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## SIDELINES IN BRIEF

### Another big win

The Raiders football team dominated Austin Peay in every facet of the game en route to a 59-10 victory Saturday at Jones Field. In the last two games, the Raiders have outscored their opponents 114-16. (see story, page 8)

### Senior art exhibit

Senior art students graduating this December will exhibit their artwork through Nov. 28 at the Art Barn. The artwork, including pottery, paintings and sculptures, was created by Susan Creel, James E. Whitehurst, Andrea Turner and Grant. (see story, page 6)

### Win a free trip

Students who attend at least 13 home basketball games this season have a chance to win a free spring break trip to South Padre Island, Texas. Students need to swipe their valid student ID card at the student entrance to the Murphy Center prior to halftime of each game they attend. (see story, page 8)

## MTSU IN BRIEF

### Women's studies

Women's studies students will leave for Vanderbilt University at 6 p.m. Tuesday night from the James Union Building to attend "Women World Leaders: Fifteen Great Politicians Tell Their Stories," a speech by Laura Listwood. The event is sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center at Vanderbilt.

### Student of the Year

Arthur Alston, a criminal justice administration graduate student, was named student of the year by the Tennessee Association for Developmental Education (TNADE) Oct. 31 in Memphis. TNADE also named Harley Anton, a developmental math professor, educator of the year.

### New honor societies

The Dean of Student Life office and the Student Development office are now organizing four new honor societies on campus. Phi Eta Sigma is being organized for students with 12 or more credit hours; Lambda Sigma is for students with 30 or more credit hours and a GPA of 3.5 or above; Blue Key is for students with 60 or more credit hours and a GPA of 3.0 and above; and Mortar Board/ODK is for students with 90 or more credit hours and GPAs of 3.0 or more.

### Tennessee's Business

The MTSU Business and Economic Research Center published its most recent issue of Tennessee's Business, titled "Economic Revitalization through Tourism." The magazine contains stories about Civil War heritage, Chattanooga, crafts tourism, Jonesborough and much more.



Know of something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 896-2336 or fax us at 904-8487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.

## Building settling faster than once thought

□ Bryan Brooks/ staff

Kirksey Old Main, one of the oldest buildings on campus, is being inspected by a structural engineer to determine why it is apparently settling at a faster rate than campus planning previously thought.

"The reason we are doing this is that it has appeared to us [campus planning]—and this is strictly a subjective observation on our part—that it may be settling faster than we might have expected," said Patti Miller, director of campus planning. "When we say faster, this is measured in millimeters, so we don't have any reason to be alarmed by this question. It's a very old building, [and] it's very normal to see settlement in old buildings."

Ed Johnson, research coordinator at the Center for Historic Preservation, verified that structures settling, especially old ones, is a common occurrence.

"Settling is a normal occurrence in old buildings," Johnson said. "You will find it to some degree in even the most well-caared-for buildings."

Paul Wright, an architect with campus planning, said all they can determine is that the building is settling.

"We're going to do some geologic testing to see if there is anything going on underground we need to be concerned about," he said.

"The structural engineer has conducted some visual inspections of the cracks, and we're planning to do the geological investigations over Christmas break," Miller said.

The cracks caused by the settling are located in the basement, and can

be seen where the wings of KOM attach to the center part. These cracks run from the first floor up through the third.

Johnson said that he had heard through campus planning, and a brief conversation with the structural engineer, that a crack has been observed.

"There is movement in this crack that is fairly rapid," he said. "This indicates some kind of quick settlement or sinking."

The crack he referred to is in the basement of KOM.

"The crack is moving a millimeter a week," Johnson said. The question is does that mean it's actually sinking, or some other type of movement.

"We provided [a] crack detector to the folks in campus planning and I heard back later from one of them that they were observing movement somewhere in the neighborhood of about a millimeter a week."

Crack detectors attach to each side of the crack, and crosshairs in the middle tell the amount of movement in millimeters.

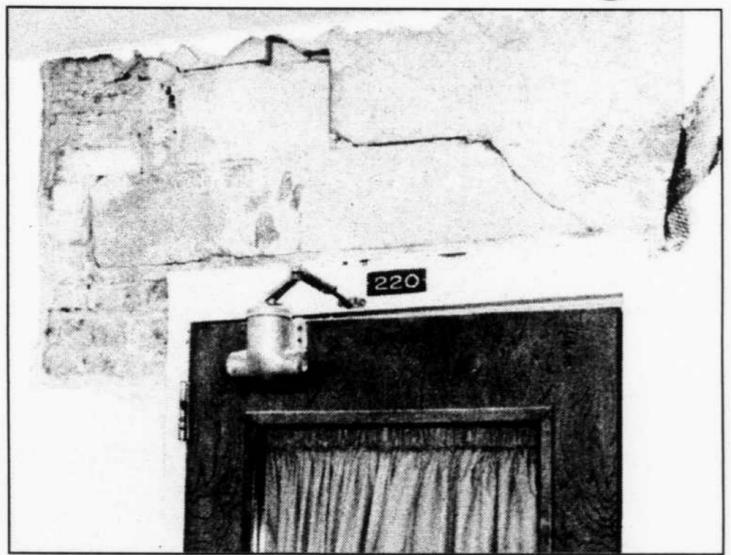
"I don't know what that movement means," Johnson said. "That depends on which way the movement is and how you interpret it."

Johnson said that any movement of one millimeter a week is significant movement and should be looked at.

When asked if the building was settling a millimeter a week, Wright responded, "That's not what we have observed."

"The amount of settlement, one can see in the crack itself," Wright said. The largest crack is about a half-inch to three-quarters of an inch.

Ronald Zawislak, chair of the



Steve Purinton/staff

An inch-wide crack over the door to the old accounting office is evidence of the settling of Kirksey Old Main. The office has been moved from the building's second floor.

geography and geology department, said he had heard that KOM had been sinking slightly over the years, but this past summer the rate at which it was settling doubled. He said he also heard that the building "had settled a few inches" and that the center of the building is settling, while the wings are not.

John Schmidt Jr., director of computer science, whose office is in KOM, said that KOM has "settled six to seven inches total" since it was built in 1911.

When asked if this amount of settling was normal, Johnson said that

six inches of settling in a building made around the turn of the century was not particularly worrisome to him.

"The structural engineer has speculated it may be two causes that may be part of our immediate consideration," Miller said.

One is the possibility that the addition of the Midgett Building in the '60s might have contributed to the settlement of the north hallway in the basement of KOM and that there may be some question about the design of the foundation at that point.

Please see KOM, page 3

## Grad Business Studies names new director

□ Staff reports

The recently named director of the new Graduate Business Studies is hoping to create a service organization.

Dr. Troy Festervand, professor of management and marketing, will focus entirely on redefining and developing MTSU's entire business program, especially at the graduate level.

"You will certainly find me out in the field, much more than anyone has ever been before," Festervand said, "effective immediately."

The graduate program, according to Festervand, will become a service organization.

"That's the message I want to get out," he said. "We're planning on being much more aggressive in the marketplace to the extent possible and in specified areas in the Middle Tennessee market."

Festervand, who came to MTSU in 1990, says a lack of people resources has been the reason why the graduate business school hasn't been as visible as it should be. He plans to "increase awareness of this office, our services, our programs, of who we are and what we're doing."

Dwight Bullard, associate dean in the College of Business, will focus his energies on student advising and managing the technology in the new Business-Aerospace building.

"We've started to stay open (BAE222A) at least two nights a week to meet the needs of the graduate students," he said. "Students should be able to come in here and talk to me or our graduate analyst, Betty James."

Festervand wants to see the graduate school sponsor more lecture series, become a student resume bank of sorts for area employers, and do whatever else is necessary to become more consumer-oriented and customer-friendly.

MTSU, according to Festervand, is in an ideal position both at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the College of Business.

Festervand received his B.B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, and Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. Prior to coming to MTSU, he taught for ten years at the University of Mississippi.

## Going underground



Chad Gillis/staff

Murfreesboro Electric Department workers remove overhead wiring from a telephone pole outside Corlew Hall last Friday. The effort is part of a plan to remove all above-ground wires and telephone poles from campus.

## SGA threatens to impeach senator

□ Christy M. Davis/ special to Sidelines

Impeachment is being threatened against a member of the Student Government Association for the first time this semester.

Freshman Senator Michael Hilliard is being charged with complete and total apathy, according to SGA President Ryan Durham.

"He has not made it to any meetings this year—at all," Durham said.

The SGA Constitution allots three absences per semester.

"Basically, we've got a resume builder. We're not going to allow that," Durham said.

The speakers of the house and senate will oversee the proceedings.

The first step in the process,

presenting the case before the senate, happened Nov. 5, according to Speaker of the House Jason Reid.

"The entire senate voted in favor of a resolution to go to the house and ask for consideration of a committee," Reid said.

The house will vote to determine if the speaker of the house should appoint a committee to investigate the issue.

The committee, to be comprised of no less than five members, will review the accusations and, if necessary, present Articles of Impeachment to the house.

If the resolution passes the house by a simple majority, Hilliard will be impeached and stand trial before the senate, with the chief justice presiding.

