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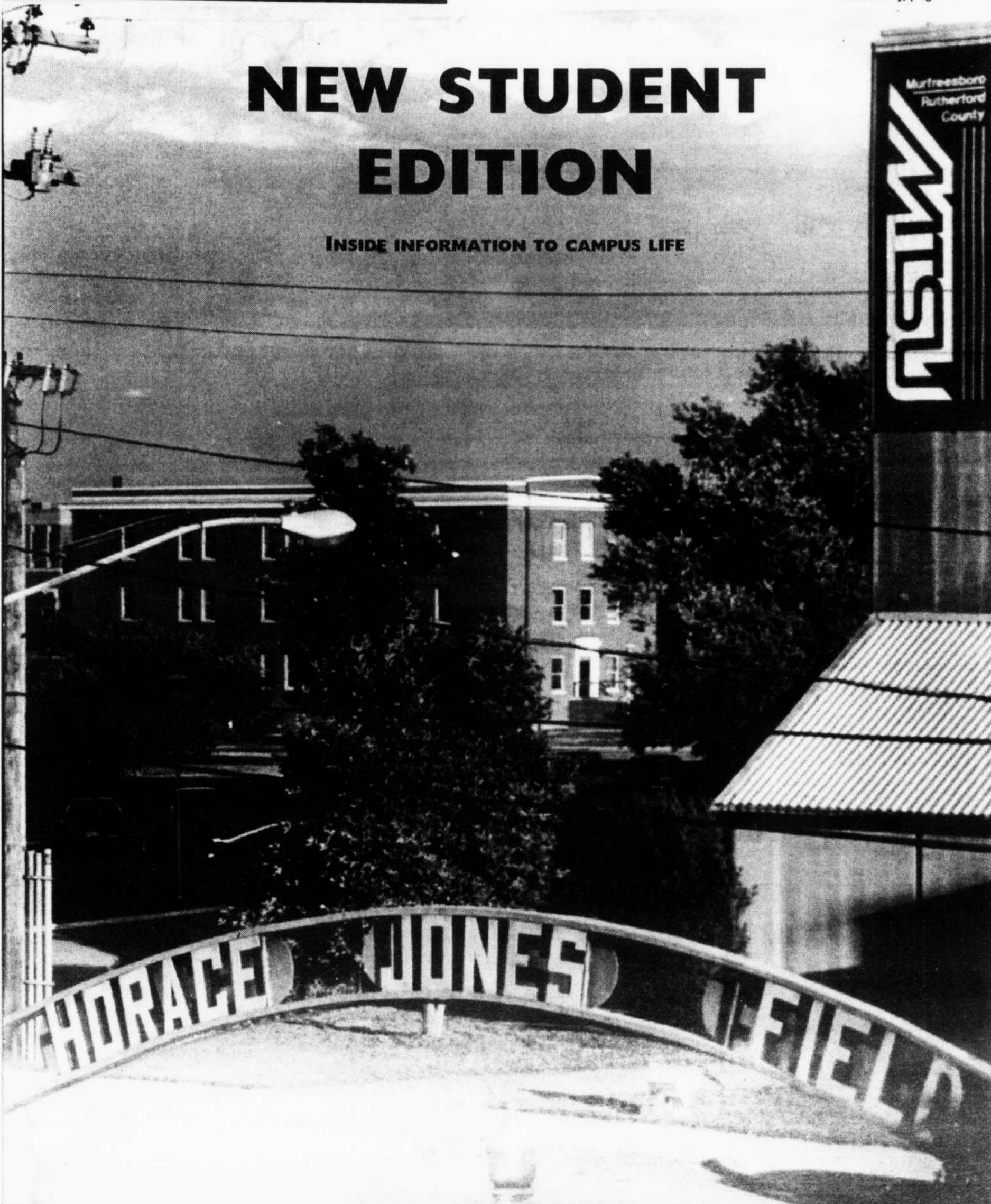
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FROM THE EDITOR...



Welcome to Murfreesboro, brave students. Welcome to MTSU and higher education. Welcome to early classes, bad tests and worse hangovers. Welcome to college.

We've been waiting for you.

We've saved you a seat right next to us here in the *Sidelines* office. So cozy up close and we'll have a little chat. Ready? Good... let's begin.

The first things we need to talk about are classes. You have to take classes when you come to college, a fact that you are probably already aware of. But I wanted to remind you again because this is often forgotten by freshpersons during the first semester of school. I have a friend that came here a couple of years ago that started out just like you, bright-eyed young student, with a big smile and an I-can-do attitude and a clean new notebook filled with lots of fresh-smelling paper. The only problem was that he also brought a big fat baggy full of leaves that made him lethargic. Now that he's no longer a student. He sits in his house amidst a cloud of smoke and laughs a lot.

I don't think that's what they mean by "higher" education.

After class is over there are lots of different things you can do with your free time. You can hang out at the 'Boro (if you're over 21). You can spend time in Todd Library looking up stuff, or doing research for your 200-level history classes. You could get a FREE Internet account through the Office of Information Technology (see story this issue), and spend hours chatting with people all over the world about nothing in particular. Or you could use your Internet access to do research on just about anything. If all that sounds boring to you, then you can sit at home and watch sitcoms (we get all the channels here in the 'Boro).

Another thing we need to talk about is your GPA—your Grade Point Average. You have already had some experience with this topic in your high school careers, so I only have one thing to say: Keep your GPA up, because it's a lot harder than you might think to bring it up once it's gotten low. You're starting out with a 4.0, the best you can get, so keep your GPA as close to that number as you can. Don't take classes that you can't handle because at college, like you might ease into brand-new, neat, great things, you'll be thrown

leisure suit. You want it to fit loosely at first so you will have room to grow and adjust. Later—when you get used to the suit—you can have it hemmed and fitted just right so it is not merely workable, but *looks* good as well.

But college is more than just keeping your grades up and deciding what to do in your free time. College is a motley mixture of ideas and interests, philosophies and beliefs. If you live in a dorm, your roommate might be from Europe, Asia, or Africa. He might listen to different music than you, might have a different sexual orientation. You might find that the two of you disagree often, but don't let this get in the way of your learning. Part of your education here will consist of culturization—a big word for learning about new people—and this is no less important than your classes. You are no longer in High School. Suddenly, your world has expanded. Don't let this scare you. Enjoy it. Learn from it.

Topic number whatever: your professors. Professors are the folks that stand in front of your class and talk a lot, often about very interesting things. If you give them the chance, college professors that do their jobs right can change your life, can make you see things that you've never seen before. They can tell you stories that will make you laugh; they can also scare you with the amount of knowledge they have. Don't worry, though. They don't expect you to know as much as they do about history of English lit or journalism. They only want you to learn something, to try your best and study enough to pass their classes. In order to do this, as already discussed in topic number one, you must go to class. And you must listen once you get there.

So have a good time, new students. You will come to love this university if you give it a chance, and you will learn things here that you will never forget. Also, consider this an open invitation to come up and visit us here at *Sidelines* (room 310, James Union Building). Let us know what we can do to make your stay more enjoyable.

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News & Notes

In Brief

MTSU is a member of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee and is governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

In 1909, the Tennessee General Assembly moved to improve education in the state. This led to the establishing of three state normal, or teacher training schools.

MTSU was opened in 1911 with a two-year program for training teachers. Middle Tennessee State Normal School evolved into a four-year teachers college in 1925 with the power of granting the Bachelor of Science degree. The university has graduated more than 61,000 students since 1911. Enrollment for last spring was over 17,000.

Some campus police pedal their patrols across an increasingly walking campus

NICKI JOHNSON
Sidelines

You've seen them on patrol equipped with all the necessary tools to do the job: firearm, radio, medical emergency gear, mountain bike and a biking helmet.

This is not your average police patrolling situation these are cops on bikes and will soon be quite a common sight on MTSU's campus. Said campus police sergeant Reggie Farmer, "More and more bikes are on campus every year. In five years MTSU will be a walking campus and we are preparing for that change."

MTSU's Campus Police have certified six officers in bike patrol since late spring of this past school year. The International Police

Mountain Biking Association (IPMBA) have been certifying patrolmen since 1993 and are teaching an advanced mountain bike certification course at MTSU in late July.

Officers participate in the mountain bike certification courses voluntarily. The course work is strenuous with 40 hours completed in four days dedicating 15 hours to classwork and 25 hours in the field.

"The only thing a bike patrolman can't do is jump-start a car or transport a criminal" said Farmer. Just recently this year police mountain bikes were certified as emergency vehicles.

As the perimeters of campus widen combined with the unpredictability of

routes being closed due to construction, squad cars become less accessible to crime scenes or medical emergencies. "On a bike we can ride right up to the building of a scene. Sometimes we even take our bikes into a building or handcuff it to a bike rail," said Officer Trainer William Beasley.

The bike patrol always consist of two officers and only patrol when a squad car is on duty for back-up. Arrests and undercover biking stings have occurred since the biking patrol on campus came into existence. "Bikes give us the advantage in stealth patrol. You can't see us, you can't hear us unlike if we pulled up in a big white and blue squad car," Beasley said.

The police mountain bikes are equipped with two lights on the front of the bike and a flashing red light on the rear. The officers wear dark navy blue uniforms and are equipped with biking shorts, gloves and shoes. If its below 35 degrees, heavy snow or rain the officers won't patrol on a mountain bike.

During the summer months the campus bike patrol has been operating sporadically due to vacationing officers and a smaller campus population. Beginning in the fall campus police expect to have a fully staffed and operational bike patrol seven days a week between the hours of 10 a.m. until 2 a.m. ■

Campus police accredited

STAFF REPORTS

MTSU's Public Safety Department became one of eight accredited campus police departments in the nation last spring.

It came from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies which is the only law enforcement accreditation agency in the nation.

CALEA evaluates and accredits state law enforcement agencies throughout the country and beyond. Re-accreditation occurs every three years.

"Accreditation enables us to evaluate how we stack up to the optimum, what is expected of us," said Public Safety Chief Jack Drugmand.

Public Safety met the 303 of CALEA's 436 performance standards which apply to MTSU's department.

There are three phases to the accreditation process: the application phase which took two years, the on-site

evaluation and the final hearings. The total process took 26 months.

"All police departments don't do things in a uniform manner. Accreditation holds you accountable to do certain things. It alleviates court problems. There are a lot of rules that we are required to follow to serve the community and protect their rights," said Officer Dustin Miller.

"Our students today are tomorrow's leaders, we would hope that our students will leave here with the best they can get in an education," Drugmand said. "We are an educational institution—it is our business. We thought this was really important to let our MTSU family know that we are providing the best services possible."

CALEA was founded in 1979 to develop a set of standards and for agencies to demonstrate voluntarily that they meet professional criteria. ■



COURTESY OF THE MTSU POLICE DEPARTMENT

MTSU police officers William Beasley, Laura Moulthrop, Vergina Forbes, Darryl Collins and Doug Travis work to the campus safe.

TRAM used by 99.9%: Gillespie

MARK BLEVINS
Sidelines

Dean of Admissions and Records George Gillespie has a voice you might recognize.

The "TRAM Man" is what Gillespie sometimes calls himself and he is the voice on MTSU's voice response system TRAM.

TRAM allows students to register for classes, pay for classes and check their grades over the telephone.

Gillespie says that "99.9 percent" of MTSU students use TRAM.

It come on line for the first time in the summer of 1993 for freshmen students

participating in the Customs orientation program and registering for the fall. Other students could use TRAM to drop and add classes that fall, and full service for all came in Nov. 1993 for the 1994 spring semester.

TRAM operates on Two personal computers with 24 telephone lines each which interface with the university VAX mainframe. Inside and behind the personal computers are larger computers and phone boards which translate the telephone and computer languages.

Gillespie's "best recollection" on the const of the system was \$125,000 for

computers, software and telephone boards; \$40,000 for upgrading phone lines; and \$40,000 for upgrading existing computers.

Epos Inc. of Auburn, Ala. won the bid and built the voice response system.

Gillespie said the decision to implement TRAM was based on a cost-benefit analysis.

"The cost is substantial, but the benefit is substantial."

The maintenance contract is also handled by Epos and costs about \$14,000/year, according to Gillespie. ■

The Little Shop of Horrors?



TODD SORUM/Staff

No, it's the place where you can find a variety of services and p.h.d.'s.

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Parking spaces moving out, Raider X-press adds routes

NICKI JOHNSON
Sidelines

New parking lots in front of the Cope Administration Building and another between the Mass Communications Building and Nicks Hall will add over 150 new parking spaces this fall.

Along with the added spaces will be the loss of over a 100 spaces in the lot between Cummings and Corlew Halls and the lot next to the Health Service Center.

"The aerospace building and the new library will sit partly on parking lots. Unfortunately, whenever plans come up to build, the first sites [they] look at are parking lots," said Gary Hunter, director of parking and transportation,

With the construction on the aerospace building beginning in the fall, the intersection that meets at Second and C Street between Cummings and Corlew Halls will be closed. Students will need to find alternate routes and/or parking spots if that area of campus was where they formerly parked last semester.

Parking and Transportation will also focus its concentration on safety. After the apparent attack on a female student in one of the outer campus lots, the Baird Lane lot and the Health Services lot will receive added lighting. The gravel lot by the new Recreation Center will be paved and the Baird lot will also be repaved.

