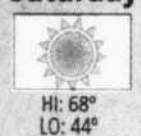



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Missing MTSU pilot found dead

By Wesley Murchison and Geoff Brashear

Campus Administration Editor and Staff Writer

The body of missing MTSU student pilot Jeremy Johnson was discovered in Talladega County, Ala. Wednesday afternoon.

Capt. Roy Giorgio, spokesman for Group 3 of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary in Tennessee, was given order to stop the search at 3:45 p.m.

The Johnson family was notified immediately, said Lt. Bob Bender from the Tennessee Civil Air Patrol.

The plane was found by a local person flying over the Cheaha Mountain, said Maj. Gary Ward from the Tennessee Civil Air Patrol. The mountain is about 2,500 feet tall and the clouds were at 2,600 feet.

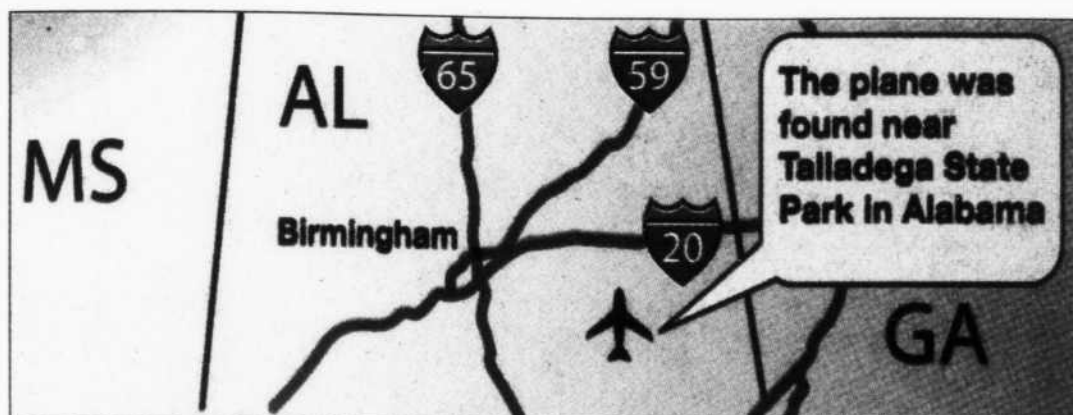
Jeremy Johnson, 24-year-old aerospace major, was returning from Auburn, Ala. early last Monday when his plane went down 75 miles north of Auburn-Opelika Robert J. Pitts Airport, Giorgio said.

Johnson's plane went down along the ridgeline of the mountain, said Chris Hill, senior aerospace major and Johnson's classmate.

"He flew the route every weekend," Hill said.

Johnson was returning from Alabama to attend a turbine engine propeller class, Hill said.

The cause of the plane crash is yet to be determined, said Jerry Studdard, Talladega sheriff. The accident is currently under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.



The plane was found near Talladega State Park in Alabama

Illustration by Chris Carver

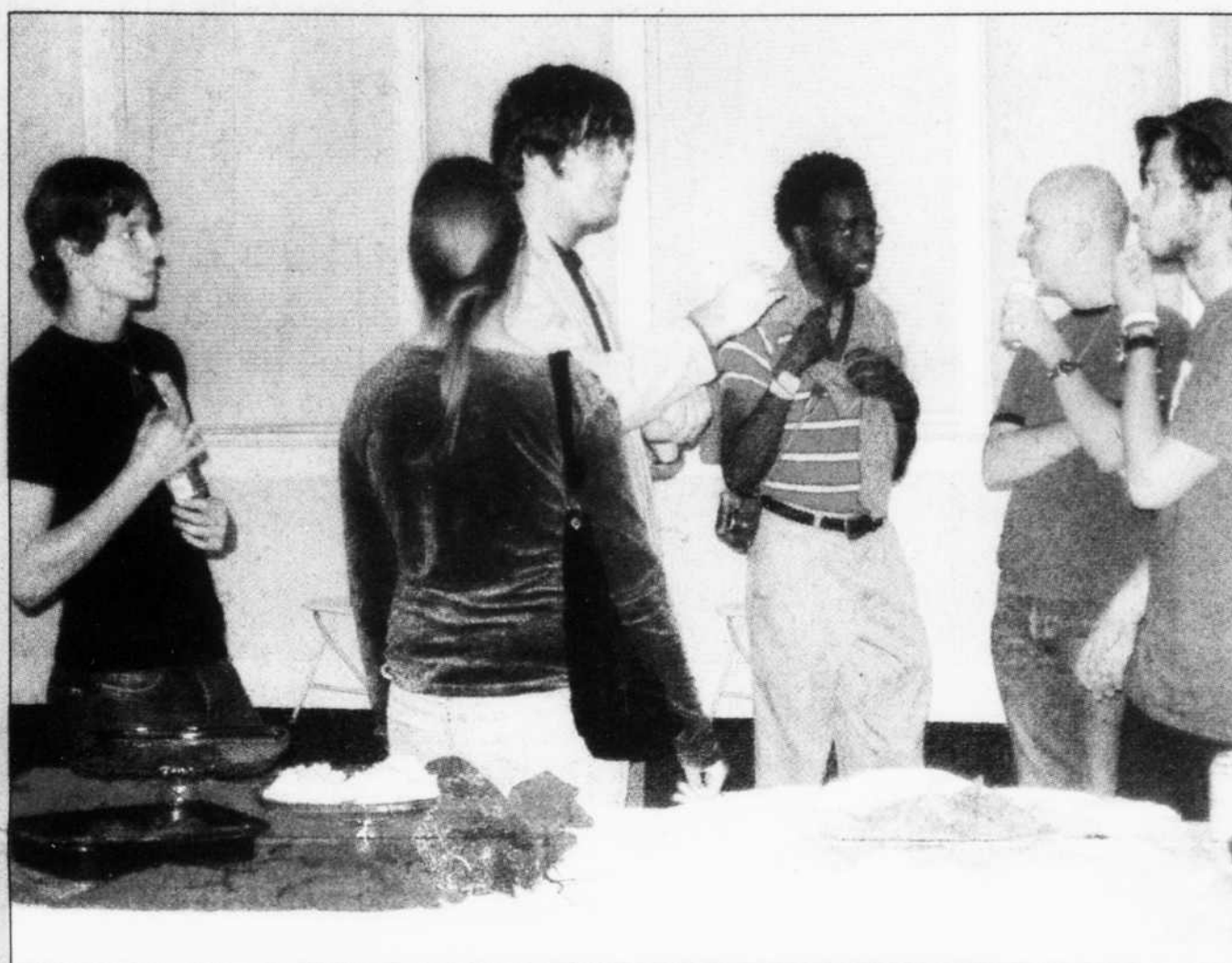


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(Above: left to right) Jamie Pritchard, Christa Gates, Andrew Eidsom, Timmy Gibson, Michael Hamlin and Jonathan King socialize at the Lambda ball Wednesday.

Lambda Ball

Organization hosts masquerade ball to welcome new and returning members

By Ben Dongarra

Contributing Writer

Lambda, an MTSU organization representing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, held its second annual costume ball on National Coming Out Day Wednesday night.

The ball was an attempt to recruit new members, and took place in the Tom H. Jackson Building, behind Kirksey Old Main.

"The ball is a representation of the new Lambda because we want to welcome everyone," said Sarah Crotzer, president of the organization and senior journalism major. "No one is an outsider. No matter where you are in life we want to get to know you."

The name Lambda refers to the Greek symbol for equality.

"We want equality for everyone regardless of sexuality," Crotzer said. "We are an all-encompassing social organization."

In 2005 the group had a little over half a dozen members. Crotzer attributed the diminutive numbers to loss of interest.

"The gay movement was huge in the mid- to late-nineties," Crotzer said. "After the anti-discriminatory laws were passed, the urgency of the drive fell out."

To combat the apathy in 2006 the group has decided to

change their image.

"We are not a political group, we're just offering a place for students to go and socialize," Crotzer said.

So far this year the group's efforts appear successful. Lambda has increased their numbers by more than four times that of 2005. With events like the costume ball they hope to continue adding new members. Crotzer expected about the same turn out as last year's ball, somewhere between 40 and 60 people.

The ball had an 80s theme featuring classic pop hits like "Billie Jean" and "10 in Love." Attendees, ranging in dress from casual to drag, included Lambda's public relations officer Terry Craig and his homemade Cher costume.

To avoid miscommunication, partygoers were encouraged to signify orientation with either a black bracelet for straight or a colored bracelet for gay or bisexual.

"We're a tight-knit group, but we are open to anyone, so tonight has been an eclectic mix, about 50-50 members and new comers," said Paul Kakanis, vice president of the organization and sophomore English major.

Kakanis said that Lambda publicized the event through flyers, but Facebook proved to be far more useful.

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HIV testing urged as regular part of routine physicals

By Josh Daughtery

Staff Writer

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention is urging people between the ages of 13 and 64 to undergo HIV testing during routine physicals.

