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Two senators facing possible impeachment

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Reporter

The potential impeachment of two student government senators was the big topic of the joint legislature meeting last Monday.

Adam Tune, the senator of the College of Liberal Arts, and Kelly Stuard, senator for Undeclared Majors, are both up for possible impeachment if they fail to contact Speaker of the Senate Josh Pounders.

"We do not want to impeach them for any political reason," said Pounders, "but solely based on the fact that they

have not contacted me or shown up for any Senate meetings at all this fall.

"This is their last chance to defend themselves and doesn't necessarily mean they will be impeached."

In addition to the two possible senator openings in the College of Liberal Arts and Undeclared Studies, two openings exist for senators to represent the College of Education due to the resignation of senators.

Students can contact Pounders if interested on the positions.

Debates on new legislation followed the impeachment discussions.

House Rep. Katy Baker presented

"This is their last chance to defend themselves..."

—Josh Pounders
Speaker of the Senate

legislation to create a new MTSU College of Visual and Performing Arts including schools of art, music, theater and dance.

"Expression is one of the most vital resources we possess and we need to do our best to preserve and support it,"

Baker said. "The college will build up the accreditation of the university arts program and boost the distinction of the art students' degrees."

Speaker of the House Matt Walker opened the floor for discussion concerning the proposed legislation.

There was concern from Senate members on the exact details and planning of the presented legislation and therefore was not passed in the Senate.

Baker is still free to present the legislation again at the next Senate meeting to petition for its passing.

Announcements were made by the Senate on upcoming projects including

the placement of trash cans on Greek Row, landscaping around campus and the extension of library hours.

Communication between the two SGA bodies was also stressed after a comment was made by House member Chevonne Wrenn concerning SGA unity.

"I wish that there was more communication between the Senate and the House bodies," Wrenn said, "because we are both tackling the same issues at the same time. We need to be working as a team so we don't cover the bases

See SGA, 3A

Women take back the night

Sexual Assault Awareness Week targets violence against women

By Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum
Staff Writer

"March 16th... 4 a.m.... In MY bed... In MY room... In MY house... Paralyzed"

On a snowy white T-shirt, the stark words in black and red painted-on letters speak for themselves.

"Maybe I shouldn't have worn that tank top and the cut off shorts. And maybe you should have kept your filthy hands and mouth off my body!"

The Clothesline Project, a collection of T-shirts displaying thoughts of victims of sexual crimes and abuse, is on display at the Knoll through Thursday.

The June Anderson Women's Center, the Domestic Violence Program and the 16th Judicial District Coalition are supporting MTSU's Sexual Assault Awareness Week, Oct. 23-26. The week of activities includes the Clothesline Project, The Wall of Hurt and Hope and the Take Back the Night March.

The Clothesline Project helps women who have experienced sexual abuse and domestic violence air their "dirty laundry," by not keeping secrets inside, according to the Women Take Back the Night Web site.

"It helps people express their feelings—people know they aren't alone," said volunteer Mary Ann Smith, a junior nursing major.

Most people passed by looking quietly, said volunteer Courtney Hart, a junior nursing major.

One man said the exhibit



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Staff

Sophomore Charisse Wooding examines a shirt displayed at the Clothesline Project for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault at the Keathley University Center Courtyard. The shirts will be displayed today and tomorrow.

was better than the GAP department, the large photographs of aborted fetuses which were recently displayed on the Knoll, Hart said.

T-shirts and materials are provided for anyone who wants to participate in the project. Women can design a T-shirt in the Keathley University Center Conference Room and men can design a shirt at the June Anderson Women's Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday afternoon.

The Wall of Hurt and Hope - on display in the KUC lobby all week - allows victims and supporters to pin a purple ribbon and write a note honoring victims of violence against women.

Take Back the Night, an international annual march protesting violence against women around the world, begins locally at 6 p.m. Thursday on the President's lawn.

The march will take supporters from the university to Center Middle School and finally to the Rutherford County Courthouse square.

A variety of speakers will address the marchers at the square including: Robert Glenn, vice president of Student Affairs; U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon; Deborah Johnson, director of Domestic Violence Program

See Awareness, 3A



Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

Ribbons are pinned to the Wall of Hurt and Hope on the second floor of the Keathley University Center.

Writers in the Round features award-winning author

By Randy Allen
Staff Writer

Writers in the Round, a yearly program which invites authors to read or perform their works, was held October 12 in the Business Aerospace Building. Hosted by Deryl Leaming, dean of Mass Communications, this year's event featured Charles Wolfe, Whisperin' Bill Anderson and William Least Half-Moon.

Charles Wolfe, professor of English, has written several books about Country Music and the Grand Ole Opry. He recently won the Audio Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Deems Taylor Award for his book, "A Good Natured Riot."

Bill Anderson, who opened and closed the event with a song, has a degree in journalism from the University of Georgia. He has won the Songwriter of the Year Award six times, and has authored two books, "I Hope You're Living as High on the Hog as the Pig You Turned Out To Be," and an autobiography.

Half-Moon has three books to his credit, "Blue Highways," "PrairieEarth," and "River-Horse." Each contains stories of his journeys across America.

Wolfe entertained the audience by reading about Uncle Jimmy Thompson, a moonshine drinking fiddle player from La Guardo, Tennessee.

The Grand Ole Opry originated from the success of his first appearance on the George Hay radio show.

"Uncle Jimmy Thompson's fiddling paved the way for the popularity of the Grand Ole Opry," Wolfe said.

Writers in the Round is made possible by Tom T. Hall's endorsement to the Mass Communication program. Hall is a songwriter/author. ♦

Lecture recognizes black revolutionary women

By Sarah Johnson
Honors Lecture Reporter

The most influential black women of the 19th century were the focus of Monday's Honors Lecture.

English professor Jacquelyn Jackson led the discussion on revolutionary black women, concentrating on Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and Ida B. Wells-Barnett.

"I find it fascinating that in a time when women were in the home and the private sector," Jackson said, "these

black women were in the public arena, and they were stirring up a lot of action."

Sojourner Truth was born into slavery and freed at age 28. She then moved to New York City and became a traveling abolitionist and feminist speaker.

"She was soon moving audiences with her messages against slavery and for the rights of women," Jackson said.

With her bold and insistent speaking methods, Truth became a progressive force in the nineteenth century.

Jackson described Harriet Tubman

as "a secular savior of souls." She made repeated journeys into slave states through her Underground Railroad, to save others.

"She relied on a cool head, ingenuity, and a firm belief that her plans had divine sanction," Jackson said. Tubman's mindset allowed her to make 20 trips on the Underground Railroad, and free more than 300 slaves, including her own parents and brothers.

The third woman discussed was Ida B. Wells-Barnett, who Jackson calls the "pioneer of the anti-lynching crusade."

She made the United States more conscious of this act. Wells became even more livid about this when three of her close friends were lynched in Memphis, Tenn.

Barnett also founded and was president of the first black women's national organization, the National Association of Colored Women.

In concluding her lecture, Jackson reemphasized the fact that "In understanding black America, and the civil right's movement, we must remember that black women organized and oper-

ated the structures of the movement.

"That black women got the work done," Jackson said.

Jackson stressed that the three women discussed are some of the most highly regarded African-American women in the nineteenth century.

The Honors Lecture Series takes place every Monday at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. Next week the Honors College welcomes William Larry Gentry from the English department to speak on Counterculture Revolution. ♦

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Associate News Editor

Meet the Smiths

We have a new president at MTSU, and now students and faculty have the chance to meet him. On Thursday, Oct. 26, there will be a special reception for students, faculty, staff and the community to welcome President R. Eugene Smith and his wife to Middle Tennessee. The event will be from 3 until 5 p.m. in the Alumni Center and light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the News and Public Affairs office at 898-2919. ♦

Showing off some pop-art

Artworks spanning almost five decades by internationally recognized artist Wayne Thiebaud are on display now through Oct. 27 in MTSU's Art Barn Gallery. From lushly illustrated landscapes to pop-art paintings of a sardine can, desserts and tubes of lipstick, the 25-30 pieces that combine to make up MTSU's "Works on Paper" exhibit are part of a display that marks the first time the acclaimed artist has shown his works in Tennessee. Gallery hours are 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. ♦

Energy alternatives

The MTSU Solar Vehicles Workshop is dedicated "to the educational development of students, to stimulating interest in science and technology and to raising awareness of energy alternatives that make fewer demands on our environment," workshop organizers say. The event, scheduled from 8:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, will welcome science/vocational/technology teachers and students who are interested in entering Solar Bike Race USA. There will be hands-on opportunities for participants, featuring MTSU's first-place solar S-Class entry. The workshop will be in Room 169 of the Voorhies Industrial Studies Complex. ♦

Opening new dining facility

MT Dining is opening a new facility located in the Business and Aerospace Building. Currently, it will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. with expansion soon to 7 p.m. Cold express items will be available along with hot express items. In addition to accepting cash, the new facility will be looking forward to accepting Raider Funds, Flex Dollars and e-Dining Dollars as soon as the necessary equipment arrives. Sandwiches, Starbucks Coffee and different specialty items from Pastry Shoppe will be offered. ♦

Students organize to make campus "sweat-free"

The MTSU chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops is attempting to convince MTSU to sign a code of conduct, saying official MTSU apparel will be sweat-free." This means that these clothes must be manufactured by people who work in safe, fair conditions for a living wage and who have the right to organize as labor unions. A meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the JUB, Room 204. All interested are encouraged to attend. ♦

Being aware

The "Wall of Hurt and Hope" is open in the Keathley University Center upon which individuals can tie purple ribbons in memory of survivors and victims of domestic violence.

