

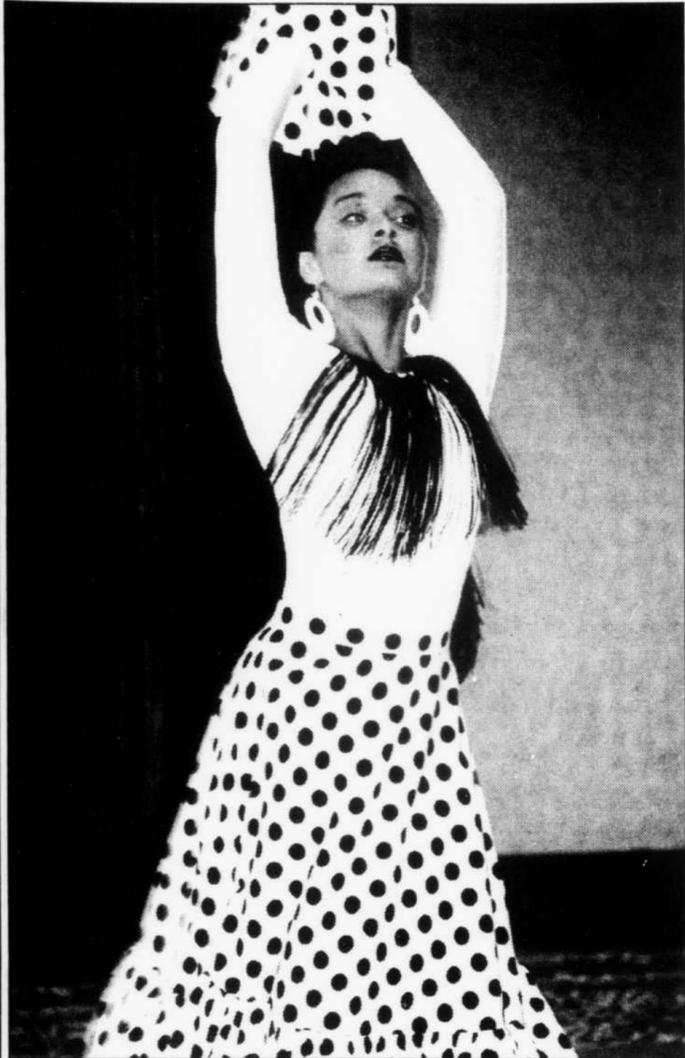
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Bailando a la musica!



Will Isom/staff

A member of the Compania de Baile Hispana performs at the kick-off for Hispanic Heritage Month held last Thursday afternoon in the Tennessee dining room of the James Union Building. Hispanic Heritage Month runs through Oct. 14.

Rutherford County's Heart Walk scheduled for Sept. 28 at MTSU

Christi Underdown/staff

Hearty volunteers will be donating their time and money on Sept. 28 at the American Heart Association Heart Walk to be held on the Middle Tennessee State University campus.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. with five speakers, including President James E. Walker, Former Rep. John Bragg (this year's grand marshal for the walk) and Tom Vance. Also members of the YMCA will lead the walkers in warm-up exercises. The actual walk will start at 2 p.m. Afterwards, the Middle Tennessee Medical Clinic will host a "healthy picnic" for those who participate, as well as providing live music.

Although the event began five years ago, MTSU has been involved with the walk for only the past three years and has hosted the event the past two. The walk was moved to campus to reduce the traffic problems the event caused when it was set near the downtown plaza. Last year the walk began near the stadium. Because of the construction, this year walkers will meet in the intramural fields between Cummings Hall and the John Bragg Mass Communications Building. The walk will take volunteers on a three-mile hike across campus to East Main Street and back again. Although they are encouraged to finish the entire thing, individuals may walk as much as they feel comfortable.

"MTSU is a community in and of itself," said Jeff Allbritten, assistant dean in the college of basic and applied sciences and one of three MTSU Heart Walk coordinators. "We're so large that we almost have to hold our own event on campus. We're hoping for even more participation than last year."

His colleagues are Deborah Roberts, director for finance and administration division and Diane Stockard of sports information.

Rutherford County was ranked in first place of all counties of similar size in the state last year for its donation of \$62,000. This year Tom Vance, the president and CEO of Rutherford Bank and Trust in Murfreesboro, has set the goal at \$70,000.

"I've had a lot of encouragement from those folks who were involved last year," Vance said. "I was involved as a recruitment leader last year and got really excited with helping get new teams involved. So folks like Lee Moss and Dwight Hancock (last year's Heart Walk chair) encouraged me to step up to the role of chair, and I'm happy to do that."

Serving with Vance on this year's Heart Walk Committee are new team co-chairs David Gray and Rep. John Hood, previous teams co-chairs Steve and Gloria Payne, sponsorship chair Dwight Hancock, prize/incentive chair Robbie Uselton, logistics co-chairs Katrena Moore, Leah Gregory and Stephanie Brackman and communications co-chairs Beth Wilson and Tom Tozer.

Heart disease has touched Vance personally. His father suffered two heart attacks. Vance said his dad has done well, "so we have a little debt to repay in some way."

"Heart disease and stroke is still the number one killer," he said. "It's something that touches most of our families. I think it's something we can all relate to."

The American Heart Association uses the money donated for research in finding a cure for heart disease. Cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of 41.8 percent of the more than 2.3 million Americans who die each year. Cancer is a distant second cause of death, killing 23.5 percent.

Nearly 80 percent of all AHA dollars raised are earmarked for research, public health education, professional education and training and community services. Nearly 33 percent goes for research alone. Only 7.5 percent is for management and general expenses, and 14 percent is used for fund raising efforts.

"An exit interview last year indicated that over 90 percent of the walkers said they would like to participate again this year, so we're hoping to have a large number of returning walkers," Vance said.

More than 1000 walkers participated last year.

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Mascot change put on ballot

Jamie Evans/staff

The Student Government Association house of representatives and senate passed three new bills last week, one dealing with the new mascot change, and the other two dealing with new responsibilities for SGA members.

Stephen Flatt, senator for the college of business, sponsored the first bill on the university mascot change from "Old Blue" to a mystery mascot that is expected to be released at a basketball game in November. A source told "Sidelines" the new mascot will be a flying horse, like Pegasus.

"Many students have voiced concerns about adverting (sic) from tradition, while other students have welcomed the change," Flatt stated in his bill.

The bill, which passed without opposition, will effectively put a referendum on the ballot for the fall SGA elections where students can vote on whether they support the change or not.

Flatt said in his bill that the students' opinions should be considered when there are choices being made that will influence the future of the university and anyone

connected to MTSU.

However, Speaker of the House Jason Reid disagreed.

"As far as we know, this is a done deal," he said.

Reid said he thinks that the decision has already been made on whether or not to change the mascot, and that there is no way to stop it.

A few representatives asked why the students should even bother voting on the change if it would have no effect on the administration.

Reid and Flatt agreed that if the students show their opinions the university cannot say that they had no idea of how the students felt on the issue. The other two bills, which also passed unanimously, were executive bills, which means that they were sponsored by members of the legislative body as well as by SGA President Ryan Durham.

The first bill was to establish standing committees on food services, parking and transportation, university policy and procedure, student life and student services.

"Ryan would like to see these committees established," Reid said.

Each member of congress would be required to serve on one of these

committees with the proportion of three house members to every senator which will insure equal representation.

"The lack of an effective committee system has proven to lessen the effectiveness of the entire Student Government Association," the bill stated.

The last bill voted on was tabled two weeks ago because of unclear phrasing. It has since been revised.

The bill calls for senators to serve in the SGA office for an hour a week. If they miss their office hour of a particular week, it will be counted against them as if they have missed an official meeting.

The senate also passed the SGA operating budget in its meeting on Wednesday. Passing this budget through the senate is required by the SGA constitution in order for the budget to be legal.

They also voted to confirm two candidates for SGA offices. Jeff Beaumont was confirmed as attorney general of the traffic court and John West as the SGA treasurer.

State Sen. Andy Womack also made an appearance as special guest speaker at the senate meeting.

Write-in candidates can't run for Queen

Susan McMahan/staff

Unlike last year, write-in candidates were going to be accepted on this fall's ballot for Homecoming Queen until at the last minute Philip Crabtree, Student Government Association election commissioner, told "Sidelines" he'd changed his mind.

"It's a lot more important to make people happy who do what's required than to make people happy who don't do anything to be a candidate," Crabtree said.

Homecoming Queen elections will be held Sept. 24 and 25 at Peck Hall and the Keathley University Center. The KUC poll will be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. both days and the Peck Hall poll will be open from 8 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Crabtree said there has been some debate about the decision to allow write-in candidates. Scott Davis, former election commissioner, similarly decided last year that write-in candidates would not be allowed.

