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Housing renovations estimated at \$30 million

□ Susan McMahan/news editor

The housing department has learned the estimated cost of renovating MTSU's dorms thanks to a recent audit by a Nashville architect.

MTSU can expect to make almost \$30 million in repairs to update the 22 dorms on campus, according to Debra Sells, director of Housing and Residence Life.

Stephen Rick, an architect at Street Dixon Rick, walked through all of the buildings on campus to evaluate what repairs would need to be made to the buildings to prepare for the next 20 years.

Rick said he examined the mechanical and electrical systems in the buildings to determine their condition.

The buildings have some code and safety related items and need general updating.

He said the main problem with the buildings is that they need to be "more up to today's standards."

Most of the buildings, because of their age, are not easily accessible by disabled students, Rick said.

The last dorms built on campus were Ezell and Abernathy Halls in 1973.

Sells said that most of the dorms are the result of federal money given to the university at the time the dorms were built.

She added that many other universities also received this money and used it to build dorms, which is why many housing departments across

the country, including MTSU, are having to update dorms.

"I don't think we were surprised by the outcome," said Sells. "Certainly, we wish it was less."

Sells and Rick will meet today with Facilities Services to determine the condition of the buildings' heating and plumbing systems.

They will also meet with Patti Miller, director of campus planning, to establish a plan for making the repairs.

"It's going to be a process to prioritize all this," said Rick.

The work on the project began earlier this year. Rick said the surveying portion is completed, but the report won't be completed until after the meetings.

Sells said that the work on the

building will be done in three to five year periods, and that the most timely work will be done first.

"Not all of the work is an immediate crisis item," Sells said. "We looked at the buildings that exist today to see what's needed for the next 20 years."

She said the work on the dorms will never really be complete because there are some things, like a bad wind storm that destroys a roof, that can't be planned for or prevented.

Sells said the most critical work will be comfort and safety problems. After that work is completed, Sells said that work will begin on "fun and decorating."

To pay for the initial work to be done on the dorms, Sells said she hopes to borrow about \$6 million.

The bond will be repaid with student fees. Housing is an auxiliary agency of the university, like Aramark and Phillips Bookstore, which means that they do not receive money from the university's capital budget.

Sells said the renovations will be a balancing act with the upcoming construction of a new dorm, which will be a "garden-style" apartment and will hold 400 students.

The dorm will be located in the equestrian site near the recreation center.

Sells said that the department did not want to put all the money in the new dorm project.

"Everybody would like to live in the Taj Mahal, but there's a price to live in the Taj Mahal," Sells said.

Picnic has students and alumni spinning

Officials say President's picnic a large success

□ Celeste Lydia Castillo/staff

President Walker and Mrs. Walker welcomed students onto their family lawn last week.

The President's picnic was held Tuesday, Aug. 19, welcoming new students and alumni onto campus for a visit and celebration.

Director of Student Unions and Programming Harold Smith said "a large time was had by all."

There were festivities such as live entertainment, games and free food.

The live entertainment included the steel drum band Island Wave, directed by Lalo Davila, assistant professor of music who teaches percussion classes at MTSU. The Island Wave, which has played at the picnic for the last three years, consists of MTSU students and alumni.

The MTSU band of Blue also performed around 6 p.m.

Bill Fry, a comedian, juggler and roving artist entertained the crowd with his act, continuing his tradition of performing at the picnic since the beginning of the Walker administration.

Aramark Food Services graciously provided the food for the large turnout.

Mimi Thomas, assistant director of Student Unions and Programming, gives "hats off to Aramark for standing over the grills."

This year's picnic was organized by the President's office, the Student Programming office, with publicity by Customs and Gina Poff.



Celeste Castillo/staff

A student enjoys the gyro ride at the President's Picnic last Tuesday afternoon. The annual event is held on Dr. Walker's lawn.

Thomas was excited that this was one of the first opportunities for the new students to see some of

MTSU's talented students and alumni.

"We enjoyed working with the

President's office," she said, "and are looking forward to it next year."

Students can't get into dorms, 26 sleep in hotel

□ Susan McMahan/news editor

With MTSU's enrollment at an all time peak, Housing and Residence Life is trying to accommodate a record number of students into campus housing.

This year, students who applied late for campus housing were either placed into the Ramada Inn or put on the waiting list to get a dorm.

Debra Sells, director of Housing and Residence Life, said the students who were put on the waiting list did not want to stay in the hotel.

According to Sells, the 26 students who were placed in the hotel should be moved out by the beginning of this week.

After the students move out of the hotel, they will be moved into on campus overflow housing, followed by the students on the waiting list.

Sells said housing booked 120 rooms as overflow housing. This year, all students in overflow rooms will be late applicants.

When the students applied for housing, they were notified that they would be placed in overflow housing.

In years past, overflow students were placed with two students who had applied earlier for housing.

"This year, all three people [in overflow housing rooms] were people who applied late," said Sells. "It seemed like a more fair way to do it."

Sells said the reason students had to wait to be moved on campus is because they had to wait until after the check-in deadline for dorms last Tuesday.

The housing department had to check to see if students who had applied for a dorm and did not check in were still registered for classes.

The dorms reserved for students who are no longer registered for classes will be used for overflow students.

Sells said to prevent more students from registering for dorms but changing their minds about living on campus, the registration fee was raised from \$50 to \$200.

In addition to the deposit, students have to sign a license agreement to live on campus for both the fall and spring semesters. Students can break the agreement if they chose to move off campus before the end of the school year, but they will lose the \$200 deposit.

In the past, Sells said that a percentage of students would reserve a spot in the dorms in case they decided not to live on campus.

"That's why the deposit is serious," said Sells. "It was unfair because it made a difference to know whether to turn people away or put more people in overflow."

Students who applied late for housing and did not want to live in the hotel were responsible for finding their own place to stay until they could move into overflow housing.

One freshman who was placed on the overflow housing waiting list and decided not to live in the hotel opted for temporary boarding at Woodfin Funeral Home, located on North Tennessee Boulevard across from the Murphy Center.

According to Jerry Lowery, who

Alpha Kappa Alpha suspended one year for hazing

□ Gregg Mayer/managing editor

For the second time in as many years, a Greek organization has been suspended from the university for hazing violations.

The Eta Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) sorority was suspended last Spring after members admitted to at least 11 violations of the university's policy on hazing. AKA will be inactive for a year and then on probation for three semesters after that—fulfilling several requisite conditions such as community service during its probationary period—as it begins the slow road back to becoming a student organization. No individual students have been suspended, only the organization.

"I believe MTSU acted fairly," said Associate Dean of Student Life Rodney Bennett, who interviewed the sorority members, found them guilty of hazing, and applied the sanctions. "I stand behind what we did 100 percent."

"Hazing has no place on this campus."

Bennett, who was recently replaced from his four-year stint as judicial officer by Gene Fitch, explained that four AKA members, and two non-MTSU AKA members, acted "inappropriately" during the Intake process of eight candidates.

The Intake process lasts from one week to ten days, usually, but the Eta Psi Chapter had extended it to an indefinite time well beyond that.

In addition, the sorority members made the candidates wear blindfolds (black knee high stockings and a sanitary pad), wear specific clothes (an "inappropriate" dress code), and do calisthenics, all of which were presumably preparatory to the Fall Step Show in which AKA has been a past winner.

Candidates may not be subjected to such physical requirements, Bennett said, explaining that the national organization of AKA Inc. has no such requirements.

Members also required candidates to learn the Greek alphabet "inappropriately," to take "inappropriate" quizzes, and to greet the active members with specific words like, "Greetings Big Sister Dark and Lovely," Bennett writes in a filed memorandum about the incident.

"If left alone," Bennett said, "[hazing] doesn't go away—it

increases. We were fortunate that no one was injured—no one was mentally affected."

For the next year, AKA "doesn't exist," said Victor Felts, director of Greek Life. In fact, he has already deleted all files about AKA in his computer, and the organization will have to completely reapply next summer when it will be on probation.

Upon their return to campus, AKA members have several conditions they will have to fulfill in order to become a student organization again.

By the Fall 1998 semester, AKA will have to host a convocation for members of the United Greek Council, Panhellenic Council and Inter-fraternity Council.

A convocation topic—like rape prevention or alcohol abuse—must be approved by Felts.

AKA members must complete 50 hours of community service and have it approved by Felts. And all activities during the next Intake will have to be detailed to and approved by Felts and Bennett.

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--Rodney Bennett, Associate Dean of Student Life**

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Largest freshman class ever also considered brightest

□ Bryan Brooks/staff

The incoming freshmen class is not only the largest in school history, but with a healthy ACT average and 118 Presidential Scholars, is also considered the brightest.

The freshmen class average for the ACT national entrance exam was just under 22, which is above the state and national averages. While state and national averages have declined for the past two years, MTSU's entering freshmen ACT average has continued to climb.

The number of freshmen Presidential Scholars on campus has also climbed for the past two years, said Linda Puckett, associate director of Admissions. This year the number increased by six to a total of 118.

These students scored 29 or better on the ACT and earned a 3.5 high school GPA, qualifying them for admission to any school in the nation.

Leo Sieben, a Presidential Scholar and RIM major from Memphis, said he chose MTSU because he heard good things about the school "through word of mouth." Jennifer Kisgen, another Presidential Scholar and a Biology major, said the

nice attitude of the faculty was the deciding factor.

MTSU also ranked as the top college choice in a survey of midstate high school valedictorians and salutatorians in the class of 1997.

Twelve percent of the top 162 graduating seniors surveyed at the time said they would attend MTSU this fall. The survey was done in June by the Tennessee and included 94 percent of the valedictorians and salutatorians in the 10-county Middle Tennessee region.

The University of Tennessee ranked second with 9 percent, and Vanderbilt ranked third with 8 percent.

Ten Presidential Scholars were also recipients of the Buchanan Scholarship. The Buchanan Scholarship was named in honor of James M. Buchanan and recognizes one of the most distinguished alumni. Buchanan graduated from MTSU with a BS in 1940 and received the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1986. These students were chosen by a committee of MTSU faculty, with selection based on reference letters, resumes, and an essay on a selected topic.



Steve Purinton/staff
 A member of MTSU's Public Safety practices his putting skills at the President's Picnic last Tuesday afternoon on campus.

Relax & Ride offers driving alternative for commuters

□ Staff reports

For two years now, it seems like parking on campus has been everybody's favorite MTSU soapbox. While the situation is no better this semester than it was last spring, the Relax & Ride (R&R) commuter bus system offers some MTSU students an alternative to driving around in circles searching for a parking space.

R&R was started nearly a year ago by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The overall route and times were designed to meet the needs of Rutherford County commuters working in downtown Nashville and MTSU students, faculty and staff living north of campus.

The R&R route travels from MTSU through Rutherford County along the New Nashville Highway/Murfreesboro Road. Continuing past the Davidson County line, the route enters I-40 at Briley Parkway en route to downtown Nashville. In Nashville, the R&R stops at regular Metro Transit Authority (MTA) points.