Through Thursday, the "Clothesline Project" will be erected in the KUC Courtyard displaying personalized T-shirts protesting violence against women. Thursday evening, the "Take Back the Night" march and rally will start on campus at 6 p.m. and culminate at 9 p.m. at the County Courthouse with speakers, special live music and a candlelight vigil. Rep. Bart Gordon will offer remarks. The community is invited to join the march as it passes Central Middle School at approximately 6:30. ♦

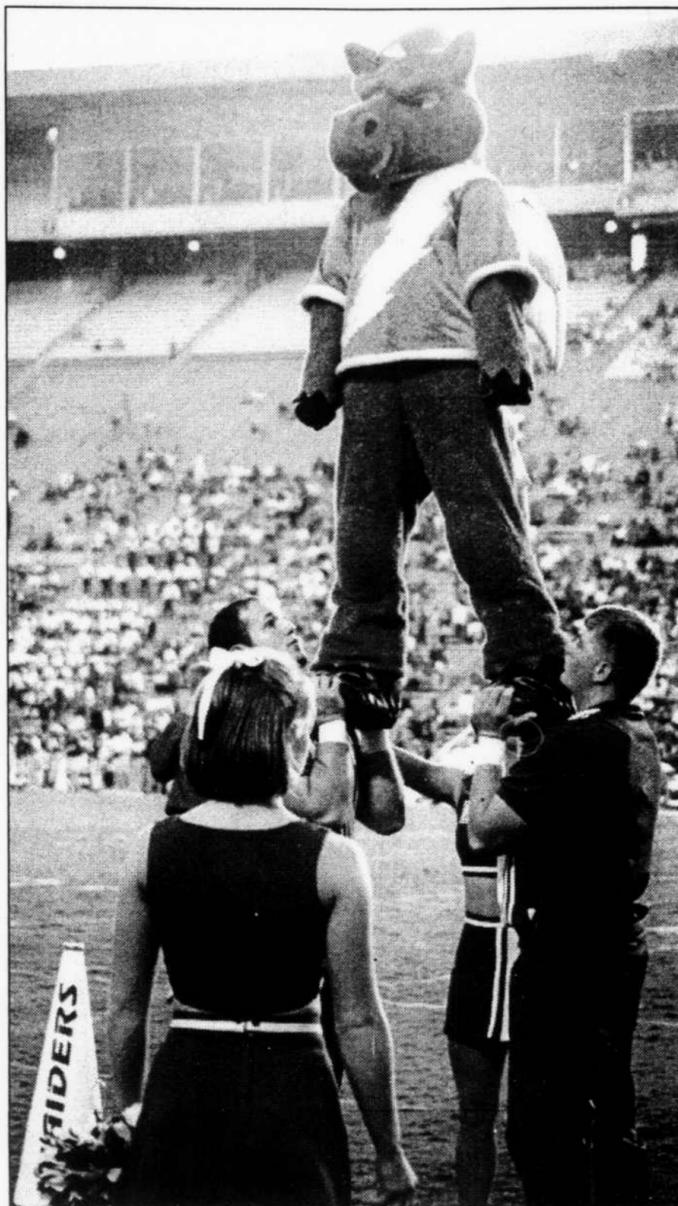


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Blue Raider cheerleaders raise spirit; Lightning strikes a pose.

The History Department Presents

Dr. Steven Ross
Strickland Visiting Scholar
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Dr. Steven Ross, a popular and distinguished professor from the University of Southern California, will be at MTSU for two weeks as the Strickland Visiting Scholar through the History Department. A historian of film, society, culture, and politics Ross has won awards for his recent book, *Working Class Hollywood: Silent Film and the Shaping of Class in America*. Besides teaching in fifteen History classes, he will conduct eight other sessions open to all students and other members of the MTSU community. One will be a public lecture on *Visualizing Ideology*. Another session will be a discussion and viewing of excerpts from *Gone with the Wind*. The other six will be selections from his popular course at USC on American History through Film in which he will introduce excerpts from feature films and from documentaries to explore critical periods in American History.

Students are invited to attend any of these public sessions. For more information, contact the History Department at 898-2536.

Public Presentations

Public Lecture

*Visualizing Ideology:
Hollywood and the Working Class*

Thursday, October 26, 2000 7:00 p.m.
State Farm Lecture Room, BAS

Gone with the Wind: Film and History

Monday, October 30, 2000, 6:30-9:00, PH 227

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Wednesday, October 25, 2000, 3:00-5:30, PH 227

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Monday, October 30, 2000, 3:00-5:30, PH 227

Youth Culture and Rebellion in the 1950s

Tuesday, October 31, 2000, 3:30-5:45, PH 227

Vietnam and the Crisis of American Power

Wednesday, November 1, 2000, 3:00-5:30, PH 227

Gender and Class in the 1980s and 1990s

Thursday, November 2, 2000, 3:30-5:45, PH 227

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SGA: change to unicameral system being discussed

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other body has already covered."

The Constitutional Review Committee met after the joint session to present possible changes which may be made to the SGA Constitution, namely the decision on whether SGA should become a unicameral governing system.

"The move to the unicameral system would add excitement and more competition and involvement in the SGA," Pounders said. "This will adjust the governing system so that it will make for a more efficient SGA."

Although there is support for the unicameral system within the current SGA, there are also mixed feelings about how the system will work.

"A move to the unicameral system might affect the voice of the smaller organizations on campus slightly," Walker said. "We have got to decide as a committee how much weight to distribute to the pros and cons and make an educated decision."

There is avid opposition to the bicameral system, stemming from the House body of SGA.

"The unicameral system would

hinder the growing school spirit we are working hard to create," House Rep. Michelle Hatchett said. "I'm also concerned about monotony in the system and too few variety of people making decisions."

Walker outlined the proposed changes to the executive branch including the appointment of the election commissioner and a Faculty Appreciation Day.

Pounders summarized the proposed changes for the legislative branch including adding standing committees to the Constitution and recomposing the stipulations concerning direct legislation.

Associate Dean for Student Life Gene Fitch outlined the proposed changes to the judicial branch including a student judicial panel to exercise jurisdiction concerning MTSU policy and procedures as it pertains to the entire student body.

"All students are welcome at the meetings and can be part of the process," SGA President John Marshall said. "Students can contact the SGA office at 898-2464 for more information about the Constitutional Review Committee." ♦

Awareness: moving against domestic violence

Continued from 1A

Inc.; Mary Glantz, June Anderson Women's Center counselor.

The Nashville band Phoenix Rising will play and lead singer Amy Brown, a victim of rape, will speak at the event.

A "Speak Out" for survivors will take place as well.

Take Back the Night began in

1976 when Belgian women attending the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women walked together holding candles protesting how violence was affecting women worldwide. Since then, many communities have instituted a Take Back the Night march.

Call the June Anderson Women's Center at 898-2193 for more information. ♦

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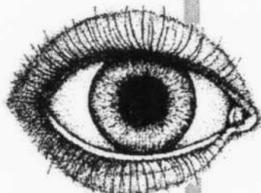
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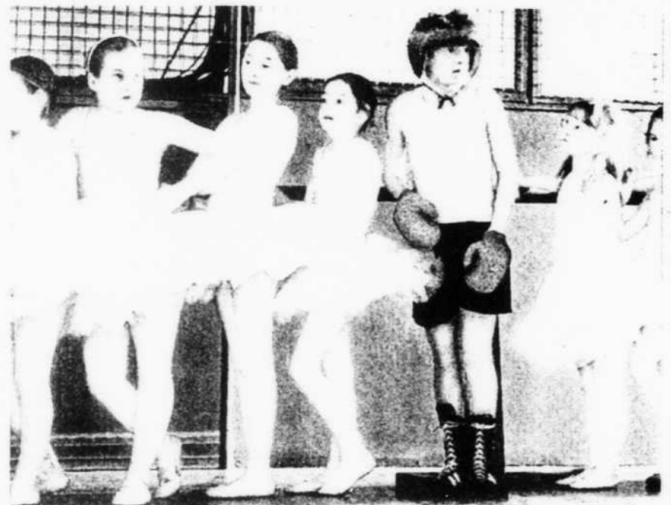
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Nader blasts Texas' defunct capital punishment system

By Romina Kim
The Daily Cougar (U. Houston)

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON - Ralph Nader criticized the death penalty in Texas, arguing the flaws in the system raise the chances for innocent people to be wrongfully executed.

The Green Party presidential candidate was in town Thursday for a reception at the Art Car Museum, which was followed by a news conference and rally at the University of Houston.

Nader spoke to a packed auditorium at Cullen Performance Hall.

"The death penalty system is riddled with deficiencies," Nader said.

He attributed such deficiencies to a lack of due process, disclosure, adequate representation and ineptitude by defense attorneys.

"The worst thing the state can do is execute an innocent person," Nader said.

He cited the appellate's court as being even worse, with racial disparities causing the execution of juveniles and the mentally retarded.

"Gov. George W. Bush should follow Illinois Gov. (George H.) Ryan and declare a moratorium," Nader said. "If one innocent person is executed, Gov. Bush should resign immediately."

Nader said he has opposed the death penalty since he was in college because studies have proven it is not a deterrent to homicide.

People who cannot afford a competent lawyer in the Texas system are at a greater risk of being executed, he said.

Nader also vowed the presidential debates will change in the following election.

"Indeed, after this election is over, we're going to start a broad-based people's debate commission," Nader said. "Next time, the presidential campaigns, which are run by the Democrats and the Republicans, will not have a monopoly to run a two-party debate."

The debates will also be sponsored by the media and civic unions, instead of corporate money, he said.

Despite what Bush and Gore say, there is no crisis with Social Security, Nader said.

