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## SGA election Wednesday, Thur.

**Speak Out and debate scheduled to give candidates an opportunity to voice platforms for elections**

By Heather Hybarger / staff

Student Government Association (SGA) elections are April 17 and 18, and candidates have two opportunities to campaign today with the Speak Out and the Channel 8 Panel Discussion and Debate.

The Speak Out will be held at noon on the KUC Knoll. Candidates for the executive offices will have the opportunity to speak to students, and students will be able to ask the candidates questions. The executive offices are president, speaker of the senate, speaker of the house and election commissioner. In case of rain the Speak Out will be held in the Grill.

The Channel 8 Panel Discussion and Debate will be aired on Monday night at 9:30 and on Tuesday night at 10.

Executive office candidates will be asked questions from a panel of two students and two faculty members. The panelists for the Channel 8 debate are Debra Jackson, Mark Blevins, John

Harris and Diane Turnham.

Debra Jackson is a senior philosophy major. She served in the SGA House of Representatives from August 1993 until May 1995 and chaired the SGA Membership Retention and Diversity Planning Committee for the 94/95 school year.

"I'm glad to see that there are so many forums for students to listen to the candidates," Jackson said. "It gives students the opportunity to be aware that there's even an election. It's good to see that more people are getting out."

"I would like to commend Ginger Sullivan for having put all of this together," Jackson added.

Mark Blevins is a senior journalism major. He is the current editor of *Sidelines*. He has also worked at *Sidelines* as news editor and assistant news editor.

John Harris has been the director of Disabled Student Services since 1985.

"I am honored that I would be considered a staff person who is interested in being in MTSU to ask questions [of the candidates]," Harris said. "I expect these folks will do an excellent job as ambassadors for MTSU."

Assistant Athletic Director Diane Turnham has been with MTSU for 15 years. As senior women's administrator, Turnham oversees the

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women's soccer, softball and volleyball programs as well as both tennis programs.

"Athletics plays an important part in tradition and excellence," Turnham said. "By the SGA working with and being concerned about athletics we can improve the university."

"We have had no complaints or problems [concerning the elections]," said Election Commissioner Ginger Sullivan. "A lot of people are talking to students, and everyone is working very hard."

Polling locations will be set up in three places on campus on April 17 and 18. The Peck Hall location will open at 8 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. The KUC Lounge location will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m., and the Rec Center location will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m.

If necessary, a run-off election will be held Tuesday, April 23. Only the Peck Hall and KUC Lounge polling locations will be open for the run-off election. ●

## UNC-Asheville basketball coach Wiel to replace Farrar

By Rob Nunley / staff

A new era in MTSU basketball began Friday, when Randy Wiel was chosen as the 18th head coach of the Blue Raiders.

Athletic Director Lee Fowler announced the decision to hire Wiel at a press conference Friday at Murphree Center.

"We started this process a month ago, and we had 89 candidates that applied for this job," Fowler said. "One theme that ran through this process was every one of them thought this was a great program, one of the best programs in this league and in this part of the country."

Wiel and the other finalist for the position, Bruce Pearl of Southern Indiana, visited campus last Wednesday and Thursday. Fowler said that after speaking to both finalists, Wiel's enthusiasm regarding the possibility of taking over as the Raider head coach made him the first runner for the job.

"First of all, we had to get commitments that both of them would take it," Fowler explained. "Randy Wiel left here and said he would take it if it was offered to him, and yesterday afternoon Bruce kind of started wavering, didn't know if it was the right place for him and that sort of thing. Randy Wiel became the lead candidate because he 100 percent wants to be here, this is a place he thinks his family needs to be, and this is a place he wants to coach basketball. That's very important to me, because I want somebody that knows this is what he wants, and wants to be here. It's got to be a situation where they think this is the right place for them."

"Coach Wiel screamed and yelled on the phone this morning, because he said he wanted this job more than anything in the whole world," Fowler added. "That's very important to hear that kind of commitment from somebody, and we're very proud to have him on board."

Wiel is the first coach ever hired at MTSU that previously coached at a Division I school.

"I think that says a lot about our

## 'Party Crew' seeks to unify student body

By Keith Russell / staff

Dedrick Lewis, a graduate student in the College of Mass Communications, is the architect of the Party Crew here at MTSU, possibly one of the most intriguing student organizations you'll find on a college campus today.

The Party Crew? It sounds a little like the company your parents called to get the guy who makes balloon animals to come for your fifth birthday party. Instead of twisting together tubes of hot air into a blue giraffe, however, the Party Crew aims to tie the loose ends of a campus into one kicking kind of a melting pot.

"We're about building a sense of unity and having respect for one another," says Lewis of his organization. And what better way to build unity and respect on a college campus than to throw the biggest bash around? That is the method behind the Party Crew's madness.

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## Spring brings bike thefts

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

Campus police have posted a crime alert warning bicycle owners that bike thefts generally increase on campus in the springtime, and this year is no exception.

"It gets warmer, and people want to be out more, so bike thefts just naturally gravitate toward the spring and summer months," said Police Sergeant Larry Nixon.

Between the first and seventh of this month, the police blotter listed five complaints of bikes stolen; a check of the same period last month showed no reports. One bike was stolen from Corlew Cafeteria, the rest from residence halls or family housing.

"People need to use common sense," Nixon said. "Bikes should be locked up in well-lit, high-visibility areas, preferably to bike racks instead of trees. A good lock can make all the difference in the world."

Nixon said he recommends the "U-shaped" bike locks as the most secure and least likely to be defeated. He said the police department has found high quality U-bar locks are

practically invincible to hacksaws.

"The next best thing is a good, thick log-chain and a Master lock," Nixon said.

If a bike is stolen, Nixon said, the best chance police have of recovering it is if the bike has been registered beforehand.

"We have registration here at the police department Monday through Friday. We record the serial number and, in some cases, engrave the driver's license number on the bike. If the bike is later recovered, we can run those numbers through our computer."

Nixon said Rutherford County has a person who contacts area pawn shops once a week. By law, all items pawned must be checked through local police departments. In the case of bikes, the check is done via serial numbers.

If the police do not have a record of the serial number, they cannot match it to the lists from pawn shops.

Many bikes are never recovered; the best defense against theft is planning beforehand and using good common sense, Nixon said. ●



Amanda MaCadams / staff

## Soup's on

Hare Krishna members served food to students Friday during the Knoll show sponsored by WMTS. The 'Battle for the Knoll' is scheduled for this Friday at 3 p.m. where local bands will compete for various prizes.

## Some faculty voice concern over proposed fast food outlet at Peck Hall

By James Neal / staff

Plans for the construction of a food court at Peck Hall had some faculty members concerned last week.

The facility is one of the food service buildings and renovations proposed in the five-year plan for the expansion of MTSU. The plan also provides for the renovation of Corlew Cafeteria and the elimination of Woodmore Cafeteria.

At the April 8 Faculty Senate meeting, Marvin Peyton, associate professor of educational leadership, came forward as a representative from the Department of Educational Leadership to express departmental opposition towards any major construction of a food court at Peck Hall.

James Calder, Faculty Senate treasurer and secretary, said the

faculty was concerned because the initial planning took place without them. He said they did not know the extent of the construction that would take place.

Faculty Senator Jerry Brookshire said, "[Faculty at Peck Hall] had not been in on the early consulting."

Terry Whiteside, Faculty Senate president, said the issue was pursued at the April 10 liaison meeting between Faculty Senate representatives and administration. At that meeting, Duane Stucky, vice president for Finance and Administration, gave a presentation to the liaison committee.

Mary Elizabeth Stivers, Faculty Senate president-elect, said Stucky's presentation answered any questions she had. The food court will face the JUB, and there will still be a

passageway, she said.

Joe Hugh, director of Purchasing and Auxiliary Services, said a Pizza Hut and a Burger King would be incorporated with the building and enclosed in glass.

"I've been here six months, and it was already on the drawing board," Hugh said. "We're trying to make food services more convenient for students."

Doug McCallie, director of Food Services, said there is no projected date for construction at this point. He said before any construction takes place, the Building Commission and the school must give their approval.

Hugh said Peck Hall has the most student traffic on campus and would be a good place for food services.

He said he feels the students will like the concept. ●

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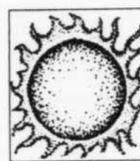
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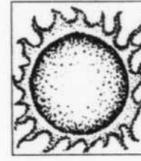
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# PARTY: group promotes student unity

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The group, formed this past fall, has a veritable smorgasbord of events that it hopes to unleash on fun-starved students. Festivities planned, mostly for this upcoming fall semester, include a standup comedy showcase, a not-so-traditional beauty pageant, a midnight beach party at the Rec Center pool, step shows, fashion shows, poetry slams and yes - the always reliable pack a place extravaganza. In other words, run with your imagination. Lewis and the Party Crew are more than ready to keep up.

