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PICK A CLASS ANY CLASS: Emily Popma, and Moni Cook, accounting majors, search for an English class during preregistration.

Alumni input on name change called 'too costly'

BRIGID MURPHY STEWART

Special to *Sidelines*

MTSU alumni have not had a chance to vote on a possible name change for the university because it is too costly, the Student Government Association president said.

SGA President Shawn Burgess said it is "too costly for the SGA to send mail-outs to each one."

"The *Midstater*, the alumni magazine, can reach so many more of the alumni than we ever could," Burgess said, "but it comes out this winter, during the Christmas holidays."

"We started so late, and I was expecting to reach the alumni sooner, but the *Midstater* is only published quarterly. We will just have to wait until January to hear

Alumni polled in winter Midstater

Midstater's winter edition will include a feature story on the recent actions of the SGA, including the name change, Marie Kirk, Alumni Relations director, said Wednesday.

"The alumni will be given the opportunity to reply," Kirk said.

Midstater is scheduled to be mailed in mid-December, their response."

"We cannot poll or estimate how the alumni will respond," said Marie Kirk, director of Alumni Relations. "I would not even try to comment on what the alumni response will be until we have heard from all of them."

During the Oct. 16 Homecoming election, the SGA

and responses should be coming in by early January.

"We have 37,000 copies of *Midstater* printed," Kirk said.

Most of the copies are mailed, reaching more than 40,000 alumni.

"Response is very unpredictable," Kirk said. "I think alumni will be interested and receptive."

asked students to vote on whether MTSU should change its name to University of Middle Tennessee. Students voted in favor of the change by a two-to-one margin.

Once the vote was taken, the SGA asked MTSU President James Walker to estimate the fiscal impact statement if the

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Health Services tightens budget

NICOLE SIKORA
News Writer

Decreases in state and federal funding for education have most departments taking cost-cutting measures to meet their budgets comfortably, and MTSU Health Services is no exception.

"We have restricted travel funds like all the other departments, and we are stretching money further by using generic medicines rather than brand name ones where we can," said Director of Health Services Barbara Martin.

Although the McFarland Health Services building was built with private funds, the equipment, medicines, and staff are provided entirely through state and federal funds.

Although the 1991-'92 budget for Health Services was not reduced, the department is trying to save money. They want to add a full-time physician, which means keeping staff costs down comparable to last year's costs.

A full-time physician is necessary to deal with the growing demand for health care because to an increasing student body, according to Martin.

The increase in patient load, though, has not kept up with increases in enrollment, Martin said.

McBride named outstanding prof

Ron McBride, associate professor of industrial studies, was recently recognized for his work by the National Association for Industrial Technology.

He was named Outstanding Professor in Industrial Technology for the NAIT Region III Oct. 16 in Dayton, Ohio.

The recognition is based not only on the recommendations of

"The first priority on our 'wish list' is a full-time physician. All of our other [staff] needs could be held off if this one could be met," Martin said.

The budget for the department, like many others on campus pays staff from funds separate from their operating costs.

Operating costs for Health Services include various medical supplies, medicines, crutches, and other items.

Martin is trying to stretch the operating supplies budget to maintain the services without having to change the service they provide, until June when new allocations are made.

"I'm not anticipating running out of money," Martin said.

Allocations for 1991-'92 were not decreased or increased Martin said, but prices do increase.

Prices for our supplies increase between 5 percent to 10 percent each year, Martin said.

Allocations for 1992-'93, though, will be decreased. Each university department is facing a potential 15 percent budget cut.

"The worst scenario would be a 15 percent cut in next year's budget, unless something happens on the state level" Martin said.

"We're all expecting it."

his peers but also on evaluations by his students.

McBride says he enjoys working with students and helping them get a broad view of industrial processes.

"The biggest change since I started teaching has been computer applications in industrial processes," he said.

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The Blue Raider football team will try to rebound against Morehead State

Campus Capsule

Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Delta Pi will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** from 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 and from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Keathley University Center room 322 & 324.

The **Student Songwriters Association** (formerly RIM Writers) will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 in room 149 in the Mass Communications Building. This week's meeting will involve song critiques and discussions, so members are encouraged to bring their songs and lyric sheets.

The **Christian Music Society** will present Richard Headen from the artists and repertoire department of Reunion Records to speak at 8 p.m. Nov. 19 in room 150 of the Mass Communications building. Reunion Records is the label that houses Michael W. Smith, and all MTSU students are invited. For information, contact Drew Christenson at 895-4258.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is having a clothing drive to support the West Main Mission. A table will be set up from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Keathley University Center. For information call Ogden Rattliff at 896-4414 or Charles Swafford at 899-8386.

The **Vegetarian Society** will be having a meeting from 4 - 5 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Keathley University Center, room 312. For more information, contact Nicole M. Sikora at 4274.

The **Tennessee Association of Political Science Students** (T.A.P.S.S.) will have an organizational meeting at 4 p.m. Nov. 14 in Peck Hall, room 298. For more information call 890-7367.

All graduating seniors! The ACT COMPT test will be offered at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. on Nov. 14 in the Tennessee

Room of the James Union Building. This test is a requirement for graduation! For more information contact Dr. Charles Babb at 2718 or the Academic Affairs Office at 2880.

The Placement Office will present **"Your Job Search"** - Career Placement Orientation for seniors and graduate students at 11 a.m. Nov. 14 at Keathley University Center, room 324. Students interested in campus interviews and career employment opportunities should attend one of these meetings.

Tennessee Inventors Association will meet at 10 a.m. Nov. 16 in the new Tennessee Innovation Center, 1055 Commerce Park Drive, Oak Ridge, Turn South off of Hy 62 (Illinois Ave.). Visitors are welcome. Tom Valunas, President of Tennessee Innovation Center, Oak Ridge, will talk about "Tennessee Innovation Center - Update!".

Clerical Recognition program still developing

VICKI NEAL
News Writer

Plans are still developing for a recognition program for secretarial/clerical employees.

The idea for this program came from discussions between the secretarial/clerical group and Dr. James Walker, MTSU president.

"These people give a lot to the university, and it's a way for the university to stop and say 'thank you' for all of the hard work they perform," Walker said.

Nominations are being taken until the end of this month, and students are encouraged to get involved.

Anyone on campus can nominate a secretary or clerical employee, according to Dorothy Harrison, head of the public relations department.

Although the program has not started officially, funding has

been accepted by the MTSU Foundation.

Widespread publicity and nominations are the areas the committee is addressing now.

Harrison said brochures will be designed soon, and posters have been sent out to be posted.

Nomination forms are available at the MTSU Personnel Office located in the Cope Administration Building.

"This is our first opportunity to award people who work here," said Martha Turner, chair of the committee.

According to Turner, one employee from the nominations will be recognized and awarded a plaque during each quarter.

Finally, an annual award of \$1,000 will be given to one of the four quarterly recipients. It will be presented during the annual National Alumni Banquet.

