



# Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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## In the News

### Former Senator to speak

Former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker (R-Kansas) will speak for National Women's History Month at noon Monday, March 9, in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room.

The event is free and open to the public and sponsored by the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise. For more information contact news and public affairs at 898-2919.

### Ebony Awards planned

Tickets will go on sale March 16 for the Seventh Annual Ebony Achievement Awards Banquet, according to an interoffice memorandum.

The banquet will be held on Thursday, April 23, at the Garden Plaza Hotel. Tickets will cost \$5 per person. For more information contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 898-5315.

### Joycelyn Elders to speak

Former US Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders will be the keynote speaker for the 1998 Women's Leadership Conference at 7 p.m., March 26, in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room, according to news and public affairs.

"A Leadership Agenda: Women, Politics and Health Care" will be Elder's topic. The event is free for students and \$10 for faculty and others.

### Study shows EITC effective

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Republicans intensify attacks on the earned income tax credit, a new study by a liberal economics organization shows the credit lifts out of poverty one of every seven children who otherwise would be poor.

"The EITC is the most effective safety net program for children in working poor families," said the report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

The finding, released Monday, also shows government benefit programs cut the nation's poverty level in half.

### Officers urge peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — More than 1,500 reserve army officers and soldiers urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday to choose peace with the Palestinians over settlements in the West Bank.

"A government that prefers maintaining settlements...will arouse doubts in our hearts about the justice of our course," the reservists said in a full-page advertisement published in the Yediot Ahronot newspaper.

Among the 1,554 signatories were a former chief of the general staff, eleven generals and more than 200 officers with the rank of lieutenant-colonel or higher.

### Citizen donates land

CHATTANOOGA (AP) — A Chattanooga man has donated property valued at \$22 million near Jackson Hole, Wyo., to a land preservation group.

John C. Thornton donated the 179 acres to the Jackson Hole Land Trust. The land is part of 1,300 acres he bought last year for \$52 million in a bidding battle with computer industry millionaire Farhad Ebrahimi.



Know something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.

# Tech. fee proposal almost finalized

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Allocation of the technology fee is moving into the final steps of approval. The Technology Task Force met on Friday to vote on the proposal for the technology access fee for next fall.

Full-time students are required to pay the \$50 fee every semester. The funds generated from the technology access fee are used to supply departments and colleges on campus with up-to-date equipment that is needed or preferred to advance its programs.

In order to get into the technology fee pool, the departments and colleges must file a formal request to the task force.

The task force—with representatives from the Academic Affairs Office, the Chair Council,

the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association—then prioritizes each request and allocates the money accordingly.

"How much money is available is really dependent on our enrollment," said Barbara Haske, vice president for academic affairs.

The task force has estimated that \$1.1 million is available for allocation. However, there is over \$3 million worth of proposals.

"There is a political element in distributing this [money]," said Christian Haseleu, president of the Faculty Senate.

Since all the proposals are listed in order of rank, any extra or leftover money moves down to the next item on the list.

After the proposals have been prioritized, it is up to the task force to decide if any amendments to the

order of the proposals should be made and then make a final vote.

When it met last Friday, the task force made a few small changes and then approved the proposal. Usually this would be the last step in the allocation of the money.

However, this semester the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) Presidents Council—which is made up of all the university presidents from TBR institutions—is forming guidelines to determine how the money from the technology fee can be allocated.

If MTSU's current proposal meets these guidelines, then it will be the one used next semester.

If not, the task force will have to reconvene to amend the guidelines to agree with the new guidelines.

### SGA in Action

The SGA House and Senate reviewed two pieces of legislation last week.

#### -HR-6-98S

A resolution to establish free student access to the Recreation Center in the summer. This resolution was tabled for the second time.

#### -HR-12-98S

A resolution to congratulate the Lady Raiders for their winning of the Ohio Valley Conference title in women's basketball.

#### -Special Issue

SGA President Ryan Durham presented his proposal for the technology access fee to the senate. The senate approved the proposal.



Susan McMahan/staff

All of these trophies were won by the MTSU debate team this year. The team was ranked fifth in the nation going into this past weekend's national competition. Pictured from left to right are Mike Palumbo, Chris Dixon, Stacie Murphy, Natalie Woodward and Terrance Bond.

## Debate team ranks number five in nation

□ Lee Brewington/Staff

MTSU's debate team was ranked No. 5 in the nation going into last weekend's national competition, according to the Cross Examination Debate Association, which rates 200 colleges and universities throughout the nation.

This ranking places MTSU's debate team above Cornell, Northwestern, and Dartmouth Universities along with close rivals such as Vanderbilt, University of Alabama and the University of Miami, Florida.

A chain of victories helped place MTSU into the No. 5 slot. In January the team traveled to Morehouse College where the MTSU novice division won the tournament with a victory over Vanderbilt. In February Natalie Woodward was named top speaker in novice debate at the Saluki Debates and, at the Mardi Gras Invitational in Louisiana, two novice debate squads won first and second place championships with Terrance Bond being named top speaker.

The novice team also placed second in the region at the Southeastern Championships.

At this year's national competition, the debate team must argue for and against the resolution that the United States federal government should substantially increase its security assistance to one or more of the following Southeast Asian nations: Brunei Darussalam, Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand or Vietnam.

Woodward estimated that between 200 and 300 different topics have been researched, amounting to hours and

hours of work for the team with more yet to come. Topics include landmines, piracy, F-16s, family planning, feminism and interest rates in America.

Bond described debate as having to stand before policy makers with the debater trying to persuade them to accept or negate the policy.

Russell T. Church, professor of speech communication and director of debate, views the No. 5 ranking as "quite an achievement" and said this is probably the highest MTSU has been ranked since the early 1980s.

Church is confident that MTSU will not fall below the No. 10 rank, but added that holding on to the No. 5 rank will be difficult.

Church also said that the MTSU debate team will continue to have a good program as long as it continues to get support from the university. However, Church added it will be difficult to repeat the level of performance again due to the amount of resources other universities have, such as the number of coaches and available budget.

The debate team traveled to Towson State University in Athens, Ga. this past weekend for the national competition. Before leaving, members of the team were optimistic that they could hold on to the No. 5 slot.

"We have had a good year, and we are well prepared," said Stacie Murphey, a sophomore English major. Results of the competition were not available at press time.

The debate team is MTSU's oldest competitive organization, having been started in 1911. It is open to all undergraduate students, regardless of major. All interested students should contact Church at 898-5607.

## New data base increases access to Todd Library

□ Dustin Schrimpsler/staff

Todd Library now offers a new computer data base service containing text from thousands of periodicals.

Covering a broad range of topics, Lexis-Nexus Universe allows users to search its vast resources from campus or home.

On campus, the service may be accessed using Netscape or Telnet Frank from computer labs or faculty offices. Off campus, users may only access the service via Telnet Frank.

According to Lynn Flanagan, chair of MTSU's Electronic Resources Committee, the new data base is currently paid for out of library funds. In July, the services will be funded under MTSU's Student Technology Fees.

Todd Library is a member of the Southeastern Library Network, a consortium of libraries in the southeast. The consortium is negotiating with Lexis-Nexus Universe providers for affordable access for all its members.

The exact cost of the service has not been determined. At roughly \$2 per full time student, this year's cost is

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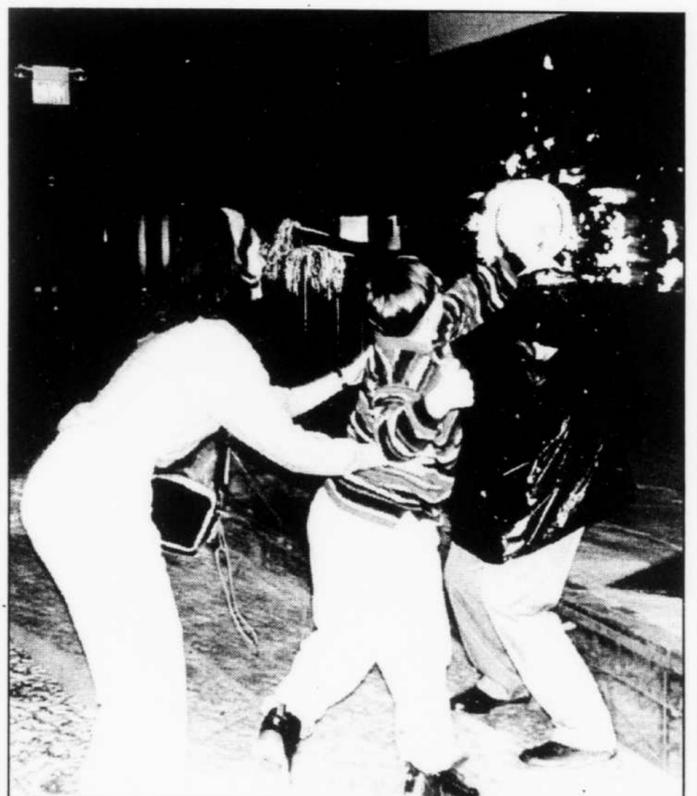
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accessed that of last year.

Todd Library will be providing classes to help researchers get acquainted with the new service. Class dates will be posted as they are scheduled.

For more information on Lexis-Nexus UNIVERSE visit the Todd Library home page [www.mtsu.edu-library](http://www.mtsu.edu-library).

## Here's pie in your eye!



Susan McMahan/staff

A Special Olympian from Rutherford County throws the first pie of the day at Friday's Pie in the Face, a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Public Safety Chief Jack Drugmand is the innocent victim.

## PARKING NOTICE AND R & R BUS STOP CHANGE

Due to the TSSAA Basketball Tournament to be held at Murphy Center, Greenland Drive Lots A and B will be closed on March 11-14 and March 18-21. However, because March 14 is a Saturday and the following week is Spring Break, this will affect student parking only on March 11, 12, and 13.