No matter how exotic the theme, the emphasis is on getting as many people with different backgrounds as possible together at once. Get the hip-hop crowd dancing with the Garth Brooks fanatics. See football players rubbing shoulder(pads) with drama majors. Watch environmentalists man the keg with College Republicans - you get the picture.

But how, you ask, does one manage to bring together such a diverse mix of merry men and women? Lewis' method of molding campus involvement may be more eye-opening than the idea of the Party Crew itself.

For starters, the Party Crew began as more of an exclusive gathering than a club you sign up for at freshman orientation.

"I look for a keynote person within each clique or organization," Lewis explains.

He wants to find people that everybody in a particular group likes and relates to. This is how the process of attracting members begins. The thinking is that by attracting the social "creme de la creme" of each faction to become members, it will encourage the rest of that group to take part in events they wouldn't otherwise.

Lewis remarks, "If you can get that [most popular] person in a group to say, 'Hey, I'm going to do this. I think it will be good; I want you guys to come too,' then you're going to get a positive response."

One of the "chosen" is Kevin

"Once you get to know someone, you open up to them and see that you're not so different after all."

Kevin Caldwell  
Senior psychology major

Caldwell. A senior psychology major, Caldwell heard about the Party Crew through a friend, and liked what he found.

"It's an excellent idea," Caldwell says of the effort to unite the campus. And he believes Lewis is the man to do it. "He's a visionary. Dedrick can take a situation and make it better," he says.

Lewis eases concerns about the Crew's method of "unnatural" selection, saying the object is not really to exclude anyone - theoretically, anyone can join - but rather to maintain a clear understanding of what is expected of members.

"We're down to earth ... open-minded," he says. But, he insists, "any preconceived notions that people have about different people, we don't have time for."

The Party Crew's inception goes all the way back to Lewis' days as an undergraduate student at Xavier University in New Orleans. Lewis and a few of his friends noticed that students rarely interacted with people outside their own circle of friends.

"Everybody kind of hung out in their own group," he says.

For whatever reason, Lewis and his cohorts decided it was time to shake things up. Shortly thereafter, the process of rounding up interested parties began and what evolved is nothing short of remarkable.

"We had pajama jams, step shows ... you name it, we had it," Lewis recalls. People

started getting interested in what we were doing, and it just started growing."

Within a year the Party Crew, as Lewis' phenomenon came to be known, was renting out large warehouses and attracting students not only from Xavier, but from university campuses throughout the New Orleans area.

"We had to get something going," Lewis says. "And it was a very serious thing."

Indeed it was. Groups were paired systematically, matching similar-minded organizations with one another. Eventually some efforts of the Party Crew even focused on philanthropic endeavors, reaching out to the local community. Don't be misled - there was still more emphasis on raising hell than raising funds - but it nevertheless showed Lewis that he had something he could be proud of.

Therefore, it's not surprising that after deciding to come to MTSU for graduate school, Lewis felt he could replicate his Xavier accomplishments, despite not knowing a single person on campus.

While Lewis knew his work was cut out for him, he didn't realize that his job would be as tough as it has been. Although integrated in name, one finds that when it comes to socializing, MTSU is, by and large, a campus divided among racial lines. Enter the KUC

Grill any day of the week and the separation is painfully obvious. What laws abolished more than 30 years ago, human nature seems to have let linger.

Party Crew member Njeri Jackson, a freshman mass communications major, is aware of the school's apparent segregation by choice.

"We've learned to work with each other, and we've learned to go to class with one another, but we still haven't learned how to have fun with one another," Jackson says.

The result is a campus fragmented into various cliques content to do their own thing. Compound that with MTSU's "suitcase campus" mentality and a general feeling of apathy among students, and it's no wonder the Party Crew's first organized effort, a party at Main Street last December, flopped.

"It was a disaster," Lewis says. "Nobody showed up."

"The fact that it was during finals week and that the weather was terrible had a lot to do with it, but a lot of people didn't understand what we were trying to do," she says.

Lewis acknowledges the gamble, and he realizes that attitudes probably won't change overnight.

"I might not see this change before I leave," he says. "But I think MTSU's ready to make a change. We know this is a good organization, we know it has a purpose, and we know that it's needed here."

Given a few years, Lewis hopes the Party Crew will give the campus a brighter future. The organization is officially certified with the university, whose administration Lewis says has been supportive. The Crew also plans on sticking around for a while, perhaps best evidenced by the fact that they have elected a freshman, Suzanna Hall, as their president (Lewis acts as an advisor). And the search for new members continues.

"We just want to get people to meet one another," Caldwell insists. "Everybody is out to have a good time. Once you get to know someone, you open up to them and see that you're not so different after all." ●

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Dedrick Lewis  
Graduate student  
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# SGA election profiles

These profiles are taken from the SGA candidate information sheet. Two questions were used for publication: "What do you plan to accomplish if you are elected to hold this position?" and "What student issues do you feel are most important at MTSU?"

## Presidential candidates



**Chad White** (Raider): "As S t u d e n t Government President, I pledge to seek out the concerns of all students on campus, not just those I am familiar with. One person cannot know the needs and concerns of all students, therefore I plan to create a cabinet composed of a diverse group of students to keep me informed of what's going on within their groups. After this, I plan to actively work to see that the administration really listens and responds to students needs. As the SGA President, it will be my job to really work to see that what the House and Senate passes is enacted by the administration. We need someone who's willing to fight for what the students want, not simply back down when administration says no. Students have rights and needs

and in order for those to be upheld, they need someone who's willing to fight diligently for them."  
 "The three most pressing policy issues that SGA can deal with are safety, parking, and housing. These are perennial issues that the House and Senate have dealt with, but are never fought for by the executive officers of SGA. We would like to implement a color coded parking system so residents could park closer to their dorms. Increasing lighting on campus and adding more call boxes are some of the things we can do to increase safety on campus, but we have to lobby for those things and fight to see that that happens. We are looking into dorm and commuter parking and the parking garage to see that the funding for that is fair. We want to regulate the Raider Xpress and possibly get more buses or at least space the bus routes farther apart. Our main issue is more housing and better housing. Our concern is when we are putting students in a hotel room there's not enough housing. We want to see new

dorms built. Greek row is one possible solution and also possibly co-ed housing and more student apartments, because I think that is what the students want more of. We want more computer facilities in dorms, such as an extra phone line for computers. To get things like all night visitation we have to go to TBR, but we can do that and go through the proper channels. We are concerned about maintenance in housing. During the snowstorms there was ice on the steps. We also need to expand day care."  
**Bio:** Senior Mass Comm (RaTV)/Political Science from Chattanooga, TN; TBR Student Member of THEC; Speaker Pro-Tem of SGA Senate this year, SGA Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Senator; Treasurer of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature; Member of the Tennessee Council of Student Presidents; Treasurer and founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity; MTSU Debate team; Founding member of the Raider Party. ●



**Jaime W. Groce:** "I'd like the role of the SGA President to be one of a mediator between the Student and the administration. Only through proper communication can the interests of both be understood by the whole MTSU community. I'd like to have weekly "fireside chats" with the SGA president so that the students can express their concerns. As our university grows, the need for tradition and pride becomes greater. I will personally try to increase pride and tradition by bringing back the bonfire that used to be every Friday night before home football games. We also need to get the residents of the campus involved. Through proper communication this can be accomplished."  
 "Of course, as our university

grows, issues like parking and safety will be paramount. Also, because of our growth, housing is a big concern for our students. Through proper communication between the students and SGA, and then between the SGA and the administration, those concerns will be addressed. I have also found that students want to have favorable memories of their college experience. Through increased pride and tradition, as well as a comfortable environment, we can have the college experience that we deserve."  
**Bio:** Junior Political Science Major from Tullahoma, TN; Former Freshman and Sophomore Senator; Current Speaker of the House/Vice-President; Former President of Tau Kappa Epsilon; Order of Omega; Former secretary of Interfraternity Council, Traditions Committee, Student Orientation Assistant for three years, Jenkins Presbyterian Church, Family Day Committee. ●



**Christin Baker:** "I think from being Speaker of the Senate and being so close to the office I feel that I could do a good job. It is something that I always wanted to do as far as being a part of the MTSU community even since I was a freshman. I know I can do the job well and I work well with the administration."  
 Baker's platform includes the following issues: Safety on campus-better lighting in parking lot areas, more call boxes on campus, to

continue to encourage the use of the escort service; School spirit - work with the athletic committee to encourage more attendance at games, work with housing to program during weekends; Communication-the SGA newsletter out monthly and deliver it to the dorms, talk with information services to get all senators an e-mail address; Chamber of commerce-encourage businesses in the chamber to take a more active role with MTSU, work with the businesses to help sponsor MTSU events and support the campus, discuss the possibility of using Raider Funds to purchase things off campus.  
 "I think students are concerned with the safety around campus with

all the construction. Making sure the campus is well lit, putting more safety call boxes in key areas are some of the more important things, as well as getting more of a college atmosphere like having more programming on weekends and getting things to stay open on weekends or at least having different hours that are more convenient for students and are increasing attendance at sport games."  
**Bio:** Junior Mass Comm Major from Nashville, TN; Speaker of the Senate; Two year Senate member; Best Senator award Sophomore year; member Zeta Tau Alpha; Order of Omega; Soccer Club; Gamma Beta Phi honor fraternity. ●



