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Sidelines

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Parking Authority studies number of voided tickets

By Chad McGillis/ staff

Just over 28,000 parking tickets were issued last semester, and too many of those were voided, according to the MTSU Parking Authority.

The Parking Authority—a private-funded auxiliary business on campus—has the job of enforcing parking regulations, according to Charlotte Hunt, Parking Authority manager.

"There are lots of reasons to void tickets," said Hunt, "we are trying to make sure that the voids are legitimate."

Late last semester, the Parking Authority began attending traffic court appeals, which are currently handled by the Student Government Association, Hunt said. She explained the Parking Authority is present at traffic court as a "resource."

"The idea that someone should be in court for information purposes is fine, but anyone that would try to influence the court's decision would be wrong," said Ryan Durham, Speaker of the Senate.

Hunt said that based on the

amounts voided last semester, there seemed to be too many.

"SGA is not the only one voiding the tickets," Hunt said. "Some were construction and visitor parking, and visitor parking is a void unless it is overtime meter parking."

At the beginning of this semester Dr. Rodney Bennett, assistant dean of Student Life, moved the appeals-court system from his office into the SGA's.

"It is a unique situation," said Dr. Bennett. "We need to be cautious about setting quotas on how many or how little tickets are to be voided."

Dr. Bennett added, "We need to encourage individual responsibility, it is the student's responsibility to find out where it is legal to park and if they get a ticket they need to pay it."

The SGA is currently in the process of passing a bill that would establish a new traffic court system, one that would not be in the SGA office.

SGA also has plans to publish all auxiliary income that is received by private-funded businesses, such as the Parking Authority, later this semester, according to Durham.

Community to aid needy tornado victims

By Randy Ford/ staff

Only a little more than a week has passed since parts of Rutherford County were tragically destroyed by a tornado. Since the storm, hundreds of area organizations and businesses have offered donations of money and services.

MTSU local sorority Phi Chi is planning to help storm victims. The group is organizing a food and clothing drive to donate items to the Red Cross and help those affected by the tornado.

Sorority member Lisa Beth Anderson said Phi Chi knew several people who were affected.

"We want to lend a helping hand to those people, and we are in a position to help. We also want other people to help," Anderson said.

Phi Chi will accept donations of non-perishable food, clothing, cash and children's toys on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 3 and 4, in the lower level of the Keathley University Center.

Local businesses and corporations are also donating to disaster relief organizations.

Jerry Benefield, president of the

Nissan Motor Manufacturing plant in Smyrna, said a number of Nissan employees lost their homes in the tornado. The company donated \$5,000 to the Red Cross and another \$5,000 to the Salvation Army.

"One of our corporate objectives is to be a good corporate citizen," Benefield said, "and sometimes you have to take part in some of the things that aren't so happy in order to help the community."

Lowe's of Murfreesboro donated \$1,000 to the Red Cross and offered \$3,500 in merchandise immediately following the storm. Store manager Rodney Carter said Lowe's employees helped distribute donated goods until 2 a.m. the night of the tornado.

"Lowe's wants to be a good citizen and the people in this store really care about the community and Rutherford County," Carter said.

Lt. Edward Lee of the Murfreesboro Salvation Army said the donated money is greatly appreciated and used for a number of purposes, including to pay for customer orders at local furniture and department stores, and will even pay for some home reconstruction.

College grads scramble for jobs

Placement Center offers help

By Lesli Bales/ staff

As graduation draws near, many seniors are scrambling to get those last crucial credit hours filled and frantically scrounging for a job to enter once they have those MTSU diplomas in their hands. Sound like too much stress to handle? Although eventually every student at MTSU is going to have to go through this dilemma, the good news is that students don't have to go through it alone.

The MTSU Placement and Student Employment Center provides a full range of free services that can

give seniors and graduate students an edge when looking for a job. By providing both career planning and career placement services, the Placement Center is seeing the students through from the first draft of their resumes to the sending of the last credential referrals.

Included in the Center's many career planning services are a career resource library that is full of job opportunities and employer information, resume writing workshops and critiques, and interview preparation workshops that even offer mock interviews via video tape. MTSU Placement Director

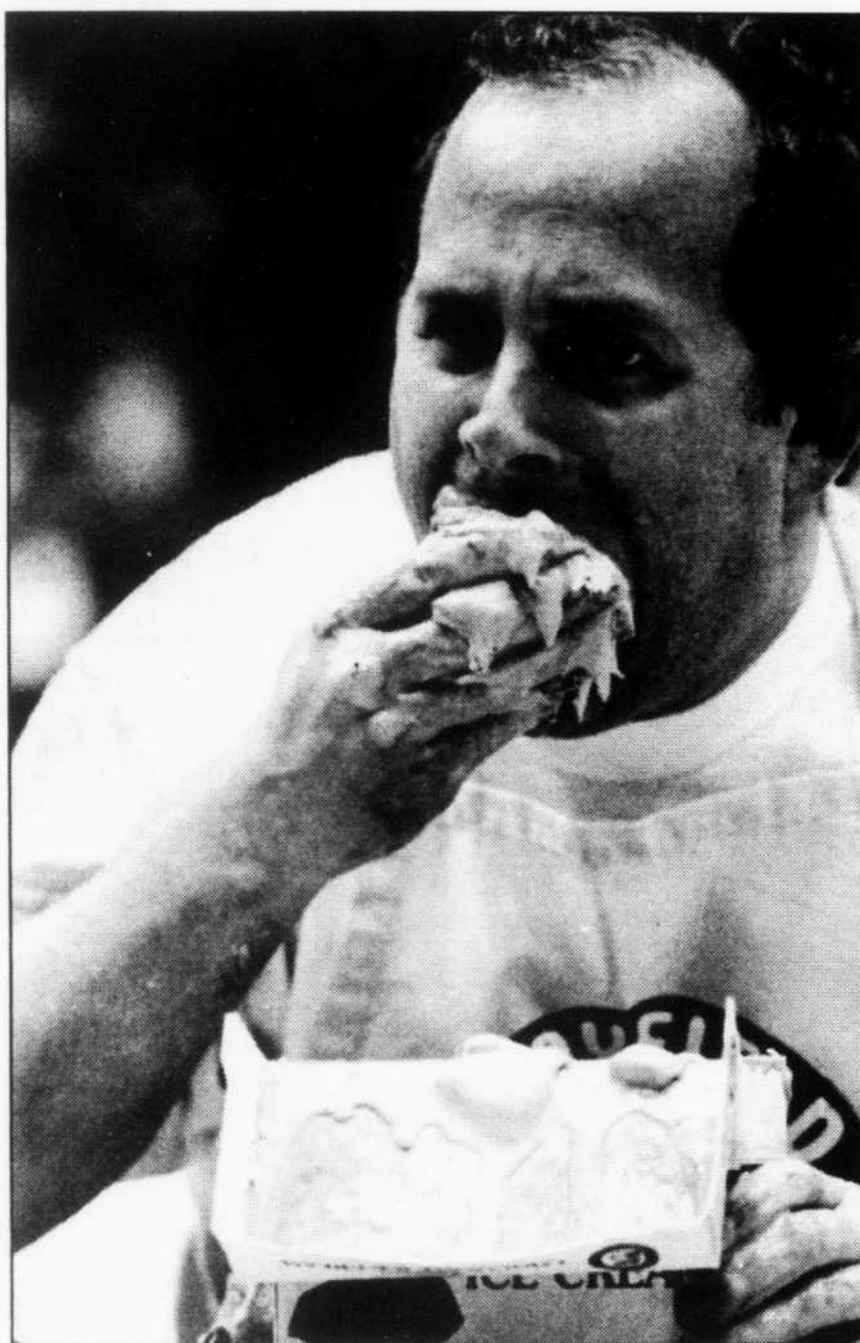
Martha Turner and Assistant Director Temple Bennett are available five days a week in KUC Room 328 for additional personal assistance.

"The key to successful career planning as graduation draws near is adequate preparation," Turner says. "Students should start early and allow several months to complete an adequate job search. Most importantly, they should set goals and develop strategies to help them accomplish those goals. We can help them do that."

In addition to these services, the Placement Center also goes the extra mile to bring the employers to the students. This process begins every Fall with a comprehensive Career Day

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Brain freeze!



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Former Ol' Blue Eddie Johnston stuffs his face during a halftime ice cream eating contest at Saturday's Lady Raider basketball game. Johnston faced off against State Senator Andy Womack and State Representative John Hood. Johnston devoured more ice cream than either Womack or Hood to win the battle.

Athletic Training to become new major

By Susan McMahan/ staff

Pending the approval of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the athletic training minor will soon be offered as a major.

"If (TBR) goes favorably, which I expect they will, the major could be offered as soon as next fall," said William Whitehill, director of the athletic training program.

Currently, the athletic training minor requires that students take 21 hours to receive their minor. Thirty-eight hours will be required to complete the new major.

Whitehill said that one new class was added to the curriculum last fall. The remaining hours for the new major will come from newly required but previously offered classes.

The newly required classes are: Personal Health; Anatomy; Physiology; Kinesiology; and the Physiology of Exercise.

Anatomy and Physiology will be upgraded from 200 level to 300 level classes, Whitehill said.

Students already enrolled in the athletic training minor will be allowed to continue on the current catalog, he said, adding that students enrolled in the athletic training minor should change their major to athletic training, or pursue a double major.

MTSU students invited to tour Japan

By Traci Matthews/ staff

Since last summer, plans for a student trip to Japan have been in progress, according to Dr. Kiyohiko Kawahito, professor of economics.

The trip, which earns participants three credit hours in ECON 499, came about because "of the ever-increasing emphasis on intercultural and international education at MTSU," Kawahito explained.

Scheduled for May 13-May 27, the trip will consist of five days in Fukushima, seven days in Tokyo and the vicinity of Tokyo and two days in Kyoto/Osaka.

A limit of 10-15 students will be permitted to attend on a first come, first serve basis. There will be a \$500 deposit required with a total cost of \$2,250. Applicants must apply by March 15 by calling 898-5751.

The trip will include all air fare, a two-week railway pass, accommodations, most meals and admission fees. In comparison with similar trips, this one only costs half of what most would cost.

"I have been able to organize and

supervise this program for MTSU students," Kawahito explained in an interview over e-mail, "at about one-half of the cost of most similar programs offered elsewhere because of my knowledge of the country, including the language, and my friendship with many people who believe in the same cause and offer assistance without compensation."

Dr. Kawahito will be escorting the students on the trip.

"The fundamental reason for my initiating this field study is my strong belief that MTSU students can contribute to better understanding and cooperation between the U.S. and Japan, which are the two most important nations in the world in terms of production of goods and services, trade, investments, technology development, and funding of international organizations, among others," Kawahito wrote.

The trip will also include visits of cultural sites, temples, and major political, financial, technological and trade centers, corporate head offices, and manufacturing facilities. Students will attend lectures on

Japanese culture, economy and business practices.

Students will also have the opportunity to interact with students and faculty from Fukushima University. This is MTSU's sister university in Japan. They will also home-stay with Japanese families.

Of the many cultural activities these MTSU students will experience, one will be the Tea Ceremony. Dr. Kawahito has supplied a quote from Japan: Profile of a Nation, explaining this tea ceremony as, "A highly structured method of preparing powdered green tea in the company of guests. The tea ceremony incorporates the preparation and service of food as well as the study and utilization of architecture, gardening, ceramics, calligraphy, history and religion. It is the culmination of a union of artistic creativity, sensitive to nature, religious thought, and social change."

This will be the first such trip in the history of MTSU, and according to Dr. Kawahito, it will be a "very unique and noteworthy trip."

Sorority Spring Rush slated for mid-February

By Michael Haley/ staff

The Panhellenic Council of MTSU voted Wednesday to hold their first spring rush during mid-February.

According to Mandi Whaley, President of Panhellenic, spring rush is necessary this semester in order to make the sororities at MTSU similar in size, and in effect, to strengthen the current system.

"Our goal this year," said Whaley, "is to strengthen our sorority system so that in the next few years we can prepare for the possible addition of a new sorority and get plans underway for our participation in Greek Row."

For Panhellenic's goal to be reached, certain sororities will be conducting an informal open rush on the dates of February 17-28. The participating sororities will be

announced before rush week begins.

"Our purpose as organizations," explained Whaley, "is to provide opportunities for our members to gain leadership skills, to improve scholarship, participate in community service, and to make lasting friendships. We do not want to increase our numbers to become the largest organization on campus, but simply allow more women to have a chance to become Greek."

"Spring rush should be very successful for sororities this year," said Vic Felts, director of Greek Life for MTSU. "I think the main thing it will do is allow students who were unable to participate last fall to experience Greek life this semester."

Sorority rush is open to all female full-time students meeting certain minimum requirements. Information will be available on February 3-5 and February 10-12 on the first floor of the KUC.

Archaeology workshop asks students if they can 'just dig it'

Staff Reports

Students can learn to dig it at the "Can You Dig It?" Archaeology workshop this week, sponsored by the Center for Environmental Education at MTSU.

The Center is hosting the workshop Tuesday, Feb. 4, and Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the

center, located at 411 E. Main Street. It is open to all MTSU students, as well as school teachers, 4th - 12th grade.

The workshop will be led by naturalist Judy Dulin, who was formerly with Warner Park. She will take students and teachers through hands-on activities, including hiding objects under scattered sheets of paper on the floor, then

learning how an archeologist systematically uncovers the earth bit by bit and records his or her findings.

Other hands-on activities will include bedroom and garbage analysis, rock art, and dendrochronology — the study of the annual growth rings in trees in relation to past events.

Students to choose library furniture

Staff Reports

Students and faculty will have the opportunity to help decide how an estimated \$2.5 million purchase for the university's new library will be spent, according to Don Craig, dean of Todd Library.

On Feb. 4-5, inside the Alumni Center from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., students are invited to "test" new furniture

for the new library as part of the "Furniture Fair." The new library, expected to be completed in late 1998, is estimated to need \$2.5 million worth of public furniture.

The furniture — which includes reading carrels, tables, chairs, and lounge chairs — is being provided by six different manufacturers.

"We want to give the campus community a chance to

have input," Craig said.

An official from campus planning will be on hand observing the community's reaction to the different furniture, Dean said.

The manufacturers supplying the chairs, reading carrels and tables are Worden, Brodard, Library Bureau, and Buckstaff. Manufacturers supplying the lounge chairs are Brayton and Bernhardt.

Viewing the tube as homework

College Press Service

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.— Call it "must-see" T.V.

But some University of Minnesota students are conducting research when they tune into such prime-time favorites as "Roseanne," "Frasier" and "Melrose Place."

Dr. William D. Wells, a UM journalism and mass communications professor, has students watch television programs to gauge whether the characters' behavior and reactions would be similar to

those of real people.

For example, he and his students read a published survey about how people use the telephone in dating. Then his students watch T.V. shows to see a fictionalized version of how and why people who are dating use the telephone.

On the shows, the students observed behavior that was not revealed in the survey. T.V. characters often used the telephone as a tool of deception, since there was no danger of revealing body language or facial expressions.

"The writers of these

stories are very skillful and acute observers of human nature," he said. "What they have to tell us is, by and large, right."

Of course, most surveys on human behavior are right, too. "This gives you an opportunity to build research and find out what's the reason for this contradiction," he said.

Though students enjoy the work, Wells said it's not always a barrel of laughs.

