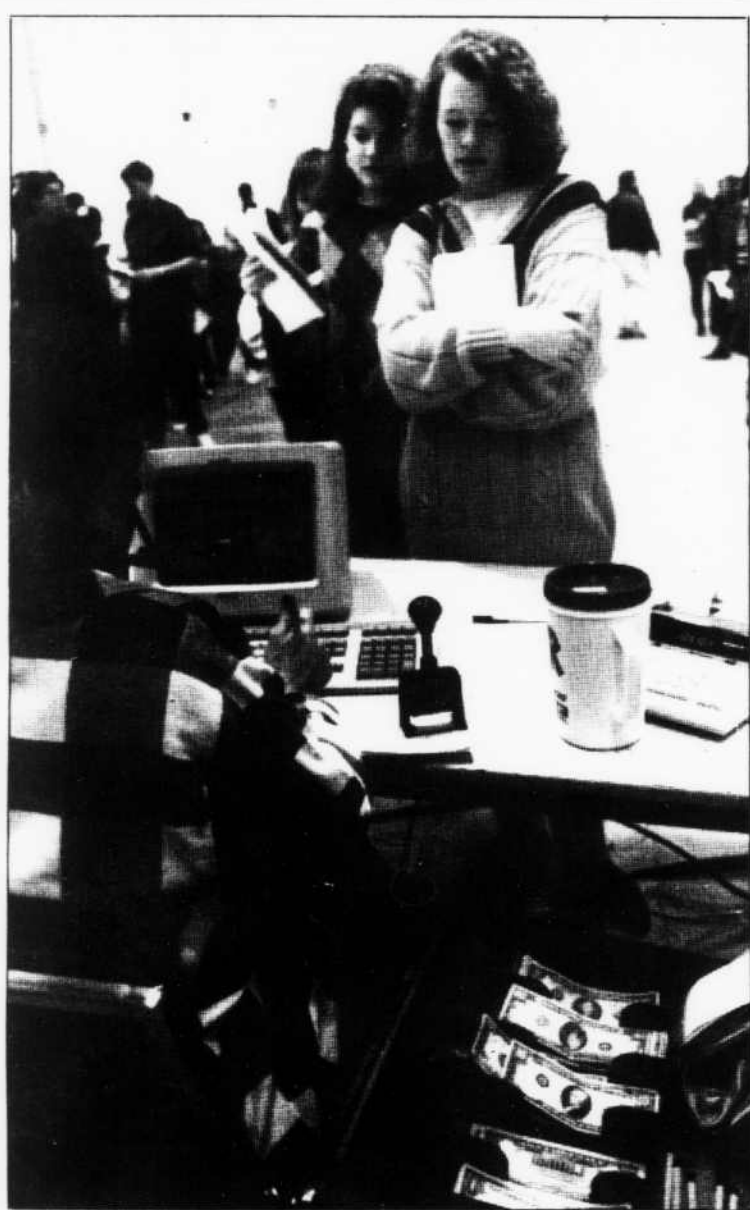


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Just standing around? Laura Key and Tracy Morris wait in line at Murphy Center to pay their fees. Some students waited in lines up to three hours.

Tax reform: More money for schools

VICKI NEAL
Assistant News Editor

Gov. Ned McWherter revealed Monday a second tax plan which includes an income tax for all Tennesseans and a slight decrease in the state sales tax in order to increase

Tennessee's education budget by \$928 million.

During a special session Tuesday, the Tennessee legislature will vote on McWherter's new tax proposal.

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MTSU growth plan receives TBR nod

SAM GANNON
News Editor

MTSU's \$184.1 million building plan to accommodate sky-rocketing student enrollment could be in the works by 1993 with initial approval of the school's Master Plan by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The entire plan was approved as presented by the board at its December meeting. State legislators must now give their approval and find the money to fund the elaborate building and expansion plan.

"We hope to get some planning money for the business/aerospace building first, that will probably be all for this year," said Charles Pigg, director of campus planning.