Funding for all these additions are paid for by the sales of parking decals, meter collections, Raider Express Charter trips, and largely from parking citations.

Between July of 1994 and May of 1995, The Parking and Transportation Department collected \$745,000 from these four funding sources.

"We are not out there to get people. We are out there to enforce the rules and to ensure that everyone has a parking spot," Hunter said.

This fall will also see changes in parking decal design. An influx of decal theft and counterfeit decals has led the department to a yearly design change. New decals will have a candy-stripped background and a solid middle to make

alterations more difficult.

Parking decal prices will still remain the same at \$15 for Black and White decals, which allows parking in most outer lots, and \$25 for a Blue and white decal that will allow access to student spaces on the interior of campus.

The Raider Express will also extend its green route to include the students who have classes in the buildings along Tennessee Blvd.

"We have been receiving requests for the Express to include that side of campus every since the bus system started. I'm glad that this year we can accommodate those students too," Hunter said.

The bus route will add a stop behind the Ellington Human Sciences Building and a possible bus stop on the Faulkenberry side of the Alumni Memorial Gym.

The Parking and Transportation Department will also be busy this summer restriping and repairing lots, and repainting curbs in preparation for this coming school year. ■



DON GOINS/Photo Editor

The air-conditioned Raider X-press moves on around campus. The bus system is extending routes this fall in an effort to further improve service.

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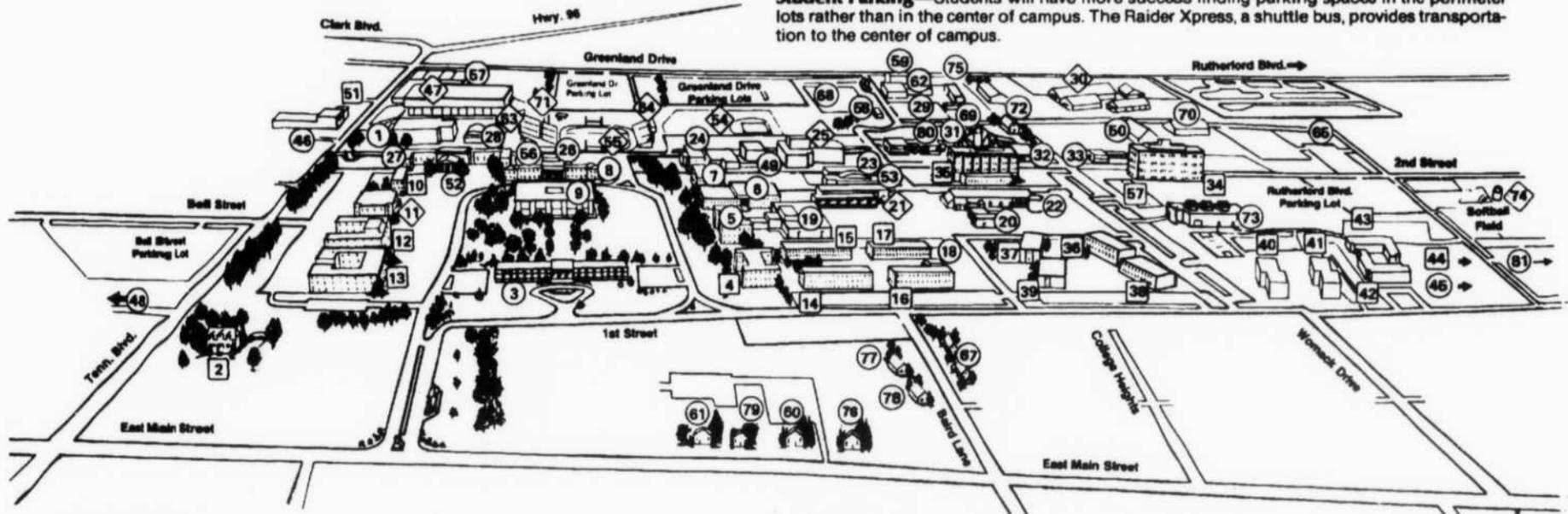
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Parking for Visitors—Short-term metered parking is available for visitors to the University in front of the Cope Administration Building. Admissions campus tour guests have reserved parking spaces in the Baird Lane parking lot. A parking pass and directions will be mailed upon scheduling a campus tour.

Student Parking—Students will have more success finding parking spaces in the perimeter lots rather than in the center of campus. The Raider Xpress, a shuttle bus, provides transportation to the center of campus.



CAMPUS MAP LEGEND

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| 1. Alumni Memorial Gym (A.M.G.) | 22. McWherter Learning Resources Center (L.R.C.) | 43. Ezell Hall | 62. Public Safety |
| 2. President's Home | 23. Forrest Hall (F.H.) | 44. Family Student Apartments | 63. Blue Raider Room |
| 3. Cope Administration Building (C.A.B.) | 24. Saunders Fine Arts (S.F.A.) | 45. Child Development Center (D.C.C.) | 64. President's Box |
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| 5. Wisner-Patten Science Hall (W.P.S.) | 26. Heating Plant | 47. Murphy Athletic Center (M.C.) | 67. Wasson Safety (Budget Office) (W.A.S.S.) |
| 6. Todd Library (LIB.) | 27. Voorhies Industrial Studies Complex (V.I.S.) | 48. Pittard Campus School (P.C.S.) | 68. MTSU Band Marching Area |
| 7. Jones Hall (J.H.) | 28. Pool | 49. Wright Music Building (W.M.B.) | 69. Art Barn Annex (A.B.A.) |
| 8. Kirksey Old Main (K.O.M.) | 29. Maintenance Office Building | 50. Vocational Agriculture (V.A.) | 70. Greenhouse |
| 9. Peck Hall (P.H.) | 30. Tennessee Livestock Center (TLC) | 51. Ellington Human Sciences Annex (E.H.S.A.) | 71. Picnic Pavilion |
| 10. Rutledge Hall | 31. Art Barn (A.B.) | 52. Alumni Center (ALUM) | 72. Old Horse Barn |
| 11. James Union Building (J.U.B.) | 32. Stark Agriculture Center (S.A.G.) | 53. ROTC Annex (R.O.T.X.) | 73. Bragg Mass Communication Building (COMM) |
| 12. Lyon, Mary, McHenry Hall | 33. McFarland Health Services | 54. Smith Baseball Field | 74. Observatory |
| 13. Monohan, Reynolds, Schardt Hall | 34. Cummings Hall | 55. Horace Jones Field/Floyd Stadium | 75. Storage Warehouse (Telecommunications) (S.W.) |
| 14. Sims Hall | 35. Cortew Hall and Cafeteria | 56. Midgett Business Building (BUS.) | 76. Nisbett House (Development) (N.I.S.B.) |
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| 20. Bragg Graphic Arts (B.G.A.) | 41. Nicks Hall | | |
| 21. Keathley University Center (K.U.C.) | 42. Abernathy Hall | | |

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TBR grants MTSU \$65 fee increase

MARK BLEVINS
Sidelines

MTSU got what it asked for in June—a \$65 increase a semester in student activity fees to fund the renovation of its football stadium.

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) approved MTSU's proposed budget along with a state-wide TBR tuition increase of three percent recommended by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The tuition increase amounts \$24 more a semester for undergraduate students and represents the lowest of its kind in five years.

MTSU's total yearly cost for undergraduates is now \$1,962 ranking it second in cost in the TBR system behind the University of Memphis.

Student activity fees would increase from \$15 to \$80 to raise the stadium's capacity from 15,000 to around 30,000-35,000.

Earl Thomas, executive assistant to the president, estimated the total cost of stadium renovation at \$20-25 million.

Ed Given Jr., director of sports information, estimated the renovation

would begin no sooner than after the 1996 football season. No date has been established yet as the planning for the work has not begun. After the plans are made, they will have to be approved by the state building commission and again by TBR.

Renovating the stadium is linked with the university's master plan for athletics, according to Thomas.

Part of that master plan

The four parts of the athletic master plan at MTSU

- Student athletes meet or exceed graduation rate of all NCAA I-A teams by the year 2000.
- MTSU be competitive in all sports in NCAA I-A by year 2000.
- MTSU become the national center for training in sports communication.
- MTSU create a new level of pride by having recognized athletic programs.

is bringing all of MTSU sports to a NCAA I-A level by 2000. The NCAA requires a stadium capacity of 30,000 for a football team to join. There is currently no action beyond the master plan for MTSU football to become a division I-A team.

Some Student Government Association senators and the Faculty Senate expressed disdain with the fee increase in June.

The student government senate held a special summer meeting to oppose implementation of the fee until a campus-wide referendum could be held. That meeting took place after this *Sidelines* issue went to the press.

The Faculty Senate passed a motion during its only summer meeting to draft President James Walker a letter expressing their concerns.

"The Faculty Senate is concerned that the \$65 fee increase was made without adequate prior assessment of faculty and student willingness to support such fee," the motion stated.

Some faculty members present at the meeting were upset that they were not notified of the increase.

Survey for move to division I-A football

Question: "Do you want MTSU to change from division I-AA up to division I-A in football?"
Respondents could answer "yes," "no" or "don't know."

Category	Sample number	Returned surveys	Positive response %
students	1,000	37	69%
faculty	all	134	55%
alumni	1,000	137	60%

President James Walker said this survey represented only part of the data used to determine the parties' opinion. Most of student opinion was gauged by a series of meetings over the last four years, Walker said.

Source: "Marketing aspects of I-A football: A report to the president, Dr. James E. Walker, by Dr. Jack Forrest." Forrest chairs the athletic master plan marketing committee and is associate professor of management and marketing at MTSU.

There was also some discussion at the meeting of the increase being a "back door operation."

President Walker says it was not a back door operation at all.

He says 30-35 meetings with students and student organizations over the last four years have not misrepresented the funding for the move to division I-A football.

"I think the people that were saying that [they didn't know about how the funding

would be accomplished] were either not at those meetings or fell asleep at those meetings," Walker said.

"They couldn't get day care for that cost and they are going to get a good quality education at that cost," Walker said.

MTSU would be more able to provide a comprehensive university experience and instill university pride in students with a division I-A football team, according to Walker.

Walker suggested that students compare costs and services with other schools and "realize how lucky they are."

Funding for academic buildings are not in competition with the funding for the stadium, according to officials at TBR. State funds are not used for athletic programs and activity fees cannot be used for academic programs, according to a TBR official.

Walker said he thinks the meetings averaged 30-40 people a session and that they carried the most weight in determining student opinion on the move to division I-A football.

A survey by the marketing committee of the master plan for athletics of students, faculty and alumni also carried some weight in determining opinion, according to Walker.

Most students favor a progressive MTSU, Walker said.

"Do we want to be a full comprehensive university or do we want to go back to being a Normal school?" Walker asked. MTSU began as a Tennessee State Normal School in 1911 which was a school specifically for training teachers. ■