"It's fairly tedious," he said. "Like all research, a lot of it is kind of dogwork."

On Campus

MON-THURS, Feb. 3-6

Panhellenic Fall Rush 1997-PX's. The Panhellenic Council is now accepting applications for Rush Counselors for Fall Rush. Application deadline is Feb. 7 at KUC 310. Interviews will be held Feb. 10-14. Good Luck! Call Vic Felts at 898-5996 for more information.

TUESDAY, Feb. 4

Campus Crusade for Christ meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Bragg Mass. Comm. 103. Special musical guests HOLLAND will be there. Contact Janelle Cox for more information at 867-3054.

Career Placement Orientation "Your Job Search" for seniors and graduate students. Learn about Placement Services, Resume Expert, Campus Interviews and Employment Opportunities. 11:00 a.m. 305 KUC. For more information call Martha Turner at 898-2500.

Wesley Foundation Tuesday Night Supper is a weekly event at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Great home cooking. For more information call Bill Campbell at 893-0469.

Lambda Association, an organization for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons, will meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in MC 104. Elections for offices of treasurer, SGA and SGA alternate representatives

and a mini film festival will be included in the meeting. For more information call 780-2293, e-mail mtlambda@frank.mtsu.edu, or visit our web page at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda/.

TUES-THUR, Feb. 4-6

Pi Sigma Epsilon-Professional Sales & Marketing Fraternity issues an invitation to all students of all ages and all majors to join. Interest and orientation meetings are: Tuesday-6:30 p.m.-KUC 313; Wednesday- 7:00 p.m.-KUC 324; Thursday-6:30 p.m.-KUC 313. Call Angela York at 893-6766 for more information.

THURSDAY, Feb. 6

Resume Writing and Interview Preparation for seniors and graduates. Learn the basics. 2:00 p.m. in 305 KUC. For more information call Martha Turner at 898-2500.

SUNDAY, Feb. 9

Model United Nations meets every Sunday night. Anyone who is interested in international relations and current global issues is invited to attend. Check the Model U.N. bulletin board outside PH 211 for meeting times and locations or call William Duston at 904-6068.

Wesley Foundation University Worship meet every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Call Bill Campbell for more information: 893-0469.

TUESDAY, Feb. 11

Sigma Tau Delta English Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Rose Coffee House. If you are an English major or minor with a GPA of 3.0 you are eligible to join. This is a real asset on your resume! Call Dr. Strawman at 898-2659 for more information.

February-March 1997

Japanese Doll Exhibit at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum, 200 South Second Street, Clarksville, TN. Tues.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00-5:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$3.00, Seniors \$2.00, Children 6-18 \$1.00, Children under 5 free. For more information call the Japan Center of Tennessee 898-2229 or Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum (615) 648-5780.

GRADUATING SENIORS

All May 1997 Graduating Seniors are required to take the ACT-COMP. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: **March 4, 5, and 6.** On these dates, students may choose from three different test times: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., or 6 p.m. All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. If there are questions, please contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

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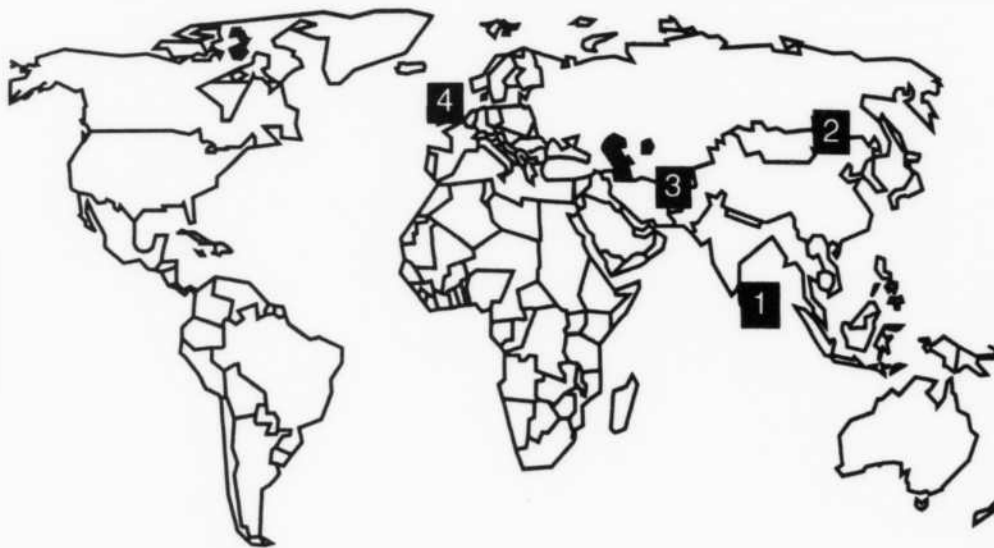
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Around the World



Rebels kill 24 in Sri Lanka

1 COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Tamil rebels wielding mortars, rockets and machine guns launched two major attacks Sunday on military detachments, killing at least 23 soldiers, military officials said.

The rebels attacked a military camp at Mavadiyembu, about 150 miles east of the capital of Colombo, and another at Vettalaikerni, about 180 miles north of Colombo.

Reinforcement troops were rushed to the detachments from nearby camps and repulsed the rebels, officials said.

Officials said the rebels may have suffered some casualties in the two attacks, but details were not immediately available.

In early January, the rebels attacked two northern camps, killing more than 223 soldiers and destroying artillery guns and armored cars. The military claimed that at least 350 rebels also were killed.

The rebels are fighting for a homeland in the north and east of the island country. They claim that Tamils are discriminated against by the majority

Sinhalese, who control the government and military. More than 47,000 people have been killed in Sri Lanka's 13-year civil war.

China, U.S. reach agreement on trade

2 BEIJING (AP) — Chinese and U.S. negotiators reached an agreement Sunday on textile trade, averting tit-for-tat sanctions that could have cost millions of dollars.

The agreement, which was reached two days after a Friday deadline, reflected a recent warming of relations and augured well for the future, trade minister Wu Yi declared.

At a signing ceremony concluding six days of talks, lead U.S. trade negotiator Rita Hayes declared that the pact established a "level playing field" for the textile trade.

Having reached an understanding in principle, negotiators allowed their Friday deadline for sanctions and counter-sanctions to pass that day without action.

The talks, which were in their fourth round, had snagged on U.S. demands for greater access to China's domestic market. China was the largest textile exporter to the United States last year —

with \$6.65 billion in sales.

A 1994 accord on Chinese textile imports to the United States expired at the end of 1996.

Washington had threatened to impose \$19 million in penalties for exceeding the quotas if no new deal is reached. Beijing vowed to slap retaliatory sanctions on imports of U.S. fruit, beverages and other goods.

The new agreement, which will last four years, eliminated the need for any punitive actions.

Elections today in Pakistan are 'open'

3 ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Voters in Pakistan, going to the polls for the fourth time in eight years Monday, Feb. 3, seem to have lost faith in politics.

Since populist Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was ousted three months ago on corruption charges, little has happened to convince ordinary Pakistanis that they can have an impact on the country's future.

Bhutto, who is trying to win back her post in the elections, has said she will not accept the results of the balloting as valid unless her party wins at least 90 seats in Pakistan's 217-seat National Assembly, the lower house of

parliament.

Bhutto is challenged by former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, whose government was dismissed in 1993 amid charges of dishonesty, and by former cricket star Imran Khan, who campaigned on an anti-corruption platform.

Sharif is expected to edge out Bhutto. Khan has denounced the two front-runners as thieves and accused President Farooq Leghari of planning to fix the voting to put Sharif back in power.

Leghari denied the charges in a recent interview with The Associated Press, and promised an "open, transparent and free election."

Irish pubs ordered to reduce prices

4 DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — When the price of beer goes up, the Irish government cracks down.

Reported increases on lager, ale and stout since Christmas have gotten a flurry of official activity brewing.

Commerce Minister Pat Rabbitte told the Licensed Vintners Association, which represents about 700 pubs in the Irish capital, to claw back price hikes. If not, he warned on Thursday, he will make an order freezing prices at the November level.

Yale 'computer geek' arrested for AOL fraud

College Press Service

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—A Yale University student pled guilty Jan. 8 to committing computer fraud by creating a software program that let him access America Online for free.

Nicholas Ryan, known online as "Happy Hardcore," faces up to five years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines. Prosecutors said Ryan, a junior computer science major, created "AOL4FREE" in June 1995 and used it for six months.

Also, Ryan let other AOL users know about the software by talking about it in AOL chat rooms. That's what eventually tipped AOL off, officials said.

The company estimates that in a single day, nearly 2,000 people used the program to log onto the system, bypassing AOL's hourly rate.

"I just thought he was some computer geek, but I never thought it would lead to something like this," Michael Kestenbaum, Ryan's former suitemate, told the Yale Daily News.

AOL officials heralded the case as the first successful prosecution of computer fraud involving an online network.

The case "serves a warning to any would-be hackers that AOL has zero tolerance for this kind of behavior," said Tatiana Gau, an AOL vice president, in a news release. •

Augsburg to begin awarding AmeriCorp scholarship in '97

College Press Service

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Augsburg College is among the first in the nation to guarantee scholarships to AmeriCorps volunteers.

The college announced in December that it will award \$5,000 in scholarships yearly to AmeriCorps volunteers who meet entrance requirements. The scholarships could be renewed for four years.

"It's basically in keeping with the college's motto, 'Education for Service,'" said Dan Benson, an Augsburg spokesperson. "It's kind of our thing, so to speak."

AmeriCorps provides vouchers of \$4,725 a year to volunteers in exchange for a year or two of community service. The vouchers can be used to pay off college loans or to pay future college expenses.

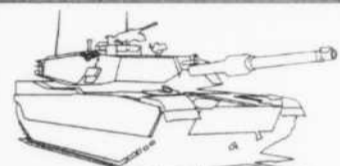
Officials at the Corporation of National Service, which

administers AmeriCorps, said they believe Augsburg's scholarship offer is the largest of its kind.

Augsburg's president, Charles S. Anderson, wrote in a letter to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton that the college scholarship offer "sets an example for colleges and universities throughout the country and recognizes that national services is a vital investment in our future."

The voucher and Augsburg's scholarship offer combined would cover only about half of the college's \$18,670 annual tuition. Already, the college has received calls from interested AmeriCorps members, Benson said.

The college, which has 2,800 students, certainly would need time to prepare if all 25,000 AmeriCorps members jumped at the offer. •



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The Scholarship will be presented on May 3, 1997, at the Alumni Banquet in the JUB Tennessee Room. The recipient will be expected to attend the banquet and be introduced.

Criteria for Eligibility

- Junior or Senior classification- Successfully completed (or currently enrolled with expected completion) 60 hours.
- 3.0 GPA requirement for two most recent semesters-MTSU GPA of 3.0 to be maintained during period of scholarship.
- 2.5 cumulative GPA required.
- Commitment and service to the University and/or home community must be evident on the application to be given serious consideration.
- Selection committee to review applicants with open minds to their financial needs.
- Recipients of other current scholarships or grants which cover tuition costs will be excluded from consideration.
- Must enroll as a full-time student for the entire semester while receiving the scholarship.

Official application form must be used and should be typed or printed in ink. An official complete academic transcript must also be received by the Alumni Relations Office by the application deadline.

Scholarship Applications are available only from the Alumni Relations Department in the Alumni Center and are to be returned to the Director of Alumni Relations by Friday, March 14, 1997. The selection process will be completed by Friday, April 18. The recipient will be notified immediately.

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in which over 100 employers from several occupations take applications and recruit from the Murphy Center track area. A specialized career day for nurses is held in November.

The Placement Center already has three special events planned for this semester. The first is the Summer Jobs Fair that will be held this Wednesday in KUC Rooms 322 and 324. Camps, parks, government agencies, and businesses will be recruiting for summer employees and interns. Next will be Teacher Recruitment Week from Feb. 24-28. Later this semester the Nashville Area College to Career Fair will be held at the Opryland Hotel on March 27 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Other services offered by the placement center are campus recruiting by employers, resume referrals to employers, job referrals to prospective graduates and alumni, and credential referrals.

According to the Placement Center's annual report, out of MTSU's 2,055 graduates last year, only 33 percent of were registered with this office. However, out of this small percentage, 289 students were successful in their job search.

The average salary offered to 1996 bachelor's degree graduates was \$23,654, up 3.6 percent above 1995. Of those who reported back to Placement, there were 23 offers of \$30,000 or above with the highest offer being \$41,200 to a computer science major. Other offers of \$30,000 or above went to majors in accounting, biology, business administration, business management, computer science, economics, engineering technology, environmental science technology, human sciences, information systems, and journalism.

"Personally, I feel that we are successful," Director Martha Turner says. "I think that success is difficult to measure. However, if the range of success is the loyalty of employers who consistently come back to hire MTSU graduates, I am confident that we are providing a good service."

What are employers looking for in an MTSU graduate and potential employee? According to a recent poll by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), college major is the most important thing, followed by work or co-op experience, grade-point average, and degree level.

Employers are also looking for special skills. Oral communication, interpersonal, and analytical skills top the NACE list, followed by teamwork.

"Above all, you need to be able to effectively communicate," Turner says.

"Also, technological skills dealing with computers and software are highly marketable today."

Turner also feels that getting involved in campus activities, especially the professional organizations within particular majors, is beneficial in developing leadership qualities and in networking.

Although Turner feels that it is "never too soon" to start planning a career and invites freshman to come in and browse the career resource library, students interested in taking full advantage of the Placement Center need to register with the office as soon as they complete 90 credit hours and are classified as a senior.

Registering with the Placement Center entitles students to interviews with prospective employers on campus, receive monthly recruiting calendars and employment opportunity newsletters, and have their resumes referred to employers for specific positions.

Students can register with the Placement Center by using Resume Expert Systems, which is available in the Phillip's Bookstore for \$20. After entering the data, students can bring their disk to the Placement Center (KUC Room 328) or send it to MTSU P.O. Box 2 to register their resumes in the database and receive a laser-printed copy. *



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Computer Science	4.5%	\$36,964
Packaging Engineering	4.0%	\$35,353
Materials and Logistics Mgt.	4.0%	\$34,520
Nursing	4.0%	\$32,927
Civil Engineering	4.0%	\$32,170
Mathematics	4.0%	\$32,055
Physics	4.0%	\$31,972
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Chemistry	4.0%	\$31,261
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Natural Resources	3.5%	\$22,950
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Telecommunications	4.0%	\$22,447
Journalism	4.0%	\$22,102
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Master's in Business Administration	5.0%	\$47,153
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Ph.D.	4.5%	\$45,458

Keith Russell/ staff

Source: College Press Service

The Job Hunter: the best job research guides available for students

College Press Service

One of the first steps in your job search process is locating the companies you wish to target.

The following is a guide to some of the best job research guides available. Please note if these guides are not available through your library or campus Career Placement office, you can usually request them to be transferred to your campus through interlibrary loans.

—Job Opportunities for _____
(Peterson's Guides, P.O. Box 2123, Princeton, NJ 08543, 1-800-338-3282). Peterson's has

three different versions of this popular guide, one for business, one for engineering and technology, and one for health care. There are a limited number of total companies listed, but those that are listed are definitely hiring at the entry level and the listings are typically full and complete.