"Right off the bat, I said I would allow write-in candidates," said Crabtree, adding that the idea is supported by SGA President Ryan Durham who couldn't be reached for comment before press deadline.

Crabtree said that his decision to

allow write-ins had been influenced by officers in the SGA, but he later decided that it would be "best he doesn't listen to the other officers."

Crabtree decided that there were "plenty of candidates" since five spaces were open and 12 people had applied.

The candidates all had to fill out several forms and turn them in before a set deadline to be included on the ballot. The forms include a candidacy form, a basic information form and either a sponsor form or a list of 25 student signatures.

Crabtree said that candidates who fill out sponsor forms from an organization of 25 or more people do not have to gather names because it is assumed all of the organization's members would sign the petition.

In addition to the forms, candidates must have completed 45 or more hours of classes and meet a minimum GPA requirement. Crabtree said that both requirements are checked by SGA.

One reason write-ins are not allowed is because Crabtree had heard rumors that some organizations were planning to try "block voting" for write-in candidates.

He said it was the responsibility of the organization to ensure that the forms were turned in on time. Several

organizations asked Crabtree to allow candidates on the ballot a few days after the deadline, but he would not allow them to be included.

Crabtree said he has heard that up to seven women were trying to be write-in candidates. The girls on the ballot have complained that it was not fair that write-in candidates did not have to meet the requirements.

"I don't want people to think it's 'my way or the highway,'" Crabtree said, adding that forbidding write-in candidates was the "fairest" thing he could do.

As election commissioner, he has final authority about whether the write-in votes will be counted.

The winner of the election is typically announced at halftime of the Homecoming football game. However, Crabtree said that SGA this year may decide to announce the winner at another time.

If the change is made, the court will be announced at the beginning of Homecoming Week, which is Sept. 26 through Oct. 4, and the queen will be announced at Thursday night's scheduled bonfire.

Even if changes are made, Crabtree said that winners will not be

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Recycling program funds scholarships

Bryan Brooks/staff

Over 8.9 million pounds of material has been recycled and more than \$300,000 raised for academic scholarships since the creation of the recycling program on campus in 1972.

The mission of the recycling program initiated by the biology club is to reduce the waste of precious resources while at the same time funding 28 academic scholarships.

According to Patrick Doyle, director of the recycling program, more than 8.8 million pounds of newspaper have been recycled since 1972. Aluminum can recycling began in 1987 and since then 165,000 pounds have been saved.

Doyle said approximately 20 cans create a pound of aluminum, and

every can recycled saves enough energy for three hours of television watching.

The recycling program began accepting office paper in 1990, and in seven and one-half years 750 pounds of office paper has been saved.

"The faculty is real supportive," Doyle said, separating in their offices the paper to be recycled.

"Every [aluminum] can thrown away adds to the degradation of the environment," he said.

Doyle explained every produced can wastes a total of 14 pounds of coal, pollutes eight gallons of water, creates three ounces of acid rain and produces 40 pounds of carbon dioxide. Recycling one can reduces this by 95 percent, taking only 0.7 pounds of coal to recycle it.

As far as Doyle knows, the recycling for scholarships program at MTSU was the first in the state. Requests for assistance in starting recycling programs have come from colleges from New York to Florida, and as far west as Kansas.

"Practically every college in Tennessee has asked for assistance," Doyle said.

In the past year approximately \$15,000 was raised by the recycling program. The year prior to that \$25,000 was raised. Doyle attributes the difference in funds raised to a drop in the price of paper. The price of aluminum has remained steady.

The recycling for scholarships program funds academic scholarships

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Sept. 22

Pi Sigma Epsilon, a national performing fraternal in marketing, sales management and selling will have new members meetings Mondays at 5:15 in BAS 326. For more information contact Leah Taylor at 867-2949.

Sept. 24

Students and faculty are invited to read either their own or published poetry at Poetry Slam sponsored by Sandofa & Erudite Emancipators, 6:30-9 p.m. at CKNB 121. For more information, contact Chris Montague at 898-4102.

Hispanic Student Association will sponsor a free screening of the movie "Desperado" at 7 p.m. in the multi-media room of the LRC. Everyone is invited to come and join in the celebration of Hispanic Month.

Sept. 25

Students interested in education programs in allied health, dentistry, medicine and pharmacy are invited to speak with Nelson Strother and other representatives from UT-Memphis' Health Science Center on the third floor of the KUC from 9 a.m. until noon.

Sigma Tau Delta will offer a writer's workshop at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 108. Students seeking a major or minor in English are welcome. For more information contact Sarah K. Lisle at 898-4985.

Sept. 26

AFAW is offering a tenure and promotion workshop including panel discussions and light refreshments 3-4:30 p.m. in JUB Hazelwood. For more information, contact Cheryl Lewis at 898-2654.

Voices of the South, a performance focusing on teaching southern literature, culture and diversity from a feminine point-of-view, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Arts Center of Cannon County in Woodbury. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students or groups of 10 or more. For information or registration call (615) 563-2787.

Sept. 27

MTSU will hold its annual family day with activities including a cookout, pep rally, football game against Murray State and tours of several of the residence halls. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for MTSU students. For information, call 898-5533.

Sept. 27-28

Anyone considering graduate studies and worried about taking the admissions exam is invited to the Graduate Management Admission Test review course Saturday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Sunday 12:30-5:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2462.

Oct. 9

Bruce Foster from Samford University will in DSB 241 from 1-3:30 p.m. to talk with students about admission to Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy. He will be available to answer any of your questions about pharmacy school in general.

Continuing Activities

The Japan Center of Tennessee in cooperation with the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center will sponsor a Japanese Doll Exhibit at 401 S. Jackson Street, Tullahoma, Tennessee. The exhibit will be

held during the month of September 1997. Museum hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Evenings and weekends by appointment. \$2.00 donation appreciated. For more information please call The Japan Center of Tennessee at (615) 898-2229 or Tullahoma Fine Arts Center at (615) 455-1234. They will also sponsor an Origami Exhibit in the lobby of the Argie Cooper Library, 100 S. Main St., Shelbyville, Tenn., through October 17. For information call The Japan Center of Tennessee at (615) 898-2229 or the library at (615)684-7323.

LDSSA is holding Institute LDSSA every Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Peck Hall 105 and every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Smyrna Chapel. For more information, call Sid Sandstrom at 355-0558 or check out the LDSSA home page at www.mtsu.edu/~ldssa

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold a CRU meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Mass Comm 104. For more information, call 867-3054 or 848-6741.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship invites everyone to their Wednesday Night Supper and Worship each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. For more information contact Rich Zeigler at 893-1787.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Student Union will offer "Praise and Worship" every at 7 p.m. every Friday in KUC 314. A bible study will begin soon. For more information, contact Heather Norman at 898-3112.

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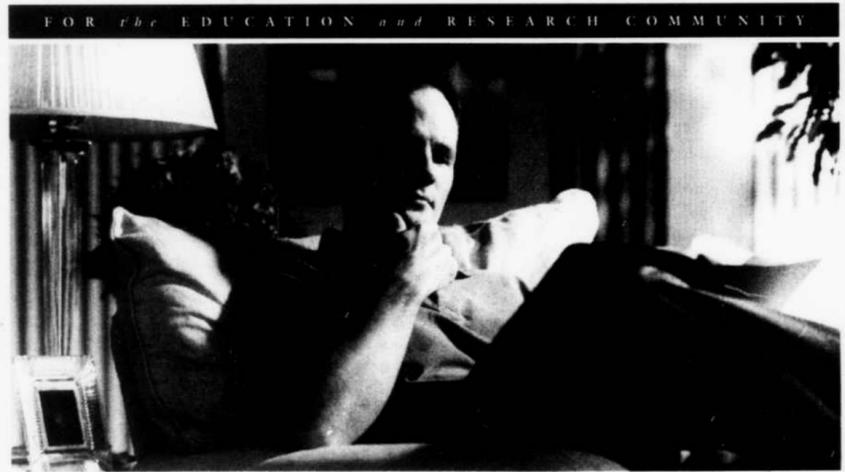
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Law school future still uncertain

Jamie Evans/staff

Last March, the MTSU Foundation made a formal bid for the Nashville School of Law and was told to expect a response by May 1 but has heard nothing on the matter.

"We don't seem to be making much progress," State Sen. Andy Womack said.

Womack insists that he and the Foundation have made it extremely clear that they are interested in the NSL.