**David Weber:** "I would like to create committees for parking, safety, library, etc. with clear, concise goals and agendas that would actually accomplish something for a change. Petitions don't accomplish anything except for getting filed away. Research into the problems and proposals on how to solve the problems are the key to attaining solutions or at least they provide more info on why a problem is the way it is instead of leaving us clueless."  
 "More accessible facility hours of the administration towards the students, parking sucks, and that everything is closed on the

weekends" are some of the major issues students are concerned about, according to Weber.  
 "I think it's about time a regular person got elected as SGA President. There's a reason for my unusual campaign strategy. 'Vote Dave Weber' doesn't say anything, and even presenting a platform seems pretentious. The majority of the people I know never vote. Most feel SGA is a joke, only not a very funny joke. I don't know if I can change it's perception, but I think SGA should be a link between students and the administration."  
**Bio:** Graduate Student History Major from Fayetteville, TN; President of Fine Arts and Ideas and Issues; Campus Projectionist; President of German Club; Concerts Committee; Writer for Channel 8 News; Captain of the Award winning German Quiz Bowl Team; President of the Students Against the Raider Party Foundation. ●

## Speaker of the Senate candidates



**Tony Mathews** (Raider): "I intend to fight FOR the legislation that is passed in the Senate. I have been frustrated by the failure of past SGA leadership to really pressure the administration to implement SGA resolutions. I plan to play a crucial role in making the SGA effective once again."  
 "The stadium, parking, safety, library hours and more computer facilities are some of the more important issues, but dealing with these issues doesn't fall under the role of Speaker of the Senate. The major role of the Speaker of the Senate is to run the meetings and to fight for the legislation that is passed by the Senate as far as getting the administration to honor

the wishes of the students. As far as policy, that is the role of senators and representatives in the House. The biggest accomplishment of the SGA this year according to Shane McFarland was that SGA had joined the Chamber of Commerce. There are a lot of things you can do to lobby administration.. TBR and THEC have some influence over what is done and not done. Those are two avenues no one even attempted to pursue. SGA is an advocacy group, a special interest group on behalf of the students. It is my intention to make SGA proactive on behalf of the students and not reactive to the will of the administration."  
**Bio:** Senior Political Science Major from Boston, MA; President of Society of International Affairs; President of Golden Key National Honor Society; Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society member. ●

**Jennifer L. Jones:** "I would like to have a better attitude to be shown on M T S U campus. I'd like to see more pride and school spirit in our student body."  
 "I feel that safety and security, both on campus and in the future for all students are issues that are important to students. We need to be unified in obtaining our goals so we can function in the real world."  
**Bio:** Sophomore Broadcast Journalism Major from Hixson, TN; Alpha Delta Pi; Gamma Beta Phi; Channel 8; SGA Senator; Traditions Committee; Student Alumni Association. ●



**Ryan Durham:** "Several factors are of great concern for me here at MTSU. I plan to work with administrators and more importantly the various student groups to help develop a 'college atmosphere'. I want to see this tradition that will someday be a source of great pride for all of us as alumni."  
 "I feel the major issues now facing MTSU students are increased campus security, increased housing conditions (including the scalding water and other inconveniences), increased involvement in school athletics (school pride), the sometimes confusing parking system and the

rapid growth of both student numbers and campus."  
**Bio:** Sophomore Mass Comm Theta Pi Fraternity; SGA Traffic Court; SGA Committee on Students with Disabilities; Sigma Delta Sigma; Interfraternity Council Scholarship Chair and Constitutional Revision Committee Member; Beta Theta Pi Chapter Parliamentarian, Scholarship Chair, Awards Chair. ●

## Speaker of the House



**Brian Lewis** (Raider): "As speaker of the House I would serve as the starting gate for legislation and ideas. I would like to provide assistance and guidance for anyone wanting to submit legislation. Hopefully I would be able to provide adequate

advice that would allow a person's bill to stand up to the scrutiny in the House and Senate. I would also like to set an outline for agenda to be carried out through the year. I would strongly encourage students to give me feedback so that what ever gets through the House is some product of theirs."  
 "I would like to see more interaction among the different organizations. We need a stronger unity. Secondly I want to see students involved in the building

and planning on campus. Thirdly, I would like to see the policy on severe weather conditions changed."  
**Bio:** Sophomore Political Science Major from Clarksville, TN; College Republicans SGA House Representative, Vice Chair, Chair; Sigma Phi Epsilon Vice President of Programming, Alumni Organizational Director; Raider Party Chair; MTSU Debate Team; SGA Sophomore Senator, Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature; Lutheran Church College Ministries. ●



**Matthew H. James** (Raider): "As Election Commissioner I would publicize SGA elections and try to make people aware of the importance of SGA. We only have 2,000 out of 17,000 students voting. I would work with the publicity committee to get the word out as far as the importance of SGA. The reason

people say 'SGA can't do anything' is few people actually participate."  
 "Parking, housing, food service, basically the five pillars of the Raider Party are issues important to students. I would encourage 'follow-through'. If we pass a bill we should follow it through and make sure it gets through the administration."  
**Bio:** Sophomore Mass Comm major from Clinton, TN; Two year Alpha Sigma Phi member; Trumpet player in Band of Blue. ●



**Susan Guin:** "As Speaker of the House I would like to see that the organizations at MTSU as well as student government give something back to the Murfreesboro community by having a Community Service Day for

the organizations as well as the individuals. I would also like to work with gathering the House to support MTSU and bringing pride back to the students."  
 "Safety and parking are very important issues on the MTSU campus at this time. Also getting organizations to work together for the betterment of our university. I also see student apathy a problem that I would like to target if elected."

**Bio:** Junior Electronic Media Management Major from Nolensville, TN; Student Orientations Assistant for three years; SGA Junior Senator; Kappa Delta Sorority vice president, secretary; Order of Omega secretary; Student Publications Committee secretary; MTSU Dance Team '94-'95; Traditions Committee; Homecoming Committee; RTNDA. ●



**Scott Davis** (Independent): "As Election Commissioner I hope to have more empathy for the elections and more involvement in the Student Government Office, as well as hold more referendums to get student input on important social and student issues."

"More students should get involved with the election process as well as the Student Government Office. We should meet the needs of all students, traditional and non-traditional."  
**Bio:** Senior Liberal Arts Major from Macon, GA; Senator three years; Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature two years; Traffic court; Grade Appeals; Academic Appeals for the School of Basic and Applied Sciences; Loans and Scholarships; golf, basketball, reading and surfing the net. ●

# CAMPUS CAPSULE

## MONDAY, APRIL 15

**The Native American Heritage Society** will hold a general meeting from 5-6:30 p.m. in KUC Room 322.

**One-In-Teen and The Chute** present Youth Dance at The Chute from 7-10 p.m. for Gay-Les-Bi-Trans Youth to age 22. Youth under 18 need parental permission. No Alcohol-No Drugs-No Kidding. \$3 Cover. Call 297-0008 for details.

**The Fourth Annual East West Conference**, "Effective International Managing and Marketing", will be held April 15-17 at the Marriott Hotel. For more information call Angie Ray at 898-2764 or e-mail at ARAY@frank.mtsu.edu.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**National Association of Environmental Professionals** will hold the Earth Day 5K Race in front of MTSU's Alumni Gym. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$8 before April 13 and \$10 the day of the race. All registrants will receive a T-shirt and there will be drawings for door prizes. For more information contact Kathy Maurer at 896-4393.

**7th Annual Wool Gathering** will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Misty Hollow Farm located between Murfreesboro and Manchester. Sheep shearing, spinning, weaving, dyeing, and knitting demonstrations will be offered. Hold a baby lamb. Great Pyrenees puppies fleece and pelts for sale. Black sheep Romney breeding stock for sale. Lunch available. \$1 parking. Take I-24 to exit 97 and follow the signs. Call 615-394-2487 for more information.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

**SLC Productions** will be sponsoring a concert at 7 p.m.

in Tucker Theatre. The bands are Cotton Appleseed, Bittersweet Irony and Canvas with selected pieces from Mike Palmer and The Blue Moves Modern Dance Company. It is a free concert, however donations will be accepted. If there is anybody who wants to be involved, contact us by phone (896-9897) or e-mail (jhenry@frank.mtsu.edu). More info on <http://www.mtsu.edu/~jhenry>.

