

Sexual harassment policy unclear

SHERI KING Special to Sidelines

If a student feels he or she is the victim of sexual harassment, there are places to go for help on the MTSU campus. But students may find that the process is more involved than they had imagined.

A brochure published by the university lists the Affirmative Action Office, the June Anderson Women's Information and Referral Center, the office of the vice president for student affairs and the student's department chair or dean as sources of aid.

"If you are uncertain about a course of action, the Affirmative Action officer will listen to you and suggest methods to handle your particular problem," the brochure states. "This individual is trained to deal with complications and difficulties of sexual harrassment.

"You will be under no obligation to pursue the matter and confidentiality is assured," the brochure promises.

What the brochure does not tell you is that the AAO is required by University Guideline No. P-080, as well as by federal law, to pursue the matter whether you sign a complaint or not.

"The EEO/AA [Equal Employment and Opportunities/ Affirmative Action] will make every attempt to get the aggrieved party to provide the charge in writing," the guideline states. "However, where the aggrieved individual refuses to sign a written charge, the EEO/AA will still

investigate the allegations, and take appropriate action. As detailed in the previous installment of this series, action taken this semester by AAO Forrestine W. Williams in investigating an unsigned complaint against Ralph Hillman, a professor in the speech and theater department, left the student involved feeling like her confidentiality had been violated.

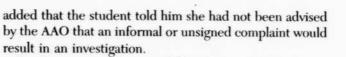
"The student followed the board of regents policy and went to Affirmative Action [Office]," said Elliot Pood, chairman of the radio/television/photography department, at a Nov. 28, 1989 meeting of Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate. "She did not file a formal complaint and as a result she lost her anonymity when the students in her class were questioned."

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According to Hillman, the student lost her anonymity when Williams told him the student sat in the first row of his class.

"It wasn't that hard to figure out," Hillman said. "Only three or four people sit in the first row."

Pood explained that the student came to him during the fall semester, not to complain about the harassment situation, but to complain about the way it was handled. Pood



"In the past, a student would have been told 'Don't give me the name [of the alleged harasser] or I will have to put the machinery in place to start an investigation," said Rebecca Rice, director of the Women's Center. "I'm not sure that's being done now."

However, when asked if she does inform students that she must investigate even an informal complaint, Williams said she does. When asked if she had informed the student in this particular situation, Williams declined to answer, saying "You'll have to ask the student."

Williams added that she does not worry about being viewed as "approachable" by people who feel they may have been sexually harrassed."

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Paper recycling project starts

JOHN DEMPSEY Special to Sidelines

Separating and boxing reusable office paper — a brandnew addition to MTSU's ongoing recycling program was generated by campus-wide support for turning the old back into the new.

The office paper once destined to be hauled off to Rutherford County's landfill will now be separated into "keepers" and "discards" in campus offices, according to Dr. Patrick Doyle, a biology professor. Keepers will include recyclable paper, which will be boxed by office personnel, picked up by student workers and sold to a Shelbyville company.

"Once glitches had been worked out here and there," the professor explained, the program came "on-line" Jan. 8.

The idea for recycling waste paper came from MTSU's own staff workers, Doyle explained.

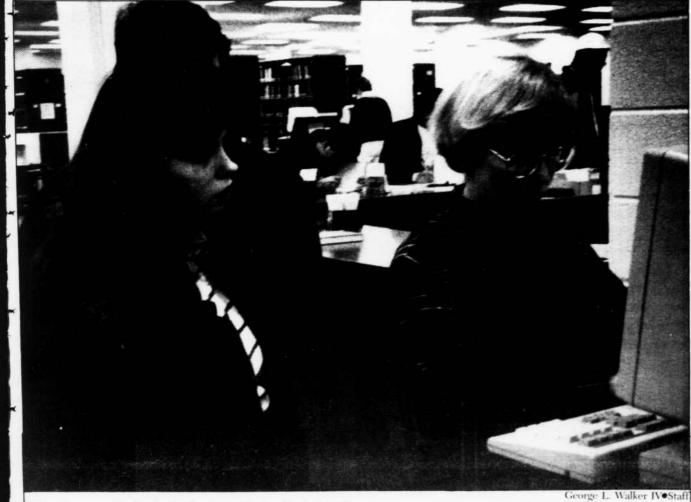
"People kept calling and saying 'when can we start recycling,'" Doyle said. "People want to do this.

"Give people the opportunity. They want to do it because they want to do the right thing. They get no token or pat on the back. There's an environmental ethic to keep the world healthy and there's obviously a commitment to that."

The current program will place folders labeled with instructions for separating reusable paper from material to be thrown away. Office personnel should fill the folders with recyclable paper. Once full, the contents should be deposited in a box for pickup and the folder used over and over again.

Doyle explained that all colored and slick paper "had no value" and would be included in pick-up only if boxed separately from the recyclable keepers.

Librarian Sue Burkheart helps Kim Young find a book with the new automated library card catalogue. *Sidelines* will describe the advantages and disadvantages of the system in Thursday's edition.



Abortion opponents march

CHRIS BELL News Editor

A call for increased political action was heard yesterday at a rally of abortion opponents co-sponsored by the campus chapter of Tennessee Volunteers for Life.

Approximately 100 people gathered in front of the Rutherford County Courthouse for a rally and march sponsored by the MTSU, Rutherford County and Smyrna chapters of the TVL. The audience listened to several speakers, then carried two coffins down Vine Street to a cemetery in a "memorial service for the 25 million babies who have died since *Roe v. Wade* and their parents," according to Don Schneller, president of the county TVL and a professor in the MTSU sociology department.

"It's been a wonderful year for pro-life," Schneller said. "The pro-choice people are on their deathbed. For the first time in 17 years, we have a pro-life decision and thank God for that."

He added that abortion, along with AIDS and pre-marital sex, were symptoms of a large problem of immorality in society.

"Safe sex is a lie," he said. "We need to change our lifestyles, not just our laws."

Schneller said despite the advances for abortion opponents, continued political pressure was needed. He targeted Senators Jim Sasser and Albert Gore and Representative Bart Gordon as having "horrible records when it comes to abortion".

"We need to get them out of office or get them to change their policy," he said.