State Rep. John Bragg, the current president of the Foundation, is now in charge of NSL bids for MTSU. His office commented that they have not heard anything either.

The bid for the school was delivered last winter — before the April 15 deadline — which put MTSU in the running for

the law school along with some other Tennessee universities.

Tennessee State University, Belmont University and Cumberland University have all expressed an interest in acquiring the school.

A secretary from the NSL said that the deadline for responding to the proposals has been pushed back indefinitely at the moment for unknown reasons.

Lt. Gov. John Wilder was the one who originally had the idea of merging the NSL with one of the area universities.

Initially he had TSU in mind for the law school but other schools were also interested. Wilder's intent was to provide Middle Tennessee residents with a public law school, since the other two schools are located at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville

and the University of Memphis.

Gov. Don Sunquist must also determine if another Tennessee law school is needed, especially when he has

already cut \$40 million from the higher education budget for this fiscal year.

The Foundation has been acting on the behalf of MTSU because they are separate from the Tennessee Board of Regents and can move faster than the university can by itself.

Womack, who is a former president for the foundation, said that he is still interested in MTSU's growth both as the senator for Rutherford County and as an alumnus with family ties to the university, even though he is no longer officially connected with the Foundation.

We don't seem to be making much progress.

State Sen. Andy Womack

Recycling:

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for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in biology. Scholarships are also provided for students in field biology, microbiology and teaching.

Even more are provided for those pursuing undergraduate and graduate research and students who want to attend field stations during the summer. One is also provided for a member of the maintenance staff or their dependents, and one for a member of the clerical staff or their dependents.

The recycling program picks up some material off campus, especially white paper which comes from offices.

"It can be considered part of a public service project," Doyle said. "The county and city government offices are real good about saving white

paper."

The program does not have enough manpower to pick up any other material off campus than it presently does. If anyone off campus wishes to contribute white paper, they can box it up and bring it to the DSB loading dock. Persons can call the biology department at 898-2847 for more information.

The recycling center is off Greenland Drive near the Tennessee Livestock Center parking lot. Aluminum cans, newspaper, white paper, catalogs and mixed paper can be dropped off there. Aluminum recycling bins are located in most campus buildings.

The recycling program is in need of work-studies. Anyone interested can contact the biology department at 898-2847.

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announced before Homecoming Week.

"No one will find out Thursday night even after all the votes are counted," said Crabtree.

Students are asked to select five choices for queen when they vote. Photographs of the candidates will be displayed at the polls.

The 12 candidates on the ballot for 1997 Homecoming Queen are (in ballot order):

- Katie Cunningham sponsored by the Blue Raider Club
- Gwen Dyer, 21, a recreation therapy major, from Liberty, Tenn.
- Nikkia Brown, 22, a social work major from Nashville sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha
- Dana Park, 22, a marketing major from Cornersville, Tenn. sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi
- Melanie Tock, 22, an elementary education major from Franklin sponsored by

Kappa Delta

- Julie Capps, 21, an accounting major from Cornersville, Tenn., sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi
- Beth Mahon, 21, an elementary education major from Murfreesboro sponsored by Phi Sigma Pi
- Katy Francisco, 20, a public relations major from Coquet, Tenn., sponsored by Kappa Delta
- Chekesha Henderson, 22, a recreation therapy and athletic training major sponsored from New Orleans
- Tina Collins, 21, an accounting major from Guntersville, Ala., sponsored by Sigma Epsilon
- Saran Dunmore, 22, a broadcast journalism major from Chicago sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta
- Nicole Lester, 21, a political science major with an emphasis in pre-law from Murfreesboro sponsored by Gamma Beta Phi

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Last year nearly 40 company teams were involved as well as about 200 individuals who represented themselves. MTSU took top honors with 265 walkers, raising \$9000. This year the goal has been more than doubled to \$20,000.

The division of Housing and Residential Life has set their goal at \$10,000, hoping to get 10 teams, raising \$100 each. Bernice Hughes, the company leader for Housing and director of judicial student leadership programs, has made the vow to sit in a dunking booth for 24 hours if Housing can actually succeed in its goal.

"More important than the prizes, I want students to get involved so they know they can make a difference," she said.

"There is a great deal of competitive spirit and I think

it's great," said Tozer. "It provides incentive and challenges on the community basis."

For years, MTSU and MTMC have challenged each other in raising money and volunteers. MTMC is the chief name sponsor for the walk and has already donated \$5000 to the cause. As of date, MTSU has the most volunteers signed up, numbering over 1000.

"Unless there is a tremendous storm, the walk will be held rain or shine," said Tozer.

For more information regarding the Rutherford County Heart Walk, call Vance at 848-0001, Ashley Rose, field director of the American Heart Association at 327-0885 or the MTSU department which one would like to represent.

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Recipe for beauty needed

This campus is visually challenging. It's "UGLY." We have PVC pipe, white twine, and sparse vegetation dominating the scenery.

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One side of campus is illustrious with new architecture and courtyards. The other side is ancient, with no promise of improvement.

And for once construction is not to be blamed for the condition.

According to "Middle Tennessee State University" magazine, the Professional Grounds Management Association awarded the MTSU grounds crew third place in a national competition earlier this year. Who are they kidding? Or better yet, who kidded them?

Our grounds crew does not deserve such an award. Maybe they meant 333rd. Just raking the campus would produce wonderful effects.

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Imagine MTSU leaf-less, with green grass, trimmed trees, clean sidewalks and matching curbs - curbs that could even mimic school colors. What a novel idea; make the school look consistent.

As with most situations of concern, this university simply gives an A for effort and lets the issue slide. This campus could be beautiful.

We have a forest of trees, horses, squirrels, Canadian geese, rabbits and a very temperate climate.

MTSU has the necessary ingredients, but simply lacks the recipe.

Parking Town Hall, a useless proposal

Gratitude
Gregg Mayer



Sometimes the stupidity of the ideas proposed by our student-campus leaders simply baffles me.

Last year, we recall, a senator in the Student Government Association proposed moving money from the university's capital-projects funding into academic funding to hire more professors after a state-wide budget cut in higher education was announced. What the senator failed to understand was the money for capital projects is generally bonded—i.e., money we don't have on-hand to grab and shuffle about like poker chips—and so he was reaching, literally, to pull money out of thin air.

Also last year, another bill went to the floor in the SGA proposing to add \$1 to the Student Activity Fee—a giant pool of money divvied out to campus organizations—specifically for MTSU Channel 8 to help with the station's production costs. Clearly, Channel 8 needs improving, but that doesn't necessarily mean more funding. After viewing such horrific programming like "The Dawn Tittle Show"—a nighttime talk show paneled by puerile undergraduates who discuss, without understanding, various campus issues—I would argue no amount of money in the world could improve it. The station should—and can—improve with what it has, which is more than many colleges, and then ask the students to pay more for it. The bill, following

this newspaper's denouncement of the idea as stupid, was killed in the following session.

Just this year, Traffic Court Attorney General Jeff Beaumont made every current member of the court resign in an effort to "diversify" the court. Well, the veteran members amicably resigned and those who wanted to continue serving on the court were re-hired almost within a few hours of their resignation. An effective "diversifying," to be sure.

Now, the most useless proposal is by far the Parking Town Hall meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 23., right here in the James Union Building at 4 p.m. Members of the SGA tell us it is an opportunity to discuss "Where to Park" and to solve our great "Parking Problem." We will "milk it for all it is worth," Brian Lewis, speaker of the senate, told "Sidelines."

And what exactly are we milking?

First, if students can not read their resource handbooks to learn where to park then they shouldn't be in college in the first place, should they? Seriously, this is basic color recognition. I have a green pass; I park by a green curb. I do not have a green pass; I do not park by a green curb. Even our honors students can do this.

Second, what is the problem? Behind the Tennessee Livestock Center there are several hundred parking spaces available even during the campus' peak hours of Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The walk is often pleasant, crisp and cool if it is early or late enough, and looking about at the general roundness of

most of the students and faculty, we can all use the extra exercise.

So I fail to see any problem whatsoever. But our campus leaders tell us there is a problem and that 500 of us will discuss it tomorrow night. Public Safety will even there to ensure our protection from a violent riot of angry parkers.

But, and this is silly, who are we going to be angry at now? Charlotte Hunt, former director of parking authority who was routed from her post for insufficient reason, will not be there. Her replacement, Connie Hagberg, a secretary from the Tennessee Livestock Center, might be there, but she is too new to the position to hold any responsibility for what has so angered our campus leaders. All Hagberg has to say is, "I'm new and looking into it," and she will have answered any and all questions asked by the 500 angry parkers who probably should be studying rather than harassing a former secretary.