—The Professional's Private Sector Job Finder, Government Job Finder, Non-profits' Job Finder
(Planning/Communications, 7215 Oak Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305, 1-708-366-5200). Not sure where to start in your networking? These books are pure networking nirvana, with

listings of jobs hotlines, job matching services, specialty and trade publications, online job services, computerized job and resume databases, salary surveys and directories of all types. If you can't find it here, you are not really looking.

—The National Job Bank
(Bob Adams, Inc., 260 Center, Holbrook, MA 02343, 1-800-872-5627). Direct employer listings throughout the United States, including basic contact information, product information, and typical positions available at each location. The publisher also prints several "city" editions, which are even more

comprehensive for targeted metropolitan areas.

—Job Seeker's Guide to Private and Public Companies
(Gale Research, Inc., Book Tower, Detroit, MI 48266). This guide comes in four different volumes: West, Midwest, Northeast and South/Mid-Atlantic/Great Plains. It contains basic contact information.

—The Corporate Yellow Book
(Leadership Directories, 104 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011, 1-212-627-4140). the book provides an excellent listing of the management of the largest 1,100 companies in the U.S., often listing specific department managers. While

this guide is a good source of the major players, just make sure you have a current edition. Key players often are in nearly constant rotation.

—Encyclopedia of Associations
(Gale Research). If you are trying to find an association or organization in your chosen occupation or industry, this is the book for locating it. More than 14,000 national and international organizations of all sizes and types are listed. If you are seeking only general company information, two additional directories—Standard and Poor's Register of Corporations and Dun & Bradstreet's Million Dollar

Directory—have basic address information, financial information, top corporate officers, but little else. However, they are both very comprehensive and may offer information on companies that you can find nowhere else.

Most of the above are large (and expensive) research guides that are typically not available for checkout. Expect to plunk down several dozen coins at the copy machine to gather information for later use.

The above information will give you a starting point and more. And your job search should not include just one single research journey. *

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Hope scholarship plan not perfect

College Press Service

WASHINGTON — As President Clinton launches into his second term, he has pledged to make the first year of college essentially free to students.

But Clinton's proposed "Hope Scholarships," which would provide a \$1,500 tax credit or a \$10,000 tax deduction for college costs, is getting mixed grades from educators.

Several educators say they aren't sure how the details of Clinton's plan would work. Others say the tax credit and deduction would aid middle-class families, rather than the neediest of students. Worse still, there's worry among college leaders that under the Clinton plan, students' private records could become an open book for the Internal Revenue Service.

Roy Watson, a spokesman for the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, said he understands the plan would include "a \$2,000 tax credit for the first year and a \$1,500 credit for the second year."

Then he acknowledged he wasn't sure about the amounts.

"We have to get updated on that. We are studying it," Watson said. "That's not to say we don't support it. There are a number of private and public organizations that we represent which would benefit from this legislation."

Meanwhile, student groups say that they want to make sure the neediest students aren't left out in the cold under the Clinton plan.

"This is an issue that our group is still looking at," says Sarita Gupta, vice-president of United States Student Association, the nation's largest and oldest student organization. "One of the things we're concerned about is that it's not geared to the neediest of students. That makes us question it a bit."

In fact, it's being questioned a lot.

Six college associations, led by Stanley O. Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education, sent a letter to Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley in December

about their concerns.

While the groups praise the president's efforts, they also stated:

—The program should be reworked to provide more money to low-income students. Right now, the \$1,500 tax credit won't benefit students who receive a need-based Pell Grant. That's because the \$1,500 would be subtracted from the amount of federal aid students already receive. As for the \$10,000 tax deduction, many low-income families wouldn't benefit since they pay little or no income tax, say educators.

"This is unavowably a middle-class tax cut," says David Warren, executive director of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Warren said 70 percent of the students in the more than 880 private colleges and universities represented by this association receive some form of financial aid.

"We endorse the concept of expanding the resource base of financial aid, and a tax proposal is one way to do that," he said. "We do have some concerns about the way the program is structured."

—The administration of the programs should be "kept as simple as possible." Currently, the president's plan would require schools to renew the \$1,500 tax credit for a second year if a student maintains a "B" average.

"We believe that such a step could lead to unprecedented involvement of the federal government in the internal academic affairs of colleges and universities and could provide the Internal Revenue Service with access to student records," Ikenberry wrote, on behalf of the

associations.

"We are concerned about the proposal for the 'B' average," Terry Hartle, vice-president of governmental relations of the American Council on Education, said. "It would present an enormous level of complexity and confusion. And it runs the risk of giving the IRS personal access to student records."



Other educators have expressed concern that the educational tax breaks would encourage grade inflation or tuition inflation.

Details of Clinton's education plan are expected to be released next month.

Clinton has called the \$1,500 tax credit "Hope Scholarships" since he says it "will open the doors of college opportunity to every American, regardless of their ability to pay."

In fiscal 1997, the U.S. Department of Education expects to award 3.75 million Pell Grants, up slightly from 3.63 million for the same period a year ago. In addition, the government awarded about 7.5 million loans the last academic year.

Student loan defaults drop to new low, thanks to repayment options

College Press Service

WASHINGTON — The percentage of college students who defaulted on their student loans has declined to its lowest level ever, according to the U.S. Education Department.

About 10.7 percent of students were in default on their loans in 1994, the most recent year for which data is available, the department said. This rate is less than half the 22.4 percent rate recorded in 1990.

"We have used every tool available to slash the default rate and save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, and these efforts will continue," said Education Secretary Richard Riley.

New enforcement power, improved loan collections and new technology all contributed to the turnaround in default rates, the department said. Congress in 1990 and 1992 gave the department more leverage to deny schools access to financial aid dollars if they maintain high default rates.

Under these policies, colleges with default rates above 25 percent for three consecutive years can lose the right to participate in student loan programs.

Also, those schools whose latest one-year default rate exceeds 40 percent can lose eligibility for all financial aid programs, including grants to students.

In 1996, 144 schools were deemed ineligible to participate in student loan programs because of high default rates. Private trade and technical schools make up the bulk of these institutions.

The progress in combating loan defaults earned praise

from President Clinton, who hosted Riley and college students Jan. 10 in an Oval Office meeting.

"We have tracked down defaulters and made them pay," said Clinton, who also acknowledged that an improving economy contributed to the higher repayment rates.

Overall, collections on defaulted loans increased from \$1 billion in 1992 to \$2.2 billion in 1996.

Despite the progress, the department on Jan. 10 also put more than 350 schools on notice

that they risk losing eligibility for some or all student-aid programs in the next year. Most of these institutions are for-profit trade and technical schools.

About two dozen public or private two- and four-year colleges also are on the list of those at risk of losing eligibility. Most of these institutions are two-year community colleges or small, four-year church-affiliated colleges.

College students who attended the White House event also credited the Clinton administration's new direct loan program with helping lower default rates and improve efficiency. Under this program, the government provides loan capital directly to institutions without requiring help from banks.

Students have various options to repay their direct loans such as income-contingent repayment, in which borrowers have smaller payments immediately after they finish college and repay more of their debt as they earn higher wages.

"This is government policy at its best," said Fiona Rose, student government president at the University of Michigan.

By cutting out banks, the direct loan program also allows for more timely loans to students, she said.

Nonetheless, Rose

acknowledged many college students still remain apprehensive about college costs and their mounting debt burdens. "It's making me rethink plans for graduate school," she said, adding that most of her fellow classmates remain concerned about heavy debt after they leave college.

The three volumes of data released at the White House ceremony also contain school-by-school default rates on more than 8,000 colleges and universities.

Data lists student default rates from 1992 through 1994. To find out more information about an individual institution, contact ED's Office of Public Affairs at (202) 401-1576.

"This is government policy at its best"

Fiona Rose, student gov't president at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on direct loans

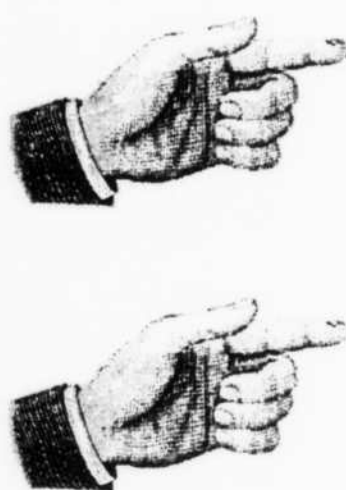
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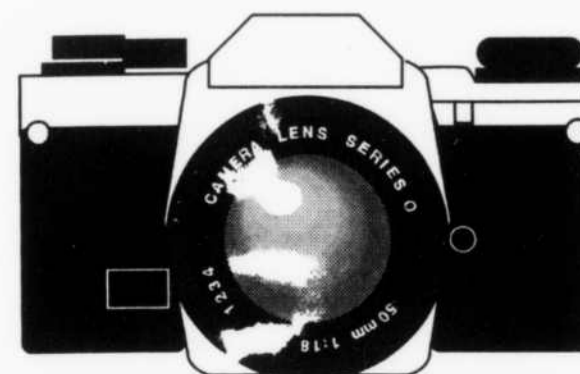


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Sidelines

Monday, February 3, 1997

In our view

SGA traffic court cure off mark

The Student Government Association's move towards removing itself from the traffic court system is a positive development that shows the SGA is working to find the proper role that our student government should play on campus. What is not so comforting, however, is how SGA members are detaching themselves from the court.

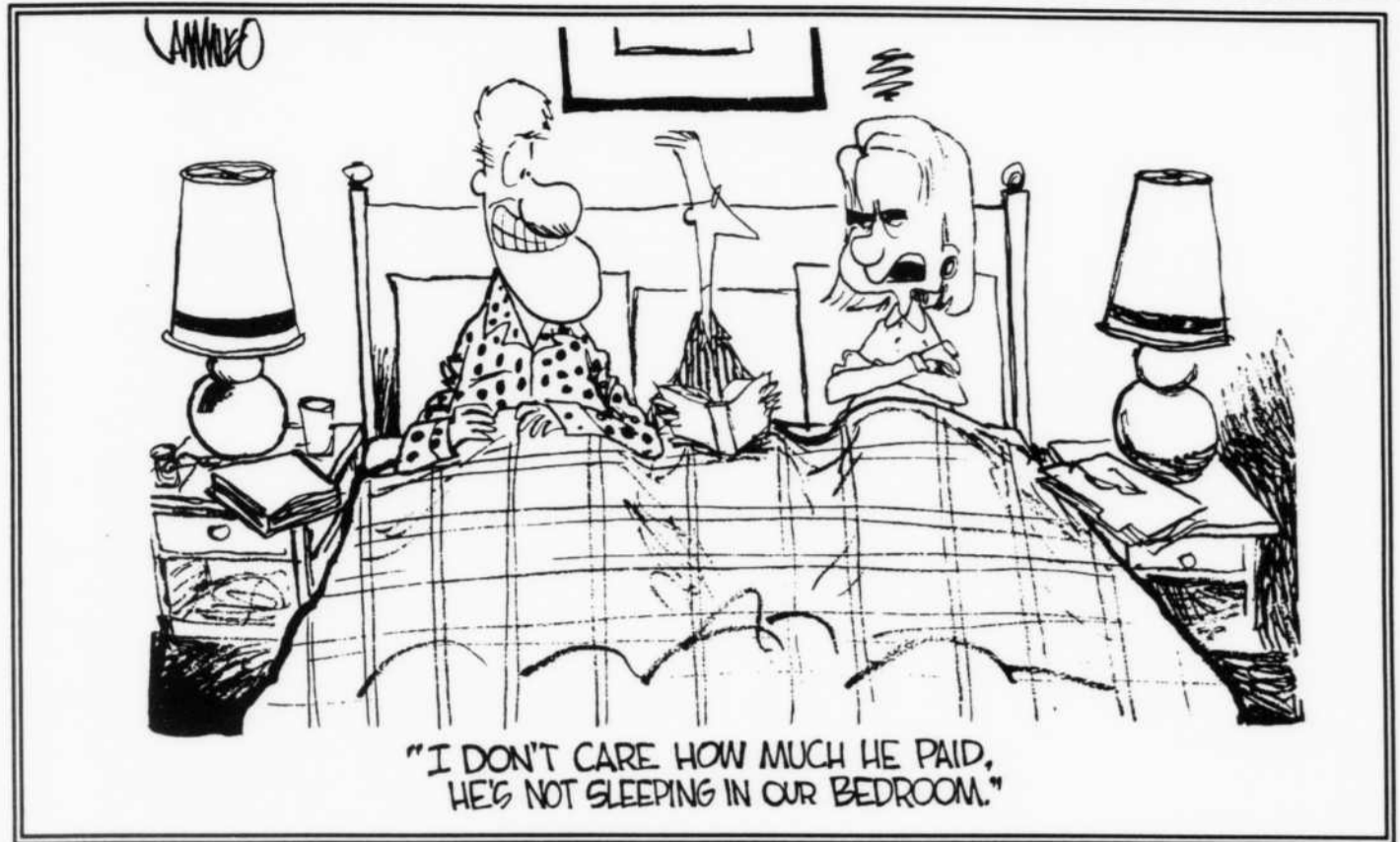
If the bill working its way through the Senate and House is passed and implemented, SGA will hand over the traffic court system to the Parking Authority, a privately-funded auxiliary business that has the authority to set the rules and regulations for parking and transportation for the university. Subsequently, in accepting the responsibility of running traffic court, the Parking Authority will be in control of citing and enforcing the entire parking violation process, from issuing tickets to conducting court.

Without serious checks, such a system would clearly not be in the best interests of students and faculty. Money from parking fines paid by students and faculty is transferred to the Parking Authority, a for-profit enterprise interested in generating revenue. Therefore, by placing traffic court within the jurisdiction of the Parking Authority, a glaring conflict of interest will be created. The same people who benefit from the collection of fines are the same ones who will decide what amount of fines will be generated.

This was perhaps part of the reason why SGA has until now been in charge of traffic court. Unfortunately, the current traffic court system operated by SGA has long been suffering from a lack of credibility. Many students and faculty perceive the court to be a disorganized mess, a system rampant with inefficiency and lacking professionalism on the part of judges and prosecutors during hearings. Furthermore, the Parking Authority has voiced some concern as to the possible excess voiding of tickets, and questions raised by SGA members in regard to the association's authority over the court does not help either.

What is needed to rejuvenate and reform the traffic court system is a joint effort by SGA and the Parking Authority to form a court that is separate in and of its own, but answerable to both offices. Instead of SGA members running the court, judges and prosecutors could be hired and appointed by a committee made up of both student government and Parking Authority officials. The Parking Authority, as the beneficiary of fine collections, would then fund the court in much the same way it would have to if it controlled the court completely.

As the representative of the student body, SGA needs to make the traffic court system work, rather than pass the responsibility on to someone else. For while SGA members might not be the best people to run the system, they are the ones who can make sure that student and faculty interests are not jeopardized by undue tickets and fines. In detaching themselves from the process, they are relinquishing an important obligation.



