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Murfreesboro, TN

Rates increase for holiday housing

Roy Moore Staff Reporter

Students who plan to remain on campus during the holiday season will feel the pinch of higher rates for housing as well as limited service and visitation

Housing rates will increase from \$7.87 to \$12 per day for residence halls and \$8.96 to \$18 per day for the Ezell and Abernathy apartments, an increase of 66 percent and 101 percent respectively.

The increase in rates are needed during this noncontractual period to off-set costs in utilities and heating while retaining staff members to police the grounds. The department of Housing and Residential Life plans to keep two resident assistants for each area while limiting visitation rights.

"It's totally unfair that we should have to pay more than double the normal semester rate. It doesn't make any sense to me," said Justin McLeod, president of Area Five Government and Ezell resident.

"It is an expensive proposition for us," said Debra Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life. "We receive no funding from the school."

Sells said the rates are similar to summer conference fees. Total fees for the 21-day break wili reach \$252 for the dorms and \$378 for the apartments.

If extended over a 30-day period, the holiday rates reach \$540 for the apartments and \$360 for dorm rooms. The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Murfreesboro is \$390 per month, according to Housing's 1996 "Guide to Off-Campus Living."

In effect, students who live in either Ezell or Abernathy would pay \$150 per month more than those who live in off-campus apartments. Ezell and Abernathy residents share an apartment with one to three other people.

"It's not our preference to have students stay over Christmas. We're doing this for students who have no other options." Sells said.

Sells said the opening of housing during the holiday break was intended to aid out-of-state and international students who would be unable to return home for Christmas.

Housing expects fewer than 150 students to stay over the break, according to Vickie Justice-Lowe, associate director of Finance. Some buildings will have no students in residence during the holiday

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The Tennessee Board of Regents determined the housing fees for on-campus residents during the Christmas break

Sells said that on-campus housing runs similar to a hotel in that residents are charged at a daily rate

and are not contractually bound for an extended period of time. Motel Murfreesboro charges a daily rate of \$28 and a weekly rate of \$152 while Jackson Motel charges \$34.79 and \$147.15 over the same period.

Those most severely affected by the increase in rates include the students who plan to stay on campus and retain their part-time jobs in town during the break.

"I promised my work I would stay over and work during the break and now I'll probably have to go back on my word," said McLeod.

Also, residents must cope with the absence of the maintenance staff, which will only be available on an emergency basis, as well as the temporary closings of Todd Library from Dec. 11 to Jan. 5 and the Recreation Center from Dec. 22 to Jan. 1.

Sells said that Housing would consider extending the normal semester rate to include Christmas if students choose to alter the current contract. She said she has attended Area Government meetings during which the issue of holiday rates are addressed.■

All McGee, 24, forward, "slam ducks" one against the Erskine Flying Fleet. See page 8.

professor Wright dies at age 80

Former music

Staff Reports

Margaret Wright, namesake of the Wright Music Building, died Thursday from cancer at age 80.

Wright and her husband Neil, who died in 1989, are credited with developing the MTSU music department. The Wrights taught music at the university from 1947 to

The couple also founded the Sacred Heart Singers on campus. The singers, who disbanded when the Wrights retired, were a group of 12- to 14-members that performed old sacred songs.

Wright is survived by two sons. Neil Wright III of Richmond, Ky., and David Wright Murfreesboro; a daughter, Betts Moss Ann Murfreesboro; a brother, William N. Johnson of Longwood, Fla.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was the daughter of Dr. Benjamin Johnson and Sarah Beesley Johnson.

Wright earned degrees

from Vanderbilt University George Peabody University in Nashville. She also served as a Red Cross volunteer in India during World War II.

She was the pipe organist and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where a memorial service was held Sunday.



Memorials for Wright can be made to the MTSU Foundation for the music department and the music ministry at Presbyterian Church in the names of Neil and Margaret Wright.■

THEC approves proposed budget for new projects

Susan McMahan Staff Reporter

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission passed their proposed budget at their quarterly meeting Friday, listing the renovation of Todd Library as their fourth priority on their capital projects list.

Absent from the board's 1999-2000 priority list was planning money for a new science facility and a new art

The Todd Library was MTSU's only project on the 13-item list, which incorporates the recommendations from both the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee Board of Regents. A majority of the 13 projects are from TBR schools.

"I would like to see the list longer," said TBR Chancellor Charles Smith.

However, he added he was happy with the number of TBR projects that were included on the list.

The recommendations for the capital projects and operating budgets vill now be given to Gov. Don Sundquist for approval.

If the governor and the State Legislature approve the recommendations made by THEC, the university will receive almost \$8 million to make improvements to the Todd Library. The expected improvements include renovation of mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems, disability access modifications and a connector between the Keathley University Center and Todd

Library. In addition to the money for a capital project, MTSU also was recommended to receive more than \$79 million for the 1999-2000 operating budget. This is an increase of more than \$3.2 million, or 4.3 percent more than what was recommended for the 1998-1999 operating budget.

However, it is an increase of more than \$10.1 million, or 14.7 percent, more than what the university actually received for the operating budget this fiscal year.

The recommended budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year was created by a special task force and presented for approval at the meeting. The budget was passed with little discussion and no opposition.

Although the budget did not include planning money for a new art facility, members of MTSU's Student Art Alliance attended the meeting to inform commissioners about the conditions of MTSU's Art Barn.

THEC Chairman A C Wharton allowed group spokeswoman Judy Van Vorhis to speak at the meeting for about 30 seconds, although he did remind her that THEC was not in charge of creating the project lists.

After she spoke, Wharton said, "All we can say is stay involved."

Commissioner Ransom Jones from Murfreesboro told the rest of the board that he agreed with the statements Van Vorhis made.

"I've visited the Art Barn," he said. "It is about to fall down."

The SAA presented all the commissioners with hand-bound books containing copies of all the letters collected in their letter-writing campaign to President James Walker, copies of a consultant's report after a visit to the facility and copies of a petition for a new facility.

Mock trial team hosts tournament

Staff Reports

MTSU hosted its annual mock trial invitational on Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14. Mock trial teams from Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, and South Carolina gathered in the Keathley University Center for the competition.

The competition is held every November to allow the teams time to practice for regional and national competitions to be held during the spring semester. This time also allows the teams to become more knowledgeable on the procedures of a professional courtroom setting.

MTSU's team was divided See TRIAL, page 2

into six individual teams with six to eight team members each headed by a captain and a co-After competing in four

rounds, the team led by Kimberly Gulden and Rebekah Stephens, tied for fifth place overall with a 6-2 record. Ryan Durham, Amy Tiechman, Kelley Dodd and Cal Renegar were other members of this team.

Tiechman received a Best Professional Witness Award while Dodd, Larry Crismon and Tiana Horner were awarded Best Attorney Award.

MTSU's Mock Trial Program has been on campus since 1989 and has maintained a reputation



Shiva Bozarth, senior, and Lisa Hensley, junior, compete against four other states in the annual MTSU invitational Mock Trial competition.

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SPORTS MTSU athletes will be sponsoring a can food drive at the North Carolina basketball game on Nov. 30. See page 9.

FEATURES Student songwriters will be

showcased at tonight's Songwriter's Showcase. See page 7.





WEATHER FORECAST



WEDNESDAY

ON CAMPUS

To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487. Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.

Monday, Nov. 23

The Office of Greek Life will Monday, Nov. 30 sponsor a canned food drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the lower level of the KUC. The food drive is in information, contact Vic Felts at 898-5996.

R.A.P. will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the KUC 322.

Free Thanksgiving dinner and acoustic concert by Marcy alar Kare at the Fellowship House of PSF, 615 N. Tennessee Blvd, at 6 p.m. All are cordially invited. Why not enjoy the fun and fellowship? It's free. For more information, contact the resident advisors at 867-7370 or at 893-1787.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Psychology MTSU Department Social and Professional Activity Committee will have Psychology Day from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Alumni Center. Undergraduate psychology students will present the results of their research projects in poster session format and guest speakers careers in psychology. Speakers will include John Pleas, psychology faculty member, and Michael Nietzel, dean of the College of Education at the University of Kentucky. All majors are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact John Pennington at 904-8446.

The American Business Women's Association will meet at 4 p.m. in the KUC 314. All majors are Murray at 898-5315.

Stephen Baker

Staff Reporter

on campus Friday during socialist

Kim Moody's lecture on the labor

Moody, author of "Workers in a

Lean World" and guest of the

Philosophy department, voiced

concerns about the "globalization"

of labor and economics to a crowd

creating economic convergence or a

level playing field," Moody said.

"The process of globalization is

on the victims of this process, but

rather on the resisters. He said

However, Moody's focus was not

ATTENTION

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free tuition in the summer (the associates program). Juniors and

seniors are eligible for special all-expense paid eight-week seminars

Applications Deadlines:

For associates and pre-health scholars, January 31, 1999

For pre-law scholars, February 28, 1999.

There will be an informational meeting about this program on

Tuesday, December 1, in Peck Hall 220 at 2:00.

Refreshments will be served.

For Applications and Further Information, Contact:

Dr. John Vile, Chair

Department of Political Science

Peck Hall 209

898-2596

pursue careers in law or health-related professions.

(the scholars program).

"Globalization is not a process of

at the James Union Building.

making things more unequal."

movement in the global economy.

An echo of the past resounded

At the MTSU/North Carolina basketball game, the MTSU student-athletes will be sponsoring response to the recent hurricane a can food drive. The Student crisis in Honduras. For more Athletic Advisory Committee is asking everyone to support the Blue Raiders on this night and bring a can good of your choice. The can goods will be donated to the Rutherford County Food Bank to help the needy. Receptacles will be located at each door for the fans to contribute to this cause.

Tuesday, Dec.1

The Tennessee Pre-Professional Program will hold an informational meeting about Scholarships for African-American students at 2 p.m. at Peck Hall 220. The meeting will held to inform African-American students interested in careers in Law. Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine about opportunities. scholarship Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Dr. John Vile at 898-2596.

Thursday, Dec. 3

information, contact Sherrie Murray at 898-5315.