Students should note that all other interior lots, including the parking lot near the Telecommunications Building, will be open and available to them and the Parking Authority will have two persons stationed there to help direct students to that large lot. Another person will be stationed at the S curve to direct TSSAA visitors away from the campus core parking lots and out to the perimeter parking areas.

We regret the inconvenience that this may cause, and we appreciate your understanding during these few days of heavy activity at MTSU.

To all R & R Bus riders: Due to the TSSAA Basketball Tournament, the R & R Bus will not be stopping at the James Union Building parking lot from March 11-20. Riders should meet the bus at the corner of Bell Street and North Tennessee Blvd. at the same scheduled times.

If you have any questions about TSSAA parking, please call the MTSU Parking Authority at 898-2850. If you have any questions about the R & R Bus Service, please call the RTA at 862-8833. Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

## MTSU implements rare air traffic controller program

Lee Brewington/staff

MTSU is one of only fourteen schools in the nation—and one of only four in the Southeast—certified to train air traffic controllers.

The program was implemented after a certification proposal was sent to the Federal Aviation Administration last summer, and FAA inspectors came to MTSU to inspect the program last fall.

By mid-November, MTSU received official approval to certify air traffic controllers, and Ronald Ferrara and Gail Zlotky of the aerospace department attended a meeting

at a FAA academy in Oklahoma City to draft a partnership with the FAA which outlined the curriculum and support they would receive.

So far, the MTSU aerospace department has received an enormous amount of support from the Nashville FAA office to get the program running.

The new accreditation standards were created by the FAA due to the freeze on hiring of air traffic controllers seven years ago.

Zlotky said the older air traffic controllers would soon be going into retirement, and over 1,000 new employees would be hired each year for the next five years.

To become an air traffic controller, students must pass the AT-SAT test, which can only be taken after earning the three hours of proper curriculum from a certified school. This differs from the past when anyone could take the test without the course work.

After the test has been passed, 18 credit hours of curriculum must still be passed in order to receive recommendation for employment by the FAA.

A person must also maintain a 3.0 GPA in AERO 101, 102 and 201 and a 2.5

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## MTSU CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

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**March 9**

**Phi Beta Lambda** is having a chapter meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Business/Aerospace building N326 (student organization meeting room). Cathy Finney, vice president of Columbia Healthcare Network, is speaking on interview techniques. If you have any questions contact Chris Harrison at 896-3841.

**March 9-31**

**The Barn Gallery** invites everyone to view a "Charcoal Interiors" exhibit by Teresa Prater and Julie Mitchell 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays in the Art Bart. Prater will give a slide presentation at noon opening day in the Gallery and will be at the opening from 4-6 p.m.

**March 9-12**

**The Hampton Society**, MTSU's new senior level honor society to promote scholarship, leadership, service and character, is accepting applications in KUC 120 and 126 for full time students with at least 76 credit hours and a 3.0 GPA.

**March 10**

**The Golden Key National Honor Society** officers for 1998-99 will be elected at the chapter meeting in KUC 314 at 6 p.m. The upcoming Southern Regional Conference will also be discussed. For more information contact Paige Parker at 360-3734.

**March 10-12**

Any students expecting to graduate in May are required to take the **ACT-COMP test**. On these dates, students may choose to take the test at 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. All tests will be held in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. No pre-registration is necessary. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. For more information contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

**March 12**

A speaker from the **United States Marshals Service** will speak at an American Lambda Justice Association—Lambda Alpha Epsilon meeting at 5 p.m. in KUC 318.

**March 24**

**The Golden Key National Honor Society** will have a chapter meeting at 6 p.m. in KUC 313. Topics of discussion will include dates for a possible poetry night, a child advocacy community service project and the upcoming southern regional conference. For more information contact Paige Parker at 360-3734.

**The Placement Center** will place to invite centers, graduate students and alumni registered with the Placement Center to the Nashville Area College to Career Fair from 1-7 p.m. in the Ryman Exhibit Hall of Opryland Hotel. For more information contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.



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# Professor offers unique environmental history course

□ Jeremy Money/staff

Andrew Gulliford said that there are many reasons to study environmental history, but MTSU offers the only course in the state devoted to the subject.

Gulliford, history professor and director of MTSU's Public History and Historic Preservation Program, teaches the environmental history class because "Tennessee is a beautiful place threatened . . . by too much development."

He believes that education is a key to protecting the environment.

"We need to understand environmental history to help understand how really beautiful special areas in Tennessee are, and why we need to preserve them," Gulliford said.

The course covers the history of the environmental movement in the United States, but Gulliford tries to focus on issues concerning the South.

He has written about the environment for nearly 10 years, but said that his biggest difficulty in the class is "finding adequate books that relate to the South, [because] Southern environmental history is being written as we speak."

"It amazes me that Southerners claim to really respect their heritage, but they don't seem to respect the landscape, so in the class we talk a lot about land issues and water issues."

He said that urban expansion has only been an issue in the South for the past two or three decades, and since so much land is privately owned here, there are not as many of the pressures that are found in the West to use the land responsibly.

Gulliford began teaching the class in 1992 after coming to MTSU two years earlier. Before that, he was the director of a museum in New Mexico, adjacent to the first seaside wilderness in the world.

He based the environmental history class here on similar courses at other, mostly Western, universities and believes that this is the only course of its nature in Tennessee.

Gulliford said that he welcomes possible curricular changes in the college of liberal arts that would create environmental-awareness classes in other departments, beyond the environmental-writing class that now exists in the journalism department.

Among the awards that decorate Gulliford's office is a National Volunteer Award from the National Forest Service. He was chosen from over 67,000 volunteers for "working a lot on environmental education, and having a big party."

For the "party," he coordinated an all-day symposium of environmentalists and conservationists from throughout the Southwest, and ended the day with a free concert from Michael Martin Murphy, drawing 5,000 people.

Gulliford recommends these types of sessions so that citizens can "learn more about techniques and strategies that have worked in other communities around the country," and hopefully avoid environmental consequences from urban growth.

By looking at the environmental preservation movement from a historical perspective, Gulliford hopes that students will be able to affect change through their careers later on.

"This class is a good way to understand [environmental issues] as a career path," he said.

Junior biology major Lori Bruner plans to go into an environmental field, beginning as a scientist and later moving into lobbying.

"It's really important to learn about the history of the environmental movement,"

she said. "If I were going to be fighting a dam issue, it would be important to know about other dam issues or water conservation issues."

Senior history major Margaret Nickell said that a strong point of the class is "the use of well-rounded reading material," and that both sides of most issues are presented.

Gulliford, however, warns that his class "asks very hard questions and makes students uncomfortable."

He said during discussions about population control, and that the class gets into issues dealing with the "false belief" generated by the Bible that humans are superior to any other species.

"The class forces you to look at your own life," he said.

"This class has changed students' lives," he continued. "I've had people drop out of college completely and go live in the woods . . . I've had them quit school, leave their jobs and drive to the tip of South America."

About these students, Gulliford quotes his brother's advice, "Never let college interfere with your education' . . . they'll be back."

He said that he does not advocate extremism, instead favoring compromise over confrontation, but that "they need to know the literature."

"There are many environmental issues that are simply not explained to Tennesseans [by the press], and sometimes it takes activism to do that."

"I totally believe in environmental access," Gulliford said. "People still have a sense of helplessness. They don't realize that environmental awareness can change freeways and slow down growth, can require more parks and can save species. Unfortunately, these are not front page issues in Tennessee, and they should be."

# Science often good, bad, ugly

□ Shawn Whitsell/staff

The assistant dean of basic and applied sciences is ready to reveal the good, the bad and the ugly.

Jeffery Albritten will give a honors lecture entitled "20th-Century Science, The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly" at 3:30 p.m. today in Peck Hall 109A.

"I'm going to talk about all the sciences and their impact on the 20th century," he said. "I'm going to go through decade by decade and talk about health, science, etc."

Albritten will discuss how people often sacrifice to get some of the things we have today. He will explain how for every good thing that comes out of science and technology, there might be something bad that

also comes out.

Albritten will express his feeling on how some people are afraid of change and do not want to move into the future.

He said that things like cellular phones, pagers, computer keyboards all seem like the best technology we could have, but in a few years, people will see how simple these inventions really are.

Albritten added that he thinks computer keyboards and monitors will be obsolete in the future. He said the monitor will probably be built into the desktop and, instead of keyboards, there will be a "head" to talk to and give commands.

"You will actually have to

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overall GPA, and receive the permission of Ferrara and Zlotky.

Students are still allowed to major in anything they choose, but they must complete the thirty hours of curriculum outlined by the FAA.

Disqualifying conditions include dishonorable discharge from a military service, DUI conviction, drug conviction, multiple traffic violations, termination from several jobs and failure to pass the AT-SAT after two attempts.

An applicants must also be hired before his 31st birthday.

Air traffic controllers start out earning \$30,000 a year,

including \$66-a-day during the fifteen-week hands-on training at the FAA academy in Oklahoma City.

One of the major reasons the FAA chose MTSU for certification was the university's air traffic controller simulators are almost identical to those used by the FAA. Both simulators work off a system of voice recognition and voice response.

MTSU is also centrally located in the southeast and, according to Ferrara, people from Virginia, Florida and New Orleans have already requested information about the program.

Any student interested in the air traffic controller program should contact Gail Zlotky at 898-2290.

## On the prowl



Chad Gillis/staff

This hawk was seen on campus last week near Peck Hall.

Break into Spring!

Registration: March 3-24 at the Rec Center  
 Captain's Meeting: March 25, 5:30 at the Rec Center

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develop and relationship with this head," said Albritten. "It sounds sort of scary."

Albritten noted that people generally believe that things are happening in science but sometimes have to see it for themselves in order to really be convinced. He used the discovery of the Titan in 1985 as an example.

People knew it was down there, Albritten said, but still wanted to see it for themselves.

When he got a chance to see it on display in Nashville, Albritten said he just had to touch it because that made it real for him.

