

Governor holds reception

State employees attend

By MARK FEARING
Staff Writer

Tennessee Governor Ned Ray McWherter spoke to and shook hands with approximately 250 state employees at the final stop of his statewide "Listening to Tennessee" town meetings on Tuesday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

McWherter is known for traveling across the state and said his reasons are to listen to the people of Tennessee and to visit state employees.

Commenting on the heavy rains that fell on Murfreesboro Tuesday, the governor said, "Sorry for the rain, but we needed it."

McWherter discussed possible merit pay increases for state employees at the reception.

He outlined his plans for the future of Tennessee state government. He also asked for any suggestions or ideas about improving state government.

McWherter said he wants to

keep the programs that are good and work on improving them. He mentioned eliminating programs the state does not need or utilize.

"We want to compliment the past administrations and build on them for a better future," McWherter said.

"I'm proud of your work for Tennessee," McWherter said to the state employees.

"I work for Tennessee, and I'm proud," he said. "I'm the same Ned McWherter that was begging for votes last year. I want your input. I want you to feel comfortable to talk with me, Ned McWherter, you're making a mistake."

"I want to make jobs better and more meaningful," he said.

McWherter said he wants to make departments more efficient and wants to "solicit your [state employees] help."

The governor said he plans to reorganize all departments in the state government — Conservation,

Corrections, Education and others.

"Our intent is to do our best by restructuring government by attrition," he said.

"We have a total commitment to make improvements in higher education," he said. "We want to create the best educational system in the Southeast as we move toward the turn of the century."

McWherter said he was proud of the university and that MTSU "is one of the great campuses in Tennessee."

The governor also said that the president of the university, Sam Ingram "spends state funds very well."

He said he was "very proud" of him.

State employees enjoyed fresh lemonade and vanilla wafers while they listened to old time favorites played on the piano.

Dot Harrison, of the public relations department, played songs such as Rocky Top, On the Road Again and Bobby McGee to the state employees.

Handicapped students unaware of all services provided for them

By KIM HARRIS
News Editor

The director of Handicapped Student Services has expressed concern that some handicapped students may not be aware of the services that are provided for them.

"We would like for every handicapped student on this campus to be associated with our office in some way so that if they ever need assistance and that is not available, we can better provide assistance rather than waiting for an actual emergency," director of Handicapped Student Services, John Harris, said.

Some handicapped students do not want to be associated with the department because of the social stigma.

"A lot of handicapped students don't want to be associated with us and we understand that; because unfortunately, if they get involved with an office like this — society's going to treat them different, once they find out they have a handicap — especially to those students who have hidden handicaps.

"We maintain confidentiality. We don't go out and broadcast that such-and-such a person is a part of our office. We believe our students

should have a right to privacy and we don't give out disabilities. We don't give out any student information on any student under our wing. That's part of our deal because we feel like that's very private," Harris said.

There are 94 handicapped students registered with the office, but Harris said he believes there are 35 to 40 more that qualify.

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mobility impaired as the number one disability on this campus, followed by the severely and non-severely disabled.

AIDS is now included as a disability, Harris said.

"And even now, the category of AIDS is covered under 504. 504 is the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, sometimes called the Bill of Rights for Handicapped persons," he said.

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Insurance dept. offers scholarships

By KIM HARRIS
News Editor

The Middle Tennessee State University Insurance department is offering 12 scholarships — \$500 each and 2 internships this year, Chair of Insurance Kenneth Hollman said Wednesday.

The scholarships are being offered by middle Tennessee insurance agencies and carriers, Hollman said.

Students must be insurance majors with 60 or more hours and have a grade point average of 3.0

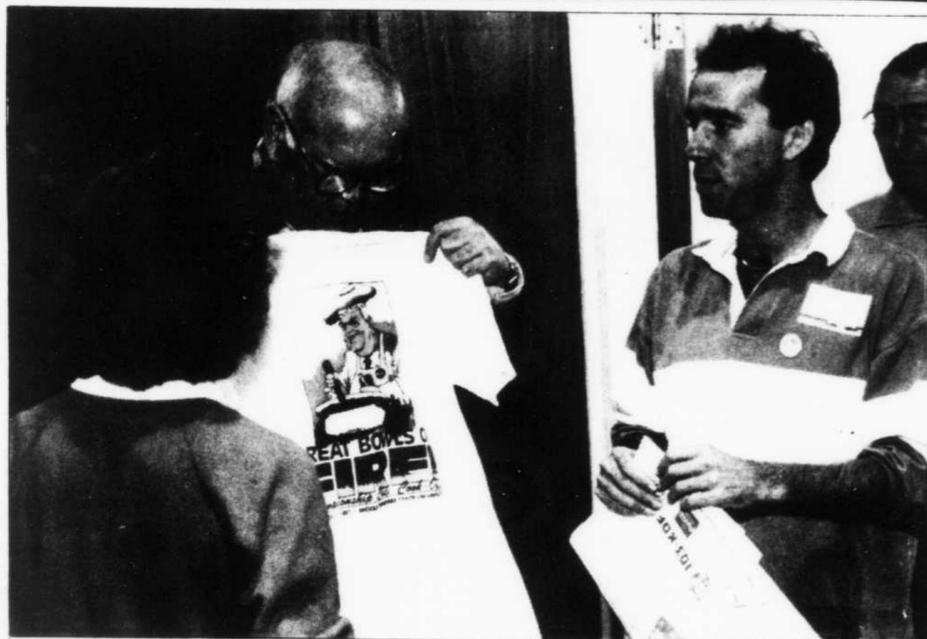
or higher in order to compete, he said.

