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MTSU searches nation for new chairs

□ Bryan Brooks/staff

National searches are underway for replacements for several department chairs who recently announced their intentions to step down. The departments involved are speech and theatre, recording industry management, nursing, accounting and music.

Some of these are stepping down because of heavy workloads associated with being a chair.

William Grasty, the present accounting chair, intends to step down at the end of the second summer term. Jill Austin has been appointed by Elam to lead the national search committee for the new accounting chair.

According to Rick Elam, dean of the College of Business, the department faculty will play a key role, along with the respective college dean, in deciding who the new accounting chair will be. Candidates for a chair position can be present faculty members or qualified persons from other parts of the country.

Elliot Pood, dean of enrollment in Mass Communications, said that the search for a new RIM chair is in the early stages. Pood, who is chairing the search committee, said they had just completed position descriptions and search plans.

These must be approved by the affirmative action office and the vice president. After the approval,

Pood said, the positions will be advertised nationally in professional journal ads, direct mail to members of professional organizations and music organizations, and by having the faculty take information about the open chair position to national organizations' meetings which they attend. All departments take similar measures in obtaining replacements for vacant chairs.

At present Bob Garfrerick is the interim chair of the RIM program. Garfrerick said he was asked by Dean of Mass Communications Deryl Leaming to fill in as interim chair, and he's decided yet if he will enter the pool of candidates for the permanent chair.

Garfrerick said the RIM chair "requires a unique blend of abilities. The chair must have the academic credentials, as well as industry skills."

Judith Wakim, the present nursing chair, said she will not reapply for the chair position. Her term as chair will end on July 31.

Wakim said the search for her replacement is in the initial stages and advertisements for the open

position had not been sent out yet. Wakim said a new department chair should be selected by the time she steps down.

James Brooks, who has been the chair of the department of Speech and Theatre for 17 years and interim chair of the Music department since last year, said he also is not reapplying. His term will be over in August.

Brooks said he has enjoyed his time as chair, but feels it is time for a person "with different ideas and approaches" to take the job. Brooks said a new chair for each of these departments should be found by next August.

Richard Campbell, who was made the chair of the journalism department six weeks ago, said he read about the open chair in an advertisement in a national publication, as well as through MTSU faculty members he knew.

Campbell, who came here from the University of Michigan, said he chose to come here because he believed it was a "chance to direct a program going in the right direction." Campbell also said he was interested

in the administrative aspect of the job.

He said he hopes the work load won't be too heavy because he would like to continue writing. He said his biggest concern was about the faculty members in general. Campbell feels that for the school to continue to grow into a national university, the faculty members need the time to pursue their own research agendas and publish academic papers.

Ronald Zawislak, who was recently appointed as chair of the geography and geology department, said it is too early to say how much work will be a department chair will require. Zawislak said the decision to ease the workloads of the chairs is easy to make, but the money fund support staff is not there.

Zawislak, who was already a faculty member, said he applied for the job because he felt it was important for somebody from within the department to take the job, somebody familiar with how it operates.



Garfrerick



Campbell



Zawislak

Parking for football games will change due to construction

□ Staff reports

Getting a good parking spot at MTSU's Sept. 27 first home game against Murray State will be different than it has been in years past.

"It's going to be different," said Larry Counts, director of the Blue Raider Athletic Association. "I don't think it's going to be difficult."

Because of stadium construction, only two entrances (northeast and southeast) will be used to enter the stadium.

Fans should plan which gate they will enter when selecting parking spots for the game.

Counts said it will not be easy to go from one gate to the other because of the construction on campus, including a new soccer field, baseball field house and the cogeneration plant.

Fans are advised to park in perimeter lots farther away from

campus, including Bell Street, the Tennessee Livestock Center lot and the lots behind the mass communication building close to the Recreation Center.

"None [of the lots] are really far from the stadium," said Counts, adding that fans should allow "longer than they are accustomed to" while trying to locate a parking spot on campus.

Two walking paths to the stadium have been designated to allow easier access to the stadium entrances.

The lots closest to the stadium are reserved for the media, President James Walker and his guests and donors to the BRAA.

One lot close to the stadium



Graph provided

Counts said there is probably room for 50 to 60 tailgaters in the lot located off Greenland Drive.

So, what can I do?



Amy Pearce, a recruiter for BMI, talks to Stephen Lassiter, a freshman recording industry management major, at Career Day held Tuesday in the Murphy Center.

Steve Purinton/staff

Professor questions integrity of probing at Honors Lecture

□ Lesli Bales/staff

Every time an election draws near, the public is pelted with campaigns pointing out the undesirable aspects of opposing candidates. For anyone who has found himself cynical or apathetic about politicians when it's time to cast a vote, Mark Byrnes could answer some questions in his Honors Lecture "Probing the Personal Lives of Politicians: Searching for Character or Looking for Dirt?" Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall 109.

According to Byrnes, the main question is how much the public needs to know about the private lives of politicians.

"It's clear that the level of knowledge about politicians' private lives has grown over the last couple of decades," Byrnes said. "However, it's not clear whether that has helped voters make better decisions."

In his lecture, Byrnes will attempt to explain why this change has taken place and will question whether focusing on the private lives of politicians is a "good thing."

He will also discuss real-life cases of politicians who have had their

private lives analyzed and criticized.

"There are strong arguments for both sides," Byrnes said. "I'm not sure if there's a correlation between someone's private life and their ability to perform a political function."

"On the other hand, it makes sense that how someone behaves can shed light on what kind of person they are."

Byrnes is the author of "Politics and Space" and is currently co-editing with John Vile the upcoming book "Tennessee Government and Politics." A native of Murfreesboro, Byrnes received his undergraduate degree from MTSU and did his graduate work at Vanderbilt. He has been teaching in the MTSU political science department for seven years.

Those interested in other Honors lectures can obtain a list of upcoming subjects in Peck Hall 106.



Byrnes

SGA plans parking meeting for next week

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Student Government Association has organized a Parking Towne Hall Meeting where students and Parking will attempt to open the lines of communication, on Sept. 23 at 4:00p.m. in the JUB's Tennessee Room.

Brian Lewis, speaker of the senate, said that he wants SGA and the students to be able to "milk this for all its worth."

Lewis said that if parking looks bad then the university will look bad. He believes that will be enough to motivate President Walker to address the issue.

"Parking [Authority] either doesn't care or doesn't realize the problems are there," Lewis said.

He is confident that around 500 students will be present at the meeting to discuss their complaints and ideas on how to make parking on campus better.

There will be a panel present, made up of faculty who have special interest in parking to help address all issues that are touched upon in the meeting.

SGA President Ryan Durham will be mediating the discussion.

For a worst case scenario, Public Safety will also be there to insure that things stay stay.

"We do not expect any

Parking [Authority] either doesn't care or doesn't realize the problems are there.

Brian Lewis, speaker of the senate

misconduct at all," Durham said but, "we want to make sure all our bases are covered."

Representatives from the Raider Xpress office and the university special committee on parking, which was formed by Walker to research parking on campus, will be on the panel to share their results and answer questions.

Duane Stucky and Debra Roberts, both from the finance and administration office, are expected to be there.

Originally, Charlotte Hunt was supposed to represent Parking Authority, but since her demotion, the parking office is in the dark about who will be at the meeting.

SGA President Ryan Durham said that he believes Roberts will be there to speak for Parking Authority.

Joe Fischer, who is supervisor of Parking Authority, said that he feels confident that Hunt's replacement, Connie Hagberg, will also be present at the meeting.

President Walker has also been invited to the meeting, but whether or not he will actually be there is uncertain.

Lewis said he does not expect for SGA to be able to build a parking lot on its own, but by doing little things like having this meeting, he said he hopes to challenge others to accomplish large goals one small step at a time.

Recently, Durham and Attorney General for the traffic court Jeff Beaumont made several formal complaints to Duane Stucky, vice president of finance and administration, regarding problems with Hunt.

"We have had several meetings with Ms. Hunt in an attempt to resolve our differences, but instead of improving, things seem to be getting worse," Durham stated to Stucky in a letter obtained by "Sidelines."

Student wins \$1,500 national scholarship

□ Sara Salyer/ staff

Renee Kelso, a junior court reporting major at MTSU, received first place recognition in a national scholarship contest.

