood in for Margolin and read her lines at rehearsals. This is the first time Margolin has performed in this way, but said she "welcomes the experience with all her heart" and is excited at the opportunity.

She also loves performing with and seeing other actors perform in pieces she has written because the piece "gets bigger and better than I am. It takes on a greater depth because of the actor's experiences," she said.

Margolin's start in theatre began 18 years ago with the New York theatre company Split Britches, of which she was a founding member. Today, she performs and writes independently and teaches at New York University, where she relates to her students "protectively, intimately, and with great faith. I don't think there's a difference between desire and talent, and I teach them that," she says.

After reading reviews of "Critical Mass" after performing in New York, Margolin said, "they've been warm and I love reading them—when you have faith in your need to speak, it usually works for you and this is no exception."

"Critical Mass" will be performed Thursday and Friday evening in the Studio Theatre of Boutwell Dramatics Arts building, beginning at 7 p.m. There is no charge for admission and the seating will be first come, first serve. A reception will follow Thursday's performance.

## Internet2 promises high speed, new applications for researchers

□ James Romensko/ CPS

In a few years, when you're browsing the Internet at speeds up to 100 times faster than today's standard, you can thank a couple of beer-drinking university techies for the extra zip.

The idea of Internet2 — a collaborative effort by many universities to develop a faster, more advanced network — was first batted around in a place where brainstorming is often done: in a tavern.

Technology officers from major research universities would run into each other at national conferences and exchange Internet war stories, says Tad Pinkerton, deputy Information Technology Officer at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Each person would have a tale to tell about how their research was hindered by the crowded Internet.

A new and improved Internet needed to be developed, they decided — not only for university researchers, for also for consumers.

"In the very first meetings, there were groups of four or five of us," says Pinkerton. "We would get together after meetings. It might have been at a bar at the end of the day when we talked about it."

Last October, the casual discussion turned into an official announcement that an Internet2 consortium was formed — a group of universities dedicated to upgrading the Net for the public, as well as creating a more efficient network for academic research.

The interest in Internet2 was far greater than expected, says Donald Riley director of the University of Minnesota Office of Information Technology.

"We were hoping we might get a dozen universities willing to commit," he says. "Each campus is committed to roughly a half-million dollars a year in expenditures."

For that reason, they were surprised that 34 schools signed up. And since last October, that number has grown to 112.

"It's turned into a party that schools don't want to miss," says Michael M. Roberts, Internet2 project director.

The Internet2 leaders spelled out three goals they hope to achieve by early next decade:

— Provide the research community with a faster network.

— Develop a new generation of applications that will take advantage of

the fast network.

— Eventually share those new network services and applications with the broader Internet community.

"With the Internet today, we've built the local roads and state highways," says the University of Minnesota's Riley. "What we need to do now is build the Interstate systems — something that's really going to have the capacity to meet our needs."

He says he's heard technology czars echo the same complaints in recent years.

"The universities have said, 'We're getting Internet brownouts, we can't do video conferencing, and the telcos don't seem to care because they're busy connecting everybody and making money.'"

The first part of the Internet2 initiative — providing a new, faster network for researchers — has already become reality for many schools.

The University of Minnesota and 11 other schools already have their connections to the faster network that will be used to develop new Internet2 applications.

By next year's end, the 100 leading research universities — all Internet2 members — will have the ultra-fast connections.

Seeing the University of Minnesota's connection upgraded on Oct. 10 to 40 times its previous speed was a glorious moment for University of Minnesota astronomy professor Paul Woodward.

"I remember it well," he says, laughing. "We're delighted with this factor of 40, but it's still not enough. We want more."

And he will get it.

The National Science Foundation's very high performance Backbone Network Service (vBNS) provides the Internet2 connection, and can transmit as many as 622 million bits per second, compared to the average home modem's 28,800 bits per second.

The MCI-built fiber-optic vBNS eventually will be able to transmit 2.4 billion bits per second.

The expected faster public network resulting from Internet2 research is expected to allow for digital libraries that feature streaming high-fidelity audio and video content, and give way to telemedicine, including remote diagnosis and monitoring.

"Researchers will be able to collaborate with the best people they can find,

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# Verdi's Requiem



Courtney Drewes/ staff

Middle Tennessee Choral Society practices Giuseppe Verdi's famous "Requiem." The MTCS hired four professional soloists to accompany them for a performance Tuesday in Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m.