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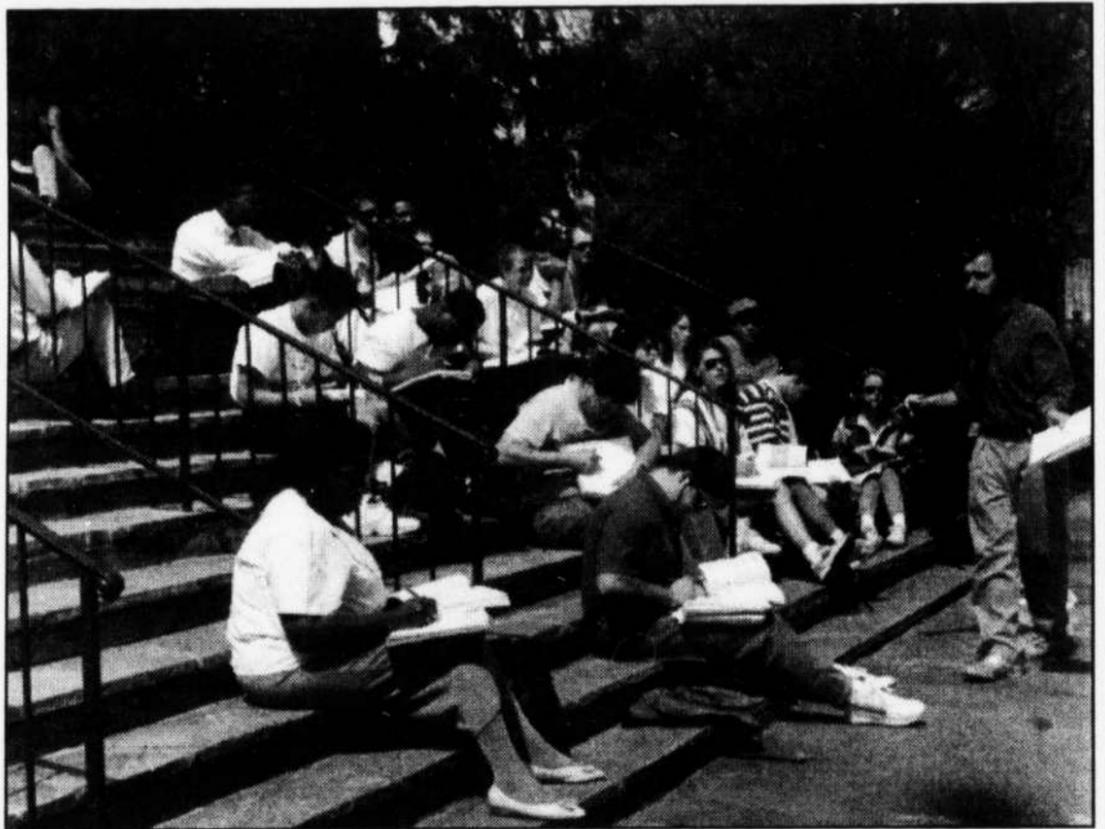
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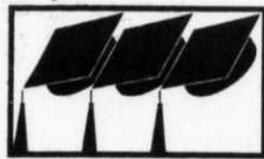
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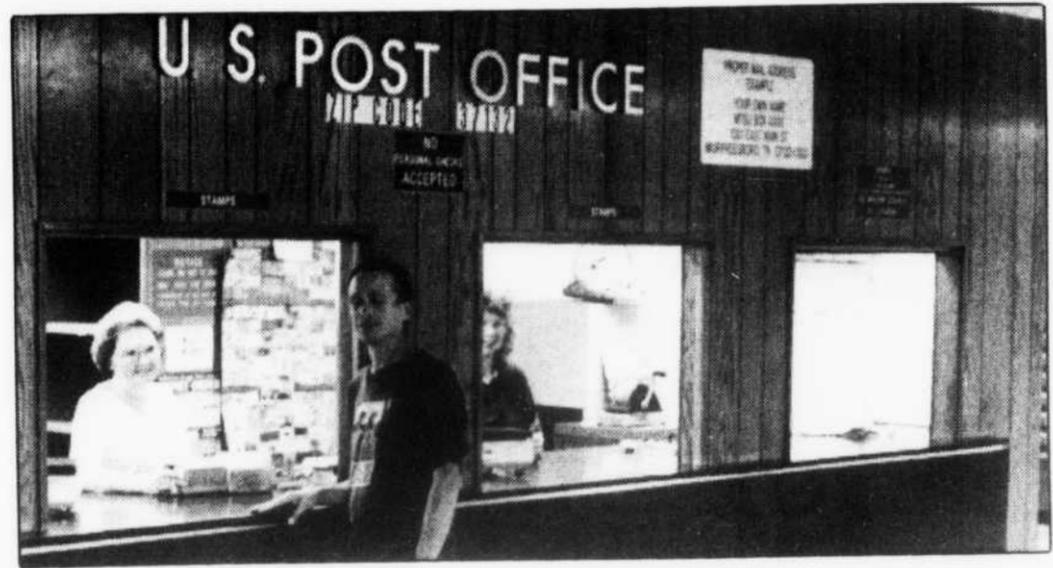
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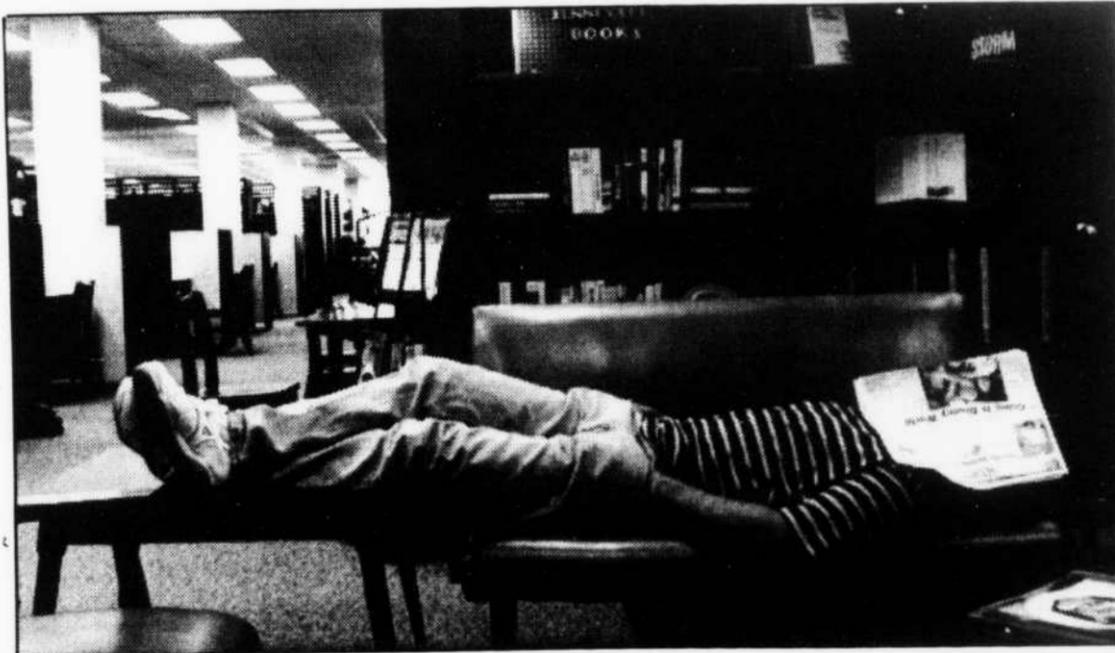
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Below: Sophomore Keshia McDonald gets a frozen Coke at the Campus game room and mini-mart in the Keathley University Center.



Charles Johnson catches a nap in the Todd Library on June 29.



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Above Left: Senior University Studies Major Kimberly Hamby uses the computers at Todd Library to look up information on tropical rain forests for her geography class.

Above Right: Emil Sakwell consults with Developmental Studies counselor Luther Buie.

Right: Rhonda Armstrong offers Angela Jordan help on the computers at Todd Library.



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Getting hooked on the Internet

Computer Literacy 101

ANDY FRANTZ
Staff Writer

The Internet. If you already know what it is and how to use it, you probably aren't reading this. You're probably online right now, looking up valuable information like how to brew the best beer or the name of your favorite Seinfeld episode. Sounds like fun, huh? If only you had thousands of dollars to spend on getting on the Internet yourself. A few thousand dollars doesn't seem unreasonable considering you could be linked to millions of people and their computers, worldwide.

Getting hooked up to the Internet may not be as expensive as you think. In fact, it is free. Well, almost

free. As long as you are an MTSU student, which we all know is not free, you have access to the greatest worldwide communications circus to date. Why do I say circus? Because it is a virtually unregulated gateway to millions of pictures, sounds, information, people, and anything else you can and can't think of.

The best way to find out what is on the Internet is to set a few days aside and sit down at a computer and wander through the vast, virtual Internet space. This is where MTSU comes in. All you have to do is go to the Office of Information Technology located in the basement of the JUB. Tell them you want an account on frank or knuth, show them your student I.D., and in 24 hours you will be ready to go. You'll receive a handout that describes the steps of logging on and some basic commands. The handout also gives the telephone numbers for dialing in from your home computer. Of

About this series. . .

The world is getting smaller and smaller every day. It used to take months to move information from places as far apart as Australia and the United States. Today, information is exchanged almost immediately over computer networks that spread to every corner of the world.

In 1984, there were approximately 1,000 computers connected to the Internet. By 1987, that number had increased to 10,000. In 1992, there were over 1,000,000 computers exchanging information over the Information Superhighway.

As of 1993, the World Wide Web had an annual service-traffic growth rate of 341,634%. It's hard to imagine how many people will be using the Web to access information in five or ten years. For today's student, it's becoming more and more convenient to access university libraries, useful research information and other student over the Internet. Whether it's through use of e-mail, the Web or *real-time* chat lines, we have the opportunity today to know our neighbors around the world like we never had before. Perhaps this will lead to a better understanding of different cultures and the reduction of conflicts between peoples. The Internet makes possible collaborative research efforts that may lead to cures for the HIV virus and cancer.

The world is rapidly changing, and it's important for today's student to keep up with the changes. That's why we're bringing you this series, only in *Sidelines*.

course, you don't need your own computer, as you can take advantage of the computer labs on campus. If you can get yourself logged in, you're well on your way to Internet ecstasy.

One of the most popular features of the Internet is the **World Wide Web**. The WWW lets you view "pages" known as **hypertext** documents. Hypertext allows you to go from one page to another by simply clicking on words or pictures. Speaking of pictures, that is one problem with the access here at MTSU—no graphics. you can, of course, pay for services where you can get the graphical interface for about \$20 a month or you could simply transfer to another school that provides that service.

WWW pages are viewed with a **browser**. The browser at MTSU is called Lynx. Once you are logged on to frank or knuth, just type *lynx* and you'll be connected to the World Wide Web. By highlighting something, like the MTSU Home Page, and pressing the *enter* key, you will be directly connected to that page. Incidentally, from the MTSU Home Page, you can search for a student's or faculty's e-mail address.

E-mail (electronic mail) is another popular Internet feature. You are able to send messages to people around the world and, unlike regular mail (known as snail mail, or s-mail, to regulars on the net), it takes only seconds to send a letter to a friend thousands of miles away. A good e-mail interface at MTSU is called Pine. Whenever you want to send

mail, or if you get a message that you have incoming mail, just type *pine* and you will see a self-explanatory menu. As an example of an e-mail address, here is mine at MTSU: rip001c@mtsu.edu.

Internet Relay Chat (IRC) is a great way to talk to people all over the world. You simply type your conversations with other people on the same channel. There are hundreds of channels to join, or you can begin your own channel. There are some acronyms and symbols that are used quite frequently by the regulars on the IRC. A couple of these are "lol" (laughing out loud) and :-), which is a smiley face if you tilt your head to the left. If you spend any time at all on the IRC you will pick up on the nuances very quickly.

Some words of warning about the IRC: As I said before, the Internet is virtually unregulated. This means that anyone can say anything they want. In other words, if you are easily offended you should be careful of the channels you choose to enter. On the other hand, if you aren't afraid to speak freely, you can be "kicked" from a channel if you are less than flattering to the other members of that channel.

The Internet is not just used for fun. There is endless information on just about any subject. Freeware and Shareware can also be downloaded along with informative text files. File Transport Protocol (FTP) is a method used to accomplish downloads. When you find a file you wish to acquire, which can be a very tedious

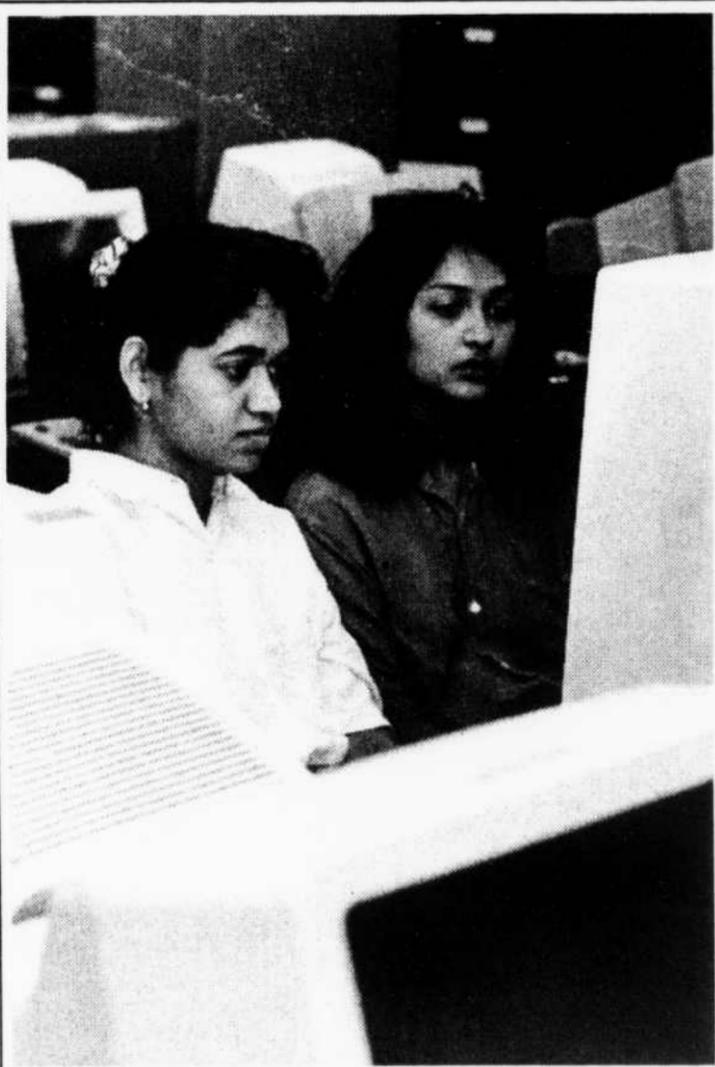
process, you may request that it be sent to your computer. There are some great graphic files and sound files out there, you just have to look to find them. If you are going to do much file transferring, it would be advisable to have a good anti-virus program because "you never know what you're gonna' get."

Gopher is an Internet feature that makes it a little easier to find files that you are looking for. You are able to search many gopher servers with a word or words that describe what you need. Just type "gopher" at the system prompt to begin your search.

Overwhelming, isn't it? That is what I thought when I first began reading about all of the Internet's features. Once you try it though, you get instantly pulled in to Cyberspace and all of its conventions. After a few hours on the net you'll be helping other "newbies" (newcomers to the Internet) learn how to use IRC.

