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Policy will not change

Staff Reports

Instead of changing the nondiscrimination statement to include "sexual orientation," as it was first proposed by LAMBDA two months ago, President Walker has approved the inclusion of a "Statement of Community Standards of Civil Behavior" in future student handbooks, the university catalogue and other publications pertaining to the university.

The decision was reached a few days ago by Walker, after being first reviewed by Robert C. Lalance, vice president of student affairs.

Lalance said that the MTSU community is committed to sustaining an environment of tolerance for diversity on campus, but he recommended to Walker no changes to the nondiscrimination statement in lieu of the "Statement

of Community Standards of Civil Behavior."

"After study by members of my staff and on advice of legal counsel, our recommendation is that the current rules and policies sufficiently and equally protect all students on the MTSU campus," Lalance said.

Michael Grantham, Uniform Equality Committee Chairman at MTSU, is hesitantly supportive of the new initiative.

"I regard this as a positive first step," Grantham said.

However, Grantham said he feels the new statement does not do anything new to add equal protection for gay and lesbian students on campus, rather, Grantham explained, the policy states only "disdain" for bigotry and hatred for homosexuals.

Grantham added that the

university is still not liable for discrimination against homosexuals, since only an addition to the nondiscrimination statement would provide such liability.

"We need to establish policies to protect (lesbian and gay students)," Grantham said.

Lalance is quoted in "The Tennessean" as saying that the university will probably not add "sexual orientation" to the nondiscrimination statement unless there is a state mandate to do so.

"We hope (the "Statement of Community Standards of Civil Behavior") communicates to the community our expectation that everyone will afford a degree of dignity and respect to each individual with whom they interact," Lalance said. *

Police S.T.E.P. up efforts

Staff Reports

The Murfreesboro Police Department is going to "S.T.E.P." on traffic violators.

As of Dec. 2 the city police began implementing an ongoing Selective Traffic Enforcement Program geared towards motorists that violate traffic laws.

"Our department's ultimate goal is to save lives on the city streets of Murfreesboro," says Bill Jones, police commissioner. "We would encourage the motoring public to voluntarily comply with traffic laws versus being cited into court."

During the first stages of the program there will be a concentrated effort on visibility of more police officers and patrol cars, with as many as four additional police officers specifically assigned priority traffic enforcement in such areas as Northwest Broad Street.

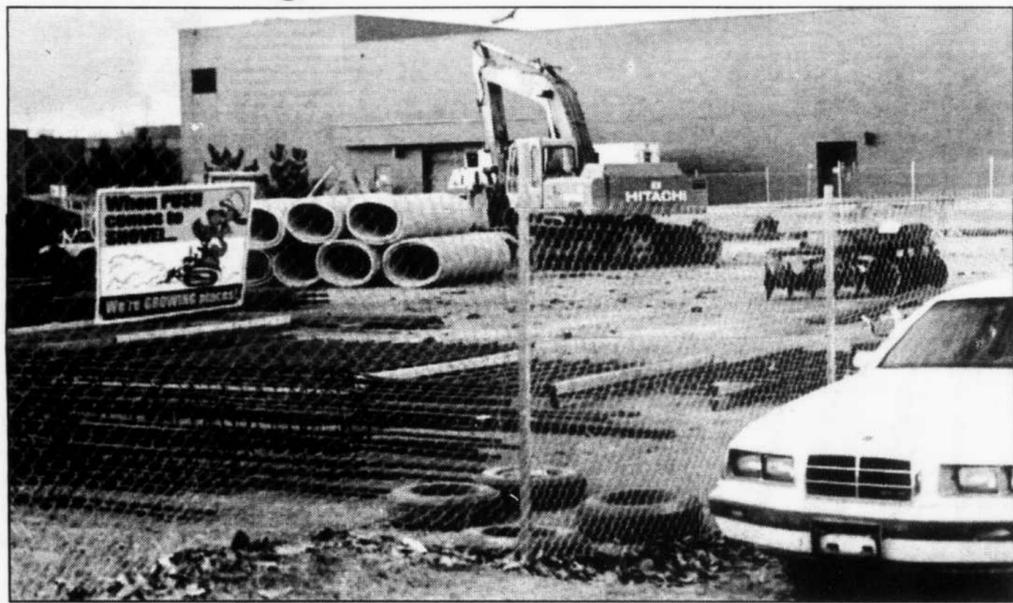
"Traffic is very heavy on Northwest Broad at times," says Major Billy Todd. "Traffic jams

(become more frequent), and that seems to make motorists even more irate. I have clocked speeders at 70 plus miles an hour, which is unreasonably fast."

In addition to speeding, some of the violations the officers will be looking for include: failure to yield right of way; following too closely; lane violations; disregarding traffic signs; and driving under the influence. The officers are also instructed to strictly enforce child restraint and seat belt laws when motorists are stopped for other violations.

The period between the Thanksgiving and New Year's holidays has the busiest and heaviest traffic flow, officers say. And this makes driving and negotiating traffic much more difficult. During this time, the officers assigned to their regular daily zones will be devoting as much time as possible to assist in the heavy traffic flow and violation enforcement as needed. *

No Parking!



Daniel Ritchie/ staff

Construction continues on the parking lots near the John Bragg Mass Communications building. Parking lots closed now will remain closed next spring, with more lots to close as the construction expands. "Sidelines" will report all new closings as the information becomes available.

Baker: SGA has made huge accomplishments

By Jennie Treadway/ staff

"This has been one of the easiest and smoothest semesters for the SGA," said President Christin Baker.

One of the main concerns of the student body, Baker said, is campus parking. On the top of the SGA's to-do list for the fall semester was to create better communication between the Parking Authority and the students. Following the recycled Comprehensive Parking bill and numerous meetings with the administration, Baker happily said that the new relationship between the SGA and Parking Authority was a "huge accomplishment."

Other achievements this semester include:

*Baker sat with the Food Services

Committee and discussed where more food services are needed and what Aramark's future plans are. They also discussed how to improve current conditions.

*Baker sat with campus construction committees to discuss how projects like the new library and stadium will affect campus life, along with ways to help keep things in order during a time of such chaos.

*At the beginning of the year, the SGA executive officers met with Debra Sells, director of housing, to discuss overflow problems, the possibility of new dorms being built, and new programming for dorm students on the weekends.

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Spread of HIV at MTSU worsens for heterosexuals

By Carol Paschall/ special to Sidelines

The spread of HIV among MTSU and other college students is worse than ever because of the risks many college students take that increase their chances of contracting the virus.

Heterosexual sex is now the fastest growing means of spreading HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. In Tennessee, over 15 percent of the 5,959 adult HIV cases and over 10 percent of the 5,960 adult AIDS cases reported to the Tennessee Department of Health by Aug. 31, 1996, were heterosexual. On college campuses, heterosexual sex is the primary means of spreading the virus.

Many students still associate HIV and AIDS with the two largest groups of

victims so far: homosexual men and intravenous drug users. These students, as reported by the Department of Health, tend to underestimate the chance of becoming HIV positive through heterosexual sex.

In Rutherford County, there were 71 AIDS cases and 77 HIV cases reported to the Tennessee Department of Health so far this year. These figures do not reflect the possible number of MTSU HIV and AIDS cases, because of the high number of students who commute from surrounding counties and students from out of state. MTSU health services said they do not have records on the number of students infected on

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Fee increase goes to ballot

By Jennie Treadway/ staff

The decision to raise the SGA Activity Fee from \$4 to \$5 is left in the hands of the student body.

When students vote next semester for the Spring 1997 SGA elections, there will be a referendum on the ballot regarding the fee raise. As the bill states, students will vote either for or against the proposition.

The SGA Activity Fee produced \$55,174.81 to distribute to student organizations during the Fall 1996 semester. In that time, 83 organizations requested money from

the SGA Activity Fee, and the total amount petitioned, which was over \$200,000, exceeded the available funds.

"It's quite obvious that we need this raise," urged Senate Speaker Ryan Durham, following the meeting last night. "There's just not enough money."

The passing of the bill proposing the referendum was the first step in achieving the one dollar increase. If the majority of the student body votes against the raise, by state law, the proposition cannot be brought up again for two years. *

Off the Wire

With guns silent, 43 countries try to make unified, multi-ethnic Bosnia a reality through reconstruction

By Edith M. Lederer

LONDON (AP) — Now that the guns have been silent in Bosnia for a year, representatives of 43 nations are trying to persuade Bosnian officials to unify their country in peace.

It won't be easy: Hundreds of thousands of refugees are still unable to return to their homes; suspected war criminals are not being handed over for trial; human rights abuses continue and Bosnians still have only limited freedom of movement.

The representatives meet in London today for a two-day London Peace Implementation Conference that will try to make the multi-ethnic nation envisioned in the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement a reality.

"I think that Bosnia stands at a crossroads, a crossroads of whether the communities in that country really want to make a success of a single Bosnia," Dame Pauline Neville-Jones, an architect of the Dayton accord, said Tuesday.

Dayton's military provisions have been enforced by more than 50,000 NATO peacekeepers. Since

the accord was signed last December, the former warring parties have observed the cease-fire.

But Dayton's civilian provisions have no teeth. Bosnians have been reluctant to create the unified government and joint institutions called for in the agreement, preferring to operate separately along ethnic lines.

The Bosnia-Herzegovina delegation expected at the conference reflects those ethnic divisions. It includes the three-man presidency — a Muslim, a Serb and a Croat — plus leaders of the Bosnian Serb republic and the Muslim-Croat federation, which are supposed to work together in a central government that has not materialized.

"If they don't get these institutions up and running, nothing happens — it is absolutely crucial," said Dame Pauline, a former adviser to Carl Bildt, who is in charge of implementing civilian aspects of the Dayton accord.

"It's got to be made clear to the parties: The baton is going to them," she said in an interview.

British officials said international aid would be used to

pressure Bosnian authorities to take responsibility for their own future.

Among the goals international officials want Bosnian authorities to embrace are arms control reductions; a strengthening of the international police force for Bosnia, which has no enforcement power; and an improvement in the quality of local police, who have failed to protect minorities trying to return home — and in some cases persecuted them.

Leaders at the conference also will promote the rebuilding of Bosnia's economy, call for eliminating laws blocking freedom of movement and push for "a huge increase" in the number of refugees returning home next year.

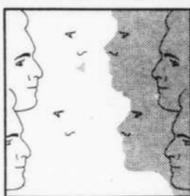
Local Bosnian officials will be pressured to hand over indicted war criminals and adhere to international human rights standards.

And officials at the conference will ask Bosnian officials to establish a new constitution, institute new license plates that don't identify a person's ethnic background, allow independent news media to operate and create a nationwide telephone system. *

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MTSU prevails over Murray

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The SGA met with Charlotte Hunt, director of parking and transportation, to discuss campus parking. They talked about various solutions to parking problems, and later, the Senate created the Comprehensive Parking Bill of 1996 with the hope of cleaning up a part of the parking mess. The SGA then met with the Parking Authority and Vice President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance to discuss the bill and improve the communication with the student body. Homecoming: "We have expanded the homecoming events in an effort to draw more students," Baker said. The SGA participated in the groundbreaking for the new

library, as well as the 85th birthday party for MTSU: "It was a wonderful celebration, and gave me the opportunity to recognize those who make this university great," Baker said. The SGA gave input on the Academic Master Plan, which is being constructed in Barbara Haskew's office, the vice president of academic affairs. Together, they created a committee to aid in student input in survey form. Regarding campus safety, the SGA has pushed for better lighting conditions, paving, and the installation of a call box in the Bell Street parking lot. In the effort to increase school spirit, the Traditions Committee is meeting with the alumni office and the athletic department to discuss ways of boosting the attendance at sports events.

The SGA has created three book scholarships of \$150 each, and is now accepting applications, which can be picked up in the SGA office and must be turned in by Dec. 13. As the SGA looks to the spring semester, they hope to further help with the continuous parking problems. There will be more people with parking violations heading to the SGA office looking for help, and Baker promises that the SGA will do the best they can to assist them. "There's going to be a lot of construction on campus," Baker said. "And that's gonna be a pain in the rear end." Along with the 'end of the year' banquet, the SGA will be facing elections for a new president, speaker of the Senate and speaker of the House, and new senators.

On Campus

Police Beat

THURSDAY, Dec. 5

The National Association of Black Journalists will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. in the mass communication building. For more information contact Jay Jackson at 898-3499.

FRIDAY, Dec. 13

Deadline to pay outstanding debts to the University in order to hear grades via TRAM and/or receive a printed grade report.

Sunday, Nov. 24

Where: Rec Center What: wallet and keys stolen; est. loss: \$35

Monday, Nov. 25

Where: Smith Hall What: theft: stereo's watch, 2 jackets, diver, textbooks; est. loss: \$670

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Where: Abernathy Hall What: caller said several subjects were smoking marijuana. Housing is handling situation.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

Where: Monohan Hall What: stolen car keys; est. loss: \$15

Where: Ezell Hall Lot What: caller said someone hit her car and left the scene; estimated loss not yet known.

Where: Monohan Hall What: caller said she was being harassed by her ex-boyfriend

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The increase in heterosexual AIDS cases can be blamed partly on ignorance about the problem in addition to the high-risk activities students willingly put themselves into, said Herb Stone, an official at the Tennessee Department of Health. These high-risk activities include: unsafe sex and sharing needles.