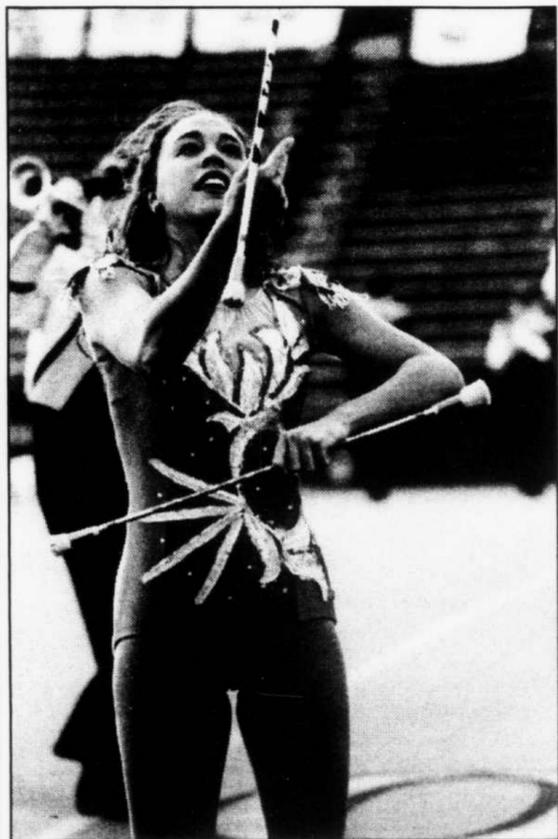
If Hilliard is impeached, he will be removed from office and banned from holding any position in the SGA for the remainder of his attendance at MTSU.

Assuming that impeachment is the outcome, Durham will then appoint a replacement from the same college that Hilliard was elected in. The replacement must be approached by both the senate and the house.

"Students who are willing to take the leadership roles and to provide some form of government for the student body need to take that seriously," Durham said. "Obviously, this is a student basically abusing our organization. That's completely inappropriate."

Hilliard refused to comment on the issue.

# In a spin



Angela Skala/staff  
A member of the Band of Blue performs during halftime at Saturday's football game.

# MTSU On Campus



To have information placed in the On Campus section of the paper, come by the "Sidelines" office, located in JUB 310, and fill out a form located on the table by the door. Information must be submitted in person. Monday's deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. and Thursday's deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. A new form must be filled out for each edition or the information will not be run.

**Nov. 10**  
A self-defense class sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho will be held in room 121 of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building at 6 p.m. The class will last for about one hour and is open to everyone.

**Nov. 11**  
"Religion vs. America," a video-lecture by Dr. Leonard Peikoff, a foremost interpreter of Ayn Rand's philosophy of Objectivism, will be presented at 7 p.m. in KUC 316. Everyone is invited to an evening of thought and discussion. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact Luc Travers at 893-9531.

**Sigma Tau Delta** will be meeting at 7 p.m. at Red Rose Cafe. For more information, contact Sarah K. Lisle at 898-4985.

**Nov. 12**  
The Psychology Club will be selling candy on the ground floor of the KUC. Participants will receive not only a candy bar, but a \$1 off coupon for participating Subway Subshops. Also, everyone interested in psychology is invited to a meeting of the Psychology Club/Psi Chi meeting at noon in Forrest Hall 201. For more information, contact Dr. Pennington at 904-2706 or Dr. Brinthaup at 898-2317.

**Phi Beta Lambda** is having a chapter meeting at 4 p.m. in the Business/Aerospace building room S326. The speaker will be the dean of the College of Business. Please

bring a canned food item for the food drive to the meeting. If you have any questions, contact Melanie Jenkins at 867-6956.

**A Social Work Forum** meeting will be held 12:30-1:30 p.m. in PH317. All social work majors and minors are invited to attend. For more information, contact Leslie Schlapkohl at 895-3115 or Michelle DuBois at 895-1606.

**Nov. 12-13**  
The Wesley Foundation is sponsoring a **Red Cross blood drive** in KUC 322. Anyone who can donate blood is invited to help those in need.

**Nov. 13**  
**Coffee House Poetry Night** sponsored by Golden Key National Honor Society will be held at 6 p.m. at The Red Rose Coffee House & Bistro on College Street. Guest poet will be Victor Fried. Anyone who would like to share their favorite poetry can pick up a registration form in Dean Burke's office, KUC 126. For more information, contact Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116.

**A Social Work Forum** meeting will be held 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army. All social work majors and minors are invited to attend. For more information, contact Leslie Schlapkohl at 895-3115.

**Nov. 17-20**  
Sophomores, juniors and seniors who have attained outstanding academic achievement are invited to attend information sessions

concerning the establishment of four new honor societies on campus. The Dean of Student Life office and Student Development office are now organizing the new student groups. **Phi Eta Sigma** is being organized for students with 12 or more credit hours; **Lambda Sigma** is for students with 30 or more credit hours and GPAs of 3.5 or above; **Blue Key** is for students with 60 or more credit hours and GPAs of 3.0 and above; and **Mortar Board/ODK** is for students with 90 or more credit hours and GPAs of 3.0 or more. Information sessions about all of the groups will be held in the KUC Theater the following days and times: Monday, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Student Life office at 898-2750, KUC 126, or the Student Development Office at 2454, KUC 122.

**Nov. 18**  
Anyone interested in the controversy surrounding Ayn Rand's philosophy is invited to see "Introduction to Objectivism" at 7 p.m. in KUC 316. For more information, contact Luc Travers at 893-9531.

Calling all hip hop heads and positive music listeners! Real hip hop is about to drop on the 'Boro! From 9 to 11:30 p.m. the **Jehovah Java Coffee House** will have a hip hop party in the JUB cafeteria featuring Grits with Knowdverbs and introducing

the Redd Five family of hop hop artists. Maybe a freestyle jam will break out! A \$1 cover charge will get you in. Be there!

**Dec. 12**  
This is the last day to pay your outstanding debts to the university if you want to hear your grades via Tram or receive a printed grade report upon request.

**Jan. 2**  
Any students academically suspended at the end of the Fall 1997 term who have preregistered for classes will have their schedules deleted from Spring 1998 term. Those who wish to appeal to attend the spring term must contact the Records Office by this date for an appeal application. Appeals received after 9 a.m. will not be accepted. The Records Office will close at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 and reopen 8 a.m. January 2. If you have any questions, please call the Records Office at 898-2164.

### Continuing Activities

**Presbyterian Student Fellowship** invites everyone to their Wednesday Night Supper and Worship each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. For more information, contact Rich Zeigler at 893-1787.

**The Seventh-Day Adventist Student Union** will offer "Praise and Worship" at 7 p.m. every Friday in KUC 314. A bible study will begin soon. For more information, contact Heather Norman at 898-3112.

# Police offer seminars

### Staff reports

The Christmas shopping season is usually the Christmas crime season also.

That is why the Murfreesboro Police Department is offering two seminars to teach armed robbery prevention.

"This is the time of the year that, unfortunately, the criminals come out of the woodwork," said Lt. Clyde Adkison. "The criminals want your money and valuables."

Adkison said the community relations/training and investigations divisions are co-sponsoring the seminars.

"We would like to target all late night businesses since they are obviously a prime target,"

said Commissioner Bill L. Jones. "However, any business is welcome to attend."

The seminars will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Police Annex training room, 324 S. Church St., on Thursday, Nov. 13, and Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Because of limited seating, participants are asked to call 895-3874 during office hours to make reservations. You will be asked to give your company name, contact person's name, business phone number and the number of employees attending the training class.

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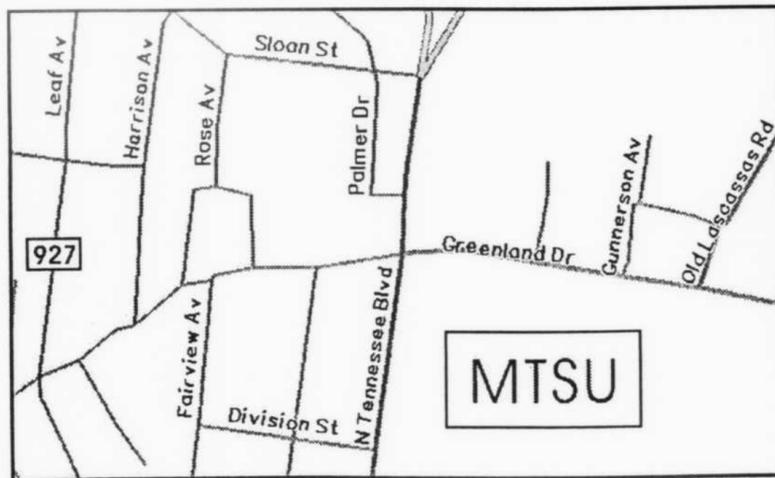
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**KOM:**  
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"We are going to take a look at that and just see if there is any kind of dynamics that is occurring in the structure between the two buildings," Miller said.

"The other issue has to do with renovations that occurred up on the fourth floor in the Kirksey Old Main building and the impact of the weight of those renovations from the fourth floor on the hallway bearing structure in KOM."

Johnson said there are several reasons that buildings settle.

Most common cases, according to Johnson, deal with affluent problems. These problems occur when rainwater comes off the building and fails to drain away from the building.

Over time the water will cause the soil to become soggy and the weight of the building will compress it.

Johnson said that if this occurs at the corner of a building, that part will pull away from the rest of the building, with the stress causing cracks.

Johnson said the the Murphy Center had a problem with affluent in past years.

