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## Housing residents living in cramped quarters

By Heather Smith & Heather Hybarger / staff

Kairaba Royal, arrived in Murfreesboro from Jackson, Tenn., during the early morning hours of Tuesday expecting to get settled into a dorm room.

To his dismay he was told there was no room for him in student housing.

The transfer student and his parents frantically called every apartment complex from Murfreesboro to Nashville. They were turned down with each call.

This year, overflow capacity in university housing is at maximum with 250 two-person dorm rooms being transformed into cramped, three-person rooms. Still, more students continue to arrive, looking for a place

to stay on campus. They are given lists of motels that offer special student rates, as well as local apartment houses that, as of Aug. 11, had vacancies.

There have been about 70 students who have come to MTSU and have not made housing arrangements, according to Housing Director Debra Sells.

Fortunately, said Sells, most have been within commuting range of the university. Only about six students, including Royal, are now scrambling to find a place to live.

Royal's transfer paperwork was slow in getting to the university, because he had attended summer classes in Texas. He didn't register for housing because he wasn't sure if he would even be coming here.

"There will be a place," Royal said.

"If I have to stay in Nashville, I'll find a place."

"Most colleges are just trying to bring in enough tuition," said Willie Royal, Kairaba's mother. "Here, they're turning people away. It's so discouraging."

This situation doesn't change the Royals' overall opinion of MTSU, however.

"A good education is a good education and that's what we came here for," said Mrs. Royal. "I'm just not used to not being able to find a place to live."

Other students, like freshman Ed Long and his roommates, turned in their housing applications back in January. Now they are forced to accommodate a third person in their



Brian G. Miller/staff

Cramped living quarters pose a problem for some Felder Hall residents. There are at least 250 overflow dorm rooms across campus.

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## Band of blue to jazz up halftime

By Gregg Mayer / staff

Marching onto the field with the largest band in the university's history, the MTSU Band of Blue hopes to excite halftime crowds this year with retro favorites and funk.

Rick Murphy, a former MTSU faculty member, returns this year as the MTSU director of bands for a one-year appointment. He joins Linda Mitchell, assistant director of bands, and newcomer Terry Jolley, associate director of bands. Murphy and Jolley replace former band directors Pat Root and George Megaw.

"We want the band to be a positive image for MTSU," said Murphy at an impromptu interview during the Band of Blue's band camp. "(We want) to be exciting."

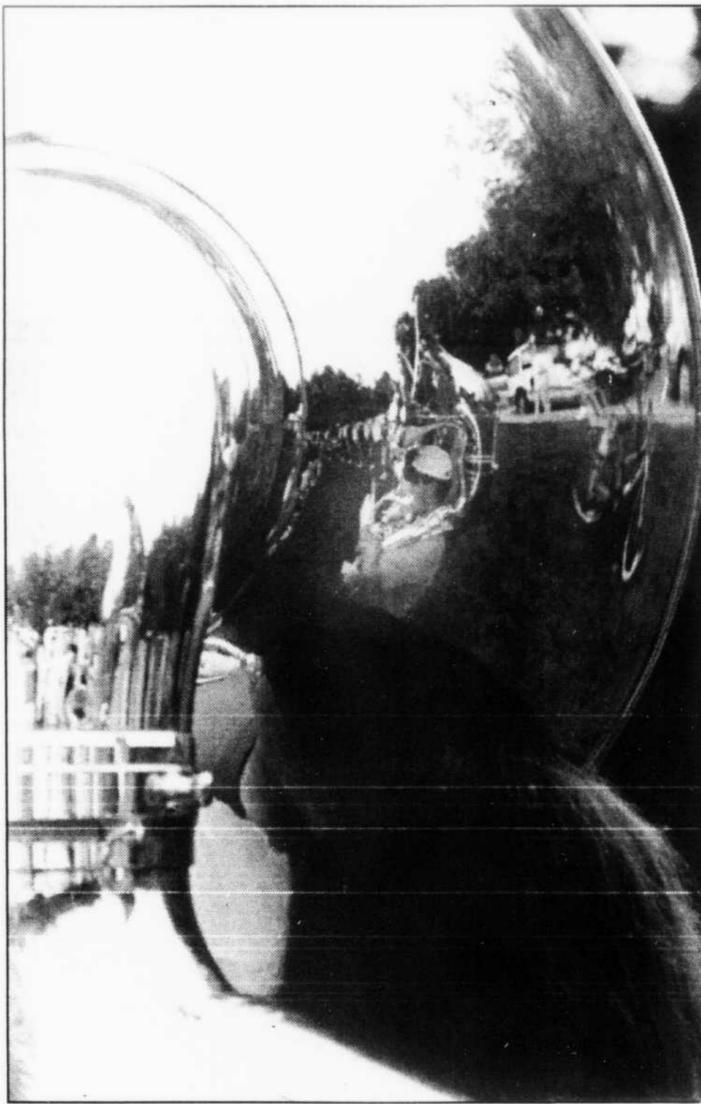
The halftime show is an important part of the music program at MTSU. Not only does the halftime show invigorate a sometimes lagging football crowd, but it also allows the opportunity for band members to show off their skills and talents as performing musicians.

This year, Jolley is primarily responsible for the marching band activities, said Murphy. Jolley received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from MTSU.

"Our goal is to entertain and to educate future teachers," Jolley said. "When I see a problem out on the practice field, I ask, 'Who's going to be a band director?' When I see the hands go up, I say, 'Okay, then fix that.'"

Jolley, like Murphy, brings a relaxed yet disciplined atmosphere to the band practice field, said Ty Jessup, MTSU band president.

The new band directors are a "complete turnaround" from the past two years, said Dana DePallo, one of the two drum majors in the Band of Blue. In the two-year interim when Murphy was gone, the band had a rigid, inflexible environment. But with Murphy, Mitchell and Jolley in charge, the band offers "professionalism, trust, and an overall good time," DePallo said. ●



Brian G. Miller/staff

MTSU's Band of Blue played Tuesday at the president's annual picnic. This year's band expects to wow halftime crowds this season

## Walker outlines '96 goals

By Heather Hybarger / staff

President James Walker outlined the coming academic year's goals and the accomplishments of the university since its dedication 85 years ago at the MTSU University Convocation, Monday Aug. 19.

All faculty and staff were invited to Tucker Theatre to listen to President Walker's speech on the beginning of the 1996-97 academic year.

The president listed over a dozen goals concerning various departments in the university.

A proposal for an Honors College, and a plan to develop and propose three Ph.D. programs will be submitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), according to President Walker.

The Academic Affairs department will lead in developing the Salary Equity/Improvement Plan that started three years ago.

"While we have no funds available at present, we want to be poised to move forward and make our salaries more competitive when dollars do become available," Walker said.

An Academic Master Plan will be completed by June 30, 1997. The plan will strategically detail the long-range future of the academic program. A 21-member task force will work outside consultants "to analyze opportunities, demands, competitive considerations and resource possibilities to develop a plan to guide the academic future and focus of the university," Walker said.

A five-year distance learning plan will allow greater access to the university community by computer, telecourses, and compressed video.

Also, the usage of electronic mail will be expanded to improve information flow on campus. Voice mail will be available in the first part

of this year, Walker said.

"We will continue to create a positive identification for MTSU as an emerging major institution in the state, the region and the nation, and, to the extent possible, internationally," Walker said.

Other issues which the university will continue to give attention to throughout the year are: continued diversity in staff; administration and faculty appointments; campus commitment; and improved dialogue about cultural inclusion and multicultural issues; and the focus on student recruitment and retention with the long-range goal of raising the current graduation rate.

The administration and task force on Intergenerational Care will continue to look for alternatives regarding child care on campus.

President Walker also detailed some of the changes the university has undergone since Sept. 11, 1911.

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from a two-year teacher training institution to a major comprehensive university offering a diverse array of programs that attract students and faculty from around the world," Walker said.

Enrollment in 1911 was 125 students, and is now approaching the 18,000 mark, he said. A starting faculty of 16 has grown to over 700 full-time faculty and an additional 200 adjuncts.

The university will celebrate its 85th birthday this year with a schedule of events including the groundbreaking for the new library and a birthday party between the Cope Administration Building and Peck Hall. ●

### Fall 1996 Honors Lecture Series

The Honors Lecture Series, titled "Cultures and Customs," begins with orientation on Aug. 26. All lectures are free and open to the public. There is one lecture each Monday from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 109A.

