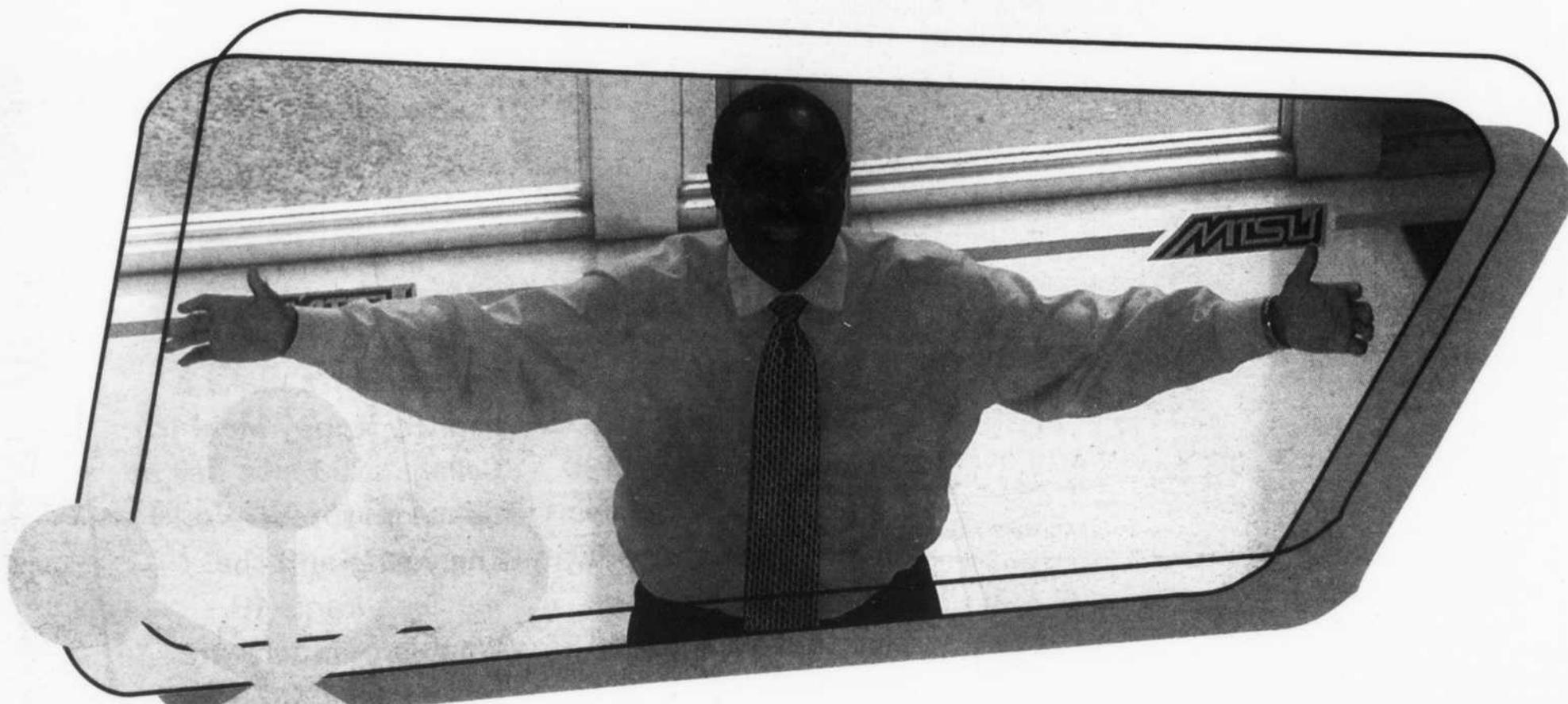


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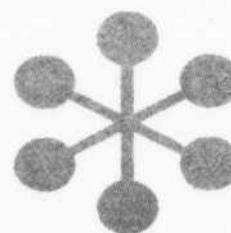
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MTSU president Sidney McPhee
sits down with *Sidelines* and
discusses his plans for the
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McPhee answers

Students returning to school this semester will find the university made quite a few changes. In addition to the tuition increase, the recording industry department's change to graduation and candidacy requirements and the added fee for business classes, MTSU President Sidney McPhee has more plans for the coming year. Read below to find out what he has in store for the university.

By Jason Cox
Opinions Editor

Q: *What have you been working on this summer?*

A: This year, as opposed to last year, we knew early what the budget situation was going to be like.

It allowed us to begin planning for the fall with respect to addressing issues of enrollment, budget issues, making sure we had faculty in place.

We have begun in earnest the implementation of the new Academic Master Plan. We had an executive staff retreat to kind of take a look at how can we address these critical issues and needs of the university during tight budget times.

Q: *What conclusions were reached on the retreat?*

A: We all agreed that we're not out of the woodwork in regard to the financial situation in the state, in that we need to continue to be diligent in managing the resources in a way that would allow us to offer the best quality education under tight economic times. I think when you look at a number of things that have happened this past year, we... identified five top funding priorities.

One was enhancing the nursing school. We successfully secured a \$1.7 million gift [from the Christy-Houston Foundation]. We currently have a request out for private sources for another \$3 million for the nursing school that we are working on. We have a request for direct federal appropriation of \$2 million for the nursing. What we are hearing from our sources in Washington are that it's very likely, if things continue to go in the direction they are, we will get the \$2 million.

We wanted to enhance the aviation program and replace those old airplanes. We were very successful in getting that done, of course ... The governor was quite impressed with

the structure we put in place, the school bonds that provided the dollars without increasing flight fees, and flight fees actually pay off the bonds in a reasonable time. If we were waiting on dollars from the state for that to occur, we'd be waiting a long time. Our flight fees are very reasonable for the quality of the program that we have.

We also made a major initiative [in] increasing scholarships, and we've done several things, in addition to receiving close to a quarter million dollars from EdSouth in Knoxville for scholarships that we were able to include and not cut from our budget last year, and put an additional \$250,000 in our budget for scholarship programs this year. So we have about a \$500,000 infusion in our scholarship budget.

And during the budget cuts and the impoundment, we protected the scholarship department, we did not cut anything from the library, we did not cut anything from Public Safety and we didn't cut the Honors College. So those are all of the top priorities of the university. I also need to add that, on scholarships, our nursing school faculty brought in separate grants of another half a million dollars in scholarship money for our nursing school.

The fifth one was pursuing private dollars for endowed professorships. We have a proposal out with a donor out of Chicago who is seriously considering giving the university \$3 million for endowed professorships.

Q: *Is this an alumnus?*

A: It is not an alum. I heard of this individual through a contact, made a development call, visited him in Chicago. He's been to our campus, we hosted him for a couple of days, and we'll be talking very seriously again in the fall.

Q: *You mentioned that there were no cuts made to Public Safety. Is there anything new*

going on in that area?

A: We've had a few breach of security issues on campus. I want to start off this conversation by saying while one incident is one too many, the perception that there is really rampant crime on the campus is really not correct. We just received at the end of the spring semester, the crime statistics report from the FBI that shows that, in the state of Tennessee with a campus size of ours, 10,000 or more. The only school that was safer in terms of fewer crimes was Tennessee Tech. We were ranked, like, sixth or seventh.

Now having said that, we're still concerned. I charged both the residence hall folks and the Public Safety people to come up this summer with a series of initiatives to improve campus safety and they have done just that. There are a number of initiatives we're putting in place this fall to make our campus much safer.

Q: *What new things can students expect to see this fall?*

A: Of course, they will see the Honors building taking great shape. It's a beautiful addition to our campus. My information is that it will be ready by November and hopefully fully operational and [ready to] move in by early spring, like January. That is going to be a real jewel for our university, and of course as part of that construction, the walkway that extends from the Rec Center to the inner part of campus will be part of that. And while a lot of people may not focus on the physical part of the campus, it's an important part of the educational environment.

And as we move to being a major comprehensive university, not only must we strengthen our academic programs, but we must compete with other institutions for good students in the facilities that we offer. So the Honors College is going to be par excellent; there is no other facil-

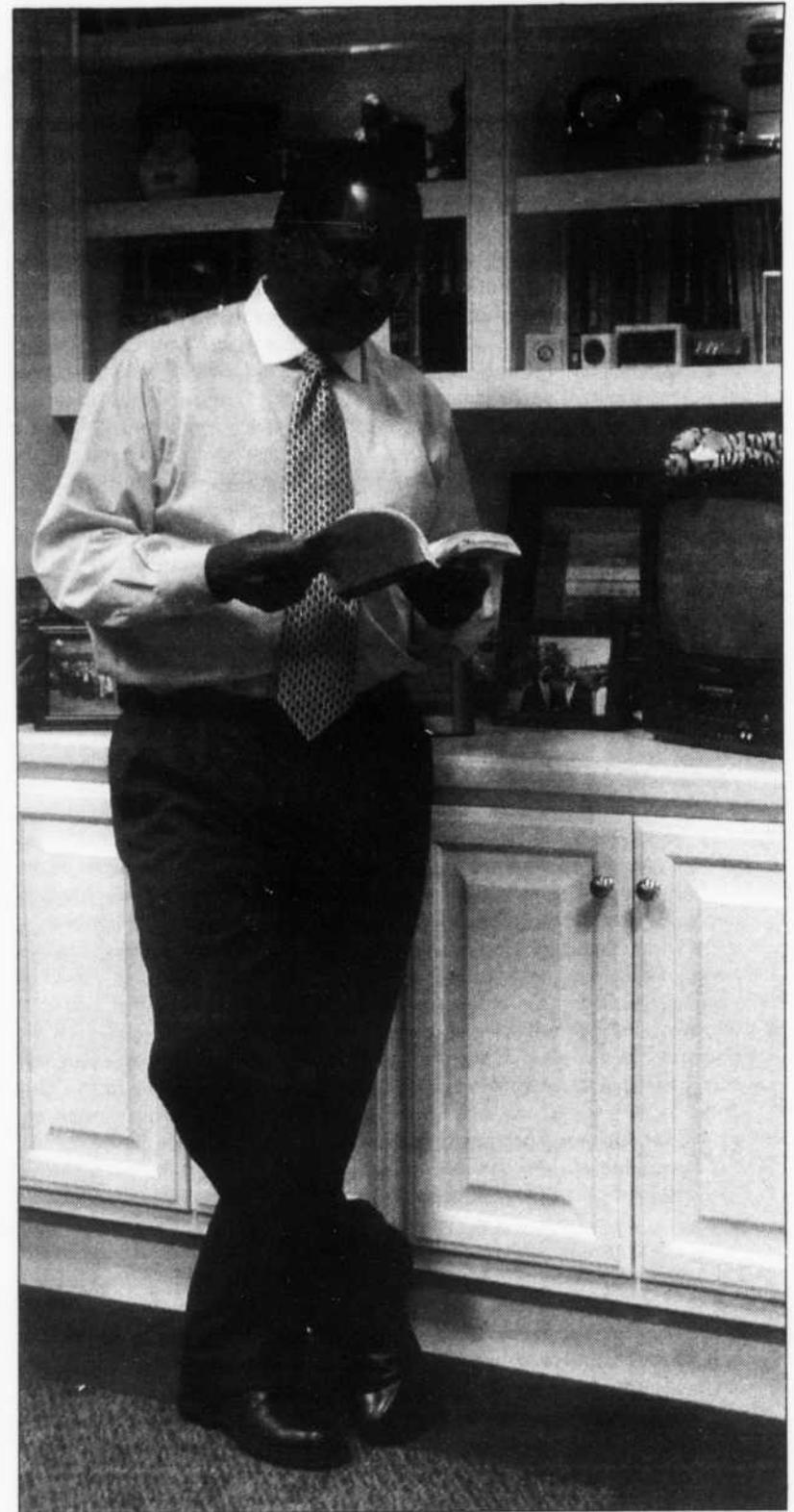


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President McPhee reads *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg.

ity like this in the state of Tennessee. They will also see, as they come, a greater emphasis on being more student-friendly as a campus, more focus on providing support services for our students.

Q: *The Recording Industry program recently lowered its graduation requirement to 120 hours. How are other departments coming along on getting this done?*

A: All the departments have already submitted their plans

for the reduction to the 120-point (scale). The Board of Regents gave us until next year; we encouraged a number of departments that, if they're ready, don't wait until next year; let's move quickly.

Q: *What are the departments doing to lower hours?*

A: The quality and the integrity of the degree program are not going to be impacted by this. I recall the days when I was a college

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McPhee: 'My honey lives on Main and Tennessee'

student, many, many moons ago, it was 120, 122 [hours]. Most of the programs are looking at those either free electives or controlled electives that have been increased over the years as a way of cutting back to 120.

With the budget cuts, how do you plan to ensure that students continue to get a quality education?

You have to manage the number of students that you admit when your resources are restricted. I would have been very concerned with the budget cuts if we were letting in 7, 8, 9 percent increase in enrollment. Obviously, the issue of space, the issue of number of faculty, those things become very important.

The 5 percent reduction in the budget, the academic departments were held harmless. They did not get the reduction in the budget of 5 percent during the impoundment. We were the only school in the state to have done that. How we did it: we increased the burden on the non-academic areas to come up with the difference. What that did is allowed the departments to have that extra money, one-time money, to help us during the difficult year.

Secondly, on the permanent reduction, we reduced the percentage of that 9 percent that the academic areas were to contribute, and we also increased the non-academic areas. Obviously I'm not a very popular guy in the non-academic areas; that decision meant that burden was shifted on a weighted scale more significantly on the non-academic areas. We have to find those creative ways.

Q: *What steps are being taken to comply with Division I-A standards and remain a part of I-A football?*

A: It is an area requirement that we have taken very seriously. We want to maintain our I-A status. Also, I am one who believes that there is a role for athletics in a comprehensive university like MTSU. There's a role that's measured, that's balanced when it's done right and done with integrity. It pays off for the university, not necessarily one to one in terms of the economics, but in terms of getting people to your campus, getting people

excited about the university.

What we're seeing is now, with [Tyrone] Calico being drafted by the Titans and Dwone Hicks and Reshard Lee and what's going on with [Kelly] Holcolmb with the Browns, I mean, people hear about your university. It's exposure, positive thoughts and feelings that you can't purchase and media ... that we cannot afford.

We just had a major campaign to increase the membership of the Blue Raider Athletic Association. They've added an unheard of 500 additional members.

We're working very hard in various parts of the community to get interest developed on our campus. Obviously, the results are yet to be seen in terms of our games, but the efforts have been redoubled.

Q: *What could be done to increase attendance at all MTSU sporting events, but particularly football because of the potential implications?*

A: I think, obviously, most people would say bringing in quality teams, teams that would generate interest, and it's a catch-22 because those types of teams that you need to bring in to generate the interest want to come to a full stadium, and if you're struggling with getting a full stadium, you can see where there's a chicken and egg kind of thing going on.

We're moving in that direction, of course we're getting for the first time a Bowl Championship Series eligible team, Temple. It's not Tennessee or Alabama, but it's still moving in that right direction.

We are doing a better job of the marketing. We need to make our games an event. Even to the big schools like Alabama and Tennessee, the football games are a big part of it, but it's just being there, they build. We had that our first game last year.

We have to win. You have to put an exciting product on the field, and the coaches, Andy McCollum and his staff, they are really working very hard at doing that.

I'm optimistic that this year, while the new rules don't come into effect until next year, it's

important that we wipe out those questions this year about the average of 15,000.

Q: *What would you like to see more or less of on campus?*

A: Generally speaking, we are working very hard ... of getting away from this negative stereotypical image of a suitcase campus.

We have to develop programs and activities around the campus that will draw the students' interest.

We need to make sure we don't get stuck into the same old set of activities, and we need to touch bases with our students. We put together a group of student advisors, leadership group, to meet with me two or three times a semester to get advice about matters on campus.

We want our students to tell us the kinds of programs they're interested in because, if you depend on me, my interests as a 40-plus-year-old guy might be a little different from a 19, 20, 21-year-old.

Q: *The College of Business recently added an across-the-board per-hour fee. Will other colleges follow their lead and what's to stop them?*

A: I don't think you will see that being a trend in other colleges, just as a matter of policy. The [Tennessee Board of Regents] has developed a specific policy for what they call high-cost programs. [In] the Business College the average faculty salary is astronomical because of the nature, a market issue. For example, you can't get a good assistant professor of accounting without paying \$80, \$90,000 a year. That was a shock when I first entered administration many years ago, and I was negotiating faculty salaries.

Memphis really was the trendsetter a couple of years ago. They ran into some serious problems, almost lost their accreditation because of problems of resources for the college. I think it's justified; it's something that obviously we would prefer not to put that kind of burden on the students, but the reality with

the financial condition of the state ... We need to make sure we maintained the quality to be able to be competitive in the area.

Q: *Do you have any advice for incoming freshmen?*

A: Develop some priorities in terms of what they want to accomplish in their experience on this campus. There's so much to do, so much to get involved in, that they ought to really look at having a good, balanced experience on our campus. Focus on their academic studies, don't lose sight of the main purpose that they're here. We are first and foremost an educational institution.

Secondly, take advantage of the opportunities that are here on this campus. It's a beautiful campus. We have over 260 organizations they can get involved in. This is going to be an experience of their lifetime, and they ought to take advantage of it. Take advantage of the facilities, take advantage of the people that are here, our faculty, our staff, and make this one of the most wonderful experiences of their lives so far.

Q: *So what do you do with your private plane?*

A: That's a good question, and I have to submit the same kind of information that they asked ... when they were looking into all this a couple of months ago with the president of the University of Tennessee. I have been here two years; we've used the plane eight times in two years ... I try to be very judicious. A lot of times I'll drive to Memphis rather than taking the university plane. If I'm going to Knoxville, I'll drive. It would be a legitimate use for me to use that plane, but in tight budget times, you know, that's just the way I operate.

Q: *No flights to Alabama to see your honey?*

A: My honey lives on Main and Tennessee. ♦

RIM program lowers grad requirement by 12 hours

By Julia Reynolds
Staff Writer

In response to a state mandate and economic pressures from the job market, the recording industry department recently implemented two changes in its degree program.

Recording industry majors are now required to have one minor instead of the previous two compulsory minors.

This brings the total credit hours required down to 120 from 132.

The second change is to place a

limit on the number of students granted upper division candidacy in the recording industry program, which will take effect in the fall 2003 semester.

The Tennessee Board of Regents recently mandated that bachelor's degree programs at Tennessee public universities only require one minor. The move is in response to the recent growth in enrollment at MTSU and other Tennessee public universities.

"All the departments in the university will have to make this

change," said Recording Industry Department Chair Chris Haseleu.

"We are just implementing it one year ahead of everyone because we have such limited space."

The changes will have little or no effect on current recording industry seniors, many of whom have almost completed the old two-minor requirement.

Current freshmen and sophomores in the department should benefit from the change and be able to graduate sooner.

"Hopefully, it will save students

some money and ensure they can graduate in four years," Haseleu said.

The available upper division candidacy slots will be limited to 110 in both the spring and fall semesters, for a total of 220 per year.

The 110 seats per semester are further divided by degree concentration, with 60 slots per semester allocated to music business students and 50 for production and technology students.

Because as many as 175 students apply for upper division candidacy

each semester, this new limit will mean that some students will be denied immediate entrance into the upper division courses.

"The candidacy changes are tough. We may eliminate 20 to 30 percent of lower division students who won't be able to move into the upper division courses because of these hard limits," Haseleu said.

The candidacy quota was implemented due to the limited availability of instructor, classroom, laboratory and studio resources. ♦

Lecture series examines new state of the nation

By Stephanie Austin
Staff Writer

The Honors Lecture Series for fall 2003, themed "An American Checkup," will offer students the ability to gain important insight into the state of the nation after Sept. 11, 2001.

"I think we are waking up to the reality of the world," said John Paul Montgomery, dean of the Honors College. "Everything is changing so rapidly."

Montgomery said students need a chance to pause during their busy schedules to consider what type of world they are currently living in.

"We're all busy going somewhere," he said. "It's time for us to turn around and look at ourselves."

Held every Monday from 3:00 until 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, room 109A, the lecture series will be open to the entire MTSU community.

Lecture topics will range from the changing face of the media and current demands being placed on the airline industry after the World Trade Center attacks to the landmark decisions recently made by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Among the lecturers will be journalism professor, Richard Campbell, who will discuss elements causing the media industry to evolve from investigative news source into hard-nosed businesses where economics is the bottom line.

Investigative journalism, Campbell said, is becoming obsolete as newspapers like The Tennessean change from places of investigative news into businesses owned by wealthy corporations.

Writing stories inexpensively, rather than thoroughly, has become the most important aspect of journalism, he said.

"In the last 10 to 15 years news outlets have been bought by major companies," Campbell said. "For instance, Disney bought out ABC."

As a result, news stations are no longer independent and capable of writing the types of stories they wish to write, but on the types of stories their parent companies tell them to publish, Campbell said.

John Vile, chair of the political science department, will be addressing the current state of the Supreme Court.

With their recent decision to overturn the Texas anti-sodomy law and another ruling to uphold affirmative action, the Supreme Court has made two highly controversial decisions.

Janet McGee, assistant professor in the aerospace department, will lecture on the new demands being placed on both pilots and the airline industry because of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in her lecture "The State of the Airline Industry."

Aerospace students will be entering into a world of tightened security, in which the demands placed on the airline industry are far more stringent than they used to be.

McGee will identify those changes in the industry in her lecture.

This lecture series, Montgomery said, will be one he hopes will bring up serious questions that will allow for the MTSU community to look seriously at the nation and think about the state of affairs.

"I used to think that anyone could... fulfill their dream. I'm not so sure now," he said.

Montgomery said he hopes this inter-disciplinary lecture series will help students understand the nature of the United States today and the way in which many of their chosen careers are rapidly changing.

For more information on the series and to check out a list of all of the lectures, visit the University Honors Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~honors and click on course offerings. ♦

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TBR approves tuition hike, fee increase for 2003-2004

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

Without discussion, the Tennessee Board of Regents raised tuition 14 percent in July in addition to an increase in fees, a total 16.5 percent increase for MTSU students.