Unsafe sex (sex without a condom) is the main reason HIV is spreading so quickly among heterosexuals, said Reta Garwood, an outreach counselor with the Rural AIDS Prevention Project sponsored by Pathfinders, Inc. By using condoms, Garwood explained, sexual fluids which carry HIV will have a better chance of being prevented from spreading. Many students do not use condoms, Garwood said, because they do not associate HIV with heterosexual sex.

Stone said that students who excessively use drugs and alcohol may have lower inhibitions and are more prone to have unprotected sex. Stone also said some students feel they are invincible, especially between the ages of 16 and 21, and they feel that their contracting HIV is unrealistic. But they are wrong.

HIV is spread when an HIV-positive person's blood or sexual fluids come into contact with an uninfected person's blood during sexual intercourse, while sharing a dirty needle, or when an HIV-positive pregnant woman passes the virus to her fetus. It may take 10 to 15 years for an HIV-positive person to develop full-blown AIDS.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control reported that it is during this symptom-less period that many people mistakenly assume that a person with no outward signs of the disease does not carry the virus. Many infected people do not find out they are HIV positive until they develop AIDS, by which time they could have unknowingly spread HIV to others.

Groups give AIDS education

By Carol Paschall/ special to Sidelines

Two campus groups are trying to educate students about the risks of HIV and how to prevent getting it.

MTSU Health Services provides educational pamphlets and free condoms in the McFarland Health Services

building located across the street from Cummings Hall. Health Services also brings in the Rural AIDS Prevention Project (RAPP) to KUC downstairs lobby every other Monday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. RAPP offers AIDS information and free condoms to students.

The June Anderson Women's

Center, located in JUB 206, offers AIDS information and safe sex packets.

For confidential AIDS testing, appointments can be made with the Rutherford County Health Department, 303 N. Church Street, by calling 898-7880.

Electrical project to cause detours

Staff Reports

When students and faculty return to campus following the winter break, they may encounter some temporary walking and driving detours due to a new underground electrical project that will begin this month.

The electrical project will cost \$1,617,000 and is contracted to Wolfe & Travis Electrical Contractors of Nashville.

Construction will run from south of the new library site along First Street to the north by Woodmore Cafeteria, between Keathley University Center and the McWherter Learning Resources Center,

and further north just beyond Faulkinberry Drive. Additional construction will run east on Second Street in front of Corlew Hall.

"The contractor will work in approximately 100-yard segments at a time," said Bill Smotherman, director of construction administration and environmental health and safety at MTSU. "There will be protective fencing around each part under construction."

Smotherman explained that in order to accommodate the new electric lines for the Business/ Aerospace building and the new library, the current lines — which hang overhead — would have to be overloaded.

"It is much better to put the lines underground rather than to increase the capacity of the overhead lines," Smotherman said.

Smotherman also said the new electric lines will be safer underground, and will "improve the aesthetics of the campus."

Construction at several of the campus road crossings will be done between Dec. 15 and Jan. 1. Those sites include Faulkinberry Drive, Second Street, B Street and behind the Keathley University Center.

The entire project will take about 10 months. Some areas will be closed off, and "Sidelines" will report the information as soon as it is available.



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Janet Colson was one of three to receive an award for participation in the distance learning program.

Continuing studies rewards its faculty

By Randy Ford/ Sidelines

Three faculty members from the MTSU Division of Continuing Studies received awards at an appreciation luncheon Monday.

Melodie Phillips, Martha Whaley and Janet Colson received awards for their part in helping the Division of Continuing Studies this year at the special luncheon called "Distance Learning — A Year in Review."

Phillips, professor of management and marketing, was recognized for her contributions to compressed video instruction. Phillips taught the first compressed video course offered by MTSU in fall 1994.

The University Continuing Education recently awarded Phillips a new researcher award for her market research on compressed video classes. Phillips also provides training on compressed video equipment to new instructors each semester.

"We are trying to set up a distribution system that delivers the right product to the right person at the right time," Phillips said. "We are trying to stay on top of changing needs."

Whaley, chair of the

department of health, physical education and recreation, taught the first telecourse offered at the university. Under Whaley's leadership, six of the department's instructors have taught telecourses, and over 275 students have completed them.

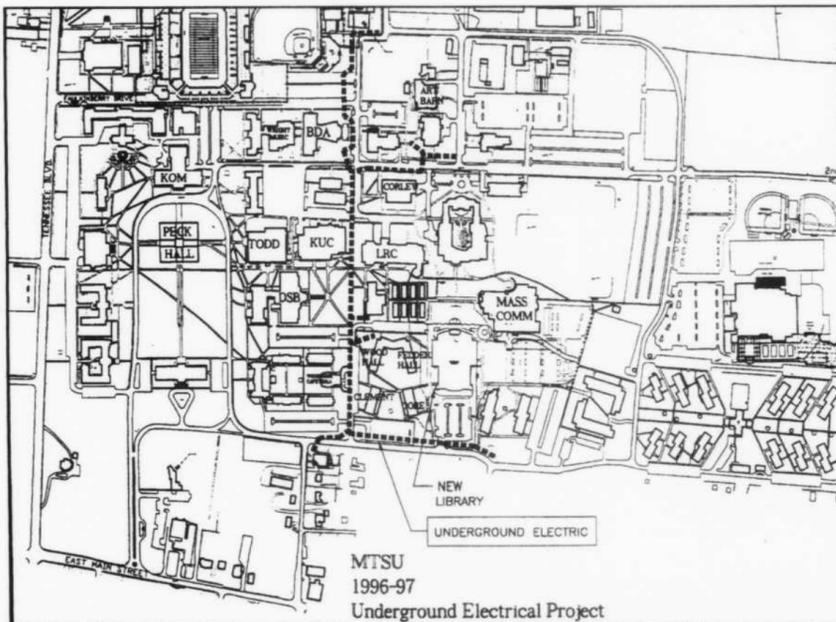
Colson, professor of human sciences, was recognized because of her dedication in the area of correspondence courses.

She has taught correspondence courses in nutrition since summer 1996 and has developed a 100-page textbook supplement for correspondence students. Colson has also scheduled office hours at her home specifically to assist students in her correspondence courses.

Barbara Haskew, provost/vice president of academic affairs, said the award recipients, as well as all other distance learning instructors, are responsible for aiding in the growth of the continuing studies division.

She praised the award winners as "pioneers in our faculty who have carried this message to the rest of the university."

Whaley said of the division's faculty, "They are most supportive, and it's very exciting to be a part of continuing ed!"



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Around the World

Two killed and 28 injured in French commuter train explosion

PARIS (AP) — A bomb exploded on a commuter train in a station in the heart of Paris during the evening rush hour Tuesday, and police said at least two people were killed and 28 wounded, eight seriously.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Officials said the blast occurred just before 6 p.m. at the Port-Royal station, an underground station on the RER regional line used by thousands of commuters in and out of the French capital.

EU Backs Spanish Call For Tougher Stance on Cuba

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — In a move that will further strain relations between Cuba and Spain, the European Union has adopted a Spanish proposal urging Cuba to improve its record on human rights and free speech.

The resolution was adopted unanimously and without debate by the 15 member nations Monday.

The United States immediately praised the EU resolution.

First Japanese World War II Criminals Barred from United States

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department today barred 16 Japanese men from ever entering the United States because they allegedly conducted inhumane medical experiments and ran forced sex centers for the Imperial Army during World War II.

The men were the Japanese to be placed on the government's "watch list" since it was established in 1979 to keep out people who committed acts of persecution on behalf of Nazi Germany or any of its allies during the war.

OSCE Summit Sets Security Guidelines

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Leaders from 54 countries on both sides of the Atlantic reaffirmed Tuesday that each of them has the right to choose its own security arrangements, including which military alliance to join.

The security blueprint for the 21st century also says that no member of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe will strengthen their security at the expense of others.



The new security guidelines are seen as a way to commit both NATO and Russia to certain principles and to reassure both sides as the Atlantic alliances prepares to accept new members from the defunct Warsaw Pact.

Aiding Rwandan Refugees can turn "Dangerous"

ENTEBBE, Uganda (AP) — Rebel fighting in eastern Zaire is shifting very quickly and could be "extremely dangerous" to any force trying to aid refugees, the commander of a multinational relief force said Tuesday.

Canadian Lt. Gen. Maurice Baril said in an interview that 13 countries have promised air assistance for the effort to aid Rwandan refugees stranded in rebel-held territory. Nine others have promised other help.

Grad student employees seek unionization

College Press Service

DAVIS, Calif.—Graduate students employed as teaching assistants, research assistants and readers at five University of California campuses are currently seeking the right to collectively bargain employment terms and conditions with the university.

Although student unions exist at UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego, UCLA and UC Santa Barbara, none are recognized by the university as the exclusive representative of student employees.

UCD Graduate Student Association External Chairperson Jennifer Reich noted that no single body represents graduate student employees at UCD. Thus, when a student wants to file a grievance, they may have to go to an academic department or faculty member.

"Graduate student employees have been asking to be treated like other university employees," Reich said.

According to a prepared statement by UCSA members Blase Bonpane and Steve Dubb, graduate student employees do not currently have job security, adequate benefits or sufficient grievance procedures.

According to the California Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act of 1979, however, teaching and research assistants serve an educational purpose and their employment is contingent upon their status as students.

University administration has interpreted this to mean that student unions are illegal, Reich said.

"The university position has always been that we are opposed to any form of collective bargaining for graduate students," UC Public Relations Officer Terry Colvin said. "HEERA held that teaching and research assistants could not engage in collective bargaining. The reason is that we believe graduate students are first and foremost students, not

employees."

Bonpane and Dubb also note, however, that many graduate students have families and need solid health insurance coverage.

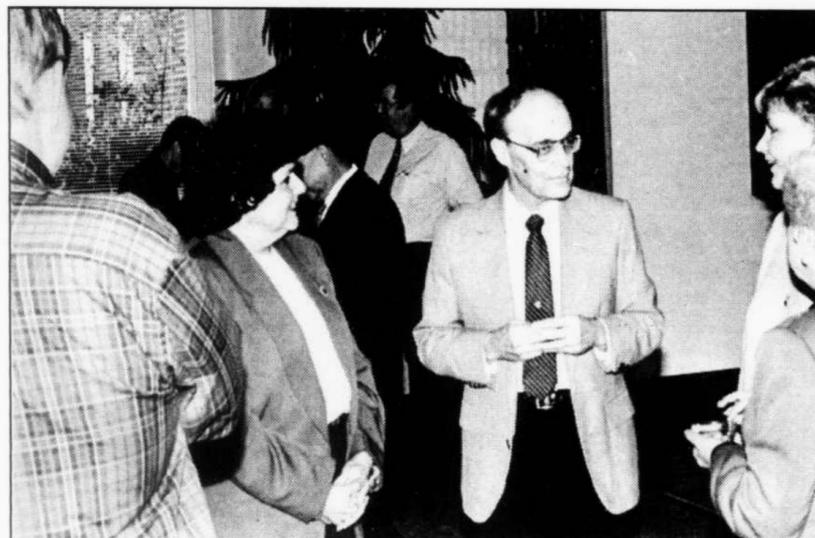
The third concern addressed in the UCSA statement is the ineffective grievance procedure used to address unfair treatment of graduate students by some faculty members.

"Some faculty members ask their graduate students to perform additional tasks beyond their job description," Bonpane and Dubb said in the statement.

"Most grievances are handled by the faculty members themselves, which discourages many graduate students from filing grievances about their work conditions."

"A union could provide student employees with a potent and consistent voice with which to express job dissatisfaction and change the problems which are creating the dissatisfaction," the statement said. •

Farewell reception



Daniel Ritchie/staff

James Douthit, professor of Marketing and Management at MTSU, shares words with colleagues at his retirement reception Monday in the Alumni Center.

Center hosts livestock events

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Livestock Center at MTSU features several events every month, and this month, the Livestock Center will host four horse and cattle events:

•The Music City Corriente Show and Roping will be held on Dec. 6 and 7. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Dec. 6, and the cattle judging will

begin at 1 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 7, books will open at 8 a.m. For more information about this event, call Ray Radford at 459-7773.

•The Beef Cattle Improvement Association Tested Bull Sale will be held on Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. For additional information about this event, call David Kirkpatrick at 974-7294.

•The Tennessee Valley

Ropers Association roping event will be held on Dec. 14 and 15. The event will begin on both days at 9 a.m. For more information about this event, call Sharon Burns at 316-6134.

•And the Intercollegiate Horse Show will be held on Dec. 19 and 20. The show will begin on both days at 8 a.m. For more information about the show, contact Anne Brzezicki at 898-2523. •

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OPINIONS

In our view

Nondiscrimination statement finally settled

The decision to include the "Statement of Community Standards of Civil Behavior" in future university publications instead of changing the university's nondiscrimination statement is an amenable compromise which satisfies all for which the UEC should be demanding as well as appease those groups fearing gay and lesbian students would receive undue recognition and "special treatment" if the statement were changed.

