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## Raiders upset the Soviets

### Rainey leads in OT

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
 Senior Staff Writer

Trailing 81-70 with under 6:30 remaining and with the Soviet National team riding a 15-0 lead, it seemed that MTSU's chances for an upset were slim to none. Closer to none.

Thankfully, the Blue Raiders did not remember they were playing the same team which won the gold medal in Seoul. Thankfully, they forgot they were supposed to lose.

After all, North Carolina, Kansas, North Carolina State, Ohio State and Vanderbilt all fell to this team. Only Tennessee and UNLV (two top twenty teams) had beaten the Soviets — and both of those times Arvidas Sabonis, the dominating 7-2 Soviet center, was absent with a leg injury. Sabonis was playing in this game.

Thankfully, the Raiders forgot they were at a distinct height disadvantage. The MTSU front line was 6-6, 6-7 and 6-9. The Soviets were 6-3, 6-9, 7-2.

Thankfully "Lightning" struck the Soviets.

With 6:15 Gerald Harris got two points off of a fast break and Mike Buck added a bucket to make the score 81-74. Valdemaras Khomichus countered for the Soviets. Randy Henry hit both ends of a 1-and-1 to make it 83-76 when Chris "Lightning" Rainey swished an NBA three-pointer to bring the underdogs to within 4.

Aleksandr Volkov followed for the gold medal team to give them a 6-point advantage. Then disaster

struck the Soviets. Sabonis fouled Kerry "Thunder" Hammonds with 2:18 remaining and was obliged to exit.

Harris hit two freebies to make it 85-81 and with :29 remaining Lightning struck with another three-pointer to bring the Raiders to within 1.

Rimas Kurtinaitis hit the front portion of a 1-and-1 to give the Soviets a one basket lead. With :16 remaining Rainey provided the basket to tie the battle and send the contest into overtime.

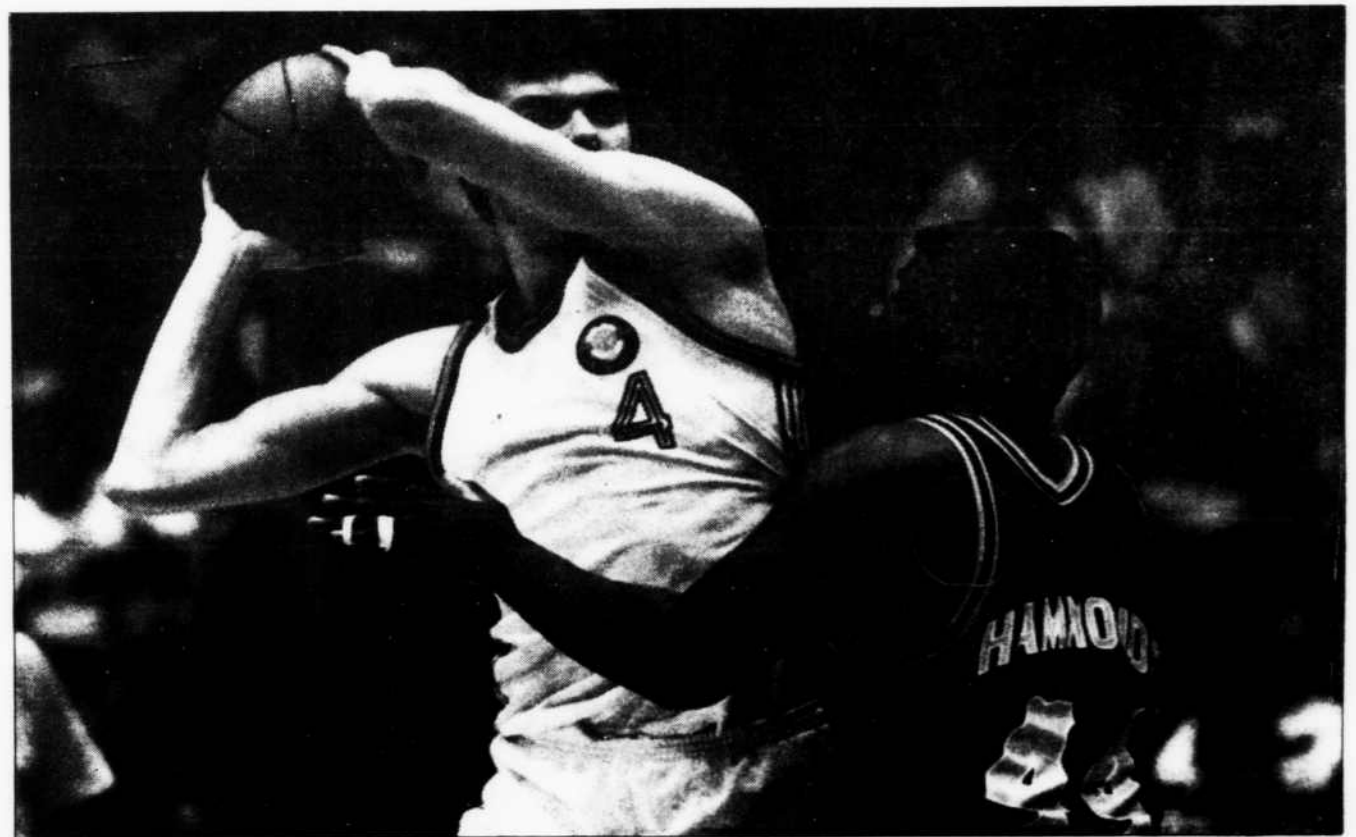
"They just rolled up their sleeve and went to it," a smiling MTSU coach Bruce Stewart said after the game in a manner which made the listener think he was talking of his kid who just was named valedictorian.

"They just wanted to win. It's unfair that this game doesn't count," Stewart said.

At the outset of overtime the basket trading which marked the first 30 minutes of game continued. Volkov scored first, Hammonds tied the contest, Valeri Goborov dunked one to put the Soviets up 90-88. Henry tied it with two freebies and with 3:13 left Hammonds hit a free throw to give MTSU the lead.

Khomichus scored on a fast break to change the lead, Harris countered and Khomichus nailed a three-pointer to put the Soviets up 95-93 with 1:00 left in overtime.

However, :03 later, Kurtinaitis fouled out and sent Harris to the line with a 1-and-1. Harris came through



Frank Conley/Special to Sidelines

Soviet forward Aleksandr Volkov looks for a teammate to pass to as Blue Raider forward Kerry Hammonds puts on some defensive pressure. Hammonds played a major role in MTSU's 101-95 defeat of the Soviet team which won the gold medal in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea.

## AIDS epidemic conquerable with help of proper education: Martin

By SEAN STEPHENSON  
 News Editor

World AIDS Day was yesterday and MTSU's Health Services Center participated by informing as many students as possible about the threat of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Barbara Martin, the director of the Health Services Center who helped coordinate the day here at MTSU, said the information about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) have basically remained the same.

"We are going to have to face it—everyone is going

to have to face it—we are all going to personally know someone who has been diagnosed with the AIDS virus if precautions are not taken," Martin said.

"The cause of the virus, the modes of transmission, the HIV infected blood, the information remains the same," she said. "The prevention methods have not changed either."

For every time a person has a sexual relationship with someone, that person can be considered to have had a sexual relationship with all the current partner's old partners, when it comes to STDs, according

to Martin.

Martin also said that abstinence from intimate sexual contact and from the sharing of needles of IV drugs is still the best prevention from the infection. For those who choose to remain sexually active, the only protection from the disease is the combined usage of a condom and spermicide.

For the IV drug users, do not share the needles.

"If everyone would do that, we'd see a marked reduction in the number of

cases," Martin said. "[AIDS] is epidemic and that is the only way to bring it under control."

The age group between puberty and 30 years of age tends to think of themselves as invincible, according to Bob Moore, public health representative for the AIDS and sexually transmitted disease program of Rutherford County.

"Most of the message has gotten across to people, it's just that most young people discount the possibility of contracting any type of ven-

# Campus Capsule

The Biology Club presents John Tobin's Summer Adventurer in Alaska: Federal Government Research with Alaskan Salmon. The presentation will be held on Monday, Dec. 5, at 6 P. M. in room 121 at the DSB.

All-Campus Caroling will meet Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 5:45 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union, 619 N. Tennessee (across from Alumni Gym). We will be caroling across campus for an hour. Sponsored by MTSU Ministries.

See Your Advisor Week concludes today.

Continuing Education will feature, "Getting Along with our State Government," Legal Seminar today in the JUB Tennessee Room from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guidance and Counseling ACT Residual, KUC Room 314, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma will have a brunch Saturday, Dec. 3 in the JUB Tennessee Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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eral disease," he said. They surround themselves with a suit of invisibility and say, "nothing like this could happen to me," Moore said. "But that is how young people are, generally."

"They become invincible as they reach puberty and it goes on until they reach 30 years of age, but I think the impact of the message is now getting across to that group of people due to the decrease of reported venereal diseases," he added.