Roughly one person every day becomes infected with HIV in Middle Tennessee every day, equaling around 365 new cases a year, said Kevin Lawson, HIV education coordinator at Nashville Cares, a community-based AIDS education service organization. About one person a week dies from the disease.

The new recommendations, released Sept. 22, suggest HIV testing and opt-out HIV screening to be part of routine clinical care in all health-care settings, though the patient's right to decline the testing will still be ensured.

At this time, Rutherford County's guidelines remain the same, said Beth Collier, regional communicable disease director. They are currently waiting for the administration to make the changes.

"[The recommendations are] going to have an effect on people seeking routine medical service," Lawson said. "Again, it's not going to have an effect on the people not seeking medical service."

Student Health Services currently offers HIV testing to any student for around \$20 to \$25 depending on the testing method, said Pat Spangler, medical director of Health Services at MTSU.

"The fear is that 25 percent of Americans that have HIV are undiagnosed, so they're trying to get people tested to prevent the spread of HIV further," said Richard Chapman, director of Health Services. "I don't know that the new recommendation will change a whole lot of what we do here."

Starting Oct. 19, Tana Terry of Nashville Cares and junior at MTSU will begin free HIV testing using the oral swab method, Chapman said. Students can visit Health Services on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m., with an appointment, for the testing.

Students cannot make appoint-

ments for the free testing using Health Services online appointment scheduler. The testing schedule is separate from the Health Services appointment scheduler, Spangler said.

"The stigma in the past was that if you have an HIV test, it meant you had a risky lifestyle," Spangler said. "I think a lot of people going to the physician were afraid to ask for an HIV test because they automatically think they're using IV drugs, a homosexual, or a multiple partner person, and that may not be the case."

With the CDC's recommendation, everyone should have an HIV test with his or her annual exam and the stigma has gone away, Spangler said.

The HIV tests look for antibodies that are produced when the body finds the HIV virus. If a person participates in risky behavior yesterday and has a test done today, then the test will come back negative. Antibodies take 30 days to show up in 90 percent of people and 90 days to show up in 95 percent of people, said Lawson of Nashville Cares.

"Everyone should be tested at least once, and then based on their lifestyle, they and their doctor should decide how often they should be tested," she said.

The CDC's recommendation does not state that everyone should be tested every year.

"Our biggest problem with HIV is not the people that know they are infected and being treated but the ones that don't know about it and are exposing other people to it," Spangler said. "So we're trying to identify those people for two reasons - so they can get treatment for themselves and also to identify them so they don't spread the disease."

According to Chapman, the CDC is trying to target the general public who may not see the doctor very often.

"Several of our students know they're at high risk and are more likely to get tested than the general public," he said. "A lot of times, students elect not to be tested, and that's certainly their choice."

To make an appointment for HIV testing at Health Services, call (615) 898-2988.

University plans to roll out new system

By Christina Runkel

Staff Writer

The MTSU Division of Information and Technology is preparing to roll out a new administrative and e-mail system in the wake of persistent speed problems plaguing the current system.

Tim Brown, associate vice president for Information Technology, said he is excited about the new, larger system but that the 10-year-old system currently in place has worked well for the university.

The new system has been in the process of implementation for several years.

"This is a big first step," Brown said.

With the new system, users will have only minimal changes to make. Rather than logging in and knowing two separate passwords, one for Pipeline and one for e-mail, students will only need to know one.

The IT team hopes this will help create stronger passwords because users will not have to remember as many and not need a "cheat sheet."

"The change will be seamless and cut down on account management," Brown said.

This will help cut down confusion for both users and the IT team when either experience problems with the system.

The new system will also have a different look for users to become familiar with, and it will be able to handle the current size of users, as well as the expected increase of users in years to come, Brown said.

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Faces in the Crowd



Katie Mendez and her co-worker were handing out new Schick Titanium Razors on the KUC Knoll Wednesday.

1) Why are you at MTSU?

I am here to hand out Schick razors and give the students a chance to win

a free mp3 player as a part of six-week college tour.

2) Do you work for Schick?

No, I work for a marketing company where Schick is one of its clients.

3) When did the tour start and where are you headed next?

It started on September 24. We are headed to Atlanta after this.

4) Are these razors only for men?

Yes it is a men's razor, but a lot of females prefer men's razors and we aren't going to deny them a razor today.

5) What other colleges around Tennessee have you been to?

We have been to the University of Tennessee Knoxville and University of Kentucky.

Compiled by: Faith Franklin

MT Chinese students, symphony raise money

By Michael Paris

Contributing Writer

The MTSU Chinese Student Organization is pairing with the Nashville Praise Symphony to raise money for Special Kids, a nonprofit organization benefiting families who cannot afford medical aid.

The Chinese Student Organization will be selling tickets for the event and will also be in attendance. Special Kids is a non-profit, occupational and recreational facility for children with disabilities.

"We serve many children from very low income families and single homes," said Stephanie Folkman, director of public relations for Special Kids. "The reason we can do that is because we have a development department that raises funds through things like this symphony concert."

Special Kids and MTSU students have been tied together through mentorship and volunteer work for some time. Folkman said MTSU students going into physical therapy have had the opportunity to gain hands on experience with special needs children and also volunteer their time by giving back to the community. Special Kids also offers lab hours for nursing and therapy students.

Special Kids was established in 1998 when Carrie Goodwin, a nurse, witnessed families with

special needs children being taken away for lack of adequate health care. Her father, Dick Kleinau, captured her vision when he too saw first-hand what his own grandson went through as a special needs child.

Kleinau and the Christy Houston Foundation in Rutherford County formed what is known today as Special Kids Inc. Since 1998, Special Kids has helped more than 1,200 families in 11 counties.

The symphony consists of both amateur and professional musicians who will be directed by world-renowned conductor Camp Kirkland. Kirkland has more than a thousand publications and has made great contributions to the church music genre.

This will be the first concert that Nashville Praise has done for Special Kids Inc. The Symphony has chosen to do this particular concert to help aid in Christian care for special needs children.

"This is a nice way to get out and do something different, plus support a wonderful cause," Folkman said.

The NPS will have the concert at Murfreesboro's Belle Aire Baptist Church on Rutherford Blvd. on Saturday, Oct. 21, and tickets will cost \$5. There will also be a slide show before the concert displaying the children who have been helped by Special Kids Inc.

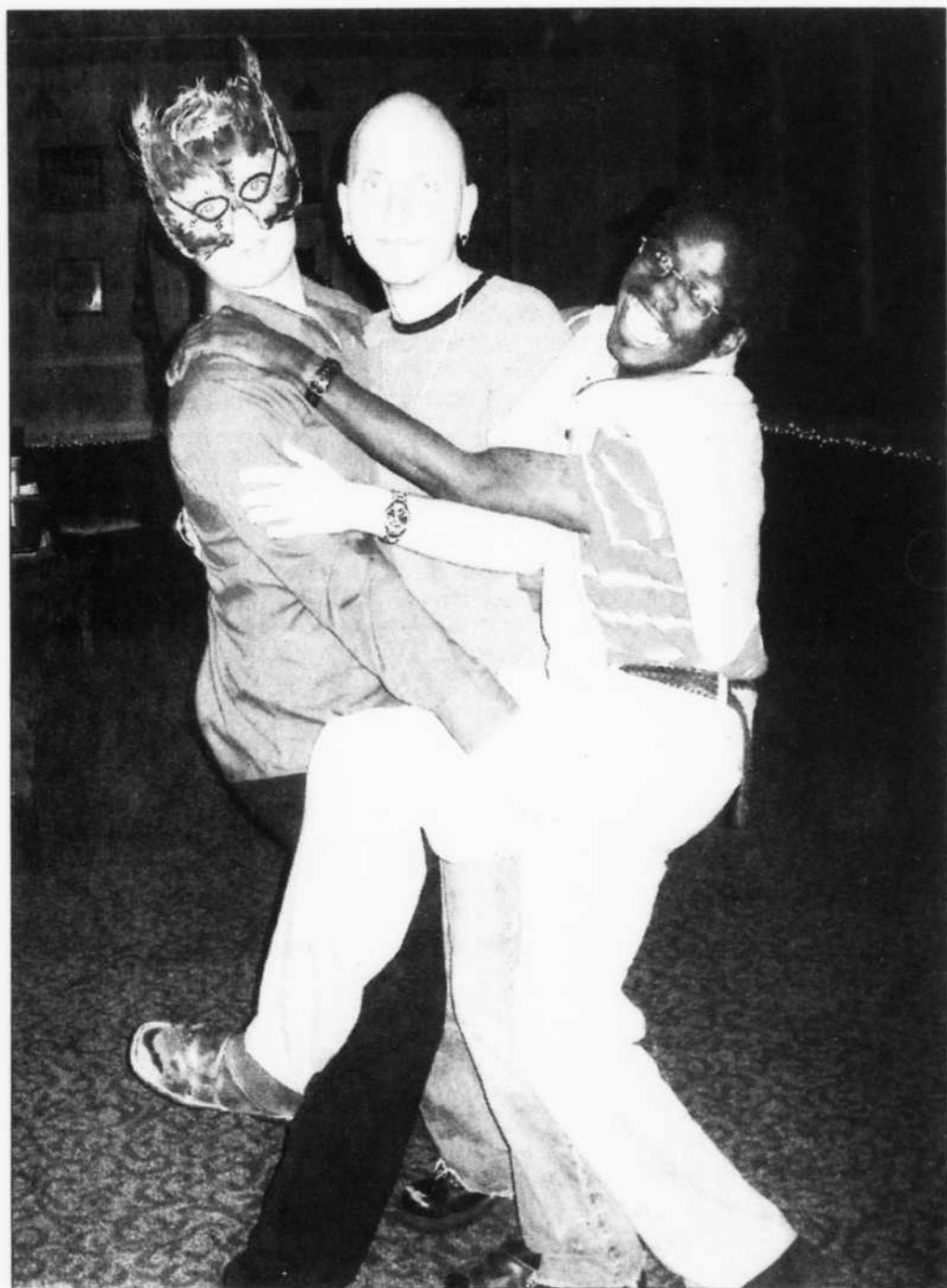


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(From left to right) Levi Collins, Michael Hamlin and Timmy Gibson celebrate Lambda at the second annual MT Lambda Masquerade Ball.