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whether they are down the hall, in the next building, or in the next state," says the U's Woodard. "Over time there will be a tremendous increase in the good scientific research that gets done (because of the better networks)."

By the end of 1998, 100 leading research universities and Internet2 members will be connected to the NSF network, which has been described as a sneak preview of the future.

"This is a private network — an intranet, in a sense," says the University of Wisconsin's Pinkerton.

And its membership is expensive.

Although the National Science Foundation is awarding two-year matching grants of \$350,000 to help schools connect to the MCI-NSF network and build a campus infrastructure, each institution is expected to assist in paying the \$50 million annual Internet2 project tab.

Several public companies, including IBM, 3Com Corp. and Cisco Systems, have also committed nearly \$5 million as Internet2 partners.

Clearly, the vendors want to be close to the developments so they can see how to capitalize on the next generation Internet.

While university researchers are developing software to take advantage of the ultra-fast network, the companies are testing hardware that directs traffic faster.

"By sponsoring the I2 initiative, Cisco will have an inside track on how the network is designed and what type of equipment should be used to build the network," says Craig Johnson, an analyst who tracks the networking sector.

Internet2 consortium leaders are eager to dispel the impression that their super-fast network is an elite club for research universities who can afford the hefty dues.

"A key goal of this effort is to accelerate the technology transfer necessary to move the appropriate technologies into the commercial sector — thus creating the basis of a next generation network," says the Internet2 Frequently Asked Questions Web page.

Although some politicians were initially skeptical about Internet2, many of them were convinced of its value after seeing a demonstration of the vBNS network in Washington, D.C. earlier this month.

The politicians heard how Internet2 allows real-time transmission of concert hall-like sound of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. They also

saw how television-quality images are delivered over the network, compared to the herky-jerkiness of RealVideo over a standard 28.8 modem.

The National Science Foundation doesn't plan to open up its vBNS network to the public, says NSF spokeswoman Beth Gaston, but the hope is that applications developed on it will result in another network as fast and reliable.

The University of Wisconsin's Pinkerton says that the NSF and academic institutions are trying improving on what they originally built.

He said the Internet went through one cycle, from research to commercialization.

"Internet2 is the second loop," Pinkerton. "We're going to start and do this all over again."

But it won't take as long for the process to play out this time around, predicts Don Riley.

The four-stage cycle of research, incubation, production, and commoditization is expected to pass quickly.

"Our view of it is that in three or five years from now, Internet2 becomes something at home that you just think of as the Internet, and in the research community, we'll be doing Internet3," Riley says.

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## 2-MIN. DRILL!



### CROSS COUNTRY

Dave Milne led the Blue Raider cross country team to a 5th place finish at the Ohio Valley Conference Men's Cross Country Championships.

Milne finished 4th in the field of 68. Eric Kiauka came in right behind him finishing 7th.

"Dave and Eric ran great races against a good field," coach Dean Hayes said. "They will really help us in track."

Eastern Kentucky won the team championships.

Other top finishes for the men were Jason Carpenter (40th) and Kyle Brown (45th).

"I was very pleased with the men's team," Hayes said. "This was good team effort."

Kapreia Kirk returned to Lady Raiders squad after a brief stay in the hospital to finish 40th as the Raiders took 9th as a team.

### VOLLEYBALL

Over the weekend, the Lady Raider volleyball team dropped two Ohio Valley Conference matches.

The Raiders first lost to UT-Martin three sets to one Friday before dropping three straight sets to Murray State Saturday afternoon.

The losses, both on the road, drop the Raiders to 10-19 overall, 5-10 in the OVC.

### DONNELLY SHOW

Blue Raider football coach Boots Donnelly will be taping his weekly radio show at Rio Bravo this Thursday.

The show airs from 7 to 9 p.m. It can be heard in Murfreesboro on WBOZ FM-104.9 and WGNS AM-1450.

The show will again tape at Rio Bravo next Thursday.

### GAME TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the last Blue Raider football game and upcoming basketball season are on sale at the Athletic Ticket Center, located on the track level of Murphy Center.

MTSU students with a valid student ID are admitted to Blue Raider athletic events free of charge.

### ADULT BASKETBALL

The Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an adult basketball league.