"They must exhibit a professional attitude and show evidence of professional career aspirations," he said.

Since the scholarship and internship programs began in 1983, 48 internships have been given, Hollman said.

The two internships offered this year are being sponsored by agencies currently doing business in the middle Tennessee area, he said.

"The internships enable students



ASB President Holly Lentz and Homecoming Chairman Rob Marlin present Governor Ned McWherter with a chili cook-off T-shirt at Tuesday's reception.

Science fiction club formed

By JONATHAN MALCOLM LAMPLEY
Staff Writer
A group of Middle Tennessee State University students and faculty members has started a club devoted to science fiction and fantasy.

"We've been surprised by the turnout thus far," sophomore and club contact person Roy Epperson said. "At our first meeting eight people showed up — about what we expected. But at our second, there were twenty."

Tentatively called the "Science Fiction Club of MTSU," the group is interested in films, television shows, books and games. Fliers inviting people to attend have been placed all over the campus.

According to Epperson, club activities will include movie parties, role playing games such as Dungeons and Dragons, discussion

groups and trips to science fiction conventions. Several guest speakers have been asked to talk at group meetings.

The club is also planning to distribute a newsletter to inform current and prospective members about past and future activities and events.

Club members have worked out a deal with the Bookstop (a local bookstore) where members will receive a discount on items purchased there.

"I think things are going to go over real well," junior Vince Pinkerton said. "There's a lot of diversity

in the interests. I really like comic books and Stephen King. Some people are into gaming, some even write poetry and short stories."

"We're a fun-loving group," Epperson said. "We welcome anyone who's into any facet of fantasy to come to a meeting. We were overwhelmed by the response, but we're delighted to find more members."

The science fiction club meets on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Keathley University Center. For further information concerning the club, contact Roy Epperson at 898-3992.

ASB Senate confirms judges

By JERRY OSBORNE
Staff Writer

Fourteen new judges were confirmed by the Associated Student Body Senate Wednesday to serve on the various courts within the university system Holly Lentz, president of the ASB, said.

"The new judges will serve on the courts until they graduate or leave school," Lentz added. "Or unless their grade point average drops below 2.0."

There were five justices appointed to serve on the supreme court. Joseph A. Peay, Vincent Daniels, Cindy Gillian, Brian Petti and Mark Bell will join Debby Nicodemus and Peggy Allen on the court, Lentz said.

On the general sessions court, Becky Dodson, Kelly Knowles, Naji Al Hassan, D. Brian Ayers, Angie Fry and Tonda Mott will serve under Chief Justice Byron White, according to Lentz.

Victor Vale will join justices Anthony Turner and William Newberry on the Monday traffic court, and Petti Withrow and Mark Holmes will serve with Chief Justice Jamie Bowen on the Tuesday traffic court, Lentz said.

Chief Justices are determined by the length of time that they have served on the court. The justice with the longest period of service on the court is automatically named Chief Justice.

Stop signs more visible; state specifications met

By BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

Raising the height of stop signs on campus has made them more visible, Jack Drugmand, chief of the Public Safety and Security, said.

"It appears from my moving around that raising the signs to state specifications has improved [driving] conditions," Drugmand said.

Last year the signs were 4 1/2 to 5 feet high, but security asked the maintenance department to raise the signs up to state standards — seven feet, Drugmand said.

The higher signs allow drivers to see over illegally parked cars, shrubs and generally makes the red octagons easier to see, Drugmand said.

"We are still getting illegally parked cars next to signs blocking them," Drugmand said.

Not all signs have been raised to the 84 inch height, he said.

"We raised the signs at the main intersections first," he explained. "Maintenance is raising the rest as

soon as they can work it into their schedule."

Plans are also being made to improve the visibility of the signs on the Bell Street entrance to campus and the area behind the James Union Building, Drugmand said.

Currently, the signs are painted on the road for the three-way intersection, he said.

Drugmand said that motorists who run stop signs will eventually be caught if they do it enough. Violators may be given a city ticket instead of a campus ticket if they are caught.

"MTSU officers can give city tickets," Drugmand said.

City tickets are \$20. Campus tickets are \$10, and they do not appear on the student's driving record.

Drugmand said the signs were raised because the department had a problem with people running stop signs last year.