Lambda: Masquerade Ball

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"Everyone is connected now so it's easy to get the word out."

Organizations like Lambda can be found in colleges around the country, however there is little cooperation between groups, Crotzer said. Due to limited funding from universities, the groups have adopted an "every man for himself" attitude when it comes to activities, which is counterproductive.

"Because we have a moderately decent size, we are open to working with other groups."

Considering Lambda's geographic location in the Bible Belt Crotzer feels confident in the group's safety.

"We are always thinking of the safety of our members, but it is not a real concern, if you are friendly and polite, people will be, too."

For more information, Crotzer said to visit Lambda's MTSU Web site or Facebook group.

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Column for dwarf planet remains in Naked Eye observatory

By Joshua Cross
Staff Writer

The Naked-Eye Observatory, also known as the Uranidrome, will keep the Pluto column as part of the structure, as MTSU prepares to build the rest of the observatory.

The text for the plaques that accompany each planet's column were written three years before the final design to declassify Pluto from being a classical planet to a dwarf planet.

"We couldn't have anticipated that," said Eric Klumpe, associate professor of astronomy and creator of the observatory. "The only line on the column that could perhaps be misleading is the one that says that 'Pluto is the ninth planet from the Sun.' Other than that, everything else is still fine."

Pluto was declassified in August when it was determined that it lacked one of the three requirements necessary to be a planet.

The first requirement is that it has to orbit the sun. The second is that it has to have enough of a gravitational pull to deform it into a near perfect sphere.

"It was the third one that kicked it out," Klumpe said. "That one is that it has to clear out its neighborhood of all debris, but when you get way out where Pluto is you realize that there are a lot of things out there."

Klumpe said he does not plan on taking the Pluto plaque down.

"I'm not sure how much it would cost to replace it, but we'll probably just leave it alone," Klumpe said. "For all we know we could change the column and then the backlash results in it being classified as a planet again."

To be historically accurate, Klumpe said that keeping Pluto's plaque among the other planets' would be important.

"There's a part of me that wants to change it, but it could have historical value to remind us," Klumpe said. "When I read something, for example, that describes Venus very inaccurately it helps me to realize that this is an old book and it's interesting to see where we've come from."

The second half of the Uranidrome, which is an indoor observatory, is currently in the planning stages to be built.

"We've had drawings for the longest time, but they weren't put to use because we didn't have the money to finish the project," Klumpe said. "Now more money has come in and we are going to do the second half. So as soon as we tie up a few loose ends you'll start to see changes on campus."

As soon as they break ground, Klumpe expects that it will take only six months until the observatory is built.

"The biggest problem that we have to overcome, technically speaking, is that I want the telescope to be accessible first and foremost to MTSU students and faculty," Klumpe said. "I want it to be something that if they want to use it, it's sitting in their own backyard. By making that a high priority, I've eventually placed the observatory in an area where there is a lot of light pollution."

Klumpe said that by putting the observatory on campus, light pollution will limit how deep observers can see into space, but he said that it is worth it because it's more convenient for students.

Properly trained students who need to use the observatory for a grade will have priority when it comes to using the equipment.

"If you assign it for homework students can just walk across campus. They don't have to go to some remote site, be alone, and wonder about security or bathroom facilities. So for me it's not a hundred percent perfect solution, having it on campus, but it's close."

A camera is going to be installed in the telescope to filter out the light emitted by the security lights on campus. Then a computer will download the image and project it onto a plasma television.

"NASA gave us the money, but we had the help of state representative Bart Gordon," Klumpe said. "He heard about the project and got excited and as a result he was able to help us get the money a lot easier than if I had to do it by myself."

The first half of the observatory cost about \$700,000 and the second half is expected to cost the same.

"We are not going to spend less than the money we have," Klumpe said. "That has always been the case with the projects that I've worked on, even before I got to MTSU. We are going to spend every penny, I'm confident."

Klumpe's fascination with Greek astronomy led to his idea for the observatory.

"Shortly after I got here in 1999, we were actually thinking about building a telescope observatory for MTSU. An architect had made some drawings for me, and one of the drawings had a bunch of columns. He thought that maybe we could put plaques on them, and that is when I sort of synthesized all of my prior experiences and said that this would be a great way to inject a lot of Greek elements that I wanted to."

One of those Greek elements, is the name Uranidrome, which is a combination of two



Photo by Blake Arnold | Art Director

Although Pluto's planetary classification has been changed to "dwarf planet," the column representing Pluto as a planet in the open-eye observatory will remain, even with additions to the structure.

Greek words: "urani", which means sky and "drome", which means a specially designed place.

"I want the name that I give it to be odd enough that it makes people stop and think," Klumpe said. "We've called it the Naked-Eye Observatory for years, but that's just so pedestrian."

Since the declassification of Pluto, Klumpe has received several invitations to speak at local school.

"A lot of schools are doing astronomy segments in their science classes and they say, 'Why don't you tell us what happened, because we don't real-

ly understand it?'" Klumpe said.

Klumpe has high hopes and dreams for the observatory.

"I could go on forever about my dreams, but what I think is really going to be the most important thing is that I really want to have top of the line technology. I want it to be user friendly, so that students who are enrolled in our classes will be able to learn how to use it effectively. I want it to affect your views of our place in the universe and I want it to affect the way you think about school and college."

MT makes homes 'Lead Safe'

Department receives one of three grants in nation

By Christopher Barkley
Staff Writer

The MTSU department of engineering technology and industrial studies nearly \$2 million Monday, Sept. 18 from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to help recognize and manage lead-based paint hazards in residential housing.

ETIS is one of three recipients to be awarded the grant money statewide, and will be responsible for providing families in Tennessee with affordable lead-free housing units, and advanced property values for those families that obtain the 'Lead Safe Home' certification. Along with ETIS,

the Shelby County government was awarded nearly \$3 million and LaBorndeur Community Outreach received approximately \$250,000.

"[MTSU] had a similar grant in the past and based on our work in the past, the grant was renewed," said Carol Boraiko, co-principle investigator for ETIS. "The program identified and removed lead paint from 107 housing units last year and prevented potential lead poisoning in 232 children."

Officials with the Tennessee Lead Elimination Action Program (TNLEAP) said children have the greatest risk for developmental and behavioral problems, as well as potential mental retardation

stemming from lead poisoning. Homes that are treated must have been built prior to 1978 and have at least one child 6-years-old or younger to be eligible.

"Adults have different symptoms, but they are not permanent as long as exposure to lead is stopped; in young children the effects are permanent," Boraiko said.

HUD grants totaling \$118 million help 63 state and local projects around the country conduct a wide range of activities, including cleaning up lead-based paint hazards and improving living conditions of lower income families.

"HUD's goals this year is to renovate 156 homes and potentially

prevent lead poisoning in 500 children, it's a big goal, but we think we can achieve it," Boraiko added. "We target areas that have large numbers of older homes combined with a large population. We organize seminars and picnics; we educate the families on the dangers of lead poisoning and let them know they can get help."

"We do blood tests on the children to measure the amount of lead in the child's blood, [and] once the lead is removed from the home, we do another blood test and usually the lead concentration has dropped," Boraiko said. "All we do is simply try to prevent health problems."

E-mail: New system

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is the primary means of communication for students who have used e-mail as a means of communication their entire life," Brown said.

MTSU has experienced an abnormally large increase in e-mail usage this semester that has caused Pipeline and MTSU Webmail to function much slower than usual, Brown said.

"As you are aware, we have been experiencing problems with the campus e-mail system recently," he wrote in an e-mail to faculty. "While there is no instantaneous fix for this problem, we do hope to have a resolution soon. We apologize for the inconvenience this is causing."

IT has reported a more than 20 percent increase in e-mail usage from last fall. This increase has caused the system to slow down, creating problems for many students and faculty members.