Albritten has been at MTSU for 10 years. He was first a faculty member of the department of mathematical sciences and has been the assistant dean of the school of mathematical sciences for three years.

Albritten attended Murray State University, where he earned a bachelor's in chemistry, a master's in math, and a doctorate in chemistry. He calls it his "sandwich degree."

Albritten also won the 1993 "MTSU Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award."

All honors lectures are given at 3:30 p.m. Mondays in Peck Hall 109A. The lectures are free and open to the public.

**Paying for college this year can cut income taxes**

□ Mary Vanac/CPS

For taxpayers with modest incomes, sending a kid to college in 1998 — or taking college courses themselves — can take a chunk out of their income tax bills.

To encourage college education, Congress established two education tax credits and an education savings account. The options take effect in 1998 and are reported on your tax return next year at this time.

Taxpayers can use either the Hope credit OR the Lifetime Learning credit OR take a withdrawal from their education savings account — called the Education IRA. They can choose only one per tax year per student.

The Hope credit is for taxpayers who have adjusted gross incomes of less than \$40,000 if single and \$80,000 if married and filing jointly.

Singles can claim a partial credit until their incomes reach \$50,000, and marrieds can do so until their incomes reach \$100,000, according to national accounting firm Arthur Andersen.

This credit is used during the first two years of a college, university or vocational school degree program. Taxpayers can take a credit of 100 percent of their first \$1,000 of tuition or education expenses, plus 50 percent of their next \$1,000 in expenses, for a total credit of \$1,500.

(That means your tax bill is cut by \$1,500.)

Taxpayers can use the credits for themselves, their spouses or dependents, for expenses paid and education started after Dec. 31, 1997. Students must be enrolled at least half-time.

The second education tax credit is the Lifetime Learning credit, which applies to traditional students as well as their parents or other adults who return to school to sharpen job skills.

This credit is limited to taxpayers with the same adjusted gross incomes as the Hope credit.

The Lifetime Learning credit is used for graduate and undergraduate study at qualified colleges or universities. Taxpayers can take a credit of 20 percent of their tuition or education expenses (or the expenses of their spouse or dependent), for a total of \$5,000 a year.

Taxpayers can use the Lifetime Learning credit whether they or their dependents are enrolled at least half-time in a degree program or simply taking classes to improve job skills.

This credit applies to expenses paid and education

started after June 30, 1998. The Lifetime Learning credit can be claimed for an unlimited number of years.

The third option is to withdraw money from an Education IRA — a bit hard this year, considering this also is the first year to save in the special IRA.

Taxpayers contribute up to \$500 per minor child or dependent per year. The contributions are made with after-tax dollars.

A glitch: You can't contribute to both an Education IRA and a state-sponsored prepaid-tuition program such as Ohio's for the same student in the same year, according to CCH Inc., a tax analysis firm in Riverwoods, Ill.

The Education IRA is for taxpayers who have adjusted gross incomes of less than \$95,000 if single and \$150,000 if married and filing jointly. Singles can make partial contributions until their incomes reach \$110,000, and marrieds can do so until their incomes reach \$160,000.

The income limits for the Education IRA are much higher than for the two education tax credits. So higher-income taxpayers who can't use the credits CAN use the IRA.

The accounts grow tax-free. Withdrawals from the accounts also are tax-free, as long as they are used to pay college tuition, room and board, or other education expenses.

If your child doesn't use the account by age 30, you must withdraw the money, and pay income tax and a 10 percent penalty on account earnings.

However, if one child doesn't use the account, you can transfer it to another child without paying taxes or penalties.

Several other education incentives took effect or were extended in 1998:

-- Qualified taxpayers can deduct up to \$1,000 of their college loan interest.

--You can exclude up to \$5,200 of employer-paid education expenses from your taxable income.

--You can make unlimited withdrawals from your IRA (not including Education IRAs) without penalty if you use the money for your education expenses, or those of your spouse, children or grandchildren.

--You can exclude from income the value of certain student loans discharged after Aug. 5, 1997, by the government or charitable institutions.

--State tuition programs were broadened to pay for college room and board, as well as tuition, fees, books and supplies.

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## Editorials

### MTSU: well represented

MTSU is being represented in admirable fashion by two extremely different teams.

The Lady Blue Raiders, headed by rookie coach "phenom" Stephanie Smith, secured a spot in the NCAA Basketball Tournament by winning the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Very few individuals expected the Lady Raiders to even make it to the second round of the OVC, but they did.

No one expected this unit would dominate an entire weekend of competitive OVC basketball at the Nashville Arena, but once again they did.

Overcoming extremely low crowd attendance, adversity and skepticism, this young, enthusiastic, tightly knit team is poised to take on Duke University Thursday in Durham, North Carolina, as a No. 15 seed.

If they succeed in that endeavour, they will face the winner of the game between Utah and Louisville.

Although the Lady Raiders are once again underdogs, the game is not over until the final whistle blows.

The debate team is another facet of campus receiving national attention.

This group deserves astute praise, especially when considering that MTSU students are required to complete an unusually high number of credit hours to graduate.

Reaching a national ranking of No. 5 is outstanding. Needless to say, this publication speaks on behalf of the university when saying thanks.

It is well known that students at this university, for the most part, have very little, if any, time to donate to a team or organization. But it is nice to know that some students are willing to take a chance at life and participate.

It is the efforts of these two teams that have gotten them to where they stand today. Winning isn't everything, but participating is. Hopefully, considering performances such as these, students from all campus sectors will at least try to accomplish something.



### Today's students ignoring military career opportunities



Robert J. Ogden, Jr.  
military science



When the idea of military service or Army ROTC comes up today, many college students, the Generation Xers, simply dismiss such thoughts without much consideration.

The propensity of college-bound students to participate in Army ROTC has declined steadily since 1990, despite a strong marketing effort by the U.S. Army Cadet Command.

In fact in 1997, interest in Army ROTC nation-wide dropped to 31 percent of 1990 levels. This decline is also reflected here at MTSU; the number of Army officers commissioned through the Army ROTC at MTSU fell from 21 to eight during the same period.

Military service is not a popular attraction for college students, and because it is not, many of today's college students are missing or ignoring potential career opportunities.

There are a variety of reasons why MTSU students do not consider careers as Army officers. Some reasons may be well-founded, while others may be based on a lack of information.

Many students are not aware of the financial assistance or leadership training opportunities available to them through Army ROTC. Others are simply ill-informed or have misconceptions about the requirements and obligations of ROTC or of an Army officer.

Military service in this country historically passed from generation to generation. However, that chain was broken for many families with the Baby Boomer generation.

Many of the Baby Boomers grew up never serving in the military. As a direct result of the Vietnam experience we have students coming from families who don't know what the Army is all about.

They do not know what it means to serve their country, and they do not understand the role of the officer. This lack of knowledge prevents students from exploring the opportunities which may be available to them.

A corollary to the lack of knowledge students have of the military is the perception of the lack of need for their services. Today's post-Cold War students have seen the drastic reduction in the overall defense budget.

These well-publicized cutbacks have had a double effect.

First, the misconception is created that the Army has all the officers it needs; otherwise, why would the Army release so many soldiers?

Second, the budget cutbacks have reduced the money available to market ROTC and dispel the myth that the Army has all the officers it needs.

But the fact remains that even if students did come from families with a military background, and were knowledgeable of the Army's continuous need for new lieutenants, many would still disregard the opportunities available to them.

That's because, as marketing studies have shown, most Generation Xers are only thinking short-term and are very cautious about making an early commitment to career choices.

The combinations of these factors have reduced the propensity for our students to participate in ROTC to an all-time low.

So, what are our students missing? Most of today's college students are missing the leadership training, opportunities for financial aid (in the form of Army ROTC scholarships) and post-college employment opportunities.

Leadership training begins the first year of military science classes. Students are exposed to activities, such as rappelling, that are intended to build their confidence.

During the remaining years of military science classes, in addition to the general subjects that are taught, cadets rotate through leadership positions and are evaluated on their performance using 16 leadership dimensions.

Students who have not taken military science classes their first two years of school may participate in a five-week leadership training program during the summer.

Army ROTC cadets develop confidence and maturity during the leadership training process that will serve them well in any career.

Army ROTC scholarships are merit-based scholarships that pay 100 percent tuition at MTSU and provide \$450 a year for books and \$1,500 a year spending money.

College students in most majors can apply for 3-year, 2-year or graduate scholarships.

Historically, 90 percent of the college students applying are selected to receive a scholarship. A student who accepts the scholarship must enroll in Military Science classes and agree to accept a commission as a 2nd lieutenant in either the Army National Guard, the Army Reserves or the Active Duty Army.

For someone trying to decide what to do with their major for their post-college employment, a career as an Army officer is a great place to start.

As an Active Duty officer, the average starting salary is over \$31,000 a year. This is well over the average starting salary for recent MTSU graduates.

In addition to the generous starting salary are liberal vacation and health care benefits. All Army officers receive 30 days paid vacation per year and 100 percent coverage for health care.

The types of positions, responsibilities and duties assigned to new Army officers are typically reserved for more experienced employees in most businesses.

This experience is invaluable if officers choose to pursue other career opportunities after they serve their initial military obligation, which many officers choose to do.

With a competitive job market, this is an excellent way for someone to gain the valuable experience so many positions require. In fact, many civilian companies favor employing former military officers.

A recent edition of "Army Times," a weekly professional journal, listed 16 employment agencies that specialize in assisting junior military officers in securing jobs upon completion of the officer's military obligation.

These agencies represent many of the Fortune 500 companies. With proven leadership abilities, experience and maturity, the junior military officer leaving active duty service is a sought-after prospect.

For the students who read this and think that this is something that may appeal to them, enrolling in ROTC is as simple as enrolling in military science classes on TRAM.

Students can enroll in the first two years of military science classes without incurring a military obligation, wearing a uniform, or getting a required haircut.

