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Fraternity is 'unjustly denied' support

By Gregg Mayer/ staff

After his social fraternity's request for \$3,830 from the Student Activity Fund was denied in total, Pi Kappa Alpha president Brooks Nunnally is angry his hand was slapped when he reached into the student coffer.

"We don't feel like we're getting our fair share," Nunnally said. "We give so much support to the university, and we get slammed when we ask for something back."

The Student Activity fund is money invested by all MTSU students at the beginning of each semester. Students pay a \$4 activity fee as part of their tuition, and in turn this money is allocated back out to several student organizations for financial support.

"We haven't asked for money in three years," Nunnally said. "They (the Student Activity Fee committee) told me 'to ask for the world and hope for some.' We got the door slammed in our face."

Over \$57,000 was available to distribute to all the student organizations on campus. But due to the numerous and often expensive requests, the nine-person Student Activity Fee Committee had to adopt several guidelines to decide which organizations would get money and which would not.

Gail Stephens, associate dean of Student Life, is sympathetic towards organizations who were denied requests.

In a letter addressed to *Sidelines* about the problems of insufficient money, Stephens writes, "I personally dread each semester when I have to write disappointing letters that attempt to explain why something was not funded and talking with those

no travel expenses were allotted (only lodging expenses); and second, any organization requesting money for an event that excluded the opposite gender, was also denied money.

"We don't discriminate (against gender)," said Nunnally. "If a girl

accompanying this story, Greek organizations as a whole received only \$3,840. And even that much is misleading.

Most of the Greek money, \$3,500, is allotted for scholarship money to be given to other students, such as the Miss MTSU Pageant sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and not for the benefit of the fraternity.

"We use our National Headquarters as much as we can for money," Nunnally added. "And we rarely ask for money from the university. We feel we were unjustly denied."

However, many campus organizations are pleased with the allotment they received this semester.

"Its almost double from last year," said Matt Meeks, director of programming at WMTS radio station.

WMTS requested \$24,285 from the committee, and received \$2,300. Meeks said he didn't expect to receive the total amount of money he requested (the highest of all requests), but he wanted to let the committee know how much his student-run radio station needed in order to operate "professionally."

Concerts, an organization which received \$3,000, is also pleased with their allotment. The money was used to off-set costs of the extravagant fireworks show that happened last

Parking lot will close

Staff Reports

Preliminary construction for the new library will close the gravel parking lot just south of the Bragg Mass Communications Building on Monday and Tuesday this week, according to the MTSU Campus Planning Office.

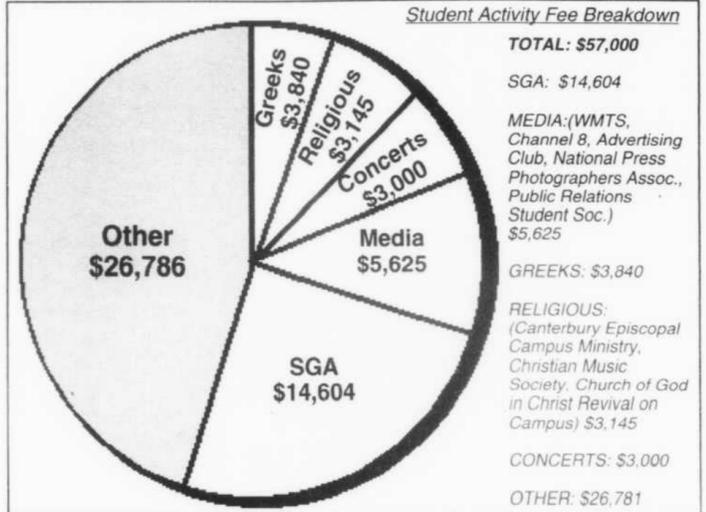
Half of the lot will be reopened Wednesday; however, the other half will remain closed to become the staging area for the construction project.

Students who usually park in the gravel lot may instead park in the lot on the west side of D street across from the Recreation Center, or on the southeast corner of D and 2nd Streets.

New sidewalks are being built along the south side of the construction site that will extend from the east to the west side of the library. A construction fence will soon be erected around the area.

Portions of the gravel lot will remain closed throughout the entire construction of the library.

According to Campus Planning officials, the contractor is on a 700-day timetable to build the new library and is starting immediately in order to meet the completion deadline. •



TOTAL: \$57,000

SGA: \$14,604

MEDIA: (WMTS, Channel 8, Advertising Club, National Press Photographers Assoc., Public Relations Student Soc.) \$5,625

GREEKS: \$3,840

RELIGIOUS: (Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry, Christian Music Society, Church of God in Christ Revival on Campus) \$3,145

CONCERTS: \$3,000

OTHER: \$26,781

Pie Chart by Andrew Mays

students who come into my office not understanding why their request was denied or why they received so little of what they requested."

Denied requests were often due to two large, eliminating criteria. First,

wanted to come on our one-day trip to Memphis for a day, she could. The trip was open to the campus, and anyone could go who signed up on the list."

As seen on the pie chart

Summer trip to West Africa offers hands-on experience

By Christi Underdown / staff

Next summer, students from Austin Peay State University and Middle Tennessee State University will join together to travel to a place of magic and legends: Gambia, West Africa.

APSU's political science department, collaborating with MTSU's history department, specifically the African American Studies program, are hoping to familiarize participants with the continent of Africa, its people, its many cultures and values, and its political and religious history.

Adonijah Bakari, an assistant professor within the history department, is the MTSU sponsor of the trip. He has been to Africa once, but not to the Gambia.

The Gambia is a small strip of land, agriculturally and politically supported by the Gambia River. It is surrounded on three sides by the country of Senegal. In the 1850s European countries in power embarked on the "grab for Africa". Senegal was taken by France, while the Gambia was appointed to be English. This separated the peoples by language, as well as culture.

There are three languages spoken in the Gambia: English, Wolof and Mandingo.

Students can earn six hours of academic credit in History 378 and 450. The hours may also count as electives in other majors. To receive credit, participants must register and pay tuition fees prior to departure.

Those who are interested do not have to be students of either university.

On the five-week Study Abroad program, students will take small classes of an estimated 20 people at the local university. To promote more of a hands-on experience, the class will take various trips. Students will visit such sights as the home of Alex Haley, author of "Roots," located in Jaffure; James Island, the place that

is said to mark the point of freedom for Africans who escaped from slave ships; a Portuguese trading post; a slave fort; and a native village where many of the priests and priestesses perform traditional magic and religious rituals.

There will be two aspects on which the classes will focus: government and politics, and culture. Bakari will be teaching the culture-oriented classes, while the other classes will be taught by a professor from Austin Peay, who takes the trip yearly.

According to the brochure about the trip, "previous course work and/or experience in Africa or with multicultural related subject matter is desirable but not required." Participants will receive extensive preparation as to the culture and history of the Gambia.