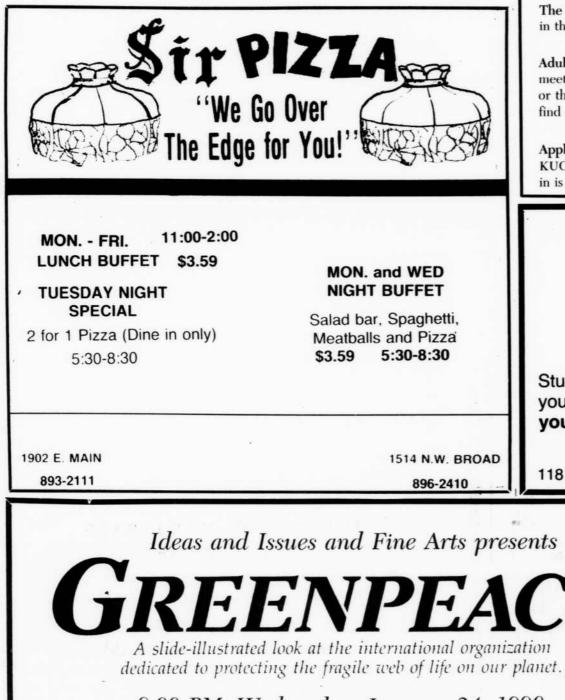
Another topic of Schneller's speech was Planned Parenthood, who he described as "dealers of death." He added that he would not contribute to the United Way as long as that organization helped to fund Planned Parenthood.

"As long as they support Planned Parenthood, I do not feel they are worthy of my gift," Schneller said.

Marlinda Diamond-Augelli, founder of Americans In Mourning, a group "founded for women and men who have suffered from the results of abortions," also spoke yesterday.

She described her group as "focused on God the father," and serving under "the commander-in-chief, the Holy Spirit."

"We are taking aim at the abortion industry," Diamond-Augelli said. "The voice of immorality has poisoned the minds of our young people."



8:00 PM, Wednesday, January 24, 1990 LRC Multi-Media Room Free and Open to the Public.

Campus Capsule

Campus Capsule is an open bulletin board for the entire MTSU community. Submissions must be turned in to Room 310 of the James Union Building and will be printed on the basis of timeliness and space. No Sidelines staff member can insure the publication of any entry. Deadlines are noon Wednesday and Friday for the next issue of the paper.

A Conversational Japanese class will be offered by the Japan Center of Tennessee and the MTSU Department of Continuting Education starting this Thursday, Jan. 25. The class is \$75 and will meet for 13 sessions. For more information, contact the Japan Center at 898-2229 or the continuing education department at 898-2462.

Auditions for "33 Flavors," a comedy-variety show planned for MTSU's cable channel will be held in the LRC's Studio A Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The American Cancer Society will hold a meeting today at 7 p.m. in suite 106 of the Ainhart Building. The group is looking for new members and volunteers. For more information, call 895-6771.

Interested in recycling? A public meeting to plan a recycling program in Murfreesboro will be held today at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Rutherford County Courthouse.

An Aerobic Dance Class will be offered starting Monday, Jan. 29. It will meet Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. in Murphy Center, Dance Studio B. The fee' is \$10 a month.

Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity presents the 1990 "Zeta Man" calendar on sale now for \$7 each, with all proceeds going to the Association for Retarded Citizens. To get one, see any ZTA member or contact Susan Hayes at 890-2386.

The Blue Knights, MTSU's chess club, meets every Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the KUC, room 316, beginning Jan. 11. Beginners are welcome.

Adult Children of Alcoholics, an Al-Anon family group, will hold support group meetings every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the KUC, room 315. If you grew up in, or think you grew up in an alcoholic or chemically dependent family, come and find serenity. For more information, contact Thelma Schrader, Box 4084.

Applications for Activity Fee Funds for the spring semester are available in the KUC, room 126. The deadline for completing the forms and having them turned in is Friday, Jan. 26 at 4:30 p.m.

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Williams added that she does not worry about being viewed as "approachable" by people who feel they may have been sexually harrassed."

"What you have to understand is that perceptions don't concern me," she said. "If I was concerned about perceptions, I wouldn't be an Affirmative Action Officer.'

Members of the Student Affairs Committee expressed concern at the Nov. 28 meeting that there needs to be an alternative place for students to go if they want

For pickup of boxes, call 898-2069. Work/study students will remove the recyclable paper for storage and shipment.

Doyle said that as the program goes on, his office will "work through trial and error to establish a routine."

"Every office is different," he said. "It'll take days, weeks or even months before it becomes efficient.'

The university's program will be the first of its kind in the the Tennessee Board of Regents' educational system, Dovle said. The program was designed to help save energy, as well as trees, in the paper products industry. At the same time, costs of the program would be paid for in landfill-use savings

Although it is too early to speculate on revenue generated by the program, proceeds earned from the sale of reusuable office paper would be earmarked for a scholarship fund, Doyle said

"People who do the work ought to receive the benefits," he said. "At least part of the proceeds will go into a scholarship fund for clerical staff and their dependants. Hopefully, if the university can keep giving us work students, all of the proceeds can be used."

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ble paper will be sold to Shelbyville Recycled Fiber, who will resell the materials to paper manufacturers. Doyle said paper companies "can mix a percentage of 25 percent to 35 percent paper stock with virgin material and still maintain quality.'

Mixing the old and new, Doyle said, could save "significant amounts" of energy. For instance, he indicated it would take "only 65 percent" of the energy required to turn wood pulp into paper when recyclable paper is substituted energy that "can be used somewhere else.'

The advantages of recycling, Doyle explained, include the saving of energy, reduction of air pollution and reduction of water pollution

MTSU's new office paper program was man-

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Tennessee's dated by House Bill No. 1305, a resolution which directed the Tennessee State Planning "develop Office to guidelines" in state institutions of higher learning.

"amazed by the enthusiasm" for recycling and indicated MTSU's ongoing programs had enjoyed "widespread support" both on and off-campus.

"There's a real possibility MTSU's program might be viewed as an example," said Doyle.

Doyle indicated that the university's long term recycling involvement had earned a 1989 Certificate of Merit from the White House: In addition, MTSU had helped Tennessee Tech, Volunteer State and UT-Martin, among others, initiate recycling programs of their own in the past.

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an investigation was not undertaken, Montgomery said.

The key is the definition of "someone in authority," Montgomery said. That definition, in her experience, extends at least to department chairmen.

"We [AAOs] take a lot of our guidance directly from attorneys at the state board of regents," Montgomery said. "We're not attorneys and many times we have to fly by the seat of our pants."

Mary Jo Price, an attorney with the board of regents, opposes the establishment of places on campus that do not report harassment incidents.

'As an attorney, I would want anything said to any faculty to be reported to affirmative action," Price said. "It puts a professor in an uncomfortable situation.

The professor is not alone in being caught in an uncomfortable situation. The student making the complaint, who may still be enduring harassment, may not be able to obtain professional counseling on campus for the emotional side of the problem.

MTSU's Guidance and Counseling Center must make an individual decision in each case about whether or not it will constitute a conflict of interest to counsel the student, according to an anonymous counselor there.