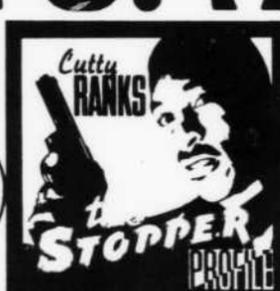
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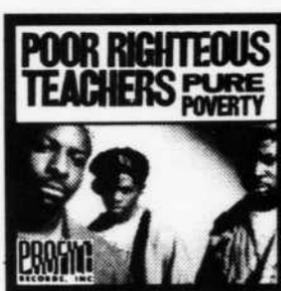




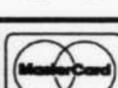
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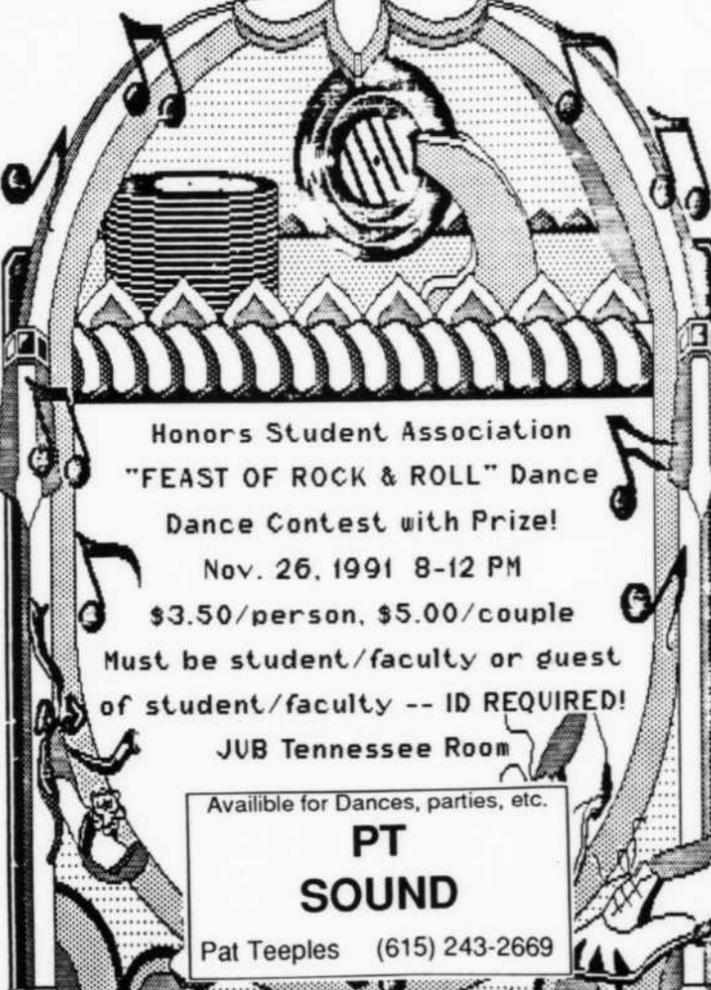
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Walker, Burgess praise The Year of the Student

VICKI NEAL
News Writer

With "The Year of the Student" campaign in effect, and university officials and students are trying to organize more events that cater to the student.

"We're trying to wake up the university and show that students are the ultimate customer," said Shawn Burgess, president of the Student Government Association.

Burgess, the SGA and university President James Walker worked together earlier this semester to organize two luncheons for students to gain information and voice their opinions.

The first luncheon started off slowly when only two students appeared at the James Union

Building, Burgess said.

More than 80 students showed up at the second luncheon, which Burgess said had "good dialogue" among students and faculty.

"The luncheon forum should turn into a tradition," Burgess said.

Walker said changes have been made because of the luncheons and hearings.

"I'm glad hear that more traditional and non-traditional students are getting involved and getting the recognition the need," Walker said.

Walker said he would continue working with the SGA to make "year" a success.

Burgess encourages students to become involved by speaking with SGA representatives.



Shelley Mays/Photographer

Carol Miller from Second Harvest Food Bank presents a plaque to Shawn Burgess of the SGA in appreciation of the 8,500 cans of food raised and donated during Homecoming Week. Look in on are MTSU President James Walker and Toby Gilley, SGA speaker of the house

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change occurred. The SGA also plans to poll the Faculty Senate about its opinions.

"Once all the information is compiled, we plan to go to the Board of Regents and the state Legislature with our proposal," Burgess said. "January is our tentative goal, and we hope to have all the alumni reaction by then."

U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, who graduated from MTSU in 1971, said that as an alumnus, he would be open to whatever the student and the alumni would like to do.

Gordon said, however, that he had "some concern about giving up the goodwill we have built and in re-educating everyone as to who we are."

"When my grandparents went to school there," Gordon said, "it was Middle Tennessee Normal School. When my parents were there, it changed

from Normal School to College. Then when I was there it had changed from College to University."

Chairman of the Rutherford County Alumni Chapter Bob Lamb said that its chapter had not discussed the name change, but he personally was for it.

"Many people confuse us with Tennessee State University," he said. "When we arrived in Florida for the Florida State game, a sign outside our hotel said 'Welcome Tennessee State.'"

"At the game they couldn't fit our whole name, so they put Mid. Tenn. State, and it made us look like a very small college."

"We need to drop 'state' out of our name," he said. "Western Kentucky dropped 'state' from their name in the 1960's. Eastern Kentucky did the same."

Changing the name is not new at MTSU. The school opened in 1911 as Middle Tennessee State Normal School, a

teachers training school. It was changed in 1943 to Middle Tennessee State College and changed again in 1965 to Middle Tennessee State University.

Harry Hosey, past president of the Associated Student Body (1988-89), said that there was talk about changing the name when he was in office, yet he did not recall any legislation as such toward that aim.

"I personally liked the name change," said Hosey, who graduated in 1989. "University of Middle Tennessee has more of a prestigious ring to it. It just sounds more like a university. It doesn't have that 'state school' sound."

Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance said that although there were discussions about changing the name during the years, he said "this is the first serious action" he can remember. LaLance has been vice president for Student Affairs since 1974..

Gardening course offered

While some people are fighting snow and ice this winter, Dr. Tony Halterlein's students will have their eye on springtime veggies.

Halterlein, an instructor in MTSU's agriculture department, is teaching a new course called "Vegetable Gardening."

He says the course was scheduled to help with planning for spring gardening.

But the intent of the course goes far beyond planning a garden. Students will learn ways

to grow an abundance of vegetables in a small plot and also learn which varieties grow best in Tennessee. Halterlein said he will address concerns such as vegetarianism and when to harvest for peak nutrition and flavor.

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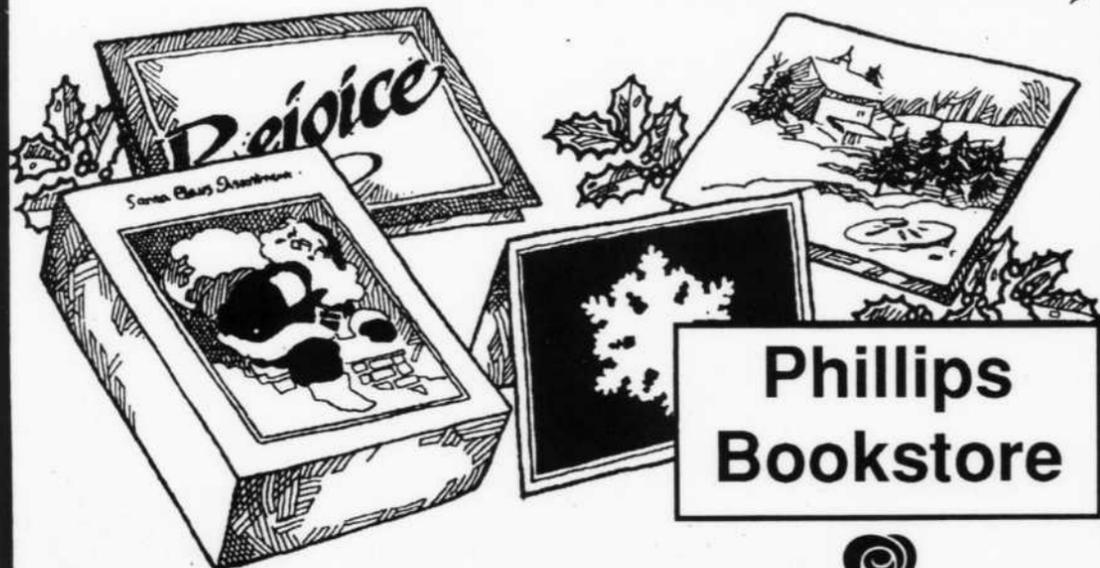


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News Briefs

from College Press Service.