Martin added, "Here at the clinic [MTSU's], we do teaching all the time. Not only do we not mind [teaching], we would welcome it."

"Education is the only key we've got, and we do most of that in the health clinic. We usually have a video out for most [students] to watch, concerning the STD's. There are also many brochures concerning safe sex," Martin said.

A free and confidential AIDS test can be arranged by calling the Murfreesboro Health Dept. at 898-7700.

For more information, contact the Health Services Center at 898-2988.



Helen Comer/Staff

Patty Hudson, a staff nurse, and Sally Kimbrell, Health Service's senior nurse, pass out pamphlets and other types of information concerning AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases in front of the bookstore in the basement of the KUC.

## New Sidelines editor named

By DEANNA KALAS  
Staff Writer

The Student Publications Committee chose a new editor for the MTSU student newspaper, *Sidelines*, on Nov. 22.

Brian Conley, 21, of Murfreesboro, was voted editor for the 1989 spring semester.

Conley, a math major with a minor in mass communications, has worked for the MTSU student paper since the 1986 spring semester. He has twice been news editor, twice an assistant news editor, and has been editorial editor two times. In addition, he has been sports editor and managing editor.

The new *Sidelines* editor

plans to make changes in the paper during the spring semester. "I'm going to have a kinder, gentler paper . . . spread 6,000 points of light across the MTSU campus," he joked.

One major change includes the masthead of the paper. "I'm definitely going to change the masthead to make it look better," Conley explained. ". . . at least make it look like a 1980s newspaper."

Conley will also place a larger emphasis on copy editing, to decrease the amount of typographical errors.

All *Sidelines* writers will appear in pictures next to their individual columns when the new semester begins.

gins.

With the cooperation of the Campus Recreation Department, Conley wishes to run standings for all campus recreation leagues.

In addition, a larger emphasis will be placed on smaller sports, such as golf, tennis and track, in the sports section of the paper.

Conley will also encourage more investigative reporting, and will seek more quality cartoons from students.

Is *Sidelines* an anti-Greek newspaper? Not according to Conley. "I think we should do a better job on what (the Greeks) do good, because they do do a lot of good."

Conley, who graduates in May, has also worked for *The Tennessean* and *United Press International*. He plans to move on to graduate school to get a doctorate in math. His future goals are working for the government or a private industry, "making incredible amounts of money doing nothing!"

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# The Flying Raiders fly high and will take you with them



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The Flying Raiders from left to right in the front row are Eric Price, Bryan Capps, Jennifer Hall; John Fry and in the back row are Marshel Valent, Mike Smith, Dolly Tinana, James Hylton and Mike McCracken.

By **KIM HARRIS**  
Editor

For just eight cents a pound, anyone who wants to fly can as The Flying Raiders of MTSU will be sponsoring "Fly Day" this Sunday at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport.

Minimum charge is eight dollars, maximum \$16 and the funds raised will go towards the flight team's intercollegiate competition.

The opportunity to fly will also give those interested a chance talk with the pilots and to perhaps get better acquainted with MTSU's aerospace program.

According to Bryan Capps, public relations chairman for the Flying Raiders, the aerospace department is a "sleeping giant," entailing 600 majors, the second largest major on campus next to mass communications. The department is broken down into pro-pilot, administration, maintenance and technology.

MTSU is the only school in the state to provide flight experience as part of its aerospace program, Capps said. The University of Knoxville is the only other school that has an aerospace program.

"We're the only flight team in the state, so when we compete we are representing not only the school but the state as well," Capps said.

The Flying Raiders came in Fourth out of seven regional teams in the Region 8

Intercollegiate Fly Association Airmeet that was held Oct. 13-15 of this semester at Champaign, Illinois.

The flying events consisted of power-off and short field landings, VFR Navigator, simulator and message drop. The ground events were aircraft identification, computer accuracy, preflight and scan (aircraft navigator).

The competing members for the Flying Raiders were Eric Price, Captain; Al McKelvey, Co-Captain; Bryan Capps, John Fry, Jennifer Hall, James Hylton, Julie Kresko, Mike

McCracken, Mike Smith, Dolly Tiwana, Marshall Valent and Grady Jones, advisor.

Price placed Third in simulator, Fourth in power-off, Seventh in message drop and Tenth in preflight. McKelvey placed Third in VFR Navigator and Tenth in power-off. McCracken received Fourth Place in short field landings. Valent placed Seventh in short field, Sixth in simulator and Third in message drop.

In addition to airmeets and "Fly Day," The Flying Raiders also provide flight safety seminars.

# Sociology/anthropology chairman settles at MTSU

## From Staff Reports

Peter Heller is the new chairman of the department of sociology, anthropology and social work at MTSU.

He was born in Detoit and moved to Indiana where he graduated from high school and later Indiana Central College. He earned his M.A. from Pennsylvania State University and his doctorate from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Before coming to MTSU he taught at Texas Tech University for 15 years. During his tenure at Texas Tech, he taught in Brazil for a year and did research in Central America.

All of Heller's travels have one common bond: sociology. The Indiana native says one of his professors at Indiana Central College piqued his interest in a career in sociology.

"After 15 years at Tech, I decided it was time for a mid-life crisis," Heller

said. "And time for a change. I like teaching, but I thought I would like to try an administrative position, a chairman position."

One of the things Heller likes about MTSU is the emphasis on teaching. He believes the national move in higher education is toward research, and a lot of universities stress research more than teaching. "Research is important but it shouldn't be over emphasized," he says.

Heller is no stranger to research. His office is lined with posters and books from Central America that serve as evidence of some of his research. While at Texas Tech, he did research in Guatemala dealing with small irrigation systems.

"The research team needed a sociologist, and since I had taught in Brazil, I was the closest thing to what they needed. I wasn't what they needed, but the closest thing they had."

Heller was also part of a

research team that did a study of Hispanic verses Anglo mental health in El Paso. The results of the study are in the process of being published.

A memorable experience for Heller was teaching in Brazil. One of his friends was teaching there and asked him to teach for a year. "I had to teach in Portuguese, which is fine except for the fact that I couldn't speak the language, which made teaching very exciting and nerve-racking," he said.

Eventually he got to the point that he and his students were able to understand each other enough to have class. "Sometimes I would think I was speaking the language, but the students would assure me that I wasn't."

Heller feels home at MTSU. "I like the atmosphere in our department regarding faculty and students. I'd like to spend the rest of my working life here at MTSU."

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and nailed both to tie the contest.

Thirty seconds later, Rainey was sent to the line and put the Raiders up 97-95. After Harris missed the front end of a trip to the charity stripe, the Soviets attempted to take a time out. Unfortunately for them, they did not have one and were called for a two-shot technical.

Lightning nailed both to ice the win and then was

intentionally fouled on the inbound pass. He put the game out of reach 101-95 by hitting his fifth and sixth free throws in the final :27.

"All I was thinking of was to make the first one so I could shoot the second one," an ecstatic Rainey said of his last-second free throw heroics.

This 101-95 overtime win was bigger than the National Invitational Tournament wins over Southeast-

ern Conference opponents Tennessee and Georgia last year, Lightning said.

"It's a much bigger win," he said. "since they won the gold medal."

Rainey led the Raiders in scoring with 27. Khomichus also had 27 to tie for game high. Rainey led the game in assists with 5, rebounds with 11. Thunder and Lightning each had two blocked shots to lead the game.

When asked after the game what coaching magic he had when the Raiders were down by 11, Stewart replied: "I told Chris Rainey to shoot the ball."

"He needed to have the green light," Stewart said.

The Soviet coach took a different approach to his third loss in the 11 game U.S. Friendship Tour. He saw a team which was out-quickened. He also blamed the officiating.



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From left to right are Killy Bins, Christopher Talor, and Vincent Windrow, members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, collected over 400 canned goods for the hungry.

## IRS refunds can be refiled

### From Staff Reports

Nashville, TN--Refund claims filed by farmers who paid at least \$1000 in excise taxes on diesel fuel for non-highway use during the quarters ending June 30 and Sept. 30, 1988 were mistakenly disallowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

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any inconvenience, said farmers whose claims for \$1000 or more were rejected may refile the claims by returning the disallowance letter and explaining that IRS disallowed the claim in error.