An extra \$385 will be added to tuition for in-state full-time students at MTSU, Austin Peay, East Tennessee State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech. In-state undergraduates at the University of Memphis will have to pay \$430 extra this fall.

The current fee total of \$1,374 per semester will be increased to \$1,556, a raise of \$192.

The increases, which were recommended unanimously by the board's Committee of Finance and Business Operations, will at least marginally compensate for the loss of state appropriations.

"Just in tuition alone, the Regents would have had to increase it by 19-20 percent to replace the money that was cut out," MTSU President

Sidney McPhee said.

The tuition increase will yield about \$50.6 million for the TBR system, not quite enough to make up the loss of \$57.3 million from state budget cuts.

"Right now, Tennessee has not really supported higher education like it should," McPhee said.

"During the good times, when the economy was good, we weren't getting that kind of support, and now that it is bad, it has exacerbated the problem."

MTSU had to cut \$8 million from the 2003-2004 budget due to the 9 percent reduction of state funds for higher education this fiscal year.

That resulted in the loss of 85 faculty positions, but McPhee said the tuition increase should provide the university enough revenue to restore some of those positions.

"If we had not gotten an increase of that magnitude, you would have seen a significant impact on classes [and] the level of difficulty of get-

ting in classes," McPhee said.

The university will try to ease the increasing financial weight on students by exploring options for external revenue and finding ways to run the university more efficiently.

"We have to make sure our scholarships and grant programs increase to help offset some of the costs and burdens on our students," McPhee said.

Tennessee college students have seen a steady increase in tuition over the past years. Last school year, tuition at TBR institutions increased 7.5 percent. Two years ago, the increase was 15 percent.

Continual increases in tuition may force students to leave the school or take on more employment outside of school.

"If someone can get the same education for less money, they will go there," said Jennifer Wilcox, sophomore mass communications major.

"I know a lot of friends who work and go to school, and this is quite a

substantial increase," Wilcox said.

Tennessee is one of 16 states in the Southern Regional Education Board, which compares educational trends among Tennessee's surrounding states.

Tuition rates have risen 41.2 percent in Tennessee from 1997 to 2002, the second-largest increase in the area, according to the SREB Fact Book on Higher Education 2003.

"If this trend continues over the next several years, I think it would have an impact on students' ability to attend college," McPhee said.

"My hope is that we can abate some of these significant increases in the years to come, but I don't think we are there yet." ♦



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Parking services warns students to watch for changes

Staff Reports

Read the parking services manual, check the parking map and pay attention to signs, advised Chavon Salone, marketing director for parking services.

Your favorite parking lot may no longer be labeled green for student parking. It may have been converted to a faculty and staff only lot.

The "S-Curve" lot behind the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building is now totally white. Additionally, several lots outside of Corlew have been converted to handicapped only parking spots.

Construction is expected to affect parking for the next 19 months.

New green lots have been added. The horse barn has been torn down, and that area has been turned into a green lot as well as the pasture.

There are also plans to add parking on Northfield Blvd. A tunnel will be built under the street to allow students to get across the street safely.

Parking services is planning to help frustrated students find a parking spot quicker during the first few weeks.

"In the green lots, at the beginning of the year, we will have attendants," Salone said.

Attendants will allow drivers to quickly find out whether or not a lot is full without driving around the entire lot.

Students no longer have to get their parking pass from a trailer on Greenland Drive Parking Services has a new office at 1403 East Main St. behind the old St. Mark's Church.

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MTSU's first home game will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 28, against Florida Atlantic. Classes also will be in session that evening. The campus will be crowded and congested as Blue Raider fans and evening-class students and faculty locate parking and determine the most convenient way to get where they want to go.

Several departments have created a parking/traffic/transportation plan that, if heeded by all, will make life easier for everyone that evening. The following information is what students and faculty need to know in advance in order to plan accordingly for game day (it will help to consult your campus map):

CLOSINGS

- At noon, the Midgett Lot will be closed and reserved for media/VIP game parking.
- At 2 p.m., both ends of Faulkinberry Drive will be closed (exiting permitted at east end)
- At 2 p.m., the following will become "controlled-parking" lots, and only those with appropriate passes, current MTSU parking decals, or who wish to pay \$5.00 will be admitted: (1) Woodfin's, (2) Greenland Drive, (3) Tennessee Livestock Center, and (4) Maintenance Lot.
- At 5 p.m., MTSU Blvd. will be closed to inbound traffic from Rutherford Boulevard.

GAME PARKING (in addition to the "controlled-parking" lots above)

- Lots #1 and #2 on MTSU Blvd. near Rutherford Blvd. (with two shuttles continuously running from Lot #2 to Faulkinberry near the Stadium and to the Tennessee Livestock Center (starting 5 p.m. and after the game)
- Greenhouse Lot
- Lots east of McFarland Health Services
- Blue Raider Drive south of MTSU Blvd.
- Bell Street
- Other available spaces on south side of campus

DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS FOR EVENING CLASS STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Please enter campus from Champion Way or MTSU Blvd. (the latter before 5 p.m.).

- The Baseball Field Lot will be reserved for faculty only.
- Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building
- McFarland Health Services
- S-Curve Lot (across from the co-generation plant)
- Founders Lane (two new lots)
- Telecommunications

MTSU public safety officials offer the following advice. Students on campus should leave their cars parked and walk to the game or to class. Adjunct faculty should arrive to campus as early as possible, as Blue Raider fans will start arriving at 5 p.m. The south side of campus will be much less congested for exiting. Please heed all signs and directives by public safety personnel. And please exercise patience, understanding and courtesy.

"We must all give a little to ensure a safe and enjoyable evening for everyone," says Chief Jack Drugmand.

Aerospace program receives 25 new planes

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

On a windy Monday morning students, alumni and supporters of the MTSU aerospace department searched the sky for the first of the new fleet of planes scheduled to land at the Murfreesboro airport.

The arrival of the 25 planes on Aug. 4 marked a critical point in the aerospace department's history, which started in 1940 with only 15 students.

Now with more than 600 students in the program, the MTSU aerospace department ranks third out of 20 universities nationwide offering aviation degrees.

"This acquisition allows us to not only maintain the status of the nationally ranked program but also to strengthen the academic quality of the flight instruction at MTSU," said President Sidney McPhee at the ceremony.

McPhee flew into the Murfreesboro airport in one of the two new Piper Seminole airplanes, a multiengine airplane that will aid students in transitions from single to multiengine operations.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, who holds a Federal Aviation Administration pilot's license, piloted one of the 11 Diamond Star DA40 aircrafts from Nashville International Airport.

Bredesen, who had never flown this type of plane before, practiced flying the plane before the event with Paul Craig, the aerospace department chairman.

"I believe that I am now officially a MTSU student and even a MTSU

graduate," Bredesen said in regard to his quick course in aviation.

Before and after the planes arrived, visitors toured the huge FedEx Boeing 727 that was donated to the MTSU Aerospace Maintenance Management program by Federal Express CEO Ed Clark to use as a maintenance laboratory.

The retired Boeing donated in 2002 can never be flown out of the Murfreesboro airport due to its size and weight, but is used to instruct students about large airplane systems and controls.

MTSU named the Boeing the "Spirit of Partnership" to emphasize the cooperation between the aerospace department and the aviation industry.

The new fleet, bought with funds from school-issued bonds, also accented the partnership with the Canadian-based Diamond Aircraft company and the New Piper Aircraft Inc. company.

In all, MTSU purchased nine Diamond Eclipse DA20 airplanes, 11 Diamond Star DA40 airplanes, three Piper Arrow airplanes and two Piper Seminole airplanes, at a total cost of roughly \$4.8 million.

"What I like most about these planes is that no state money is being used to buy them," Bredesen quipped.

All the planes have been equipped with Garmin GNS 430 Satellite Navigation computer systems, which uses satellite signals to pinpoint exact locations and also calculates speed, length of travel time and amount of fuel needed.

"With the arrival of the university's new fleet of training aircraft, no

longer will our students learn to fly airplanes built in the 70s," McPhee said. "Now they will have access to state-of-the-art instructional equipment."

Craig stressed that the department's faculty and staff also strongly contributed to the program's success.

"The airplanes are fantastic. But we were still the best before they arrived," Craig said. "Because programs are not made up of just the tools of the programs. They're made up of the people of the programs."

Senior aerospace student Allison Boone, who has a specialty in aerospace technology, echoed Craig's sentiments that day as she waited on the tarmac for the planes to land.

"I like the closeness of everybody. I know the professors pretty well and you have them over and over," Boone said. "You get to know them pretty well and they all know their stuff."

Boone said that she chose the aerospace program here at MTSU because it's national ranking and because it was close to her home in Georgia.

McPhee explained that the program started 63 years ago at the Middle Tennessee State Teacher's College, it was the only pilot training program in higher education in Tennessee.

"Now more than 60 years later we are still unique in the state, the only of its kind. I might add, in the region," McPhee said. "Let me assure you that we will continue to pursue this journey of academic excellence in all of our programs." ♦



Photo by Jamie Lowrance | Staff Photographer

Gov. Phil Bredesen exits on of the 11 Diamond Star DA40 airplanes the university purchased for the aerospace department.

Lottery scholarships to aid 10,000 students

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

Attending Tennessee's institutes of higher education got a little easier this summer as Gov. Phil Bredesen officially signed the state lottery bill into law.

With the lottery expected to begin early 2004, scholarships for high school seniors will be available for the fall 2004 semester.

"What we think we will probably see is about a 9 percent enrollment increase," said Mary Morgan, director of communications for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Rep. Kent Coleman of Murfreesboro said he thinks the new lottery scholarships will improve

not only MTSU as a university, but also Tennessee students.

"[The lottery] will help make MTSU more competitive academically because it will allow some students who otherwise couldn't go to college because of financial constraints to be able to go," Coleman said.

Scholarships are set at \$3,000 per year to attend a four-year college, but the amount awarded next fall ultimately depends on lottery funds.

"There is a provision where, if the state doesn't have enough money to fund at the \$3,000 level, they can always cut it," said David Hutton, director of MTSU's financial aid department.

Hutton said the first year's schol-

arships are estimated to be worth \$2,200 each.

Tennessee high school graduates from June 2003 and June 2004 are eligible for the HOPE scholarship, as long as the requirements of a 3.0 grade point average or a minimum score of 19 on the ACT are met.

Other scholarships that will be funded with lottery money include the General Assembly Merit Scholarship, which requires a 3.75 GPA and an ACT score of 29.

Supplemental awards will be given to students whose families have an adjusted gross income of \$36,000 or less and fulfill the HOPE requirements.

Hutton estimates the lottery scholarship will aid about 10,000

incoming students at MTSU alone and add about \$32 million each year in revenue for the university.

Hutton said specifics of the lottery have not been determined.

Currently, admission to MTSU requires a minimum ACT score of 20 or a 2.8 GPA.

"Practically all of our students that we admit will qualify for the lottery scholarships," Hutton explained.

Despite the fact that the lottery has widened the road toward higher education, the signing of the bill came on the same day that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved a 9 to 14 percent tuition hike.

The tuition increases are mainly

in response to the new state budget that reduces state appropriations to higher education by \$107 million that started July 1.

"[The lottery] will have a lot of positive impact, but I also want to note that, while we are getting more students, we're not getting more dollars to fund those students, to be able to hire instructors and build classrooms," said President Sidney McPhee.

"It's kind of a catch-22 for us," he said.

"I think higher education took a hard lick with the current budget that we are facing," Coleman said. ♦

Construction crews busy on campus

Todd Building remodeling to be complete in July 2004

By Julia Reynolds
Staff Writer

Numerous construction projects are in full swing all over campus as students return for the fall semester.

"Many of these projects are just the constant repairs and maintenance required as the MTSU campus ages," said Tom Tozer, director of media relations.

Most of the smaller-scale maintenance projects are due to be completed in August. Renovations are almost complete in Monohan Hall, as are repairs on the James Union Building steps.

In Tucker Theatre, 431 seats were reupholstered. Also, the Murphy Center floor was replaced just in time for commencement ceremonies on Aug. 9.

Work is finishing up in Ezell Hall, a former dormitory, to create 20 new faculty offices.

Furniture has already been moved into some of the offices, which should be available at the beginning of the fall semester.

The offices are needed by the recording industry department due to recent additions to the faculty.

"We have about 35 new hires and we're scrambling to find offices for them all," said recording industry department Chair Chris Haseleu.

A new gravel parking lot is nearly complete behind the Scarlett Commons building, adding 490 new parking spaces for incoming and returning students.

Honors College faculty and staff have been anticipating the new Honors College Building, which is expected to be complete in September.

"It's going to be absolutely wonderful," said Kathy Davis, secretary for Honors College Dean John Paul Montgomery.

Davis and three other Honors staffers currently share a cramped, two-room office suite in Peck Hall.

The new Honors College Building will provide offices for the current staff and for eight faculty members who now have offices in various colleges throughout the campus.

Five classrooms and an amphitheater will provide space to consolidate honors classes and to host the college's regular lecture series.

The building will also include a computer lab and student commons area.

The facility was funded with a \$2 million grant from brothers Paul Jr. and Lee Martin. Paul was the first MTSU Honors Program graduate.

A fundraising campaign by MTSU and the University Honors College matched the grant to fund the total cost for the new building.

Work continues on the Todd Building renovation, which is expected to be finished in July 2004. Most of the new space will be dedicated to the art department, which currently occupies the Art Barn.

Art Department Chair Mark



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

The University Honors College Building will house classrooms, a computer lab and faculty offices.

Price wrote recently in the art department newsletter, "Once the Todd building renovation is complete in 2004, art will enjoy improved classrooms, better equipment and significantly more space.

"Then we will realistically apply for [National Association of Schools of Art and Design] accreditation, a form of professional validation that

has eluded us because of our beloved, yet inadequate, Art Barn facility."

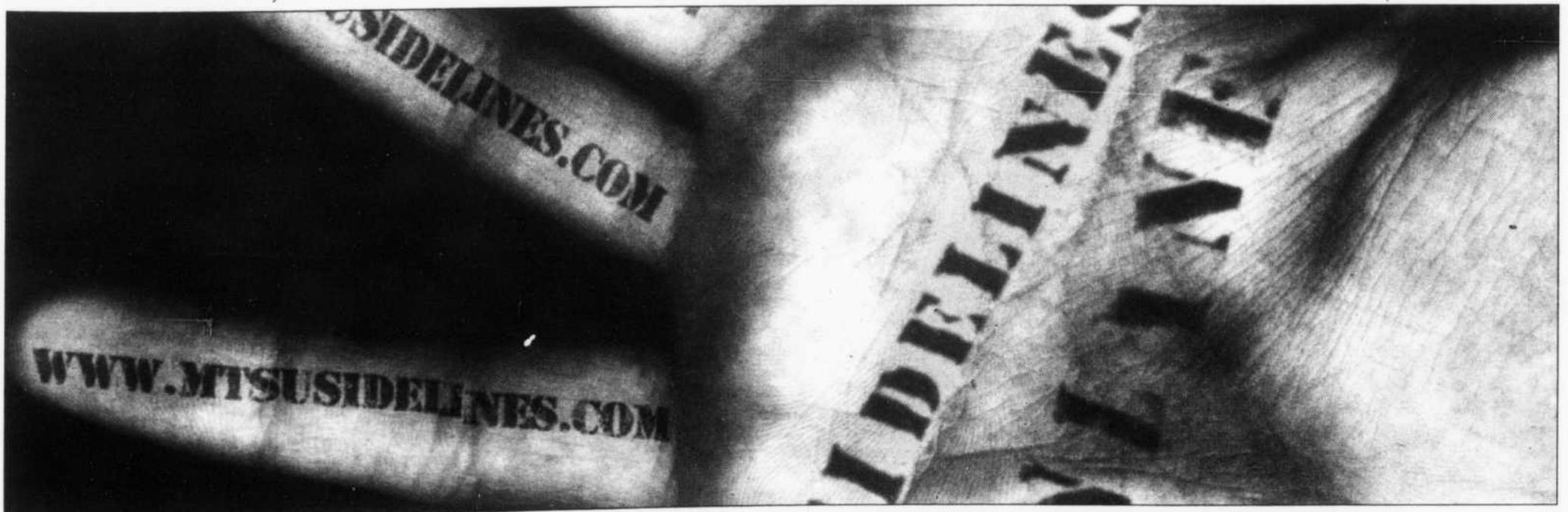
When the current Todd project is finished, more funding will be needed to finish the third floor of the building.

Until then, the graphic design, printmaking classrooms and faculty offices will remain on the third floor

of the Saunders Fine Arts building.

Future construction projects include a Sports Hall of Fame to be located east of Murphy Center. That project is scheduled for completion by the end of June 2004.

A new observatory is in the preliminary planning stages and will possibly be located near the Cope Administration Building. ♦



School of music renamed for alumnus

By India Stone
Staff Writer

Robert W. McLean, a private supporter and alumnus of MTSU, gave the school \$1.5 million to purchase 54 Steinway pianos to "help take the school and the university to the next level," he said.

In response to McLean's gift, MTSU President Sidney McPhee officially changed the School of Music to the Robert W. McLean School of Music.

"We are delighted and honored to put Bob McLean's name on our School of Music," McPhee said in a News and Public Affairs article.

"Bob has made significant contributions to his chosen field of business, his fellow man while serving in the U.S. Army and to this university," McPhee said.

Principal of McLean & Company Investments, McLean graduated from MTSU in 1972 after serving in the army during the Vietnam conflict.

The contribution and purchase of the new pianos came amid growing concerns about the school's piano shortage.

The department lost their loaner pianos after the Baldwin Piano Co. had to withdraw from its relationship with MTSU.

"The loss of pianos [affected] every facet of the music department," McLean said.

McLean said he believes pianos play a

vital role for not just for piano players, but every musician.

"As the university is growing fast, the School of Music is also growing very fast," said George Riordan, new director of the McLean School of Music.

"It has a lot to do with its proximity to Nashville with the growth of the middle Tennessee area and with the reputation of the school, because the students come from far beyond this area," Riordan said.

Attracting more publicity, recruiting more students and gaining more supporters are goals according to McLean and Riordan because these things are what help the university sustain its own growth.

Like other schools within MTSU, the McLean School of Music has received a large portion of funding from private investors.

State funding has not been able to keep up with MTSU's rapidly growing financial needs and, according to McLean, MTSU has become increasingly interested in getting private money to support the publicly funded college.

"The gesture of naming [facilities after people] has [traditionally] been in line with departures of faculty," McLean said.

In recent years there have been several facilities named for investors and donors instead, such as the John Bragg Mass Communication Building and the Emmett and Rose Kennon Sports Hall of Fame Building.

Riordan said that in lieu of the 9 percent statewide budget cut, McPhee has done "an admirable job at trying to insulate the academic areas from that."

Rising enrollment has also helped, Riordan said. But cutbacks still have had to be made.

"The School of Music must be mindful of expenses," Riordan said, especially in regards to copying, printing and sending groups out on tour, which, he said, "you can get away with a year here and a year there."

But Riordan is concerned that cutting back over a long period of time would have a negative effect on the quality and growth potential of the school.

"Having ensembles going on tour is great for recruiting and a great performance opportunity for the students," Riordan said.

"But more than that, [touring] really brings a musical ensemble together in a way that nothing else can. It is a great way to bind a group," Riordan said.

Riordan called MTSU's band program outstanding and raved about the expanding orchestra program, the choral program and the opera program.

McLean, who spent more than 12 years on the Board of Trustees for MTSU, said that he hopes the publicity the school has received from becoming an "all Steinway" school will encourage others to donate funds to the program. ♦

University hires new music school director this fall

By India Stone
Staff Writer

George Riordan, former assistant dean of the Florida State University School of Music, took over the position as the new director of MTSU's McLean School of Music this summer.

Riordan also served as the director of the FSU Summer Music Camp.

Riordan helped FSU's summer camp grow from 350 students to 1,100 over 18 years. Riordan was hired because of his talent in teaching and his experience in the field of music.

"He came with a great deal of academic credentials," MTSU President Sidney McPhee said.

McPhee also said Riordan fit the kinds of criteria MTSU was looking for in a chair.

For the past year, the School of Music has been headed by an interim director, Stephen Shearon, a professor of musicology with MTSU, who has "done an admirable job at guiding the music department through the last year," Riordan said.

Riordan said he had been interested in a new position after having been assistant dean at FSU for 13 years. His friends on the MTSU faculty told him about MTSU's program and its No. 2 status in Tennessee.

"The music world, in as much as there are thousands and thousands of musicians, [is] a very small world," Riordan said.

Riordan said that the expert music faculty at MTSU also drew him to the school.

"I think many great opportunities exist here that are going to unfold over the next few years," Riordan said. "That was also very attractive to me."

Riordan, a seasoned oboist, has performed with the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra and Baroque Southeast. Riordan plays period instruments, older versions of the oboe that are different from the modern style.

The 18th century oboe is Riordan's forte, and playing the English horn also belongs in Riordan's repertoire of talents.

Riordan's wife Karen Clarke is also highly involved in music; she serves as concertmistress for the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra and music professor at FSU.

Clarke is an accomplished violinist and performs with her husband with the New York-based Aulos Ensemble. Riordan's next appearance with this group is scheduled for October.

The couple is also planning to perform soon at a chamber music festival in Oregon.

Riordan said while their commuter marriage is painful, he knows that he will be intensively focused on his job with the school and orienting himself to the ways in which MTSU is trying to gain community support for the McLean School of Music. ♦



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psal-ter-i-um (sāl'tēr-i-əm), n. [pl. PSALTERIES] see PSALTER: so called from the appearance of the folds it contains, the omasum, or third stomach-chewing animals; manyplies.

psal-ter-y (sāl'tēr-i, sāl'trī), n. [pl. PSALTERIES (-trīs)]. [ME. psalterie; OPFr. sauter, psalterie; L. psalterium; see PSALTER.] 1. an ancient stringed instrument with a shallow sound box, played by plucking the strings with the fingers or a plectrum. 2. [P-] the Psalter.

psam-mite (sam'it), n. [Fr. < Gr. psammos, sand]. sandstone.

psam-mit-ic (sa-mit'ik), adj. [*psammitē* + *-ic*, cf. or consisting of sandstone.]

psae-phite (sā'fīt), n. [*psaphos*, a pebble; + *-ite*, conglomerate or fragmental rock.]

psud-, pseudo-, pseud-. pseud-, pseudonym.

pseu-dax-ia (sō-dak'sis), n. [*pseud-* + *-axis*, in *botany*, a sympodium.