They don't have to participate in any physical fitness training or field training exercises unless they want to.

The first two years of military science classes give the student the opportunity to find out about the ROTC program and military service before they make any commitments.

For students who have two years of school or less remaining, they can participate in the Camp Challenge program during the summer. Although students who attend this leadership training program are not obligated to the Army, they do wear uniforms, keep a military haircut and participate in physical fitness training.

The opportunities available to students through Army ROTC are notable. Students get the opportunity for personal growth, financial assistance and a reputable career.

Popularity among peers and misconceptions and general lack of knowledge about ROTC and military service limit the opportunities of our students. For someone who is willing to think outside the box, the prospects are bright as an Army ROTC Cadet and an Army Officer.

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# Without automatic withdrawals, I'll go into withdrawal

By Keesia Wirt/CPS

OK, I admit it. I'm addicted. I just can't live without it. I am a slave to the all-mighty Automatic Teller Machine.

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I also know the agony of hearing the money machine print a receipt before it dispenses my cash. Perhaps nothing is as cruel as the statement 'Funds not available.'

The other day, as I made my second cash withdrawal in about a 10-hour period, I realized how crucial these regurgitating cash boxes are to my life. In fact, I haven't conducted business transactions with a real, live person for more than two years. And I certainly haven't darkened the doors of my bank in that same amount of time.

I really don't need to. Every day, I make a pitstop to get some cash for lunch or supper or whatever it is I need to buy. When I stop for groceries or need some shampoo, I pull out my nifty little debit card when I'm ready to checkout. When I get my paycheck every two weeks, I immediately drive to the nearest ATM to deposit it.

While standing recently at one of my many favorite cash-spitter-outers, I started to think about these machines and why I love them so. I hopped on the Web for information and found some interesting facts about ATMs and those who use them.

According to The ATM Connection Web page, people who use ATMs spend an average of 20 to 25 percent more than those who don't. (I can certainly vouch for that. If

I know there's an ATM around, I'll definitely plan to spend more.)

Also according to the Web site, 60 percent of the Americans ages 25 to 34 and 51 percent of Americans ages 35 to 49 use ATM machines eight times a month. On average, those Americans withdraw about \$55 per transaction.

The site also stated that in 1994, there were 8.3 billion ATM transactions in this country. That figure, although I couldn't find facts to prove it, must surely have risen in the past few years.

The Web page stated that the most popular day for ATM usage is Friday. Judging by the people lined up at cash machines around here when the weekend hits, I'd say that's right.

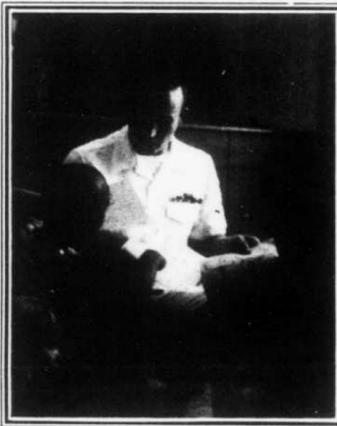
I was also amazed at the number of Web pages devoted to selling the money-spitting machines. It hadn't occurred to me that people make money off of my transactions. (With my ATM record, I've probably bought someone a new car.)

The ATM Financial Group Web site reported that businesses can earn big bucks by installing ATMs. Owners not only make a 25 or 50-cent surcharge profit for each transaction made, but the ATM also increases the change of people spending money in the store. In fact, nightclubs that have ATMs on the premises often see as much as 70 to 80 percent of the dispensed cash spent in the club.

The best information I found, though, was that I could install my very own ATM at my student newspaper's office for the low price of \$10,995, or \$275 a month for five years.

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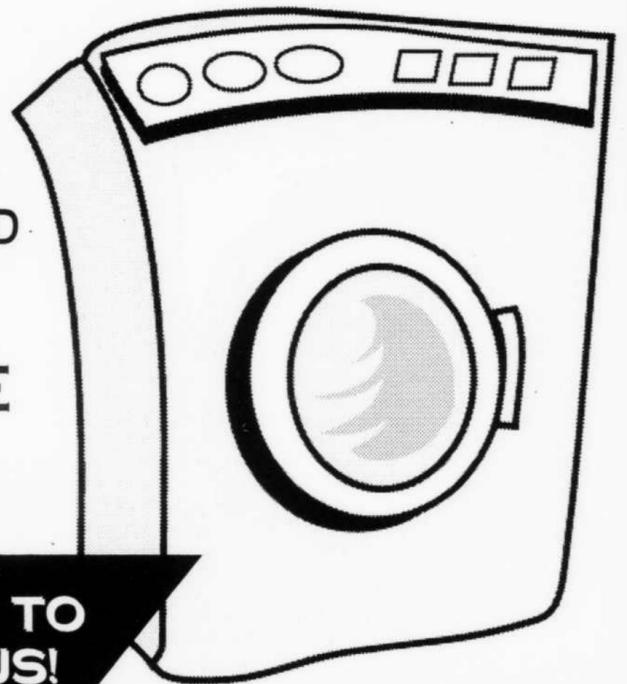
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The "Families and Neighbors" exhibit runs through Aug. 15 at the Children's Discovery House. The Discovery House is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Swami's Whirling Dervish plays Springwater at 9 p.m.

Roscoe Shelton, Clifford Currey, Earl Gaines and the Exello Legends play 3rd and Lindsley at 8 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 10

The Bad Habits play Sebastian's at 10 p.m. \$3 cover.

Malcolm Holcolombe, Chick Rains, Roger Rasnake and Jelly Roll Johnson play the Bluebird at 9:30 p.m.

Rachel Newman and Counterculture play Springwater at 9 p.m.

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The Gig World Blues open jam takes place at 9 p.m. at 3rd & Lindsley.

The Sidemen play the Station Inn.

### Wednesday, March 11

Billy and Terry Smith, Charlie Cushman, Laura Weber play the Station Inn.

Jeff Black plays the Bluebird at 9:30 p.m.

David Bennett and friends play Springwater at 9 p.m.

Mary Dillon plays 3rd & Lindsley at 7 p.m. The Wooten Brothers take the stage at 9 p.m.

### Thursday, March 12

The Saw Doctors play 328 Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.

"Macbeth" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at TPAC's Polk Theater. Tickets are \$7 to \$26 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

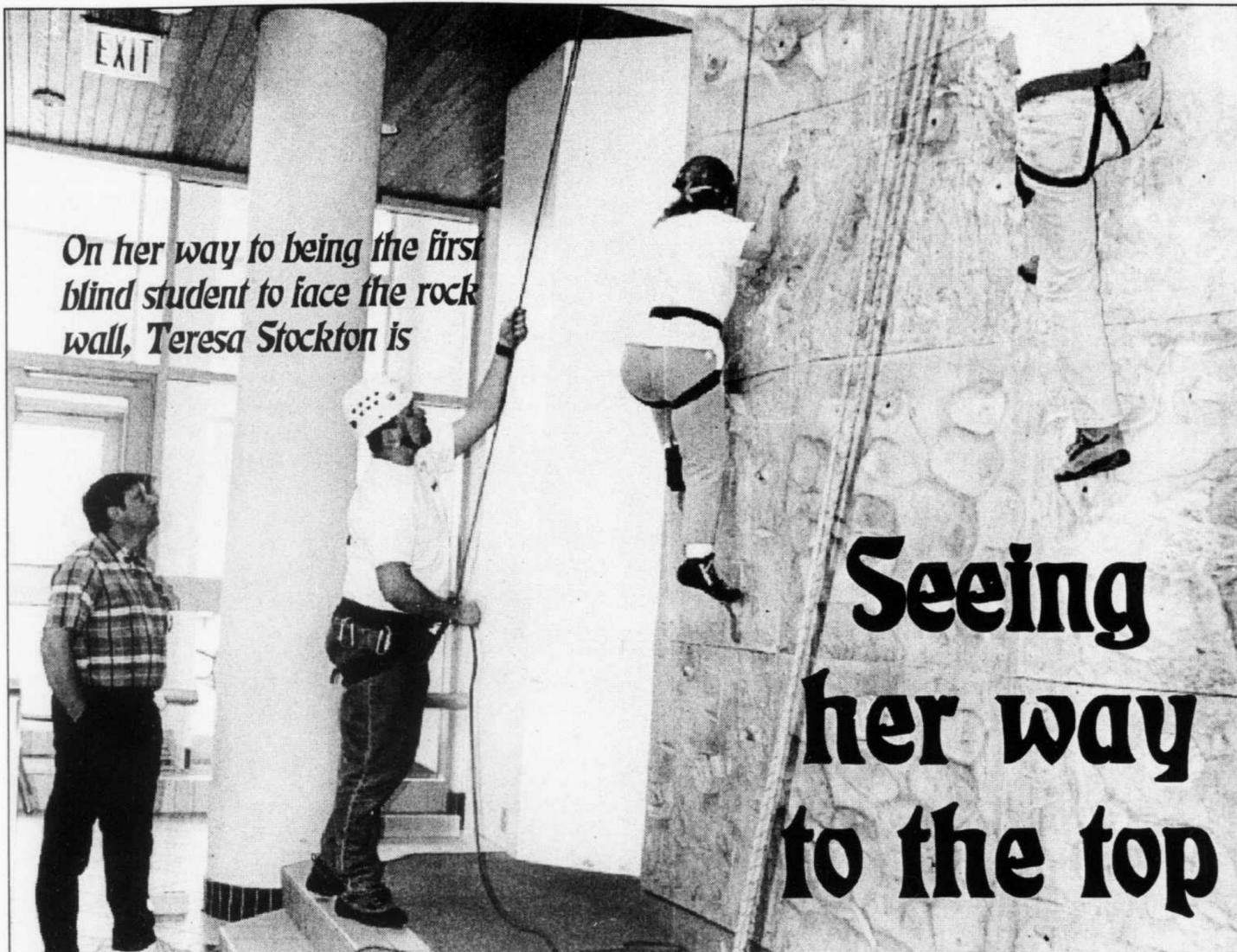
King Me plays Springwater at 9 p.m.