Next week, after you have had a chance to get to the office of Information Technology and get online, I'll tell you some of the more interesting and/or informative places to visit on the Internet and I'll also tell you some of the problems of the network of the world known as the Internet. ■

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Wide Web**
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TODD SORUM/Staff

MTSU students Malini Dodaballapur and Radha Lakshmanan explore the possibilities in the Kirsey Old Main computer lab.

SIDELINES WELCOMES ALL NEW STUDENTS.

Credit cards can create student debt

A. SHANE BOWERS
Staff Writer

For MTSU freshman Aaron Taylor the thought of "instant money" flashed through his head as he retrieved and opened a Citizens Bank envelope. Inside was a sweet deal, an application for a Visa credit card promising a pre-approved card and a \$1,000 line of credit.

Aaron, believing this was, in his words "a kicking deal at the time," sent off for the card. Within two months the card was maxed out and the realization of the mounting debt hit hard with a high interest payment.

The reality is that the amount spent will eventually have to be paid back in full, the alternative being just to pay the interest each month without reducing the actual amount spent on credit. If it is not paid, the company will come after the card holder and they will collect. If the companies know they can collect what's to stop them from promoting their cards everywhere and to everyone?

Hook, line, and sinker might well describe the relationship between card companies and card holders, who don't always realize the financial mess these cards can create for unsuspecting college students like Aaron. With that in mind, the credit card companies that promote "easy money" don't seem to be ashamed and offer their cards as a way of life, a necessity.

As for Aaron those college nights spent buying "gas, food, beer, and just the necessities" mounted into a sizeable debt. His parents' temper mounted too when he finally told them about the card.

"They said it was my card, my responsibility and for me to take care of it," Aaron explains bitterly. He is a full-time student and does not currently have a job, but is searching. All this means, of course, a cut back in school, study time, and social life. It's a heavy price to pay for two months of liberation from the parents' purse strings by using the instant money card.

The whole "instant money" deal is quite an allure for those college students who don't have much to begin with. The gimmicks used to "hook" perspective customers are varied. Some companies offer free gasoline, free time on long distance calls and rebates on new cars.

Since credit cards are so easy to obtain these days, by

almost any college student, one would "expect the law to have worked out simple, clear and consistent rules to govern the legal relationships they create," contends Robert A. Hendrickson's book *The Cashless Society*. However, there are few specific laws written to oversee the expenditures of a card owner and those laws came only after years of legal battles. The premise is still the same: Any student signing an application is, in fact, signing a contract agreeing to pay and be responsible for the amount due to the credit holder.

This is the realization that escapes some students as they are taken in by the ever-present advertising and asked to put their John Hancock on the dotted line, not really thinking about what lies ahead.

"Bills, bills and more damn bills"

-David Garner
MTSU senior

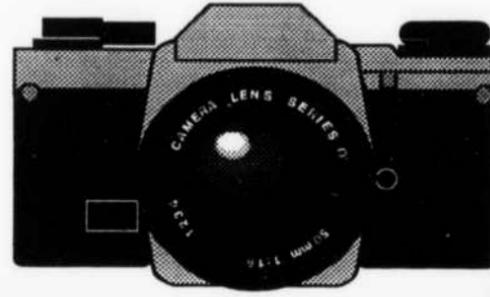
"Bills, bills and more damn bills," growls David Garner, a married senior at MTSU, who warns anyone to be cautious and think about what they are committing

themselves to. "The wife and I thought it would be a great way to build up our credit for future reference—You know, when it comes time to buy a house," explains David as he thumbs through his wallet to show the source of his discord. "With these two cards, we have racked up between \$3,300 and \$3,400 worth of bills," groans David adding that it "was just easier to pull out the card than the cash."

Of the many pitfalls of credit cards, this one is a serious one. Once the student has the little piece of rectangular plastic it is almost irresistible to use simple because it is available at a moment's notice, at least until it is maxed out at which point (the payments having been kept) the company bumps up the credit limit as a reward (as they put it). As the Garners found out the explicit use of any car can bring down a financial avalanche, and it can cause you to rearrange your life in order to pay off the debt. For some that might mean dropping out of school for a semester.

By now anyone considering to apply for a card must be scared out of their wits, but knowledge is power. One of the best ways to arm yourself is by reading *Credit Card Secrets* by Howard Strong, a financial attorney who has written a book on how to apply for a card and protect yourself as much as possible when

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Navigating the World Wide Web

Computer Literacy 101

ANDY FRANTZ
Staff Writer

Before I begin this week, I must make a couple of corrections from last week. First of all, I do not know what I was thinking when I said the Office of Information Technology is in the JUB. It is actually in Cope. So, anyone that went to the JUB and now thinks they're crazy, you can take relief in the fact that it is me, not you, that is crazy. Secondly, an error that I can blame on someone else is my incorrect e-mail address. It was mistyped as rip001c@mtsu.edu, when actually it is ript001c@mtsu.edu. Now that that is cleared up...

When last I left you, I said I was going to expand on two subjects this week. I lied. After thinking about it, I decided there are so many good, if not unusual, places on the Internet that I should spend more time on that topic. Likewise, there are enough problems and potential problems with the Internet that that subject demands more time as well.

Now, let's take a look at some places to stop on your journey through the Internet; particularly the World Wide Web.

To get the full impact of the WWW, you need to view the sites with a graphical browser. I have been informed that it is possible to have graphical capabilities through MTSU. To get more information, join the MTSU Internet Guild. This is a forum for discussion about the Internet. First time Internet users and veterans of the net are all welcome. Asking questions and giving answers is a major part of the organization. Refer to the URL <http://www.mtsu.edu/~canon/guildintro.html> to find out more. The most recent version of Netscape, the browser that I use, is available at numerous sites on the Internet. One site's URL is <http://www.edge.net/software/software.html>.

Wait a minute. What the heck is a URL? A URL (Uniform Resource Locator) tells the computer where to look for something and what type of something it should expect to find. In the WWW's case, the URL begins with http. This stands for hypertext transport protocol. The URL for MTSU's home

page is <http://www.mtsu.edu>.

Some Web sites are total reality and some are purely virtual. Most sites, however, fit somewhere in between. Many sites are there for some purpose other than to provide you with entertainment. The Web is a great way to advertise. Since the users are interacting with the advertisement, it keeps them interested. Commercial sites usually have a URL that looks something like <http://www.something.com>. Other common extensions are .edu (educational), .gov (government), .net (network), and .mil (military).

If you are looking for a subject in particular, one of the first sites you should visit is WebCrawler at <http://webcrawler.cs.washington.edu/WebCrawler>. This site allows you to enter a word or words to search for. If any matches are found, a page with links to the sites with that word(s) is displayed. If you search for a word like "internet" there will be thousands of matches. For this reason, you can specify the number of links to display. The default value is 25.

After hours of searching

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IMPORTANT TERMS

World Wide Web (W3;Web): A hyper-based navigation tool for the Internet that was started in 1991 at the European Lab for Particle Physics (CERN) in Switzerland.

Browser: A computer program such as Mosaic or Netscape that helps users work with the World Wide Web by displaying documents and making links between computing sites.

Lynx: A text-based Web browser.

Mosaic: A graphical Web browser that can display Web documents in hypermedia format; that is, it can be used to view text, images, video and listen to audio.

Modem: A means of connecting one computer to another via telephone lines.

Home Page: The initial entry port into a World Wide Web document. The home page may also serve as a main menu and contain references and hypertext links to related documents.

E-mail: Electronic mail is used to transfer simple documents and letters between Internet users.

Hypertext: Text in a World Wide Web document that is usually bold colored, or marked by an icon. By clicking on hypertext links, users can move from page to page on the Web without entering specific site addresses.

HTML: Hypertext Markup Language, a language used in writing documents for the World Wide Web.

*Some information was obtained from *The Communicator*, the newspaper of the MTSU Office of Information Technology.

Sidelines welcomes MTSU's new students to campus.
We would like to invite you to work with us at Sidelines.

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\$20 million student recreation center offers opportunity for learning, fun

BRENT ANDREWS
Editor

I walk into the \$12 million, 120,000 sq. foot Student Recreation Center on a hot day in May, craning my neck to see the ceiling of the three story lobby about 40 feet above. The noise of busy construction is all around as workers go about the business of putting the building together: A man goes about hanging doors; another man explains for me, in technical terms, that he is "putting some wood up there," motioning to the ceiling of the entrance where the man's partner is poised precariously atop a tall steel ladder.

Behind me the door shuts and I am in the amazingly open lobby, where floor-to-ceiling windows draw in sunlight from outside. The Rec Center, which is scheduled to open sometime this fall, was designed to use as much natural light as possible. One thing I notice while in the building is the amount of windows—everywhere you look, a window provides a view of the outside, or peeks into another area of the building. As I notice the climbing wall on the left side of the lobby, Charlie Johnson—assistant director of campus recreation and facilities coordinator for the new center—points out different features of the building.

The climbing wall, which will be directly opposite the main desk in the building's towering, glass-lined lobby (kind of a strange place for it, but it works), will be the first thing people notice when they enter the building. A realistic looking mountain face, the wall stands 29 feet tall and 28 feet wide. It is nearly complete, and looks like it will provide the challenge to climbers that the current wall at the AMG does not. Some parts of the wall look like they will make climbers twist themselves into painful positions, but Johnson says with assurance that there will be a campus recreation staff member at the wall at all times to make sure everything is safe.

Next we venture into the weight room, which, coupled with the "cardiovascular room," will encompass 8,000 square feet of pure physical fitness. One part of the weight room will hold free weights while another area will house nautilus machines, lifting machines and other things to make your muscles pop out and your lungs smile in appreciation. The cardiovascular room—a long, corridor-like space with windows looking into the pool room—will feature

walking machines, exercise bikes and other contraptions that make your heart pitter-patter.

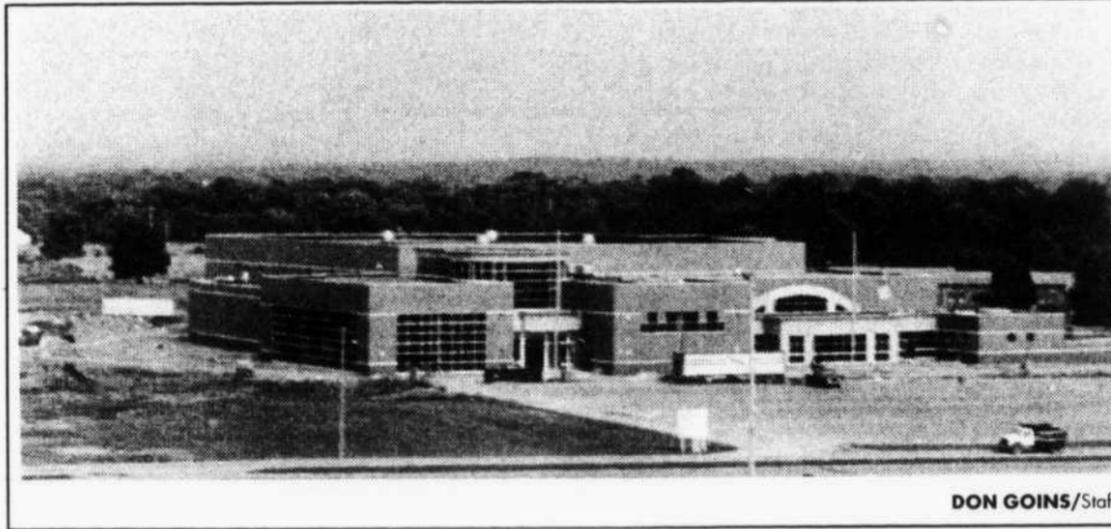
"We thought it would be neat to separate [the weight room and the cardiovascular room] because some women are intimidated by weights," Johnson says. "They don't

main) Desk is a room that will be used for equipment storage, where things like basketballs and racquetballs will be stored until students come to check them out for use; further on, through the cardiovascular room, is the pool—probably the feature attraction of the center and

other. The pool, like everything else in the building except the water slide, is accessible to disabled students via a ramp that winds its way into the pool in the shallow end opposite the water slide. Adjacent to the pool room are spacious locker rooms with showers for men

windows, we move onto the sun deck, which at the moment is mostly a jumble of scaffolding and construction equipment and mud. The deck, on the Family Housing side of the building, will eventually have a grass area for sunbathing or just hanging out, a place for bands to play and 4 sand volleyball courts. A high brick wall surrounds the deck entirely.

Back inside the building, Johnson leads me upstairs from the lobby and points out the new offices for Campus Recreation, which look crowded as far from the crowded space Campus Rec now occupies in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium. He then leads me into the building's 4,000 sq. foot aerobic room, which features a bounce floor that is lots of fun to stand on and probably fun to exercise on as well. Johnson explains that the hardwood floor is put down on a rubber pad, providing the bounce. The room, like most of the others in the buildings, is lit through a wall of windows by sunshine from outside. Two of the walls in the room will be



DON GOINS/Staff

want to go into a weight room where there might be big guys sweating—they might be screaming, yelling—you know how guys work out. Women are more prone to use cardiovascular equipment rather than the weights."