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Returning and new students move into Corlew Hall on Friday with the help of We-Haul, a community service effort to help students get unpacked and get acclimated to living on campus.

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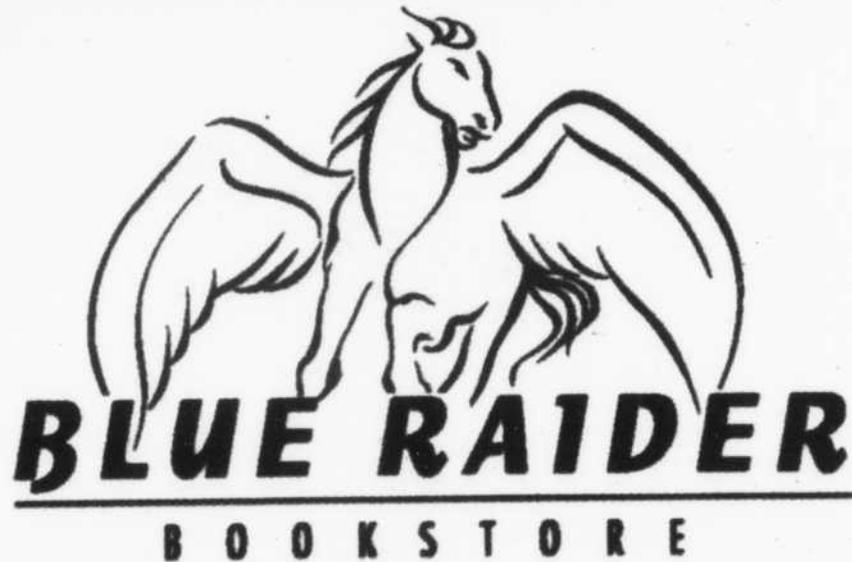
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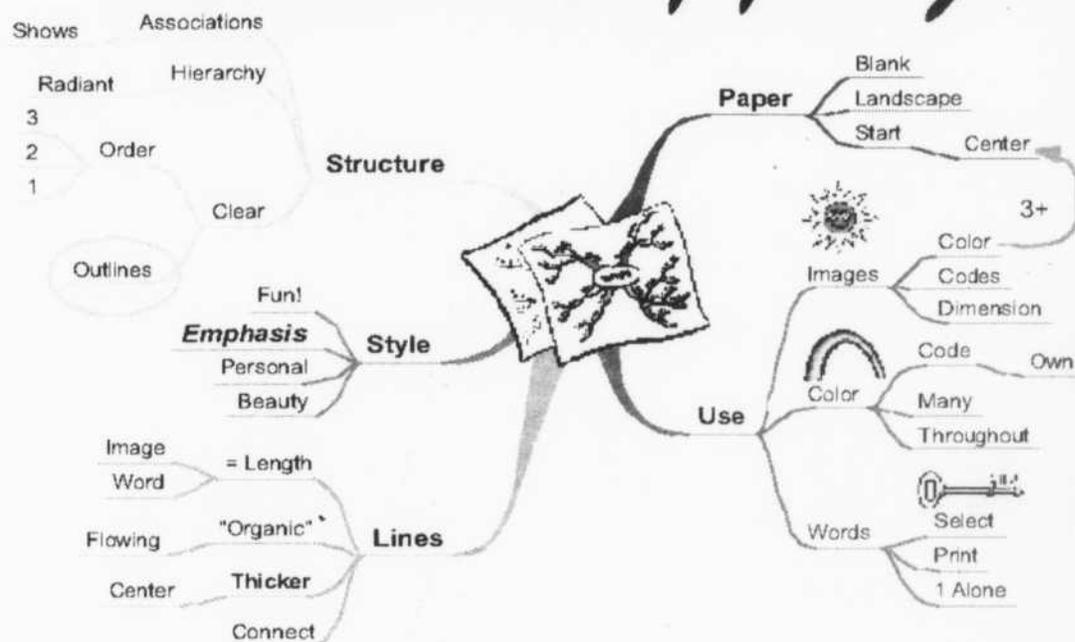


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From the Editorial Board

Blue Raiders No. 1 in honesty; UT students should start riot

Certainly, we felt a bit put off when we heard of the 16 percent increase in tuition and fees MTSU students will pay for their education this fall.

Of course, the tuition increase wasn't enough to cover the budget constraints placed upon the university by the legislature and the Tennessee Board Of Regents. Cuts had to be made. The administration promised the cuts would be responsible, and our quality of education would remain the same.

We were able to grin and bear it. The economy is in a poor condition, and tax revenues aren't what they once were. We've even been promised that the lottery will defray the costs for future generations of students.

Alas, we must take one for the team this year.

Its only the noble thing to do. Blue Raiders are a noble breed, don't you think?

University of Tennessee students, however, should riot.

Former UT president, John W. Shumaker, truly shafted the student body. While raising tuition 9 percent, he was wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars on assorted sundries, including fancy rugs for his presidential mansion.

Then he was forced to resign in shame, leaving the state's flagship university leaderless.

How's that feel, Big Orange?

It's good to know our president isn't a jerk. We may be No. 2 in enrollment, but we're No. 1 in honesty. ♦

Blackouts symptomatic of U.S. blindness to world

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Opinions Editor

Who says nation-destroying (oops, I mean building) can't be humorous?

Concerning the recent blackout in the northeastern United States and parts of Canada, The Associated Press talked to Iraqis who were certainly amused by the situation, seeing as our blackout is nothing compared to the intermittent power and water available to Iraqis.

As is often the case in the States., blackouts didn't concern many Americans until now. After all, "It can't happen here." Right?

Being the good people they are, though, some Iraqis (after a good laugh) gave Americans some tips on how to beat the summer heat when those pesky power grids go out (or diehard dictator loyalists mess with the system).

One nugget of wisdom was sleeping on the roof. It's not just for Uncle Jimmy Wayne Bob's dog anymore. Iraqis have taken to sleeping on their roofs, either installing metal frame beds or simply toting a mattress up there. It's cooler up there, according to a resident of Baghdad,

where the temperature often climbs to 120 degrees on hotter days.

Other suggestions include showering frequently, taking advantage of our beaches and lakes, getting a generator, buying large blocks of ice and cursing.

New Yorkers had their own way of dealing with the blackout – alcohol, the old standby. Despite the fact that alcohol makes you feel warmer (but actually makes you colder), New Yorkers beat the heat by going to bars and having drinks by candlelight.

It's good to know that the largest blackout in U.S. history didn't get in the way of our alcoholism.

It's too bad Iraqis didn't really have that option. Ever tried to get a white Russian in an secular dictatorship? It's not easy.

Come to think of it, there are 4 a lot of options the Iraqis didn't have when the lights go down in Baghdad.

Say, access to potable water and hospitals with comprehensive medical care, just to name a couple. And we wonder why so many people around the world are so upset with U.S. policy.

While many people in North America with machines for kidney dialysis and other medical conditions may have been in trouble without their machines, they at least had the option to go to the hospital, where the power was working. An

Iraqi in need of medical treatment just might be out of luck if the power is out, and many would never be able to afford a home machine, thanks to the rapidly-collapsing economy.

It's important to keep the power on everywhere, of course, but it's interesting that the "Great Blackout of 2003," as it was being called on Thursday night, has gotten infinitely more news coverage in the States than the continued blackouts in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities ever have.

It's amazing what happens when one takes their blinders off and can see past the East and West coasts, or even north into Canada.

I highly doubt this incident would have gotten nearly as much play if it were only Canadian cities in the dark, although the coverage would still probably be more than the problems in Iraq.

The next time your lights go out, be it for a minute or a day, stop freaking out and remember we've still got it better than most of the world, particularly those that you and I have bought bombs to destroy. Consider it a camping trip. ♦

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Time to remodel the high-speed chase

I'm Just A Girl



Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

Thanks to a federal appeals court in California, police in that state and nine others are no longer allowed to use deadly force to end high-speed car chases.

You know, I was just thinking the other day how all those guys I see on *Cops* never really get a break.

What's the use in having a high-speed car chase if there's not a risk of someone getting shot?

All joking aside, this really is a

bad idea.

Sure, there is logic behind it. High-speed car chases are dangerous not only to the pursuing officers and the driver, but also to innocent motorists.

Forty percent of these chases end in crashes, and it's not always the driver crashing into a street light. Innocent people do get hurt.

However, ruling that officers can't end the chase by firing a gun is a bit extreme. It suggests that not pursuing the offender would reduce the risk of the dangers involved in high-speed chases.

I'm glad the court took the time to point this out.

It's nice to know they'd prefer that police officers forgo a car chase rather than take the risk that some-

one might get hurt.

Perhaps if they allowed the officers to use gunfire, there would be a lesser risk of innocent bystanders being injured.

That's just one of my crazy ideas.

However, I do have a plan that will help support this new ruling and minimize high-speed car chases.

First off, if you're going to break the law, at least have the decency to drive at a reasonable speed. This is really doing you a favor.

Once you are caught (and you will be caught), you won't have a pesky speeding ticket to add to the charges. Perhaps the officers will respect you more and just let you go with a warning.

Granted, knocking off a bank and

taking out a few guards may make a speeding ticket seem insignificant, but I'm sure a jury would look more favorably on a criminal that obeys all traffic laws.

Second, I suggest slow-speed car chases. This is more to reduce the risk of injury to others, because even if the criminal hits your vehicle, it's not going to matter much if he's only going 15 miles per hour.

Just drive really slowly, but refuse to pull over.

This would make for some very interesting episodes of *Cops*. I bet people would get used to it.

A final suggestion to all those would-be getaway drivers on the West Coast: Don't use cars.

It's about time the moped made a comeback. What about bicycles flee-

ing the scene of the crime? Nobody's going to suspect some guy on a bike.

It would really throw them if someone just robbed a bank and calmly boarded the city bus as if nothing happened.

Act surprised when the local police officer gets on at the next stop and asks to see your briefcase. Give them a business card and say you're late for a meeting in Switzerland.

Note: Please do not actually attempt any of these methods, as this is completely meant for the entertainment of those deranged enough to enjoy it. ♦

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Be proud, be loud, be blue that your school is broke

Four Shots of Espresso



Alan Coulter
Staff Columnist

Welcome back to the home of the Blue Raiders! And you wanna know why they're blue?

Because they're broke.

You wanna know why they're broke?

Because MTSU is ripping us off - again!

I don't know if any of you have heard this yet, but tuition at MTSU went up another 16 percent this summer, and the actual number of credit hours required to graduate decreased.

I can't even remember what the original tuition was when I enrolled here three years ago, but I know I still must have 132 hours - one of the highest totals in the state.

As an incoming freshman in 2000, I was sure that MTSU offered me the best deal, giving me an Academic Service scholarship in the English department to meet my financial needs while I read my eyes out at late night study sessions.

(Okay, so I went to IHOP a few times. At least the pancakes were good.)

I'm thankful for the scholarship - don't get me wrong - but since

tuition has gone up at an insane rate, shouldn't I get a little compensation for the increase in my scholarship total?

Students have been shouting this for years, and MTSU President Sidney McPhee, you're still new. We'll cut you some slack.

Consider this a selfless gesture for all my little freshmen friends arriving as you read this.

If you increase the tuition, increase the scholarships.

If this is such a hard task, then maybe, just maybe, we should raise the standards of this university.

Oh, wait. That would mean that there would actually be students who are rejected.

Darn.

So many of the seats in the classes are taken up by individuals who are here on a whim and a prayer of landing a gravy job, or who are just attending classes to pacify Mommy and Daddy.

There is no doubt that there are students here who don't want to be here. You know who you are. Go home.

With a stricter acceptance policy, our degrees would become more valuable.

There would be more jobs for us when we graduate, and Vanderbilt University might actually consider admitting some of our graduates into their programs.

Our education is just as good, so why are we being made to suffer for

being good students?

Be loud. Be proud. Be blue?

The people in the Cope Administration Building want us to display more school spirit and be proud of our campus, but they want us to pay more money for fewer classes and settle for less in our scholarships in the process.

If I didn't love MTSU, I wouldn't be here. The more I go here, the more I want to stay despite the homework and exams. But when is it going to get better for students?

Did somebody say the lottery?

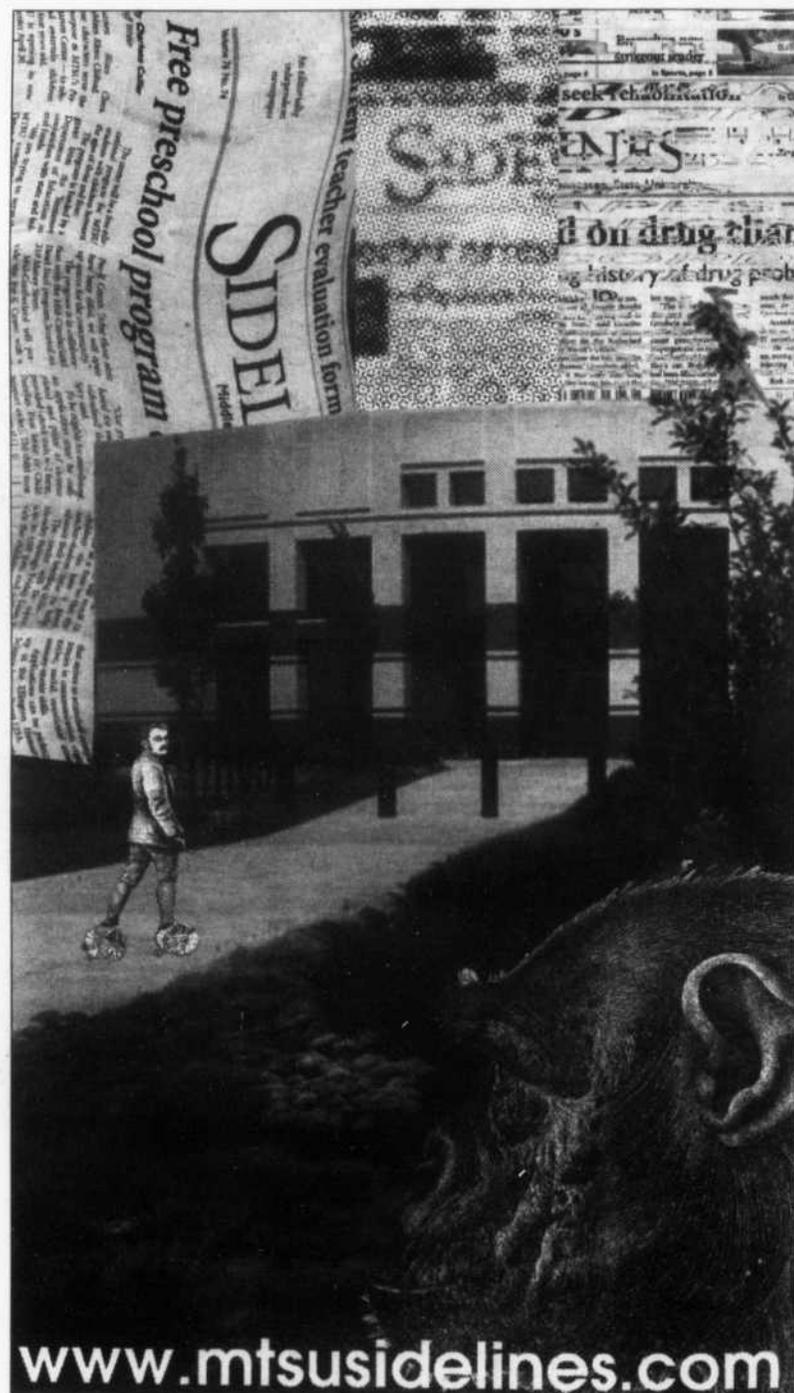
While lotteries have proven to help education systems nationwide, it's sad that we must rely on the poor financial habits of low-income citizens to fund our education.

The lottery is an easy way out, but nothing will drastically change until Nashville and the people in Cope find out what's really going on in the lives of college students in Tennessee.

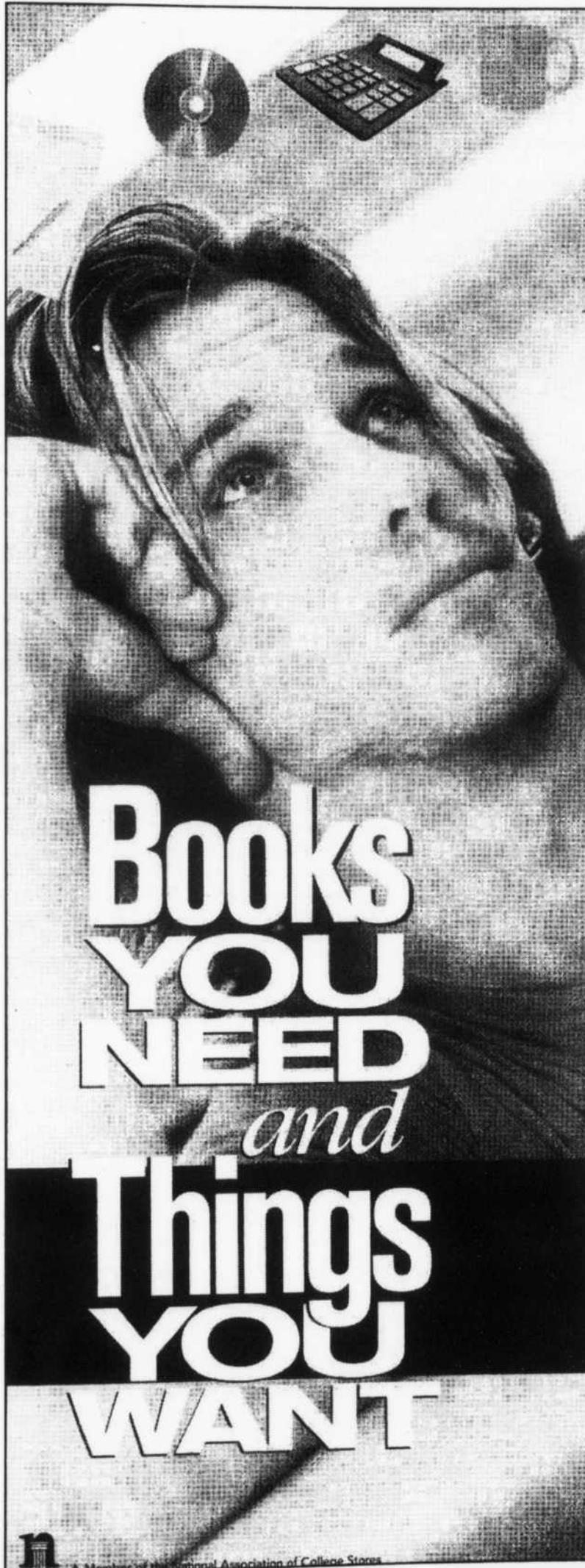
They say they care about the needs of students, but instead of scholarships or new research materials in our fancy library that has no books, we get a quadrangle that breaks in the first year.

Think it through, MTSU. We want to be loyal to you and send our kids here, but are you going to help us out? ♦

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Kacey Hercules
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I have a disability, and this college is giving me the support to go after my dreams. MTSU will supply you with the tools you need to be an independent and successful person. They have academic aids, adaptive technology and social options to fit your needs.

The academic accommodations at MTSU are very flexible, and there are many so you can decide what is best for you. If you are vision-impaired, the Disabled Student Services has Braille and enlarged materials for you.

College is going to be a little harder for you than the average student, but don't sweat it because they have note takers, readers, scribes and tutoring services to help you along the way. Scribes are useful if you cannot use your hands well enough to write because they will write what

you dictate.

Note takers are also very helpful if you write slowly; they go to class with you and take notes so you can listen to the speaker without worrying. If testing is stressing you, they can help you out with test accommodations.

My experience with academic accommodations has overall been great. I have note takers for all my classes. The students working for Disabled Services are really nice and well-trained. I also have test accommodations that include giving me extended time in a distraction-free environment. I am making straight As in my classes, but I couldn't do it without the academic help of these services.

The adaptive technology is wonderful here at MTSU. The director of this service is Amy Burks, and she is always there to help students work with the technology so they can help themselves.

There are a total of twenty-eight computers all over the campus with the adaptive technology installed on them. If you need help with a program, the Adaptive Technology Center is in the James E. Walker Library on campus.

The center has seven computers, with software that includes, but is not limited to, text magnification, screen reading and speech recognition. The text magnification software is very useful if you are vision impaired because it makes text larger on a computer screen. The screen reading software will help you by reading the text on the screen for you. The most interesting software is speech recognition because it types for you as you talk. Technology has come a long way,

and everything is up to date here.

In college, a social life is very important, and just because you are handicapped doesn't mean you can't have one. The Disabled Student Services works with the Recreation Office to ensure activities are structured so that disabled students can participate.

You have many opportunities to have fun in team sports, outdoors pursuits and fitness activities, just to name a few. I have heard from many people that the disabled basketball program is very good, and they go to different schools to compete.

Sigma Delta Sigma is a great organization to be a part of as well. Their main focus is to create a better quality of life for students with disabilities.

Sigma Delta Sigma is not a fraternity. They have meetings once a month to support each other and to establish lifelong friendships. The membership fee is five dollars, but they do so much.

They have leadership training and have many social activities, like going to the mall, seeing a movie or going out to eat.