At the time of application, participants will pay a deposit fee of \$100. Four passport-size photos must accompany the application. Deadline for applications is March 1. The total cost of the trip is an estimated \$2,800. This includes travel insurance, tuition, room and board in Gambia and air fare round-trip between Nashville and Gambia. For those who are worried about financial aid, the Stafford University Loan is available.

Participants will leave for Africa on May 15 and will return on June 3. Those participants who do not have an updated passport need to take two passport-sized photos with them when they apply, as well as a certified copy of their birth certificate. Participants are also responsible for any necessary immunizations.

The program will get Visas for participants who have obtained their passports and the necessary immunizations.

A general information meeting will be held on Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 215. For more information, contact Adonijah Bakari at 5905. •

Task force to assess General Studies program

By Mary Frances Herrington/ staff

A task force at MTSU has been appointed to monitor the general studies program.

The task force is not a police squad of undercover cops, but a group of students and faculty members who evaluate the effectiveness of the general studies program to improve academic standards and increase funding for MTSU.

"In 15 years or so of the performance funding program, MTSU has done extremely well in comparison to our sister institutions across the state," said Jim Brooks, chair of the Department of Speech and Theatre and chair of the task force. "We want to continue to do well, and in order to do that, we want to have the very best general education

program that we can have."

The Tennessee Board of Regents funds MTSU and its sister schools which are: Tennessee State University, Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay, The University of Memphis and East Tennessee State University.

Every year each school is evaluated to find the effectiveness of each school's curriculum and measure student performance. MTSU also compares its general studies program to the University of Tennessee's institution programs.

The task force was created last winter to assess the general studies program through both internal and external methods. Internally, upper-division students who have completed their general studies classes will be interviewed, along with faculty members and employers of MTSU

graduates, to assess how well students are performing and what they have learned at MTSU.

An ACT-COMP, a test similar to the ACT college entrance exam, is also given to measure the skills of seniors before they graduate.

During the month of November, prominent scholars John Henni from the Southeastern Missouri State University and Fred Hinson from Western Carolina University, will review the general studies program by attending classes, talking to students in the classes, and interviewing students already evaluated by the task force. The men will also study the curriculum covered by MTSU professors and write an overall assessment of their performance.

Please see TASK page 2

"Happiness Revolution"



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Sophomore Christopher Loch, a Japanese major, creates sidewalk art as part of his "Happiness Revolution." Loch devised the idea to promote happiness, "because of all the violence and hatred in society. Campus security requires would-be chalkers to have permission from the dean of their college.

FEATURES 6

Jack Johnson plays the knoll



INSIDE THE LINES



7 SPORTS

Volleyball setting high standards

CAMPUS CAPSULE

MONDAY, Sept. 23

Raiders For Christ will have an information table in KUC in front of Phillip's Bookstore from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Stroud at 896-1529.

Karen Kirkland and Steve Ellis will meet with interested pre-med students and minority students to share information about the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Davis Science Building Room 106. Contact Clara Todd at 898-5465 for more information.

TUESDAY, Sept. 24

The Horseman's Association will hold a roping clinic from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Tennessee Livestock Center. It's free; it's fun; everyone is invited to come. For more information, please contact Mary Calautti at 893-6992.

Emerging Leaders Institute will present a seminar on "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," based on the well-known book by Stephen Covey, from 3 to 4 p.m. in KUC Room 314. The session will focus on skills that develop individual character and effective leaders.

Omega Phi Alpha, National Service Sorority, will be having a rush on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sept. 24, 25, and 26, at 7 p.m. in KUC 322.

THURSDAY, Sept. 26

The National Association of Black Journalists will meet at 6 p.m. in room 104 in the Bragg Mass Communications Building. For information, contact Jay Jackson at 898-3499.

Pinnacle, the non-traditional honor society for students 25 and older with a 3.0 GPA, will begin its new "Reach for the Pinnacle: Student Success Workshops" with a one-hour program by Cheryl Lewis, developmental studies instructor, which will last from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.

will overview mechanics and grammar. Interested students should call 898-5989 to sign up for the workshop.

SATURDAY, Sept. 28

Alpha Delta Pi will host a 3-on-3 sand volleyball tournament benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Nashville. For more information, contact Jennifer Russell at 890-4298.

MONDAY, Sept. 30

Raiders For Christ will have an information table in KUC in front of Phillip's Bookstore from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Stroud at 896-1529.

MTSU Student Nursing Association will have a clothing drive in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building lobby from Sept. 30 until Oct. 11. Contact Christy Wheeler at 360-9839 for more information.

TUESDAY, Oct 1

Carol Ann Bailey, director of the Adult Services Center, will present a workshop on "Overcoming Test-Taking Anxiety" from 3 to 4:30 p.m. as part of the "Reach for the Pinnacle" workshop series. Interested students should call 898-5989 to sign up for the workshop.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 2

Nelson Strother and representatives from the University of Tennessee-Memphis Health Science Center will be in KUC rooms 322; 322-A,B,C; 312; and 314 to talk about Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Cytotechnology, Dental Hygiene, Health Information Management, Medical Technology, Occupational Therapy, and The Tennessee Preprofessional Program. Sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

African American Student Association (AASA) will be meeting in KUC Room 314 at 5:30 p.m. For information, contact Yolanda Beard at 898-3926.

FRIDAY, Oct. 11

MTSU Student Nursing Association will end its clothing drive on Oct. 11 in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. This is the last day for donations. Contact Christy Wheeler at 360-9839 for more information.

MONDAY, Oct. 14

Cheryl Lewis, developmental studies instructor, will present a workshop on "Writing a College Composition" from 3 to 4 p.m. as part of the "Reach for the Pinnacle" workshop series. To sign up, students should call 898-5989.

MONDAY, Oct. 21

Cheryl Lewis, developmental studies instructor, will repeat her punctuation workshop, focusing on the technicalities of writing, from 3 to 4 p.m. as part of the "Reach for the Pinnacle" series. Interested students who wish to sign up for the workshop should call 898-5989.

SENIORS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Career placement help for seniors and graduate students sponsored by the MTSU Placement Office. Times are: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 3 p.m., KUC 322; Wednesday, Sept. 25, 3 p.m., KUC 322; Thursday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m., KUC 322. Call the placement office at 898-2500 if you have any questions.

MONDAYS

College Republicans meet every Monday in KUC 316 at 7 p.m. until the elections. Contact Michael Balongie at 459-7009 for more information.

TUESDAYS

MTSU LAMBDA Association is one of the largest campus groups providing supportive, social and political programming for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students and their friends. Meetings are every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the LRC Amphitheater. For more information, call the LAMBDA Infoline at 780-2293.

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry meets Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. for dinner and program at St. Paul's Church, 315 E. Main Street. Contact Andrew Wright at 893-3780 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship will cookout and worship every Wednesday starting at 6 p.m. at 615 Middle Tenn. Blvd. Contact Micheal Malone at 893-1787 for more information.