Kelso was awarded the 1997 Council on Approved Student Education of the National Court Reporters Association Student Scholarship.

Kelso accepted the \$1500 first-place award at the 1997 NCRA ACT Conference in Orlando, Fla.

"It was my first [conference] and it was great; very motivating," Kelso said, adding she learned a lot at the

conference through the many seminars.

The award was presented by the president of the National Court Reporters Foundation, who sponsored the scholarship, at a luncheon.



Renee Kelso

"I love the legal profession," Kelso said. "Not to mention the

money." She moved to the Nashville area four years ago from Cleveland, Ohio. She decided to attend MTSU because of its reputation.

"I heard it was a great court reporting school," Kelso said.

Scholarships were awarded in three places based on academic record, faculty nomination and an essay. The essay, which was titled, "A Marketing Strategy for Recruiting Students into the Reporting Profession," struck a chord with Kelso.

She had already thought about the topic before ever hearing of the essay

competition. "It was really an opportunity to show my beliefs," Kelso said.

Kelso said she became involved with NCRA because it is so beneficial.

"It's very important to belong to an association like that," she said, adding it helps students professionally and offers many services.

One of Kelso's professors, Vince Smith, sparked her interest in NCRA. Smith, a member of the Council on Approved Student Education, told Kelso about the scholarship contest.

Four new classes offered

Staff reports

Four new night classes are being offered on campus in September. While two deal with computers, the others range from explaining the fundamentals of real estate to preparing parents who have children going to college.

Continuing studies is offering a course in real estate fundamentals that is promoted as giving students the "know-how" they need in real estate. The class begins Sept. 23 and will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays for 20 sessions from 6 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

The course will cover the law of agency and the brokerage relationship and contractual procedures. The Tennessee Real Estate Commission has approved the course to meet 60 hours of the prelicense education requirement for Affiliate Broker candidates. It is preparatory for the state board exam.

The course fee is \$335, which includes a textbook and all materials. Bill Schlueter, broker, G.R.I., will instruct the course; he is an agent with Ed Groves Realtors.

For parents who have children leaving for college, continuing studies is offering a seminar to help them avoid making mistakes. Participants

will learn about all aspects of preparing for college, including admission requirements, which classes to take in high school and when to apply.

The instructor is Ron Malone, associate director of admissions. The course will be held Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 22-23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The fee is \$20 per person and \$30 for parent and child.

Continuing studies is also offering two computer courses. The first, Exploring the Internet, will cover topics such as Email, Telnet, and Gopher.

The class will meet Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on campus. A second section will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, from 6-9 p.m. The fee for the course is \$45.

Meanwhile, computer-based training (CBT) courses provide in-depth, interactive, hands-on training of the computer program an individual selects. Microsoft Word, Access, Excel, WordPerfect, PowerPoint, Quattro Pro, Windows 95, and Presentations are among the choices offered.

CBT classes are offered throughout the semester.

Call Continuing Studies at 898-2462 for more information about any of these classes.

Draw me!



Steve Purinton/ staff

Artist Steve Gipson (left) cartoons journalism major Kellie Logan last Friday in the KUC courtyard.

Corrections:

•On Monday, Sept. 8, "Sidelines" erroneously reported that Judith Wakim is stepping down as chair of the Nursing department. In fact, Wakim is not going to reapply for her position at the end of her term, not step down. In the same story, "Sidelines" reported Richard Barnet founded the MTSU Council of Chairs. Barnet was the first president of the Council, but told "Sidelines" several chairs were instrumental in founding the Council.

To clarify one of Barnet's quotes in the story, he intended to say chairs work 40-50 hours a week in administrative work, which is in addition to their faculty work.

•On Thursday, Sept. 11, "Sidelines" erroneously reported that all of the floors of Cummings and Corlew could be accessed from connecting bathrooms. In fact, only on the second floor of both dorms where there is three-person housing is such access possible.

•On Monday, Sept. 15, "Sidelines" erroneously reported that Jim Shannon is a computer science major suffering from a "traumatic brain injury." In fact, Mr. Shannon majors in Computer Information Systems and has cerebral palsy.

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Viewpoint

Opinion on parking? Let's hear it!

We all know the drill. We drive around for what seems like an eternity searching and searching for that hard to find parking space.

While some of us are able to find a location close to our classes, many of us drive around and are never able to park, or have to park so far away that we are late to class. Many students return from class only to discover their car missing because it was towed, and still others spend much needed money paying for parking tickets.

We have all heard the complaints, they never seem to end. There is nowhere to park. Construction has ruined all the parking places. My car was towed. I got a ticket that I can't afford. One of the most common complaints is that there is nowhere to voice our opinions on the parking situation, but that is about to change.

On Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. in JUB's Tennessee Room, the Student Government Association is holding the Parking Towne Hall Meeting. This is an attempt to bring students and the Parking Authority together in order for both sides to express their ideas and opinions on the parking situation.

This is a meeting that involves everyone and all are urged to attend. If you want to voice your concerns: this is your opportunity.

People who don't vote can't complain. Those who don't attend, don't have any right to complain that no one listens to their complaints. Only those who do not drive on campus are not aware of the problem.

According to Brian Lewis, speaker of the SGA Senate, around 500 students are expected to attend. With a campus of over 18,000 this is definitely not a large figure. It would be nice if most of the students enrolled on campus would show up, then maybe something would be done about the parking situation.

With the parking situation as bad as it has become, this is a long-awaited and much-needed meeting. Please take the time to attend, it will be in your best interest.

Death penalty is not rational punishment

William Shulman
Professor of Criminal Justice



There is a saying in the Mid-East that "if you want to see, climb up on a roof." This injunction, to get out of what the author Don DeLillo calls the "white noise" of life and gain some perspective, came to me as I fixed my attention on an issue of some importance to me and my students—the death penalty.

As an ex-public defender who has defended persons in death penalty cases and a professor in the field of criminal justice, the "noise" in my ears about this issue is great. I am and have been, so to speak, in the middle of it.

Because of the noise, I have always struggled with understanding basic notions about this punishment: why, for example, does this country of all the Western nations except South Africa continue to retain the death penalty as part of its public policy? And why do so many people, whose opinions on matters of public policy I respect, continue to vehemently oppose it?

In a moment of "roof climbing" I think I finally see more clearly. The reason why this nation still insists on state-sanctioned killing is because we are babies. No, not spoiled brats, but babies in a cultural development sense. We are an infant nation. Barely over 200 years old, we are mere crawlers on the cultural evolutionary scale. We have not grown up in any sense of collective social consciousness. We are, I suppose, in terms of our views on crime and punishment in our early adolescence.

Ken Wilber, the postpersonal psychologist/philosopher, postulates that cultures like individuals develop through some rather well-delineated growth cycles. The growth stages reflect in his view the culture's average level of spiritual consciousness.

In Wilber's scheme, societies initially subscribe to an archaic world view and then as they "grow up" develop through a magical, then a mythical, then a rational and finally, as they truly age and develop wisdom, a trans-rational or spiritual world view. It occurs to me that the tenacious clinging to the death penalty as a legitimate punishment in this country is a reflection of our cultural developmental level stuck somewhere between the magical/mythical stage.

Archaic societies, the early proto-homicide hunting societies, were essentially pre-cultural and did not

dissociate themselves from their environment. Essentially, those societies were fused and embedded in nature as a self-contained cosmos. There was no higher collective consciousness. A killing (there was no state-sanctioned killing simply because there was no concept of the state) was an act of necessity with no ego involvement.

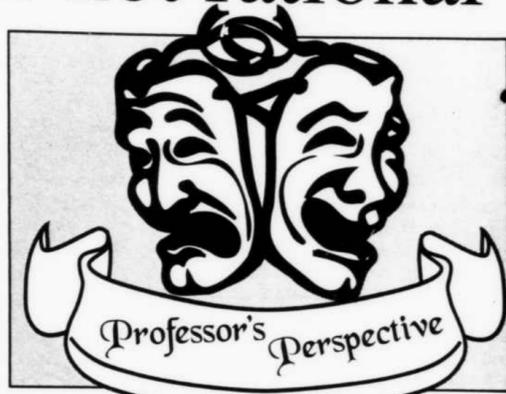
The magical stage of development, typical of the earliest collectives or societies, became the stage where the culture distinguished itself as different from its environment. Since the ego development of these cultures, however, was formative, these societies responded to their environment as a child would to a magic show—unable to truly perceive the real from the imagined or dream-like state that powerful natural events seem to evoke. Events and objects were vested with vitality and magical powers.