"We knew we had a problem last year," Drugmand said.



MTSU students Julia Stinson and LeAnn Elrod enjoy one of the last days of warm weather on Monday outside the Todd Library.

Kentucky man injured in freak tower accident

By BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

A Kentucky man was in fair condition at Middle Tennessee Medical Center Thursday after undergoing surgery for injuries received during a fall inside the Murfreesboro water tower Wednesday afternoon, hospital officials said.

Michael Elmore, 21, of Albany, Ky., broke both arms and legs when he fell 25-30 feet while sandblasting the inside of the tower, James Fite, assistant fire chief, said.

Elmore entered the operating room at 8 p.m. Wednesday and is currently in intensive care, Rebecca Climer, hospital spokeswoman, said.

The Rutherford County Rescue

Squad received the call at approximately 2:05 p.m., Larry Davenport, a rescue squad member, said.

Paramedics tended to Elmore's injuries while he was inside the water tower, Davenport said.

"We just had to get him down," he said.

Members of the RCRS and Murfreesboro Fire Department cut a three-foot square hole in the bottom of the tank, which was not filled with water, to get him out.

A line was dropped to the ground and rescuers in the tower lifted a stretcher up and secured Elmore. The Kentucky man was then lowered to a safety net on the ground and transported to the hospital.

He arrived at the hospital at approximately 4:30, Davenport said.

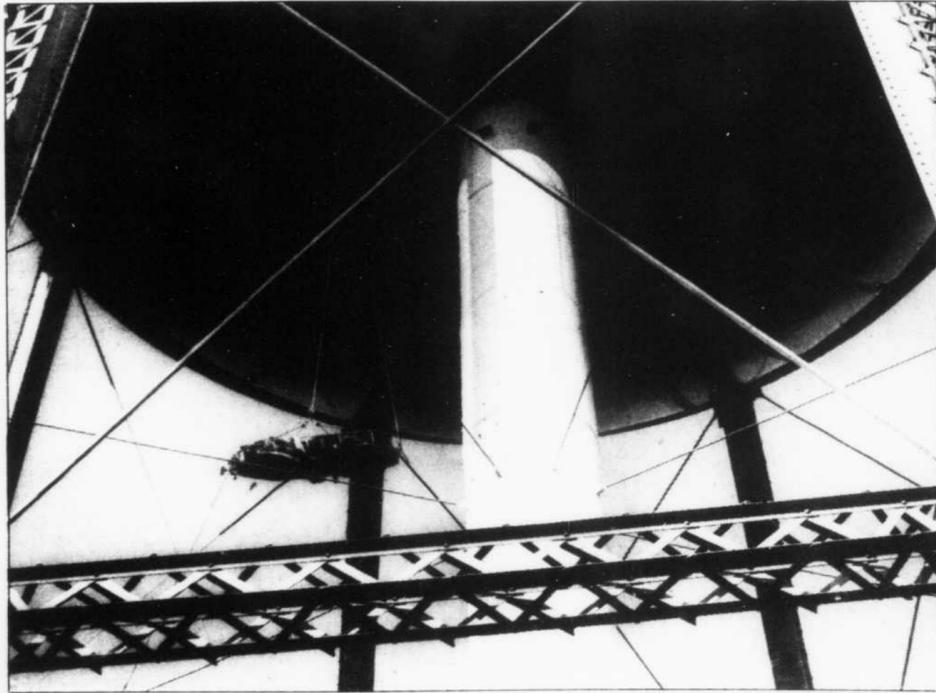
Elmore was working for Armstrong Welding and Fabricating. Officials at the Albany, Ky., firm could not be reached for comment.

The rescue took approximately two hours.

Elmore fell while he was trying to move, Fite said.

"He was safetied to a cross bar but when he fell the bar broke," Fite said.

Elmore was tethered by two lines, but unhooked one to move, Fite said. He then fell 25 to 30 feet to the bottom of the tank.



WAYNE CARTWRIGHT

Worker Micheal Elmore, 21, of Albany, KY fell approximately 30 feet as he was sandblasting the inside of the Murfreesboro water tower, last Wednesday afternoon. Rescue operation took over two hours to remove Elmore from the bottom of the tank.

ASB senate election results announced

by M.A. BROWN
Assistant News Editor

Elections for the Associated Student Body Senate were held yesterday to fill five vacant freshmen seats, one sophomore seat, one junior seat and one senior seat in the ASB congress.

A total of 111 freshman voted in the election, a total well above the normal turnout.

Jan Key, Brent Cotton, Kelly Short, Angie Frey and Cherilyn Ace finished in the top five spots.

Key finished with 16 percent of the vote, while Cotton finished with 14 percent, Short 10 percent, Frey nine percent, and Ace nine percent.

Also receiving votes were Adrian Stitts, Robert McCreary, Missy Gifford, Donna Pollock, Allen Gray, Toni Smith, Michelle Huffman, Noah Maignan, Marla Gordon, Melita Melson, and Melanie Lane.

