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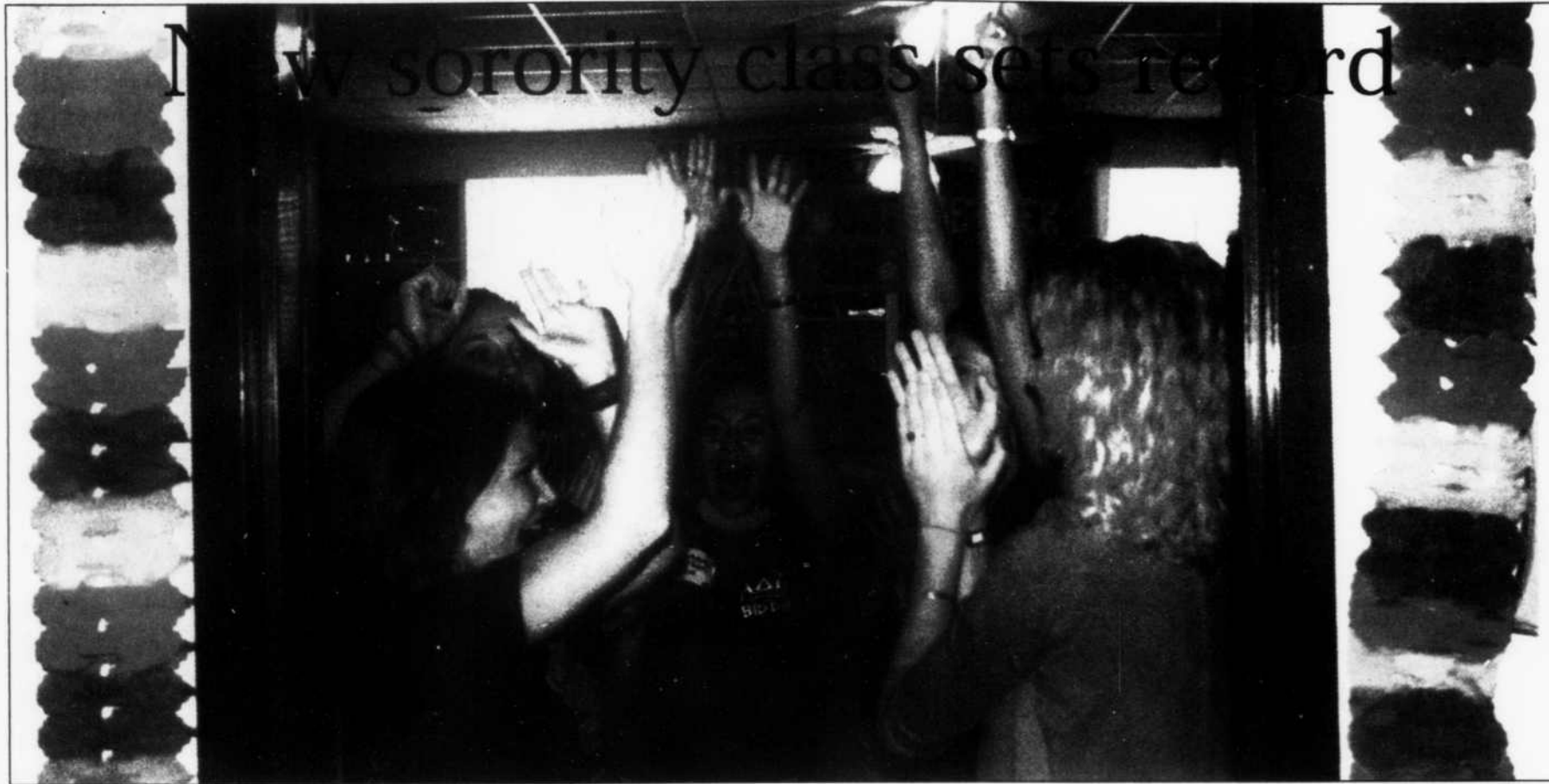


Photo by James Evans | Editor in Chief

Veteran sorority members greet incoming new members Monday in Cummings Hall after the results of bid day were announced. The class of new members is the largest in school history.

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

On Monday afternoon, a gang of young women flocked to the patio in front of Cummings Hall to determine the course of their college experiences.

Within the crowd, the eager ladies nervously ripped open pieces of white paper. In the next moment, the scene was filled with screams, group hugs and laughter.

It was bid day for the six national sorority chapters at MTSU, and these young ladies had just found out whether they had been chosen to join the sorority of their choice.

Inside Cummings, the newly selected members were greeted with songs and chants from the veteran members, and all that could be seen were proud smiles and joyous tears.

This year, sororities recruited the largest new member class in MTSU history. Presently, 383 members have turned in their applications and paid their fees. This is in comparison with the previous record of 370 members set in 1988, according to Greek Life officials.

This year, to get new member interest up, the local Panhellenic Council set a quota of 46 new members for sororities to recruit. Four of the six met this quota.

The other two — Delta Zeta and Zeta Tau Alpha — will be able to keep recruiting members until they reach the quota. The other sororities won't be able to recruit anymore until next fall.

In addition to the new quota, the National Panhellenic Council implemented changes in the vocabulary sororities use, as well.

Instead of the week before bid day being called Rush, it has been changed to Recruitment; The parties that take place during Recruitment week are now called events; and pledges are now referred to as new members.

"This is all a move to get away from those negative connotations," said Meagan Frazier, president of the local Panhellenic Council.

Frazier believes that more women came out this year because all of the sororities tried to emphasize the sisterhood and philanthropic aspects of sorority life as opposed to the party side.

"These are the things that young people are interested in," Frazier said, "not just coming to school to party."

Frazier did say that the slight increase in the enrollment of the student body may have had a little to do with it, but not entirely.