Riders can catch the bus in Rutherford County at any blue R&R sign. The main bus stop for MTSU students is behind the James Union Building on campus while there are at least a dozen stops along Murfreesboro Road. Riders can also flag down the bus

anywhere along the route. Beyer said that the most convenient place to flag down a bus is on a street corner before a traffic light.

For interested Rutherford County commuters, park-and-ride lots are located at the Smyrna Kmart shopping center located on Lowery Street, LaVergne Food Lion, and the Edge-of-Lake Plaza Kmart in Antioch. While Murfreesboro does not currently have a designated park-and-ride lot, the RTA is working on securing one for the future. In the meantime, Eric C. Beyer of the RTA suggested checking with local businesses and churches for possible parking permission when riding the bus.

MTSU students, faculty and staff can purchase a reduced 20-trip punch ticket on campus for \$20 at the Cope Administration Information Booth or the Parking Office. For each individual bus ride, ExpressPlus fare is \$2 one-way for service between Murfreesboro/Smyrna and Nashville while Express fare is \$1.80 one-way for service between Sam Ridley Parkway/Nashville and all trips within Rutherford County. Single passenger trips are paid on board the bus with exact change.

Interested persons can pick up a printed schedule of the route and the time it runs in Cope or the Parking Office. For more information, call the RTA at (615) 862-8833.

On Campus



Monday, August 25

Open Library Instruction classes will be held from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Todd Library, room 111. Topics include "Searching the Online Catalog," "Searching the Expanded Academic Index," and "Searching library CD-ROM databases." See schedules in the library for specific times, or call 898-2817.

Tuesday, August 26

The debate team will hold an Open House today. For more information contact Russell Church at 898-2739 or 898-5607.

Open Library Instruction classes will be held from 8:15 a.m. until 5:50 p.m. in Todd Library, room 111. Topics include "Searching the Online Catalog," "Searching the Expanded Academic Index," and "Searching library CD-ROM databases." See schedules in the library for specific times, or call 898-2817.

Wednesday, August 27

Open Library Instruction classes will be held from 11 a.m. until 5:50 p.m. in Todd Library, room 111. Topics include "Searching the Online Catalog," "Searching the Expanded Academic Index," and "Searching library CD-ROM databases." See

schedules in the library for specific times, or call 898-2817.

Thursday, August 28

Open Library Instruction classes will be held from 8:15 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. in Todd Library, room 111. Topics include "Searching the Online Catalog," "Searching the Expanded Academic Index," and "Searching library CD-ROM databases." See schedules in the library for specific times, or call 898-2817.

Gamma Iota Sigma will hold their first meeting of the semester at 1:30 p.m. in room S334 of the Business and Aerospace Building. For more information, contact Martha Stroud at 898-4344.

SGA Traffic Court will hold a general interest and recruitment meeting at 6 p.m. in KUC Room 324. Any student interested in serving on the Court of Traffic Appeals should attend this meeting. The selection process for the court will begin at this meeting. For more information, contact Jeff Beaumont at 898-2464.

The College Democrats will hold their first meeting of the semester at 6:30 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 227. Pizza and drinks will be provided and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Pam Arnold at 898-4534.

WVU.: No. 1 Party School

□ College Press Service

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—Debauchery reigns at West Virginia University.

Well, that's according to an annual student survey by Princeton Review, which recently gave WVU the nod as the No. 1 party school in the country.

The distinction—which often endears students but dismays faculty—is based on the popularity of alcohol, drugs, the Greek system and, last but not least, studying on campus.

"School isn't taken very seriously here," an anonymous WVU junior told the Princeton Review. The test-preparation company based their rankings on a survey of 56,000 college students.

"Drinking is a way of life," another reported.

WVU, nestled in the Appalachian hills, knocked out last year's party school, Florida State University, from the top spot.

Behind WVU were University of Wisconsin at Madison, State University of New York-Albany, University of Colorado at Boulder and Trinity College in Hartford,

Conn. Rounding out the top 10 list was Florida State, Emory University, the University of Kansas, the University of Vermont, and Louisiana State University.

As part of its annual survey, the Princeton Review polled 56,000 students and ranked colleges in 61 other categories as well.

The vote for No.1 "Stone Cold Sober School" went to California Institute of Technology, where campus life is described as "Sleep, study, socialize: Pick two," according to the Princeton Review.

Other categories included:

- Best food: Deep Springs College in California.
- Future Rotarians: U.S. Naval Academy.
- Dorms like palaces: Randolph-Macon Woman's College.
- Worst dorms: Tuskegee University.
- Happy students: Washington and Lee University.
- Students never stop studying: Princeton University.
- Student almost never study: University of Missouri at Columbia.
- Best quality of life: University of Richmond.
- Jock school: Wabash College.

Report: Harvard and Princeton named best private universities

□ Reuters News Service

NEW YORK—U.S. News & World Report ranks Harvard and Princeton as the top private universities in the United States.

The University of Virginia was listed as the top public university, followed by the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Swarthmore earned an A for being the top national liberal arts college with three Massachusetts schools—Amherst, Wellesley and Williams—and Pomona rounding out the top five.

Key criteria include the school's acceptance and graduation rates and the number of classes with fewer than 20 students.

The magazine survey indicates 70 percent of students are accepted by their first-choice schools.

The poll also found that students drink 4 million cans of

beer annually, perhaps to help them deal with the \$13,788 they owe, the average undergraduate indebtedness at graduation.

The magazine sends questionnaires, which comprise 75 percent of the ranking formula, to an estimated 1,400 accredited schools.

The surveys are cross-checked with data collected from other sources, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association and Moody's Investors Service.

For schools that fail to return the polls or answer all the questions, U.S. News & World Report uses comparable data from the U.S. Department of Education, the Council for Aid to Education and others.

The remaining 25 percent of the formula is based on a reputational survey, sent to the president, provost and dean of admissions at each institution.

They are asked to place the schools in the same category in one of four quartiles.

Heart Walk '97



Steve Purinton/staff

Eddie Dorris, a senior math major, speaks at the kickoff of MTSU's Heart Walk last Thursday in the JUB. Dorris underwent a heart transplant in May of this year. The Heart Walk will take place Sept. 28.

Colleges ask: Where are the guys?

College Press Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C.— In her search for the perfect college, Maggie Trees visited three campuses last spring. When she arrived on the final campus, UNC Chapel Hill, it took only minutes to make up her mind.

"This is it," she told her mom. She enrolled last week.

In the process, Trees became part of a quiet revolution that has, in less than a single generation, transformed American higher education.

Twenty-five years ago, in 1972, Title IX outlawed sex discrimination in education and opened doors for women on college campuses across America.

But few people expected what happened next: The number of women attending college eclipsed the number of men.

Today, women make up more than 55 percent of the nation's undergraduate enrollment. At Chapel Hill, it's 60 percent.

As classes begin this month, a growing gender gap on some campuses, particularly at private liberal arts colleges, has spurred a new debate.

Should schools lower standards for men or recruit more so they can keep their male-female ratios nearly equal?

"The college people call me from time to time and say, 'What's going on here? Do we have to have some affirmative action for men to achieve gender balance?'" says Thomas Mortenson, a higher-education policy analyst based in Iowa.

Explanations for the

disappearing-male phenomenon vary.

Though boys outnumber girls nationally, some educators suggest fewer males attend college because it's still easier for them to earn a decent wage without a college education.

Some think maturity plays a role. "I think there's some evidence... that the 13- to 16-year-old female is probably some more mature than the early teen male," says Bill Starling, Wake Forest University's director of admissions and financial aid.

As entering UNC freshman Bridgett Williams of Rock Hill, S.C., puts it: "It's just like girls are more focused or something."

But some experts believe the lower numbers of college men illustrate a crisis facing American men and boys. While they acknowledge men still control a disproportionate share of power in society, they also point to the soaring numbers of boys found to have learning and behavioral problems and the growing population of young men behind bars.

These troubling trends reflect male anxiety over the evolving role of men in society, some experts say.

"The plate tectonics of gender are shifting under our feet, and we're seeing the eruptions of psychic earthquakes," says Barney Brawner, co-director of the Harvard Project on Women's Psychology, Boys' Development and the Culture of Manhood.

Enrollment changes at UNC dramatize recent shifts in the nation's gender roles.

In the mid-1960s, Trees' mother, Lois Whisnant, didn't even bother applying to Chapel Hill, because she knew the school accepted few female

freshman. Like many women, she went to school elsewhere and transferred to UNC as a junior.

As a student, it never occurred to her that UNC's admissions policy discriminated against her. "It actually didn't hit me till later," says Whisnant, who lives near Shelby, N.C. "That really shows a change in times, doesn't it?"

The 1972 passage of Title IX signaled the end of discriminatory admissions policies at UNC and most public colleges. That year, women made up 38.7 percent of UNC's undergraduates.

Just five years later, in 1977, women became the majority. A year later, they became the majority nationally. By 1992, UNC's female undergraduate enrollment hit 60 percent.

As female numbers grew in the '80s, some UNC trustees worried about the imbalance. One suggested "an affirmative action plan for men."

But because UNC is public, it can't use gender as a factor in admissions. Today, many UNC students know women outnumber men, but say it's not a major issue.

"I think it's fair," says incoming freshman Miller Jones, who graduated from Charlotte, N.C., Providence High School. "Now we know how it feels to be in the minority."

Says Trees: "It doesn't matter. I don't have an opinion either way on it."

In fact, women are the majority on most Carolinas campuses. Among North Carolina's public universities,

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5:00 - 6:00pm Step Aerobics	4:45 - 5:45pm Muscle Toning	5:00 - 6:00pm Step Aerobics	4:45 - 5:45pm Muscle Toning	
6:15 - 7:15pm Slide & Tone	6:00 - 7:00pm Step Aerobics	6:15 - 7:15pm Slide & Tone	6:00 - 7:00pm Step Aerobics	
7:30 - 8:30pm TBC	7:15 - 8:15pm Super Step Aerobics	7:30 - 8:30pm TBC	7:15 - 8:15pm Super Step Aerobics	
		8:30 - 9:15pm Yoga		

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Breaking new ground



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Bob Parks, Facilities Subcommittee Chairman, from left, Tommy Hall, Walking Horse Owner's Association Executive Director, State Senator Andy Womack, former president of the MTSU Foundation, Charlie Myatt, Chairman of the Miller Trust Planning Committee, MTSU President James Walker, John Bragg, president of the MTSU Foundation, and Congressman Bart Gordon attend the groundbreaking of the \$22 million Tennessee Miller Horse Coliseum, located on Thompson Lane, on Aug. 9

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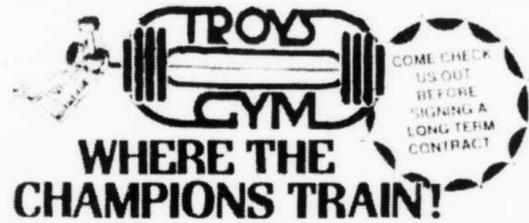
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Attendance policy changes for class dropout date

□ Staff reports

The federal government is now interested in the "unofficial" dropout date for students who receive financial aid but stop going to class.