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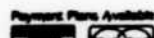
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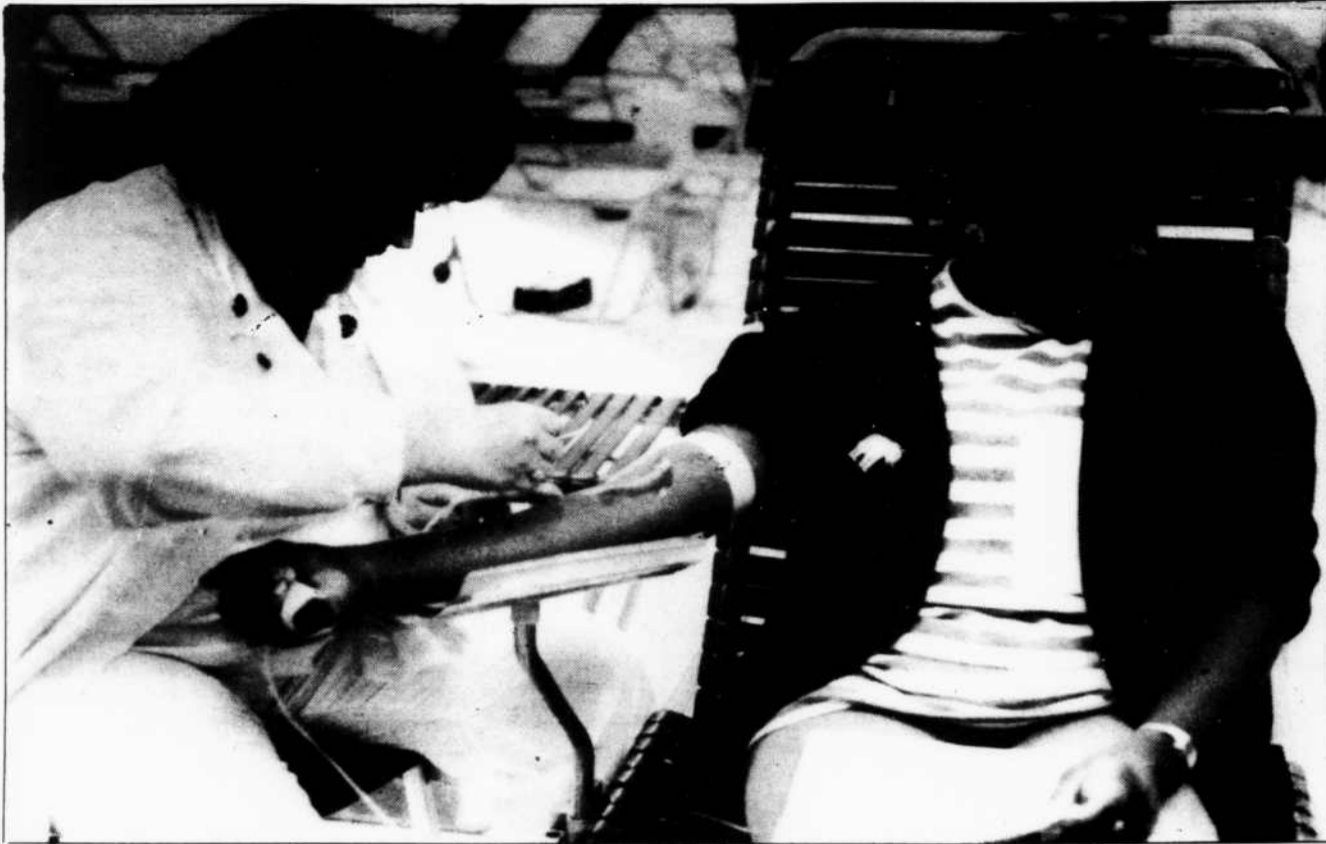
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Priscilla McKiddy from the Red Cross is about to stick it to senior Yvette McGowen during the ROTC blood drive.

## Sorority aids in child abuse prevention

By SEAN STEPHENSON  
News Editor

The Kappa Delta sorority sponsored a chili supper Wed. night to aid in the prevention of child abuse.

The Kappa Delta Sorority, as in years past, sponsored the chili supper to

raise money which will, in turn, go to National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Tina Williams, Kappa Delta's Philanthropy Chairman, hoped to raise \$1200

with approximately 400 persons in attendance.

ARA Food Services supplied the chili while the members and pledges supplied the drinks and de-

serts.

"We hope to have a big turnout this year because it means a lot to us, to all of us to be able to help the children," Williams said.

## Fraternity aids lady for Thanksgiving

By RODEY HENDERSON

Special to Sidelines

The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity participated in the National Food Drive, a program set up to help needy families enjoy Thanksgiving Day.

Phi Beta Sigma furnished the Thanksgiving meal for Lois Collier, a single parent with two boys, of Smyrna, Tenn.

Ms. Collier was very appreciative of the food she

received from the fraternity, stating that without the help from Phi Beta Sigma, she didn't know what she would have done for a Thanksgiving meal because she is unemployed and unable to purchase a big meal. "My kids will enjoy Thanksgiving Day after all."

"We know how important Thanksgiving is to families, so we want to make it as enjoyable as possible," stated Phi Beta Sigma treasurer Robert Pearson.

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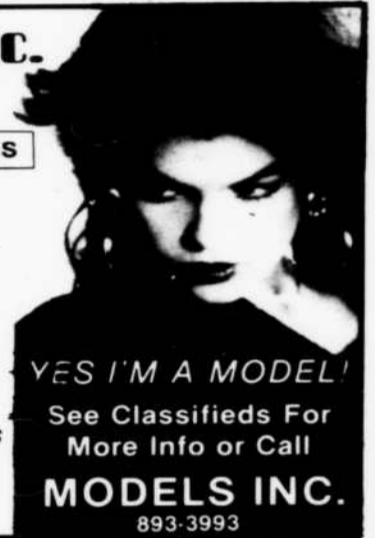
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# EDITORIAL

## A few Christmas suggestions to brighten up the holidays

By DAVID ROBINSON  
Staff Columnist

While shopping for friends and family this year, why not be a little selfish, and ask yourself, "What do I really want for Christmas?" I offer here a short list of great gifts you can give to yourself during Christmas break:

**The Gift of Silence:** After 16 weeks of words, words and more words, what a gift silence can be. One of my favorite Christmas times is late at night, sitting in the living room, in silence, with only the Christmas tree lights on, allowing myself time for reflection. We desperately need this time for silence. It might simply mean taking the time for naps, letting myself rest from the busyness of schedules and responsibilities. Some of you will think that this is wasted time, and that life is only worthwhile when you are doing something. But when we take time to be silent, we learn to listen, reflect and discover who we really are inside. One good way to spend time alone in silence is journaling. Take time this month, just a few minutes a day, to write down your feelings, hopes, struggles, dreams, goals and desires.

**The Gift of Solitude:** Christmas is a season of preparation. When we take time to be alone during December, we give ourselves the wonderful gift of space to prepare our hearts for this celebration. What a pity to rush through the upcoming weeks, hurrying here, shuffling there, stressed out about all the details of preparing for Christmas, only to show up on Christmas day exhausted and empty. Christmas is a great time to open our hearts up again to the God of Love. We easily overlook the heart of Christmas, which is a celebration of God coming to us personally in Jesus Christ. Those who refuse the gift of solitude become like the noisy, crowded Inn which had no room for Jesus. But when we take time to be alone, we make room in our hearts to receive anew the personal loving presence of God in Jesus Christ.

**The Gift of Simplicity:** How complex and expensive Christmas can be. What do you get for someone who has everything? How do you get gifts for all these people on a student's budget? What's a person to do? Practice the humble and creative art of simplicity. Write them a poem. Take them out for a nice dessert and tell them how much you appreciate them. Serve them breakfast in bed with a card saying "I love you." Make a homemade gift. What people really want is not things from shopping malls. What we really desire is quality time together with those we love. We want laughter and celebration. We want hugs, warmth and care. These things don't cost money, and reflect the simple gift God gave to us that first Christmas, the gift of love.

**The Gift of Giving:** Christianity at the heart is a relationship not a religion. What God desires most from us is a personal, intimate relationship. This kind of relationship is only possible when both partners are giving of themselves 100 percent. Christmas time is a season of giving. So why not give yourself away this year? What a rich gift you give yourself when you choose to spend creative personal time with God.

Nicklaus, the man from whom the Santa Claus legend originated, chose to express his personal love for God by giving treats and gifts to orphans and needy children in his village. Through such an agency as Compassion International (3955 Cragwood Dr. P.O. Box 7000, Colorado Springs, CO, 80933) you can carry on St. Nick's tradition by sponsoring (\$21 per month) a needy child in a third-world nation, with clothes, health care, education and food. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

If you want to experience the greatest Christmas ever, one filled with joy, fullness and love, then give yourself away to God, to your family, to friends and to people in need in the world around you.

## Minority campus organization needs additional participation

By JENNIFER FRANKLIN  
Guest Columnist

Participating in minority campus organizations helps prepare students for the realities of civil, political and social life that are encountered after graduating from college or, at least, so say the experts.

But if few participate, can the minority organization continue to be beneficial?

The United Student Association (USA) is a MTSU minority campus organization that offers travel, group recognition, an opportunity to promote ideas that have an impact on minority students and the campus in general, and a mentor/protege program to help incoming students who may need assistance in certain classes.

In spite of these advantages, however, there is still a lack of participation among black students.

When there is a dance or skit held by a black fraternity or sorority, there is barely enough standing room for the many students in attendance. At a USA meeting, however, there are many empty seats.

The USA accomplishes a great deal with the members it does have, but if more black students were interested in things that promote unity of the group as a whole, instead of parties which do nothing, the group could accomplish more.