"Bush says there's a crisis to get to his Wall Street friends," Nader said. "Gore says there's a crisis (in order) to pack the surplus in a politically secure lock-box."

The steady 1.7 percent growth will pay Social Security for everyone until 2037, he said.

"We are more than in good shape in the 21st century."

One of Nader's main platforms is universal health care. At the rally he broached the United States as being the only Western country without universal health care.

"When an HMO denies the right to a specialist, and deprives us of their judgment, what kind of power do we have?" Nader

said. The war on drugs has created the largest prison population in the world, Nader said.

The problem lays in that addicts are not viewed as health problems, but rather as criminals, Nader said.

"We don't send alcohol and nicotine addicts to jail," he said. "Imprisoning drug addicts only makes the jail industry richer."

Far more black people go to jail for drug-related crimes than white people, when whites have the highest problem with drugs, Nader said.

Tuesday, Nader filed a federal lawsuit against the debate commission because he was not allowed to attend the presidential debates.

"Every time I try to go to the debates, the committee has me thrown out," Nader said.

"There's no greater failure (than) for the parties to engage in exclusionary practices," Nader said. "But that is what the Democrats and Republicans are doing."

The two major parties don't want the competition, Nader said. "Supporting me helps build a major progressive movement," he said. "We no longer have to expect Democrats and Republicans in the ballot," Nader said. ♦



Gore



Nader



Bush

Bush, Gore education plans costly

By Remi Bello
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas - Education proposals put forth by Vice President Al Gore and Gov. George W. Bush would provide billions of dollars in K-12 school systems as critical building blocks to their respective academic visions.

Both presidential candidates have proposed a variety of measures to advance the K-12 school system, including Bush's "character education" plan and Gore's initiative to overhaul K-12 infrastructure nationwide.

Of Bush's \$1.96-trillion proposed spending, \$48 billion would be pumped into education, including \$1 billion to establish a "Math and Science Partnership Fund" to strengthen K-12 math and science education. Bush has also promised to allocate \$5 billion to establish the "Reading First" initiative to ensure that every child reads by third grade.

Probably the most extensive of Bush's initiatives is his \$550-million, three-year accountability plan similar to that applied to K-12 schools in Texas, in which the federal government will hold schools responsible for improving reading levels and comprehensive test scores.

Bush argues that the effort will prepare K-12 students for college. However, Gore aides noted

that under Bush's plan, public schools that fail to make advances within the three-year period will be stripped of their federal funding.

The funds will then be used to finance \$1,500 vouchers, which the federal government will offer parents to cover their children's tuition at private schools.

As compensation, Bush aides said low-income students at poorly performing schools that lose federal funding may either transfer to another public school or receive a \$1,500 stipend for a tutor, charter school or private school.

Gore aides have criticized the plan because it takes funding away from needy public schools, and diverts it indirectly to less-needy private schools.

"There is just no comparison between Gore and Bush," said George King, press secretary of the American Federation of Teachers. "Gore wants to build on progress already made within public schools, while Bush only has plans to punish schools."

Gore has proposed mandatory testing for all public schools and new teachers, which includes rigorous evaluations after granting teacher licenses.

But under Gore's \$500-million accountability plan, schools that fail to meet academic requirements in two years will be shut down briefly and then reopened with new administrations and extra federal funding.

As a result of Bush's Texas accountability plan, African-American eighth graders now lead the nation in math, and TAAS scores at their highest,

said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, who is also chairman of the state's Committee on Education.

"Bush's administration on K-12 is second to none," he said. "We have an accountability plan that measures progress in schools."

Bush has also called for tripling federal funding from \$8 million to \$25 million on "character education," arguing that school discipline will aid learning.

The definition of "character education" has not been made exactly clear throughout the presidential election process, making the plan susceptible to criticism from Gore supporters. They have said the proposal is just a ploy to attract voters who support instilling "character education" in the classroom.

Tom Roderick, executive director of Educators for Social Responsibility, said he would support the plan as long as it is based on valid child psychology research and does not "blur the line between public schools and religion."

"If he is talking about expanding character education funding, he should spend money on programs that are based on latest thinking about how young people behave," Roderick said. "I don't have problems with churches, but you can do a lot about character education without getting into what God says."

Bush campaign Spokesman Ray Sullivan said Bush's character education plan will instill in K-12 children values accepted in their individual societies and is not necessarily based on religion. ♦

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Shakeithia Deckard and Lindsay Pritchard practice for a tough stretch run.

MT snaps losing streak

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider volleyball team snapped a four match losing streak Sunday taking a 3-1 win over New Mexico State.

The Lady Raiders came out in dominating fashion taking the first game 15-2.

The second game wasn't quite as easy. The Lady Raiders took a 5-0 lead, but New Mexico State fought back to make it a close contest. The Lady Raiders pulled out the game 16-14.

The third game was another close one until the very end. Each team took their turn having the lead. New Mexico State never held more than a one point lead until they scored the final six points to take the 15-10

win.

In the fourth game key blocks made the difference as the Lady Raiders won 15-12.

"Our blocking was definitely the key for us," said Lady Raider head coach Lisa Kisse.

Sophomores Erin Hillstom and Katie Thiesen led the way with 16 kills each. Thiesen added nine block assists.

Senior Lindsay had 11 kills and 11 blocks, three solo and eight assisted. Sophomore Jennifer Hignite had 12 blocks, one solo and 11 assisted. Sophomore Alicia Scott had ten digs.

Kelly Quinn and Goldie Bilyeu-Sears had 25 and 26 assists respectively.

The Lady Raiders continued their winning ways in a domi-

nating fashion taking a 3-0 (15-3, 15-4, 15-9) win over Belmont.

Belmont never stood a chance as the Lady Raiders amassed leads of 13 and 11 points. The Lady Raiders took all six games they have played against Belmont this season.

Ironically, Belmont's assistant coach Jill Simmons is the wife of Middle Tennessee assistant athletic media relations director Ryan Simmons.

Katie Thiesen led the way with a .478 hitting percentage. Lindsay Pritchard added five blocks and seven kills. Kelly Quinn and Goldie Bilyeu-Sears had 15 assist each.

The Lady Raiders next home match is Oct. 28 in Sun Belt Conference action against Arkansas State. ♦

Football: Raiders earn 211 yards of offense

Continued from 8A

script, but it's in our bag of tricks. They overpursued us big time."

UAB coach Watson Brown was equally impressed.

"That was a beautiful play," said Brown. "It was well executed. We fell in the trap."

It was Johnson's second touchdown pass on the year, which ties him for the team lead. The two point conversion, unfortunately, fell incomplete.

The defense forced the Blazers to punt again, but this time the offense was pinned inside the 5 yard line. After three plays for negligible gain, freshman punter Robert Billings blasted a career long 62 yard punt.

The defense stepped up again with a key fourth down stop on the Blazers' ensuing drive giving the Blue Raiders some much needed momentum

and the ball at the Middle Tennessee 31.

"I thought that would be the turning point of the game," Hood said.

But the offense sputtered and gave the ball back to UAB with 4:46 to go in the fourth quarter. The worn down Middle Tennessee defense, which stayed on the field for 12:41 in the final quarter, could never get the ball back to Counts and the offense for any real opportunity.

The Blazers ran the clock down to :10 seconds before Counts had another chance. He scrambled for 20 yards and on the final play threw a Hail Mary interception.

However, it was the touchdown pass in the first half that Counts wished he had back. On the Raiders' first drive Counts hit sophomore wide receiver David Youell for a 31 yard touchdown.

Counts was flagged for crossing the line of scrimmage on the throw. The penalty pushed the Raiders out of scoring position and stalled their first drive.

Counts finished with a team high 50 yards rushing on the day, along with 109 yards passing.

"We aren't here to come close. We should have won the game," McCollum said. "We're going to win a lot of games."

Coach Brown agreed. "McCullum will do very well at (Middle Tennessee). They'll be the team to beat in their conference."

The Blue Raiders get their next chance to win a season defining game Saturday in Starkville, Miss. Against the Mississippi State Bulldogs. The game will kickoff at 1:30 p.m. ♦

Kris Rushing, staff writer, contributed to this article.



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David Youell (80) runs toward the endzone. He caught a touchdown pass in the first quarter. However, the play was called back by a penalty.