Auditions will be held for the Wesley Foundation's spring musical, Godspell (March 4-7) at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. For more information, contact Bill

welcome to join. For more The MTSU Women's Studies and information, contact Sherrie Business and Professional Women

Women's Scholarship. Criteria: Rutherford County resident, at least a sophomore standing with a minimum of 2.5 GPA, careeroriented and academically and financially deserving. Preference will be given to re-entry level, nontraditional students, minoring in Women's Studies. For more information and an application, contact the Women's Studies Office at Peck Hall 109B, call 898-5910, email womenstu@frank.mtsu.edu. The

deadline is Dec. 4.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship (PSF) will hold Prime-Time and Cell Group Happenings (every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for Cell Groups and every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for Prime Time Worship and Fellowship). PSF invites everyone to the Fellowship House to check out the in depth studies of topics from a Christian perspective as well as fun, uplifting worship times. Dinner will be served on Wednesdays. For questions or directions, call Rich Zeigler at 893-1787 or Andrew Lee 867-7370.

hold Bible study sessions on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Corlew 719, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Cummings Lobby, and at 8 p.m. in Felder 208. For more information, contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

CUSTOMS staff applications are now available in the KUC 122 for positions of student coordinator, student orientation assistant, clerical office manager, receptionist, data entry, and cashier/clerk. All positions are paid and will begin for 2 hours a week (paid) training in January. For more information, call 898-2454.

Student Activity Fee Applications for Spring 1999 are now available in KUC 130. The application on both IBM and Mac formatted disks for your convenience. 10 photocopies of the application and disk are due on Nov. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in KUC 130. For more information, call 898-2808

Victory Ministries will hold Bible study sessions on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew 719, Wednesdays at Cummings 731 at 7 p.m., and Wednesdays at Felder 204 at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Ricky Walters at 371-8479.

Campus Crusade for Christ will have CRU meetings every Thursday at 7:30 in the BAS Auditorium. For more information, contact 848-6741 or 867-2656.

Until Friday Nov. 20 The Japan Center of Tennessee in the cooperation with Volunteer State Community College will sponsor a Netsuke Exhibit at the Thigpen Library at Volunteer State Community College located at 1480 Nashville Pike, Galatin, TN. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m, and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Thigpen Library at Volunteer State Community College.

Until Dec.23

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a Mini-Exhibit "Japanese Containers" in the lobby of the Cope Administration building at Middle Tennessee State University. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-

HOMETOWN NEWS

Columbia (AP)— Ginger Janet Osborne ate \$700 while sitting in a Wal-Mart parking lot - but that's the least of her

Osborne, 25, was arrested Thursday night and charged with possession of marijuana, falsifying registration, and tampering with evidence. The Murfreesboro woman was being held at Maury County Jail on \$80,000 bond.

Columbia police said she thought she was in trouble for counterfeiting and tried to destroy the evidence - seven \$100 bills.

"When she saw us coming she tore off the serial numbers and started eating them," said Detective Leroy Hill. Police found Osborne after Wal-Mart staff reported a woman trying to pass a

"She told us that she had licked the bills to see if they were real and that the green had started to come off in her mouth. She thought she had a hold of some counterfeit money and was trying to get rid of it."

It turned out the bills were real.

"She had made some drug sales and she is probably going to lose her vehicle, but we will probably have to drop the counterfeiting charges," Hill said.■

Knoxville (AP)— A police officer interrupted an armed robbery Friday night at a fast food restaurant, fatally wounding one of the suspects, authorities said.

Police said Rodney Shannon, 22, of Knoxville was shot by officer Lynn Everett at a Wendy's restaurant on Magnolia Avenue.

Officers said a passerby saw the robbery, alerted Everett who was nearby and the officer drove to the scene. When he arrived, Everett ordered the suspect to drop his revolver. Instead, a police report said, the suspect turned the large caliber weapon toward the officer. Everett then fired several shots.

The suspect, wearing a ski mask, had just left the restaurant's front door with a pillowcase filled with stolen cash, police said.

A second suspect drove off and remained at large Saturday. Shannon died at the University of Tennessee Medical Center.

Memphis (AP)— For sale signs are posted outside a nightspot that was home to a weekend swingers club and nude dancing.

The Cat's Meow on Old Summer closed over the weekend following newspaper reports that on-duty Memphis police officers had frequented the club.

Police director Walter Winfrey is investigating and said he may take disciplinary action.

Club owners said two weeks ago they were closing, yet the nightspot remained open until this past weekend.■

Washington, DC (AP)— Tennessee's four largest cities will get about \$9 million in federal funds for welfare-to-work programs, U.S. Sen. Bill Frist announced Friday.

Nashville will get more than \$4 million to move its most difficult welfare cases into jobs, while Memphis, Chattanooga and Knoxville will share a \$5 million grant.

"In the last two years, Tennessee has already moved 60 percent of its employable welfare recipients off the rolls and into jobs," Frist said in a release. "Now we're focusing our efforts on the most

The money comes from the U.S. Department of Labor as part of \$250 million going to 75 projects in 44 states. The Tennessee Urban League will administer the programs in cooperation with the Department of Human Services, the Private Industry Council and faith-based organizations.

"It's the partnerships between private businesses, religious groups, and local, state and federal government that has made welfare reform successful," Frist said. "We're following that same formula for these most challenging cases, and I'm confident we'll see the same outstanding results."

Fort Campbell, KY (AP)— About 70 soldiers from Fort Campbell are headed for El Salvador to help recovery efforts after Hurricane Mitch.

Ten Chinook helicopters are set to depart this weekend and more soldiers are expected to follow in the next week as part of a task force of 300-500 people.

"I want to get off the ground and go," said Lt. Jen Steele, a CH-47 Chinook pilot and platoon leader. "The longer you stay here, the more ifs, ands and buts go through your mind."

It will take Steele and the rest of the Fort Campbell soldiers three days to get to Central America, where more than 10,000 people were killed as a result of the hurricane and thousands are missing.

Though the Fort Campbell soldiers do not know how long they will be staying or what type of aid they will be providing, the helicopters will probably be used to fly supplies into ravaged areas.

The American Business Women's Raider Victory Fellowship will will address topics on the Association will meet at 4 p.m. in psychological-related issues and the KUC 314. All majors are welcome to join. For more

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Campbell at 893-0469.

Continuing

of Murfreesboro will sponsor the

Moody speaks of flaws in capitalism system

"Lean production wants to cut everything," Moody said. "The term often used is 'waste'. When thousands of companies and firms do this, society changes." He said that this change is due

to a flaw in capitalism.

created an insecure working class.

"There are too damn many auto plants or refrigerator plants producing," he said. "This is one reason we have an ongoing of plant closings and downsizing."

He also pointed out that there are misleading myths which permeate society as a whole, and myths are a reason that the focus on improvements is off.

"We often hear that 'our jobs are going to Mexico," Moody explained.

that lean production, or the act of "No, your jobs are disappearing own plight," Moody said. "This cut-backs and labor trimming, has into thin air. Only a small portion strike was supported by the public. are going to Mexico."

> class focused on paralysis in the face of global industrial restructuring. He also noted that there are obvious difficulties in the mobilization of that class' own organizations.

> "The unions and labor federations are taking upon themselves the tasks of the old political parties," Moody said. "The parties have gone too far to the right."

> He added that the change between the socialist movement of yesterday and today is based on a sense of community.

> "When people go on strike they do so to save their community," Moody said. "It's not like the late sixties when you have quickiewildcats. Today, it's about concrete experiences that people are

Moody said the recent UPS (United Parcel Service) strike showed just how much things have changed within the movement.

"More and more people see their

People even brought the striking Moody's portrait of the working workers coffee and pop."

He proposed that the change brought about by these social movements is paramount to social mobility in the world. He said that movements of the past relied heavily on the same type of upheaval.

"Nothing changes without that kind of activity," Moody said. "Change is incremental at times. but if there isn't a big push at some point to move things forward, then guess what? Things don't move forward. In fact, as we can see, they slide backward and get worse."

His analysis of the change toward globalization led to one central point.

"People need to fight back against the process called globalization," Moody emphasized. "People are looking at their unions and saying, 'These unions are fossilized.' They're not used to fighting. How can we expect a union that hasn't waged a fight for 20 years to know what to do?"

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of being well-coached and a strong competitor among the nation's other collegiate teams. The program has received numerous awards and has had at least one team place within the nation's top ten teams in the past seven years.

The team is coached by John Vile and Tom Van Dervort of the political science department.

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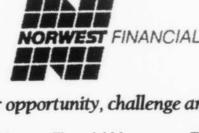
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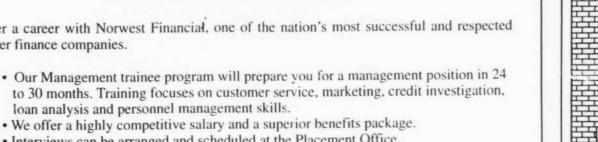
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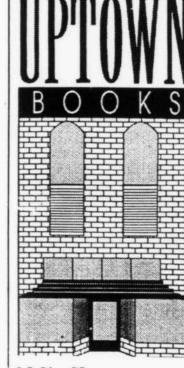
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Alumni establishes athletic scholarship

Julie Pittenger Staff Reporter

MTSU alumni Rollie Holden has been successful at athletics for most of his life, and now he is giving others the same opportunity.

He and his wife established the Rollie M. and Katherine Butler Holden Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for athletes from Rutherford County.

"Rutherford County produces a lot of good athletes who go to other schools," he said. "I hope this can help us bring some of those athletes to MTSU."

"The scholarship is for \$50,000. It is for boys or girls, either one, from Rutherford County," said Lee Fowler. athletic director.

According to Fowler, the scholarship will be made available approximately one year from now

Holden grew up in Rutherford County and played basketball at Rockvale High School in 1929. He later coached the girl's team there, leading the team to win the county championship and played in the district tournament.

He played center for three years at MTSU, which was then State Teacher's College. It was here that he earned the nickname "Whip" because of his 6-feet-1-inch, 145 pound Later, Coach Faulkinberry changed the nickname to "Whoop."

Holden worked his way through school in a variety of jobs. He worked on the college's farm, was an assistant to the school's carpenter, worked at the Rosary Café and at his brother's filling station. He was also business manager for "Sidelines", as well as the "Midlander".

After his graduation in 1933, Holden coached and taught at Smyrna High School for four years and Chapel Hill for five years before joining the Army. He then served in Africa and Italy until the end of World

In 1948 he opened Holden's Hardware, which just celebrated it's anniversary. Holden was named Business Legend of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce this

Holden also is strongly involved in politics. He was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1946, where he had the poll tax abolished and established a General Sessions Court. He also served as Al Gore's campaign

In 1953, he was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce, during which time he worked to attract industry to Rutherford County.

He has had a busy life, but he always finds time for athletics. He has bought season tickets for MTSU basketball every season since his return from the war. He also cofounded the Blue Raider Club.■

Caregiver workshop to be held this week for baby boomers

Justin Harris Staff Reporter

Baby boomers, those people born between 1946 and 1964, are finding that they have more responsibility than caring for their children and looking after their own finances.

This generation of adults known as the "Sandwich Generation" is finding themselves caught between the demands made by their children and grandchildren, work and caring for

MTSU will sponsor "Baby Boomers: Preparing For Care-giving" on Monday, Nov. 23, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the St. clair Street Senior Center. The workshop is free of charge and is being held in conjunction with National Family Care Givers Week.