"When I'm in a hurry, I don't check it because I know it'll take forever," said Jessica Hamblen, sophomore elementary education major.

Hamblen said she has had several problems with the Pipeline system this year. The primary problem is that she does not

receive e-mails sent to her, which has caused her to miss several important messages from friends and teachers.

Brown said he is not sure why the university has experienced such a dramatic increase in activity when the MTSU attendance has only increased 1.4 percent, but he noted that other universities are also experiencing the same increase in e-mail usage.

Every 10 to 15 minutes the IT team receives the number of users logged onto the network. This number includes users logged on but not necessarily using the system.

A possible reason the e-mail system has become slower is due to the increase of instructors using e-mail for their classes and posting items for the students, but Brown also said usage is not impacted by the increase in online classes, which has a separate system.

Before the new system takes effect, Brown advises students and faculty members to figure out passwords before they change and to look for additional information about the system upgrade. The new program will be implemented Saturday, Nov. 4, causing Pipeline to shut down from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

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Election ads aim to peak interest among young adults

By Megan Chuchmach

U-Wire

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - "Pay attention and vote" is the message of a new campaign from the Advertising Council, a nonprofit organization based out of New York and Washington, D.C., that aims to raise awareness about the upcoming midterm elections among young adults.

With only 26 days remaining before the elections on Nov. 7, the race is on to encourage citizens to vote.

Campaigns are in place, nationally and locally, to increase voter participation among 18- to 24-year-olds, the largest group of non-voters in America, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Less than one in five citizens in this age bracket voted in the last midterm election in 2002, versus more than half of those aged 25 and older.

"Young adults have the opportunity to cast nearly 43 million ballots during this midterm election, yet many don't realize how easy it is to register, get information about the candidates and vote," said Polli Brunelli, director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, in a written statement.

The program is an agency dedicated to providing U.S. citizens with nonpartisan information to encourage participation in the democratic process.

"Young voter turnout has lagged for the past 35 years," Brunelli said. "But young adults have the ability to make a dramatic difference in 2006 by showing up at the polls and casting their ballots."

The "Pay Attention and Vote" campaign intends to get young people to the polls through a series of comedic public service advertisements, which illustrate the potential consequences of not voting.

"If you're not voting, then who are you elect-

ing?" the ads ask. The ads are followed by political advertising for mock candidates, such as "Spoiled Yappy Dog" and "Frozen Peas," among others.

"Young adults need to realize that their votes matter in every single election," said Peggy Conlon, president and CEO of the Advertising Council, in a written statement. "This campaign tells them to have an opinion and get out to vote."

Barbara O'Connor, a Sacramento State University communications studies professor, said many factors contribute to low young-voter turnout in the campus environment.

The common belief among students that they don't know enough about policies and issues is a huge factor, O'Connor said. Mobile college populations and a lack of voting booths on campus are also factors, she said.

But, she added, with Sac State's close proximity to the state Capitol, there's no excuse to not be engaged.

"Most of the policies really do dramatically affect students," O'Connor said. "Quality and accessibility of education, student fees, light rail initiatives and global warming are just some of the issues."

The importance of voting this year cannot be underestimated, said Steven Maviglio, a political communications professor at Sac State.

"Every election is important," said Maviglio, who has been a political strategist in many political campaigns and is currently the deputy chief of staff for Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez.

It's important for students to vote in the midterm elections, Maviglio added, because there are many issues that are directly related to them.

"State issues are sometimes more important than general issues, and we're looking at the control of the Legislature and governorship," Maviglio said.

Colby Moss, a sophomore in communications, is registered and will vote through an absentee ballot come November. He said that family, low voter turnout among the student population and a social responsibility motivated him to cast his vote.

"As part of society, you sign a social contract," Moss said. "Therefore, you are responsible for giving your input."

The upcoming midterm elections, which fall between presidential elections, will select 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 33 of the 100 members of the U.S. Senate, 36 of the 50 state governors and various local public offices at the county and city levels.

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North Korea's actions fall short of goal

By Susie Penman

U-Wire

OXFORD, Miss. - Imagine a country slightly smaller than Mississippi. Now put slightly more than 23 million people in it, arm it with nuclear weapons, make it angry and you have, in essence, North Korea.

The country, which has long caused the rest of the world much concern with its development of nuclear weapons, said it tested its first atomic bomb in an underground explosion Monday morning.

Though the test, which was detected on seismometers all over the world, produced a relatively small blast and might not have been a nuclear one, its significance lies in North Korea's tendency to ignore the advice of the rest of the world - a fact evident in its blatant denial to listen to the recommendations, threats and requests of the U.N. Security Council.

"I think the North Korean test gives additional evidence that the Bush invasion of Iraq has been a huge mistake," said Peter Frost, a visiting professor of history and a senior research associate in the Center Institute at the University of Mississippi. "Initially, it made countries like North Korea and Iran even more anxious to get nuclear bombs to protect themselves. Now, because we are badly bogged down in Iraq, countries like North Korea and Iran have been emboldened."

And though North Korea's actions are technically unpro-

voked, Frost said that he thought the crisis was agitated by President Bush's reference to the "Axis of Evil" in his State of the Union address in January 2002.

"Although North Korea has long wanted nuclear weapons, I think that this crisis was made worse by President Bush's 'Axis of Evil' speech," he said. "Now, North Korea really felt that they might be invaded as Iraq was."

This speech was one in which the President said North Korea was a regime "arming with missiles and weapons of mass destruction, while starving its citizens."

President Bush continued to say that such regimes "constitute an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world."

Megan Shannon, professor of the political science department of University of Mississippi, said she thought that if the explosion was definitely a nuclear one, the first step in dealing with the issue would be an economic rather than a military one.

Frost also mentioned the economic consequences of North Korea's actions.

"In South Korea's case, the test has discredited the government's 'sunshine policy' of trying to engage North Korea in trade and cultural exchange," he said. "There are already calls to get tougher."

"South Korea and China, on the other hand, are worried that if North Korea collapses, there would be a huge flood of refugees and instability," Frost

said. "So I am not sure what they will do, but I do think that they will cut their non-humanitarian aid somewhat."

According to the CIA World Factbook, <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/worldfactbook/>, North Korea is currently suffering through its 11th year of food shortages because of a lack of good farmland, farming practices and shortages of tractors and fuel.

The Web site also said that "large-scale military spending eats up resources needed for investment and civilian consumption" - a crucial fact, seeing as the possible withdrawal of South Korea's aid might put the country in dire economic straits.

"It could have dramatic effects on the region," Shannon said, adding that she thought China would take some punitive measures if the explosion proved to be nuclear.

But the question of how the world will respond to the country's behavior is one that has yet to be entirely answered - especially since it seems hard for countries to balance the delicate issue of how to be firm without provoking North Korea. Another question is whether or not the potentially nuclear tests are as much a threat as they are an attempt at bolstering national pride in North Korea.

"Yes, it's working politically, but not economically," Frost said of the tests. "North Korea will get the attention and security that it wants, but not the economic aid that it so badly needs.

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OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board

If young people want to whine, they need to get out and vote

In just over two weeks, concerned Americans will make their way to the polls with the intention of performing their civic duty. Unfortunately, though, the young adult demographic will likely post a rather poor showing.

Well, it's a good thing we have so many excellent excuses. First of all, why would we vote for politicians whose actions don't affect us in the slightest way? We love to huff and puff about President Bush and gas prices and perverted congressman, but when it comes right down to it, nothing they say or do affects our lives as super awesome rising stars.

Legislation about gay rights? That's obviously only important to hoity-toity fundamentalists. Global warming? The weather is just fine, thank you. Ethics? Those are for old people.

No, politics don't really matter to hipsters like us. We have more important things to worry about, like making Homecoming Court.

The point of this clearly ridiculous diatribe is that politics do matter to people under 30. What happens from the governor's mansion to Capitol Hill affects what happens in your life, whether you realize it or not.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of young electorate apathy is the rampant opining about everything from sending our troops overseas to our president mispronouncing North Korea's supposed "nu-kew-lar" weapons. Everyone wants to complain, but no one wants to voice their dissonance on election day.

The great thing about being a citizen is that we don't have to idly sit by while the country falls apart. We have an avenue of appeal, and it's called voting. If you don't vote, though, shut your trap. Complaining without voting is like saying you're thirsty, but turning down a glass of water.

Here's the deal. If you want to air your gripe about the country, that's fine. In fact, you can even do it in a bar, while you're drunk. But make sure that whining translates into something a little more productive. Get up and vote, or keep your grumbling to yourself.

Children are blessings not boring burdens

Most parents adore their children and are more than happy to brag about their offspring, but some people just aren't fascinated and entertained by their children. London journalist, Helen Kirwan-Taylor made news herself when she wrote a column titled, "Sorry, but My Children Bore Me to Death!"



Lucky One

DeAnn Currey
Staff Columnist

After I read Taylor's column through completely I was frustrated that a woman would rather have her hair done than take her child to the park or museum.