The counselor said that sometimes the cases go to court and the counselor must choose who the client is - the university that employs them, or the person who's coming in and seeking help.

"We don't run into many [harassment cases]," said James Covington, director of the counseling center. "We don't have a hard and fast policy."

But he added that he does not think that counseling a student in a harassment case would present a problem.

"Our purpose is to help students in their personal development," Covington said.



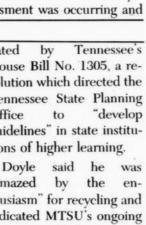
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The MTSU Student Publications will be hosting an Open House for all persons interested in becoming part of the Sidelines, Midlander, or Collage staffs.

Editors and current staff members of each publication will be available for you to ask questions or make comments.

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to avoid an investigation by the AAO. This concern is one not shared by Williams

"The question doesn't make sense," Williams said. "Those places already exist. They're listed on the back of the brochure.

But former MTSU AAO Phillis Montgomery, who is now at TSU, defines the giving of advice without a subsequent investigation as a "very gray area," in sexual harrassment law.

Some firms or universities have lost cases because "someone in authority," knew that harassment was occurring and

PAPER from page 1 Once gathered, recycla-

OPINION

Metro's trash makes a lot of cash for some

You've seen those menacing blue trucks with the letters BFI boldly written on the side.

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The answer is right in your own backyard. You see, this little company owns a small stretch of land here in the 'Boro otherwise known as the Rutherford County Landfill.

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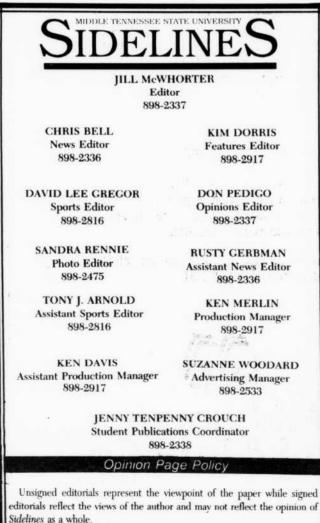
They have failed time and time again to find even a temporary solution to Nashville's garbage woes.

This is what prompted BFI to file a lawsuit, in hopes that this will force Metro to find a dumping ground and find it soon. This has solidified what everyone already suspected — that the Metro Council is not worth its weight in garbage.

If BFI wins the lawsuit it will probably mean that Rutherford County will become the new final resting place for Nashvillians' waste.

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I also hear the blessed few out the

Mike Reed

Reed My Lips

Today's science lecture is on the environment or more specifically — what is the environment and can I buy one wholesale at Sam's?

Well, kids, the environment is this big creature that lives in the deepest darkest Africa (along with the hypothesis). It was first discovered by an organization called the Environmental Protection Agency named after its founder Charles Agency. According to Charles, the evironment is a large creature that lives on a diet of plastic grocery bags, hydroflorocarbons, and styrofoam boxes used in packaging fast food.

Unfortunately, this diet gives the environment heartburn, stomach-aches, diarrhea, ulcers, hypertension and migraine headaches. Charles (who I might add has been on *Oprah* and knows what he is talking about) says the environment would be much healthier with a strict diet of paper, glass, and something called ozone (ozone, from the Latin ozonae meaning air and stuff).

I know what you are thinking. "So what if some stupid critter gets a sour stomach. Who cares if some big, hulking, behemoth blows a few chunks here and there. That fellow is built tough and will be around long after we are gone. Our mothers did not raise us to be zoo keepers."

Well, you are probably right, the environment is going to be around for a few more years, nothing to worry about right now. Let your children or your grandchildren worry about keeping the environment out of the junk food and on the straight and narrow. I also hear the blessed few out there that watch "Wild Kingdom" and know what it is like to see creatures roam the world free and happy unfettered by gum disease and high cholesteral counts. You want to know how you can help. Well, as always, I'm here to help ya.

There is a ritual that you can perform. It is found on page 34 of the *Necronomicon*. It is an ancient right called *recycling*. It is perilous and only the brave should attempt it, because it requires you to put forth *an effort*.

There are many of you who are not advanced enough for that and I can understand your qualms. Who knows? Once you start messing around with the occult and saving those aluminum cans, Geraldo might start knocking on your door and no one wants that. There are other ways to keep the junk food away from the environment. You see, the environment likes to root through garbage cans in search of food. If you don't buy those chicken nuggets in the styrofoam containers, you won't throw them away and BFI won't feed them to the environment. So you can see, a recycled greeting card a day keeps the Greenpeace zealots away.

There are plenty of organizations that are willing to help with the care and feeding of the environment and they will be more than willing to except your guilt gift of a few dollars. Just watch MTV or VH1 for the numbers to call.

For those skeptics out there who don't believe in bigfoot, Nessie, the yetti, or the ever elusive environment, think about how warm it has been this January. You could blame it on the sun going supernova or the earth hurtling ever closer to its neighbor, Sol. But if you can believe what all the celebrities on television are telling you, that's the environment breathing down your neck.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On Thursday, Dec. 14, 1989, the display case on the second floor of Kirksey Old Main was burglarized. The case contained memoribilia of Alpha Kappa Psi, Professional Business Fraternity. The only item stolen was the paddle belonging to the fall '89 Pledge Class. The paddle had been handcrafted by a chapter member and presented to the prospective initiates.

Needless to say, the paddle holds a special significance

for the pledge class and the chapter as a whole. The theft of the paddle is senseless due to the lack of value and importance to anyone other the chapter members.

The return of the paddle and/or any information concerning the incident should be directed to Campus Security or Alpha Kappa Psi, Box 653. No questions asked.

> Marilyn L. Roberson, President Alpha Kappa Psi, Zeta Psi Chapter Box 653

Monday, January 22, 1990

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Letters to the Editor

Students urged to study realistic history

To the Editor:

Will you please print this letter and others which may not reflect your opinions as proffered in your editorial of 11/30/89 which Lampley's and Barnes' letters of 1/11/90 so aptly do?