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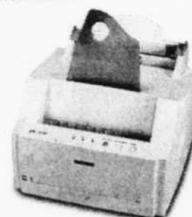
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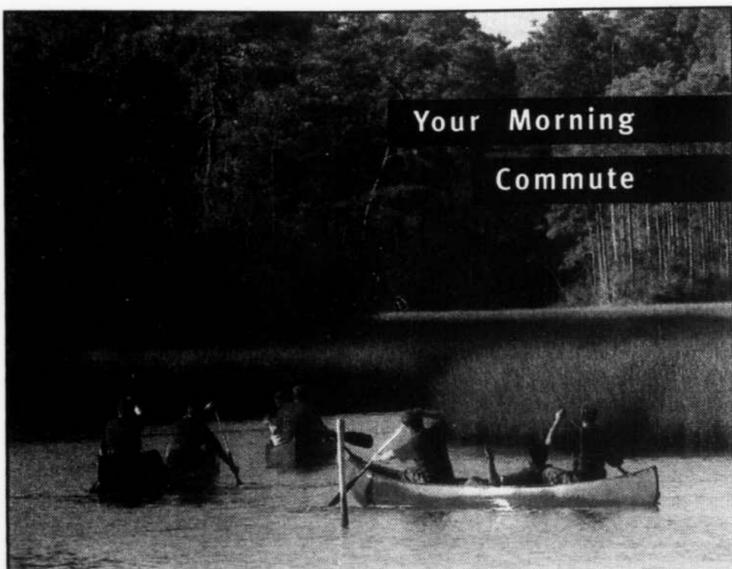
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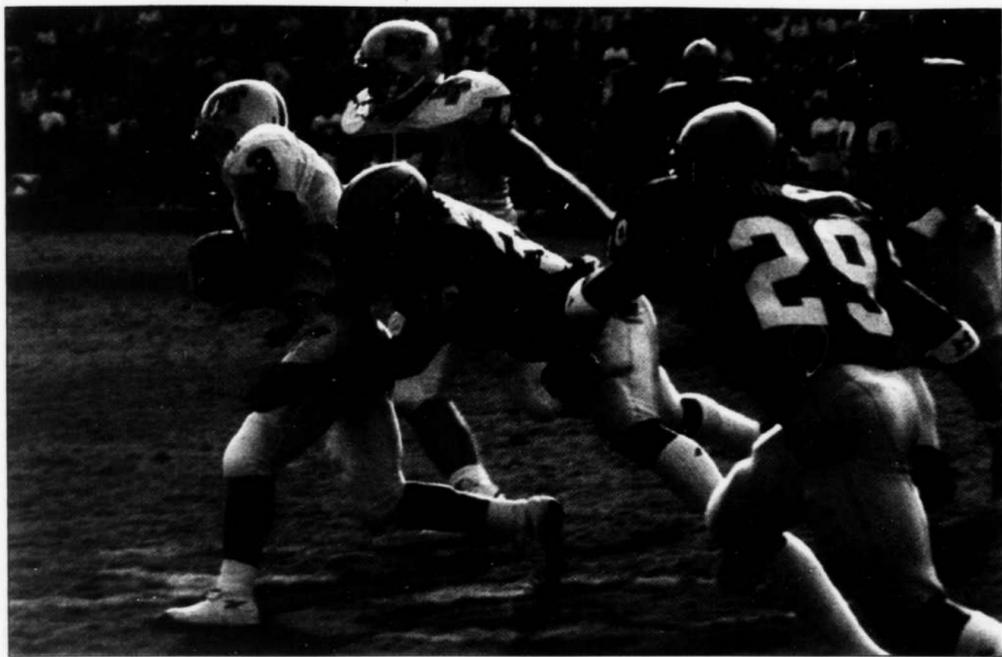


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Hansford Johnson (3) takes a wideout screen in the second quarter. He threw the team's only TD pass.

Basketball

Middle Tennessee will hold "Pick-A-Seat" on Nov. 9 during the men's and women's exhibition games.

The men will play first against Bryan College at 5:30 p.m. and the women will follow with a game against the Nashville All-Stars at 7:30 p.m.

The event will open at 4 p.m. and admission is free.

The annual event allows fans to walk throughout the Murphy Center and select seats marked with a sticker. The fans remove the sticker and take it to the ticket office to purchase those seats for the season.

Fans may also purchase tickets up through the first regular-season home game on Nov. 17.

Season tickets are \$98, but do not include the Blue Raiders game against the Tennessee Volunteers at the Gaylord Entertainment Center. Season tickets include men's and women's games. Season tickets for women's games only are \$30.

Students are admitted to all home athletic events for free with a student I.D. For more information about basketball season tickets, contact the ticket office at 898-2103 or 1-888-YES-MTSU.

New teammate

The Blue Raiders men's basketball team got a little taller over fall break.

The 7'4" center, former Indiana Pacer Rik Smits, worked out with the team. Smits, who worked with low post players, was visiting Murfreesboro with his wife, who has relatives in the area.

"I'm real impressed with these guys," Smits said. "They have a lot of talent on this team, and I like the atmosphere here."

The former NBA All-Star spent his entire career with the Pacers, averaging nearly 15 points a game. He was elected to the All-Star team in 1998.

Though Smits retired from the NBA, he will join the Dutch National Team — which he played for in the past, ironically coached by current Blue Raider head coach Randy Wiel — for at least three games in November.

Football Hot Routes

Junior Kendall Newson extended his consecutive catch streak to 28 games.

Sophomore Tyrone Calico also extended his reception streak to 18, while moving within one catch of Matt Lowe for fourth place all-time in receptions.

Junior Hansford Johnson threw his second touchdown pass of the season, tying him for the team lead in touchdown passes. The third quarter toss was to quarterback Wes Counts for 16 yards. Johnson is now 3-of-3 on the year and 5-of-6 in his career.

Senior offensive lineman Barry Hall extended his consecutive start streak to 38.

Junior defensive end Tanaka Scott is just three sacks away from tying the single season record of sacks in a season at seven.

Sophomore Kareem Bland leads the Blue Raiders in tackles with 54. Bland has tallied four double digit tackle games.

Freshman Robert Billings kicked a career and season long 62 yard punt.

The vastly improved defense has given up just 21 points in 11 quarters of play.

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UAB's homecoming boiled down to a thinking match between a teacher and his pupil.

On this sun kissed October afternoon, the teacher proved that a few of the pupil's tricks couldn't spoil the treat of a team seeking their first-ever bowl berth.

The Blazers (5-2) scored 14 points in the first half and survived a second half push by the Blue Raiders (3-4) to win 14-9. It was UAB's first homecoming win since 1997. The Blazers will become bowl eligible with one more win.

The teacher, UAB coach Watson Brown, used an aggressive defense to shut down the pupil's high octane offense. Middle Tennessee coach Andy McCollum played for Brown at Austin Peay in '79 and '80.

The Blazers' defense, ranked fifth in the nation, held the Blue Raiders to just 211 total yards of offense, including containing sophomore running back Dwone Hicks to just 14 yards on eight carries.

The Blue Raiders spent most of the afternoon in the shotgun, no-huddle offense trying to throw the ball into the seams in the Blazers' zone. Neither junior quarterback Wes Counts nor junior Jason Johnson could produce offensively as they did in the last two weeks, with the Raiders earning just 146 yards of passing offense.

Middle Tennessee trailed at halftime 14-0 after a three yard touchdown pass from junior Jeff Aaron to sophomore running back Bernard Anderson and a one yard touchdown plunge by senior running back Percy Coleman.

"I didn't do a good enough job in getting us ready to play in the first half," McCollum said.

However, McCollum did fire his

squad up for the second half.

"Coach put it on the line," junior linebacker Anthony Hood said. "He gave a good pep talk and got us on a roll (to start the second half)."

On their first possession, however, the Blazers marched down the field looking to extend the lead.

A key hit by senior linebackers Glenn Jones and Keith Pauldo against Blazer running back junior Jegil Dugger, who had a game high 102 rushing yards, stopped the drive and brought up fourth and three.

The Blazers lined up and hit a 44 yard field goal that would have extended the lead to 17, however, a delay of

game pushed UAB back 5 yards. Junior Rhett Gallego missed the 49 yarder, snapping UAB's record of 18 straight field goal conversions.

The Blue Raiders capitalized. Counts used his scrambling ability to gain 13 yards and completed key passes to sophomore wide receiver Tyrone Calico and to Hicks. Freshman Bryn Kelly connected from 29 yards out for the team's first points.

Middle Tennessee's defense responded next, shutting down the Blazers' offense and forcing them to punt on the next possession.

Counts stepped up again, rushing for 9 yards and finding Calico on a 31-

yard post pattern, the longest pass completion for Middle Tennessee on the day.

The Raiders stacked four wide receivers wide to the right of Counts on the fourth play of the drive. From the shotgun, Counts threw a wideout screen to junior wide receiver Hansford Johnson. As the defense pursued, Counts rolled to the left where Johnson threw the ball back to a wide open Counts who strolled in for a 16 yard touchdown.

"We run a lot of stuff like that," Johnson said. "It's not something in the

See Football, 6A

Robb steals wins away from opponents

By Rachel Parrish
Staff Writer

It's no secret: the United States is not that big on soccer.

While it's easy for millions of Americans to cite off their favorite football, baseball or basketball player, naming their favorite soccer player may be a bit of a challenge.

Jennifer Robb snorts at the notion.

A devout soccer player for the Lady Raiders, Robb doesn't care what most Americans think or don't think about the game of soccer. She plays because she wants to, she plays because she enjoys it, but most of all, she plays because she loves the game.

"I first got started when I was about three years old," said Robb, who is the standout anchor for the Lady Raiders soccer team.

Robb also says that her parents influenced her - by letting her make her own decisions.

"My parents never forced me into playing anything," Robb said. "They've always just encouraged me to do what I do best."

Do what she does best. A mild understatement in the least.

This season, the senior has a 3.5 on the field and has set a career record with a high of 18.5 for scoreless games in net. Nevertheless, Robb says that one of the best things about playing soccer is the teamwork.

"Soccer is a game where you must play as a team," Robb said. "Whereas baseball has a pitcher, basketball has a point guard and football has a quarterback, soccer has everybody. It's all about teamwork."

As for the Lady Raiders, Robb says she feels they have been improving each year.

"We'll only continue to get better and better and better," Robb said. "I think we're doing pretty good for where we're at."

Robb also says that a factor in the success of the team is the closeness the girls experience

"We all hang out quite a bit together off the field and I think this one of the best things about my team," Robb said. "We are all buddies here."

But what about the work? Practicing for soccer involves so much running that even members of the track team shake their heads in sympathy at the players when they pass.

A soccer workout is not for the frail of heart or shy of practice. With such difficult practices, it would be easy to understand how someone would just want to take a break and skip a practice or two, but not Robb. What does this athlete do on the days that she just doesn't feel like trekking those miles?

"What keeps me going is knowing what the end result will be," said Robb, without missing a beat. "I know it sounds really cheesy, but you have to keep your eyes on the prize. It'll all come together and it's worth it in the long run."