Important is the fact that these magical societies turned to ritual as a matter of controlling their material world and the linking of these rituals to the dimly perceived significance of events enabled the "magical man" to participate more fully in his world: to feed the newly emerging ego's desire for control.

Killing took on a powerful otherworldly symbolism in those societies. The killing of the hunted prey, for example, and the ingesting of the flesh and blood was seen as a transfer of the animal's powers and characteristics to the hunters. Human and animal sacrifice entered the world stage in these cultures as new ways to placate the magical and unknowable universe.

The mythical or membership stage, those earliest civilizations of our high school history texts, developed as the hunting societies yielded to horticultural-agrarian communities that were able to develop a surplus of goods through more efficient farming methods. With this surplus came society's most prized possession—leisure time. With more leisure and the further strengthening of the ego came the beginnings of religious thought (or, if you prefer, philosophical thought: the longing for explanations to the "big" questions).

This developmental stage revealed the beginnings of group membership as a necessary condition of society. Membership and leisure necessitated the division of labor and the birth of the state (in the form of



pharaoh, king, etc.) which was given the important role as representative on Earth of the newly "discovered" gods.

Wilber's next cultural stage, the ego-rational stage, was characterized not only by reason but also by a mutual self-recognition of the personal esteem and worth of all members of the society. In other words, a new level of personal exchange took place in these cultures relying on the now fully developed rational ego to determine the true value of fellow world travelers both individually and as national entities.

We need not concern ourselves with Wilber's higher stages of trans-rational development because as a quick look at the world would reveal there is no known society that meets or has ever met his criteria: societies that have transcended the ego and operate at levels of the spirit and honor the interconnectedness of all things. If I am correct in my thesis, we need only look at whether this country's death penalty policy merits placement in the ego-rational stage. If not, then it does indeed belong to a lower evolutionary developmental stage.

The question, then, that we must ask is clear: Is the death penalty a rational punishment? Does it represent an effort to punish using reason as the guide while still respecting the ego-rational stage's attention to the individual's basic intrinsic worth?

When we talk about "rational" arguments regarding the death penalty or corrections generally we discuss the conventional arguments for punishment—what we over at 1421 E. Main call the major theories of punishment: deterrence and incapacitation. (Retribution, or as it is practiced in the West is pre-rational inasmuch as it does not depend upon reason for its justification.)

My opinion, not only as a professor dealing with these theories as philosophical and political concepts, but also as a practitioner who has strong ideas about the actual application of the death penalty, convinces me that the punishment of

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The LRC, an indispensable tool

Freshmania

Chad Gillis

Freshmen have many right-hand tools to make their 4-to-6-year stay as convenient as possible. Resources such as libraries are a necessity, but the future is at hand and the card catalogue is a thing of the past.

Students of this day and age have access to various computer labs, e-mail and distance learning courses in which class may only be held 2 or 3 times per semester. Leading the pack at MTSU is The Learning Resource Center.

Inside the LRC, the Instructional Technical Support Center, headed by Constance Schmidt, houses 2 computer labs—lab A featuring Macintosh, lab B Pentium processors. Both labs are equipped with 24 Internet-accessible stations, and are available to students during regular university hours. The schedule is subject to change and

is posted the prior week at the LRC circulation desk. To inquire contact Linda Nicholas at 898-5191.

To the immediate left of the main lobby, the Instructional Media Resources, also known as the learning lab, offers six Macintosh terminals and nine Pentium—none with Internet access. Students also have 18 video viewing rooms available and three study rooms with VCR capabilities—one offering video laser disc viewing. Posted lab hours include 8 a.m. until 9:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. on Fridays, 8 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Saturdays, and 6 p.m. until 9:45 p.m. on Sundays. For further information contact Gale Fedak at 898-2740.

The Center offers slides, film strips, audio cassettes, 16-millimeter film and opaque projectors as well. A software-reserves service is available for faculty wishing to conduct a computer lab outside of class. Holding 36 students, Room T houses a multi-media classroom

with video projection through Macintosh and Pentium systems.

The Albert Gore Research Center is located on the east side of the building and houses historical documents of Rutherford County, MTSU and Middle Tennessee. Documents ranging from court files to property receipts, dating back to the mid-1800s, are housed in room 111.

The LRC also provides closed-circuit cable services to most campus classrooms. Due to construction this service is temporarily on hold, but classes are welcome to view the material in-house.

All materials housed in the LRC are located on the PALS system in the Todd Library and can be accessed by using the same two letter commands.

Located in the heart of the LRC is the Multi-Media Presentation Room—221. Photographs and Graphics, the Photographic Gallery, Channel 8 and Audio Video Services round out the list.



"MOM, DAD, YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW I'VE GIVEN UP CIGARETTES..."

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death is in no sense rational. Deterrence relates to the idea that punishments have cognizable impacts on a knowing and aware public. It is the idea in this instance that if we (through the state) kill someone for killing someone else, then other people will see that killing is wrong and will stop killing. (Why didn't I see that?)

First of all, the idea of deterrence as a provable concept is specious. How can we truly measure, for example, how many infinite number of non-homicidal acts were deterred as a result of the person's attention to the possible punishment of death? For that matter, how can we reliably say that a person who kills while clearly understanding that he may receive the penalty has been undeterred? Why is it not just as possible that the factors prompting the murderous act

simply outweighed the possible punishment considerations?

I represented close to 100 persons charged with murder in my 10 years in the Public Defender's Office in Nashville and can honestly say that these defendants, even when they were mentally able, paid no attention to the likelihood of death being a possible outcome for them. The murderers I came to know acted out of passion, hatred, jealousy and anger or they acted out of a pathology or dysfunction rendering them unwilling or uncaring about accepting societal norms. In neither case is deterrence a relevant or rational punishment strategy.

Incapacitation theory, or the thought that death is the only punishment that will insure society that the convicted defendant will not harm again, is also an irrational approach. First, this theory assumes that murderers are likely to kill again and kill at a higher rate than, say, burglars or robbers

or sex offenders. This assumption is flawed and unsupported by most of the information we know. Most murders are situational crimes and while serious and deserving of serious treatment are not likely to be repeated.

Even if you make the argument that the murderers who end up on death row are different than the generic murderer, there is evidence to support the idea that these offenders still are less of a threat to commit other crimes than the general inmate population. In fact, a study done in the late 1980s out of the University of Louisville of inmates that had been on death row and had their sentences commuted and were ultimately released had lower

reincarceration rates than rates found in numerous other studies of paroled non-death row murderers. In fact, the reincarceration rate of under 20 percent revealed by the study was substantially lower than the rates commonly accepted as applying to parolees from the general prison population. Furthermore, the only way to

We simply have been unable to arrive at a rational method for separating out from the 20,000 murderers in this country each year the approximately 200 of them who end up as new admissions to death rows. In the language of the United States Supreme Court we have not learned how to "narrow the class." Nor will we ever. As long as humans are prosecuting, defending and judging these cases and as long as humans are deciding life or death there will necessarily be arbitrariness in the decision. If not race and gender, then quality of the defense counsel, the defendant's mannerisms during the trial, what the jurors had for breakfast, whether the judge had a fight with his spouse the night before, etc., will be the unfortunate criteria applied to these most serious of decisions.

We seem to be stuck in the magical/ mythical stage of cultural development, using

the death penalty much as earlier civilizations used ritual sacrifice—to appease the gods controlling the culture. In our secular society we search, of course, for secular gods of violence. We seem unable rationally to address the "crime problem" and are left throwing money and resources and an occasional life at a hodgepodge of problems with no real direction, reflecting our root lack of understanding of the root causes of crime and violence, of human nature for that matter.

We are left then like the ancients with the ritual of the blood sacrifice; the thought that sending a death row inmate to the chair, chamber or cot will, at least for the moment, appease the gods who rain down on us the street crime, rootlessness and general despair which seems to plague this nation as we enter adulthood.

The only way to guarantee society that an inmate will not be to apply the death penalty across the board

guarantee society that an inmate will not kill in the future after their entry in the criminal justice system would be to argue for the application of the death penalty across the board on all offenders. Not even the most totalitarian of governments have reached this point of irrationality.