Perhaps this whole shebang might be to open up a microphone for any unheard ideas on how to solve our parking non-problem, including, but not limited to: a parking garage; more parking lots; more shuttle buses; more green spaces; more priority for dorm-resident parking; more faculty spaces; and more bike lanes and bike racks.

I thought of proposing the Parking Station Mir that could hover over campus and beam students down to their classrooms so they won't have to walk a single inch to class. I think that will be shot down because it might go over budget due to the state-budget cuts. Maybe next year?

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Who is to blame for Diana's death?

Chad Gillis

feature editor



Di's dead. As with most tragedies, we need someone to blame. And as usual, "THE MEDIA" has helped us to point fingers. But who is guilty: alcohol? the driver? The easy target seems to be the paparazzi—that unethical mob of egocentric bastards!

Granted, the photographers did pursue the situation in an unethical manner, but why is the question, not who. Why would anyone speed through traffic at a hundred miles an hour for a roll of unexposed film?

Photos, such as the ones sought by the paparazzi, sell for upwards of a million dollars a piece. Come on, we can't blame the ultimate green evil in every situation.

"THE MEDIA killed her." That's more like it. Figuratively the statement is

correct, but can we blame tabloid publications for running such material? Sure we can. After all, none of us would be caught dead with a copy of such rubbish. And besides, do public figures not have the same right to privacy as every individual?

No. Public figures face a more difficult task in proving invasion of privacy in court. Congress has ruled on the issue and sides with the media. The only way to control content in the medium is through choice.

The buying public controls the flow of product in a free market. Obviously, there is a significant portion of society that demands photos like the ones sought before Princess Diana's death—especially in Europe. Publications such as "Star" are the status quo in England, dominating the reading market. It's a freedom of choice issue. If the public demands, it will be supplied.

To lynch the paparazzi for supplying their product would be as misguided as blaming a peanut farmer for peanut butter. It's not the farmer's fault

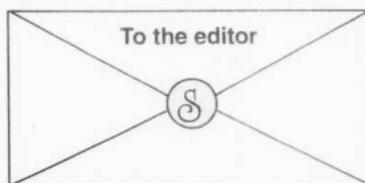
that a rich and creamy spread is popular, it's his means of support.

Tabloids are generally perceived as demeaning by "hard news" publications, but demeaning to who, the medium or the market?

The ironic twist is that while tabloid journalism was attempting to capitalize on Di's private life, they gave "hard news" publications like "The Tennessean" weeks of profitable filler.

Moreover, tabloid journalism has lost years of material through her untimely departure. But they must be given credit for producing the bluest eyes in all the land while time is still at hand. Outlandish stories of Diana's resurrection or post-humous life with Elvis would be tasteless, even to those who seem to have none.

How convenient the life of an editor has been since the Simpson trial. We've had "the civil suit," Timothy McVeigh, the Ramsey murder, the Mars mission and now this. Tune in for next month's featured event of "THE MASS MEDIA: 2000 AND BEYOND."



From the Mailbox

LAMBDA justified in its response to graffiti

To the editor:

Here goes another response to the "Sidelines" article concerning hate messages directed toward the student organization LAMBDA. First, as a returning student to MTSU, I am glad to see that an organization such as LAMBDA exists to lend support to students who are lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB). As a gay, gay of 25, I have already faced many of the issues which confront LGB freshmen just starting their college years, and I think that the support and resources, in the form of friendships and information about our community, which LAMBDA brings to its members is invaluable, and I salute Allie Sultan and the other officers of LAMBDA for their work in the organization.

Second, aren't our college years a time to for (sic) each of us to expand our horizons, experiences,

and, most importantly, our minds? It disturbs me that in an institution of supposed higher learning, we must continue to face the slurs and insults of close-minded fellow students who show little regard for the feelings of others. In an era of ever changing ideas concerning what is acceptable, this should be a time when we learn tolerance for the diversity we see around us. I suppose this relates in a larger way to many of the problems society is currently facing with all forms of social injustice, but the change has to start sometime. Shouldn't it be now?

Finally, I wholeheartedly agree with Allie Sultan's call for the university to respond to the anti-gay chalking incident. At the very least, the administration should state that it does not condone nor (sic) support such statements of hate against anyone or any group of people. Against the university's "Statement of Civility" is a recommendation and not a rule, it offers little or no protection from such events as the chalking incident which often can be a precursor to hate crimes of a much more serious nature. Let's not wait until that happens. As we approach

the new millennium, it's time for MTSU to join fair-minded universities across the country and adopt a non-discrimination policy which includes sexual orientation. The university should strive to provide a nurturing environment which promotes learning and acceptance, not one which tolerates ignorance, bigotry, social injustice, or discrimination against anyone. We are here to learn. Isn't that what we should be concentrating on?

Keep in mind, we are all the same.

David Lewis

Tenpenny right about changing MTSU

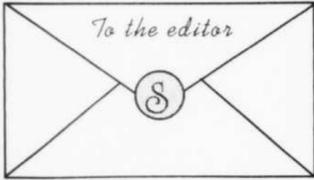
To the editor:

I am writing this in response to the article concerning the university name change. I am relieved to hear that the Faculty Senate has passed the resolution, but I am a bit disturbed by a few things that were apparently said by the Board of Regents.

First of all, it is totally absurd to think that changing the name to "University of Middle Tennessee" would imply that MTSU is the "only university in Tennessee." Does the fact that Sewanee's school is named The University of the South

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mean that it is the only university in the southern U.S.? Obviously not. To think such would be an act of pure stupidity. If the other universities in middle Tennessee are going to be offended, they might as well take up arms against Sewanee too. After all, they're boasting that they are THE University of the ENTIRE South! And who's to say that they don't mean the whole southern hemisphere? Where do these elitists get off? My sarcasm is an indicator of how ridiculous this idea is and I hope that The Board of Regents has enough sense to realize this.

Also, if anyone is worried about the expenses that will be incurred by changing the name, they might want to consider the money that has already been given to public relations to diffuse the "party school" reputation of MTSU. What better way to get rid of a bad

and somewhat accurate label than to change the school's name altogether?

It is my opinion that the university's growth in both population and physical size indicates that it has outgrown its community college-esque name.

Anthony Petrochko
Biology Major

Student tired of graffiti responses

To the editor:

Let me start by saying that I do not know what was written on the sidewalk, and I do not care what was written on the sidewalk. Frankly, I am not the least bit interested in reading anything more about Lambda whether it be written on the sidewalk, written in the paper, or written on my car windshield in blood. I have heard enough about Lambda and from Lambda to last me through

my college years, well into my adult life, and, quite possibly beyond my grave.

Not that appreciation is not in order. I would like to thank all the members of Lambda, both past and present, who took it upon themselves to write a letter to the editor every single time you felt you had been victimized. Thank you for expressing your views and opinions time and time again. Because of your diligence, I now know how unfairly you feel you have been treated here at MTSU. I also know how tolerant those who do not agree with you to express their opinions. Your message has been received. You can stop writing now. It is no longer necessary to have a comment, quote, or opinion from someone in your group appear in "Sidelines" every time the paper is published. Please, take a break. You are in college now, try to expand your minds. Some people will never like white, Christian girls with long hair and dark eyes, but I try not to let it affect my every thought and emotion.

Now, please do not start screaming, "Oppression! Oppression! She wants to take away our freedom of speech because we are gay!" Rest assured, I only want to take away your freedom of speech because you have abused your

privilege. As far as your sexuality, I do not care what you do, how you do it, or with whom you do it. All I have ever asked of anyone is that their sexuality not be thrown in my face or shoved down my throat (no pun intended). Simply put, there is nothing more fascinating to me than my orgasm, and nothing less fascinating to me than your orgasm.

Truth be told, I just do not care about you guys anymore, if I ever did, and I think a lot of people on this campus are tired of the fact that the editorial section of their school newspaper has turned into a weekly update on the plight of the Lambda association!

Now I know the natural Lambda instinct is to pick up a pen and respond, in great length, to my letter. I am asking you nicely to resist the urge. You would be writing your letter under the assumption that it would matter to me, mean something to me, or even remotely interest me. You can relax in knowing that the only way I would read anymore of opinions would be if you had the words printed on the naked chest of a Chippendales dancer. Even then they would not mean anything to me. Just as words written on a sidewalk, by someone who knows nothing about you personally, should not mean anything to you.

In sincere hope I will not be hearing from you,
Jennifer B. Anderson

Hunt should have been replaced

To the editor:

As two tenured MTSU students, we have endured the parking changes made over the past four years. The construction of new buildings and parking lots have lead (sic) to very confusing, inconsistent and inflexible changes in student parking. Often, these changes were made without adequate knowledge or warning to students, making it difficult to adjust to these drastic changes.