About 6.5 million people or one-fifth of the population over the age of 65, require

Approximately 22 million families, nearly 1 in 4, are providing some sort of assistance to an older family member.

"People spend 17 to 18 years raising and caring for their children, but they spend even more than that caring for their aged parents," siad Judy Campbell, one of the workshop's

"Parents are living a lot longer and more chronic illnesses are expected to affect them. The purposes of this workshop are to make Baby Boomers realize that they will be care-givers, to at 615-898-2693.■

better prepare them to face that role, to teach them how to talk to their parents about what they want at that age and to make the transition from being son or daughter to primary care-giver comfortable," she added.

"This is the first workshop of its kind sponsored by the university, and the likelihood of it becoming an annual event is dependent upon the turnout and participation," Campbell

"Each year, we will hopefully sponsor a different workshop concerning a variety of issues during this special week."

For more information or to register for the workshop, call Campbell at 615-898-5729, Catherine Stogner at 615-898-5522 or Ron Aday

Theft should be main crime concern for students

Brian Forrester Staff Reporter

MTSU students and faculty should be concerned with being the victims of theft more than any other crime committed on campus.

Theft of property is the most common crime committed against students and faculty on campus. According to Public Safety records, there have been 34 incidences involving theft in this semester.

According to Sgt. Darrell Collins, all of these thefts have been crimes of opportunity.

The majority of these thefts can be successfully prevented if students will exercise common

According to Public Safety, at least eight bicycles have been stolen on campus. Students lock their bikes up in such a way that they are not really securing their bikes to a bike rack. When locking up a bike, make sure that the lock secures the frame and not just a wheel. Because many bikes have a



Students find themselves the

victims of stolen bags, books,

wallets and purses as well. In the

majority of the cases, no force was

required to steal the items.

Kyle Skillman, sophomore Criminal Justice major, puts his bag in a Recreation Center locker to protect it from theft.

quick release mechanism on their wheels, it is not difficult to take the rest of the bike and leave one

least invest in a \$35 to \$45 lock."

"Don't buy a .15 cent lock to lock up a \$500 bike," Collins said. "At

Students left them unattended in a non-secured place. For instance students leave

their book bags unattended in front of the Phillips Bookstore and return to find their book bags missing. Collins urges students to use the

lockers that are located in front of the bookstore.

"It will only take about fifteen econds to throw it in the locker and pull the key, and then you are safe," he said.

According to Collins, there have been eight stolen book bags from that area since 1997. None of the bags were in lockers. It costs 25 cents to use a locker, and once a

person gets his bag out of the locker, he get his quarter back. It costs nothing but time, for the student to place his bag in a secure

To aid in the recovery of stolen textbooks, students are encouraged by both managers of Phillips Bookstore and Blue Raider Bookstore to put their name in their textbooks once they are sure that they will be staying in the class. By placing a signature in the book, it leaves an identifying mark on the book which could aid in tracking it down if stolen.

Students also leave their dorm rooms unlocked only to return and find items missing. These items range from missing checks to clothes. This month alone, there have been three incidences of burglary in Corlew Hall. Students should be aware that it does not take long for a theft to occur.

A number of automobile breakins involve valuable items that were in plain view. Several cases involve the theft of books, which could be sold back to Phillips or Blue Raider for quick money, or theft of cds or cd players.

These items should be concealed from view when ever possible.

"If a student has something stolen, then report it on the same day," said Collins. "If there is no victim, then there is no crime."

Students should report their missing items to lost and found before contacting Public Safety. Sometimes a person will pick up an item and return it to lost and found with no intention of theft. However, students are recommended to contact Public Safety after that has

Student arrested for theft of backpacks

Brian Forrester Staff Reporter

Public Safety arrested a suspect Thursday for theft of the two book bags left unattended in front of Phillips Bookstore and for two cases of fraudulent use of a stolen credit card.

MTSU student Brent Bledsoe, a junior in the College of Business called Public Safety on Thursday because he had locked his keys inside of his car and needed assistance getting into his vehicle. Sgt. Darrell Collins was the dispatcher on duty and also the officer working on the thefts of the book bags. When Bledsoe, who was

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already a suspect, gave Collins his name, stolen from all three backpacks were found Collins ordered that he be taken into custody.

Collins was investigating the theft of school backpacks which occurred in front of Phillips bond. According to the arrest report, Bledsoe is Bookstore

The suspect allegedly had sold back to Phillips Bookstore the books that were inside the stolen backpacks. He also had used a stolen credit card at Agees Sporting Goods and MacGregor's Wine and Liquors. A clerk working for MacGregor's successful identifying Bledsoe.

After Bledsoe was arrested, Collins was made aware of a third book bag which had been reported stolen just before Bledsoe called to have his car unlocked. Collins said that items

inside of Bledsoe's car when he was arrested.

Bledsoe was arrested and placed on \$5,000 charged with three accounts of theft under \$500 and two cases of fraudulent use of a credit card.

"Once under custody," Collins said, "He confessed to it, referring to all five arrest

Bledsoe also faces charges of shoplifting from Wal-Mart. According to a Murfreesboro Police citation, Wal-Mart issued a complaint against Bledsoe for shoplifting two video cassettes on

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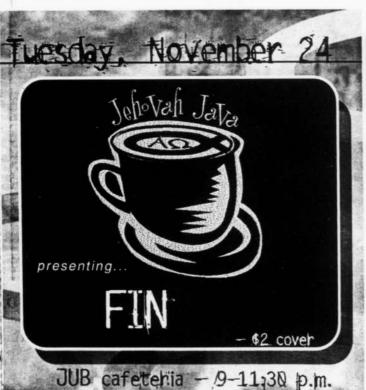
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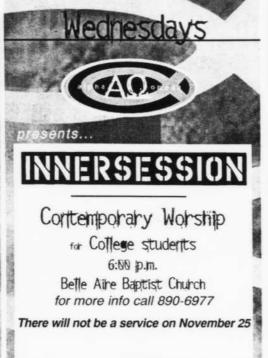


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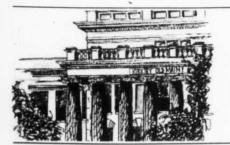
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

-Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Use the lockers

Remember when you were a young child and your mother told you to keep a quarter with you at all times?

That's still good advice.

Carrying a quarter at all times cen keep you from becoming a theft statistic because that's all it costs to keep your possessions secured in a locker outside of Phillips Bookstore instead of leaving them lying around on the ground.

It would be great to be able to assume that you can leave your bookbag on the groun and it will always be there when you return.

But the reality is that you can't get a guarantee. Just like in the "real world," there are going to be people that are less than honest.

The extra five seconds you spend locking your books into a locker is worth knowing that your textbooks will always be there when you

The lockers only cost a quarter, and you even get your quarter back to use the next time you have to buy that last minute test answer sheet.

It's an inconvenience, but then again, so is filling out an incident report at Public Safety.

There are people who complain that students should not have to inconvenience themselves by leaving their books outside the bookstore. The students insist that they should be allowed to carry their books into the store or someone should be assigned to watch the bags while students shop.

However great these ideas may sound in theory, the lockers are still the most cost-effective method of keeping books safe.

Allowing bookbags inside the bookstore probably would lead to higher theft rates inside the store and an attendant hired to watch the bags would have to be paid.

Think these things won't affect

They will when your textbook and supply prices rise even higher to offset the costs.

If you are already complaining about the cost of your textbooks, imagine if they were even higher just because someone couldn't keep their hand off of other students' possessions.

Use some sense. Just because you don't have to do something doesn't mean it's smart to omit it.

A backpack in a locker is better than the cost of replacing a semester's worth of stolen textbooks.

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Taking a pass on an easy conquest

Christopher Guerette Syracuse University

Rick was really drunk. Booze eased the pain he felt after seeing his girlfriend dragged out of his apartment crying because she couldn't accept that he had broken up with her. The cigars he shared with Tim also helped to ease the pain.

I don't drink much, and I don't smoke, but that night I had finished off two screwdrivers and suggested that the three of us go out to Rick's front lawn and recruit some single girls to hit on.

A group of girls walked by. Rick - still drunk, of course called out to them:

"Hey, where are you guys going?"

The young women turned around and walked over to us. Tim and Rick focused their attention on the prettiest girl in the group, Michelle. She was accompanied by three ugly girls named Jen and a freshman drama major named Kim.

I struck up a conversation with Kim that at first took a turn for the better

"I'm a very sexual person," she said, moving closer to

And then for the worse...

"That's why I was going to try Ecstasy tonight," she continued. "My friends have always told me that Ecstasy is my drug.'

"You mean it comes in little packets that say 'Kim' on them?" I asked.

"Yeah, so anyway," she said, partially ignoring me. "The

guy who was supposed to get it for me couldn't, so I just went out and got drunk instead. I've had seven screwdrivers."

"Yeah, well you've got me beat," I said. "I only had two." "I'm really into experimenting," Kim said. "I'll try anything. People tell me I should try heroin, but I'm really afraid of needles, so I don't think I will."

"You shouldn't," I said. "It's really addictive."

"Yeah," she said. "but I'm really into the movie 'Trainspotting.'

A break in the conversation gave me a chance to talk to Tim. I told him I wasn't really into Kim, the big drug user. His reply? Well, Michelle, Kim's roommate, told him Kim was looking to get laid. All I had to do was keep her conscious and she'd have sex with me.

Well ... Another reprieve from Kim came when yet another group of women I knew walked by.

"Girls, you've got to get me out of here," I said to them. "Tim and another friend of mine are trying to hook me up with this drug addict. Help!"

They didn't really say much. One of them remembered me - and Rick and Tim, too - from the previous year, when we'd decorated our dorm room door with questionable often sexist and sexual - material. None of them felt compelled to help me out of this jam, so they left.

And I was stuck talking with Kim again.

This time, she sat in front of me and leaned on my legs. "I have so much tension in my neck," she said.

"Is that a hint?" I asked.

"No," she said. "I don't want a back rub. It doesn't work." "Maybe you should smoke up," someone told her.

"No," she said. "You know, this morning, I just woke up and had a bowl."

"I had a Pop-Tart," I confessed. "Honestly, the first thing think of in the morning isn't a bong."

"It wasn't a bong, it was a bowl," Kim snapped.

"I'm sorry," I said. "I'm not really big on the drug scene."

Kim announced that she needed to use the bathroom and asked Rick if she could use his.

"You go with her, Chris," Rick said, looking at me before quickly adding, "I'm doing this for you."

I gave him a dirty look, and followed her into the apartment. She was bent on getting my attention, and I was bent on getting us back outside. My friends weren't making this easy.