Gordon, Melson and Lane were write-in candidates.

Freshmen were allowed to vote for a maximum of five candidates.

"We were absolutely elated with the freshmen turnout," ASB President Holly Lentz said. "Because we had such great competition they campaigned more and were more

motivated than the normal candidates."

"I feel like we have a very good freshman class. They are more active than some classes we've had," Lentz added.

In the sophomore election, Jonathan Cook defeated Kam McMillian by a 52 percent margin. Cook collected 76 percent of the vote while McMillian got 24 percent.

The junior election was a landslide victory for Todd Allison. Allison, who ran unopposed, got 90 percent of the vote. Write-in candidate Todd Stone got 10 percent.

"I'm pleased to be elected," Allison commented. "I have been talking to students to see what they

would like to propose."

Allison listed parking spaces as one of the major concerns of his upcoming term in office.

"I would be in favor of building a parking garage if the funds were available, but the entire problem is that students don't want to park in the available spaces," he said.

Allison went on to state he was considering introducing a measure before the senate which would make it illegal for faculty members to park in student parking spaces.

In the senior election, Robert Allen East won the seat with a commanding 96 percent of the final vote. Tim Farris, a write-in candidate garnered the other four percent.

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Campus Capsule

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The BSU will provide a free ride for anyone without transportation to the grocery store or around town. Call 893-5035 for more information.

The President's Club will hold its first meeting Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 5 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center. Please inform your highest ranking officer about the meeting. For more information contact Director Sheri Taylor at Box 2839 or 895-2505.

The College Republicans will hold a registration drive Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign-up booths will be outside Phillips Bookstore in the Keathley University Center. For more information contact Mark Davenport at Box 2893 or 895-6723.

Sigma Xi Club and the MTSU Ideas and Issues Committee will present a lecture by Dr. William M. Bass, Chairman of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Davis Science Building. Dr. Bass will present a lecture on "Forensic Fire Investigations."

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, will initiate new members at its meeting Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. in Dining Room B of the James Union Building. Meeting does not include dinner. Membership fee is \$37.50.

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Friday, Oct. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind the ROTC building.

The Language Department will be offering tutorial services for Spanish and French students. For more information contact the Language Department at 898-2981.

The Honors Lecture Series for Fall 1987 continues Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 107 Peck Hall. Guest speaker will be Dr. Marilyn Wells from the MTSU Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work. No admission will be charged.

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Kelley Lorenzen

Sawhorses were ineffective in blocking students from parking in the Bell Street lot during Governor Ned Ray McWherter's visit Tuesday. University officials say students moved the sawhorses to park in the lot.

Parking

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for visitors, Weatherly said there were still spaces left for students in the Greenland Drive lot.

"But at one point, the Greenland Drive lot was pretty close to being full," she said.

"Irate" students complained about not being able to park in the Bell Street lot," Weatherly said.

Before security arrived at the lot, students were moving the sawhorses to gain access to it, she said.

"We finally had to get a state car to block the entrances," Weatherly said.

When it started raining students went as far as to drive over the sidewalk to get in and out of the lot, she said.

The rain also kept Career Day demonstrators from filling the

Greenland Drive lot annex to capacity, she said. After a few hours, the lot was reopened.

Fewer than average tickets were issued during the days events, Weatherly said.

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Some students don't fit in usual categories

Three years ago, I gathered all of my courage and made the plunge back into college life. I was 35 at the time, the mother of two children and it had been 17 years since I'd graduated from high school. I'd been then, and am now one of the growing number of "non-traditional" students. These are students who have let five years or more pass between their high school graduation and their entry,

three years ago, she began to experience a discontent with her life and returned to school. Majoring in Historical Preservation (MTSU has a Center of Excellence in Historical Preservation), she has directed her efforts towards a radical change in careers. She works part-time as a nurse to help finance her education, but after her graduation will be a "museum person" — and a good one.

There is yet another reason for being a non-traditional student. It is *dream fulfillment*. I dreamed of being a teacher. I even started taking classes but then life intervened. Marriage came, children came, time went. I promised myself that I would get my degree before my fortieth birthday. Suddenly it dawned on me that if I was going to make that deadline, I'd better get on the stick.

So here I am, a little the worse for wear, but moving right along. I will graduate with my fellow non-traditional students, college will have fulfilled a dream, satisfied my intellectual curiosity, given me a change in careers and been an economic benefit.



Kate Lapczynski

or re-entry, into college. On some junior college campuses around the county they comprise nearly half of the total enrollment.

What drives a person to attend college after a significant period of time? Here are some answers.

ECONOMIC NECESSITY: Lorraine Robinson's life had settled into a comfortable pattern. Married, and the mother of 11-year-old Robyn, she was content with her life and happy with her status. She had always wanted to earn her degree but it was not a pressing desire. All that changed dramatically in August of 1986 when her husband was killed in a freak accident. Suddenly, she was the sole support of a rentless. Job hunting became a relentless source of frustration.