Another problem prevalent in the state is termed Karst topography. Johnson said Karst topography is, "a geographic area in which the underlying geology is layers of limestone. Limestone is dissolved by water running through it, and over time this forms caves beneath the ground. Eventually caves that are near the surface, as they become bigger and bigger, are no longer stable and the ceiling of the cave collapses and that allows material to fall down." A sinkhole forms as a result, and everything over it sinks as well.

"This is an area where that topography is normal," Miller said. The possibility of sinkholes, "will be considered during these investigations so it can be definitely ruled out."

Schmidt worked three years ago for the Rutherford County Planning Commission. He described his job as the "chief mapper." During his time with the commission he mapped every sinkhole in the county. He said that there are several sinkholes a mile east of

campus.

Albert Ogden, a geologist on campus, said it was premature to discuss what was wrong with KOM, but he did say it could be a problem with affluence, Karst topography or a sinkhole that was filled in at the time of construction and the contents of which has begun to settle.

Planned additions to the computer science lab and a new math lab are on hold until the status of KOM is certain.

Thomas Cheatham, chair of computer sciences, said that work can't begin on the computer science lab until the status of KOM is known after winter break.

"I'm afraid the lab will not be open until repairs are made [to correct the KOM structural problems]," Cheatham said. He said he fears that it could be as late as August before the new lab is completed. He said if work could begin now, the lab could be up and running by December. Cheatham said the amount approved for new equipment, furniture and construction is \$110,000. Walls will be knocked out to add floor space to the computer labs on the third floor of KOM, and 36 new computers will be added.

Dovie Kimmins, director of the mathematics learning center, tentatively said that it will be impossible to have the new lab in place before next fall because of the situation with KOM. She said the tests on KOM are being done to determine the problem with the building. The new math lab will be opened in KOM 251 and 252, space presently occupied by the computer science labs. She said that the new lab will increase their lab space and at least double their number of computers.

KOM was constructed in 1911 by George W. Moore and Son of Nashville. The building has a wooden frame, with a brick veneer. In the early years of the school it was known as the academic building, the administration building and the main building. When it was created it housed an auditorium, all academic programs, and all faculty offices. A planetarium was even located on the top of Old Main. It has been renovated immensely over the decades.

## Making a point



Al Gore Sr. speaks at a session at the conference about his political life held last Saturday at the Business Aerospace Building. *Angela Sikala/staff*

## MTSU and Chamber of Commerce host FutureDay

□ Staff reports

The Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and MTSU invite everyone to look into the future.

FutureDay, a seminar which will include a live satellite broadcast, is scheduled November 12 at the Chamber building.

America's leading business authors and trend forecasters will speak from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Among the FutureDay speakers are:

- John Naisbitt, futurist and author of the bestseller, "Megatrends;"
- Lester Thurow, MIT economist and author of the

bestseller, "The Future of Capitalism;"

• Don Tapscott, technology expert and author of the bestseller, "The Digital Economy;"

• Faith Popcorn, trend watcher and author of the bestseller, "Clicking;"

• Don Peppers, marketing genius and co-author of the bestseller, "Enterprise One to One;"

• Marshall Loeb, moderator of the event and editor-at-large at "Fortune" magazine.

The cost of the seminar to the general public is \$199. Full-time faculty and staff may attend for \$99 and students for \$59. Lunch will be included.

To register, call 898-2462.

## What's cookin'?



Courtney Drewes/staff  
Mandy Wilson, left, a sophomore public relations major, JoAnn Lawson, center, a junior aerospace major, and Mandiey Sherrill, a junior elementary education major, work at a Phi Chi bake sale last week on the first floor of the Keathley University Center.

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## Editorials

### Impeach the apathetic

The Student Government Association is making headway this week with its move to impeach a lethargic freshman who has yet to attend a senate meeting despite his election as a senator.

Michael Hilliard, who has not fulfilled any of his obligations to the SGA—i.e., attendance and participation—needs impeaching. At best, Hilliard at the outset could have said "I wish to not take part in the SGA," and resigned without repercussion. But now he faces a terrible stigma: the only senator, or member of SGA, to be impeached in the Fall 1997.

Last semester the SGA threatened to impeach multiple senators for the same reasons as is being sought against Hilliard. However, under the administration of President Christin Baker, who failed to display any initiative whatsoever, no one was actually removed. At that time, then-candidates Ryan Durham and Jason Reid said they would have expedited the process.

Now is their chance. President Durham and Speaker of the House Reid have been bold in their handling of this impeachment. They seem ready, and somewhat eager, to show that they are not afraid to remove someone from office for total "apathy." Durham even called Hilliard a "resume builder." A harsh, but accurate, indictment. Hilliard, unfortunately, has been available for comment.

Hopefully other senators and representatives will learn from this process. The SGA is a student-legislative body meant to take action. Failure to do so is a failure to fulfill the SGA's responsibility to the students.

## Beware how the bottle reflects you

□ Gregory Brochard, Minnesota  
Daily, University of Minnesota

The recent binge drinking deaths of Scott Krueger at MIT and Benjamin Wynne at Louisiana State University remind students everywhere that alcohol packs a lot more than a buzz. The two were students who, like all of us, should have known better; booze kills brain cells, bodies and souls. If we, the living, don't watch ourselves, we may face an unpleasant distinction of being labelled a generation of drunks.

Treating binge drinking as an institutional problem and not a human one will only cost more lives. We may choose to blame the liquor industry or even a careless society all we want, but unless we look at the most important issues facing students today, few solutions will be found.

Harvey Sarles, professor of cultural studies and comparative literature, agrees. He believes the approach to binge drinking should consider students' fundamental values.

Students dabbling with alcohol, he says, have long been part of academia's climate. The rise of binge drinking, however, troubles him.

"The binge drinking seems new and scary. How come [students] go so far?" he asks. "I don't know. But I would blame a lot of it on the extraordinary changes in work."

Beyond the addition of binge drinking, one of the most striking aspects to changes in student behavior lies in their inability to find a purpose for being in school. Students of the 1990s are not participating in the work force of 20, 10, or even five years ago. Instead of going to school in order to emerge with a lifelong career, much of students' time spent in academia is in preparation for jobs beginning at the level of temps or interns.

The present generation holds a unique status in history, he says, noting, "We're living in a time with an unscripted future." Many students, says Sarles, are left to believe "either there is no future or the future is

hopeless."

The results of this historical mess that we find ourselves in are reflected in the harrowing statistics on binge drinking. Reports from a Boynton health survey indicate that last year 39 percent of University students engaged in binge drinking—regularly consuming at least four to five drinks in a row.

A national study conducted by Harvard researchers surveyed 18,000 undergraduates and found that a whopping 44 percent said they were bingers.

Even though the University's results are a little below the national

though there are many exciting subjects in academia today, he adds, "I don't think there are many kids who are interested in the subject matters."

Instead of trying to consider core issues in the present pitfalls of academic structures, many of the measures being considered by policy makers attack the practice of drinking alone. Litigation has begun in at least one of the recent student deaths. Schools are scrambling to put together new "zero tolerance" policies regarding illegal alcohol abuse. Law enforcement is cracking down on underage liquor sales and toughening up the penalties on underage intoxication. All of these steps seem like a step toward squashing a symptom. However, they do little to cure a deeper sense of despair.

Ultimately, the proposals of studies, researchers, task forces and administrators still remain more scholarly than human. The problems in changing institutions instead of deeper social consciousness should be obvious to students and the campus community alike.

Binge drinking cannot be defended as a singular right or attacked as something to be regulated. I doubt any binge drinker who has had to face the ruined relationships and ruined brain cells can claim that they are anywhere worth the evening's escape. Been there, done that.

However, cracking down on drinking and simultaneously creating an illusion that today's student body drinks for the sake of drinking alone is the last thing anyone wants or needs. The true challenge for students and researchers lies in the responsibility to find out exactly who we are and where we stand in history.

What's at stake is not just how many of us drink too much. On the line is whether we can find fulfillment in living life for itself. If not—if we can't bring to bear the knowledge and creativity all around us at the University—our entire generation could become a living statistic.

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average, we shouldn't celebrate anything. The Boynton survey also found that binge drinking at the University increased by 13 percent among 18 and 19-year-old students over a two-year period.

America's 12 million undergraduates now drink 4 billion cans of beer a year, averaging 55 six packs apiece, and spend \$446 a year on alcoholic beverages—more than they spend on soft drinks and textbooks combined.

Meanwhile, our shocked nation reads the alcohol poisoned obituaries of its students. Will our school be the next to add another entry on the growing list of the dead?

"Of course for death I don't think there is a cure," says Sarles. He believes that the most important steps that could be taken, however, would encourage a deeper interest in healthy pursuits, by "engaging people in life."

Sarles says that the ideals of obtaining satisfaction from a diploma have become an "unreality." Even

## There are more important matters than dictionaries

□ Boyce Watkins, Kentucky Kernel  
University of Kentucky

The other day I noticed that the NAACP has threatened to boycott Webster's Dictionary if it refuses to remove the word "nigger" from its pages. When I read about their intentions, all I could say was, "Why?"

Considering the sad state of affairs in the black community, it appears to me that the NAACP has better things to do than protest the fact that the word "nigger" is still in print. That's like UK basketball coach Tubby Smith spending three weeks of practice time deciding what color uniforms to wear.

I remember a time in my life when calling me a nigger was the fastest way to find your face in the ground. After hearing that word, my body was trained to enter a deep state of immediate sensory shutdown. Time would stop and the room would become quiet. Everyone in my line of vision would disappear, except for that dirty bastard who had the nerve to call me that name. It didn't matter if he was 10 feet tall or three times my size. The simple fact was that this person had to die.