As a former SGA Traffic Court Chief Justice I, Jenna Bivens, am aware of the problems these changes have caused Student Government. Much of this problem was the former director of parking authority, Charlotte Hunt. As Chief Justice I witnessed firsthand the changes Hunt imposed upon SGA traffic court. Ms. Hunt came to me and said my court was voiding too many tickets and should deny more appeals. My court upheld the opinion that traffic court stood for student fairness, not increasing MTSU's budget. Because of HUNT's attitude towards students, I consequently resigned my

position as Chief Justice after serving three years.

As a former appellate I, Kelly Kirby, have seen first hand the changes that were invoked after Hunt took her position. What was formerly a fair court of peer review became Ms. Hunt's personal project. She sat in on court sessions and took away authority that belonged to students. A friend who appealed a ticket said that his past ticket history was brought up in his appeal, something even the US court system doesn't allow. In doing this, she took away student discretion, something upon which the SGA Traffic Court system is based.

We want to commend SGA President Ryan Durham on his efforts to stop a problem that had gotten out of hand. To quote Mr. Durham, "This is not a personal attack Ms. Hunt," but merely applauding the aggressiveness Mr. Durham has shown in this situation. This kind of action is something that has been rarely seen from student leadership, and is greatly appreciated by the students of this campus. Thank you Mr. Durham, Jeff Beaumont and the MTSU administration, who helped put an end to this situation.

Signed,
Jenna Bivens and Kelly Kirby

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The University Rules Committee annually reviews MTSU's promulgated institutional rules. This material appears at pp. 42-73 in the 1997-1998 edition of the Student Handbook. Proposals for changes to existing rules, or for the creation of new rules, must be submitted no later than October 15 to Dr. David Hays (MTSU Box 30). Regulations appearing in the MTSU Traffic & Parking Rules pamphlet are also a part of the University's institutional rules. Proposed additions or changes in these rules must be submitted to Ms. Deborah Roberts (CAB 211), also no later than October 15.

Proposals are to be typed and must contain the following information: (1) the text of the rule as it now appears; (2) the text of the rule as proposed; and (3) a statement which supports the proposed change. Item (1) should be disregarded if the proposal is for a new rule.

Meetings of the Rules Committee will be announced via *Sidelines* and *All-in-One*.

MTSU actor tries hand at directing

□ Tara Larimer/staff

After a week of phone tag, I finally get the opportunity to knock on Seamus McNally's apartment door and meet the man behind the messages left for my roommate to pass along.

"It's good to know you're a real person and not just someone made up on my answering machine," he jokes.

Clad casually in a red plaid shirt, baggy pants and no socks, Seamus leads me into his living room with an easy smile and politely asks if I'd like a drink.

Quickly building a reputation as an accomplished actor and director, the first thing I notice when talking to Seamus is how humble he is when discussing his work.

While expressing an obvious love for theatre, he is quick to drop other people's names and projects, taking the focus off himself despite the fact this is his interview.

Born James Lokken McNally, Seamus took on the Irish version of his first name to avoid confusion with his grandfather James, who lived three houses down from his family in his birthplace of Madison, Wisconsin. He was first bit by the acting bug after being cast as a chorus member in "Once Upon A Mattress."

"What first drew my interest was just the rush I got— even just having a small part of that production. It was a great feeling to be on-stage and to be somebody else— it was almost therapeutic to be able to be somebody else for two hours a night, one month out of the year," he said.

Drawn back into acting after attempting a variety of majors at

three colleges, Seamus says it was his mother who suggested he go back into theatre. Two years ago he was ready to quit school and "join the Navy or something crazy like that" due to lack of a major he could stay interested in.

"It had been four years since I'd done any acting, and she suggested I try theatre again. So I tried out for 'Jesus Christ Superstar' and was cast. And darn it, I'm still in school," he says with a laugh.

Cast in 10 productions since he began acting in high school, McNally

has a number of plays he has acted in at MTSU. He was in a one-act for the directing class titled "Jesus of Suburbia," "Come Back Little Sheba," "MacBeth," and a student written play "The Last Summer

Vacation," which was a takeoff of Flannery O'Connor's "A Good Man Is Hard To Find," among others.

"The Hostage" will be his next acting project, and rehearsals will begin in October for the Nov. 18 opening.

After taking Fundamentals of Directing, McNally didn't think he wanted to ever sit in the director's chair, but changed his mind after taking Advanced Directing and seeing incredible performances after partaking in his first full-length director's project "Affections of an Alleycat."

"It was a very rewarding experience," he said. "It's just hard for me to sit back and remember that I'm not on-stage, and to be in charge. It's a tough transition to go from being the person taking orders to giving them."

This spring, McNally will be directing "Stops Along the Way," a

play written by Jeffrey Sweet. It will be featured in an evening of one-acts at MTSU. In addition, he's looking forward to directing children's plays for the Sunshine Players and may do an apprenticeship with the Actor's Theatre in Louisville next summer.

Perhaps the most impressive yet least thought about aspect of acting projects is the preparation involved. McNally had "Stops Along the Way" picked out for July, and mentioned there has been work done on "The Hostage" since last summer.

"Not a day goes by when I don't think about the play I want to do, work on the analysis, think about what kind of people I want for the roles and how I want the set to look. Those are the kinds of things that go through my mind when I'm just on my way to class. It's a long, grueling process," he said.

When he acts, McNally says the process is a lot of the same.

"You have to be at least a little bit of a method actor—you have to think and feel like that person would. You have to do a whole character analysis of who you're playing, such as what was his religious background, how would he stand politically, unless you're a damn good faker you really have to think about where this person's coming from," he said.

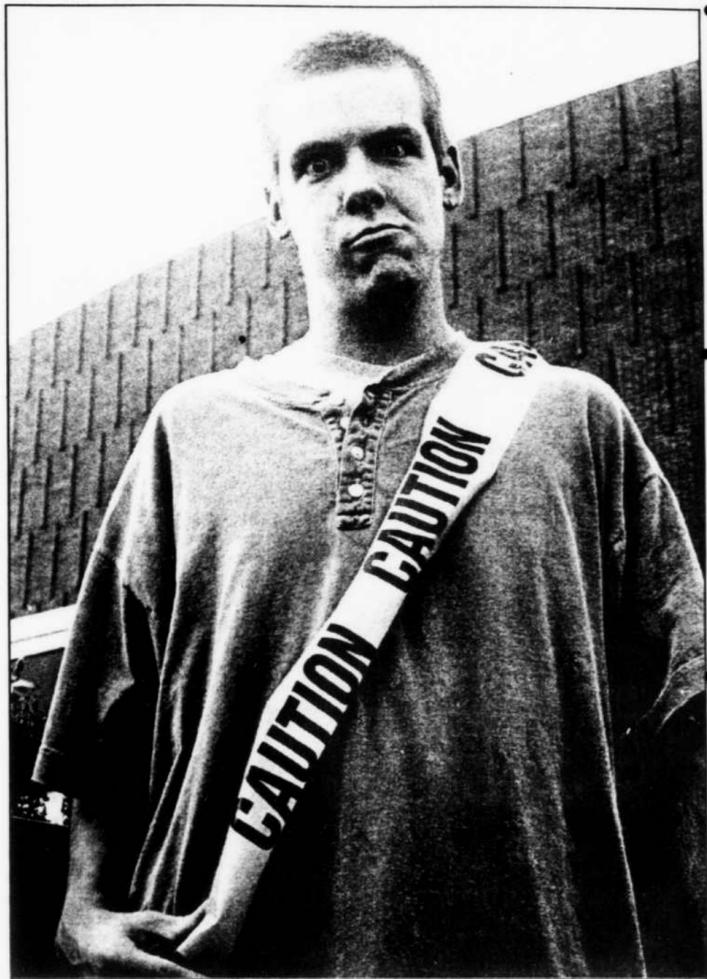
Rehearsals themselves will typically take place Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., for a month to a month and a half before opening night.

"It takes a lot of time and you've really got to love it, that's for sure," McNally said.

As for future plans after graduation, McNally remains grounded as well as optimistic.

"I'll take pretty much anything that pays me after I graduate. Whether it be acting or directing, I'd love to be able to support myself and my family through theatre," he said.

When asked if he'd done anything



Steve Purinton/staff

Seamus McNally prepares for a long theater season.

questionable and what lines he wouldn't cross to advance his career, Seamus laughs and says, "Not yet. No—I'd never do porn or

anything. I'm just going to show them what I have and hopefully that will be enough."