There is also a local sorority — Phi Chi — that will be recruiting new members in the near future. The sorority was not allowed to recruit during the same time as the national sororities because of Panhellenic rules.

Frazier did say that a lot of the work toward recruitment was done by Emily Buttrey, the recruitment director for the Panhellenic Council. Frazier said Buttrey was the glue that held things together, and that the wrong person in that position could have caused problems, but that wasn't the case this year. "Just one mistake can mess up a lot of things," Frazier said.

Both Frazier and Buttrey had to disaffiliate themselves from their sororities during the summer months through recruitment week so that they would be less biased. Both said they were looking forward to catching up with their sisters. ♦

Internet makes stealing term papers easy as copy and paste

By Mark Cina
Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U.)

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — Susan Lord didn't suspect anything as she graded a student's "Jane Eyre" paper for her freshman composition class. Correct grammar, decent punctuation and a clear thesis. She gave it a C+.

Halfway through grading the paper, however, she started reading the same paper.

"It started out being similar phrasings, then the same sentences and even the same quotes from the text," she said. "It was very blatant. I was just shaking."

Two of Lord's students had retrieved the paper from the Internet and turned in the same one. She said the Internet surprised her when she learned about thousands of other papers available online.

"Jane Eyre" is just one example.

A NEW BREED OF CHEATERS

Over the past five years, the Internet has emerged as a cheater's dream machine and a professor's worst nightmare. It's because of a variety of sites that give students access to entire papers for a low fee — sometimes, even for free.

Sites like www.schoolsucks.com and www.cheater.com have become more popular for students who don't feel like writing papers. Chuck Mullins, chief executive officer and creator of CollegeTermPapers.com, said his site receives approximately 175,000 hits a day.

"Students want help writing their term papers," he said. "It has nothing to do with ethics, as it is not unethical to use our site to gather ideas and information for writing papers."

Educators, however, say many students are doing more than just gathering ideas; they're abusing the sites.

Don McCabe, who heads the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University, said the sites are spawning more cheaters. He said the omnipresence of the Internet makes cheating more accessible and tempting.

"There is a new breed of cheaters because of the Internet," he said. "A large number of people had resisted that temptation previously. Now, the Internet is everywhere."

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Open for review



During the day, the Cyber Cafe entertains students' stomachs with scrumptious meals. By Monday night, hanging out at the cafe means more than just a good meal as students line the walls with anticipation of "Open Mic Night."

Monday nights are reserved solely for young artists willing to display their talents for their peers, and it's been that way since spring of this year.

Junior Kell Coulter delicately grazes the chords of her harp as she sings Alanis Morissette's "That I Would Be Good." Coulter, a recording industry management major who has played the harp for four years, also dedicated "So Fine," by Garbage, to an audience member Monday.

Freshmen RIM majors Nick Fragman and Ross Israel of the band St. Emo's Fire strum their guitars while belting out a tune of their own creation, called "Emo's."

"Open Mic Night" begins at 7:30 every Monday night and wraps up around 10:30 p.m.



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STATE BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Assistant News Editor

Wells tested for contaminants

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) - Water wells within one mile of a former TNT plant will be surveyed to see whether explosives and dangerous chemicals have spread, an EPA official said.

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Army plan to survey the wells near the Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant as part of the cleanup of contamination at what was once the world's largest TNT plant.

The survey will try to determine whether anyone living around the plant depends on wells for drinking water, and if so, whether that water is safe. ♦

Green Party searches for voters

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The Green Party's presidential candidate polled 6,427 votes in Tennessee in 1996, about one-third of 1 percent of the votes cast in that election.

The embryonic party's goal is to draw 100,000 votes in Tennessee this year.

If Nader doesn't poll 5 percent of the 2 million Tennesseans expected to cast ballots in this year's presidential election, the Green Party label will not be on the ballot in the following election. ♦

Private prison company in dire straits

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Prison Realty Trust Inc., formerly Corrections Corporation of America, once soared as the nation's largest private prison company. Stock was \$40 a share. Capitalization was \$4 billion.

But in 18 months, the bottom fell out. Stock plummeted to \$2 share and the company lost nearly \$200 million. Debts exceeded \$65 million. There were management problems and high-profile escapes from its prisons.

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HIDDEN CASES

Kent State University Judicial Affairs dealt with at least two cases of academic dishonesty last semester. Judicial Officer Jack Scott said more incidents could have occurred.

"Just because we don't hear of it doesn't mean it is not happening," he said.

Last semester the English department dealt with an incident in which four students in the same class turned in similar papers from the Internet. Chair Susanna Fein said professors are more aware of the issue. She said she plans to discuss with profes-

sors the Internet's plagiarism possibilities.

"I think everybody's looking for it and hoping not to find it," she said. "It's never a happy case to for a professor to find out a student has cheated."

Despite the cleverness of the Internet, Fein said most professors are keyed into ways to nail plagiarists.

"I don't think you can easily fool any English professor," she said. "Plagiarism has been something that [we] are vigilant about."

Kent State junior Rhea Gray also usually avoids the Internet when writing papers. One time, she said she grabbed information and ran it by her professor.

The information turned out to be false.

"I've been tempted because it's an easy way to get out of all the stress a paper puts on me," said Gray, a recreation management major. "I've read some papers to get a better idea, but you can't trust them all."

GUILTLSS

McCabe, who recently completed a 10-year study on cheating trends, said retrieving papers from the Internet doesn't give students the same sense of guilt. Their cheating habits reflect the moral decline of society, he said. While some students are stress-

ing, for example, he said they are seeing others have fun.

"They think, 'If them, why not me? It's OK, it's only a paper,'" McCabe said.

However, sites can also strip students of learning information, said junior Matt Donowick, an anthropology major.

"I bitch and moan about [writing papers] all the time," he said, "but once I'm done I know that I learned something."