Name change for the wrong reasons

Trevor Tenpenny editor



will it make? I think none and many others do also, but a public relations firm in Nashville and others involved seem to think it will make a difference. University of Middle Tennessee, does that really evoke images of grandeur?

Florida State, Louisiana State, Michigan State and Penn State seem just fine with their "state" names, but not Middle Tennessee State. Arguments stress that because there are two names in front of the State, it sounds small. If anything makes us sound like a small campus it is the Middle Tennessee.

Let's face it, Tennessee is a small state and Middle Tennessee is a small area. Those who argue that our name implies small college need to look at the number of students who are residents from other states in attendance, or the number of international students who choose this campus to pursue their degree. These figures will show that we are well known.

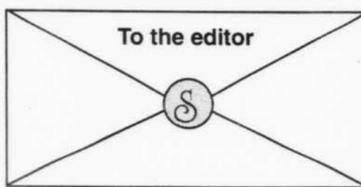
A most recent suggestion that was brought up at a Faculty Senate meeting held on Sept. 8 has to be the most astounding and unethical reason I have heard since these name change debates began. According to an article in "Sidelines" Sept. 11, Christian Haseleu, president of the Faculty Senate, implied that the Faculty Senate should pass the motion for the name change so as not to embarrass President Walker. I am embarrassed that this was brought up at a Faculty

Senate meeting.

Dr. James Walker is the president of this university, but it is not up to him to change the name. For Haseleu to suggest that the Faculty Senate would embarrass Dr. Walker by not supporting the change is wrong. I think it is about time that the administration realize that decisions such as this one should be left in the hands of the students and alumni. Instead, outside firms are hired and committees are formed to tell us what our image is and what it should be. Who are they to decide?

Why not ask the entire student body of the third largest campus in the state how they feel about changing their name to University of Middle Tennessee? It is simply amazing that so much debate can take place over such a subtle change in our name. MTSU or UMT, it doesn't really matter and we should not have to bring in an outside firm because they are going to tell those who hired them anything they want to hear in order to get paid.

While I am not totally opposed to changing the name, I have yet to be convinced by any of the above arguments that it is necessary. Those for the change definitely need to find a way to strengthen their argument if they are going to convince the Tennessee Board of Regents, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission or anyone involved that we need to change the name. Is it really worth the time, effort and money involved to go on with this plan to change the name? I don't think so.



From the Mailbox

Rec Center needs a squash court

To the editor:

With the start of the semester we begin to find the campus full of new things. The parking lots are full of cars driven by new students. Everyone is meeting new friends and are taking new classes. The campus even has new buildings. The Business and Aerospace building is newly opened, filled with classrooms and offices. And we will soon have a new library filled with students studying and a football stadium full of cheering fans. We even have a relatively new recreation building full of students on weight and exercise machines and playing basketball.

However, universities survive on being filled with new ideas and I have an example of one that has been passed over. For two years I have made a plea to the university's HPERs department and the Recreation Center staff to introduce the sport of squash to MTSU students. This could be easily done with minor inconvenience and relatively minor expense. The Rec Center staff considered it and decided that although the funds were available, it would not be in the students' best interest to go ahead with the idea. I believe their fear is that there would be a significant number of students interested in the sport since only less than 10 courts exist in the state of Tennessee.

Exposure to new opportunities is why students are coming to study at MTSU. The addition of a squash court that will be used by a few students is no different than a second Olympic-sized swimming pool that is primarily used by the children of students in the summer or by a climbing wall staffed by more students than those that use it. What is important about all these opportunities is that students should have access to new ideas. This campus has 10 racquetball courts that except for cold, rainy, winter days are hardly full; thus no racquetball playing student would be severely inconvenienced by the loss of one of these courts.

Four other colleges in the state of Tennessee now have a squash court. Vanderbilt has two new ones, the College of the South and Memphis State (sic) and Rhodes College each have one. MTSU could have been an example to the state if they seriously considered my suggestion two years ago. Now the decision not to add a squash court will keep MTSU behind many other colleges in this state for a few more years.

The staff at MTSU would do well to realize that MTSU is not filled only with American youth interested in football, basketball and baseball. A variety of programs is the heart of the college experience. Let this university be one full of new ideas and opportunities.

Wayne D. Riley
Doctoral Chemistry Student

Sidewalks are crowded places

To the editor:

Leaving the library Thursday evening, I noticed a group of people lying on the sidewalk. I figured that they must be gathering empirical data on the importance of sidewalks and how useful they are for getting around campus. I walked a little further to the KUC and I saw more people on the sidewalk. In fact, there were so many people on the sidewalk that I had to walk in the grass. I didn't mind though, because I understand the purpose of gathering data for experiments. It's really important that we have adequate sidewalks too. They make getting to class easier, especially for students with disabilities.

As a matter of fact, I would like to thank the administration of our university for allowing these experiments to continue. Enough though I might have to walk in the grass now, I know that later those groups of people bent over writing on the sidewalk and gathering data for experiments will benefit us all in the long run. It is nice to know that so many people are willing to help me and other students achieve our goals of a "higher education" by continuing to conduct these studies.

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MTSU student crowned Miss Jongama

□ Christi Underdown

Chrystalyn Hall, avid collector of elephant figurines and part-time employee of Service Merchandise, is treated like a celebrity in The Gambia, West Africa.

The MTSU junior majoring in social work recently was crowned "Miss Jongama Roots" by the first lady of The Gambia in a beauty pageant Hall didn't even know she was participating in.

Hall, along with 50 other students from MTSU and other universities, studied abroad in West Africa in a program organized by James E. Mock of Austin Peay State University and A.J. Stovall of Rust College in Holly Springs, Mo.

The Roots Festival, a cultural event for people of African descent to learn about their heritage, was in its preparatory stages during the students' month-long stay in The Gambia. It was during this festival Hall was crowned.

An intern who was known in The Gambia because of her annual visits there was asked to find other students from the Diaspora, areas not in Africa, to participate in a fashion show as part of the festival. Hall was approached. She agreed

and was immediately thrust into the whirlwind of preparations. She was measured for an outfit, studied for the ideal make-up design and was repeatedly asked to walk for the sponsors.

"They kept asking me to walk for them," she said. "I couldn't understand it."

She asked her friend, a manager at the hotel, why the people were asking her to do such specific things. During his explanation, she realized what she had actually volunteered to do was not just a "fashion show," but an equivalent to the United States' "Miss America" pageant.

"I was a little angry," she said. "But I guess they thought 'fashion show' and 'pageant' meant the same thing."

Hall considered dropping out of the show, but decided against it.

"You just don't tell somebody something and then not do it. Your word is valid there," she said. "It would have been tacky not to."

On June 20, the night of the show, Hall was shocked to find out how prominent the show was to be.

"The tickets were \$100 to get in," she said. "It was even going to be televised. I was terrified. I was praying, 'God, rapture us at any

moment now'."

There were 12 contestants: eight Gambians, one Senegalese and two women from Great Britain.

Hall's costume designer had also worked with the women from Great Britain. They had known about the pageant and had gone through special training and rehearsals. Hall had known nothing about it.

"I don't know why they didn't tell me," she said. "I just had to get up and smile."

Hall modeled different types of costumes and went through a question-answer discussion about the comparison between American and Gambian fashion.

She was crowned the first Miss Jongama Roots — a title which means a combination of the "perfect female Afro-centricity" and the goal of the festival itself: learning about one's past — by the country's First Lady, Tuti Faal-Jammeh. She was congratulated by President Yahya A.J.J. Jummeh.

"I couldn't move," she said. "They had to call my name twice."

She was an instant celebrity, constantly addressed as "Miss Gambia" or "Miss Queen" by the local people.

The next day she began her tour of schools, making speeches at as many as three or four a day.

"Before we were on our own time," she said. "Then my life was changed forever. They treated me like royalty. I wasn't used to that."

In addition to her sudden fame, she won a crown, a sash, a trophy, a trip for two to the Spanish island of Las Palmas, including four nights and in a three-star hotel, a luxury body shop basket and free hair care throughout her stay in



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MTSU student Chrystalyn Hall accepts Miss Jongama Roots.

The Gambia. Hall said she would leave for Spain in June, but would not disclose who her guest would be.