Children are supposed to be a gift, not a chore. Taylor and her husband made the choice to have children, but someone must have forgotten to tell her what being a mother means.

So many couples long to have children, but are unable to do so. Taylor needs to be grateful for her children, because she was lucky enough to be able to have not one healthy child, but two. There are millions of people who will never get to experience being a mother or father because of circumstances beyond control.

Maybe she just had her children so she could show them off, or maybe it was the fashionable thing to do at the time. She made the choice to have her two sons, but she has also made the choice of not being a mother to her sons. Instead, she relies on the nanny to take them to the park, make their dinner and put them to bed.

Taylor is blatantly trying to avoid spending time with her children claiming she "spent most of the early years of her children's lives in a workaholic frenzy because the thought of spending time with them was more stressful than any journalist assignment..."

What kind of mother becomes a workaholic so they don't have to spend time with their own children?

It's disturbing to me that Taylor would rather think of herself con-

tinually than consider the feelings of her own flesh and blood.

I do not have children of my own, but I do know when the time comes for me to have my babies that yes, I am going to have to sacrifice some things in my life to put my child first.

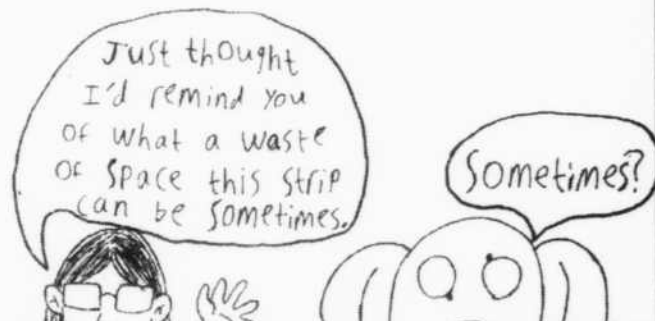
When a woman has a baby, her first thought and instinct needs to be about her child, not herself. I'm not saying that a woman should have to sacrifice her whole life to be a devoted mother, but how hard is it really to sit down and play a game with your child or tuck them into bed at night? It's great that Taylor has continued her career as a journalist since becoming a so-called-mother, but I think she has chosen her career over being a mother to her two children.

It's sad to know that these young children have quit asking their mother altogether to take them to the park or play a board game with them, because they know she will get bored. Interacting with your children is something that a parent should not take for granted, because sooner or later that child is going to grow up and not want you to play games with them or take them places.

I'm not sure who I should feel the most sorry for - Taylor for choosing not to experience really being a mother or for her two sons that have no say in what their mother chooses to do.

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DEAD SPACE



"And Friends"

Frank Hasenmueller

Stand on high ground before claiming it

The news hasn't really been fresh for the past few weeks. Ho-hum, another self-righteous politician has been caught doing the exact thing they've been railing against.

What else is new?

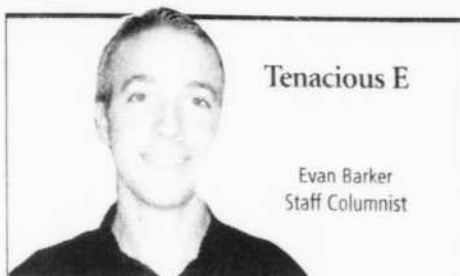
The irony is on a par with Mark Twain. Representative Mark Foley, a conservative from Florida, used to head up a House of Representatives caucus on missing and exploited children. His pet project, ironically enough, was securing harsher penalties for cyber-predators.

Oops. Foley was caught with his hand in the cookie jar.

It was recently revealed that not only was Foley hitting on the staff - a misdeed worth of impeachment, in former President Bill Clinton's case - he was hitting on the underage staff, online. They were also males, a huge no-no for Foley's conservative constituency. The bigger they are, the harder they fall.

Foley's not the only one. Conservative radio pundit Rush Limbaugh got his comeuppance earlier in the year when he was nabbed for "doctor-shopping," meaning he went to multiple doctors in a short period to obtain overlapping prescriptions for painkilling medications, which are controlled substances. The irony here is that Limbaugh has raved for years wanting stiffer penalties for druggies. Oops.

A third victim of pride and overconfidence is our beloved former state senator, John Ford of Memphis. Ford's long-running and numer-



Tenacious E

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ous misdeeds include but are not limited to taking bribes, road rage involving handguns, influence peddling and ballot-fixing.

A search into past news coverage about Ford is rife with tales of outraged lawmakers taking issue with his obviously corrupt actions. In one case, Ford pushed a bill though state congress designed to change child-support payments, and then subsequently challenged the legality of the very same law when it was applied to his own payments.

The lesson here is that nobody is exempt from having the rug pulled out from under them. How many corrupt politicians, corporate CEOs and other public figures will rise and fall before we understand it?

The common thread with these three examples is that each claimed the moral high ground on a certain front, whether it was cyber-exploitation, drug usage or overall goodness for the state. Each was subsequently proven to be acting in a manner directly contrary to their supposedly righteous position.

It's simply the worst kind of hypocrisy - the kind that damages other people. It's one thing if you harbor delusions of righteousness in your own mind, and you hurt only yourself. It's quite another when your fantasies gain you public trust, only to have it wasted when you're exposed as a phony. Don't trust your politicians. If they actually stand on the moral high ground, they will not need to advertise it. Their position will be unassailable.

The Tom DeLays, Strom Thurmonds, Michael Moores and Ann Coulter's of the world are dangerous enough as it is. Don't give them or their underhanded tactics an inch, or they will take a mile. The dangerous potential of these zealots is magnified by each person who believes their hype, and thus cheapens our national political discourse.

In life, it is best to actually stand on the aforementioned moral high ground before claiming it. This piece of advice is similar to "let the one without sin cast the first stone." In short, none of us will be able to truly claim such a righteous stance, without running the risk of appearing pompous and self-assured, like any one of the sad examples I've cited here.

If we were forced to be morally accountable every time we point a finger, certainly fewer fingers would be pointed, to the benefit of all. Don't give in to phony politics.

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Letters to the Editor

Professor's attack on student uncalled for

To the Editor:

While Louis Haas certainly has a right to his opinion ["Article demonstrates sub-par writing," Oct. 9] one might expect such immature, hate-filled, quite personal diatribes from students. But certainly not from an associate professor - one whose salary Amy D'Andrea pays, I paid and everyone else who attends MTSU pays.

Apparently, instead of working on his own teaching methods, learning more about his craft or possibly even doing something constructive about the perceived problem, Associate Professor Haas seems content perched upon his ivory tower. How does berating an undergraduate student contribute at all to a culture of learning at MTSU? Haas should be ashamed of himself for treating a college sophomore - or any student for that matter - like this.

Then again, Haas may simply be jealous of D'Andrea, as she can at least get published. Haas' bio reveals he has not been published since 1999. That's seven years ago, in case anyone is counting. Instead of bemoaning its quality, Haas should be kissing the feet of everyone at *Sidelines*. At least one publication - a student publication published almost entirely by undergrads - is willing to put his venom in print.

Jason Cox
College of Mass Communications Alumnus Class of 2005

Aramark's high catering prices unrealistic

To the Editor:

Aramark, since you are soliciting feedback on your services, I thought it only fitting to comment on one aspect of your service that I find particularly nonsensical: the high cost of your catering services, and the expectation that they be used for campus functions despite cost. Your catering menu is indeed delectable. However, I sense that your pricing team has not thoroughly done its homework. This is a public university, not a convention center, and the prices of all but a few of the items are well beyond the typical departmental budget except for a once-in-a-blue-moon extravagance. I say this having used your services for departmental functions in the past. After salivating over most of the menu, I have found that the only thing reasonably priced, when it comes down to it, are the lunch boxes. And they're not exactly cheap, either. Even Heavenly Ham on Memorial Blvd, which is the closest thing Murfreesboro has to a deli offering lunch boxes, sells them more cheaply. These prices may be typical of catering, and may even be a bargain by industry standards.

However, keep in mind that at a university like MTSU, faculty and staff aim to be resourceful and to engage in the smartest allocation of resources as possible. Step into almost any classroom and see the efficient, low-budget imprint left by a typical faculty person, who has probably paid for many of his or her teaching supplies out of pocket, often down to chalk and whiteboard markers. Aramark would do well to find a niche within this well-established culture of resourcefulness.

If that was all there was to it - high prices - I wouldn't think more about it. After all, any company is welcome to charge whatever it wants for its products and services. However, departments must not only request permission to bring food to campus but also justify such requests. When I wish to provide free orange juice, coffee and bagels for a new graduate teaching assistant orientation out of my department's budget, I not only have to request permission but also explain why I do not wish to use MTSU food services. And here's the clincher: there is a not-so-subtle note on the request form which states "note: cost alone may not justify exception." In other words, Aramark is fully aware that its product is, for the most part, overpriced. Why else include this pointed little note unless high cost was the most oft-cited reason that departments do not like to use Aramark catering?