Still, Mullins said his site, which was launched in April 1999, is meant to serve as a resource and that "the number of students who use these papers inappropriately is small compared to the number who use it appropriately."

"If teachers showed students how to use it properly, there would be no problem."

If anything, Mullins said his site helps educators catch plagiarizers.

"Any teacher can find these papers just as easily as students can," he said. "A student would be better off copying straight out of a book. At least that way the teachers would actually have to make an effort to find the plagiarism."

PROFESSORS CHANGING

McCabe said professors should place more emphasis on teaching students about academic dishonesty instead of pun-

ishing them. He said they should also explain to them the importance of learning.

The two students in Lord's class were allowed to redo the paper. Now, she said she explains to her classes the ramifications of plagiarism.

"I wish I could say that I have found a foolproof way to detect plagiarism," she said. "But I haven't."

Lord recently typed "Jane Eyre" into an Internet search engine, and the numerous results shocked her.

"I'm a lot more suspicious now," she said. "If I see something that looks like another one I graded, I dig through that pile much sooner." ♦

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From the staff School spirit campaign appears to be working

Lately, some university officials have sounded a lot like those annoying cheerleading coaches in high school screaming "Go MTSU!" with all their might.

The new push in the school spirit campaign has been at times annoying, even if the intentions are good.

Still, maybe all the pep is starting to pay off, especially with freshmen.

After Sorority Recruitment Week, a record number of members joined one of the six national sororities.

Sounds like progress.

Last weekend, the Student Government Association sponsored three bus loads of students to go down to Florida to watch the Blue Raiders play the Florida Gators.

The Raiders got killed, but at least the students were interested. Furthermore, most of the students who went were freshmen.

This weekend for the first home game against Murray State, the Athletic Department is initiating a Raider Rewards

program, which will act like "frequent flyer miles" for students who attend the games regularly.

With the new program, students will collect 10 points per game for every home game they attend that they can use toward prizes and gifts, ranging from popcorn to free season tickets for next year.

More progress.

Even though we are only in the fourth week of the new semester, it's easy to see how the campus isn't as much of a ghost town on the weekends as it used to be. Hopefully, it will last.

This weekend will be the test.

The biggest positive aspect of this is that the freshmen seem to be responding to the new spirit campaign. They are the future and should be the target audience.

So congratulations to the officials responsible for the spirit campaign.

If this weekend goes as expected, maybe the new students on this campus will show the older ones what school pride is all about.

This country in dire need of ERA

Atypical Woman



Angela
White
Managing
Editor

Last Monday, a professor asked a class of political science students whether or not an amendment ever passed guaranteeing equal treatment based on gender.

More than one hand shot up.

As blind as society is today, it's not surprising that some of our generation may not be aware that the Equal Rights Amendment, or ERA, never actually passed. We didn't witness the blatant discrimination of years past — when we lost our identity the second we tied ourselves to a man, when we were not allowed to own property or sue in our own name, when we were denied the right to vote or to earn our own living. Compared to this, we have gone a long way.

But we're not done yet, for there is no way we can be equal until the one truly-binding document of this country, the Constitution, protects that equality.

An Equal Rights Amendment would solve much of the discrimination still in place today. It would constitutionally guarantee equal pay for equal work, equal education, equal job opportunity and equal sports opportunity.

No longer could the Supreme Court make decisions based on sexist excuses using the "intermediate standard" of equality. Discrimination based on gender would be held at the same level as discrimination based on race. No longer could women be held to the "male standard" of equality. Strength, endurance and competence can no longer be attributed solely to the male. Everyone would get the chance to prove her or his own capabilities.

The ERA nearly passed 20 years ago. The House passed it with a vote of 350 to 15, and the Senate 84-8. Ten years later the amendment fell short of ratification by six votes in three states.

As close as this amendment came to passing two decades ago, there's no reason why it shouldn't pass today with flying colors. But conservative forces are succeeding at preventing this from happening.

The ERA is a very frightening thing to religious zealots. It would provide constitutional protection for birth control and abortion, without which women, with their reproductive constraints, could never be equal to men physically. Private schools, even religious ones, would be co-ed. The beliefs and practices of some religions that regard women as inferior to men could even be considered unconstitutional in environments where civil rights would be protected, such as in schools and in the workplace.

Many believe the fight for the ERA is over. It survived a bit into the 80s, but the conservative atmosphere of the Reagan era eventually stifled it to a whimper.

However, the National Organization of Women has created a revised version of an equal rights amendment that, unlike the original, includes discrimination based on sexual orientation and specifies freedom of reproductive decisions.

They are currently campaigning for their new Constitutional Equality Amendment but believe that as long as Congress is controlled by Republicans, it has little hope of passing.

So in the meantime, we as a gender must sit back as our government constantly looks for new ways to hold women back, using currently-acceptable standards of discrimination that only an amendment can defeat. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Greeks not necessarily responsible for liquor found on campus

In reviewing the recent article about alcohol use over fraternity bid weekend, I was able to see that some points in the article were true.

One obvious truth was the disregard of alcohol policy on campus, coupled with the apparent littering of sidewalks and Greek row parking lots. Unfortunately, the members of fraternities on Greek Row are receiving much of the blame associated with these careless acts. As House Manager of Sigma Nu and a member of the Greek system for the last four years, I have found that fraternities are often associated with problems such as these.

To those outside the Greek system, it is easy to "place the blame" on "frats." However, the blame does not lie in the actions of fraternity members, but rests mostly on those outside the fraternities who attend events. In fact, most of the littering that takes place is mainly in areas to and from Greek Row — in routes students walk to fraternity houses.

It is more unfortunate that fraternities are often stuck with the responsibility of cleaning up after random students "stash" beer bottles along the way to the social gatherings — since no alcohol containers are allowed in social events.