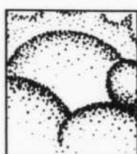
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THUR  
Partly  
Cloudy  
High: 94  
Low: 72



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Scattered  
Storms  
High: 92  
Low: 70



SAT  
Partly  
Cloudy  
High: 90  
Low: 70



## SPORTS

Women's soccer team  
starts first season  
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**CAMPUS CAPSULE**

**FRIDAY, August 23**

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship will leave at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23 for the Ocoee River for a day of whitewater rafting. The group will return Saturday night, Aug. 24. The cost is \$33. For more information, contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

**SUNDAY, August 25**

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry invites all students to lunch following the 11 a.m. service at 12:15 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 315 E. Main Street. Contact Andrew Wright at 893-3780.

**THURSDAY, August 27**

College Republicans will cookout from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the KUC Knoll. Free hamburgers, drinks, etc. are offered at the cookout as part of the College Republican's voter registration drive. For more information, contact Brian Lewis at 890-6478.

College Republicans invite you to meet the many Republican candidates of Republican County by attending a 7 p.m. meeting in the KUC, room 324. Candidates will have information booths, volunteer sign-ups, plus voter registration. For more information, contact Brian Lewis at 890-6478.

**WEDNESDAY, August 28**

A University's class will be

held at the North Boulevard Church of Christ, 217 N. Tenn. Blvd., at 7 p.m. The class will feature Willie Franklin, former member of the NFL's Baltimore Colts and Los Angeles Rams. An ice cream social will follow.

**NEW STUDENTS**

**Monday, August 26:** Go "South of the Border" with an All You Can Eat Taco Supper at 6 p.m. at the MTSU Christian Center, 1105 E. Bell Street.

**Tuesday, August 27:** Join in the Summer Olympics with a twist! Enjoy Olympic Games, mixers, Guinness volleyball, and lots of fun at 6:30 p.m. at the MTSU Christian Center, 1105 E. Bell Street.

**Thursday, August 29:** A devotional under the stars will be held at 8 p.m. at the MTSU Christian Center, 1105 E. Bell Street.

**Friday, August 30:** Meet and see Movies 'Til Dawn. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the MTSU Christian Center, 1105 E. Bell Street, for pizza. Movies will follow.

**SENIORS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Get help with your job search at the Career Placement Orientation, sponsored by the MTSU Placement Center. Times for orientation are: Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2 p.m. in KUC, room 322. Thursday, Sept. 5, 3 p.m. in KUC, room 322.

**MONDAYS**

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry meets Monday evenings at 7 p.m. for dinner and program at St. Paul's Church, 315 E. Main Street. Contact Andrew Wright at 898-3780 for more information.

**TUESDAYS**

MTSU LAMBDA Association is one of the largest campus groups providing supportive, social, and political programming for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered students and their friends. Meetings are every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the LRC Amphitheater. For more information, call the LAMBDA Infoline at 780-2293.

**WEDNESDAYS**

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship will cookout and worship every Wednesday starting at 6 p.m. at 615 Middle Tenn. Blvd. Contact Micheal Malone at 893-1787 for more information.

**THURSDAYS**

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry meets for lunch on Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the KUC Grill. Contact Andrew Wright at 898-3780 for more information.

Ayn Rand readers meet every Thursday to discuss the philosophy of Objectivism. For more information, contact Lee Sandstead at 898-4048.

**HOUSING: new dorm in future**

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Felder dorm room. "It's the housing department's fault for allowing this to happen," Long said. "They took people's money and promised a adequate housing. They need to stop taking applications at one point."

The situation is only temporary according to Housing officials. By Aug. 26 all no-shows and cancellations for spaces in campus will be tabulated and those in overflow will be moving into their own rooms.

"There are people moving out of three person rooms now, just not the surge of people you will see after Aug. 26," Sells said. Still, students are frustrated with the cramped quarters.

"A day or two is fine, but two weeks is beyond the point of courtesy," Long said. Unlike last year where the overflow problem was strictly in the male dorms, this year the problem is evenly distributed between male and female dorms.

A new campus housing facility is listed in the university's five year plan for expansion and development. Tom Burke, dean of Student Life, said the projected date of completion for any new housing facility is Fall 1998. "From the beginning to the end of a project you are looking at two years," Burke said. "We are waiting to get a final report (from the building consultants) and get a better projection of building and financing costs." ●

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**Ed Long**  
Freshman, Felder Hall resident

**Good Luck this semester**

**FREAK KITCHEN ACCIDENT RESULTS IN NEW TEX-MEX SENSATION**

The (almost) true story of the Fajita Enchilada.

It began like any other day in the El Chico kitchen. The head chef was busy selecting the freshest produce he could find, while his assistants hurried around the kitchen, preparing the ingredients for the dinner rush. The kitchen was abustle with activity. Then it happened. Two young cooks collided, one carrying a tray of El Chico's mouth-watering



enchiladas, the other with a sizzling skillet of freshly griddled steak fajitas. Luckily no one was injured (a miracle when you consider the damage an airborne Tex-Mex entrée could do), and after the chef stopped yelling and tasted the resulting dish, we knew we had a hit on our hands. The new Fajita Enchilada. And they're only at El Chico.



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Brian G. Miller/staff

MTSU's recycling center has moved behind the shipping and receiving center while Greenland Drive is blocked.

**New location for MTSU's recycling center**

By Todd R. Cruse / staff

The location for the MTSU recycling center bin, which generates money for various scholarships, has moved since last spring.

The recycling bin, which used to sit in the rear of the center Greenland Drive parking lot has moved to 1500 Greenland Dr., next to the shipping and receiving center.

The recycling center accepts aluminum cans, newspapers, and all other forms of paper. White paper, with or without ink, should be separated from the rest. Newspaper and other grades can be put together. At the present time, Newspaper is worth between \$5 and \$10 per ton.

The recycling program, which began in 1972, has generated almost \$300,000 in scholarships, according to Patrick Doyle, professor of biology and recycling coordinator. Last year alone about \$26,000 was generated towards scholarship funds.

There are 28 different scholarships that recycling revenues benefit. Most of the scholarships are in recognition of academic achievements. Some of the other scholarships are awarded for research funding or are given to faculty services, which include maintenance and custodial workers and their dependents, and clerical staff and their dependents.

There are also

scholarships awarded to those individuals going into the fields of health services and teaching. Some of the scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to incoming freshmen through testing.

Since the program's beginning, over 9 million pounds of paper and 145,000 pounds of aluminum have been recycled. Plans for the center to begin accepting corrugated cardboard are in the works.

"There are other reasons to recycle besides benefiting scholarships, such as the positive influence on the environment," Doyle said.

President Walker addressed all MTSU students about recycling via an office memorandum.

"We are at the beginning of a new semester, and I would like to take this opportunity to call your attention to the Middle Tennessee State University Recycling Program and to encourage all of you to actively support the program."

"The program is vital in our meeting the State's mandate to reduce our solid waste stream by 25 percent. In addition, the proceeds from the program are used to establish academic scholarships through the MTSU Foundation," Walker said.

Please contact Doyle at 2069 to answer any questions, or call 2847 for material to be picked up. ●

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## Law students default on school loans

College Press Service

WILMINGTON, Del.— Faced with a tight job market, low-paying entry salaries and a truckload of debt, a rising number of law-school grads are defaulting on their student loans.

That's according to the Access Group, a non-profit organization that processes loans for graduate and professional students, including those at the 178 law schools accredited by the American Bar Association.

The Access Group reports that 17.5 percent of those in the law-school class of 1991 who took its loans have defaulted. The numbers continue to grow for recent grads who borrowed through the Access Groups.

Within two years of graduation, 9.6 percent of the class of 1992 had defaulted; within three years, 13.3 percent were in default. For the class of 1993, the two-year default rate was 10.6 percent.

The Access Group is taking action by placing restrictions on 36 law schools with default rates of 15 percent or higher. Students who attend those schools may borrow only enough to cover the cost of attendance, plus a \$5,500 living allowance.

Without such restrictions, students may borrow \$120,000 for three years of education.

The group said the actions "were not taken out of a sense of self-preservation, but out of a fiduciary responsibility to the law school community."

More and more, the group has found that it deals with students who are unsophisticated about borrowing and unrealistic about their earning potential, said S. Courtney Collier, a spokeswoman with the Access Group.

The job market still suffers from the days of "L.A. Law," the popular, 1980s TV show that triggered an explosive overgrowth in the industry, she said.

Not many students realize that "some of the big law firms have folded," she said. Just like doctors, stock brokers and other hard-hit professionals, lawyers "are not going to make what they used to make," she said.

The restrictions are an attempt to "make students more cognizant [and] get them to be more informed borrowers," she said.

The group is working with the 36 law schools—not named for confidentiality reasons—and others to develop debt management and default reduction strategies, she said.