As you can see, MTSU has a lot to offer you. I did not cover even half of what is offered. If you would like more information on these services, contact John Harris, the director of Disabled Student Services at 898-2783. He is willing to help if you just ask. Remember these services are free except for Sigma Delta Sigma dues. I hope you will consider taking advantage of the amazing features MTSU has to offer. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

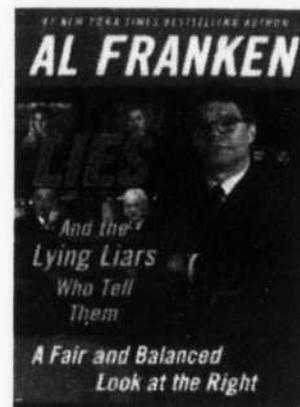
Sidelines'
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This week's schmuck comes as no surprise to us. After all, anyone who gives Bill O'Reilly a home is bound to end up on our list.

Last week, Fox News Network filed a lawsuit against comedic political commentator Al Franken over Franken's new book, *Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right*. The network claims Franken exploited its "fair and balanced" slogan in order to capitalize on his book. We think Fox News is confusing exploitation with the art of satire, which is exactly what Franken is practicing.

Sure, the network copyrighted the slogan, but the First Amendment ultimately protects a political humorist when he or she is using information for ironic purposes. That's what a satirist does. We would've expected a multi-billion dollar media corporation to know one of the simplest laws of journalism. Of course, we'd also expect the same corporation that airs "The Simpsons," the definitive voice of political cynicism, to have a better sense of humor.

As if the lawsuit weren't enough to earn schmuck-worthiness, the network is also trying to thwart the First Amendment by claiming that Franken "has become increasingly unfunny,"



and no longer qualifies as a political humorist.

"Franken is neither a journalist nor a television news personality. He is not a well-respected voice in American politics; rather, he appears to be shrill and unstable," the network claimed.

However, Franken's hilarious response to the lawsuit proves Fox News a bad judge of what's funny. According to www.cnn.com, Franken stated, "And by the way, a few months ago, I trademarked the word 'funny.' So when Fox calls me 'unfunny,' they're violating my trademark. I am seriously considering a countersuit."

As of press time, Franken's book was the top seller on www.amazon.com, indicating his status as a definite "voice in American politics," if not a well-respected funny one. Franken's tongue-in-cheek response to this ridiculous lawsuit demonstrates the reason fans have loved him during his 30-year comedic career, and the reason Fox News Network should learn to laugh at its horribly evident slant toward the political right. We do. ♦

Fruit doesn't make a healthy Happy Meal

By Cathy Ayers
Mustang Daily

(U-WIRE) SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — At the end of June, lawyers assembled in Boston at the Obesity Lawsuit Conference. The purpose of this conference was to encourage trial lawyers to become involved in lawsuits where they can make money, John Banzhaf, a leader of the effort, told *The Washington Times*.

Among the actions taken in this movement to sue them was a warning to major fast food chains that they had a responsibility to consumers to inform that their food was fattening, potentially addictive,

and could lead to obesity and its related problems.

Less than a month after this conference, McDonalds announced that they would be adding fruit as an alternative to french fries in their Happy Meals.

This is a healthy alternative to fried foods and promotes healthy eating habits at a young age. However, America's obesity problem is not a result of a child's size serving of french fries.

Although the introduction of fruit in fast food meals is a starting step, it will have an insignificant impact on childhood obesity. America's growing obesity epidemic

has as much to do with out-of-control portions as it does an unbalanced diet.

Although overweight children are often genetically predisposed to such a weight, other contributing factors, such as diet and exercise can be controlled. The children who consume the occasional Happy Meal at McDonald's and an otherwise well-balanced diet need not worry about substituting a child's size serving of French fries with a fruit cup.

It is the children who regularly consume the super-sized portions that should worry about adding fruits and vegetables into their diet.

Fast food chains were never

developed to offer well balanced diets; they were developed to serve people on the go with quick, inexpensive food.

If McDonald's really wants to take a step toward changing the dietary lifestyles of their consumers, they need to first begin with their portion sizes.

In a world where people are taught to be value-based consumers, the idea of super-sizing a meal for just a few more pennies seems to be the smart thing to do. But in actuality, a super-sized meal at McDonald's, with a quarter pound cheeseburger, super-sized fries and a 16 ounce milkshake contains

approximately 1,800 calories. This is about what is needed in an entire day for the average person.

However, if portions are cut, a cheeseburger, small fries and a diet soda contain only 500 calories. Portion sizes like this, if consumed with an otherwise well balanced diet, will not lead to obesity.

If restaurants really would like to aid their consumers in a diet and lifestyle change, they need to think about cutting down their portion sizes, or offering extreme portions at higher, less desirable prices.

Then maybe food substitutions can make a difference. ♦

College students sell ad space on their foreheads

Ramblings of a Madwoman



Shana Hammaker
Staff Columnist

You thought that they had already conquered all available free space. It seemed that you couldn't go anywhere without being inundated by them. I'm talking about advertisements.

Think about it: turn on your TV or radio and you're immediately bombarded. Go online and they literally pop up out of nowhere. See a movie and you have to sit through a soft drink commercial, a car commercial and an Army commercial before the previews even start.

You can't even use a public restroom anymore without being assaulted by ads. There is no way that advertisers could get even more brazen than this, right? Our lives are already cluttered with commercials. There's just no room for any more, right?

Wrong. Just when you thought you'd seen everything, a little-known London ad agency has proved that some people will do anything for money.

As reported last February in the *Wall Street Journal*, Cunning Stunts Communications, Ltd. is recruiting college students to sell ad space on their foreheads. That's right – their foreheads.

The students are paid the pitiful sum of 6.36 Euro dollars per hour (equivalent to \$6.83 per hour) to wear temporary tattoos bearing the brand logos of the agency's clients on their foreheads.

While wearing the billboards (excuse me, tattoos) the students are

forbidden from vigorously washing their foreheads and are required to socialize publicly for 3 to 4 hours a day. Cunning Stunts Communications employs undercover spies to ensure that the walking commercials are being seen in all the right places.

Before you smile self-righteously and declare all Brits to be crazy sell-outs, take a look around. Look at your friends. Look in the mirror. Take a walk around campus keeping your eyes peeled for tell-tale logos.

While it is true that London's controversial new marketing trend has not yet caught on in the U.S., America leads the industrialized world in the number of volunteer human billboards we have driving on our streets and walking through our college campuses.

Try this experiment tomorrow at 10 a.m.: Take a walk through campus beginning at Peck Hall and ending at the library. Take notice of the different brand names, logos and registered trademarks that you see on peoples' shoes, clothing and accessories. Undoubtedly, you'll see many people representing the hottest brand names: Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Gap, Old Navy and Abercrombie and Fitch.

All of these brands are very trendy. They also share another characteristic: their logos are all very prominently displayed on their clothes.

Indeed, some of these brands – Nike and Tommy Hilfiger chief among them – offer exceptionally little in the way of decoration besides their logo.

Individuals who wear these brands can very aptly be described as human billboards. They aren't a minority of people, either.

In fact, part of the reason our environment appears cluttered with

ads can be attributed to the large number of people running around plastered head to foot with brand names.

Some logos are more visible than others. The Nike swoosh, for example, has become so ubiquitous that some have dubbed it (not affectionately) the Nike "swooshtika." Old Navy has paired its name so consistently with the American flag that my daughter and nephew have come to believe that the true nickname of Old Glory is really Old Navy.

There was a time when our bodies and landscapes weren't cluttered with logos.

Recall a scene from the movie "Back to the Future." It was just after Michael J. Fox was knocked unconscious after falling from a tree in front of his teenage mother's house.

When he came to, he became confused because his young mother kept calling him Calvin Klein. When he asked her why she kept calling him by that name, she replied quizzically, "That is your name, isn't it? It's written all over your underwear."

Apparently in 1955, brand logos weren't considered to be stylish. In 2003, however, on college campuses all across the nation, young people are parading around, proudly displaying the logos of their favorite brands.

In the end, what is the significant difference between American students and those British students who sell their foreheads as ad space – American students are not only not getting paid for their effort, but they pay for the privilege of being a human billboard. ♦

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The young and the restless Iraqis

By Michael Fuller
OSU Daily Barometer

(U-WIRE) CORVALLIS, Ore. – Last winter, when President Bush stood before millions of Americans and declared that he intended to oust Saddam from power and liberate the Iraqi people, I was glued to my television.

A few weeks later, when our boys captured the airport in Baghdad, I watched the satellite feed for probably three hours. Two weeks ago, when I heard the news that Uday and Qusai had been killed by U.S. troops, I celebrated.

With only two big captures remaining – Saddam and, of course, Osama – I am starting to worry about what I will do for entertainment once we have won the War on Terrorism. I can rest assured that the war will last at least 14 months longer to keep my interest in the '04 elections, but what after that?

North Korea might be fun. Iran is always an option. A little action in South America could really be interesting. Those crazy Columbian drug lords are up to their old tricks again; maybe President Bush can send em' a little "American justice."

Yeah, I know it's unlikely, but a guy can dream can't he?

I watch Fox News.

There, I said it. Hiss and boo if you will, but don't pretend like you haven't sat down and watched a couple hours of B-rate Middle East war footage yourself. The channel is like heroin. I can't get enough. It's almost like a soap opera.

First you've got Saddam, or the "Arab Susan Lucci." Always on the brink of success, but just can't seem to snag that Daytime Emmy award for Best Dictator. He's a family man and a man of the people. Although he's getting old in his age, he can still fire his shotgun into the air every morning.

Plus the beret is a real fashion statement. Not to mention his 39 doubles running around Iraq. Just a show about these guys could make a funny '80s sitcom in itself.

Then you've got Saddam's two sons – Uday and Qusai. I realize they're dead now, so we would need to find two actors to pick up where they left off.

To really get those ratings up, we could run the storyline of Saddam trying to murder his son during sweeps week, then switch over to the crazy antics of Uday raping women at their weddings while beating their husbands into submission. We could also thicken the plot by having Qusai develop a love interest in one of the U.N. inspectors, only to have his heart broken when Saddam kicks them out.

Am I the only one who smells Emmy nomination? But, like I speculated earlier, all this fun must come to an end sometime.

There are only so many houses Saddam can hide out in and only so much water and food left in Osama's cave.

You couldn't tell, however, by watching the actions of the Iraqi people I see on Fox News. They're still as barbaric as ever, burning every flag they can get their hands on, shooting shotguns in city limits, looting, turning over vehicles in the street and setting oil refineries on fire.

Now, I know what you're thinking: these people can't really be this savage, can they? I mean, our troops go over there to remove a horrible dictator from power and they thank us by joining anti-occupation guerrilla gangs.

Sure, even if we did go over there for oil (which I don't really care about either way), aren't we better than Saddam? Even if we do impose military rule in Baghdad, at least we aren't torturing their people. At least we aren't testing gas on them. At least we aren't raping their women and killing their children.

And they also seem to have big problems with the U.S. setting up their new government for them. Hello – history lesson?

They got their chance, and his name was Saddam.

And we all know how good their judgment was for not overturning that guy 15 years ago like they should have.

Ah, I don't really care anyway. Iraq isn't interesting anymore. ♦

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What professors are really saying

American Bacon



Patrick Chinnery
Editor in Chief

College is often a cryptic experience, full of mystery and mental anguish. The causes are many: classes at least two days a week, that annoying guy proposing the ridiculous theories from the back of the class (who then wonders why people refuse to acknowledge his presence) and professors and administrators that espouse ambiguous statements of policy and procedure, to name a few.

Your concerns are about to be partially alleviated, however. What follows is an indispensable guide to understanding university-speak. Cut it out, carry it in your wallet or purse and don't be afraid to look up phrases. Read on, scion of academe.

From your professors:

"I spent last semester on sabbatical, and am ready to get teaching

again."

This professor is lying. He actually means: "I had a semester of blissful silence, during which time I read a lot and conducted research that you couldn't begin to understand. I'm going to take my aggression out on the lot of you."

"My classes aren't reading intensive."

This is a relative statement, depending on the level of the class. If you're enrolled in 1000- and 2000-level classes, you've nothing to fear; the most you'll be reading is a novel that the professor liked when he or she was your age. However, upper division students take note: You'll be required to memorize philosophical treatises in their entirety for the final exam. Business students will have it a little easier — you get to bring use a cheat sheet on tests. I guess that's why you're paying an extra \$60 per course this year, lucky devils.

"We can't afford chalk right now."

A refrain often heard mid-semester by students in Peck Hall. It translates as: "The East side of campus is sucking up our funding like a leech

from the Amazon. It must be nice to be able to charge a \$60 per course fee."

"This paper won't require any outside research, just use what we've read in class. It shouldn't be too hard."

Obviously, this is the kinder, gentler way of saying, "If it is too hard, you're an idiot who didn't read what I assigned. Why are you even in college?"

"Plagiarism is unacceptable"

This really means "Plagiarism is unacceptable while writing papers for school. Once you become a successful biographer, though, the sky's the limit."

From the administration:

"Your financial aid didn't go through? Oh, you're missing a form."

This is what the sadists on the second floor of Cope tell you to get you off the phone. They mean, "You didn't really think you'd ever get to touch your loan money, did you? If you come to the office, fill out the same form four times and sign over your second child's soul, you'll have your money by Dec. 7."

"Parking is going to be a little crowded for the first couple of weeks."

Parking Services thinks it's doing the right thing by understating the problem. A more direct way to put it is, "At any given time, there are two open spots for 1,273 vehicles. That is, until the dumb kids drop out at the end of September."

"Everything's all set for you to graduate."

These are the words every student fears, because they are too good to be true. Translated by Murphy's Law, they actually mean, "Everything will seem fine until one month before the ceremony, when we'll discover that a clerical error prevented us from telling you you'll need to take another 11 hours."

Well, guys, hope that helps. Good luck this year, and when you talk to the powers that be, remember the words of the Refreshments: "Everything I tell you very well could be a lie." ♦

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Advice for freshmen

By **Stacie Wacaster**
Staff Writer

"Who is wise?" Benjamin Franklin once asked.

The answer: "He that learns from everyone."

Freshmen, take heed. You're about to embark on the strange and exciting adventure known as college. Over the next four years, you will face challenges of all kinds and find yourself in situations you have never dealt with before.

You will likely feel overwhelmed and a bit intimidated.

And for most of you, this will be your first time on your own and away from home.

But take heart. There are those who've already encountered these same feelings and experiences – and survived.

We are the older students of MTSU – the upperclassmen. And we can help you cope with this momentous change in your life.

But should you listen to us?

"Freshmen can gain a great deal of knowledge from upperclassmen who have already lived through the experiences [of college] and can pass on what they've learned," says Gina Poff, director of Student Life at MTSU.

"The peer relationship is very important," she adds. "Freshmen can learn from the mistakes of others, and hopefully, not repeat those same mistakes."

Jay Stallings, assistant director of admissions, adds his perspective.

"Students who have been here have expertise on the culture of MTSU and know how to survive the system," he says.

Stallings notes that seeking advice from upperclassmen can help enhance the freshman's experience at MTSU.

Administrators offer one caution, however. In the area of aca-

demical or administrative policies and procedures, they recommend you consult with a faculty or staff member rather than relying on information received from your peers.

"We deal with students who have gotten false policy information from other students who didn't know any better," Stallings says. "We can end up with students being misled."

Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, also encourages students to seek advice from faculty members.

"That's what they're there for," he says. "It's fine to learn from older students, but be sure to seek advice from the staff and faculty as well."

So there you have it. Learn from our mistakes and experiences, and value our collective imparted wisdom, but don't necessarily rely on our interpretations of academic policy.

Speaking of our collective imparted wisdom, check out our advice in the sidebar. You just might find yourself a little wiser. ♦

Everything you want to know but are afraid to ask

Get involved! Join a club, an intramural team, a student organization or visit a campus outreach. There are clubs for martial arts, swing dancing and sports – just to name a few. Try out a couple and see what you like. No matter what, just get out of your dorm and do something. *Michael Bouldin, senior concrete management major and Lindsay Wilbanks, junior music edu-*

cation major

Support the Blue Raiders! Go to the football games, pep rallies and other sporting events. *Lacey Ballard, senior digital animation major and John Festervand, senior public relations major*

Have fun, but don't party too hard. After all, your main reason for being here is to learn. *Michael Baker, business administration graduate student*

Don't go home every weekend! There are plenty of things to do around the Boro – you just have to seek them out. *John Festervand, senior, public relations major and Brandon Deal, senior history major*

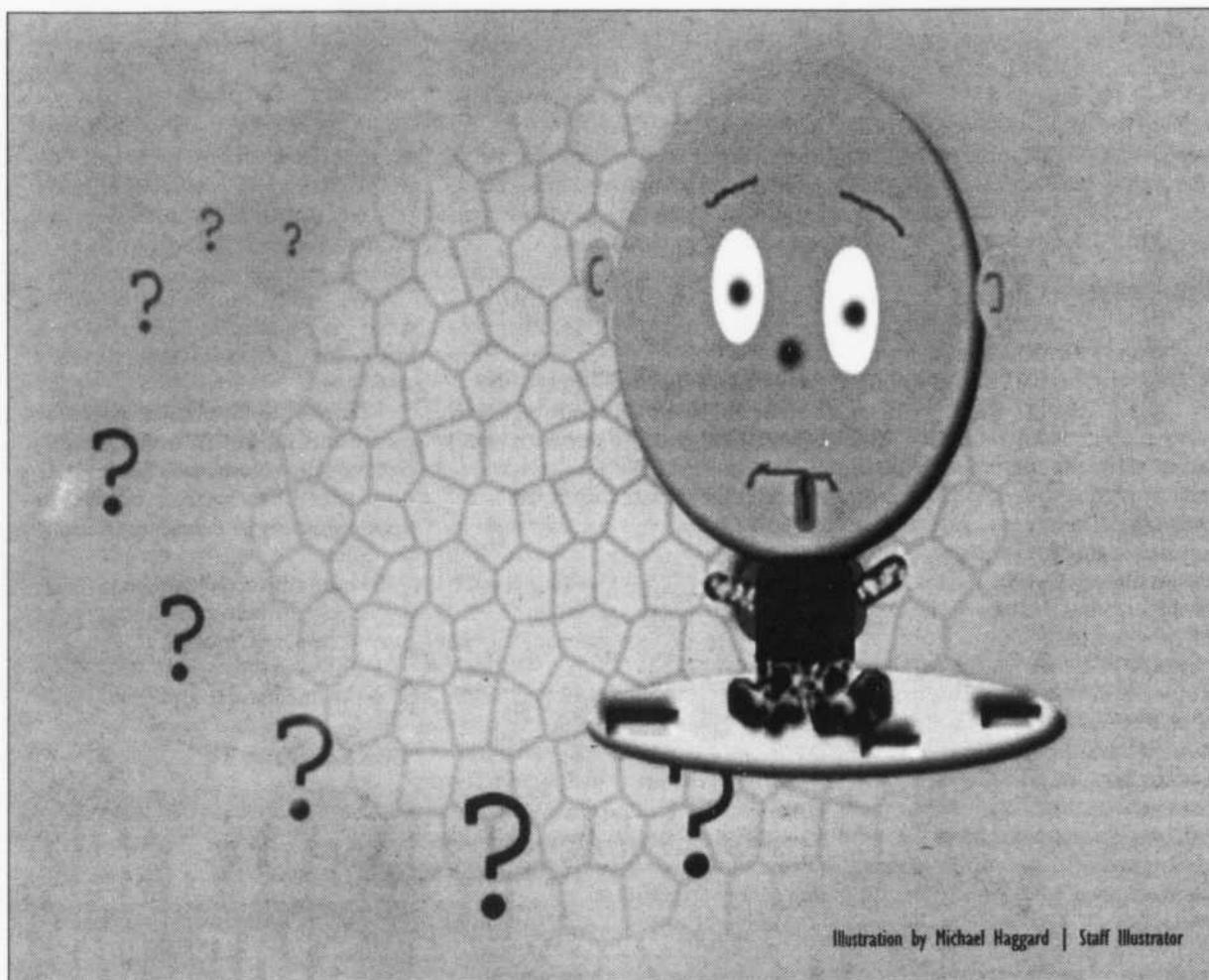
Don't start skipping classes right away. Once you start, it becomes too easy and you'll never make it to class again. It will actually help you if

you attend. But at the same time, don't obsess about being at class. You can usually miss a few and still be fine. *Jennifer Hood, psychology graduate student and Roxie Caldwell, second-year freshman, graphic communications major*

Stay on top of your schoolwork! You'll be glad later. If you do well early on in the semester, you won't have so much pressure when everything starts hitting you at once. *Jane Woodham, junior nursing major*

Take advantage of free cookouts and barbecues offered by different campus organizations. Save your Flex dollars and Raider Funds as much as you can – you'll need them at the end of the semester. And get a meal plan! *Robert Tidwell, junior, business law major*

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Feeding the student soul

Campus ministries offer help, support

By **Laura Beth Jackson**
Staff Writer

Ah, the first days of school when palms are a little sweaty and forehead slightly damp. Fate somehow placed you with 21,000 other people on a college campus.

And in the sea of people passing before your bloodshot eyes, you don't know a soul.

For many students, the spiritual ministries at MTSU offer a way to find support and a place to plug in during their college career.

There are 25 ministries at MTSU, including Hillel Jewish ministry, the Catholic Student Association, the Muslim Student Association, the Pagan Student Association, Diverse Women in Christ and the Wesley Foundation student ministry.

Students say that being involved in ministry has changed the way they view the college experience.

Instead of being fearful or nervous, they gain valuable relationships and a feeling of place, as well as encouragement to keep going when the going gets tough.

Michael Nick, a freshman recording industry major, found such a place with the Alpha Omega college ministry of Belle Aire Baptist Church.

"It's a warm, friendly environment," he says.

He says he was also impressed with the ministry's focus.

"It's intense worship."

Ailien Baughn, president of Diverse Women in Christ, says she endeavors to include women from all backgrounds in her ministry. Before she began the ministry, she had a vision of different women worshipping together.

Her ministry is now made up of women from many ethnic backgrounds coming together to encourage each other spiritually.

For students that can't be home for the holidays or for regular religious services, ministries help students find places of worship within a reasonable distance of campus.

The Hillel Jewish ministry, led by Isaac Nuell, coordinates with synagogues in Nashville for Jewish students to participate in Sabbath services, as well as Rosh Hashanah services in September and Yom Kippur services in October.