If you have been around the fraternities on Greek Row, you would know that all have strict risk-reduction policies and guidelines that correlate directly with campus rules.

Moreover, the brothers in all houses take great pride and care in the conditions and upkeep of their houses.

If you ask me, it is the laziness and irresponsibility of those that aren't brothers that are to blame. For example, Sigma Nu brothers were all

out of town over the weekend on a retreat to which the article referred.

How could beer bottles appear behind our house if there was nobody there to put them there?

It is a hassle and an embarrassment to all on Greek Row that students and non-students would trash the areas in which we walk and park everyday. It is also much too large a task for our campus safety officials to police the entire school for these infractions.

Maybe in the future we should see an article about beer bottles around the dorms, or possibly the ungodly amount of cigarette butts on campus.

Sincerely,
Ed Long—Sr. Aerospace Major

White represents all that is evil in the world

Dear SL Editor,

When I read the article in Sidelines entitled, "Women Must Unite to Protect Rights," I cried, right there in the middle of the hallway at school. I cried for the writer, I cried for our country, I cried for the children.

I am not writing this to bash anybody or to start a big debate. I am writing this partly in response to the article, but mostly I am writing this to speak the truth.

I want to make perfectly clear that I don't hate doctors who perform abortions, I don't hate women who have them, and I don't hate proponents of it. In fact, I love those people and care about them.

But, I also love the unborn, and I do hate abortion.

The bottom line is, it's easy to win a fight against millions of unheard voices. That is why

some of us are speaking up for them. That is why we are not willing to be silent in the name of women's rights or equality.

You know, over half the babies aborted are little girls...women. I'm speaking for them. I will fight for them.

One day we, as a people, will look back in horror. We know from history that people can rationalize anything if it serves their plan. Look at the Holocaust and at slavery here in our country not too long ago.

How did that happen? The only explanation is selfishness and rationalization. But the more important question is, how did it end? People broke through the lie, realized the atrocity and spoke out.

Why do we rationalize abortion? Because we don't want to change our lifestyles, we feel as if it's the only option sometimes, we are scared of the implications and consequences of abortion being "wrong," or some of us are just plain naive to the real issues.

At this point, I can understand why some people are fighting to keep abortion legal. Think of the implications if these fetuses, these blobs of tissue, were really people who deserved to have rights and be protected! How could we all live with ourselves knowing that 1.5 million of these people, these children, were killed in the most heinous and sickening ways every year in the U.S., all legal in the eyes of the law? That's something no one wants to face, but it's something we must.

We will look back at this great lie in utter disgrace and horror. Articles like the one in Sidelines will be in history books showing the extent of this rationalization.

We like to couple this whole issue with women's rights, but the real issue is children's rights.

Lydia C. Mathias

Wake up Greeks -- no one cares!

By Michael Edwards
Staff Writer

After working in the Sidelines's sports section for the last two years, I have had the great privilege of reading many articles and letters to the editor written by staff members and general students. Not only that, but I have written many columns concerning some controversial issues. Never have I had the desire within to mobilize because of one person's absurd opinion...until now.

I would just like to express the truth about Sidelines and clear up all the misinformation that Greeks seem to have.

After being accused of not doing our research here at Sidelines, I deemed it an obligation to count every article about Greeks since June 2, 1999. I looked through every issue since the previously mentioned date.

All though some concerned sorority members refer to their beer-guzzling buddies as the "elite," it seems that there were only eight stories out of 62 newspapers full of articles written about

Greeks during the span of June 2, 1999 through the last paper of the 2000 semester.

Three of the articles were negative. Two concerned the brawl over an intramural football game, while the other was about the theft of construction materials by some fraternity brothers.

Five of the eight articles were either positive or impartial. Three were about the new fraternity houses that included the defense of fraternities after some students heard rumors about tax dollars being used to build these mansions. One included the awards which the interfraternity council won, and the other was about a fraternity helping deaf students and hearing students communicate more effectively.

First, the "concerned sorority member" is clearly misinformed and ignorant on the idea that this newspaper only publishes negative Greek news. Numbers don't lie. Obviously, I didn't count the editorials or the letters to the editor, because those are straight opinion, just like the "concerned Sorority member's" letter, and we all know what "they" say about opinions.

I hope in the future Sidelines can cater to the

"elite," rather than the non-Greek. Because, as we all know, "everyone is doing it." Of course, we are all here to read about what the Greeks are doing.

I'll be honest. I don't care one little bit about what the Greeks do, except when you tell me I don't do my research or try to tell me how to do my job. The funniest thing that the "concerned sorority member" said was, "Delta Zeta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sponsored 'Pink and Green, Campus Clean' to...clean up MTSU." Not so fast my friend. I saw the trash with my own eyes, not just in the pictures. I know it was there. I don't think anybody drove from Schardt or Reynolds to dump their trash on Greek Row. Wait. Maybe "The Boro" secretly dumped their trash into a truck and rushed it to the Greek Row parking lot. Those heathens!

When did sponsoring the male beauty pageant become a community service event? I know seeing a bunch of males prance around a stage makes me want to go out and give this community all I've got. Wait. Did the students of MTSU know that an organization of more than 1,500 members raised over \$2,000? Wow, now that's dedication. I

mean over a buck per person. Congratulations. I can't believe that Sidelines didn't put that on the front page.

As I rap this up, I would just like to acknowledge a few things the Greeks do well. First, I would like to thank the "concerned sorority member" for pointing out the fact that the Greeks are, according to the student, "elite." That's something of which I was not aware.

Finally, she said "if you even cared." She's right. I don't care. If my friends and I remotely reflect the average MTSU non-Greek, I had a grand total of zero conversations about Greeks on the way to and from the Florida-MTSU football game.