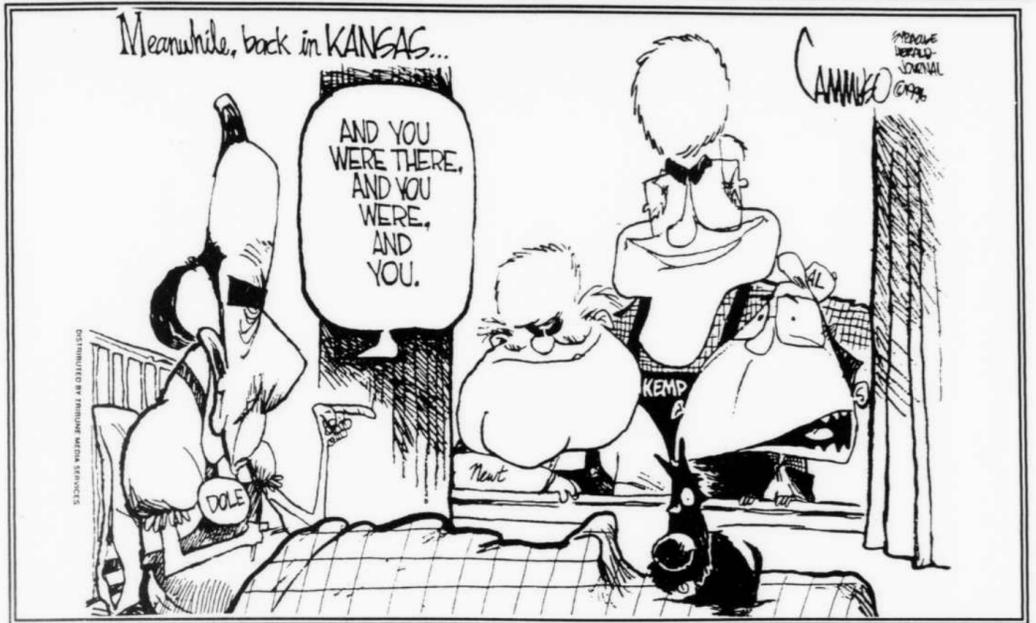
President Walker and Vice President Lalance have exhaustively and patiently reviewed both parties' contentions -- and child-like whining -- before agreeing upon the "Statement of Community Standards of Civil Behavior." A wise and laudable decision.

For the UEC to continue to pursue further changes in the nondiscrimination statement would impress upon the student body the UEC's own self-aggrandizement and willingness to waste university officials' valuable time.

State law (on top of standing university policy) already prohibits discrimination -- for any reason -- against an individual, whether it be for race, gender, or sexual orientation.

The UEC should be concentrating their efforts on more important issues concerning gay members of the community such as legal acknowledgement of gay marriages in Tennessee.

As for the campus as a whole we shouldn't need a statement on a piece of paper to make us do what we should be doing all along -- respecting each other's differences.



Letters to the Editor

Student feels harsh policies against Colombia undeserved

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to last Thursday's letter to the editor from Sergio Arboleda. A couple of weeks ago I read an article from the A.P. in "Sidelines" talking about Amnesty International's suggestion to the U.S. government of stopping any military aid to Colombia for the war against drugs because some civilians have been killed by the Colombian armed forces using this military aid. This adds to the already called threats by the U.S. government on applying economic sanctions against Colombia. What the article did not say was that these civilians were left-wing communists from guerrilla groups who work along with the drug cartels to destabilize the country. I am a Colombian and, to a point, I sympathize with Mr. Arboleda's letter, but I also think he got too carried away by anger, and his letter may have offended some people who don't know what's going on.

The United States' relationship with Colombia is facing its hardest moments ever. The U.S. government claims that Colombia is not doing enough in the war against drugs (which is funny you know!). The Medellin Cartel was destroyed in 1993 when Pablo Escobar, its leader, was killed by the police, and this past year the main heads of the Cali cartel were put in jail. It is ironic that since then, President Clinton and some people in Congress began to threaten Colombia with economic sanctions and cuts on military aid, claiming that our president, Ernesto Samper, received money from the cartel of Cali for his campaign, and his government has not done enough in this war. My question to the reader is: Who should I believe? Colombian President Samper, whose government is responsible for the capture of these bad guys and the destruction of thousands of acres of coca farms? Or Mr. Clinton, who has done nothing but threaten our government with sanctions?

Do you smell something? Well, I do! I wonder what was that drug-lord doing in the White House with Al Gore and Ms. Clinton? Remember that photo? This makes me mad as a Colombian. I call that country home, and I have seen

many good working people suffer and die already because of a stupid fight against drugs that we don't even consume. However, the United States does. It is a big business which runs tons of money. It's all politics, lack of values and poor education. That is where the problem lies. We are not what these extreme liberals of Amnesty International claim we are. We are not what Hollywood and the news portray. We can fight drugs with or without aid. Fighting for a good cause is an honorable thing, and I know there are millions of people here in the United States that care about this problem. I just hope both our governments care too.

Jose Luis Arbelaez
Senior, Recording Industry Management

Matching scholarship program deserves place at MTSU

To the Editor:

It has just been brought to our attention that members of the university administration are quietly working to eliminate the matching funds scholarship program that helps lessen the costs of tuition for minority students here at MTSU. Students have been told that there are too many black students here to justify the program's existence. The College Democrats find that position contemptible. While African-Americans make up over 13 percent of the national population, they make up less than eight percent of the student body.

These scholarship programs were designed to ensure that there is equal opportunity for all students to receive a higher education, and to prevent state schools from becoming segregated. These same programs exist at TSU, but are targeted at white students. No one is calling for them to be eliminated.

While scape-goating seems to be in vogue these days, we should step back a minute and think about why these programs are good for the whole school. In biology we learn that the more diversity there is in a species the better its ability to overcome adverse conditions. America's greatness has always been its diversity -- its willingness to hear and learn from all of its people. Corporate studies repeatedly show that the more diverse a company's work force is, the easier it is for that company to adapt to changes in society. And schools are no different.

Surely no one would disagree that in a learning environment it is beneficial to have as many different viewpoints from as many different backgrounds as possible. We all see life through the eyes of our experiences. To truly see the whole picture, we must look through the eyes of those with different experiences and different backgrounds.

These programs build and maintain the diversity necessary to provide us with a complete learning experience. Undermining these programs undermines our diversity on campus. If nothing else, then let's talk about eliminating these programs out in the open and not behind closed doors. As students, we have been affected by more than enough closed door decisions. We should not and we will not tolerate anymore.

Douglas V. A. Wells
President, MTSU College Democrats

Brother Carlisle not representative of all Christians

To the Editor:

Once again, I'm standing behind "Sidelines" on this topic of Tom Carlisle's preaching in front of the KUC. Even though the man has come to the campus and somewhat disrespected women (which I disagree with), he still has the right to come here and say what's on his mind. I'm a born-again Christian and attend a Southern Baptist church, so I can say that he does not represent all Christians. I hope that some of the harmful things that he said didn't turn Christianity off to anyone. God loves us all, and we should be expressing love to others and not trying to tear each other down. That's where I disagree with Mr. Carlisle. I believe I heard him say he's perfect, well he's wrong there. We are all not perfect, and that includes all Christians. There was only one true perfect being, and we all know who that is. So for him to call women "whores" shows his imperfections. I don't want to get into the issues, but just because some make mistakes--they don't deserve that title. Women aren't all the guilty ones, men do it too. So he should stop the bashing. Even though I have to agree with Mr. Carlisle on what he had to say about the Lambda Association. I think the Lam's are getting upset because there was finally an opposing voice in their face. What? The campus lets the Lambda's hold meetings and put up about 2 flyers in every classroom, but the heterosexuals can't have a forum to express their views? Gimme a break! Like "Sidelines" says, if one can speak their mind, others should be allowed to do the same, and that's the bottom line!

Robert "FESLUV" Ashburn

Carlisle's message reflective of other's hidden prejudices

To the Editor:

The recent visit to MTSU by "Brother" Tom Carlisle wasn't at all unlike the last time he visited.

When I was a junior, I had just come out as a gay man. Brother Tom had helped to move me into standing up for the truth I found absent from his hate-filled message.

I don't at all find that Brother Tom represents the opinions of the majority of Christians I know. I do feel he is an example of the kind of ignorance religious extremism can breed and helps to foster.

I strongly defend his right to speak on campus. In fact, Brother Tom offers a safe-distance view of the kind of hate that people use to justify everyday prejudice and discrimination against campus gays and lesbians.

The hate expressed through Brother Tom has also found a subtle voice among those who outwardly profess love and work the mechanisms of hate behind the veil of religious belief. This subtle voice speaks an inoculated language intermeshed with moral supremacy. Over time, it harmonizes with history's painful reminders of our fragile willingness to accept without reason.

It's hard to doctor hidden wounds. Protecting freedom of speech benefits us all, especially when it exposes the blemishes on the face of society. Preventative medicine in doses as small as Brother Tom can make us stronger. I thank Brother Tom for truly doing the work of God.

Michael Grantham
Uniform Equality Committee Chair

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Carlisle represents scare tactics of church

To the Editor:

I must admit that I am sorry that I missed Tom Carlisle speak last week. For it is people like him that should be allowed to demonstrate the names of Christianity to others. Hurtful names are thrown at people in order to make them feel guilty. Christianity is a perfect racket, in that it sets a standard of living so high that no one can achieve it. Thus, they feel guilty and fall into an endless cycle of unattainable goals and guilt for not reaching them.

Power is also an issue. If someone like Tom Carlisle can make you think and act the way he wants you to, he succeeds in having some power over you. The church has used mind control for centuries, and punished those who disagreed with them. If God is so unhappy about things, then why does the Almighty not intervene? The All Powerful does not need mere mortals to act in his name. The truth is, people like Tom Carlisle do not like seeing people not suffering through life as they are.

Fortunately, we live in an advanced country where we can think for ourselves and let reason guide our lives. If people want to live in fear of their own mind, they have the right to do so. Atheists, which I am not, and people who do believe in a Creator, which I do, can be just as moral as any self-proclaimed Christian. Actions speak louder than words.

I think Mr. Carlisle should be allowed to speak next year and as often as the university can accommodate him. He serves as a great symbol of why we have and need the First Amendment, respecting the establishment of religion. Besides, small-minded dogmatists are always fun to watch when they do not have the power to enforce their ideas. And if all of Mr. Carlisle's beliefs turn out to be facts, he will have to answer to his Almighty God about the number of souls he made turn away from God, thus condemning their souls to Hell. Mr. Carlisle will need a lot of soap and water for his hands.

Thomas Redfern, Senior
Political Science

Low attendance at theatre does not indicate ignorance

To the Editor:

As a College Democrat and former manager of the Belcourt Twin Cinema in Nashville, I feel I must take issue with a letter that was printed, not once, but twice by "Sidelines" in recent weeks. Mr. York seems to have two problems here. One, that the College Democrats did lots of campaigning this semester, yet none of us turned out en masse to see a wonderful documentary titled "The War Room." First, let me say that I've seen this film several times. It played at the Belcourt for

two weeks three years ago, and I, like yourself, was disappointed that more people didn't turn out. However, to expect a group that has been campaigning all semester to come see a film two days before the election is crazy. Those last two days were vital, considering the close race in Tennessee. We did not have an hour and a half to spend watching any movie, even one as great as this one is. On a personal note, I'm a single mom and didn't have \$2 (and another \$5 or \$6 for the sitter), so I'm pretty content with renting from local video stores. To be completely truthful, I had no idea it was being shown until that Monday night before the election.

Which brings me to my second point: Mr. York, to aim your anger at the MTSU population, and at Middle Tennessee in general, is way out of line. I know firsthand that this area is not full of "closed-minded, Bible-thumping, illiterate hillbillies." As former manager of a theatre that shows art, foreign and limited-released films for four years, I know that there is an audience for the types of films you have shown throughout the semester. I had customers who drove from all over Middle Tennessee (including Rutherford County), Kentucky, Alabama and even Ohio, to see our films. My question to you is: Where else do you advertise besides "Sidelines" and campus bulletin boards? You've shown some really fantastic films this semester, and I applaud your efforts. However, these types of movies only appeal to a small percentage of the population. That doesn't mean everyone else is ignorant, it means that in order to attract more people to see your movies, you need to decide who your target audience is. Does the films committee have some set goals? Are you trying to educate? Or is money your main goal? One of the best movies I've ever seen is a French film titled "The Hairdresser's Husband," but the crowd that turned out for it was less than 100 for the week it was shown. In contrast, I opened "The Crying Game" (also an excellent film) on Christmas Day 1992, to a crowd of about 100. A few weeks later, due to publicity and word of mouth, I had sell-out crowds of 400 on every show. My point is, you cannot appeal to everyone in a community as diverse as this one is. You have to listen to your audience and find out

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what they are willing to come out and see. One of the reasons Sarratt is so successful is their eclectic selection of movies combined with films that are of special interest to the surrounding community. They are reaching out to the surrounding area as well as appealing to the Vanderbilt faculty, staff and student body. They distribute fliers throughout the city of what's playing, when, and what it's about. They also do quite a bit of advertising in local, special interest newspapers. They host special events like "The Sinking Creek Film Festival" which has become a very popular event in the film community. At this year's opening night, a short film by recent MTSU grad (and good friend) Jonathan Shockley, was featured.

Mr. York, there are all sorts of opportunities for the MTSU Films Committee to take advantage of. I think you just need to get focused and quit blaming others when it seems to me that you only have yourselves to blame.

Thank you for your time.