The Catholic Student Center, co-directed by Jennifer Shafer and Tony Monitello, is a ministry of St. Rose Catholic Church in Murfreesboro, where students may attend mass.

While ministries offer spiritual

studies and worship services, they also provide students with ways to put their gifts and interests to work.

Sheryl Mabry, a senior information systems major, has been involved with Wesley Foundation ministries since her freshman year.

"I've learned more about my major here than I do in the classroom," she says, referring to her position as president of Wesley Council Ministries, which plans community outreach events.

"We really emphasize involvement on campus. You learn to be a leader and take initiative," Mabry says.

Many of the ministries offer free meals and parties in order to welcome students back to school. Some ministries offer retreats or special theme dinners to celebrate the new semester.

Several ministries will be providing service to help new students get moved into their dorms as well.

Want to get involved? Mark Aug. 27 on your calendar and head out to

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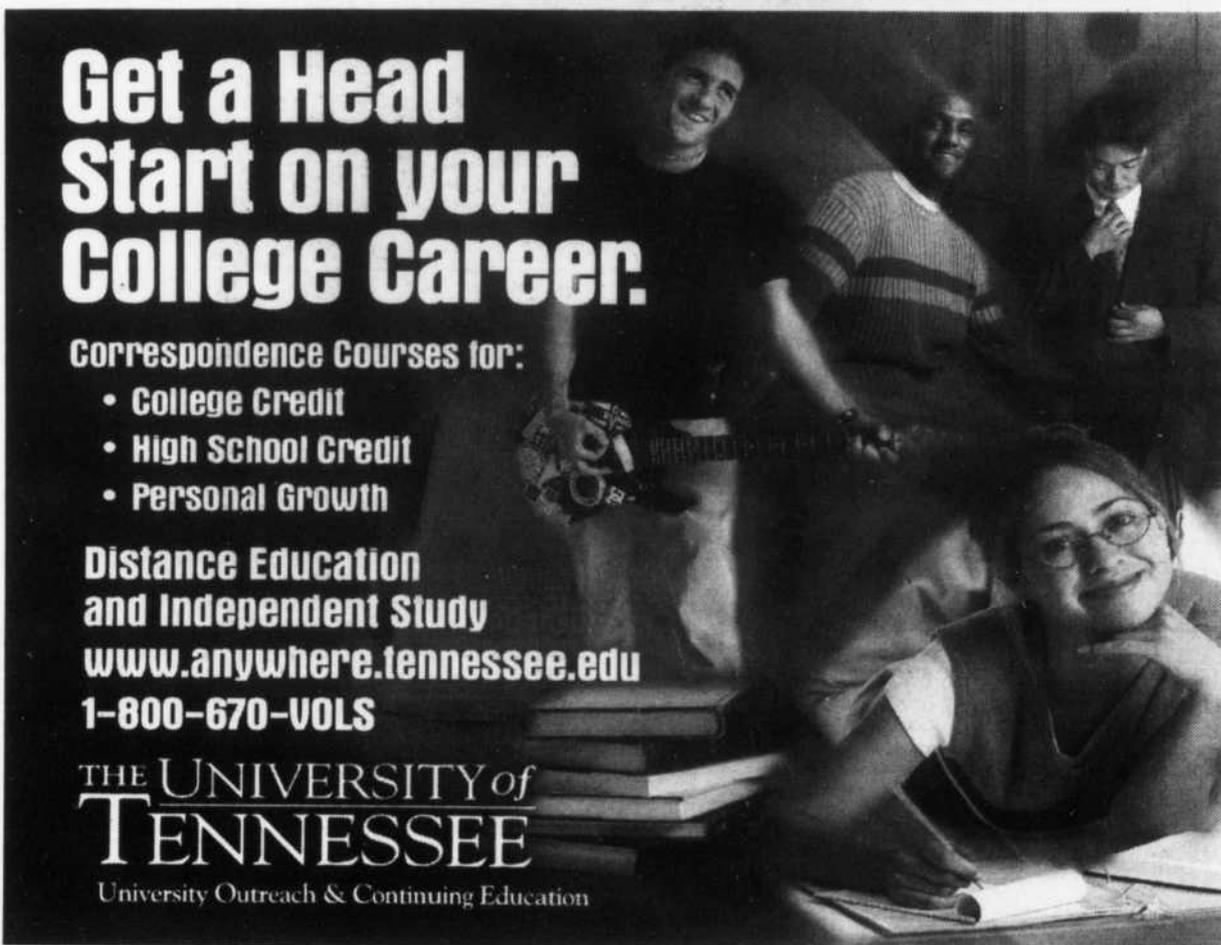
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Exercise helps cut depression

By **Cassandra Boller**
Staff Writer

"Working out for thirty minutes five times a week is like taking a dose of Prozac," says Jeanne Hoeschst-Ronner, a counselor at the Guidance Services Center on campus.

According to Hoeschst-Ronner, depression is a serious illness that affects a significant amount of college students.

"MTSU has a fair amount of depression cases," says Hoeschst-Ronner.

Depression has various symptoms such as fatigue, decreased appetite and sleeplessness. Sufferers of these illnesses also have a higher risk of developing cardiovascular diseases.

Fortunately, there are several methods of treating this illness; medicines are currently the most popular according to Hoeschst-Ronner.

But for some students, medicines are too expensive, and others who suffer depression can't take the medications due to allergic reactions.

Robb Rogers, an MTSU strength and conditioning coach, believes exercise may be helpful for these individuals and serve as a good substitute for medication.

"Any physical activity will cause a person to have more energy," says Rogers.

Rogers noted that rhythmic and cyclic exercises like jogging, swimming and biking work the best for depressed people.

In the October 1998 issue of *The Physician and Sportsmedicine Journal*, Dr. Michal Artal concurs with Rogers' assessment and says that the correlation between exercise and depression is not a new idea; it has been studied as far back as the nineteenth century.

Since motivation to exercise can be an issue while dealing with depression Rogers suggests exercising in a group or class. The social interaction and having to pay will help keep a person committed.

Even though exercise may be greatly beneficial for depressed individuals, Hoeschst-Ronner says it is imperative that anyone suffering from a severe case of depression seeks a professional opinion.

Those suf-

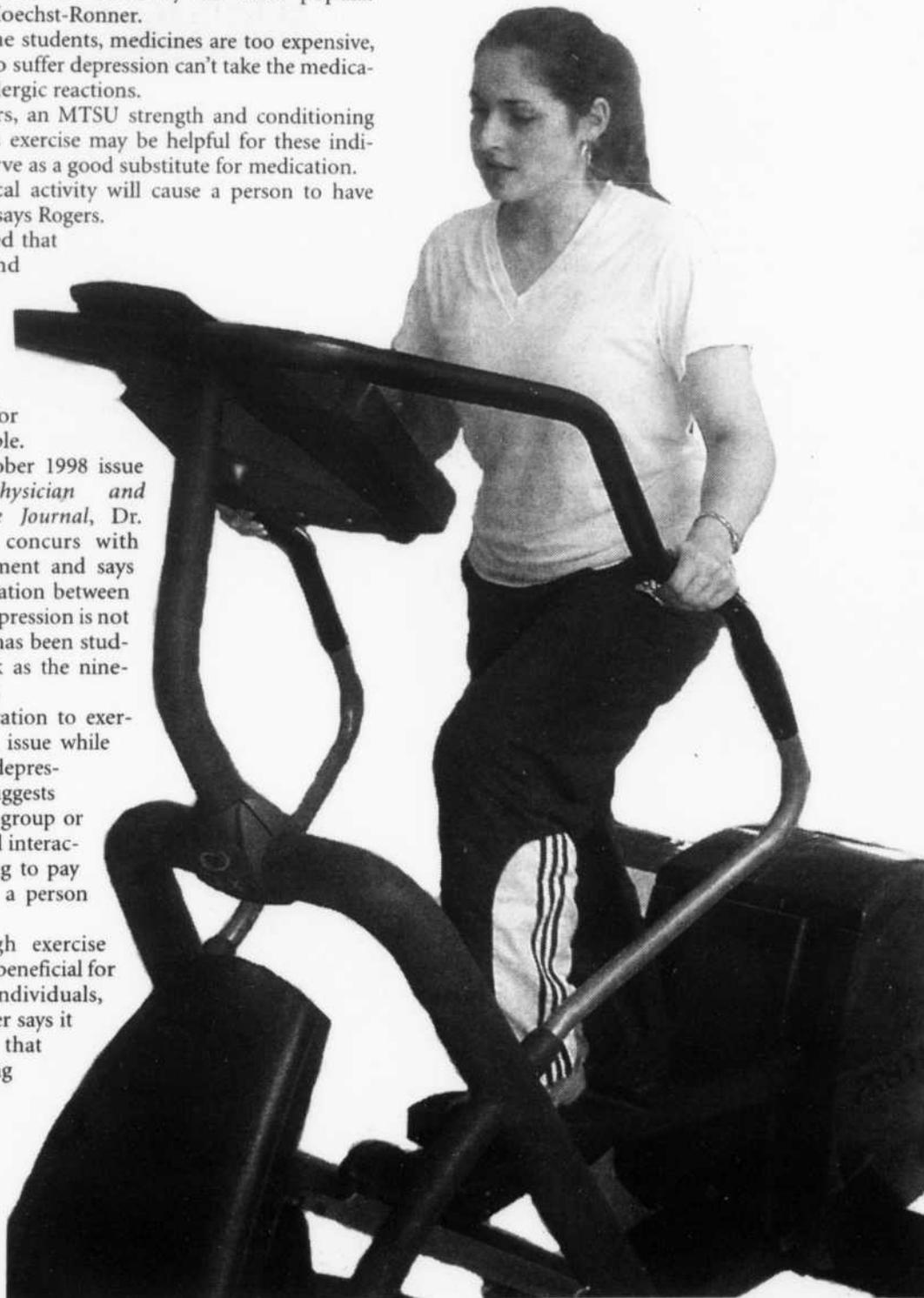
fering from depression are welcome to make an appointment at the counseling office.

Hoeschst-Ronner also noted that in the future MTSU will offer some type of depression screening on the MT Pipeline.

On-campus counselors can be contacted by calling Guidance Services at 898-2670. ♦

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Michelle Consiglo works out on a StairMaster at the MTSU recreation center.



Frugal Stu

Money saving tips for cash-strapped college students

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www.geocities.com/riverratcanoe/index.html

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Artistic Café
3150 Memorial Boulevard

Aug. 29 is beaded jewelry night. Students with valid I.D. receive 10 percent off all beaded jewelry materials. During the month of September students with valid I.D. receive free studio time.

Express Lube
1639 N. W. Broad Street
(this location only)

Students receive a free car wash or \$3 off of a full service oil change on most vehicles.

Sir Pizza Italian Eatery
3219 Memorial Boulevard
(this location only)

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Baskin-Robbins
1723 Memorial Boulevard
(this location only)

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Tip Top Barber Shop
15 S. Side Square
(on the square)

Students receive regular men's haircuts for \$8. Flat tops are \$10.

Shoeless Joe's Sports Café
1850 Old Fort Parkway

Drink specials offered to students on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Specials vary so call 893-2028 for more information.

Jersey Mike's Submarines
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Those with a valid student I.D. receive 15 percent off all tanning packages and in-store products.

Harvey Washbangers
2069 Lascassas Pike

Every Monday night from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. students with a valid I.D. receive free wash, free pool and \$5 pitchers (for those of legal age).

Krystal
1925 Lascassas Pike

Students with valid I.D. receive 10 percent off any regular-priced item on the menu. ♦

Missed out on the summer's cinematic offerings?

Let flash's summer movie timeline

help you navigate
what's worth it
and what's not

Don't miss

Bruce Almighty
How to Deal
Freaky Friday
Terminator 3
Seabiscuit
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Gentlemen*
The Hulk
Gigli
From Justin to Kelly
Tomb Raider 2
Legally Blonde 2

Rating guide

* - Don't waste a dime on this flick - even at the video store
** - Worth a \$2 rental, but not worth racking up late charges

*** - Worth the ticket price, and you'll end up telling all your friends
**** - Sheer cinematic perfection, even after the 50th viewing

Spellbound

Released: April 30

Jeffrey Blitz's charming Academy Award-nominated documentary is 98 minutes long, documenting offbeat spelling bee participants who vie for \$10,000 and 15 minutes of deserved fame. The pilgrimage to the Scripps Howard 1999 National Spelling Bee invokes a myriad of rootsy Americana storytelling. Blitz gingerly amplifies the starkly-strained stakes, thereby magnifying the laconic sting of childhood's initial failures.

- Joey Hood

X2: X-Men United

Released: May 2

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry

Opening the bevy of summer blockbusters, *X2: X-Men United* transcends its mediocre origins with surprising virility, and after the opening credits zip into oblivion, a story actually begins.

Riffing on America's post-war vulnerability, *X2* binds antimutanism/anti-Middle Eastern/anti-Dixie Chicks/anti-gay sentiments with spandexed breasts and latexed breasts. Never has a masturbatory comic

book fantasy cared about the spectrum of worldly issues. To paraphrase an undiscovered online critic, "The action kicks you in the balls so much, you puke out your ass." In between the vomiting, you will gain a greater understanding of our current situation. ****

- Joey Hood

May

June

Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

The Matrix Reloaded

Released: May 15

Starring: Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne

The anticipated sequel is a thinly shredded Zen philosophy wrapped over a bed of wilted metaphors. The Wachowski Brothers reference the Holy Bible until the parables of Jesus/John the Baptist seem painfully noticeable. The Wachowski Brothers are quickly becoming the Creed of popular science fiction. Thankfully, the coded theology is curtailed for mind-blowing action sequences. The Agent Smith/Neo fight sequence is a measured dose of surreal heroin, for in that meandering spectacle, *The Matrix Reloaded* finds its rhythm. ***

- Joey Hood

Finding Nemo

Released: May 30

Featured voices: Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks

In a perfect world, *Finding Nemo* would be the result of an extended reefer binge following rounds of listening to that damned talkin' fish from Bass Pro Shops. However, this is Dick Cheney's America and *Finding Nemo* is a Walt Disney/Pixar feature. Unlike previous Disney/Pixar collaborations, *Finding Nemo* flounders to the point of virtual crapfest. The standard of tightly-woven comic jostling is sacrificed for moments of *Bambi*-like emotional manipulation. Despite the Lifetime Television feel, the nuggets of truth prevail. In the sea of life, "keep swimming." Ellen DeGeneres's character Dory advises. Fred Rogers would be proud. **1/2

- Joey Hood

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Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle

Released: June 27

Starring: Lucy Liu, Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore

The Wisconsin Swiss cheese entry in the popular culture scope of female empowerment gyrates with T&A entertainment. Music video "director" McG skimps the sociological acumen of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Alias* for feverish Pussycat Dolls titillation. Producer/Stripper No. 2 Drew Barrymore praised *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle* as combination of stylized violence and inane comedy. Homegirl speaks the truth. *Full Throttle* is a frivolous PG-13-rated tease, a lengthy Sugar Ray video minus the musical defecation.

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- Joey Hood



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

American Wedding

Released: Aug. 10

Starring: Jason Biggs, Sean William Scott, Alyson Hannigan

The real title of this movie should be *Stifler Goes to a Wedding*, a la the Ernest movies, because, although the plot line is about Jim (Jason Biggs) wedding his horny band camp girlfriend, Michelle (Alyson Hannigan), the real story is how Stifler (Seann William Scott) screws everything up in his eagerness to 1. Have a killer bachelor party, 2. Impress Michelle's hot sister and 3. Have sex with said sister. No matter the plot, with all the raunchy comedic situations that include blow jobs, strippers and gay clubs, you have to appreciate a movie formula where a happy ending is when all the main characters get laid.

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- Kristin Hall

July

August

28 Days Later

Released: June 27

Starring: Cillian Murphy

Avoiding the clunky trappings of popcorn chiller zombie flicks, *Trainspotting* director Danny Boyle breathes intelligence and wit into Alex Garland's fluid screenplay. *28 Days Later* is a hellishly modernized *Wizard of Oz* staged in a deserted, post-apocalyptic London. The hero, Jim, mirrors the audi-

ences' confusion. For once in the horror genre, the audience digests only the information given to the main characters. Foreshadowing becomes irrelevant and Boyle cautiously measures the jumpy intensity. Filmed on an economically motivated budget, *28 Days Later* is a running commentary on man's disposition to violence and a tersely taut chemical charge. ***1/2

- Joey Hood

Pirates of the Caribbean

Released: July 9

Starring: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Geoffrey Rush

A movie quite possibly constructed on the sexual fantasies of millions of women everywhere (and some men), *Pirates* pairs Johnny Depp as the swanky Capt. Jack Sparrow with Orlando Bloom as the gallant Will Turner, both of whom are trying to track down the legendary ship, the Black Pearl, to reclaim what's theirs ... or at least what they want. Only, the Pearl is captured by ghoulish pirates. Good acting, endless action, fun times. ***1/2

- Lindsey Turner

Bad Boys 2

Released: July 18

Starring: Will Smith, Martin Lawrence

A name that fits. *

- Joey Hood

Wars

Released: June

the Best Documentary win- at the Nashville Film Festival, Oprah-less feature elucidates lyrical precision. The setting is city, USA - a sprawling urban field (read: ghetto) with indi- but inveterate blacks being ified by guilelessly hostile gay buyers. The black populace gle to comprehend homo-

sexuality and challenge the conventional definition of the American Dream. The unbearably sad ending reveals the cost of materialistic privileges over singular heritage. Directed by novices Linda Goode Bryant and Laura Poitras, *Flag Wars* brims with politics, racism, homophobia and poverty-clandestine snapshots of Middle America. ***1/2

- Joey Hood



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Tastes of the town

From Southern soul to Italian bistro, Murfreesboro's restaurant scene is full of surprises – and lots of flavor. Here's a list of places to begin your tantalizing travels.

By Melissa Coker

Front Porch Cafe

On the Square is the Front Porch Café, a lunch café and tea room. The Front Porch is open every Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Friday nights from 5:30 until 8. Special to Friday nights is an all-you-can-eat-buffet, boasting four entrees, six vegetables, nine salads, nine desserts, two breads and four appetizers. The Friday night menu changes every week; the buffet is available for \$10.95 per person.

Regular menu choices average \$7.95 per person and include the Magnolia Delight, a dish of four different salads, chicken crepes and more. Everything is made from scratch and nothing is fried. In operation since 1990, current owner Angie Davis adds that the Front Porch also provides catering.

"There is nothing we can't cater," she says. "I've catered up to 1,000 people. We provide these services both on and off-site."



Photo by Jenny Cordle

Front Porch Cafe offers unique cuisine, and can even cater events.

So, for your next wedding reception or hankering for unique cuisine, consider calling Davis at 896-6771. *



Photo by Jenny Cordle

Serving Mediterranean cuisine, the Parthenon Steakhouse is a prime location for a romantic evening. The restaurant is the oldest in Murfreesboro.

Parthenon Steakhouse

On the hunt for a prestigious dinner place? Peruse the Parthenon Steakhouse and feel pampered. On weekends, the already romantic atmosphere is made amorous as a piano player tickles the ivories.

Specializing in out-of-this-world Mediterranean and Greek cuisine, Parthenon provides wonderful appetizers along with weekly specials. While they're best known for their savory prime rib, such choices as rack of lamb, weinerschnitzel and Greek salad are in high

demand as well. With more than 50 wines, Parthenon has the largest selection in Rutherford County. Prices for the wines vary from \$16-\$90. Entrees range from \$11.95 to \$46.95. The restaurant is open Monday through Thursday from 4 until 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 4 until 10:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

As the oldest restaurant in Murfreesboro, Parthenon is a great place to share a dinner date that rates.

Visit them at 1935 South Church Street or call 895-2665. *

Kleer-Vu Lunchroom

Operating in some form for more than 20 years, Kleer-Vu has made a name for itself as one of the finest down-home cooking establishments around. Anita Norman, daughter of owners Rebecca and Andrew Patton, shares that visitors to the cafeteria have included boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, Cicely Tyson (who played roles in the movie *Fried Green Tomatoes* and the 2002 TV Movie *The Rosa Parks*



Photo by Jamie Lorraine

Rita Cowan gives change to a Kleer-Vu patron.

'Tastes of the town' continues on page 33



Photo by Jamie Lorraine

Chef Steve McGowan can whip up a variety of liquid lunch.

All Souped Up

Soup's on! At All Souped Up, get filled up on all kinds of soups, from chili to chowder to cold soup to just about anything else you could imagine. The chefs at All Souped Up make soup fresh every day and

honor most special requests. The open-air café also offers fresh-baked muffins, bagels and various pastries, made from bread ordered special from a Nashville bakery. There are no wings or burgers

See Soup, 33

See Lunch, 33

club listings

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

The Boro: Boogie Chain, Wimpee, 9:30 p.m., \$5-6.

The End: Scatter the Ashes, My Epiphany, The Goodwill, 8 p.m., \$5.

Uptown Mix: The North Mississippi Allstars, Southern Culture on the Skids, 7 p.m., \$5.

Windows on the Cumberland: A.K.A. Rudie, Mass Hysteria, 9 p.m., \$5.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

All American Sports Grill: Foo Foo Kitty, 10 p.m., \$3.

Belcourt Theatre: Tim O'Brien Band, Scott Miller, 8 p.m., \$18.50.

The Boro: Big Fella, T'Arthur, 9:30 p.m., \$5-7.

Dancin' in the District: Indigo Girls, Last Train Home, Marc Broussard, Matt Morris, 6 p.m., \$3.

The End: The Death Ray Davies, Baby Stout, The Carter Administration, 9 p.m., \$5.

Inferobar: Ligion, 9:30 p.m.

The Muse: The Last Great Liar, 7 p.m., \$5.

Rockettown: (College Night, \$2 off with ID) Silversten, Dead Poetic, The Underwater, The Black Soul Choir, Seven Cycle Theory, Oscars Downfall, 7 p.m., \$7.