Maybe we will look into having a special section which devotes itself to the good that Greeks do, and maybe we will devote a special section to me, about giving my change to the Ronald McDonald foundation.

This just in...99 percent of Americans did not get arrested last weekend.

Sincerely,
A tall person

Food Sweet Food

Down home cooking from 'mom & pop'

By Sara J. Vaughn
Staff Writer

So, you're new in town? You've just settled into your new home away from home. How nice it is to be on your own. You're living on your own, waking up on your own, staying up as late as you want on your own, and even, oh — maybe, cooking on your own. What? You don't have time to cook?

You don't know how to cook?

How are you going to survive this place without your mom and pop to make sure that you have all the basic nutrients?

Oh, Papa John's or Domino's will make sure of that. Wrong!

Ramen noodles are tasty and nutritious. Wrong!

The grill will keep you happy and healthy. Wrong!

Okay, the next best answer is to eat all of your meals at one of the numerous, trendy, convenient and corporate chains.

Still wrong! That's way too expensive for the mere college student and not always nutritious.

Behold! There are

little secrets about the 'Boro that the locals hide from the college crowd. It's time that you knew about a few of these secrets too.

Whatever type of food you like, there is a place for you to eat without spending all of your money, it's convenient to campus and good for you. Mom and pop are right around several corners.

Located at 2607 E. Main St. is Be-Bop's Cafe. As you walk into the front door you can't help feeling as if you are living a real life episode of "Happy Days". Ooh wee ooh, you feel just like Buddy Holly!

The owners, Jerry and Jeanie Damron, who are originally from Indiana, now live in Murfreesboro and "have always wanted to open a diner like this. We just gambled and jumped in feet first," said Jerry Damron.

Jeanie Damron owns an antique store in Smyrna, which has supplied much of the 50s memorabilia, although much of it is their own. Be-Bop's Cafe comes complete with a Wurlitzer jukebox, a stack of hula-hoops and Chuck Berry or Little Richard playing in the background.

"I kept looking over my shoulder waiting for James Dean or Marilyn Monroe to walk in," said Shannon Bain, MTSU student and customer, "Two enthusiastic Fonzy thumbs up."

"We also give a 15 percent discount to MTSU students," said Jerry. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

So take a break, take a friend, take a seat at the counter and have a shake. And don't be surprised if your meal shows up in a Sunset Coral 1956 Ford Thunderbird!

Now, if you are in the mood for something on the lighter side, you must go to All Souped Up located at 115 E. Vine St.

It was inspired by the "Soup Nazi" episode of "Seinfeld," said owner Debbie McGowan.

"My husband, Chef Steve McGowan, quit his job of ten years at the local Country Club and we opened this store," she said. "He prepares six different soups everyday."

"There is no set menu for the soups except there is always one vegetarian soup each day."

All Souped Up is open for coffee and a muffin/bagel breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Closing time is 3 p.m. "Right

now we are closed on the weekend," Debbie said.

"Soups are ready by 10:30 a.m. daily and once they are gone, there is no more until the next day," said Debbie.

Some of the soups that show up include vegetable, clam chowder, bean soups, chili, lemon chicken, cabbage/beef, gazpacho, cream of asparagus, mushroom barley and "any other special blend Steve comes up with," Debbie said. "You can even call and request a particular soup for a particular day and we will make sure we have it."

"We want this to be as personal and hometown as it possibly can," said Debbie.



Photo by Alicia Moore | Staff Photographer

Elvis graces the diner-like counter, which completes the "nifty-fifties" atmosphere of Be-Bop Cafe.

So go out to Vine Street and visit the soup nazi, but don't fret, you'll never be denied a bowl of soup and you will definitely want to go back for more.

Now, if you are a vegetarian or better yet a vegan, you absolutely must go to The Shepherd's Inn. Located at 324 W. Burton St., this is the only totally organic vegan restaurant in Murfreesboro. The attraction here is that everything is made from scratch and with absolutely no animal products.

There's an herb garden in front of the old house, which serves its purpose well and comes complete with sunflowers, wildflowers and bird feeders.

With soothing music playing in the air, the atmosphere is quiet and relaxing. The special entree changes daily.

Again, there is no set menu, but the sandwiches, salads, soups and fruits are completely organic.

"My mom opened this store because she wanted to help people with their health," said Jennifer Levin, who is also a vegetarian.

"I think vegetarianism is the healthiest way to eat," said Theresa Levin, owner and operator, of The Shepherd's Inn. "I've been a vegan for 23 years and I'm the healthiest I've ever been," she said.

If you like smoothies and fresh juice, this is the place to go. The juices range from 100 percent apple to 100 percent carrot-cucumber juice. The smoothies are made from these same fresh juices, fresh fruits and pear milk.

"There is so much sickness and there's no need for it," said Theresa, "I've been diabetic for 19 years and I am healthy. I make my own mayonnaise's, salad dressings, cheeses — everything is completely fresh."

And if you like vegan desserts, she makes an awesome tofu cheesecake. "I've been a vegetarian now since May and I've already lost 12 pounds with almost no effort at all," said Charlie Crino, friend and customer.

The Shepherd's Inn is open Tuesday through Friday from 11:15 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Soon they

will extend their hours depending on customer preferences.

Theresa Levin is also organizer of the Vitality Club, which focuses on "healthy" eating habits. If you are interested in changing your lifestyle and eating habits or want to continue you already healthy habits go to the little Inn on the corner and check it out. Or you can visit their web site located at: <http://www.peaceful-river.com/shepherdsinn/home.htm>. It is definitely worth it.

So, even though you are far away from your own mom and pop, these mom and pop's are second best. College is fun, but the food isn't always the greatest. Pizza and fast food can never take the place of home-cooked, healthy meals. Even if you stay up all night on your own and don't always wake up in time for class on your own, you can still let your parents know that your eating well on your own.