Pamela Arnold
Former theatre manager and College Democrat

Pro-choice argument also has sexist points

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Trey Hall's letter which appeared in "Sidelines" on Nov. 14. As a woman and a feminist, I am appreciative of

Mr. Hall's attempt to defend the rights of women against what he believes to be a sexist movement. However, I disagree with his conclusions.

His first point was that the value of a fetus "cannot be put on the same level as a viable and birthed baby, or as the mother." Speaking from the conviction that the fetus is a human being, I cannot presume to discriminate between human beings to determine whose life is of higher value. The dehumanization of human beings and the classification of a group of people (in this case, unborn children) as expendable is the way of thinking which led to the horrors of both the Jewish Holocaust and what has been

called the black holocaust, and which has led to the current slaughter of unborn children.

Mr. Hall's next point was that "if a woman views physical or mental health," abortion should be considered self defense. Does the fetus have a gun? Can I justifiably kill someone in the name of self defense when that person has threatened to do nothing and done nothing other than exist? The fetus cannot be blamed for the complications of pregnancy. Therefore, even if the baby must be taken from the womb to save the mother, every attempt should be made to save the life of the child.

Finally, Mr. Hall made an assertion that the pro-life movement is sexist in nature. On the contrary, if anything relating to "reproductive freedom" is "sexist," it is nature. Women get pregnant. Men do not. It's that simple. Women should see this beautiful, creative gift as an advantage rather than a disadvantage and reject the myth that they must sacrifice this ability and their children in order to advance in their lives and careers.

Abortion also provides men with a convenient escape from responsibility for their children. If a man was pressured to pay child support or to otherwise take care of his children, he could argue that it is true the choice to have an abortion is the woman's choice alone, then he is free of his fatherly responsibilities since she (and not he) chose to have the children. Abortion, then, gives men instead of women freedom since it paves the way for men to dump responsibility for pregnancies and children on women's shoulders

alone. Rather than urging men to take responsibility for the pregnancies they had equal share in causing, abortion implies to men that they have no responsibility at all. The pro-choice movement should examine its own seriously sexist implications.

Sincerely,
Janet Patterson
Junior, English Major

Carlisle crossed line between free speech and harassment

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the "In Our View" editorial titled, "Let the preacher speak." While I agree with some aspects of the editorial, I completely disagree with the apathetic attitude that the writer says is the best way to deal with Tom Carlisle.

In the editorial, the author wrote, "For the first time in a long while, students on our campus were speaking their minds. The apathy was broken." However, after praising the students' involvement in speaking out against Carlisle's rhetoric, the author then advises the students to "keep on walking" if they hear something that they don't want to hear. Is this not, in essence, apathy?

I agree with the author of the article in that I believe that people should be able to speak their minds. However, in this case, I believe Carlisle's preaching was unwarranted and not in the best interests of the majority of students on our campus. Why does the president's office turn a blind eye and deaf ear when the offended parties are women and homosexuals, or in Carlisle's words, "whores" and "faggots?" Tom Carlisle has been to our campus before, and the same minority groups have complained. I have little doubt that next semester, Carlisle will be allowed to return to our campus.

In giving out permits to speakers, I think it is the responsibility of the president's office to decide if the speaker will provide a learning experience for MTSU students, or if the speaker's message will only serve to outcast students. Would the Ku Klux Klan be able to speak out on this campus if they so desired? Would a speaker be able to get a permit to speak in the middle of campus if that speaker preached against "niggers" and "kikes?"

As a homosexual and a female, I was offended. I believe to MTSU to learn, not to be verbally harassed while walking to class. If the president's office had every student's best interests in mind, Tom Carlisle would have never been able to get a permit to speak on this campus the first time he tried.

Sharon E. LaBonte, Senior
recording Industry

Coming soon to an interstate near you: the 'Carpoon'

By Dave Barry

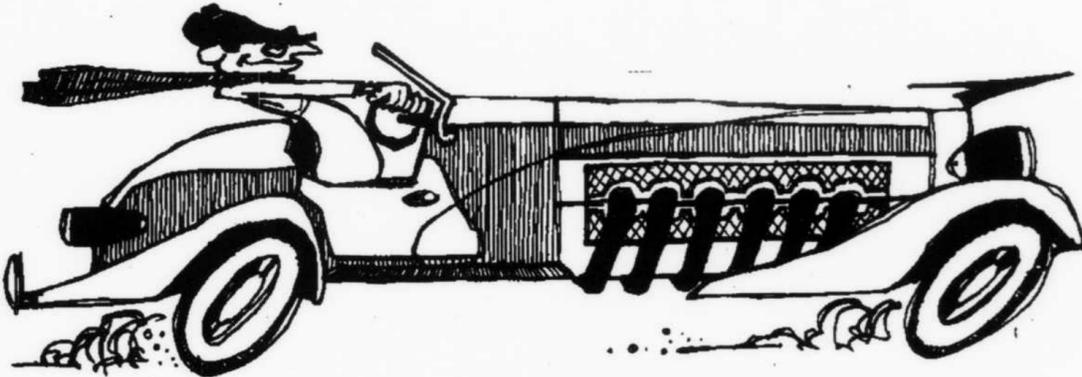
Here's the problem: If you stop 100 people at random and ask them to evaluate their driving ability, every single one will say "above average." It is a scientific fact that all drivers, including those who are going the wrong way on interstate highways, believe they are above average.

Obviously, this is impossible: SOME drivers have to be below average. Not me, of course. I am currently ranked fourth among the top drivers in world history, between Mario Andretti and Spartacus.

But there are many incompetent people out there on the roads, changing speed and direction without warning, or "passing" lane at 23 miles per hour, blinking their turn signals, which they never turn off, even in the garage. These people make me crazy, which is why I am so excited about the car harpoon.

I found out about the car harpoon from an Associated Press item, sent to me by many alert readers, concerning the police in the town of Oulu, Finland. Finland (also known as "Norway") is a northern European nation that also contains a city named "Espoo" (suggested civic motto: "The City That Sounds Like A Person Spitting").

You might think that the biggest traffic menace in Finland would be unlicensed reindeer, but the Oulu police have a problem with speeders and drunk drivers who refuse to stop. That's why police Sgt. Markku Limingojja invented the car harpoon. This is a missile-shaped object,



equipped with hydraulically activated bars, that sticks several feet out from the front bumper of the police car. The idea is that if the police are chasing somebody, they ram the harpoon into the fleeing car's trunk, activate the harpoons to keep the two cars stuck together, then use their brakes to stop both vehicles.

We definitely need the car harpoon over here. Of course we'd have to modify the concept slightly, as follows:

1. It would not be limited to police cars. It would also be available as an option on cars operated by qualified civilian drivers such as (needless to say) yourself.

2. The civilian model car harpoon—which I assume would be marketed under the name "carpoon"—would contain additional features, including a powerful public-address system.

The Carpoon would greatly enhance the

driving experience. Envision this scenario: You're behind a bad driver stopped at a traffic light. The light turns green, but the bad driver does not move. He was completely unprepared for the fact that—How the heck would anybody know this?—red would be followed by green. He's sitting there, baffled, like a person watching a drive-in movie with a very complicated plot. You honk your horn, but this has no effect on the bad driver; people are ALWAYS honking at him, and he never knows why.

Suddenly—WHAM—the bad driver feels a jolt. Then he hears a very loud voice—your voice—coming from inside his car, saying: "EXCUSE ME! THE LIGHT IS GREEN! YOU CAN GO NOW!" This announcement would be followed, after a courtesy interval of one-tenth second, by tear gas.

As a motorist, I want a Carpoon NOW.

And I'll tell you what else I want: A Tire Assault Vehicle. This is a real device that was featured in a publication called NASA Tech Briefs, sent in by alert reader Robert Stolpe. The Tire Assault Vehicle, or TAV, is designed to protect humans from high-pressure aircraft tires that might explode. Basically, the TAV is a remote-controlled model tank that has been modified to incorporate a video camera on top and an electric drill sticking out the front. The operator, from a safe distance, drives the TAV up to an aircraft tire and drills a hole in it, safely letting out the air.

You know how sometimes you're trying to find a space in a crowded parking lot, and you come to a car that some jerk has deliberately parked diagonally across two spaces? Can you imagine the satisfaction you'd experience if, without even having to leave the comfort and safety of your car, you could drill holes in the jerk's tires?

But that would be wrong. Property destruction is not the solution. No, it would be better to take a deep breath, calm down, wait patiently until the jerk returns to his car, and then drill holes in his skins.

Wouldn't that be great? That's why you need to tell your federal government to stop nattering about air bags and start providing you, the above-average driver, with the Tire Assault Vehicle, the Carpoon and other technology (I am not ruling out nuclear weapons) that you can REALLY use. So don't wait! Write to your congressperson NOW! Also, press the accelerator, OK? The light is green. •

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THE SCHOOL THAT PARTIES TOGETHER...

New organization throws champagne bash to bring fragmented campus groups together

By Keith Russell/ staff

A new group on MTSU's campus believes they have the perfect way to strike a spark under what they perceive to be a university that just doesn't remember how to have fun anymore. Their name? The Partee Krewe. Their game? Students can find out at 9:30 p.m. tonight at Jonathan's On the Square, when the group presents its inaugural bash, titled the "Ebony and Ivory Champagne Campaign."

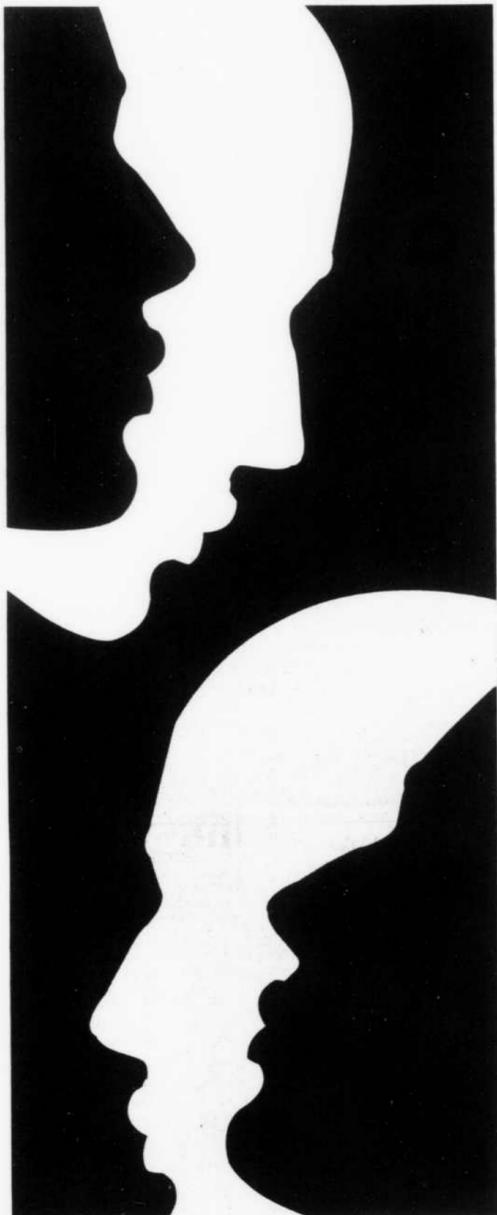
Organized in conjunction with Best of Both Worlds Entertainment, the event is the first undertaking of the year by the Partee Krewe, a diverse group of 20 to 30 students who, as their members insist, has one central purpose: to foster racial, ethnic and social interaction through — what else? — partying!

"I'm really excited about this," beams the Partee Krewe's founder and MTSU graduate student Dedrick Lewis. "We're expecting a lot of people to show up and get involved with what we're doing."

What the Party Krewe is doing is trying to bring together the wide array of organizations on campus — particularly white and black Greek organizations — and prove to them that, to borrow the plaintive words of Rodney King, we can "all just get along."

"A lot of people talk about the barrier that exists between the UGC (United Greek Council) and IFC (Inter-Fraternity Council)," says senior Shane McFarlane, a Partee Krewe member and member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. "I've been here for five years, and my fraternity has never done anything like ('Ebony and Ivory'). I think it's our job to get across those barriers and change things."

Subsequently, Beta Theta Pi has



helped to sponsor tonight's festivities, along with Kappa Alpha Psi and fellow Greek organizations Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma. However, while Greeks may be helping to put the event together, Partee Crew

members emphasize that "Ebony and Ivory" is a party for everyone on campus to take part in.

"We're trying to attract as many non-Greeks as possible to this," insists Lewis. "In the Partee Krewe itself, there are a few Greeks, but most of us don't have anything to do with a Greek organization. So this is something for the whole campus."

And in trying to give a little something for everyone to enjoy, the Partee Krewe decided on the theme of "Ebony and Ivory" for their first endeavor. To get in the door, one must wear either all black, all white, or a combination of the two colors. Furthermore, the group wanted to convey an atmosphere of elegance, which led to the idea of a champagne party.

"When you think of champagne, you think of celebration," says Lewis with a smile.