Wall Street: Dirt Farm,

Brandon Vickers, 9 p.m., \$5.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

3rd and Lindsley: Jill Sobule, Glenn Tilbrook, Teitur, 8 p.m.

The End: Los Lonely Boys, Waylandsphere, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

Exit/In: Kill Hannah, The Working Title, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

3rd & Lindsley: Super T & the Tyrone Smith Revue, Michael Inge, 8 p.m.

Red Rose: Imaginary Baseball League, Glossary, Come Down, Celebrity, 9 p.m., \$5.

Wall Street: Boogie Chain, Ervin Stellar, 10 p.m., \$5.

Rockettown: Copacabana, Kevin Clay & the Sound Tracks for Supermodels, Casio Casanova, 7 p.m., \$7.

The Trap: Billy Bob Thornton, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

12th & Porter: Shawn Mullins, Caroline Herring, 8 p.m.

Inferobar: Common Ground, 9:30 p.m.

Wall Street: Roland Gresham, 8 p.m.

club addresses

3rd & Lindsley: 818 3rd Avenue South, Nashville, 259-9891.

12th & Porter: 114 12th Avenue North, Nashville, 254-7236.

All American Sports Grill: 941 NW Broad Street, Murfreesboro, 896-9661.

Belcourt Theatre: 2102 Belcourt Avenue, Nashville, 383-9140

The Boro Bar and Grill: 1211 Greenland Drive, Murfreesboro, 895-4800.

Dancin' in the District: Nashville Coliseum Field (www.dancininthedistrict.com).

The End: 2219 Elliston Place, Nashville, 321-4457.

Exit/In: 2208 Elliston Place, Nashville, 321-4400.

Inferobar: 527 West Main Street, Murfreesboro, 217-1212.

The Muse: 835 4th Avenue South, Nashville, 251-0102.

Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro: 528 West College Street, Murfreesboro, 893-1405.

Rockettown: 401 Sixth Avenue South, Nashville, 843-4000.

The Trap: 201 Woodland Street, Nashville, 248-3100.

Uptown Mix: corner of Chet Atkins Place and 20th Avenue South, Nashville, 321-3043.

Wall Street Restaurant and Bar: 121 North Maple Street, Murfreesboro, 867-9090.

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Eat. Drink. Listen.

A cold beer and a hot act are just a drive away from anywhere

By Leslie Carol Boehms

Inferno

Phone: 217-1212

Address: 527 W. Main St.

Hours of operation: Tuesday through Saturday from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m.

Web site: www.inferno.com

Booking: Call the place and you will first have to go through an initial consultation with the owner, Rob Fortney

Age limits: Always 18 and up

The up-and-coming hipster spot to be in Murfreesboro (most nights) is Inferno.

Though the scene is undoubtedly Greek on many nights, there are some especially exciting live band performances that take place (they do, after all, have the best performance sound in town).

Tuesday and Thursday nights you'll catch live music. Also, Inferno hosts a Battle of the Bands. A new round of the contest is set to begin Sept. 23 (to sign up and get more info, go to www.golive8.com).

As for the beer, Wednesday is College Night – \$5 at the door gets you all the draft you want until close (please make sure you have a



Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

Inferno is Murfreesboro's only remaining dance club.

designated driver).

Saturday is "bead night." The lady with the most beaded necklaces at the end of the night wins \$100. As for food, there's a free midnight buffet every night Inferno is open.

There's also going to be a special addition to the club coming Sept. 11. Heaven, a new upstairs club at Inferno, will open. It will be a Coyote Ugly-themed bar (girl dancers on the bar included). *

Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro

Phone: 893-1405

Address: 528 W. College St.

Hours of operation: Typically open 24 hours during the school week, closing sometimes on weekends. Call or check the Web site first to make sure they're open

Web site: www.redrosecoffee.com

Booking: See Web site for instructions

Age limits: A community haven for those of all ages. No extra charge on show nights. Simply show your ID at the counter if you choose to buy beer.

Pabst Blue Ribbon is the standard beer of choice for the avid Rose patron. But if the legendary PBR isn't for your picky palate, there's typically an array of other regular beer options available.

First and foremost, Red Rose is a coffee shop – but the coffee-plus-rock-show combination is a winner. Nonetheless, you can order whatever you want from their menu as long as the doors are open. Get a bottomless cup of coffee for only \$2.25 or branch out for their frozen coffees and amazing chai lattes.



Photo by Dana Stoneking | Staff Photographer

Allison Davidson, middle, sips coffee with friend Rhonda Barrett and son Michal at the Red Rose.

When hunger strikes there's no better place to be than Red Rose. Take your pick from the bakery case or order a cup of their beer cheese soup (\$1.75). Sandwiches can be picked from your standards (ham and cheese, \$4.75, chicken salad, \$4.95, club, \$4.95) to extravagant (falafel, \$5.25, muffuletta, \$4.95, and pesto supreme, \$4.95). *

The Boro Bar and Grill

Phone: 895-4800

Address: 1211 Greenland Dr.

Hours of operation: 11 a.m. until 2 a.m., seven days a week

Web site: www.theborobarand-grill.net

Booking: Contact Lee at Biztheboro@aol.com

Age limits: 18 and up are admitted. If you're under 21, however, you will be slapped with an extra charge on cover nights (the price you pay for not being able to legally purchase alcohol).

Domestic and specialty beer will run you \$2.50-\$4 per bottle. However, The Boro has a ton of great beers on tap – including Guinness Stout, Newcastle, Killian's Irish Red and Flying Dog Doggie Style. Go for the pitcher and don't forget to share. Extremely pricey micro-brewed beers are also available by request.

If beer's not your style, you can



Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

Courtney Earp, a sociology major, pours a cold one from the tap.

also purchase a select line of wine (it's cheaper to buy the whole bottle rather than the per-glass price – at least if you're there to drink – and I mean *drink*).

One of the better rumors around is that The Boro is not only a great dive bar but it's also a great

little eatery. Your standard burger with cheese will run you \$4.95 (a side order of fries is an extra \$1). A slew of appetizers (including hot wings, cheese sticks and chicken fingers), sandwiches and salads are sure to please any beer-laden belly. *

Gentleman Jim's

Phone: 893-9933

Address: 1325 Greenland Dr.

Hours of operation: 2 p.m. until 3 a.m., seven days/week

Web site: none

Booking: See Charles from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m. on Wednesday through Sunday for more information

Age limits: 21 and up

Gentleman Jim's is the definitive place for drink specials in town. Happy Hour is seven days a week from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Beer specials are also offered every day of the week on Miller Lite, Natural Lite and Pabst Blue Ribbon.

Gentleman Jim's is also a restaurant and deli. They're expected to have a completely new menu by the end of



Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

Gentleman Jim's serves food and spirits.

the month, so be sure to stop by and see what's cooking. *

Wall Street

Phone: 867-9090

Address: 121 N. Maple St.

Hours of operation: 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. for breakfast and lunch, 5 p.m. until 3 a.m. every night

Web site: www.wallstreetintheboro.com

Booking: Drop off a press kit addressed to Chad Pennington

Age limits: 18 and up every night

Beer specials abound many nights at Wall Street. Monday is Ladies night where the women get a two-for-one special from 11 p.m. until 3 a.m.

Live music is upstairs on Thursday through Saturday nights, but there's typically always someone jamming away downstairs as well. Sunday nights the legendary

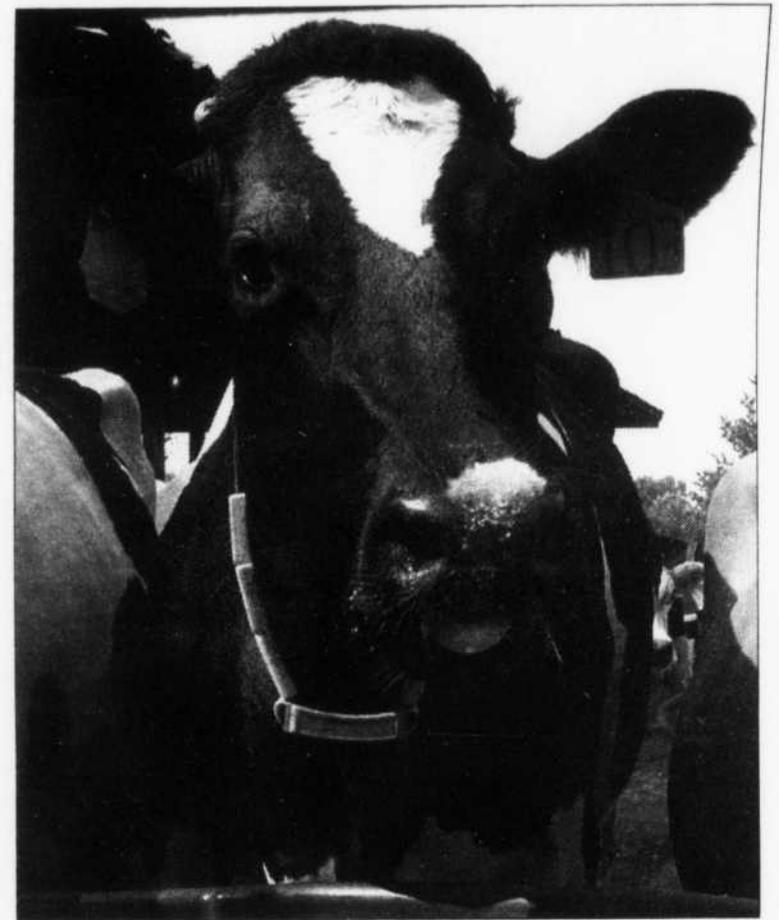
Roland Gresham performs at around 8 p.m. – a must-see show for any music lover new to Murfreesboro.

Though many may not know it, Wall Street is also a pretty popular restaurant, too. They open for breakfast at 7 a.m. Get a cinnamon roll for \$1.49 or your choice of cereal and milk for \$1.29. Later on, lunch is served and the business is flourishing.

During the week, there are meat and vegetable specials from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wall Street provides "American-style" fare. Order up your choice of Wall Street-themed sandwiches from the NASDAQ Burger (\$5.95) to the NYSE Chicken Melt (\$6.45).

There's also a slew of appetizers – all available until 11 p.m. *

GOT MILK?



Photos by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Left - Senior animal science major Charlesey Sparkman feed a heifer calf during rounds.

Above - The MTSU dairy farm raises Holstein cows.

MTSU is in the milk processing business

By Julia Reynolds
Staff Writer

"Some days it's the best job in the world." Jason Tanner, the MTSU dairy farm manager, says. "Others, it's not so good," he adds with a smile.

On this day, by 8:30 a.m., he has already milked the entire MTSU dairy herd and delivered a newborn calf.

During regular spring and fall semesters Tanner supervises a crew of 5 students who labor to keep the dairy functioning: milking 65-75 cows twice daily, feeding the herd, repairing equipment, bottle-feeding calves, treating sick cows and cleaning the milk lot.

"The students find out they either love it or hate it," Tanner says. "You have to enjoy farming to be successful."

The dairy farm is the first stage of MTSU's milk production operation.

The 300 acre farm, located on Manson Pike, supports a herd of 122 Holstein and Jersey dairy cattle and is a state of the art operation, using automated milking stations networked with the farm's computer system.

Each cow is tagged with a microchip which

is read when the animal enters the milk parlor. Sensors record the cow's milk production statistics, which are stored electronically.

All of the calves born to the herd are bred through artificial insemination, to select for offspring with longevity and high milk production.

The milk from the farm is then processed at MTSU's milk processing plant, located in the Stark Agriculture Building on campus.

"We have the only university milk processing plant in Tennessee," says Liz Troup, milk processing manager.

The plant produces all of the milk consumed in university dining facilities, as well as the milk which is served at local 4-H events and to tour groups of school children who visit the campus throughout the year.

Surplus milk is sold to a commercial milk distributor, Heritage Farms, which supplies area supermarkets such as Kroger.

"I think we make the best chocolate milk in the state," says Tim Redd, director of the MTSU farm laboratories.

"But our main product is students. Our goal is to provide a laboratory to educate students, and we do that successfully."

Students like senior Rachel Bealer, a nutrition and food science major with a minor in agri-business, learn real-world skills through work in the milk production operation.

Bealer, who worked at both the dairy farm and in the processing plant during her junior and senior years, is currently doing an internship with an international food processing consulting firm.

Bealer worked at every phase in the production cycle, from milking cows to processing milk and even delivering the milk by truck.

"I would not have gotten my internship if I didn't work in the milk plant," Bealer says.

She met the executive who ultimately hired her as an intern when he visited the milk plant as part of a training program.

In addition to milk production, MTSU's milk plant is used as model program for training state and federal food inspectors, as well as employees from private food processing consulting companies.

"I have so much knowledge about the dairy industry now; I have a variety of experience which will help me get a job when I graduate in December," Bealer says.

Bealer and other agribusiness and agri-

science students can look forward to a healthy job market upon graduation, according to department chair Harley Foutch.

"The job market for ABAS students remains very strong," says Foutch.

According to Foutch, examples of employers for ABAS majors are: golf courses, the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, the Farm Credit Services, Tractor Supply, Tyson Foods, Heritage Farms, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (as park rangers) and the University of Tennessee Extension Service.

Foutch says ABAS majors also go on to pursue careers as high school agriculture educators, animal nutritionists, sales representatives, horse trainers, riding instructors, barn managers and veterinarians.

Only ten percent of MTSU agriculture graduates go into dairy farm management or Tanner's chosen career field, production agriculture.

But according to Tanner, it's none-the-less a great job with great satisfaction.

"There's a lot of freedom in farming, and you definitely get a feeling of accomplishment. You can really see what you've done at the end of each day," Tanner says. ♦

The juggling game

Do the consequences of students holding jobs outweigh the gain?

By **T.K. Fayne**
and **Juanita Thouin**
Staff Writer and Feature Editor

"College life is not all about partying and making deadlines for grades," says Tia Wordlaw, a senior accounting major. "College is real life."

Wordlaw is just one of thousands of students who not only attend college but are also employed.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 42.6 percent of full-time and 75.7 percent of part-time students have jobs. And according to the census department, this figure is up from years past.

Students work for a variety of

Credit card debt starts early in the college career; credit cards are offered daily with gimmicks such as posters, t-shirts or free food. Also, to students, credit cards equal freedom and money that parents can't control.

"Due to the extra money supplied by credit cards, students seem to spend more than they can financially afford," says William Butler, assistant professor of biology.

Another reason students work is to advance their social life.

"Sure there are unnecessary expenses thanks to kicking it, but what is college without a good time", Howard says.

So does all of this working affect

"Due to the extra money supplied by credit cards, students seem to spend more than they can financially afford."

— William Butler
assistant professor, biology

reasons.

"I work to pay my bills and make money to pay off debt," Wordlaw says.

The bills students work to pay often include rent or mortgage payments, electricity, water, telephone (house or cellular) and cable.

Vickie Justice-Lowe, associate director of housing, says that many students assume the costs of off-campus housing because they find dorm living distasteful.

Finance major, Ben Pendergrast said he never wanted to live on campus.

"I don't like dorms," Pendergrast says. "I just don't like living with that many people."

China Howard, a senior nursing major, says moving off campus causes students to do some tight budgeting, get student loans or find a job.

According to David Hutton, financial aid advisor, students who don't live off-campus also work to help pay for tuition and books.

Another reason students work is to relieve credit debt. According to Nellie Mae, the parent company of the student loan company, Sallie Mae, the average credit card debt of college students is \$1,770.

a student's academic career?

Donald Roy, a professor in the business department, says he held down a part-time job all the way through college and felt "no effect" on his social life or grades. In fact, Roy claims that working can have positive effects on a student's academic life.

"Experiences that a student has [on the job] often relate to what is being discussed in class," says Roy.

Wordlaw agrees with Roy about the advantages of working while attending college.

"Working while being a full time student motivates me," Wordlaw says. "Yes, it is hard to juggle around my social life but it is a part of my responsibility."

Nonetheless, a 1999 study done by the Washington State Institute of Public Policy found that the advantages of working were clearly connected to the number of hours a student works.

The study determined that those students who worked more than 20 hours a week have a six percent greater likelihood of dropping out.

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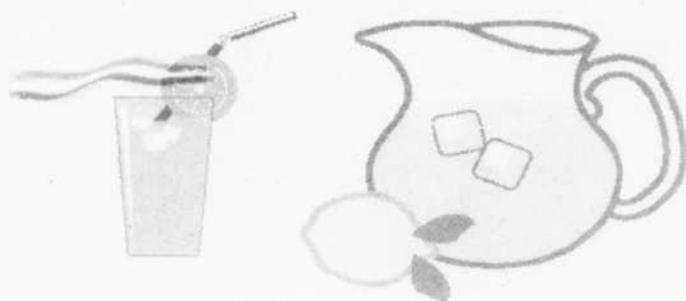
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Marina's on the Square offers New York-style Italian eats. The restaurant offers catering and to-go service.

Marina's

Spicing things up next is Marina's, a New York-style Italian café located on the square. Marina's offers up casual dining with selections like made-from-scratch pizza, along with some extraordinary dishes such as eggplant lasagna and Tiramisu, a dessert with ladyfingers soaked in espresso and crowned by cheese and whipped topping. Marina's is best known for their calzones and speciality salads. In fact, they are so well enjoyed that owner Doug Duross says at least 75 percent of their patrons are regulars who eat there two to three times a week.

Other dishes available include baked ziti, cheesecake and sandwiches, which are only available during lunch. Prices range from \$5-15.

Marina's has been on the Square for more than 11 years and has remained a family business. To-go service and catering are available. Duross suggests arriving before 5 p.m., because the later it gets, the busier they are. Their doors are open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Marina's is closed on Sunday and Monday. They can be reached at 849-8881. *

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Taking up the plight of OWLS

The Adult Services Center offers support for nontraditional students

By India Stone
Contributor

An owl watches over the room from its spot on a large wall hanging; another gazes up through puzzle pieces on the coffee table. Owl children's books lay around, offering reading material for the kids who come in with their parents.

You may think the keepers of all this owl memorabilia are obsessed with the nocturnal bird of prey.

But they are just remaining true to their mission: to give notice to the OWL program, an integral part of the Adult Services Center.

According to Carol Ann Baily, director of this center for nontraditional students, the Adult Services Center caters to "older, wiser

learners."

Baily says that the main purpose of the center is to offer support to older students that are coming back after being gone for so many years.

But Baily stresses that although older learners make up the majority of students who use the facility, the center assists students of all ages, especially those who have large responsibilities such as kids or dependent parents or jobs outside of school.

"We serve all people with responsibilities, like a 19-year-old with a baby," Baily says.

Baily, who has been the center's director for 10 years, said the Adult Services Center also gives students a chance to meet and hang out with people who share similar frustrations with going to school amidst other responsibilities.

"We let [students] know that they aren't alone, that they're not the only ones," Baily says.

Despite the fact that the number of older students has increased along with the growth of the school, many older students at MTSU feel bewildered by going back and may need additional help with various things.

"If anyone comes in needing help, either we can help them or we can send them where they can get help," says Janessa Elkins, an older, wiser learner who works at the center.

Elkins said some students need just a little help with a problem, while others need more extensive one-on-one attention.

"We have a guy who came in the other day who needed a typist. We don't have tutors available, but we can show you where to go for

it," Elkins says.

"We serve as an advocate to other campus services," Baily says.

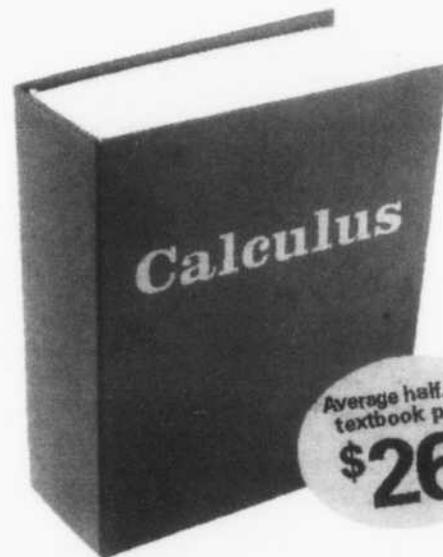
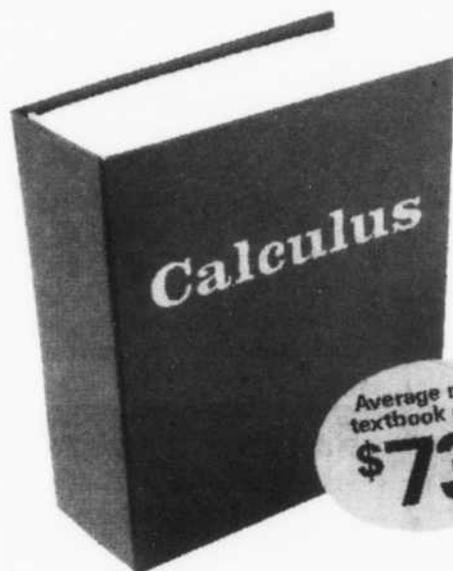
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Janessa Elkins works on a term paper at the Adult Services Center.



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Advice: Upperclassmen offer advice to freshmen

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Greek life is a great way to plug in and meet people, but it also takes a lot of time and money. For your first year, go ahead and rush, but don't pledge yet. *Katie Garland, junior graphic communications major*

You'll probably end up changing majors, as most people do. Go undecided, or else don't take classes for a major until your sophomore year. *John Woerner, junior speech major*

Focus on a few activities. Don't try to do

everything or you'll get burned out. *Jennifer Hood, psychology graduate student*

Live in a dorm for your first year. It's an interesting experience and a great way to meet people. *Brooke Bailey, senior nutrition major*

Take advantage of the 24-hour Wal-Mart. *Laura Dent, junior math major*

Be friendly. A little kindness goes a long way. Smile at people you pass on campus. Talk to people sitting around you. It isn't hard to make friends. *Jane Woodham, junior nursing*

Be as organized as possible! Keep all your syllabuses and keep track of when your tests are. *Brandon Deal, senior history major*

Keep quarters with you for pay phones, vending machines, laundry, etc. You never know when you'll need them. *Jennifer Hood, psychology graduate student*

Take advantage of all the activities that MTSU has to offer. Go to the SGA Road Rallies, the step shows, the pageants, and the

theater performances. Go see some of the shows and events you see advertised on flyers or with sidewalk chalk all over campus. *John Festervand, senior public relations major*

Save money by buying your books used. *Robert Tidwell, junior business law major*

And finally, try not to commit yourself to a relationship just yet. Enjoy your freedom and concentrate on making friends and enjoying your experience as a college student, for now. You'll be glad later. *Several students, mostly male, who wish to remain anonymous.* ♦

Adults: Nontraditional students find a home away from home

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Services Center range in age and major.