It was really out of my control. As I got older, I began to realize that racism has many faces, few of which involve the use of the word "nigger." Most racists never use the word, but they call you a nigger in everything they do.

There are politicians who never use the word, but their actions show nothing less than a very intense hatred of black people. If you agree that actions speak louder than words, then I am called a nigger at least 857 times a day.

I no longer get offended when I hear the "N" word. I guess it's because even though I don't exactly know what a nigger is, I do know that I certainly am not one. Also, as long as we focus our energy on a single word and allow it to push our button so easily, it will take attention off more important issues. Hence the NAACP. My mama always told me that when somebody gives you money, they are usually buying influence, whether it be intentional or not. If you come to rely on their money, you really can't do anything that offends without some

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For example, if they were to protest the fact that there are far too many liquor stores placed in the black community, they would probably offend the alcoholic beverage companies that give them thousands of dollars every year.

If a Union Carbide doesn't want to take too much heat for placing toxic waste plants in black neighborhoods, I would imagine that a multimillion-

dollar donation to the NAACP would do the trick. To have non-black companies support the organization most responsible for defending the rights of African Americans is like having neighborhood drug dealers funding the police department. As noble as their intentions may be, a conflict of interest is inevitable. So the NAACP really can't do much more than it is doing right now.

Even on the UK campus, the leadership in the Minority Affairs Department was unable to protest UK President Charles Wethington's attempt to cover up the racially motivated attack of a black female student. Their hesitation probably had to do with the fact that Wethington signs their paychecks every week. While this is certainly understood, it leaves me wondering who is going to stand up for black students when they need protection. Like the NAACP, I could only see Minority Affairs taking a stand if someone were to call us niggers in public, unless of course, that person was a high-ranking University official.

I've always felt that the best thing about being poor is that nobody owns you. The naivete of my youth tells me that being black, educated and totally free would be more valuable than any sort of financial compensation. I like to think that my integrity will never have a price, but after witnessing the "spiritual transformations" of some of my elders, I get a little worried.

So, I agree that the "N" word is not good; I hope they get rid of it. But we should take a lesson from Tubby Smith: After you pick the color of your uniforms, it's time to start winning some games.

## Avoid the credit card monster that looms on most campuses

□ Ed Fletcher, The Digest, Southern University

Beware of the cost of that free T-shirt.

Students nationwide are suckered into signing up for student-rate credit cards for the candy, T-shirt, or other cheap gifts.

After all, getting credit is so easy, plus you get free stuff.

Free? To pay off a debt of \$1,000 over one year at 21 percent annual finance rate, which is typical among credit companies that frequent colleges, you could buy 30 shirts at \$7 per T-shirt, or \$210 total.

Many students fail to realize what long-term damage they can do to their credit record by abusing a credit card. Your credit record is permanent and follows you where ever you may go.

Why do so many students end up in credit hell?

• Many students lie about their income. Since the company rarely if ever checks information, it is easy to slip by. Since the employees get paid based on the number of forms people sign up they don't care if you really can't pay the bill.

• Students don't read the fine print. Many cards offer an "introductory rate." Introductory means that rate will end, and the

permanent rate usually will rise after this period is over.

• Students don't shop around. Other companies offer better rates but you won't find them knocking down your door to give you a card.

• Companies that seek college students often charge exorbitant interest rates. They figure students are not smart enough to shop around or don't have enough income for another company to issue them a card.

• Companies figure that most parents will pick up the bill if their kids fall into debt.

Why do colleges allow credit companies to set up their lair? Universities get paid.

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## From the Mailbox

### ROTC achievements deserve more than a passing mention

To the editor:

While most students were enjoying a relaxing four-day weekend during fall break, a team of ten of MTSU's finest ROTC cadets traveled to Ft. Knox, Ky., for a challenging weekend of competition, namely the 3rd Brigade, 2nd ROTC Region Ranger Challenge. The ROTC varsity sport. This competition is as demanding and strenuous as any season of football or basketball, and our team had only one chance to prove itself.

Over a two-day period they took an Army Physical Fitness test, ran a difficult orienteering course (in which they placed first), a reconnaissance patrolling exercise, a rifle marksmanship qualification test, challenging one-rope bridge construction, a strenuous hand grenade assault course, a timed weapons assembly and, finally, a

demanding 10-kilometer road march in full equipment.

Most of these events were scored for time as well as accuracy, and it was vital that all members of the team be physically fit as well as skilled and knowledgeable in all eight events. Let me emphasize once more that unlike a football or basketball team, our Ranger Challenge team has only one chance per year to prove itself against the best of the best from other colleges in 3rd Brigade, which encompasses Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. Among the 29 universities represented this year were: Vanderbilt, which has taken first place three years in a row; Austin Peay; Western Kentucky; Ohio State; UT; and West Virginia. Each college sends its best cadets to represent them at Ranger Challenge, and competition is fierce.

The fact that the 10 cadets

representing MTSU and the Blue Raider Battalion brought home the first place trophy (narrowing out Vanderbilt by a narrow margin) is cause for pride and congratulations. I find it reprehensible that "Sidelines" chose to merely acknowledge this fact with a tiny six-line statement in the "In Brief" column of last Thursday's issue. If our football team had beaten UT or Vanderbilt, surely there would be more recognition than that for their accomplishment. The dedication and hard work of our Ranger Challenge team, who have given their time and best effort to training and preparation since the beginning of August, and have done MTSU proud by defeating 28 teams from four states, deserves more than passing mention in your newspaper.

John A. Womack  
SGA Senator

### Student proposes more solutions to parking problem

To the editor:

With 18,366 students enrolled and only 8,262 parking spots, there is a severe parking problem at MTSU. Very few spots are ever available after daylight breaks. You feel great when you finally do find a parking space until you return to find a yellow (\$30) ticket stuck under your windshield wiper for parking in the wrong place. Something must be done to remedy this problem and here are a few ideas:

First, open some "off limits" parking places closed off to the student body. Besides faculty spots, which account for 20% of total spaces, there are other places on campus that should be available for parking. Is it really necessary for an entire

parking lot near the recreation center to be closed off to students in favor of construction workers working across campus on the football stadium?

The next option is an expensive one: build a multilevel parking garage where the open fields are on campus. It saves land space if you stack four times the amount of cars that normally fit in that space. It works in downtown Murfreesboro and Nashville, with the help of something like a fund raiser, it will work here too.

The final idea is probably the easiest. Use existing parking lots close to campus, like "Rose's" or the downtown garages, that are always empty. We just need a few spots, not

all of them. This will take some work from both parties. The university will need to provide dependable busing and students would be wise to car-pool when possible.

These plans will not work without cooperation from both students and administration. With teamwork and time, we can solve this congestion in our parking lots. Though these ideas are a stretch, the parking problems will not go away by sitting around and complaining or handing tickets at the drop of a hat. Those who doubt the outcome of such plans... "beggars can't be choosy."

Sincerely,  
Gabriel Rheume  
concerned student

### CPR certification should be mandatory for police

To the editor:

CPR certification is presently not a mandatory requirement for police officers in the state of Tennessee. However, on our campus we are fortunate that our police department has CPR certification as a requirement. With the size of our campus

and the population, it is feasible that this will prove to be a valuable asset to our community. In fact, they have been responsible for saving a life! We are fortunate that this is a mandated requirement for our police officers. Other communities should be so lucky!

As a concerned citizen and

a senior nursing student, it is my opinion that this should be a statewide requirement. I applaud the MTSU Police Department for setting a higher standard and maintaining our safety and well-being.

Nancy Leff  
Senior  
School of Nursing

### 'Useless' parking permit should be traded in for bike license

To the editor:

I purchased a green parking permit for the fall semester that quickly became worthless to me due to the parking situation on campus. I have been riding a bike since the second week of classes. I

would rather not have to purchase a bike permit as well. Perhaps, in lieu of paying an additional \$5.00 for a bike permit, students could trade in their useless parking permits for a bike license of comparable value. Let's see, \$35.00 for a parking permit, that's what,

seven years of bike license. By the way, sometimes I breathe while I'm on campus, what is the current charge for that?

Cathy Mize  
Junior  
Computer Science

### More computer labs and hours are necessary on campus

To the editor:

With over 18,000 students going to MTSU, more computer labs should be open more hours. It is to my understanding that one out of six computer labs is open twenty-four hours a day. Almost every time I have gone to work in a computer lab, I have had to wait in line. Once I finally get on a computer, I have to worry if I'm going to have enough time to finish typing my paper.

I understand that keeping all of the computer labs open

twenty-four hours would be difficult, but some of the labs could simply open a few hours earlier. For example, the Corlew computer lab is only open from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. It could easily be opened at 12:00 p.m. and that would be an extra four hours for students to get work done.

Many students on campus are looking for jobs and if the computer labs were open more hours, that would create more job, which is a simple solution for two conflicts. By hiring a few more students, keeping the computer labs open would not

be a problem. After all, each student pays \$170.00 for student fees and where does that money go? Why couldn't some money go toward keeping the computer labs open for the students convenience? When more money is saved up, MTSU could add a small computer lab to another dorm, like Cummings Hall, so that Corlew Hall wouldn't stay so crowded. This problem should be fixed now before it gets worse.

Ashley Holt  
student

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# Spotlights!