Now majoring in Medical Technology with the aid of a Pell Grant, Lorraine has returned to school to get her degree, spurred this time not just by desire, but by necessity. She is attending Middle Tennessee State University part-time and working part-time at Mid-South Biomedical Labs. Juggling these two part-time pursuits with her full-time role as mother and homemaker is not easy but then, none of the other adjustments she has had to make this year have been easy either.

CAREER CHANGE: Mary Katherine Moore is a licensed practical nurse and a good one. But

INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY: Janis Cayce is married, the mother of a 10-year-old son and an almost pathologically competent person. The list of her skills could fill a book. If you want something done superlatively well, ask Janis to do it. Despite this, she fled unchallenged and so returned to school. Like many MTSU students, she earned her Associates Degree at Motlow State Community College where she made the Dean's List with monotonous regularity. Now attending MTSU and majoring in Economics, she cites intellectual curiosity as the main reason for her return to school.

For the most part, non-traditional students fare well in their classes, in spite of the pressures of home, job and family responsibilities. They bring a maturity and wealth of experience with them into the classroom. They know how to manage their time. They take school seriously.

They are often peers with their professors and so are able to establish relationships with their instructors that younger students can not. They have a strong concept of their long-range goals, a benefit, perhaps, of the long delay in the continuation of their education. They want to be here, have chosen to be here and have sacrificed to be here. These are the necessary ingredients for success.

Parking: not just a job, an adventure

Parking on this campus after 7:30 a.m. is like getting teeth pulled — not something you want to do unless ABSOLUTELY necessary.

Just last week, I had two wisdom teeth pulled. That, thank goodness, was a one-time experience. Plus I had pain killers. Parking is something I have to deal with five days a week. And aspirin just doesn't cut it.

Thousands of students, like my-



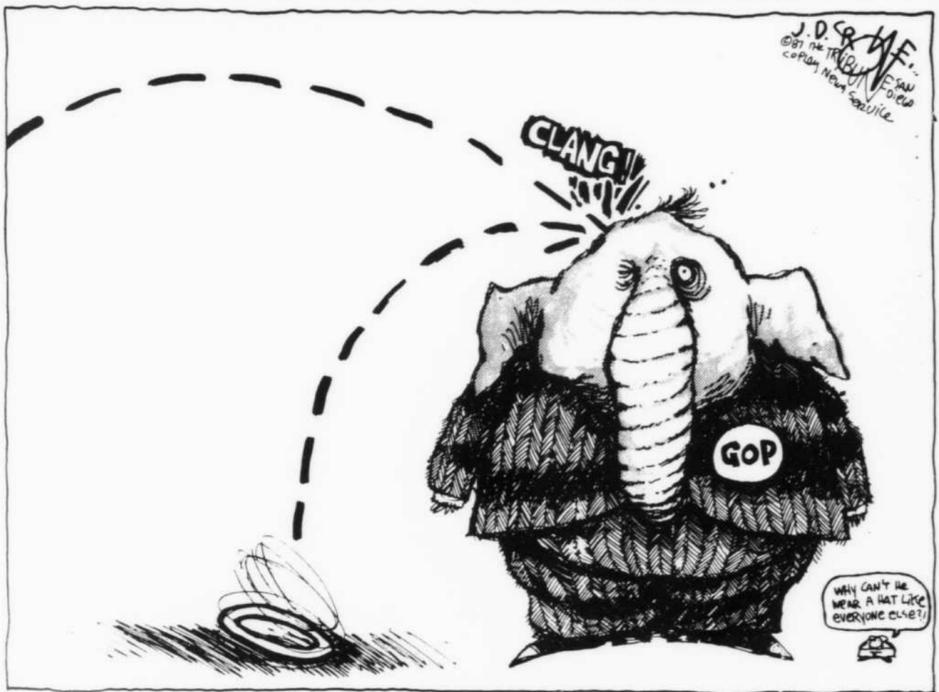
Brian Conley

self, who commute to campus must attempt to achieve the impossible — find a parking space in time to make it to class on time.

As a commuter (10-20 minutes one way) I am fully aware of the parking problem.

Getting a decent spot is almost impossible. You can stay in one spot for a few days to get a space in the Bell Street parking lot.

If you do find a space, you might



PAT ROBERTSON TOSSES HIS HALO INTO THE RING.

have to "duel" with the other drivers to park there. Five cars will not fit into one space. Someone has to back down. Usually the biggest car wins.

If that don't work there is always the "land shark" method.

Pull up to an academic building or beside someone seemingly headed for their car and stalk them until they get there. Then, when they leave, you can go in for the

tees success, is to park in the Greenland Drive lot and walk.

This is the method I prefer. Taking five to six minutes to park in the Greenland Drive lot and taking 5 to 10 minutes to walk to class. It is better than taking 30 minutes to an hour to find a place in the middle of campus.