My Aramark friends, cost-effectiveness is a driving force behind most, if not all, achievements on the MTSU campus. I imagine this is also the case for many of Aramark's corporate decisions. So why must departments bend to a policy that not only discourages cost-effectiveness, but also belittles it?

If I had used Aramark services to cater the new GTA orientation breakfast - coffee, orange juice, bagels - it would have cost my department \$87. I was able to provide the same service for about \$25 - that's a savings of \$62 to the hardworking Tennessee taxpayers. Why should my department have to provide a justification for choosing option #2 beyond the fact that it is much, much cheaper to do it that way?

Ric Morris
Associate professor,
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Don't believe negative Greek stereotypes

To the Editor:

As a non-Greek student that minds his own business, I just thought someone should let Andrea Hinch know that most, if not all people here at MTSU are looking to enrich their resumes. If anything, Greeks step up a little more than say, an average college student - not me, of course - with whatever it is they do for the community. Making a point and taking the time to say these people do not deserve praise and that you do not want to be like them is fruitless, and kind of ignorant to me.

As far as the campaigning goes, you don't have to watch TV long to see that the signs around campus are in better taste than our politicians - and those guys are actually campaigning for serious things. Also, those believing in hype and stereotypes really have not learned anything since becoming a college student. This is an environment where an 'egoish' statement like "I'm an awesome guy" can be overlooked, if once you get to know him, he really is. Hinch can spend her money and time how she wishes - just as the Greeks do.

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FEATURES

Old-school shows gain new life

Students find comfort in watching childhood favorites

By Mary Rose Fox
Staff Writer

With the increasing number of television shows released on DVD, the question arises: Why are students buying seasons of TV shows from several years back? Why are people clinging to shows from their youth?

"When you go back to these shows, you reconnect with all sorts of experiences that happened when you were young," said Janet Belsky, doctor of psychology at MTSU. "It evokes very strong memories, and what happens psychologically is it really puts you back into those places, especially if it's visual."

Although senior public relations major Stephen Sanders doesn't own any TV shows, he believes that people buy them for a reason. "They either don't like what's on now, or want to relive the past," Sanders said. "I wouldn't buy television shows — I'd buy football games, like the greatest games complete from beginning to end."

TV shows have become an increasingly lucrative segment of the DVD market. The *Los Angeles Daily News* reported this week that TV DVD sales will account for nearly \$3 billion of the market this year, approximately 20 percent of last year's total DVD sales.

Senior German major Kelly Bowen owns "Strangers with Candy" on DVD, and she believes the reason she purchased it is much simpler than that.

"I liked it and it's not on TV anymore," she said. Belsky, however, argues that people may not even buy old shows based on content, but instead on the need to relive feelings they associate with earlier times.

"They're a way of connecting you back to events and experiences that you really cared about," she explains, adding that when something triggers a sense of nostalgia, it

can be very emotional.

Sophomore biology major Ryan Sheehan says he owns "The Simpsons" on DVD because it's familiar to him.

"I grew up watching that — it was on TV almost all the time," Sheehan said.

Belsky says that these older TV shows may have the same affect on people as older movies in the sense that they can pull someone back into the past for a couple of hours.

"I just saw 'Dumbo,' which I used to watch with my son when he was a baby, and it was just so powerful for me," Belsky said. "And that's true with movies, so I'm sure it's true with TV shows."

Belsky even related students watching old TV shows to bringing old stuffed animals to college their freshman year.

"It's like a security blanket," Belsky says. "Especially during times when you're separating, the impulse to connect is really very strong, and anything that you can do to make yourself feel at home is going to be much better."

Belsky added that watching old shows could be a form of therapy for students under stress. That means you might be watching *Boy Meets World* for more than just Topanga's hairstyle.

"I'm sure some people may use it [old shows] periodically when they're unhappy to make them feel good," Belsky says. "I think mainly it's just to anchor them back in places where they were secure."

Some may argue that childhood may not be a happier or more secure time than the present, but people still watch shows that they did in their youth. Even if a person watches a TV show that they watched during difficulty or unstable times in their childhood, it may be that they are utilizing a familiar way of dealing with stress and anxiety.

"It could be that they're reverting to strategies of comfort that they used to use,"

Belsky explains.

Watching these old shows may also be a way people have developed to counteract loneliness.

"Being a freshman, I think the major issue is loneliness, and in a very broad sense they are feeling disconnected," says Belsky.

Momentarily, watching old shows can help freshmen — and other students — feel more secure.

"I think mainly it's going to bring back feelings with your loved ones," Belsky says.

Bowen agreed.

"With 'Taxi' coming out, my boyfriend bought it for his mom because they used to watch it together after he got home from school," she said.

Belsky admits that even though using old TV shows to help one reconnect with the past can be good, it may also have a downside. Moderation is the best way to counteract stress, she warns, and watching TV shouldn't be used as a crutch.

"If you find yourself addicted to this, then you're not going out into the world," Belsky warns. "You need to use it but not get obsessed by it, or use it as a technique to basically calm you down but not to make you feel bad."

Although watching seasons of old TV shows may be used as a method of therapy or relaxation, it should not prevent someone from facing life.

After all, you have your own script to write.



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Recent DVD releases of some television shows can provide a form of therapy for students far from home.

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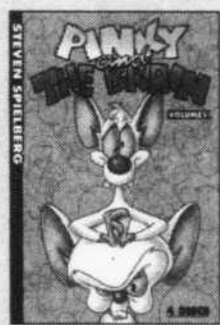
Full House, Season Five

Everything Uncle Joey said was so freakin' hilarious that you would repeat his one-liners for weeks? Neither do we. Thankfully (or maybe not), you can continue reliving all those family-friendly hijinks in the latest season. And honestly, where else could Bob Saget be Bachelor of the Month? I mean, besides VH1? (Release date: Dec. 12)



Sesame Street Old School, Vol. 1

Considering these episodes originally aired from 1969 to 1974, most of us were a long way off from learning the letter B from an overgrown yellow chicken. Still, this set could answer some age-old questions: Was Oscar always mad at the world? And if not, what tragic event occurred in his life that left him in a trash can? I mean, can you really afford not to own this? (Oct. 24)



Pinky and the Brain, Vol. 2

Created as a spin-off series from the Warner Bros. hit cartoon "Animaniacs," the coniving lab rat duo is back for some more spectacularly complicated plots to take over the world that inevitably fail at the last minute. The Odd Couple of our time, to be sure. (Dec. 5)



Beverly Hills 90210, Season One

This one probably falls under the "Shows You Watched When Your Parents Weren't Home ... Until They Gave Up Trying" column, but "90210" set the stage for a decade of upper-crust drama that only people with money could have. The downside to the show's cancellation, of course, is that now we have "The O.C." Enough said. (Nov. 7)



The Golden Girls, Season Six

Okay, you really have no business watching this. You people know who you are. (Nov. 14)

— COLBY SLEDGE

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Google acquires YouTube

Google is snapping up YouTube for \$1.65 billion in a deal that catapults the Internet search leader to a starring role in the online video revolution.

The all-stock deal announced Monday unites one of the Internet's marquee companies with one of its rapidly rising stars. It came just hours after YouTube unveiled three agreements with media companies in an apparent bid to escape the threat of copyright-infringement lawsuits.

The price makes YouTube, a still-unprofitable startup, by far the most expensive purchase made by Google during its eight-year history.

Although some cynics have questioned YouTube's staying power, Google is betting that the popular Web site will provide it an increasingly lucrative marketing hub as more viewers and advertisers migrate from television to the Internet.

YouTube will continue to retain its brand, as well as all 67 employees, including co-founders Chad Hurley and Steve Chen. The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter of this year.

YouTube makes deals with CBS, music labels

YouTube struck deals with CBS and two major music labels Monday as the popular video-sharing Web site races to befriend content providers and avoid copyright-infringement lawsuits.

The separate agreements with CBS, Vivendi's Universal Music Group and Sony BMG Entertainment come less than a month after YouTube reached a deal with Warner Music Group Corp. On Friday, Google Inc. was reported to be in talks to acquire the video site for \$1.6 billion.

CBS Corp. said it will provide short-form content for a CBS "brand channel" on YouTube's site starting this month. It will include news, sports, Showtime and prime-time programming. Among the offerings CBS said it plans to offer are short clips from top programs including "Survivor," as well as mini-previews for new fall shows.

YouTube and CBS will share revenue from advertising sponsorships of CBS Videos, CBS said.

CBS will also test new YouTube technology that will help the network find copyrighted content on YouTube and remove it. CBS will also be allowed to leave that content on the site, and share revenue from advertising that appears next to the copyrighted video.

Separately, Vivendi's Universal Music Group said Monday it agreed to give YouTube viewers access to thousands of music videos. The company said it and its artists will be compensated not just for the official videos, but also for user-generated content that incorpo-

rates Universal's music.

Financial details of the deal were not disclosed.

Google Docs & Spreadsheets

Google announced a re-launch of its word processing and spreadsheet programs Wednesday that will let users collaborate online in real time.