## Barn doors open for Senior Art Exhibit

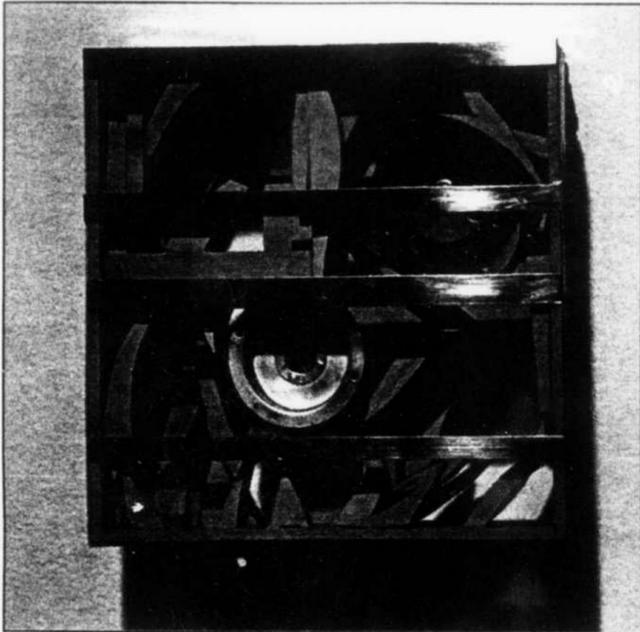
□ Leah Waldron/staff

The spotlights are on and the walls are gleaming white but there's a little dirt on the floor. Actually, it's a huge pile of dirt. It's just a part of Susan Creel's artwork featured at the Senior Art Exhibit this month.

From Nov. 5-28 the Art Barn opens its doors to the public for an intimate exhibit featuring the unique artwork of the senior art students graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree this December. Each exhibit is a reflection of what the individual has learned, not only at MTSU, but also throughout their entire experience in art.

"They attempt to show the faculty and students and the community what they've learned and the direction that they're headed in," explains Carlyle Johnson, head of the art department. There's a strong feeling of pride in Johnson's voice as he boasts about his students.

There is no single theme to the exhibit, but each student has to develop their own sense of what it is they're working toward. Each individual must incorporate the



Will Isom/staff

An untitled, mixed media work by sculptor Andrea Turner demonstrates the various talents displayed by MTSU art students while seeking a degree.

imagination."

principles. The various artwork displayed illustrates how each artist handled the problems they faced.

Andrea Turner's exhibit demonstrates the use of different mediums such as wood and aluminum to illustrate the control of space. James E. Whitehurst uses an array of mixed mediums in his paintings on canvas. His work is a reflection of the spontaneous attitude he takes toward his work. The pottery displayed is the work of Grant.

Grant may have a last name but he prefers to simply be called Grant.

Susan Creel's installation is based on the concept of time and takes up a wall of its own. Her use of various materials ranging from a pile of dirt to a television set create a piece that reflects a concept of time and allows viewers a time to reflect.

There are four different stages of the installation. Creel strategically places her quotes about the different stages on the far wall.

"I want people to become more involved," Creel explains.

She made the quotes small so that people would have to actually walk on parts of the exhibit to read them.

For many of the students, this exhibit may be the only opportunity for them to share their work with the public in a gallery setting.

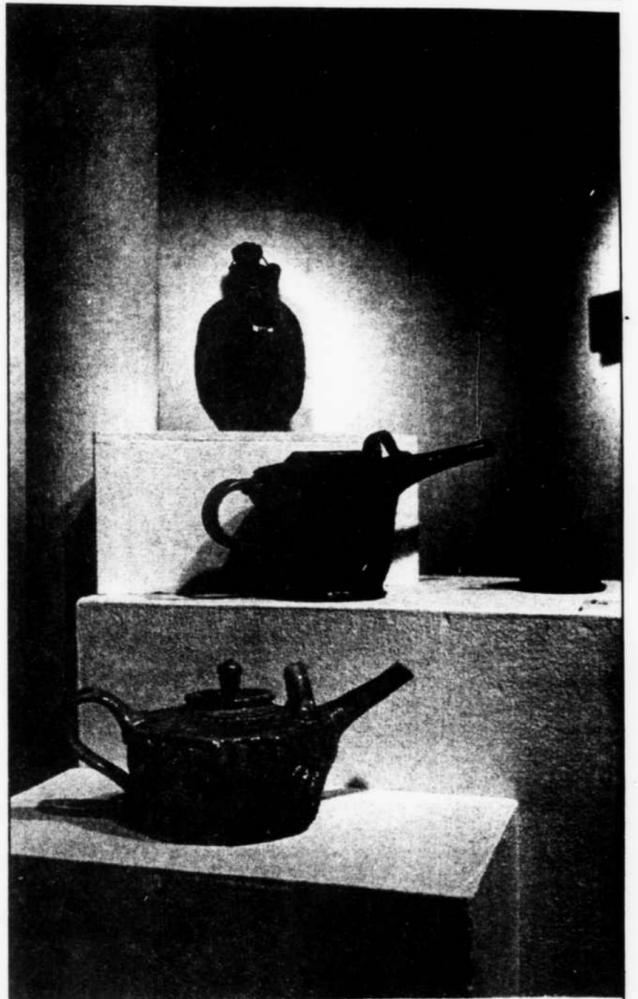
"It gives them a chance of having their work on clean white walls with the spotlights," Rick Rishaw explains. "It's like the cap on the bottle of their art experience here." Rishaw is the wood shop assistant and contributes to the Senior Exhibit every semester by helping install the exhibits.

The exhibit also gives the students "an opportunity to see what other students are doing in other areas," explains Johnson. He points out that sculptors never get a chance to see what they're doing in painting and painters never see what's going on in graphics.

Creel explains that the exhibit is important to her because "art without an audience is meaningless." It means so much more to the students to get a response from other people, she said.

The exhibit also gives students outside of the art department a chance to enjoy viewing artwork in a gallery setting. Exhibits like this may offer a brief escape from the stresses of campus life.

"Art is very personal," Creel explains. "The rest of the world tells you to be logical and reasonable whereas artists ask you to use your



Above: "Spouted Vessels," by Grant, illustrates the knowledge gained by this graduating senior during his MTSU experience. Left: "Painter in Confinement," mixed medium on canvas, by James E. Whitehurst, gives insight to the world of an artist. The exhibit runs throughout the school dates in November. Photos by Will Isom.



## Bjorn Again is Duran Duran



□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Typically a band is thought of as having passed the pinnacle point of their career once tribute albums are released in their honor.

Such is the case for Duran Duran. The English group that brought the world to its feet back in the mid-eighties hasn't been seen or heard from in quite some time. They haven't, however, been forgotten.

Recently, 15 bands were given an opportunity to record their favorite Duran tunes, making the Duran Duran Tribute Album an almost auspicious montage of punk, ska punk and reggae.

The most notable band to participate was Goldfinger, who gave Rio quite a late '90s twist. However, their comedic rendition at the end changing the lyrics to "Dio. His name is Ronnie James Dio" seemed more like a slap in the face of Simon LeBon and John Taylor than a tribute to a song that helped to make them a household name around the world.

The only other two recognizable names to most people were Deftones and Eve's Plum. The Deftones did a forgetful cover of "The Chauffeur" while Eve's Plum record the best of the slow songs with "Save A Prayer." It's truly one of the best on the album.

Like Goldfinger, Reel Big Fish had

a little fun with their cover of "Hungry Like The Wolf." However, their comedy came in the form of an intro the band recorded and not in a restructuring of the song.

Reel Big Fish's version of the song sheds a little ska punk into Duran Duran; a light no one could have ever imagined them being in 10 or 15 years ago.

The surprise of the album is "Ordinary World" by Riverfenix. The Texas-based group stayed true to their own sound and style, yet the song almost seemed as though it has been written for them just yesterday.

While Riverfenix had a song to remember and a few others bordered on hoakiness, the two dueling versions of "Girls On Film" were outright dumb.

The first, done by Bjorn Again, was a programmed mess from start to finish. Even if the sampled version, which sounded more like a recorded train wreck, had turned out good it didn't come anywhere near to what the others were doing. It was an attempt that was way too far off the beaten track.

The second one was attempted by the aptly named Wesley Willis Fiasco. There isn't a more perfect description than fiasco for this one. The sound is almost Japanese, making you

wonder whether the graphics department at Mojo Records inadvertently placed the credits of the two artists out of order on the back cover.

In the end, the disc is a fun experience the first time through, but any subsequent listen is sure to drive the listener mad with anxiety. A hoaky effort at best by an even hoakier record company trying to capitalize on the name Duran Duran.



## 'Let's Dance'



Jason Mazzo/staff

Bryan Dihigo, a junior mass comm. major holding the microphone, hosts the Old School Dance party sponsored by Channel 8.

## New bar, grill brings southwestern flavor to the 'Boro

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Cattle drives, camping under the stars, wagon trains and mining towns are the driving imagery behind the theme for Tumbleweed, a new bar and grill that's bringing the southwest to Murfreesboro. But it's doubtful that anyone in the old west had a place this unique to knock off their boots.

The same mood lives on in the bar, but in place of the sour whiskey is the Tumbleweed Margarita, a

house specialty.

Bar brawls? Showdowns at high noon? Not likely. Although there may be some heated debates on which sporting event happens to be on the television at the bar.