That's enough to make any mom and pop proud. ♦



Photo by Alicia Moore | Staff Photographer

Jennifer Levin serves an incredible vegan meal prepared by her mother, Theresa Levin, the owner of The Shepherd's Inn.



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Chef Steve McGowan, "Soup Nazi," is cooking up a storm at All Souped Up.

Biggest party in town

'Boro Little Theater raises the roof and heats the stage

By Ruth Peltier
Staff Writer

Instead of your usual migration home this weekend, consider visiting with the Pollitt clan as they gather to celebrate the birthday of their patriarch, Big Daddy, in Tennessee Williams' drama, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

This is a play about relationships in a dysfunctional family living in the Mississippi Delta in the 1950s.

This will be Big Daddy's last birthday and his potential heirs are jockeying for position. This brings to a head serious problems in the marriage of his youngest son, Brick.

Brick is a football hero who never grew up. His marriage to Maggie,

tragically mired in the circumstances surrounding the death of his close friend, Skipper, has produced no children. Pitted against them, in the struggle for the inheritance, are Brick's older brother, Gooper, a successful corporate lawyer, his wife Mae and their five children.

Wayman Price and Shane Lowery have done an exceptional job as co-directors of this production for Murfreesboro Little Theater.

Robert Fish, an actor of ample proportions, both physically and theatrically, plays the role of the tyrannical Big Daddy. He gives us a marvelous glimpse into the heart of a "Mississippi redneck" who rose from overseer to owner of the plantation, but who discovers, at the end of life,

that he has neglected the things that really mattered.

The scene where Big Daddy tries to communicate with his son, Brick and to understand the causes of Brick's problem drinking is a highlight of the play.

Derek Sanborn as Brick, exemplifies what Maggie calls "the charm of the defeated." He is quite convincing as the passive aggressive son of a dictatorial father and a doting mother. Bricks only rebellious outlet is his drinking. He delivers his repeated line "yes sir" to whatever his father says, with just the right touch of defiance and in his scenes with Maggie, he is the perfect foil for her frantic energy.

Sara Hoya, in role of Maggie, vividly portrays Maggie's dread of return-

ing to the poverty of her youth. "You can be young without money, but you cannot be old without money," she proclaims. She disguises her fear with a façade of self-assurance and bares her claws through remarks that have earned her the nickname of Maggie "the cat."

Sandy Berg is Big Mama, matriarch of the family. She seems blind to the forces swirling around her, but is strong when faced with circumstances that require it.

Charlie Parker is Gooper, the long-suffering older brother. Barbara Collie is his, perhaps, too obviously pregnant wife, Mae. Regan Best, Sophia Boehm and Wolfgang Boehm are excellent as their bratty children.

Thomas Foust is Doc. Baugh, the

gruff old family doctor.

Martin Spears plays Rev. Tooker, who is much more interested in getting memorial windows for his church than in meeting the spiritual needs of the family. Spears is a junior at MTSU majoring in Radio and TV Production.

Maggie's cigarette and Big Daddy's cigar are real. If the odor of burning tobacco bothers you, choose a seat near the back of the theater.

The remaining performances of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" will be presented at the Rutherford County Center for the Arts at 110 W. College St., Sept. 14 through Sept. 16.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. except for the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. ♦

In the zone

This weekend the Blue Raiders suffered a lopsided defeat at the hands of the Florida Gators. If this game was considered to be a measuring stick of where we stand with the elite college football teams, then we are way behind the times.



Michael Barrett
Sports Editor

MTSU was overmatched from the very beginning of the game. I am not sure if it was the atmosphere of "The Swamp" or the intimidation of the Florida Gator mystique. One thing is for sure about this year's football team, no matter how much of an underdog they are; they refuse to be pushed around by anybody.

Just two games into the season the Blue Raiders have many questions that need to be answered before this team can begin to show signs of life.

First, they must decide who will be the quarterback of their team. They have played two complete games and have yet to score a touchdown, either through the air or on the ground. The Blue Raider offense was one of the most productive last season, but has yet to flash any of last year's brilliance this season.

Wes Counts is currently number one on the depth chart but, he has yet to be consistent or show he can lead the team this season. I understand that he has gone up against two of the toughest defenses in the nation but, there has been no consistency in the offense in either game.

Jason Johnson has been given his chance to shine also this season. He brings a lot more to the offense when he is in the game. He has more mobility and quickness than Counts, which can be harder to defend for most defenses. Like Counts too, he has been unable to lead the team to a touchdown. However, I believe that Johnson should get the start in this Saturday's game against the Murray State Racers.

With the injury to Jamison Palmer, the Blue Raiders need to find someone who can fill his role as well. Dwone Hicks had a huge game against Illinois, but was held in check for the most part during the Florida game. Don Calloway, a highly touted freshman out of Georgia, was activated for the Florida game. He too possesses quick speed and mobility and should fit in nicely with the Blue Raider offense.

The Blue Raiders have many talented receivers on this year's team. They return Hansford Johnson, Kendall Newson, Tyrone Calico and David Youell. Newson had nine catches against Illinois and three catches against Florida. His 12 catches on the season leads the team and has made him MTSU's all-time receptions leader.

The "Air Raiders" have struggled early on this season; many have dropped passes or missed them completely in key situations this year. Newson missed what would have been a first down catch deep in the Gators zone on the Blue Raiders opening drive on Saturday.

I am not saying if he had made the catch the Blue Raiders would have won the game, but it would have had an impact on what the outcome may have been.

On the defensive side of the ball the Blue Raiders need to answer a few questions as well. Since the first half of the Illinois game the Blue Raiders have surrendered 83 points in just six quarters. They missed several tackles in Saturday's match-up with Florida. You can't allow a great team extra plays or extra yardage. They will make you pay.