Hiroki Sugihara will speak on *Visa for Life*, the book written by the widow of the late Japanese Consul Chiune Sugihara, on Wednesday, April 24 at 3 p.m. in room 100, James Union Building. The Japan Center of Tennessee will co-sponsor this event with the Holocaust Committee. For more information please contact The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

The City Council of Cannonsburgh invites you to attend Cannonsburgh's Tennessee Bicentennial Celebration and Rededication. The pioneer village that brings to life the early southern lifestyles, hosts old time artisans and good cooks to bring skills and finished products for demonstration, display and trade or sale at Pioneer Day, Saturday April 27 from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Booth space is free. Call Mrs. Giblin at 893-0214 (8-4:30 Mon.-Fri.).

Members from **Today's Choice** will be speaking Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in KUC 323. Abortion will be talked about and personal testimonies will be given of those who have had abortions.

The **Native American Heritage Society** will hold a general meeting May 2 from 5-6:30 p.m. in KUC Room 322.

The **Toshiba Philharmonic Orchestra** from Tokyo, Japan will be performing at the War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville on May 3 at 8 p.m. If interested in tickets, please call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229 or Toshiba America at 615-444-8501 extension 0.

## ONGOING EVENTS

If you are interested in international relations and current affairs, and want to develop leadership, negotiation and debate skills, get involved in **MTSU's Model United Nations!** For more information, contact Tony Mathews at 223-8884 or Dr. Anne Sloan in the Political Science Department.

ENT on MTSU's Channel 8. Movies, Music and More. Monday and Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. Questions or comments: entch8@frank.mtsu.edu.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)** meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Dance Studio B. Everyone (athletes and non-athletes) welcome. Come for fun, fellowship, and Bible Study.

**Women's Clinic** in the Academic Nursing Center offers the following gender specific assessments for \$15 initial and \$10 follow-up: breast exam, pap smear stool for occult blood, urine check, pregnancy test, blood chemistry profile, tests for infections if indicated and follow-up reporting and counseling. Blood Chemistry Profiles available the first Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. at \$10 for the 18 component blood chemistry profile and \$10 for PSA (prostate cancer test). The clinic also offers free blood pressure screenings every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. For an appointment call 898-5950. **Raiders for Christ** will hold a

devotional on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center.

The **MTSU Christian Faculty and Staff Fellowship** will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in KUC Room 312. Interested Faculty and Staff are invited to attend any of these meetings. For further information contact Kim Sokoya at 898-2352 or [ksokoya@frank.mtsu.edu](mailto:ksokoya@frank.mtsu.edu). The **MTSU College Democrats** will hold weekly meetings in room 313 of the KUC at 5:00 p.m. Come and find out what we are all about.

**Codependents Anonymous (Coda)** will meet Thursday's from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Room 109 under the red handrail. Coda is a fellowship of men and women whose common problem is an inability to maintain functional relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and fulfilling relationships with others and ourselves.

**Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)** will meet Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Marks Methodist Church, 1403 E. Main St., Room 109. ACOA is a 12-step support group for people raised in an alcoholic or other dysfunctional family.

**Lambda**, an organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, faculty, non-students, and their supporters, will meet every Tuesday in the Mass Comm building, room 103, at 6:30 p.m. For further information write to MTSU Box 624 or call 780-2293.

**Lambda** will be hosting a "Movie Night" every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 103. For more information call the Lambda Hotline at 780-2293.

**InterVarsity Christian Fellowship** will hold its weekly meetings on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and Campus Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 9 p.m., in KUC room 312. All campus ministries and all individuals are invited to attend.

**Seniors and Graduate Students:** create your resume with Resume Expert Plus Software and register with the Placement Center in one easy step! Contact Placement and Student Employment Center KUC 328, 898-2500.

**Wesley Foundation** will be hosting an hour-long ongoing study group on Human Sexuality in the Christian Faith, Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

**Wesley Singers** rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should call the **MTSU Speech Clinic**, 898-2661, for an appointment.

Anyone interested in being a tutor or getting tutored, please contact Tanisha Harris of the **NAACP (Educational Committee)** at 898-4056.

**MTSU Equestrian Team** will hold regular meetings every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the TLC Sales Arena. Everyone is welcome!

**Inroads Nashville, Inc.** plans to recruit Sophomore and Junior Minority Students in marketing, computer information systems and business administration. With a GPA of 2.9 or better, successful recruits will have the opportunity to do internships with such firms as IBM, Price-Waterhouse and Northern

Telecomm. Those interested should immediately call Prof. B. Fayissa at 898-2385 or see him in KOM 322G.

**Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry** meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for dinner and fellowship at St. Paul's Church, 315 E. Main St. and Thursdays for lunch in the KUC Grill. All are welcome. Contact Andrew Wright at 893-3780 for more information.

**MTSU Raidersharks- Scuba Club** will hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. in the MTSU Pool. It is open to anyone interested in scuba diving or associated activities. All students are welcome. For more information call Tim or Jude at 895-6249.

**Phi Sigma Pi** will hold their weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Stark Ag Building Room 125. Contact an officer if you can not attend.

## DEADLINES FOR CAMPUS CAPSULE SUBMISSIONS:

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# MTSU Spring Week geared towards student participation, education

By Corrie Cron / staff

It shouldn't take much to recognize the tell-tale signs that spring has arrived. Daylight savings, March 21 and people wearing shorts on campus without getting strange looks should be enough clues. However, in case these signals were overlooked, Spring Week is here to announce and celebrate the season's arrival.

Spring Week is a week of different events sponsored by Student Programming, Campus Concerts, the Honors Society, Recording Industry Department and the National Association of College Activities (NASA). Included in the festivities are a mid-week Music on The Knoll, a "Drive-

In" double feature and a lecture also on sex. Spring Week also coincides with Alcohol Awareness Week.

The whole idea around Spring Week is "to get some participation from the student body," says Concerts Chair Brook Blomquist. "The problem on this campus is that there's not enough liaison between students and faculty."

To kick things off, certified sex educator Jay Friedman brings his lecture, "Sex Matters: Insights and Outbursts on Love, Sex and Dating," to the KUC Theater today at 3 p.m. Friedman's lecture is a no-holds-barred discussion of even the toughest issues about sex in the '90s.

"His message is that we're all sexual beings and not to make it

dirty," says Ideas and Issues Chair David Weber. Weber, who has already attended the lecture, says Friedman uses video clips and examples in advertising to demonstrate how our society is based on sex.

Friedman also stresses the importance of education. Weber recalls Friedman saying that schools which will not buy condom machines and sex education materials should buy red ribbons instead, because they will need them.

"I think what he's trying to do is get us more open in society," Weber says.

Tuesday night is Movie on the Knoll night. A giant movie screen will be set up on the Knoll for an outdoor "drive-in" showing of "Babe" at 9 p.m. and "KIDS" at 10:30 p.m. The choice of movies

seems to come from two separate minds and so it did. The Films Organization chose Oscar winner "Babe" while the Concerts committee chose "KIDS."

"[Babe was chosen] mostly to appeal to Family Housing [residents] and their kids," Blomquist says.

"Babe" is the story of an orphaned pig who wants to be a sheep dog. It won a nomination for Best Picture at the 1995 Oscars.

"KIDS," which was rated NC-17 in theaters, is now distributed unrated. The film is about the all-too-real future or lack thereof of New York City teenagers. One of the characters has AIDS but doesn't realize it or the fact that he's spreading the deadly disease daily.

"[The movie] really brings the issue of AIDS right to people's attention," Blomquist says.

Don't be fooled by the words "drive-in". All cars must be left in the parking lot, however blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. Both features are free.

Eric Hamilton performs in a special Wednesday Music on the Knoll at 6 p.m. The concert is co-sponsored by the Recording Industry Department and Student Programming.

At 8 p.m., the Honors Department sponsors its annual Poetry Slam. The event will be held under a tent in Peck Yard. With paint sticks a-beating and rhymes a-flowing, Poetry Slam IX offers area poets a chance to share their works in a not-so-

traditional way. The week's finale is the Battle for the Knoll. Area talents will compete against each other for studio time donated by the Recording Industry Department, the chance to headline a later Knoll show and two-inch recording tape, also donated by the Recording Industry Department. Acts that will be performing are Tuck, Still Stanley, Thicket Grove, Secret Commonwealth, Action Figure, Three Fold Cord, Simeon's Logic and Aggy Coloured Karma. The battle begins at 3 p.m.

Blomquist says that events seemed to fall into place nicely this week.

"I'm really, really pleased on how that all worked out," Blomquist said. ●

## Alcohol responsibility promoted

By Martha Stroud / staff

Assistant Dean of Students Rodney Bennett and Coordinator of Student Programs Margarita Vilanova have organized this year's Alcohol Awareness Week to help students make wise choices about alcohol, according to Vilanova.

"The week is to provide non-alcoholic alternatives to students and to highlight the negative consequences of the abuse of alcohol," Vilanova said.

There is a wide range of events and activities planned for the week, including an information table at the KUC that will provide information all week about alcohol abuse and its effects.