"It's pretty cool here," Elkins says. "It's very laid back."

Elkins, a 35-year-old criminal justice major who has been out of school for 17 years, says that today's jobs require more education than the same jobs did 20 or 30 years ago.

"A lot of [students] are coming back after realizing

that younger [graduates] are coming in with degrees and taking over the jobs they've had for 20, 30 years. So now they're coming back to get the degree to go back where they were," Elkins says.

The center is equipped with a kitchenette, toaster, coffee pot and a lounge area. Open until 8 p.m. during fall and spring, the center offers a place for adult students to eat, work on computers, hang out and unwind before, between or

after classes.

"We have a lounge where they can warm up their Lean Cuisine they brought from home," says Baily.

Baily notes that many older students don't like eating in the campus dining halls with younger students with whom they can't relate. She also says that many non-traditional students want to avoid as much hoop-jumping as possible when they are on campus.

"Most people don't know

it, but we can give out parking permits here," Baily says.

The consensus among those at the center is that being an OWL doesn't necessarily make learning any easier, especially when your brain isn't accustomed to it.

Baily says this is the reason why many older students need a place to flee when stress starts getting to them.

She also notes that some older learners or learners with children or full-time

jobs sometimes feel so overwhelmed by it all that they just drop out because of the lack of support.

"Because they have a place to come," Baily says, "they get the support they need to get over that [initial] hump."

The Adult Services Center is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and welcomes any students who think they could benefit from its services. ♦

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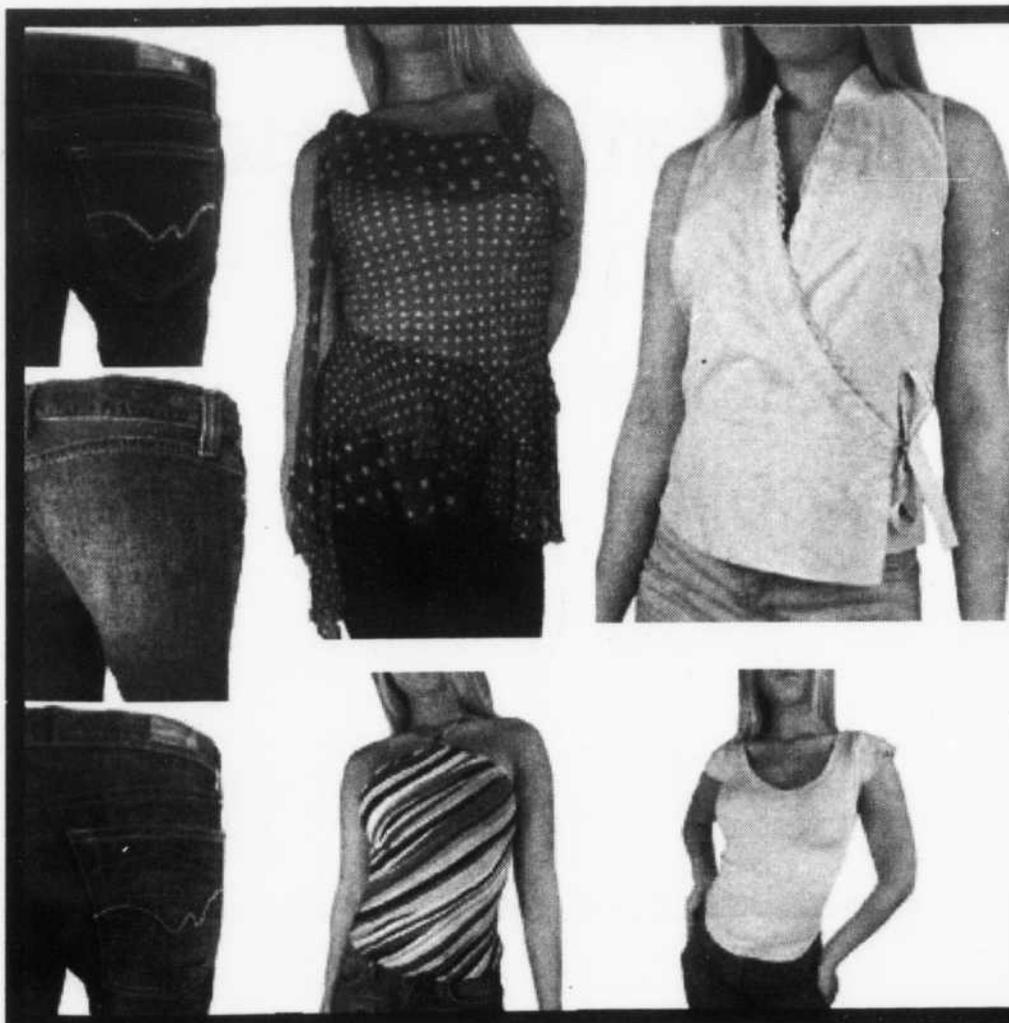
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McCollum, team look forward to 2003 season

By Jerry Wilkinson
Staff Writer

As summer winds down, Middle Tennessee head football coach Andy McCollum and the Blue Raiders are at full force preparing for the 2003 season.

"We were very physical on both sides of the ball today, which is something I am pleased to see," McCollum said. "However, we still had a few drops by the receivers and we laid the ball on the turf twice during our goal line scrimmage.

"We have to get better and take care of the football. It's too hard trying to overcome turnovers in this game," McCollum said.

MT will kick off the upcoming season with a home opener against Florida Atlantic University at Floyd Stadium Aug. 28.

The Blue Raiders are 54-30-2 all-

time in season openers. This game will be the earliest season start for the football squad.

One of FAU's returning starters is running back Daveon Barron, who ran for 474 yards in 147 attempts last season.

"FAU runs the ball well," McCollum said.

Quarterback Jared Allen returns to lead the Owls' offense. Last season, Allen passed for 1,358 yards, seven touchdowns and six interceptions. At wide receiver is Brittney Tellis, who had 38 receptions for 702 yards last season.

FAU has 22 returning starters, 11 players from the offense and 11 from the defense.

After the first week of the season, MT will face six Sun Belt Conference teams, an I-AA independent team, a Southeastern Conference squad, a Big East crew, one Big 12 team and another independent team.

MT will be on the road for the month of September, before hosting Temple Oct. 4.

MT will travel to Athens, Ga., Sept. 6 to take on the 2002 South Eastern Conference champion Georgia Bulldogs.

The UGA finished the season by defeating their Sugar Bowl opponent, Florida State University, 26-13.

The USA Today/ESPN Top 25 college football poll, currently ranks Georgia ninth.

The Missouri



Photos by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

(Above) Ryan Edmiston works on his receiving abilities during a recent practice. (Bottom Left) Andrico Hines waits for a receiver to become open during an evening workout. (Bottom Right) Terry Jackson runs the ball while a fellow Blue Raider attempts to tackle him.

game will mark the first against a Big 12 team since joining the I-AA ranks. Games against Georgia, Clemson University, Temple and Florida Atlantic also mark first-time meetings for MT.

The Blue Raiders also will face New Mexico State University, the University of Idaho, University of North Texas, Utah State University, Troy State University, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas State University this season.

New Mexico State will visit MT on Oct. 11 for MT's first Sun Belt Conference showdown. The Lobos beat MT 24-21 last year. The Blue Raiders were plagued with injuries during last year's meeting.

Both Andrico Hines and Josh Harris were out at the quarterback position, so MT was forced to put running back and current NFL player ReShard Lee at quarterback. MT only attempted six passes during the meeting with the Lobos.

A rivalry has been heating up between MT and North Texas. The Mean Green has emerged victorious in the teams' first two meetings.

The Mean Green will visit

Murfreesboro Oct. 25 for the Blue Raiders' third home match of the season. UNT has represented the SBC the past two seasons at the New Orleans Bowl, losing both times.

"We just have to play one game at a time," McCollum said.

The Blue Raiders started practicing twice a day Aug. 7, with full pads in the morning and short and pads in the afternoon.

The Blue Raiders have six return-

ing starters on offense, eight returning on the defense and four returning specialists.

With the departure of Dwone Hicks, Glen Elarbee, Tyrone Calico, David Youell, Quan Dominick, Sheldon Durham, Kareem Bland and Curtis Daniely, the Blue Raiders have a few positions that must be filled on both offense and defense.

The Blue Raiders' game against FAU will be televised on CSS. ◆



Blue Raiders look to coach for new season guidance

By Colby Sledge
Staff Writer

This year, Middle Tennessee's women's soccer season hinges on the letter P.

P is for patience, a virtue MT head coach Aston Rhoden will have to practice with a squad featuring 14 underclassmen and five seniors.

The Blue Raiders will also be anxious to start winning quickly after finishing last season with four straight losses en route to an 8-12-1 record.

"Even if we had four wins at the end of the season last year, getting off to a good start is always a good thing when you have a lot of new faces," Rhoden said.

"But it's also important for us to play tough competition early, so our new players get a sense of what the season will be like," Rhoden added.

P is for perseverance, which the squad learned while battling injuries throughout last season. Nine Blue Raiders missed action at some point in the season, resulting in 49 man-games lost to injury or illness.

Those numbers don't include forward Danielle LaDuke, who played in all 21 matches despite suffering through illness and a hamstring injury.

P is for production, which the Blue Raiders must increase after generating only 33 goals, nine of which came in a 9-1 romp over Stetson University, from a conference-high 404 shots.

Laura Miguez returns from a season that included nine goals and serving as MT's only representative on the Sun Belt All-Conference Team.

The team hopes LaDuke, the 2001 SBC Freshman of the Year, and senior forward Jenny Cox can both rebound from injury-plagued seasons and contribute offensively.

P is for Perreault, as in Danielle Perreault, who will find herself as the frontrunner in the competition for starting goalkeeper after last season's starter, Emily Shrum, did not return to the team after the 2002 season.

Perreault started three games last season, including the Blue Raiders' 4-1 loss to the University of North Texas in the first round of the SBC tournament.

University of Tennessee-Martin transfer Kristen Whelan, who Rhoden describes as "very physically strong and very aggressive," and freshman Caroline Schuepbach will also compete for playing time. Whoever emerges must become the anchor of a defense that allowed a little more than six shots on goal per game but gave up 2.29 goals per contest.

P is also for potential. The highly touted freshman class is led by Tennessee Player of the Year and All-American Katy Rayburn and Claire Ward, who hails from Ayr, Scotland and competed in the Women's European Cup this past year.

Combine that class with nine returning starters and the coaching staff is confident the program is headed in the right direction.

"This year's team is solid all the way through," Blue Raider assistant coach Beth Acreman said. "We should be more dangerous offensively and more exciting."

Additionally, the schedule is rather favorable. Save for University of Mississippi and the University of Denver, there are no absolute mismatches on paper. In fact, only four of the Blue Raiders' 11 non-conference foes posted winning records last season, despite Rhoden's insistence that this year's non-conference schedule is "a little bit tougher" than last year's schedule.

As for conference play, only the three teams of Denver, North Texas and the University of South Alabama attained

winning conference records last year. Factor in the first-ever Middle Tennessee Classic, which gives MT two additional home games, and the schedule is there for the taking.

If MT can put together a solid season, they could conquer the P that has haunted them most, the playoffs. The Blue Raiders have never made it out of the first round of the SBC tournament.

"Each year we go into the season with one of our goals being



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

MT Soccer team head coach Aston Rhoden looks over team members during a practice Wednesday. The team plays their first exhibition game Aug. 23 against Louisville in the Huntsville College Cup.



to make the NCAA tournament," Rhoden stated. "The first step to that is winning your league."

Despite all the questions surrounding this year's MT soccer squad, one thing is for certain.

P is for all the possibilities. ♦



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Volleyball begins season with tournaments



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(Top) Alison Liptak works on perfecting digs during a recent pre-season practice. (Right) Dara McLean digs out a serve, while Evi Garalianos waits to back her up. McLean and Garalianos are fighting for starting positions on the roster. (Bottom Right) Hannah Randolph works on a serve.

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team is looking to continue its rise in the Sun Belt Conference in the upcoming 2003 season.

The Lady Raiders finished the last season 17-15 overall and 7-7 in the SBC, ranking them third in the Eastern Division of the SBC.

The season was capped off when MT went into the SBC tournament as the No. 6 seed.

The Lady Raiders defeated No. 3 seed University of North Texas three games to two but were later defeated in the semifinals by New Mexico State University.

The Lady Raiders will begin the 2003 season by playing in four tournaments, which include the College of Charleston tournament to kick off the season Aug. 29 and Aug. 30.

MT will begin the tourney playing two games on Aug. 29, the first against Texas Christian University and the second against the University of Delaware. The following day, the Lady Raiders will take on the home squad of the College of Charleston.

"The teams that we play aren't in our conference, like in the four tournaments, so we'll play a lot of games in these tournaments that will really be able to just prepare for the conference matches," junior team member Dara McLean said.

The next weekend, MT travels to the IP-Fort Wayne Tournament to take on University of Washington, Ohio University and the host school of IP-Fort Wayne.

The Lady Raiders will take on Indiana State University, Purdue University and Mississippi State University in the Purdue Tournament on Sept. 12 and Sept. 13.

Appalachian State University, Western Illinois University and Murray State University will travel to Murfreesboro for the Middle Tennessee Invitational held Sept. 19 and Sept. 20.

Other than the four tournaments, other non-conference games include Georgia State University, Belmont University, University of Memphis, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and Austin Peay University.

Tennessee Tech University will play the Lady Raiders Oct. 28, the day before the TSSAA Volleyball State Tournament begins.

"We feel that the schedule is very competitive and will prepare us to be competitive once the conference season starts," head coach Lisa Kissee said.

Kissee will return for her eighth season as the MT coach this year.

The SBC schedule has the Lady Raiders going to North Texas, the University of South Alabama and the University of New Orleans.

Western Kentucky University, the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Arkansas State University and Florida International University will play in home-and-home series against MT.

The Lady Raiders will also host in-conference rivals the University of Denver, New Mexico State and Louisiana-Lafayette.

"Our division is going to be tough just for the fact that no one has the huge turnovers, in terms of players who carry the responsibility," Kissee said.

Western Kentucky goes into this season as the defending SBC champion. WKU was beat in the first round of the NCAA Tournament by the University of Hawaii, who went to the semifinals of the tourney.

The SBC conference tourney will feature

eight teams. This year the SBC-champion Western Kentucky University will host the tourney Nov. 20 through Nov. 22.

"It's going to be quite an accomplishment just for any of the teams to make it to the NCAA tournament," Kissee said.

Returning starters for the Lady Raiders are Karise Baker, KeKe Deckard and McLean.

Baker comes in as the only player this season to spend all four years with the Lady Raiders. Last season, Baker was fourth on the team in kills with 250.

McLean finished the year ranked third on the squad with 264 kills and second in service aces with 34.

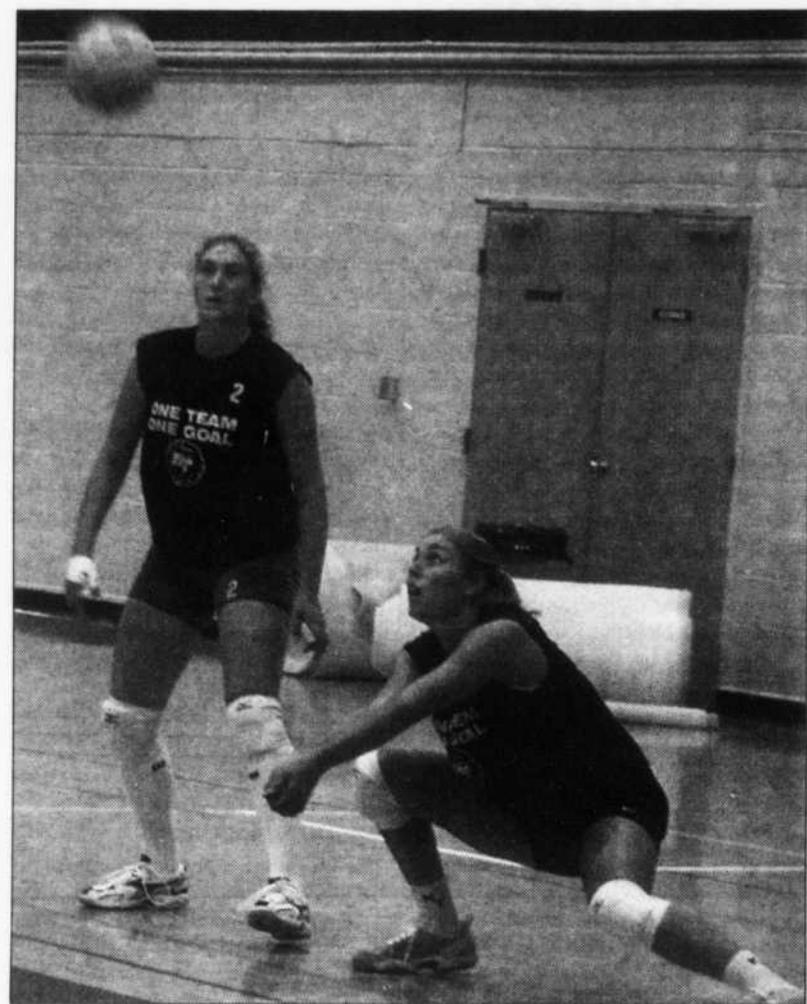
Deckard returns after having the most kills (447) and digs (416) on the team. She was named to the SBC All-Tournament Team and Second Team All-Conference last season.

Coach Kissee also has a freshman class coming in that is no stranger to success and could step in right away.

Allison Liptak comes to Murfreesboro from McKees Port, Penn. Liptak was the Gatorade Player of the Year, All-Tournament all four years, first team All-Stars and nominated for Wendy's High School Heisman.

Megan Sumrell from Chattanooga, Tenn., claimed one of the best in kills in the Chattanooga area during her high school career.

Two foreign and one junior college player will also be coming to MT to join the



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MTSU to offer alternative clubs

By David Lawrence
Staff writer

Baseball, racquetball and kime-waza clubs are just a few of 20 new sports clubs being offered this semester.

Socialization and competition on a non-varsity basis are two reasons why students join these clubs, which are all created and run by students.

Six-year Recreation Center employee Roger Heimerman was recently named organizer for the new clubs.

"It's been an interesting time," Heimerman said. "The men's rugby club went to Pittsburgh, Pa. to compete in the National Sweet 16 competition on Aug. 9 and 10."

The clubs offer a range of activities for students. From the basic sports to social clubs such as debate, chances are there is something for almost everyone. Interest in the clubs has always been high, and the earlier people join the greater the chances are of getting in.

The clubs are open not only to the students, but also to faculty members, staff and alumni.

Whether or not there will be 20 clubs at the end of fall remains to be seen. A club, be it aquatic, fitness, outdoor or intramural, must have

student leadership to remain active.

Only MTSU students can hold offices or vote in the clubs, and there must be at least one member of the faculty in the organization as well.

The soccer club offers a chance for former high school athletes to play at a higher level.

"There is more competition and we offer more organization and the chance to play year round," soccer club coach Jeffery Dobay said.

Not all clubs offered are sports-related. The outdoor clubs, which feature activities from rock climbing to canoeing and hiking, offer an interesting alternative to sports.

For anyone with an interest in water, there are aquatic recreations available as well. Scuba diving, swimming lessons and water aerobics are all offered.

Also included is the special "Swim Across Tennessee," which allows members to see how much effort they have put into their workouts. After the member has done the equivalent of a 100-mile trek, the member will be awarded with a free T-shirt.

Anyone interested in joining any of the clubs can get information in the Campus Recreation Center, Room 201, or visit www.mtsu.edu/~camprec/Clubs/index.html. ♦



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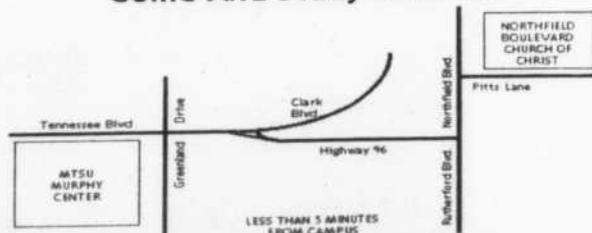
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Athletics to sponsor Welcome Week events

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Students should have no lack of athletics-related activities as school gets underway.

The Middle Tennessee athletics department has several activities and promotions planned as classes get underway, leading up to the Blue Raiders' first football game on Aug. 28.

On Thursday, the athletic department will host the annual Meet, Greet, and Eat in Floyd Stadium at 7 p.m. The annual event, which is a part of Welcome Week 2003, gives MT students a chance to meet the players and coaches of each of their athletic teams.

The event will feature the introduction of each of the department's teams, but the fun won't stop there. The Band of Blue will be performing songs from its vast repertoire and the cheerleaders will be on hand to lead cheers as well as teach them to the university's new students. Head football coach Andy McCollum will also address the students in attendance.

Games and competitions will be offered during the event along with refreshments. Following the organized portion of the event, students will be invited to a mixer under the north concourse of the stadium, giving them a chance to meet the student-athletes and coaches from each team.

"I hope that the students will come out to the Meet, Greet, and Eat so we can express to them how important they are to our success," McCollum said. "There is no question that our students have the ability to put us over the top with their support. We are very thankful for the student support in past years, and we really hope that this will be

the best year yet."

One week after the Meet, Greet, and Eat, the Blue Raiders hit the field in their season opener against Florida Atlantic Aug. 28. The students will once again be heavily involved in the day's festivities.