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# Seeing her way to the top

□ Susan McMahan/staff

Next time she'll make it. And if you don't believe she will, you can go watch her next Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Rec Center. Teresa Stockton will feel the top of the climbing wall. Many people passed by while she made her second attempt March 5. Some stopped to watch with idle curiosity of a student braving the imposing wall.

But what these students did not see was that Teresa is in the process of being a first at the Rec Center. She's the first blind student to climb the rock wall.

Teresa, a senior Spanish major, has been blind since the day she was born and she's never let it stop her.

This current challenge was selected because Teresa and her husband Mark, a senior pre-engineering major, want to start mountain climbing together. Mark thought the wall would improve her balance and coordination to prepare her for real mountains.

Before she decided to brave the wall, she went backpacking and hiking at Sipse Wilderness Area in Alabama and she graduated from the blind sea scuba program through Outdoor Pursuits, a program offered through the Rec Center that provides a number of instructional, recreational and social outdoor opportunities. She's already looking forward to the alpine challenge course that is planned as a Rec Center

addition. With a little help from her friends at the Rec Center—Steven Jones, an Outdoor Pursuits graduate assistant, and Jessica Russell, a senior recreation therapy major—Teresa geared up for her second attempt. Jones quizzed her about the pre-climbing procedures she had learned the week before on her first attempt. Teresa surprised herself by remembering more than she thought she would.

"You're kicking chicken," Jones told her when she geared up faster than the week before.

She was nervous, but excited, as she put her feet on the first footholds. Her goal this week was to make it up higher than she had last week, when exhaustion forced her to stop about a little under halfway of the 30-foot-tall wall.

An extra foot hold was added to the area on the wall where she had stopped the first time because she had a hard time finding a comfortable place to rest her foot the week before.

Jones and Russell helped guide Teresa by giving her directions relative to a clock, by doing things like telling her to put her right hand at 3 o'clock. Jones helped hold the rope that kept her anchored to the ground. Her husband watched her climb from the second story balcony.

About five feet off the ground, a cramp forced her back down to rest. After the Rec Center employees helped rub it out somewhat, she again turned to the wall.

"I want to make it to the top. I want to make it to the top," she chanted. "Oh please, dear God. Oh, please dear God."

On her second attempt of the day, she made it as far as she did the first time.

And then she made it farther. She rested often, and stopped to shake out the cramp in her arm, but she kept going. When she'd get tired, she'd let go of the foot holds and hang in limbo until she felt ready to try again.

When Teresa could no longer reach so high that Russell went behind the wall and called to her from the top. Teresa kept climbing, although the higher she climbed, the more she had to stop and rest.

She told Russell, Jones and her husband that she wanted to stop when she was about five feet higher than she had gotten the week before. She was told they weren't ready to let her down yet.

With her cheering section pushing her on, she made it almost two-thirds of the way to the top. They finally told her they would allow her to come down and then it was her turn to push them on.

"I'll give it one more try because I'm not a quitter," she informed them.

She made it up past six of the nine three-foot-tall panels on the wall, or about 18 feet off the ground. Then she knew it was time to rest for the week and Jones helped lower her down.

She was only a distance of about

10 feet from the top. She wished she could have made it, but she had met and surpassed her goal to get as far as the first week.

"It was awesome," she declared. "If I can climb the wall, then I can do anything."

As she took off the climbing gear, her husband explained how well the Rec Center treats students like Teresa. Not only were they helping on the wall, they had done things like adding tape to the handrails near the turns on the upstairs track so that blind students could know when a turn was coming.

This was a plus for Teresa, who uses the track often.

Jones said the Rec Center and Outdoor Pursuits try to make all reasonable accommodations for disabled students.

Russell and Jones pressured Teresa to name the time when she would complete the climb and make it all the way.

At first, Teresa said she would see them a little after Spring Break, but they decided to again meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the same time they had this week.

"We will see you next week," Russell told Teresa with a heavy emphasis on the word "will."

Teresa promised her friends she would return the next week. Then she and her husband left to buy Teresa a hand gripper to make her hands stronger for the big day, because next time she's gonna make it.

## Charcoal interiors



Susan McMahan/staff

Charcoal works by Teresa Prater of Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., like the one above, and Julie Mitchell of the University of Cincinnati will be on display at the Barn Gallery through March 31.

## London actors bring their 'Dream' to MTSU

□ Waunausha Hairston/staff

The Actor Project, the department of speech and theatre and the department of English have teamed up to present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare.

The Actor Project is the same group that brought us "Much Ado About Nothing" last year. The company of London-based actors tours universities and colleges each year bringing with them performances, workshops and classroom instruction in a week-long residency.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" consists of four stories. The first deals with Oberon and Titania, the King and Queen of fairies. The second covers the mix-up of the four mortals resulting from mischievous Puck's having given a love potion to the wrong man.

A third revolves around the rehearsals of the immortal Bottom and his fellow clowns of their mock

tragedy. Finally, the last tale concerns itself with the wedding party of the Duke of Athens and his bride.

The comedy takes place in the enchanted woods inhabited by dancing fairies, sweethearts bewildered with love potions and a group of country bumpkins rehearsing a ridiculous fulfillment.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. March 11 and 12 at Tucker Theatre.

General admission is \$7 and MTSU students get in free.

Additional sponsors include the Peck Fund, MTSU Public Service Committee, Rutherford County Arts and Humanities Council and Student Programming.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" runs March 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. at Tucker Theatre. Admission is \$7 and free for MTSU students.

# Local history becomes art

□ Chad Gillis/staff

From an "East Main Home" made of lead to a "Deep Sea Shark" submerged in water color, local artist Clarise Nelson brings a variety of materials and ideas from the easel to the public in her latest untitled collection.

Her exhibit, a collection of portraits, landscapes and nativity scenes, runs through the month of March at the Rutherford County/Murfreesboro Center for the Arts.

"I wanted some different pieces," Nelson explains, "not just oils or acrylics."

The pieces are just that—different. Some works are done with pencil; some with crayon, some with watercolor, oil, acrylic, batik.

"East Main Home" is a pencil drawing of a historic house between campus and the Square.

Nelson's simple pieces seem to act as an artistic link to the rural South's past.

"Nearly Forgotten" shows deterioration of barn-like farmhouse.

"Nathan Bedford Forest" is a penciled version of the controversial confederate soldier that once represented MTSU.

"Days Past" exhibits



"East Main Home" is a pencil drawing by Clarise Nelson now on display at the Center for the Arts gallery.

Murfreesboro's railroad station in its long-past prime. The "James K. Polk Hotel" is a pencil and watercolor image of the historic building that once stood where the main branch of

SunTrust Bank now stands on East Main near the Square.

"I've always been a realist," Nelson explains. "I enjoy abstract art, but I'm more of a realistic painter."

This may be true, but Nelson dabbles with the abstract side of art as well.

"Broken Color" is an acrylic piece depicting a table covered with fruit and antique glass bottles. The pears and grapes are full of color and life, and are contrasted by horizontal and diagonal lines that obstruct viewing.

"Crayon Batik" shows a parrot-like bird eating fruit from a tree. Batik is a process that uses dyes and wax to create an image. Wax is used to keep the dye from reaching certain areas of the fabric. Once the dye has been added, the fabric is ironed and another coat of dye is applied.

"Deep Sea Shark" presents a lifeless shark in green waters. Yellow bubbles rise around the fish as if something from below were breathing oxygen.

Nelson says most of her works are produced from photographs she has taken or simply from memory.

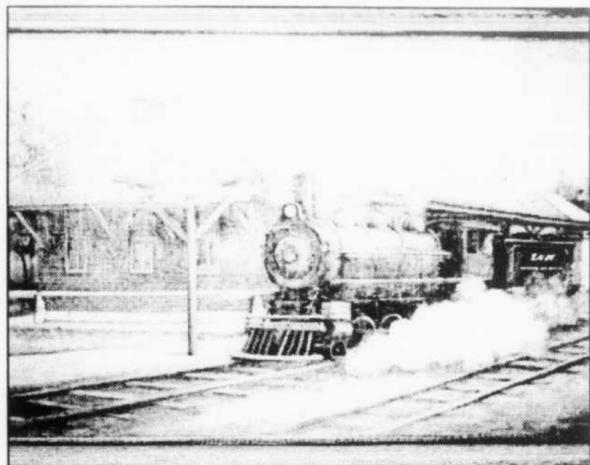
"If I'm using oil, I just paint from the imagination and see what turns out," she says. "Some paintings I just do out of my head. I also take pictures of my work from that."

Nelson says she has been an artist all her life, adding that she has been serious about painting for the last 25 years.

"I don't know why I paint," Nelson explains. "I just got hooked on it. I'll do it whether it'll sell or not. When I start painting a piece, selling it doesn't enter into it."

Nelson has even painted from the memory of others. "I drew a picture of my mother's home from her memory," Nelson explains. "She described it and I painted it."

"It took two brains, or maybe a brain and a half," Nelson says laughingly. "Her brain and my half."



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"Days Past" pictures Murfreesboro's railroad station in its prime. The oil painting can be seen at the Center for the Arts gallery this month.

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# Jenny McCarthy goes from 'Playboy' centerfold to acting to selling shoes

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

She first burst upon the national scene as the 1994 Playmate of the Year.

Then she made herself into a household name as the beautiful blonde on MTV, who liked to pick her nose every once in awhile.

On Saturday, Jenny McCarthy took Music City by storm with an appearance at Hickory Hollow Mall.

McCarthy, 23, is one of three current public figures who endorse Candie's shoes. As part of her promotional deal, McCarthy travels to various malls throughout the country once a month.

"We just felt she was the Candie's girl," said Derrick Cole, CEO of the New York City-based Candie's. "We did a study and she came out number one for the demographics we wanted to reach."