Near the Control (or

definitely sized appropriately. The pool is 33 meters wide by 25 yards long (if you can't picture these measurements in your head, just think BIG RECTANGLE), and has a one meter diving board at the deep end (14 feet deep) and a twisting water slide at the

and women (towels can be checked out through the equipment room). Nearly 800 lockers provide plenty of space for students to stash their stuff while they are swimming or using the building's other facilities.

Leaving the pool room through a door in a wall of

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Trust remains common factor in friendships

A LOOK INTO FRIENDSHIP

by Julia Lynn Harper

"When a Martian gets upset, he never talks about what is bothering him. He would never burden another Martian with his problem unless his friend's assistance was necessary to solve the problem. Instead, he becomes very quiet and goes to his private cave to think about his problem," John Gray, Ph.D, author of *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus*, says.

Gray went on to say, "Venusians have different values. They value love, communication, beauty and relationships. They spend a lot of time supporting, helping, and nurturing one another."

Okay. So perhaps Gray adds credibility to the old myth that men and women think differently. But what about the friendships that men and women form?

Are man-to-man friendships different from woman-to-woman friendships? Or are they the same?

When female MTSU students were asked what qualities they looked for in a woman friend, their responses were as follows:

"Honesty is the most important thing to me, as is sincerity. Sense of humor is real important for me too. If they're serious all the time, it wears me out," says senior psychology major Karen Baker.

"There must also be some commonalities between me and that person," Karen added. "And, the person must be intelligent. I can't waste my time on idiots."

Camilla (Cam) Compton, a first year graduate student in the clinical psychology

program, says "Honesty and integrity are a must in my relationships with women. The person must be able to be truthful with themselves and with me."

"Depth of the relationship is also important. I'm not into superficial relationships. I now look for a relationship with someone with whom I can connect on a deep level."

When MTSU male students were asked what qualities they looked for in a male friend, some of their answers were different from their female counterparts, while others were quite similar.

"When I was younger, I didn't hang out with ugly guys, because then the nice looking girls wouldn't approach us. Now I look for someone with similar interests—music, sports," James Sykes, a sophomore nursing student, says.

It is also important that the person is trustworthy and has a sense of humor, James adds.

Marty Jensen, a freshman majoring in physical therapy, looks for something just a little bit different.

"The person has to be someone I can count on to input as much into the friendship as I do. The person needs to be open-minded and not judgmental. We're all prejudiced to some degree, but there's a difference between being prejudiced and being a bigot."

Other qualities he looks for in a male friend are honesty and dependability.

A former MTSU student, Vernon Martin, says he looks for male friends who are self-assured and trustworthy.

Vernon says he also looks for "guys that are humble about themselves—those are the type of people I'm friends with."

There seems to be a

difference in what qualities men look for in a same sex friend and what woman look for, but is there a difference in the types of things they do with those friends?

The types of activities Karen likes to do with her women friends are chat and laugh.

"I like to share in the day to day experiences, good and bad with my female friends," Karen said.

Cam likes to talk, hangout and just "be" with her friends.

"Being able to be flexible, and not feeling like I have to

"The person needs to be open-minded and not judgmental."

-Marty Jensen
Freshman physical therapy major

structure every minute I spend with a friend is nice."

James also likes to just do whatever with his male friends.

"Spur of the moment kinds of things—shooting hoops, canoeing, hunting and fishing—those are types of things I like to do with friends."

Marty likes to go hunting and fishing with his friends, and offers an explanation as to why he does these particular things with male friends.

"It's ingrained in us from the day we are born that we must do certain things to be considered manly to other men and attractive to women. Men are taught they are supposed to play sports, break bones and get dirty.

We are told we are not supposed to cry or show our emotions because that shows weakness, and a man should not be weak."

That may be why it is so hard for men to talk to other men about their feelings.

When asked what the same sex friend could give them that an opposite sex friend could not, the responses varied:

"You don't have to worry about hurting a guy's feelings," James said. "You don't have to worry about what you say. I think that this creates longevity in my male friendships."

"Men don't wear their hearts on their sleeves."

Vernon explained: "With a male friend I can get a male perspective, which is different and necessary. There is a different bond that develops between male/male friendships and male/female friendships."

In exploring the female perspective to this question, Karen says, "Other women relate to me in a way a man can't. I don't feel I'm on guard with other women. I don't feel as defensive."

Cam admits, "I get a much deeper level of connection with a female friend than I do with a male friend because of the trust level involved, and simply because of the basic differences between men and women. I feel that women understand me better than men. It's not that men don't try—it's just for me personally, the connection between women is a stronger one."

So what can you get from a friend of the opposite sex that you can't get from a friend of the same sex?

James responded by saying, "Female friendships give me another perspective and generally a closer bond. I

wouldn't go cry to my male friends. Whining is just not an acceptable thing to do with other guys. For me, though, my female friendships don't tend to last as long because of their relationships with other guys."

Vernon agreed that getting a different perspective was a plus with opposite sex relationships.

"It's a different way of looking at the world for me. The kind of friendships I have with a woman is a more nurturing one. I am more nurturing towards them and they are more nurturing towards me."

Karen felt she got something entirely different from an opposite sex friendship.

"Men tend to question the things I do more, and try to push me in another direction, helping me to see a different perspective. I also feel it's easier for me to joke around about things with men."

Karen added, "When I joke around about things with men, and a little flirting is going on, it reaffirms that I'm still attractive to the opposite sex."

It seems that same sex friendships for men are different from friendships between women. While women seem to just like to get together and talk, men seem to like more process oriented activities, like sports.

It cannot be assumed, though, that all men are uncomfortable sharing their emotions with other men.

Marty said he has male friends with whom he can talk or cry, and that it's not the gender of the individual that makes this sharing possible, but the depth of the friendship. ■

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covered by mirrors before the building opens, but the mirrors are not in place right now.

Moving on, we head toward the gymnasium, which really should be Gymnasium (with a capital "G") because of its immense size. The 1-acre hardwood floor, which took 11 days to install, is as large as 6 basketball courts. There are 12 baskets in the room, and curtains can divide the space into six separate courts as the need arises. Intramural basketball and volleyball will be played here, and some groups will use the courts, but mostly the room is there for students who wander in and check out a basketball for an hour or two.

Suspended around the top of the gym is a 812 foot long track (6.5 times around equals one mile) that looks out above the huge gym and also (of course) has windows looking outside. Johnson explains that these windows were designed to give runners or walkers something to concentrate on as they trod on, and as we walk around the track I can see how this will work. The floor is concrete right now, but will eventually be spongy so none of you have to bruise your feet while you're getting in shape.

The track also looks into 5 of the building's 6 racquetball courts, and through there are no players in any of the rooms today I can almost hear the thwop! of the balls as they bounce around the rooms below. Another wall of windows looks from the track into the pool room, where workers put the finishing touches on the waterslide.

Children of faculty and students will be welcome in the new facility, Johnson says, as long as they are accompanied by an adult. To use the Rec Center without supervision, children must be at least 16 years old.

"Children are allowed in, but they must be

accompanied at all times by an adult. For example, if somebody's coming over and playing basketball, and bringing a five, six year old son...[They] will not be allowed to turn him loose in the facility. You'll either have to play basketball with him or sit on the side with him... The pool might be a little different—your child might be able to swim—he'll be swimming in the pool and you'll be on the side watching, that type of thing," Johnson says.

The Rec Center will have snack machines both inside and out, so when you get hungry from all that exercise you don't have to go home to eat. Plus, with all the exercising you'll be doing in this place, you can afford to gobble down a few candy bars.

Johnson says that the new center will improve student life on campus, making the Campus Rec staff more visible and available and making MTSU more attractive to incoming students.

"We're hoping [the center] will improve our participation, we'll have more basketball teams. We'll have the outdoor program as far as kayaking and canoeing, but we'll be able to use the pool more—we'll have roll clinic, and also have time available for somebody to bring their kayak in for practice."

SGA President Shane McFarland, who toured the center in May with other student government representatives, sees the opening of the state-of-the-art facility as an opportunity for students, and a reflection of the MTSU community.

"I think the new recreation center is representative of our community," McFarland said. "It's the best in the state, if not the country. We, the students, paid for it, and we should take advantage of it. The center has been set up to satisfy everyone...It's unreal and ahead of its time." ■

Fourth, each card company has their own way of advertising the goods, so don't be fooled. Look for a card with no annual fee that has been issued by an out-of-town bank and has a low interest rate. This is probably the best deal one can hope for.

In the sea of cardholders, there are plenty of sharks waiting to get a good bite, as Aaron found out after his two month spending spree. These situations can be easy to get into and hard to get out of. Fear not. Peace can be found by planning carefully and doing a little research but be aware of the risk and responsibility of that small piece of plastic and don't gripe when that first bill comes. ■

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for all of the prank phone calls Bart Simpson has made to Moe, the bartender, you are probably getting hungry. Just go to the Pizza Hut site, a <http://www.pizahut.com> and order yourself a pizza. You will get a list of different types of pizza to choose from, or you can create your own.

Once you get your pizza, you will need something to wash it down with. It would be a terrible waste of net-surfing time, though, to go to a Coke machine only to find your favorite beverage is sold out. This problem is solved by visiting one of the coke machine sites, like <http://www-swiss.ai.mit.edu/htbin/Coke>. You will then be able to tell if your nearest Coke machine is fully stocked.

Another useful site on the Web, if you can call vending machine inventory useful, is <http://www.tennis.org>. This allows you to take a virtual tour of the aquarium in Chattanooga. It also tells you information about ticket prices and operating hours.

One of my favorite sites is ESPN's, at <http://ESPN.SportsZone.com>. Here, you can get scores and updates of your favorite sports teams and post instantaneous messages, that others

respond to, about sports events. Links are also provided to your favorite sport's official site, like the NFL, NBA, or NHL.

For a site that is a little more out of the ordinary, try Darcom's site at <http://www.interport.net/~darcom>. This site has a lot of links to other interesting sites, like The Crow and the SciFi Channel, but what is unique about this one is the way the background pseudomorphs. There is also an audio surprise after the page finishes downloading. There are many more sites similar to this one, but I will leave the fun of finding them to you.

If you like Zima, or even if you don't, you might want to check out their site at <http://www.zima.com>. There are several things to do at this site. One thing you may want to do is join the Zima "fan club." They basically send you e-mail every once in awhile and give you a years supply of Zima, free! Maybe not. Another thing to do at the Zima site is to raid the refrigerator. Just click on an item in the refrigerator to snack on some more useless information. Not that useless information is a bad thing. In fact, some of the most entertaining things involve useless information. That is why the WWW is so

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dealing with the card business.

First, think about your card needs before you decide which card to get and realize that what you are signing is a business contract to pay back the amount spent. Second, get price information from the card issuer which might be tough to do but charging some expensive item with a high interest rate might prove costly if you can't pay it back. Ask yourself if you would buy that new tennis racket and court shoes if you had the cash in hand. Third, try to pay off the net amount due each month so you don't get behind and wind up paying just the interest each month.

African American organizations offer social, creative and philanthropic opportunities to students

NICKI JOHNSON
Staff Writer

For a new student unfamiliar with the goings-ons of a college campus, finding friends and outlets for expression can be difficult if not somewhat intimidating. For the minority student on a white college campus the challenges can be even greater.

Here at MTSU cultural diversity is not exactly widespread but it is represented in quite a few campus organizations. African-American Greek-lettered organizations include four sororities: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, and Sigma Gamma Rho. There are also four African-American fraternities active in campus life: Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, Omega Psi Phi, and Alpha Phi Alpha.

Black sororities and fraternities have been in existence as early as 1906, during a period when

African-Americans were being denied essential rights and services afforded others. The fraternities and sororities accept students based upon academic standing, a general knowledge of the organization, and the potential to succeed and grow as an individual. The United Greek Council, which all the black Greek organizations are a member, require that students obtain at least 30 hours before becoming eligible to pledge.

As for the non-Greek type that might be looking for a less social and more political avenue of expression, there are groups like the Black Student Union (BSU), a student chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Erudite Emancipators, and the African-American Student Association (AASA) which is in association with the Department of Multi-Cultural Affairs. Ralph Metcalf, Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs and an

advisor for the AASA said, "the purpose of the AASA is

"Our department is always here to assist students, but they usually seek us out as a reaction to other problems they may be having, like with financial aid or academics."

-Ralph Metcalf
Department of Multi-Cultural Affairs

to serve and unify African-American students and to

address their campus concerns and needs."

If its a more creative outlet that you seek there is Soul Generation a creative writing association, an MTSU chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and the African-American Urban Music Society (AAUMS). Said Kendall Davis vice president of the AAUMS, "the purpose of our group is to inform people about the urban music scene and to network with people already in the music business."

Activities and community involvement are the primary goals of most of these groups. From dance parties, to providing tutorials, to sponsoring scholarships for high school students, these groups are involved both on and off campus. Said Adonijah Bakari, professor of history and advisor of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., "It is almost a student's responsibility to become active on their college campus. If they have an opinion than they need these

outlets for a voice."

These organizations do not exclude members from other ethnic backgrounds "These groups are in place to bring an awareness to other cultures and to bring students together including non-African Americans." In fact, a ll of the campus' African-American organizations at one point or another have had within their ranks whites, Asians and Native Americans.