For the healthy-minded city folk, there's a sign that says, "If you're smoking in here, you'd better be on fire," that marks your territory. This area is, of course, for the non-smoking customers, but no need to worry, there's equal amount of space compared to the smoking section so you don't feel like the odd-man out.

The decor of this bar and grill gives the impression of old-style humbleness but is offset by the sound of popular rock playing throughout.

Unlike other restaurants of this genre, Tumbleweed specializes in two menu types. One is the traditional Mexican-style entrees which include their distinctive tacos, enchiladas and fajitas. The other, being a more savory American-style, consists of various steak-and-chicken

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# Revisiting polyester with two new films

Robert Philpot, CPS

When Carly Simon sang "these are the good old days," back in 1971, she couldn't have known how prophetic she was.

A quarter-century later, the '70s are everywhere, especially on movie screens: "The Ice Storm," Ang Lee's drama about two families trying to keep up with the sexual revolution in 1973, and "Boogie Nights," Paul Thomas Anderson's vibrant exploration of the porn world of the late '70s.

The reissue of the 20-year-old "Star Wars" became one of the biggest-grossing films of 1997, and "Saturday Night Fever" is due for a year-end reissue in several markets. And in the past few years, "The Brady Bunch" movies were hits and "Dazed and Confused" earned good reviews; even movies such as "Wayne's World" and "Pulp Fiction" play off pieces of '70s pop culture.

Now, let's catalog the '70s for a second: Kent State, soft rock, Watergate, polyester leisure suits, ugly ties, goofy hairstyles, the Iranian hostage crisis.

Why were they the good ol' days?

"If you think about it, we were on the cusp of losing our innocence," said David

Whillock, associate professor of radio-TV-film at Texas Christian University. In 1973, "the Vietnam War was winding down, but we hadn't thrown in the towel yet. ... After 1975, there was a lot of kicking and screaming because of Watergate, and we got into a different mindset of searching for trust. When you look at 'Boogie Nights,' there's a lot of trust there."

"The Ice Storm" and "Boogie Nights" play like two halves of a '70s double bill. "The Ice Storm" centers on two small-town families whose members feel disconnected from one another; "Boogie Nights" portrays disconnected people who form a surrogate family in the most lurid of worlds. "The Ice Storm's" characters are dazed, going through the motions; "Boogie Nights" characters are alive, in search of an ever-better good time. In "The Ice Storm," people numb themselves further with alcohol and pot; in "Boogie Nights," cocaine gives them false senses of energy and courage.

The directors of both movies make their observations from a distance: Ang Lee didn't move to America till 1978; Paul Thomas Anderson was 7 years old when the action in "Boogie Nights" begins.

Lee, who lived in Taiwan

during 1973, relied on his crew to supply the '70s flavor. He was surprised to find out that the '70s weren't the good old days.

"It was kind of painful for [crew members] to talk about it," Lee said during a phone interview. "It's not as hip and fun and spunky as what I imagined, as what I'd got from the fashions and the movies. Looking back, it appeared to be somewhat disturbing for them to talk about it."

The movie is set in New Canaan, Conn., during Thanksgiving weekend. Kevin Kline heads an ensemble cast as Benjamin Hood, a 40s-ish sort who's having a fling with his neighbor's wife because it seems like the thing to do. His wife (Joan Allen) knows something's up, and she's also tempted; their teen-age kids follow in their footsteps, playing their own sexual games.

Lee, who graduated from high school in Taiwan in 1973, found that for many viewers, "The Ice Storm" hits very close to home.

"Especially for people under 40, it's very effective," he said. "I met people on the East Coast, even some who grew up in New Canaan or the towns around it, who were literally shaking. Some said after the movie that they cried

for an hour and a half. Maybe the movie has a nightmarish quality to it."

"Boogie Nights" has some nightmarish qualities, too, but most are saved for the second half of the film, which takes place in the '80s. Mark Wahlberg plays Eddie Adams, a young Californian who catches the eye of a serious-minded adult-movie director (Burt Reynolds) and becomes porn star Dirk Diggler.

Despite Anderson's youth, his film nails the late '70s in Southern California: The first half of the movie is a virtually nonstop whirl of discos, sex, parties and drugs. When Anderson talks about the film's accuracy, he gets a bit whimsical.

"I guess my theory is that everyone else was stoned and I was like a sober young kid, so I was paying attention," he said during a recent phone interview. "Maybe I didn't even get it right. Everybody just thinks I did because they were so wasted."

But the 27-year-old director is less tongue-in-cheek when he talks about the continued fascination with the '70s. "Maybe something that's happening is that a lot of people who are around music and movies are around my age," he said. "There's a generation that is reflecting on

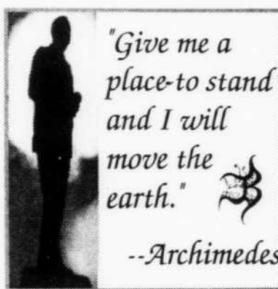
the period of its adolescence or pre-adolescence. Everybody's always trying to look back and figure out their upbringing or their childhood. I think it has something to do with, you know, every generation thinks it's smarter than the previous one. We feel better about ourselves if we look back and go, 'Hey.'"

Whillock said he believes that is true of anyone who experienced the '70s, not just people who are Anderson's age or younger. He said he senses that the nostalgia has less to do with fondness for the '70s than it does with disaffection for the '90s, when people are more politically correct and sexually cautious than they were in the '70s.

"People didn't feel so micromanaged then," Whillock said. "They could decide for themselves what's enough rather than have someone else tell them what's enough."

Whillock points out that people still react like that in the '90s, but in more cynical ways.

"It's an apocalyptic approach to life," he said, "with all the piercing, tattooing and self-destructive behavior. People don't seem to know how to trust themselves internally, much less trust externally."



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## GRILL:

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### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Next season the Blue Raider football team will get a good idea of what lies ahead.

The Raiders will travel to Champaign, Ill., for a game with Illinois. The game with the Big Ten's Fighting Illini is scheduled for Sept. 12. The two teams have never previously met.

There still is the possibility that the Raiders may face another IA team. Beginning in 1999, the Raiders move to IA. The early games against top flight competitors is to help the team make the transition.

### WOMEN'S B'BALL

After a brief delay, the Lady Raider basketball team opened up the exhibition portion of its season with a 76-60 win over the Atlanta Lady Rage.

The Raiders were led in scoring by Teneka Burrell, who finished with 19 points. Carlita Elder added 18 while Natalie Sneed had six assists. Joanne Aluka grabbed 11 rebounds for the Raiders.

Wednesday, the Lady Raiders conclude their exhibition season hosting Szekszard, Hungary.

### MEN'S B'BALL

Tonight the Blue Raider basketball team will host their last exhibition game at the Murphy Center at 7 p.m.

The Raiders will next be in action Friday night when they travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., to face the nation's second-ranked Tar Heels.

The Tar Heels and the Duke Blue Devils both earned 672 points in the recent USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll. Defending National Champions, Arizona, were No. 1, with 727 points.

### MEN'S TENNIS

Second seeded Anthony DeLuise had to retire from his quarterfinal match of the Rolex Region III Qualifying Tournament due to cramps.

The senior was tied six-all with Lee Pearson in the first set at the time. Both DeLuise and Pearson are natives of Australia.

The doubles team of David McNamara and Julius Robberts were named the ITA Doubles Players of the Month for October by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

### VOLLEYBALL

It was another long and disappointing weekend for the Lady Raider volleyball team.

They first lost three sets to two on Friday to Eastern Kentucky before losing Saturday to Morehead State 3-1.

The Lady Raiders are now 10-21 overall and 5-12 in the Ohio Valley Conference. They close out the regular season Tuesday with a home match against Tennessee Tech in the Murphy Center at 7 p.m.

### GAME TICKETS ON SALE

General public tickets for the upcoming men's and women's basketball season are on sale at the Athletic Ticket Center, located on the track level of Murphy Center.

MTSU students with a valid student ID are admitted to Blue Raider athletic events free of charge.

### CAVE EXPLORING

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a cave exploring trip at Southport Cave.

The Nov. 15 trip is just \$10 for students and \$14 for guests. There will be a pre-trip meeting at 8 a.m. on the day of the trip. There is a 12-person limit.

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## Raiders continue to dominate

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

For the second game in a row the Blue Raider football team proved to be unstoppable.

The Raiders dominated Austin Peay in every facet of the game en route to a 59-10 victory Saturday at Jones Field.

"I thought we did what we needed to do," Raider head coach Boots Donnelly said. "Particularly in the first quarter."

In the last two games the Raiders (4-4) have outscored their opponents 114-16.

Defensively the Raiders stifled the Governors (0-9) by intercepting the ball on their first three possessions. Each turnover led to a touchdown as the Raiders finished the quarter on top 28-0.

"The defense played one heck of a game today," Raider quarterback Jonathan Quinn said. "Early on they gave us great field position."

"When they can do that it makes our opportunities to score a lot easier."

The Raider defense limited the Governors to just nine first downs, 45 yards rushing and 108 yards passing. The Governors averaged just 2.6 yards a play compared to the Raiders 7.

"We're finally starting to get more consistent in our offensive play as well as defensively," Quinn said.