Secret Society Open Doors To Women

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Yale's exclusive all-male Skull and Bones society will begin admitting women.

A vote by alumni on Oct. 25 cleared the way for the initiation of six women students who were asked to join last May. The club initiates the 15 "best and brightest" Yale seniors who are chosen during their junior year. Supporters of the women said that to continue admitting the school's "15 best," women had to be included.

The Skull and Bones was one of only two remaining Yale secret societies that did not admit women after the school became co-ed in 1969. Some prestigious members of the club include President George Bush and conservative columnist William F. Buckley.

Buckley is one of the leading opponents of the women and last month led a group that sued to keep the women out.

Study: Many Women Of

Childbearing Age Still Smoke

ATLANTA — A recent study released by the Centers for Disease Control shows that nearly one-third of women of

childbearing age smoke. Of that number, 59 percent said they smoked more than 15 cigarettes a day.

Of the 30 percent of the women who do smoke, the majority were older and less educated. Only 21 percent of the smokers were under age 25 and only 19 percent had completed a college education.

The survey, conducted in 1989, also showed that women in Wisconsin and Maine had the highest number of women smokers of childbearing age (18 to 44), and Texas and the District of Columbia had the lowest.

The CDC targeted women of childbearing age because it said women who smoke during pregnancy have a higher risk of miscarriage and their babies are more likely to be low birth weight or have sudden infant death syndrome.

More Blacks Hold College Degrees, Census Says

WASHINGTON — According to recently released statistics by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau, the proportion of blacks between the ages 35 and 44 who completed college increased during the 1980's.

The report said that 17 percent of black men in the age

group had a college education in 1990 compared with 7 percent in 1980.

Fifteen percent of black women in the 35 to 44 age group had college degrees in 1990 compared with 9 percent in 1980.

Report: Link Needed Between Two-And Four-Year Colleges
WASHINGTON — Community college students are often discouraged about continuing their education at bigger, four-year schools, says a recent report from the American Council on Education.

The report says junior-college students may end their education after two years because they lack financial resources to move to a larger college, because they become confused by bureaucratic and conflicting rules of larger schools, and because schools may not evaluate academic work in the same way.

Educators consider the community college a gateway for minority students who make up 20 percent of their enrollment. The report said that more than 5.7 million students were enrolled in community and junior colleges in 1989 — about 43 percent of the 13 million students who attended schools of higher education.

Homecoming brings together MTSU's Black Alumni Society

Homecoming is a time for parties, eating, and celebrating good times past and present with old friends.

Those objectives were definitely achieved by the Black Alumni Society at Middle Tennessee State University at this year's homecoming events.

Members of the three-year-old organization met for an awards banquet, a dance, and a breakfast. The group was founded to recruit and mentor black students, as well as encourage participation of Black Alumni in National Alumni Association activities.

Other group objectives are to develop program and services of specific interest to black alumni, faculty, staff and students, and to increase the awareness of the professional expertise and contributions of MTSU Black Alumni.

The awards ceremony was renamed for R. B. J. Campbelle, MTSU's first black full professor and a former criminal justice professor. An award was presented in his name to W. Beryl West, an MTSU psychology professor. Keynote speaker for the evening was Rev. F. B. Carpenter, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church.

Awards were also presented to three outstanding MTSU

students: Student Government Association President Shawn Burgess, Dorneatha Tipton, and Donald Whitmore by MTSU Vice President for Academic Affairs E. James Hindman.

Society officers Forrest Toms and Katherine Addison received outstanding achievement awards for their work in the organization. Katie Wilson received an outstanding achievement award. Rev. John Ratliff, pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and Joseph H. Stevens, former principal of Holloway High School, were named honorary members.

Toms, interim president, is director of the Institute for Multicultural Education and Training at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C. He received his B.S. in psychology and secondary education in 1974 and his M.A. in psychology in 1976 from MTSU. He is working on a doctorate at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and is a native of Shelby, N.C. Toms was the winner of the Young Alumni Achievement Award this spring.

Wilson, the daughter of Mrs. Tyree Wilson and the late Kermit M. Wilson of Murfreesboro, is a case manager/mental retardation program specialist for the Tennessee Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation. She is the mother of one son, Craig.

Wrapping up the calendar of events during Homecoming week was a breakfast meeting, which included an address by MTSU President James Walker.

But the work has not ended even though Homecoming is over. Members are accepting contributions for the scholarship established in Campbelle's name by the Criminal Justice Department. "We're definitely accepting contributions," Addison said.

For more information on the Black Alumni Society or the scholarship, contact Addison at 898-2929.

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Release of crime reports goes to court

(CPS) Student Journalists' frustration with campus police departments' withholding of crime information in compliance with the Buckley Amendment has reached the federal courts in an official complaint.

On Oct. 10, two journalists at the University of Tennessee, one at Colorado State University and the Student Press Law Center jointly filed the suit in Washington, D.C., claiming that their First and Fifth Amendment rights have been violated by the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, commonly called FERPA or the Buckley Amendment.

The FERPA guidelines prohibit the release of any student records, including police records from which students might be identified. Schools that violate the law by releasing such information face the loss of federal funding.

Student journalists and campus law enforcement disagree with the interpretation of the law.

"We are hoping the (Department of Education) will clarify the difference between student records and police records. Under the Buckley Amendment we can't even share our information with other law

enforcement agencies," says Roger Serra, president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and the University of Washington's police chief. "We are very much in favor of changing the law."

Until it does change, the Student Press Law Center wants to stop the government from penalizing schools that violate the Buckley Amendment.

"Our whole point is to get an injunction against the Department of Education so that they cannot continue to withhold funds from schools that disclose crime records to the press," says Mike Hiestand, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center.

Hiestand says the law center's suit is based on the recent decision in the Missouri case *Bauer v. Kincaid* in which a judge found that Southwest Missouri State University's refusal to release campus police records was a violation of the First and Fifth Amendment rights of the student who brought the suit against the school.

Because it was a state and not a federal ruling, however, the Dept. of Education is still interpreting the FERPA to include campus police records. That

interpretation is the reason the Student Press Law Center filed its suit in federal court.

Just recently the Dept. of Education has public stated it agrees to its interpretation of the law to include police records might be faulty.

"We are working with Congress to get the law changed," says Etta Fielek, a department spokeswoman.

The Dept. of Education has introduced a bill that will allow the release of campus police records in states that have open records laws. In states where no open laws exist, the decision on whether or not to release the reports rests in the hands of the school presidents.

Fielek says the Dept. of Education is not in support of a similar amendment that Sen. Tim Wirth, D-Col., has attached to the Violent Crime Control Act of 1991.

Wirth's proposed amendment would get rid of the conflict by eliminating the withholding of campus police records altogether.