Plus, parking there and donning your hiking boots to walk to class saves a lot of gas (money) and nerves. It's cheaper than paying for an exercise class.

I have adjusted to the fact that with the benefits of living off campus comes the disadvantages of a poor parking situation.

Yes, living in Nashville allows you to be close to family and work but you will have to walk a long way to class from your car or wait hours to get a good parking place.

However, something still needs to be done by the university ad-

ministrators to improve the situation.

A parking garage or another commuter lot is needed. MTSU is a growing university and will grow even more in the future. Instead of waiting until a bigger problem arises, wouldn't it be sensible to go ahead and build another lot now?

When the city builds the loop through campus, they will be extending the road next to Cummings to the loop. That is a perfect place to build parking lots.

It is away from the center of campus where all of the trees and greenery are and will be next to the proposed fraternity row on the extension.

The university is planning to build a lot there in the future. What is wrong with doing it now?

I will gladly pay an additional \$5 or even \$10 per semester to fund a new, bigger lot.

ARA workers are people too

I am a line server at the High Rise Dormitory cafeteria and I work the dinner crowd.

Night after night, I ask myself what gives college students the right to act like "half-raised heathens" — only worse. Is it the same right that allows them to treat me like dirt? Be warned, a list of legitimate grievances follow.

I don't appreciate being screamed at for the menu. It's not

of making. I work my buns off 50 on line and yet I have to trays away, give or take a few, trays away.

That wouldn't be so bad, if that was it. I am also responsible for wiping the food, napkins, and unidentified objects off the tables, chairs, floors and yes folks, even the walls! It's lovely to see mashed potatoes artistically spread against the brown, carpeted walls after a "hard day's night."

as everyone else — except that we have such a "fun" job.

Don't get me wrong, I don't hate my fellow students. When I first took the job two years ago, one of the things that made it worthwhile was the interaction with students. I happen to love people and am a "people person." That feeling has grown thinner as the griping and the mess has continued and leveled on a high. It has made me wonder. Would the same student — who thought it was so cute and funny to give me a hard time and/or to leave their creativity in the dining room — do that at home? I don't think so. GROW UP!

For those of you who know how to smile, make it pleasant conversation and take it all in stride when you come through the line, I thank you. Sincere thanks also go to those of you who know how to eat like a person (and not like an animal) and who put your tray up afterwards.

To the rest of you, try and put yourself in my shoes and think about it. I don't expect to see 1000 smiling considerate and neat students come through the cafeteria when this hits the press. Maybe I'm crazy for thinking this editorial will help. Prove me wrong.



**Kim Harris
News Editor**

my fault. All I do is serve the food as fast as possible and with an attempted smile. I also realize that the average student has had a rough day, week, month, year, life. That's not my fault either and I don't think I should be an ideal target. Seek professional help.

After I endure the complaints, heated arguments, and sassy comments — I am amazed at what I see. When I step into the "dining" room, I am greeted by a mess of which no self-respecting, considerate human being would even dream

I also love the 50 — 100 people rush at 6:15 that stays until 7 p.m. Everyone knows we close the food lines at 6:30. And yes, I get to hear how we ran out of food (leave early if possible). I also get to wait for those same people to leave a mess on their hour later, when I have places to go and things to study. By the way, it is a common misconception that the majority of the workers do not go to school and that their job at ARA Food Services, Inc. is their only concern. We are college students and we have the same trials

Attendance part of life

Dear Editor,

Here is another view of class attendance (Ref. *Sidelines*, 22 Sept. 87, *Attendance policy wrong*, by Brian Conley).

Mr. Conley must have discovered his inspiration in the library archives. His arguments against attending class were tried on Socrates, and didn't "sell" to that great teacher, either. There are some very good reasons why.

One, knowing something about a subject doesn't warrant skipping class. You're supposed to have a foundation knowledge with which class work — all of it — should make you smarter and ready for bigger challenges, whether academic or "life."

Second, to assert as Mr. Conley does, that a student needn't attend class when he/she may be able to pass the CLEP test, is typical sophomore arrogance. You've all heard them; the person who has picked up the lingo and a couple of elementary ideas and bores everyone silly with their vast (half-

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Dear Editor,

This letter is written in gratitude for the sponsors of the Mid-State Wheel-Chair Tennis Tournament. These sponsors, Coca-Cola, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Ages, L & K Trophy, Roses and PIP, Printing generously donated items or services which certainly provided for the success of this event. We also extend our appreciation to all the volunteers of this tournament. Their assistance gave us all a new awareness of the genuine meaning of helping others. Last, we express our thanks to *Sidelines* for the article written concerning this tournament.

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ENTERTAINMENT WEEKEND

Debut of Briar Creek

By Michelle Braeuer
Entertainment Editor

There is a new sound in town and its name is Briar Creek.