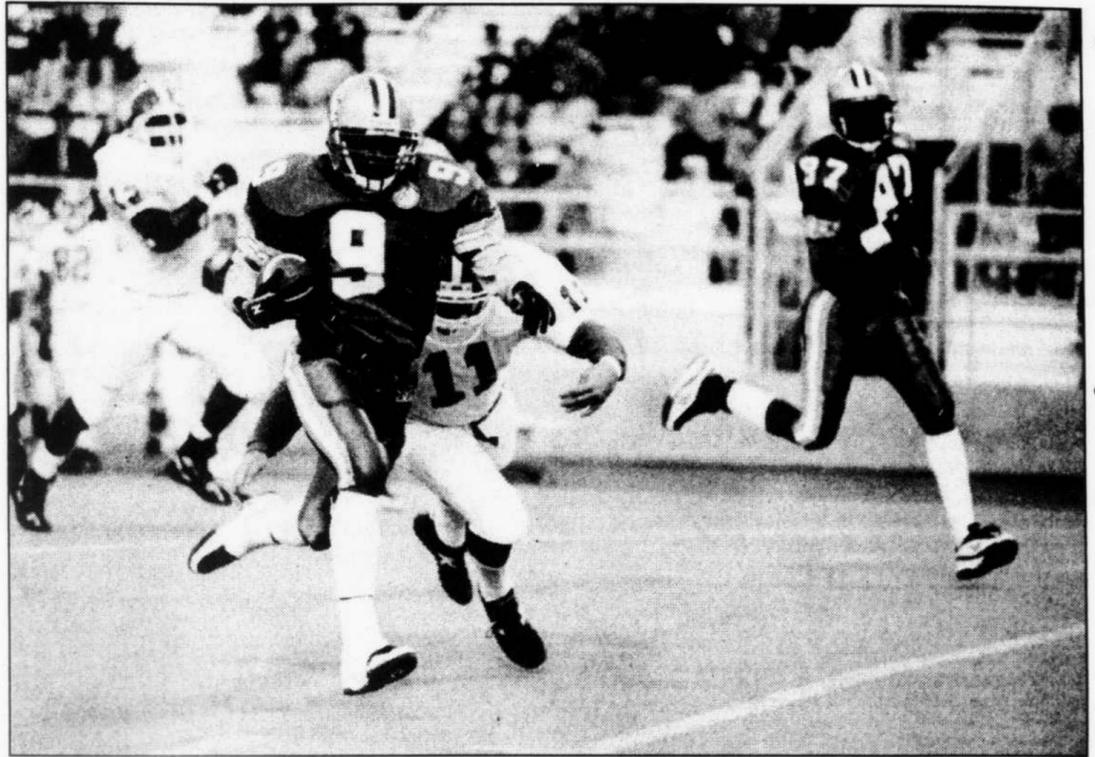
That consistency was evident on the Raiders third down situations where they completed eight of 12 for a 67-percent average. Conversely the Governors converted only 40 percent.

Entering the half the Raiders had thoroughly thrashed the Governors as they jumped out to 31-3 lead.

"I was pleased at the half because [the Governors] hadn't been able to do anything to us," Donnelly said.

"I sympathize with them because they're struggling right now."

Charlie Walker led the Raiders defensive attack with two interceptions, six tackles and four pass deflections.



Steve Purinton/staff

Sophomore flanker Rashad Craft was the Blue Raiders' leading receiver with four catches for 82 yards in Saturday's 59-10 victory.

"He's starting to get to the football and get to the point of attack," Donnelly said of Walker's recent play. "I'm pleased with his progress."

Walker switched from the tailback position earlier this season to defense in order to fill a much-needed role of free safety.

Darrell Love also had a big game for the Raiders on the defensive side of the ball finishing with a team leading 11 tackles.

With the success the Raiders were having in controlling the Governors offense they were able to move more of

their younger players in and out of the game. Twenty-eight Raiders recorded tackles.

"It's nice to have a game where we can work a lot of people," Donnelly said. "They all work so hard in practice."

The swarming defense of the Raiders, which came from every direction, forced the Governors to try three different quarterbacks.

Ironically it was third-string quarterback John Sheppard, who also played defensive back, that passed for the only Governor touchdown. Sheppard hit Coby Lonas for a 33-yard pass late in the fourth quarter.

Offensively seven Raiders crossed the goal line eight times. Quinn, Gary Davis, Tri Heard, Keith Pauldo, Kelverick Green and Jermaine Wilson all scored a touchdown each throughout the game and senior Lebrion McGill scored twice.

Wilson's touchdown was the first for the senior. Donnelly said he planned to give the fullback the ball every play to end the drive after the

Raiders got into a first and goal situation from the Governors five-yard line.

Wilson scored on his first attempt to cap the Raiders eight play, 66-yard clock-eating drive.

"He's done a great job for us," Donnelly said, "especially the last two years at the fullback."

Quinn, another of the Raiders seniors, wrapped up his last home game six of 12 in the passing department for 112 yards. He passed for two touchdowns and ran for another.

His numbers could have been higher but the senior stepped out of the game midway through the second quarter with the Raiders already leading by 31.

"We didn't need to throw it after we got the lead," Donnelly said. "Judd Moore continued to impress me and it was nice to be in a position to let T.J. [Mahan] take some snaps."

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Steve Purinton/staff

Head coach Boots Donnelly talks with his team during a timeout early in the third quarter with the Blue Raiders ahead of Austin Peay by a score of 38-3.

## Students have opportunity to win spring break vacation trip

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Students who attend at least 13 home basketball games this year will have a chance to win a free spring break trip to South Padre Island, Texas.

The "Lucky 13 Contest" is a unique attempt to help bolster attendance this season at both the men's and women's basketball games.

"We're giving [students] another reason to go," said Chip Walters, marketing and promotions director for the Blue Raider Athletic Association.

"I think once they get there, they'll see we have a nice product."

The trip is a six-day, five-night stay for two and includes airfare, transfers and hotel accommodations through Universal Travel.

In order to qualify for the drawing students need to swipe their valid student ID card at the student entrance to the Murphy Center prior to halftime of each game they attend.

Every student who attends any combination of 13 men's or women's games will be eligible for the trip.

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Jan. 5	DH vs. UT-Martin
Jan. 13	Men vs. Tenn. Tech
Jan. 14	Women vs. Tenn. Tech
Jan. 15	Men vs. Austin Peay
Jan. 17	DH vs. Tennessee St.
Jan. 19	Women vs. APSU
Feb. 5	Men vs. Eastern Illinois
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Feb. 19	DH vs. Eastern Kentucky
Feb. 21	DH vs. Morehead State

students will also be eligible for nightly prizes to be given away by the Blue Raider Book & Supply store and 527 Mainstreet. The nightly giveaways will include Blue Raider apparel, gift certificates and tickets to upcoming concerts.

"We were really tickled with the [trip] we were able to offer," Walters said.

The first regular season home game is this Saturday when the women host Ole Miss.

## Overweight is not the same as being 'overfat'

### Stay Fit

Jennie Treadway



How much should a woman who is 5-foot-4 weigh? Some would spit out a number like 120, give or take five pounds. What about her bone structure, genes, frame size or body fat percentage? What about the rest of her?

It is too easy to label weight according to height: look on a chart that has the height/weight ratios and vow that they are undoubtedly accurate. People can become obsessed with achieving the "perfect weight," but they do not realize that some 5-foot-4 women can be up to 140 pounds and be perfectly healthy. The height/weight charts are merely a guideline to follow, not to imitate.

A major misconception about weight is the difference between being "overweight" and "overfat." Overweight is just a term created to identify that a person's weight is higher (about 10 percent) than the average weight according to his or her height. Overfatness (also known as obesity) is characterized by a person who is 20 or more percent over the average body weight.

Being overweight is not an indicator that a person is unhealthy. It may be a contributing factor to poor health, but it is not significant enough to single overweightness as the sole reason. Overfatness, on the other hand, is a stronger means of determining the quality of a person's health.

The real scare about being above the average weight according to

height is when the person's body fat percentage is 35 percent or higher. Women, because of their body structure, are allowed more body fat—anywhere from 20 to 27 percent. Men should have around 12 to 18 percent body fat.

Athletes tend to have a very low percentage since their workout regime is so vigorous. Those with the lowest amount of body fat are gymnasts, swimmers and ice skaters. Women with too little body fat will often suffer from amenorrhea (loss of menstrual cycle), which is common in athletes.

Knowing what your body fat percentage is can help tremendously when trying to lose weight or tone up your body. Get the percentage taken before or in the early stages of your program. After a month or so, get it taken again. Even if your weight in pounds has not changed dramatically, there should be a significant loss of body fat, which can be a real encouragement to continue exercising.

Looking at weight as pounds, people tend to become disillusioned by the idea that five pounds overweight means that the extra pounds come from fat. This is not always true. Understanding how the body works is key in losing weight successfully. "Weight" encompasses everything from bones and organs to water and muscle. Fat is just one of many factors in determining weight.

Something to remember when beginning a weight training routine is that muscle weighs more than fat. Building muscle to lose weight does not always work, but building muscle to lose fat does. The more muscle

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# Bengals sack Holcomb's debut in NFL for Indianapolis Colts

Associated Press

Boomer Esiason, who replaced a shaken Jeff Blake midway through the third quarter, passed for two touchdowns and Corey Dillon ran 46 yards for another TD as Cincinnati beat winless Indianapolis 28-13 Sunday.