Letters to the Editor

Non-smokers trash Mayer's Office

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Greg Mayer's column on "Smokers can't be choosers come Winter." We non-smokers feel not one ounce of pity for the so-called plight of MTSU's smoking population. Smoking is a chosen vice. Mayer and his carcinogen-exhaling co-horts should consider themselves very blessed with the "one indoor cubby-hole vouchsafed to the miserable habit of smokers." There are several high schools and colleges that provide no such outlets for this despicable and nasty habit. For example, at the University of North Alabama in Florence, AL, those who shared in the joy of smoking braved the elements such as the mailmen do: neither rain, nor sleet, nor ice or snow could prevent these addicted individuals from indulging in their nicotine ecstasy. Now that's AMORE! So we feel no sympathy for the lack of designated smoking areas in the Mass Comm. building or

anywhere else on campus. The woman was justified in asking you to blow your dragon breath somewhere else. Non-smokers are deeply bothered by smokers' toxic fumes. No one should have to walk in a building or sit next to someone in class who reeks like a toilet on legs. Therefore, if you are so inclined to press yourself "firmly along the wall, smoking, disdainful to the little sticker...avoid(ing) the violent gusts of wind..." then do so. To smoke is your own personal preference and no one should try to stop you, but with the same token, no one should have to suffer along with you or provide special facilities for your vice of choice. We feel fine with you and your pals snuggling into the corners of buildings hoping to catch the next wave of heat.

Sandra Pabon-Feliciano
Sophomore, Mass Comm.
Carrie Culver
Senior, Social Work

McCowan urges tolerance for gay rights convention

To the Editor:

I am appalled at the ignorance of some of our very own alumni and residents that are promising to picket next month's Southeast Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual College Conference. When will people wake up and get over their own disbeliefs of homosexuality? What is it that makes this issue such a taboo? Come on people, this is the nineties, get with it. The only reasoning I can assume that those who like to Hate, must hate themselves. Life is too short to waste it on believing that those with a different sexual preference are something that God wants nothing to do with. I always wonder just how these people exactly know what God dictates. Yes, I know the Bible says this and that. Educated people knowingly accept that we are all human beings with a variety of ideas and concepts. I say to those who like to hate, Educate Yourself on the issues, then let's talk.

James McCowan
Health Education

History month perpetuates racial divide



From Where I Stand

Scott Link

February is Black History month. I think taking a considerable amount of time to focus on the accomplishments of Black Americans is a very good thing. I think the commemorative Black Heritage postage stamps are great. I am inspired by the ones I have seen in the Mass Communications Building. Last year I attended some events focusing on African American history, and was moved by them. Recognizing people who have achieved great things is right and good, but why must we cram all the recognition of black people into one month? Why not honor people individually, on the basis of their work, not skin color?

On the other hand, something always strikes me wrong about it. If we have African American History month, where is the Hispanic History, or Native American History month? Why are we focusing in on one nationality, when others are left out? I could also ask where is the European History month, but then you get the patent answer, "That is the other 11 months." Still, are we not perpetuating the mindset that furthers inequality by stressing one ethnic groups' history in a month over another? It would be so much better if we could relay all the important pieces of history without worry over who was getting more coverage, if we could be totally objective about how we view history. Of course, being human, we cannot be totally objective, but we could seek

that..

I understand the need for this month. In the past, achievements of African Americans were often overlooked and not emphasized in education. Yet now, we only seem to focus on them during February, the shortest month. This perpetuates the tendency to downplay their accomplishments because, hey, they get a whole month. It is an endless cycle. No one gives equal coverage to black leaders because we do that during February, and we have to do that during February because no one gives equal coverage to black leaders any other time.

This type of separatist thought permeates our society. We are out of school on Martin Luther King Jr. day, but not President's Day. Don't get me wrong, I am glad we celebrate Dr. King, but where would any of us be without George Washington, Abe Lincoln, and others? We have pageants for all women, and then specifically for black women. This type of thinking hasn't kept voluntary segregation from continuing to exist. Go to the Grill and look around during lunch time for a vivid picture of just how segregated we are. America is not a melting pot, it is a TV dinner with a divided tray.

I am not advocating leaving your ethnic heritage. Our respective heritages are a part of who we are, and help set the stage for who we can

become. However, they do not write our lives in stone. My ethnic origin need not define the parameters of my life. It is a part of me, not the entirety of my self. We should not get so caught up in who our ancestors were that we forget to see who we are.

Until we understand that people are more than where they came from, we will never be able to look past skin color to see the person. I think a separate Black History Month hinders us from looking at humans as people, and keeps us looking at them as black people, and Asian people, and white people, and so on.

We should strive to move away from the separatists attitude. We should try to see humans as individual people, without regard to the amount of skin pigmentation they have. Right now, Black History Month is the best way we have to insure that black Americans are not overlooked in education. Go to the events this month, learn about these great men and women who helped shape our country. Marvel at their accomplishments. Give them the respect they are due, not because they are African Americans who have accomplished much, but because they are people who have accomplished much.

It is my prayer that someday Black History Month will cease to be celebrated simply because it is no longer necessary. •

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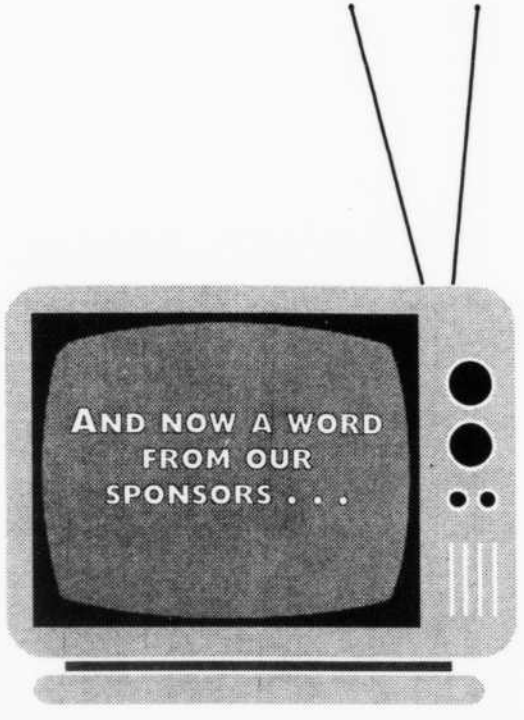
Whew! Do I have a headache! I think I'll take an Extra Strength Bufferin Advil Tylenol with proven cavity fighters, containing more of the lemon-freshened Borax than is recommended by doctors and plaque fighters for those days when I am feeling "not so fresh" in my personal region!

The reason I'm feeling this way is that I have just spent six straight days going through the thousands of letters you readers sent in when I asked you to tell me which advertisements you don't like. It turns out that a lot of you really, REALLY hate certain advertisements, to the point where you fantasize about acts of violence. For example, quite a few people expressed a desire to kill the stuffed bear in the Snuggle fabric-softener commercial. "Die, Snuggle Bear! Die!" is how several put it.

Likewise, there was a great deal of hostility expressed, often by older readers, toward the relentlessly cheerful older couples depicted in the competing commercials for Ensure and Sustacal. These commercials strongly suggest

that if you drink these products, you will feel "young," which, in these commercials, means "stupid." People were particularly offended by the commercial where the couple actually drinks a toast with Ensure. As Jamie Hagedorn described it: "One says, 'To your health,' and the other says, 'Uh-uh, to OUR health,' and then for some reason they laugh like ninnies. I want to hit them both over the head with a hammer."

Some other commercial personalities who aroused great hostility were Sally Struthers; the little boy who lectures you incessantly about Welch's grape juice; the young people in the Mentos commercials (as Rob Spore put it, "Don't you think those kids should all be sent to military school?"); everybody in all Calvin Klein commercials ("I am sure they are what hell is really like," observed Robert E. Waller); the little girl in the Shake 'N Bake commercial—Southerners REALLY hate this little girl—who, for what seemed like hundreds of years, said "And I helped!" but pronounced it "An ah hayulpt!" (Louise Sigmund, in a typically restrained response, wrote, "Your mother shakes chickens in hell"); Kathie Lee Gifford (Shannon Saar wrote, "First person to push Kathie Lee



overboard gets an all-you-can-eat buffet!"; the smug man in the Geritol commercial who said, "My wife...I think I'll keep her!" (the wife smiled, but you just know that one day she will put Liquid Drano in his Ensure); the bad actor pretending to be Dean Witter in the flagrantly fake "old film" commercial that's supposed to make us want to trust them with our money; the woman in the Pantene commercial who said, "Please don't hate me because I'm beautiful!" (as many readers responded, "OK, how about if we just hate you because you're obnoxious?"); and of course the Pillsbury Doughboy ("I would sacrifice my microwave to watch him inside on high for 10 hours," wrote Gene Doerfler).

Also they are none too fond of the giant Gen X dudes stomping all over the Rocky Mountains in the Coors Light ads. (Matt Scott asks: "Will they step on us if we don't buy their beer?" Scott McCullar asks: "What happens when they get a full bladder?")

Also, many people would like Candice Bergen to just shut up about the stupid dimes.

Also, I am pleased to report that I am not the only person who cannot stand the sight of the Infiniti Snot—you know, the guy with the dark clothes and the accent, talking about Infiniti cars as though they were Renaissance art. As Kathleen Schon, speaking for many, put it: "We hate him so much we wouldn't buy one of those even if we could afford it, which we can't, but we wouldn't buy one anyway."

Speaking of car commercials, here's a bulletin for the Nissan people: Nobody likes the creepy old man, OK? Everybody is afraid when the little boy winds up alone in the barn with him. This ad campaign does not make us want to purchase a Nissan. It makes us want to notify the police. Thank you.

And listen, Chevrolet: People didn't mind the first 389 million times they heard Bob Seger wail "Like a rock!" But it's getting old. And some people wish to know what "genuine Chevrolet" means. As Don Charleston put it, "I intended to buy a genuine Chevy, but I couldn't tell the difference between the 'genuine' and all those counterfeit Chevys out there, so I bought a Ford."


But the car-related ads that people hate the most, judging from my survey, are the dealership commercials in which the announcer SHOUTS AT YOU AS THOUGH YOU ARE AN IDIOT and then, in the last three seconds of the ad reads, in very muted tones, what sounds like the entire U.S. tax code. Hundreds and hundreds of people wrote to say they hate these commercials. I should note that one person defended them: His name is George Chapogas, and he is in—of all things—the advertising business. Perhaps by examining this actual excerpt from his letter, we can appreciate the thinking behind the shouting ads:

"I write, produce and VOICE those ads. Make a damn good living doing it, too. Maybe more than you even. And would you like to know why? Because they move metal, buddy."

Thanks, George! I understand now.

Well, I'm out of space. Tune in next week, and I'll tell you which commercial the readers hated the most; I'll also discuss repulsive bodily functions in detail. Be sure to read it! You'll lose weight without dieting, have whiter teeth in two weeks by actually growing your own hair on itching, flaking skin as your family enjoys this delicious meal in only minutes without getting soggy in milk! Although your mileage may vary. Ask a doctor! Or somebody who plays one on TV. •

The price of U.S. voter apathy



Foreign Perspective

Guy J. Engon Zibi

I did not vote during the last presidential elections. Not that I could have or wanted to anyway. I'm an international student. I did not vote but I had a closer look at the whole process, from the kickoff of the campaign to election day. One thing struck me: Many (most?) students do not care much about elections. That line may sound familiar to you. It is surreal to me. A lot had been done to encourage student voting. College democrats and republicans tried to be the loudest they could. Rides were provided on election day for those who wanted to vote. In vain. Most students seemed struck with apathy. I met (graduate) students who, one week before November 5, didn't know when election day was. I'll bet some did not even know there was an election. I would even argue that for many, the Superbowl is more important than the presidential election. I wonder whether that is the price to pay for being considered the world's top democracy. After all, not voting is voting, somehow. Deciding to

not care is also voting. There are several reasons why students are so apathetic. For one, they do not feel concerned. Elections seem to be an event reserved to a certain category of people, namely politicians, interest groups and the media. Listening to those people talking about elections is like, say, listening to some activist arguing that the last elephants must be protected. We listen with one ear (if at all) but we do not care much. That's his/her problem. What a mistake. By handing the elections to the above people, we let them decide what is good or bad for us. And most times, we don't even know what they think. Moreover, students tend to consider voting as a right. It is a privilege. It is a duty. Students in the U.S. (and in most of the western world) have not fought to have the right (I mean the privilege) to decide whoever is going to be their leader. They take that right for granted. And you don't really know the value of something unless you fight for it.

Another element that may be considered is that this country is too big. The bigger the country, the less people feel close to the people who govern. By this theory, one would expect more student votes for SGA elections. That was not the case. Many of you have probably

never heard of Mali or Cameroon (West and Central Africa respectively). Students in Mali contributed to the overthrowing of the country's long-time dictator, Moussa Traore. They helped install a vivid democracy and by voting massively, they oversaw its process. In Cameroon, most students had never voted until 1992. They fought to have multi-party elections, voted massively, but the elections were rigged. In those two countries (like some others in Africa), election day is sacred. You don't do anything else. You participate. You vote.

1997 is an election year in both Mali and Cameroon. Students will go back to cast their ballot. In Cameroon, rigging elections will not stop them. They will keep going. To me, Mali is not just one of the world's poorest countries (unfortunately, it is known mainly as such). It is the world's top democracy, where people (peasants, students, workers, rich and poor alike) are not only able but also willing to take part in the life of the nation, knowing that their vote will make a difference.

I hope you voted last year. If you did not, shame on you. Vote next time, or somebody else will do it for you. •

Guy J. Engon Zibi is a senior International Business major, and a native of Cameroon.



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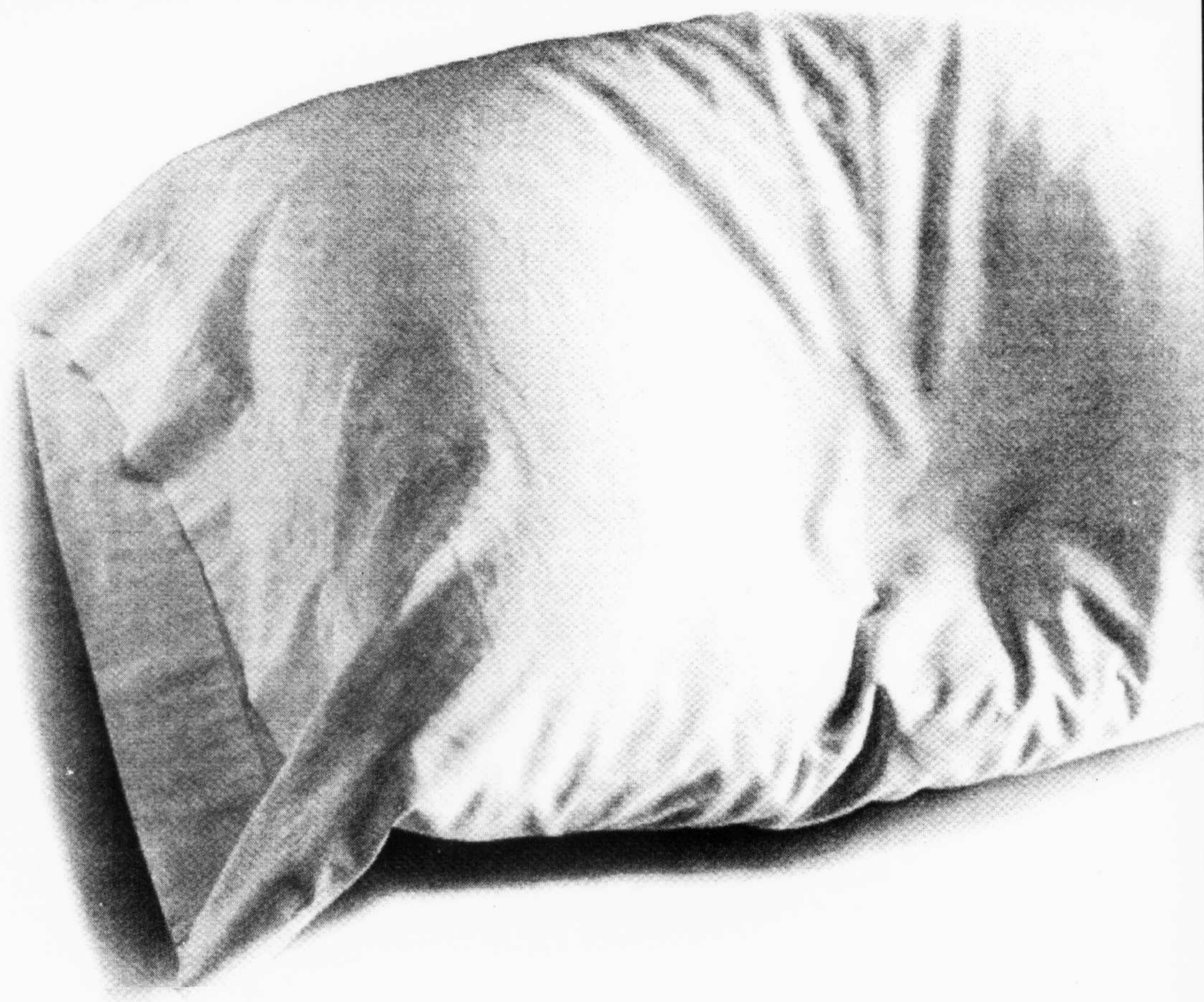
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Having just returned from a 10-month tour in Bosnia with the Army, Director of Multicultural Affairs Ralph Metcalf says:

'I have a new appreciation for the U.S.'