Presently, Hall is negotiating with "The Oprah Winfrey Show" to tell her story. On the local level, she will be participating in the opening ceremony at the African-American Street Festival.

"I don't know what's going to happen," she said. "I'm just leaving it to God."

Hall is making plans to go back to The Gambia next year and take 100 people with her. She said if she could work out the details the trip would be one-week long, the duration of the Roots Festival, where she will crown the next Miss

Jongama Roots. Hall said she would have all her plans worked out by Oct. 1 and then spread the word around campus for those people who were interested in going.

"I want everything legitimate, before I publicize," she said.

Hall has even considered moving to The Gambia to live.

"I love it," said Hall. "It's about learning more about your culture. In America, people are taught to be selfish and not to care about other people. Over there it's the opposite. I would want to go back and live there for about two or three years, but I have to decide between getting my master's degree right away or putting it off."



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The Gambia President, His Excellency Yahya A.J.J. Jummeh, congratulates Hall.

Celtic song and dance at the Wright Music Hall

□ Matthew de Paula

A fan fare of Celtic song and dance, celebrating centuries-old traditions, will be performed in Wright Music Hall this weekend.

From 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 is the day of the Celts at MTSU -- not basketball, but Scottish, Irish and Welsh history and lore that dates back to the fifth century B.C. The performance is sponsored by The Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration. Cost of admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under.

This non-profit organization, headed by president John Mauldin, is comprised of men and women from Middle Tennessee who participate in, preserve and celebrate the traditions, customs and folklore of Scottish-Irish Celts through their participation in various historically authentic musical and dancing groups.

Although The Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration frequently sponsors a number of events in Middle Tennessee, this is the first occasion for a performance of this caliber to be held at MTSU in which five different groups will be performing Celtic music and dance.

The groups to be featured at the concert include Isla and the Jump Gypsies, both of which perform lyrical and instrumental Scottish music; the Lovat-Cameron Pipe Band, which strictly uses the bag pipe as its sole instrument; the Glengarry Highland

Dancers who—as their name implies—perform various traditional highland dances; and Celtaban, Scottish country step dancers.

The lure of this concert is great, with all the mystery and intrigue of the Celtic tradition. The songs carry a significance that extends well beyond the notes, chords and harmonies which define them. Their lilting melodies and somber romantic tunes tell of the trials and experiences of an ancient civilization.

The depth and historical significance of the music is exemplified in the fact that much of it was banned by the British Monarchy centuries ago in an attempt to stifle and quell the Scottish and Irish nationalism, and their ensuing rebellion which was being fostered by so many on the highlands of the British Isles.

Come prepared to be carried far beyond the confines of Wright Music Hall, back in time, to a place where the wind blows forcefully along a seaward coast and plaid patterns become much more than a mere fashion statement, but a means of identity—the symbol of a Scottish clan.

The profits of this concert will go toward a fund-raiser to be split by The Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration and the Lovat-Cameron Pipe Band.

Advance tickets are available by calling (615) 848-9193.

Hispanic leaders fear that media wrongly portrays their culture

With Hispanic heritage month at hand, concerns arise from within

□ Maria T. Padilla/CPS

Hispanic leaders attending a national summit in Orlando voiced concern that Hispanics are portrayed in the English-language media as drug pushers and violent foreigners with no ties to the United States.

They also complained news of Central and South America usually involves a political coup or some other negative development, even though most Spanish-speaking countries in this hemisphere are democracies.

"Latinos aren't just victims of disaster," said Federico Subervi, associate professor of mass communications at the University of Texas. He chaired a panel at the Fifth Annual Hispanic-American Leadership Summit.

Negative images in the mass media is one reason many Hispanics turn to Spanish-language broadcast, which is perceived to be more balanced.

"I'm very thankful for the work (Spanish-language) media has done," said Robert Garcia, former

Democratic congressman from New York. He said without Spanish-language media, Hispanics would not be alerted to important political issues such as voting drives.

Spanish language television reaches 4 percent of the national audience. In some Hispanic-dominated markets, such as Los Angeles and Miami, Spanish-language broadcasts have a large television audience.

Many people at the summit believe Spanish-language television is having a positive influence on the English-dominant media.

"The fact CNN has a 24-hour network in Spanish has an effect on how CNN covers the Spanish-speaking community in English," said Christopher Cromwell, news director of CNN en Espanol.

But Spanish-language television's influence on young Hispanics may not be as great. Like many newcomers before them, Hispanics are finding that succeeding generations are losing fluency in their native language in favor of English. This has been noted in places such as Miami, where Spanglish, a combination of the two languages, is becoming popular.

"More and more people are proud of being Hispanic, with last names like Gonzalez and Garcia, but they can't easily speak Spanish," said Luz de Armas,

managing partner of Conill Advertising in New York.

This concern raised the issue of whether Hispanics, who now number 29 million in the United States, up 29 percent since 1990, should assimilate into mainstream American culture. Many at the summit felt Hispanics are more likely to acculturate but not assimilate. Which is to say Hispanics may learn how to navigate American culture while at the same time retaining their own, said Gonzalo R. Soruco, associate professor at the University of Miami.

In addition, the diverse Hispanic groups now have greater opportunities for interacting with each other, which boosts awareness of differing cultures and customs.

For instance, Puerto Ricans for many years predominated in the New York area, but increasing numbers of Mexicans are changing the mix. In Miami, greater numbers of Central Americans, especially Nicaraguans, are shifting the Hispanic balance away from Cubans.

Experts believe this is a positive development for Hispanics as a group, as it will help Hispanics to become more united and speak with one voice.

"When you're out there, you have to be a Latino first," said de Armas of Conill Advertising.

Mean age for college students on the rise

□ Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki / CPS

Sarah Tunks doesn't seem like a campus revolutionary.

She sees herself as just another freshman studying computers at Macomb Community College in Michigan, trying to get herself ready for the 21st century.

But Tunks is 79 years old—one of a growing number of nontraditional college students whose increasing presence has forced curriculum adjustments at schools nationwide.

Tunks is older than most, but doesn't feel the least bit out of place.

"I get along all right with young people" she said this month. More night and weekend classes, and "distance learning," the use of computers or other technology for off-campus classes.

Older students learn better when started with specifics that broaden to the general, just the opposite of the traditional college lecture.

More work-related programs for students who are focused on what they

need to advance, rather than a broad, liberal arts curriculum.

The Internet opening the possibility of the "virtual university," allowing students to take classes at home. Some educators are predicting the Internet's affect on education will be as profound as the automobile's effect on society.

If higher education doesn't meet the changes demanded by these older learners, employers, said David Adamany, outgoing president of Detroit's Wayne State University where the average student is almost 29 years old.

"We already have vast amounts of money being spent in the workplace on training and I think the next step will be additional amounts spent on education that looks like what colleges and universities have traditionally done," Adamany said.

"We could lose a great share of the higher education market. And it would mean a significant redundancy, duplication of costs, in the economy."

On top of these changes, colleges and universities are struggling with another

aspect of educating older students: It's expensive.

Most nontraditional students attend classes part-time. But they still need the full range of services such as counseling, admissions and libraries. Night classes increase the strain on buildings and utilities. Telephone registration, off-campus classes and commuter parking all drive up costs.

A nontraditional student is "a full-time consumer of services, but a part-time payer of tuition," Adamany said.

Despite the problems, nontraditional students also offer opportunity, particularly for urban universities such as Wayne.

"Institutions that adapt to nontraditional students are going to emerge as leaders," Adamany said. "We're going to see the emergence of a second set of prestige institutions that have shifted the focus ... from teaching to learning."

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Accommodating learning disabled students

□ Sunni DeNicola / CPS

Somnolent Samantha was described as a student with an auditory processing learning disability who demanded extended test times, copies of lecture notes and a guarantee to sit in the front of the class. She even told administrators that they may have to accommodate her tendency to fall asleep in class.

She was the type of learning disabled (LD) student Boston University President Jon Westling allegedly characterized as a "draft dodger"—a slacker taking advantage of the American Disabilities Act to get out of meeting academic requirements. In several 1995 speeches, Samantha was held up as an example by Westling, who has denounced the "zealous advocacy of the learning disabilities movement."

Well, Samantha proved to be a fake all right, but not because of an LD claim. Westling had neglected to mention that Samantha did not exist; she was just a fictive illustration for his platform.