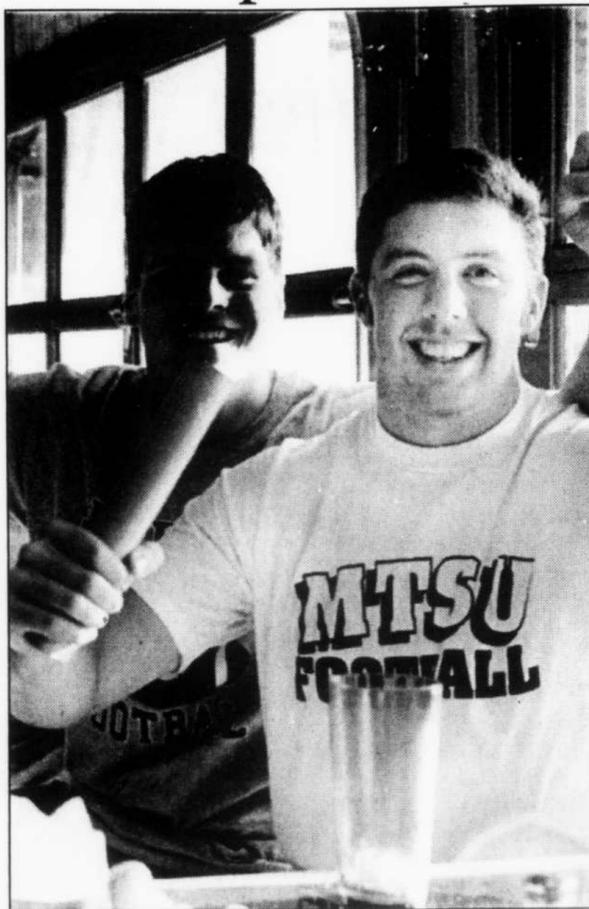
Kelly Holcomb, making his first NFL start in place of injured Jim Harbaugh and Paul Justin, was sacked seven times and intercepted three times, two of which led to touchdowns by the Bengals (3-7).

The Colts (0-10) got more than 100 yards rushing by Marshall Faulk for the first time this season but couldn't overcome their own mistakes. Their abysmal start is second only to the 1986 season, when they lost their first 13 games.

Holcomb was 19-for-32 for 236 yards but lost 45 yards on the sacks. Esiason was 7-for-10 for 82 yards with no sacks.

Cary Blanchard's 42-yard field goal on the opening drive of the third quarter gave Indianapolis its only lead at 10-7, but the Bengals took control on the next series after Blake was knocked groggy on a sack by Dan Footman.

Esiason, a 14-year veteran who had passed for only 39 yards all season, completed a 22-yarder to David Dunn on his first play. Two plays later, Dillon ran 46 yards for the go-ahead touchdown.



Wes Norwood (left) and Andrew McDonald were among the 50 MTSU fans to gather at Hooter's to watch Kelly Holcomb via satellite.

## Stay Fit

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density you have, the more fat your body will burn. Incorporated with aerobic exercise, your muscles grow and you lose excess fat.

However, the scale will not always show a change in weight. Since muscle weighs more, the fat lost will be replaced by muscle. The pounds will not necessarily change.

Often, dieters do not understand this concept and get discouraged when three weeks of weight training does not change what the scale reads. This is why it is encouraged to focus on how you feel and how your clothes fit. The scale can be very deceiving.

Food is also a contributor to overweight. It is a fact that no matter how much exercise your body can exert, too much fat in a diet can lead to a high body fat percentage. Lowering the amount of fat in your diet,

combined with exercise, can lower your body fat, along with dozens of other benefits.

Understanding body weight versus body fat can ultimately change the conception of weight in terms of pounds. Being overweight is not always an indicator that your health is at risk. However, being overfat is. The Recreation Center will perform a complete fitness physical (by appointment) for \$10, which includes calculating body fat. If anything, those are the numbers to watch.

## Football

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Moore was five of six for 95 yards. It's the second game in a row that the sophomore from Leeds, Ala., has been able to step in and take control of the offense.

With Quinn graduating after this season, Moore is expected to be next year's starter.

Rashad Craft was the Raiders leading receiver with four catches for 82 yards.

The Raiders now travel to Richmond, Ky. next Saturday for a match-up with Eastern Kentucky.

With the Colonels 5-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Raiders may not win the conference but they do have a chance to determine who might.

"If we want a winning season then we are going to have to play better than we

have been," Donnelly said. "I think they will elevate themselves."

Considering the Raiders opened the 1997 season with a three-game losing streak, the fact that they are now .500 with a chance to win six games is a testament to their dedication in itself.

"After starting 0-3 we could

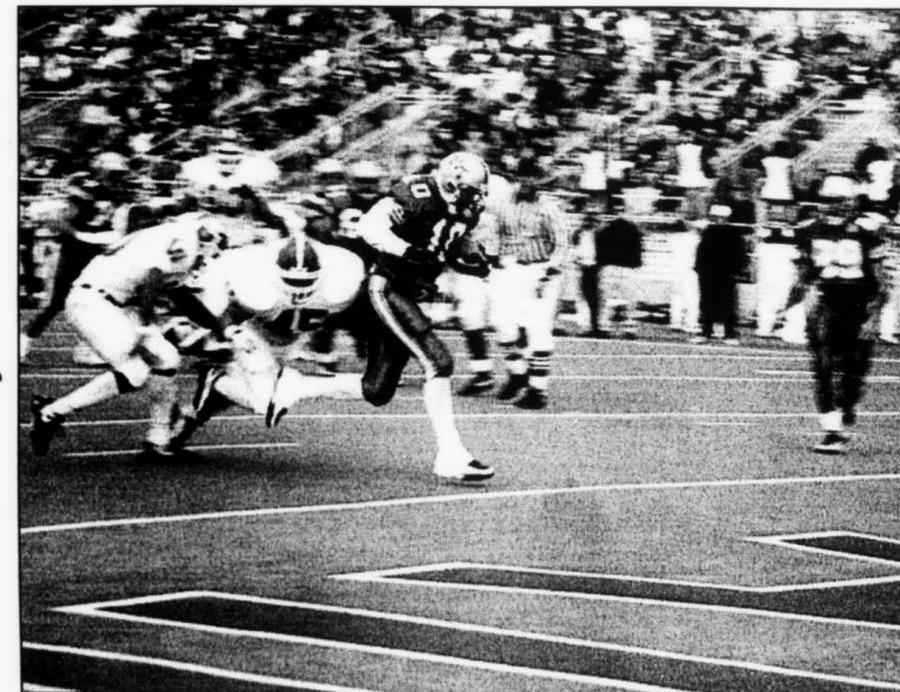
have folded our tent and gone on home," Donnelly said. "But, they refused to do it."

"They're a funny group and they do some funny things on the field sometimes."

The funniest thing about the young Raiders is that after many counted them out, they just may pull off a winning season after all.



Senior Lebrion McGill carried the ball 11 times for 78 yards and two touchdowns in his last home game for the Blue Raiders.



Tri Heard (10) receives an 11-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jonathan Quinn late in the first quarter to make the score 28-0 in favor of the Blue Raiders.

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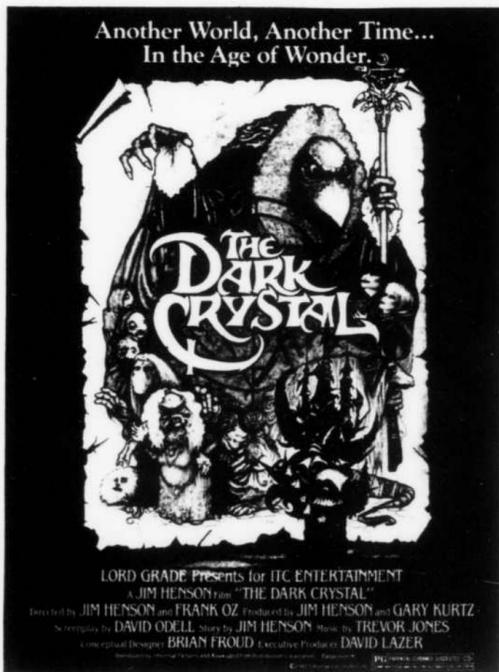
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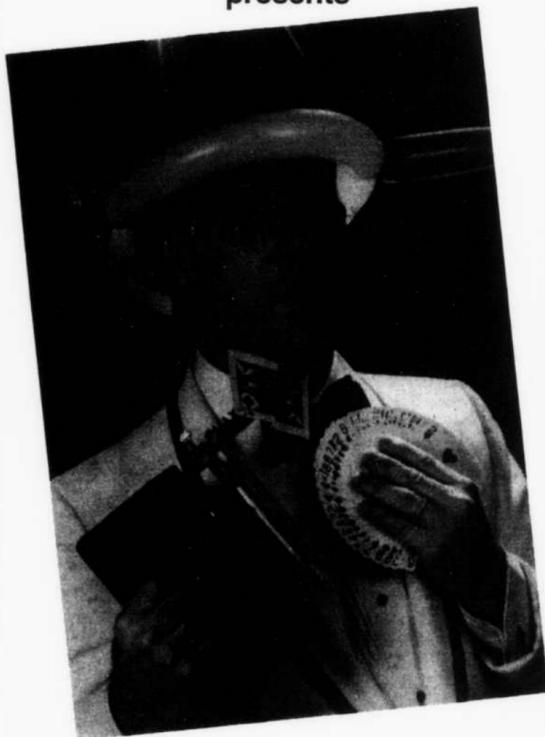
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# JESUS: LIAR, LUNATIC OR LORD

*"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."* C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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MONDAY NIGHT  
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