All horse enthusiasts are invited to attend the Horseman's Association's weekly meetings on Wednesdays in the Sales Arena in the Livestock Center at 7 p.m. Upcoming topics include roping clinic and equine dentistry. Call Mary Calvatti at 893-6992 for more information.

The Women's Clinic offers OBGYN and general testing services such as blood and sugar level tests every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building Room 109. For more information, contact Linda League at 898-5950.

The Women's Clinic offers blood chemistry and blood screening tests for men and women during the first Wednesday of every month. For information, contact Linda League at 898-5950.

THURSDAYS

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry meets for lunch on Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the KUC Grill. Contact Andrew Wright at 893-3780 for more information.

Ayn Rand readers meet every Thursday to discuss the philosophy of Objectivism. For more information, contact Lee Sandstead at 898-4048.

College Democrats meet every Thursday in KUC 316 at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Paul Canady at 898-3745.

ACTIVITY:

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Saturday, Sept. 14, in honor of the Veteran's Salute.
"Our Veteran's firework's show) is usually better than the fourth of July," said Craig Dorman, assistant director of Concerts.

The SGA, which received the bulk of all requests with \$14,604 allotted, is given a disproportional amount of money because they are an organization which will sponsor events generated to benefit the

entire student body, according to the Student Fee application.

SGA money will be used to fund the "Sensational 70's" homecoming this October, delegation fees and lodging for an out-of-state event, and the copy machine, which is available for use by all student organizations.

"We did not have enough money," Stephens said of the numerous denied requests. "I wish you could have seen the anguish on the committee's faces after each day. We wanted to help everybody."

Organizations wishing to apply for Student Activity Fee money next semester should write to the Student Life office at PO Box 61 to receive an application.

Student Activity Fee Committee members for this past semester are: Josh Brackin; Sherry Brown; Brad Hopkins; Shawn Andrews; Phil Coleman; Amy Craig; Zak Kano; Gloria Hamilton; and Harold Smith, director of Student Unions and Programming.

TASK:

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A brief statement in the 1976-77 catalog presents a purpose for the general studies program stating, "The general education experiences should emphasize that which is common to all men, that which every man as man should have in order to live as an aware and responsible member of a contemporary free society."

It is the task force's

responsibility to make sure MTSU is doing just that.

The task force committee members are: Jim Brooks, chairman; Gloria Bonner, associate dean of education; David Carleton, assistant professor in political science; Patrice Caux, assistant professor in foreign languages and literature; Christian Grantham, student; Dovie Kimmins, assistant professor in mathematical sciences; David Lavery, chair of English department; Phil

Mathis, professor in biology; John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Tim Michael, assistant professor in HPER department; Vic Montemayor, associate professor of physics and astronomy; Marsha Smith, assistant professor in business education; Thad Smith, associate professor in history; Judith Van Hein, assistant professor in psychology; and Betty Johnson, director of institutional effectiveness.

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Postal Service showcases stamp series at MTSU

By Heather Hybarger/ staff

Two members of the United States Postal Service met with university officials Wednesday to discuss possible locations on campus for "African-American Heritage Series" and "Jazz Heritage Series" stamp exhibits.

Rick Burgess, program specialist for stamp services, and Doug Moyer explained the exhibits would contain "stamp

reproduction of a stamp.

The exhibits, which will be on campus Jan. 1 through Feb. 28, will be scattered throughout different buildings.

Each venue will be specialized. For example, stamps that feature athletes will be located in the Recreation Center, and stamps that feature African-Americans that are recognized in the area of mass communications will be placed in the Bragg Mass

and the Keathley University Center, and an exhibit that encourages children to begin stamp collecting will be found in the Alumni Center.

The "African-American Heritage Series" stamps feature notable African-Americans in all fields. The series began in 1978, and one stamp has been added each year.

"Keep in mind, you have to be dead 10 years before your image can be put on a stamp," Burgess said.

Images of W.E.B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells, James Weldon Johnson and Bessie Smith, who are all famous Tennesseans, will be in the exhibits.

It is hoped the exhibits will encourage area elementary and secondary schools to tour the campus, according to Robert Rucker, an assistant professor of social work and the project coordinator.

"This activity will enhance the mission of MTSU. It will serve as an instruction activity for faculty and students, and it will offer a great public service to our community," Rucker said.

"This is an opportunity for the U.S. Postal Service to showcase the Black Heritage and Jazz Heritage Series and an opportunity for MTSU and the community to lean about these African-Americans."



Brian G. Miller/ staff

art" as well as the original works of art on which the stamps were based.

Communication Building. Other exhibits will be located in Cope Administration, Todd Library, Murphy Center

Rutherford Democrats seek support of students

By Gregg Mayer/ staff

Asking for students' support in the fall elections, two of Rutherford county's contending politicians spoke to the College Democrats last Thursday night in KUC 316.

Sen. Andy Womack, running for state senate against Republican Kevin Wax, was not scheduled to speak last Thursday, but was a welcome surprise to all of the College Democrats.

Womack asked the students for help. He asked them to work phone banks, to go door-to-door and solicit voters, to plant signs in front yards, and to put "Elect Womack" bumper stickers on the back of their cars.

"This election is critical," Womack said. "Every election is critical. We need your help!"

Womack explained the "Tuition Bill" he is working on in the senate. The bill allows for parents to buy tuition

credits for young children, and allows for the credits to accumulate over a period of time at a tax-free rate. When the child is of college age, about 17 or 18, then the credits are turned into money to pay for state tuition. The tuition amount paid for with the credits is the same as the year the credits were originally purchased.

"The parents are paying for tomorrow's tuition at today's rates," Womack said.

Mary Ann Eckles, running for state representative against Republican Ernest Burgess, also asked the students for help.

Eckles estimated Burgess is spending two-thirds as much money as she is, and she needs the students to get out and show their support for her and the Democratic party.

"Your voice is as loud as mine," she said.

Women's issues in congress

are perhaps Eckles strongest plank. She helped pass a bill for women which eliminated the requirement of having to see a primary care physician before seeing their OBGYN. That eliminated "the gatekeeper," she said.

She added that women's issues are not meant to alienate men, rather that women have certain issues with which to contend that men do not.

"She has enlightened me on a lot of women's issues," Womack said of Eckles.

Both incumbents will have several campaign rallies in the next few months, including a chili supper on Oct. 24 at the National Guard Armory from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. *

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Sept. 26, Thursday, 7 & 10 p.m.

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OPINIONS

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Monday, September 23, 1996

In our view

Save the Midlander

There aren't that many people on campus who know what the Midlander is, or who have even seen one.

The Midlander is our yearbook, and it has been around for 70 years now.

Sadly, in the last few years there has been a steady decline in the number of Midlanders sold. Last year, only 400 were sold. That is a pitiful number when compared to the 17,000 students who were enrolled at MTSU.