With a thousand black students on campus, it seems that there should be more attendance at USA meetings.

According to Ted White, Director of Student and Minority Affairs, "the financial need" of some students hinders them from participation.

support their way through college, limiting them from participating in organizational affairs."

Indeed, no one can criticize a person for deeds done to help a worthy cause, and certainly a college education is a cause of worth. But where are the other students? Not everyone works.

To solve this problem, a two-fold approach is needed, one which includes additional advertising and a campus-wide awareness of the importance of black culture.

Each black student should know exactly when and where the USA meetings are held at least three days in advance. There should be a flyer in each minority student's mailbox and a big poster up in the KUC where everyone can see it.

By advertising, students will see that the USA is concerned about the attendance and be motivated to attend. As in most cases, if one friend is doing something, another will also want to participate.

The second step is to create an awareness of black culture. Black students should look at what black men and women have accomplished in the past, as well as the present, and use that knowledge as personal motivation to get involved and promote causes on campus.

The USA could help create this motivation by highlighting black individuals and their accomplishments on the flyers and posters they distribute.

Participating in a minority campus organization can be fun and exciting. But only through our efforts as black students can we make these organizations strong — thus ensuring that minority organizations continue to be of be-

## Only people can really fight AIDS

By Barbara L. Martin  
Guest Columnist

The AIDS epidemic is the greatest health problem facing our nation today. By 1991 experts are predicting that over 179,000 Americans will die from AIDS. Because young adults are the age group most at risk for AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, some of these 179,000 will be college students.

The answers to "What causes AIDS?" and "How do I get AIDS?" are quite simple. AIDS is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV); it is spread by 1) intimate sexual contact, 2) exposure to contaminated blood, and 3) from an infected mother to her child before or during birth and by breast milk after birth.

The message that needs repeating time and time again is that HIV infection can be prevented. Abstinence from sexual activity and drug use is the best way to avoid risk of infection. For those who choose to be sexually active, the correct and every time use of latex condoms and non-oxynol 9 contraceptive foam greatly reduces the risk. For those who choose to use drugs, needles and syringes must NEVER be shared.

Not everyone is at risk for AIDS, but everyone will be affected by it personally, socially, and/or economically before this century ends. Every one of us must take responsibility for assessing his/her risk for HIV infection, and then, quite deliberately, make the necessary commitments for changes in behavior needed to reduce or eliminate that risk.

To do anything else is to play Russian Roulette with our lives. Most of us would not consider Russian Roulette to be a viable option.

What was that message that must be repeated? **HIV INFECTION CAN BE PREVENTED.**

**YOU** assess the risk.

**YOU** make the choices.

**YOU** are the key to prevention.

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# Journalist goes mental in print

By **PORTER McCORMICK**  
Staff Columnist

[Disclaimer: The following column is a piece of longwinded dribble by an aspiring young journalist who has lost all enthusiasm in his job and all faith in his ability to do it. The writer is also fed up with all rules of proper journalism, and has every intent of breaking style rules in this column. All mass communications professors are advised to read the following column at their own risk. Any resemblance to characters living or dead is purely coincidental. It's just a joke.]

having been in the exciting, fast paced world of big time middle Tenn. journalism since mid-1986, I've been feeling more than a tiny bit bored with my profession lately.

I mean, you people out there watch "All The President's Men" and think, "My God, journalism is such a fun, fun job." But let me tell you, that is a crock of (deleted due to ethical codes which are beyond my grasp to comprehend.)

Hovering over my shoulder is our illustrious editor, who has this look of extreme disapproval on her face. For some reason, I don't think she likes my words of wisdom so far.

Elsewhere in the room there are about fifteen people of various sex and ethnic origin, none of whom appear to have any idea what in the (again deleted due to ethical codes) they are doing. And here I sit at my trusty Linotype Terminal 300 word processor trying to figure out what I'm going to fill the remaining twenty-two inches of this column with.

Something is definitely wrong with this picture.

Anyway, back at the ranch, Woodward, Bob and Bernstein, Leonard may have lucked across the story of the century, but for most of us unimportant hacks, journalism is a dull drag of a job.

I've spent the last 2 years of my life covering everything from Little League baseball games to LaVergne City Council meetings. And let me tell you not a 1 of them excited me one iota.

And worse than that, I've probably spent a good year

and 6 months of that time on the telephone or waiting for some half-baked peon of a city politician to call me back. But, of course, they're always in some kind of meeting, and they never get back to you in time to make your deadline and that can really make a person want to just scream and get some kind of high-powered automatic weapon and go on a rampage which might someday land them a spot in a Bruce Springsteen song.

And everyone wonders

why Hunter S. Thompson has been continually trashed for the last twenty some odd years.

Why? Because Doctor Thompson has the right idea. The only way to deal with this stupid job is to go about it with a nice healthy buzz. Go to any major town. Find the newspaper office, and what will you find within a block's proximity of it — a bar. Look for any journalist who has been in the business for a while on their day off, and what state will they be in when you

find them — drunk. Water and blood may not mix — but journalism and alcohol sure do.

The only fun part about this job is that occasionally you can play around with the fonts in your type and you get this god-like feeling of power. Or maybe not.

But the worst part about this job is having to deal with irate readers, which I'm sure will line up to demand my crucifixion after this article comes out.

There is nothing worse in

this entire world than trying to talk to some overweight woman in curlers who is angry because her son Jim Bob, who hit a sixth inning double long after the outcome of the game had been decided, wasn't mentioned in the stupid Little League round-up. Almost as bad is listening to some pimple faced freshman who hasn't even heard of the word puberty yet rant about how editing their "Letter to the Editor" would be censorship, although the letters policy of the paper clearly

states that the paper reserves the right to edit letters for clarity, brevity, grammar or whatever we so please. Another distressing occurrence is having someone write a letter saying that an editorial column is too opinionated, although that's what a column is — **THE WRITER'S OPINION.** And then there's always the threat of a lawsuit, although we are the **PRESS** and we can do anything we want according to the First Amendment and most Supreme Court rulings.



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# Raiders repel Soviet invasion

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
Staff Columnist

Thunder and Lightning struck the Soviet National Basketball team Tuesday and thwarted their efforts to invade the "Glass House."

Kerry "Thunder" Hammonds, Randy Henry and Chris "Lightning" Rainey led the Blue Raider attack. Hammonds and Henry led the MTSU infantry inside as they combined for over 40 of the Raider's 101 points. Rainey provided the artillery support as he connected for five three-pointers and 27 total points.

Freshmen Mike Buck and Malandruck Webb provided great relief from the bench as the Soviets couldn't seem to handle their tenacious defense. Gerald Harris took up where he left off last year as his, and Rainey's, quickness at the point dumbfounded the Soviets — whom the coach admitted were slower than a Sherman tank slogging through the mud in France.

Coach Bruce Stewart was just absolutely phenomenal in coaching the overtime upset.

In addition, the "crowd" of about 4,250 which packed the 12,000 seat Murphy Center cheered with passion and friendliness. Spectators, on the whole, were nice to the Soviets and even gave the visitors a hand on good plays.

Some in the crowd even began chanting "U.S.A., U.S.A." but it didn't catch on.

The crowd showed extreme class, maybe even a little *Glasnost*, in this contest which could have escalated into total nastiness.

Everyone who attended the game deserves a rowdy round of applause.

However, those in charge of promoting this game deserve to be razed.

While only 4,250 attended this exhibition contest, the MTSU community should not be blamed. Promoters charged way too much for tickets, Vanderbilt charged \$5 and Tennessee also charged much less than the \$10 per whack for reserved seats or \$6 for general admission. While students received a small discount, it was mere pittance.

Several people mentioned they would have gone but could not afford too. A sell out could have been achieved if a reasonable price would have been charged instead of this highway robbery committed.

They did not give students a big enough break — we get in free in any other game except National Invitational Tournaments. Season ticket holders got first pick of tickets.

The promoters alienated the biggest supporters of the athletic program. The people who attend the games come hell or high water. They alienate the students — the reason

Middle Tennessee State University exists.

Enough lambasting. The MTSU 101-95 upset of the Soviets in overtime was more than merely awesome. It was a religious experience.

This victory meant more than just beating the Soviets.

The Blue Raiders proved they could hang tough and defeat anybody. North Carolina, North Carolina State, Ohio State, Vanderbilt, Kansas, and three other teams fell to the Soviets when everyone was healthy.

Only Tennessee and UNLV, both top twenty teams, defeated the Soviets. However, both losses by the gold medal winning Soviets came when Arvidas Sabonis was out with a leg injury.

No one can convince me that the Soviets can play well with a 7-2 center out. How would the New York Knicks play without Ewing.

The Soviet coach admitted that his team loses rebounds when Sabonis is not playing.

This victory, and the NIT victories by the Raiders over Tennessee and Georgia and the Murray State upset of N.C. State in the first round of the NCAA tourney last year proves the Ohio Valley Conference is not a push over.