Berbert promotes use of hemp

□ Brandon Jones/staff

What if someone were to find a miracle substance which produced clean-burning fuels, paper (to save trees), strong and comfortable fabrics for clothing, proteins for food, medicines for a variety of illnesses, practically fire-resistant building materials, plus rope, paint, canvas, oil, and much more? What would something like this be called?

It's called hemp, and until 1937, its uses were widely known and utilized. That year, however, the government outlawed hemp due to pressure from the timber, cotton and fossil fuel industries, which were bound to lose billions of dollars to hemp. Since then, the many efficient uses of hemp have been kept secret by closely associating hemp with marijuana, its sister plant.

It is a secret which Shawn Berbert, owner of Enchanted Planet, would like to make public. Enchanted Planet, 111 W. Lytle St., is one of maybe five stores in Tennessee which specialize in hemp products.

"The government and the industries attacked hemp and then attacked marijuana to make sure that hemp would never be used," said Berbert. "That's the reason why there's such a big issue with hemp today. What I'm about is trying to legalize industrial hemp. We should be allowed to grow hemp and make a profit on it."

The "founding fathers" of this country made profits on hemp. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both grew crops of hemp on their plantations and Benjamin Franklin started one of the first paper mills using hemp fibers. From 1631 to the early 1800's, hemp was considered legal tender so that more farmers would be encouraged to grow it. The tactic worked, and by 1850 there were 8,327 hemp plantations. To be considered a "plantation," a farm had to have a minimum of 2,000

acres. The early Americans could pay their taxes with hemp.

The reason that hemp was so necessary to the colonials was that it was cheap, easy to grow and could be used for cloth, paper, baling cords for cotton, sails for ships and canvas.

Hemp remained a mainstay crop through the 1920's. In 1917, a machine called the decordifier was invented to make hemp a viable paper source at less than half the price of tree pulp paper. Shortly after that, W.R. Hearst, the newspaper mogul, began running sensationalistic stories in his newspapers about marijuana and the dangerous effect that it was taking upon society. Hearst was also the owner of Hearst Paper Manufacturing, which stood to practically go bankrupt with the advent of hemp paper. So, Hearst's stories inextricably intertwined hemp and marijuana until the public saw no difference between the two.

Also threatened by the hemp paper was DuPont, which was developing a sulfate/sulfite process to make paper from wood pulp. At the time, DuPont estimated that the paper produced from this process would account for 80 percent of its business for the next 50 years. DuPont was also the government's lead manufacturer of munitions.

DuPont patented its sulfate/sulfite process in 1937, the same year that the 1937 Marijuana Tax Act was passed, outlawing all production of hemp and marijuana.

Hemp stayed outlawed until World War II, when the government, recognizing hemp's value, began a "Grow Hemp for the War" campaign. Hemp was used for uniforms, engine lubricants, ship rigging, firehoses, stitching for shoes, parachute webbing and parachutes. (President George Bush, one of hemp's main opponents, is alive today because of his sturdy hemp parachute with its



Steve Purinton/staff

Racks of hemp literature fill the shelves at Enchanted Planet.

hemp webbing.) After the war, hemp was outlawed again and has been since.

Hemp is illegal because of its sister plant, marijuana. The two plants, although genetically similar, are not the same.

"You can't take a hemp seed and grow a marijuana plant," said Berbert. "That happens after generations and generations of growing. Now the two plants are so far separate that it doesn't matter."

"You could smoke anything in this room," he said, pointing to racks and shelves of hemp merchandise at Enchanted Planet, "and you would catch absolutely no buzz at all off of anything. It's hemp, and it's really a lot different than marijuana. They look the same, they grow the same, and they have two completely different effects."

The distinction between hemp and marijuana and the many uses of hemp is what Berbert and other proponents of hemp are trying to bring to the public awareness.

"Everything that we can make out of petroleum and trees, we can make out of hemp," said Berbert. "We keep cutting down trees and now there's a hole in the ozone because supposedly

not enough oxygen is being made. One acre of hemp produces the equivalent of five acres of trees in oxygen and in paper. Yet it's illegal because of the conspiracy behind the industries."

"The conspiracy is what fires you up, what gets you pissed off. You've been lied to for so long about hemp that truth just gets you wound up."

Berbert does, indeed, get wound up on the subject. "Look at this," he said, pointing at a World War II poster on the wall. "Grow Hemp for the War" That was a billion dollar crop, the only billion dollar crop this country's ever had. It's a part of our history, a part of our heritage. Our farmers, right now, are losing their land to the bank because they're now able to grow enough yield to pay for their farms. If they were allowed to grow hemp, they would have that yield. Hemp is currently selling for a yard. Why can't we produce what? That's the message I'm trying to push."

Hemp must now be imported from Europe and China.

Enchanted Planet sells a variety of hemp shirts, shoes, hats, ropes, cords, and ropes, as well as a selection of literature on hemp.

Classic car revived for '90s drivers

□ Terry Box/CPS

Almost 30 years ago, a stubby little German sedan with no power, no pizzazz and a bad heater somehow managed to attract more than 400,000 buyers in the United States and clutter its way into Americana.

The Volkswagen Beetle went from European oddity in the '50s to Love Bug in the '60s, and as it puttered along, "people developed a very deep affection for this simple machine," says Michael T. Marsden, dean of the school of arts and sciences at Northern Michigan University and a longtime observer of American car culture.

"From outcast to icon of great affection ... there's no other car in the country quite like it," Marsden says.

Until now, perhaps. Partly in an attempt to recapture some of the "emotion" the Beetle evoked, Volkswagen with great encouragement from its customers will begin selling the New Beetle in early 1998.

Like many of its devotees, the Beetle will be thicker, heavier and more substantial than it was 30 years ago. In addition, it will be built on a contemporary front-engine, front-wheel-drive platform derived from the current VW Golf, a total flip-flop of the old car's rear-engine, rear-wheel-drive configuration.

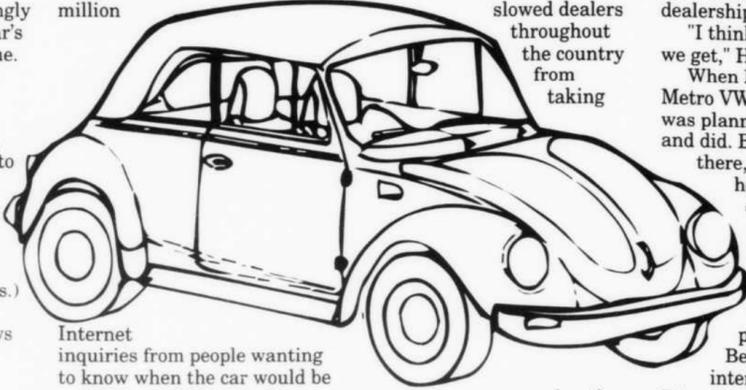
The car is "not a Beetle redo or Beetle update," VW spokesman Tony Fouldpour says. It will be a "thoroughly modern" car with air bags, air conditioning, automatic transmission and other late '90s amenities. At some point, it may even get a 200-horsepower V6 engine and all-wheel-drive, some industry observers say.

That sort of power and refinement was definitely not part of the VW package in 1968, the year Beetle sales peaked in the United

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States. The car's noisy air-cooled engine produced less than 50 horsepower, and it worked hard to push the Bug to its top speed of about 80 mph.
Despite the New Beetle's sophistication, the car strongly resembles its storied predecessor and has seemingly captured much of the old car's quirky, proletarian mystique.
The old Beetle, though underpowered and easily buffeted by a good gust of wind, was reasonably solid, utterly reliable and a snap to repair. It could run all day on a few gallons of gas. Best of all, it only cost about \$2,000 or a little more than \$1 a pound. (Or about \$9,200 in 1997 dollars.)

version of the New Beetle was displayed at Detroit's North American International Auto Show in January 1994, mostly as a design exercise to showcase VW's abilities.
During the last four years, VW officials say, the automaker has received thousands of letters and more than a million



"It was everything American cars weren't," says Marsden, who for years taught a course on the automobile and American culture. "It was small, economical, cheap, and it didn't have any chrome."
Those qualities apparently still hold some sway.
Consumers have besieged Volkswagen with questions ever since a concept-car

Internet inquiries from people wanting to know when the car would be available at VW dealerships and how much it would cost.
The intense interest sparked by the concept car essentially forced Volkswagen to produce the New Beetle, analysts say. The automaker had no such plans before the Detroit show.

The company has yet to establish a retail price for the car, but analysts estimate a typical New Beetle will cost \$17,000 to \$18,000. Also, the company has not decided on a final list of options, nor has it sent dealers official photos of the car.