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Ralph Metcalf returned to his job as director of Multicultural Affairs this January after a 10-month tour of service in Bosnia.

Metcalf, a major, has spent 17 years in the Army as an engineer. He joined at a time when the Vietnam conflict was over and military service guaranteed a college education and a job, when neither could be promised.

"It was for the patriotic reasons of honor and duty," Metcalf said. "But also it was a good insurance policy for employment. Plus, it looked good on a resume."

In March 1996, he received a phone call, telling him that he was being called to serve. A confirmation letter followed, with further instructions.

"My first reaction was 'are you sure you're looking for me?'" Metcalf said.

With assurance from the state law that required his employer to hold his position open until his return, he began to prepare for the journey.

Upon arrival in Bosnia, he was enrolled in various courses, covering subjects such as cultural etiquette and land mine identification.

"We didn't interact with the people very much," Metcalf said. "The military creates its own culture. It is designed to be self-sufficient and independent."

While on the job, Metcalf worked as the leader of the Crisis Action Team.

"We were in charge of any kind of crisis management," he said. "We went wherever we were needed. We

were the fix-it people."

Because of security risks, troops could not leave the military compound without being in groups of 10 or more, and they were required to have a very good reason approved by their superior officers.

Entertainment was supplied within the compound, but it was limited.

"There was a beer tent, but no one could have more than four," Metcalf said. "Plus, it closed at 10 p.m."

When asked about any learning experiences he had while overseas, he mentioned several differences between cultures.

The communities have an intense concern for the environment. Gardens and lawns are perfectly manicured and the streets are swept each night by the citizens.

Going out to dinner becomes a social event rather than a meal. The usual wait in a restaurant can be up to three hours.

"We just take certain things for granted, like drinking water, having your own car, fast food and space," Metcalf said. "I have new appreciation for the U.S., and my stress tolerance level is much better now."

According to Metcalf, there were many reasons the Bosnia conflict happened. He listed land, power, wealth and religion as only some of them.

Metcalf also served in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. When he is not serving in combat situations, he works as an instructor at Fort Knox, Ky, teaching mine identification, engine tactics, mobility and counter mobility, and survival ability.



Dan Ritchie/staff

Ralph Metcalf, director of Multicultural affairs, reflects on his experiences in Bosnia. Metcalf, a major in the U.S. Army, spent 10 months in the troubled nation as leader of the Crisis Action Team. He also serves as a military instructor at Fort Knox, Ky.

Star Wars phenomenon is still strong

By Chad Gillis/ staff

Twenty years after the release of *Star Wars*, the phenomenon is bigger than ever.

Writer/Director George Lucas released the first of three 'Special Edition' *Star Wars* Trilogy films on Friday, Jan. 31, to a much bigger crowd than he did in 1977.

"We don't need press," said Joe T. Turner, owner of a local Carmike theater. "All it will do is cause people to come to the theater, be told that it's sold out, and get mad." Although laughing at the situation, Turner was in no way making a joke.

Hours before the early evening show began at the Stoned River Mall Friday, the midnight edition had already sold out.

Nipper's Corner in Nashville held a special showing on the same evening, and offered autographs from such "stars" as Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca) and Jeremy Bulloch (Boba Fett).

Over the weekend, Mayhew and Bulloch also appeared at the Harding Mall in Nashville. The event, sponsored by Acclaim Comics and Collector's World, encouraged fans to "rub elbows" with actors that are identifiable to an entire generation.

"*Star Wars* is our third highest selling area, whether it is figures, cards, comics or helmets," said Mike Baily, an employee of Collector's World. Baily also said that it was probably the second highest selling item in the two Nashville branches.

Collectible *Star Wars* items range on a scale from \$14.95 for a three-pack set of glow-in-the-dark erasures, including C-3PO, Darth Vader and the Millennium Falcon, to \$69.95 for a LucasFilms authorized Don Post hand-sculpted Stormtrooper helmet.

After witnessing the crowds at the theaters and the endless parade of movie collectibles, one can't help but wonder whether the madness will ever end. Will there ever be a time in America when this marvel of silver

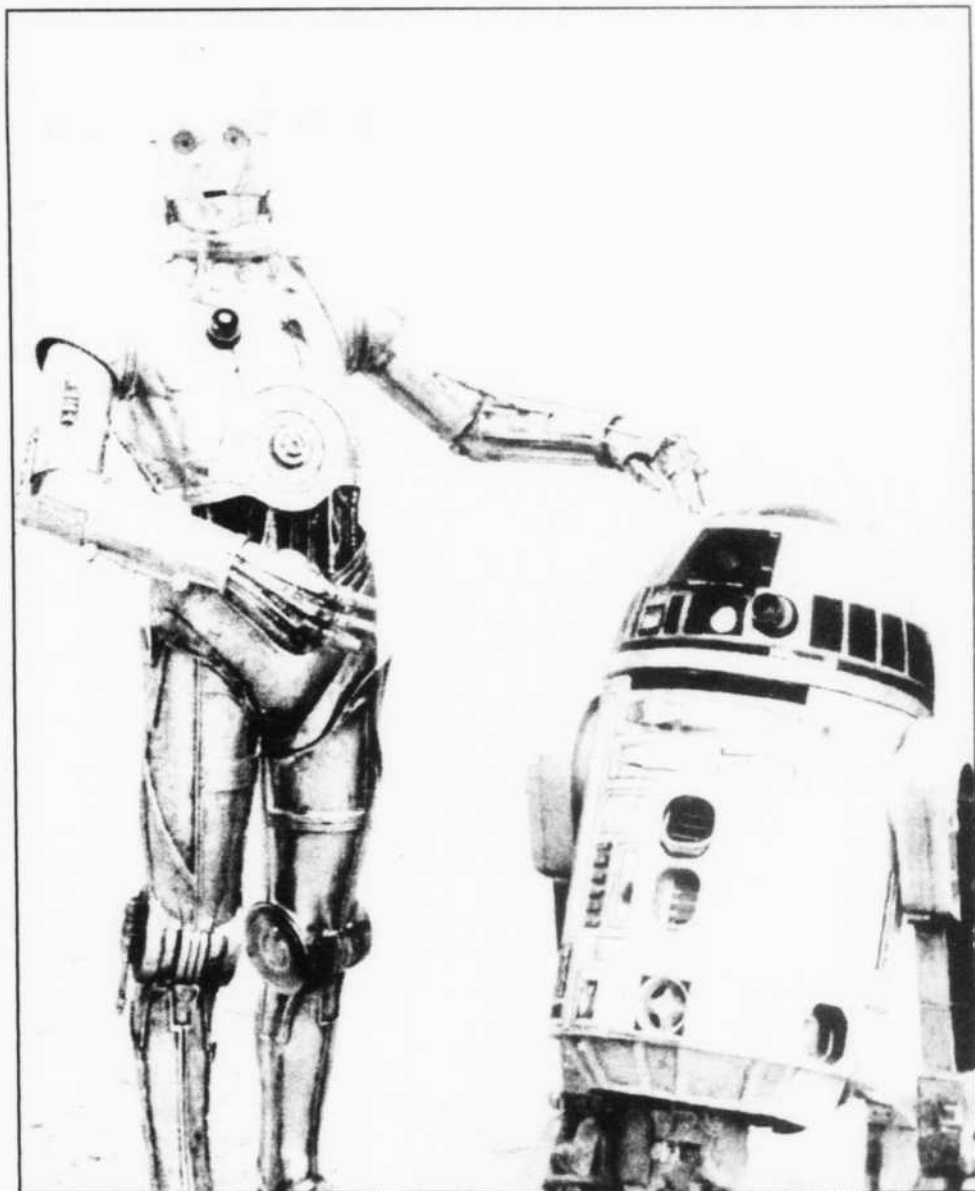


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C-3PO and R2-D2, two of the stars of George Lucas' *Star Wars*, the *Special Edition*, survey the scene on the desert planet of Tatooine. The original film was released in 1977.

screen shall cease to be talked about?

"I'm going to try and see it again," said Pat Foley, a lifelong fan and MTSU student, when asked about his opinion of the new *Special Edition*. "I couldn't take it all in the first time; there was just too much action at once."

Who would have thought that 20 years after the release of *Star Wars* the mania would be stronger than ever? In a time when films such as *Dante's Peak* and *Twelve Monkeys* rule the box office, George Lucas remains the king and guardian of what makes "special effects" special.

Hatcher, High win crowns at pageant

By Adam Smith/ staff

Alison Hatcher was crowned Miss MTSU and Morgan High was crowned Miss Middle Tennessee Blue Raider on Friday, January 24. Both women received scholarships from the university and will represent MTSU in the Miss Tennessee pageant in Jackson on June 21.

Hatcher, sponsored by Phi Mu

Alpha music fraternity, and High, sponsored by Beta Theta Phi, will compete against about 30 other girls for the title of Miss Tennessee, said Betsy Drewry, spokeswoman for the University Queen's Committee.

"The competition will begin on that Sunday (June 15)," Drewry said. "There will be rehearsals Sunday through Tuesday, and then there'll be one competition a night on

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday."

The 10 finalists in the pageant will compete in the televised pageant on Saturday, June 21, Drewry said.

The runners-up for the Miss MTSU/MTBR pageant were: Jeana Leyhew, sponsored by Chi Omega; Anne Croutch, sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi, and Jeanine Clark, also sponsored by Chi Omega.

Feelings to give speech on new illustrations book

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Illustrator and author Tom Feelings said it felt good to be one of the "headliners" at Middle Tennessee State University to help kick off the university's 1996-97 African-American History Month celebration.

Feelings will discuss his new book of illustrations, *Middle Passage*, on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the MTSU Alumni Center. His presentation will include a slide show and questions from the audience. The event is free, and the general public is invited. Following the program, there will be a reception, at which time attendees may purchase autographed copies of *Middle Passage*.

Since the book's publication a year ago, Feelings has been answering calls to lecture in many different places.

"I think people want me to tell them what they are feeling and why I did these pictures," Feelings said. "I want children to open this book and see positive images of Africa. They are bombarded too much with bad ideas."

Middle Passage refers to the crossing of the Atlantic when Africans were uprooted from their homeland and taken by European slave ships on the long journey to the New World.

"African people have developed a skill of combining two seemingly opposite forces, like joy and pain," Feelings said. "You can see it in black music, like the blues. The songs are so sad, but the rhythm makes you want to dance. They don't exist just side by side, they interact. I wanted to tell this painful story in the most beautiful way I could."

"I've seen his presentation and it is excellent," said Cheryl Ellis, HPER professor and co-chair of this year's African-American History Month celebration. "Much of it has to do with his experience in Africa and his inspiration for creating his book of wonderful and inspirational drawings."

"I consider myself a storyteller in a picture form," Feelings said.

The story is the most important thing, he said. I use my skills of drawing and painting to connect to the cultural history of Africa.

Traditionally, tales were told orally. I think the book form comes closest to that.

Tom Feelings was born in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, N.Y. He began drawing as a young child, inspired mostly by newspaper comics. He attended vocational school and later received a

scholarship to the Cartoonists and Illustrators School. After a stint in the Air Force in London, where he was an artist in the graphics division, he attended the School of Visual Arts in New York. In 1964, he moved to Ghana, West Africa, where he worked two years for the government's publishing house.

"I knew where the pain in my life came from, but I wanted to know about the joy. Africa heightened my feelings of identity," he said. "For the first time of my life, I was in the majority. I gained the strength in my convictions, going out into the community of Accra, drawing all those places and faces my heart and eyes yearned to see and feel."

After his return to the United States, Feelings concentrated on illustrating books with African and African-American themes. In 1969, *To Be a Slave*, written by Julius Lester and illustrated by Feelings, was selected as a Newberry Honor Book - the first book of its kind to receive such an award.

"I realized while working on this book that I wanted to do more with this idea," Feelings said. "But I really began thinking about it while I was in South America."

Feelings moved to Guyana, South America, where he taught school and was a consultant for the Ministry of Education, training young book illustrators.

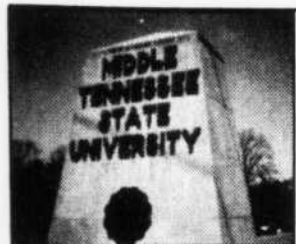
After three years, he returned to the United States and began illustrating *Middle Passage*. It took him two and a half years to complete the preliminary drawings.

"I didn't know when I started this project that time was the essential thing. I needed to tell the story completely in pictures - the kind of time one associates with the form of a long novel."

Feelings needed a different kind of feedback to stimulate his drawings. He invited black people to his studio to look at his work in progress.

"I watched their faces as they went from drawing to drawing, turning page after page. All kinds of people, young and old. I listened as they opened up and told me about the joyful sorrowful things in their lives. And I began to soak up all this information. All those stories, all those things that as one person I could never experience in a lifetime. Then when I was alone, I let it seep slowly into all my finished art."

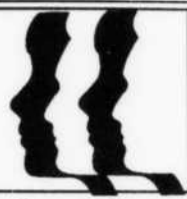
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Campus Showcase



Raider Profile



Sophomore finds her niche as EMT specialist

By Jennie Treadway/ staff

"My first assignment ever was a 60-year old man with congestive heart failure," said Jennifer Bowen, a sophomore and Emergency Medical Technician specialist. "He had peed all over himself."

Since the last semester of her senior year in high school, Jennifer has been riding with the Emergency Medical Technicians on their rescue runs in Waverly, TN. After her Health Occupations teacher asked if she would like to ride in an ambulance during an emergency, she took the opportunity and has grown to love the profession.