For instance, at a law school in the Northeast, students are told that "they will have to come to the table with a certain amount of money before they can borrow anything," she said.

As to which 36 law schools have been capped, "most people assume that they are the less prestigious," she said, adding that's not necessarily true.

The Access Group is right in placing restrictions on the amount students can borrow, said Terry Hartle, vice-president of government relations at the American Council of Education.

"If you can borrow a lot more money, you can get into a lot more financial trouble," he said.

He cautions, however, that the Access Group data might unfairly place all law-school graduates in a bad light.

"The Access Group runs a fine program, but it differs in several respects from the federal government program," he said.

The most notable difference is the maximum amount a student can borrow. Through the government's subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loan programs, that amount is only \$18,500 a year—less than half of what is available per year through the Access Group.

Unlike the government's program, the Access Group also lends to students who attend unaccredited law schools and thus have less earning potential.

"I do not think law schools have an exceptionally high default rate," he said. "Clearly, many law students are able to pay their debt." ●

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10:00 pm

## THX1138

A visually hypnotic film directed by George Lucas (Star Wars fame) in the same class as 2001: A Space Odyssey. Set in the 25th century, the story centers around a man and woman who rebel against their controlled society. (G)

Sunday, August 25, 9:00 pm  
Monday, August 26  
7:00 and 10:00 pm

## Things To Come

Tuesday/Wednesday, August 27/28

H.G. Wells epic morality tale still visually stunning and exciting. Following a devastating war, the world has been rebuilt by engineers into a place of calm and serenity. Radical factions intervene from venturing into outer space. (Not Rated)



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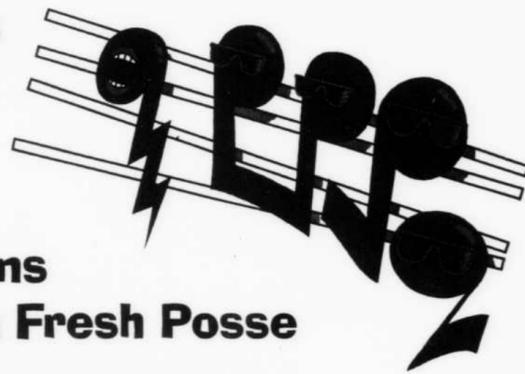
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# ID4 aliens aren't such a big threat

By Dave Barry / syndicated columnist

Could alien beings from another galaxy come here and obliterate human civilization? If so, would this be covered by our homeowners' insurance? These troubling questions are on the minds of the millions of people who are being exposed this summer to the spectacle of grotesque, repulsive, inhuman creatures that would stop at nothing in their determination to dominate the Earth. I am referring, of course, to the Democratic and Republican conventions.

But the public was also troubled by the blockbuster movie "Independence Day." It definitely had a powerful effect on me. I had been skeptical about all the "hype," but when the 2-1/2-hour movie was over, I found myself sitting pensively in the theater for quite a while, pondering the question: How am I going to get out of here, when my shoes are bonded in place by one of the most powerful adhesives known to science, Movie Floor Crud, which is a mixture of Pepsi, Milk Duds and year-old nasal secretions snorted out by distraught moviegoers during the ending of "The Bridges of Madison County?" A lot of people just leave their shoes on the theater floor and walk out barefoot. But getting back to "Independence Day": What happens is, these aliens from millions of light-years away arrive in our solar system in a fantastically huge spaceship manufactured by the Winnebago Corp. When they reach Earth, they are in a bad mood, possibly because their luggage has not arrived, so they attack New York City, causing the population to panic and run around screaming. In my opinion, this is the only unrealistic part of the movie. I mean, we're talking about NEW YORKERS, here. These are tough people. These are people who, everyday, without even thinking about it,

voluntarily go down into dark, steaming, noisy, extremely aromatic holes containing the New York City subway system. People who do that are not going to get bent out of shape just because an alien invasion force is obliterating their city. They are merely going to shrug and continue reading The New York Post (front-page headline: UFO ATTACK DESTROYS BUTTAFUOCO HOME).

At the same time as they hit New York, the aliens destroy Los Angeles—a clear indication that they had been monitoring the O.J. Simpson trial. They also wipe out Washington, D.C., apparently believing—this just shows that even a highly advanced species can be stupid—that wiping out the Federal government would somehow make it more difficult for the country to function.

While millions of Americans take to the streets to celebrate the fact that they will probably not have to file income-tax returns for several years, the president of the United States, played by a weenie, escapes, along with several key actors, to an ultra-secret government installation.

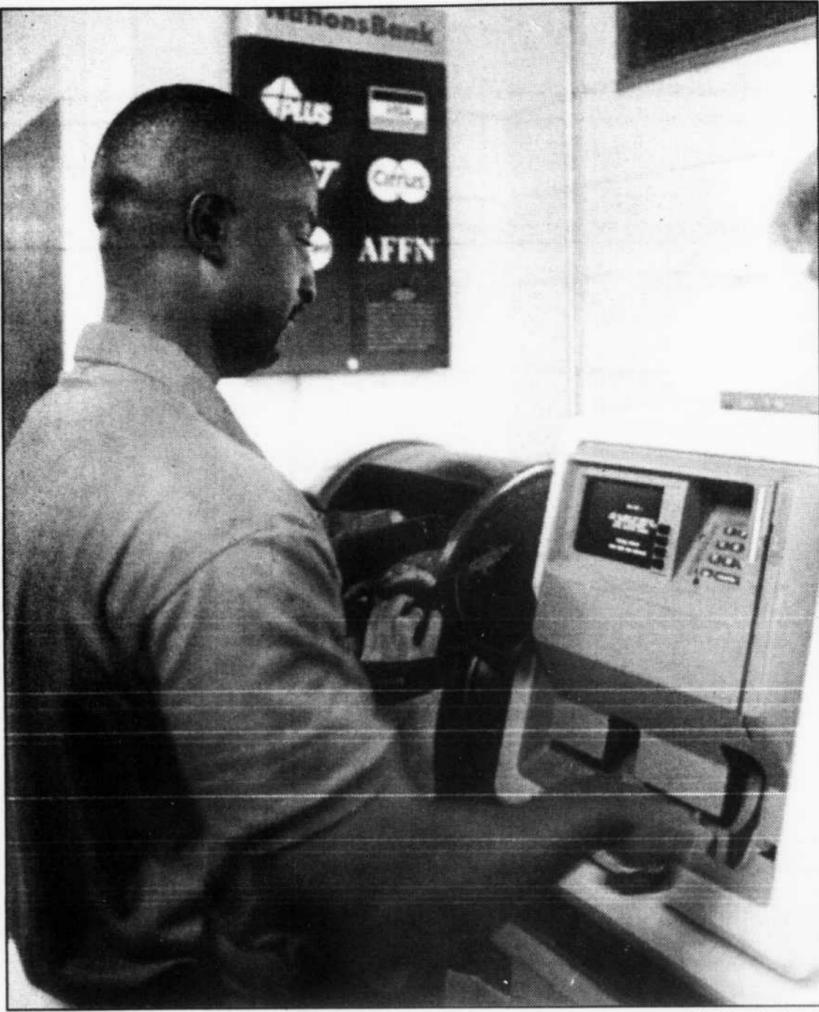
There they learn that scientists have been trying to repair an alien flying saucer that crashed in 1947, which means the warranty has expired. (This crash was hushed up, except for a brief statement from the Federal Aviation Administration assuring the public that fly-saucer travel is perfectly safe.) The secret installation also contains the bodies of deceased aliens, which have likewise been kept completely hidden away except for one brief incident in 1977 when one of them showed up as part of a science-fair project submitted by Amy Carter.

The plot thickens when Jeff Goldblum, who plays a brilliant cable-TV scientist, discovers, by analyzing signals coming from the extraterrestrial mother ship, that the aliens are the source of all "infomercials."

This makes the Earth so mad that it decides to fight back. There is a spectacular aerial battle between a fleet of scale-model alien saucers and a fleet of scale-model Air Force fighters, led by President Weenie. Meanwhile, Jeff Goldblum, flying in the crashed enemy saucer, which is piloted by the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, gets inside the mother ship and uses his laptop computer to put a virus into the aliens' main computer system. He can do this because the aliens, like every other life form in the galaxy, have basically no choice but to use the "Windows 95" operating system; in fact the whole reason why they have attacked the Earth is to destroy Bill Gates.