Kim and I made it back to the front yard, where the three Jens were pressuring their friends to leave. Michelle gave the three of us her number, reminding us that it was Kim's number, too.

Kim came up to give me a hug. And she kissed me. I kissed her back, and that was that. She left, and my friends and I went back inside.

I didn't sleep with a girl who was drunk and easy, and I didn't catch any of the diseases she may have contracted through her narcotic or sexual exploits.

Rick e-mailed me the next day:

"I still can't believe you didn't sleep with her," he wrote. "You wuss."

CURT MANN



'Wifebeater' shirts: More than a fashion statement?

Melissa Sperl

Syracuse University

I remember the first time I heard the term "wifebeater" as it pertains to clothing. At home in friendly Minnesota, I was shopping with a friend, whom I will refer to as "Brand Name Boy." He began a discussion detailing the points of his argument that Abercrombie and Fitch's wifebeater - although more expensive was a better deal than those offered at other stores.

"What are you talking about?" I said with a furrowed brow.

"You know," he retorted. "Muscle shirts. Tank tops."

Hey, I don't want to stereotype people who wear wifebeaters, but when clothing crosses the line into blatant dull-wittedness and scorching harassment, I have to speak up. I am willing and proud to make a broad statement about the type of person who walks into a store and, from below a baseball cap brim, asks the cashier:

"Heymmm, do you sell those wifebeater pump?" The wifebeater guy left with his

This exact scene happened the other day as my friend and I awaited a price check on a bathroom scale. The cashier knew exactly what the young shopper was talking about and directed him to an area somewhere between plastic "Mulan" jelly shoes and sateen nightshirts.

She turned to us with bemusement and shrugged. We get that question all the time, she said, and I recalled the gobs of individuals on campus and at house parties who were clad in these garments.

It was at a house party, actually, that I most recently encountered a wifebeater shirt. I was waiting in a particularly obnoxious keg line when a wifebeaterwearing individual shoved his way up to the source of the beer with an authority that can only be demonstrated by a person showing off his muscles. He placed his cup directly under the tap and erased all rules of keg etiquette with one little shrug of his exposed shoulder.

What I thought was, "Hey, asshole!" But what I said was, "Do you want me to

beer, and I was left waiting - again.

About 10 minutes later, outside with a cup of beer that was not worth the \$3 admission I paid for it, I complained about the individual, whom I referred to as "Wifebeater Guy" (and whom everybody knew immediately by that title). Then I forgot about him.

Until, as I walked down the bustling street toward campus with my friends, he came out of nowhere and gave me a pick-up line only a wifebeater guy could muster. Here's how the scene played out:

Wifebeater Guy: "Hey there, ladies. Where are you guys headed?"

Me, appalled: "You're the rude character who cut in front of me at the keg."

Wifebeater Guy: "What? No way, I would never do that. Especially not to a pretty lookin' lady like yourself."

Me, secure in my obvious moral superiority: "I'm afraid you're wrong. You definitely cut, and it was definitely rude. I recognize your wifebeater shirt."

Wifebeater Guy: "Oh. Well, maybe I did. But I'm sorry, and I wouldn't have done it if I had known I was going to see you again

later. So, where are you staying tonight?" Me, nauseated: "My house. My home. By myself, thank you."

Wifebeater Guy: "Well, hey. I think you should come back to (the dorm) with me."

After I laughed and turned directly around, Wifebeater Guy began shouting things at me that I just can't repeat about what I need done to me and how he would be the perfect person to do it. When that didn't work, Wifebeater got mad.

"What's up with these bitches, man? You know you all just want to get laid, man. These bitches at this school, man!"

Would I be wrong to link this gentleman's attire with his attitude about life and, indeed, "bitches"? Maybe. Probably

I mean, it takes a certain type of individual to wear a wifebeater on a brisk autumn night. It also takes a certain type of individual to get angry about a girl's perfectly reasonable refusal of his come-on. If these types happen to be one of the same,

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next step for explorers Space station obviously

The Washington Post

The Manhattan ticker-tape parade last Monday for astronaut and senator John Glenn marked the end of an era associated with individual heroics in space. With the successful Russian launch Friday of the first module of the international space station, a new, more collaborative period got underway. Multiple modules, teams of scientists, an alliance of 16 nations; at every level, cooperation and coordination will be watchwords. The goal will be to make risk routine and to prepare for new risks still difficult to imagine.

In reality, space travel has never been an individual endeavor. Thousands of ground workers, engineers, flight

controllers, backup astronauts and more made each flight possible. Most of their names were unknown to most of us; for that matter, few of us can name many members of recent shuttle and Mir crews. Yet unquestionably it has been an era of "Right Stuff" records - first in space, first in orbit, first to the moon, longest in space.

The space station will be different. If all goes according to plan - a Jupiter-sized "if" - the station will become a nearly permanent orbiting laboratory where teams of seven scientists work for long stretches of time. It is to be assembled piece by piece, spacewalk by spacewalk, launch after launch, during the next five years _ a hugely ambitious engineering project, as The Post's Kathy Sawyer recently described it. It's clear the first two modules, Zarya ("Sunrise") and Unity, were named with fingers crossed.

A case can easily be made that the whole convoluted scheme is crazy. It will divert billions of dollars from other scientific projects. Robots in space could work far more cheaply, and often as well. It's almost a given that somewhere along the way the project will be struck by disasters, large and small ("I thought you brought the socket wrench"). The scientific rationales are a stretch.

But there's never been an entirely logical justification for the space program beyond the fundamental one - that space seemed the obvious next destination for a species of explorers. The space station, in that sense, is the obvious next step to prepare for the step after. Whether that turns out to be interplanetary travel, moon colonization or something we can't today foretell isn't clear. But that, in a way, is the point.

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From the Mailbox

Theft a problem on

MTSÚ campus

The TBI does an investigation

about crime on campus. This is

called "MTSU Crime on Campus

Report." According to this report,

226 larceny cases were reported in

1997. Also, according to another

report called "Public Safety

Annual Report," there has been a

9.2% increase in theft on campus

from 1995 to 1997. Theft is also

the most frequently committed

crime reported on campus

department and they do a good

job. However, I have an easy plan

that would help out the officers,

University's Crime Stoppers

program be more widely

advertised. This program helps by

offering money for information

about crimes being committed.

Unlike other Crime Stopper

programs, this one also helps with

misdemeanor thefts. People can

call in about break-ins or just a

about this on campus. I

understand that advertising this

program will cost money, but if

students can afford all of the

flyers for live bands, I'm sure that

the University can afford a few

I have seen very few flyers

stolen bookbag.

I propose first of all that the

students and the University.

MTSU does have a great police

according to this report.

broken into.

Newspaper should ban alcohol advertisement

I know that the newspaper has to use public ads from local businesses to pay for the production of the paper; however, the advertisement shown in the Nov. 9 issue should have been modified of compleletly removed from the edition.

The ad was advertising a new bar that just opened up here. The annoucement of the opening is not what has me upset. The contents of the ad does.

It features comparative pricing for beer, going all the way up to the price for up to four in one night. It also contains a large beer mug filled to the brim, foaming over the side.

I feel that people can drink if they want to and that the newspaper has a right to use ads with alcohol in them; however, this particular ad threatens the integrity of the school.

The administration says that this is to be a "dry campus" and that if found with alcohol on campus (even if you are over 21 years old) one risks displinary action and maybe even getingkicked out. But we allow our paper to print half page ads featuring a mug of beer? This does not make sense to me.

The ad lacked the class and taste that other ads have had andI feel embarassed that MTSU is associated with it.

In the future, I advise the editors of Sidelines to Think about how an ad affects the reputation of the school and the newspaper

> Shronda Black Sophomore/Political Science

WIFEBEATER

it's not my fault.

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more flyers about Crime Stoppers.

Secondly, I propose a "Campus-Watch" to be addressed. Some say that students won't get involved or I am writing to address the are too busy. Others say that this problem of theft on MTSU's will also cost money. I think that campus. Many of the university's just to propose an organization students own expensive property like this wouldn't be that such as stereos, speakers, expensive. The little bit of money computers and vehicle accessories. spent would be worth it if this The students pay good money to could control crime on campus. have these things and shouldn't Also, these programs work very have to constantly worry about well in neighborhoods, so why burglary or their vehicles being wouldn't a similar organization do the same on campus? I believe

many students would help and

participate in this type of

organization. The third step of this plan is simply a suggestion to the Campus Police. I believe it would be helpful to increase foot and bike patrols at night. Many times the sight of a patrol car will deter criminals and prevent a crime, which is great. But to catch someone breaking into a car or dorm, it would be helpful to walk up on them unnoticed. This would also give police a chance to talk with and be involved with the campus community. No more police would have to be hired or work longer shifts. Just add a few

foot or bike patrols. Now I know no one can eliminate crime. Many times these crimes happen in broad daylight and don't look suspicious at all. With this plan however, the police and students would at least reduce the amount of thefts as well as other crimes on campus. It would make our campus a safer place to live. I would be greatly appreciative if this plan was simply proposed to the University heads and Campus Police, as well as the Student Body.

Graham Mallernee

* AMERICAN *

DIABETES MONTH



The Highest Honor...

Middle Tennessee State University will once again present its most prestigious awards in April. This university-wide awards program will pay tribute to three undergraduate students honored for exemplary character and achievements in scholarship, leadership, and service.

- MTSU administration and faculty members are asked to nominate students, after which they will be notified and are encouraged to apply.
- Any qualified student may apply, with or without nomination. Application disks are available in the Office of Student Development, KUC 122. Each award has similar applications, all of which require a two (2) page essay.
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Correction

A story in the Nov. 16 issue of Sidelines titled "Duba featured during annual Symposium" identified author/ poet Ursula Duba as a survivor of the German Holocaust. However, Duba, who spoke at MTSU's annual Social Science Symposium earlier this month, is not a Holocaust survivor. She is a non-Jewish German woman who has devoted her life to educating others after learning about the Holocaust.

Sidelines apologizes to Duba for the mistake.

You know what I think is funny? Wifebeater Guy went home alone.

If you can prove me wrong, please

do. But until that day, I maintain my

opinion that there is a reason people

who wear wifebeaters aren't affected

by the fact that the very name of the

shirt they're wearing is a form of

abuse: They think it's funny.

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There will be a total of 17 new meters, enough to provide every residence hall with a convenient metered space. Students who use the spaces are asked to do so only for loading and unloading purposes so that others can also use it.

These meters should be installed within the next two weeks.

The parking meters on campus are considered in operation from 7:30a,m, to 6:30p.m., Monday thru Friday. A charge of fifty cents for 30 minutes is required while parked in these spaces. Please be advised that overtime parking citations in metered spaces will be given every hour.