Hard work isn't the only thing to be leery of in soccer, the game can also prove to be quite hazardous sometimes.

"One windy day at practice, the entire goal fell on me," said Robb, with a hint of humor in her voice. "First it hit me on my back and then it landed on my leg."

While this may sound painful, Robb said she also battled a "minor" irritation in her right foot when she first came to college.

"I had a stress fracture in my foot,

so a screw had to be put in," Robb said. "When I first got to college it got irritated and had to be taken out."

Even the largest lineman will appear to swoon at the mere mention of a dislocated joint, but Robb, with a recently dislocated pinky finger, gives a characteristic snort.

"It doesn't keep me from playing or anything like that," said Robb, quickly dispelling any more questions about the obviously painful injury.

She endures long, taxing practices. She plays with a dislocated joint. And, when

she feels as if she can't take it anymore, she pushes herself to go on.

These are some of the characteristics that mark not only a star soccer player, but a star in any walk of life.

One day, while the rest of America will be merely trying to name their favorite star athletes, Jennifer Robb will be one. ♦

Robb Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Min.	Sv.	GA	GAA	ShO
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1998	17/16	1308	50	30	2.06	5.0
1999	21/21	1875	104	35	1.68	5.0
2000	15/15	1131	91	25	1.99	3.5
Totals	72/70	6054	359	123	1.74	18.5



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Jennifer Robb, the all-time shutout leader, smiles during a huddle.

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Daunting haunts create a spooky hollow

Local farm produces fear in captivating maze



Photo by Alicia Moore | Staff

By Robin Wallace
FLASH! Editor

An eerie glow shrouds the pillared entrance to Walking Bird Farm, the home of Monster Maize. The crackling gravel driveway leads to an illuminated clapboard hut where the nighttime festivities begin with the purchasing of tickets.

Before strolling down the embankment, lit by hundreds of white holiday lights, the governing rules are recited by a "Mayberry-esque" law officer.

At the end of the trail you are greeted by a gigantic pumpkin on top of a straw bale platform and opposite of that is a food canteen,

where classic autumn beverages and snacks can be bought.

Scattered across these two points and lingering near the corn maze entrance are daring souls, mustering up their courage or recovering from their recent chilling experiences.

Once courage is found a decision has to be made regarding which trail to conquer first haunted or unhaunted? Most choose the latter.

A rambling tunnel of corn leads to the heart of the maze before the first crossroad is reached. From there on the challenge of keeping your wits about you begins.

For some the labyrinth can be done in merely 20 minutes, but for others it has taken up to an hour

and a half, in the daylight.

A confusing illusion of shapes and pathways are created by the curtain of corn, with some stalks towering while other stalks part, making visible fellow wanderers.

Frustrations and tensions rise as pathways circle round and round, and the exit seems just as far away as when first began.

Yet, if you reach the end of your rope, help is only a holler away as a bridge, overlooking the maze, stands as a beacon of hope as the novelty of being lost wears into desperation. Relief however is short lived.

When emerging from the unhaunted corn maze, nerves begin to quake as you contemplate what

lies ahead in the haunted trails. The light from the tiki torches and food canteen quickly is swallowed by the darkness of the field where the only source of light comes from the urban glow.

The sounds of screaming chainsaws rips through the intense night air as chirping crickets are drowned out by panicked footsteps and shrieks.

Still, the present decision faces you. Where to turn? The high road? The low road? Or the road less traveled?

However, there is no time to think, for instincts take over as pulse

See **Hollow**, 3B

Wave of future just clicked into place

ClickRadio:

The alternative to MP3s and traditional radio

By Robin Wallace
FLASH! Editor

No more boy bands or Brittany - sounds too good to be true, yet it's not just probable or even possible, it has become a reality through ClickRadio.

An Internet-enabled digital radio service, ClickRadio provides a free way to hear music offline in a personalized manner.

This completely different listening experience claims to be better than streaming audio or FM radio by eliminating file exchanges or long, complicated searches for listeners to entertain themselves with new music/artists, while delivering CD-quality music in more than 40 popular categories, or "stations."

"ClickRadio is a better way to listen to music," said Hank Williams, ClickRadio co-founder and CEO. "You can discover new releases and also hear music you love - all for free and without having to download songs."

"Not only does ClickRadio sound superior, but it also learns and remembers what you like and dislike and programs itself accordingly. It's like having your own personal DJ."

All of this is fine and dandy, but how does it work?

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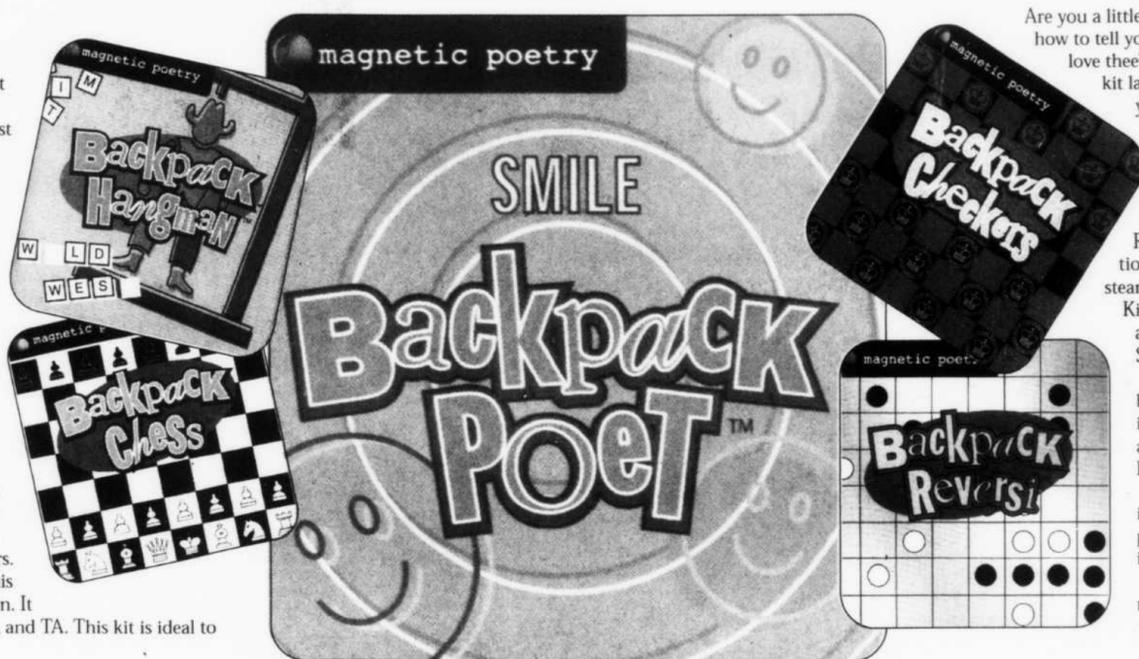
Ransom Style Poetry Meets Dorm Refrigerators

By Rachel Robinson
Staff Writer

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See **Magnets**, 2B

Daunting haunts create a spooky hollow

Local farm produces fear in captivating maze



By Robin Wallace
HANS/Emma

Walking past stands the pit-...
...of Walking Bird...
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...of Walking Bird...

where classic autumn beverages and snacks can be bought.

Scattered across these two points and lingering near the corn maze entrance are dazing souls, musing over their courage or recovering from their recent chilling experiences.

Other courage is found a decision has to be made regarding which trail to attempt first: haunted or unhaunted? Most choose the latter.

As you progress through the maze, you may find yourself reaching a dead end or a path that leads to a dead end.

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and a half, in the daylight.

A confusing illusion of paths and pathways are created by the corn, with some stalks towering while other stalks part, making visible little wanderers.

Frustrations and tensions rise as pathways circle round and round and the exit seems just as far away as when first began.

Yet, if you reach the end of your rope, help is only a holler away as a bridge overlooking the maze stands as a beacon of hope as the reality of being lost wears into desperation. Relief however is short lived.

When emerging from the uncharted corn maze, nerves begin to quake as you contemplate what

lies ahead in the haunted trails. The light from the flicking torches and food carters quickly is swallowed by the darkness of the field where the only source of light comes from the torch glow.

The sounds of screaming chainsaws rip through the intense night air as chirping crickets are drowned out by panicked footsteps and shrieks.

Still, the present decision faces you. Where to turn? The high road? The low road? Or the road less traveled?

However, there is no time to think, for instincts take over as pulse

See Hollow, 3B

Lebanon Labyrinth
MONSTERS,
MAZES,
CORN,
ELVIS

By Rachel Robinson
Staff Writer

What does a cornfield, monsters, and Elvis have in common? Lebanon. This may seem unbelievable, but Ned Overton and his family found a way to tie all of these things together with The Monster Maize at Walking Bird Farm.

Overton has always been interested in UFO sightings and crop circles. This fascination eventually led into the idea for the maze. He wanted to do a homemade maze on his farm for people to come and enjoy.

Such a haunting adventure takes place over 8 acres of cornfield and over 2 miles of configuring trails. Your survival is documented with your photo being taken to be included with all of the other brave souls. Yet, The Maize did not start with Halloween or monsters in mind.

Overton says that "the underlying meaning of all of this is simple - I don't want this farm to be subdivided, and I couldn't do that without other sorts of revenue, this lets us do that!"

Along with his family, they also have a full hired staff that helps out including "corn cops" that help people that are really lost find their way. A 6th grade class at Rutland Elementary School also helped out. They made the scarecrows featured in the Maize for a class project.

The Maize is split into two halves, one that is haunted and one that is not. The weekend of the 27th-28th, the MTSU chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, a national theater fraternity, will put on their most frightening costumes and be the ghouls in The Maize.