Those big time teams can't take the Raiders lightly anymore. MTSU has arrived.

Previously, everyone in Middle Tennessee who knew anything about the Blue Raiders felt in their hearts and minds that they could defeat anyone at anytime.

By kicking a little Soviet butt, they just let everyone in the country know anyone traveling to Murfreesboro, Tennessee better think twice.

## Letters to the Editor

### Theatre coverage infrequent, poor

To the Editor:

For some time I have been troubled that your paper does not bother to announce MTSU theatre and music events in a timely manner. I now believe that I have discovered the reason for this. If no one on your staff can write a better review than the one that was published on "Crimes of the Heart," then it is obvious that none of your writers are artistically literate and that you don't care about the cultural aspirations of MTSU students. That was *not* a review, nor was it an adequate report. What do sentences like "... the play came together very well..."; "...I believe almost everyone in the theatre enjoyed the play"; and "...the actresses did an excellent job" tell anyone? All I know about the play is that it was sold out and that two doors on the set didn't close properly.

As a person that has spent several years performing in and observing the theatre (no, I am not a theatre major) you have insulted my intelligence. "It made me laugh, it made me cry" — not the play, the review.

Sincerely,  
Susan S. Roe

### 'Hidden' labs unfair

To the Editor:

I have a point to make about a well known but non-discussed issue. Many classes here at MTSU require you to attend a lab. I have no problem with labs, as long as I know about the lab requirement ahead of time. No one likes registering for a class and, upon attending the class for the first time, suddenly finding out from the professor that there is a lab required. Many times this has happened to an unsuspecting student. I feel it is unfair to the students that they have no prior notification of "hidden" labs.

I'm not saying "hidden" labs are not useful; most of them are. All I'm saying is students should be aware of the lab before registering for the class. For example, I took a Foreign Language class this semester, and at the first class meeting, the professor told us of the lab. I did not recall any mentioning in the catalog of a lab in the course description. Every problem has a solution. Here's my solution: I don't think it would be too much of a hassle to print "lab required" at the end of a course description in the catalog. Nor would it be troublesome to print, simply, "Lab" in the schedule book and just leave out the time and the day, since many of the classes don't have a set time and day for the lab.

On that last note, why not set a certain time and day for the lab. This would be very helpful to those students who have jobs or commute. Planning their job schedules would be much easier, and those commuters wouldn't have to worry about finding time to do the lab.

I have approached a number of students on this subject and all of them agree.

But, we forget this is MTSU — where simple solutions are often ignored and more complicated ones are found.

David Shepherd  
Box 9944

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Letters to the editor are encouraged and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest and space.

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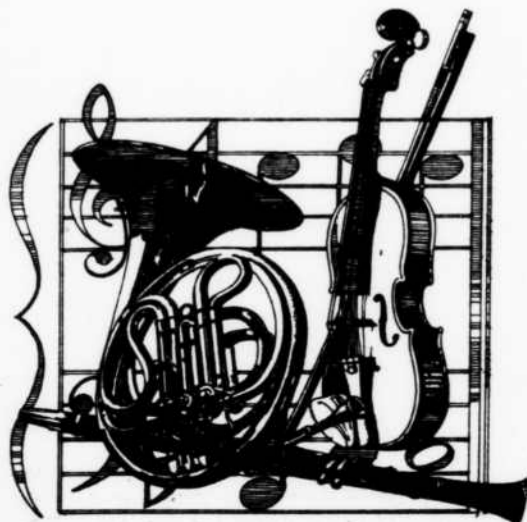
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## SPORTS

## MTSU stuns Russian team 101-95

By M.A. BROWN  
Special to Sidelines

The final game the Soviet national basketball team played in the United States was as one which definitely left a bad taste in their mouths.

Following MTSU's stunning 101-95 overtime victory Tuesday night over the team which won the gold in the Seoul Olympics, the Soviets appeared disgusted and ready to go home.

Although his team finished their U.S. tour with an 8-3 record, Soviet head coach Yuri Selikhov was displeased with the losses, especially the last one.

"We lost three games while we were here. We lost two because we played badly and because of the officials. Tonight was only because of the officials," he said.

Selikhov was especially irritated by the fact that all games were officiated by American referees. He complained that this was because of an agreement between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. following a past time between the countries.

"Years ago we brought Soviet officials. In one game our officials gave the U.S.

team five fouls in the last 40 seconds. The U.S. team was ahead by six at the time. The Soviets won," he said with a smile.

"Next time your country and our sports commission agreed that if we played in the U.S. we would use American officials, and if we played in the Soviet Union, we would use Soviets."

The coach added that his team would not play again in this country unless they could bring their own officials.

"The next time we accept an invitation we will bring our officials," he said.

Fatigue also had a hand in the loss, according to the coach.

"This was our last game, and my boys were tired," he said. "[Sharunas] Marchulenis and [Sergei] Tarakanov were exhausted and couldn't play."

Marchulenis only played six minutes, while Tarakanov played only seven.

Forward Valdemaras Khomichus, who fouled out late in the overtime period, agreed that the referees played a major part in MTSU's victory.

"The referees were not good. We had three players with five fouls. Why? That is a good question," he said.

Along with Khomichus, three point ace Rimas Kurtinaitis and 7-2, 264 pound center Arvidas Sabonis exited the contest early due to fouls.

Khomichus also said that

the Soviets' 11 game U.S. collegiate swing had taken quite a bit out of him and his teammates.

"We played almost every day. At one point we played five games in five days," he said.

However, Khomichus' affection for the United

States was not dampened by the evening.

"I think very well of the United States," he said. "This country is the best for everything, and basketball is first. Everyone here likes basketball. I like the way people cheer for their teams."

As for Selikhov, he said he was looking forward to going home.

"We are going home Dec. 1. We are tired and looking forward to going back to the Soviet Union," he said.

"To rest, home is the best."



Frank Conley/Special to Sidelines

Owwwww...

Soviet reserve center Seghei Tarakanov grimaces in apparent pain as he tries to drive past MTSU's Mike Buck (left) and Gerald Harris (right). Tarakanov was forced to pick-up the Soviet's inside game after 7-2, 264 pound center Arvidas Sabonis got into foul trouble early in the game and eventually fouled out.

## Stewart: 'We played with heart'

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
Staff Writer

Chris "Lightning" Rainey came through in the clutch, but the dedication and never-say-die attitude of the whole MTSU team resulted in the Blue Raiders upset over the Soviet National team Tuesday, the players and coach said.

"We played with heart and determination," coach Bruce Stewart said. "We discussed last night what areas we needed to improve and they came out and did it tonight."

Despite trailing 81-70 late in the game after a 15-0 spurt by the Soviets, senior guard Chris "Lightning" Rainey said the team did not give up.

"We just kept pushing," Rainey said. "We didn't get down when we were down by 11. We came back and played with guts, heart and determination."

While Stewart said just winning is good, the players said this was the biggest game of their careers.

"This was one of the greatest victories we've had — if not the greatest," said senior Randy Henry, who was a key factor in the Blue Raider's National Invitational Tournament upsets of Tennessee and Georgia this spring.

"We just knew that if we all came together and sucked it up at the end we could make our run or it was over," Henry said.

Rainey hit a lay up in the final :16 to send the contest into overtime and then hit six free throws in the final :27 to give the Raiders a 101-95 upset.

Freshman Mike Buck, Malandruck Webb and Quincy Vance weren't intimidated by the Soviets nor the upperclassmen who played tonight.

"This was the team's big chance to show what we could do," freshman Mike Buck said. "We felt challenged to see what kind of men we were."

Rainey agreed the team got to show what they were really made of.

"Right now this is the biggest win that I've been involved in," said Rainey, who played well in the Tennessee and Georgia games.

"It was the roughest game I've been involved in, but it might not be the roughest I'll ever play. We had to play under a lot of pressure and the team did what we had to," Rainey said.

"We didn't want to look bad. We wanted to show people that we could contend with anybody."

However, the team realizes this does not count come March when the post

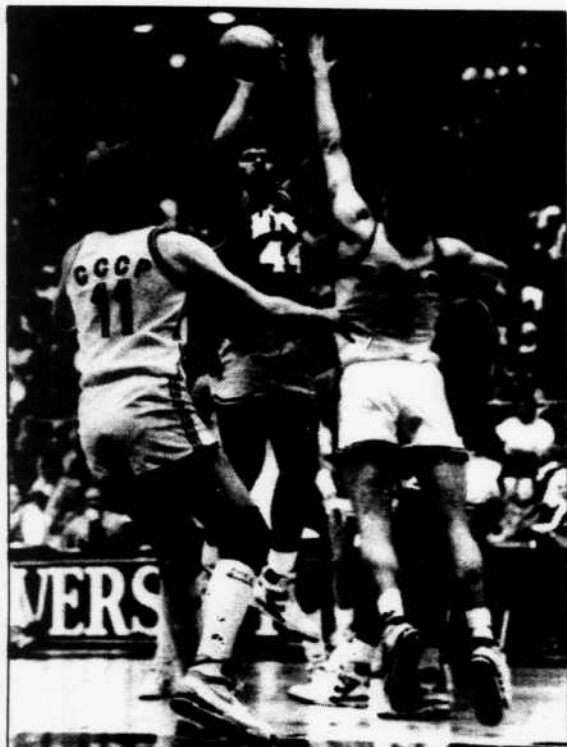
season play begins.