According to a memorandum from the Records Office sent to all university faculty, professors are now required to record the last date that a student attend. class.

This date can be an exam date, tutorial session, project submission or many other dates, but the professor does not have to call attendance everyday, or any day for that matter.

The official university attendance policy—Policy III:00:02—states that roll call in the classroom is up to the professor's discretion.

"[Professors] will need to record a specific date (Example: 10/17/97) and a grade of 'F' for each of these ['unofficially' dropped] students," writes Sherian Huddleston, director of Records, in the memo.

She explains that this date can be recorded in numerous ways, not necessarily by roll call.

Huddleston notes that the new requirement is to comply with federal financial aid regulations.

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heads the student program at Woodfin, the funeral home has been taking in boarders since the 1950s. Woodfin hires four students at a time and provides them with living space for \$25 per week.

The freshman was told about an opening at Woodfin by his advisor. He had tried to find an apartment and a roommate, but nothing suitable was available.

"People think it's either cool or it's disgusting," he said, adding that his job duties include maintenance jobs like opening doors, mowing, and some light cleaning and picking up bodies.

Lowery, who lived in Woodfin himself during the 1960s, said that currently four students are working for Woodfin and three of them live there. He prefers that workers live in the funeral home because it is easier to respond to a call to pick up a body in the middle of the night.

The student said the funeral home is pretty liberal about rules. The only things forbidden are girls, alcohol and cigarettes, but there is no curfew.

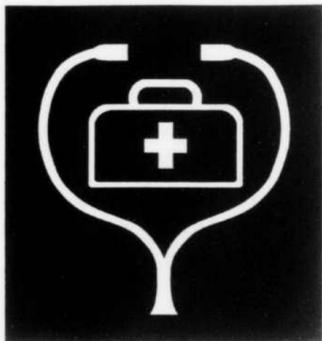
Lowery said that 95 percent of the students who work for Woodfin stay there for four years. All of the employees he has had in the past have been male although he does not discriminate against females applying.

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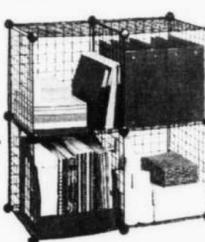
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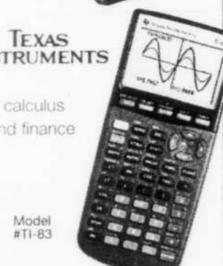
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Church bans student parking

□ Gregg Mayer/managing editor

Although not quite of the same magnitude as God kicking out Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, a church deacon has decided that students can no longer park in his church parking lot that used to provide quick, easy and free access to the university.

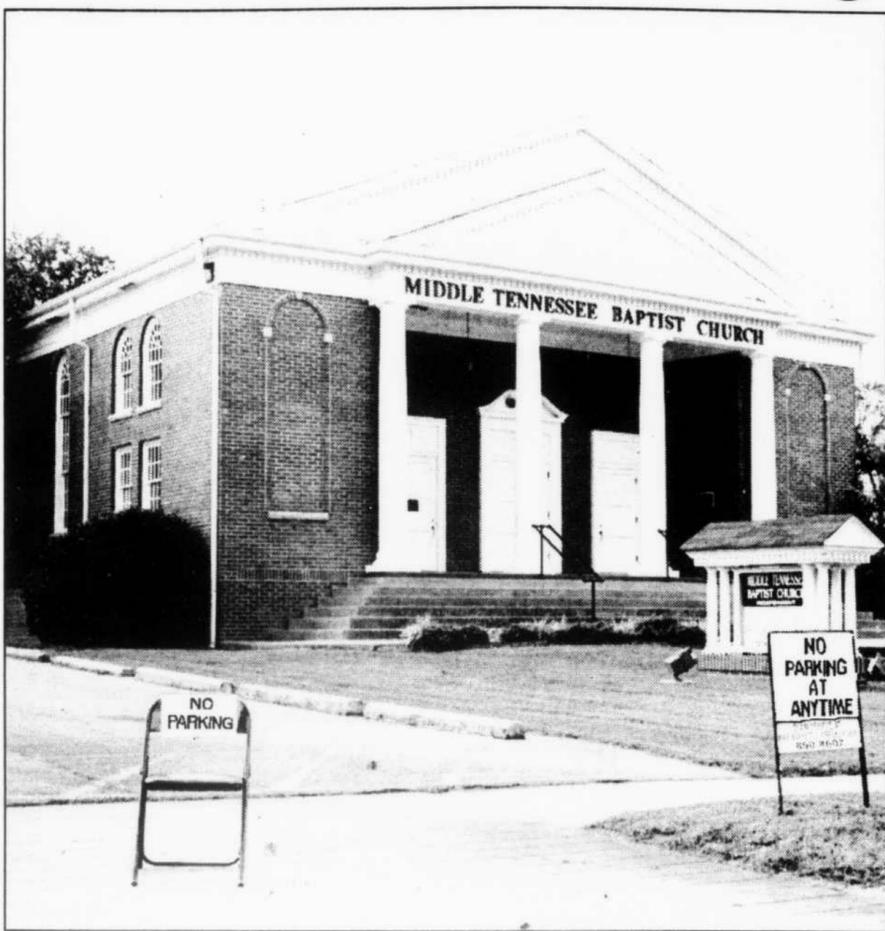
Tony Hudson, deacon of Middle Tennessee Baptist Church, 1805 New Lascassas Pike, said all cars not displaying a special church membership parking pass will be towed away. So far this week, seven students have had their cars towed, and Hudson estimated the numbers will continue to increase as school starts back up again. Up until this year, students have been able to park in the lot for free, subverting Parking Authority by not having to buy a campus permit.

"We wish we could keep it open," Hudson said, "but we would have to employ somebody just to keep it clean." Garbage, like cigarette butts and empty fast food bags, clutters the parking lot as students hurry from home to class and class to home. Hudson also said that families live in the two houses beside the church—which were previously empty—and have complained about late-night disturbances.

"It's not conducive to a church environment," Hudson said, citing loud music and squealing tires as frightening to some of the elderly churchgoers. About one-quarter of the church membership is elderly.

A third reason for closing the lot, Hudson explained, is students leaving their cars parked there overnight, sometimes for days, making it more crowded for regular churchgoers to find a place during the weekly services.

Children also play in the



Chad Gillis/staff

No parking signs are pictured in front of Middle Tennessee Baptist Church on Tennessee Boulevard. The church changed their previous parking policy that allowed parking in certain spaces from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. last week and is enforcing the new policy by having Barrett's Garage tow student cars for \$65.

lot, riding their bicycles, and Hudson and the other church deacons are afraid that a hurried driver might cause a serious accident.

"We want to be a service to the community," Hudson said, "but availability is one thing, abuse is another."

Parking Authority Director Charlotte Hunt said that the decision to close the lot is

entirely up to the church deacons since it is private property. She also said there are no plans to jointly work with the church to open the lot back up like Parking Authority does with St. Marks United Methodist Church, 1403 E. Main.

With St. Marks, Parking Authority agrees to ticket and maintain the lot, and the church allows students to park there.

Hunt said that since the university does not share land with Middle Tennessee Baptist Church, and since there is a surplus in perimeter parking, she doesn't foresee any joint effort anytime soon.

Barrett's Wrecker and Automotive Service charges students \$65 to recover their cars.

Women:

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for instance, only two of 16 enroll more men-- N.C. State University in Raleigh and the N.C. School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. At both schools, officials say traditionally male programs, such as engineering and agriculture at N.C. State and film and design and production at the School of the Arts, keep enrollment tipped in favor of men.

At some private campuses, though, admissions officials consider an applicant's gender to ensure a balanced male-female ratio. At Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C., for instance, undergraduate male applicants get slightly preferential treatment, Starling says. Davidson College also works to keep its enrollment 50-50. But some people question practices that can give male applicants an advantage over women.

"It's especially ironic these days, when affirmative action targeting minorities and women to help them overcome years of discrimination is under attack, that schools would feel free to make efforts to recruit white males who've never faced those kinds of barriers," says Marcia Greenberger, co-president of the National Women's Law Center.

"I would ask why is it when the (gender) balance was the opposite, it was acceptable? What does it mean about the value placed on women?" she says.

Still, the growing number of women worries some college officials, who argue that a balanced student body creates a better learning and social environment.

The Associated Colleges of the Midwest, a consortium of private schools that includes Beloit, Carleton and Colorado colleges, has even launched a study to find out why gender disparities at many of its schools exceed national

averages. Officials at those schools wonder if men dismiss liberal arts colleges because they don't see them as a practical route to jobs in engineering and business.

But some experts crave answers deeper than whether men are selecting one type of school over another. They want to know why so many men aren't choosing college at all. The trend seems curious. It runs counter to research that demonstrates teachers give boys more attention than girls and that women still face a chilly climate in some male-dominated programs, such as science and engineering.

But for the past two years, Harvard's Barney Brawer and Carol Gilligan have explored what Brawer calls "an extraordinary silent crisis of men and boys in our culture."

Consider that the violent crime rate in the United States is among the highest in the industrialized world. That the percentage of Americans in prison is among the world's highest. And that 94 percent of the nation's prisoners are men.

"What happens, we think, is that when large patterns of gender start to shift, these kinds of symptoms erupt," Brawer says.

Brawer also points to dramatic increases in the number of children found to have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The government estimates the disorder is diagnosed in about 5 percent of U.S. school-age children. Most are boys.

Sociologist Paul Friday, chairman of UNC Charlotte's criminal justice department, speculates societal differences in how we respond to boys and girls also affect their achievement.

"Social expectations are different. People make excuses for boys much more easily than they make excuses for girls," he says.

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Image isn't everything

Improving the university's image seems to be the reason behind the search for a new mascot.

Speculations are flying that a winged horse, or Pegasus (Hercules' flying horse), is the likely candidate.

Is there not enough already in the process of being changed without messing with the mascot? The construction alone is enough to keep us busy for the next several years.

While many universities' image lies in their mascot and athletic achievements, Florida Gators, Tennessee Volunteers, etc., the image of Middle Tennessee State University has been established through legendary academics.

If image is to be improved, continual development of the already established academic programs needs to be top priority. Several academic departments suffer from lack of funding, but funds exist for name and mascot changes.

It is no secret that we have some of the best academic programs in the country at MTSU, including the RIM, Aerospace and Nursing programs.

Will this image continue if money continues to be wasted on needless projects such as mascot changes? Once a new name and mascot have been installed, serious dollars will be needed to fund new advertising, athletic uniforms, change the signs, etc.

Money has already been spent on this image improving idea. A Logo and Mascot Committee was formed sometime ago and an outside firm was even called in.

If a new mascot is to be had, why not give the students more power by surveying their ideas? Many of them were not even aware we were looking for a mascot. It almost seems to be a secret.