She rode with the EMTs through the rest of her senior year and throughout the summer. In August of '95, Jennifer attended Columbia State Community College for its popular EMT program, which lasted until December. After getting her EMT license, she began her second semester of the course the following

spring, which focused on Intravenous Training.

"We would poke oranges and start IVs on each other all day," she laughed.

Jennifer began working as a part-time, licensed EMT in Waverly that same semester and went full-time in the summer after finishing her training.

During one of the emergency runs that summer, Jennifer hurt her back, which is something that "just happened" and is not rare considering how much lifting EMTs must do. Apparently, stretchers can carry up to about 500 pounds. Although her chiropractor told her to quit work, a rotated disk did not keep her away from the ambulance. Instead, Jennifer decided to get a college education at MTSU for



Jennifer Bowen

a degree in Criminal Justice, and to return to working part-time on the weekends.

A typical day at the EMT station, which is a home furnished double-wide trailer with one female and one male bedroom, involves an early morning check-in, a chat about the last shift with the other specialists, cleaning the ambulances, refilling needed supplies, and, finally, waiting for something to happen.

"We sleep, watch TV, do our laundry, and basically whatever we want. It's a 24-hour shift," she said. "But when they get a call, they 'drop everything and go.'"

During her first shift as a licensed EMT, she experienced an emergency that was more than she expected. A 450-pound man in severe pain

called them and needed to be taken down three flights of stairs on a stretcher.

"He needed to get to the doctor," she said. "And he couldn't on his own."

The most memorable "run" for Jennifer happened a couple of months ago over Christmas break. The EMTs were called to the scene of a terrible car wreck that involved a woman and her children. After being pulled from the car, a 6-year old boy was in need of CPR. Although Jennifer successfully performed the necessary treatment, the boy died in the hospital later that night.

"You're not supposed to let these things bother you," she said. "But if that doesn't bother you, you're not human."

Jennifer plans to stay at MTSU and continue to work. Although paramedic school may be in the future, she is happy with the way things are now.

"I won't quit," she said. "I love it too much."

Coalition's third college chapter to open in April

By Jennie Treadway/ staff

In need of a few tips for that job interview? Confused about what to wear or what to say? Then let the MTSU Collegiate Division of the National Coalition for 100 Black Women help you.

Proposed by Rhonda Hooks, this new organization will be installed in April as an individual chapter of the National Coalition for 100 Black Women, which is based in New York. MTSU's division of the organization will be the third collegiate chapter in the two years that it has been in existence, the first being at Tuskegee University. It will also be the first non-historically black collegiate chapter.

"It's really a professional organization geared to show that everyone has leadership skills," Hooks said.

The group of about 50 plans to hold workshops regarding job interview skills, along with sessions on proper attire and appearance. Also in the works is a fashion show of appropriate business wear to help those students in need of a little advice.

During spring break,

representatives of the organization will be participating in the celebration of the coalition's two-year anniversary. Called the "Get on the Bus Tour," members will travel from Tuskegee to the Nashville chapter to hold conferences and other workshops. From there, the groups will take detours to other cities while making their way to the headquarters in New York.

In their own celebration, the MTSU chapter is planning a three-day affair in honor of their establishment. On April 3, Karla Winfrey, MTSU alumnae, correspondent to ESPN in Texas, and cousin to Oprah, will be the key speaker. Previously a member of the WSMV Channel 4 News staff, Winfrey had gone on to establish her own scholarship at MTSU in the department of Mass Communications.

Speaking on the morning of April 4 will be Linda Hare, vice president of development and research and liaison between the MTSU and Nashville chapters.

Hooks assures that "the organization is open to everyone" and invites anyone to participate in the upcoming April workshops.

Disney talent search comes to Nashville in February

By Jennie Treadway/ staff

For those who have musical talent and a passion for Mickey Mouse, Nashville may be the place to be Feb. 8.

The Disney Entertainment Career Program for the 1997 summer season is searching for 140 college student musicians to participate in the various music shows being held at the Walt Disney World Resort, Disneyland and Disneyland,

Paris. Program directors are on the lookout for violin, viola, cello, string bass, trumpet, trombone, horn, tuba, piano and saxophone players, along with drummers and percussion players (timpani, mallets and Latin percussion).

Students will participate in workshops and daily performances hosted by top-name artists. They will strengthen their musical skills while performing for thousands of Disney guests and socialize

with the other recipients.

Auditions will be held in Nashville on Feb. 8 at the Belmont University School of Music (1900 Belmont Blvd.) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students must be able to perform three styles of music and sight read.

For those who cannot make the session, videotape auditions will be accepted until Feb. 13. Send tapes and resumes to The Disney Entertainment Career

Program, P.O. Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. 32830.

For the past 25 years, over 2,500 college students have taken part in the program. For the 11-week program, chosen students will be provided with a weekly salary with housing and local transportation, along with clinics and workshops. For more information, call (407) 397-3220 or (714) 781-3414, or e-mail questions to bob_radock@wda.disney.com.

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Cooking show too hot for TV

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Viewers tuning into the TV Food Network's "Too Hot Tamales" cooking show got something a lot hotter.

A hard-core pornography video appeared briefly on the screen as the chef-hosts narrated recipe instructions for Latin risotto Wednesday night.

Those watching said a flash of prurient programming lasting about three seconds interrupted the cooking show, followed by a blank screen, then more than a minute of the pornographic material before the nationwide cooking broadcast resumed.

"We were stunned and dismayed," the show's hostesses, Mary Sue Milliken and Susan Feniger, said in a statement Thursday. "We have a broad viewing audience that we really care about."

The cause of the unscheduled interruption was under investigation.

More than 50 phone calls from startled viewers flooded the TV Food Network's office in West Hollywood.

TV Food Network president and chief executive officer Erica Gruen said only 10 seconds of "uncleared and inappropriate footage" appeared.*

Grenade found in potato crate

BRUSSELS, Belgium — One potato, two potato, three potato — boom!

The Belgian army's demining service exploded a World War II grenade Thursday that had been delivered to the kitchen of the National Bank staff restaurant in a crate of potatoes.

Officials said it had probably been harvested in fields where the Belgian army regularly finds unexploded shells and grenades from the two world wars. They discounted the possibility of an attack against the central bank.

Belgian farmers and builders often find bombs, shells and grenades dating back to the world wars.*

Bold criminal robs police chief

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Crime can take a bite out of anyone — even the top dog at the police department. Just ask Police Chief Bill Finney.

Finney's car was broken into earlier this week, and the crooks took his briefcase containing his badge, police identification, checkbooks, files, credit cards and keys to police headquarters.

Police spokeswoman Sylvia Burgos said Thursday that three checkbooks — one minus a check — and some files were found.

The theft happened Sunday night while Finney and his wife were at a St. Paul restaurant.

Finney said the department will spend hundreds of dollars to replace outdoor locks to the police headquarters this week. He said no internal locks need to be changed.

Despite the loss, Finney kept his sense of humor. "It happens," he said. "Oh, by the way, if a guy who is 4-foot-2 tries to use the credit cards, it ain't Bill Finney."*

Bear eyes groundhog's job

ORANGE, Calif. — Move over Punxsutawney Phil, you've got a competitor who's a real bear.

Using avocados as bait, attendants at the Orange County Zoo lured Samson — a 600-pound black bear — into the sunlight and observers declared that he saw his shadow — meaning six more weeks of winter.

"This will be an annual event, I would think," said Kristi de Spain of the Orange County Zoological Society.

The ceremony put Samson in direct competition with the famous groundhog from Punxsutawney, Pa., the traditional arbiter of when winter will end. Phil made his annual prediction on Sunday — Groundhog Day.

Samson first gained fame in 1994, when he broke into a family's backyard spa and took late-night dips, which were captured on home video and aired on TV.

Authorities planned to kill Samson, who was considered a threat, but Gov. Pete Wilson granted him a pardon after school children begged him to intervene.*

Woman pays ticket with pennies

CLINTON, Utah — Cindy McGregor, upset with a speeding ticket, not only wanted to give this northern Utah town her two cents worth — but a whole lot more.

In fact, the pillow case the diminutive wife of an Ogden police detective toted into the Clinton City Hall contained 8,000 pennies as payment for her \$80 fine.

A clerk refused penny payment. What happened next depends upon the teller of the tale. Mrs. McGregor placed, threw or launched the makeshift sack of coins onto, across or over the clerk's counter.

Somehow, the pennies escaped the pillow case, a torrent of copper Abraham Lincolns scattering all over the place. Mrs. McGregor was charged with disorderly conduct.

Husband Scott McGregor said the ticket was the last straw for his wife. He, three of their five children and a son-in-law have been cited for traffic offenses since 1989 by police in Clinton, a community of 12,000 about 35 miles north of Salt Lake City.

"She's 4-foot-11, but she's mean," McGregor said. "But she could barely carry the sack, much less throw it."*

Many events planned for history month celebration

Staff Reports

In recognition of African American History Month, MTSU is hosting a number of events celebrating African American history, culture and issues.

- On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Tom Feelings, author, illustrator and artist, will discuss his work, *Middle Passage*, at the Alumni Center from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Tucker Theatre will hold a film video fest on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. The event will showcase *The Jackie Robinson Story*.
- Thomas Blackshear, who created more than half the original artwork for the Black Heritage Stamp Exhibit, will be at the Alumni Center on Feb. 10 to present the exhibit, which will be on display Feb. 10-14 and Feb. 17-21.
- On Wednesday, Feb. 12, Tucker Theatre will show the film *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* at 10 a.m.
- Comedian Michael Winslow, star of the *Police Academy* series, will be in concert on Feb. 12, at 9 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. Tickets are \$8 per person. For information, contact Student Programming at 898-2551.
- On Thursday, Feb. 13, A Unity Luncheon will be held in the Tennessee Room of the JUB from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Several prominent local people will be honored, as will "unsung elders." Attendance will cost \$9 per person. For more information, contact Multicultural Affairs at 898-2987.
- Percy Sutton, chairman of Inner City enterprises in New York and creator of *Showtime at the Apollo*, will make a presentation on campus on Feb. 14 (time and location to be announced.) Sutton was an attorney for both Malcom X and Jesse Jackson.
- The LRC will host a Documentary and Dialog session on "Ebonics" on Monday, Feb. 17.
- On Tuesday, Feb. 18, Jacob Carruthers will present "Classical African Deep Thought" at 7 p.m. in Room 103 of the Bragg Mass Communications Building.
- *Mother of the River* will be shown at Tucker Theatre at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19.
- On Thursday, Feb. 20, The John Pleas Faculty Award will be presented to Assistant Professor Robert L. Rucker during a program at the Alumni Center from 3 to 5 p.m.
- The Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at noon in the JUB Tennessee Room. Speaker Kay Cole James, dean of the Robertson School of Government at Regent University, will present "The African-American Woman's Contribution to Education."
- The Tennessee Room of the JUB will also host a School Children Luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. And "Choices," a play by Valerie Steele, will be presented in the Tennessee Room at 7 p.m.
- Cornel West, author, philosopher and professor of religion and Afro-American studies at Harvard University will present "Race Matters," a book signing at the Alumni Center on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.
- Bobby "Blue" Bland, a Memphis native considered by many to be America's greatest Blues singer, will perform at Murphy Center at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. Tickets go on sale today; \$15 floor, \$10 bowl. The first 500 student tickets will be sold for \$5.*

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Lebanon builds folk history archive

Associated Press

LEBANON, Tenn. — This city's 177-year history isn't neatly stored in a library or archived in a records room.

Instead, it resides in the memories of people like 82-year-old Mildred Hearne, who can rattle off the names of businesses long closed and provide lively accounts of people long dead.

It's also stored in the dusty attics and cluttered offices of people like Thomas Partlow, a retired history teacher who has collected and catalogued tens of thousands of court documents, some dating back nearly 200 years.

But now, the city is building a museum and archive to provide a permanent home for the photographs, court records, newspaper articles and genealogical information that help bring Lebanon's past alive. The city also recently announced the formation of a 10-person Historic Commission to oversee the creation of the archives and to advise the city on historic matters.

"The history of Lebanon is scattered throughout the library, in people's attics all over town and in people's cedar chests," said Mayor Don Fox.

"Before we lose all our recorded past, we need to have a place to put it that is highly accessible to people."

The archive and museum will open in June in a 2,500-square-foot basement of a new wing being built behind the Castle Heights Military Academy's main building. Castle Heights is being renovated to become the new City Hall.

For Lebanon, the push to chronicle and preserve its past lies in the face of its recent history, which has been dominated by the construction of gleaming new shopping centers and the demolition of many old homes and buildings.

Historic Commission member Vincent Simms said the museum and archive are sorely needed.

"Lebanon is one of the most historic sites in Middle Tennessee," Simms said as he tended the cash register of his television shop on South College Street. "So many people are passing away, and their documents and their thoughts won't be around too much longer. We thought it'd be good to get it all together."

There may be no more valuable member of the new commission than Partlow, who

has spent decades compiling court records and writing histories of some of Wilson County's most notable families.

He has turned an upstairs room in his Lebanon home into a virtual archive. Books, court documents and microfilm reels fill a bookcase to the ceiling. A four-drawer filing cabinet is filled with alphabetized files of Wilson County family histories.

Working as much as 50 hours a week, Partlow has single-handedly transcribed and carefully indexed nearly two centuries of marriage and divorce records, property transactions and other court documents. Included in his treasure trove are records of sales of slaves in the early 19th century.

"When you do these records, these people really come alive. It's like reading about your next-door neighbor," Partlow said.

Being chosen to serve on the historic committee comes as an honor to Hearne, who was Wilson County's first female county commissioner.

"I'm thrilled to death. I think it's a real honor, at my age," she said.

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Twenty years later, Feelings completed *Middle Passage*, which he calls a long "spiritual psychological journey... back in order to move forward."

Although produced for children, Feelings wants his book to be an instrument through which all people, even adults, can realize where they came from and where they are now.

"Africans on and off of the continent can connect spiritually with this experience (of slavery)," Feelings said.

Today, Feelings is an art professor at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He has illustrated over 20 books and has received the School of Visual Arts' Outstanding Achievement Award, among many others. His paintings are in the private collections of several notable African-Americans, including Maya Angelou, Roberta Flack, Cicely Tyson and the late Alex Haley. He is presently working on a second book about slaves' experiences of landing in the Americas.

For more information regarding Feelings' visit, please call Cheryl Ellis, 898-2893, or Luther Buie, 898-2839, co-chairpersons of this year's African-American History Month celebration.

Memphis native prefers WWII vehicles to any other

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Why the World War II vehicles such as Jeeps, weapons, troop and cargo carriers, heavily armored scout vehicles and red-crossed ambulances?

If you're going to restore vehicles, why not the stylish classics?

If you're going to repair vehicles, why not the practical — and far more comfortable — late-model cars?

"There is something about the old military vehicles, particularly the World War II ones, that just hold my interest," said Richard "Booger" Smith.

"There is something about their place in history, what they did for us. Preserving our freedom. I enjoy preserving things that mean that much from a history standpoint."

"I could work on a 1997 automobile, but there's no interest for me," he said.

Smith, 54, of the Balmoral neighborhood in Memphis, has been rebuilding

World War II and Korean War vehicles full-time about three years, and had been tinkering with them part-time the previous four years.

He does his work a few miles east of Covington in the shop of McCall Inc., which sells fertilizer equipment to farmers.