Now, two years later, the most famous student who never was at Boston University has served to illustrate the tug-of-war that exists between educators who rail against watering down academic standards to accommodate sometimes hard-to-measure student disability claims

and between LD students, who say they merely want the academic playing field leveled so they can compete, too.

Last month a federal court ruled in favor of learning disabled students who charged Boston University with violating the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA prohibits educational institutions from discriminating against students with specific learning disabilities. Six of the 10 students filing suit were together awarded nearly \$30,000.

Yet, instead of being a litmus test for higher education's handling of LD students, both sides are claiming some victory, and many questions about where to draw the line still are unclear.

BU was found in violation largely because of the way in which it handled learning disability accommodation policy changes. Not able to respond to the abrupt reversal of procedures quickly enough, some LD students felt like victims of a bureaucratic power play.

Until 1995, BU had a reputation as a leader when it came to providing services to LD students. In her ruling, U.S. District Judge Patti B. Saris described how the university actually recruited LD students through its Learning Disabilities Support Services (LDSS). LDSS screened LD students and, if appropriate, offered note takers,

extended test times, support groups, taped textbooks and tutors. Students were encouraged to attend a summer program to help in the transition from high school to college. Although not required by law, in some cases, courses such as the Arts of Japan or the Anthropology of Money were offered as substitutes for traditional language or math requirements.

But all that changed in the spring of 1995 when, the judge says, Westling (then BU Provost) "discovered" these class substitutions were occurring. Westling appointed his assistant, Craig Klafter, to research the situation. Primarily Klafter wanted scientific proof that students with LD can not successfully study math or foreign language. He concluded that no such proof existed.

BU also revised other policies, requiring LD students be retested every three years by experienced evaluators holding a specific degree or license. This left many students scrambling to arrange for retesting and for the money to cover the costs for these tests. These sudden changes, along with what students described as the administration's "failing to provide reasonable procedures for evaluation and review of a student's request for accommodations" led the students to file suit.

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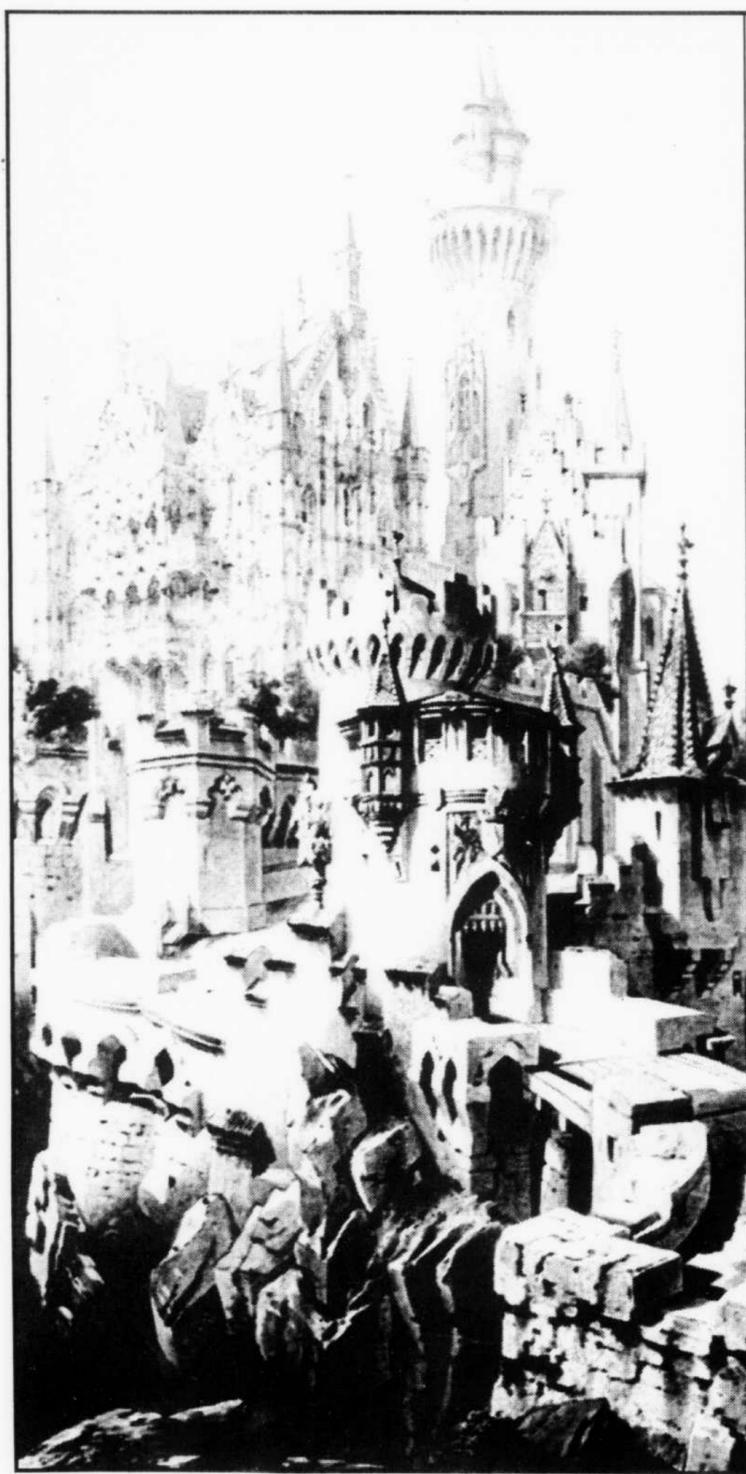
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HALL OF FAME

As part of the homecoming celebration, two former athletic stars and a retired coach will be inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame on Oct. 4.

Joe Black Hayes, who was an assistant football coach and head coach of both track and wrestling; Emmett Kennon, a former football and basketball star as well as a main force behind the Alumni T-Club; and Kim Webb, a star player for the women's basketball team in the mid-80s; will be inducted at the Varsity Club Banquet.

The event will take place in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building at 6 p.m. following the Blue Raiders football game against Jacksonville State. The induction ceremony is open to the public. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jimmy Jackson at (615)893-2460.

(A full feature story on the inductees will run in the Thursday, Oct. 2 edition of "Sidelines.")

VOLLEYBALL

Sophomore Erin Schultz was ranked 6th in the nation last week in digs per game with a 4.79 average. The Lady Raiders as a team were ranked 10th in digs with a 19.57 per game average.

FOOTBALL

Sulecio Sanford's 85-yard punt return for a touchdown in the third quarter of the Blue Raiders 33-10 loss to UT-Chattanooga was the third longest punt return in school history.

MINITRIATHALON

The MTSU Recreation Center is sponsoring a minitriathlon Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

The 300-yard swim, 7-mile bike ride and 2-mile run may be done solo or in teams of two, three or five students. Registration is \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students. Everyone participating will receive a free T-shirt and snacks at the finish line.

For more information contact the Rec Center at 898-2104

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

The Lady Raider softball team will be holding tryouts for their upcoming season which begins Feb. 21, 1998, against Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

Interested women may contact head coach Karen Green at 898-5018.

FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the Blue Raiders home opener against Murray State are now on sale at the Athletic Ticket Center located in the Murphy Center as well as at the Keathley University Center Box Office.

The Blue Raiders kick off their home schedule at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. This year's homecoming game is scheduled for Oct. 4 against Jacksonville State. Home games are also scheduled for Oct. 25 and Nov. 8.

Anyone with a current Student ID will be admitted free to all home games. Tickets are regularly priced at \$12, but anyone presenting a valid Student ID may purchase a guest ticket for \$6.

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Rec Center wall a difficult feat

□ Mark H. Ford/staff

Ever wished you could defy gravity? The Recreation Center may just be the place to accomplish such a feat.

A gray, 27-foot rock wall, towering over visitors as they first enter into the Rec Center with its pocked, marked and jagged edges, can be used by climbers of all skill levels.

According to Tim Brown, one of several Rec Center climbing wall supervisors, the wall was made for anyone looking for a fun time—from the serious to the not-so-serious climber.

"Everyone can use the wall, there aren't any rules on who can or who can't climb," Brown said. "No matter your height or weight, the wall is open for everyone."

Along the 30-foot wide wall are holes, or pegs, which enable the climber to reach the top. The wall starts off with the novice or beginner level followed by the intermediate, advanced intermediate and advanced levels.