The Midlander is one of the few campus resources that has been negatively affected by the growth of the university. Students have a hard time trying to justify paying \$30 for a book full of faces that they don't recognize.

The Midlander is on its last leg.

Sales of the yearbook have declined to the point where the administration is having a hard time justifying funding for the project.

If the Midlander was eliminated it would be a great loss to the students.

There is an intrinsic value in having a yearbook. Ten years after the graduates leave, they may be struggling to recall memories of their years here. Images of professors and events may be able to help keep those memories alive.

Every student here realizes how fast the university is growing. A year from now reality will not look the same as it does today. A yearbook can help remind us of what the campus looked like when we were here.

The Midlander also chronicles the history of MTSU for future students. It acts as a time capsule by capturing the students, the issues and the events of each year.

Another value of the Midlander is that it is a training ground for graphic designers, writers and photographers who get practical experience while working on it.

Show your support for this publication by getting your photograph taken and ordering one. The \$30 will be an investment into your memories.

Russia stops being a bully

Several days ago, Russian troops began withdrawing from Chechnya, but halted on Sept. 12, after disagreements over the exchange of POWs.

Alexander Lebed, a Russian security chief, was able to resolve the impasse peacefully on Sunday.

Russia, struggling with an ailing Yeltsin, a battered army and a crumbled economy, is in no position to continue a war with Chechnya.

The small, mostly Islamic culture of Chechnya is in no position to fend off another aggressive assault from Russia.

Hopefully, the two countries will maintain a disdainful peace for some time to come.

Chechnya will be able to legitimately vote for independence from Russia in 2001.



Annoying Ads that make you wanna shout like Car Dealership Jerk

So I turned on my car radio, and the first thing I heard was the Shouting Car-Dealership Jerk. You know the one I mean. He sounds like this:

"BELOW DEALER COST!! MAX SNOTWICK FORD DODGE ISUZU CHEVROLET NISSAN STUDEBAKER TOYOTA IS SELLING CARS AT BELOW DEALER COST!! WE'RE LOSING MONEY ON THESE CARS!! WE HAVE TO MAKE ROOM FOR MORE CARS!! SO WE CAN LOSE MORE MONEY!! WE HAVE PROCESSED CHEESE FOR BRAINS!! THAT'S WHY WE'RE SELLING CARS FOR BELOW DEALER."

I immediately did what I always do when the Shouting Car-Dealership Jerk comes on: I changed the station. I will listen to ANYTHING—including Morse code, static and the song "A Horse With No Name"—before I will listen to those commercials, and I think most people feel the same way. So the question is: Why are they on the air? Why are car dealerships paying good money for commercials that people hate? My theory is that these commercials are NOT paid for by car dealerships; they're paid for by competing radio stations, who hope you'll switch to them. I developed a similar theory years ago about the infamous "ring around the collar" commercials for Wisk. Remember those? They always featured a Concerned Housewife who tried and tried to get her husband's collars clean; but when her husband, who apparently did not wash his neck, would put on a shirt, people would point out that his collar was dirty. You'd think he'd have punched them in the mouth but instead he just looked chagrined, and these extremely irritating voices—voices that would kill a laboratory rat in seconds—would shriek: "RING AROUND THE COLLAR! RING AROUND THE COLLAR!" And the Concerned Housewife would be SO embarrassed that the only thing preventing her

from lying down on her kitchen floor and slashing her wrists was the fear that the paramedics might notice that she had waxy yellow buildup.

There was a time when the "ring around the collar" campaign was arguably the single most detested aspect of American culture. Many people swore that, because of those commercials, they would not purchase Wisk if it were the last detergent on Earth. Yet the commercials stayed on the air for YEARS. Why? Because SOMEBODY was buying Wisk. The question is: Who?

My theory is that it was the Soviet



Dave Barry

Syndicated Columnist

Union. These ads ran during the height of the Cold War, when the Soviets would stop at nothing to destroy America. I believe they sent agents over here with the mission of purchasing huge quantities of Wisk; this convinced the Wisk manufacturers that the "ring around the collar" campaign was working, so they kept it on the air, thereby causing millions of Americans to conclude that they lived in a nation of complete idiots, and thus to become depressed and alienated. I believe that virtually all the negative developments of the '60s and '70s—riots, protests, crime, drug use, "The Gong Show"—were related, directly or indirectly, to Wisk commercials. I also believe that to this day, somewhere in the former Soviet Union, there are giant hidden underground caverns containing millions of bottles of Wisk.

I'll tell you another kind of ad I hate: The ones where they give you information that could never be of any conceivable use to you. For example, there was a series of ads for some giant chemical company, I forget

which one, where they'd show you, a family watching television, and the announcer would say something like: "We don't make televisions. And we don't make the little plastic things that hold the wires inside the televisions. We make the machines that stamp the numbers on the little plastic things that hold the wires inside the televisions." When I saw those ads, I wanted to scream: WHY ARE YOU PAYING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO TELL ME THIS?? WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO??

I also do not care for: "An ad featuring a demonstration of a product absorbing an intimate bodily fluid."

Any ad where a singer sings with deep emotion about something nobody could possibly feel deeply emotional about, such as cotton, Hoover vacuum cleaners, and Jiffy Lube. Builders Square has a commercial wherein the singer bleats this hyper-patriotic song that make it sound as though the people shopping there are actually building America, whereas in fact they are looking for replacement toilet parts.

Any of the endless series of ads by long-distance companies accusing other long-distance companies of lying. LISTEN, LONG-DISTANCE COMPANIES: WE DON'T BELIEVE ANY OF YOU ANY MORE. WE'RE THINKING OF GOING BACK TO SMOKE SIGNALS.

Excuse me for shouting like the Car Dealership Jerk; I get too emotional about this. I'm sure you do, too, which is why I'm inviting you to write me at One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla., 33132, and tell me—BRIEFLY—what advertisements, past or present, that you really hate, and why. I'll write a column about this, which will benefit humanity in general by enabling me to write yet another column without doing any research. Don't thank me. I do it all for you. At WAY below dealer cost.

Letters to the Editor

Government should stop saying politicians will make difference in life

To the Editor:

As Election Day draws frightfully near, I find myself becoming more and more nauseous. It is not that politicians don't make me sick during the four years between each Election Day; I simply become more sick when I am forced to suffer through the campaign commercials that tell me my life will become easier if I vote for one candidate or another.

My life hasn't changed one way or another during any of the presidencies I can remember. Carter, I was poor. Reagan, I was poor. Reagan again, I was poor and pissed. Clinton, I am poor and disgusted. I am not asking the government to make me rich. I am however, asking them to stop saying that any politician is going to make a difference in my life.