Goldblum's virus easily disables the aliens' main computer. Perhaps you're wondering why aliens who can travel millions of light years can't fix a computer virus. The answer is that, like any large organization, the mother ship has only one individual who actually understands the computer system, and that individual is not available. This alien computer nerd is hiding in the bowels of the Mother Ship, playing the alien version of Space Invaders, in which the object is to kill little attacking figures that look like Keanu Reeves. So the alien ships, their defenses disabled, are all shot down, and the movie ends with people all over the world celebrating. Of course the cheering will stop soon enough, when millions of attorneys crawl out of the smoking rubble of America's cities, contact the surviving aliens, put neck braces on them and start suing the Earth in general for trillions of dollars. THAT'S when we should really get worried.

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Nick Mullins/ staff

## Easy Money

Dennis McBee, Director of Inventory and Receiving at MTSU collected \$260 Wednesday, from an ATM in the KUC. McBee was the winner of a contest held earlier by NationsBank. As his prize, he kept all the money he could collect in five minutes by completing as many FastCash transactions as he could.



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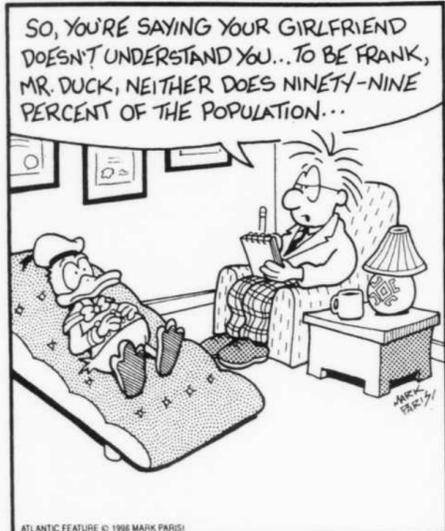
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**off the mark**

by Mark Parisi



**Lawyers deem new Citadel rules discriminatory toward women**

College Press Service

CHARLESTON, S.C. - For more than a century and a half, cadets arriving to The Citadel could expect a certain way of life.

This fall, with the arrival of women to the all-male, state-supported military college, the rule book is being re-written.

And the same lawyers who fought to get women into the military school are calling the new plan discriminatory.

For starters, the new rules state that only female cadets will have locks on their doors, and visitors must knock before entering.

The plan also prohibits sex on campus and does not allow two cadets to occupy the same piece of furniture, such as bunk or chair. Pregnant cadets will be required to leave campus.

Those are the most contentious parts of the new plan, according to attorney Val Vojdik, who said the rules violate the civil rights of female cadets.

Pregnancy should be treated as a "temporary disability," and male cadets should have locks on their doors, too, she said.

Vojdik and others, including the U.S. Justice Department, filed a response to the Citadel's 21-page plan for admitting women. A federal court will review the Citadel's plan and the response, and attempt to iron out the differences between the two before classes start Aug. 24.

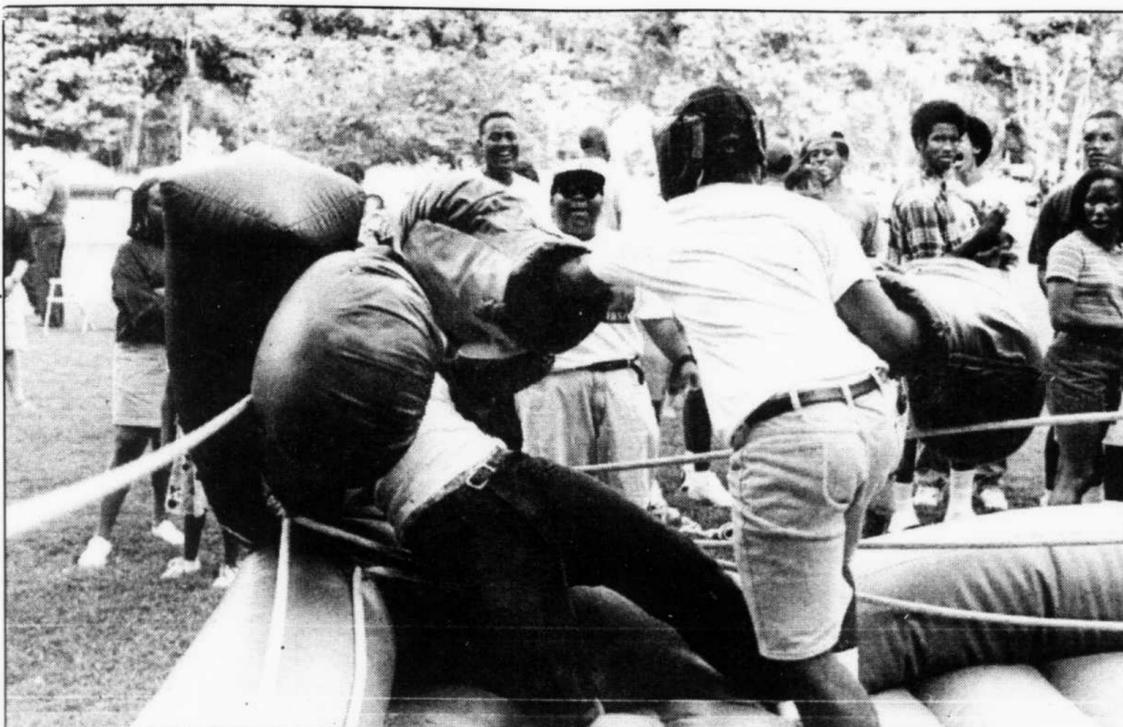
Lawyers also raised concerns about sexual harassment training and scholarship money for women. Also addressed was the issue of adding women to the staff.

The way it stands now, "no woman will be eligible for the board for a significant time to come," the lawyers said.

Female cadets will

undergo the same stressful first-year training as men. But since their upper-body strength is not the same as their male counterparts, their workouts will be based on the Army's physical standards for women.

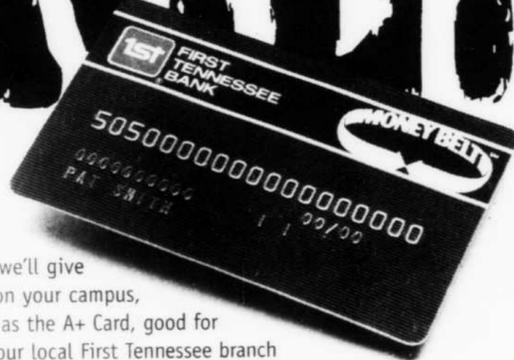
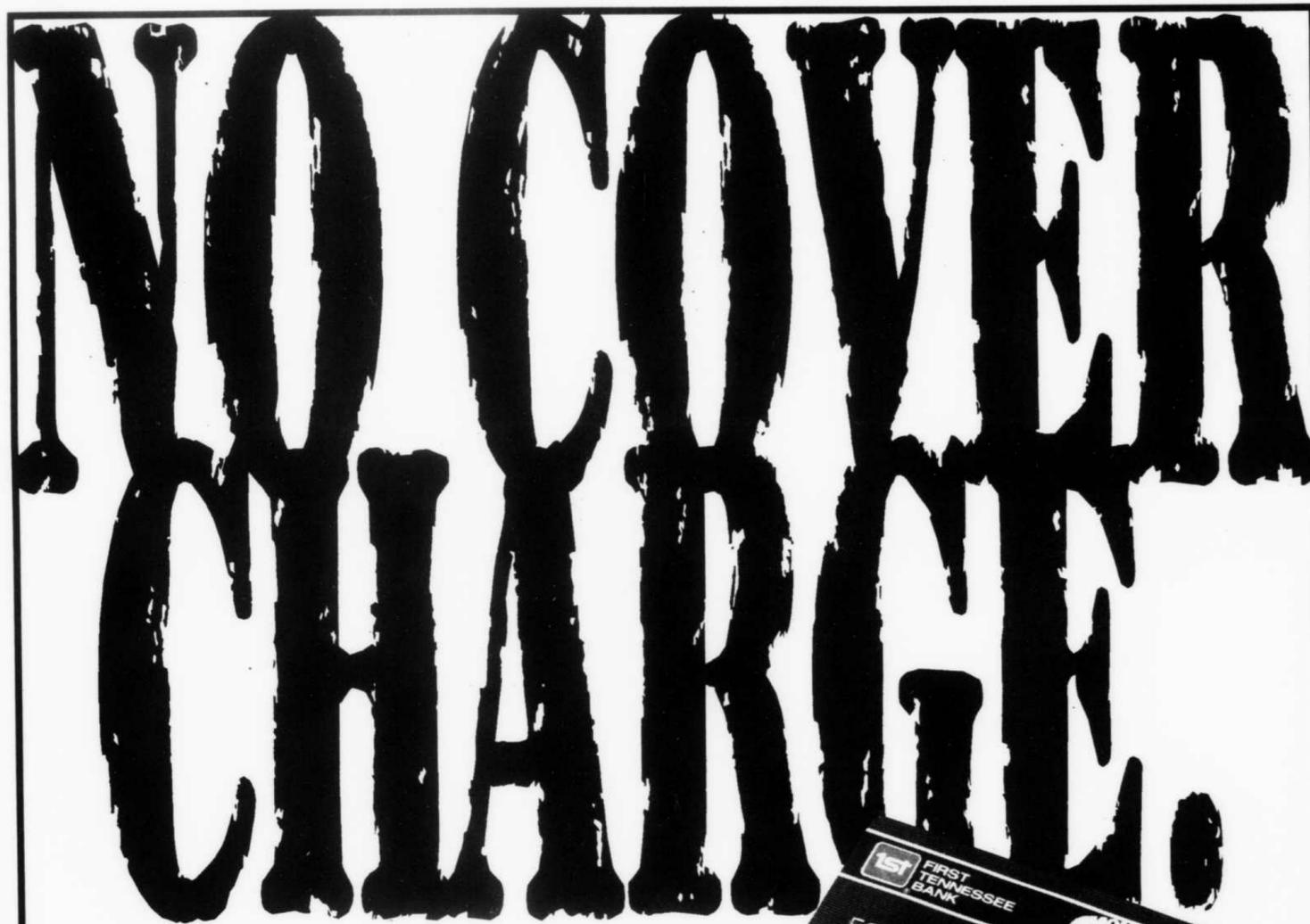
"Other than that, they will receive the same Citadel experience that the male cadets receive," said Judith Fluck, a spokeswoman for the Citadel.