Please call Parking Services at 898-2850 wiht any questions or comments regarding the new short-term meters or any other parking matters. We hope the placement of these meters will help to better serve the campus community.

PARKING SPACES BLOCKED FOR TBR GUESTS, DEC. 3,4

MTSU is hosting the Tennesse Board of Regents meeting during the first week of December. On Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3 and 4, the following parking areas will be blocked off to accomodate our campus guests:

- 60 spaces behind Rutledge Hall
- 5 spaces behind James Union Building
- · 7 spaces adjacent to the Alumni Center

We apologize for any inconvenience the blocking of these areas may cause the campus community. We would like to suggest that alternative convenient parking can be found in the Middle Tennessee Baptist Church parking lot on the west side of Tennessee Blvd across from campus.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Parking Services at 898-2850. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Thank you

FEATURES

Murfreesboro, TN



Fl.Oz. includes (L-R) lead yocalist and planist Seth Timbs, guitarist Brian Rogers, bassist Ben Morton and former drummer Sam Baker. Since the recording of "Vegetable Kingdom," Baker has left the group and Justin Meyer has joined as drummer.

Fluid Ounces rock 'Boro with newly released songs

Vickie Gibson Staff Reporter

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Spongebath recording artists FL.OZ. (Fluid Ounces) rocked the Murfreesboro music crowd Friday night when the group performed selections from the new "Vegetable Kingdom" EP just released this week.

The release party at the 'Boro Friday eatured the piano-pop tunes on the limited five-song "Vegetable Kingdom."

Fluid Ounces are Seth Timbs, Brian Rogers, Ben Morton and Justin Meyers. Frontman Timbs does lead vocals and plays piano. Rogers plays guitar and does background vocals. Morton plays bass and bull fiddle. Meyers, who recently joined the group, plays drums. Former drummer Sam Baker played drums and percussion on "Vegetable Kingdom.'

The group is a very close-knit group. A busy schedule of rehearsals, performing and touring and promotional appearances keeps them together as a group for many hours, and three of them live together as well.

But the arrangement has worked out well, according to Timbs, who said the result has been more collaboration. Although Timbs penned all the songs on the new album, other band members contributed their own style to the music. Timbs had already written the material for the first album when the band was formed.

The new album shows a lot of growth by the band, according to Spongebath Records president Richard Williams.

"Vegetable Kingdom" blends diverse genres of music ranging from ragtime to jazz to rock. To announce the new release Nov. 17, the band recently made a few special in-store performances in area record stores prior to the release party at the 'Boro.

"Vegetable Kingdom" is a precursor to the Fluid Ounces' full-length CD "In the New Old-Fashioned Way," due out nationwide in early 1999.

Coming from the same recording sessions as "In the New Old-Fashioned Way," "Vegetable Kingdom" has more of a live feel to it than their debut album "Big Notebook for Easy Piano," which

was nominated for the 1997 Rock Album of the Year by the Nashville Music Association.

"We wanted to make sure we represented how we come across at our shows," said Timbs. "It was recorded live in one room in a house in Jackson, Miss. with very little overdubs. This record definitely has the feel we were hoping to achieve."

The EP was recorded by Richard Dortch at Sunny Dortch Manor last February. It was mixed by Murfreesboro musical wiz Matt Mahaffey of Self, another Spongebath artist and former musical partner of

Fluid Ounces is now touring sporadically in the South in support of the new album, but will be touring nationwide promoting "In the New Old-Fashioned Way" in the spring.

"Vegetable Kingdom" is now available at area record stores and "In the New Old-Fashioned Way" will be coming to stores possibly as early as February.

Special Events for help

in sponsoring the jam.

The concert starts at

LaLance ready to retire after 35 years.

Leaving VP job, he will continue as HPERS instructor

Barry Gilley Staff Reporter

The end of a semester is often full of transitions. Some students are finishing up their requirements and preparing to move on. Others find themselves stopping to catch their breath before jumping into a fresh course load. With all of the hustle and bustle that students go through around this time, it can be easy to forget that faculty members often have considerable transitions to go through as well.

In the case of Robert LaLance, assistant professor of health, physical education, recreation and safety, this semester's end will mark his retirement as the vice president for student affairs. During his 35-year career at MTSU, he has spent 24 years in this administrative role. Oddly enough, this isn't the line of work that he originally saw himself in.

"It's been a good ride. I couldn't have choreographed it any better. I assumed that I'd teach here a couple of years before going somewhere and getting a job coaching basketball. I never dreamed of being an administrator in higher education, but it worked out this way and it's something that I've come to cherish.'

He may be giving up his role as an administrator, but his stint with the university isn't over yet. LaLance will participate in a postretirement program established by the Tennessee Board of Regents that allows individuals to take their retirement through the state and be eligible to work up to half time. The program was created a year ago for those who are tenured and have at least 30 years of service in the Tennessee retirement system.

LaLance says that he has been approved for the maximum four years allowed under the program and plans to use the entire time period teaching in the HPERS department where he got his start. Immediately after getting out of the master degree program at the University of Tennessee, LaLance came to what was then Middle Tennessee State College in 1963 to teach in the physical education department.

Six years later he got his start in student affairs as dean of men. After a year and a half in that position, LaLance took on the role of dean of students for four years before becoming vice president for student affairs. He admits that since he first took the job, things have changed quite a bit.

"There were only 3,700 students, mostly undergraduates 18 to 22 years old. Most were first generation college students. Many were from agricultural



LaLance

backgrounds. Most were white Americans from Middle Tennessee and most were in some kind of educationrelated discipline. That was our strength then and it's still a strong suit of the university, but we've certainly grown to offer a lot more."

LaLance says that diversifying MTSU's curricular offerings has helped to bring in students from all over the country. He feels that one of the ways that the university has enhanced its academic offerings is through quality faculty.

"We have some of the strongest minds in academia, people who are known nationally and internationally. We've always had caring and bright faculty but now we've got some people who are heavyweights."

Of course, LaLance has a particular appreciation for those employed in his department. "In student affairs, we have a tremendously talented staff that make my job very easy," he said. The student affairs of today is naturally far more extensive in scope than 24 years ago.

"There was a dean of students, a dean of women and a dean of men. There wasn't a dean of women until '68. We had someone help with counseling concerns, a psychology professor who enjoyed interacting with students. Food services was here. The residence halls were here. The health service facility was here but limited in terms of its staff. We had a nurse in the infirmary. There weren't a lot of special services." LaLance says that the

department has had to evolve to provide more specialized services as the student body diversified. In the time that he has been vice president, student affairs has grown and adapted to help meet the needs of new students, the disabled and adult learners. There has also been the addition of the women's center, multicultural affairs and the recreation center. "Campus recreation is a

huge operation at MTSU

right now. They've got a large

staff, a big budget and a huge,

See LALANCE, page 7

Massed choirs present 'The Messiah'

Staff Reports

The massed choirs of the Middle Tennessee Choral Society and the MTSU Chamber Choir, along with guest soloists will present G.F. Handel's "The Messiah" in its entirety for two performances on campus.

Accompanied by a brass orchestra and organ, the choirs will sing the holiday classic on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. and again Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Both performances will be at the Wright Music Hall.

It will be directed by Raphael Bundage with Brian Russell as assistant conductor.

There is no admission for MTSU students with ID. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and non-MTSU students and \$8 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 893-6527. ■

Free Thanksgivin' Jam is rapper's gift to students

Shawn Whitsell

Staff Reporter

Rapper and MTSU graduate Thurman Tucker offers students a break from studies this week in the form of a free rap concert on campus. The second annual Tuck's Thanksgivin' Jam and after party will be Tuesday night in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Artists performing include B.N.O.C. of Nashville, Maal & Shorty of Chattanooga, Sea-Sea of Chattanooga, Cain and Melody of Murfreesboro, Felony of Murfreesboro and Faces Of Death (F.O.D.), which will headline the concert. F.O.D. will also perform at the after party. DJ C-Whiz will be spinning for the after party.

This is the second year of Tuck's Thanksgivin' Jam and according to Tucker, it will be around for a while. "It's an annual thing now," he said.

Tucker said he chose to have this jam around the Thanksgiving holiday because it's the time of year when people are in the spirit of giving and he wanted to give the students a free concert.

Tucker said last year's Thanksgivin' Jam was a success but he hopes this year's jam is even better. The show last year featured Black Soulz, Guillotine, Tuck, F.O.D. Christy and Brandy Taylor and Sea-Sea. Christy and Brandy's rendition of Erykah Badu's R&B/soul anthem "Tyrone" was especially enjoyed by the crowd.

Tucker said he has big plans for expansion of the Thanksgivin' Jam. "I want to bring big-name acts and let students see

them for free," he said. This show is not the only jam that Tucker is involved with. Every Sunday night at Mainstreet, Tucker throws his regular Tuck's Jam parties.

But Tucker is busy with more than performing and promoting concerts, he is also a businessman. Tucker, who just graduated from the recording industry program on August 8, works at a record company in Nashville and is the owner of an independent record label, Rapball Records.

Rapball Records was started in 1995, and since then has released five underground albums. The most recent release was the current album by F.O.D., which hit stores nationwide on Oct. 28.

He has his own family-based independent label just waiting on a distribution deal from a major record company. He reminds one of Master P.

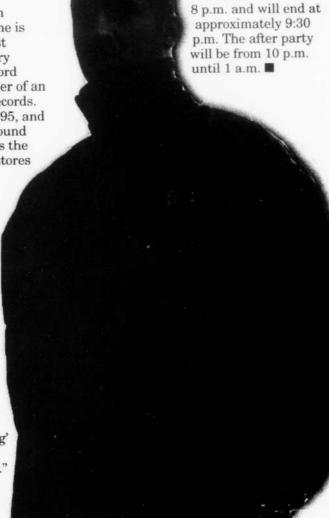
Tucker credits artists such as Puff Daddy, Master P., and Babyface and their business sense with influencing him. As far as musical talent goes, his main influences come from rappers out of Flint, Mich., where he's from, and the late great Tupac Shakur (2Pac).

Tucker said that he and his artists rap about what they know, which is the ghetto but there is also a spiritual side to it.

"I feel my music is 'ghetto healing' so I call it 'ghetto gospel," he said. "It's more reality rap than anything."

Tucker said that he wants everybody to come out to his Thanksgivin' Jam to have fun in a violence-free environment.

He said he appreciates MTSU's Tucker



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high-tech facility, one of the finest in the southeast. That's something that we started talking about in the '70s as being needed and good for the campus."

LaLance believes the recreation center has made a tremendous contribution to the quality of student life on campus. He sees it as a great environment to have fun, work out and compete. His appreciation for recreation goes back to his childhood.