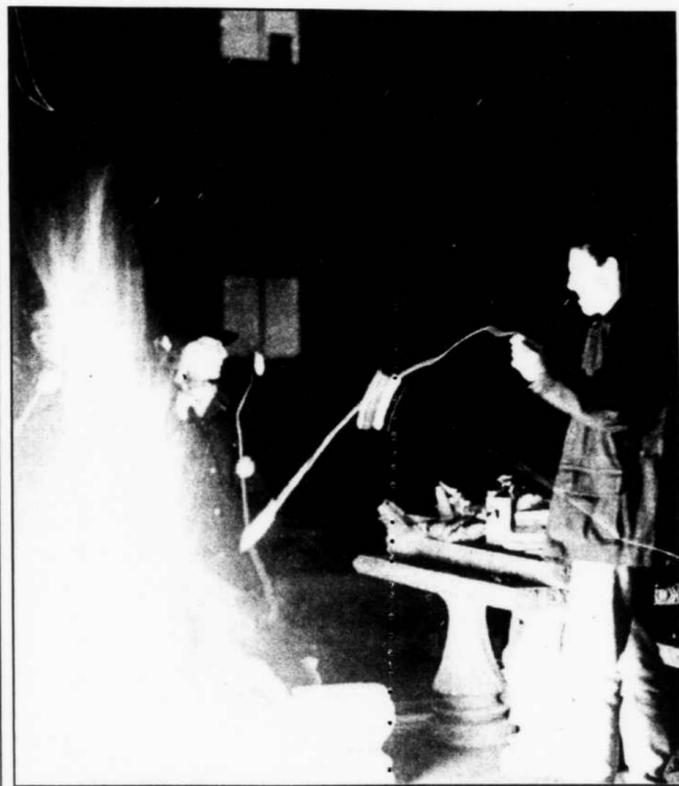
A celebration, the Party Krewe hopes, will lead to less social fragmentation on campus and, ultimately, much more interaction between groups. Lewis, for one, is optimistic.

"It's time for a change at this campus," he believes. "If blacks and whites can just come together and have a good time, then they'll see that they can get along."

"And on Thursday night," he continues, "I think once the champagne starts flowing and the music starts playing, and the people start mingling, everything's going to be all right."

Those wishing to attend "Ebony and Ivory" can buy a ticket at the door of Jonathan's tonight for \$5. Free champagne will be served throughout the evening, and dress is semi-formal (white or black attire, no jeans or tennis shoes). •

A smokin' good time



Dan Ritchie/ staff

Members of Area 4 Housing gather around a fire for their annual Christmas Party Wednesday night.

Bad boy Brad Schmitt enjoys 'the best job in town'

By Pam Courtney/ staff

Ask "The Tennessean"'s Brad Schmitt how he likes doing his "Brad About You" celebrity-driven news column, and you won't hear a word of complaint.

"This is my gig, which is, by the way, the best job in Nashville," Schmitt gloated at a recent visit to MTSU. "I go to parties. I go to lunch. I go to dinners. All on an expense account. It's fabulous. You can literally go out five out of seven nights a week, any week. Many weeks you can go out seven out of seven nights a week to industry functions, . . . and never spend a dime."

"That is a fine job."

Dressed in denim and work boots, Schmitt, who could easily pass as a construction worker, previously worked for a medium size newspaper in New Jersey. "The Tennessean" hired him as a general assignments reporter covering daily events.

"You get to work on weekends and cover the Veterans Day Parade," Schmitt said with a touch of sarcasm. "It's real prestigious."

Schmitt then became a reporter for the next four or five years. He is perhaps best remembered for his 1994 story "Inner City Diary." Schmitt and fellow reporter Susan Thomas lived in the public housing projects of Nashville for 30 days. There, they observed drug deals, murders and the lifestyles of the projects. After Thomas attempted to buy a gun and endangered the couple, they were removed from the project and wrote the series, which ran on the front page for 30 days.

Schmitt was then reassigned to a police beat, where he proceeded to break the story on "The Fantasy Man." This story received national attention because several women had been convinced to blindfold themselves and wait for their lovers—only to be raped by an unknown male.

Then, when "The Tennessean" wanted to spruce up their "Newsmakers" column, they approached Schmitt.

"It was essentially all wire copy from the AP," Schmitt described of the running feature at the time. "It was kind of boring. They wanted to wake that up a little bit and have local news. The editors felt that there are so many celebs who live here; not just country music but Kim Carnes, Michael McDonald, Amy Grant, Toni Braxton. Not just musicians, but actors and producers. They felt that if you read 'The Tennessean' every day you really didn't get a sense that these folks were here."

"They also wanted it to be personality driven, not just people who

appear there, but the writer of the column had to be somebody they could market as a person with personality. They wanted a type of attitude, and at that time I really had a bad attitude. At least I had some attitude so they decided they were going to move me into this. They sat me down and said, 'Do you want to be our celebrity news writer?' I said, 'No, I don't want to be a gossip columnist. I'm serious about journalism. I wrote "Inner City Diary." I wrote "The Fantasy Man" story.' They said, 'Fine, you're doing it.'"

With stocky fingers waving, Schmitt said his new job was a breeze. "I can literally work probably six hours a week writing the column with just a couple of phone calls and reading lots of magazines and wire service. I don't because, in the first year especially, I felt that I needed to attend every single event."

"Sometimes your best source of information is other journalists," he continued. "You network. After about eight months of these parties you start getting these phone calls. Other labels will tell you what's going on with other labels. They will tell you who is getting dropped. They will never tell you dirt on their own artist. That's how a lot of stuff comes to you."

Admitting that people either hate him or love him, Schmitt has an opinion on everything and everybody. Before coming to Nashville, his only exposure to country music was Tammy Wynette's "Our D-I-V-O-R-C-E." Of Wynette he says, "She looks just as bad in person as she does on television. She is walking death, scary as hell."

Schmitt acknowledged, however, that there were times he went too far with a story. He regrets, for instance, releasing the details of Jon Randall's lawsuit, which cited Randall's spreading herpes to an ex-girlfriend.

"In hindsight I wish I wouldn't have done it," Schmitt said.

But, confessing that he gets bashed every day, Schmitt will always get back to somebody that complains.

"There are a couple of basic rules, and one of them is always get back to somebody that complains," Schmitt said. "Always, always get back to somebody that complains because, nine times out of 10, you can turn them into a better source than they were to you. It's a people skill. Confrontation never solves crap."

Besides, Schmitt said, "This column is supposed to be fun. I don't want it to be a tabloid or a sleazy feeling. I want the readers to be comfortable with it and I want the artists to be comfortable with it, in that order." •

Avoid exam stress with Dickens of a time

MTSU Theatre Presents: Christmas Carol

By Mary Frances Herrington/staff

With many students saying, "bah humbug" amidst the pressure of final exams and last-minute study sessions, the joy of the Christmas season could be in danger of going completely unnoticed at MTSU. However, the MTSU theatre department can restore your Christmas spirit through their production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" this Wednesday, Dec. 4, through Saturday, Dec. 7.

Joe Sturgeon, an assistant professor in the theatre department, is directing the play, which is put on by MTSU theatre majors. He says the production has been a challenge because it is so soon after their last production, and the players had to begin their rehearsals in classrooms. Nonetheless, he promises the show to be a worthwhile means of entertainment.

"The show can serve as a great way for students to ease tension during finals, and the story is one that everyone will be familiar with," Sturgeon said.

Indeed, anyone can relate to the theme and characters of "A Christmas Carol," a holiday tradition most are familiar with.

John Seroff, a theatre/English



Shawn Sidwell/ staff

The cast of MTSU Theatre's production of 'A Christmas Carol' rehearse Monday night in Tucker Theatre. Performances run through Saturday.

major at MTSU, will face a challenge Wednesday as he plays the uncharitable, heartless Scrooge. Seroff has been in several productions at MTSU and says Scrooge is a memorable character that is interesting to portray. While all players have spent many late nights rehearsing, they have come together to create an enjoyable experience to entertain MTSU

students. The show will be playing at 8 p.m. Dec. 4-7, in Tucker Theatre. Admission will be free to MTSU students with a student ID, and \$5 for guests.

Despite the distress and misery many will experience during finals week, remember there is time to rejoice in the Christmas season and look forward to greater adventures beyond final exams. •

Detours

The Loony Bin

Pothead asks cops to help find stolen stash

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — Police were amused when Harlan Collinworth gave them a list of items stolen from his home: a VCR, a bong used to smoke marijuana and a film canister containing pot.

"We won't generally get lots of calls about stolen controlled substances," Capt. Carl Bergh said Monday.

When Officer S.W. Childers arrived at Collinworth's home Friday in this Idaho panhandle city, Collinworth showed him a metal container where he'd stored the canister of marijuana.

"While showing me this container, he explained that the suspect had failed to take his marijuana pipe," Childers wrote in his report. "When I asked where it was, Harlan pulled it from the container."

Collinworth, 20, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hoops stalker in sneakers crashes party

WEST PLAINS, Mo. (AP) — It wasn't the visiting high school basketball player's uniform that caused such a stir in a fast food joint.

It was the lack thereof.

A 16-year-old member of the Walter L. Cohen High School team from New Orleans walked into a McDonald's restaurant Saturday — wearing nothing but a pair of tennis shoes.

But his streak was badly timed. Among the customers at the time of the bare-bottomed appearance was police Officer Ray Wilbanks, who happened to be celebrating his grandson's birthday.

Wilbanks chased the teen-ager out of the restaurant to a nearby hotel, where the team was staying. The player managed to scramble back into his clothing before another officer nabbed him.

The teen-ager later returned — fully clothed — to the restaurant and apologized to the birthday guests and other patrons, Wilbanks said.

No charges were filed.

Law-abiding dolphin punishes zoo visitor

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chuckles the dolphin chomped on the hand of a woman who broke the rules by trying to pet his snout.

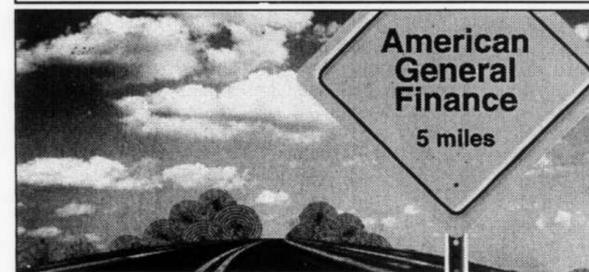
The 28-year-old Amazon River dolphin bit the woman's hand Monday night when she pulled back a metal screen surrounding his tank at the Pittsburgh Zoo and reached in to touch his snout.

It was at least the third time the dolphin has bitten someone. A man came to the woman's aid by hitting Chuckles with his umbrella, and the dolphin released the woman's bleeding hand.

"Our zoos are not petting zoos, and our animals are not trained," said zoo spokeswoman Heather Inch. "She was doing something she shouldn't have been doing."

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Man Wants to Become Miss Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Among the dozen-odd women in ball gowns vying for the Miss Australia title in February, there will be one contestant in a tux. Brad Rodgers says he'll feel more comfortable that way.

Rodgers is the first man ever to qualify for the finals of the beauty pageant — but he hopes he won't be the last.

"I'm not here to make a political statement for blokes, but I do hope I'll be the first of many more to come," he said.

The 27-year-old department store manager was selected for the pageant Monday night when he was named "Miss Victoria Fundraiser," a state title that qualifies its recipient for the final.

He won the title — based in part on fundraising, in part on beauty and personality — by raising \$78,000 for a charity and by appearing at the state competition in a tuxedo.

A few men have tried to enter the pageant in its 42-year history, but none have been allowed to participate. This year, organizers say they had a change of heart — and would have no problem naming a man as the next Miss Australia.

Today's List

FILMS

1. "101 Dalmatians," Buena Vista
2. "Star Trek: First Contact," Paramount
3. "Space Jam," Warner Bros.
4. "Ransom," Buena Vista
5. "Jingle All the Way," Fox

TV

1. "NFL Monday Night Football: Pittsburgh at Miami," ABC
2. "Home Improvement," ABC
3. "Touched by an Angel," CBS
4. "Frasier," NBC
5. "NBC Sunday Night Movie: 'Jurassic Park,'" NBC

SINGLES

1. "Un-Break My Heart," Toni Braxton (LaFace)
2. "No Diggity," Blackstreet featuring Dr. Dre (Interscope)
3. "Nobody," Keith Sweat featuring Athena Cage (Elektra) (Gold)
4. "Don't Let Go (Love)," En Vogue (EastWest)
5. "It's All Coming Back to Me Now," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)

ALBUMS

1. "Razorblade Suitcase," Bush (Trauma)
2. "Tha Doggfather," Snoop Doggy Dogg (Death Row-Interscope)
3. "Tragic Kingdom," No Doubt (Trauma-Interscope) (Platinum)
4. "The Don Killuminati: The 7 Day Theory," Makaveli (Death Row-Interscope)
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Saturday, December 7: WMTS benefit with The Features
Sunday, December 8: Roland Gresham-7 p.m.

KUC Theater

Thursday, December 5: The Last Supper-7 & 10 p.m.

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Friday, December 6: Better Than Ezra-8 p.m.
Saturday, December 7: They Might Be Giants-8 p.m.

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Thursday, December 5: Swamp Honkeys-10 p.m.
Friday, December 6: Palace Music-10 p.m.
Saturday, December 7: Yeehaw Junction-10 p.m.
Sunday, December 8: Failure and The Rories-10 p.m.

Tucker Theater

December 4-7: A Christmas Carol-8 p.m. Free with student ID

Jonathan's On the Square

Thursday, December 5: "Ebony and Ivory Champagne Campaign," presented by Best of Both Worlds Entertainment/ The Partee Krewes- 9:30 p.m. Admission \$5, dress semi-formal (no jeans or tennis shoes).