"We don't even have order forms yet," Fouladpour said. But that hasn't slowed dealers throughout the country from taking

significant VW event in decades."
Even with all the unknowns about the New Beetle, five people have put deposits of \$500 each on the car, Hagestad said. At Central Volkswagen-Audi in Richardson, Texas, eight to 10 people have placed deposits of \$200 to \$1,000 each on the car, said Jack Harty, new-car sales manager at the dealership.

"I think we'll sell every one we get," Harty said.
When Mike Nix walked into Metro VW a few weeks ago, he was planning to buy a Jetta and did. But while he was there, he said, he couldn't help but notice the dealership's only photo of a New Beetle, a year-old poster shot of it at the Detroit show car. Ultimately, he put a deposit on a Beetle, which is intended for his wife, Dianne.

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The nostalgia of the whole thing just kind of overwhelmed me," said Nix, 46, owner of Nix Door and Hardware in Fort Worth, Texas, who also has a 1997 Corvette and a big Ford pickup and has owned several hot rods.

"We're getting 20 calls a day," said Brad Hagestad, sales manager of Metro VW in Irving, Texas. "We're getting the new Passat in '98, too, and that's a very big deal, but the Beetle is probably the most

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TENNIS RANKINGS

The men's tennis team was ranked 17th in the nation in the most recent ITA preseason collegiate rankings.

"It says a lot about our program," head coach Dale Short said. "[The ranking] is indicative of the overall strength of the team."

Leading the way for the Blue Raiders was Anthony DeLouise, who was 27th in both singles and doubles. DeLouise's high doubles ranking was based on his past doubles performance.

"In Anthony, we have one of the elite players in collegiate tennis returning," Short said. "His current ranking is hindered by the back injury he suffered last season that brought him down a notch."

Last year the Blue Raiders were ranked as high as 4th before finishing the season 17th.

BIG BLUE CARAVAN

Supporters of the Blue Raider football team may show their spirit by taking part in the Big Blue Caravan prior to the Raiders' first home game Saturday, Sept. 27.

The caravan will start in the Walmart parking lot on Old Fort Parkway at 10 a.m. There will also be a caravan on Oct. 25 and Nov. 8.

Anyone interested in participating may contact Diane J. Stockard at 904-8115 for more information on the route.

FAMILY DAY

Family Day will be celebrated as part of the Blue Raiders' first home football game Saturday, Sept. 27 against Murray State.

Sign-in will take place from 1-2:15 p.m. at the Recreation Center followed by a residence hall open house from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Cook-out will take place at 5 p.m. at the Intramural Fields near the Rec Center. There will be a pep rally at 6 p.m. The game starts at 7 p.m.

The fee is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Registration forms must be received by Sept. 22 and may be obtained by calling 898-5533.

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Raider volleyball team may very well have found their offensive groove.

For the first time this season the Raiders have won two matches in a row and three of their last four. The Raiders downed both Western Illinois and Saint Louis University at the St. Louis Tournament Saturday.

The win, in five sets, prevented Saint Louis coach Marilyn Nolen from earning her 700th career win.

Tara Miller's 15 kills against Western moved her into fifth place on the Raiders all time career list with 858.

RUGBY

The MTSU men's and women's rugby teams are still welcoming new players. No experience is needed to participate.

Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-8 p.m. This season over 50 men and 30 women are already a part of the teams. The women's team is in its second year.

For more information contact Wes Barnes or Todd Shorter at 849-4073.

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

The Lady Raider softball team will hold tryouts for their upcoming season, which begins Feb. 21 against Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

Interested women may contact head coach Karen Green at 898-5018.

FOOTBALL

The Blue Raiders kick off their home schedule against Murray State at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. This year's homecoming game is scheduled for Oct. 4 against Jacksonville State. Home games are also scheduled for Oct. 25 and Nov. 8. Anyone with a current Student ID will be admitted free to all home games. Tickets are \$12. Guest tickets are \$6.



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Canadian pals team up with MT

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Six months ago, Eric Kiauka thought his chance of landing a scholarship in the United States had slipped through his hands.

After a solid career on both the cross country and track teams at West Vancouver High School, Kiauka began to experience excruciating pain in his leg every time he bent his knee.

The pain, which mostly affected his hamstring, was the result of an injury he received playing soccer several years before.

"I was prepared to take a year off and try for a scholarship next year," Kiauka said.

Luckily for Kiauka he was referred to a stretch therapist, who worked with him twice a week for four months on loosening up the muscles in his leg.

While Kiauka worked at getting himself back into condition, his high school teammate, Dave Milne, was being recruited by Blue Raider cross country and track coach Dean Hayes.

Hayes had originally showed interest in another Vancouver runner but was eventually led to the talents of Milne as well.

After a recruiting visit to MTSU, Milne was convinced that this was where he wanted to go. However, the other runner chose instead to attend Seton Hall.

"I got to see the school so that was a big thing. I wanted a track on campus and I was looking for a bigger university away from home," Milne said.

So with his friend headed to New York and Hayes wanting to bring in

two new runners, Milne showed him a tape of Kiauka at a cross country meet.

"Things just happened," Kiauka said. "I guess I was meant to come here."

Since arriving in Middle Tennessee the future of both the cross country and track teams look good.

Kiauka, just a freshman, has made an immediate impact on the cross country team. Saturday at the Vanderbilt Invitational, he finished 14th overall in a field of over 200 runners from nearly 30 schools.

"I try to get the most out of every race," Kiauka said.

However, his biggest attribute has yet to even be tapped. Kiauka is expected to perform as a solid middle distance runner later this year in both the indoor and outdoor track seasons.

Unfortunately, Milne hasn't yet been able to run in a meet but is expected to make his return to the cross country team Oct. 11 at the Austin Peay Invitational.

Milne began to experience a pain in his foot in August when he returned to Vancouver to participate in the Canada Games as part of the British Columbia team.

In trying to keep himself in shape for his return, Milne has been biking and swimming for an hour twice a day at the Recreation Center.

While Milne has yet to participate he has picked up on one trait he likes in a Hayes-coached team.

"What I've learned is that it's a team atmosphere and it hasn't been like that for me before," Milne said. "I like that."

"It's nice to have your teammates congratulate you. I like cheering for great people."

For Kiauka, it's been the team atmosphere and Hayes that have pushed him along in improving his base and endurance.

"That's a big reason I came here.

Coach Hayes is known around the world as being a great coach," Kiauka said.

Milne added, "I was guaranteed by my coach back home that if I came here and ran for coach Hayes in four years I'd be a much better runner than I am now."

Cross country finishes strong

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Once again the youthful Blue Raider cross country team showed a great deal of promise.

Several Raiders finished near the top at Percy Werner Park in the Vanderbilt Invitational Saturday.

Nearly 30 schools participated in the event which had over 200 runners in the men's and women's race.

Eric Kiauka was the top finisher for the Raiders placing 14th overall and 9th among NCAA Division 1 runners with a time of 26:59.

"This was a good field for him to run in," said head coach Dean Hayes of the field which included Eastern Kentucky, who are favored to win the Ohio Valley Conference.

"He has good leg speed and he really is tough mentally."

Kiauka's mental toughness allowed him to fight through a leg cramp he felt about two kilometers into the five-mile course.

Stuart Ellington won the men's meet by setting a course record with a time of 25:18. Eastern Kentucky was the top team finisher in the men's bracket with three of the top 12 finishers.

"The biggest thing is to get the

distance runners like Eric and Dave, whenever he comes back, ready for the track season. That's really the main for us," Hayes said. "We haven't really pushed this too much."

Despite not emphasizing the cross country season Kiauka is in a position to potentially advance onto the NCAA regional meet if he can maintain his current progress and finish with a good time at the OVC meet.

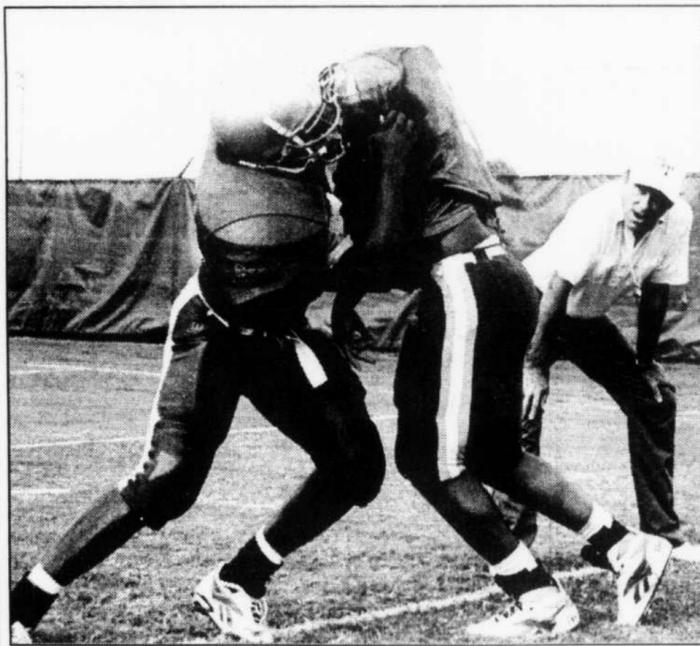
"He's really starting to get his confidence that he can run with these people," Hayes said. "This is about as good of a field as he'll run in all year."