So where does Elvis come into play in all of this? Well the entire crop is ironically a sort of Tennessee shape. After the corn was planted the Overtons were trying to figure out a design to bushhog into the field for the maze when they realized that they had a lot of ties

See Monster Maize, 3B

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Stuck On Words:
Ransom Style Poetry Meets Dorm Refrigerators

By Rachel Robinson
Staff Writer

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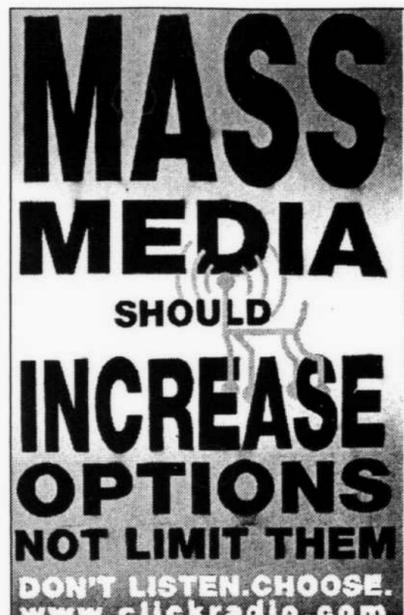
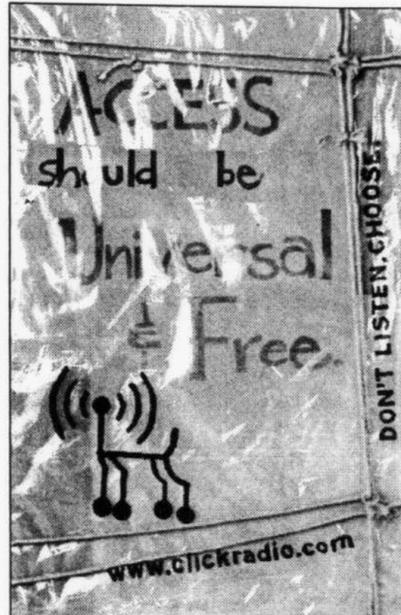
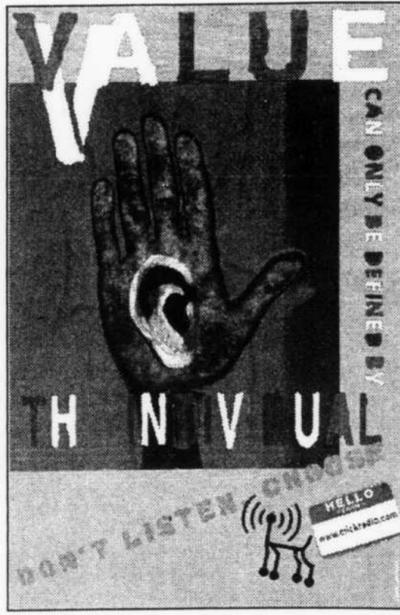
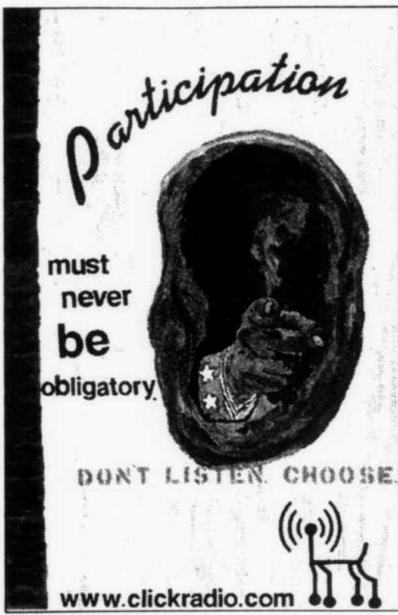
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Free Music: It's only a click away

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open Internet connection the tuner contacts the Mothership during idle time and starts downloading four songs at a time. The "background" process should take a couple of minutes with a high-speed connection (DSL, T1, and cable modem) and about 30 minutes

with a 56k modem. Yet, if ClickRadio doesn't finish its update during the period that you're online, then it will try again next time.

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MusicGuide's knowledge and experience that creates the pool of music played on your station.

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Plus, ClickRadio has a roster of thousands of more main-

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Besides personalized stations, ClickRadio puts at the listener's fingertip song lyrics, track information, artist biog-

raphies and links to artist sites. ClickRadio, based in New York and founded in December 1998, plans to go beyond the Internet and into the realm of digital set-top boxes and standard digital stereo component devices, as well as portable and hand held devices.

Get familiar with the name, ClickRadio, because it looks like it is hear to stay. ♦

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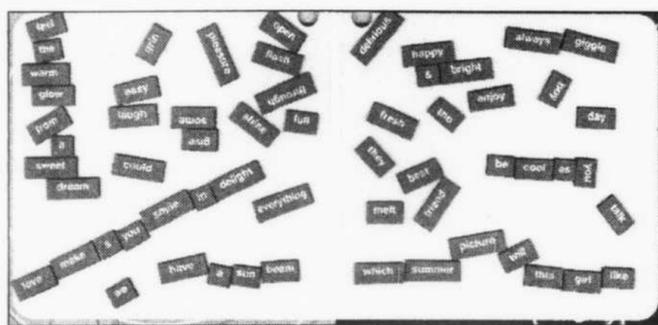
six different themes including Friends Forever and Smile. There is also a Magnetic Poetry Game Series for Backpacks. The four games are Chess, Checkers, Hangman, and Reversi.

Each game includes all of the pieces magnetized and directions in case you have to dip to far back into your memory for some of them. They also come in handy on long trips when you are stuck in a car or between classes when studying is out of the question.

Who would have ever thought that tiny little word magnets would be such a craze now? Kapell surely didn't. The story of Magnetic Poetry's origin is on that has the quality of

an urban legend, only this one is true.

Kapell, then a struggling songwriter and ex-cab driver, was trying a new approach to writing songs by cutting magazines out of magazines "ransom note" style, and arranging them on the floor in front of him in order. He felt a sneeze coming but couldn't stop it and the tiny slips were scattered everywhere. This gave him the idea of gluing them onto pieces of magnets and arranging them on a cookie sheet and low and behold Magnetic Poetry was born.



There is a writer in everyone, and Magnetic Poetry helps to inspire some of them to come out and share their gift with the world, or at least their roommate. Maybe it will even inspire your roommate to leave you your phone messages.

The prices of the kits range from \$6.95 - \$29.95, and can be found at most major book-

stores including Barnes & Noble, Walden Books and Books-A-Million.

Writer's footnote: The only Magnetic Poetry version that is not made yet is the one that I desperately needed this weekend for my writer's block. Magnetic Article Poetry! ♦

My Grade: A+

Glass slippers, pumpkin carriages, magic wishes

Ball brings mystic fairytale to life

By Robin Wallace
FLASH! Editor

What could possibly be more fun than going to a ball.

Saturday night is your chance to step into a fairytale world by attending the third annual Moonlight Masquerade at the Stones River Country Club in Murfreesboro.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the evening will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and finger-food, dancing and the Nashville band Chameleon. More than 400 people,

between the ages of 20-60, are expected to attend the ball, according to Kelly Pepper, executive director of the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts.

A silent auction will also be held, where bids will be placed on items such as a grill or paintings by many local artists.

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Monster Maize: Brings families together

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to Memphis and were big Elvis fans.

Overton explained that he used to send his mother the flowers and sign "The King's" name on the envelope. After three hours of bushhogging the design was done! It is a guitar and the words "Elvis Lives."

The Monster Maize is a family run operation. The Overton's have four children and one son-in-law that have either taken a leave of absence from their jobs or quit them all together. Overton's wife, Anne, is a 7th and 8th grade teacher at Mt. Juliet Junior High School. Their oldest daughter, Shan (31), lives in Nashville and works at The Land Trust for Tennessee. On September 10th, \$1 from each ticket sold that day went to this organization to support and save vital farmland.

The Overton's son, Turner (30), is a doctor in Birmingham, Alabama and comes up to help out on the weekends. The Overton's also have twin girls Karen and Virginia (29). Karen is from Memphis while Virginia and her husband Jon Logue are from Cilo, North Carolina.

Both daughters and son-in-law have moved home since the start of the maze. Overton says that in a family run operation,



Photo by Alicia Moore | Staff

Ned Overton, owner of Walking Bird Farm, the home of Monster Maize, explains to patrons how he and his family brought their cornfield into a maze.

the best a worst come out of a family, and this is another way to keep his family close. Many groups that come to the maze are families or children.

"I really get a kick out of hearing them chuckle, scream and laugh and I think 'Man those kids are having a hell of a time,'" exclaims Overton.

For something different to do this weekend, head out to Lebanon and put your mind to the test.

The Monster Maize is located at 3964 Old Murfreesboro Rd. in Lebanon, about 30 miles east of Nashville.

Their hours of operation are Wednesday and Thursday

4:00pm- 10:00pm, Friday and Saturday 10:00am-10:00pm, and Sunday 12:00pm-6:00pm.

Admission is \$6 for adults ages 12-64, and \$5 for seniors and children 6-11.

The closing day for the Maize is this Sunday October 29th, so hurry and seek your adventure tonight! ♦

Hollow: Creepy, kooky, altogether spooky

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rates skyrocket and the sounds of fright threaten all sensibility.

With all senses heightened, the mind begins to play tricks - spooks are imagined in the shadows and the spooks hiding in the shadows go unnoticed...

Some of the ghoulish figures are simply cloaked in black and the most wily butchered in knives, yet the others simply stopping are those who carry chain saws, hounding their victims through the twisting paths.

Even though the haunters never make physical contact, they scare the living daylight out of their prey.