Surprisingly, there is no fee to climb the wall. There is a \$1 charge if you would like to rent climbing shoes, but the shoes are not required. Any type of athletic shoe can be used.

Other equipment provided by the Rec Center are a harness and helmet.

"The wall is totally free," said Brown. "All you have to do is show up

and have fun."

Several supervisors are always on hand to help out with climb techniques. Their main job is to make sure you are doing everything properly, but the number one focus is to make sure the climber is safe at all times.

"We are there for safety first of all, but we do not mind giving a little bit of advice," Brown said.

The wall has caught the attention of several serious climbers as well as beginners. Most of the experienced climbers use the wall as a practice facility before going out on an actual climb.

While most people enjoy climbing outdoors more so than indoors, when winter hits the indoor wall becomes their new domain.

"Oh yeah, we have a lot of regulars who climb all the time," Brown said. "Most just use the wall to practice good technique. This is just a time for them to have fun away from the cliffs."

According to Brown, everyone is encouraged and invited to climb the rock wall. There is a liability waiver to sign before climbing.

"Everyone needs to come out and try the wall, it is a fun way to get some exercise," Brown said.

The wall is open in the Rec Center for anyone to climb Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays.



Celeste Castillo/staff

Dave Prichard, an alumnus, uses his prowess to maneuver the Rec Center wall.

Athletes should be allowed to work

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Sports Editor



College athletes are thought of by many people in society as being treated special.

They're treated special all right. Some of them don't even have enough money to take their girlfriends or boyfriends out on a date, or even enough money to buy a new pair of shoes that they may need.

What many people don't realize is that a full-scholarship student-athlete must adhere to a very strict financial guideline set forth by the NCAA.

The NCAA bylaw 15.1.1 (Types of Aid Included In Limit) states, "In determining whether a student-athlete's financial aid exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid, all institutional financial aid (per 15.02.4.1) and all funds received from the following and similar sources shall be included: (a) employment; (b) government grants; (c) other scholarships and grants; (d) gifts; (e) professional sports stipend; (f) athletics participation compensation; (g) loans."

What the NCAA is saying to the student-athletes is that if they are receiving a scholarship and receive any other money at any point during its term, the amount made will be deducted from their scholarship.

In layman's terms, if a student-athlete were to receive a \$10,000 scholarship to cover tuition, fees, housing and books but found a way to earn \$3,000 at a part-time job during that term, the total of their scholarship couldn't exceed \$7,000.

How then, without the help of parents or family, would a student-athlete on scholarship be able to earn money towards the cost of living outside the academic environment?

An answer to that question is hard pressed, especially here on our own campus where many of the student-athletes come from middle-class working families that cannot afford extra money out of their already pinched pocket books.

The NCAA claims that they are not preventing anyone from seeking work; but if the money the

student-athlete makes is applied towards the cost of schooling, where do they think that person is going to come up with money to be able to survive outside of their academic environment.

Without further stereotyping the student-athletes, who are already looked upon by much of the general public as being "dumb jocks," it is probably fair to say that many of them wouldn't have given college a second thought had it not been for their participation in athletics.

But should the student-athletes be limited in what they can do outside of the campus financially?

I can clearly understand that if they were to, let's say, receive an academic scholarship of some sort that its value added to the value of the athletic scholarship shouldn't exceed the total cost of their education during any given term.

However, I'm hard pressed to find a legitimate reason that the NCAA should even be allowed to have any control over an athlete's work stipend. That to me is a blatant pompous act of exploiting a student-athlete.

If an average student were to receive an academic scholarship, they're not given any guidelines to follow when it comes to outside work on their own time.

Recently, the NCAA was going to write a provision to bylaw 15.1.1. However, afraid that the provision would be "grossly taken advantage of," they chose instead to delay its effective date for a period of one-year.

Just when it seemed the NCAA was actually going to try and correct a wrongdoing on their part, they go and hide behind possible future violations of others that have yet to even happen.

In the mean time, what about their own violation? Don't they think a student-athlete has the right to earn an honest living like the rest of us, despite the fact that they chose to participate in college athletics?

A full athletic scholarship looks much more appealing then it actually is, especially when the student-athlete comes from a lower-middle class or below economic background.

Then again student-athletes are given preferred treatment, aren't they?

V-ball slams on TSU

□ David Landry/staff

Going into Tuesday night's volleyball match against TSU, the Lady Raiders knew it was going to be a defensive match up.

However, the Raiders, who are ranked 10th in the nation in digs, had faith enough in their defense to keep them in the match all night.

The Raiders lost the first, 15-9 before gaining their confidence back and winning three straight games, 15-3, 15-12 and 15-7 in an Ohio Valley match up.

"We needed to come up here and win our first conference game," said Tammy Eichholz, a middle blocker for the Raiders. "That is what we needed to do, and we did it."

Although the Raiders (3-5, 1-0 OVC) took an early 8-4 lead in the first game, the Tigers (3-7, 1-3 OVC) took the advantage with 18 kills and three aces after several long rallies.

Tiger setter, Shelly Kim, was instrumental throughout the night registering 48 assists in the match.

"They are really, really a great defensive team, so at first it looked rather glum, but finally we decided that there are going to be long rallies, so with help along transition, we are going to get there," Raider head coach Lisa Kissee said.

The Tigers opened the second game with an ace, but it did nothing to hurt the Raider's confidence. MTSU fired right back with 8 consecutive points, rallying twice with 8 sideouts each time, and won by a lopsided score of 15-3.

Eichholz and Schulz helped with the transition by hitting 17 and 16 kills respectively in the series.

"We recovered well after having lost the first game," Kissee said "We want to be the kind of team that fights."

In the third game, the Raiders again battled it out after a series of sideouts as they fought to keep their intensity level up.

The defense of the Raiders did in fact shine, especially that of Schulz, who is ranked 6th in the nation in digs and contributed 13 in this match.

During the third game, TSU's Marla Malone, was injured trying to dig a Linda Jonsson kill during a long point. She did not return to the match after being treated by MTSU trainers.

"They are a much improved team. They beat Ole Miss, so we knew they would be tough and we could not give up," said Eichholz, who lead the Raiders with 17 kills.

The Raiders continued to dominate the last game with 17 team kills and a .368 attacking percentage, which was more then, double their

season average of .157.

Despite averaging 19.57 digs per game the Tigers, surprisingly, had six more digs than the Raiders with 71. In addition, the Tigers topped the Raiders in block solos.

"They had more block solos than us-which is really kind of amazing," Kissee said. "They are on the average five inches shorter than us. Although this is not really great by our standards, we are pleased by our defense."

The Raiders look to continue their sudden surge tonight in St. Louis when they take on University of Saint Louis. Their next home game will be against Austin Peay on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Murphy Center.

Kapfenberg aims for OVC volleyball title

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Carrie Kapfenberg hopes that one of the biggest decisions she ever made pays off in a big way for the Lady Raider volleyball team.

The junior transferred to MTSU from the California State University-Northridge this fall in search of a team that had enough of a diligent work ethic that she could finally participate in the NCAA tournament.

"I'd like to be all-conference this year but more than that I'd like to win the conference," Kapfenberg said. "I want to go to the NCAA this year and next year."

So far the move has been a productive one for the outside hitter. Kapfenberg, a self-described hard worker, has fit in well with head coach Lisa Kissee's long practices that focus on improving techniques in game-type situations.

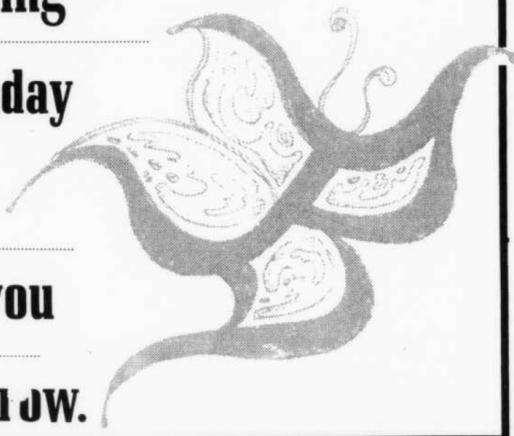
"I like to work hard and we really didn't do that over there. We just walked through the same routine three hours a day," Kapfenberg said. "Here I just knew that the work ethic was a lot better because the coach pushes the players a lot harder."