Brian G. Miller/staff

**Mama said knock you out!**

Chaune Watson (right), freshman biology major, battles it out with Darnell Williams, freshman music major, on President Walker's lawn Tuesday afternoon during the President's Picnic. The picnic was part of new student week, organized by Student Programming.



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## In our view

### Solving the parking problem

Asphalt, asphalt everywhere, but not a place to park.

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Before C-Street was closed and the Greenland construction began there were 3,409 green parking spaces on campus. The student population as of Wednesday is 17,454. That's a lot of cars that need parking spaces!

We all know that the parking situation on campus is not going to get any better. The university will continue to paint over green spaces with white paint and construct buildings on parking lots.

Maybe it is time to try to work through the congestion ourselves.

Think CARPOOLING.

A major portion of the cars circling around parking lots Wednesday had only one occupant. Think of all the spaces that could be saved if roommates or classmates traveled together.

Walking or biking is a good solution for students who live close to campus. It's hot but we should all try to grin and bear it.

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It's time to stop asking the administration to do something about the parking situation, it is futile. Let us try to find a solution ourselves.

## Veiled prejudices difficult to uncover, with time can be eliminated in society



Scott Link

I realized a long time ago that every human being has certain prejudices. Anyone who says they don't is most likely lying. Still, having prejudices does not mean you act on them. It is a matter of controlling reactions and urges. I thought most of us had learned to do that, especially when it comes to differing amounts of skin pigmentation in individuals. Yet, a few days ago I watched a film which had themes dealing with racism, prejudice, and violence and came to the realization that not only do I still harbor some racial prejudices, they still exert serious power over me.

Now, I am not a guy who has a KKK hood in a box under his bed or anything like that. I have always prided myself on the fact that I didn't care what color a person was. I care more about how a person acts than what country his ancestors are from. I have lots of friends who are not Caucasian. I will even speak up in protest of racism I see.

But, when a lowered, tricked-out, bass-pumpin' vehicle pulls up next to me at a light late at night why do I have different reactions depending on the skin color of the occupants? Why am I much more careful walking on a dark street if the neighborhood has a predominant racial background

other than my own? I mean, crime isn't color sensitive. When I am older, married, and have kids will I squeeze my child's hand a bit tighter as we walk past people of a different ethnic origin? I pray I will not.

I know differences exist. I know they won't go away. One person comes from a different culture and heritage than another. We are different, but that doesn't make one of us less valuable than the other. When I walk into a room filled with people of another race, one of the first thoughts I have is, "I am the only white person here. I wonder if that will be a problem." I imagine others first thoughts are, "Look, a white guy." You can't deny it. We are different. No one likes to stand out in a crowd intentionally.

It is not easy to look past the differences between people in a society set on accentuating them. For instance, look at things like affirmative action. It seems to me like a bunch of powerful people saying, "Hey, you're not as powerful as me, so let me give you some money or a job based on some demographic factor, and not on your individual abilities."

Ask anyone who has been

helped by that program to get a job, or programs like it, and I'll bet all of them would say that they would rather have been hired on the basis of their abilities, but a job is still money. If I'm desperate for a job I won't care if you hire me because you are trying to fill your quota of white people with shaved heads, I'll take it. And then I'll work hard and do such a good job you won't think of me as a quota filler, but as a valued employee.

The sad thing is until society can look past the outer differences affirmative action will be a necessity. It is because some people allow learned fear and prejudice to govern their actions that the need for programs like affirmative action exists.

**I have always prided myself on the fact that I didn't care what color a person was. I care more about how a person acts...**

So, what can we do? What can I do? Now that I am aware of a problem within me, I can begin to work on it. It will take time, but it will be worth it. Can one person make a difference? How can I hope to change the world? I tell you this, no one will ever change the world until he has changed himself. The road to erasing this veiled racism which exists in our society begins at your own front door. It begins within you.

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# FEATURES

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## H.O.R.D.E. 1996



*Rusted Root make the transition from favorite club band to big stage wonder without ever missing a beat. With a unique mix of exotic percussion and traditional folk instruments, Rusted Root brought the crowd to their feet as the sun went down.*



*John Popper of Blues Traveler seems to shake the earth with the volcanic melodies of his trademark lead-harmonica playing. Blues Traveler have been long time members of the H.O.R.D.E., helping add to the popularity of the festival in recent years.*

### Dustin Schrimsher/staff

Summer just wouldn't be the same without outdoor concerts. Nothing revitalizes a tired summer school student like a day of barefoot dancing with 18 or 19-thousand of his closest friends.

Lenny Kravitz sings that rock and roll is dead. Shannon Hoone is dead, Jerry Garcia's dead and even Timothy Leary is dead, but the youthful self indulgence and intoxicating revelry of a crowd of teenage-minded fans would prove Lenny wrong. Rock and roll is not dead.

The H.O.R.D.E. festival allows people of the 90s to trade in their daily responsibilities for a whimsical day of music listening and crowd dancing.

Hippie peddlers patronizingly pawn paraphernalia to unsuspecting passers by. Concert goers can purchase anything from dog collars while waiting for their favorite band to take the stage.

On the Aug. 10 H.O.R.D.E. stop at Starwood Amphitheater, three music played host to a variety of different styles of music. The main stage was graced by the likes of King Crimson, Rusted Root, Lenny Kravitz and Blues Traveler, while the smaller two featured regional performers.

The crowd was an ocean of bodies, all singing along with their favorite songs and praising the vibe of freedom under the sun, moon and stars.

If you weren't there you don't want to here about it. If you were there then there's nothing left to be said. The pictures speak for themselves.



*Rusted Root [above] brings the crowd to its feet in the late afternoon. Lenny Kravitz [left] proves that he knows as well as anyone that rock and roll is not dead as he inspires the crowd to sing while the stars begin to light up the sky above them. If rock and roll is dead then the spirit lives on in Kravitz as he delivers one of the most wildly energetic and entertaining performances anyone has ever seen.*

# Fall art exhibition

By Jeremy W. Stanley

August 26th will bring more than just the first full week of school. It is also the start of this semester's first art exhibition.

The Art Barn's gallery will be featuring the work of three professional sculptors working in such diverse mediums as granite, wood and Plexiglass casts.

"We're really excited about this year's artists and especially these exhibits," said Patricia Domengeaux, secretary for the Art Department.

Each of the artists are at the forefront of their medium by pushing the limits of the materials they use.

Michael Spenser will be showing several pieces that push wood beyond its natural limits in an attempt he says to explore, "aesthetics, form and structural integrity through a process of evolution from the log in its natural form through simple configurations of composition, into a more complex approach dealing with interacting components."