Jimmy McCall, whom Smith calls his best friend, owns most of the old Army vehicles Smith works on, at least the ones on the south side of Tenn. 59.

Across the highway, Smith works on a couple more owned by McCall's first cousin, Memphis lawyer Bruce F. Gray Jr. At a third stop in Covington, Gray has nine more World War II vehicles that Smith repairs and maintains.

McCall and Gray pay Smith for the work, and Smith rebuilds old military vehicles for others.

"The quality of his work is unsurpassed," McCall, 58, said of his friend. "His productivity is very slow. Richard likes to talk."

"He's unique. An honest

guy. Richard could not make a living doing this stuff. There's only so much perfection anyone could afford. I admire that. But most people wouldn't pay what the work is worth. I don't know anybody's who comes close to it."

Smith estimates he averages 600 hours on each vehicle he rebuilds. If need be, he takes the vehicles completely apart, sandblasts, repairs and repaints the metal, replaces broken parts and puts in all back together.

The vehicles are used in Veterans Day parades, special commemorative events, school programs and other activities.

Smith gets to use McCall Inc.'s equipment and squeaky clean shop. In exchange, Smith will often help out at the fertilizer equipment company.

Both Smith and McCall are presidents of the Mid-South chapter of Military Vehicle Preservation Association. The chapter has about 40 members, and among them are perhaps 25 war vehicles, Smith said.

The local chapter is respected enough to be host this July to the annual international convention of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association. Smith said the event will draw several thousand members.

Unless you grew up during World War II, you can't fully understand the appeal of owning the vehicles, Gray, 59, said. It's a blend of patriotism, awe and play.

"It's just a way to escape the harsh realities of the world. Just go out and forget it all and have fun and escape back in childhood," he said.

Smith spent 32 years in the trucking business, from driving to sales to management.

He left that career after heart surgery in 1993.

"When you come that close, you just don't want to go back to corporate America," he said.

There aren't many things Smith likes better than delving into a parts manual and figuring out what goes where, he said.

Samburg natives make business out of 'duck picker'

Associated Press

SAMBURG, Tenn. — In a small building you'd hardly notice at Samburg pards positive proof that necessity really is the mother of invention.

Its motor hums, its cylinder spins. Feathers fly about the room in a furious flurry.

That is OK with Ray Tolley and his brother, Donnie. It makes them very happy in their work.

Their "invention" is a motorized duck picker.

Dead mallards and other ducks come in the door in the hands of proud hunters, just back from Reelfoot Lake. Soon the birds are shorn of their feathery garments. It takes only minutes to undress them.

There was a time — and maybe still is, in some backwoods environs — when the handiest way to pick a chicken or duck or goose was to dip it in boiling water and pick by hand. But what to do if you have a pile of ducks and more hunters knocking at the door?

First, you tell yourself, "There's got to be a better way."

Then you find a better way, which is what Ray Tolley of Samburg did.

He heard of a man at Dyersburg who made a motorized picker. He found the man, got some tips and went home and built one for himself and the family.

"I've had it about two years," Tolley said. "You can pick a duck cleaner by hand, but this is so much quicker." Ray said the motorized

picker consists of a motor with its shaft extended to

accommodate a short piece of PVC pipe with holes in it. An old fan belt was cut into short pieces to make "fingers," and the "fingers" were stuck in the holes. The motor turns the pipe at a moderate speed, and the "fingers" pull the feathers off a duck. Dry ducks, only please. It won't work very well on wet ducks.

Admittedly, the device doesn't look like much. In fact, it looks primitive. But it works. The only time it doesn't work is when it's turned off so the motor can cool down.

It's the mechanical backbone of the Tolley duck picking service at Samburg.

The family consists of Ray and his wife, Pamela; brother, Donnie; and the family patriarch, the elder Robert Tolley, 67, of Ridgely.

"I've picked ducks all my life, ever since I've been big enough to pull the feathers off," said Robert, who recalls his boyhood days on a farm near Waverly. His father was a commercial fisherman who made his living on the Tennessee River. Robert moved to Lake County with the family

in 1941.

The Tolleys' business is a continuation of a service established at Samburg about 20 years ago by Pamela Tolley's mother, the late Ronnie Hoffman. "For many years she picked ducks in her house by hand," Mrs. Tolley said.

Ray said his brother has done most of the picking this duck season. "I work the second shift at Superior Fireplace in Union City, so I'm not here afternoons when most duck hunters come off the lake. I help out mostly on weekends," Ray said.

Pam figures she's in about her 14th season of picking ducks. Like the others, she's picked by hand. "But now I

mainly clip and clean the ducks and package them for the freezer. Also, I keep the books," she said.

The Tolleys charge \$2 for picking ducks and \$3 for picking geese. Each hunter who brings waterfowl to them must fill out a card and record his name and address and how many ducks or geese he leaves to be picked and cleaned. Any hunter bringing in more waterfowl than the daily legal limit will be turned away.

The cards go on file for quick reference. "We are checked by both state and federal game wardens," Tolley said.

Donnie figures they've

processed about 1,200 ducks and 40 geese since the 1996-97 waterfowl season opened in early December. Geese are still hand-picked.

The duck picking business has been good this year, but it was better last year, according to the Tolleys. This duck season — which ended Jan. 19 at Reelfoot Lake — got off to a bad start because of the weather. There were plenty of ducks, yes. But there was also plenty of water. Hence, ducks were spread out.

And there wasn't much cold weather to bring the ducks down the Mississippi Flyway. And when the cold weather did come, the lake froze over. Even so, there are still those hardy hunters who'll break the ice and make their way to hunting grounds not frozen over. Thus, there are ducks to be picked, but not as many as last year.

Usually, ducks and geese left for picking and cleaning can be picked up in a few hours. Meanwhile, they are neatly packaged and labeled with the hunter's name and placed in a freezer.

Sometimes hunters don't return to pick up their birds. That's when the Tolleys are left holding the buggier the ducks or geese.

"We can't sell them, it's against the law. We keep them for two weeks after the season ends. Then we can either give them away or use them ourselves," Tolley said. "So far this year we haven't had that problem so much. But last year, we did."



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Three-pointers save Raiders against Morehead

By Doug Malan/ staff

Check your syllabus for Thursday night's session of Blue Raider Basketball 101 and you'll see the topic was "The Art of Three-Point Shooting."

For those of you who missed class, Middle Tennessee and Morehead State presented the aesthetics of the three-point shot in the Raiders' 98-86 victory over the Eagles. And for Middle's sake, it would be beneficial to rehash the topic in the near future.

In Dick Fick's last stop in Murfreesboro as Morehead's animated coach (his contract will not be renewed after this season), the Blue Raiders set a school record for threes in a season as the teams combined for 30 three-pointers in 61 attempts.

Roni Bailey scored 19 points (4-6 from behind the arc) and grabbed eight rebounds as five Raiders scored in double figures. Middle connected on 52-percent of its shots while hitting 13-23 from behind the arc, one short of tying the school mark for threes made in a game.

"We've tried to get the Martin game out of our system but it never left," coach Randy Wiel said. "We were able to come out aggressively tonight, set the tone defensively and limit them to one shot."

"There's been a feeling of desperation the last three games," Nod Carter said. "We've just had some tough bounces, but our defense kept us in it tonight and we played hard."

At the 5:01 mark of the first half, Carter hit a three-pointer on the right wing that broke the school record of 172 threes set during the 1990-91

season. Middle ended the game with a season total of 179 three-pointers.

Through a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches, every MTSU three-pointer will earn money for cancer research, education and patient services.

"We've got a lot of good shooters on this team," said Carter, who ended with 16 points. "We're happy to help out any way we can."

Middle (13-8, 6-5) led for all but four minutes of the game and withstood a career-high 29-point barrage from Eagle guard Hezzie Boone. The sophomore came off the bench and hit nine three-pointers, eight of which came during a nine minute stretch late in the second half.

The Blue Raiders broke open a close game early, scoring 12 points in two minutes to lead 17-5. Middle Tennessee extended its lead to 39-20 on a Richard Duncan lay-up and finished the first half with an rim rocking one-hand slam by Malachi Allen off a K.J. Harden alley-oop in-bounds pass for a 57-34 lead.

Torrey Moore was a major catalyst, scoring eleven of his 17 points in the first half with three three-pointers.

The same script played out in the second half as the Blue Raiders inflated their lead to 75-45, largest of the game, on a Moore three at the



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Sophomore guard Richard Duncan goes for a lay up adding two to the Raiders lead.

14:31 mark.

Fick's team then caught fire and rallied behind Boone and guard Doug Wyciskalla's shooting, narrowing the MTSU lead to 13 points with 36 seconds to play. Jeremy Prater's three

at the buzzer provided the final margin.

"In the first half we defended the perimeter well," Wiel said, "but they started hitting a lot of threes in the second."

"I'm not pleased with our lack of intensity in the last seven minutes. I have a linebacker's mentality and that's the way I played. I don't want them to score one point."

Chad Wampler, who attempted and made his first three-pointer of the season by banking one in, was anxious to play Morehead, considering the Raiders' recent three-game losing streak. "We were ready to get it going tonight," he said. "We had some tough luck lately and we wanted to pull together and come out and win."

After his team dropped to 5-13 and 3-7 in the conference, Fick was still his ebullient and jovial self. "I wonder if you guys could help me out," he said in the empty hallways of Murphy Center far removed from the press room. "I'm tired, my team played like s--- in the first half and I just want you to point me to the front exit of this crazy building."

But he wouldn't be content leaving a couple of college students without a few more laughs. "You know, I'm really gonna miss this place," he said. "I had a lot of fun here." He paused. "Let me tell you a story. My first year here we were trailing 21-1 in the first half and we ended up leading 34-31 at halftime. We were a run-and-gun team back

then.

"As we walked off the floor, I turned to the crowd and signaled a three-pointer. I turned to do it again and these students started running after me. I was chased to our locker room!"

He roared at the memory and extended his best wishes before walking out the door.

Morehead State 34 52 — 86
MTSU 57 41 — 98

Morehead State—Coomler 1-7 2, Stone 4-5 9, Lloyd 3-7 1-3 7, Docks 3-7 6, Wyciskalla 8-16 20, Boone 10-17 29, Prater 4-9 11, Harrison 1-6 2. Totals 34-76 1-3 86.

Middle Tennessee—Bailey 7-11 1-1 19, Carter 4-9 6-8 16, Wampler 2-6 2-2 7, Duncan 4-11 1-3 9, Moore 6-11 17, Callender 5-8 10, Allen 5-6 2-4 12, Martinez 2-3 2-2 7, Harden 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 35-67 15-22 98.

3-point field goals—Morehead State 17-38 (Coomler 0-4, Stone 1-1, Lloyd 0-3, Wyciskalla 4-8, Boone 9-14, Prater 3-5, Harrison 0-2, Webb 0-1), Middle Tennessee 13-23 (Bailey 4-6, Carter 2-3, Wampler 1-1, Duncan 0-3, Moore 5-7, Martinez 1-2, Harden 0-1).

Fouled out—Stone. **Rebounds**—Morehead State 38 (Stone 12), Middle Tennessee 41 (Bailey 8). **Assists**—Morehead State 20 (Docks 7), Middle Tennessee 21 (Duncan 4). **Total fouls**—Morehead State 20, Middle Tennessee 11. **Technical**—none. **A** 3127.

Lady Raiders squander huge lead, lose

By Lesli Bales/ Staff

The Lady Raiders continued to struggle Saturday afternoon as they squandered a 21-point lead, losing 81-78 to Morehead State here at Murphy Center. The devastating blow marked Middle Tennessee's sixth loss in its last seven games.

"I've got great kids that play hard," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "I don't have the answer for why we've been playing the way we do."

The Lady Raiders led 43-33 going into halftime and dominated the first ten minutes of the second half, quickly spreading the margin to a 21-point lead over the Lady Eagles. Morehead, however, was not to remain stagnant for long. With just under ten minutes remaining, the Lady Eagles started their comeback run.

As MTSU started to struggle offensively, the Morehead squad took advantage of three turnovers to cut the margin to 64-58 with 6:24 remaining.

MTSU's Courtney Neeley was the last one to score before the Lady Eagles took off on a 6-0 run that narrowed the Lady Raiders lead to only two with five minutes left in the game.

Following a free throw by Lady Raider Carlita Elder, Morehead's Amy Kieckbusch hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 69-all with 4:40 left in the game. Just thirty seconds later, the Lady Eagles had taken a lead on a basket by Tori Crosby that was not to be relinquished.

Turnovers continued to plague the Middle Tennessee squad, and heated on-court battles for control were evident as Morehead gained a seven-point lead (80-73) with under a minute remaining.

It was Natalie Sneed's 3-pointer with only 30 seconds left that closed the gap to four. Lady Raider Jonelda Buck grabbed a rebound off a missed free throw and sunk a basket to cut the Lady Eagles' lead to 80-78 with less than twenty seconds remaining.

Missed free throws by Morehead gave MTSU the chance to tie the score, but Tanika Smith missed her mark and the Lady Raiders fouled with only four seconds left.

Lady Eagle Allison Osborn hit one of her two free throws to bring the score to 81-78 where it would remain as Elder tried desperately from 32-feet out for a three-pointer at the buzzer.

"We started fouling, and the game just stopped," Bivens said. "They shot 33 free throws."

"When we're ahead we play like we're behind, and when we're behind we play like we're ahead," he continued.

Buck led the Lady Raiders with 24 points while Jessica Beaty poured in 15 and had 10 rebounds. Elder sunk 13 points, and Neeley had 12 with 7 assists.

Kieckbusch led Morehead State with 27 points while Osborn and Crosby both had 12.

The Lady Raiders will play

Austin Peay at Murphy Center on Wednesday. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Morehead State 33 48 — 81
MTSU 43 35 — 78

Morehead State—Marcum 3-7 2-2 8, Griffith 3-11 3-4 9, Kieckbusch 11-15 4-9 27, Osborn 3-13 6-8 12, Swisher 1-9 0-1 3, Crosby 5-10 2-2 12, Webster 0-1 4-5 4, Parker 1-4 0-0 3, Robinson 1-2 1-2 3, Brazley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals—28-72 22-33 81.

Middle Tennessee—Elder 5-6 2-5 13, Beaty 6-13 1-2 15, Buck 10-13 4-4 24, Sneed 2-5 1-2 6, Givens 5-8 1-3 12, Smith 0-3 1-2 1, Francis 1-1 1-2 3, Bevis 1-4 2-3 4, Bowman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals—30-53 13-23 78.

3-point field goals—Morehead State 3-15 (Griffith 0-4, Kieckbusch 1-1, Osborn 0-6, Swisher 1-3, Parker 1-1), Middle Tennessee—5-15 (Elder 1-2, Beaty 2-8, Sneed 1-1, Neeley 1-4)

Rebounds—Morehead State 41 (Kieckbusch 9) Middle Tennessee 41 (Beaty 10)

Assists—Morehead State 20 (three tied with 4) Middle Tennessee 21 (Neeley 7)

Total Fouls—Morehead State 24 Middle Tennessee 24

Technical—None

Attendance—301



Daniel Ritchie/ staff

Senior Amanda Bevis battles a Morehead defender for two during Saturday's loss. The Lady Raiders have lost six of their last seven.