An informational meeting will be held Nov. 9 at Sports Com. The league is for men and women over the age of 35.

The entry fee is \$300 per team, and a representative from each team must be present at the meeting. For more information, call 893-9050.

### CAVE EXPLORING

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## Women's basketball still growing

Women's basketball continues to grow in popularity due to ESPN and the recent forming of the WNBA

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

With the start of another Lady Raider basketball season just days away, women's basketball has never been more popular.

The WNBA recently wrapped up its inaugural season. Greeted with a great deal of publicity and fan fare, it was deemed a success.

In fact, plans are already in place to expand the league into Detroit and Washington, D.C., next season. They will also introduce an All-Star Weekend that will run much like the NBA.

### •Television

Also, on the college level, the NCAA is entering the third season of a seven-year television deal with ESPN.

"Women's basketball on the college level continues to be a major commitment for us," said Josh Krulewitz, a communications coordinator for ESPN.

Last year, ESPN televised 25 regular-season games and this year expects to add another game to its lineup.

ESPN's commitment to women's basketball doesn't come without its merits. Last year's NCAA Championship game earned a 4.0 television rating and reached 2.85 million households.

"That rating means more now than it did 10 years ago," Krulewitz said. "Cable reaches more households now, which is indicative of the 2.85 million."

To put the game into better perspective, not only was it the highest rated women's basketball game ever on ESPN but it also ranks as the fourth most-watched college basketball game in history, men's or women's.

### •Attendance

The Lady Raiders are hoping for a continued increase at the gates this season as well.

"It's an exciting time for women's basketball," Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith said. "The opportunities with television have obviously created a lot of national exposure."

Last year, the Lady Raiders drew 8,207 fans with their 12 home dates for an average of 684 fans per game.

Their biggest draw a year ago came against the University of Tennessee-Martin, when 1,898 people passed through the turnstiles at the Feb. 22 game.

"We've kind of been going through a change," said Smith, regarding the way the conference games are being scheduled.

In the past, women's conference games were scheduled to be played as a two-game package with the men's.

However, this caused two problems. Either the women had to play too early or the men's game would end too late.

Last year, MTSU began scheduling the women to play weeknight home games on separate nights as the men and double up the games only on the weekend. The Ohio Valley Conference has adapted this scheduling format throughout the conference beginning this year.

"We did that a year early to try and get our fans accustomed to it early," Smith said. "I think about 90 percent of the people thought they were purchasing the same ticket they had all their lives. In reality, they had only purchased a men's ticket because the games had been split."

"I think this year will be a true judge because our fans are aware of this now."

The Lady Raiders drew 8,350 fans 10 years ago but they did so with one

extra game and more importantly their most successful season. The Lady Raiders finished that season 19-8; however, the bulk of the attendance came during their 15-game winning streak.

Prior to the win streak, the team was averaging a mere 400 fans a game. However, when they came back home for a five-game home stretch near the end of the streak, attendance more than doubled to an average of 890 per game.

In comparison, the Lady Raiders finished last year with a 10-20 record and won just four home games all season, yet fans continued to show their support.

Though most attendance figures fluctuate with the win/loss record of a team, Middle Tennessee's hasn't. One reason may be the quality of the opponents that have traveled to the Murphy Center.

This year, power teams like Ole Miss, Cincinnati and Alabama-Birmingham have all scheduled stops in Murfreesboro.

"Murfreesboro is a basketball community," Smith said. "Our fans are the moms and dads with 2.2 kids. That is who really comes to these games."

"There's a real rich tradition here in Murfreesboro."

### •Up-tempo style

In the last 10 years, the women's game has also undergone structural changes that have resulted in it becoming much more up-tempo like the men's game.

The NCAA implemented the three-point line in women's basketball prior to the 1987 season, resulting in higher scoring games.

"I think in the last few years the level of play has risen," Smith said. "Maybe [women's basketball] wasn't ready five or 10 years ago for the notoriety we have now. But at this point it's way overdue."

"We do have the athletes, the game and the talent to show. It's a great game."

Higher-scoring games are more appealing to fans and as a result fans are more apt to be drawn towards women's games than in the past when they were thought of as slow, less physical contests.

### •High-profile positions

However, no one move meant as much to women's basketball as Rick Pitino giving Bernadette Locke a job as an

Smith said. "It ranked in the top 20 and no other college sport did."