"I needed someone like (Kissee) to push me along again."

However, Kapfenberg's road to Murfreesboro was one that she almost didn't take. The San Jose, Calif. native first attended CSUN beginning in 1995 when she was named Freshmen of the Year, after finishing the season with 345 kills in 101

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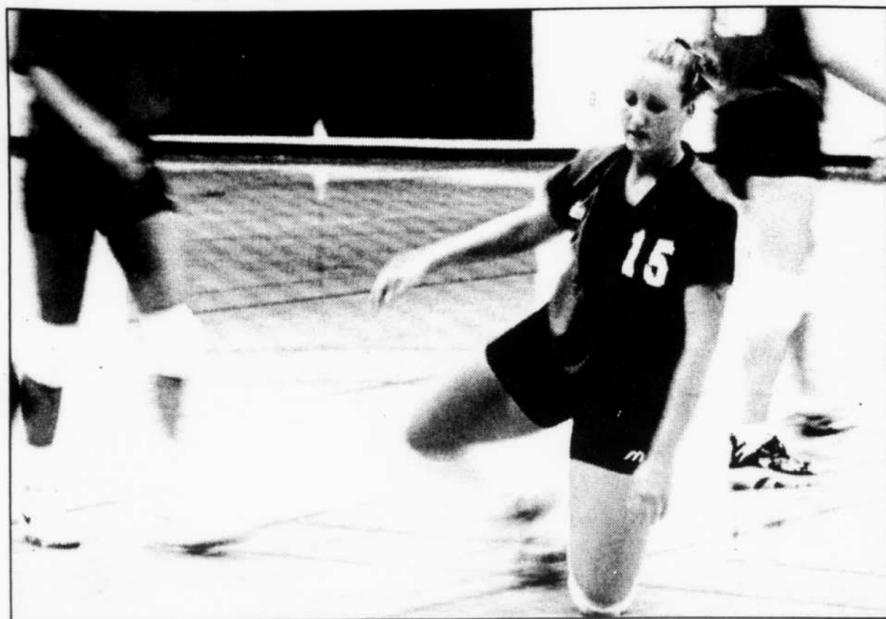
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Almost digging it



Jason Mazzo/ staff

Carrie Kapfenberg is brought to one knee after a point against Tennessee State on Tuesday.

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her first collegiate match she recorded a team high 10 kills.

Unfortunately, for the success Kapfenberg found individually on the court, the team's success never measured up, largely due to the coaches laid-back style. As a result the 6-foot, 20-year old wellness and exercise science major still felt frustrated.

"It just wasn't working out at Northridge," Kapfenberg said. "I didn't think they emphasized the right things in the program."

With no change in sight and faltering athletic program in general at CSUN—four varsity sports were cut this fall alone and the football team could be next—Kapfenberg began sending out letters to prospective schools.

She first heard of the Blue Raiders volleyball program when her sister was recruited to play here. The two final choices came down to

MTSU and UC-Irvine.

"It was a big decision because I grew up on the beach and I lived in California all my life. This is a lot different than I'm used to," Kapfenberg said. "But, everything's been going well so far."

Everything has been a lot different than Kapfenberg was used to, though the pace of life outside volleyball may be slower than the West Coast, life on the volleyball court has been at full speed since she arrived.

First there was the three-week trip to Italy then it was back home to MTSU and more time spent at the Alumni Gym practicing for the tournaments that opened up the Raider's season.

Though the team struggled early with finding set offense, there have been some improvements made individually.

"I'm not the fastest one here and I don't have the highest verticle but with everyone else being better at

different things just pushes me," Kapfenberg said. "I want to be up at the front. That comes from the people around me.

"But, we don't have just one individual, we're a team."

That "team" as Kapfenberg puts it is currently ranked 10th in the nation in digs with a 19.57 average per game.

"Everyone's in this for one purpose and that's to win the conference," Kapfenberg said.

As for Kisse's long practice hours, Kapfenberg is happy as long everyone continues to put in the effort they have so far in making their run at a conference title.

"My job is to encourage everyone to keep their heads up," Kapfenberg said.

"You need to come in with a positive attitude and be willing to work hard everyday and throw your body on the floor if that's what it takes to win."

Fans see new stadium at opener

□ Susan McMahan

Football fans will get their chance to view the partially completed football stadium next Saturday when MTSU hosts its first home football game against Murray State.

The east side of the football stadium will be open for the four home games and will seat about 8,700 plus fans this season.

The number of seats could increase throughout the season as the construction crew

completes more of the stadium. Over 3,100 seats in the new stadium are marked for season ticket holders. About 200 season tickets are still available.

People holding season tickets do have a guaranteed seat, but the seats in the section are not reserved.

About 840 seats are reserved for walk-up ticket sales.

Seven sections of the stadium are reserved for students.

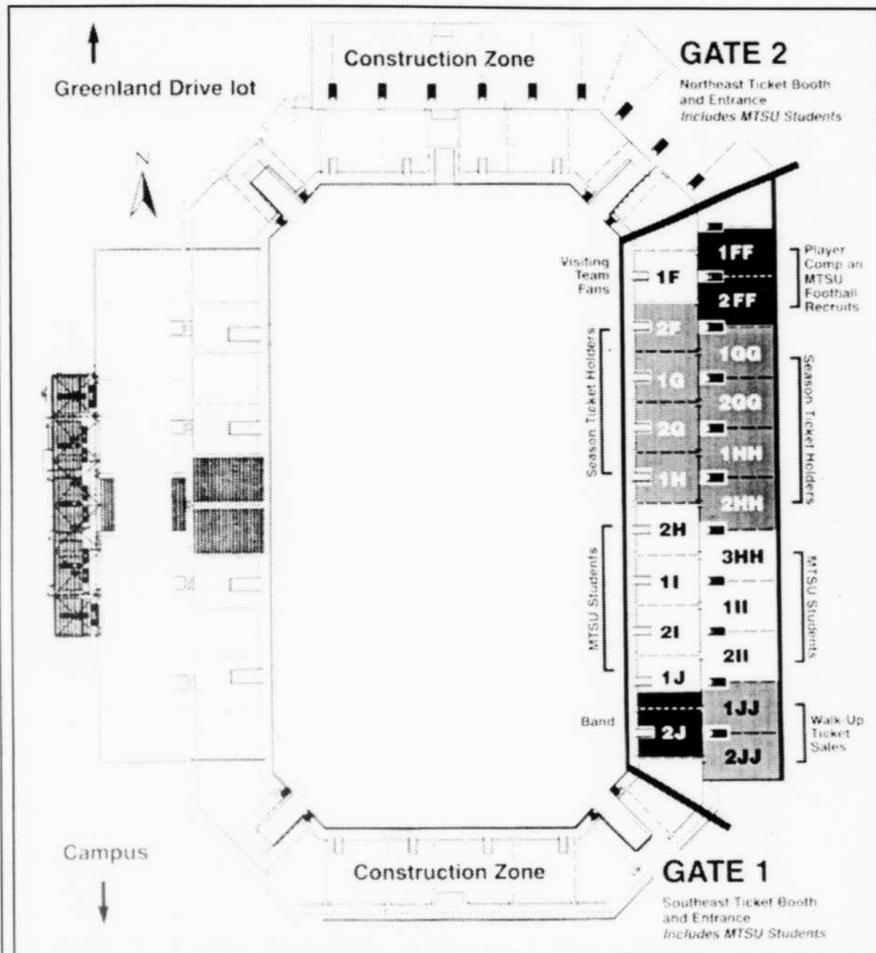
The season ticket sections and the student sections both

begin at the 50 yard line, so both groups have a good view of the game, according to Larry Counts, director of the Blue Raider Athletic Association.

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Will call, player comp and other pick up tickets will be located at the northeast entrance.

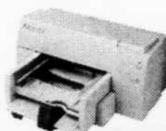
Both gates will open an hour and a half before kickoff, and Counts advises all fans to arrive early.



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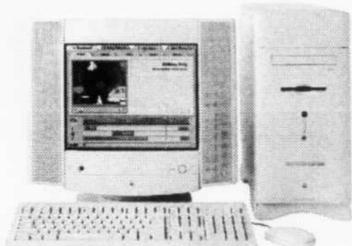
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