"Really, it's a question of public safety," he said when he announced the proposed amendment in June. "With the growth of campus crime, this is

no time for the federal government to prevent students and campus communities from knowing about criminal activity at the state schools."

Fielek says the Dept. of Education does not support Wirth's amendment because "it does not provide contingencies like ours."

Both pieces of legislation are pending.

In the suit filed by the student journalist and the Student Press Law Center, the complaint doesn't center around conflicts between state and federal law and does not seek a Congressional resolution to the problem—the students chose to take legal action because they say their constitutional rights are being violated.

"Enforcement of the Family Rights and Privacy Act violates plaintiffs' Fifth Amendment right to equal protection and their First Amendment right of access to public records," the complaint reads. "These violations are current, ongoing, persistent and willful,

The complaint also outlines several unsuccessful attempts to gain access to campus police records at the University of

Tennessee, Colorado State University, University of Maryland, Arizona State University, University of Kentucky and the University of New Mexico.

The suit says that "during the first seven months of 1991, the LSPC received 357 calls for help on the (Access to Campus Crime Reports) hotline, the vast majority of which involved schools citing the Buckley Amendment as the reason for denying access to campus crime reports."

IACLEA hopes that the suit succeeds and helps limit the regulation of campus crime reporting by the Dept. of Education. Serra adds that law enforcement administrators are frustrated with the department because of its inconsistency.

As an example, he points to the department's desire to withhold the specifics of campus police records under the Buckley Amendment while at the same time serving as the regulators of a recently passed law that requires campus police departments to compile and release crime statistics the general public.

"We just don't know where they're coming from," he says.

Magazine reps nearly escape trespassing charges

SUZANNE NORMAND
News Writer

According to MTSU police officials, two representatives from TKO sales of Summit Magazine Sales, Inc. barely escaped trespassing charges for commercial soliciting on campus last week.

Police Chief Jack Drugmand stated that another Summit Magazine Sales franchise has already been put on notice for the same violation.

According to MTSU policy, subsequent violations are cause for arrest. After claiming that they were unaware of any previous

notification, TKO Sales were dismissed with only a second notification, however.

According to David Hays, Associate Dean of Students, Summit Magazine Sales, Inc., has been informed that MTSU prohibits commercial solicitation of any form on campus. Only noncommercial solicitation is allowed. Even then, the representative(s) must obtain approval from the Vice President of Affairs and be stationed in a designated area, Hays said.

This rule was established in order to help prevent illegitimate business and harassment of

students. The Tennessee State Board of Regents gives all state campuses the authority to establish such rules.

"Many people believe the campus is for anyone. That is not so. The campus is for employees, students, and 'invited' guests only," stated Chief Drugmand.

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Mass Comm building a comedy of errors

As everyone knows, everything that glitters is not gold. Never has this old adage been more suitably applied than to the new Mass Communications building.

The mall-like hall is a pleasant sight on a campus with more than its share of eye sores, but a closer look reveals that attractiveness and effectiveness are not necessarily one in the same.

The recording industry management and radio/television production departments are still operating without much-needed equipment. Studio floors and classroom chairs were poorly installed and will have to be corrected. The air conditioning systems are so loud that it's difficult to hear normal conversation, not to mention make a decent recording. Incidents of this nature have consistently plagued the new building.

More formal, yet equally annoying problems have arisen. The high-tech, synchronized digital clocks were out of commission for some time (allegedly the result of a mistake in wiring) and had to be repaired. The attempt at indoor landscaping is proving troublesome as the trees keep getting ill. Unfortunately, they require a medicine that emits an odor that has a similar affect on humans.

If these blunders aren't enough to make you go, "Hmm," there's more. A door on the front of the building has had an 'Out of Order' sign on it for a long time. One of the back doors seemed to have a mind of its own and will not shut unless you make it. Earlier this week, the fire alarm went off for no apparent reason. What's up with that?

A shiny, new building is nice, but let's not lose its intended purpose among the glitter. If the building does not provide students with a good learning environment and soaks up money needed in other areas, it is a failure no matter how pretty it looks.



Head to head

College GOP respond to gun control

Everyone who has ever discussed "gun control" with one of its opponents has heard this statement: "Guns don't kill people; people kill people." That's not the most sophisticated argument, but it is true nevertheless. No inanimate object can stand up and take a shot at someone. The American Left, however, sees all firearms as the embodiment of evil. They seem to believe that if all our firearms are made illegal, violence will cease to exist in America. This sort of starry-eyed idealism is exactly what your neighborhood murderer, rapist, burglar, and dope dealer spend so much time discrediting.

Washington, D.C. banned handguns in early 1977. Since that time, the city's homicide rate increased by 189%, and handgun-related homicides rose by 25%. Conversely, the state of Florida enacted legislation making it easier for private citizens to legally carry concealed handguns. Since then, Florida's homicide rate has fallen 6%. See the connection? California and Massachusetts both banned "assault weapons" in 1990. Both states' homicide rates increased after the bans. The FBI's Uniform Crime Report for 1990 makes it clear how useless such bans are. The fact is that a criminal, by his very nature, will not give up his weapons if they are made illegal. Even if all guns were to disappear, there are several other nasty ways for them to kill and maim. This logic escapes David Dinkins, who called for stricter gun laws last year in the wake of a stabbing at a tennis tournament. Two years ago in Wilson, NC, the

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owner of a candy store was bludgeoned with a nine-pound candy cane. Would Joe Biden ban candy canes?

No reasonable person would advocate totally unrestricted ownership of firearms. Certain elements of society, such as felons, should never possess or have access to firearms. But laws are already in place to keep such people from having guns. Efforts should go to enforcing existing laws before new ones are made. But your average liberal isn't interested in enforcement or punishment, and as a result, punishment is but a minor element of our criminal justice system. The Left always insists, "We can't afford more prisons!" The truth is, we can't afford fewer prisons. Because of early release and questionable rehabilitation, the average convicted felon commits 187 crimes per year after being released from incarceration, costing society \$430,000 per year as opposed to the \$25,000 per year it would cost to keep him in prison. Over 75% of violent crimes in the U.S. are committed by career criminals. Over 30% of career criminals are re-arrested with previous charges still pending. The numbers need little explanation. What they show is that our government needs to remove the dangerous and counter-productive elements from society rather than outlaw fourteen-round magazines.

The Left has an aversion to the private citizen taking responsibility for his own well-

being. Therefore, we have efforts to establish national health insurance and government day care, hiring quotas, income redistribution, and overly restrictive gun laws. The very idea of someone protecting himself is offensive to Howard Metzenbaum and the like. Face facts—the majority of police departments in this nation are overworked and understaffed. While the police are by no means useless, waiting for the cops to show up has gotten people killed. Liberals say that victims who use handguns to resist attacks are far more likely to be hurt than if they were unarmed. Not true. Victims who resist are half as likely to be injured as those who submit. Handguns are useful for self-defense. While pistols are used in 580,000 crimes per year, they successfully repel about 645,000.

For some, including myself, the most compelling argument against gun control is the Second Amendment to the Constitution. This amendment guarantees the right of citizens to bear arms, not just the state militias as some liberals would have us believe. The author of the Second Amendment, James Madison, was indeed referring to private citizens: "The advantage that Americans have over every other nation is that they are armed."

Millions of Americans keep and bear arms. We are sportsmen, collectors, and homeowners. We respect and abide by the law. Many others in this nation bear arms as well. They respect no person and no law. Their weapons will never be taken away. Why should ours?