Considering that Locke fulfilled her duties at Kentucky, it came as no surprise when the WNBA named Val Ackerman to the post of president for the fledgling league.

"Because of Title IX and gender equity women coaches are getting the salaries that men's coaches are getting," said Smith, who herself was recently awarded a three-year contract to coach the Lady Raiders. "The success of women's basketball will grow."

"And the pressure will rise. If you can't stand the heat, then maybe you shouldn't be in this business."

### •Participation level

About 10 years ago, girls at the high-school level began to participate in basketball with a more competitive attitude. Their interest in the game can be attributed to the fact that the U.S. team won its first gold medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. They would again win the gold medal four-years later in Seoul.

"Because of all the notoriety that basketball has received, you see little girls now saying that they want to be like Saudia Roundtree or Tracy Henderson," Smith said. "It's because games have been televised. Television packages have led to that domino effect. That has helped to make a larger pool of recruits to pick from."

With more young girls beginning to take part in basketball leagues and camps, the WNBA had a solid fan base to build from entering its first season.

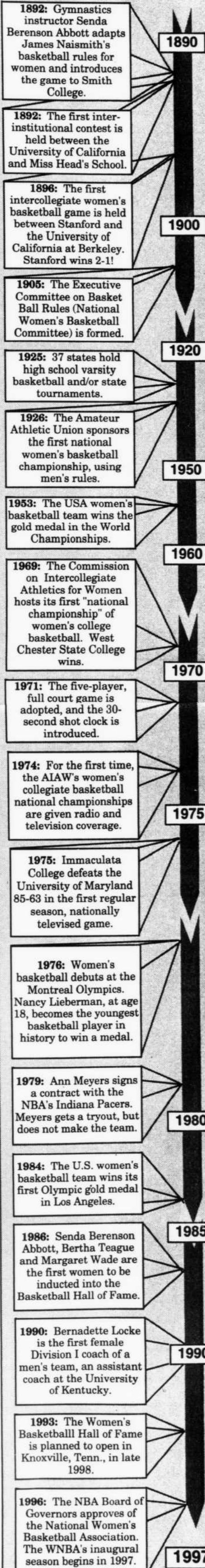
The league also benefited from a television contract that put its games on three different networks by season's end.

"We televised a game-of-the-week and the semi-finals," Krulewitz said. "It will be a similar schedule next year for us."

"And if they do decide to go ahead and expand the league and the schedule, we'll adjust what we do accordingly."

Smith added, "If you can offer people exciting basketball, then they will come out and support it."

### An Historic Perspective



Stephany Smith, head coach of the Lady Raiders





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A new book called "Power Foods" is on the shelf and offers a new look at foods. Written by Dr. Stephanie Beling, "Power Foods" gives a list of 10 foods or food groups essential to our diet because of their nutritional makeup and value: red, yellow and orange fruits, red, yellow and orange vegetables, cruciferous and leafy green vegetables, mushrooms, sea vegetables, garlic and onions, whole grains, beans and legumes, soy and soy products, and nuts and seeds.

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Researching phytochemicals has become a trend for food scientists, and in the last couple of decades, the studies show a significant drop in cancer risks among those who ate a diet rich in leafy green vegetables, legumes, fresh fruits and whole grains. In fact, the discoveries were so great, more studies have begun worldwide.

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University isolated the phytochemical sulforaphane in cruciferous vegetables to be very effective in cancer prevention. In Hanover, Germany, scientists say that flavanoids help prevent gastrointestinal infections. In Cairo, pumpkin seed oil is said to be an anti-inflammatory for arthritis, and at Harvard, the lycopenes in tomatoes can lower the risk of prostate cancer.