I hate politicians. What do they know about my life anyway? I have no respect for anyone who tells me how to run my life and has no idea of what kind of life I lead. Here's a practical example: A single mother decides to strip in a nightclub to feed her children. Let us say her husband died in a freak accident so no one can assert she should have stayed with him. Now, we all know that a mother stripping in a nightclub is not

considered good family values. "Hey, you're setting a bad example for your kids," the politicians would say. What should she do? Welfare? No, no. The taxpayers are sick of paying for other people's children. She's never had career experience because she was at home raising her children when her husband was alive. Minimum wage? Try supporting a puppy on minimum wage. Maybe she shouldn't have had children to begin with. But abortion is murder. So, she shouldn't strip but she can't afford to feed her children on minimum wage. She shouldn't sign up for welfare because the taxpayers. What would a politician have her do? For that matter, how could any politician possibly say he can relate to this woman's experience? I mean, there are a whole slew of politicians that can say they've done their part by paying strippers to have sex with them, but that is not what I am talking about. When a politician can figure this one out without offering to be the woman's sugar daddy, I will respect him.

I will tell you what would make me respect a politician. Consider this: A presidential candidate shows up to accept his party's nomination an hour late because his car broke down on the way. He is carrying his baby on his hip because he cannot afford a baby-

sitter. His one white Armani shirt is a light shade of pink because the person who used the laundromat washing machine before him dyed some clothes in the damned thing. Aside from that, there is a huge wet spot on the hip of his second-hand Dockers because he is forced to put dollar-store diapers on his child. His hair is disheveled, partly because of the events as of yet, but more a result of Fantastic Sam's Hair Salon. His face is nicked from shaving with his wife's Lady Bic and Ivory Soap. He walks to the podium and, somewhat out of breath, says "I accept." He then promptly leaves, only to return a moment later, and asks, "Can anyone give me a jump?" This is the politician that I would trust to make a change in my life. He knows my life. Until he appears, I would appreciate it if these jerks in the present political arena would stop telling me they will make a difference in my life.

On November 4th I will push a button. I can only hope it will make as much of a difference in my life as the buttons I may have pushed by presenting my opinion of the subject of politicians.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Beginning this summer, MTSU started offering courses featuring instruction via mail and other types of long-distance communication. Some say they are the 'wave of the future,' allowing students to juggle busy schedules, cut down on expenses, and work at their own pace. Others hold reservations about the courses' often impersonal student-instructor relationship that can tend to develop. The question is:

Are they right for you?

By Corrie Cron/staff

We've all faced mornings that were gray, rainy, cold and nasty. Class was the last place we wanted to be. The first choice was right where we were - in bed. Or maybe life itself just gets in the way of coming to class on a regular basis. At those moments, many of us have surely thought, "If only I could do the work right here at home."

If that sounds familiar, then perhaps good news is headed your way. This past summer, correspondence courses were added to the MTSU academic repertoire for the very first time.

With such courses, students are able to do assignments for a course at home and at their own pace. At the beginning of the semester, they receive packets with the course outline and assignments, as well as the instructor's name and office phone number. Since there is no set dateline for the course, students could finish in a matter of weeks or take until the end of the following semester to complete the course.

The ability of the student to set the schedule makes it possible for some students just to take a class.

Marie Dudley took Principles of Nutrition with Janet Colson this summer.

"It was great!" Dudley said. "I wish there were more [available]."

Dudley has taken several correspondence courses from Nashville Tech and UT-Knoxville, as well as here at MTSU, in her effort to get a degree in Management Human Relations. Because she lives in

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RE: Frog dissection project (materials included)

provide the most time, but she also takes advantage of lunch breaks at work.

"You have to be self-disciplined."

For professors, the challenge seems to be the lack of contact with the student.

"I didn't have a face for the name and the handwriting," said Colson.

Another problem, she said, was that there wasn't a way to go back over tests and discuss the questions. "I think tests are a learning experience and that you learn by what you missed."

Moffet faced the problems of not having face to face interaction with the students.

"I have a teaching technique in relating to students and correspondence doesn't really allow this," he said.

Despite challenges and growing pains, the program seems to be a success.

Jean Nagy, Coordinator of Correspondence Courses for the Division of Continuing Studies, said that the motivating factor was that MTSU is such a "commuter college."

In starting the program, faculty involved in correspondence programs at other schools told her to be prepared for a very low finishing rate.

But to the contrary, she said they had a high number of completions.

"I've been really surprised at how successful it's been," she said.

Correspondence courses can be enrolled through TRAM at the beginning of each semester. For more information contact Jean Nagy at 898-5332 or the Division of Continuing Studies at 2462.

Dickson, Tenn., she would never have been able to take the courses at UT-Knoxville or at MTSU. She says that the courses at Nashville Tech would have been possible but inconvenient.

Al Moffet, who taught Electronic News Writing by correspondence this summer, is also terribly excited about the flexibility and opportunities these courses provide.

"There are more and more people who want to be educated," he said. He added that correspondence courses were the "wave of the future."

Moffet compared formal education to the factory system where everyone gathers in

one place to produce a product. Just as factories are closing and giving way to the limitless capabilities with offices in the home due to common access to the Internet and the World Wide Web, colleges and universities must modify the standard program to fit the needs of the students.

"It's [the correspondence course program] kind of the best of both

worlds," Moffet says.

He explains that correspondence colleges don't have the expense of building dorms, extra parking spaces or other expenditures for students who

attend classes on campus. By that same token, the student doesn't have to waste travel time getting to class, or worrying about finding a parking space just to go to a class where they can get the same information at home.

Janet Colson had about 40 students in her Principles of Nutrition correspondence course and saw how versatile the program can be.

She said single moms take classes by correspondence because they work and can't get to campus.

One of her students moved to Pennsylvania during the semester but was able to finish the course.

Although the courses have been a success, they are not without challenges.

"I have not yet found one which is a breeze," Dudley said. "Every minute I can, I study."

Dudley says that weekends

"It was great! I wish there were more (available)"

Marie Dudley on her Nutrition correspondence course

"I didn't have a face for the name and the handwriting"

Janet Colson Nutrition professor



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enchiladas, the other with a sizzling skillet of freshly grilled steak fajitas. Luckily no one was injured (a miracle when you consider the damage an airborne Tex-Mex entrée could do), and after the chef stopped yelling and tasted the resulting dish, we knew we had a hit on our hands. The new Fajita Enchilada. And they're only at El Chico.

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Area entertainment, tidbits, and creative happenings

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Show begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Boro
All shows begin at 9:30
Wednesday Sept. 25-- Mike Palmer

The Bunganut Pig
All shows begin at 9:00 unless stated otherwise
Monday Sept. 23-- Bill Fanning (Jazz)
Tuesday Sept. 24-- Lisa (starts at 8 p.m.)
Wednesday Sept. 25-- Warren Brothers

Shenanigan's Pub
Monday Sept. 23-- Cross Town Traffic
Tuesday Sept. 24-- Alex Augburn
Wednesday Sept. 25-- Flight Daddies

Theater/ Films

Tucker Theatre
Wednesday Sept. 25-- "Actors from the London Stage"
10 a.m.-- "Much Ado About Nothing"
7 p.m.-- Frances Jeater, "The History of England and Two Short Novels: A Selections of Readings from the Teenage Jane Austen" (solo performance)
8 p.m.-- Gregory Floy, "Souls in Chains" (solo performance)
Thursday Sept. 26-- "Much Ado About Nothing," 8 p.m.
Friday Sept. 27-- "Much Ado About Nothing," 8 p.m.
Each performance is free of charge to MTSU students and faculty.