"This was still just an exhibition game," Buck said. "It feels fantastic to win, but this weekend is what we've been working for — the regular season."

Stewart said he would let his charges relish the victory for awhile — but they need to remember they have a regular season schedule to play.

"A lot of Ohio Valley Conference players get looked over when they hand out awards, but they can remember this game for the rest of their lives," a proud Stewart said.

"I'll let them enjoy the win tonight and we will work on coming down tomorrow," Stewart said. "As good as this win is, we have to keep playing well if we want to keep playing in March."



## Two for the blue...

Blue Raider forward Kerry Hammonds shoots a jumper over Soviet center Arvidas Sabonis (left) and forward Aleksandr Volkov (right). Hammonds scored 21 points in MTSU's 101-95 victory over the Soviet National team Tuesday night.

# Lady Raiders victorious in first outing

By Tony Stinnett  
Special to Sidelines

MTSU's Lady Raiders overcame a five-point deficit early in the second half and a poor first-half shooting performance Tuesday night in winning its season opener against UT-Chattanooga by a 78-67 count.

Wins at Chattanooga had been hard to come by over the past few years, as MTSU had lost three games to the Lady Moccasins of Chattanooga, but Tuesday night was a different story, thanks to senior center Tawanya Mucker.

Mucker poured in a game-high 27 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to pace the Lady Raiders and send the Lady Moccasins to their second defeat in three outings.

"I thought I played terrible," Mucker said. "I had no idea I scored that many points, I really thought I played a terrible game."

"I want to be more aggressive on the boards. I was disappointed with myself on the boards tonight. I have a lot of confidence

in this team. After tonight, I really feel confident in this team and the things we can do."

UTC knew it had to stop Mucker in order to have a shot at winning the game, and the Lady Mocs made a valiant effort, double-teaming her every time she touched the ball, but even two people weren't enough to stop Mucker.

"I think she is a great player," UTC head coach Craig Parrott said. "She makes MTSU a very good basketball team. I think it is really tough to have a really good inside player with all the perimeter players Middle has. We tried our best to stop her and she killed us."

Lady Raider coach Lewis Bivens had proclaimed his 6-foot center one of the top 10 women's players in America during the pre-season and she didn't do anything to change his mind in the season opener.

"She is one of the best; she is double-teamed all night long and she still gets the job done," Bivens said.

"She has a soft touch, she does the whole bit. She is a complete basketball player."

Mucker was the only Lady Raider to compile impressive first-half statistics as the rest of the team had its share of problems finding the hoop on opening night.

Mucker scored 15 first-half points, hitting on seven-of-13 field goal attempts to keep the Lady Raiders within one at intermission, 32-31. Overall, MTSU shot a horrid 36 percent from the field in the first-half, connecting on 13-of-36 attempts from the floor.

However, the Lady Raiders turned it around in the second half, shooting 55 percent, while the Lady Mocs went stone cold and shot only 24 percent.

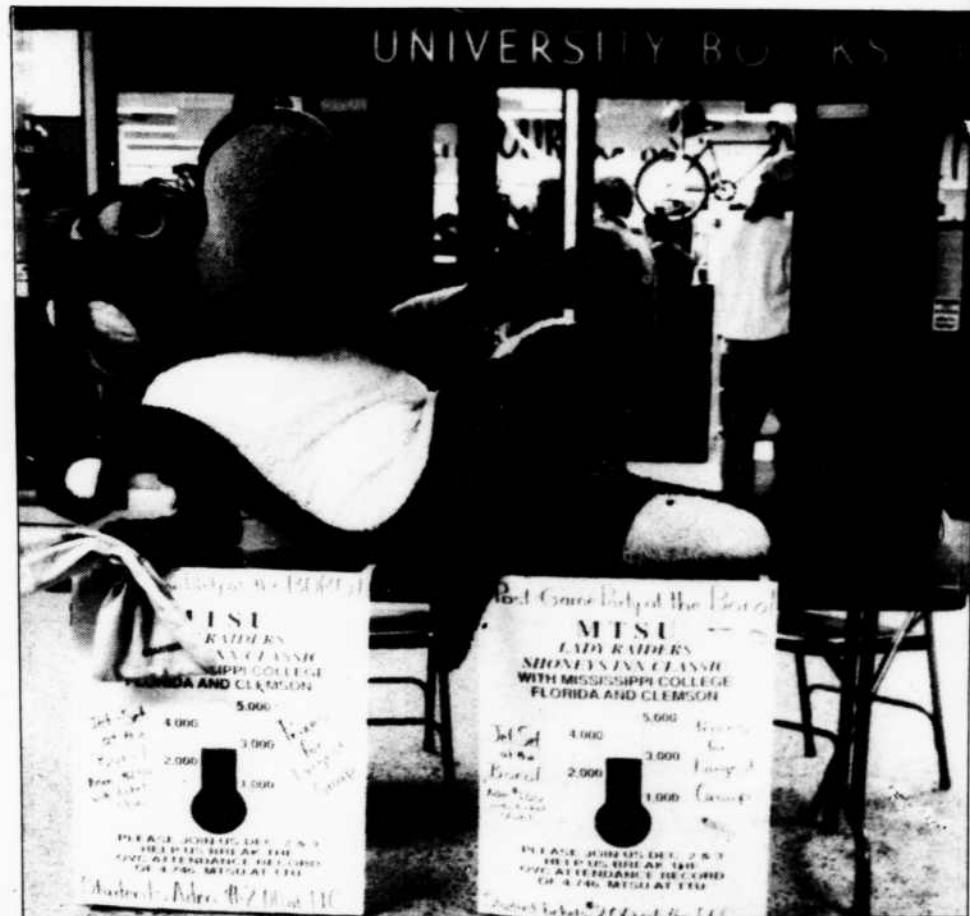
"We had the outside shot all night. We just didn't make it," Bivens said. "When you have great shooters, they are going to eventually make it, and they did. We just hung in there. We bend but we never

break." Sharpshooter Sandy Brown, MTSU's 3-point master, hit one-of seven tries in the first half; however, it was her hot hand

which turned the tide late in the game.

"I just told Sandy to keep shooting the ball. I knew she would hit it eventually, and she did," Bivens said.

"Sandy was second in the nation in 3-point shooting last year, and a few misses aren't going to stop us from letting her take the shot."



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Hold that pose...

Ole Blue poses for the camera while perched atop a table in the KUC to promote record attendance for the Shoney's Inn Classic basketball game.



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# Women's attendance record sought



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Lady Raider Head Coach Lewis Bivens, Athletic Liaison Amy Jackson and Lady Raider Graduate Assistant Coach Janet Ross show off the 'Most Spirited' trophy. The trophy will be given away Saturday during the final rounds of the Shoney's Inn Classic. Judging for the contest will begin tonight in the first round and go throughout tomorrow's finals.

was set at Tennessee Tech on Jan. 6, 1986, against the Lady Raiders. The total currently stands at 4,746.

Nevertheless, Head Coach Lewis Bivens has claimed he will camp out on top of Murphy Center next weekend — if the Lady Raider fans will just break the two-year old record.

MTSU Athletic Director John Stanford has agreed to join Bivens on top of the "Big Tent" if the record should fall into the hands of Lady Raider followers and fans.

On Saturday, the Lady Raiders will hopefully be playing in the finals of the tournament.

MTSU will play their home-opener tonight against Mississippi College at 8 p.m., while in the 6 p.m. game puts powerhouses Clemson against Florida.

The Associated Student Body will give away a 3-foot trophy to the group which is the 'Most Spirited.'

Requirements include banners, enthusiasm, signs and loud noise in order to gain attention or qualify as

the 'Most Spirited.'

Judging for this contest will be conducted by someone in the Athletic Department. Greeks, campus organizations, dorms or any kind of group are capable of winning the spirited contest.

Tickets for the Classic are \$4 per person, \$2 for students. One ticket will be good for both nights.

The group that buys the most tickets will win a keg of their favorite beverage at The 'Boro.

The 'Boro will also be hosting a post-game party with the band Jet Set in conjunction with the tournament on Saturday night.

Students showing ticket stubs from the game will receive \$2 off admission at the 'Boro on Saturday.

Tickets for the tourney are available in the University Center, Room 308 and will be sold the day.

Tickets can also be purchased at the ticket booth outside of Murphy Center.

For further information on the game and the tickets call 898-2450.

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY  
Sports Editor

With one win under their belt, the MTSU Lady Raiders have wasted no time in

attempting to break an OVC record.