The Department of Multi-Cultural Affairs also plays a major role in issues concerning minority students. Said Metcalf, "Our department is always here to assist students, but they usually seek us out as a reaction to other problems they may be having, like with financial aid or academics."

A listing of all the minority organizations mentioned (and a few others not mentioned) can be found in the office of the Department of Multi-Cultural Affairs located in room 124 of the Keathley University Center.

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Computer rooms. For residents only, there are now four computer rooms in the residence halls: Lyon, Smith, Corlew, and Wood all offer desk-top computers as well as dot matrix and laser printers. These are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and they provide great tools for writing, and revising papers. Computer games are also available

Upper class co-ed student housing. The two-person units in Abernathy and Ezell halls are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, irrespective of gender. Although males and females will not live in the same apartment together, it is likely that they will have persons of the opposite gender as neighbors.

24-hour desk services. Selected buildings offer round-the-clock desk services in the lobby. Desk attendants accept deliveries of packages and flowers, take maintenance requests, provide campus and building information, and lend sports equipment, games, and small household appliances.



Exterior corridor female building. In response to popular demand, Deere Hall now houses female residents. This building features an exterior corridor arrangement that offers a bathroom for every four rooms.

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Welcome

In Brief

Welcome to MTSU. In the next few pages you'll find information that will help get you through your transition to college life.

The preview of Murfreesboro will help you get acquainted with the

town.

Pizza, the primary nutrition source of college students is reviewed in all of its different forms.

Also find the overviews of Student Affairs and MTSU Athletics.

Finally, be sure to catch the tips on being a freshman.

Welcome to Murfreesboro

What to do when you're not buried in books

CHRIS PATTERSON
Reviews and Events Editor

So you're in a new town with new places and you have no idea what there is to do around here.

Hungry? Over a dozen restaurants have opened or are planning to open over the last year.

If you are in the mood for Chinese, you have five to choose from: Great Wall on Memorial Boulevard, King's Table on S. Church Street, Hunan on S. Church Street by I-24, Bo Bo on Broad Street and Taste of China in the Northfield Plaza.

Also on the unique side Murfreesboro features Far East Restaurant on Main Street with Thai food and Kebab Cuisine on Main Street just off of the square serving Middle Eastern food.

For the entrepreneur of Japanese food you may want to try the Cherry Blossom in the Jackson Heights Plaza.

If you crave Mexican food we've got three to pick from: La Siesta on Greenland Drive and on Northfield and Camino Real on Broad Street.

For those who crave Italian food Murfreesboro has three restaurants: Demos' on Broad Street, Meacham's on Northfield and Marinas Restaurant on Maple Street just off the square.

If it's just plain food that's plain good that you want we have Applebee's and Luby's Cafeteria in the Stones River mall. There's also O'Charley's on Memorial Street, Parthenon Steak House on Church Street, Sante Fe Steakhouse on Broad Street, Toot's and Logan's on Broad Street.

If you miss the family restaurants of your younger days Murfreesboro has two Cracker Barrel's and Two Shoney's.

You might want to try the Church Street Cafe on Church Street, the Front Porch Cafe on College Street, and the Kleervu Lunchroom on Highland Avenue -- they all have great lunches.

Craving BBQ? Try Whitt's on Sulphur Springs Road or BBQ Cutie on Memorial.

Opening soon on Memorial Street will be Ruby Tuesday's and the Cooker.

Like any other college town also features its share of night spots.

Sports wise we've got BW-3 on Memorial, Coyote's on Memorial and End-Zones on Main Street.

The Boro Bar and Grill on Greenland Drive, 527 Mainstreet on Main Street and Bunganut Pig on Northfield all feature good live music and full bars.

The Tavern on Memorial and Northfield is also a great beer joint. The Tavern, BW-3, and Campus Pub all have pool tables and dart boards. You might also want to try Gentleman Jim's on Greenland Drive.

If you like country music City Limits on Thompson Lane has live entertainment and a dance floor.

If you want something different to do try Murfreesboro's own comedy club, Comedy on the Square located where else but on the square.

If it's theatre you crave try the Murfreesboro Little Theatre on Ewing Boulevard or the Wesley Foundation off of Main Street. Tucker Theater right here on the MTSU campus also features plays, comedy, music, pageants and whatever else.

MTSU athletics (see related story on page 21) are also great **free** entertainment.

If you're a movie buff Murfreesboro has three separate theatres Carmike Cinema 6 is located in Jackson Heights Plaza. This theatre is clean but the seating arrangement leaves a little to be desired. The theatres are very narrow.

The Cheri Theatre is located on Tennessee Boulevard. The floor can be a little sticky at times and they only have two theatres. The good point is that with a student I.D. you get in for the kid's price of \$3.75 instead of the regular \$5.75.

Stones River Cinema is Murfreesboro's newest theatre. It is located inside



TODD SORUM/Staff

The Boro Bar and Grill is located at 1211 Greenland Drive, across from Murphy Center and the Greenland Drive parking lots. The Boro features live music and nightly drink and food specials.

Stones River Mall. This theatre is nice and clean and there are several theatres. Tickets are \$3.75 for children and \$5.75 for adults.

Movies Under the Stars is another thing you might want to consider. This is a special program sponsored by the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department. Each week one movie is

shown at several locations around the city.

All shows begin at 8:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Locations include:

Mondays - MTSU
Greenland Drive parking lot
Tuesdays - SportsCom
Fridays - Mitchell-Neilson Primary School
Saturdays - Hobgood Elementary School

Murfreesboro of course has several video rental places also including Mega Video Blockbuster and Kroger.

I hope you are starting to feel at home and not so lost in a new city. Once again, welcome to Murfreesboro. ■

REVIEWS & EVENTS

Reviews of the Absurd

Guidelines for having a great freshman year

JASON YOUNG
Staff Writer

If my calendar is not mistaken, it is freshmen season. It is the time of the year when all of the incoming freshman for the fall semester are making themselves "at home" here on the campus of MTSU.

This means that somebody may be getting their first taste of MTSU right now. Maybe a reader is stuck in one of those boring orientation speeches where they tell you all about "How great the next few years of your life are going to be" or "Your life is getting ready to change" (not the same speech you got in 5th grade).

Maybe a reader is feeling bummed out and alone in a small dorm room. You came up for summer orientation expecting to find a party and wound up telling people you

were from a different state just so you could strike up a conversation with a person who was almost as full of bull as you were.

A reader may be sneaking a look at this newspaper while everyone else in your orientation group is working on fall class schedules. If you are doing this, I recommend you stop. If you don't you will more than likely, wind up with a whole lot of early morning classes like "Remedial Health Graphing" and "Visual Arts 101: the study of parallel lines."

What I liked most about being a freshman was... what was that thing I liked? Well, okay, so maybe there isn't a whole lot to be excited about. Anyway, I thought I would do a little service to this year's crop of incoming first year students, and address some of the sensitive subjects facing them.

The biggest change, at least it was for me, is that your parents are not going to be around so you can pretty much do whatever floats your boat. This means if you want

to stay up all night shaving the Batman symbol in your hair, you can do it.

But remember one thing: If you are inclined to do something crazy when you first leave home, it probably means your folks were kinda strict on you, which also means your folks are probably footing the bill at school. This also means they can say, "What the heck is a Batman symbol doing in your hair? I'm not paying for that, you're coming back home!"

Don't get me wrong. Being a freshman is a great part in becoming your own person (whatever that means). It is also a good time to have fun and having fun, and having fun is what most freshman consider college to be all about (at least I did). There are a few guidelines to having "freshman fun that you should know about: Greek life, relationships, money, and classes.

Greek life - I know several people who are in Greek organizations and love it. I also know several people who have joined Greek

organizations and hated it.

There are a couple things you need to join a Greek organization like lots of spare time and an attitude compatible with the organization of your choice. Some people will tell you that the majority of the students are not Greek, and that is true. However, the majority of the students at MTSU are commuters or students that don't really care about the social scene at the school. Whatever you do, don't join a fraternity or sorority without checking all of them out. They are different.

Relationships - I don't want to burst anybody's bubble, but if you are in a relationship with someone still attending your old high school, break it off. Chances are, you will spend all your free time going home to see that "special someone" and miss out on a whole bunch of fun at school. If you can't break up by yourself, join a fraternity or sorority and make them pound some school spirit into your head.

Money - You can have a

fortune going into the semester, but one trip to the bookstore or whatever extra charge this university puts on your tuition will solve that problem.

Classes - Know this before your first day of class: freshman English (for many students) is the **WORST CLASS IN THE ENTIRE ACADEMIC WORLD**. If you can pass this class with an "A," you can do anything.

Find your classes before they start. There is nothing more embarrassing than sitting halfway through a class had having to walk out in the middle of a lecture because you are in the wrong classroom (listen to the voice of experience).

Above all, go to class and act like you are taking notes or actually take them. Study, party, meet lots of new and cool people, come write for us here at Sidelines or just sit in your dorm and be miserable. The choice is yours to make, but please don't do the Batman thing. ■

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COLLAGE MAGAZINE FALL 1995

Collage Magazine is MTSU's only student-produced creative arts publication. Each semester, submissions for poetry, short stories, painting, short plays, photography, sculpture, etching, drawing, non-fiction prose, and any other form of creative arts are accepted for judging. The magazine is published twice per year, usually two weeks before final exams. The magazine includes student-submitted work, pre-selected faculty work, and articles and stories about people and events at MTSU and the surrounding Murfreesboro and Nashville areas that center on the creative arts. Anyone interested in submitting or anyone interested in working on the staff (beginning in September), please call Christopher Ervin at 898-5927 or 849-7535. *Collage* needs submissions and staff members (designer, article writers, prose editors, art editors, photographers, etc). Without the students, *Collage* is only thirty-two pages of white upon white.

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LIFE IS SHORT

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Blue Raiders ready to roll

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

Someone once defined University as: "a large stadium surrounded by several small buildings."

While here at MTSU the focus on sports is not exactly that fanatical, we do enjoy a great deal of support for all of our fine athletic programs.

MTSU's athletic teams, the Blue Raiders, compete in the Ohio Valley Conference, consisting of schools from Tennessee and the surrounding area. The Raiders' conference opponents include Austin Peay, UT-Martin, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead, Murray State, and Southeast Missouri.

While fans naturally hope for success against every opponent, and especially our conference foes, there is one team whose very mention should and does bring a scowl of disgust to the face of every Blue Raider fan.

That hated team, those purple and gold-clad bastions of everything that is unholy, are our evil arch-rivals from the Putnam County school of Engineering, aka Tennessee Tech. Nothing is more satisfying to a Middle Tennessee student than an overwhelming victory over the Golden Buzzards, and fortunately in the past Raider squads have enjoyed a lot of success against them.

Last year was an overall successful one for the Raiders. The fall began with Coach "Boots" Donnelly leading the football squad to a 8-3-1 record, good enough to earn them a trip to the division 1-AA playoffs.

This year the football Raiders play their usual tough schedule, including a September 9 trip to Atlanta's Georgia Dome to take on long-time rival Georgia Southern.

The athletics success

shouldn't stop when basketball season rolls around. The Blue Raider hoopsters, led by Coach David Farrar, have several key players returning from last year's team and have complimented them with an outstanding recruiting class which should result in a strong contender for the conference title.

The women's basketball team is no stranger to OVC titles, either. Coach Lewis Biven's squad only lost one player after last season's championship effort, and signed several talented players in the off-season as well. The Lady Raiders are already considered by many to be the odds-on favorite to take the women's OVC crown again.

Coach Steve Peterson and the baseball team are also looking to repeat as OVC champs. The Raiders have enjoyed immense success in the past, and hope to add yet another championship flag to Reese Smith Field this season.

Raider dominance doesn't end with the so-called "major" sports, either. Coach Dean Hayes's track squads are consistently among the front runners in the conference, as is Johnny Moore's golf team and Dale Short's tennis squad, both of which won conference titles last year.

The quantity and variety of athletic programs at MTSU cater to the interests of almost any students. Middle also fields cross country teams, a rifle team, and women's volleyball and fastpitch softball teams.

The sports season at MTSU begins September 2 when the Raiders take on Tennessee State at Horace Jones field. Admission to all home games is free to MTSU students with their I.D., so root, root, root for the home team, and enjoy Blue Raider athletics. ■



FILE PHOTO

Raider football - coming at ya

A Blue Raider running back breaks through the defense in a 1994 game. The Raiders, who hopefully will once again contend for the OVC title this year. The squad will kick off its 1995 season September 2 when it takes on conference opponent Tennessee State University at Horace Jones field.

1995 BLUE RAIDER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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10/21 **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI***
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College isn't just about what can be learned in the classroom; it's also what can be learned by participating in many of the activities scheduled by and facilitated by the various departments of the university's Division of Student Affairs.

When entering college students don't often think of many of the services and activities as having a relationship or being part of planned organizational structure known as "Student Affairs." But at MTSU there is an entire division made of 13 departments which deal with various aspects of student life, from getting financial aid, to finding a place to live and finding employment, to finding something to participate in or do on the weekend.