KUC Theater
Fine Arts Films:
Sunday, Sept. 29-- "High Noon," 2 p.m. (free and open to public)

Speakers

Tuesday, Sept. 24
Barry Drake, "60's Rock: When the music mattered," 7 p.m.
McWherter Multi-Media Room in the LRC.

Guilty as charged

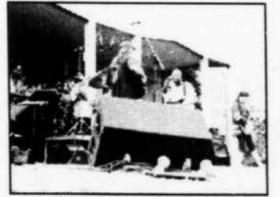
There were a number of errors and typos in last Thursday's Features section. The most glaring of these mistakes was regarding the number of spelling and punctuation errors found in the lead story of Jack Johnson's "Music on the Knoll" performance last Friday. The name of the band "Aggy Colored Karma" was also misspelled in the upcoming calendar. *Sidelines* regrets the errors and apologizes to all concerned.



photos by Brian G. Miller/ staff

As promised, Jack Johnson returned to MTSU Friday afternoon for 'Music on the Knoll.' They are supporting the release of their new album which is in record stores now. The Hell Hounds opened the show.

Rock n' Roll on the Knoll



Phony scholarship services bilk millions from students, FTC warns

College Press Service

"Free money for college." Advertisements promising students unclaimed scholarship funds can be found stuffed in campus mailboxes, in school newspapers and on billboard and the Internet.

For struggling students, signing up with such scholarship search services may be tempting—but costly. This year thousands of students will be scammed out of millions of dollars by phony scholarship search services, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

As students become increasingly desperate to pay for the high costs of college, they are easy prey for these con artists who promise to link them to unclaimed fortunes in scholarship funds.

"Bogus scholarship search services are just a variation on the 'you have won' prize-promotion scam, targeted to a

particular audience—students and their parents who are anxious about paying for college," says Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection.

As part of a major crackdown, the FTC last week announced "Project Scholar\$cam," under which it filed charges in federal district court against five companies. The companies targeted by the FTC are Career Assistance Planning, Inc. (doing business as: College Assistance Program and C.A.P.); Christopher Ebere Nwaigwe (uses the names: Higher Education Scholarship Program, National Health Scholarship Program, Division of Nursing; National Scholarship Program; National Management Scholarship Program; and National Science Program, Division of Biological Sciences); Student Assistance Services, Inc. (Student

Financial Services, Inc.); College Assistance Services, Inc.; and Student Aid Incorporated.

"This is only the tip of the iceberg, there are a ton of these out there," says Dana Lesemann, an attorney with the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection. "The ultimate job is for consumers to educate themselves. There is only so much law enforcement can do."

Scholarship search companies charge \$10 to \$400 in upfront fees, guaranteeing results. In reality what the student often gets are outdated lists for scholarships where deadlines have passed or for which they are ineligible. In some cases companies go so far as to ask students for account numbers and they debit their checking accounts or credit cards without consent.

"I was sent something in the mail about one of those companies that you pay 'x'

amount of dollars and they guarantee to give you your money back if you don't receive any scholarships from the info they send you," says an Ohio State University student who prefers to remain anonymous. "Well, stupid me—I did it."

She sent out initial inquiries and then, later, applications to more than 50 agencies. "Not only did I not get a single scholarship, but when I tried to contact the scholarship service company they no longer existed, so I was out the money I paid for the stupid thing, as well as the money I spent on stamps!"

For now, there are no short cuts when applying for scholarships. The FTC says you simply must "do your homework." Says Bernstein, "The quiz we want all students and their parents to pass has just one question: Will a legitimate search service really guarantee you a scholarship? The answer is no." •

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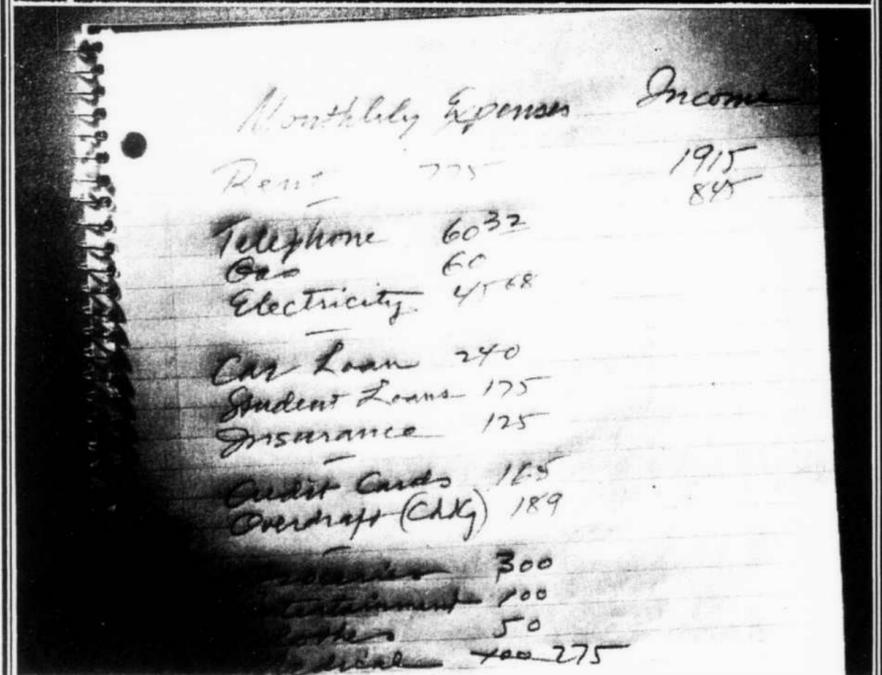
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Lady Raiders sweep six game weekend to swipe first place in OVC volleyball

By Doug Malan/ staff

The Lady Raider volleyball team may have reached a turning point in its season.

Over the weekend, MTSU swept six games over two opponents and positioned themselves into first place in the OVC. For the first time this year, the women felt comfortable in their roles.

"We are confident in our lineup now, and that showed tonight in our play," head coach Lisa Kisse said after MTSU defeated Eastern Kentucky 15-6, 15-7 and 15-13 on Friday.

Freshman outside hitter Erin Schulz had 13 kills and eight digs against ECU while posting a .632 hitting percentage.