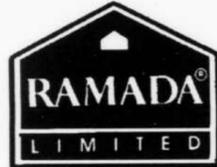
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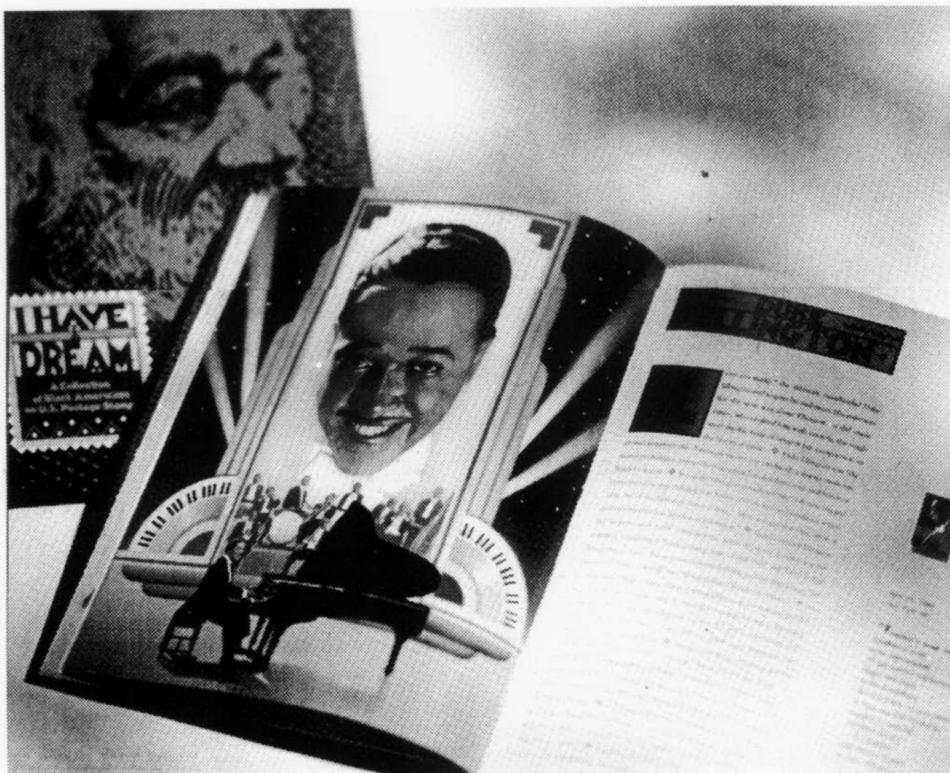
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Raiders open with win, break Murray's streak

By Doug Malan/ staff

Like Cigar's recent horse racing dominance, Oklahoma's football reign in the Big Eight of the 1950s, and certain risqué fans at 1996 Wimbledon, all streaks must come to an end.

MTSU ended a personal streak of futility Monday night by bolting Murray State 85-72 in both teams' OVC opener. Prior to the game, the Racers had won seven consecutive meetings with Middle Tennessee and 13 of the last 14 in the series.

"The turnovers and poor shot selection were our downfall," Racer coach Mark Gottfried said. "I think some of us just underestimated MTSU."

The Blue Raiders overcame frigid first half shooting and outscored Murray 26-14 during the first 10 minutes of the second half to open up a 55-45 lead.

"I think both teams were charged up to play in the beginning, and they needed time to settle down," said head coach Randy Wiel.

Roni Bailey scored 22 points after being shut out in the first half, and started the second half barrage with a jumper on the right baseline. Nearly eight minutes later, Middle Tennessee had erased a 31-27 halftime deficit, and Bailey had 13 points.

At the 17:15 mark of their run, the Blue Raiders led for the first time, 34-33, since the beginning of the game.

MTSU fell behind early in the first half by shooting 5-22 from the field. At one point, the Blue Raiders went 14 minutes without scoring a field goal.

Despite the lethargic offense, Middle Tennessee's largest deficit was only 11 points.

"I was pleased with our defense," Wiel said. "We were able to swarm them and gamble at the right times to force turnovers."

In the second half, a polarized version of MTSU came out and scorched the nets while taking control of the game. They shot nearly 70 percent overall and nailed seven of 10 three-pointers, electrifying the 3,011 fans. The Raiders defense held the Racers to 33 percent shooting after halftime.

Murray State kept the game close with a game-high 28 points from

Deteri Mayes and 18 points from Vincent Rainey.

"We didn't change anything in the second half," said Bailey, who grabbed 10 rebounds. "Our shots just started falling and we got on a roll."

"We tell our team that we want to be tied at halftime," Wiel said. "Then we come out and see who plays the last 20 minutes the best."

On Monday, Middle Tennessee earned that distinction as they placed five players in double figures. And keeping with form, Wiel used all 10 scholarship players throughout the game.

Freshman Freddie Martinez came off the bench with 11 points and six rebounds to spark the Raiders, and guard Kent Ayer scored five points in less than one minute during the second half run.

Starters Richard Duncan and Torrey Moore scored 11 points apiece and added momentum-swinging three-pointers early in the second half.

Of the Blue Raiders nursing injuries, center Chad Wampler started despite a bum shoulder and the lingering effects of a stress fracture and scored five points with six rebounds in 28 minutes. Fellow center Mantia Callender played in only three minutes, as he continues to recover from sprained ankle.

The strenuous early-season schedule hasn't allowed time for practice or individual healing until now.

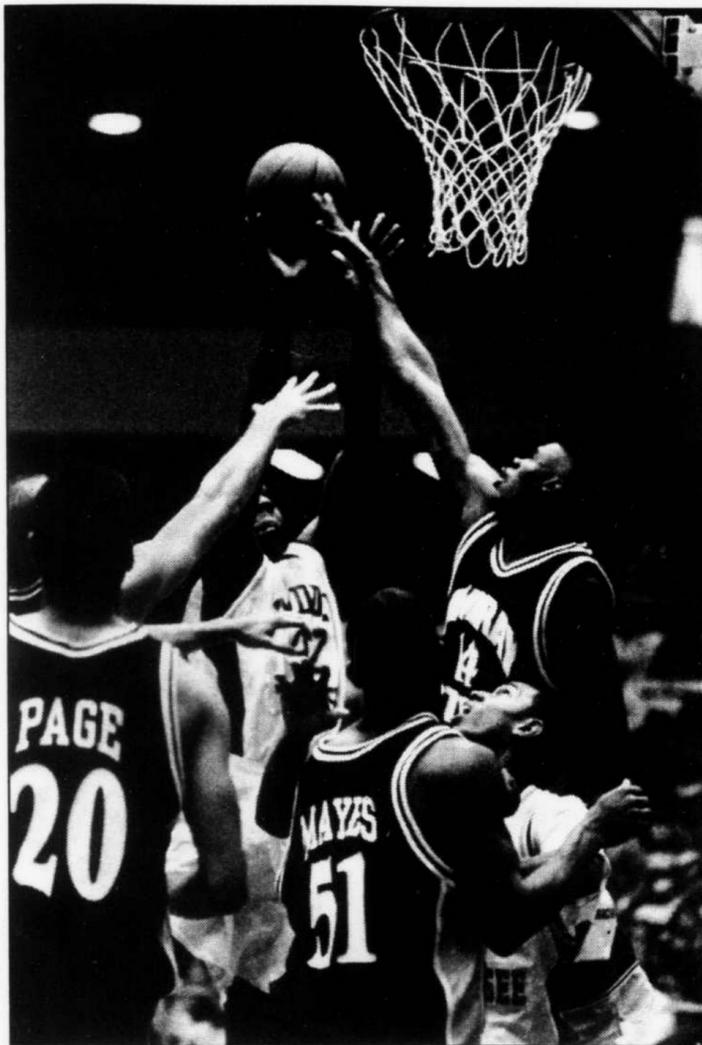
"We've been playing a professional-type schedule with all the traveling," Wiel said. "Now we get a well-deserved rest to get our guys healthy."

Because of the addition of Eastern Illinois to the OVC, the Raiders and Racers were forced to play a key conference game early in December.

"That's something I was concerned with since Oct. 15," Wiel said. "It's only one game, and today we were the better team. But Murray State will be ready the second time."

"This is a great win for us, and it's the first time I've beaten Murray," Carter said. "We got our first OVC win out of the way, and that's a good feeling."

Following the Top of the World Classic, Middle Tennessee defeated Montreat before losing at New Orleans. Monday's win moved the



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Senior forward Nod Carter goes for two against Murray State in Monday night's MTSU home win.

Raiders to 4-2 and sets up a non-conference game at Southern (Baton Rouge) this Saturday.

MTSU plays three more home games this month before entering the full OVC schedule in early January.

Wiel knows his team will be ready.

"We're going to take what we can on the road," the first-year coach said. "But, I want teams to know they can't come in here and steal wins. We'll fight them the whole time." •

Successful tracking takes keen senses, much practice



Brent Spicer

OUTDOOR CORNER

The tracks left by an animal are the story of that animal's life, waiting to be read by another. So much can be deciphered from a single set of tracks left behind by animals or people. Tracks tell identity, size, weight, age, sex, health, emotion, etc. By looking at all the tracks and disturbances available in the woods, you can see the individual lives of all the living things and how together they form one amazing life cycle.

The art of tracking has always been interesting to me, but I have been studying and practicing it much more thoroughly in the past year. Successful tracking requires a combination of keen senses of sight, smell and touch. It also requires an intimate knowledge of the creature being tracked. As with most things, however, practice is the only way to gain these requirements and to become a good tracker.

Since my mind is focused on filling my freezer with venison this time of year, let me use an example of tracking in deer hunting. This fall I found two sets of deer tracks in the woods located in front of my parents' house on the farm in Hickman County. Now let's dissect the available information:

One set of tracks was 2 inches long, and the other 4 inches long, telling me that a mature doe and a young buck or doe were in the woods. Bucks in the early fall travel with other bucks of the same age, ruling out the possibility of two bucks leaving the tracks.

The tracks were fairly close together, indicating that the deer were relaxed and in a normal walking gait. The tracks also meandered quite a bit, letting me know that the deer were feeding in the woods, not just passing through. The depth of the tracks allowed me to confirm that the mature doe was a fairly heavy deer, probably 150 pounds, and that the younger deer was a little over 100 pounds; especially since the ground and leaves were dry and it had not rained recently.

The direction of the tracks told me that the deer came from the nearby thicket, meaning that the deer were leaving the thicket in the early morning to feed in the woods. These deer were still in their summer feeding pattern. If I find the same tracks in November, I will have a strong feeling that the tracks are made in the evening as the deer travel from the thicket through the woods to approach the field on the other side, which they feed on heavily after it is cut for hay in October.

I was able to tell quite a bit about the deer from those two sets of tracks. I then looked for more tracks in the next few days to confirm that the deer were continually using the woods and thus forming a pattern of travel habits and behavior of those two deer as well as others. Using this information, as well as much more that space does not permit me to discuss, I have been able to harvest two deer so far this year from this small section of woods within 100 yards of my parents' front door.

The purpose of this article is to introduce you to tracking and some of the things it involves, so that you could pursue it further during your Christmas break free time if you wish. I did not teach you the specific methods involved, because there are many good books on tracking available. One hint for the beginner is to take advantage of any fresh fallen snow on the ground or sandy banks along a stream, for these are the easiest places to find and follow animal tracks. Whether you hunt or just enjoy learning more about animals, learning the tracker's art is a great way to interpret the lives of nature's creatures. Above all, get out and enjoy yourself. •

Volleyball proud despite disappointing OVC season

By Rachel Parrish/ staff

The Lady Raiders volleyball team has a lot to be proud of this year despite a disappointing season. Though overall the season ended 24-29, several of the women made outstanding contributions and showed a lot of heart during the season's rough times.

When the MTSU Lady Raider Volleyball Team awards were given out, no one was surprised that the "Rock Award" was given to senior middle blocker, Susan Bishop.

"This award is for the most dependable player on the team in regard to practices, games, preparation and performances," says head coach Lisa Kissee. "Susan has been here for four years and has seen some hard times — especially this season. This season was a big disappointment for her."

In the records book, Bishop claims the career-high division in block assists with 383.

Four statistical awards were given out for the 1996 season, with senior setter Jaemi Clayton receiving the Best Server Award and the Most Assists Award. Clayton, with 1,506 assists, is just shy of the 1995 setter, Nidza Castillo. Her record mark is



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Despite the Lady Raiders volleyball team's sub-par season, freshman Erin Schulz was awarded both the Best Passer and Outstanding Newcomer awards for her valiant efforts.

1,746.

On a more personal note, the British Columbia native played with a broken

hand, bone spurs under both knees, and a sprained ankle. She will be undergoing surgery in late December.

Early basketball signees to add height, boost frontcourt

By Doug Malan/ staff

Middle Tennessee State focused on bolstering their frontcourt during the early basketball signing period, inking two Cleveland-area players.

Center Lee Nosse and forward Dale Thomas are scheduled to join the Blue Raiders next fall after completing their high school eligibility.

"Those are two positions we needed to fill next year," head coach Randy Wiel said. "They both had stellar careers and were highly recruited."