The team is attempting to break the OVC attendance record while hosting their first Shoney's Inn

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The attendance record

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# LIFESTYLES

## Holiday films invade theaters

Just as fall changes to winter and the smell of the holiday season is first sensed, so comes the invasion of the annual holiday movies.

Each year, we, the consumers, are bombarded with an overflow of such films.

Some are in the holiday fare, some are not. Whatever the subject matter, however, all of these movies are out to get you and your dollar.

Many movies try their luck at this, the biggest season of the year and one of the most profitable for the movie industry.

Here are a few movies offered this Christmas season.

### 'Scrooged' shows Murray at his best

By GARY BUCHANAN  
Lifestyles Editor

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* has been immortalized many times on stage and screen since this timeless classic was written.

Yes, the story of Scrooge

and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future is told and performed many times during each Christmas season.

So you think that *another* telling of the tale would be old and boring, right?

Wrong.

This Christmas season brings *Scrooged*, a Richard Donner directed film starring Bill Murray. And believe me, this is no holiday turkey.

*Scrooged* is a very modern-day version of the classic tale, which stars Murray as television network president Frank Cross. Cross serves as head of the IBC network in which he only cares about two things — money and ratings.

For a Christmas present, Cross gives his family and friends ugly towels, makes his secretary work on Christmas and wants to staple antlers to mice to make tiny reindeer. I mean, this guy makes the skinflint Scrooge look almost nice.

Cross and his network are producing a live televis-

ion special entitled, oddly enough, "A Christmas Carol." Cross is using all the glitz and glamour he can in the special, hoping to make people "scared not to watch it."

The cast assembled for the television special is hardly anything that fits the bill for *A Christmas Carol*. All in the pursuit of ratings, Cross signed such stars as Buddy Hackett, Mary Lou Retton, and even the Solid Gold Dancers to bring this classic to the small screen.

When a staff member objects to the promotion of the special, Cross promptly fires him — on Christmas Eve. This staff member, which resembles Bob Cratchett, is played by comedian and star of several *Police Academy* movies, Bobcat Goldwaith.

That evening, while at his office, Cross is visited by the corpse of the man who taught him the true meaning of ruthlessness, his dead former boss, played by John Forsythe.

He tells Cross to change his ways quickly, and not to

waste his life as he did by being cruel and heartless. He also said that Cross would be visited by a ghost the next day at noon.

Cross, dismissing this occurrence as a dream, goes on about his day until he is visited up by "The Ghost of Christmas Past," a New York taxi driver, played by David Johanson.

Johanson takes Cross on a journey through his life, beginning with his childhood. He sees the type of Christmas he had when he was a child, as his father gave him a pack of veal as his Christmas present. The audience sees at this point where Cross' ruthlessness originated from.

From there, Johanson takes Cross to his early days at IBC, where he sees his early days of greed and power for this workaholic. He also meets his love interest, Claire, played by Karen Allen. Through her, Cross found the true meaning of giving, something

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### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The last of the semester's Honors Lecture Series will take place Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall 107. Wednesday's topic will be "Big Brother Does Care: Keeping the Quality High in Health Care." The lecture is free and open to the public.

## TPAC presenting England, Hal Holbrook in December



Hal Holbrook stars in "Mark Twain Tonight!" which plays at TPAC on Dec. 10 in Jackson Hall.

#### From Staff Reports

December 10 will be both a busy and entertaining day at Nashville's Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC).

On that day, two different presentations will be shown in two of the theatres at the center.

The Polk Theatre will play host to the second in a series of films at TPAC, this one entitled *Britain: Victoria's Legacy*.

The movie takes the viewers through England, and see how it has changed since the Victorian Age. Many of the castles and architecture of that time still remain, and are examined in the film.

Photojournalist Lynn Brekamp, the film's producer, will be on hand to narrate the film.

Tickets for the film jour-

ney are \$6, and showtimes are at 2:30 and 8 p.m.

On the same day, the center's Jackson Hall is hosting veteran actor Hal Holbrook in his one-man show, *Mark Twain Tonight!*

Holbrook brings his Tony

award-winning show to Nashville for the 8 p.m. show.

Holbrook goes through about four hours of make-up work before being transformed into the legendary storyteller for his show, which is made up entirely

from improvisation.

His walk, talk, and mannerisms are exactly that of the author.

Tickets for both shows are available at all Ticketmaster locations or may be charged by calling 741-2787.



London is just one of the places on tap in TPAC's Dec. 10 showing of "Britain: Victoria's Legacy." Showtimes are at 2:30 and 8 p.m. in the Polk Theater.

# New 'Ernest' film very 'surprising'

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD  
Staff Writer

I was fairly surprised. When I was dragged into the movie theatre to see *Ernest Saves Christmas*, I expected a full two hours of Purity Dairy commercials rolled into a full-length film.

I saw last year's summer offering on cable television, *Ernest Goes To Camp*, and although I chuckled a bit, I didn't enjoy it very much.

That is the same feeling I expected I would have when I walked out of *Ernest Saves Christmas*.

The movie has several hometown ties in it, as it was directed by Nashvillian John Cherry, of Carden and Cherry advertising, (the brain behind the "Ernest" ads) and partially filmed in Nashville as well.

Jim Varney returns as the nutty Ernest P. Worrell, who at the beginning of the movie is enlisted by the one and only Santa Claus to help him find a replacement for him. It seems that Santa is getting too old to slide down any more chimneys.

A taxi-cab driver in Orlando, Florida (where much of the movie was filmed) Worrell tries to help Old Saint Nick find a replacement for him so Christmas can be saved.

As many Christmas movies have it, everyone is saved in the end thanks to the help of the one and only Ernest P. Worrell. But not before Ernest takes the audience on many zany adventures in a search for the Santa successor.

As expected, there is much of the "same old Ernest humor" in *Ernest Saves Christmas*, but it is really not that bad. As with the first movie, there are the corny puns and physical humor involved, but it makes the movie, in a sense, fun.

In seeing this movie, you have to know what to expect. Don't enter the movie house thinking that this is going to be a bit of great acting — because it isn't. But if you're in the mood for some cheap, mindless fun, this movie is for you.

## Movie from page 12.

which he lost when the power and money began to roll in.

He is then visited by "The Ghost of Christmas Present," a sadistic sugarplum fairy played by Carol Kane. She attempts to show Cross the evils of his present-day ways by punching, kicking, poking and leveling him with a toaster before throwing him in the sewer.

Nice girl, huh?

Through this violence, however, the fairy gets her point across to Cross, who begins to see what kind of man he really is. At the same time, he is getting romantically involved again with Claire, whom he hadn't spoken to in 15 years.

As the story of *A Christmas Carol* goes, Cross is visited by "The Ghost of Christmas Present," and you can probably guess what happens from there.

I won't spoil it for you however by telling you what happens, because the story takes a surprise turn at the end to better complete the story.

The final scenes are also pretty intense, which makes Cross truly think about what he wants in life.

Simply said, this movie is a holiday gem.

Now I've heard Rex Reed and Roger Ebert slam this movie for being a bomb, but I totally disagree. It is funny, it is sad, and it tells the classic Dickens' story wonderfully.

Director Richard Donner had a fine cast to work with for the film, which is one reason for its appeal. Murray, an ex-*Saturday Night Live* star, and star of such comedies as *Ghostbusters*, *Stripes*, and *Caddyshack*, shows his true comedic talent playing the Scrooge-like Cross. This is one his best.

Bobcat Goldwaith, known primarily for his unique speech pattern, plays the downtrodden character that finally gets his revenge. Although his part is not huge, (he appears only a few times in the movie) he makes the most of what he has to work with.

A wonderful supporting cast appears also, led by Karen Allen and David Johanson. Johanson is particularly good playing the taxi driver/ghost. The ex-New York Doll/Buster Poindexter is just as disgusting as he can be as the man who shows Cross the evils of his past.

Several stars make cameo appearances in the film, including Lee Majors, John Houseman and Anne (Throw Momma from the Train) Ramsey in their last performances before their deaths this year.

*Scrooged* has it all — comedy, tragedy, drama, and a moral that makes you think about the true Christmas spirit.

So don't be a real Scrooge, do yourself a favor and dish out \$4.50 to see this movie — you won't be sorry.





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1. How many partners have you had *per month* in the last year?  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 or more  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4-10  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ 0-3

2. How many partners *per month* in the year previous?  
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3. The kinds of sexual contacts I have are:  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ one time anonymous "tricks", groups, or prostitutes  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ multiple times with the same partner(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ exclusive to my lover or spouse

4. I have sexual encounters or contacts most frequently:  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ in baths, bookstores, parks, "massage parlors," spas  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ in bars, autos, parties  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ in my or my partner's home

5. The frequency I use drugs to enhance my sexual encounters:  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ frequently  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ occasionally  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ rarely/never

Circle drugs used: poppers (amyl or butyl nitrites), alcohol, marijuana, hallucinogens (LSD, mushrooms), PCP, amphetamines, barbiturates, Quaaludes or \_\_\_\_\_ others.