Briar Creek is a new contemporary country band, making their debut performance Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Deerwood Amphitheatre. The five members are all in the Middle Tennessee State University's recording industry management program.

Briar Creek is the newest sound in the evolution of country music. Synthesizers and electric guitars replace fiddles and banjos. Country twang is replaced by softer tones of light pop. Even with these changes, the music of Briar Creek still captures the heart of country.

Lynn Gann is the lead vocalist and lead guitar player for the band. He is currently president of RIM writers, a student songwriting or-

ganization.

John Damron plays guitar and sings background vocals. Damron is a recipient of the Bill Williams scholarship awarded by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

Lee Hines plays the drums and sings background vocals. Hines is currently vice-president of the Audio Engineering Society at MTSU.

John Yost plays keyboards and does background vocals.

Steve Seale plays bass guitar and also does background vocals.

The members of Briar Creek have only been playing together as a group since late August. Their debut performance will be Saturday when they open for country singer Ronnie McDowell.

"It's a plum job that alot of veteran groups would like to have,"

Dameron said.

How does a brand new band go from a garage to a performance live in only a month?

It's a feat comparable to walking on water, Dameron said.

Briar Creek's luck, after a solo performance on July 4th, Gann submitted a tape of the groups work to the Deerwood Amphitheatre. The rest is history.

Gates for this Saturdays concert will open at 6:30 p.m.. For more ticket information contact the Deerwood Amphitheatre.

Their next performance date will be at the Manchester Community Bandshell on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. The show will last 90 minutes, and the band will only play their original music. This performance is free and open to the public.

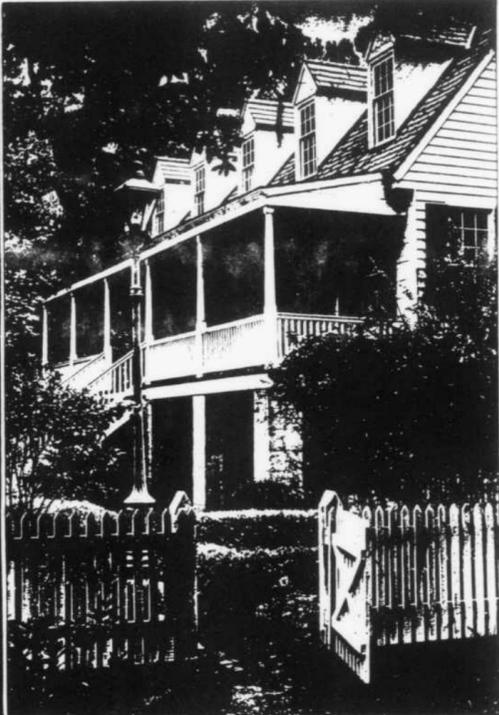


Steve Seale, John Yost, Lynn Gann, Lee Hines and John Damron perform as Briar Creek—the newest sound in contemporary country.

Auditions There will be auditions for *The Caretaker*, a three man show, Oct. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. in the Arena Theatre of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. Each auditionee is instructed to have a one-minute monologue prepared in a British accent. For more information contact The Speech and Theatre Department.

The *Sidelines* Staff cordially invites the campus community to an Open House on October 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the *Sidelines* office, Room 310 James Union Building.

Staff members and the Student Publications Coordinator will be present to answer your questions about the campus newspaper and share your ideas.



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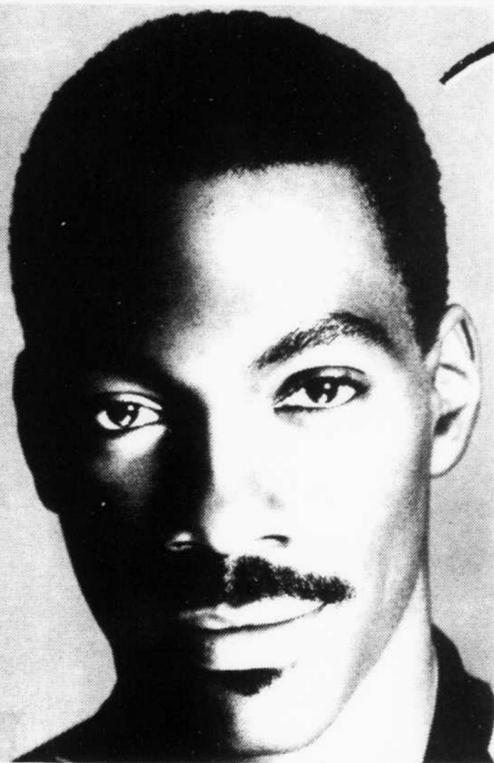
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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Campus Recreation announces volleyball tourney winners

Campus Recreation held their outdoor volleyball tournament Saturday, Sept. 26 with competition in three divisions.