In reply to the letters by Lampley and Barnes in your 1/11/90 edition, obviously these people are not acquainted with their history. Beginning with the Spanish Conquest of the Americans, we're talking about five hundred years of racism, genocide and oppression. We stole this country from the Indians, all but annihilating them in the process. This country "from shore to shining shore" was bathed in the blood of the Indian. Then we stole human beings from Africa to work the land that we had stolen from the Indians. Yet am I to take it that you consider this a trivial matter? Just another lesson in your history book? I don't see any Indians around and by all rights they should be here! And what need have we to place a man in chains when he is enslaved by the very pigmentation of his skin? Indeed! How trivial! Understand, despite my sympathies, I am white and while I am proud of who I am personally, how can I hope to be proud of my race and my country in the light of our illustrious history? And right now, I would like to recommend to Mr. Lampley and Miss Barnes to take the courses offered at MTSU in Afro-American History, Afro-American Literature and the American Indian. It might just open your eyes to a little bit of reality. For while on the one hand, we systematically all but exterminated the red man and on the other, we systematically sought to divest the black man of his humanity, guess what, brother? We couldn't do it. Were there any Indians still around, I would tell them: celebrate! Celebrate yourself! Celebrate your life! But you see, there aren't any Indians here. Not anymore. But, thank God, THANK GOD! the blacks are here and I tell you: Celebrate! Celebrate your Blackness! Celebrate yourselves! Celebrate your lives! Your fathers and your mothers and your grandfathers and grandmothers and all the way back to those men, women and children who were brought to this "land of liberty" in chains and against their will, amid their dead and dying brethren aboard the slave trader's vessel have paid over hundreds of years with their lives and their liberty for you, the young Black people of today, to celebrate! Celebrate who you are! Celebrate your people! Celebrate your heritage! For it is the story and continues to be the story of triumph in the face of adversity and impossible odds.

> David Randolph Box 2551

Student defends Dr. Hillman

To the Editor:

I feel the need to speak in defense of Dr. Ralph Hillman. He is a fine instructor with a lot of talent and experience to share with the students of MTSU. I have taken speech under Dr. Hillman and I have definitely looked back and realized the valuable lessons I've learned in his classroom. He is an asset to MTSU and we (the student body) need to appreciate his talent.

Although I may not know all the circumstances involved in the sexual harassment case, let it be known: Dr. Hillman is a man who loves to hug people (students). It is his way to show that he cares and to show he wants that student to succeed (not only in his class) but everywhere in life. He is very open with students and "motherly" in his advice. His caring *prompted* me to do well and excel in his speech class. I found myself working hard to please him — make him proud of my class assignments — and for what I had accomplished I felt proud and successful.

He told my class, at the beginning of the semester, that he loved to hug and "pat" people on the back and if that offended someone — to let him know — and there was no problem. After an important speech (that may have been a flop) a pat on the back from Dr. Hillman made

you feel better - kinda like, "you'll do better next time.

The average person needs four hugs a day in order to feel more confident and relaxed about him/herself. I strongly believe in this type of therapy. Dr. Hillman actually makes people feel good about themselves with his hugs. I can understand if someone misunderstands his actions, but wasn't it a goal of our President to make this world a kinder, more gentler place. We need to start somewhere. Giving hugs would be a good place to start.

I found after completing Dr. Hillman's course, to be more confident, self-assured and successful. His hugs and "pats" on the back had a lot to do with my feelings toward working hard in that class and making the grade. I can now speak to a crowd of people with confidence. I also feel I can speak (publically) better than some of my other instructors, because of Hillman's class. Thanks to Dr. Hillman.

Let's learn to appreciate what we have at MTSU and be thankful that we are so lucky!

> Elana Mann P.O. Box 4564

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Letters to the Editor

Writer claims "reverse discrimination"

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter not as some "country bigot that hates blacks," but as an intelligent human being who fears that one day the rights that I know as an American will no longer exist.

From the time blacks were first introduced to this country until present day, blacks have wanted equal rights with whites. However, I'm beginning to wonder if our government, the NAACP, and blacks as a general population know what the definition of equal really is.

Essentially, equal means the same thing on one side as on the other. Well then, is it equal to have an all black Miss America Pageant? Is it equal to have an all black collegiate bowl game? Is it equal to have an all black television station? It seems to me that with instances such as these, blacks are saving, "Hey, we want to be a part of everything white people do, but we also want our own segregated organizations and events." Therefore, to be equal, should there be all white events and organizations?

No, there shouldn't, but there also shouldn't be all black events and organizations in the first place. Before I get some hate letters in my P.O. box or responses in this paper calling me a racist, let me tell vou a little about myself.

First of all, I am not a racist. I don't hate black people. There are some black people I don't like, but just like the white people I don't like, it's because of the issues they represent, not their skin color.

My high school was closed my senior year because the black population was six percent instead of eleven. I was forced to graduate from the school that I had grown to hate because it was our arch rival. They split my class in half on top of that and half of my friends went to the arch rival school and the other half went to a new school. Now, the question has come up whether or not we were racist at my original school. The answer is "Hardly.

My sophomore year we had a black homecoming queen and a Phillipino student body president who did not get his American citizenship until halfway through his senior year. My junior year we had a black student body president (who happens to be very active here on campus now and I wish her luck in everything she pursues) and my football captain was black. These are four of the highest social positions one can obtain in high school and all are elected positions.

I have several black friends (although that may change after they read this letter). I do not like singling them out as being "black." but I feel that I must in order to prove that I'm not some white racist bigot. I disagree as strongly with the skinheads (Nazi a-----), white supremacists, and the KKK as I do with some of the issues the NAACP presents. How long would the NAACP sit still if the Miss America pageant said no more blacks would be allowed in the contest and if the NCAA started the annual Nathan Bedford Forrest Bowl Game? What if most of the history classes on campus were being forced to read novels on the rise and struggle of the Ku Klux Klan like they are black novels?

Does the term "reverse discrimination" ring a bell? How about "racial double standards?"

I don't believe in blacks having something whites don't or can't just like I'm sure most or all blacks don't believe in whites having something blacks can't or don't. Even though I've said over and over again in this letter that I am not a racist, I'm sure I'll get letters telling me that I am.

Well, I would also like to get some letters in support of what I'm saving. I've talked to several people that feel the way I do, so I know they are out there.

It's time the majority's voice was once again heard.

Andy Wright P.O. Box 3168

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Removal of Nathan Bedford Forrest not a wise choice

To the Editor:

Regarding the removal of the statue on the wall of the K.U.C., I find it disturbing that this university bends so easily to the whims of polical organizations...

As your paper stated, Nathan Bedford Forrest was a famed general in the Civil War, which is why the statue was on the wall, not because of his involvement in the Ku. Klux Klan.

There are many statues to people who have done things that we consider wrong, but we don't go around tearing them down.

Nathan Bedford Forrest was a great general, our mascot is named after the group he led during the Civil War. He is honred for his leadership and valor and that is all.

I hope the president informs the student body the next* time he decides to take away something which is symbolic to the university.