6. The frequency I *inject* myself with any of the above drugs is:  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ often  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ occasionally  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ never

7. I have sexual encounters most frequently in:  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ New York, LA, San Francisco, Miami, Washington DC, Houston, Newark NJ, Atlanta  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ other large urban areas (Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, etc.)  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ small cities, towns, rural areas

8. Those kinds of sexual activities I practice most frequently are:  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ unprotected vaginal (without condoms and spermicides) or anal intercourse, oral-anal contact (rimming), direct fecal contact (scat), or manual-anal contact (fisting)  
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1 \_\_\_\_\_ masturbation, body rubbing, kissing

Add up the numbers from each question and see the key below to determine your level of risk.

**17 or more:** You are at high risk for developing STDs (sexually transmitted diseases), including AIDS, and for possibly developing dependence on psychoactive substances. You should visit your health care provider every one to three months for a medical assessment and consider counseling for drug use.  
**12 to 16 points:** You are at medium risk for developing problems and are encouraged to see your provider every three to six months.  
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**Dec. 1 was WORLD AIDS DAY. MTSU Health Services encourages you to be informed about this life-threatening disease. Your choices regarding behavior will be the determining factors in the prevention and control of the spread of AIDS. For more information about AIDS or other sexually-transmitted diseases, call Health Services at 2988.**

## Captain 6-Pack, Chris and Dee Dee rate their top-ten

By Captain 6-Pack, Chris Smith, and Deirdre Davis

The following is a top-ten listing of albums for 1988 by our three esoteric critics at *Sidelines*. They are the opinion of the authors, and reflect a wide range of tastes. Thank you for your support.

1. "Nothing Shocking" — Jane's Addiction
2. "Appetite for Destruction" — Guns-N-Roses
3. "Life's Too Good" — The Sugarcubes
4. "Beelzebubba" — The Dead Milkmen
5. "Fisherman's Blues" — The Waterboys
6. "Vivid" — Living Color
7. "Talk is Cheap" — Keith Richards
8. "Vivisect 6" — Skinny Puppy
9. "Substance" — New Order
10. "N.W.A." — N.W.A.



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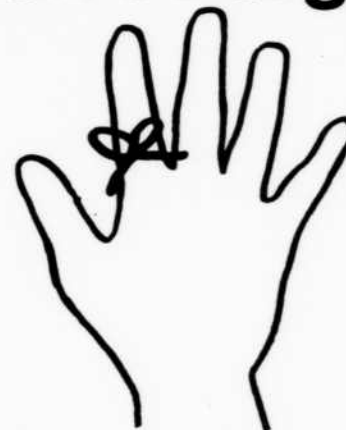
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# Marsalis shows diversity

By JAKE MALL  
Staff Writer

My first recollection of hearing Branford Marsalis was on the old "V.S.O.P. Reunion Tour."

I initially went to hear a young trumpet player in the group from New Orleans named Wynton Marsalis that had taken the legendary Miles Davis' spot in the band. He was being heralded as the next big name in trumpet playing.

I was more impressed, however, by the other newcomer in the group and brother of the trumpet player, Branford Marsalis.

Ever since a good friend of mine literally bumped into Branford Marsalis while coming out of a practice room at Berkeley College of Music in Boston, I've been impressed with him and his playing abilities. His talents are impeccable, but that could be

an entirely different story altogether.

I've always admired Branford Marsalis for stepping so far away from his brother's shadow, especially with his ventures with the former "Police" frontman Sting. I thought that those performances were some of the best soulful, soprano saxophone playing of that year.

Marsalis also played on the Miles Davis album *Decoy* and toured briefly before coming back with Kenny Kirkland (a monster piano player) to find that his brother Wynton had conveniently replaced both of them in the group.

Ultimately, Wynton, not wanting to wait around for the two bandmembers, moved on to his next project.

Branford moved on as well.

This proved to be one of

the turning points in Branford Marsalis' career. Now that he was widely recognized through his touring with Sting and his fusion with Miles Davis, his album sales took off.



Now, Branford Marsalis is releasing a new album. This will be a true test of his talent as a solo artist.

After being rather disappointed with his last album, *Rennassiance*, his newest offering, *Random Abstract*, offers the jazz listener what he wants to hear.

The album was produced by one of Branford's brothers, Delfeayo Marsalis. Delfeayo also wrote the jive-like liner notes on the album. He seems to believe that "Branford steps

knowledgeably and accurately" into the styles of Wayne Shorter, John Coltrane, Ornette Coleman, and his father Ellis Marsalis.

This is true, but Branford

ent will be displayed on every cut of the album. The band works through the tunes so incredibly well that it leaves the jazz listener wanting more, even though some of the album cuts are quite long. This is a technical album in the sense of its musical content. But that's a given with this bunch. The title of the album, *Random Abstract*, exemplifies more of the trend in Marsalis' career than it does the contents of the album.

Marsalis is far too talented to be mistaken for any one of these artists. He teases and plays with styles like a painter uses his colors to blend together a work. He has his own flare and style... He always has. What *Random Abstract* shows is the diversity that Branford Marsalis has in his playing ability. With his good friend Kenny Kirkland on piano, Delbert Felix on bass, and Lewis Nash on drums, there is no doubting that virtuoso tal-

I hope that Branford does not get caught up in his brother Wynton's pitfall of being too much of a perfectionist and too little of an improviser. Just like there is more to a trumpet player's life than the "higher is better" stage, there's more to a jazz improviser's life than just playing a solo in every key.

Creativity is the main word, and it is what has kept Branford Marsalis ahead in his career, which is certainly shown on his new album, *Random Abstract*.

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From Staff Reports

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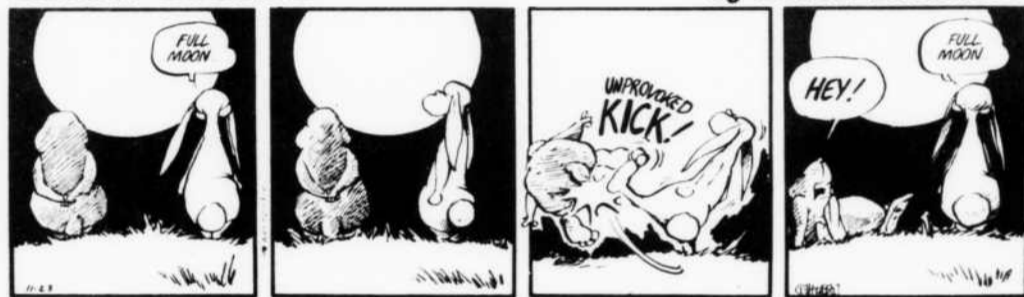
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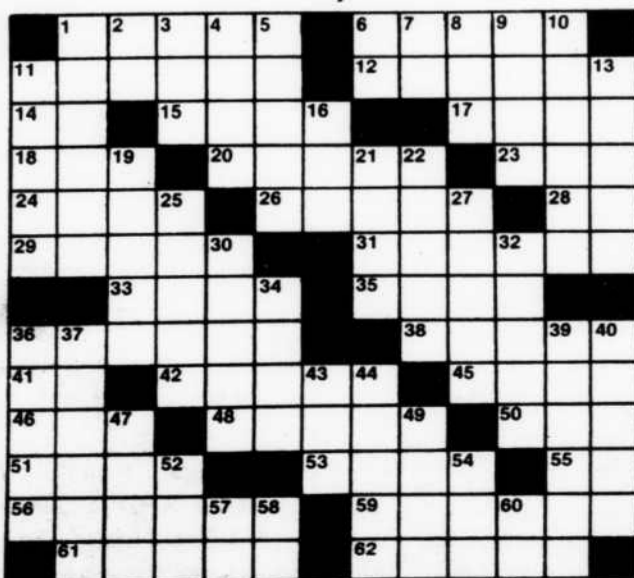


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12. Vow
14. Impersonal pronoun
15. Donated
17. Unknowns (abbr.)
18. Bill
20. Means of accomplishment
23. Having the quality of (suf.)
24. Solo vocal piece
26. Resist; defy
28. Argon symbol (abbr.)
29. Fish hook leader
31. To an excessive degree
33. Variant of scion
35. Upper part of glacier
36. Edam
38. Fr. Painter Fernand
41. Male pronoun
42. Transmits sensory stimuli
45. Rattling throat sound
46. Dine
48. Horses
50. Rent
51. Same
53. Mexican food
55. Southern state (abbr.)
56. Races
59. Outdoors person
61. Desires
62. Coach

### DOWN

1. Planet
2. Near
3. Drag; haul
4. Speak
5. No
6. Public announcement (abbr.)
7. Football position (abbr.)
8. Extravehicular activity (abbr.)
9. No one
10. Lacking tonal center
11. King of golden touch
13. Passage or opening
16. Christmas
19. My sister's daughter
21. Black
22. Take pleasure in
25. Strange
27. Machine pivoted on fulcrum
30. Not a winner
32. Royal
34. Roman emperor
36. Shout of approval
37. Firmament
39. Number
40. Repave
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