North Carolina annihilates Blue Raiders in worst defeat since '55

By Doug Malan/ staff

Middle Tennessee now knows how Montreat and Sue Bennett felt when they visited Murphy Center.

Saturday afternoon in the Dean Dome, number 19 North Carolina (13-6) exploited its height advantage and slammed the Blue Raiders 99-49. UNC is now 59-2 at home against teams from outside the ACC.

Shammond Williams netted a game-high 19 points on five three-pointers and 73 center Serge Zwikker added 17 points and 11 rebounds as twelve Tar Heels scored in the rout. Torrey Moore led Middle (13-9) with 14 points while seven other Blue Raiders scored five points.

UNC out-rebounded Middle 60-26 and continually got second- and third-chance points while holding the Raiders to single opportunities as they shot 27 percent from the field. The 'Heels finished with 24 offensive rebounds.

"We were missing good shots early and there were no chances for rebounds because we don't have the bodies," said

coach Randy Wiel, who played and coached at North Carolina. "They do a great job of blocking out. It was one out and out for us offensively."

"We had to play our best game (to win) today and we didn't," Moore said. "We rushed and got our shots early."

Although the final outcome was expected by most of the 19,157 in attendance, the Blue Raiders planned on a better showing.

"I am disappointed that we didn't play well," Wiel said. "But a loss is a loss, whether it's by two points or twenty."

"We hoped the outcome would be better than what it was," added Nod Carter, who had a team-high six rebounds to go with his five points. "We just didn't do our part."

The homecoming for Wiel and assistant Rich Yonaker, another UNC alum, began auspiciously for the Blue Raiders as they hit shots early and took the lead on three separate occasions in the game's first five minutes. The final lead came when Moore hit a three-pointer from the top of the key to give Middle a 15-14 advantage.

From that point, North Carolina took control with alley-oop shots behind the Raider defense and baseline jump-hooks from Zwikker, seemingly the only shot he attempted during the game. Vince Carter, who had 11 points, six rebounds and six assists, finished the afternoon with four dunks, two on which he followed a missed shot.

As the Blue Raiders began substituting, the Tar Heels ripped off a 16-0 run during an eight minute stretch mid-way through the first half and scored 11 of the 17 points to end the half to take a 45-27 lead into the locker room.

The fact that Yonaker was locked in the restroom for several minutes at halftime was probably a good indication that Middle would struggle during the second half.

Both teams began the second with their original starting fives and Carolina exploded on a 39-11 run over the first thirteen minutes to lead 84-38. MTSU was held without a basket for six minutes during the Tar Heel scoring spree.

North Carolina nailed 10 of 16

three-pointers and shot 50 percent from the field while its tough perimeter defense limited the Blue Raiders to only 9-32 (28%) from behind the arc and 16-60 overall.

"We rushed a lot of our shots today, but their defense had a lot to do with that," Carter said. "They're a good team. They deserve all the credit."

"Today was a combination of not shooting well and playing a formidable team," Wiel said.

Sitting in fifth place in the OVC at 6-5, Middle Tennessee returns to conference play tonight at home against Eastern Kentucky as they try to revenge a last-second 79-77 loss to the Colonels early last month.

"We won't worry too much about this loss," Roni Bailey added. "We have to get ready for Eastern."

Tip-off for tonight's game in 7 p.m.

Middle Tennessee 27 22 - 49
North Carolina 45 54 - 99

Middle Tennessee—Bailey 2-7 5, Carter 2-11 1-2 5, Wampler 2-5 1-1 5, Moore 5-11

14, Duncan 1-6 2-2 5, Ayer 1-4 2-2 5, Callender 1-2 2-3 5, Martinez 2-8 5. Totals 16-60 8-10 49.

North Carolina—Okulaja 2-9 4, Jamison 3-11 1-3 7, Zwikker 8-13 1-1 17, Carter 5-9 11, Williams 7-10 19, Cota 4-5 8, Ndiaya 3-6 6, Sullivan 1-4 3, McNairy 2-3 1-2 5, Evtimov 2-3 4-6 8, Tyndall 1-2 3, Newby 3-6 8. Totals 41-82 7-15 99.

3-point field goals—Middle Tennessee 9-32 (Bailey 1-4, Carter 0-4, Moore 4-9, Duncan 1-3, Ayer 1-2, Callender 1-1, Allen 0-1, Martinez 1-5, Harden 0-2, Buchanan 0-1). North Carolina 10-16 (Okulaja 0-1, Carter 1-3, Williams 5-6, Sullivan 1-1, Tyndall 1-1, Newby 0-2).

Rebounds—Middle Tennessee 26 (Carter 6) North Carolina 60 (Okulaja 12)

Assists—MTSU 11 (Duncan 7) UNC 24 (Carter, Cota 6)

Total Fouls—MTSU 12, UNC 12

Attendance—19,157

Raider track team impressive in Indiana

By Rachel Parrish/ Staff

In the Indiana Invitational this weekend, the Blue and Lady Raiders did an outstanding job against the multi-conference competition. The Blue Raiders were second to Indiana University, beating out Indiana State, Eastern Illinois, Southern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky, UTC, Ball State, SEMO, Murray State, and Western Kentucky while the women's team placed a very solid eighth.

Returning to the sprints, Keith Watkins (6.38, 6.33, 6.45) was second in the 55 meter dash while Dave Creary was seventh. For the women, freshman Bethany Brent (7.27, 7.26, 7.32) was eighth.

In the 55 meter hurdles, NCAA qualifier Nekeya Ralls (7.98, 7.97, 7.86) won the five hurdle event, beating out Vandy's Olympic trialler Ryan Tolbert. Also placing fifth in that event was freshman

Maronda Harris (8.36, 8.38, 8.32). Competing in the men's high hurdles were Carlos Clardy (7.59, 7.59, 7.76) and Dana Dixon (7.73, 7.63, 7.84) who placed fourth and fifth respectively.

Blowing out the competition in the 200 was Boniface Amuzu (21.84, 21.97) who was also first in the long jump (23-11). Competing for the women's 200 was senior Kim Watson, who was seventh in that event.

Once again electrifying the audience in the 400m dash was senior Kenden Maynard with a first place time of 47.81, while sophomore Lawrence Barham (50.03) was seventh. Representing the women was Rachel Parrish with a third place PR of 57.34, while senior TiJuana Phillips was fifth in that event.

For the 600m dash, Shane Heavener (1:23.76, 1:24.25) was eighth.

In the long jump, Jahez Salahuddin (23-5) and Rashaad Haynes (23-5) were second and third while Nekeya Ralls (19-3 1/2) was first among the women.

Jumping 5-1 was freshman Tablitha Piles who placed eighth while Salahuddin (6-6 3/4) was sixth. He later went on to win the triple jump (51-1).

Bringing down their time by six seconds for the fourth place spot was the 1600m relay team of Trina Weddington, Kim Watson, Rachel Parrish, and TiJuana Phillips (3:50.60). Claiming the fastest splits were Parrish (56.5) and Phillips (57.2). The Blue Raiders 1600m relay, composed of Maynard (48.9), Barham (49.0), Heavener (49.9) and Lamar Hill (49.9), were second with a time of 3:17.33.

This weekend, the track teams will hold its annual MTSU Invitational in Murphy Center. Look for the Raiders to compete against Marshall, UTC, Birmingham, WKU and Tennessee Tech. The meet kicks off at 12:00. •

Sports Shorts

OVC Basketball

Standings

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Murray St.	8	3	13	6
Austin Peay	8	3	11	10
E Illinois	6	4	9	9
SEMO	6	4	9	12
MTSU	6	5	13	9
Tenn. Tech	6	5	10	9
Tenn. State	4	6	6	12
UT-Martin	4	7	7	13
Morehead St.	3	7	5	13
E Kentucky	2	9	4	15

Last Week's Results

January 27
@Murray State 85, Tennessee Tech 78
@Austin Peay 99, Morehead State, 82
@TSU 82, Eastern Kentucky 71
@UT-Martin 61, MTSU 59

January 30
@MTSU 98, Morehead State 86
UT-Martin 71, @Eastern Illinois 68

February 1
@Tennessee Tech 88, Eastern Kentucky 75
Austin Peay 86, @Eastern Illinois 76
@Murray State 88, UT-Martin 69
@Southeast Missouri 78, TSU 75
@North Carolina 99, MTSU 49

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Eastern Kentucky @ MTSU, 7 p.m.
TSU @ Eastern Illinois, 7:35 p.m.
Morehead St. @ Tennessee Tech, 7:45 p.m.
Austin Peay @ SEMO, 7:45 p.m.

February 6
Austin Peay @ MTSU, 7 p.m.
Murray State @ Southeast Missouri, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee Tech @ TSU, 7:45 p.m.

February 8
Eastern Illinois @ Eastern Kentucky, 3:15 p.m.
SE Missouri @ Morehead St., 6:45 p.m.
MTSU @ Tennessee Tech, 7:45 p.m.
UT-Martin @ Austin Peay, 7:45 p.m.
Murray State @ TSU, 7:45 p.m. (WNAB-TV)

OVC Women's Basketball

Standings

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
E Kentucky	9	2	13	5
Tenn. Tech	8	3	11	7
Austin Peay	8	3	12	8
E Illinois	5	6	9	10
Murray St.	5	6	8	11
MTSU	4	6	6	14
Tenn. State	4	6	8	10
UT-Martin	4	7	5	14
Morehead St.	4	6	6	12
SEMO	2	6	4	14

Last Week's Results

January 27
@Austin Peay 89, Morehead State 84
Eastern Kentucky 74, @TSU 72
MTSU 76, @UT-Martin 36
@Murray State 52, Tennessee Tech 48

February 1
Murray State 62, UT-Martin 52
Tennessee Tech 82, E. Kentucky 77
Austin Peay 80, E. Illinois 67
Morehead St. 81, MTSU 78
TSU 84, SE Missouri 70

This Week's Games

February 3
TSU @ Eastern Illinois, 5 p.m.
Austin Peay @ SEMO, 5:30 p.m.
Morehead St. @ Tennessee Tech, 5:45 p.m.
February 5
Austin Peay @ MTSU, 7 p.m.
Kentucky @ Eastern Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.

February 4
Murray St. @ SE Missouri, 5 p.m.
Tennessee Tech @ TSU, 5:45 p.m.

Indoor Track

Saturday, Feb. 8
MTSU vs. UAB, Austin Peay, UT-Chattanooga, W. Kentucky, Tennessee Tech, and Marshall Univ. at Murphy Center, 12 p.m.

Blue Raider Tennis

Friday- Monday, Feb. 6-9
@ National Indoors at Dallas, Texas

Lady Raider Tennis

Saturday, Feb. 8
@ Univ. of Louisville in Louisville, KY 10 a.m.

O'Meara holds off phenom Woods at Pebble Beach to take championship

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Mark O'Meara matched every Tiger Woods' birdie down the stretch Sunday and won the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am for the fifth time since 1985, this one by a single stroke over his fishing buddy from Florida.

Playing in the next group, O'Meara watched as Woods knocked iron shots to four feet on Nos. 16 and 17 for birdies but responded with birdies of his own on those holes to carry a two-stroke lead to the final hole.

Woods had one more dramatic surprise for O'Meara, however, carrying his 3-wood second shot 267 yards to the green for an eagle try. But his 40-foot eagle try missed and he finished with his third consecutive birdie for an 8-under-par 64 and a 72-hole score of 19-under-par 269.

"I knew I needed to make eagle and there was only one way to do it," Woods said about his gamble to go for the green guarded by the Pacific Ocean on the left side.

It was an incredible finish by Woods who was 10 strokes behind after 36 holes but played the last 36 holes in only 127 shots, shooting a 63 on Saturday.

"It was too little too late," Woods said.

Third round leader David Duval closed with a 71 on Sunday and finished tied for second with Woods at 269. The 268 winning total by O'Meara

broke the tournament record set by Peter Jacobsen in 1995 by three strokes.

"I really didn't play well this week," O'Meara said after his fourth consecutive 67. "I just kept my composure and putted well."

O'Meara, who lives near Woods in Orlando, spends a lot of time golfing with Woods for fun and fishing when they are away from the PGA Tour.

"I've gotten into his wallet," O'Meara said jokingly about their friendly wagers on the golf course.

On Sunday he got the \$342,000 first prize put up by tournament sponsor AT&T.

The day began with Duval leading O'Meara by three strokes and Woods by seven. But after a 31 on the front nine by Woods, the back side started with O'Meara and Duval tied just two strokes ahead of Woods.

Woods birdie No. 12 to get within a stroke but when he bogeyed No. 13 and made pars on the next two holes it looked like he might be running out of steam.

"I'm feeling both disappointment and elation," Woods said. "I should have been in a playoff if not for that bogey."

But big finishes are already a part of the folklore around the 21-year-old Woods.

He hit a sand wedge from 80 yards to four feet on No. 16 and a powerful 7-iron to four feet on No. 17 for birdies. But O'Meara followed with a chip-in for a birdie on No. 16 and then

hit a 6-iron to 10 feet on No. 17 and made the putt.

O'Meara played No. 18 conservatively and created a moment of hope for Woods when he missed the green short in the rough. But he chipped to a foot and tapped in for his fifth victory in this tournament and the 13th career win for the 40-year-old O'Meara.

"All week long I've kind of had this feeling that things were going my way," O'Meara said. "I feel like there is a guy up there watching over me on the Monterey Peninsula."

The record for the most victories in a single event is eight by Sam Snead in the Greater Greensboro Open. Jack Nicklaus won the Masters six times and the PGA Championship five times.

Paul Stankowski and actor Andy Garcia won the team competition with a record 43-under-par score of 245. That broke the mark set by Greg Norman and Kerry Packer in 1992. ... Among the entourage walking inside the ropes with Woods on Sunday was baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson.

... Nearly 50,000 people jammed Pebble Beach on Sunday, many seeing a golf tournament for the first time because of Woods.

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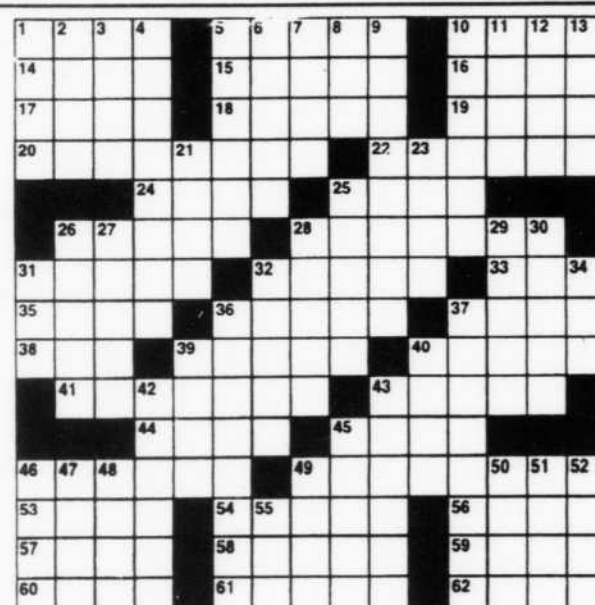
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- 22 Airborne throngs
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- 31 Brother of Moses
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- 44 Big dummy
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- 54 Rich cake
- 56 Movie lioness
- 57 Persia, at present
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- 59 Go after
- 60 Gingrich
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- 10 Food and drink
- 11 Cake decorator
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- 28 Wring
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