"She has an incredible amount of self-confidence and we felt she was the ideal role model for our customer."

Saturday's Nashville appearance, which drew nearly 1,000 fans, took place at Journey's.

McCarthy has worked as Candie's star personality for the past year-and-a-half.

"It's amazing how she draws," Cole said.

Tall, vibrant, curvy, with an even greater outgoing personality, McCarthy was a hit with the entire crowd despite not being able to sign autographs for everyone.

Unfortunately, more fans showed up than expected for her one-hour appearance. However, an ever gracious McCarthy agreed to stay an extra half-hour in order to sign for as many people as possible.



Former Playmate Jenny McCarthy poses for a Candie's shoe ad. photo provided

Although Candie's is expected to announce another star endorsee at a press conference in New York the first week of May, the two sides intend to continue their partnership.

"I was made for them and they were made for me," McCarthy said. "It was a perfect combo."

According to Cole, McCarthy, who grew up in suburban Chicago, is now a major stockholder in Candie's.

When not out promoting shoes, McCarthy, a former co-host of MTV's "Singled Out," is busy with her new-found fame and acting career.

"All of it has to do with personality," McCarthy said. "I never wanted to be the prom queen, I always wanted to be the class clown and I think that transcended past the pages of 'Playboy.' And I'm extremely proud of that."

A former nursing major at

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, McCarthy has two weekly television shows in production.

"She's doing a movie right now for Universal Studios with the same guys who developed South Park," said Ray Manzella, McCarthy's manager of four years.

Tentatively titled "Basketball," it won't be the first time McCarthy graces the big screen. She had small roles in the 1996 feature "The Stupid's" and "Things To Do In Denver When You're Dead" in '95.

Should McCarthy continue her surge to the top of the popularity charts outside of the MTV generation with the help her off-beat, quirky personality, she just may have a chance to parallel the success of a certain red-headed female comic of the past.

"I always wanted to be like Lucille Ball," McCarthy said.

# Play It Safe week starts

□ Staff reports

Several campus organizations are teaming up to plan a crash course in wellness to prepare students for Spring Break.

"Play It Safe: Spring Break '98" will be held from Monday through Thursday this week on campus and several free events are planned to inform students, according to Gina Poff, director of Student Development.

Every day during wellness week, the "Play it Safe" display will be on display in the second floor lobby of Keathley University Center from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

A display will be up all day in the lobby of the Rec Center on Monday and Tuesday. It will be up from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

Also every day is The Wall, a display where students can write their feelings about sexual assault, which will be up in the KUC second floor lobby all day.

Special for Monday is a film and resources on campus assault in the KUC lounge from noon till 2 p.m. and a personal safety workshop in racquetball court three in the Rec Center at 5 p.m.

The special event for Tuesday is a simulated drunk driving accidents, complete with wrecked cars and bleeding victims. Poff said the Jaws of Life may even be used to add to the effect. This event takes place in the KUC courtyard at noon.

On Wednesday, Planned Parenthood and Nashville Cares will have displays in the KUC lobby from 9 a.m. till 2

## "Play it Safe" Spring Break Campus Events

### Monday, March 9

Campus Assault: film and resources, KUC lounge - noon to 2 p.m.

Personal Safety Workshop, Court 3 - 5 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 11

Nashville Cares & Planned Parenthood display, KUC Lobby - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Condom Carnival, Corlew Hall - 6 p.m.

Condom Carnival, Lyon Hall - 6 p.m.

### Thursday, March 12

Nashville Cares display, KUC Lobby - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mock Cocktail Party, Recreation Center - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aerobics 'n' More, Recreation Center - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Every Day

"Play it Safe" display in KUC Lobby, 2nd Floor - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Display in Recreation Center Lobby - all day

The Wall, KUC Lobby, 2nd floor - all day



Adam Smith/staff

There will also be a mock cocktail party and Aerobics 'n' More from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m.

The Play It Safe wellness week events are sponsored by the Office of Student Life, the Office of Student Development, the June Anderson Women's Center, Public Safety, Campus Recreation and the SHARE Peer Educators.

Wellness week wraps up on Thursday with the Nashville Cares display in the KUC lobby from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m.

# Krippendorff's lost tribe should have remained lost

## The Movie Guy Jared Wilson



I refuse to devote much space to "Krippendorff's Tribe," because it was one of the worst movies I've ever seen that actually had a promising cast. In fact, the movie deserves no mention at all, but let the following brief review serve as a warning.

My theory about how "Krippendorff's Assumptions" is based on two assumptions: Pauly Shore was unavailable and Richard Dreyfuss had a stipulation in his "Mr. Holland's Opus" contract that bound him to do this flimsy excuse for a movie.

I won't bore you with the plot (there's not much of one anyway). You can figure it out by catching the movie's trailer on television.

"Tribe" uses every cliché in the book to construct a movie that is

painfully awful. Dreyfuss seems to believe that shouting constitutes comedy, and Jenna Elfman (Dharma of TV's "Dharma and Greg") fills a role that should set women's place in film back a good 15 years.

Even talented actors like comedian Lily Tomlin and Stephen Root (TV's "Newsradio" and "King of the Hill") appear bewildered, as if wondering what they were doing in such a lame production.

I wondered what I was doing watching it.

For a good time in the theater, avoid "Krippendorff's Tribe" and see another recent release, "U.S. Marshals."

"U.S. Marshals" features Tommy Lee Jones as Sam Gerard, the same role from 1993's "The Fugitive" that earned him an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. Wesley Snipes plays Mark Sheridan, a tow-truck driver wanted for murdering two government agents.

"Marshals" also stars an unusually detached Robert Downey, Jr. The effects of Downey's well-known legal problems on his ability to act could easily be read into the movie, if not for the fact that Snipes seems peculiarly distant as well.

He offers a decent performance, but "Marshals" really works best, and is the most entertaining, as an ensemble piece. When Jones, Tom Wood, Latayna Richardson and Joe Pantoliano (reprising his role as Cosmo Renfro from "The Fugitive"), the "marshals" of the title, are all on screen, the film flows with vibrance and humor and is extremely watchable.

Outside of these moments, "U.S. Marshals" is pure action-adventure and is not as character-driven, nor as intellectual, as "The Fugitive." The film has two major problems: the plot is full of holes, and it relies on clichés to move the story forward.

Did we really need to see another

movie about a specially trained ex-government assassin framed for a crime that he did not commit?

Don't we know by now that when a handcuffed prisoner says, "I really need to use the restroom," he is indicating that an escape is about to take place?

"Marshals" begins sluggishly. The interior shots during the plane crash reminded me of something from an Ed Wood production. I could just picture the director shouting, "Everybody lean left; everybody lean right!" while the director of photography jostled the camera around for maximum effect.

Once the actual chase kicks in, however, "Marshals" becomes a decent movie, and the well-executed action sequences do much to draw attention away from its flaws.

"U.S. Marshals" is satisfying visually—just don't think about it too much.

My video pick of the week is Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven," a film that

nearly swept the 1992 Academy Awards.

"Unforgiven" tells the story of an aged gunslinger, retired from the criminal life, who teams up with an old friend (Morgan Freeman) and a young turk to claim one last bounty. The trio must face their prey, a sadistic lawman (Gene Hackman), and ultimately, themselves, to accomplish their goal.

"Unforgiven" won Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director (Eastwood), Best Supporting Actor (Hackman) and Best Editing (Joel Cox), and garnered nominations for Best Actor (Eastwood), Best Screenplay and Best Sound.

Eastwood's epic is the greatest western in recent history and, at once, manages to innovate while maintaining the conventions of the genre.

My grades: "Krippendorff's Tribe" D-; "U.S. Marshals" B-; "Unforgiven" A+

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## 2-MIN. DRILL!



### NCAA basketball trip

The Blue Raider Athletic Association will sponsor a trip to the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament, following the Lady Raiders to their opening round site.

Plans for the trip will be finalized today. This is due to the site and opponent not being announced until last night.

The trip will include hotel accommodations at the team hotel, game tickets and round-trip airfare, if necessary. If the game site does not require air transportation, bus service will be included in the package.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact the BRAA office at 898-2210.

### Story quits softball

Head coach Karen Green announced Friday that sophomore pitcher Jaclyn Story has decided not to continue playing softball for the Lady Raiders.

"Jaclyn has decided that it is in her best interest to participate in athletics at this time," Green said.

Story had played in 13 games this year. She was 4-4 as a pitcher, working as a starter and in relief. She also had a .333 batting average.

### Softball tourney cancelled

Due to heavy rains in the Atlanta area the Georgia State Softball Round Robin slated for the weekend was cancelled.

Among the teams slated to participate were Middle Tennessee, Evansville, Ohio State, Troy State, Loyal of Chicago and host Georgia State.

### Raider television schedule

"The Randy Wiel Show" airs every Sunday night on WNAB at 10 p.m. It is rescheduled 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. on MTSU Ch. 8.

"The Stephany Smith Show" airs on WHRT Channel 27 on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

### Raider Radio Network

#### WGNS AM 1450-

All Lady Raider basketball games  
The Randy Wiel Show on Sunday nights. Taped from 6-7 p.m. at Toot's Restaurant in Murfreesboro.

#### WBOZ FM 104.9-

All Blue Raider basketball games

#### WAPB AM 810-

All Blue Raider baseball games and the Steve Peterson Show every Monday from 5:30-6 p.m. Taped at Toot's Restaurant.

### Upcoming schedule

#### Women's Basketball-

##### NCAA Tournament

Date, opponent and site to be named Sunday at 6 p.m.

#### Men's Basketball-

The Raiders are awaiting a possible bid into the NIT Tournament.

#### Women's Tennis-

at Memphis March 13 T.B.A.

vs Furman March 14 T.B.A.

#### Men's Tennis-

at H.E.B. Invitational March 6-8

vs Louisville March 13 1:30 p.m.