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'Essence' to publish student's 'Message of hope'

The following article has been selected by the editors of Essence Magazine to run in the Brothers section of their August 1992 issue. As it shall appear before thousands, I present it here, as a message of hope.

I saw my cousin's dignity and physical appearance slowly deteriorate. A man once strong, once confident, was now only a shell. Crack had taken away his soul and turned him into a zombie. His agony ate at the heart of his family. We wondered how much longer, how much further we would have to reach out before he grabbed our hands of love.

We were tired from hopelessness. But if we withdrew our hands and he fell, who would be to blame?

I knew Anderson pretty well when I was growing up. Because I have no brothers, he was like my big brother, and I always wanted to do everything he did and go everywhere he went.

I would watch him and his friends when they got together. They would sit around, shoot the breeze, smoke some marijuana.

To me, it seemed harmless. But I never tried it, nor would my cousin let me.

I always asked him why he smoked it. He would simply say that it made him feel good, and then, ironically, he would threaten me: "If I ever catch you smoking marijuana, I'll kill you." Then, he would take another long drag of a marijuana cigarette. Later, the marijuana gave way to crack cocaine.

On the streets, it is called the "white girl."

She is the wretched side of Spike Lee's jungle fever. She is fatal attraction.

When a black man is growing up in the ghetto, he immediately sees his limits and starts looking for a way out. He has to find some way of escaping reality, if only for a few minutes. Anderson chose drugs as a way out, and I chose writing and

LUCAS JOHNSON **Total Eclipse**

church as a way of escape. Even though we were alike in race, our worlds were foreign.

He saw young men dying from cold-blooded shootings, overdoses and fights in the streets. I saw young men playing the college role and aspiring to become doctors and lawyers.

I felt like an Army dropout telling a Vietnam hero he didn't win the war. After all, what could I say? My cousin was fighting a war I knew nothing about, and he was losing.

Distressed from his loss, he hears the 'white girl's' voice calling from every little run-down house on the corner and becomes curious. She tells him that everything is going to be all right. Just try me.

My cousin did, and his life took on a new high for a while. Then, when the money ran out and he could no longer buy her, she became his obsession. He did everything he could to get her back, even if it meant stealing appliances and money from his own family. But he was also being ripped off. The 'white girl' had robbed him of his money, his character, his livelihood, his soul.

At one point, Anderson enlisted in the Army for four years, and his life took a brief turn for the better.

I rejoiced.

His return home was even more glorious. He looked like a new man when he arrived at the airport. His sister and I were so elated that we could have exploded. Tears of exaltation flowed.

Everything was fantastic for about a year. Then, the entire environmental picture was redrawn — hanging out on the corner with old buddies, smoking marijuana, drinking liquor.

But now, marijuana was not strong enough. He had to find what all his friends were now

talking about. He had to find that 'white girl.'

When he found her, the symptoms came one after the other, as if he were suffering from some violent disease.

He started by using half his check to buy rocks (the crystallized form of crack). When that wasn't enough, he started spending his entire check. And when the money ran out, he pawned whatever he could get his hands on, even his mother's brass lamps.

I returned home from college to see a stranger. Anderson wasn't the same person I had seen a year before. He had lost weight, he was darker, and his tone of voice was that of insincerity and hopelessness. What could I say to him? He was 30 years old, and I was only 19.

But my heart was filled with love, and my hand still was reaching out, for this was the man I had adopted as my brother. I knew the 'old' him, and I wanted him back. I asked him to leave the drug alone. He promised he would.

Prayers and words of caution meant nothing to a man consumed in his own smoke-filled world. He was finally arrested for stealing.

But my family's love runs deep. We bailed Anderson out of jail, and helped to place him in a veterans' rehabilitation center.

However, after spending several months in counseling, he was back on the streets about a week after his release doing the same old thing. This time, his only brother reached out and took Anderson into his home only to

have his hand slapped away. Anderson robbed him, too.

Yet his brother did not put him out.

He stuck by him even more. He knew Anderson was knocking on Death's door. Fortunately, a Higher Being opened the door first, and Anderson's brother was able to persuade him to attend church.

At first, it was only through his family's urging that he went. But after a period of time, he started going every Sunday without a word being said to him. And every Sunday, his mother's face glowed when he walked through the church door.

Now, Anderson, 33, is celebrating more than a year of sobriety and has a full-time job. He is attending church regularly, and has assumed special roles in the church. In addition, he is actively playing a major role in helping others break their addiction to crack by persuading them to attend drug counseling sessions.

The last time I saw my cousin, I almost cried tears of joy. He was a fuller, livelier man, a man whose courage I marveled at.

We talked for a long time,



and before we could finish, he said to me, "If I ever see you using crack, I'll kill you."

I laughed joyously.

I was happy, because in many ways he helped me. Through his pain and suffering, I grew to understand the game of life and how to overcome whatever obstacles it might throw at me. For my family made a pass of love, and Anderson caught the winning touchdown.

I reflect on that pass, and I see a role that I must continue to play. If someone is suffering from drug abuse, whether it be a friend or a relative, many people have a tendency to give up on that person, or simply pass him by.

But I know not to.

Deep down inside that drug user there's a little voice crying for help. And if I don't stop to answer that voice, then I am to blame. No, I can't walk away. Instead, I'll do what the last passer-by should have done.

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Features

Poinsettias bloom in campus greenhouse

MARSHA BLASCO
Special to *Sidelines*

As the gold and fiery-red hues of fall overtook the campus scenery this October, another color transformation took place inside the campus greenhouse.

On six long growing tables, more than 600 green-leaved poinsettia plants changed color, showing the first traces of red.

Every fall for the past 16 years, greenhouse manager Larry Sizemore had been helping students grow poinsettias. When Sizemore "sees red," he distributes the plants to department offices to share the colorful results with the rest of the campus.

"Last year we had a whole class [Floriculture] work on it," Sizemore says, talking over the droning noise of the greenhouse fans and the air-circulation system. As he talks, tall plants near the large fans bend and sway as if a strong breeze had swept in from outside.

"The students do the work on potting, watering and taking care of the plants every day," Sizemore says.

A California supplier donates the rooted cuttings to MTSU for classroom use.

Amy Khoury, a plant and soil science major and one of seven student workers at the greenhouse, stops planting in the

outdoor nursery to talk about the project. Last year Khoury took care of the plants as part of the Floriculture class.

"We potted them, pinched them back, watched for insects and kept a notebook on the changes," Khoury says. The benefit of keeping a record is that it requires students to watch carefully for all the changes, Khoury adds.

This year the student workers are growing the poinsettias. The plants are on continuous-feed fertilization, according to Khoury, which means they are fertilized every time they are watered. And once a week, water is run through the soil to remove the excess fertilizer in a process called leaching.

While tending the poinsettias, Sizemore and the students are also planning for spring by propagating plants from cuttings and planting seeds.

"The greenhouse grows the majority of bedding plants planted on campus," Sizemore says. Marigolds, pansies and blue salvia are a few of the many annuals and perennials the greenhouse staff cultivates.

Despite the pace of fall projects, the students have been successful with this year's crop of poinsettias. The plants have lush green healthy-looking leaves. And the plants are turning red

right on schedule.

"What we try to do is force them to bloom by Thanksgiving," Sizemore says. This involves "dark treatment" which Sizemore and the students accomplish by unrolling large sheets of black plastic over wooden frames that top the tables.