To start off the week, a sidewalk chalk contest will be held Monday on the sidewalks near the Knoll starting at 10 a.m. The theme for the contest will be "Positive Choices for the 21st Century."

All chalk drawings must be completed by 3 p.m. so that the judging can begin. Prizes

will be awarded for the best overall, individual and group artworks.

There will be a car smash, a special guest speaker and a luminary lighting held on Tuesday.

The car smash will be at the KUC Courtyard from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The car that will be smashed was in an accident earlier this year that involved alcohol. Participants can have one swing at the car with a sledge hammer for 50 cents or three swings for \$1.

Gloria Hamilton, associate professor of psychology, will speak on the adverse effects of alcohol on women in the KUC Theater at 3 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., there will be a luminary lighting at the KUC Courtyard. Volunteers will need to meet on President Walker's lawn prior to the lighting.

On Wednesday, a fair will be held in the KUC Courtyard from noon to 3 p.m. Different departments and groups will be sponsoring such activities as Twister, a pie toss and a bake sale.

The BACCHUS (Boosting

Conciseness Concerning the Health of University Students) student organization and the Peer Educators, which are affiliated with BACCHUS, will be sponsoring a seatbelt relay race during the fair.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to come and participate. Prizes will be awarded for the different games.

On Thursday, there will be "mock tails," non-alcoholic cocktails, served at the KUC Courtyard from noon to 3 p.m. Different groups will be present to hand out their own special recipes.

Also on Tuesday, Barbara Martin from Health Services and Officer Dustin Miller will be speaking to sixth graders from Hobgood Elementary School in the Tucker Theatre at noon about the negative consequences of alcohol abuse.

To end the week, students will have a chance to volunteer to help in the Special Olympics. Students are invited to come to the Horace Jones Field from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign up. ●

## Auschwitz survivor to speak for Holocaust Remembrance Week

By Dustin Schrimpscher / staff

Founder and President of Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors (CANDLES) Eva Mozes Kor will speak tomorrow about her experiences at Auschwitz as part of Holocaust Remembrance Week.

Kor's presentation will also focus on the importance of building a healing community for Holocaust victims.

Kor was born in Portz, Hungary in 1935. She was deported to Auschwitz Concentration Camp in early 1944 with her father, mother, two older sisters and twin sister, Miriam.

Kor and her twin sister were selected for the Josef Mengele experiments on racial genetics. In 1945, Kor was liberated from the camp by the Soviet Army and returned home to find that her family had been executed.

Since 1965 Kor has founded CANDLES, organized a freedom petition drive to help Soviet Jewish families get exit visas, and served a two-year term of office as president of the Federation of Jewish Women in Terre Haute, Ind.

In 1985 Kor organized and sponsored the memorial return to Auschwitz for the 40th commemoration of the liberation and the mock trial

of Josef Mengele in Jerusalem.

In March 1995 her biography, "Echoes from Auschwitz: the story of Eva and Miriam Mozes," was released. The proceeds from her speaking engagements and book sales will go to the CANDLES Holocaust Museum.

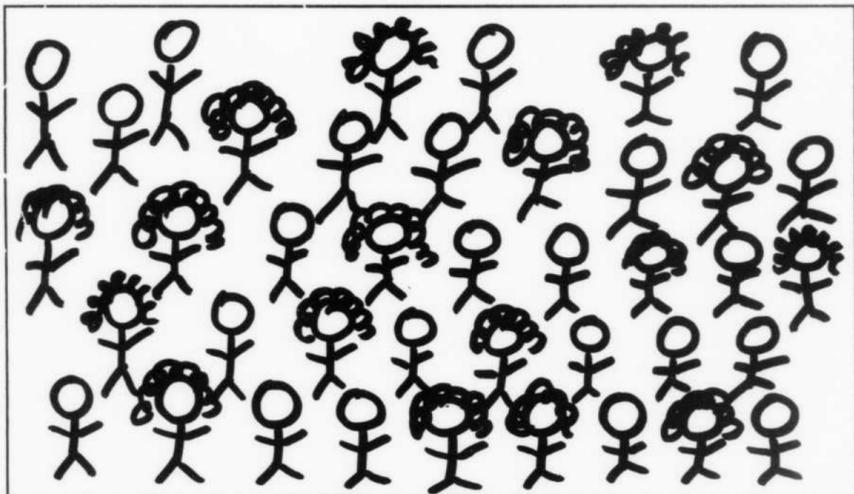
Lon Nuel, head of MTSU's Holocaustal Studies program, said Holocaust Remembrance Week will begin on April 15 and will run for a week. Hiroki Sugihara will also speak for Holocaust Remembrance Week on April 24.

Kor will speak Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in Wright Music Hall. ●

## CLARIFICATION

In the Thurs., April 11 edition of *Sidelines*, it was reported in the article entitled "New construction to limit parking" that the traffic committee had recommended an increase in parking violations for the fall semester.

It was brought to our attention by David Hays, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, that this recommendation was sent to President James Walker and Vice President for Finance Duane Stucky but was not approved. ●



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**Don't forget to order your 1996 Midlander.**

You may have noticed that the spring 96 COLLAGE is out.

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Applications for fall 96 / spring 97 staff are in Room 308 of James Union Building.

If you submitted art or photography this semester, please retrieve them asap.



# OPINIONS

## In our view

### Fast food at Peck Hall would desecrate area

The area around Peck Hall is one of the more attractive on campus. To install the grease-scented, litter-producing elements of Burger King and Pizza Hut is a mistake that damages the beauty of the space.

This is what university officials want to do. MTSU is growing, but its growth shouldn't include replacing nice areas with tacky fast food joints.

Administration officials say the grease pits will be installed to provide more convenient food service for students. When it takes two minutes to walk to the JUB cafeteria and five minutes to The Grill, the idea of providing more convenience is lame, at best.

We don't know if there are other reasons for building these grease pits because they haven't discussed the matter with the SGA.

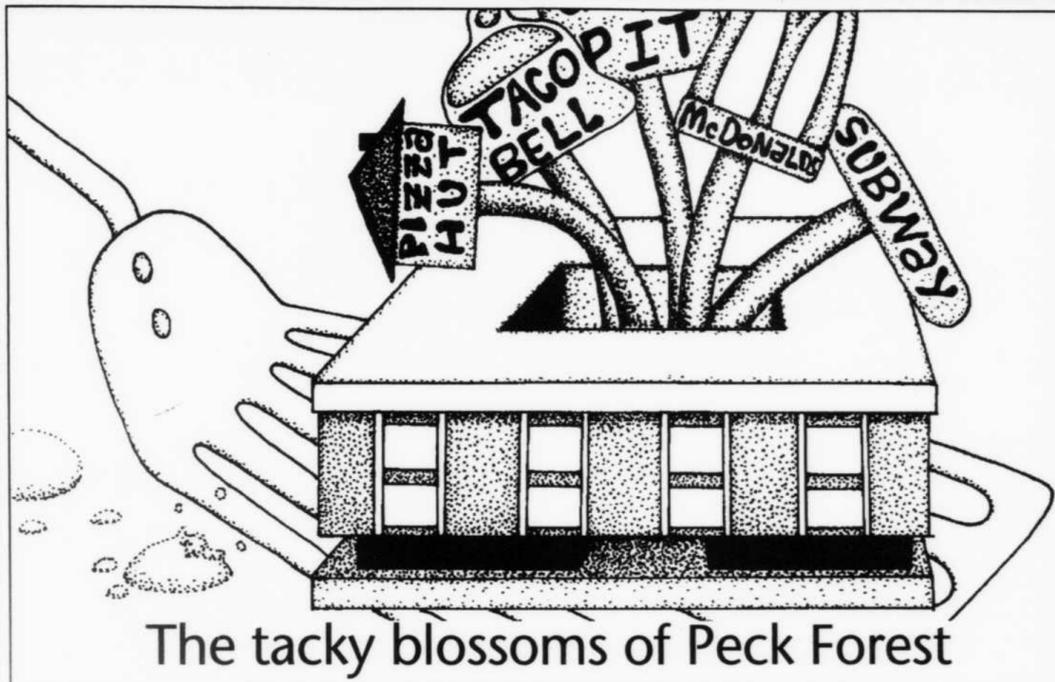
It could be to generate more revenue. The university receives revenue from every food service place on campus (soft drink machines included). We don't know if this is something the administration has in mind because they have not approached students on the matter.

University officials say they want to make our eating needs on campus more convenient. So, without asking what we want, they want to give us some tacky fast food places.

No thanks. If it is us (and future students) they want to impress, they should ask us what we want.

If they do ask us, we should let them know that a grease-scented, litter-producing fast food joint which is a mere 200 feet from the fast food joints in the JUB is a poor idea.

If they don't ask us about it, we should petition the SGA to stop this completely worthless project.