I don't want to sound as if I am frowning upon our Blue Raiders. We have a tough bunch of guys here. They will win their share of games before the season is over. They have faced two quality opponents early and they have learned in defeat, what it will take this win.

The Blue Raiders will be at home this weekend and will face Murray State. Come and support your Blue Raiders and cheer them to what will be



Students play football and soccer during the opening of the intramural season Monday.

Photos by James Evans | Editor In Chief

Intramural season kicks off

Results for Sept. 11

Soccer:

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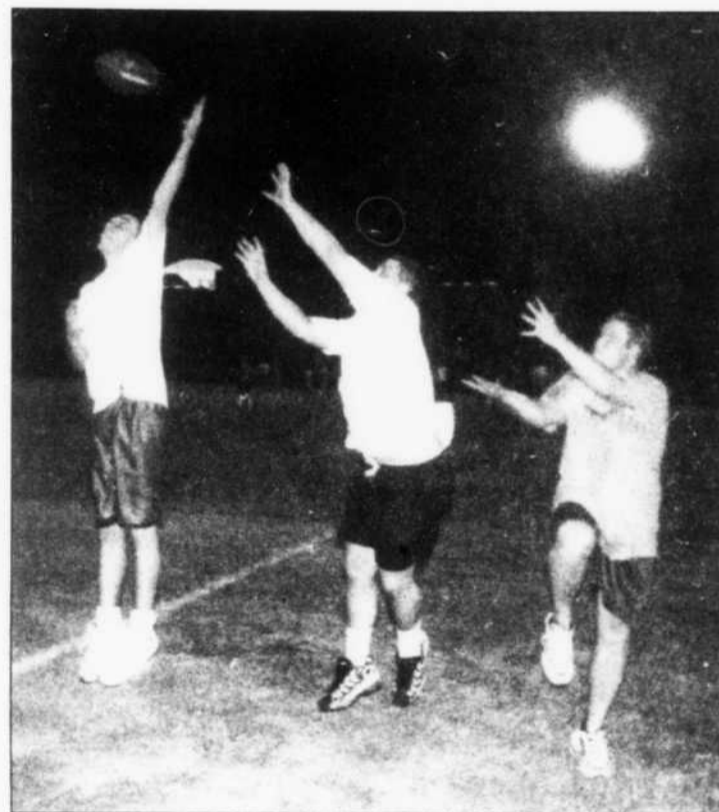
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| Co-Rec Open A league: | Cryptonite | 1 |
| | Alpha Omega | 0 |
| | Raiders For Christ #1 | 7 |
| | Los Chunks | 4 |
| | Sliders | 5 |
| | Raiders For Christ #2 | 2 |

Flag Football:

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| | Jabronees | 50 |
| | Warriors | 0 |
| | The Competiton | 20 |
| | Raiders For Christ #2 | 7 |



One titanic season

By Michael Barrett
Sports Editor

The National Football League has just begun its 2000 season and there is a changing of the guard underway.

The league is experiencing a change from the old dynasties winning year in and year out to new upstart teams led by tomorrow's Hall of Famers. Teams such as the Dallas Cowboys, San Francisco Forty-Niners and the Green Bay Packers are now experiencing rebuilding struggles. New teams have stepped in to apply for the position on the next NFL dynasty. Teams like the St. Louis Rams, Tennessee Titans, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Indianapolis Colts are looking to become the next dominant power.

The NFC conference is home to the defending Super Bowl Champion St. Louis Rams. The Rams will rely on the wonderful arm of Kurt Warner and the speed of Marshall Faulk. They will again have one of the top offensive units in the league. They should easily win the NFC west conference due to the lack of competition. The Carolina Panthers, Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans could contend for playoff spots, but pose no real threat. The 49ers are rebuilding so count them out.

The NFC central is led by the Tampa Buccaneers. They have proba-

bly the NFL's best defense and should easily win their conference as well. The Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings and Lions are being led by young quarterbacks and could be possible playoff teams. This is probably the toughest division in football.

The NFC East is weaker than in years past. The Dallas Cowboys are in a rebuilding season and will look to their veterans like Emmitt Smith and Troy Aikman to find their old magic again. They have a young defense that has many holes. The best team may be the Washington Redskins. They made several key offseason acquisitions like Deion Sanders, Bruce Smith and the also drafted Lavar Arrington. They should win the title easily. Jake Plummer and the Arizona Cardinals, New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles are improved teams and may fight for those ever important play off spots. The Cincinnati Bengals and Cleveland Browns are young and are looking to continuing gaining experience for the future contention.

The AFC will be very competitive will several teams again be very talented.

AFC champion Tennessee Titans will again be very tough to beat. They acquired Carl Pickens in the off season and he may prove to be the final piece to their championship puzzle. The

Jacksonville Jaguars and Baltimore Ravens will be over their shoulder all season, and both are championship quality teams. The Pittsburgh Steelers have many holes to fill to be a contender.

The AFC East will be lead by the Indianapolis Colts. Peyton Manning, Edgerrin James and Marvin Harrison are the best offensive trio in the NFL. The Bills, Dolphins, Patriots and Jets will be fighting one another for a play-off spot all season.

The AFC West is a very competitive and tight division. They will ride the legs of Terrell Davis, who is coming of a serious knee injury. The Chiefs, Chargers, Raiders and Seahawks could easily surprise anyone and win this division.

I predict the Indianapolis Colts will easily make it to the AFC Championship game, but will fall short of the Super Bowl as they will lose a close game to the Tennessee Titans. The NFC will see a matchup of the Washington Redskins will face the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC championship game. The Bucs tough defense will shut down the high powered offense of the Redskins.