The athletic department is hoping to establish a new student attendance record at the contest. If 6,000 or more students attend the game, each will receive a voucher for food from Jack in the Box.

Students are also eligible to receive a free T-shirt as they enter the gates that evening. The first 11,000 fans in attendance will be given a Blue Raider T-shirt sponsored by First Tennessee Bank.

A feature at each Blue Raider home game this season will be particularly interesting to students on a tight budget. Students in attendance will be drawn at random at each home game in order to compete for spring semester book tuition from Blue Raider Book Store. One student will win the tuition at each home game.

"We hope that our student body will respond to our efforts to give



them a quality experience at our athletic events," Athletics Director Boots Donnelly said. "I

want to extend an invitation to each and every student to attend any of our events. Once students come to games, they begin to realize that it's a fun experience and will want to come back. The more students we have at games, the better the atmosphere for everyone involved. That's a good formula for our continued success." ♦

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Athletics Directors set path for programs

Donnelly continues to serve MT

By Jerry Wilkinson
Staff Writer

When it comes to Blue Raider sports, the name that pops into Middle Tennessee fans' minds is Boots Donnelly.

Donnelly, the athletic director at MT, spent 20 years as the head football coach for the Blue Raiders.

Donnelly started coaching in 1967 as the assistant football coach at Father Ryan High School in Nashville, Tenn.

Donnelly was part of the 1971 coaching staff that helped Father Ryan to the state playoffs and won the state championship.

He later became the head coach in 1974 and remained until 1975. While coaching at FRHS, he also coached the boys' baseball team and the B-team basketball squad.

In 1976, Donnelly furthered his coaching career when he signed with Vanderbilt University. While he

was at VU, he coached under former head football coach Fred Pancoast.

Shortly after, Donnelly was offered the head coaching job at Austin Peay University in 1977 and won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship during his first season with the Governors.

He also coached the first back-to-back winning seasons in APU's football history. Donnelly was named OVC Coach of the Year in 1977.

Donnelly would return to his alma mater in 1979 to coach the Blue Raiders for the next 20 years.

"The process of getting the job here was pretty simple for me. I did not go through an interview process, per se, since I was an MT alumnus. I took the job because I believed that MT could be next football powerhouse in the state, second to the University of Tennessee," Donnelly said.

"Coaching is a strange profession. If you win, you stay. If you

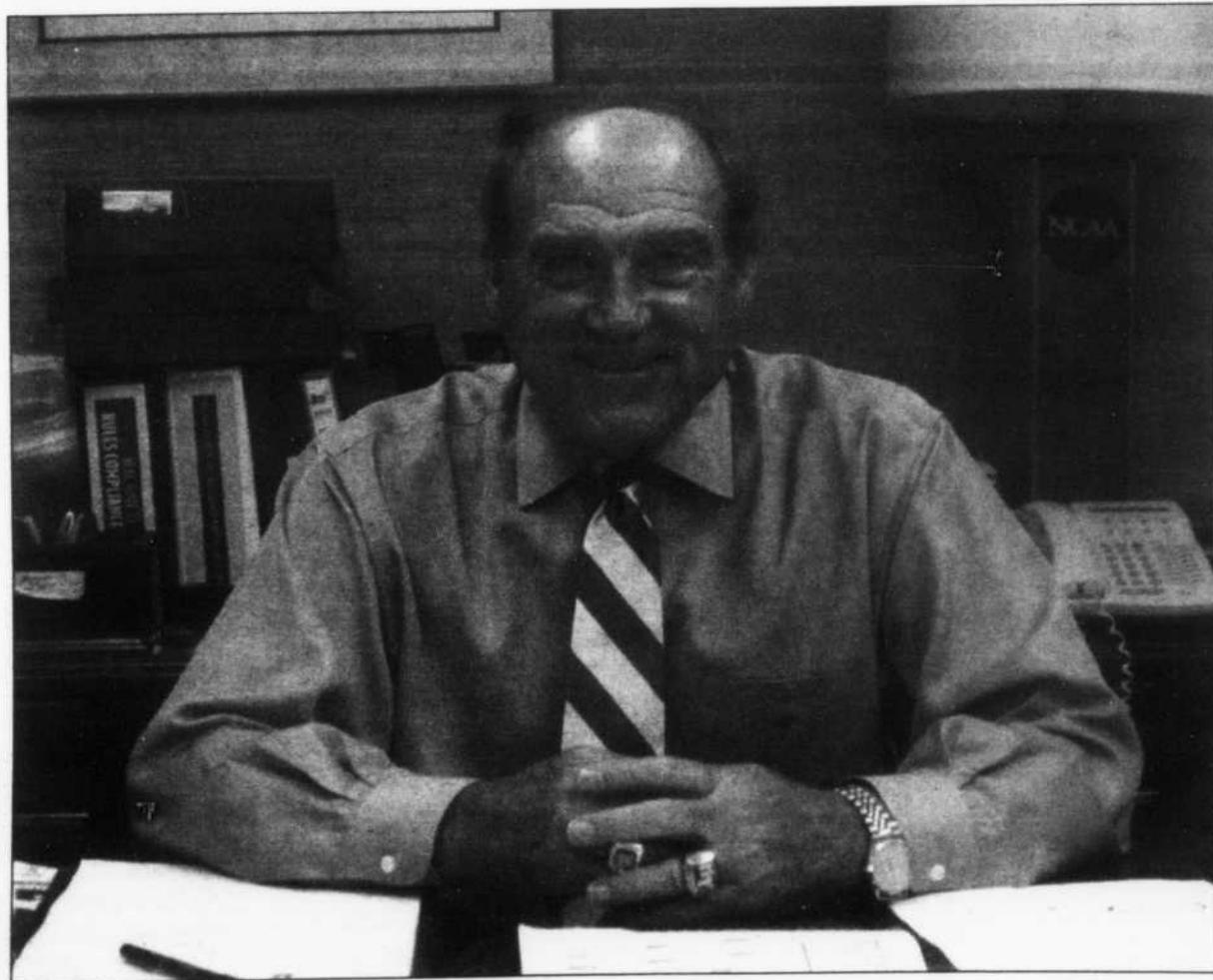
win, other schools try to get you to come to their program," Donnelly said.

"Not many coaches stay with a school because of all the money out there. I stayed at MT for 20 years. My family loved it here in Murfreesboro, and it felt like home to me."

While head coach at MT, Donnelly posted four OVC championships and a number of winning seasons and has coached athletes such as Jonathon Quinn and Kelly Holcombe, who are currently playing in the NFL.

Donnelly was named TWSA Coach of the Year twice while coaching at MT. He was inducted into the Blue Raider Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Donnelly believes in the program and the athletes at MT and, to him there is not a better program. ♦



File Photo

Boots Donnelly began coaching at Middle Tennessee in 1979. He led the Blue Raiders to four Ohio Valley Champions during his tenure as head football coach.

Turnham gives over 20 years to MT athletics

By Jon Leffew
Staff Writer

Diana Turnham, who now serves as the associate athletics director and senior women's adviser, has been involved with MT athletics for more than 22 years.

She began her service at MT as an assistant women's basketball coach, and ended up with more responsibility than she had expected.

"I accepted the job as an assistant basketball coach and later found out that I was also going to be the head volleyball coach," Turnham said.

The success of this once-dormant volleyball program is one of many items on Turnham's resume.

The success of the volleyball program was matched by that of the Lady Raider basketball team, which recorded eight Ohio Valley Conference championships and six trips to the NCAA tournament during Turnham's tenure as coach.

"It felt great to come in and help both programs get to the point where they are today, excelling at a high level of competition," Turnham said.

However, after several years of coaching, Turnham felt it was time to move on.

"I enjoyed every minute of coaching, but the stress and long recruiting trips are some of the things I definitely do not miss," Turnham said.

"Now, I still get to interact with athletes and deal with several different issues without the added

stress of being a coach. The only thing that I really miss would have to be the competition," Turnham said.

From her post as the associate athletics director, Turnham has seen increased success in all MT athletics.

Both the football and basketball teams' schedules are stocked with Southeastern Conference opponents, while athletes are also excelling on an individual level.

"The national publicity makes me really proud of MT. I take great pride in every aspect of the university," Turnham said.

This pride stems from Turnham's playing days,

during which she was named Most Valuable Player at Lipscomb University and named to the All-TSAC team.

Consequently, Turnham's success has led to several job offers from larger schools.

"I almost accepted another job but realized that this is the perfect fit for me. I can be close to my family, and I love it here," Turnham said. "You really cannot find better people to work with than the people here at the university."

While Turnham appears to be happy where she is, the sky is the limit for MT athletics.

"We're always trying to be better and more competitive," Turnham.

"Our ultimate goal is to continue to be competitive and to instill a sense of pride about MT athletics in everyone here at the university." ♦



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Lady Raider roster. Victoria Monasterio and Andressa Lyra come from Argentina and Brazil, respectively, while Talayna Akrie will join the team after playing at Colby Community College.

"Really, when I look at that class as a whole, all eight of those kids could see playing time, which is absolutely amazing," Kisse said.

The Lady Raiders play all their home matches at the Alumni Memorial Gym with the first home match on Sept. 9 against Belmont. ♦

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NFL claims three Raiders

By Wes Wyrick
Staff Writer

Three former Middle Tennessee football players are now playing in the NFL.

Tyrone Calico, Dwone Hicks and ReShard Lee were part of MT's triple threat offense last year and all three have now joined teams in the NFL.

Hicks and Lee were the top backfield in the Sun Belt Conference, and Calico was a top receiver in the conference.

Calico was a second-round selection for the Tennessee Titans in the NFL's June draft. As of late, he has been practicing with the Titans and has gained playing time during the preseason scrimmages.

"We said early in the preseason he may be open down the field and he may drop them, but he would come back and make some plays and that's what he did," Titans head coach Jeff Fisher said to www.titansonline.com referring to the game against the Buffalo Bills.

The first-team All-Sun Belt receiver, although not recognized nationally, gained much attention at his NFL combine tryouts this past winter. With a rare combination of size, speed and glue-like hands, Calico is being high touted as a "diamond in the rough" that with a solid work ethic could easily be transformed into a Pro Bowl caliber receiver.

During the 2002 season, Calico led the Blue Raiders with 45 receptions and 606 yards receiving, including four touchdowns.

Another former MT offensive player is pursuing an NFL career. Hicks was a premier running back in the SBC and a Heisman candidate in 2002.

Hicks holds eight records at MT, including the records for rushing yards in a game (311) and career

touchdowns (48). He was the second player in MT history to rush for 1000 yards in three consecutive seasons.

Hicks signed with the Titans as a free agent in April. He is currently battling second-year player John Simon for a spot on the team at running back and has also received playing time during scrimmages and practice.

"When you're out there playing in a game situation, everybody wants to win and that's what we came out here to do tonight. It felt good to finally get out here and start to face somebody else besides your teammates over and over again," Dwone Hicks said to www.titansonline.com concerning the recent scrimmage victory over the Bills.

"I'm happy to be able to learn from the talented guys on our team. In preseason, you feel you never get enough snaps, so to experience with even a little playing time is a great

thing in front of our fans.

With Eddie George and rookie Chris Brown in front of him, playing time with the Titans may be scarce for awhile, but with his talent and running ability, most NFL teams would relish the chance to make him their next star.

Lee was the second half of MT's rushing threat last year. Rushing for 642 yards last season, he managed an average of 5.8 yards per carry.

After his junior season, Lee left school early and declared himself eligible for the NFL draft. Although he went undrafted, he signed as a free agent with the Dallas Cowboys. Four other running backs are vying for rushing positions with the Cowboys.

With new recruits coming in and seniors graduating every year, opportunities are here for new stars to be born. ♦

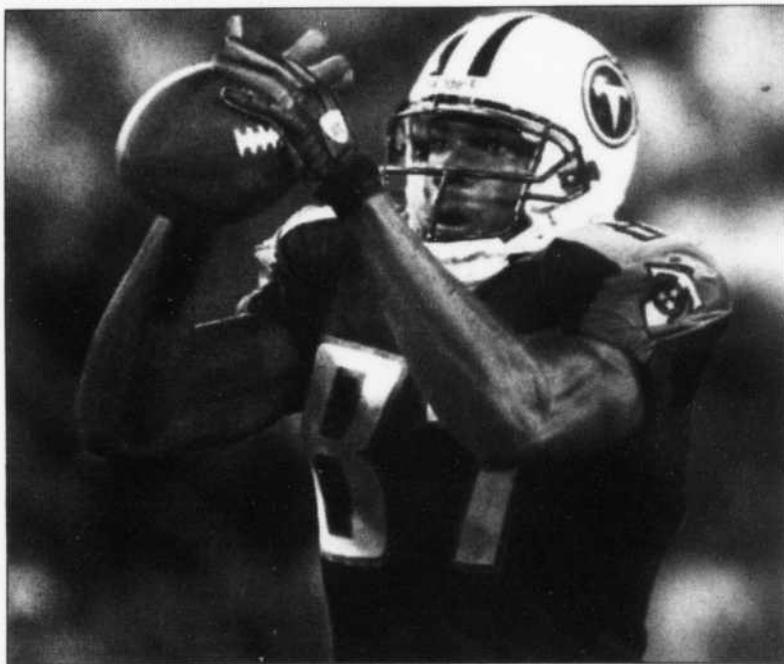


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Tennessee Titan Tyrone Calico catches a pass during a game.

Coaches work with athletes for a better season

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Reporter

With three new additions to go along with the current members of the Middle Tennessee coaching staff, the football team is looking to improve from last season's 4-8 record.

"I felt like some changes were needed in some areas a year ago that needed to fit us better," said MT head football coach Andy McCollum, who enters his fifth year at the helm.

The incoming members all come from different backgrounds. These include one from the NFL, another from a member of the Sun Belt Conference and a coach that comes from a school in Conference USA.

New offensive line coach Ronnie Vinklerek comes to the coaching staff after spending the last two seasons with the NFL's Buffalo Bills at the same position.

In 2000, Vinklerek was with the Tennessee Titans, where he was the defensive quality control/linebackers and special teams' coach. Vinklerek said there are some differences between coaching at the professional and college level.

"The differences in the two levels are you are going to have some guys that are a little bit more seasoned, a

little more insightful and maybe little bit more structured in their demands on themselves at a pro level. They've done it and lived it a little bit," Vinklerek said.

"These other young men are filled with enthusiasm, the hopes and desires to get to that level. The thing about them is their enthusiasm, like I said, is tremendous, their knowledge of game is good. It's just they haven't been as refined with it. They all come from great high school backgrounds."

This year Vinklerek coaches a line that includes Brandon Westbrook, a member of the Sun Belt Conference preseason team.

Other coaching stops for Vinklerek include Oklahoma State University (1998-99), Valdosta State University (1997), Conroe High School in Texas (1996), Birmingham Barracudas of the CFL (1995), Clear Lake High School in Texas (1994), University of Houston (1987-93), Marble Falls High School in Texas (1984-86) and Spring Branch High School, also in Texas (1982-83).

"The last three years he has been in the NFL and brings a tremendous amount of experience, tremendous amount of scheme to the table, and also is a guy that takes

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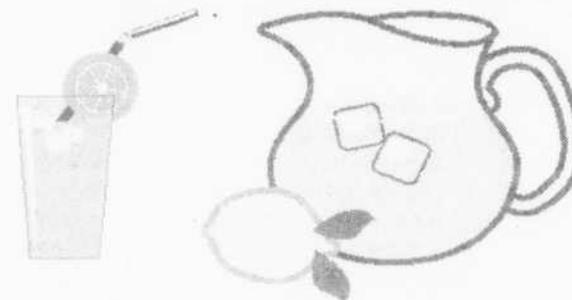
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personal his players," McCollum said.

The second new member is defensive line coach, Carey Bailey, who stays in the SBC but moves from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette to MT.

Bailey began coaching with the Ragin' Cajuns in 1998 and was first the linebackers coach and then went on to coach the defensive line.

Before coaching at ULL, Bailey was with the Virginia Military Institute from 1995 until 1997 as their defensive line coach. Bailey's first coaching stop was with West Virginia University from 1993 until 1994. The Mountaineers took home the Big East title in 1993.

Bailey spent his playing career at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville from 1988 to 1991, where he played for two Southeastern Conference championship teams.

"I thought we underachieved a year ago at that area, and I felt like a change was needed in that area, so I made a change, and I've really liked what Carey has brought to the table. Number one, he cares about the kids. He is hard-nosed," McCollum said.

Bradley Dale Peveto comes to MT as the defensive-backs coach. Before coming to the Blue Raiders, Peveto was a co-defensive coordinator at the University of Houston from 1999 to 2002. During that time, Peveto coached four players that received five all-conference awards. Peveto replaces Todd Bradford, who went to Brigham Young University.

During his stay at Northwestern State University (1996-98), Peveto was part of a coaching staff that became two-time Southland champions. Part of the reason for the

championships was his "Purple Swarm" defense that broke several school records.

Other coaching stops include the University of Arkansas (1994-95), Southern Miss University (1992-93), Stephen F. Austin State University (1988-91) and Trinity Valley Community College (1987).

Peveto played his college ball at SMU from 1982 to 1986. He played in a bowl game each of his four seasons.

"He brings a lot of energy, lot of excitement. He is a great fit with our program. He's got a lot of knowledge, not only secondary, but the overall defense," McCollum said.

Several coaches are making their return to MT for the upcoming season. Blake Anderson moves up to co-offensive coordinator and stays on as wide receiver coach for his second season at MT.

Steve Davis returns to the Blue Raiders for a third season as defensive coordinator and outside linebacker coach.

Kevin Fouquier begins his third season as the linebacker coach and recruiting coordinator. Fouquier is also in his second season as assistant head coach.

Darin Hinshaw begins his third year on the MT staff but first as co-offensive coordinator. Hinshaw served as the running backs coach the past two seasons.

Alex Robins is in his 21st season as the quarterback coach. Floyd Walker moves to the running backs this season after spending the last four coaching the tight ends. This is Walker's 12th season on the MT staff. Robb Rogers returns for his fifth year as head strength coach.

The players will report to camp on July 31, and practice begins on Aug. 7. ♦

Coach contributes past football field

By Jerry Wilkinson
Staff Writer

Going into his fifth season as Middle Tennessee football head coach, Andy McCollum contributes to the football field and the community alike.

Andy McCollum, a Marietta, Ga., native, found his way to Tennessee right out of high school when he was recruited to play football at Austin Peay State University.

At Austin Peay, he met coach Boots Donnelly and lettered all four years, not to mention was part of the 1977 Ohio Valley Conference Championship team. McCollum majored in science at APSU and graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

McCollum then attended MT for his master's degree and worked as an assistant under Donnelly.

"I got to come back to MT and coach under the legendary Coach Donnelly," McCollum said.

McCollum met his wife, Gwen, while he was here as an assistant at MT. They married right after McCollum took a job with the University of Texas-El Paso.

"The only town she ever lived in outside of Tennessee was El Paso. I knew right then she was a good one," McCollum said with a grin.

Coaching is not the only thing he enjoys doing. In his off time,

McCollum enjoys playing golf and hosts his own golf tournament.

He is also a supporter of the Boys and Girls Club in Rutherford County. The Boys and Girls Club benefits under-privileged kids, and it gives them a place to go for mentoring and guidance.

McCollum was asked to partici-

McCollum has 500 kids attend his camp. "We [football staff] spend a day with them and run them [kids] through drills, and we get to see their eyes light up."

He also heads up Andy Mac's Kids. These kids get to sit in the end-zone seats, and they get to put on T-shirts and be a part of the game.

McCollum also puts on an annual golf tournament, the proceeds of which benefit the area's Boys and Girls Club.

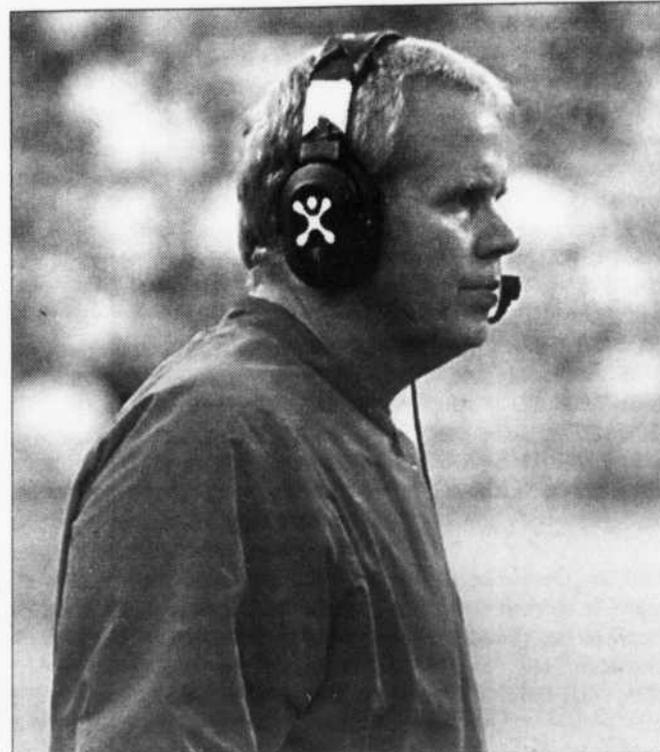
"My name's on it, but John Floyd and Old South Properties deserve all of the credit. I am just proud to have the opportunity to be a part of it," McCollum said.

The tournament has raised more than \$110,000 over the last four years, and is expanding to a two-day tournament, which will make it the biggest one in Tennessee.

"To be able to raise that kind of money and the work that John Floyd and Old South Properties put in to make it successful is unbelievable," McCollum said.

McCollum loves the community in Murfreesboro and believes the school system is one of the best.

He has a 9-year-old son, Drew, and an 8-year-old daughter, Andrea, who attend Siegal Elementary School. ♦



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McCollum looks on during last year's Alabama game.

pate in the club by Steve McKinney, John Floyd and Old South Properties.

"I love kids; I love to see young ones grow up making good decisions," McCollum said.

"I have made a lot of bad ones in my life, so having a chance to be involved with young people is always exciting," McCollum said.

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