The tacky blossoms of Peck Forest

## Letters to the Editor

### English professor 'sees light,' becomes creationist

To the Editor,

For many weeks I have been thinking hard about the Evolutionist/Creationist debate in your paper, but the clear and powerful logic of Mr. Carl R. Greene's letter of April 8, in which he proved that the biology professor Charles R. McGhee was "over-educated" and doomed to burn in eternal hell, persuaded me that I better stop thinking so hard and join the creationists before it's too late.

Thank you, Mr. Greene, for warning me away from the path of men like Dr. McGhee. You see, I had almost admired scientists like McGhee for spending their lives searching for things like the cure for genetic diseases, but now I see that risking such a long long time in hell

for even the most noble goal is, as you say, "silly." How much more wise and safe it is to say "God's will be done!" when we see problems than to risk eternal punishment.

So, having made my decision, I hope that you, Mr. Greene, and my other new creationist friends will welcome me into the fold. Fellow creationists, I trust I am not hasty in assuming that Mr. Greene's ideas accurately represent the proper creationist views! We all agree with him, don't we, that McGhee is bound for hell for believing in evolution? Please have patience with my ignorance as I try to catch up on all the studying you have done on these issues. It must be a sign that my own intelligence has already been seriously darkened by "too much education" that I do not always

instantly grasp the truths that you are passing on to me from the mouth of God.

In fact, I am in great fear of helping Satan lead others astray during my occasional duties as an advisor to freshman students. Shouldn't I tell these young people to stay away from MTSU altogether since all anyone needs to know is already in the Bible? Could I instead send them to you, Mr. Greene, so that they won't get over-educated? But where can they find you? Since you've already mastered the truth about everything, I assume that you yourself aren't wasting time trying to be a student here. God be praised!

Dr. Tim Wolf  
Professor, English

### Prof prefers fishing, oscillating universe theory to hell

To the Editor,

The inquiry (Letters to the Editor, *Sidelines*, April 8) "Where are you going to spend eternity?" is a most enticing question. It should cause all of us to contemplate that most certain eventuality of TIME AND SPACE. Some I suspect have figured it out.

I assure you I am not overjoyed with the prospect of Hell since fishing is one of my favorite sports.

I ran across an interesting new science theory which perhaps holds some promise for "wayward souls" like me. It is called the "OSCILLATING UNIVERSE THEORY." The theory incorporates some elements of "THE BIG BANG," but posits "no beginning or end" to the universe. It seems that the universe is expanding at the present time (we only exploded about 18 billion years ago you know). At some point (a few billion years from

now) we will reach a maximum expansion and begin to contract again. That's right, again (hence, the term "Oscillating"). Historians will find this very reminiscent of the old Greek philosophy of "eternal universal cycles." The Greeks referred to them as "Great Cycles." Nothing completely ends for the Greeks. I can live with that idea.

According to the "Oscillating Theory" the universe goes "Bang," expands for a few billion years (this is where I come in), reaches maximum expansion, begins to contract upon itself, reaches maximum density and goes "Bang" again. Another cycle is completed. Except for a few minor details concerning a lack of knowledge about the theoretical density of matter, this is not a bad thought. I have confidence that the physicists will work out the density problem before long (physicists have a direct line, you know).

I regret not being able to answer the "eternity" question precisely, and since I apparently do not have enough Viking genes to qualify for a trip to "Valhalla" it appears that the choices are Heaven, Hell or an Oscillating Universe.

I think I'll go with the "Oscillating Universe" this time around. For all that I have observed so far, God seems to have a preference for "CYCLES." If I'm right, I can reappear about every fifty to one hundred billion years, catch up on a few good stories about different kinds of "hereafters," read the latest in science theories and try once more to explain, to those who inquire, my "hope for the next eternity." Let's do this again in, say, eighty billion years.

Relax, it's just a thought!

Dr. Charles R. McGhee  
Professor, Biology

### Write your congressman to stop partial birth abortion

An Open Letter to the Students of MTSU:

For the moment, let's put aside the ongoing discourse of the origins of human life. Instead, we should focus on the sanctity of it. We are faced with a problem that is growing to proportions equal to that of Hitler's holocaust.

To begin, I must say that I do not support abortions of any kind. To kill a child before it is born is, in my eyes, murder. There is a specific type of abortion, however, that is particularly horrendous. This appalling procedure is referred to in the political arena as "Partial Birth Abortions." These partial birth abortions involve pregnancies that are in the third trimester and would produce a viable child. Instead, these children are delivered feet first with nothing but the head left in the cervix (implying that the child has not yet been delivered and is therefore not alive). With the head

left in the cervix, an incision is made at the base of the neck and a vacuum is inserted to suck out all brain tissue. My friends, this is not just murder; it is sickening!

On April 5, 1996, a bipartisan piece of legislation that would ban the occurrence of partial birth abortions was placed on the desk of President Bill Clinton. This bill was passed by an overwhelming majority in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Two days ago, President Clinton lived up to his promise to veto this bill. In doing so, he took away the sanctity of all life, and not just those in the womb.

Something else happened on April 5, 1996. President Clinton gave a speech in recognition of all those that had died in the terrorist bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City. In this speech, President Clinton spoke of the "eternal spirit of human life that even a bomb could not take away." He told us of how this eternal spirit

was "even in the smallest of children."

Which message are we to believe? Which message should we support? Your belief on the origins of human life should not matter. If you believe in the Creation, then you believe that God created all men with a purpose. These children are not being allowed the opportunity to pursue the purpose for which they were created. If you believe in evolution, then only the strong survive to carry on the species. The killing of offspring virtually guarantees the death of the specie.

Let me encourage . . . No, urge every reader to contact their Congressional Representatives. Let them know that we, as a generation, do not support this inhuman treatment of our children. Call them, write them, e-mail them . . . GET INVOLVED!

Todd Whitney  
President, Raider Victory Fellowship

## SGA Election Events

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## MTSU tennis teams score weekend hat trick

### Eastern Ky. win moves streak to ten consecutive matches

By Joel Frey / staff

The 28th-ranked MTSU men's tennis team continued its blitzkrieg of the OVC over the weekend in dominating wins over Morehead State, Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky.

Despite having to sit out junior Fred Niemeyer on Saturday and sophomores Julius Robberts and Anthony DeLuise on Sunday because of NCAA rules concerning the number of dates team members can play, Middle had no trouble in running its record to 19-4 (5-0 OVC) and extending its current match winning streak to 10.

Coach Dale Short said he was pleased with the effort of his team on Saturday and Sunday, especially when considering he was forced to sit out key team members.

"I was a little apprehensive heading into the weekend," Short said. "Fortunately, I think I overestimated the competition somewhat and as it turned out these matches gave Kelly Pedigo and Jeff Jorge opportunities to play as well as giving other guys chances to play up in the line-up."

Robberts agreed with the sentiments of his coach.

"I think the team showed a lot of character this weekend," he said. "It was good to see other guys in the line-up step up for us and give us some big wins."

In Saturday's rain-delayed 7-0 win over Morehead, Middle served the Eagles "bagels" for the main course.

Robberts and Follett, playing at number two doubles, began the MTSU onslaught in defeating the Eagle tandem of Moses Manjengua and Kike Ramirez 8-0. Follett followed up that victory with a 6-0, 6-0 thrashing of Gustavo Machado.

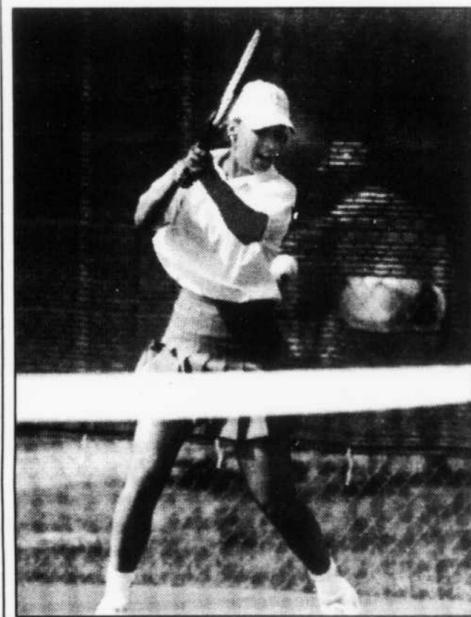
Sophomore Marshall Brown also had a 6-0, 6-0 win for Middle over Jason Otto of Morehead.

Yesterdays respective 6-0 and 6-1 wins against the Governors and Colonels proved to be yawners as well for Short's squad.

Niemeyer returned to the court with fire in his eyes following Saturday's off day. Playing at number one singles, and showing a renewed inner-confidence following huge wins against Vandy and UT, last year's OVC player of the year crushed Peay's Damian Bromfield 6-0, 6-0.



Photos by Brian G. Miller/staff



### Raider netters on a roll

MTSU's men's and women's teams swept the entire weekend's worth of OVC competition at the Murphy Center courts. The men recorded wins over Morehead, Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky, while the women defeated Morehead, Southeast Missouri and EKU. This Tuesday both teams will host Tennessee Tech, and the men's team will also face TSU.