When the season is over and as the saying goes, "the smoke clears", the streets of Nashville will be rocking, as their Tennessee Titans will be bringing home the Vince Lombardi Trophy. ♦

Blue Raider Bulletin



Athletic schedule for the week of Wed., Sept. 13 - Wed., Sept. 20

Football - Saturday, Sept. 16
Vs. Murray State Racers home, 6 p.m.

Soccer - Friday, Sept. 15
Vs. Florida International away, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16
Vs. Florida Atlantic University away, 12 noon

Volleyball - Tuesday, Sept. 19
Vs. Tennessee Chattanooga home, 6 p.m.

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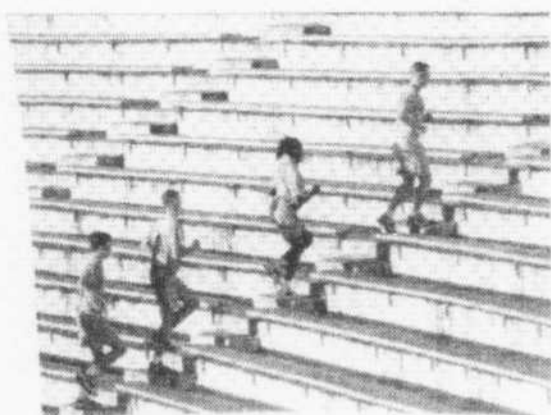
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Good, bad, or indifferent?

The Cell does little to trap the imagination

By Jared Wilson
Staff Writer

There's a word for movies like *The Cell*, but I'm not sure exactly what it is. The workdgood won't do, but neither will the word bad. The film, by Indian director Tarsem, is an extravagant work about the secret nooks and crannies in the human psyche. The problem, though, is that it shows a lot but tells us very little. It's hypnotic suggestion without the suggestion.

The Cell stars Jennifer Lopez as Catherine Deane, an idealistic psychologist who participates in top-secret experiments that allow her to enter the minds of others. As the film opens, she is inside the mind of a comatose child. The hope is that she will be able to counsel him from the inside out and, perhaps, coax him out of his vegetative state. At the same time, FBI Agent Peter Novak (Vince Vaughn) finally captures a sadistic serial killer, (Vincent D'Onofrio), who drowns his victims in a hidden location, then dresses them like dolls and deposits them for discovery. The FBI's problem is that the killer is in a coma, and there is one victim left waiting to be drowned by the device he has rigged to do the job automatically. It just so happens that the FBI forensics expert knows about the top-secret experiments, which happen to be conducted nearby, and the investigators convince Catherine to use the machine to enter the killer's mind.

The ensuing tour, in which Catherine appears subject to the killer's will, despite its apparent "unreality," is a kaleidoscope of twisted theatrics, bizarre panoramas, and random images. Tarsem's construction of the



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episodes appears to be equal parts Salvador Dali, Clive Barker, and perhaps cult comic artist Bill Sienkewicz. Catherine encounters the killer in his childhood state, and she follows him throughout his mind. But the killer as Devil King (or something to that effect) keeps showing up, spoiling her progress and, eventually, endangering her life. Agent Novak inevitably joins her inside the killer's mind and, after his disembowelment at the hands

of the King, quickly discovers the key to the remaining victim's location.

The meat of the film is always its style. Tarsem, best known for his music video and commercial work (he directed R.E.M.'s "Losing My Religion" video), meticulously designs every scene. The colors are vivid. The sets are spectacular. I was often reminded of the Van Gogh episode of Akira Kurosawa's *Dreams*, in which a man follows Van Gogh (played by Martin Scorsese, of all people) into his paintings. Tarsem obviously had a bigger budget than Kurosawa, but the effect is somewhat similar. The scenes are like richly textured paintings that breathe. In terms of technique, *The Cell* is brilliant.

What disappointed me the most was the film's inadequate subtext. For a while, three different stories are maintained: the FBI's detective work in search of the victim, the victim's frantic hours within the water tank, and Catherine's journey inside the killer's mind. The film transitions nicely between these stories, and a good balance of tension is found. Ultimately, however, they become tedious, and when Agent Novak discovers in the killer's mind a clue that reinforces a hunch he had in the killer's house but didn't follow up on, I groaned. Precious hours would have been saved if he had only gone with his gut. Plus, the camera lingers on the clue, so I knew it was going to be important.

Like in all serial killer movies, but unlike in reality, the killer is a brilliant psychotic. I always wonder how, in the movies, the killers have these really ingenious ways of killing their victims or of presenting the crime scene (see *Seven* or *The Bone Collector* or any serial killer movie, for that matter). They also have

a secret hideout (see *Kiss the Girls*). In reality, though, our serial killers are usually of average intelligence and live in typical neighborhoods killing their victims the old fashioned way with a gun or knife or rope, etc. They simply lack the budget of their big screen counterparts. In this sense, *The Cell* is nowhere near unique.

The detective story within *The Cell*, which starts out promising, is a letdown also. Tarsem could have used these episodes to deepen the film and give it some much needed substance. I liked that he hints at something in Agent Novak's past during a conversation with Catherine, but he never follows up on it. This subtle tidbit could have strengthened the film.

The visuals in *The Cell* are the main attraction, and I don't recall an action film presented in such vivid detail since David O. Russell's *Three Kings*. Every episode in the killer's mind is an ocular feast of vivid color and phantasmagoric sets. It's a hellish dreamscape that dares you to watch against your better judgment. The violence within, depicted with a brutal realism by Tarsem, is all part of the surreal landscape.

The Cell is a triumph of style over substance. What Tarsem's work lacks in original narrative and in substance, is made up for in presentation. He ultimately avoids sending any message about the mind of a serial killer (other than that it's sort of trippy). Instead of an exploration of evil, we find the old movie killer motive standby religion. This is the unfortunate depth of *The Cell*. The journey itself, though, is . . . well, what's that word? Not good. How about interesting? ♦

My grade: B-

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