Nosse, who plays in Euclid, Ohio, chose MTSU over Michigan State,

Ohio State and North Carolina. The 6-foot-11-inch, 220-pound center has grown six inches in the last year and has the ability to play on the wing.

"(Nosse) is a guy who has grown a lot in the last year, and we think he can be a banger down low," assistant coach Jim Ryan said. "We were recruiting him at UNC-Asheville."

Thomas plays at St. Joseph High School in Cleveland, the school that produced former Heisman Trophy winner and current Green Bay Packer Desmond Howard, as well as former NBA player Clark Kellogg.

Ryan thinks the sculpted Thomas, who averaged 14 points and 10

rebounds last year, will add muscle to the inside game. "He's 6-foot, 6-inches and about 230 pounds. Think of Malachi Allen's body and add two inches," he said, referring to the current Blue Raider forward. Thomas is on pace to surpass 1,000 points and 800 rebounds in his high school career and was recruited by Ohio State, Dayton and Towson State, among other schools.

The Blue Raider staff believes they addressed the need to become stronger in the paint.

"We basically wanted to get more physical and add some rebounders," Ryan said. "With Tesch coming back

next year, these new guys can help out with the rebounding and score some points when we need it."

Ryan added that Nosse and Thomas are raw offensively and will initially contribute defensively and on the boards.

Considering Roni Bailey, Nod Carter and Torrey Moore are seniors, Wiel and his staff want to add a wing player during the spring signing period.

"We're looking for someone who can play small forward or the two (shooting guard) spot," the head coach said. "Right now, we have about 50 players in mind." •

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SEC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	SEC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Eastern Div.				
Florida	8	0	10	1
Tennessee	7	1	9	2
South Carolina	4	4	6	5
Georgia	3	5	5	6
Kentucky	3	5	4	7
Vanderbilt	0	7	2	9

Western Div.

Alabama	6	2	9	2
LSU	6	2	9	2
Auburn	4	4	7	4
Miss. St.	3	5	5	6
Ole Miss	2	6	5	6
Arkansas	2	6	4	7

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 7
Florida vs. Alabama for SEC Championship in Atlanta Georgia Dome, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP TOP 25

1. Florida St.
2. Arizona St.
3. Nebraska
4. Florida
5. Ohio St.
6. Brigham Young
7. Colorado
8. Penn St.
9. Tennessee
10. Northwestern
11. Virginia Tech
12. Washington
13. North Carolina
14. Kansas St.
15. Alabama

16. Michigan
17. LSU
18. Notre Dame
19. Miami
20. Wyoming
21. Iowa
22. Syracuse
23. Army
24. West Virginia
25. Virginia

This week's results and schedules of local interest

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS

Nov. 27 MTSU 98, Montreat College 52
Dec. 2 MTSU 85, Murray State 72

SCHEDULE

Dec. 7 MTSU at Southern, 8:05
Dec. 14 UT-Chattanooga at MTSU, 7 p.m.
Dec. 16 Belmont at MTSU, 7 p.m.
Dec. 19 MTSU at Indiana St., 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 29 Sue Bennett at MTSU, 2 p.m.
Jan. 4 MTSU at East. Kentucky, 3:15 p.m.
Jan. 6 MTSU at Morehead St., 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 9 Tennessee St. at MTSU, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS

Nov. 25 Memphis 77, MTSU 65
Dec. 1 Georgia 89, MTSU 70

SCHEDULE

Dec. 7 MTSU at UT-Chattanooga, 1 p.m.
Dec. 15 MTSU at Southern Illinois, 2 p.m.
Dec. 20-21, 23 Paradise Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii
Dec. 20: MTSU vs. Missouri, noon
Dec. 21: MTSU vs. W. Vir., 10 a.m.
Dec. 23: MTSU vs. Hawaii, 2 p.m.
Jan. 2 ETSU at MTSU, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 4 MTSU at East. Kentucky, 2 p.m.
Jan. 6 MTSU at Morehead St., 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 8 Tennessee St. at MTSU, 7 p.m.
Jan. 11 Tennessee Tech at MTSU, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

AP TOP 25

1. Kansas
2. Wake Forest
3. Utah
4. Cincinnati
5. Villanova
6. Kentucky
7. Michigan
8. Indiana
9. Iowa St.
10. Duke
11. New Mexico
12. Clemson
13. Fresno St.
14. North Carolina
15. Arizona
16. Minnesota
17. UCLA
18. Texas
19. Syracuse
20. Boston College
21. Tulsa

22. Arkansas
23. Xavier, Ohio
24. Stanford
25. West Virginia

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

AP TOP 25

1. Stanford
2. Connecticut
3. Louisiana Tech
4. Tennessee
5. Georgia
6. Old Dominion
7. Notre Dame
8. Alabama
9. Iowa
10. Texas Tech
11. North Carolina State
12. Virginia
13. Vanderbilt
14. W. Kentucky
15. Duke
16. Penn St.
17. Colorado
18. Kansas
19. Texas
20. Clemson
21. Arkansas
22. North Carolina
23. Wisconsin
24. Florida
25. Stephen F. Austin

INDOOR TRACK

SCHEDULE

Dec. 8 Austin Peay, Murray St., Tennessee St., and Western Kentucky at MTSU, 1 p.m.

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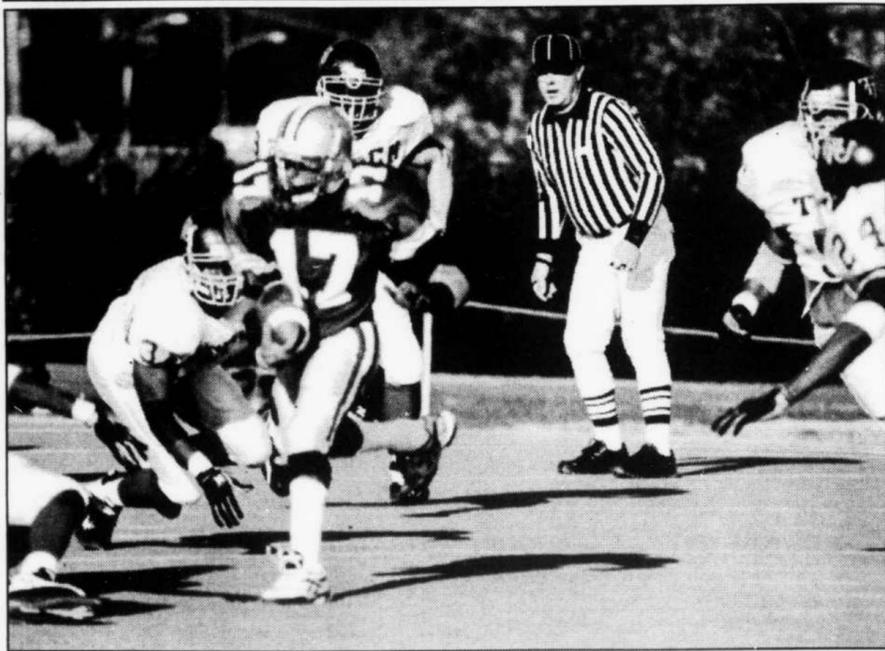
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Dee Mostiller carries a pass in last month's win over Tennessee Tech.

Senior Mostiller reflects on record-breaking '96 season

By Rachel Parrish / staff

There are players in the NFL that say, when they retire, they'll miss the salary. There are also players that say what they'll miss the most is all the perks and popularity that come along with the game. And then there's Dee Mostiller.

"What I'll miss the most is the game itself," he says reflectively. "I'll miss going out on the field and having us play together as a team. I've been playing for four years now, and I've gotten used to seeing my boys on an everyday basis."

The Chattanooga native has been known to be pretty shy and self-reserved, but he feels like the last four years have changed him.

"I was that way in high school," he says. "But I've been around these guys for so long

that I find that I can relax and be myself. I can do and say things that I ordinarily wouldn't around other people."

Next year, "Boots" Donnelly will certainly be at a loss when it comes to replacing the starter's spot. In the Blue Raider Statistical Top Ten, no one has as many yards receiving as Mostiller. He has carved out a place in the MTSU history books that will be hard to top. Not only will the coach feel the loss, but the fans will, too.

"What I really enjoyed was getting a reaction from the crowd," he says. "It made me happy to see the audience so involved and so excited when I had the ball."

The game that he remembers most is the upsetting loss to SEMO, where he caught passes for 209 yards to obtain the

Raiders' career high mark.

"I remember the yardage that we covered," he says. "And we should have won that game. There were only two minutes left in game, and I wish we could have come out on top."

Though he is proud of his accomplishments, he would much rather have had the win over the Missouri team.

However, Mostiller was especially proud of his team's performance against Eastern Illinois two weeks ago.

"We came together as a team that game, and that was very important. Both offense and defense went out and gave everything they had - especially the seniors."

"We have been through a lot this season," he says seriously, "and we want to go out as winners - because this is it." *

Long-time Yale coach resigns

College Press Service

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Carm Cozza's exit from Yale wasn't nearly as publicized as Lou Holtz's farewell to Notre Dame, but don't think for one minute that it wasn't as emotional or significant.

Cozza, who coached Yale's football team for 32 years, announced his retirement at the beginning of the season. And while he may have hoped for a victorious ending to his long coaching career, Cozza's Elis finished 2-8, including a season-ending loss to Harvard.

"It's tough to take," Cozza said of his team's record this season. "I'm embarrassed by it."

But Cozza's career statistics are nothing to be ashamed of. He has an overall coaching record of 179-118, and his teams have won 10 Ivy League championships, the latest being in 1989.

After the game, Harvard coach Tim Murphy said Cozza will be missed. "He was a down-to-earth coach, a real sweet guy," said Murphy. "He's the kind of coach that we need in the game—a guy who really stands for something."

Cozza's players, past and present, agree.

"He's a hell of a coach, a hell of a man," said Warren Lender, a Washington-based attorney and a Yale offensive

lineman in the 1970s. "I used to get upset at him sometimes on the field for some of his actions, but I know he was doing what he had to do to make us a better football team."

And, says Lender, better men.

"Coach didn't care about who you were or where you came from, which is a lot different from the way other people will treat you at a school like Yale," Lender said. "He was out to make us better people. He was out to make us better men."

Lender's opinion of Cozza is shared by many of his players.

"Coach Cozza made me realize a lot of things about myself," said Brian Hartigan, who graduated in 1986. "I already knew that it took hard work to get ahead, but Coach Cozza taught me to make it a team effort. He taught me the importance of working together to accomplish a goal."

Cozza jokes that because of the large amount of doctors and attorneys who have played for him, he can probably afford to "get sick or in trouble in most cities in the country."

Cozza said this entire season—especially the last game—was difficult for him.

"It's all come full circle," he said. "I took over this team, and we struggled. We worked at it, and we got better. This year, I knew we'd have a hard time, but I just thought we'd

see a little magic, maybe a little something to help us through the tough times."

Cozza has seen the team fall from a national contender to a Division I-AA also-ran. "It's hard to run a program at a school like this—hard in the sense that you have a limit on the type of player you can bring to the team," he said. "But it's all worth it. They're all outstanding young men."

Unlike many coaches who insist that their players place the utmost importance on football, Cozza always reminded his players that it was just a game.

"Don't get me wrong, when we're out there, and we're practicing or playing it's the most important thing in the world," Cozza said. "But when they're off the field, they have other priorities. They have to follow those, have to keep those in perspective."

Cozza says he's not sure what he'll do when he retires, but knows there will always be a place in his heart for the Elis.

"This is where my heart is," he said. "I left part of myself on that field."

And, as players like Lender and Hartigan can attest to, Cozza also left a bit of himself in others.

"He's the kind of guy you can use for inspiration your whole life," Lender said. "He's something special." *

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A look back at the Fall 1996 semester



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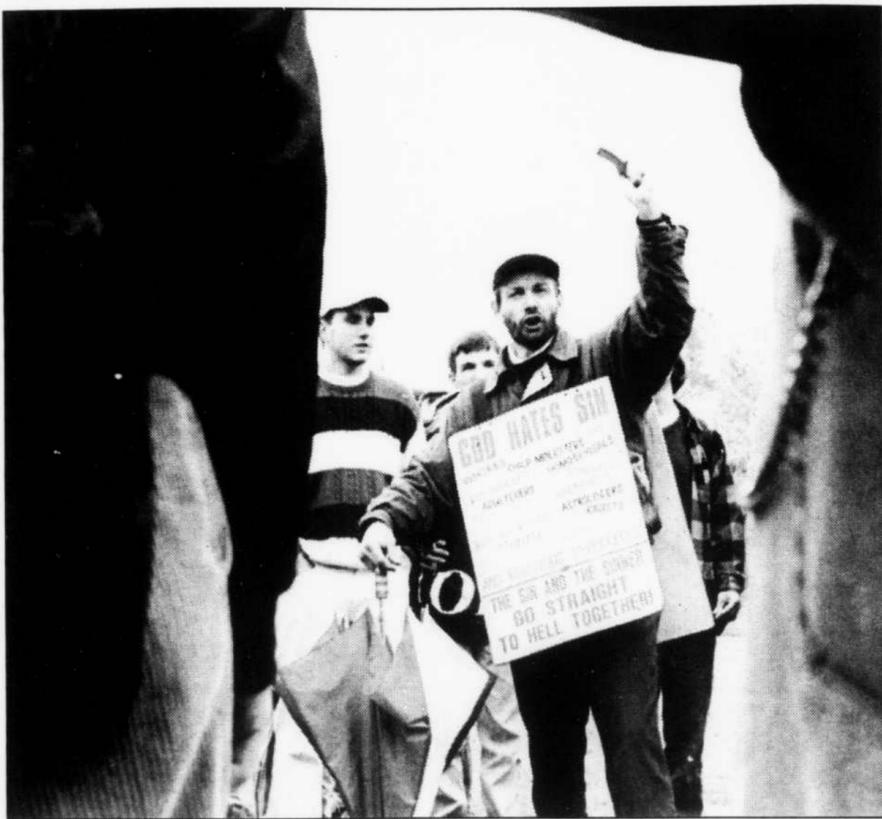


President Walker cuts the birthday cake (Above) during MTSU's 85th birthday this past Sept. 11, on the lawn between Peck Hall and the Cope Administration. Students, faculty, and even government officials gathered at the MTSU campus to celebrate the festive event. Preceding the cutting of the birthday cake there was a parade across campus led by the exciting Band of Blue and the university's mascot Ole Blue to celebrate the new library groundbreaking (bottom left). Don Craig, dean of the Todd Library, was master of ceremonies for the groundbreaking for the new \$32 million library. Almost 350 people crowded the campus to watch the milestone-event. The new library is expected to be completed by 1999. An MTSU student has fun (middle left) during the President's picnic which was held at the beginning of the year to welcome incoming freshmen and welcome back upperclassmen.