The exploration of the high tech is Norman J. Mercer's thing as he works with

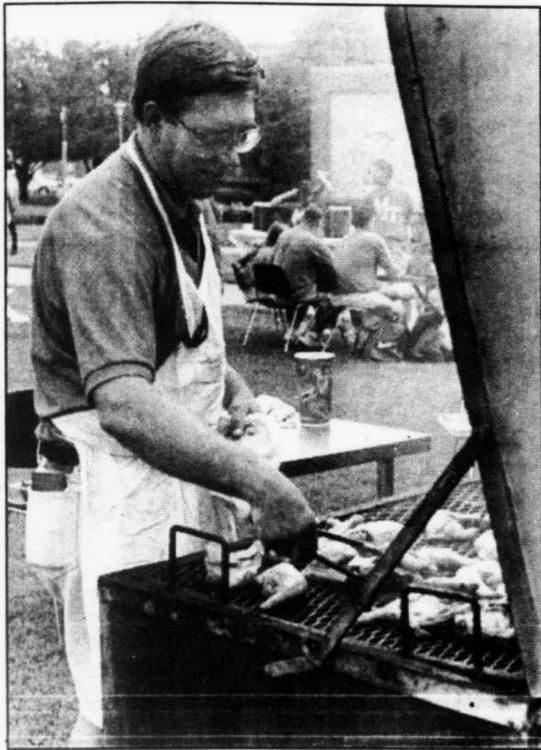
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clear/transparent acrylic materials that are normally used to make lenses for eyeglasses. Though the use of the material is challenging, he finds, "it is a truly proper and fitting art form for these times."

Sculptures in the unforgiving granite is John Flynn's forte and his work will round out the exhibition with a more common material.

The Art Barn will exhibit these works through September 20.

Gallery times are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. ●



Brian G. Miller/ staff

## Come & get it . . .

Jeff Richter, JUB chef, prepares food during a luau on the KUC courtyard last Friday

## Students act as ambassadors

By Gina Bucy/ staff

The Student Ambassadors are one of the many groups on campus that contribute to the university's overall excellence. The students involved volunteer their time to serve as hosts, hostesses, tour guides and a variety of leadership positions for the administration.

Under the administration of Dot Harrison, the director of development, communications and marketing, the group members help familiarize others with MTSU. They also provide others with less of a work load in the planning and carrying out of special events.

Jennifer Russell, president of the Student Ambassadors, says that her job involves leading a diverse group of people of different ages from many different ethnic backgrounds.

In preparation for their responsibilities, the students participate in an orientation retreat every year to plan upcoming activities. This year's retreat took place on Aug. 15 and 16 at Hachland Hills in Joleton, Tennessee. They also hold meetings the first Thursday of every month to schedule their work assignments up through the next meeting day.

"It takes as much time as you want to," explains Brandie

Hobbs, a sophomore involved in the program. "We work three events a semester, but officers work a lot harder."

So what's in it for the Ambassadors?

They receive a lot more than a pat on the back. For starters, the retreats are always fun, as are the activities themselves, believe it or not. At alumni events people love to see and hear about what has become of the campus, and the Ambassadors get to hear interesting war stories. It's also a great way to network and meet people. Bryan Howell, who is beginning his first semester as a Student Ambassador, says he thinks it's "a great chance to represent the University and meet people. We get to know many alumni, which could lead to a job offer in the future."

In order to become a Student Ambassador, students are required to be a full-time student for a least one semester. They must also maintain a 2.5 GPA. Applications will be taken before Thanksgiving, and interviews will be given between then and Christmas.

For information about becoming a Student Ambassador or reaching one for help with an on-campus event, contact Dot Harrison at 5736. ●

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Friday Aug. 23, Drink or drown - D.J. Troy  
Janes, \$5 @ 8:00

### Saturday Aug. 24, All Day Happy Hour - The

Frind Brothers, \$3 @ 9:00  
Monday Aug. 26, Blues night Crosstown Traffic, \$3 @ 9:00

Tuesday Aug. 27, Drink or Drown The Slack Daddies, \$5 @ 8:00

Wednesday Aug. 28, Writers Night hosted by Mark Fortney @ 8:00

Thursday Aug. 29, Ladies Night - Alex Ogburn @ 9:00

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Thursday Aug. 22, The Features, Aggie Colored Karma, Subrosa, Big Boss Daddy; \$3 @ 7:00  
Friday Aug. 23, Col. Bruce Hampton and the Fiji Mariners, Redstone; \$6 @ 9:00  
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# SPORTS & RECREATION

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## MTSU creates women's soccer team

By Corrie Cron / staff

In Atlanta this summer, women stepped up to the Olympic challenge, and, in basketball, softball and soccer, stepped onto the podium to receive gold medals. Here at MTSU, 11 women are stepping up to a new challenge as the first MTSU women's soccer team, which will kick off its inaugural season Aug. 30 against Mississippi State.

Head Coach Colette Gilligan faces several challenges in forming a new young team.

There are "a lot of headaches," she laughs. "You're starting from scratch and you have to establish everything from paperwork to the team."

Gilligan is originally from Dublin, Ireland, where she played for the Irish national team from the age of 15 until she was 19. She decided to come to America after two friends left to play for Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C. She had already spent six months playing in Switzerland when she decided to make the move.

"I kind of got itchy feet to move and definitely saw America as a great possibility," Gilligan said. "I didn't want to look down the years and say to myself 'Oh, why didn't I do it if I had the opportunity to do it.' I had to try it and I had to give it a go."

In August 1989, Gilligan started school at Methodist College, a Division III school with a very strong women's soccer program. The team was nationally ranked (number one her freshman year) and they went to two Final Fours. She got her masters at East Carolina University, where she was the assistant to the coach of both the men's and the women's teams. Finding herself with most of the responsibility of the women's programs, her time at ECU proved to be a valuable training ground for her job here.

As a brand new Division I-A team, there is much that requires attention. The biggest challenge seems to be having enough players. Gilligan came on staff in May, giving her very little time to recruit players. The intramural soccer club, which was influential in



Brian G. Miller / staff

Freshmen Stephaine Pryer and April Lynn are two members of MTSU's first women's soccer team at practice Wednesday.

helping create the team, seemed unprepared for the level of commitment required for the varsity team. Subsequently, only one, and possibly two, members of the club are still on the team. The remainder of the squad is composed of walk-ons, and due to injuries, more are needed. Gilligan plans to distribute flyers encouraging anyone interested to try out for the team.

The result, nevertheless, is a very young team with high optimism.

"Their attitude is great," says Gilligan. "I'm very, very pleased with their attitude, their work rate and their intensity. Something that I really demand is intensity."

Lynn Wright, a junior transfer student from Nova Scotia, Canada, says that her experience here is

different from the school she attended in Nova Scotia.

"Everything here, I mean, it's just great," she says, commenting on the willingness of staff and faculty to help with courses and other new student obstacles.

Wright says that one of the things that attracted her to this program was the fact that it was brand new and it would be easier to come on the team and be a major force. She had played for two years for her college in Ontario, but she wanted to try her hand in American soccer.

"I've always wanted to come to school in the States, just to see how different it [the level of soccer] is here compared to up in Canada."

In Canada, she played for her province in national tournaments on at

least three occasions. The last time she was recognized in an under 20 bracket. Which means, had there been an under 20 team, she would've played on a national team.

Shannon Broadwell, an incoming freshman from Chattanooga's Notre Dame High School, says she thinks playing soccer on a college level will be fun.

"It's gonna be a lot harder than high school soccer, but it will be fun."

Of course, Broadwell might not have even had a team to play for, if it had not been for the school's effort to comply with federal Title IX requirements, laid out in the 1972 Civil Rights Act. Senior Women's Administrator Diane Turnham, as head of compliance of all NCAA regulations, was asked by Athletic Director Lee Fowler to compose a report describing MTSU's status on Title IX. A women's soccer team was part of that compliance.

However, despite all the difficulties and challenges in bringing the team to MTSU, the overall enthusiasm for this first season is high. Turnham admits that the student support may get off to a slow start, but she has her eyes set on the future. A brand new soccer stadium will hopefully begin construction in March, and be ready to play on for next fall. The stadium will also house a new track and will be located on the East side of the Greenland parking lot, where the marching band now practices.

The team does not expect to win everything. They only want to perform well. "I'm just hoping that we do the best that we can do," Wright says. "A lot of people are sore and getting hurt. So, hopefully we can stay together and do the best we can."

Broadwell says the team is anxious to start the season.

"Everyone kind of can't wait," she says. "It's going to be fun and different. But we wish there were more people." ●

## Outdoor adventures abundant in Middle Tennessee



Brent Spicer

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I am excited to tell you that I am going to be the outdoor columnist for Sidelines this year. I would like to tell you about myself before introducing you to some of the topics that I will be covering this year.