From Sept. 21 through Oct. 21, students covered the plants from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m., or 14 hours every day. Located near the Vocational Agriculture building, the Tennessee Livestock Center and 3rd Street, the greenhouse gets unwanted light from street lights and car headlights, something uncommon for commercial greenhouses in more secluded locations.

Although not directly involved in the project, Dr. Tony Halterlein, horticulturist and associate professor of agriculture, is available for advice if needed.

"They [poinsettias] will undergo that color change early in October in their native habitat in Mexico," Halterlein says. As the nights become longer, the color change takes place in the plant's bracts, which are neither true leaves nor flowers, Halterlein says.

In Mexico, the plants grow in moist, wooded areas and on hillsides. On campus, the
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CARING FOR THE FLOWERS: Stephen Minter (left), an Early Childhood Education major and Mark Mays (right), a Geoscience major, help care for the flowers in the greenhouse.

Players present perfect performance

The Stones River Chamber Players presented a concert twentieth century music by American composers this past Sunday.

For those of you who didn't make it (I know, it was on a weekend. What a lame excuse.), their next concert will be on Thursday, January 30, 1992.

A trio, "Serenade Number 6, Opus 44" by Vincent Persichetti, opened the evening. The serenade is written for trombone (David Loucky), viola (Dan Nedelcu) and cello (Jean Bills). The piece moves between highly complex rhythmic sections in the faster and luxurious sounding harmonies in the slower movements. It takes a high degree of precision, a very good ear, and being "in tune" (speaking spiritually) with your fellow performers to play this genre of music. Sunday's group did an outstanding job—not a single missed or misplaced note or rhythm could be found in the entire piece.

A second trio, "Economy

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Band" by Tennessee composer Van Vactor, for trumpet (Leonard Foy), trombone, and percussion (Lalo Davila) was presented next. This piece literally takes three musicians and turns them into a band. Really. It has drum rolls that go on forever (and get quieter and quieter!), tonguing in the brass parts that can give you mouth cramps and generally a lot of interesting (and rather difficult) musical motifs. The net result of this trio's performance was to make the music sound like it was easy to play. I also have to mention the visual aspect of Mr. Davila, the percussionist. Watching his facial expressions and the manipulations of his body to control the music coming out of the percussion instruments was very entertaining (kind of like a tin drummer from long ago). Over all, a very satisfying musical experience.

The second half of the concert belonged to minimalist

pioneer Terry Riley and his work "In C." This piece can be very difficult to understand and appreciate unless you approach it the right way. It is written for eight instruments. Each has a part with 53 melodic figures which they perform at their own rate and as many times as they wish until everyone is done. "What a bunch of noise." Far from it. One trait of minimalist music is a push towards simpler, more consonant harmonies. Mr. Riley has written a piece which offers structure in an unstructured format which results in the piece being different each time it is performed.

Sunday's performance lasted about twenty minutes and offered some very interesting interactions. One thing I noticed was that each instrument was able to retain its own personal meter against the other parts. This is very difficult to do (try it sometime), and success results in some wonderfully fascinating

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Widespread Panic Mainstreet bound

JANA JAMISON
Features Writer

Widespread Panic, the first band signed to the newly reincarnated Capricorn Records label, has captured the sound of the New South. Their music has been described as a mix of Rhythm and Blues, and Country with a touch of psychedelic guitar, melodic bass, and percolating percussive backbeats.

This Athens, Georgia based band is composed of vocalist John Bell, guitarist Michael Houser, drummer Todd Nance, bassist David Schools, and Domingo S. Ortiz on percussion. Most of the band met while attending the University of Georgia in 1985. The group now numbers six with the recent addition of keyboardist T. Lavitz.

In July 1991, they released a self-titled album, their second album so far. Its first album, "Space Wrangler," is scheduled to be re-released in January, at the same time as their first long form video which was recorded at a show in Athens at the Georgia Theatre.

Their music is called New Southern rock and they have been compared to such bands as The Allman Brothers and the Grateful Dead. According to John Bell, "It's basically straight rock n' roll, as we see it. The disc really captures our live sound, which has become tighter and tighter over the years of playing on the road."

If you would like to experience Widespread Panic for yourself, they are going to be playing at Main Street in Murfreesboro, on Nov. 16.

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metric events happening. The performers played with (as opposed to against) each other for the most part. There were some very nice ensemble moments which were contrasted with very transparent sections. Considering how young this ensemble is, I have to admire their ability to listen to each other and interact the way they do.

There were some rather awkward sounding moments, but they were few, and besides, that's the price you pay for unshackling musical structure.

Over all, it was an excellent concert from an excellent group. It is so refreshing to hear a group break away from the ordinary and dare to try something different. Once again, my hat is off to the Stones River Chamber Players. I'm looking forward to your next concert.



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FILLED TO THE RAFTERS: MTSU's greenhouse is full of Christmas flowers.

Flowers

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poinsettias require nearly one-third of the table space of the second room of the greenhouse.

After walking through the entry area, visitors must pass through the door to the first growing—marked "KEEP THE DOOR CLOSED"—before reaching the second door and room. In each room, the warm air rushes past, bringing with it a smell reminiscent of a morning

walk in the woods.

Poinsettia growers and lovers owe a bit of thanks to Joel R. Poinsett, U.S. minister to Mexico in the late 1820s, who introduced the plant that now bears his name.

Campus poinsettia lovers may have a more local focus.

"I try to get them in the week after Thanksgiving if they're ready," Sizemore says. "This way they're in the offices and around campus before graduation so everyone can enjoy them."



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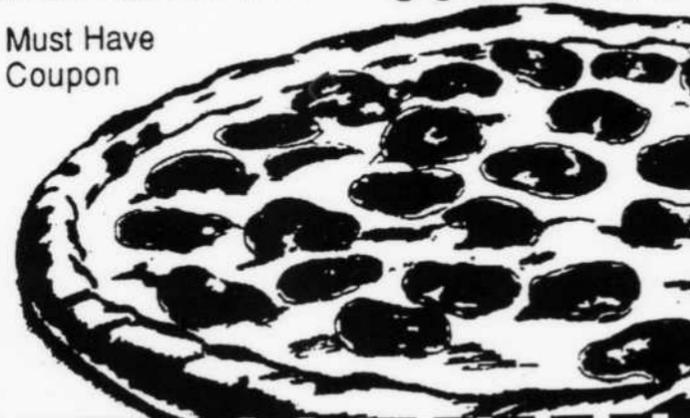
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Sports

MTSU in must win situation Morehead in path of Blue Raiders playoff hopes

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

When Middle Tennessee State's football team travels to Morehead this weekend, it has to win in order to keep National Championship hopes alive.

Coming off a 30-10 loss to Cincinnati, which dropped the Raiders to No. 11 in the Division I-AA poll, MTSU needs to win its final two games in order to earn a spot in the playoffs.

"The plus is that we got our butts kicked, and we go back to a conference game that we have to win," MTSU Coach Boots Donnelly said. "If we have any character, we'll regroup

and start winning again. If we don't have character, we'll lose."

The Big Blue is going to have to pull through without the services of freshman quarterback Kelly Holcomb. In Saturday's loss, Holcomb attempted to run the ball in the end zone on the final play of the opening half.

It was Holcomb's hamstring, and he will miss this weekend and possibly two more.

O.J. Smith was the backup but was lost for the season when his knee blew out on him in the loss at Florida State, leaving the job to Dino Stafford.