Sometimes all you can do is laugh, cry, scream, or run, but then again you can never hide because there is only one way in and one way out. ♦



Photo by Alicia Moore | Staff

A trail of "twinkle" lights lead to the giant pumpkin that greets maze-goers as they come to edge of the Monster Maize.

Rachel Robinson, staff writer, contributed to this article.

Spooktacular fall fun for all

Cannonsburgh Harvest Festival

Saturday: Enjoy a day of old-time music, crafts, food, clogging, blacksmithing, an antique pedal tractor show, pony rides and demonstrations at Cannonsburgh Village, 312 South Front St., Murfreesboro; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Cost: free; Call: (615) 890-0355.

Dia De Los Muertos

Saturday: Celebrate this Latin American holiday with traditional food, music and art activities at Cheekwood, 1200 Forrest Park Drive, Nashville; 10 a.m. - midnight. Cost: members: adults free, children \$5; non-members: adults and children \$10; Call: (615) 356-8000.

"Dracula"

Friday & Saturday: The infamous vampire comes to life as the Nashville Ballet performs Bram Stoker's classic tale of horror in collaboration with the Nashville Children's Theater, 724 Second Ave. S., Nashville; Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m. benefits Nashville Ballet, call: (615) 244-7233. Saturday 2:30 p.m. benefits NCT, Call: (615) 254-9103. Cost: varies.

"Dracula"

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Thouls at Grassmere

Thursday - Sunday: Get ready for trick-or-treating at this annual event featuring a haunted hayride, and a children's area with Hay Creatures and fun inflatables. On Saturday meet members of the Tennessee Titans. On Saturday and Sunday, there's entertainment, a costume parade, a scare-crow stuffing contest, at the Nashville Zoo, 3777 Nolensville Road, Nashville; Thursday - Friday 5-9 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday 12 - 9 p.m.; Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 children ages 3-12; Call: (615) 833-1534.

Halloween in the Park

Saturday: Enjoy hayrides, costume contests for adults and children, food and craft booths, door prizes, games and goodies at Smyrna Recreation Park, 110 Sam Ridley Pkwy., Smyrna; 3 - 8 p.m.; Cost: free; Call: (615) 459-9733.

Haunted Trail of Terror

Wednesday & Thursday: Enjoy a spooky hayride along the haunted river bottom of the Harpeth River at the Williamson County Recreation Complex, 1120 Hillsboro Rd., Franklin; 6:30 - 9 p.m.; Cost: \$3 ages 3 and older; Call: (615) 790-5719.

Shocktober

Wednesday - Tuesday: Tour Mortimer's Haunted Manor, hike in Nightmare Cove Haunted Woods, ride on Forbidden Shores Hayride and Midnight Madness, at Nashville Shores, 4001 Bell Road, Hermitage; Friday - Saturday 7 p.m. - midnight and Sunday - Thursday 7 - 10 p.m.; Cost: \$20 for an "all you can scare pass;" Call: (615) 889-7050.

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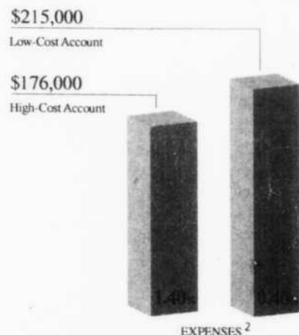
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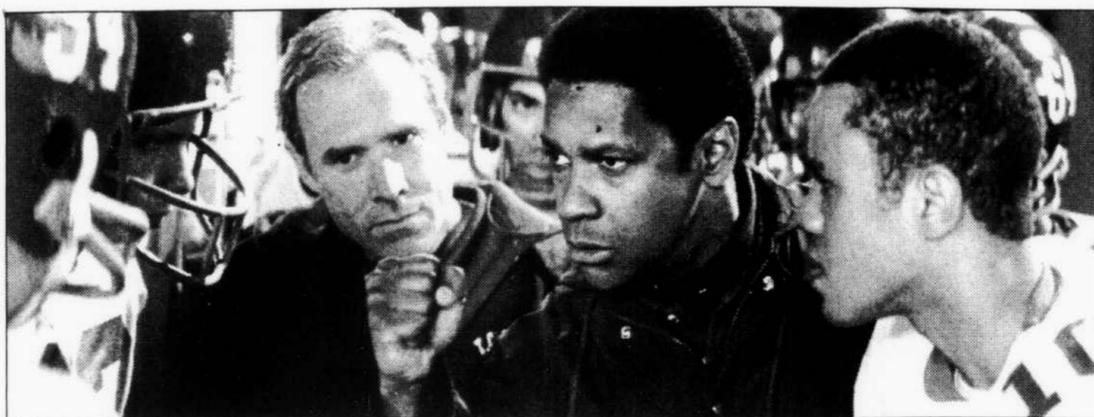


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Barely memorable 'Titans' outshined by 'Parents'

Denzel Washington's noble effort can't save 'Remember the Titans'



Unusually understated Ben Stiller compliments 'Meet the Parents'

There's an unspoken rule between filmmakers and filmgoers, and it is this: movies about race and race relations are afforded more weight regardless of whether they're good movies or not.

It may be politically incorrect to say it, but this is the case with *Remember the Titans*. It's a decent sports movie, sort of a *Bryan's Song* for the younger set.

It's a decent crowd pleaser, sort of a *Hoosiers* meets *Rudy*. But *Titans* wears its intentions on its sleeves; its sincerity is heavy-handed and, though I hate to say it, whitewashed.

Remember the Titans is directed by Boaz Yakin, the auteur behind *Fresh*, a wonderful little film about an inner city kid who outsmarts the people bent on determining his future.

Fresh is vibrant and meticulously constructed. *Titans*, on the other hand, is so sappy it practically oozes off the screen.

Yakin's biggest feat was recruiting Denzel Washington for the role of Coach Herman Boone, a man who replaces the white Coach Yoast (Will Patton) as the head of a newly integrated Virginia high school football team.

Washington is a marvelous

actor, one of the best of his generation. What he's doing in a movie like this is beyond me.

Chalk it up to his penchant for playing black historical figures — men like Malcolm X or Ruben "Hurricane" Carter, men who fought racial injustice.

Herman Boone is a real person, and the events in the film are based on real events, but recent investigations have revealed that few of the film's "facts" are authentic. I can only assume that Washington saw the potential in his role.

That potential is stunningly fulfilled. Washington, as always, is charismatic and forceful, but the movie around him is thinner than the paper its script was written on.

Every crowd-pleasing cliché in the playbook is a run-through, from the group Motown sing-along to the player whose injury inspires the team.

There's even a cute little girl, the precocious daughter of the displaced Coach Yoast, who wears out her welcome real quick.

There are some fine contributions from Donald Faison as a cut-up caught between the disciplinarian

See *Titans*, 5B

By Jared Wilson Staff Writer



Much less serious, but slightly better is the new comedy *Meet the Parents*, starring Ben Stiller as the new beau of a girl whose father (Robert DeNiro) is a hardnosed ex-CIA operative.

The father, as it happens, dislikes his daughter's fiancée immensely, and sets out to drive him away with surveillance, interrogation and all out psychological warfare. The result is a ludicrous episodic mess. (It could have been called *National Lampoon's MEET THE PARENTS*.)

Still, there's no denying Stiller's comic brilliance. He is unusually understated in this film, but his goofy exasperation shines through enough to satisfy.

DeNiro is great, as well, salvaging the comedy as reputation he may have endangered with the abysmal *Analyze This*.

He wisely plays it straight, and he goes as many laughs as Stiller does, riffing off his younger counterpart, not primarily with words, but with gestures and expressions.

In one scene, the two conduct an uncomfortable conversation. Stiller nervously looks away, avoiding DeNiro, and casts a gaze at the house. DeNiro glances back to see what Stiller is

looking at. It's a very subtle move, but a calculated and witty one.

Jay Roach, the director behind the *Austin Powers* movies, helms *Meet the Parents*, so the comic outlandishness is omnipresent.

There are some fine supporting roles from Blythe Danner, James Rebhorn and newcomer Teri Polo.

Lovable doofus Owen Wilson (one of the brilliant writer-directors behind *Bottle Rocket* and *Rushmore*, and appearing in last year's *The Minus Man* and this year's *Shanghai Noon*) appears as the fiancee's Mr. Perfect ex-boyfriend, a stock broker with a passion for woodcarving.

It's a bit role, but Wilson plays it perfectly. His stratty lines, spoken in his slurred Texas drawl, are some of the funniest of the movie.

Roach is a comedian's director, and there are plenty of obviously improvised scenes.