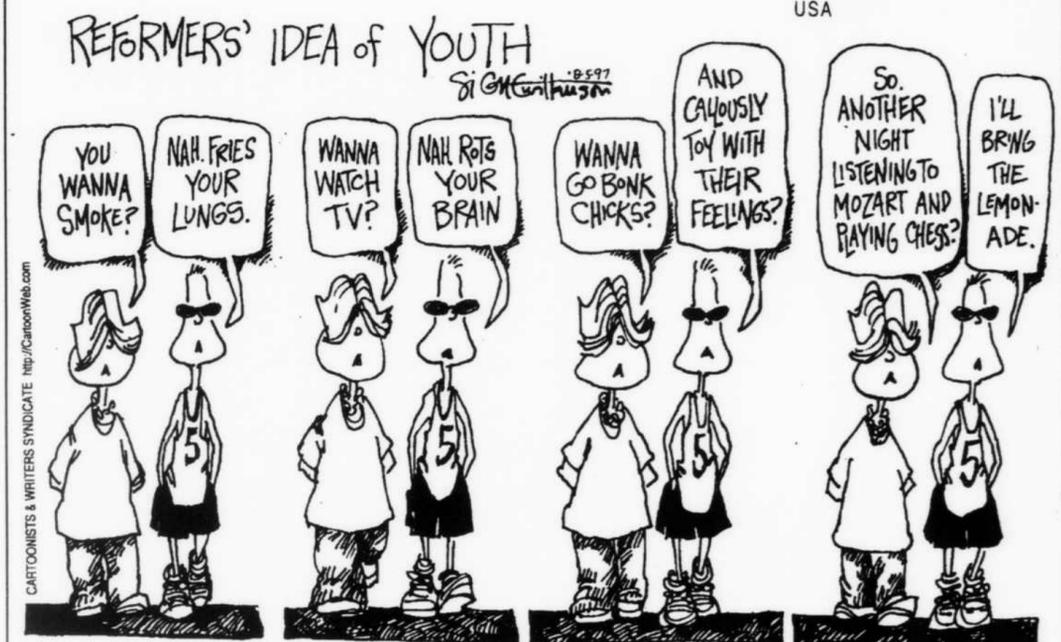
Several members of the Logo and Mascot Committee, and employees of Dye Van Mol, the public relations firm in Nashville hired to help us improve our image, were contacted about the task, but all refused to comment.

Students come here to graduate with a meaningful degree from an accredited and established university, not so they can tell everyone they go to MTSU, home of the great whatever our mascot becomes.

While athletics and image remain important and should be recognized, we need to remember that outstanding academics built this school and should continue to be developed.

If a new mascot is to be established, the whole student population needs to be informed and asked to become involved. Then, we can find a mascot that the majority agrees on.

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Lefties lose out when it comes to the university's top priorities

Trevor Tenpenny
Editor in Chief



President Walker has a dream: In order to help MTSU's football team make the transition to Division I-A football, a new stadium must be built. As everyone knows, this dream is in the process of becoming a reality.

State Senator and former president of The MTSU Foundation, Andy Womack, also has a dream: Increase the population and prominence of the university by establishing a law school on campus. By gaining substantial funding, which will most certainly be accomplished, this dream will also become a reality.

I also have a dream: I would like to see a sufficient number of left-handed desks in every classroom on campus to accommodate each left-handed student enrolled in the class. Unfortunately, my dream will probably never be a reality.

While the first two projects may seem much more important, their full benefits may never be received.

Why do we need a stadium with over 30,000 seats with room for expansion when several of the 15,000 seats in the old stadium, more often than not, have remained empty during home games?

Why do we need a law school when several of our current departments

lack sufficient funding for classes that many upper-level students need to graduate on-time. Several classes in the recording industry and journalism departments have been cancelled. If already established courses cannot be funded, where will funds to operate a

school be found?

How is it that money can be raised to fund new projects costing millions, but an inexpensive, sensible item can not be added to the university's budget? Left-handed desks would be used and appreciated.

Left-handers are expected to adjust their bodies to the most uncomfortable positions to use the writing surface of a right-handed desk, or to write using their knee as a desk just to take notes in class.

While many do not seem to mind, they have become accustomed to adjusting their bodies to such unnatural positions; others find this occurrence quite distracting.

Many people will argue that there are plenty of left-handed desks. I have had a few classes where they were plentiful. I have also had classes where none or only one were present. The problem is that the majority of classes have at least three left-handed people enrolled. Why should these students have to sit in right-handed desks?

I'm sure quite a few right-handed people are snickering by now, but you wouldn't be if you had to take notes in a left-handed desk for four to five

years. The new buildings, including Mass Comm and Business/Aerospace, have desks to accommodate all. That is wonderful if you are a Business/Aerospace major, or able to find a class in the Mass Comm department that will fit your schedule and has not been cancelled.

I had a Biology class in the Spring with 54 students enrolled. Although six were left-handed, not a single left-handed desk was in the room. Apparently no left-handed students take classes in Davis Science Building.

I had a Sociology class over the summer. There were three left-handed desks and three left-handed students. Total enrollment was 15. This fall when 30 are enrolled, there could be up to six left-handed students in the class. Where will the other three sit? Why should they have to sit in a right-handed desk?

While many left- and right-handed people do not view this as an issue, it needs to be.

It does not seem right that several students graduate every semester cheated out of parts of their purchased education only because they were forced to sit in a desk designed for a person who writes with the opposite hand.

Tim Allen, Bill Clinton, Matt Groening (creator of the Simpsons) and many of his characters, Julia Roberts and Jerry Seinfeld are left-handed. With these and many other prominent figures being left-handed, more people should notice that discrimination against left-handers needs to cease.

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Church should not ban parking, it is not a Christian thing to do

Chad Gillis
Features Editor



In the most recent millennium many western religions have changed their opinions on a variety of topics.

For one, rock-and-roll was deemed the "work of the devil" up until I was in junior high. Now we have Christian Rock. God even seems to have changed his mind about certain topics such as homosexuality.

Just a few years ago Baptist and other Christian groups preached rewards of hellfire and brimstone for gays and lesbians. But now it seems that those with an alternative sexual preference may actually get into heaven.

These are two positive changes. Two changes that have given once-condemned sinners the opportunity to see those golden gates.

Another recent change has given wake to the MTSU dreamboat and it is the newly adopted parking policy of the Middle Tennessee Baptist Church Independent.

Just last semester it was perfectly fine for students to use the concrete facility on Tennessee Boulevard, but, just as rock-and-roll is no longer the "work of the devil," students can no longer leave unattended vehicles in the Baptist Church parking lot without a \$65 fine and a ten-mile bike ride to Mike Barrett's Automotive and Wrecker Service, 1551 West College Street (890-8607).

So why the change? Could this group not give an adequate notice or simply administer warnings? Given this is a large church, one that I'm sure fills dozens of pews every time the doors are opened, I can't remember the last time I noticed their lot overflowing; I am generally on campus during each service. Common sense tells me that if their lot were to overflow members of

the church would be more than welcomed to park in our Bell Street lot on week nights and weekends.

What happened? Were students littering, or painting obscenities on their sidewalks? I can't speak for the consensus, but I don't have the time for destruction of private property, let alone the money to buy a can of spray paint. Private property is highly regarded in this great land of freedoms, but does the usage of the words private and church in the same sentence not equal an oxymoron; if not, then it should.

After all, is it not the goal of all spiritual beings to share what they have? The parables of Jesus and most religious icons teach generosity. They note efforts of kindness and regard the ability to share as saintly.

It must be hard to tell a child to be generous and then tow that child's car a decade later.

The percentage of young people that attend organized religious services has definitely declined over the past fifty years. Wonder why?

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Honors College segregates an already segregated university

Gregg Mayer
Managing Editor



designed with a special "study environment" in mind, as one administrator told "Sidelines."

All of the other residence halls at MTSU, like Sims Hall and Gore Hall, the two dorms in which I have regretfully sojourned, which are not designed with a special "study environment" in mind, we might assume are well-constructed animal houses, resonate with parties, loud music and the occasional stalker baring all his glory down the hallway.

Segregation within a university can occur in a multiplicity of ways, some more subtle than others.

Common sense and political activism have brought to the forefront racial segregation, gender segregation and, the more contemporary issue, inequalities based on sexual preference (although it has yet to be sufficiently--or even competently--argued the latter is of any necessary concern to the university as our more vocal students and faculty would have had us believe last year).

Academic segregation, on the other hand, has yet to be brought to the forefront and for good reason: Most students do not realize they are segregated out from a distinct and elite corps of their peers whom the administration and faculty alike address as "honors students."

These students enjoy smaller classroom sizes, supposedly engage in more challenging study, acquire better acquaintances with the best professors and, metaphorically, achieve an extra gold star on their undergraduate degrees. Kudos to the highest!

All Tennessee state colleges have such honors programs, so one should expect to see one here. But MTSU is like a nagging little brother, always trying to outdo his big brother, UT, so it has set aside a unique honors dorm, a residence hall specifically and only for honors students,

The non-honors student (the unhonorable?) cannot even apply for the option of living in the "study-environment" dorm, no matter how high his grade point average or willingness to tackle the academic challenge.

But the university cannot stop with an honors dorm. Barbara Haskew, vice president of Academic Affairs, told me this summer that the Academic Master Plan -- a blueprint for the university's future over the next 15 years--calls for an Honors College that would be distinguished from the five other colleges--Basic and Applied Sciences, Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Mass Communications--already in place. In short, the Honors College would be an abusive growth of the honors program, leaving students not enrolled in it with a sense of being slighted, cheated out of what the university is fully capable of providing by not receiving instruction in the most strenuous classes by the best faculty available.

How can I confidently say I've done my academic best if I am not in the minority of honors students? Almost instantly polemics say, "You can enroll in honors classes, Mr. Mayer!", or, "You should have enrolled in the honors program if it means this much to you!"

The fact is it means very little to me, but the stigma attached by not enrolling might mean a great deal to some future employer. I know (as many know) the honors students here are no smarter than the lay (is there anything else I should call us?) students. I'm acquainted with many honors students, have shared coffee with them, would even call two or three my friends, maybe, and I do not find them any more willing or unwilling, prepared or unprepared, trustworthy and untrustworthy to accept and follow through with a challenge. Indeed, the student who excels and is not in the honors program impresses me more, because he must face larger class sizes and (forgive me) adjunct faculty. But my future employer will not comprehend or care what the 250-person introductory class looks like and how difficult it is to successfully maneuver through it, he only notices the damn gold star.

The Honors College is a terrible idea. Although I shall be far away from here (God willing) by the time the Master Plan calls for its implementation, the freshmen here today will be second best to the Honors College freshmen of tomorrow. MTSU will subtly divide its incoming students as its best and, well, its better.

The administration should spend our money on resources making it an honor to graduate from the university whole, not from some sixth appendage.