"We're here to provide for the students' needs out of the classroom, needs that will support the students in their pursuit of their academic objectives by the provision of activities, services and programs that will

compliment what goes on in the classroom," said Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance.

Here in a nutshell are the various departments (some of which are highlighted in other parts of this publication) and the services they provide during your time here:

Student Life Unit

The unit, composed of nine departments, is lead by Dean Tom Burke and is headquartered in Keathley University Center Room 126. A diversified unit, the area includes two associate deans of Student Life, assistant dean of Student Life, director of New Student Orientation, and the director of Greek Affairs. Dean Burke oversees the activities of the Student Government Association which Assistant Dean Rodney Bennett handles student conduct. Greek Life Director Vic Felts takes care of all the Greek organizations on campus while other student organizations are organized by Associated Dean Gail Stephens. Withdrawals from the university are processed by Associate Dean Holly Lentz-Karnst, who also organizes the university's cheer leading squad. New

Student Orientation Director Gina Poff coordinates all of the activities associated with CUSTOMS and Family Day. Also under the unit's umbrella are Campus Recreation, Student Unions and Programming, Student Publications and University Housing. Detailed descriptions of these departments follow:

Student Unions and Programming, KUC 308, 898-2551.

This office includes coordinating James Union Building and KUC services, directing Student Programming and managing the Athletic Ticket Office.

"Student Programming offers a variety of extracurricular programs designed to serve the cultural, educational and social interests of students and the university community," said Director Harold Smith.

All students are encouraged to join any of the five programming committees—Concerts, Dance, Films, Fine Arts and Ideas and Issues—responsible for these programs.

The KUC office coordinates facilities reservations for the JUB and KUC. These buildings offer

many services to the university and community including a self-service bookstore, a mini-market, recreational facilities, catering services and dining rooms, a movie theatre, numerous meeting rooms, and modern auditoriums.

The Murphy Center Athletic Ticket Office services all MTSU athletic ticket sales.

University Housing, KUC 300, 898-2971.

This office provides on-campus accommodations in a variety of settings for students who want the advantages of living on campus. Space is available for more than 3,200 single students in settings ranging from traditional residence halls to apartment complexes. There are also some 200 family housing apartments.

Programs in the housing complexes are available only to on-campus residents.

"Living on campus is a good option for several reasons, the primary one being convenience. Living on campus is convenient. Statistically you perform better when you live on campus," said Housing Director Ivan Shewmake.

"You also make friends that you will carry for the rest of your life. That adds a dimension to college life that you will miss by living off campus," he added.

Student Publications, JUB 306, 308, 310, 898-2815. Student Publications publishes MTSU's student newspaper, yearbook and magazine. Student editors produce these publications free of censorship, and all students are encouraged to work on the staffs.

"We like to emphasize that our student editors have the decision-making authority for the content of their publications," said Director Jenny Tenpenny Crouch. "I am here for guidance and advice, but the final decisions are always left to the editors which is a different situation for many of our incoming freshmen students."

Sidelines, the newspaper, is published each Monday and Thursday and is distributed free on campus. This year the newspaper will be changing format from tabloid to broad sheet and will be adding several special sections

The yearbook, *Midlander*, is published in August and orders may be placed during registration or at the Student Publications office. If you missed the opportunity to have your photograph made while here during CUSTOMS, there will be a chance to have your photograph made in the fall.

Student magazine is published each semester and is distributed free on

campus. This magazine publishes a broad range of student work, including poetry, short stories, essays, photography and artwork of all kinds. Submissions are taken during the year at designated times, so look for the ads in the student newspaper.

Campus Recreation, Alumni Memorial Gym, Room 201, 898-2104.

This is where the fun and games are. Campus Rec provides a comprehensive program of recreational activities for students, from traditional intramural team competitions, to individual sports.

The office also sponsors and organizes canoeing, skiing and backpacking trips during the year.

Expanded offerings will be available when the new recreational center opens this fall. (See story on the new rec center.) The center will offer wellness and fitness programs as well as the sporting activities the university is accustomed to.

Student Affairs also encompasses a variety of student services office which include the following:

Student Health Services, Barbara Martin, R.N., director, McFarland Health Services Building.

When you are not feeling well, this office treats minor illnesses and injuries on an out-patient basis much like a doctor's office. There is no charge for services to currently enrolled students unless referral to an off-campus health care provider is required. Some health tests are provided free of charge and information on family planning is available.

Multicultural Affairs, Ralph Metcalf, director, KUC Room 124, 898-2987.

A wide variety of services is offered to minority students including assisting in registration, establishing workshops for black awareness, arranging seminars, and acting as a liaison to university departments. The office is committed to helping minority students and has the responsibility of making the university and the community sensitive to the needs to the minority population.

Disabled Student Services, John Harris, director, KUC Room 120, 898-2783.

Disabled students can find assistance in registration, finding readers and attendants from this office, depending on what the need is. The office also acts as a liaison to university departments and has the responsibility of keeping the university and the community sensitive to the

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REVIEWS & EVENTS

In Search of the Perfect Pizza

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

CHRIS PATTERSON
Reviews and Events Editor

A typical college student's number one source of nutrition is pizza. Since a large majority of our readers practically survive on pizza, we thought it might be helpful for us to do a review of the pizza delivery joints in Murfreesboro.

Six of the seven pizza delivery places participated in our survey. They included Domino's, Little Caesar's, Papa John's, Pizza Hut, Pizza Pasta Shoppe, and Sir Pizza. Mazzio's Pizza was asked but declined to participate in our critique.

After delivered, each of the six pizzas were judged by *Sidelines* staff members. The judging was based on seven categories: box, size, price, appearance, amount of toppings, sauce, crust, and overall taste.

The staff gave the best box award to Mick's Pizza Pasta Shoppe because it had a nice neon flyer attached to it. Papa John's received honorable mention in this category because of its "snazzy" graphical design.

The Papa John's medium pizza was the largest of the six places. The other five pizzas critiqued were about the same size.

The prices were judged on the cost of a medium one-topping pizza. Papa John's pizza was the cheapest at \$7.50. Mick's Pizza Pasta Shoppe only cost \$7.95. Domino's price is \$8.34 and Sir Pizza was the next highest at \$8.98. Rounding out the highest price range in our review was Little Caesar's at \$9.35 and Pizza Hut at \$10.05 for a medium pizza.

Appearance-wise the staff voted Mick's Pizza Pasta Shoppe as the best-looking pizza in our review. Domino's was second in this category with Little Caesar's following closely behind.

"I think Little Caesar's has got a nice look to it—nice and cheesy," said news editor Mark Blevins. Pizza Hut's pizza was also reasonable attractive.

We felt like Mick's Pizza Pasta Shoppe, Pizza Hut and Domino's were the most generous with their toppings. Sir Pizza had honorable mention in this category.

And on to the sauce. Papa John's sauce was too sweet for the majority but a few liked the sweet sauce. We were all in agreement that the sauce was too

runny. The majority of the staff said that there was too much sauce on the Papa John's pizza.

Mick's Pizza Pasta Shoppe and Sir Pizza both needed a touch more sauce for our taste. While Domino's needed to lighten up on theirs. Pizza Hut's pizza had the right amount of sauce on it. All three sauces were rated as average in taste.

The winner in the best-tasting sauce category was Little Caesar's. They put just the right amount on it and the taste was very good.

Papa John's crust was "chewy" and according to editor Brent Andrews, "It's good for dipping."

The Sir Pizza crust was "a little dry." But for those who like a thin crust pizza it has a nice crunchy crust.

Mick's crust was also crunchy on the edges.

Pizza Hut's pizza was a little greasy but has an average taste.

Domino's pizza had a nice-looking, full crust but was a little chewy. Taste was average for the crust.

Little Caesar's topped the crust category also. The texture was the best. It was neither hard or greasy and the taste was excellent from the first bite.

Finally we judged the overall taste of each of the pizzas.

Papa John's pizza was only rated average in taste overall because of its greasiness.

Sir Pizza was also rated as average because it didn't have as fresh of a taste as the others.

Pizza Hut rated above average overall because of its greasiness but it had the best pepperoni taste.

Mick's Pizza Pasta Shoppe pizza rated good overall because of its generous toppings and lots of cheese.

Domino's overall rating was also good because of its generosity of toppings.

Little Caesar's rated tops in the overall judging. Even when cold this pizza had a better taste and texture than all the other pizzas did. As production manager Daniela Gopfert summed it up, "This would be good for breakfast."

Those places earning credit in our review for courtesy and customer service were Mick's Pizza Pasta Shoppe for going out of his way to make sure that we got a pizza on time, Sir Pizza for calling to make sure that we received our pizza without any problems and Domino's for the free cokes.



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If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office of Campus Recreation @ 898-2104.



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Alaska is the land of the frozen earwax



DAVE BARRY

COLUMNIST

As a lover of nature and a rugged outdoorsperson, I enjoy going to remote wilderness areas where I can relax, "recharge my batteries" and possibly be eaten. So in late April I hopped on an airplane, then another airplane, then eight or nine more airplanes, until finally I reached Alaska (Official State Motto: "Speak Up! Our Earwax Is Frozen!")

Following is Part One of a two-part report on my trip. (Part Two will appear next week.) (Both parts are tax-deductible.)

DAY ONE—I arrived in Anchorage and, as is the ancient custom in "The Land of the Midnight Sun," I had the airplane seat cushion surgically detached from my butt. It was evening, but there was still plenty of daylight left, and I knew that within just a few miles of

downtown there were many spectacular unspoiled areas, virtually untouched by human civilization. So I went to a bar.

There I had a few beers with my friend Craig Medred, who splits his time between writing a column for *The Anchorage Daily News* and trying to get himself killed. Craig is a serious, by which I mean clinically insane, sportsperson. He's the kind of guy who's always heading out to the wilderness for days at a time, crawling around in the snow, chewing pine cones for nutrition, engaging in some extremely rugged sporting challenge such as hunting wolverines with a letter opener. One time, while riding a mountain bike, he fell off a 75-foot cliff; another time, while moose-hunting, he encountered some bear cubs, and their mother—who, as fate would have it, was also a bear, but much larger—attacked and hospitalized him. ("Maul first, ask questions later," that is the mother-bear childcare philosophy.)

For the record: In all my years as a newspaper columnist, I have never so much as received an angry letter from a bear.

My evening at the bar with Craig

was surreal. Maybe it was jet lag; maybe it was the general cosmic weirdness that permeates Alaska. It was definitely something. People were talking about the urban moose problem. It had been a very snow-intensive winter, even for Alaska, and there were moose wandering all over Anchorage. This can create problems, because moose, in addition to being humongous, are the disgruntled postal workers of the animal kingdom. Anchorage residents routinely call their employers and say they can't come to work right away on account of there is a moose on the porch. (Do not try this in, for example, San Diego.)

Anyway, we were sitting at the bar, complaining about the moose situation, when somebody said, very calmly, "We're having an earthquake."

"WHAT?" I said, adding: "NOW??"

"Look at the lights," somebody said. Sure enough, the chandeliers were swinging back and forth. Nobody seemed remotely alarmed by this. People were more interested in discussing Craig's court case. It turned out that Craig had been arrested and tried on charges—I am

not making this up—towing a canoe on a railroad track. I'm still hazy on the details; it had something to do with hunting ducks.

As it happened, Craig's lawyer was also in the bar (this kind of coincidence occurs often in Alaska, which has only about 150 residents total). He came over to discuss the case, which ultimately came out in Craig's favor. The lawyer said this was because Craig groveled before the judge, although Craig views the ruling as an affirmation of the fundamental right of every American—not stated explicitly in the Constitution, but clearly implied—to tow canoes on railroad tracks.

At 10 p.m. it was still light outside, but I was exhausted, so I trudged the two blocks back to my hotel, keeping a wary eye out for moose and other dangerous urban criminal elements. Yes, Alaska does have crime. I know this because alert Alaskan reader Jenny Leguineche has sent me selected excerpts from *Dispatch Alaska*, a section of *The Anchorage Daily News* that reprints news items from other

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Resident wit gives a few tips to novice students



Warren Wakeland

School Daze

Hello. I am the resident wit here. After you've read a few of my columns you will realize that this is a scary thought.

My job with this piece is to help educate you to the ins and outs of college life at MTSU. After all, you decided to come to school here—don't you think you should know something about the place you're going to spend the next great portion of your life at from someone who has already been here three years?

The first thing you need to know concerns your CUSTOMS orientation leaders. They are great people, and their job is to get you acclimated to this place. But they will give you the official administration line on the university.

What you will get here is the way things really are—the official student line, which is usually a little more reliable

than the PR you get from the CUSTOMS folks. You will get recommendations in this column that they will say are no good. Don't believe them. But a lot of what they will tell you is good information, so listen to them.

See, I'm a PR major, so I know PR. CUSTOMS' job is to put a spin on the school designed to make this place seem like Utopia to you, where there are no problems and everything is rosy. I will show you this is not always the case.

We're going to talk about just a few aspects of the university you will deal with on a daily basis. After all, we're not writing a thesis. Yet.

• **Going to class.** Do it. 'Nuff said.

If you don't go to class you will fail. Simple. Then you will have to move back in with your parents. After three months of living here, away from your parents for the first time (for most of you), you will dread and fear this option. So go to class.