I am a senior business education student from the booming metropolis of Bon Aqua, Tenn., which means "good water" for those not majoring in French. Bon Aqua is in the corner of Hickman, Dickson and Williamson counties. This area, part of the Highland Rim, is where I came to know and love the outdoors.

Sharing the things I have learned and enjoyed in nature is my main goal of this weekly column, but I also want to let you know about current events and opportunities that you can experience while you are in college.

Middle Tennessee is truly blessed with more outdoor adventures than you or I could experience in a lifetime. We have the Cumberland Plateau, the Highland Rim, the Tennessee Basin and even the Smoky Mountains lying within easy reach. Such diversity is rare in an area so small.

My articles will contain a good mix of educational facts, entertaining stories, humor, folklore and safety, and will provide a true appreciation of nature. My hope is that I can translate all that the outdoors mean to me into words of understanding for you. Here are a few glimpses of the articles I will share with you during the semester:

• **Happy Trails:** Hiking (backpacking in particular) can take you back to another place and time. Walking through the same pristine wilderness that John Muir (founder of the Sierra Club) walked over a hundred years ago—and knowing that nothing has changed—is awe inspiring, to say the least. Looking off of the same overlooks that the Native Americans used for thousands of years is just as amazing, especially in this day and age of ever increasing urbanization.

• **Music to my ears:** Falling asleep to the orchestra of all the creatures of the summer night is one of the most relaxing things a person can experience. Each individual cricket, locust, cicada, frog and countless other animals form a sound unmatched by any music made by mankind. It creates a peace that connects you with nature and gives you a feeling of contentment with your life.

• **Sending out an S.O.S.:** Survival skills in the outdoors is a serious subject that demands attention and study, but is mostly made up of common sense that might or might not be obvious. Doing simple things like occasionally looking back at an area to see what it will look like when you come back through will greatly decrease the chances that you will get lost. Also remember to take it easy when traveling downhill because it is much harder on the body than going uphill.

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## Athletes honored for academic achievement

By Keith Russell / staff

The Ohio Valley Conference honored the academic performance of MTSU athletes in an announcement this past Tuesday, naming the school as the winner of the 1995-96 Academic Achievement Banner.

"The OVC Academic Achievement Banner is truly a team award that demonstrates outstanding dedication of an institution's entire student-athlete population to the importance of academics," said Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Dan Beebe. "This year's winner, Middle Tennessee State University, deserves to be proud of this significant accomplishment by their student-athletes."

The award, handed out each year, recognizes the school whose athletes have achieved the highest combined grade-point average in relation to its student body. During the past academic year, MTSU athletes combined for a 2.64 grade-point average, a mark which was .13 above the average recorded for the campus as a whole.

This is the first time that MTSU has ever received the Academic Banner, and the school is also the first OVC member in the state of Tennessee to win the award.

To do so, MTSU had to outperform two Kentucky schools, each of whom has had a strangle hold on the Academic Banner in recent years. Since 1987, only Eastern Kentucky (which won the award last year) and Morehead State (winner in 1993 and 1994) had walked home as the OVC's leading group of student-athletes in the classroom. This year, Eastern Kentucky finished second in the competition, with a student-athlete GPA .08 points higher than its student body. Morehead State finished third, with a +.031 rating.

In addition to the team award, the conference awarded the OVC Commissioner's Medal of Honor to athletes who had achieved the highest grade-point average in their respective sports. Among these included MTSU women's volleyball players Deborah Anderson and Angie Parkinson, who each attained perfect 4.0 grade-point averages last year.

Eight other MTSU athletes achieved GPAs of 3.8 or higher, and an additional 59 players in 13 sports were named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll, signifying that they had earned a 3.0 grade-point average or higher.

In addition to the academic efforts of MTSU's athletes, MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler praised the work of the schools' Director of Student-Athlete Enhancement Jeanne Massoquoi, and her assistant, Wynneff Counts.

"Those ladies do a magnificent job," Fowler said.

Established in its current form five years ago, the Student-Athlete Enhancement Center assists members of MTSU sports programs with a variety of services, including holding study halls and tutoring sessions, offering guidance in scheduling classes around athletic commitments, and instituting a program designed to teach development in life skills.

When asked her thoughts about winning the Academic Banner, Massoquoi said that her first reaction was one of surprise.

"I didn't know anything about there being an award like this," she said.

Massoquoi went on to say that the award is important not so much because of the collective academic numbers that were put up by MTSU athletes, but rather that it shows the effort that is being made inside the classroom.

"It's not our main concern that we look good statistically," she said. Instead, the award "makes me feel good because it says that our student-athletes are trying (to do well academically). I'm just real proud of them."

The school's winning of the Academic Achievement Banner comes shortly after MTSU was awarded the Ohio Valley Conference men's All-Sports Championship, given to the athletic department whose athletes have had the best overall performance in sports offered by the conference.

"What a fitting finish to the past year!" Fowler said of winning both awards in the same year. "This kind of all-around excellence is what collegiate athletics is all about." ●



Brian G. Miller / staff

## Football season begins

MTSU football took to the field at Floyd Stadium for the first time last Saturday, with a team scrimmage, coinciding with the school's "Pick A Seat" season ticket drive.

## Boots and BBQ celebration promotes Blue Raider football

By Keith Russell / staff

Plenty of good food and good times will be on display tonight in the Tennessee Livestock Center on campus, as the 18th annual "Boots and Barbecue" fund-raiser unofficially kicks off the MTSU football season.

MTSU students, faculty, staff and fans are all invited to the festivities, which will get underway with (what else) a barbecue dinner at 6 p.m. Head Coach Boots Donnelly will arrive at approximately 6:30 p.m., accompanied by a host of Blue Raider football players and members of the coaching staff.

The MTSU Band of Blue, under the direction of Rick Murphy, will also

be on hand to provide musical entertainment during the evening.

"There is a lot of football conversation going on, and everybody can just go out and have a great time," said MTSU Director of Promotions and Marketing Chip Walters.

Walters also expressed a desire to encourage more students to take part in "Boots and Barbecue." In prior years, he said, student participation had been lacking. "We have always wanted for (students) to be a bigger part of this. If they are going to have to go out and eat that night anyway, they might as well come by and join us."

Tickets for "Boots and Barbecue" can be purchased at the door of the Livestock Center tonight for \$8. ●

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## NATURE: get out and enjoy the outdoors

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**•Who needs the Weather Channel?:** Folklore was the unwritten law that our ancestors lived by for many generations before formal education was available. It is a dying art that can be humorously outlandish or surprisingly insightful, but is always entertaining and should be carried on to the next generation.

Here are a couple of examples of weather forecasting folklore. It will be a harsh winter if: squirrels begin gathering nuts early (middle or late September), the north side of a beaver dam is covered with the most sticks, hickory nuts have a heavy shell, or bark on trees is thicker.

It will rain if: the leaves show their backs (silver leaf maples are the most noticeable), cows are lying down in the pasture, there is a ring around the moon, or if smoke goes to the ground

(signaling a low pressure system).

If you want to start enjoying the outdoors, there is no better time than now to start. Most creeks and rivers are lower in the late summer making them ideal for the wading fisherman. The slower flowing water also tends to be easier to use live bait, which is good for the beginning angler.

Late summer and early fall is also a great time to start hiking or backpacking, so you can see the transformation of the land during this part of the year. This is also the time to get in any last whitewater activity as well, because the hot weather makes the extremely cold water running in area rivers very refreshing.

No matter what sport or activity you choose, the most important thing is to get outdoors and enjoy yourself. And if you go, try to take someone who is new to the outdoors along to share the experience with. Mother Nature is beckoning you! ●

## Bare midriffs banned from Rhode Island college track-and-field competition

By College Press Service

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - There'll be no more bare midriffs for women's track and field athletes.

The NCAA has voted on a new uniform standard that prevents female athletes from wearing stomach-revealing two-piece outfits. The ban will start with the 1997 fall season.

The NCAA rules committee made up of 25 men and women, banned the popular uniforms for all divisions because of the difficulty in affixing competition numbers, required to be worn on an athlete's front, back or side.

"It was very hard to attach these numbers when there was no material to attach them to," explains Lauren Anderson, associate director of athletics at University of Rhode Island and chair of the NCAA men's and women's track-and-field committee.

Also, not all athletes in track and field - which includes jumpers and throwers - were comfortable with the scanty two-piece uniforms. "Athletes can be very self-conscious," she said.

She admits the new rule has drawn complaints from women who prefer two-piece uniforms and resent the NCAA's interference. "It's touchy," she said.

The NCAA, however, decided it was time to take control and adopt uniform rules.