Above: David McNamara served 24 aces on Sunday, playing number two singles against Eastern Kentucky. Left: Amy King had a perfect weekend, and remains undefeated against OVC competition this year.

The MTSU tennis teams will be hosting a free clinic for anyone interested in working on their game this Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. at the Murphy Center courts.

Jorge, playing at number six in the Blue Raider singles line-up, seeing his first match action of the year, scored a 6-4, 6-2 win over Tong Khamphengphet.

The EKU match was filled with lopsided Blue Raider wins across the board.

Sophomore David McNamara,

playing at number two singles, put on a serving exhibition against the Colonels' Chad Williams.

He served 24 aces, 16 in the second set alone. At one stretch, the Melbourne, Australia native won seven consecutive points on serve with aces.

"It just felt unreal out there today," McNamara said. "Everything I touched felt like gold."

MTSU will finish up its regular season on Tuesday with two home matches versus Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State. Match times are set for 2:30 and 7:00. ●

### Lady Raiders face Tenn. Tech for OVC crown this Tuesday

By Joel Frey / staff

It's high noon at the OK Corral for the Lady Raider tennis team.

Actually, showdown time for Coach David Thornton's squad is Tuesday at 2:30 at the Murphy Center courts.

Following weekend wins over Morehead State, Southeast Missouri and Eastern Kentucky, arch-rival Tennessee Tech is all that stands between the Lady Raiders and the OVC-regular season crown.

Both Middle and Tech boast undefeated OVC marks of 7-0, Thornton said he feels his team will be up for the challenge.

"As a team we are playing solid and showing more and more confidence on court," Thornton said. "Tech will be a tough match for us, it will really come down to our confidence level and how hard we play—those are the keys."

In their three wins on Friday and Saturday, Middle lost only two singles matches. They were even more dominating in doubles, not suffering one defeat.

"I was encouraged by our doubles play," Thornton said. "It continues to be a bright sport for us. I hope we can keep it up."

In Saturday's match with Morehead, the weather proved to be more of a factor than the Lady Eagles.

Rain delayed the match for about an hour and a half on Saturday, just as the Lady Raiders took the court for singles action.

Once back on court, Middle built on its 3-0 lead with wins from Alex Toelle, Michelle Wilson, Amy King, Malinda Ryan and Courtney Genosi in easily taking the match 8-1.

Morehead won its only point following the delay because Lady Raider freshman Jennifer Bryans had to drive to her home in Georgia in time for her sister's wedding.

Bryans, however, was able to make it back in time yesterday in the Lady Raiders' whippings of SEMO and EKU.

In those matches Toelle and King remained perfect in OVC play.

Playing at number three against SEMO and number two against EKU, Toelle was impressive in respective 6-3, 7-5 and 7-5, 6-2 wins.

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## MTSU track sweeps home outdoor meet with Tech, WKU

### Tech, Western Ky. fall to Middle squads in OVC meet tune-up

By Lesli Bales / staff

MTSU's men's and women's track teams clobbered Tennessee Tech and Western Kentucky at Jones field Thursday.

MTSU finished first in 21 out of 32 events to earn the win in presumably the last meet ever run on the current MTSU track.

"The thing about this meet tonight for me is that it is my 31st year here, and we have had the track ever since I came here," said MTSU track coach Dean Hayes. "If they build the new football stadium, they'll end up taking up the track and it will go somewhere else. It's a lot of history for me."

"It's nice to get a new track, but at the same time I hate to see this go. There's been a lot of tradition on it, and there have been a lot of great performances on it over the years," Hayes remembered.

For the women, Nekeya Ralls

finished first in the women's long jump, while teammates Bianca Conley and Mia Florence backed her up with second and third place finishes, respectively.

Shelly Johnson finished first in both the discus throw and the shot put while Nicole Mathis came in seventh and third in those events.

Nekeya Ralls and Saran Dunmore came in first and second the 100 meter high hurdles. Dunmore later finished first in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles. Rachael Parrish captured first in the 400 meter dash while Nadia Graham and Ericka McLemore took the top two spots in the 100 meter dash. Kim Watson, Tyjuana Phillips, and McLemore came in first, second and third in the 200.

"Melanie Hall ran the 800 meter run for the first time in two or three years, and she did a really good job," Hayes said. "She won it with a time of 2:16.87. I was really happy with that." Sonya Ewing finished a strong fourth for MTSU.

"Another performance that I was really happy with was in the women's triple jump. Andrea Byers got hurt a couple of weeks ago, and she has to

"Most of this was just trying to get us ready for the OVC meet, and we seemed to do a pretty good job with that."

Dean Hayes  
MTSU track coach

have knee surgery, so she's out. Nekeya Ralls is taking her place, and she hasn't jumped in over a year. She jumped 36 feet, and that's really good for starting back," Coach Hayes said.

Florence and Conley also turned in impressive performances in the triple jump. They finished on either side of Ralls with first and third place finishes respectively.

Adrienne Kirkwood took second, Angie Venable third, and Anita

Bartlett fourth in the javelin throw. The women's relay team finished first.

"The biggest thing is that the women's team had some very solid performances with the OVC meet being in a week. That was really the main thing we were looking for in this meet," Hayes said.

"On the men's side, Rashad Haynes placed first in the high jump with 6-06 which equals his lifetime best. That sets him up for the OVC championship," Hayes continued. Torrence Riley and Marlin Cobwell finished a close second and third for MTSU.

Haynes also placed third in the long jump and teamed with Jahez Salahuddin, Atiba Tucker, and Riley came in second, fifth, and sixth respectively.

"Also, we've got Boo Collins in the discus. This was his first meet here and he threw it 145 feet which places him pretty high in the OVC meet. I was really happy with that," said Coach Hayes. Collins' throw earned him a second place finish, and he also finished second in the shot put.

Jahez Salahuddin, Torrence Riley, and Rashad Haynes finished first,

second, and third in the triple jump while teammate Marlin Cobwell came in a close fifth.

Dana Dixon and Carlos Clardy took the top two spots in the 110 meter high hurdles while Shane Heavener, Dixon, and Carlis Shackelford finished first, second, and third in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

Kenden Maynard and Jeremy Holloway placed first and third in the 400 meter dash while Dele Ekadi finished first in the 100, and Lawrence Barham and William Burrus came in third in the 200 and 800 respectively.

Arthur Cort and Jason Smith both came in fifth in the 1,500 meter run and the 3,000 meter run respectively. Michael Pope and Carlis Shackelford finished fourth and sixth in the javelin throw.

The Raiders also finished first in both the 4 x 100 meter relay and the mile relay.

"Most of this was just trying to get us ready for the OVC meet, and we seemed to do a pretty good job with that," Hayes said.

The OVC championship meet will begin Friday at Tennessee Tech. ●

## Baseball takes rubber game of Tech series to stay in Ohio Valley Conference lead

Staff Reports

A five-run third inning on Sunday helped the Raider baseball team take the rubber game of a three-game series at Tennessee Tech, 9-7.

After splitting a doubleheader 8-2, 2-0 on Saturday, Middle needed to win Sunday's third game to maintain their slim lead over Austin Peay in the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

Middle struck first on Sunday, as

shortstop Clay Snellgrove doubled with one out in the top of the first to score Chris Snyder, who had been hit by a pitch to lead off the game.

Tech came back off Raider starter Brad Brown, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first on three hits, then scored two more in the bottom of the second to take a 4-1 lead.

But the Raiders' offensive floodgates opened in the bottom of the third, as they sent nine men to the

plate, scoring five runs on five hits.

Snyder led off the inning with a triple to center field. The next batter, right fielder Ryan Dillard, then came up a delivered a two-run homer to cut the Tech lead to one.

Snellgrove kept the inning going with a single to center, Doug Barner was hit by a pitch, and Jamie Hill drew a walk, after which Snellgrove scored the tying run on an error by the Golden Eagle catcher. John Case

delivered an RBI single to give MTSU the lead, and Andrew Thompson drove in the Raiders' sixth run of the game with a two-out single to left.

Tech was not done, however, as they tied the game in the bottom of the inning. Middle was able to retake the lead in the fifth when Thompson drove in Shane Shoemaker, who hit a two-out triple. The Raiders added an insurance run in the seventh, when first baseman Ty Curley drove in

Case, who had led off the inning with a double.

Chad Kirby (3-4) got the win for the Blue Raiders, and George Oleksik recorded his fifth save.

The weekend's performance improved the Raiders' record to 22-18, while their OVC record improved to 11-4.

The Raiders will make up the rainout game with Cumberland University tonight at 7:00. ●

# COACH: Wiel hopes to lead Raiders in future against North Carolina, Kansas

program, where this program is and where it's going to be headed," Fowler said.

Wiel, 43, was the head coach at the University of North Carolina at Asheville for the past three seasons and led the Bulldogs to records of 3-24, 11-16 and 18-10 during his tenure there. Last year, after tying for second place in the Big South Conference, Wiel was honored as conference Coach of the Year.