#### Indoor Track-

at NCAA Indoor Champ. March 13-14 at Indianapolis

at Mississippi State March 21

#### Baseball-

vs Yale 3 p.m. Today

vs Butler 3 p.m. March 10

vs Butler 3 p.m. March 12

vs East. Ky. /DH 2 p.m. March 14

#### Softball-

vs Tenn./DH 5 p.m. March 10

vs Kentucky/DH 5 p.m. March 12

at Rebel Springs Games

March 15-20 Orlando, Fla.

#### Golf-

Alabama Springs Classic

March 21-23 Montgomery, Ala.

### Next Issue-

A detailed look at the Lady Raider basketball team's first-round opponent in the NCAA Tournament. Also a profile of "Sidelines" Performer of the Week.



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## Which way do we go?

### Announced last night, the Lady Raiders will play Duke in the first round of the NCAA tourney

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Figuring out the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament may take more than a look at the weekly rating charts.

Oddly enough, if you're planning on attending the Lady Raiders first-round game you may want to pick up a map or, more importantly, a compass.

But then again, it's been a strange year for the Lady Raider basketball team.

And Sunday night things became even more strange with the announcement of the NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Raiders, a 15 seed, drew Duke as first-round opponent in game that will be played either Friday or Saturday at the Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C.

However, that isn't the strange part of the deal—in all actuality it's not that bad.

The strange part falls with fact that the Lady Raiders match-up with the Blue Devils is part of the West Region.

It may very well be the first time in history a team from the south travels east...to play in the west?

"I'm pleased to play in the West a 15 [seed] as opposed to a 16," said head coach Stephany Smith on a special radio broadcast on 1450 AM as part of a live selection Sunday remote from Toot's Restaurant.

"We don't have any preconceived notions about Duke," she said.

What is known about the Blue Devils is that, aside from finishing the season at 21-7, they were consistently ranked in the top 15 and, like many of the Lady Raiders opponents this season, they have some height to them.

"They've been beaten and they

certainly can be beaten again," said Lady Raider Cortney Neeley.

Lady Raider assistant coach Al Warmly will take care of the immediate scouting duties for the game and a potential second-round match up with the winner of the Louisville/Utah game.

Meanwhile, the Lady Raiders will practice Monday and Tuesday before heading off to Durham sometime Wednesday.

Depending upon what time of day they leave and the ensuing practice schedule once they arrive at the Cameron Indoor Stadium, they may also practice early Wednesday afternoon.

"I do think we're in a good bracket," Smith said. "I think we have just as good a chance as anybody."

The Blue Raider Athletic Association will announce details surrounding a trip they will sponsor to Durham by next Monday.

"We're close enough for our fan support to be there," Smith added.

Neeley, an Obion County native, is happy to get a chance to play in Durham.

The Lady Raiders starting point guard, grew up in East Tennessee as a Duke fan, often rooting for Bobby Hurley.

Smith expects the Blue Devils to try and force the Lady Raiders into an aggressive, fast-paced game.

"That's conducive to what we like to do," Smith said.

## Murray ninth in regionals

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

It was no surprise that North Carolina, Duke, Kansas and Arizona all received No. 1 seeds when the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament was announced Sunday evening.

However, on a local note, many basketball fans were surprised that Ohio Valley Conference champions Murray State were announced as a No. 9 seed in the Midwest Region.

"I don't think they wanted that high of a seed," said Blue Raiders assistant coach Victor Neuman on a special selection Sunday radio show, which aired on 1450 AM live from Toot's Restaurant. "Their positioning isn't really as good as it could be."

The Racers will first face off against No. 8 seeded Rhode Island.

Unfortunately, if they survive that contest they will go up against No. 1



Chad Gillis/staff

inside post up players like Cindi Ainsworth, 50, will have to be in top form this weekend when the Lady Raiders travel to Durham, N.C., to take on the Duke Blue Devils in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Blue Devils, who have been consistently ranked in the top 15 all season, will sport a slight height advantage over the Lady Raiders at the Cameron Indoor Stadium.

seeded Kansas, who are currently ranked fourth in the country.

In all actuality the Racers would rather have been an 11 or 10 seed. Last year, they were a 15 seed but managed to take the Duke Blue Devils into the final minutes.

As for the Blue Raiders, they are awaiting word of whether or not they will receive a post-season bid to the National Invitational Tournament.

NIT invitations will be announced from New York City Monday, March 9, in the afternoon.

Neither Vanderbilt nor Memphis made it into the big dance, which will lessen the Raiders chances. The University of Alabama also is an NIT possibility.

"UAB and Memphis can't play [one another] in the first round," Neuman said.

As, Wiel mentioned earlier in the first-round games regionalized. This

scenario sets up a likely meeting between Memphis and Vanderbilt instead of a Raider game against Vandy at Memorial Gym in Nashville.

"Don't be surprised if [Vanderbilt] does decline [a bid to the NIT]," Neuman speculated.

All first-round games of the NIT are held at the campus sites of the top half of the 32-team field.

"If we don't get in, we can't stand anyone but ourselves," Neuman said.

Much of the Raiders chances for post-season play began diminishing with a four-game losing streak near the end of the season.

Another possibility lurking is a game with Memphis, where current Raider Athletic Director Lee Fowler served as an assistant basketball coach.

"I would love for the Memphis kids to get a chance to see us play," Neuman said. "But, it's not in our hands."

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When walking, it is important to raise your heart rate by at least 60 percent, if not by 70. Walking swiftly, swinging your arms and with a wider and longer step are ways to increase your heart rate, making the activity aerobic.

A good way of determining if you are exercising in the Aerobic Zone is taking the Talk Test. If you can carry on a conversation without getting winded but are walking at a raised heart rate, then you are in the Zone.

Wearing the right shoes can make the difference between post-workout

pain and the desire to walk again the following day. Leg or foot pain, blisters or calluses are common results of wearing the wrong kind of shoe. Canvas shoes (like Keds) do not provide enough support for aerobic activity. Most shoe companies have designed a shoe specifically for walking, but a cross-training or running shoe would be just as good.

A few things to look for in a shoe are their breathability, arch support and the width of their sole. Breathability refers to the upper sole being made of a mesh or thinner material that allows air to circulate and prevent overheating. Every good cross-training shoe should have adequate arch supports and have a sole that raises your foot at least half an inch off the ground.

The way in which your foot is positioned when walking can prevent or cause pain problems. Keep your feet in line with your legs, trying not to point your toes in or outward. Avoid walking on the side of your feet. This is a common problem people have and can be diagnosed by looking at the sole of a pair of old shoes. If the sole is worn out at a slant, then you can defer that

you don't walk flat on your feet.

Keeping a good posture is also important in getting the best out of your walking workout. With your head erect and back straight, you are less likely to suffer from lower back pain following exercise. To help strengthen your torso, keep your abdominal muscles contracted. This should not inhibit your breathing but help in keeping your back straight.

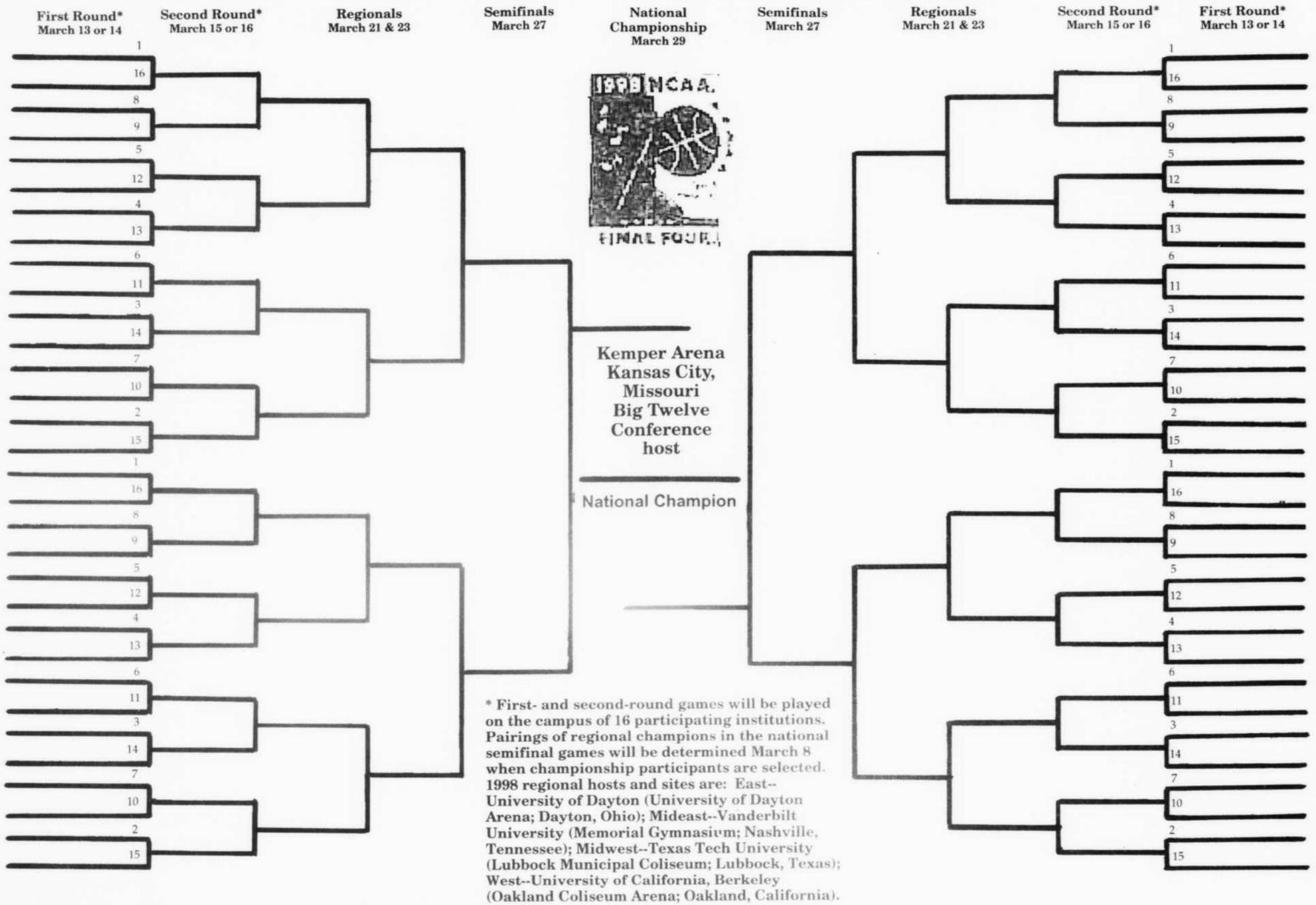
In terms of breathing, it is a good idea to breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth. This way will make side cramping less likely and a greater concentration of oxygen is sent to the brain. In colder weather, breathing in through your nose lessens the likelihood of having a sore throat while outside.