Count on being here five years if you want to graduate. Parents, dig up the dough for five years, not four. See, to "get out of here" (as seniors like to say

because it feels like prison after a while) you need 132 hours. If you already have a major and take 15 hours per fall and spring semester (the normal course load), you will be 12 hours short of graduating. When you consider you will need at least one internship before you leave and probably won't be able to take the normal course load during that semester, it will be difficult to get it all done in four years.

Also, few people graduate with 132 hours. Many of you will wait a while to declare a major, or you will need to explore what is here to find something you like. You wind up taking extra classes that won't count toward graduating in your major. So you will probably wind up with 140-150 hours before you graduate.

Count on five years.

College is not like high school. Instructors who take attendance do so because they want to know who is trying and who is not. It is not done to make sure you're not smoking in the bathroom. If you miss class they don't call your parents. They don't even call you. Most don't care if you come

to class or not. After all, it's not their money being blown.

But going to class does have its advantages. Besides allowing you to pass the course, many instructors will give you extra credit at the end of the semester if you don't miss a class.

And don't think if you have a friend in the class the two of you can alternate going to class and make the instructor look like a fool. While there are some instructors here who are older than Methuselah and more brain-weary than Ronald Reagan with Alzheimer's, most will notice this trend if kept up long enough and fail you both for trying to make him or her look like a fool.

• **Registration.** We've got this thing called TRAM, Telephone Response At Middle. I've always thought that the person who came up with this name must be a genius. After all, could you really expect intelligent people to come up with a catchy name like The Regi-phone or something like that?

Your CUSTOMS leaders have told you it's a great thing and it is, once you get to 100 hours completed.

There are so few of us who have attained this level that "TRAMming" becomes easy at that point. But most of you are at 0 hours completed. This means when you get your PDF (Personal Data Form, which tells you when to register) in the middle of the fall and it tells you when to call to register for spring semester classes, call then. If it says call at 1 p.m., don't wait until 1:01 because you will never get through.

As you gain hours it will become easier to get through to TRAM because your time to register will move up and you will be competing for the phone lines with fewer people. But for the first two years here, clear your calendar to call when they tell you to call. Otherwise you will not get the classes at the times you want.

And for goodness' sake, take what you want to take, not what the advisers tell you is best to take. You have until you graduate to get your requirements for the state of Tennessee completed. If you don't have a major in mind, explore what is available here. Don't

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newspapers around the state. Here are some actual items:

From *The Seward Phoenix*: "Male reported that his dog was stolen from his residence and he had a ransom note."

From *The Sitka Daily Sentinel*: "A man was reported to be beating on a boy, but the two turned out to be having a dandelion fight."

And finally, we have these two alarming items from *The Petersburg Pilot*:

—"A caller reported that he had received a report regarding someone speeding in a forklift at Chatham Strait Seafoods."

—"A caller reported that he had returned to his residence where he was staying and a ball was missing from the front porch. The caller stated that neighbors had seen an individual take the ball and use knives on it."

Despite this crime wave, I made it safely back to the hotel, where I was able—call it instinct—to locate my room. I immediately went to bed so as to rest my body for further Alaskan adventures. But that is the price you pay when you possess the kind of pioneering spirit exemplified by men such as Lewis and Clark, both of whom—don't try to tell me this is coincidence—are dead. ■

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just take ENG 111, BIOL 100 and the other plodding courses. Take Intro to Mass Communication, Intro to Psychology or some other intro course. You may just find your major.

• **Parking.** You will be told there is no problem with parking on campus if you live off campus. It is true you can find a space easily. However, you may have a class at Peck Hall (the main classroom building) and have to park in the lots behind the Mass Comm building (which I affectionately refer to as East Bangladesh for its proximity to Peck Hall) or at the Greenland Dr. lot (West Bangladesh).

Allow 15 minutes to get to your first class. In other words, if your first class is a 9 a.m., be here by 8:45 at the very latest, because if you try to find a place on the interior of campus you will go gray during your search.

We have a thing called the Raider Xpress, a bus service to take you from the outskirts of campus to the classroom buildings. I am sure the CUSTOMS people have told you it's a great invention by the administration. It's great if you can catch them. See, there are only three buses on each route and they bunch

up and run together before the high-volume class periods, like 9 a.m. classes. So if you want to ride the bus to class you better be at the bus stop 20 minutes before your 9 a.m. class or you will miss it and be late for class.

You also must buy a parking pass if you wish to park on campus. This is especially true because the Yellow Army will find you if you don't have a pass. The Yellow Army is the battalion of ticketwriters that roam the campus from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday putting yellow envelopes with high-priced tickets in them on your car. Get five tickets and they tow your car.

And by the way Gary Hunter, head of parking, I'll say it again: 6:30 p.m. is too late to be writing tickets, especially when you claim you don't need the extra money.

If you live in the dorms you must buy a green pass. Sorry. If you live off campus you can get either a green or black pass. *Get the black one.* You can park in the outer areas with it and it is a lot cheaper than the green one.

• **Dorm life.** It stinks. 'Nuff said.

The dorms here really suck. They're about a hundred years old and have past university presidents

buried in them for nostalgia purposes.

Just kidding.

In reality, dorm life is not the best way to go. Thankfully, I have never been subjected to this test of will. Those who have will tell of the lack of maintenance or quiet times. They will tell of the problems in abnormally cold or hot weather in getting hot or cold air into the rooms. They will tell of water puddles that will sit outside rooms in dorms like Gore or Abernathy from September to April.

Most will tell you that if you can afford to live off campus, do so. Your life is much more your own, and the landlords at most apartment complexes are pretty good about maintenance. If you can find a room in one of the many houses around campus owned by instructors, even better. You may find your landlord is your Biology professor.

• **Greek Life.** This is a part of college life about which I do not know much. I am not in a fraternity, don't care to be, don't want to be asked to go into a house of one. I think Greek life is for immature, oversexed and oversoused little brats who need an outlet to raise hell away from their parents.

But you should make up your own mind about them.

It seems to me that Greeks drink a lot more than the normal human being and go to class a lot less than the normal human being. I may be wrong. I am sure, though, that there is a lot to that brotherhood and sisterhood stuff.

Greeks get involved in a lot of charitable stuff. Each has their own philanthropic organization and each helps out some cause in the community.

Greeks also get into the school spirit thing, which you will quickly notice is practically nonexistent here. If you like that stuff, you might want to try it out.

If you want to know more about Greek life at MTSU, men should contact the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and women should contact the Panhellenic Council. Or you can just walk into any fraternity house or sorority meeting you choose. You will always be welcome.

I hope I spelled those right. Like I said, I don't know much about it.

You will come across many other things during your stay here that will make you scratch your head and think. This is, after all, what college is all about—to make you think. Think hard and clearly, and good luck to you all. ■

Disabled Students Services

Welcomes You To MTSU

Our office is here for you:

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Come by our office if we can help
Keathley University Center 120

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needs of the disabled population.

June Anderson Women's Center, Dr. Candace Rosovsky, director, JUB Room 206, 898-2193. The center serves as an information and referral resource for students, particularly women and adult learners. Services included advocacy, networking, support, workshops, personal and career counseling. The center also supports a lending library for students and individuals in surrounding communities.

Adult Services Center, Dr. Carol Ann Baily, director, Peck Hall, Room 101-D, 898-5989. This center provides information for prospective students, particularly adults returning to college after a period of time away from school. Information is provided about all aspects of academic and social life at MTSU. Seminars and support groups are also offered to help adult learners. The center sponsors a student organization for

adult and re-entry students called OWLS (Older Wiser Learners).

University Counseling and Testing Center, Dr. James D. Covington, director, KUC Room 329, 898-2670. Students are welcomed to drop in this center and talk about virtually any personal concern or question they might have. Questions about an academic major or future career are especially welcomed. To help focus on an answer, a broad range of counseling and aptitude tests are available at no cost. Counseling and Testing is ready to assist you whenever you feel the need.

Placement and Student Employment, Martha Turner, director, KUC Room 328, 898-2500. This office assists with a major aspect of a student's life: finding a job while in college and, more importantly, finding a job after graduation. The center maintains listings of job opportunities and summer employment including campus jobs. The center provides services for seniors and grad students entering the job market, such as

career days, job-search workshops, a vocational library, campus interviews, and employment opportunities and credentials. Resume Expert, a computerized registration and resume services, is available through the Placement Office.

Financial Aid, Winston Wrenn, director, Cope Administration Building, Room 329, 898-2670. Financial Aid assists qualified students who would find it difficult or impossible to attend MTSU without aid. This assistance is provided largely through federally-funded programs based primarily on demonstrated need. In addition, academic and performance scholarships are available through the Financial Aid Office and individual departments. Inquiries concerning these and other possible forms of assistance should be made through this office.

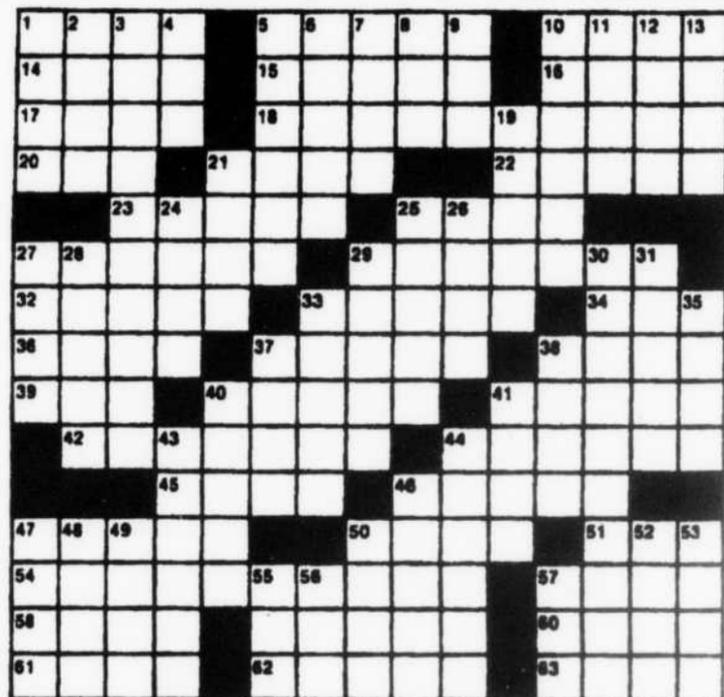
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(CPS) - Student Government Association—\$4.03

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Black Student Union—\$.37

Although they're not always itemized, fees tacked onto the end of college tuition bills are definitely there adding anywhere from \$50 to \$200 to students' tuition bills.

Most of the time, student activity fees are glossed over by students and their parents, who tend to concentrate only on the "total due" when writing out their tuition checks.

But a growing number of students is taking note of how their student activity money is being spent and is refusing to contribute any money toward organizations or causes that they oppose. Instead, they are subtracting the appropriate fees or demanding their money back.

"Students should have a choice in determining where their money goes," said Ron Witteles, editor of the *Northwestern Chronicle*, a conservative campus newspaper that sponsored a "Take Back Your Money" day earlier this spring at Northwestern University. "The last thing we want is the administration or a student government bureaucracy deciding where to spend our money."

During "Take Back Your Money" day, Witteles and his staff gave \$5 back to the first 100 students who showed up at a campus landmark. The \$500 had been allotted by the student government to NU's Conservative Council. But the group chose to hand the money back to students rather than spend it on speakers or other activities.

"No one should be forced to pay for something if they're not going to get any benefits," said Witteles, adding that NU students pay approximately \$50 each semester in student activity fees. "It doesn't make any sense. Why should you pay for something you're never going to use?"

Collectively, student activity fees add up to much more than pocket change on many campuses. At the University of Florida, nearly \$6 out of every credit hour worth of tuition—\$6 million in all—goes toward student activity fees, which are

delegated to various groups by the student government.

But even though the student fees budget is in the millions, a recent survey by the *Independent Florida Alligator*, the university's newspaper, revealed that 90 percent of the UF student body did not know how much they paid in student activity fees each year. Forty-four percent of students couldn't name one item that their money went toward.

"I was pretty surprised when I found out how much money the student government had control of," said Tony Mirando, a UF senior. "When I think about that much money, it just seems like there should be a lot more free stuff for me to do."

A few students, however, have objected to paying for activities that violate their personal ideological or political beliefs. At California State University—Long Beach, for example, two students were given a 15-cent refund after complaining that funding for a speech by Khallid Abdul Muhammad, a former Louis Farrakhan aide, was in violation of a California state law.

Long Beach State's Associated Students Judiciary agreed that Muhammad's speech, in which he referred to white students as "crackers," could not be funded by students fees, which, according to California state law, can not be used to advance "political, religious or ideological interests."

Students Steve Negley and Joseph Thinn argued that while it was Long Beach State's Black Student Union who paid Muhammad \$3,700 to speak on campus last November, the student group was funded through the university student fees. Negley and Thinn demanded a refund for their share of the \$3,700, which amounted to 15 cents each.

Negley said he sought the refund because "the university has to follow the law." "The funding of the speech, which was clearly a hate-speech meant to divide the student body and was an illegal action," he said.

Since the ruling, Negley said that other students have indicated an interest in receiving a refund as well. ■

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