Bruce Langsdon and Bradlev K. Haves **General Deliverv**

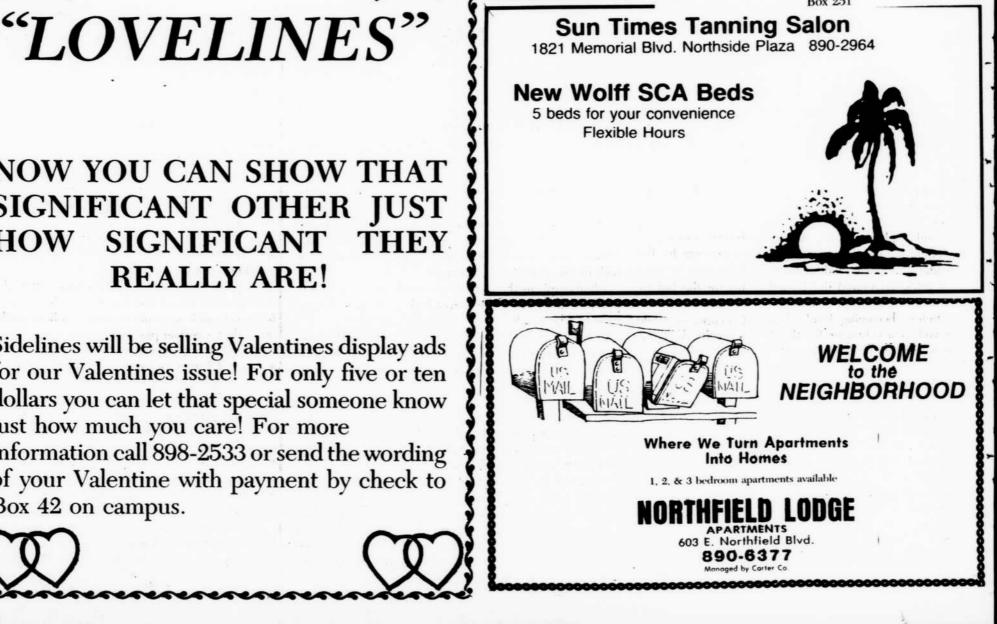
Levi prayed a "Christian prayer" at convocation

To the Editor:

In response to Bren Martin's letter to the editor concerning Mr. Levi's convocation praver. I should like to address these points.

His expression "non-denominational" I believe to be_ incorrect. Mr. Levi did not pray a denominational praver. In other words, it was not a Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ, or Catholic praver. Is he really saving it should have been a "non-Christian" praver? This issue has been debated in the Faculty Senate and the decison was made to let the individual leading the convocation praver be allowed the freedom to choose the style. If a Jewish faculty member is chosen (and they have been) they would have the same freedom Mr. Levi did. To require "non-Christian" pravers also violates the rights of many. The majority of students, faculty, and staff on this campus would find it acceptable to have a Christian praver and would also allow a Buddist, Muslim, or anyone else, the right to offer the praver of their choice.

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FEATURES

'Teacher of the Year' gets respect, recognition

JOHN MOSELEY

Staff Writer

MTSU instructor Terry Weeks teaches classes in education and serves as a student-teacher supervisor — but certainly his biggest claim to fame on campus is his title as Tennessee's first National Teacher of the Year.

Weeks received his bachelor's and master's degrees in social science from MTSU, then spent fifteen years at Murfreesboro Central Middle School teaching classes in social studies, geography and Tennessee history

His efforts at Central brought him the National Teacher of the Year title and from April 1988 until June 1989, Weeks traveled throughout the United States and abroad giving speeches and conducting radio and television interviews

The rewards that went along with the title were many. Weeks was presented with a crystal apple and a jar of jelly beans from former President Reagan on April 8, 1988. He saw his name flashed across the scoreboard in Boston Gardens during a Celtics game. He was also invited to Japan to talk with the Japanese Minister of Education and to see the Japanese educational system work.

But perhaps the best reward Weeks received after the lengthy and highly competitive selection process was the affirmation that his teaching career was having a positive impact on his students' lives.

Teaching grades K-12, a teacher rarely gets the opportunity to see the results and effects his or her influence has made on students," says Weeks. "During my term as Teacher of the Year, I got an immediate response from my efforts.

"When I was notified that I was selected to be Tennessee's Teacher of the Year, I was at a period of my life when I wanted something different," Weeks explains.

"There is not a good support system for teachers. They have so much more to offer, but due to the system's conInstructor Terry Weeks completes paperwork for education class. an Weeks notes that his selection as National Teacher of the Year has renewed his enthusiasm for the teaching profession



straints, enthusiasm and the feeling of accomplishment get ground out.

"At some time in their career, teachers ask themselves, Am I really making a difference?' Teaching is often a one-way street — the room for growth is minimal. Burnout is hard to safeguard against."

During his two-week visit to Japan, Weeks explains that he was "treated better than any other time during my career as a teacher. Japan takes great stock in their teachers and I was overwhelmed with their warmth, enthusiasm, and respect.

George L. Walker IVeStaff

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Weeks notes that being selected as Teacher of the Year has renewed his own enthusiasm for the teaching profession.

"I have had some most rewarding times seeing people change their station to become teachers and getting the immediate feedback from people that I have been an influence on their teaching career decisions."

Greenpeace to hold slide presentation

KIMBERLY DORRIS Features Editor

will be brought to life on Wednesday, Jan. 24, as activist Christopher Childs visits MTSU to conduct a special presentation.

Childs will narrate a slide presentation that vividly details Greenpeace's activities throughout the world as well as share some of his own experiences as a Greenpeace volunteer

Childs explains that the overriding objective of the presentation is to evoke in the audience "a concern for the health of the planet and for themselves."

Childs has toured the United States for the last two years giving 10-15 presentations each month.

Before becoming involved with Greenpeace, Childs served as a volunteer for the Massachusetts Acid Rain Monitoring Project and chaired the Appalachian Mountain ing attention to the pollution issue is to send volunteers Club's Acid Rain Task Force.

fact, Childs considers his acting career a prime factor in sparking his interest in environmental issues.

"As an actor, one of the things I did was a one-man show on the life of Henry David Thoreau," he recalls. "A lot ot what Thoreau has to say is relevant to the environment."

wildlife, including kangaroos, whales, seals, dolphins and penguins.

social and environmental issues, including nuclear disarmament, opposition to offshore oil drilling, the preservation is free and open to the public.

of Antartica and an effort to reduce toxic pollution.

The organization also recently opened an office in Mos-The world of the international organization Greenpeace cow funded by proceeds from the benefit album Rainbow Warriors, which was marketed in Russia as Greenpeace Breakthrough. The album sold 3.5 million copies in Russia alone

> Childs notes that the news media has been fairly responsive to environmental issues - with the exception of the pollution problem.

> "I don't think it's dawned on the American news media just how serious the pollution issue is," he observes. "There's literally no place on earth that's not contaminated with the residue of toxic chemicals."