Freshman Kapreia Kirk was the top Raider finisher for the women overall again as well. Kirk came in 42nd overall and 34th among division 1 runners with a time of 20:09.

"The biggest thing for her is that in high school, she's from Illinois, they run two miles where this is three and a third," Hayes explained. "She's still trying to figure out what she can do."

"She had good finish but really her event is the 800 meters and the 1,500 meters also (indoor and outdoor track). The fact is she's really a middle distance runner, they all are. So anything we get out of them in cross country is just a bonus."

Roughing it up



Steve Purinton/staff

Jeff Collier and Terrell Neismith practice for Saturday's game against Murray State.

Soccer shuts out Montevallo

□ Matthew Pabreza/staff

Despite not playing up to standards, the Lady Raider soccer team managed to escape with their second win in a row Saturday.

The Lady Raiders moved to 3-1-1 as they shutout the University of Montevallo 4-0 in a non-conference game played at Riverdale High School.

"Overall, I didn't think it was a very pretty game," head coach Colette Gilligan said.

MTSU controlled the ball offensively and had the Falcons on the defensive for much of the first half. The Raiders got on the board early with an unassisted goal by Mackey Habisreitinger. Habisreitinger's goal at the 4:24 mark was the first of her collegiate career.

Midfielder Morgan Guoan added another goal off a rainbow shot from 30 yards out which put the Raiders up 2-0 at the 12:50 mark just before the half.

"The goals coming early definitely did help us," Gilligan said.

Montevallo held tough but was outplayed by the hustle of defenders Tori Martin and Yolanda Henderson. Each time the Falcons had a chance to generate some offense, Martin and Henderson were able to cut the threat off near midfield.

On the offensive end, Makini Wall, Molly Walroth and Kenya Hickey helped lead the scoring attack for the Raiders. Chrissy Payne almost made the score 3-0 with a 20-yard shot that was snagged by the Falcon keeper. However, she did manage to score her first goal of the year later in the half.

Guoan attempted another goal from about the same place as her first one, only to have it deflected off a Montevallo defender near the end of the first half.

Unfortunately, the same Raider team didn't show up in the second half.

Montevallo out hustled and outplayed the Raiders despite giving up two goals. But the play of Raider goalkeeper Jennifer Robb kept MTSU in the game.

Robb made a sliding save midway through the second half to deny a breakthrough opportunity for the Falcons. It was the second shutout she has recorded this season since taking over the position from Martin, who moved out into the field.

Liz Driscoll and Sherri Witt tried to provide the offensive Montevallo needed but just couldn't break down the Raider defense. Witt had two shots on goal that both sailed high.

Shannon Broadwell's breakaway goal at the 26:00 mark put the game away for good.

Ancient therapies gaining acceptance as alternatives

Stay Fit

Jennie Treadway



A new wave of medicine is on the rise, even though it has been around for thousands of years. Therapeutic medicine (also known as alternative, integrative or complimentary medicine) comes from Asian practices and other ancient eastern philosophies that have healed people of various illnesses for centuries.

Sometimes considered unscientific or useless by the traditional medical community, alternative medicine has proven to be quite helpful and almost curative for illnesses like cancer, heart disease, menopause and arthritis. After chemotherapy and pharmaceutical drug therapy, over half of cancer victims this year had a higher rate of recovery and fewer doctor visits by choosing to participate in regular complimentary therapy.

Alternative medicine emphasizes the importance of self-care, stress management and understanding how the body can heal itself. Rushing to the doctor for every illness can be a waste of worry, time and money. Although the medical community is essential for treatment of various diseases or disorders, the aftermath of traditional care can include a lifetime of hospital visits and prescription drugs.

Another benefit is that insurance companies are beginning to recognize alternative therapy as an advantage to the healing process and include it in their coverage policies. If chiropractic care for a car accident victim prevents the need for surgery or expensive drugs, then both the patient and the insurance company save money.

A number of US medical schools, including Harvard, are offering classes in therapeutic medicine since its popularity and success is growing. Specialty schools are also popping up, such as chiropractic care and therapeutic massage, around major cities and some smaller communities. Students can get certified for integrative medical care, which is something to look for when visiting a physician for the first time.

There seems to be no limit on the range of diseases or illnesses that alternative medicine can help. Menopausal women say yoga aids in relaxation and easing anxiety. AIDS patients have also been known to attend regular acupuncture or

massage sessions to soothe pain and relieve the stress brought on by the disease. Those with severe allergies can find relief in many herbal therapies, while chiropractic care can help people with tension or migraine headaches.

Other common problems include sleep disorders, pelvic and back pain, eating disorders, weight loss, anxiety attacks, excessive stress, follow-up care on fractures or broken bones and insomnia, just to name a few.

Before dashing to the herbalist or family physician to cure your aches and pains, examine your lifestyle to see if there are any self-care techniques you can utilize. Change your diet by including more grains, fruits and vegetables. Exercise regularly and get plenty of rest. Learn to manage stress by not taking on more than you can handle. Take time out for things you enjoy. Learn more about your body and its daily needs.

However, if alternative medicine appears to be the best choice, then do your research. Talk to your family doctor and learn about the therapeutic choices out there. Do what is best for your body and mind.

Here's a list of some popular alternative therapies.

Chiropractic: This emphasizes the correlation between the spine and spinal cord to the rest of the body. Physicians focus on the manipulation of the spine and readjustment of spinal disks to relieve most bodily pain and stimulate the immune system.

Acupuncture: Tiny needles are placed at various spots on the body to relieve pain and treat various diseases. This process is painless.

Acupressure: The specialist uses his or her thumbs and fingers to apply pressure to areas of the body to relieve pain and increase the blood flow.

Homeopathy: This encompasses the use of very small doses of pharmaceutical drugs in combination with a healthy lifestyle.

Therapeutic Massage: By focusing on pressure points, a masseuse will use his or her own strength to apply pressure to the muscles and joints of the body to initiate increased blood flow, reduced stress, muscle relaxation and the release of tension.

Yoga: From Hindu tradition, yoga is a form of exercise in which posture, controlled diaphragmatic breathing and meditation are performed to release stress, increase flexibility (which can prevent injury) and instigate feelings of contentment.



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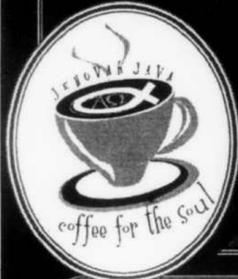
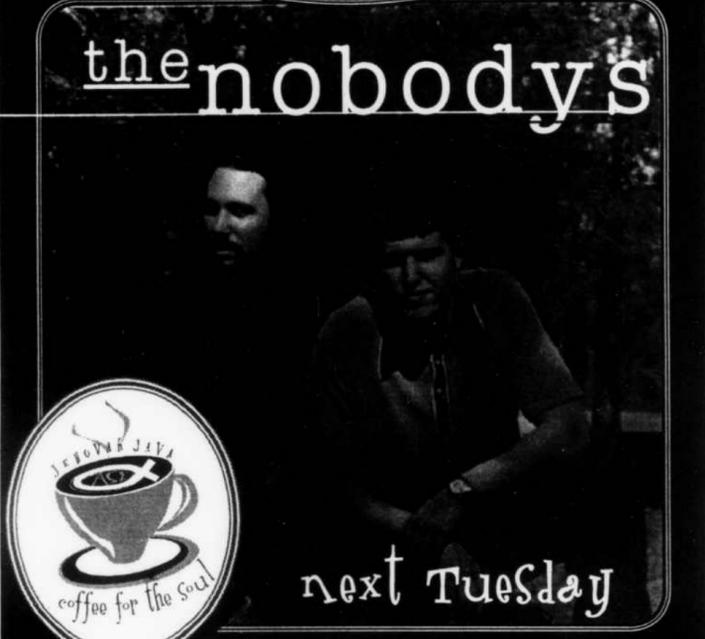
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