Steve Symes and Chris Waddell captured the doubles competition. The AAA division was won by Joe Harmon, Kelvin Thurman and Philip Carson. Duck Johnson, Skippy Gore and Smurf Ledbetter won the BBB division. The runnerups, in their respective divisions were: Jim and Linda Horenkamp, Bill Albaugh, Wade Nichols and Jimmy Herran, and Bob Appleby, Darrell Chaffin and Wayne Leever.

Grand Slam Auction and Fish Fry will be Monday

The fourth annual Grand Slam Auction and Fish Fry will be held Monday, Oct. 5 at the MTSU Livestock Pavilion.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with fresh river catfish and boiled "Cajun" crawfish. It will be followed by an auction at 7:30 p.m.

Merchants throughout middle Tennessee have donated goods to be sold at the auction. The grand finale of the evening will be the drawing for a 1987 Isuzu pickup truck.

The proceeds of the auction goes to the MTSU baseball team. Tickets for the event, which cost \$10, can be purchased at LCAR and Agee's Sporting Goods in Murfreesboro, Crosslin Supply Company in Smyrna, and at Phillips Bookstore on the MTSU campus.

Childress joins MTSU basketball staff

Bernard Childress, assistant coach at Columbia (Tenn.) High School for the past six years, will join the MTSU basketball coaching staff as an assistant coach, effective Nov. 1.

He will replace Joe Cunningham, a member of the staff since last spring, who is leaving to enter private business.

Childress' duties will include recruiting, on-the-floor coaching and working with the Blue Raiders' annual team camp in the summer.

A graduate of Belmont College, Childress was employed by Union Carbide before joining the Columbia coaching staff. He was a three-time All-Volunteer Athletic Conference player for Belmont.

MTSU athletes in action this weekend

The MTSU volleyball, cross country and golf team will be in action this weekend.

The volleyball team, coached by Diane Cummings, travels to Bryan, Tenn. tonight to play Bryan and Maryville colleges.

On Saturday, both the men's and women's cross country teams will compete in the Fisk Invitational in Nashville. The meets begin at 10 a.m.

The golf team will be in action at a tournament sponsored by UT-Martin. The tournament will be held at the par-72 Winfield Dunn Golf Course at Pickwick Landing State Park, 12 miles south of Savannah, Tenn., near the Mississippi state line.

Home, OVC opener

MTSU looks for new beginning Sat.

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor
and
M.A. BROWN
Sports Writer

Austin Peay State University and Middle Tennessee State University's football teams will be looking for one thing when the two rivals battle this weekend — a new beginning.

After impressive victories in their season openers, both teams have slipped into a dismal tailspin that has put each in the lower echelon of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Austin Peay posted a 26-22 victory over division I-A opponent Kansas State in their opener, while MTSU devastated Tennessee State 55-19 in a record-setting offensive explosion.

Since that point both team's offenses have become dormant.

APSU has failed to score a touchdown in 11 quarters. The loss of talented quarterback Dale Edwards in the UT-Martin game Sept. 12 has accounted for a large part of their offensive woes.

Meanwhile, MTSU has failed to play two complete halves of football against Georgia Southern or Western Kentucky, which they led at halftime but ultimately lost.

Over this period MTSU's highly touted offense has scored only seven second half points.

"Our problem is that we haven't been playing well in all phases of the game for 60 minutes and it's cost us," MTSU quarterback Marvin Collier said.

However, victory in Saturday's game would bring either team back to the 500 mark at 2-2 and get them back on the winning track.

More important is the fact that this is an OVC game.

Last week Austin Peay opened its conference schedule with a loss at the hands of Tennessee Tech. A

loss this week would virtually put an end to the Governors hopes of a conference title and any chances of a possible play-off berth.

On the other hand, an MTSU victory would put the Raiders back in the win column and give them an early conference victory.

A loss would give the Raiders a 1-3 record and severely hurt their conference championship and playoff chances.

"Right now we're just worried about winning a game, and thinking about our chances in the OVC would be a little premature," head football coach Boots Donnelly said.

After three straight road games, MTSU will be back in the friendly confines of Horace Jones Field.

"We've had three tough games

on the road and it will be nice to get back on our home turf," Donnelly said.

MTSU's offense will be facing a serious challenge when they oppose the Governor defense.

"We've got to get something rolling on offense," Donnelly said. "Austin Peay is not the best club in the world to face when you're trying to do that."

"They play solid defense, as good as anybody in the league, if not better. And they have very good personnel on the offensive side of the ball. They're bound to break out of their scoring slump sometime soon."

Over the years, the APSU-MTSU rivalry has developed into one of the best in the conference.

Last year's game, won by Austin Peay 7-0, was decided in overtime as neither team found the end zone during regulation.

According to Donnelly, the Raiders need to work on every phase of the game in preparing for APSU in their home and conference opener.

"I can't think of anything we don't need to work on to get back on track," Donnelly said. "We've played a lot of players who haven't had a lot of game experience and they've made some mistakes. We need to get back to playing as a team."

Kick-off is set for 1:30 p.m. at Jones Field. Students with a valid ID will be admitted free.

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