> Childs explains that getting the word out about Greenpeace's activities is "a question of finding the most creative ways to take stands."

One creative method Greenpeace has employed in drawto scale smokestacks and water towers owned by corpora-Childs is also a published writer/editor and an actor. In tions guilty of polluting the environment and hanging "Poison" banners.

Greenpeace has also plugged pipes owned by offending corporations to prevent the release of poisonous chemicals. Childs concedes that pipe-plugging is only a short-term solution to chemical pollution.

However, he notes, "In the long term, it's very effective Greenpeace is world-renowned for its struggle to protect in getting the public's attention focused on the issue. It gives people the sense that there is something they can do."

The presentation, co-sponsored by MTSU's Ideas and In addition, the organization is involved in a variety of Issues and Fine Arts Committees, will take place at 8:00 p.m. in the multi-media room in the LRC. The program

Internships available From Staff Reports

The Student Conservation Association is currently ac cepting applications for internships through its Resource Assistance Program for the 1990 summer and fall seasons.

The SCA is a non-profit, educational organization that places volunteers to help with management and conservation of the nation's parks, public lands, and natural resources

The SCA places about 800 Resource Assistants each ear in 230 resource areas in 35 states. Internships last from 3 to 12 weeks.

About 50 percent of the positions offered require no special educational background or experience other than a willingness to work.

All positions are on a volunteer basis, although the SCA does provide free housing and some financial assistance for travel and basic living expenses. College credit may be available for certain positions. **Opportunities include:**

Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska: Resource

monitoring and visitor information. Tonto National Forest, Arizona: Salt River canoe patrol and management.

 Acadia National Park, Maine: Interpretive walks, talks, and boat cruises.

 Eugene District Bureau of Land Management, Oregon: Fish sampling and salmon habitat inventory.

 Mount Rainier National Park, Washington: Backcountry patrol and management.

The selection process for summer positions begins on March 1. For more information, the Student Conservation Association can be reached at P.O. Box 550, Charlestown, New Hampshire 03603.

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Book offers sound advice to victims of 'toxic parents'

DAVID ROBINSON Special to Sidelines

Three years ago this month was the first time I walked across MTSU on a Saturday. I was interviewing for a new job and was taken on the grand tour. I was amazed. The place felt like one of those ghost towns I used to visit in New Mexico as a kid.

When I asked where all the people were, I was told that most students go home on weekends to "Mommy and Daddy." This was a new experience for me, having grown up on the West Coast, where people went away to college to get away from their "old man Overcoming Their Hurtful Legacy and Reand old lady.

Washington, was a busy city of over 40,000 child relationships, exploring the impact people on the weekends, resplendent with abusive parents have upon their offspring

Book Review

raries and filled parking lots. Students just didn't go "home" much, even though for me it was only 30 miles to my parents' house.

Regardless of whether you grew up in a southern family or elsewhere, the task of leaving parents is one of the main challenges of a college career, and is seldom easy. This is especially true with children of abusive or inadequate parents.

In her new Bantam book, Toxic Parents: claiming Your Life, Dr. Susan Forward ven-My alma mater, the University of tures into the dangerous jungle of parentloud stereos, cultural events, packed lib- and offering help towards independence for

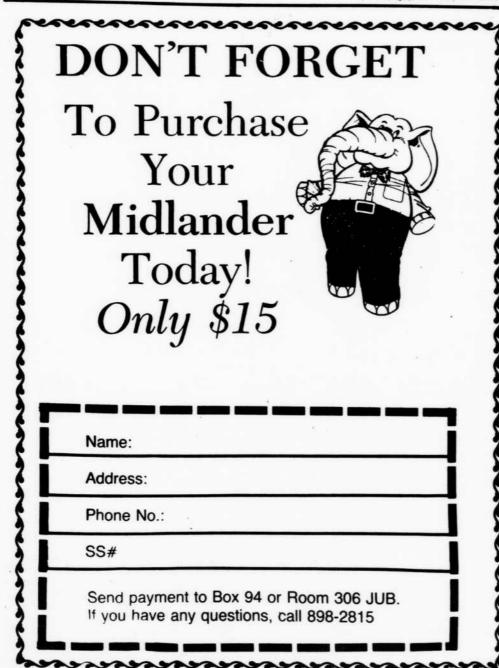
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Forward, an internationally recognized therapist and writer, knows this territory well. She formed the first private sexual abuse clinic in California and authored the New York Times best-seller, Men Who Hate Women & the Women Who Love Them.

Like a safari guide through dangerous terrain, Forward leads with clarity and authority, providing readers with reassurance while challenging us to peel away the taboos and enter into our own past.

Some of the "toxic parents" met along the way are godlike parents, inadequate parents, controlling or manipulative parents, alcoholics, and verbally, physically, or sexually abusive parents.

Her story is punctuated with vivid case in most bookstores for \$18.95.■

studies; the theories and ideas come at you like a leopard in the bush. No longer is it merely a glossy picture on the pages of National Geographic. The people who fill her book are both victimizers and victims, betrayed by the belief that home and parents are benign and safe.

Forward leads you on past a description of the problem towards what she calls "reclaiming your life." The last third of the book is a practical guide toward healthy independence, including such important issues as forgiveness, self-definition, confronting your parents, healing incest wounds, breaking the cycle, and letting go.

There's no perfect parent. At the age of 32, I've begun to discover the impact my parents' imperfections have had upon my life. College is a perfect time to begin this important task of self-discovery, especially you who have abusive, controlling, alcoholic, or inadequate parents. Toxic Parents is an easy to read, practical, and wise guide towards becoming a true adult. It is available

Photos honor black Americans

CHARLIE DUDAS Staff Writer

junction with Black History Month, is currently presenting "Black in America: A Photographic Record."

This special exhibition, on display in the art hall at the LRC, portrays 140 years of the photos show background of the rural South as well as Harlem in New York.

Jr. and Jesse Jackson. The photographs also and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. ■

depict poverty on the plantations, urban slums, religion, boxing, factory workers and The MTSU Photographic Gallery, in con- patriotic service in war - from the Civil War to Vietnam.

> The faces in the photos reveal the pain and sadness, but also the hope of the black

The photographic collection is sponsored the black experience. Beginning in 1850, by Eastman Kodak and was organized by the International Museum of Photography.

The exhibition will be on display until The pictures focus on various aspects of Feb. 8 and is free and open to the public. black life through the years, portraying well- Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday known leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday,



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SPORTS

Undefeated Lady Raiders burn up track, set Murphy Center afire, burn out opposition

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raider track team won in sevenway competition Saturday just like they've won so many other meets in the past — by overwhelming their opponents in terms of sheer numbers.