Stretching before and after your walk is just as essential as the walk itself. Preparing your body for a workout and relaxing it afterward is giving your body what it deserves. By stretching, you run a lower risk of post-workout pain and injury. Besides, stretching simply feels good.

There is no great need to carry or wear hand- or ankle-weights during the walk. For beginners, doing so may throw off your balance and create more of an obstacle than a benefit. Even for advanced walkers, weights do not make a world of difference in

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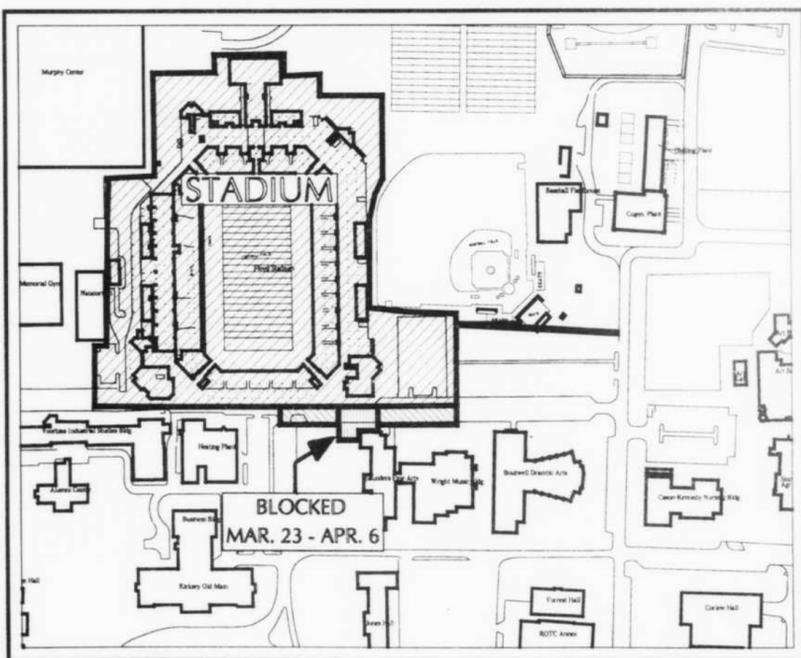
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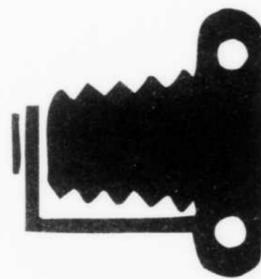
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# Tar Heels secure No. 1 seed in NCAA, capture 15th ACC title

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GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—The North Carolina Tar Heels (30-3) won their 15th Atlantic Coast Conference tournament Sunday by beating No. 1 Duke 83-68, capping a three-day run in which they defeated all three teams they lost to during the regular season.

Antawn Jamison, playing with a painful groin injury, was the hero as he has been all season for his team, scoring 22 points and grabbing a season high 18 rebounds.

Shammond Williams, who scored 25 points in North Carolina's semifinal overtime victory against Maryland, added 19 points as the Tar Heels defended their ACC title.

Roshown McLeod led Duke (29-3) with 24 points and Chris Carrawell had 18, but the Blue Devils had another horrid shooting day—its third straight in the ACC postseason.

Duke shot 33 percent and was only 11-of-32 on three-pointers.

The North Carolina crowd chanted "one more year" when Jamison and Vince Carter—both juniors—cut down the net.

It was the second time this season the Tar Heels defeated Duke. However, it proved to be their most important victory.

The win may very well have been the deciding factor in earning the Tar Heels a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Kentucky dominated the Southeastern Conference all-tournament team, hardly surprising since the seventh-ranked Wildcats cruised to the championship with three double-figure victories.

Wayne Turner was named MVP after scoring 18 points in Sunday's final, an 86-56 rout of No. 15 South Carolina.

He was joined by teammates Nazr Mohammed, Scott Pedgett and Heshimu Evans, marking the first time since Kentucky in 1947 that four players from the same school made the all-tournament team.

The lone non-Kentucky pick: South Carolina's BJ McKie, who scored 37 points in

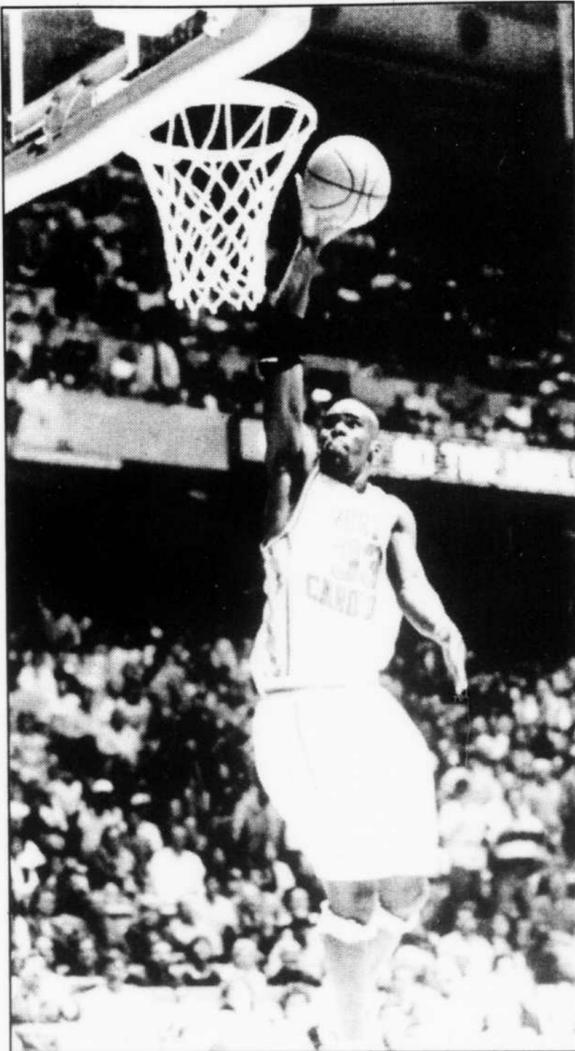


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Antawn Jamison, 33, was the deciding factor as the Tar Heels won the 15th ACC title Sunday afternoon by defeating Duke 83-68. Jamison finished the game with 22 points and 18 rebounds, despite an ailing groin injury. The crowd chanted "one more year" after the game.

a semifinal victory over Mississippi and led the tournament with an average of 21.3 per game.

The championship game drew 24,545 to the Georgia Dome, the second-best crowd for the final in tournament history.

The record of 30,057 was set in 1995, when Kentucky defeated Arkansas in the tournament's first appearance

at the Georgia Dome. That year, the four-day event attracted a record average of 22,755 per game.

The 1998 tournament didn't come close to matching those crowds, but the average of 19,079 was the third-highest in SEC history. The 1993 tournament in Lexington, Ky., drew an average of 21,852 per game.

everything right. And that's what you want. You want me to play good so I can get the money," Valentin said.

Before the 1997 season, Valentin signed a \$5,257,000 three-year deal after hitting 24 homers and driving 95 runs the season before.

A clause was inserted into the contract that would pay him \$100,000 each winter not to play winter ball. The idea was to avoid injury or weariness coming into spring training.

So, Valentin stayed home that winter for the first time in 10 years. But it didn't have the effect everybody had hoped.

Valentin wasn't in baseball shape when he reported to spring training camp and, in his haste to hurry back, ended with a case of shoulder tendinitis. Broken, he missed 19 games with a broken thumb at the start of the season.

After regaining his health, Valentin still struggled.

"I was trying to do too much," said Valentin, who had 17 homers and 58 RBIs last season.

"I think two things happened to him," manager Phil Garner said. "I think, No. 1, he tried to do more than he could do, so he went into a little bit of a spiral down. He pressed a little bit early on, trying to do too much. Then I think he tried

to relax too much and lost a little bit of his edge. So I think he got caught or whipsawed or whatever. I think he just never got into a consistent zone."

Garner thinks Valentin fell into the trap of trying to substantiate his worth. Valentin failed too often last year to put the ball into play in key situations, striking out 109 times in 494 at-bats.

"I thought in 1996 Jose was our toughest out with men in scoring position, and I thought in 1997 he might have been one of our easiest outs," general manager Sal Bando said. "To me, that was the big difference. I've told Jose that I expect him to be back to where he was in 1996."

Still, with a \$100,000 on the table, Bando was stunned in December when he saw Valentin's name on a stat sheet from the Puerto Rican League.

At first, Bando thought it was Valentin's brother, a catcher who has the same first and last names but goes by his middle name, Javier. So, he called his shortstop to confirm he was playing.

"I'm glad it was him," Bando said. "He knew he had to work on some things. And it's not often in this day and age that a ballplayer will sacrifice that kind of money to work on his game."

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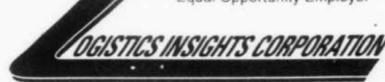
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