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Tom Carlisle (upper left) causes quite a stir on campus delivering his message of "eternal fire waiting for sinners." Carlisle spent the whole day of Nov. 18 on the KUC lawn preaching. The Scottish Festival (upper right) was a piping good time on Saturday, Oct. 5. Pipe and Drum bands from across the region took part in the all day festival of games and food. Goalkeeper Victoria Martin (above) leaps for the ball during a soccer game. This was the first season MTSU had a women's soccer team. Tanisha Harris (lower left) walks with her homecoming escort Andre Dooley on Saturday, Oct. 12. Harris was crowned queen during halftime of the football game.

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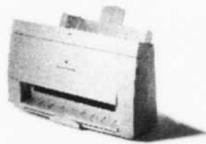
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Take the great Christmas Challenge

By Hugh A. Mulligan / AP

Santas are once more abroad in the land, jingling their bells at every mall, sidewalk chimney and department store toy department.

On almost every downtown corner Salvation Army trombones pump out "Joy to the World," and towering fir trees, gaily bedight, rise over New York's Rockefeller Plaza, the White House and virtually every village green, city hall and state capitol.

It's Christmas again, that "rolling time of the year," as Charles Dickens called it, a time to give and a time to get, and time to get rolling again on our third annual Christmas Quiz.

What do you really know about our most celebrated and venerated holiday?

Here are 20 questions for you and your guests to mull over with the mulled ale before settling down to a long winter or, at least, an after-dinner nap.

THE QUESTIONS:

1. What were the first names of Scrooge and Marley?
2. How many Magi or Wise Men came to Bethlehem?
3. What prompted the Magi to choose another way home?
4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted great happenings in tiny Bethlehem?
5. Who wrote the words to the carol "Silent Night"?
6. When is the feast day of Santa Claus celebrated?
7. What Christmas delicacy did Mrs. Bob Cratchit prepare in a copper cauldron in her wash house?
8. Which renowned Christmas card artist was still turning out "a batch of three or four paintings a week" at age 100?
9. Which of James Joyce's "Dubliners" short stories takes place at Christmastime? Clue: Film director John Huston made it into a memorable movie.
10. Who was the surprise guest speaker when President Franklin D. Roosevelt lit the National Tree at the White House in 1941?
11. Which Nativity masterpiece was stolen from a church in Palermo, Sicily, in 1969 and has not been seen since?
12. What were True Love's first and last gifts in the delightful rondeau "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
13. For what crime did William Sydney Porter, alias O'Henry, the author of "The Gift of the Magi," spend several Christmases in the Ohio State penitentiary?
14. What popular revel, evocation of the Middle Ages, takes place in Philadelphia during the holiday season?
15. Which movie has had the most TV reruns during the holiday season?



16. Who were the stars of the film "White Christmas"?
17. Who played Santa Claus in the 1947 original film version of "The Miracle on 34th Street"?
18. Who played the little girl?
19. How did the della Robbia wreath get its name?
20. Sherlock Holmes, Ellery Queen, Inspector Maigret and many other fictional sleuths have solved Christmas crimes. What is today's best-selling mystery novelist Mary Higgins Clark's contribution to the genre?

THE ANSWERS:

1. Ebenezer and Jacob.
2. St. Matthew, who tells of their visit in his Gospel, did not specify how many. In early Christian times their number varied from two to six. A 4th century fresco in the Catacombs of Domitilla, outside Rome, depicts four. By the 6th century, tradition settled on three. Any number from 2 to 6 is acceptable.
3. In Matthew's Gospel the Magi were "warned in a dream" not to return to Herod, who sought to kill the child, so "they departed into their own country another way." (Matthew 2:12)
4. Micah, an eighth-century B.C. Hebrew prophet, prophesied: "But thou Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me one

who is to be ruler of Israel, whose origin is from the beginning, from the days of eternity." (Micah 5-2).

5. Father Joseph Mohr, the parish priest in the little Austrian village where the mice had eaten the bellows of the church organ.
6. Dec. 6 is the feast of St. Nicholas, the original Santa Claus.
7. Her Christmas pudding.
8. Anne Mary Robinson, better known as Grandma Moses.
9. "The Dead."
10. Winston Churchill.
11. Caravaggio's "Nativity," one of the master's last works, painted in 1609, the year before he died.
12. If sung properly as a rondeau, with each day's new gift followed by a repetition of all the previous gifts, the answer is "a partridge in a pear tree."
13. Bank embezzlement.
14. The Mummings Parade.
15. Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
16. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye.
17. Edmund Gwenn.
18. Natalie Wood.
19. It is the family name of an uncle and nephew, Luca and Andrea della Robbia, acclaimed sculptors in Florence, Italy, during the early Renaissance. From their workshop came exquisite ceramic wreaths sculpted with a floral motif in brightly enameled glazed terra cotta.
20. Her recent short novel "Silent Night," where the criminal trail begins under the tree in Rockefeller Plaza.

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A poem by Dave Barry

'Twas the night before Christmas

And all through the house Not a creature was stirring Except Dad, who was stirring his third martini

In a losing effort to remain in a holiday mood

As he attempted to assemble a toy for his 9-year-old son, Bobby

It was a highly complex toy A toy that Dad did not even begin to grasp the purpose of

A toy that cost more than Dad's first car

A toy that was advertised with a statement in the corner of the TV screen: "SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED"

Which was like saying that the Titanic sustained "some water damage"

Because this toy had more parts than the Space Shuttle

And speaking of space Dad was now convinced that extraterrestrial life did indeed exist

Because the assembly instructions were clearly written by beings from another galaxy

And these beings insisted on Phillips screwdrivers

And Dad could not find his Phillips screwdriver

In fact, he was wondering who "Phillips" was as he took a slug from his martini and attempted to attach Part 3047-b to Part 3047-c

Using a steak knife

But other than that, not a creature was stirring in the house

Although Mom was definitely stirring OUT of the house

Mom was at the Toys "R" Us store

In fact, this was the fifth Toys "R" Us store that Mom had been to that night

In her desperate quest to

find the one thing that their 5-year-old daughter, Suzy, wanted this holiday season

It was, of course, a Barbie doll

But not just ANY Barbie

It had to be the new model Abdominals Barbie

The one who came with her own little pink stomach-muscle-exercise device

Every girl age 3 through 12 in the entire United States HAD to have it

Or her holiday season would be RUINED

And so of course the Mattel Corporation

Which is run by evil trolls from hell

Had manufactured exactly eight units of this doll

And the very last one in the world was in this particular Toys "R" Us

Which means that the odds were against Mom

Because on this same festive night

Thousands of other frantic parents had converged on this same store

Kind of like the flesh-eating zombies in the movie Night of the Living Dead

Only less ethical

Mom had to fight her way into the doll aisle

Where, wielding a Tonka Truck like a club

She claimed her prize

She raced from the store, leaped into her car and roared out of the parking lot

She raced back to the house, burst through the front door and staggered into the family room

Where she found Dad

Actually she found Dad's feet

The rest of Dad was under the sofa

Dad, now on his fifth martini

Was trying to strangle the dog

Which, Dad was convinced, had eaten Part 8675-y

And just at that very moment

Out on the lawn there arose such a clatter

And Dad and Mom went to the window to see what was the matter

And what to their wondering eyes should appear

But Santa Claus, yelling the names of reindeer

"Now Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Vixen! Now...Umm...Now...Dancer!"

"He already said Dancer," observed Dad

"He can't remember them all," said Mom

"I think one of them is Pluto," said Dad

"Wasn't Pluto the guy who was always fighting with Popeye?" said Mom

"Now...Umm...Now Flicka!" said Santa

"Flicka was a horse, that I DO know," said Mom

"Do you think the reindeer are wrecking the lawn?" said Dad

"They're going up on the roof," said Mom

"Like hell they are," said Dad, who had recently spent \$875 on shingle repair

But before he could yell at St. Nicholas to stop

Down the chimney the jolly elf came with a plop

He had a broad face and a round little belly

That shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly

Which was pretty gross

"What's so funny?" asked Dad

"You two," said St. Nick.

"Why are you getting all upset about toys? The holiday season isn't about material possessions!"

"Do you have kids?" asked Mom

"Well, no," said Santa

"But I am beloved by

children the world over," said Santa

"Well," said Dad, "you won't be beloved by our son if I can't assemble this toy"

"What seems to be the problem?" said Santa, coming over to have a look

"I'm stuck on Step 824," said Dad

"Who wrote these instructions?" asked Santa.

"Martians?"

"Apparently," said Dad

"I used to be pretty good with tools," said Santa. "Hand me that steak knife"

"Sure," said Dad. "Care for a martini?"

"Heck yes," said Santa

And so he went to work

And after a while Mom and Dad, exhausted, went to bed

Leaving old St. Nick in the family room

He said some pretty unsaintly words

But he eventually got Bobby's toy assembled

And although he spent so much time that he was unable to visit the rest of the little boys and girls in North America

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And Bobby saw his incredibly complex toy

Which he broke in under four minutes

But it was still a festive day

Especially when Mom and Dad told the fantastic story of their late-night visitor

Which, at first, the kids did not believe

Until Dad got out the ladder

And one by one they climbed up to the roof

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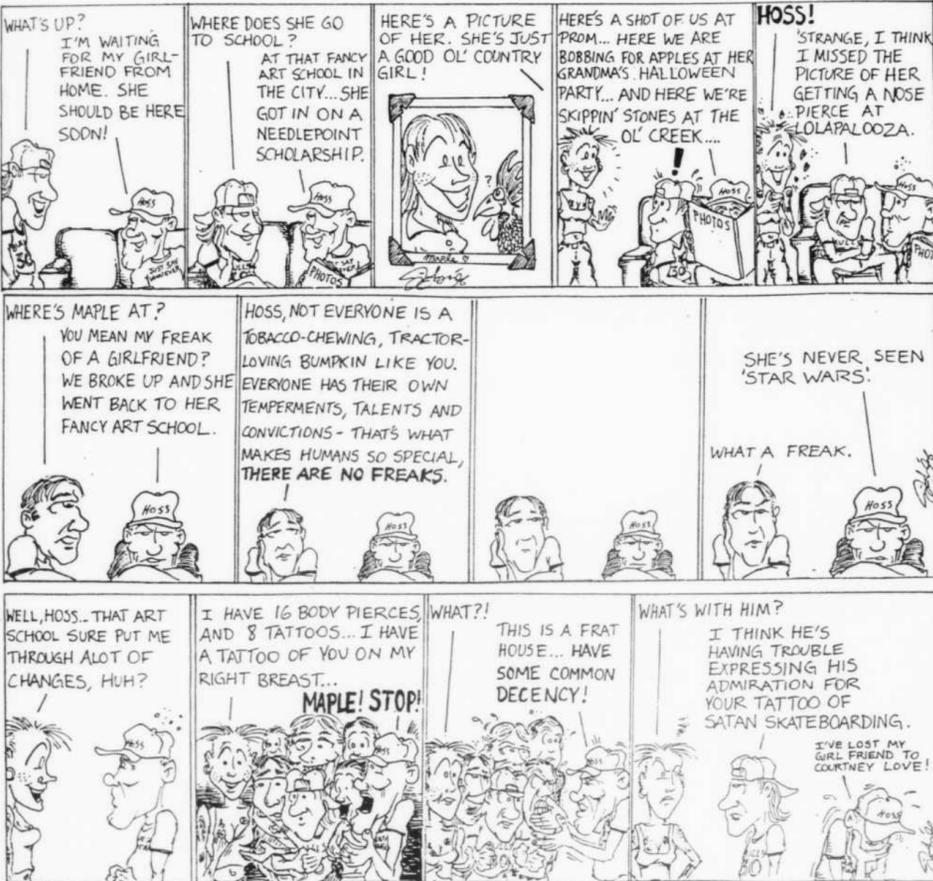
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9:30	Creep Show				
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