Whining conservatives almost as bad as Hollywood fluff

□ Beau Elliot/The Daily Iowan

IOWA CITY—Some days it's hard to figure out which is ultimately sillier: the crop of movies that Hollywood has blessed us with this summer or the sight of conservative, middle-class white males whining and moaning about being victims of discrimination because of affirmative action.

The movies are predictable, formula-driven bits of fluff with no discernible redeeming social value; their story lines are as fresh as the front-page headlines, if that front page happens to be from July 1959.

But conservative white males and affirmative action. Pul-leeze. I mean you're making the whole lot of us white males look like crybabies, which is not what I think the pop-psyche folks had in mind when they urged men to get in touch with their inner-child.

This country has seen 300-plus years of white male fairness and justice, and during a great portion of that time, black people were slaves and women were denied the right to vote, just to pick a couple of the high points. But, the conservatives would say, it's not fair to attempt to redress the imperfections of history by discriminating against white males today.

Then, almost without fail, they start bandying the words "quotas" and "preferential treatment" around like a mantra. Quotas are unjust. Preferential treatment is somehow un-American.

That is a real hoot. Quotas and preferential treatment are more American than apple pie. Take the U.S. immigration policy—it's based on quotas and has been for decades. Who has a better chance of getting in: a British scientist or a Somali refugee? Duh.

Or take college admissions and affirmative action, a particular conservative bugaboo. In the conservative world, preferential treatment for women and minorities is so sinister it's practically Marxist. On the other hand, preferential admissions for the wealthy or for the children of alumni is so American it must be in the Constitution somewhere.

Then there's preferential hiring. If it's done on the basis of affirmative action, conservatives scream like a stuck pig, which is not to suggest that conservatives are pigs. I like pigs. But if there's preferential hiring on the basis of class, well, that's normal.

The conservative position on affirmative action is a wonderful exercise in hypocrisy, one of the best I've seen in years. Either that, or it's social myopia carried to the point of utter blindness.



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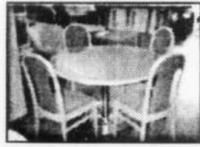


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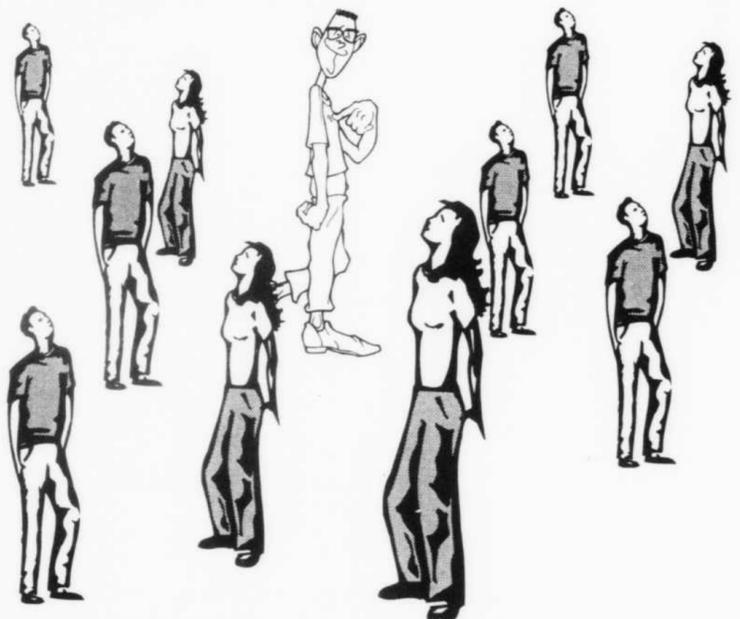


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After a quaint evening spent choking down Kangaroo strips, a local English instructor returns from Quail's in Brentwood expecting a phone call.

This being a professor with a 27 year tenure, Dr. Charles Wolfe, film producer, portable recording engineer, author, husband and father of two, father of science fiction and fantasy at MTSU, folk music expert, Emmy winner, Elvis expert, Smithsonian and Library of Congress project correspondent, and Cultural Olympic mediator, reveals one of a long list of accomplishments.

After coming to Middle in 1970, Dr. Wolfe opened the first section of science fiction and fantasy to hit campus.

"We were all wondering whether or not anyone was even interested in science fiction. We got it in the catalogue, and we all held our breath to see if anyone would take it," Dr. Wolfe relays.

"Those were the days before TRAM where you actually had to go to Murphy Center and stand in line with cards to get classes."

Shortly after opening the class at 9 am on the first day of registration, Dr. Wolfe proceeded to his office to learn that the class was already full.

"A little bit later on my wife called

and she said 'there's a bunch of students standing on your front porch who are really wanting in your science fiction class. So, apparently we had about 300 people who tried to sign up for it. So we have offered it almost every semester since then.'

Thanks to those stern efforts of the mid '70's the English department is now considering a science fiction and fantasy course at the graduate level.

Dr. Wolfe spends most summers working on various projects. The most recent one found his work in liner notes documenting the King.

Time Life Music, the largest mail order music business in the country,

solicited Dr. Wolfe's work for a huge campaign encompassing previously unreleased works of Elvis.

"Some of those (unreleased tracks) were discovered in Graceland."

Presley's father continued working at his office in Graceland until he passed away earlier this year. A small, locked box was found and a locksmith

was called in. Inside several rolls of tape were found to contain music that no outside ears had ever heard. The recordings are mainly of Elvis sitting around his mansion recording himself.

The summer of 1996 found Dr. Wolfe in Atlanta.

"They had a thing called Cultural Olympics. One of the things they did was have a special exhibit on the



Chad Gillis/features editor

"The idea is to always have a shotgun handy."

--Charles Wolfe, English instructor

South. They also wanted to produce a movie on southern music. And for a number of years I have been preaching that southern music is really the root of most American popular music. We did a movie that was basically a reflection of that."

The 17 minute film, entitled Common Chords: The Music of the American South, has received rave reviews and is still being shown.

Other worthy film credits on Dr. Wolfe's resume include his work as an associate producer for PBS, and his 1979 documentary on local legend Uncle Dave Macon. The feature was produced for Georgia Public Television which won an Emmy for best musical documentary for that same year.

One of Dr. Wolfe's shows dealt with the fine craft of moonshining.

"We went down to Monteagle Mountain and we found this old guy who was a well known moonshiner. So we hung out with him for about three or four weeks in the woods. And we thought that the best way to show this guy in action was to actually have him construct a still.

"So we did. And of course in order

to do that we had to get permission from the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage people. And at the end of the thing, we had the still actually running they stepped in and blew it up with dynamite. They felt like its purpose had been served."

Dr. Wolfe cites a project with the Library of Congress dealing with gospel and folk music.

Dealing with studio shy musicians forced him into the role of portable recording engineer. Dr. Wolfe then traveled to remote locations to document.

"You would have to turn off things like the air conditioner, if you had a clock you would have to stop it, you would have to turn off the refrigerator. All of that stuff comes through clear as a bell.

"I remember one time we were recording and there were a bunch of crickets outside the window and I thought I would let the crickets stay to add some flavor to it (recording). But the louder the singing got the louder the crickets got. And pretty soon it was where I could hear them in my head phones. I couldn't hear the gospel singers any more than I

could hear the crickets.

"And Lonnie went into his back room and came out with a double-barreled shotgun and stuck it out the window and fired both barrels at once and the crickets shut up right then. And we were able to get two or three songs cut before the crickets came back and started in. The idea is to always have a shotgun handy."

Dr. Wolfe, a former sax player, was on hand at Davis Kidd in Nashville for the opening of the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and will be speaking there again in September.

He has worked with the Smithsonian on a number of occasions including their summer folk festival and various writing projects.

The Missouri native will be on hand at Davis Kidd in Nashville for a book signing along with Bluegrass musician John Hartford.

"As an English teacher, after all, my main job is to teach writing. And I feel like if you're going to pretend to be an expert at that then you need to either put up or shut up."

'Guys' tips on creating a beautiful dorm

□ Colleen De Baise/CPS

Lava lamps. Hanging beads. Colored lightbulbs. With a few accessories that stark cramped space can be transformed into The Dorm Beautiful.

Just like choosing the right outfit—say a polyester bowling shirt over a buttoned-down Oxford—can define your personal style, so can some well-chosen items in your dorm room, say students.

"I'd say the way to go is tapestries," offers Greg Niebur, an Ohio State University senior, referring to large sheets of colorfully tie-dyed fabric that add a touch of class to any dorm room. "And you've got to have a welcome mat, inside or outside your door—like a little mat to wipe your feet on."

Watch out, Martha Stewart.

"Lava lamps," he continues. "They're very popular. And big oriental rugs for dorms without big carpeting. If there's a spot for it, then hanging beads maybe."

Niebur, a former dorm dweller who now lives in an apartment, says he favors decorative touches that serve a purpose, like functional art. "Change your light bulb from normal white to something different [like] bright red or yellow," he suggests. Why? "It gives [your room] something different from anyone else on the floor, and if you open the windows bugs don't come in."

While Niebur is just an ordinary college guy, the experts agree functional art is a good thing, especially for college students. Magnetic Poetry, for instance, is THE rage on college campuses, according to its makers.

Magnetic Poetry, as anyone who looked closely at Mel Gibson's

apartment in "Conspiracy Theory" knows, consists of tons of little words stuck on magnets, handy for decorating refrigerators. Dorm dwellers often string together words, particularly provocative ones like "waxing," "sausage" and "drooling," to leave risque messages for roommates or friends.

New drinking games also have been inspired by "Mag Po," the company says.

"In the absence of fridges, students use file cabinets, lockers, dry erase boards, metal doorways, metal bookshelves and any other metal or magnet-friendly surface," says John Larson, a company spokesperson. "We even have an unconfirmed report of people sticking them to their braces and a metal plate in one wrestler's head."

Others choose to adorn their room with some hot signs—and, yes, that's hot as in stolen, a few

students readily admit. As far as good decorating tips are concerned, "I think most revolves around stuff that you steal," says Matt Grace, a junior at the University of California-Los Angeles.

At UCLA, a popular addition to the dorm room is a large convex traffic mirror that normally lines Los Angeles streets. "They look like giant contact lens, and they're really easy to steal," says Grace, adding that one adorns his wall. "You look at it and it distorts everything."

Also good, he says, are "banners that you get from sporting events" and posters from surf shops, neither of which have to be stolen, necessarily.

Though his weekend agenda typically does not include "antiquing," Grace says he also digs vintage stuff. A wooden airplane propeller hangs on his wall, and he'd like to find an old Jack Daniels

advertisement printed on sheet metal.

While it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of dorm decorating, don't forget to demonstrate good taste, warns Niebur, from Ohio State.

For instance, just say no to beer posters featuring babes in bikinis. "That's definitely out," he says. "You can tell a lot about someone by the way they decorate their room." And guys who decorate their room in such a fashion are obviously "childish," according to Niebur.

Along those lines, a "definite turn-off" is a room decorated with every case of beer drunk by their room's inhabitants, he says. "Just imagine any particular beer case, plastered everywhere."

What do they think this is, a college dorm room?