Stiller may be a bit more restrained in this movie than others, but there are some opportunities for his manic stammering to take over, including an airport scene in which he boisterously harangues an annoying flight attendant and a

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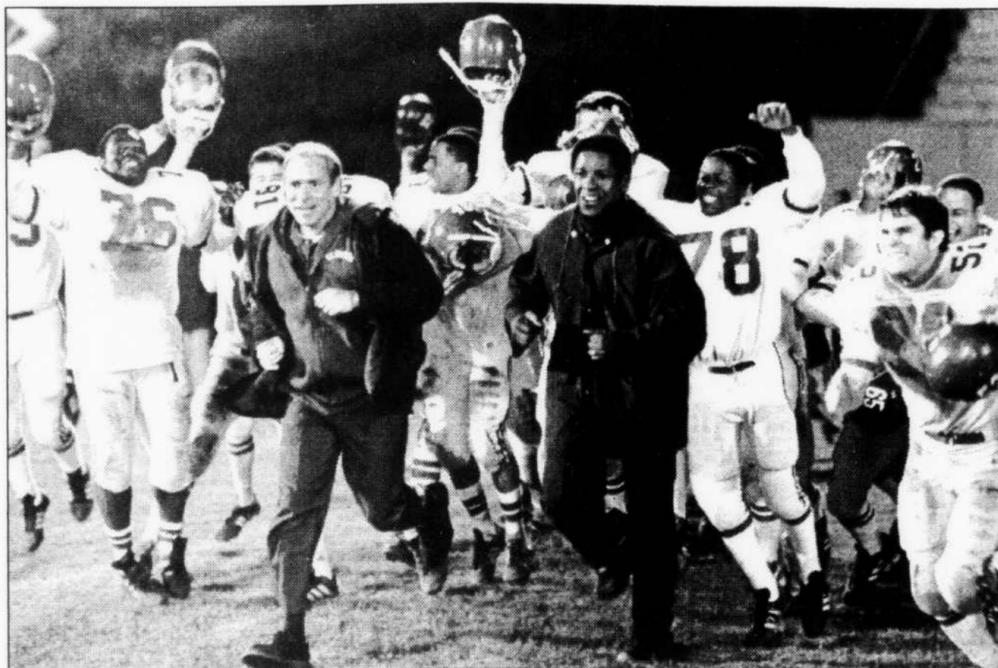
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pline of Boone and the patronization of Yoast, and up-and-comer Ryan Hurst as Gerry Bertier, a recovering racist who becomes the team's student leader. But even good acting can't save flimsy material.

Remember the Titans is one amateurish move after another, and it totally belies the fact that Yakin is a director capable of interesting, engaging work.

This film plays it safe. The producers know that American audiences will love this movie. It makes race relations look incredibly easy, as if all it takes is one man to approach us all, kick some butt, and our prejudices just fly away.

I have no doubt that fraternization between races eases tensions and speeds mutual understanding, but this film, in my opinion, is just as exploitative as the movies that understate the problems our nation has with racism.



Most viewers will disagree with me on this one. I just happen to think that a movie's subject matter shouldn't automatically earn it reverential treatment.

Remember the Titans is the naive cinematic equivalent of the phrase that has become a pop culture punchline: "Can't we all just get along?" ♦

My Grade: C

Parents

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closing sequence in which DeNiro's character reviews a surveillance tape of his future son-in-law's bedroom.

Stiller hams it up, DeNiro classes it up, and the entire production raises the bar for unassuming, for the most part insignificant, romantic comedies.

Not as good as this year's earlier Stiller offering, *Keeping the Faith*, but still worth the laughs. ♦

My Grade: B-

THEATER

Murder and mayhem disrupt a horticulture gala hosted by rich, eccentric socialite Miss Harmony Rose in the Laughing Corpse's production of *Murder And The Deadly Rose*, Oct 13-28. Show times are 8pm Fri & Sat at Miss Marple's mystery Dinner Theatre, 135 2nd Ave. N.

Dracula, everyone's favorite bloodsucking fiend emerges from his coffin once again in this revival of Bram Stoker's classic horror tale.

Presented by the Sumner County Players October 13-29 at the Sumner County Playhouse, 260 W. Main Street, Hendersonville. Show times: 7:30pm Thursday- Saturday and 2:30pm Sunday. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and sr. citizens. Call 264-8999 for tickets or info.

Stephen Sondheim and George Furth collaborated on this nonmusical murder mystery *Getting Away With Murder*. Presented by The

Circle Players Oct 13-Nov 5 in Johnson Theater, TPAC. Show times: 8pm Fri-Sat and 2:30pm Sun. Tickets available through Ticketmaster, 255-9600, or www.ticketmaster.com, and are \$12.

Oct 12- Dec7, the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville will host *Over The River And Through The Woods*. Joe DiPietro's 1998 off-Broadway hit never rises much above Seinfeldian Sitcom, but this tale of

intergenerational angst and love has proved to be a crowd-pleaser. For tickets and show times call (931) 484-5000.

Conor McPherson's Olivier Award-winning play *The Weir*, relates what happens when a group of lonely people share their personal experiences with the paranormal. Presented by AthensSouth Theatre Oct 14-29 at Abstract café, 205 22nd Ave N. Show times: 7pm Sat and 3pm

Sun. For reservations, call 720-0626. \$20 buffet and show; \$10 show only.

The Lipscomb University drama department presents *Little Shop of Horrors* Nov 2-4 and 9-11 at 7:30pm in Arena Theatre, on the campus, located at 3901 Granny White Pike in Nashville. Admission is free; for more info contact Larry Brown at (615) 279-5715, 800-333-4358, ext.5715, or e-mail Larry.Brown@lipscomb.edu.

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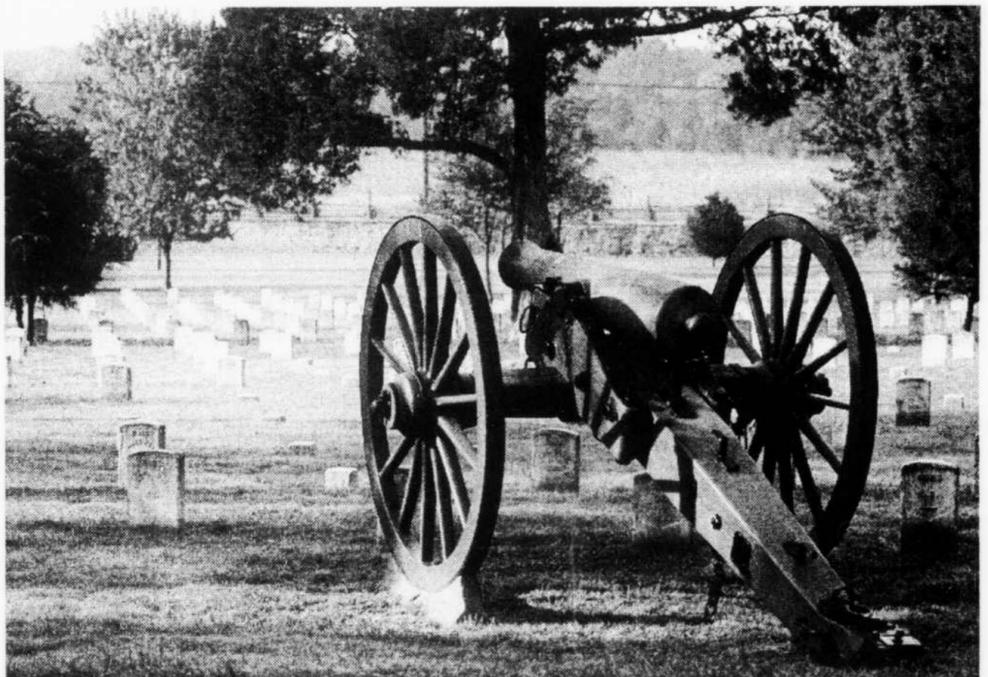


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About one year later **Howard Wall** and his family made \$1.7 million^{5,6} selling land both on and adjacent to the battlefield to the City of Murfreesboro for the failed Commerce Center project. In the deal, Wall also walked away with an obligation from the City to build a road⁷ in front of another of his Thompson Lane properties,⁸ making it even more valuable.



Call Howard Wall at 893-1130 and tell him to stop destroying our natural heritage and green space. And tell him to stop using his political power to profit from insider land deals paid for with our tax dollars.

1 The Tennessean 9/30/91; 2 Rutherford City deed book 601 pg. 579; 3 The Tennessean 2/12/99; 4 Stones River Nat'l Battlefield Final General Management Plan, pg. 251; 5 The Tennessean 2/12/99. Originally purchased for \$800,000 and sold for total of \$2.195 million. (Includes \$1.5 million to City of Murfreesboro deed book 633 pg. 818; \$220,000 to 2-Putt Realty Partnership, deed book 602 pg. 45; \$225,000 to W. Blake Matherly, deed book 609 pg. 749; \$250,000 to Regions Bank, deed book 669, pg. 728) 6 \$365,000 real estate commissions, The Tennessean, 9/14/98; 7 The Tennessean 10/2/99; 8 Rutherford County deed book 617, pg. 10.

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

The Samples perform with special guest Antonia at Jack Legs', 152 2nd Avenue North, at 10:00pm.

Trent Summar & The New Row Mob will perform live on the roof at BMI, 10 Music Square East, to promote their #1 Americana single, "New Money" from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Jonell Mosser & Enough Rope will perform at The Bluebird Café, 9pm. For more information call: (615) 327-7780.

The Guy Smiley Blues Exchange with special guests The Ominous Seapods will be performing at Jack Legs' for "Jack Legs' Thursday Night Roll" (All Ladies In Free). Doors open at 8pm. ShowTime: 10pm

Enjoy an evening of classical music featuring the violin and cello with The Nashville Symphony at TPAC, 505 Deaderick Street; 8pm. Tickets range from \$10-\$50. For more info call 255-9600.

SATURDAY

MONDAY

Dan Gunn performs with special guest Otherness at Windows on the Cumberland, 10:45pm.

3TC, Joshua's Child & Silent Majority will all perform at The Outer Limits.

David Parnley & Continental Divide will play at The Station Inn at 9pm. Tickets are \$8.

Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals, with special guest Blackalicious, will perform October 30 at The Ryman Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$27.50 and may be purchased at all Ticketmaster locations.

ONGOING

The Barn Gallery at MTSU is featuring Wayne Thiebaud: Works on Paper through Oct 28. The Barn Gallery is free and open to the public Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm; for more info call 898-5653.

Jenny Daniels all too-human looking photographs of tortured fruit will be on display through October 28 at the Murfreesboro/ Rutherford County Center for the Arts Gallery. Tuesdays - Fridays 12- 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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