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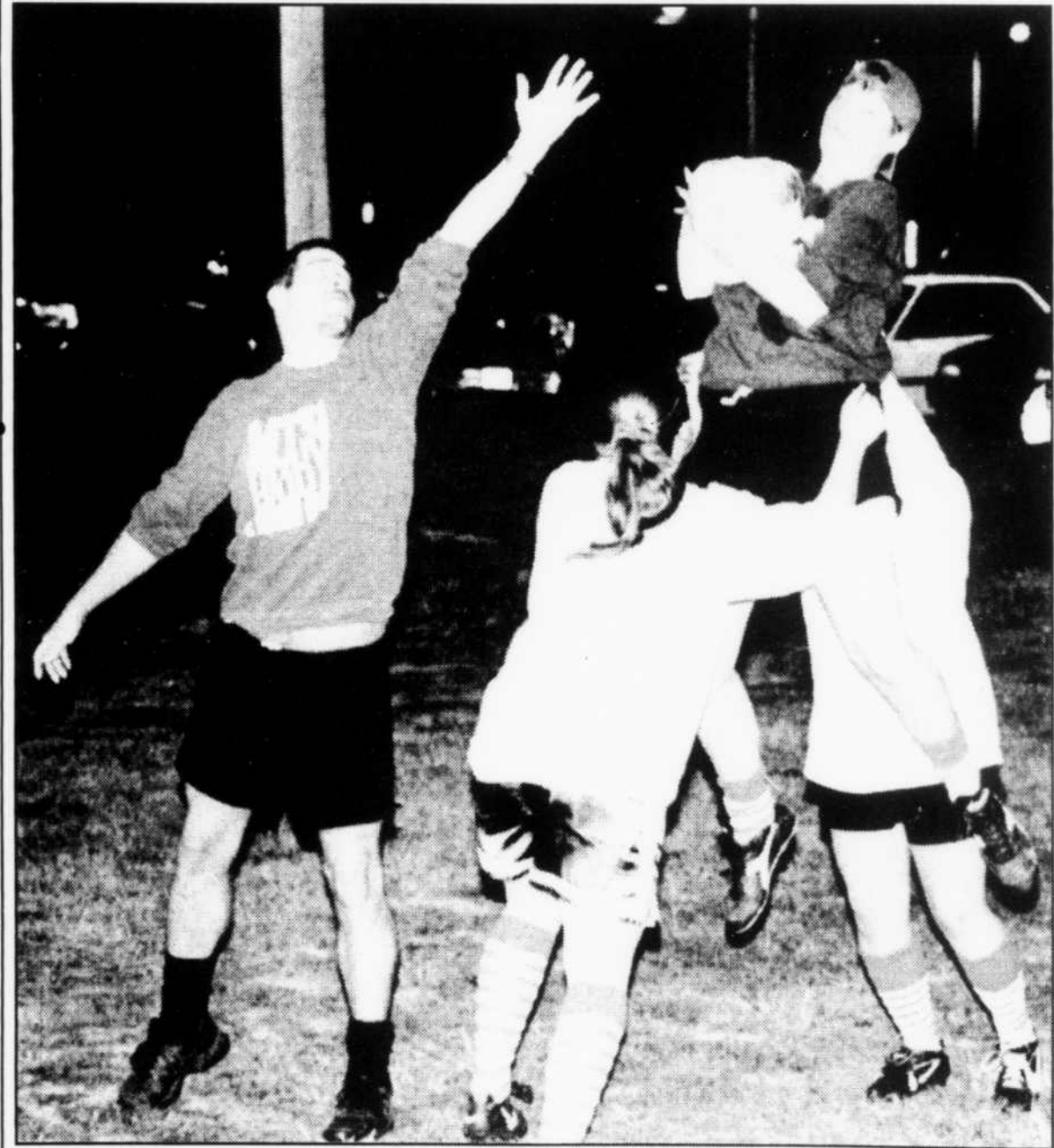
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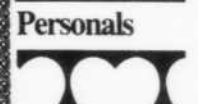
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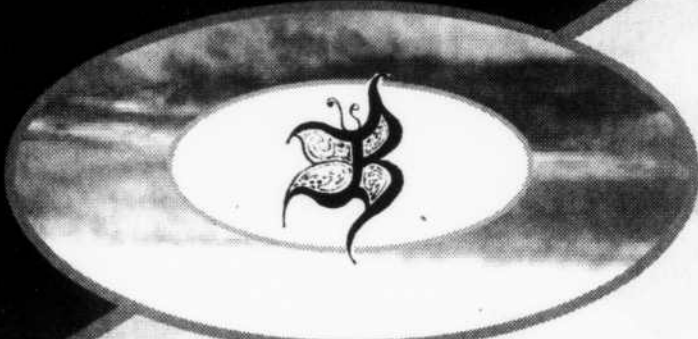
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