"We have seen uniforms evolve from singlets and shorts to briefs, which are acceptable," she said, referring to the shorts now worn by many athletes.

But when the singlets, or the tops worn by athletes turned to shirts with a mesh in the middle section, "all of a sudden the mesh part disappeared and they became bra-like tops," she said.

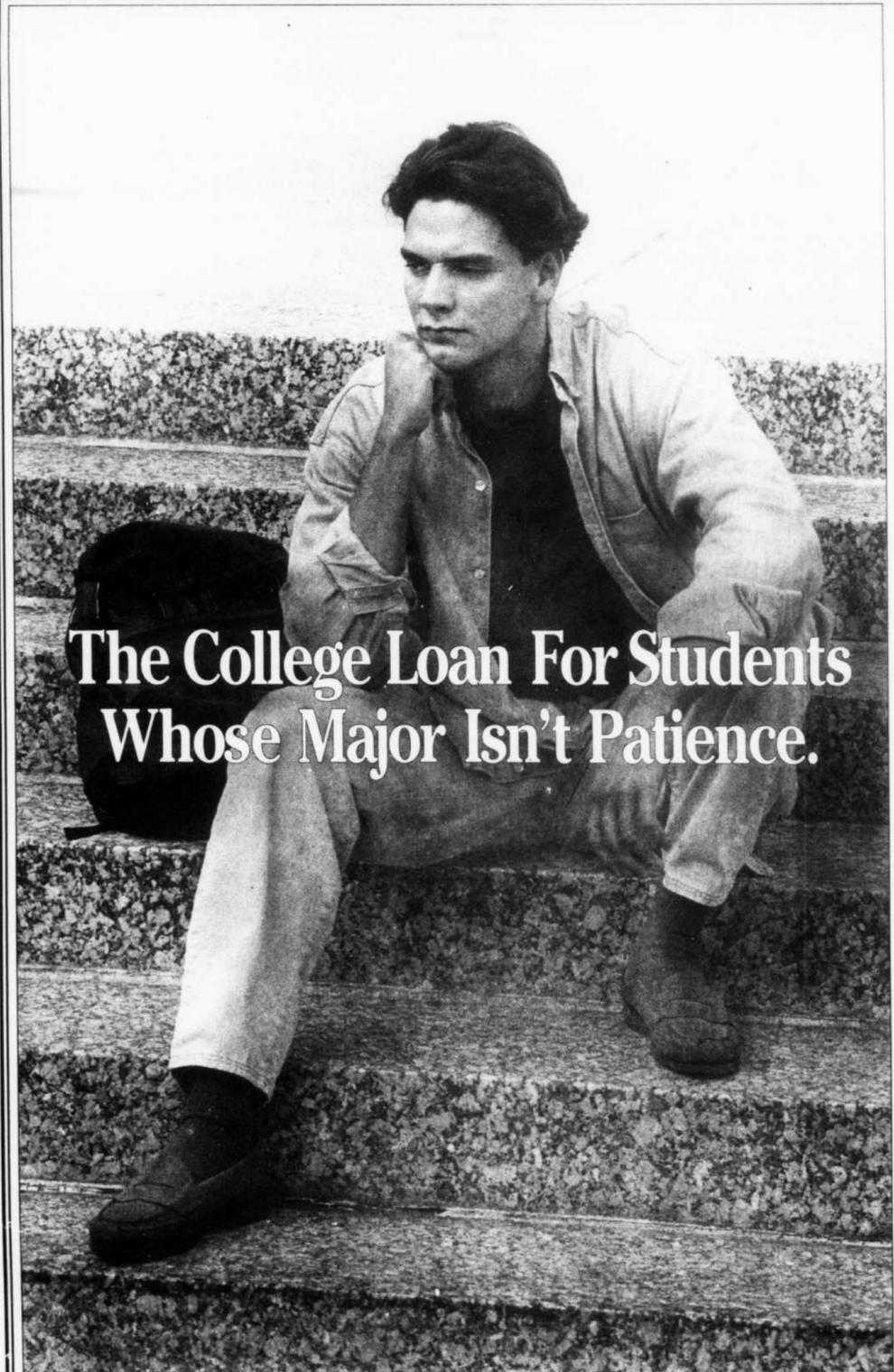
All sports, from gymnastics to swimming to football, are adopting new uniform standards, Anderson said. For instance, basketball players now are required to tuck in their shirts during competition. ●



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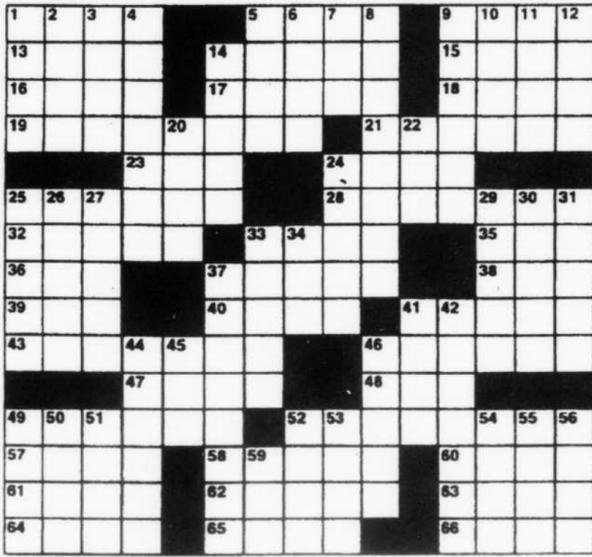
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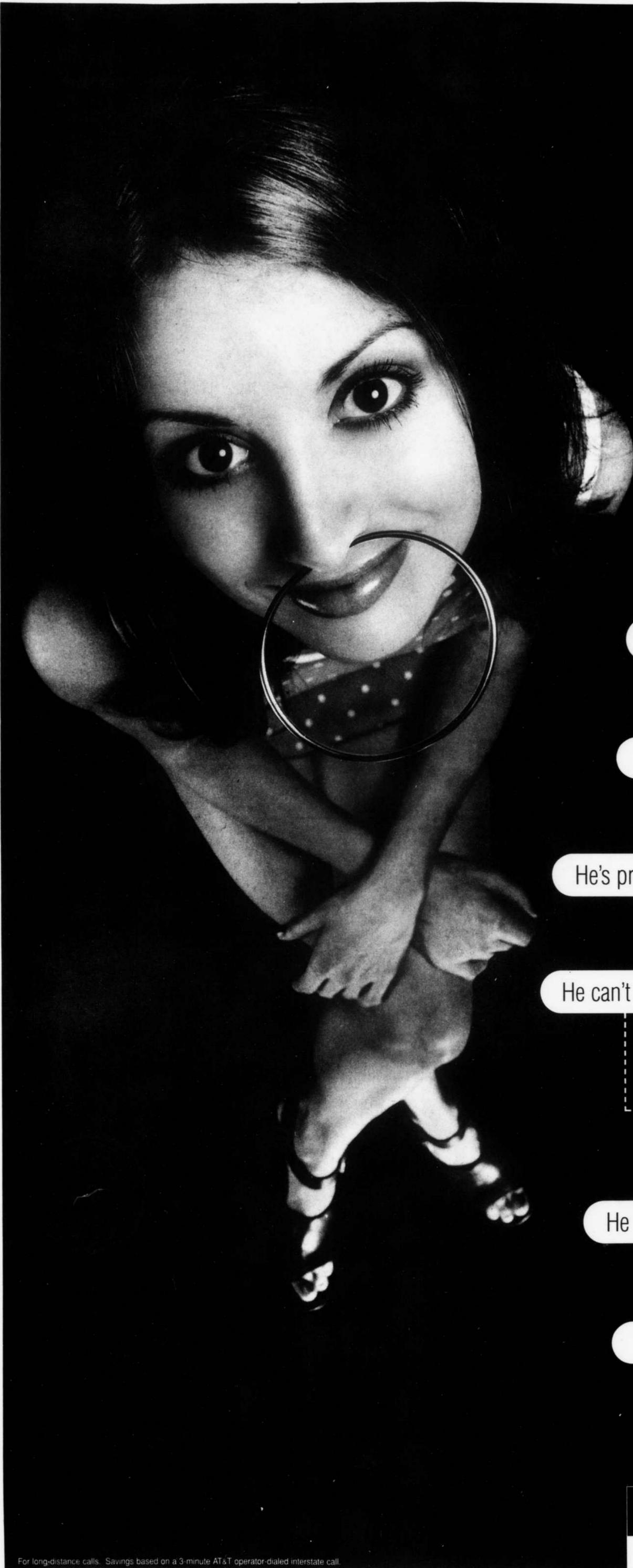
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