MTSU took on Memphis State, Western Kentucky, Vanderbilt, UT-Chattanooga, Alabama-Birmingahm and Austin Peay. The Lady Raiders sent their competitors an early message, taking the first three spots in the high jump, the meet's first event.

The Lady Raiders won 7 of 12 events on the day, including a five-place sweep of the 55-meter dash. MTSU placed at least two athletes in 11 of the meet's 12 events, and at least three in 6 of the 12. Of a possible 191 points, the Lady Raid-

Lady Raider swarm

story on page 10.

Lady Raiders Stephanie Capley, left, Julie Morrison, right,

and Becky Hall, far right, pounce on Murray State's

Michelle Wenning in an attempt to strip her of the ball.

Looking on from behind is Murray's Tawnya Pierce. See



hurdles in Saturday's meet. Latonia Jackson, second from ers garnered an astonishing 113. "I knew we would domi-

nate," said MTSU coach Dean Hayes. "I was hoping we would get some good in-

Jennifer D. WesteStaff

dividual Good performances, in-

deed. Junior started things off on the

Hare, right finished third and fifth respectively. ers, winning the high jump performances." with a leap of 5-4.

> Freshman Koko Rowley, MTSU's top point-getter with 22 on the day, led the

the Long Jump (19-31/2) and 25.65 seconds. Veronica 55-meter hurdles (8.28).

Tipton and Linda Brewer finished first and second for MTSU in an exciting 400-

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right foot for the Lady Raid- Lady Raiders with wins in meter, winning in a time of aiders fall to Racers

Michelle Welch was the

first of four Raiders to cross

the finish line in the 200-

TONY J. ARNOLD

Krista Hare

Assistant Sports Editor Playing without the services of six players and two starters, the MTSU Blue Raiders surprised a Murphy Center crowd of 6,000 plus Saturday night by battling the Murray State Racers to the wire before falling 80-

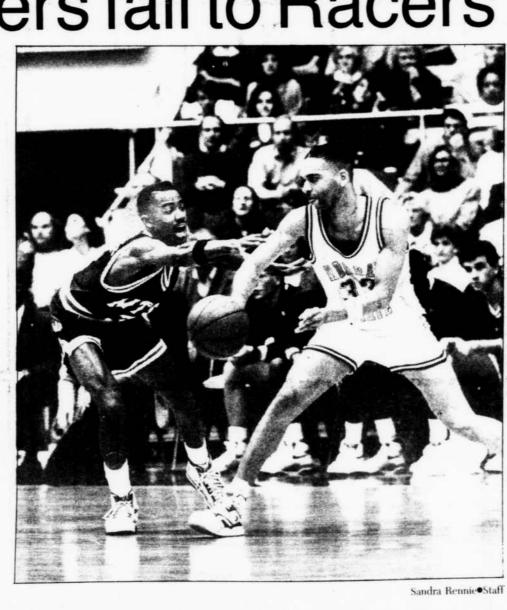
Still decimated by suspensions resulting from the Tennessee Tech brawl of two weeks ago, the Raiders called on four MTSU football players and one walkon to temporarily fill in.

The Racers started off quickly, scoring three treys to take a 9-0 advantage in the opening 1:15.

Behind the determined play of senior guard Gerald Harris, who scored all 14 of his points in the opening period, the Raiders kept Murray's lead minimal to stay within striking distance of the Racers.

Despite shooting a 59.3 field goal percentage and nailing 6 of 8 three-point attempts, Murray only led'the relentless Raiders at the half by ten.

"We knew this would not Please see MEN page 11



MTSU's Jeffrey Hunter, left, attempts to slow down Murray's Frank Allen in Saturday night's game. Hunter finished with 15 points on the night.

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Blue Raiders have only themselves to blame for severity of suspensions

There's been a lot of noise made during the past two weeks about the suspensions leveled on MTSU's basketball team by the Ohio Valley Conference. As an MTSU student and *Sidelines* Sports Editor, I was naturally concerned about the apparent severity of the suspensions.

I was at the Tennessee Tech-MTSU game on January 8th and witnessed the fight that led to the suspensions in question, although from the other side of the basketball court. Not having seen the fight up close, and thus being unfamiliar with the actual blow-by-blow circumstances of the skirmish, I wondered if perhaps MTSU had indeed been treated a little too harshly by OVC commissioner Dan Beebe.

> Davedreamin' By David Lee Gregor

On January 16th, I received a press release regarding, the suspensions from Beebe's office. Upon reading the release, all of my doubts about the severity of the suspensions in question were dispelled.

According to Beebe, "The facts and appropriate penalties were determined after a careful study of the available information (including videotapes) and interviews with players and coaches."

Eight MTSU athletes were suspended for a total of 22 games for offenses including repeatedly striking opposing players lying on the ground, striking opposing players who posed no threat to them, hitting opposing players from behind, "sucker-punching" opposing players who were being restrained, throwing the ball at the head of opposing players and kicking opposing players.

I have heard a lot of talk about the fight and the suspensions. I have heard the fight described as "despicable," "disappointing" and "disgusting." I like despicable. That a fight of such magnitude should have ever occurred during an athletic event is sad indeed. That a basketball team should have ever displayed such an astounding lack of sportsmanship, such unmitigated hostility and flagrant contempt for the spirit of the game, is a tragedy.

Raider head coach Bruce Stewart was recently quoted as saying "Just when our young basketball team was really on the verge of growing and improving, we were dealt a devastating blow."

It was the Blue Raiders and no on else who dealt themselves a devastating blow. The Raiders have themselves and no one else to blame for such utter lack of control as was demonstrated on January 8th.

Six Tennessee Tech players were suspended for a total of 11 games for striking or kicking opposing players who posed no threat to them. Tech's players, however, were not cited for attacking opposing players lying on the ground, from behind or being restrained. With the exception of TTU student manager Jason Craighead — who struck an MTSU athlete — the Tech coaching staff should be commended for having at least attempted to restrain their basketball players.

In the final analysis, Commissioner Beebe was quite generous in his dealings with MTSU. It is surprising that only three MTSU Raiders were suspended for as long as four games, and that no one was suspended for the duration of the season.

Following the relatively-minor Tech-MTSU brawl of 1985, the Raiders enjoyed a brief reputation as the OVC's bad boys. Tragically, the Blue Raiders may now be saddled with the reputation as the juvenile delinquents of the OVC, as a team no one even wants to play. ■



DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor

For the second straight game, MTSU's Lady Raiders collapsed in the second half, losing to the Murray State Lady Racers Saturday evening 79-61. The loss marks the first time the Lady Raiders have started 0-3 in OVC competition.