"He took over a program that was ranked 301 out of 302 programs, and the program at 302 doesn't have scholarships," Fowler said. "So when he took it over it was the worst program in the country."

The new Raider coach, along with his wife Connie and his three-year-old son Alexander, met with media representatives Friday. Wiel expressed his excitement with the Athletic Department's decision.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Wiel said. "To tell you the truth, I didn't close an eye last night. I knew Mr. Fowler couldn't go wrong with either one of us. I was hoping it was me, of course."

"I think Middle Tennessee

State is a fantastic program," Wiel added. "I got to meet a lot of very nice people, and I'm very partial to the South. Basketball is my passion, and hopefully I will bring back

**"There's a lot of potential here, and hopefully I can bring MTSU back to the winning ways that I knew in the past they were."**

**Randy Wiel**  
New MTSU  
basketball coach

winning ways to Middle Tennessee State."

Wiel was a four-year letterman for Coach Dean Smith at the University of

North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and helped lead the Tarheels to four Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season titles, two ACC tournament championships and one trip to the Final Four before graduating in 1979.

A native of Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles, Wiel played professional basketball in Europe for seven years before returning to Chapel Hill, where he spent eight seasons as an assistant under Smith. In 1991 Wiel was appointed head coach for the Dutch Olympic/National team for the 1992 Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain. He took over the program at Asheville in 1993.

Blue Raider fans can look forward to seeing nationally-ranked basketball teams coming to Murphy Center if two of Wiel's friends keep their promises to him.

"As soon as I spoke to Mr. Fowler, I got into the car and started driving here. I called the people that were closest to me, and I called [Kansas] coach Roy Williams," Wiel explained. "I told him I accepted, and my next question was we are going to start talking and he will come to MTSU. He said it was

no problem, just to let him know."

"And you can take my word for it, my former boss coach Dean Smith is giving a clinic in Paris at the moment, but I'm going to get a hold of him tonight, because I'm going to keep him to his word that he will come to Murfreesboro too before he retires," Wiel added. "But with him it is a little different - I know he will make me come to Chapel Hill first."

Wiel said that he is looking forward to getting the Murfreesboro community excited about MTSU basketball, and he is also eagerly anticipating working with the Raiders toward adjusting to his style of play, with up-tempo offenses and pressure defense.

"Next week, as soon as possible, I'm going to sit down with all the players that are returning and meet with them, so I'll get to meet everybody," Wiel said. "I told them when I last spoke to them that within a week they will feel like I recruited them. Of course I don't know what the team will look like. I've seen a lot of films from last year's team, but when you lose guys like Goodloe, Gaither and Washington and

Secret, the team will have a different look. Hopefully we'll form a team that will be as competitive, and we'll hope to improve over past seasons."

Wiel met briefly with the

**"I'm glad the waiting is over. Now we can get more direction on where we need to go and start working on next year."**

**Roni Bailey**  
Blue Raider guard

entire Raider team when he came to campus last Wednesday. Returning guard Roni Bailey said he was pleased with the university's decision to hire the coach.

"I'm glad the waiting is over," Bailey said. "Now we can

get more direction on where we need to go and start working on next year, instead of sitting back and waiting on everything to happen."

"I liked him a lot, from the first time we talked to him," Bailey said of his new coach. "He's real easy to talk to, it seems like, and I'm real happy with him."

Regarding Wiel's basketball philosophy, Bailey said he is looking forward to playing an up-tempo style.

"I think it's fine," Bailey said. "I like to get out and run and have fun with it, play 94 feet. Pressure defense, attack offense, don't sit back and wait on what the other team's going to do but always force the action. I like that a lot. We've got a lot of guys who are quick-footed, and I think we'll be able to play that style very well."

"I'm a very fair person, and I'm sure that we can have very, very exciting basketball here. There's a lot of potential here, and hopefully I can bring MTSU back to the winning ways that I knew in the past they were."

Wiel replaced coach David Farrar, whose contract was not renewed after last season. ●

## TENNIS: OVC begins Friday

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King also had a relatively easy day on Sunday, scoring a 6-3, 6-2 win over Brigette Strotter of SEMO at number five and then following that up with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Nicola Oakley of ECU at number four.

As a doubles team King and Ryan are undefeated as well. They were tested, however, against ECU winning a 9-8 thriller over Jennie

McGinnis and Andrea Martin.

"It was a tough match, but we managed to win and that's all that really matters," King said.

With the weekend victories, the Lady Raiders upped their overall record to 12-10 on the season.

Tuesday's match with Tech will end the regular season for Thornton's team. The OVC tournament is scheduled to begin on Friday at Nashville's Centennial Park. ●

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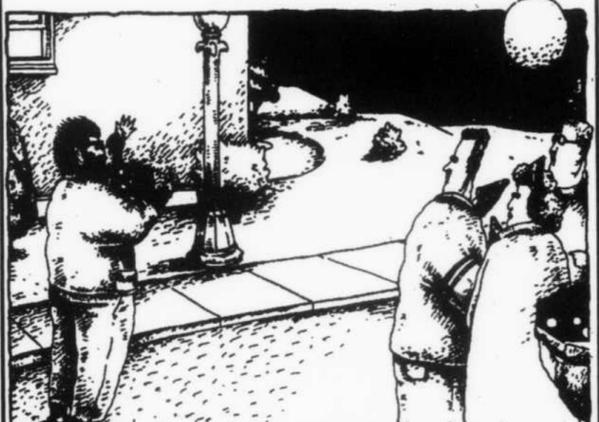
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1 Head covering  
5 — makes waste  
10 Jason's vessel  
14 Impulse  
15 Aquatic mammal  
16 Vinegary  
17 Pasternak heroine  
18 Film spoofs  
19 Painful  
20 Warns of imminent danger  
22 Quantity of food  
24 Jug  
26 Plant part  
27 Like some paintings  
31 Equine animals  
35 — ammoniac  
36 Wooden shoe  
38 Drink noisily  
39 Hastens  
41 At no time  
43 Ohio's lake  
44 Happening  
46 Russian revolutionist  
48 "Peer Gynt" name  
49 Hold  
51 Incorrectly styled  
53 Kind of school  
55 Wander  
56 Cook a certain way  
60 Percussion instrument  
64 Kazan  
65 Refuse  
67 — podrida  
68 Soft mineral  
69 Correspond  
70 Lacking feeling  
71 Evening gown fabric  
72 Adjust again  
73 Red and yellow

DOWN  
1 Expressive dance  
2 Mr. Roberts  
3 Fiendish one  
4 Costlier  
5 Rider  
6 Had a bite  
7 Stage  
8 Spills the beans  
9 Not the real thing  
10 Come together  
11 Housetop  
12 Hindu teacher  
13 City on the Oka  
21 — the night...  
23 Letters  
25 Mutineer  
27 Worker with a flashlight  
28 Artless  
29 Swift  
30 Peace symbols  
32 Rustic  
33 Get up  
34 Kind of trap  
37 Opera singer  
40 Make a speedy recovery  
42 Rebound  
45 Retread  
47 Kind of bean  
50 Delicious drink  
52 Fruits  
54 Cleanse  
56 Wagers  
57 Jai —  
58 Small stream  
59 Cup handles  
61 Melancholy  
62 — mater  
63 Workrooms, for short  
66 Understand

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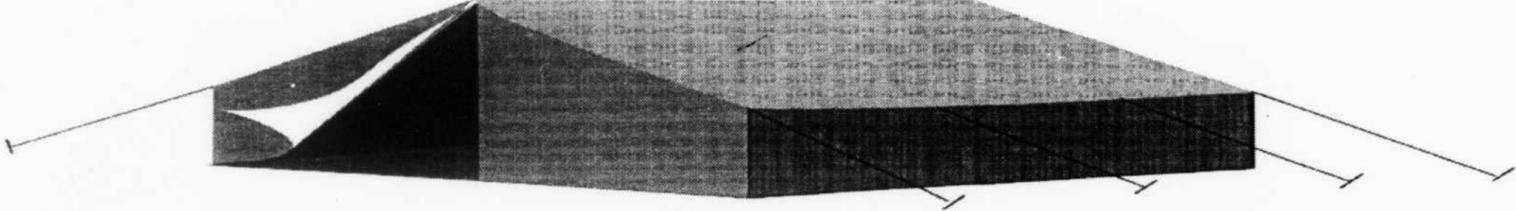
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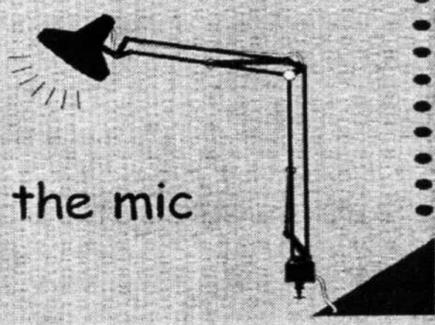
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