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Outside hitter Tara Miller goes in for the spike as fellow Lady Raiders look on. The team enjoyed a six game sweep against Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State this weekend to propell to first place in the OVC. The volleyball team will take on Western Kentucky here in Murfreesboro Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Junior Leslie Burnside led the team with 11 digs, while junior setter Jaemi Clayton notched a team-high 21 assists.

Senior outside hitter Deb Anderson produced on the court while establishing herself as the team leader. "Deb has finally decided that this is her team and she provided great leadership tonight," Kisse said.

The Lady Raiders easily swept the first two games before staving off an ECU rally in the final game. Eastern Kentucky, the OVC's team leader in hitting percentage at .213, was held well below its season average, finishing at .163.

Saturday night seemed to be a continuation of the previous night in terms of MTSU's domination. Kisse

felt that Morehead State may pose a problem because of its scrappy play, but the Lady Raiders won 15-13, 15-8 and 15-8.

The only setback on the night was the news that junior setter Nidza Castillo is out for the season with an injured back.

However, Clayton's continued improvement gives Kisse the confidence to place the British Columbian in the regular starting lineup. "Jaemi was the difference tonight because of her intelligence and decisions on the court," Kisse said.

"I guess I'm happy about it. The team is more equipped to use two setters, but the 5-1 will be a good experience for us," Clayton said of her role as primary setter.

Clayton finished with 34 assists and the beneficiaries of her sets were Burnside and Anderson, who finished with 13 and 11 kills respectively. Burnside also tallied 10 digs.

Kisse added that middle blockers Susan Bishop and Tammy Eichholz gave MTSU an added advantage as well.



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Setter Jaemi Clayton had a team-high 21 assists in the Lady Raiders' win over Eastern Kentucky and proved to be the winning factor against Morehead.

Although the Lady Raiders are 8-8 overall, they have a 3-0 record in conference play, which began Sept. 17. According to Kisse, the Lady Raiders are "beginning to adjust and understand the new 5-1 alignment" which has helped them tremendously in recent matches.

MTSU plays at home this week on Sept. 25 against Western Kentucky. •

Standout McGill has high hopes for himself, team

By Tim Charleton/ staff

You can bet when opposing teams are doing their pre-game warm-ups, players snicker at the size of 5-foot, 6-inch Lebrion McGill. But those snickers soon turn into concerns once the game begins and McGill starts running the ball through would-be tacklers.

McGill, a redshirt junior from Antioch, has already earned the respect of his teammates with his hard-nosed running, but he is quickly making believers out of opponents. His career-high 143 rushing yards against Tennessee State was the Blue Raider's main weapon in moving the ball last Saturday.

Although McGill would love to lead the OVC in rushing, he puts top priority on another prize. "As a player, you always have personal goals, but my main goal is to win the conference championship," McGill says.

Aside from being a good football player, McGill is a good person, too. He is very polite and has strong family ties. He doesn't list Emmitt Smith or Barry Sanders as his biggest influence, but rather looks to God and his family for inspiration.

"My family has made me who I am today and God is the reason I'm here," he says. McGill's family also gave him a good reason to attend MTSU.

"I chose MTSU because it's close to where my family and friends are," McGill says. "I also wanted to be a part of the tradition MTSU has."



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Blue Raider tailback Lebrion McGill has been running the ball all over the field this season for MTSU. Although McGill would love to lead the OVC in rushing, his top goal is the OVC championship. A true team player, McGill credits both his family and God as being his biggest influence.

McGill is also very unselfish. He gives a lot of credit to his teammates for his on-field success. "I feel confident when I get the ball, because I know ten other teammates are out there helping me out."

After McGill stops pounding out yardage for

MTSU, he wants to use his bachelor's degree in business education to become a teacher or a football coach. Who knows, McGill may even play for pay. Hey, don't snicker, because Lebrion McGill makes it a habit of getting the last laugh. •

Alpha Delta Pi sorority sponsors sand volleyball tournament Saturday, Sept. 28, to aid Nashville Ronald McDonald house

Alpha Delta Pi sorority of MTSU will host a 3 on 3 sand volleyball tournament to benefit the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the MTSU Recreation Center.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Nashville, which is owned and operated by Home for Awhile, Inc. This not-for-profit organization provides a "home away from home," for families whose children are patients in Nashville hospitals receiving care for serious illnesses or injuries.

The tournament will consist of three member teams competing in male, female, and coed divisions. Winners from each of the divisions will draw for individual prizes donated by various community businesses.

The cost to participate is \$45 per team, which includes a T-shirt for each team member. Players must be 18 or older.

Registration for teams will be from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on the day of the tournament by the sand courts outside the recreation center. Games will

begin at 10 a.m. and will continue throughout the day until a winner has been declared in each division. Play will resume regardless of rain, unless conditions are severe.

Some refreshments and drinks will be provided for participants.

Those who wish to participate are encouraged to pre-register by calling Jennifer Russell at 890-4298 or by mailing a \$45 check payable to Alpha Delta Pi (philanthropy), MTSU Box 581, Murfreesboro, TN, 37132. •

Saturday held surprises for several Top 25 football teams

By Doug Malan

It started out as any big college football weekend does with all of the highly anticipated Top 25 matchups. But something was drastically different this weekend. The top two teams in the nation aren't supposed to lose on the same day in September, which they did, and five other Top 25 teams found themselves on the wrong side of the scoreboard.

Thanks to some gloomy weather for most of the day, I took in a bulk of Saturday's head-spinning games.

At 11, after my weekly cup of College Gameday, the first order of business was Texas-Notre Dame in Austin. Because of my strong anti-Lou Holtz convictions, I was wearing a garish burnt orange cowboy hat to show my allegiance.

In what was one of the best games of the day, despite the outcome, the Irish knocked Texas from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 27-24 win on a last-second field goal. Atruy Denson was impressive for Notre Dame, and quarterback liability Ron Powlus turned in another superbly mediocre performance. The best hit of the day occurred when the 'Horns' Bryant Westbrook flattened Randy Kinder on an option pitch.

The excitement of the first game whetted my appetite even more for the newest game-of-the-century, Florida vs. Tennessee. Although not weaned on Vols football, I was yelling frantically at the television, exhorting UT players and coaches. And then the game began.

The mind-numbing efficiency of the Gator offense stunned the Vols early, and by mid-second quarter, I was chuckling at UT mishaps and wondering if I had just watched a football bloopers compilation. I soon realized this debacle was the epic college football game to be played in front of a record crowd, which at this point was the quietest 100,000+ fans this side of Ann Arbor.

And so, after a valiant UT second-half comeback was made in vain, an anti-climactic game ended, and Vol championship hopes received a punch in the stomach.

I then switched over and caught the end of North Carolina's whitewash of Georgia Tech, leaving the Tar Heels 3-0. The importance of this game will be touched upon later.

In the evening, LSU was visiting Auburn and searching for its first victory at Jordan-Hare Stadium since 1973. This turned out to be another intriguing game as the Tigers won 19-15 and established themselves as a thorn in Alabama's side.