"As a kid, I was active in athletics and scouting. I spent much of my time in the woods and on playing fields and floors. Athletics and competition, both as a participant and vicariously, have been a big part of my

He also has an interest in music. He enjoys singing with his church choir and plays guitar on eccasion.

"I enjoy folk and country, things that I suppose are passé now. I'm not an accomplished musician, but I can do well enough to entertain myself when I want that release.

LaLance is a native West Virginian from a family of three children. He attended West Virginia University as an undergraduate student. Today, however, he has very little family still living in the state of his birth. LaLance's sister lives in New York and his brother Richard is a professor of physical education here at MTSU.

LaLance says that he and his brother have less than two years difference between their ages and have always been close, but their living and working so closely to each other has made them even closer. Both they and their families do a lot of things together.

Spending more time with family is one of the things he would like to use his extra time doing after this semester. LaLance has four grandchildren and another on the way. He also intends to spend time playing golf and traveling with his wife. He says that he is an avid golfer and fisherman. He also plays some tennis and will likely try to take care of some things at home that he hasn't had time to do until now.

That doesn't mean that the day he quits teaching will be easy however.

"The relationships that I've established with students over the past 35 or 36 years have been very gratifying," he said. He's enjoyed watching men and women leave here with degrees, get out into the world, be competitive and make names for themselves.

"It's just a school to some people, just a place to earn a salary. It's become more than that to me. I've got a lot of my heart and soul invested here," he said. "Every institution, be it in education or otherwise, needs people like that to be cheerleaders for it. I guess I consider myself a cheerleader."

Tonight's Songwriters' Showcase gives aspiring musicians a chance to be heard

Jean Speck Staff Reporter

Student songwriters/music-ians and a professional songwriter hope to draw a crowd tonight for the first Songwriters Showcase presented by the Student Songwriters Association and the MTSU Fine Arts Department.

This is the first such showcase on campus and one that organizers hope will find an audience in people who appreciate a free concert right on campus.

"The Student Songwriters Association has had showcases in the past (off campus), but by placing the showcase in a larger on-campus venue, Fine Arts hopes to draw a larger crowd," said Sara Henderson, a senior Recording Industry Management major who serves as fine arts chair for the student programming department.

There will be several students performing original songs to display their talent in the field of songwriting and performing. The event is intended to benefit the entire student population of MTSU and the songwriters in particular.

The showcase will include five songwriters, four of whom are current RIM majors and members of the SSA

They will joined by Rory Collins, a 1997 MTSU RIM graduate who is now a professional songwriter. Collins, a former president of the SSA, will be the featured performer, according to B.J. Hill, current SSA president.

Organizers hope to have a good turnout for the event and believe it will be especially beneficial to participating students who will be able to get some of their own music out for public and professional feedback.

Aspiring songwriters are encouraged to attend to take advantage of the opportunity to meet and share ideas with a professional songwriter. Collins will share his comments on writing and performing in a professional environment.

There is no admission to the show which begins at 7 p.m. in the K.U.C Theater tonight. The showcase is open to students, faculty and the public.

The Fine Arts Department, in association with the Student Songwriters Association. plans to turn the showcase into an annual event

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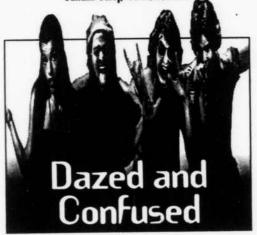
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Monica, Who `Knew'?

Howard Rosenberg Los Angeles Times

If you haven't had your fill. If you can't wait for the Andrew Morton book and the Barbara Walters interview.

If you can't possibly hang on until the movie, the unauthorized TV biopics, the Cliffs Notes, the coffee mugs, the designer kneepads, the Monicahhhhhh fragrance and thong underwear, the Mighty Monica action figure, the Teddy in a teddy pajama bag, and the Trippo and Ms. Monica (Oh, nohhhhh) Play-Doh characters.

If you're that impatient, there's

Monica Lewinsky: When I Knew Monica," Monday night's Investigative Reports With Bill Kurtis" on the A&E Network. That's the former highbrow, now middle-brow and sinking-fast Arts & Entertainment Network.

One question you'll be asked to ponder: "Is the woman who revealed to Linda Tripp that she told President Clinton, 'I love you, Butt-head,' a stalker and a seductress or is she just a kid who's made a terrible

Actually, what needs investigating most is the deteriorating brain matter that led to making and airing this British cheap rehash about that woman!@ and some of her friends, who have little to say that hasn't already been said

or that merits a TV audience. Hosted and narrated by

Kurtis with his usual breathless urgency _ his voice replaces the original British narration by actor Tim Pigott-Smith _ this program comes under the category of How Much More of This Can Be Ingested Without Throwing Up? As in:

Monica's baby pictures and this factoid: "When Monica was 1, Nixon resigned," says Kurtis, who could have emailed in this assignment.

Home footage of Monica at her eighth-grade graduation. Monica: "Hey, I think that Hawthorne is a really, really, really cool school.'

_Michelle Glasov commenting about the adventures of her best friend, Monica, "It's so odd to think that the president of the United States is somewhat of an ex-boyfriend of a friend of mine.

_Washington journalist Jack Trapper saving about the Monica he dated briefly, "She's so unhateable. She's benign ... and ordinary.'

And Kurtis describing an early move that Monica supposedly put on Bill Clinton in the Oval Office. "She lifted up the top of her jacket and flashed the top of her panties at him." Pigott-Smith had called them knickers, of course.

Speaking of knickers, A&E is really smoking this week, for coming Tuesday is another of

its Kurtis-narrated "Investigative Reports," this one titled "All the Presidents' Women." Yes, all!

It includes a "rare interview with one of Lyndon Johnson's alleged mistresses" and Warren G. Harding's grandnephew speaking publicly about one of his great-uncle's alleged affairs in the White

How real is "All the Presidents' Women"? Kurtis: `In this world of

innuendo, FDR dies in the arms of his mistress, Ike wants to divorce his wife, Mamie, to marry his wartime driver. ... Warren Harding makes love in an Oval Office closet, (and) JFK swims nude every afternoon with White House secretaries and Hollywood

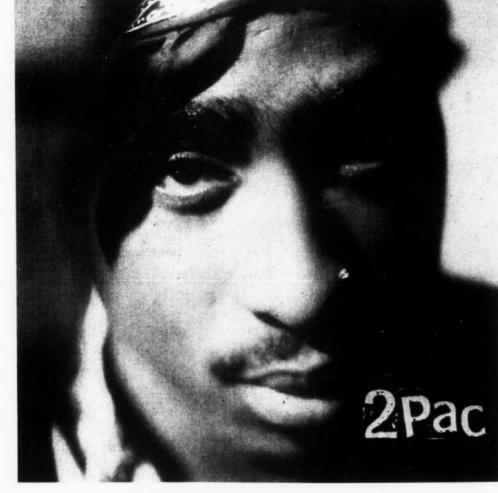
To say nothing of Grover Cleveland admitting he fathered a child out of wedlock and of a woman claiming to have had a 21-year affair with Johnson that produced an illegitimate son.

And while I was dancing with him," she says about LBJ, he put a key in my hand, and, of course, I was old enough to know what it was for.'

All right! Why, compared with some of these men about town, Bill Clinton is the Pillsbur Doughboy.

But what is fact, and what is fiction?" Kurtis asks.

Uh-oh. This universe of innuendo may not be entirely



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Raiders get first win of season.

Michael Edwards Staff Reporter

The Erskine Flying Fleet became the first victim of the season for the Blue Raider basketball as MTSU defeated Erskine 83-59 in front of the Murphy Center crowd.

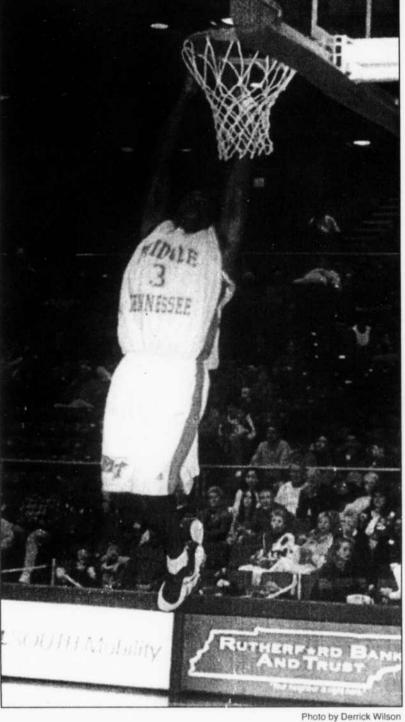
On the back of Cedrick Wallace, the Blue Raiders jumped out on the Flying Fleet 8-2 from the opening tip. After a minute and two seconds Dale Thomas opened the scoring gates for Cedrick Wallace and the rest of the Raiders. Wallace scored the next 7 points for the Blie Raiders. From the start of the game MTSU never trailed.

The Blue Raiders took a 10 point lead into a media timeout at the 11:56 mark, and they came out absolutely on fire. With the return of Cedrick Wallace the Blue Raiders began a 11-2 run. It was all started by a Richard Duncan three pointer. Cedrick Wallace then answered with a three pointer of his own. 29 seconds later Duncan made a steal and *tossed the ball high into the air, it appeared to no one inparticular. Cedrick Wallace came down with the ball and the crowd erupted. At that point the score was 29-13, and the game was basically decided.

However, the Fleet continued to battle with the Raiders and by the end of the half, they were able to cut the lead, which grew to 21 points, to 14. MTSU led at the half by a score of 46-32. Wallace totaled 20 points in the first

The Fleet came out in the second half at stayed with the half minutes. Kevin White pointers, against the Flying Fleet. launched a three pointer at the 17:31 mark which hit nothing but nylon and was the catalyst of a 13-3 run. The run spanned 3 minutes, and at the conclusion the Blue Raiders led by 22. Over the next 3 minutes the lead would be cut to 16 until the Blue Raiders finally wore down the Fleet and began to put them away. Thanks to a 14-2 run spanning almost 4 minutes.

28 points would be the biggest lead MTSU would get, but with that lead and 7:40 the game was all but over. Eskine



Kevin White, 3, guard, dunks the ball during Saturday's 83-59 victory Blue Raiders for about 2 and a over Erskine. White pumped in 13 points, including three three-

end of the game, and the Raiders went on to win their first win of the season.

MTSU was led by Cedrick Wallace who totaled 31 points in the game on 12 of 14 shooting. He shot 4 of 6 from three point land.