The program, entitled Google Docs and Spreadsheets, is a combination of Google Writely, which the company acquired in March, and Google Spreadsheets, which was launched in June.

Google assured users that it is not targeting desktop programs like Microsoft Office, but is instead offering what it terms as "complimentary" products.

Yahoo! to launch 'time capsule' from Mexico

Yahoo! announced it will launch a digital 'time capsule' from the Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan, an archaeological site near Mexico City.

As part of a project to communicate with extraterrestrial life, Yahoo! is accepting text, video and sound submissions that reflect human nature to be included in the message, which will be digitized and beamed with a laser into space on Oct. 25.

Teotihuacan used to be the center of Mesoamerican culture and religion during the first millennium. It features two large pyramids as well as several other smaller sites nearby. Archaeologists and historians are unsure as to what caused the civilization's collapse.

SPORTS

State of the Raiders: Top 10 Edition



The Cynic

J. Owen Shipley
Staff Columnist

If Middle Tennessee wins out and takes the Sun Belt Conference title, the Blue Raiders will be on their way to the first bowl game in team history (I-AA football uses a playoff system). The New Orleans Bowl will be played after school has let out, so I won't be getting a free ride to that game from anyone.

So without further ado, 10 reasons why I will need to find a ride to New Orleans to watch MT play their first bowl game late this December.

10. Sagarin Rankings

Jeff Sagarin's computer rankings are the most scientific and accurate in college sports. In those rankings MT (83) is 17 spots ahead of the closest conference team and 99 spots ahead of the worst-ranked team in the conference. MT is also the only team in the Sun Belt with a double-digit ranking, and the average ranking of their remaining opponents is 140.

9. Special Teams

SBC Player of the Week Damon Nickson (1 TD, 187 return yards, and 1 INT against Louisville) and former special teams player of the week Colby Smith (kicked a 79 yard punt to secure victory against FIU) combine to give MT a definite advantage over their Sun Belt foes.

8. Progress

At the halfway point in the season MT is looking much better than they did in the opening weeks. Last week, they scored 10 more points against the No. 8 team in the nation than they did in Week 1 against the worst team (FIU) in the worst conference in I-A.

7. Easy to Be Strongest in Weakest Conference

Five of MT's six remaining games are conference games. Of those games, only two opponents have a winning record, and the other three are just 1-4 teams. In Sagarin's rankings the SBC is the lowest ranked division in I-A football. In fact, there are three division I-AA conferences ranked higher than the SBC. To be fair, there are 14 ranked lower.

5. North Texas Problem Solved

For the first time ever, MT defeated conference rival UNT. That 35-0 drubbing was such a complete victory that it may take former North Texas graduate Dr. Phil to get the Mean Green through the remainder of the season.

6. Offensive Growth

Since Clint Marks left the Oklahoma game in the second half, he hasn't been the same quarterback. After throwing four picks in his first four games and being sacked countless times, Marks hasn't thrown an interception since and has shown a great deal of poise and confidence in his offense. In fact, the offensive line, running backs and tight ends all seem to growing more comfortable with the new offensive scheme. Unfortunately, the receivers continue to struggle with dropped passes.

4. The Raider Defense

So far this season the defense has shut out two teams, held another to six points, and scared the daylight out of Louisville. Led by linebacker J.K. Sabb, the Blue Raiders are one of the top teams in the nation in tackles for a loss. Sabb is ranked fifth in the nation in that category.

3. The Name of my Column

I'm lucky in two things in life: billiards and free food. That's about it. And picking a name like The Cynic could prove to be embarrassing if we won our first bowl game in the I-A era. So they probably will. I feel a name change coming on.

2. Coach Rick Stockstill

Stockstill was recently one of only three new coaches in I-A football to receive a thumbs up for his first year on the job by AthlonSports.com. "... the Blue Raiders are 2-0 in the Sun Belt Conference, and they beat nemesis North Texas for the first time ever late last month. MTSU has always had the talent to be a factor in the Sun Belt; now it appears the Blue Raiders have the coaching."

1. Seriously, it's the Sun Belt... how could we not win?

Podlesny announces 2007 play schedule

Courtesy of MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee softball head coach Leigh Podlesny announced the slate of games for the 2007 season Wednesday.

Hosting the 2007 Sun Belt Championships is the highlight of MT's 2007 campaign. The Blue Raiders will welcome the conference's first-ever eight-team tournament with the expansion of the league.

Including its own tournament, MT will participate in four tournaments in 2007. The Blue Raiders' opening weekend will be at perennial powerhouse LSU February 9-11. MT will turn around the next weekend and head to Tucson, Ariz. for a tournament at defending National Champion Arizona. It will be the second time in as many years the Blue Raiders will face a national champion, as the club played Michigan in 2006.

Middle Tennessee will host Ball State, Morehead State, Belmont, Tennessee State and UT Martin in its own tournament. The Blue Raiders close out its regular season tournament schedule by returning to the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic March 2-4 after skipping the tournament in 2006.

The Blue Raiders will also travel to Louisiana-Monroe, Florida International and Western Kentucky for Sun Belt games. MT will host Sun Belt members Troy, South Alabama, North Texas and new member Florida Atlantic.

Remaining non-conference home games will include Jacksonville State, Bradley, Memphis and Southern Illinois. The Blue Raiders will travel to play in-state teams Austin Peay, Tennessee State and Lipscomb. MT will also face Louisville for a single game April 18.



Photo by Jay Richardson | Chief Photographer

Samantha Floyd winding up for the pitch against Belmont earlier in the fall season. They beat Belmont 7-0, 8-0 on Sept. 21.

Softball ends fall season undefeated

Sunday, October 8

MT 6
Lipscomb 1

Sunday, October 8

MT 3
TSU 0

Next game
February 9-11, 2007
at the Easton Tiger
Classic

Courtesy of MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee softball closed out its fall season with a pair of wins at the Lipscomb University Tournament Sunday at Draper Diamond Field. The Blue Raiders defeated Lipscomb 6-1 and Tennessee State 3-0.

The Blue Raiders ended the fall with a perfect 8-0 record. The club had four shutouts in the eight-game fall campaign and

outscored its opponents 36-7.

For the third game this season MT had to come from behind, defeating Lipscomb in the first game of the day. The Bisons took the early lead with a run in the second inning.

The Blue Raiders tied the game in the bottom of the second inning. With one out Whitney Darlington singled and then stole second and scored off an RBI single by Samantha Floyd.

Senior Muriel Ledbetter's single to start the bottom of the fourth inning would lead to the Blue Raiders taking the lead in the game. After Ledbetter was replaced on first by Caitlin McLure, she moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Darlington and then moved to third off a ground out by Floyd.

McLure scored on a chopper by Ashley Cline as the ball looked like it was a routine grounder to the shortstop but at the last minute it took a strange hop and went over the Lipscomb player's head. It turned out to be an RBI single for Cline, which scored McLure. MT exploded for four runs in

the fifth inning. It began with a walk to Corrie Abel who advanced to second off a wild pitch. Abel moved to third thanks to a sacrifice bunt by Martha Davis and scored off an RBI double by Melissa Weiland. Ledbetter drew a walk and again McLure came in to pinch run for her.

After moving to third off a wild pitch, Weiland scored off an RBI single by Kristine Reed. With McLure at third and Reed at first, the Blue Raiders called on the double steal to move Reed to second and McLure scored. An RBI double by Floyd scored Reed and plated the fourth run of the inning.

Freshman hurler Lindsey Vander Lugt started the game and went four innings allowing one run, on three hits and struck out two. She picked up the win and ended the fall with a record of 5-0. Floyd tossed the final inning of the game and was awarded the save.

In the second game, Floyd got the start on the mound. She tossed three scoreless innings allowing just two hits and struck out one. Floyd picked up

the win and ended the fall 3-0. Vander Lugt returned the favor to Floyd and came into the game in relief, tossing two innings and allowing one hit and striking out one. Vander Lugt earned the save.

Offensively, MT scored two runs in the second inning and one in the fourth.

Ledbetter led off the second inning by reaching first after she was hit by a pitch to start off the inning. McLure then came out to first to pinch run for her. Floyd attempted a sacrifice bunt, but the throw to first pulled the first baseman off the bag and Floyd was safe, allowing McLure to move to third off the throw.

McLure scored off a fielder's choice and Floyd scored thanks to an RBI single by Justine Cerda.

Darlington set up the final run of the game when she hit a one-out triple to center field. She scored thanks to a sacrifice fly to the outfield by Reed.

MT will continue preseason conditioning and will prepare for its 2007 season, which begins in February.

Sun Belt Preview: Florida Atlantic, FIU meet new non-conference opponents

By Clarence Plank
Sports Editor

October 12:
Southern Utah
(3-3) at Florida
Atlantic (1-4)

FAU is coming off a bye week to face I-AA Southern Utah. For FAU, a win this weekend could carry over into next week's game with Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Owls won their SBC opener against ULM 21-19. Notable plays from that game included Sean Clayton's 47-yard pass to receiver Frantz Simeon, which tied Clayton's longest pass of the season against Kansas State. It was also Simeon's longest reception in his collegiate career and of the season.