Stafford started occasionally two years ago yet was forced to sit out last year after a

cornea transplant. He started the second half Saturday but fumbled on the Raiders' first two possessions, forcing Donnelly to put in freshman Jay Roberson.

Originally, the freshman from Birmingham was supposed to be redshirted.

"It's a shame we had to use him, but we've got to get him ready now," Donnelly said. "I anticipate playing without Holcomb for the next two weeks."

Those weren't the only problems Saturday, though. The Raiders could not stop the rushing attack of Cincinnati, which

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NCAA returns to continue inquiry

The NCAA returned to Middle Tennessee last week to continue their inquiry of the men's basketball program.

A initial inquiry was made in March after questions were raised about former head coach Bruce Stewart and the way his program was run.

Apparently cash payments to players were a focus of the investigation.

University officials are not commenting on what the investigation committee is looking into specifically nor do they know when they will hear back from them.

Too hot to stop Massey takes lead in Line action

Reality has sunk in and we've learned that Terry Massey is no fluke.

After the opening week of the "On the Line" season, Massey set in last place. Today, he's three games in front after an incredible comeback last week.

"Three up, not bad," Massey said with satisfaction. "The rest of you are already in your coffin, now all I have to do is bury you guys."

Although Massey only had an 8-3 week, he broke last weeks tie for first with Dan Sturm after Sturm went 5-6 for the second time this season.

"He's called me lucky but I think he's really scared," Massey said. "Sturm is worried and he knows it. His fate has been sealed and it doesn't include first place."

The only three losses that Massey suffered could have easily been wins giving him a perfect 11-0 mark which no one has yet accomplished all year.

The first loss was LSU's upset over Alabama. The second was a miracle comeback at the hands of Tennessee and the final being the questionable play of Austin Peay who fell to UT-Martin.

Meanwhile, he was the only picker to choose Tennessee State over Tech as did he pick Virginia's thrashing of North Carolina State.

"It's all in my head," Massey said. "I'm on a roll and no one is going to stop me."

Sturm's uncharacteristic

TONY J. ARNOLD
On the Line

week could have been worse if he hadn't picked Vanderbilt for the first time all season.

"Sturm's a chicken," Tony Arnold said. "He feels and screams about how he'll never pick Vandy and then he turns around and does it."

"But, then again, it's Massey I have to catch now so I really care less about Sturm. He's going to be behind me in the end anyway."

Although 15 games back now, Greg Adkins was proud of his Tennessee pick last week.

"I knew Tennessee would beat Notre Dame," Adkins said. "I had my doubts when they were behind 31-7 but something told me they would come back."

This week Vandy has the week off leaving Massey a little distressed but Tennessee is in action and Middle Tennessee is in a must-win situation.

"It's going to be tougher without Holcomb, but Joe Campbell will get the job done and we're playoff bound," Sturm said.

Here are the OVC games this weekend.

MTSU at Morehead

The Raiders will be without the services of Holcomb but luckily they're just playing Morehead.

Morehead had the talent on

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL Sidelines staff picks winners

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Magic has set the pace again.

Now it's up to us to follow or fall behind

Sometimes it's hard to realize the realm of life that revolves around us, and it's unfortunate that it often takes drastic events to bring us down to earth.

Such was the case last Thursday when the world was brought to the realization that professional athletics isn't always a fantasy land where dreams come true.

Nov. 7, 1991 will be a date remembered for lifetimes. It was similar to the day President Reagan was shot or the day that the Gulf War started.

I don't think I'll ever forget driving home from work listening to the radio and hearing an interruption for a special news broadcast.

I didn't hear them say what it was about. I didn't hear them say who it was, but as soon as I heard

TONY J. ARNOLD 'Round the Rim

the voice I knew.

"Because of the HIV virus, I will have to announce my retirement from the Lakers today."

I'll never forget those words nor the tears that they brought to my eyes.

This was Magic Johnson talking. He's supposed to be invincible.

Magic was my basketball hero growing up. He did it all both on and off the court. His actions in both places made him one of the world's most recognized and popular athletes.

Today every kid on the block wants to be Michael Jordan, but when I was a kid, it was Magic. He lived out thousands of simple dreams that only such a select few

get an opportunity to achieve.

From the day he brought his National Champion Michigan State team to Murphy Center in 1978 until his last World Championship in the NBA, he was followed by millions.

He, along with Celtic great Larry Bird, revolutionized the NBA. If it weren't for the excitement and enthusiasm these two brought to the game, it wouldn't be nearly as popular today.

No one took the news easy, and although 99 percent of the millions who heard the news had never met Magic, it was like losing a member of the family.

As soon as I got to my house, I ran in, turned on the television and watched in amazement as Magic delivered his speech and answered questions with such a positive attitude. He had lost part

of his life, yet his voice never broke.

It's a terrible thing that such a tragedy occurred, but it perhaps is going to have one of the greatest effects of all time.

The HIV virus isn't AIDS. However, it does cause AIDS.

It has been a growing problem around the world with recent reports stating that 5,000 people are infected daily and there is no cure.

One doctor stated that Magic Johnson saved thousands of lives by just stepping forward. He could have so easily retired and given a false excuse, but he chose to confront the issue with unbelievable courage.

The news sent shock waves around the league. Former coach Pat Riley led a prayer in Madison Square Garden. Teammate Byron Scott was speechless, and Charles Barkley is changing his number to 32 in memory of Magic.

"I will miss the battles, the wars and I will miss you guys. But life goes on."

And that life will include becoming a spokesperson for the disease. Magic will primarily

promote safe sex.

I can't think of a better role model for the kids. Now that someone we all care about has been infected, perhaps the drive to find a cure will be more demanding than ever.

It's a scary thought to think that this virus can be caught by anyone, even you or me.

Magic is one of the unfortunate few who managed to contract it heterosexually. He is also one of the few who can bring this nation together to accomplish such a task of a cure.

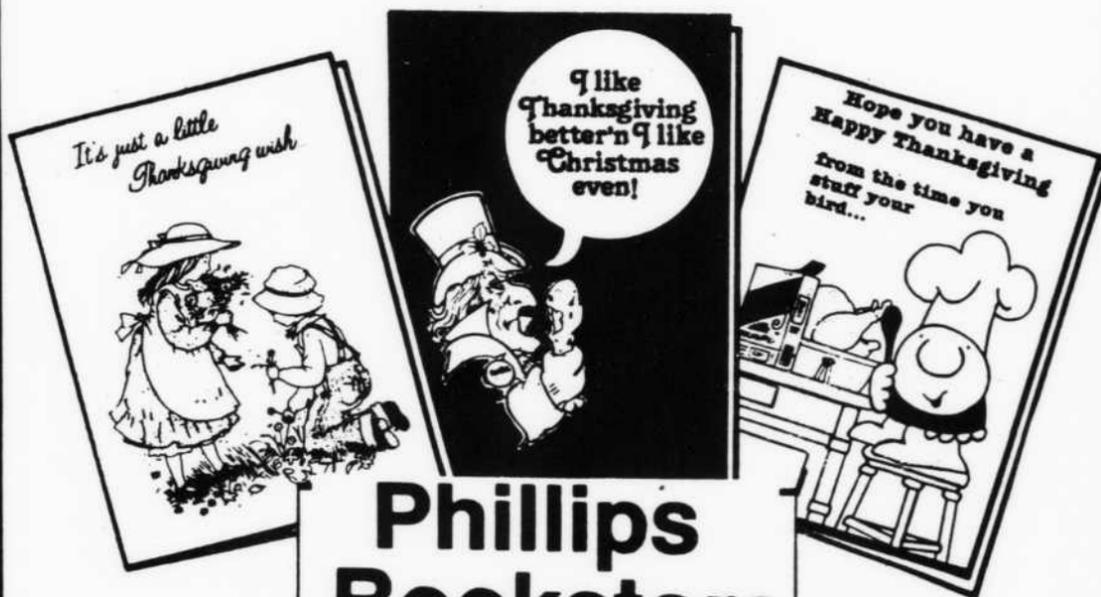
Magic is one of the greatest players to ever hit the court. No one had ever seen a 6-9 point guard, and he dominated his opponents for 12 professional years.