Misty Cole, former MTSU student, hosts a Video War photo provided on local station WHRT, Channel 27.

Local Television Station features Video call in show

□ Tara Larimer

Murfreesboro's music video tastes are now being catered to with WHRT's "Video-TV", a live call-in show where viewers request the videos they want to see.

Country and Top 40 videos are featured on "Video-TV." Each show begins with a "Video War", where two videos are aired and viewers call in to vote for the one they like best. The winner takes on a challenger video on the next show.

Every weekday from 5 to 6 p.m., "Video-TV" is aired on UHF Channel 27 and Cable 45. The time frame to play requests depends on whether a slot is open that day and if the station has the video in their library. Artists played vary from Leann Rimes and Wade Hayes to The Presidents of the USA and Fleming and John, depending on what viewers want.

Misty Cole, "Video TV's" host, said she's been spent a lot of time ordering videos from record labels since the show began.

"We know what people want to see now that the show's been on, so we're trying to get those (videos). Our distributor supplies us mostly with new videos, so we order older ones separately according to what artists and songs people request."

Since "Video-TV's" premiere August 4th, viewer response has been overwhelming, according to Cole.

"The first day we had four calls, and yesterday we had 62. We have everybody calling from 6-year-olds to 65-year

olds. We need programming that doesn't exclude a large share of our population, because we are very diverse in Rutherford County and continue to get more diverse as we grow."

Sponsors have helped add variety to the show by providing prizes for viewers to call in and win during air time. Cole also takes dedications and requests, and announces birthdays and anniversaries for her viewers.

"Video TV" is among a variety of other music shows on WHRT, such as "Soundcheck", "Power Mix", and "Music On Demand", but Cole said they wanted to do something local so people could get more involved.

It's been a year since WHRT began production work for "Video TV." It was a spin-off of "The Afternoon Country Club", a local country music video show hosted by Cole.

"Video-TV's" Country and Top 40 format was chosen because music fans "seem to be crossing back and forth between the lines of both and so we thought we'd try combining them," Pratt said.

Depending on how viewers respond, Pratt said there is a possibility the show will branch out later to include other musical categories and feature local acts.

"We would like to see this happen because we are a local show and think it's important to give attention to local artists. I've had bands call wanting to be on the show but we haven't been able to move in that direction because we're so new. We have a lot of things we'd like to try to see what clicks."

Marching Band goes retro

□ Staff reports

Some people might call it "superfreaky." Others might just want to "Getaway." But there is no way around it, the MTSU Band of Blue will have people talking this fall about its halftime show during the football games.

The halftime show this year is a retro '80s celebration, starting with Prince's (actually, the artist formerly known as Prince) "1999" and ending with "We're not gonna take it" from Twisted Sister. And yes, the crowd is encouraged to sing along at the top of their lungs.

"We do a lot of funk," said Dawn Tittle, trumpet player and band president. "It's a very well put together show."

Gary Ingles put the music together for the show, following up the popular '70s theme from last year. Terry Jolley, who will be returning

for his second year as marching band director, mapped out the drill the band will be performing.

"We're going to have a lot of fun," Jolley said.

Larger than ever at 230 members, most of the band is incoming freshmen. But Tittle pointed out that everybody has marched "at least four years" when you include their high school marching band experience, which is often very competitive and entails a longer season. College bands do not compete in marching competitions, but the Band of Blue will have a televised performance on Channel 8 during the regional Contest of Champions in October, which features the best high school bands around.

In addition to the regular



Members of the MTSU Marching Band prepare the funk.

Chad Gillis/staff

color guard that performs with the band, the MTSU Dance Team will come out onto the field during one of the tunes (not yet determined, but possibly "Ladies Night" by Kool and the Gang) and, well, they'll dance. Four majorettes will also be twirling and dancing in-and-out of the band

drills.

The other tunes the marching band will play include: "Getaway" by Chicago; "You Can Call Me Al" by Paul Simon; and "Superfreak" by Rick James.

"You can't help but love it," Tittle said.

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Right: Fluid Ounces were moved inside from Kirksey Old Main to Tucker Theatre for a rain check last Tuesday.



Celeste Castillio/staff

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Survey:

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* "What did the professor talk about last time? I missed class."

* "If I fall asleep and start to snore or drool, will you please kick me?"

* "Do you think the professor was drunk last time, or what?"

The authors note that some lines are "so old they're moldy" and should be avoided at all costs. They include:

* "Are you a model?" (Or the modern variation, "Are you an

aerobics instructor?")

* "Live around here? Come here often?"

* "Your father must be a thief...because he took the stars from the skies and put them in your eyes." (People have actually said this, the authors note.)

Also, avoid lines that sound good when delivered by old blues musicians, such as: "Honey, I'd drink your bathwater," "You could make a blind man see," and "Lord, have mercy."

Rob Gleason, a Miami sophomore, says he's looking

for someone who enjoys coffee and good conversation and who has a "great set of legs." But he, for one, won't be relying on any lines to snare his date.

"I don't use pick-up lines," he says. "They don't work."

According to the survey, though, Gleason will likely have to make the first move if he wants to meet that special someone.

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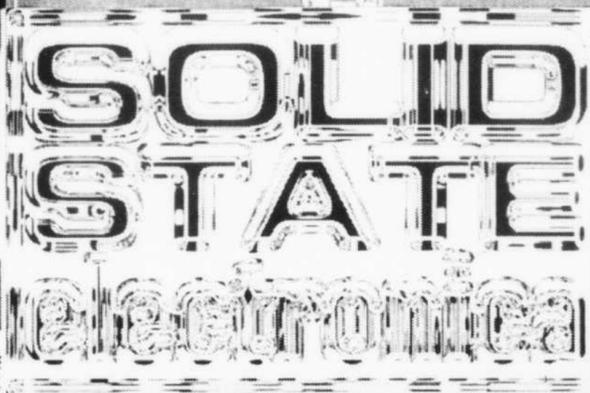
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Boots' Raiders put on the defensive

Defense's inexperience, lack of respect worries Donnelly

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/ sports editor

In the past, Boots Donnelly has never been one to mince words.

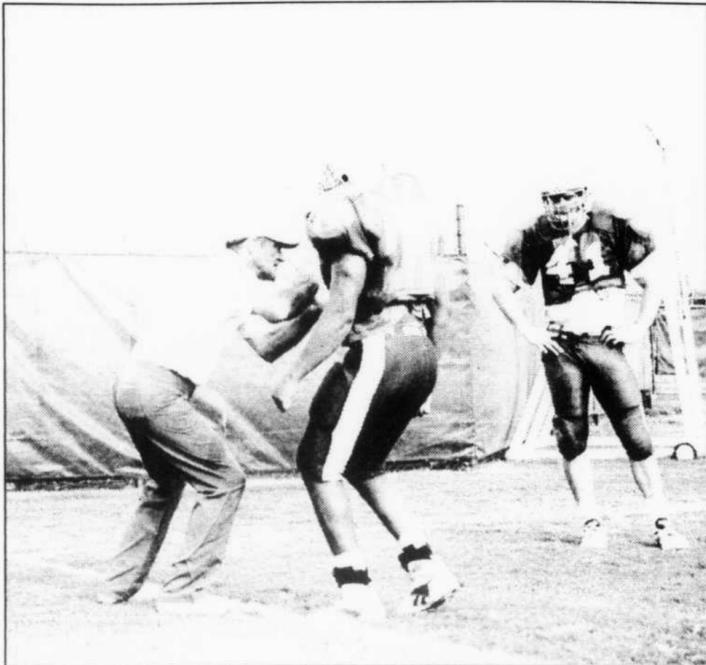
Now in his 19th year as head coach of the Blue Raider football team, Donnelly is not about to start.

"Defensively we are going to be an extremely young football team. We are going to be an extremely inexperienced football team," said Donnelly in the straight-forward manner that he's known for.

"When you combine those two, it takes a lot of time and a lot of patience to get a group of guys put together to where they play as one."

Coming off a 6-5 overall record a year ago when they finished 4-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference, a lot of the questions surrounding the Blue Raiders line on the defensive side of the ball.

"We don't have a single player on the defensive side of the ball that has any respect whatsoever in the conference," Donnelly said. "You can walk around all day and tell people how good you are. But, our philosophy



Head coach Boots Donnelly gives pointers to his defensive squad as linebacker Brian Chastain (41) looks on. The Raiders return four starters on defense from last year.

is that if you are good, then other people will talk about how good you are. You don't need to tell everyone."

Donnelly forms that observation off the fact that not one defensive player was a pre-season All-Conference pick by opposing coaches.

"We've got a defensive group that is so young that they haven't had the

chance to go out there and prove themselves," Donnelly explained.

The Blue Raiders youth comes by way of graduation. Only four of last year's 11 defensive starters are returning to the playing field this year.

Anchoring the four returning players will be the linebacking core of Brian Chastain and Clay Griffin while

the entire defensive front line will be new.

Last year's front line was tough, giving up just 1,281 total yards rushing while the Blue Raider offense gained 1,553 yards of their own.

Chastain returns for his third season as a starter at outside linebacker. Last year he led the Blue Raiders with 82 tackles—nine for a loss—and had three sacks. If there was any one player that has the potential to step up and lead the defense, it would be Chastain.

In the five games the Blue Raiders did lose last year, only two were by more than 10 points and one was a three-point overtime loss to Southeast Missouri.

However, considering the complicated 4-3 defense the Blue Raiders like to use, bringing along the defense will be a slow process. But as the season progresses Donnelly looks to see improvements in all areas.

"Right now we're throwing all of it into the mesh while we're in shorts. During that installation process, we try to throw as much in as we can and it's going to confuse them," Donnelly said. "But, we want to see how much of it can be retained. Which dictates how fast we can go."

"When we go back into pads we break it all back down again. Then we start trying to put what we refer to as base defense in. What comes off it first? Second? Hopefully by the first ball game, we will have quite a bit of adjustments off of our base defense."

"We can only bring an individual along so fast. That speed is at the speed in which that individual will learn. What dictates the learning ability of an individual is attitude."

While Donnelly and defensive coordinator Tom Fiveash try and bring along some of their younger players, they are also working on converting a few of the skilled offensive players into being able to play on the defensive side of the ball.

One such project is Charlie Walker, who will move from tailback to free safety. Walker joins Darrell Love and Cedric Stegall in the defensive back field.

A year ago the defense gave up an average of 185.5 passing yards per game, allowing opposing teams to complete just over 50 percent of their attempted passes.

Love and Stegall are the other two returning defensive starters on this year's roster. Each recorded two interceptions last year. Love also finished second behind Chastain in tackles with 75.

Donnelly will look for the two juniors to step up and improve over last year. It will, however, be up to Walker to fill Typail McMullen's shoes and help improve the back field. McMullen led the team with five interceptions.

"Right now we are going very slow with them because they are not able to pick up a lot of the stuff, due to their youth and inexperience. But, it has very little to do with their physical ability," Donnelly said.