This is the first meeting between FAU and SUU, as well as FAU's first home game of the season.

SUU lost their game against McNeese State after being down by 17 points. SUU pulled ahead late in the fourth quarter 27-24, but costly turnovers by the Thunderbirds ended their chances for a win. McNeese State took the game 30-27.

October 14:
Arkansas State
(3-2) at
Memphis (1-4)

ASU beat a tough ULM 10-6 to extend their Sun Belt winning streak to four, dating back to last year. The win also gave the Indians their 100th win at Indian Stadium.

ASU heads over to Memphis for a non-conference game this Saturday. The Indians played against Memphis last year and lost 47-35. This time around ASU may give the struggling Tigers a challenge or an easy win. ASU's defense has held its opponents' offense to 12 points in the last two conference games. ASU quarterback Corey Leonard was 13-of-26 for 130 yards and two interceptions in last week's game.

Memphis lost to Alabama-Birmingham 35-29 last Saturday, as Tigers quarterback Martin Hankins was 22-of-30 for 303 yards and two touchdowns. The Tigers will be touching for a win against a smaller team like ASU. Memphis was up 29-28 before fumbling on their own 23-yard line, setting up UAB's game-winning touchdown.

Louisiana-Monroe (1-4) at Troy (1-4) (ESPN regional)

Troy is coming off a bye week after losing to Alabama-Birmingham 31-3 on September 30. The Blazers held Troy to 58 yards rushing on offense. Troy's spread offense was unable to get anything going against UAB. Troy quarterback Omar Haugabook was 18-of-30 for 144 yards and no touchdowns. Haugabook was sacked six times by the Blazer defense.

This is Troy's first conference game of the season and they are looking for their second win of the season. The Trojans haven't won a game since the beginning of the season against Alabama State, 30-0. Troy is set to play against ULM this Saturday at home. The Trojans' offense has not been able to score in two games.

ULM is coming into the game with a chip on its shoulder after losing a very close game to ASU. ULM beat

Troy last year 27-3, and this game could possibly go that route this year. The Warhawks will be hard pressed to pull out a win since they have lost four straight games, but they can get back into the race for the SBC title with a win over Troy.

Florida International (0-6) at Miami of Fla. (3-2) (CSS)

FIU comes into this game with the hope of upsetting Miami, but since the Hurricanes are at home, it won't be possible.

FIU lost a heartbreaker to North Texas last weekend in seven overtimes, which tied an NCAA record. FIU is 0-6 on the season and looking for their first win.

FIU will be playing crosstown rival Miami, who is coming off an emotional 27-7 over North Carolina. For Miami, a win would put them back in the hunt for a possible at-large bid in the BCS at the end of the season. The Hurricanes will be waiting to level FIU in the teams' first meeting.

Intramural Sports

TUESDAY NIGHT'S SCORES SOCCER

MEN'S A LEAGUE 6-7 p.m.

Easy L VS. Ninja Turtles Default
Team (1) 4 VS. KURDS 3
TSUNAMI Win VS. Joga Bonita Forfeit

MEN'S B LEAGUE 8-9 p.m.

Felder First Floor 3 VS. Alpha Omega 1
Alpha Omega 5 VS. The Shiny Pennies 3
BTS 1 VS. Better Than You 1

MEN'S A LEAGUE 10-11 p.m.

Don Thava Team 6 VS. Bust-A-Nut 2
Top Gunz (W) VS. International Athletes Forfeit
Latin Lovers 7 VS. Free Agent (1A) 4

SUNDAY NIGHT'S RANKINGS

CO-REC DIVISION

Valsalva Maneuver 0-0
U Lose 0-1
Team Drink 1-0
2 Hype ???
More Than Dat ???

MEN'S OPEN DIVISION

Sigma Nu 1-0
PIKE (1) 0-1
K A (1) ???
Pi Kappa Phi 0-1
HC Tigers 1-0
C-Town Players 1-0
A-Team ???
Team Drink 1-0
BETA 0-1*
K A (2) 0-1
Dirty D 1-0
Murfreesboro Wine & Spirits 0-1

MONDAY NIGHT'S SCORES SOCCER

IFC B LEAGUE 7-8 p.m.

PIKE (B) 8 VS. BETA (B) 0
Sigma Pi 3 VS. SAE (B) 1
Pi Kappa Phi 5 VS. Sigma chi 1
ATO 3 VS. Sigma Nu 2

IFC A LEAGUE 9-10 p.m.

PIKE (A) 2 VS. BETA (A) 2
Kappa Alpha 2 VS. Sig Ep 1
SAE (A) 2 VS. Sigma Nu (A) 1

FLAG FOOTBALL

MEN'S A LEAGUE 6 p.m.

Alpha Omega (2) 21 VS. Fun Boyz 13
Speed Kills 15 VS. Make it Rain 12
Sirs Cheef A lot 41 VS. A & W Salvage Junkies 14

WOMEN'S / SORORITY LEAGUE 7-8 p.m.

Kappa Delta (2) 12 VS. Alpha Omega 6
The Tightends 32 VS. Alpha Chi Omega (2) 0

SORORITY LEAGUE 8-9 p.m.

Chi Omega 27 VS. Kappa Delta 0
A D Pi 20 VS. Delta Zeta 0
A O Pi (2) 24 VS. ZETA 0

MEN'S B LEAGUE 10-11 p.m.

Bang Bang 26 VS. Out of Shape White Guys 6
Soul Train 27 VS. Warrior Face 14
Tha Show (W) VS. Gentlemen of the PSE Forfeit
Jackhammers 19 VS. Fire 303 13
Discombobulators 28 VS. Valsalva Maneuver 12

SUNDAY NIGHT'S SCORES

CO-REC DIVISION

2 Hype 30 VS. More Than Dat 0
Team Drink 37 VS. U Lose 0

MEN'S OPEN DIVISION

HC Tigers 33 VS. Pi Kappa Phi 7
Sigma Nu 14 VS. PIKE (1) 12
Team Drink Win VS. BETA Default
C-Town Players 35 VS. Murfreesboro Wine & Spirits 19

FLAG FOOTBALL

MEN'S B LEAGUE 7 p.m.

Hammered Bullets 21 VS. The Junction Boys 0
Team RamRod 33 VS. The Mean Machine 0
Under Water Basket Weavers 33 VS. RUF 0

MEN'S B LEAGUE 8 p.m.

Ridge Raiders 43 VS. Air Force ROTC 6
Effin All-Stars 14 VS. Kappa Sigma 7
Gridiron Men 19 VS. MT's 7

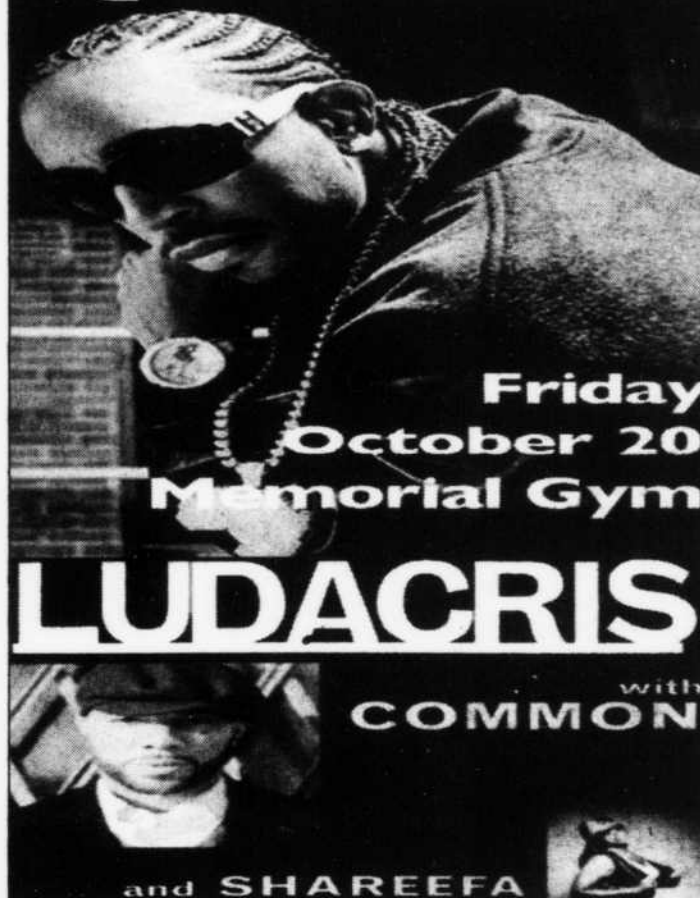
CO-REC LEAGUE 9-10 p.m.

Team Drink 50 VS. Badgers 0
The Master DeBaters (W) VS. MTATC
Mean Machine 24 VS. The Real Deal 0

MEN'S A LEAGUE 10-11 p.m.

Old School Chasers 33 VS. 6 Pack Attack 0
BTA's Win VS. Chatt Town's Finest Forfeit

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