He set a standard for athletes to follow and maintained his image for the duration.

Now he is setting a standard for the world to follow, and it's up to us as to whether we want a duration of life.

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Weiss, Soresman getting better with tougher play

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Sports Editor

MTSU women's tennis coach Dale Short has a simple theory: you only get better if you play the best.

That's exactly why he has put his teams through tough schedules. It's also a reason why his teams are improving daily and beginning to earn national respect.

"If you want to get better and not be intimidated by the bigger schools, you've got to play at their level of competition in order to be able to compete on a consistent basis," Short said. "If you can go out there and compete, you gain confidence and comfort. Those are always important."

This past weekend, Short took two of the Lady Raiders'

top performers to the Rolex National Qualifying tournament in Raleigh, N.C., to face some of the region's top competition.

Lorinda Weiss and Yael Soresman both fell in the opening round of singles play yet gained some valuable experience.

Weiss dropped a decision to the North Carolina top seed while Yael fell in three sets to a Clemson performer. Later the duo teamed up for doubles action but fell to a Duke team 7-5, 7-5.

"We didn't do spectacular, but this was our first time at a tournament of this caliber," Short said. "I think we showed that we're able to compete with the best teams in the region. We're definitely knocking at the door."

OVC STANDINGS

| Team | OVC | | ALL | |
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| | W | L | W | L |
| Eastern Kentucky | 5 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| MTSU | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Morehead State | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| Southeast Missouri | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Austin Peay | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tennessee Tech | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Tennessee State | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Murray State | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |

Saturday:

MTSU at Morehead

TSU vs Southern (Dallas)

Austin Peay at Eastern Kentucky

SEMO at Murray State

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COMING SOON

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converted on a amazing 16 of 21 third-down plays. Meanwhile, Middle couldn't hold on to the ball itself, fumbling six times.

"They ran it down our throats and made us like it," Donnelly said. "I've never seen a stat like that one, but I tried to tell people they were a physical football team and they were definately that."

As far as the fumbles, "We just laid it on the ground, and we weren't getting hit," Donnelly said. "You can't beat anybody turning the ball over as many times as we did."

With an unstable quarterback, it most likely means that tailback Joe Campbell will get the call more often.

Campbell was limited to just 59 yards on the ground Saturday and needs just 17 more to become the leading rusher of all-time.

Morehead is coming off a 17-16 loss to Southeast Missouri, dropping them to 4-5 on the year. Middle, now 6-3, humbled

SEMO 52-0 earlier this year. Kickoff in Morehead is 2 p.m.

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paper to become a solid team yet they have yet to beat a respectable opponent while compiling a 4-5 mark this season.

The bulk of the offense will lie on the shoulders of Joe Campbell but there isn't a better person to bear the burden.

Joe will come through and the rushing record will be his after his 200 yard performance.

MTSU 30 Morehead 10

TN State vs. Southern

This game will take place in Dallas, Texas with the Tigers of TSU closing the book on a

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disappointing season. State has yet to meet any expectations this year with a 2-8 record but maybe they'll get that

elusive third victory this weekend over Southern.

Southern is 2-6 with both wins being Southwestern Athletic Conference victories.

The Tigers may

roar and the book on the season close but the final chapter won't be written until they get rid of head coach Joe Gilliam.

If they don't, TSU fans can expect to be disappointed again next year.

TSU 32 Southern 17

APSU at Eastern Ky.

Eastern is awesome while Peay seems to be sliding downhill again.

The Colonels have yet to lose an OVC game this year while Austin Peay has lost three.

Eastern 's only loss was a season opener to Louisville and they can secure a playoff spot with a win this weekend.

Peay started the season off great but when talk of a winning season arose, they deflated and

have looked like the losing team of old.

This is a contest of teams headed in separate directions meaning ECU is playoff bound once again.

APSU 6 ECU 48

SEMO at Murray

Simple. SEMO stinks. Murray stinks worse.

Southeast Missouri has three wins and some up and coming talent. Murray has only a pair of victories with little talent making a pretty good game.

Its going to be one of those toss up contest with the Racers holding a home field advantage.

When the weekend is complete, the Indians of SEMO will be scalped.

SEMO 14 Murray 17

On the Line Staff Standings

| | W | L | GB | PCT. |
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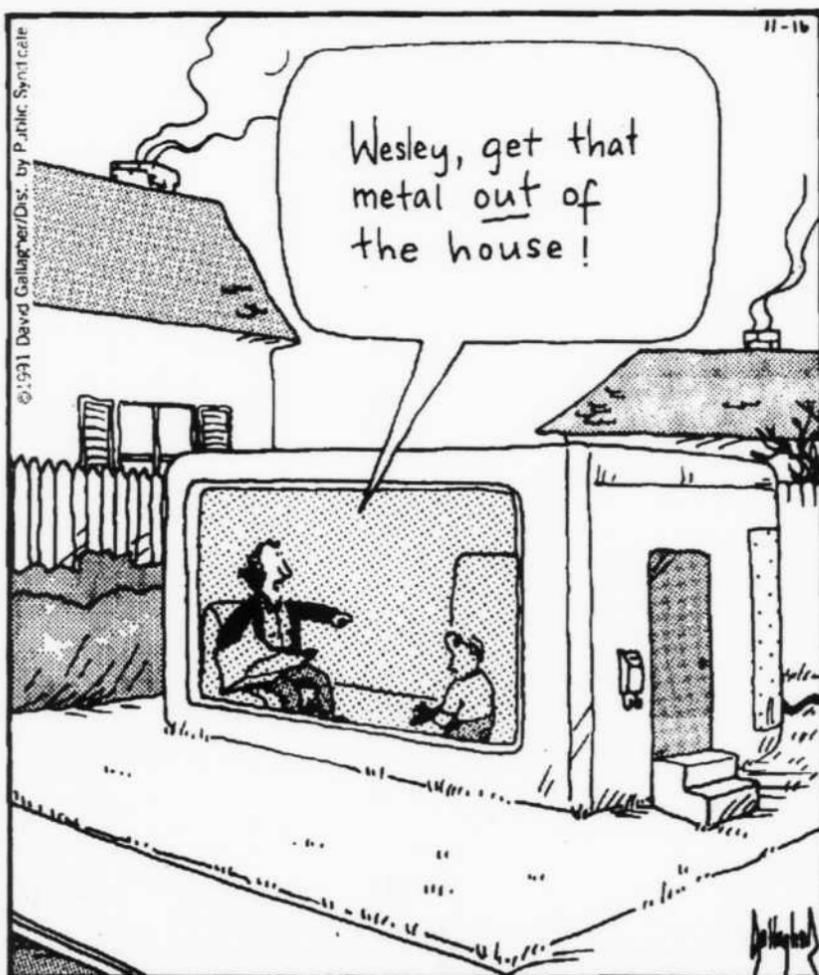
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