"So it's going slow. As all

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Jennie Treadway

Losing weight should be fun, active and safe

A new school year can be described by one word: adjustment. New classes, new professors, new books, new bills, new friends and, generally, a new routine await you every fall. There is no way to avoid the last-minute bookstore run for another textbook, perhaps a belated birthday card or the inevitable pre-lunch candybar and coke. Before you know it, your days and nights run together, and your clothes seem to fit tighter than they did in the summer.

"Without knowing it, college students find themselves consuming fatty foods and calorie-filled beverages at double the previous rate," says Greg Gottesman, author of *College Survival*. "Ten pounds. Fifteen pounds. Twenty pounds. The increments steadily increase while you wolf down another burger or guzzle another beer."

Known as the "Freshman 15," many students tend to gain a few or more pounds their first year of school. Although weight gain does not discriminate against the upper classmen, it is common for newcomers to be overwhelmed by the easy access to midnight pizzas, mid-morning junkfood, and nighttime beer. Laziness and inactivity, like overeating, are also common factors in college students' weight gain.

To avoid gaining weight, many people often begin bad habits of unhealthy eating. Over three-fourths of eating disorders are developed before age 20, at a time when a majority of young people enter high school and college. According to the latest statistics, 90 percent of those with eating problems are women. Not surprisingly, almost a quarter of those women are college students. Due to school frustrations, unstable social and professional relationships, family problems and societal pressures, many women develop such low self-esteem that they become obsessed with the idea of perfecting themselves and their bodies.

In the whirlwind of "yo-yo" dieting (described by rotating diet programs in order to lose weight), diet pills, excessive or no exercise, and the constant count of calories, students inadvertently develop dangerous patterns of eating. These diets include skipping meals all day and binging on a larger-than-normal dinner, eating at every free moment in the day, or eating nothing at all. As the eating disorder grows, the victim watches the scale for even an eighth of a pound of gain or loss. Weight and physical appearance become priorities, and the obsession with food gets worse.

Eating disorders, such as bulimia, anorexia and overeating, tend to consume the day. Thoughts of what people want to eat, will eat, or feel guilty about eating fill their minds, taking emphasis off of their classwork, relationships with others and other parts of their lives. Starving themselves, binging and purging their food and eating to the point of stomach cramps become the central part of day-to-day living. In most cases, denial is the most dangerous factor in possible rehabilitation.

Eating disorders, however, are not a successful means of weight loss. In fact, more damage to the body is done than good. Anorexics — those who starve themselves or eat a considerably small amount of food a day — can suffer from stomach cramps, bloating, constipation, sensitivity to cold temperatures, dehydration, hair loss, lowered sex drive, extreme fatigue or amenorrhea (loss of menstrual period), or they can lower their immune systems' ability to ward off illnesses. Anorexics also have a low metabolism, which is the body's way of conserving energy due to the lack of food.

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Walker settles into new role at safety

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/ staff

Right now, Charlie Walker is just happy to be able to be out on the football field competing.

Just one year ago, Walker was battling Kelverick Green for the second tailback position along side Lebrion McGill when head coach Boots Donnelly called him into his office.

Donnelly had some bad news for the freshmen running back from Forsyth, Georgia. Because of Proposition 48, Walker was deemed ineligible to play.

McGill broke his ankle during the sixth game of the year and Walker could only watch as Green moved into the No. 1 spot. Green finished the season with 655 yards on 137 carries, rushing for more than 100 yards in four of the Blue Raiders final five games.

"Right now, I just want to contribute to the defense in the secondary. I know I can get better and I'm going to get better," Walker said. "We're going to get better as a whole team."

Walker's willingness to make the Blue Raiders a better team is why he wasn't upset when once again Donnelly called him into his office.

"Charlie Walker is not the type of guy who wants to sit on the bench," Donnelly said. "He's a competitor. He just wants to play football."



Chris Walker

Knowing that a healthy McGill was returning and Green had proved to be a dependable ball carrier as well, Walker greeted the opportunity to crack the starting line-up with no animosity.

"I told coach that felt pretty good about it even though I hadn't played it since my junior year of high school," Walker said. "It's nice to play on defense and get to hit somebody because of all those other years I've been taking licks."

"If they were to put me on the defensive line weighing only 190 [pounds], hey, if I had to play it...I'd play it."

Defensive back coach Ricky Herzog has been working with Walker to combine his speed and ability to cut and move in new directions quickly with the backpeddling skills at his new position.

Given the fact that Walker did play some at the defensive cornerback

at Mary Person High School, the physical transition has been an easy one. However, picking up the complicated defensive schemes and learning how to properly read opposing offensive line-ups has been a slow but steady transition.

"I play pretty hard and I can play pretty much any skill position there is. And, I play smart," said Walker, who isn't too concerned about not becoming comfortable at his new position. "I knew I would have enough time to learn everything and that the coaches would be patient with me."

"I have a long ways to go. I'm still learning. I can't just sit here and say, 'I know it all.' Because I don't."

Walker's main focus now is to learn how to read offensive formations better and put himself in the right position to make not just big plays, but the routine ones as well.

"We've moved Charlie into the free safety position. That's an extremely responsible position. It's a position that you can not make mistakes at," Donnelly said. "What Charlie has to do now is mature. Charlie doesn't mind running into people but he has to learn how to play pass defense."

The biggest asset to Walker thus far has been his willingness to work hard in practice at learning as much

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Women's soccer hopes new faces lead to improvement in 2nd year

Tryouts today to fill out team's roster

□ Reggie Thomas/ staff

After a hard fought but ultimately disappointing first season, the Lady Raiders women's soccer team hopes to improve on last year's 3-14 record with its veteran players, talented incoming freshman and surprise additions who make the team during open tryouts today.

Head coach Collette Gilligan says that in addition to seven returning players she has 12 new members who are some of the best freshmen she has seen. More players will make the team after tryouts at 2 p.m. on the soccer field.

Gilligan said Macky Harbreitinger from Huntsville, Ala., Kenya Hicky from Mackville, Tenn., and Jennifer Robb from Massachusetts, are three players fans should keep their eyes on

this season. She also said Toni Martin, who is a senior returning this season, should bring invaluable experience to the field.

Martin said that Coach Gilligan makes the team feel like part of her family. Although Gilligan pushes the team hard, Martin said she knows what needs to be done to get the team on a winning track.

Another returning player who is excited about the new soccer season is Chrissy Payne. A sophomore, who will be returning as sweeper, Payne said this season their team is a lot more experienced, including the freshman coming in who have played several years of high school soccer.

After the tryouts today, the Lady Raiders will begin preparation for their first scrimmage against Morehead State on Aug. 31 at 2 p.m.

NCAA delays jobs ruling

□ Associated Press

OVERLAND PARK, Kan.— If the NCAA trusted its schools, coaches and fans, college athletes could be working this fall and making a few extra bucks.

But fearful of administrative costs and the possibility of widespread cheating, the NCAA has delayed for one year a plan to let athletes hold part-time jobs.

The decision by the 15-member board of directors, in its first major action, was not unexpected. Coaches and college presidents had been urging at least a one-year moratorium since the rule, known as Proposition 62, was narrowly adopted at the last full NCAA convention in January and was set to take affect this month.

"We want to make it happen and we want it done right. Hence, the reason for the delay," Syracuse president Kenneth Shaw said in a teleconference.

However, the head of the

NCAA's student-athlete advisory committee was skeptical.

"How confident can we be?" former distance runner Bridget Niland told The Associated Press. "If they're committed, GK, let's see some action."

With Niland and other athletes arguing passionately on the convention floor, passage of Proposition 62 was widely hailed as a sign that athletes had finally gained a voice in NCAA policymaking.

But Shaw said the newly formed board of directors decided more study was needed on the "complexities of the issue."

"We fully expect to have a program in the fall of 1998 that allows athletes to work," Shaw said.

Niland said athletes were disappointed "on several levels."

"We never wanted athletic departments to have to become job-placement counselors for us. This was just to give us an opportunity to find a job if we could," she said. "But what happened is that old fear of abuse. That's the reason for this delay."

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Bulimia, the binge-and-purging disease, poses its own physical problems. Because of the strain put on the stomach and digestive tracts by vomiting, bulimics suffer from problems like tooth decay or gum disease, dehydration, irritation and tearing of the esophagus, bloating and constipation, headaches, electrolyte imbalance (which can lead to kidney or heart failure), broken blood vessels in the face or eyes, amenorrhea, weight fluctuation and an irregular metabolism. Some bulimics go as far as to abuse laxatives or diuretics, which lead to the same sort of physical problems as vomiting.

Overexercising also can be a contributor to an eating disorder. Using exercise to punish yourself after a meal, feeling depressed if you do not work off all your food, or

skipping meals to exercise are signs of overexercising and act as part of an eating disorder. Binge-eating — the act of eating when not hungry, feeling out of control after a meal or eating in secret — is a behavior that can lead to an irregular metabolism, considerable weight gain, digestion problems, and an increased risk to heart problems and high blood pressure.

Unfortunately, knowledge of the risks of an eating disorder can have no effect on someone who wants to lose or avoid gaining weight. It is not uncommon for people to think their bodies can handle the stress of starvation or continual regurgitation. The truth is, while the body suffers internally, the physical appearance of someone with an eating disorder will change, and it is not always the results he or she wants. Anorexics tend to lose weight to the point of

looking emaciated and drained of all life. On the other hand, bulimics often do no lose weight, but stay as they were before the habit began. In the binge-and-purge process, one can consume over 3,000 calories in one sitting and only regurgitate a quarter of what she eats. The body starts to digest immediately, so it is nearly impossible to get rid of every morsel of food.

Meal selection on campus does not offer top-of-the-line health food, but the improvents do not go unnoticed. Every cafeteria as some sort of healthy eating line or at least offers a few lower-fat selections. Try not to keep high-fat/calorie snacks around. Instead, keep fresh fruit, low-fat potato chips or pretzels or other simple snacks on hand. Keep in mind that a healthy diet includes fat, just as it does carbohydrates, protein and vitamins, so it is important to keep everything in moderation.

1997 Lady Raider Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/31	Morehead	MTSU	2 p.m.
9/3	@Belmont	Nashville, Tenn.	4 p.m.
9/10	Tennessee-Chattanooga	MTSU	4 p.m.
9/13	@Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	1 p.m.
9/17	@Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, Ala.	5:30 p.m.
9/20	Montevallo	MTSU	1 p.m.
9/21	Alabama-Huntsville	MTSU	3 p.m.
9/24	Tennessee Tech	MTSU	4 p.m.
9/27	Troy State	MTSU	1 p.m.
10/1	@UNC-Asheville	Cookeville, Tenn.	4 p.m.
10/4	@UNC-Asheville	Asheville, N.C.	1 p.m.
10/5	@Furman	Greenville, S.C.	1 p.m.
10/8	@Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	5 p.m.
10/13	Cumberland College	MTSU	5 p.m.
10/15	@Carson-Newman	Jefferson City, Tenn.	3 p.m.
10/19	Arkansas-Little Rock	MTSU	1 p.m.
10/22	Georgia State	MTSU	4 p.m.
10/25	@East Tennessee	Johnson City, Tenn.	11 a.m.
10/29	@Samford	Birmingham, Ala.	2 p.m.
11/1	@Charleston Southern	Charleston, S.C.	10 a.m.
11/2	@College of Charleston	Charleston, S.C.	11 a.m.