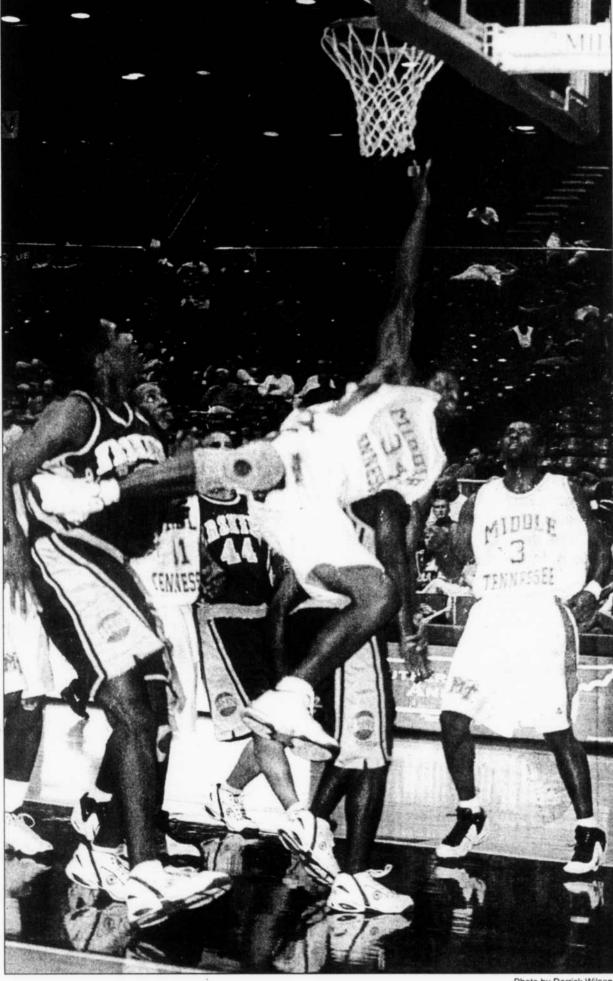
Kevin White followed Wallace's example by pumping in 13 points of his own including three three pointers. Richard Duncan helped his own cause with 9 assists and only 3 turnovers. He also made three

would cut the lead to 24 by the steals. Dale Thomas grabbed 6 rebounds and scored 9 points.

> In the game the Blue Raiders shot 55 percent, and 71 percent in the first half, including 52 percent from three point land.

> "We felt like disappointed our fans[vs. ETSU]," Cedrick Wallace said. "My family told me to take my time and not rush my shots."

> "We just didn't have an answer for [Cedrick Wallacel," Erskine coach Ralph Patterson



Cedrick Wallace, 34, forward, dazzles the crowd, raking up 31 points in leading the Blue Raiders to a victory over the Erskine Flying Fleet Saturday.

Wallace defies setbacks to become great player

Michael Edwards Staff Reporter

For two years, Cedrick Wallace has been waiting to play Division 1 college basketball, and Saturday night he flaunted his talents by scoring 31 points against Erskine College.

At Lawrence County High School, Wallace was a great basketball player. As a senior, the averaged 31 points, seven rebounds, and five assists and was named Class 3A Mr. Basketball. Other awards he received included his team's Most Valuable Player and district MVP. He also was selected to play in the Tennessee-Georgia All-Star

Following high school, Wallace was a highlyrecruited player. Tennessee, Louisiana State, MTSU and Mississippi State were four of the schools that wanted him. He eventually signed with Mississippi State.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, Wallace blew his knee out in a game. Due to that injury, the Bulldogs decided not to keep their commitment to Wallace. He decided to go play at college, Wallace managed to



Cedrick Wallace, 34, forward, made his mark on Blue Raider fans Saturday as the junior transfer contributed 31 of MTSU's 89 points.

Mississippi Northeast Community College with another young point guard named Richard Duncan. There, Wallace netted a career high of 37 points against

Columbia State. While at the community

average 24 points and nine rebounds. As a freshman, he was the captain of the team. He also received all-state honors while being the team MVP. He also scored in double

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Lady Raiders off to best start in years after win over Furman

Keith Ryan Cartwright Staff Reporter

The Lady Raider women's basketball team staved off a late game surge by Furman to hold on for an 81-75 win

With the victory, the Lady Raiders move to 3-0 on the season. It's the best start for the team since they opened the 95-96 season 5-0.

"We executed extremely well in the first half and knocked down some big shots," head coach Stephany Smith said. "We didn't do that in the second half. It got real loose out

After opening up a 52-33 half-time lead, the Lady Raiders allowed the Lady Paladins back into the game largely because of the success of junior Jackie Smith who scored a career-high 37 points for Furman.

Smith canned 10 of the 16 shots from the field including going two-for-two from threepoint range.

As a team, the Lady Raiders held the Lady Paladins to just 38.3 percent from the floor. Defense has been the Lady Raiders' saving grace thus far. The team entered Sunday afternoon's contest having

limited their first two opponents to just 35.9 percent

"We just didn't execute," was all Furman head coach Sherry Carter would say about her team's lack of offensive fire power aside from Smith.

Senior Carlita Elder led the Lady Raiders with 18, while freshman Erica Lufkin came off the bench to contribute a career-high 17.

In all, five of the Lady Raiders' freshmen combined for 35 points against the Lady Paladins. In just three games, the freshmen are already averaging 28.5 points per contest.

"We have five good freshmen who can only get better," Smith said. "Those five players are going to be big contributors during their careers, but I feel they can contribute this year as well. I play a lot of people and try to get them as much experience as possible.

Freshmen guard Jessica McClure, after an 11-point, sixrebound performance against Alabama-Birmingham, netted three points while tallying six assists and five steals in only 20 minutes of play

"We freshmen just want to come in and get as much experience as we can," Lufkin said, "even if that means coming in and relieving a senior for only a couple minutes.

"We're getting better each men's team.

game. Each game, we have something to work on and improve. We need to just keep working hard and getting

Despite being known as predominately a second-half team, the Lady Raiders allowed Furman to close a 23-point gap between the two teams late in the second half largely due to being out-rebounded, especially on Furman's end of the court.

The one area where the Lady Paladins experienced some success was on the offensive glass where they grabbed 16 boards to the Lady Raiders' 12. Furman outrebounded Middle 41-36, but just wasn't quite able to make

good on the disparage. "The second half, we actually played," said Jackie Smith of Furman's comeback attempt. "It's kinda hard to come back from 23 down. We're actually taller than them. We just didn't use it to our advantage.

The Lady Raiders will return to action Sunday when they travel to Bowling Green, Ky., for an afternoon match-up with Western Kentucky. The team will return to the friendly confines of Murphy Center on Dec. 5 for their first Ohio Valley Conference game of the year against Tennessee Tech as part of a doubleheader with the

Raiders play top 25 team Nov. 30

Michael Edwards Staff Reporter

Like one commentator once said, "It's going to be pandamonium, baby!" That is exactly what it will be when the North Carolina Tar Heels come to MTSU Nov. 30.

The game will take place at Murphy Center at 8 p.m. and the arena will be sold out. For the first time in the '90s, the Blue Raiders will play a top 25 team at home. The Tar Heels are currently ranked 10th among Division 1A basketball teams and will probably be higher

The two teams are basically mirror images of each other, as far as style of play goes. However, the Tar Heels have more talented

The leader of the Tar Heels is head coach Bill Gutheridge. Gutheridge and Wiel were on the same staff as assistant coaches under the dean of all coaches, Dean Smith. Wiel and Gutheridge were part of the national championship team that beat Michigan in the infamous Chris Webber/time out game.

The Heels lost three starters this year. Two of them, Antawn Jamison and Vince Carter went to the bargaining table of the NBA, and the other, Shammond Williams, is in the CBA. However, the Heels had no problem replacing

Ed Cota starts at the point guard, and he is helped out in the back court by freshman Jason Capel. Capel was one of the most highlyrecruited players in the country. In the front court, Brendan Haywood is the starting center. He stands 7 feet tall and weighs 265 pounds. Ademola Okulaja is one of the other forwards along with freshman Kris Lang. Taking out Cota, the shortest player in the starting lineup is Capel, who is a mere 6-foot-8.

If the Tar Heel football team does not make a bowl game, the most sought-after player in the country will be in action. Ronald Curry was one of the most highly-recruited players in the However, he is the backup quarterback on the football team.

MTSU will start Cedrick Wallace, Lee Nosse and Dale Thomas down low. Nosse must play big against the very large Brendan Haywood. Nosse has an advantage in the fact that he can go inside and outside. Nosse needs to be able to take Haywood to the three point line and light him up.

Thomas will have his hands full with Lang. Lang has a 4-inch advantage in height. However, Thomas outweighs Lang by 17

Wallace will get the opporunity to guard Okulaja. Okulaja is a big, tall guard. He is quick and can shoot, as well as go to the basket. Fortunately, Wallace is very capable of shutting down Okulaja.

At the guard spots, Richard Duncan and Kevin White will have their hands full. Do not be suprised to see Johnny Cobb to start and guard Okulaja, while moving Wallace to guard Capel. Capel will be able to post White up at

The key to a win for MTSU would be a lack of turnovers and the emergence of the defense.

The Blue Raiders can win. That's right: they can win if they cut down on the number of turnovers and shoot well. They have a shot. The leaders are going to have to step up for the Blue Raiders for them to have a chance to win.

Early in the game, the Blue Raiders will be flat and go down by a lot of points. However, as the game goes on, MTSU will continue to fight back into the game, but it will not be enough. Unfortunately, due to the superior talent level, the Tar Heels will probably win the game by a score of 92-75.

A can food drive will be held during the MTSU/North Carolina basketball game. The Student Athletic Advisory Committee is asking everyone to support the Blue Raiders on this night and bring a can of your choice. The can goods will be donated to the Rutherford County Food Bank to help the needy. Receptacles will be located at each door for the fans to contribute to the cause.



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Jets redeem themselves with first win over Oilers since '90

Teresa M. Walker Associated Press

NASHVILLE - The New York Jets wanted redemption badly enough Sunday that not even a sick quarterback could stop them.

Vinny Testaverde, who received intravenous fluids before the game, threw for 237 vards and two touchdowns as the Jets bounced back from last week's last-minute loss by beating the Tennessee Oilers

The Jets (7-4) led 23-10 at halftime last week before losing to the Indianapolis Colts, but they never let the Oilers (6-5) get going after coming out of nalftime tied 3-3.

"A lot of us were upset at the opportunity we had last weekend and we let it go by," said Jets running back Curtis Martin. "Today we came out focused and determined that if we got the opportunity, we were going to put the nail in the

New York never trailed in winning for the fifth time in six games thanks in large part due to Testaverde, who woke up Sunday with a virus and arrived at the stadium early for treatment of nausea and headaches

He took New York downfield on its first two possessions of the second half. He capped each with touchdown tosses, the first a 3yarder to Keyshawn Johnson into the left corner of the end zone, and the second a 2-yarder

to Keith Byars.