The Lady Raiders once more played tenacious defense, forcing 16 first-half Murray turnovers and 26 turnovers on the game. The Lady Raider offense, however, spoiled the effort by turning the ball over 14 times in the second half themselves.

Combined with yet another miserable shooting performance (37.3 percent from the floor and 62.5 from the line for the game), MTSU recorded their 11th loss of the year, the most by a Lady Raider team since the 1980-81 season. MTSU finished 16-13 that season.

The Lady Racers, who improved their record to 9-6 and 2-1 in OVC competition, sent MTSU an early message, scoring their first basket only 6 seconds into the game. As they did against Tennessee State, the Lady Raiders traded baskets with Murray State early, then let the Lady Racers run up a big lead.

Trailing by 11 points only 5 minutes into the game, MTSU staged a 13-4 run. Led by freshman guard Kristi Brown, who canned two three-pointers and was perfect from the line in two attempts during the next 3:44, the Raiders pulled to within one of Murray.

With only 1:43 left in the half, the Lady Raiders took their final lead of the game on a layup by freshman

guard Julie Morrison. The Lady Racers responded with a layup by freshman guard Ann Hutcheson with only 9 seconds left in the period. Murray entered the halftime locker room with a 39-38 lead, one they would never relinquish.

Paced by senior Melissa Huffman, who led all^{**} players on the night with 25, Please see LADIES page 11

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be an easy game, even though we had more talent on the floor because of their suspensions," said Murray's monstrous center, Popeye Jones.

The game quickly turned into a two-man battle, featuring MTSU's 6-7, 190pound freshman, David Clark and the 6-8, 270pound Jones.

Clark scored twelve points over a seven-minute span, including a onehanded slam dunk, and cut the Murray State lead to two at the 14:32 mark.

The run was answered by Jones, who scored 10 over the same stretch.

The Raiders managed to stay within six points of Murray over the next fourminute span, before allowing the Racers to once more stretch the lead to ten with 6:23 left.

Following a crowd-thrilling Blue Raider comeback, Clark cut the lead to two with a free throw in the final minute. A defensive letdown in the final 30 seconds however, allowed Murray to pull away and secure the victory and a share of the OVC lead with the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. "I'm proud of the way we

played and you couldn't

have asked for a better efsaid MTSU head fort" coach Bruce Stewart. "These guys played a great game and I feel worse for i them for losing than anything else."

Clark led all scorers, netting 23. Sophomore guard Jeffrey Hunter added 15 and freshman Kevin Snell scored 11, including three 3-pointers.

The Raiders, 5-10 overall and 0-3 in conference play, host Austin Peay tonight. The Raiders swept the Governors in three games last year, including an 82-79 victory in the OVC championship game.

Both teams are 0-3 in OVC play, and will be battling for last place in the conference in tonight's game.

Tipoff is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., and will be televised by the OVC network.

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LADIES from page 10 points, Murray opened the meter dash; the two were second half by outscoring separated by only 0.38 sec-MTSU 28-10. The Lady Raiders never recovered.

Murray stretched the lead to 19, allowing the Lady Raiders only 11 points in the last 9 minutes of the game.

Brown, who shot 5 for 9 from three-point range on the night, led the Raiders with 17 points. Morrison, junior forward Stephanie Capley and junior center Becky Hall each added 10 points.

The Lady Raiders host the Austin Peay Lady Governors tonight in the Murphy Center. MTSU sports a 27-0 record against the Lady Govs, including two victories last season for a total of 56 points. Tipoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.■

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Jennene' Cody won the 55-meter dash in a time of 7.12. Meanwhile, MTSU's Elissa Davis took an early lead in the 800-meter and never looked back, pulling off an unexpected upset of Western Kentucky's Mary Dwyer and Breeda Dennehy and winning in a time of 2:20.6. The victory marks Davis' first of the season.

"I was really pleased with Elissa when she took the lead in the 800," said Hayes. "I didn't expect her to. I don't think the Western even think about taking the lead early. I wondered about [Dwyer and Dennehy] though. I knew they were behind me. I just kept running.'

MTSU's Tracy Edens placed second in the shotput competition to Memphis State's Lori Rembe, who posted a winning toss of 35-8. Kyieta Beason, Tipton and Hare finished behind Memphis State's Anita Hobbs in the triple jump. Hobbs won with a jump of 37-51/4.

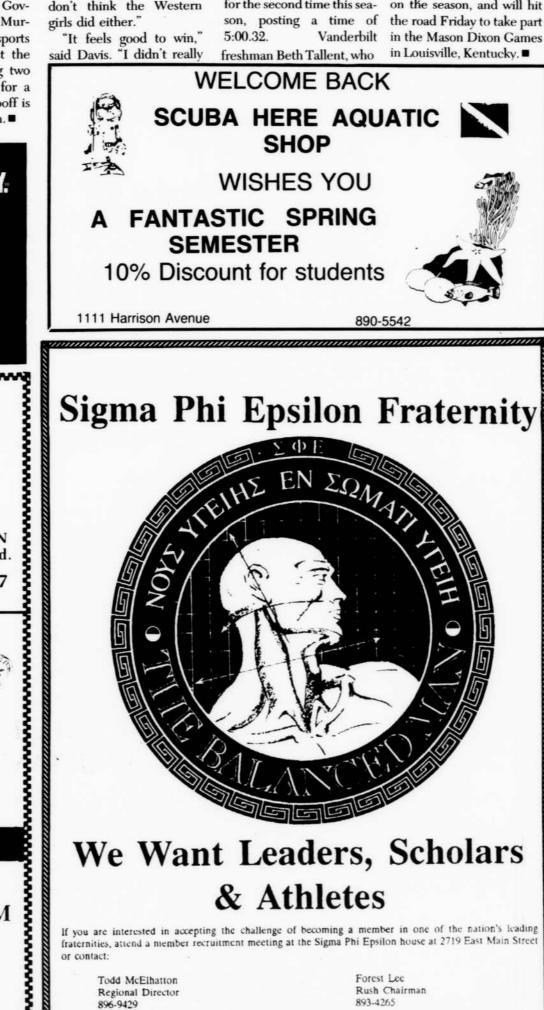
WKU's Mairead Looney won the mile run in MTSU's Murphy Center proved their record to 9-0 for the second time this season, posting a time of 5:00.32. Vanderbilt

was bested by Looney in the mile, pulled ahead of Western's Michelle Murphy on the final lap of the 3000meter to win in a time of 10:09.4. MTSU's Karen Barnes and Sharon Smith shared fourth and fifth places in both events.

The Lady Raiders ended the day just as they had begun it: by winning. MTSU outraced the competition to take the mile relay in a time of 4:04.68.

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