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about the position as he can. And, he fully understands the pressure of the situation.

"In high school, I had a strong safety and a free safety. Where as here, I'm back there having to cover all that ground on my own," Walker said.

"I have all the deep end of the field by myself. That's the only hard part, seeing all the receivers and knowing what I can cover and all that."

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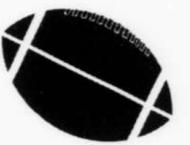
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transitions will be one you take an offensive personality and convert him to a defensive personality. You convert him because he does have the physical capability to become an awfully good defensive player, hopefully."

As the season wears on and players begin to pick up more of the defensive scheme, the coaching staff hopes to see added confidence in the playing style of their young defense.

"Once the physical ability takes over, the next step is to develop them mentally to be able to see things quicker and react to situations quicker," Donnelly said. "We just hope that the player is aggressive enough to go out there and make plays."

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Greene holds out too long, cut by Panthers

□ Dave Goldberg/AP

The Carolina Panthers finally gave up on trying to meet Kevin Greene's contract demands, cutting the man who led the NFL in sacks last year and replacing him with one-time Pro Bowler Renaldo Turnbull.

It was a bitter end to a bitter holdout and the highlight of cutdown day in the NFL as teams pared down to the 53-man roster limit.

In other major moves, the Green Bay Packers shipped Qadry Ismail, signed to replace Desmond Howard as a kick returner, to Miami; Rickey Jackson aborted his comeback attempt with the Saints; and Steve Emtman's injury-plagued career may have come to an end with his release by the 49ers.

The biggest impact may have been Carolina's farewell to Greene, whose 14.5 sacks helped the Panthers reach the NFC championship game in

their second season. In Turnbull, they acquired a similar-style player whose production had fallen off with New Orleans and who was released last week.

"In Renaldo, we have acquired a player who has prior experience in our defensive system and could have an immediate impact," said Carolina coach Dom Capers, who coached Turnbull as an assistant in New Orleans.

"With Kevin, we are releasing a player who felt like he could not be happy under his current contractual obligation."

Greene, who turned 35 last month, stayed out of training camp to protest the Panthers' failure to rework the second season of his two-year contract. He was scheduled to make between \$1 million and \$1.6 million from Carolina this season, depending on how many incentives clauses he satisfied.

Not all the cuts are

permanent. Many teams readjust their rosters for the entire week leading up to the opener and many of the players cut Sunday may be back where they started after waivers expire on Monday.

The 39-year-old Jackson walked into coach Mike Ditka's office and said he would retire. He returned to the team's front office, where he worked last year.

"He gave it a good go, but it's not the same defense. That's the biggest thing, it's not the same defense that features outside linebackers on the line, coming," said Ditka, who in his first season has only 28 of the 53 Saints who went 3-13 last year. Washington released offensive lineman Andre Johnson, its first-round draft pick a year ago.

Like Greene's, some cuts involved money.

Pittsburgh, for example, released quarterback Jim Miller, the opening-day starter last year.

The Sports Network Division 1 College Football Polls

Division 1-A

Division 1-AA

Team, with 1996 Record

Team

1. Penn State Nittany Lions 11-2
2. Florida Gators 12-1
3. Florida State Seminoles 11-1
4. Washington Huskies 9-3
5. Tennessee Volunteers 10-2
6. Nebraska Cornhuskers 11-2
7. North Carolina Tar Heels 10-2
8. Colorado Buffaloes 10-2
9. Ohio State Buckeyes 11-1
10. Louisiana State Tigers 10-2
11. Notre Dame Fighting Irish 8-3
12. Texas Longhorns 8-5
13. Miami-Florida Hurricanes 9-3
14. Michigan Wolverines 8-4
15. Alabama Crimson Tide 10-3
16. Auburn Tigers 8-4
17. Syracuse Orangemen 9-3
18. Stanford Cardinal 7-5
19. Brigham Young Cougars 14-1
20. Clemson Tigers 7-5
21. Iowa Hawkeyes 9-3
22. USC Trojans 6-6
23. Kansas State Wildcats 9-3
24. Wisconsin Badgers 8-5
25. Michigan State Spartans 6-6

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2. Troy State Panthers
3. Northern Iowa Panthers
4. William & Mary Tribe
5. Appalachian State Mountaineers
6. Eastern Illinois Panthers
7. Northern Arizona
8. Delaware Blue Hens
9. Western Illinois Leathernecks
10. Western Kentucky
11. Youngstown State Penguins
12. East Tennessee State
13. Murray State Racers
14. Jackson State Tigers
15. Stephen F. Austin
16. Furman Paladins
17. Southern University Jaguars
18. Florida A&M Rattlers
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These forms/applications are available now and may be turned in anytime between August 18 and September 3, 1997.

Mandatory Orientation Sessions--

Monday, September 8, 1997 3:00 p.m., KUC 322

Tuesday, September 9, 1997 5:00 p.m., KUC 322

Pursuant to the MTSU Handbook, "There shall be a mandatory orientation session of presidents of campus organizations to be held at the beginning of the Fall Semester. Standards of expectations for student organizations will be explained." This meeting will take no more than one hour. The president (or designee in the event that it is impossible for the president to attend either meeting) must attend one of the sessions. The attendee will be required to sign in and failure to attend may result in your organization being placed on inactive status.

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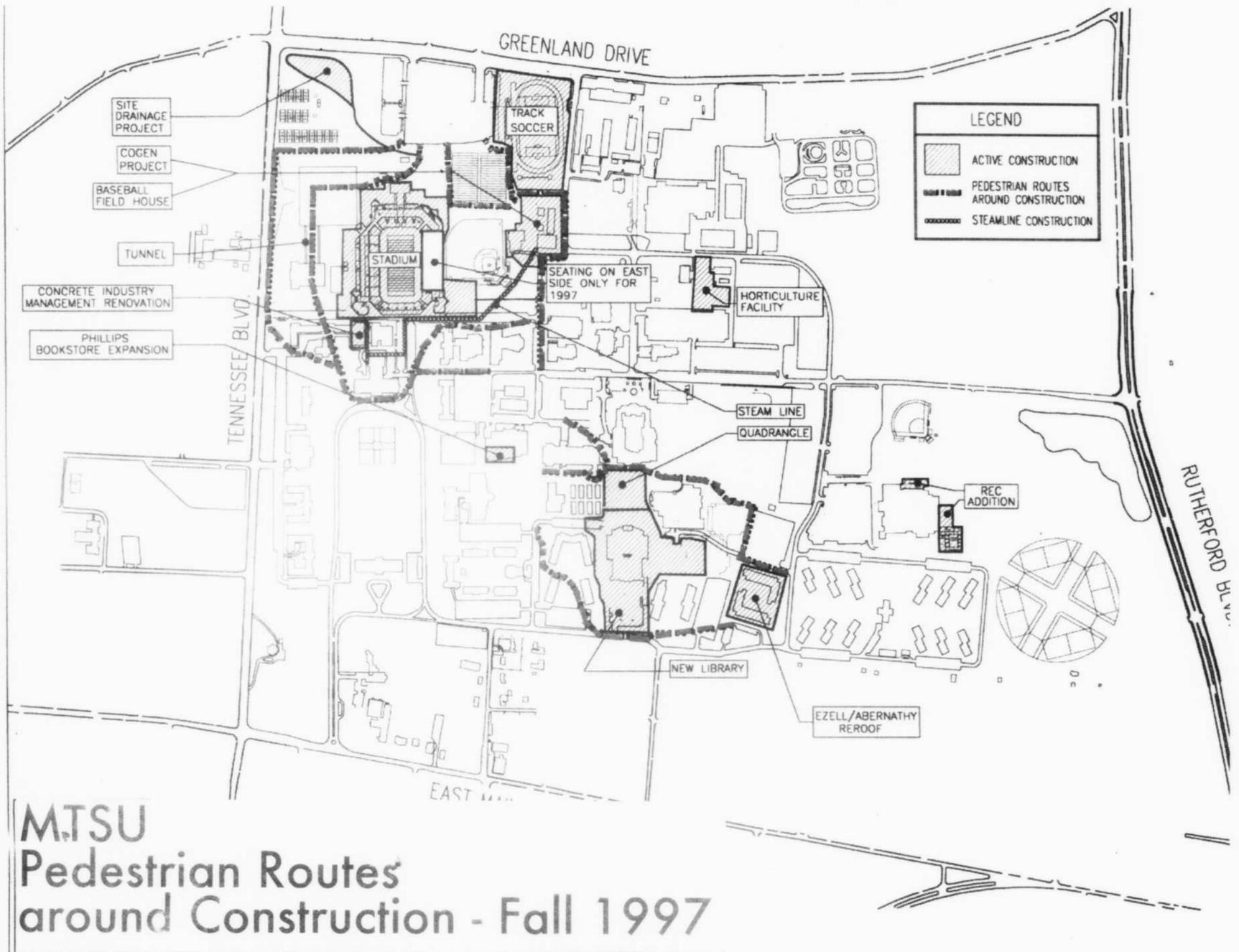
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Current Construction Projects:

Baseball Field House	\$300,000, Haury & Smith Contractors	10-97
Cogeneration Project and Steam Line (connecting Cogen to heating plant)	\$9.2 million, Stanley Jones Corp.	2-99
Concrete Industry Management/Voorhies Renovation	(not yet bid)	1-98
Ezell/Abernathy Reroof	\$248,000, R.D. Hurbert	10-97
Horticulture Facility	\$555,000, Dow Smith Construction	3-98
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Phillips Bookstore	\$437,000, J. Harold Shankle	2-98
Site Drainage Basin	\$225,000, Rawlins Excavation	12-97
Stadium	\$27 million, Turner Construction Co.	8-98
Track/Soccer field	\$1.1 million, Turner Construction Co.	11-97
Underground Electric Project	\$1.6 million, Wolfe and Travis Electrical Contracting	10-97

Capital projects completed this summer:

- Airport Teaching Facility, \$450,876—In use since about the first of July.
- Business and Aerospace Building, \$22 million—15 classrooms will be ready to use for the fall semester. Business faculty and staff started moving in July 28. Aerospace faculty and staff will begin relocating in September.
- LRC and Forrest Hall re-roofing
- Sanitary Sewer Project, \$288,165—Construction area north and south behind JUB will be asphalted before school begins.

Construction projects starting this fall:

- ADA Modifications
- Earthman House Renovation
- Recreation Building Addition, \$2.5 million
- Tennessee Miller Coliseum, \$22.5 million—This will be bid in two separate packages; one for utilities and the other for the actual structure.

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