"Vinny, he's a competitor," said Martin, who capped the scoring with a 31-yard TD run with 9:00 left. "He's a tough guy. I knew he'd be out here playing."

Testaverde was 21-of-33 for 237 yards, and Martin carried 27 times for 123 yards.

Jets coach Bill Parcells liked the victory, but said his team still has much more work left.

"I don't know what went on around the league so far this week. This thing is going to go down to the wire, and we just need to stick to our niche and see what we can do," he said.

Tennessee came into the game as the NFL's highestscoring team in the last five weeks, putting up 159 points. But the Oilers never got moving as they went three-and-out on five of their 10 possessions, and they finished with their fewest points since December 1989 when they were shut out by Kansas City.

"There is nothing you can say to make anything good out of this," said Steve McNair, who was 13-of-24 for 137 yards, but was sacked four times. "We just didn't play with that emotion that we've been playing with the last four to five weeks.'

Frank Wycheck summed up the Oilers' day late in the fourth quarter when he caught a pass from Steve McNair for a first down, was hit by Mo Lewis and fumbled to Corwin Brown.

"We didn't do anything to make a difference in this ballgame," said Oilers coach Jeff Fisher. "You've got to make

plays. You've got to score touchdowns, and you've got to convert third downs.

'We had a good run the last six weeks, and now we have to

start another." The final score could have been much worse. The Jets came in with the AFC's secondbest passing offense and looked early like they would rout the Oilers. Testaverde hit 10 of his first 13 passes as New York

held the ball for nearly 14

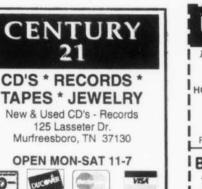
minutes of the first quarter. But each time the Jets moved deep into Tennessee territory, they stalled and wound up hoping for field goals. John Hall's first attempt was wide left, but he put a 43yarder through for a 3-0 lead at the beginning of the second

Tennessee, which takes over the Jets' old Titans nickname after this season, didn't look anything like the team that won five of its last six. The Oilers couldn't even get a punt off without first picking up consecutive penalties.

George got the Oilers untracked for their only scoring drive in the second quarter. They got to the Jets 7, but settled for a 34-yard field goal by Al Del Greco. ^Notes:@ Testaverde is now 7-1 as the

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No. 1 Tennessee Continues March to Fiesta Bowl, 59-21

Chris Dufresne Los Angeles Times

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee defeated Kentucky on Saturday, 59-21, although the Volunteers probably could have picked the final score.

Last week, to get a win, Tennessee needed the Arkansas quarterback to trip over his feet and fumble away the game.

No such luck was required Saturday at Neyland Stadium, where 107,252 fans watched Tennessee take another step closer to the Fiesta Bowl with a punishing and business-like victory against a school that unsuccessfully tried to play a game while still in

The Wildcats took the field six days after the truck crash that killed Kentucky player Arthur Steinmetz and Christopher Scott Brock, Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch's best friend.

Jason Watts, the Wildcats' starting center and the truck's driver, has been second-degree with charged manslaughter and one count of drunken

Watts did not play Saturday, but Couch did, knowing how close he almost

Jets starting quarterback. ... The Jets

picked up their first victory against the

Oilers since 1990, snapping a six-game

losing streak in the series. ... Coach

Bill Parcells didn't allow reporters into

the Jets locker room after the game.

Instead requested players were

brought out to reporters. Then-

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said "yes" when his friends asked him to go along on last Sunday morning's hunting trip.

Couch declined because he had family 'in town.

On Wednesday, he buried Brock, a childhood friend from Hayden, Ky., and then did what he could to get ready for the nation's top-ranked team.

"I had to go to my best friend's funeral," Couch said afterward. "I didn't get to prepare as much as usual, but I'm not making any excuses."

It's doubtful Kentucky could have handled Tennessee in the best of times.

To inspire his shellshocked team, Coach Hal Mumme faked an early punt and gambled on fourth down numerous times, to no avail.

"The sad truth of the matter is you can't go out and play against great athletes with an emotionally spent team," Mumme said.

Tennessee made sure Kentucky never got off the mat.

Kentucky held a 7-6 lead in the first quarter before Tennessee scored 32 unanswered points to take a 38-7 lead into the half. The Volunteers took the lead for good late in the first quarter on Shawn Bryson's 1-yard run. Tee

loss to Kansas City, but the locker

room facilities at Vanderbilt Stadium

are small and cramped ... George

joined nine other running backs by

topping 1,000 yards in each of his first

three seasons. He got to the 1,000-yard

mark in his 11th game, just as he did

in 1997.

Martin's successful pass to Bryson on the two-point conversion made it 14-7. and it was a Tennessee waltz from there.

Couch finished with his usual glossy numbers, completing 35 of 56 passes for 337 yards and two touchdowns. But he was sacked six times by a relentless Tennessee defense that took advantage of Kentucky center Aaron Daniel, making his first collegiate start in place

Couch entered the postgame interview room battered and bruised, his right arm in a sling. Couch said he may have separated his shoulder.

"They wanted a shoot-out and they got it," Tennessee receiver Cedrick Wilson said.

If it was a shoot-out, it was one-sided. Tennessee outgained Kentucky, 466 yards to 376, and likely tightened its hold as No. 1 in the Associated Press

With the win, Tennessee (10-0) clinched the Southeastern Conference's Eastern division and will play either Arkansas or Mississippi State in the SEC title game on Dec. 5.

"We're not finished yet," linebacker Steve Johnson said. "We clinched the SEC East, but we've got bigger goals and

bigger plans than this."

Tennessee, No. 1 in the bowl championship series standings, is two victories away from securing a spot in the Jan. 4 Fiesta Bowl.

The Volunteers play at Vanderbilt next week before playing in the SEC

title game. Talk of polls and bowls rang hollow for Kentucky, which fell to 7-4.

"I think everyone's going to be glad to get to Thanksgiving," Mumme said. It was a week for pause and

reflection. Kentucky players wore patches on their uniforms to honor Steinmetz,

Brock and Watts. "I hope that meant a lot to the families of those who passed away and

to Jason," Couch said. Mumme, drained by the week's events, used his postgame speech to

lecture his players. "Our sad loss was brought on by drunk driving," Mumme said he told his

"The next time you think of putting a beer bottle or a whiskey bottle to your lips, you've got to think of Artie's

(Steinmetz) parents in front of that

Oakland coach Joe Bugel was fined \$25,000 last season for failing to open his locker room after a season opening

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figures in every game that year.

After eight games during his sophomore year, Wallace tore his ACL and his season came to an abrupt halt. After recovering from his injury, Wallace decided that he wanted to play at MTSU.

"Richard Duncan really influenced me

in coming here," Wallace said.

Since Wallace has been on the Blue Raider bench, he and every other MTSU fan has been waiting for his opportunity to play in a game. In his first game, he struggled mainly due to rushing shots and trying to do too much. However, in his second performance, Wallace managed to get 31 points on 12 of 14 shooting.

"Cedrick can consistently score 15 points per game," said Coach Randy Wiel.

When Wallace hits the court, he expects nothing but his best. "I expect 100 percent," Wallace said. "No, I expect 110 percent."

Wallace attributes his driving will to play well to his love for the game and to his love of competition.

"I just love to play," Wallace said. "The competition drives me mainly."



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Steinbrenner reportedly set to sell Yankees

Hal Bock Associated Press

NEW YORK - George Steinbrenner reportedly has reached an agreement in principle to sell the New York Yankees to Cablevision Systems Corp. for \$550 million to \$600 million.

As part of the sale, Steinbrenner would remain in charge of day-to-day operations of the team.

NBC Sports said the deal was agreed to on Thursday and called for Steinbrenner to turn over full ownership of the team to the cable network for \$600 million.

A source familiar with Steinbrenner's negotiations, speaking on the condition he not be identified, told The • Associated Press no deal has been agreed to.

The source said any sale would involve Steinbrenner's limited partner shares and that he would retain his shares as managing general

The managing general partner has control of a team's operations.

The Daily News reported the sale would be completed after Jan. 1 for tax reasons and said it called for Cablevision to buy 70 percent of the team for \$550

Cablevision president James Dolan, whose father is chairman of the company, said Sunday he would not comment on "rumors or speculation."

said Cablevision "maintains an active interest in the future of our relationship with Mr. Steinbrenner and the

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Howard Rubenstein, who handles public relations for Steinbrenner, confirmed the Yankees' owner had been talking with Cablevision chairman Charles Dolan but said there was nothing to

Arthur Richman, a senior adviser to Steinbrenner, said of the reported sale: "We've been hearing this for weeks. He's never told us."

If the deal goes through at either of the reported prices, it would be a record for a baseball team and the second-highest price ever paid for a sports franchise behind the pending \$1 billion sale of the English soccer team Manchester United to Rupert Murdoch.

Earlier this year. Murdoch paid \$311 million for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Alfred Lerner paid \$530 million last month for the rights to an NFL expansion team in Cleveland.

Charles Dolan and his brother, Larry, were finalists for the NFL team with a bid of \$500 million.

Earlier, Charles Dolan became a major player in sports with the purchase of Madison Square Garden and that arena's two pro teams, the NBA's New York Knicks and the NHL's New York Rangers.

Part of that purchase included Madison Square Garden Network, which holds broadcast rights to the Yankees in a 12-year, \$486 million deal that expires in two years.

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Talks have gone on for some time between the Yankees and Cablevision and Steinbrenner reported on them to his limited partners during two days of meetings in Cleveland last week.

Steinbrenner, 68, led a group that paid \$10 million to purchase the Yankees from CBS in 1973.

He has seen the value of the team zoom, particularly with World Series championships in the last three years and a record 125 victories last season.

At one time, it was thought Steinbrenner wanted to keep control of the Yankees within his family but his sons, Henry and Hal, have expressed little interest in running the team.

A sale would shift the burden of the Yankee Stadium dispute Steinbrenner to from Cablevision. Steinbrenner wants a new ballpark, complete with luxury boxes and more parking, to replace the 75-yearold stadium in the Bronx.

The stadium lease expires in 2002 and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has supported Steinbrenner's demand for a new park on the West Side of Manhattan. The owner also has talked with New Jersey representatives about moving the franchise there if he does not get a new stadium.

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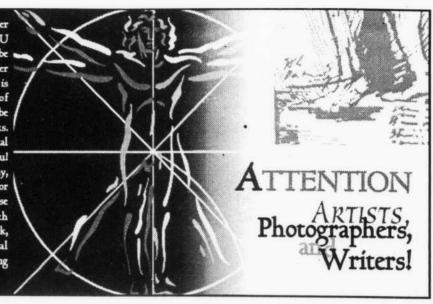
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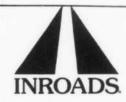
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