I felt some ambivalence toward the last game of the night, Nebraska-Arizona St. On one hand, I wanted to believe that the Sun Devils would offer resistance to the Nebraska juggernaut. But I also remembered that the Cornhuskers stuck 77 points on ASU a year before and probably would end up pulling away after a close first quarter this year.

Not only did Nebraska not pull away, they never pulled even. The Sun Devils dominated defensively and became the first team to shut out the 'Huskers since Oklahoma in 1973.

The poll shake-up was complete. But what does it mean?

It means that Florida and Florida State, which beat N.C. State on Thursday, are in the driver's seat toward their meeting in November. This is where North Carolina comes in. The Heels, who have already beaten highly touted but underachieving Syracuse, play FSU next Saturday in Tallahassee. Chances are the 'Noles will match the challenge on their own turf, but don't underestimate UNC's defense.

After nudging Texas, the ubiquitous Irish vault into the national title hunt, as well. They host Ohio State Saturday in what will be the Buckeyes' first real test of the season. OSU has outscored opponents 142-7 in two games this year; only thing is, they've played Rice and Pittsburgh.

And don't forget about Penn State and Michigan, two teams that could be major title players late in the year. I would also be remiss if I didn't mention Alabama, the only team more

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Sports Shorts

OVC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Eastern Illinois	1	0	3	0
Murray State	1	0	2	1
Tennessee State	1	0	1	2
Tennessee Tech	0	0	1	1
UT-Martin	0	0	0	2
Austin Peay	0	0	0	3
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	3
MTSU	0	1	1	2
SE Missouri	0	1	0	2

RESULTS

Murray St. 16, SE Missouri 0
 Appalachian St. 21, E. Kentucky 14
 SW Missouri St. 39, UT-Martin 7
 Tennessee Tech 20, Samford 10
 W. Kentucky 34, Austin Peay 2

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 28
 MTSU at Murray State, 7 p.m.
 E. Illinois at UT-Martin, 3 p.m.
 Tennessee St. vs. Southern U. at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
 Austin Peay at SE Missouri, 5 p.m.
 Tennessee Tech at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.

SEC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	SEC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Eastern Division				
Florida	1	0	3	0
South Carolina	1	0	2	1
Tennessee	0	1	2	1
Kentucky	0	0	1	2

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vanilla than MTSU. Nobody really pulled away in the Heisman race, either. Danny Wuerffel looks good with Florida's victory at Tennessee, but realistically, he wasn't impressive at all. He completed 50% of his passes for 155 yards; the only big number was his four touchdowns.

Peyton Manning put up gaudy numbers, but I don't

think he's been consistently accurate this year and the loss really hurts.

Iowa State's Troy Davis rushed for five touchdowns and gained 240+ yards, but the Cyclones just broke a five-game losing streak.

Warrick Dunn of Florida State averages a first down every time he touches the ball, and with his team near the top, he could make a strong case for himself.

More and more, this is looking like 1992, when Gino Toretta won the Heisman based

on team performance rather than individual stats.

Maybe this is the year a defensive player wins the award for the first time, but it's unlikely.

At any rate, the college season is officially underway after the first week of major upsets. As team fortunes change with the leaves, all things point to another blockbuster year. *

Western Division	W	L	T	OT
Georgia	0	1	1	2
Vanderbilt	0	2	0	3
Alabama	2	0	4	0
LSU	1	0	2	0
Auburn	1	1	3	1
Ole Miss	1	1	3	1
Miss. State	0	0	1	1
Arkansas	0	1	0	2

RESULTS

Florida 35, Tennessee 29
 Alabama 17, Arkansas 7
 LSU 19, Auburn 15
 Georgia 15, Texas Tech 12
 Ole Miss 20, Vanderbilt 9
 Kentucky 3, Indiana 0
 East Carolina 23, South Carolina 7
 Louisiana Tech 38, Mississippi St. 23

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday, Sept. 28
 Miss. State at South Carolina, 11:30 a.m.
 Kentucky at Florida, noon
 NE Louisiana at Arkansas, 6 p.m.
 New Mexico State at LSU, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 3
 Tennessee vs. Ole Miss at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.

This week's schedule of games and events of local interest (all times are Central):

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wednesday, Sept. 25
 Samford at MTSU, 4 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Murray State	1	0	9	4
Austin Peay	0	0	5	4
UT-Martin	0	0	5	4
Tennessee Tech	0	0	5	4
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	4	4
MTSU	0	0	5	8
SE Missouri	0	0	3	6
Eastern Illinois	0	0	3	7
Morehead State	0	0	1	9
Tennessee State	0	1	1	8

RESULTS

Friday, Sept. 20
 MTSU defeats Eastern Kentucky 15-6, 15-7, 15-13

Saturday, Sept. 21
 MTSU defeats Morehead State 15-13, 15-8, 15-8

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Wednesday, Sept. 25
 Western Kentucky at MTSU, 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Sept. 21
 MTSU cross country runner Curt Authur claimed the individual title at the Commodore Cross Country Classic in Nashville. Arthur won with a time of 26:45 at the Vaughn's Creek Course at Percy Warner Park.
 The Blue Raiders finished seventh in the meet with a score of 183. Jason Smith finished

12th for MTSU with a time of 28:06.
 On the women's side, the Lady Raiders finished 10th with a 256 total. Sonya Ewing led the MTSU women with a time of 21:25.

TENNIS

The MTSU Fall Tennis Classic ended on a positive note for the Blue Raiders with an 8-6 doubles victory in the flight one doubles final. The duo of David McNamara and Julius Roberts defeated Clay Bibee and Chris Steel of Louisville. McNamara (flight one) and freshman Cal Cook (flight three) each made it into the finals of their respective flights. McNamara lost to Ludde Sundin (6-2, 6-4), while Cook fell to Brad Walalak (6-3, 7-5) each from the University of Kentucky.

Earlier in the day, McNamara, the third-ranked player for MTSU, defeated Vanderbilt's top returning player Krunch Kloberdanz 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.

INTRAMURALS

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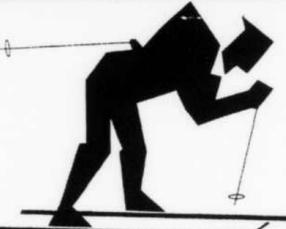
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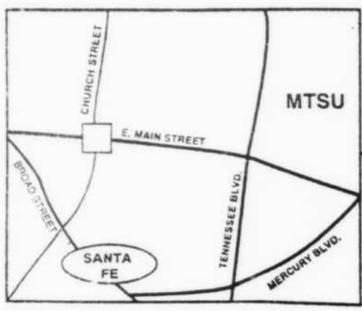
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8:30	The Creep Show	The Early Evening Show	The Early Evening Show	The Early Evening Show	The Early Evening Show
9:00	Campus Talk	The Tony Hunter Show			
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