Pigg said the planning money for the business/aerospace building will hopefully be approved by the legislature this July. Construction money may be coming next summer. If so, construction would begin in September or October of 1993.

President James Walker said he hopes the new aerospace/business building will open in 1994.

"We cannot expound on how pleased we are," Wallace Maples, head of the aerospace department said. "We have been expecting a building since 1969."

MTSU's aerospace department is currently in the top 2 percent nationally in terms of number of students enrolled. The department is now located in the basement of the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium with poles in the middle of the rooms and sounds of basketballs bouncing overhead, Maples said.

Sharing the building with the aerospace department is the College of Business. Dean Barbara Haskew said that she is very excited about moving into the new building.

"We are one of the largest schools in the university with 3000 to 3500 majors in the business areas."

"We look forward to sharing the space with the aerospace program," Haskew said.

The proposed \$16 million, 136,660 square-foot building will be located near the Mass Communications building in what campus planners hope will be an academic complex, Pigg said.

Next in priority for the university is a new library, also to be located in the academic complex near the Mass Communications building, the planner said.

Previously, administrators thought that an addition and renovations to the library would be sufficient, but a new building is now being planned.

Other new projects included in the first phase of the Master Plan is the student recreation center, a parking garage, the expansion of the Corlew cafeteria, and new buildings for the nursing department and the art department.

Also in the first phase is a \$5.3 million renovation of Todd Library and the Keathy University Center combining the two buildings to make a student center. Some departments of Student Affairs and some student services, like admissions and financial aid may be housed in the new center.

In Phase I the Boutwell Dramatic Arts and the Davis Science buildings are targeted for new heating and cooling and ventilation systems. Kirksey Old Main, Saunders Fine Arts and the Woodmore Cafeteria will all be

renovated. There will also be an expansion and renovation of telecommunications. The swimming pool, or natatorium, behind the Alumni Gym will also be renovated.

Once started, the Master Plan could take up to 15 years to complete.

MTSU's Master Plan

Phase I

Business/aerospace building
New library
Art building
Nursing building
Expansion of Corlew cafeteria
Student recreation center
Parking Garage at Kirksey Old Main

Phase II

Davis Science building expansion
Telecommunications/computer expansion
Voorhies Industrial Science building expansion
Theatre building
Holmes building and warehouse expansion
New field house
Parking garage at business/aerospace building
dormitory expansion

Phase III

Education building
Greenhouse
Maintenance shop expansion
Liberal arts building
Playing fields for recreation center
Day care expansion
Married-student housing expansion

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Bene' Cox, Dr. Walker's executive assistant, manages to balance a career and more.

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Raider athletics run rampant over the Christmas holidays, set for the new year.

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Ohio students seize library

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The Administrative Council decided that the library will remain open until 2 a.m. for the remainder of the fall term, rather than close at midnight.

The library will continue to close at midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. The college also agreed to student demands to make "The Gathering Space," a commons area in the dorm, a substance-free study space.

Press fights censorship

PHILADELPHIA (CPS) -- Four student newspapers have formed the Philadelphia Collegiate Press Association to battle censorship, threatened reductions in funding and changes in editorial staffs.

"We felt as a group that we could protect ourselves," said Bill Cunnane, editor of the Philadelphia community College paper, The Vanguard, and the president of the coalition of four college newspapers. Three other papers are committed, but have been unable to attend meetings.

The controversy that spurred formation was reaction to a political cartoon of Clarence Thomas published by Temple University's student newspaper, The Temple News. The cartoon, which showed Thomas exploiting racial stereotypes during

congressional hearings, caused such an outcry that the Temple News editor-in-chief Erin Fryer said administration officials threatened the newspaper's funding and threatened to fire her and abolish her staff.

Giant slumber party flop

LINCOLN, Neb. (CPS) -- Maybe students have outgrown slumber parties.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln invited students to sleep over in a huge indoor practice field after the Big Eight championship football game between Nebraska and Oklahoma Nov. 29.

But only two students showed up after Nebraska won the game 19-14.

Expecting thousands to accept the invitation to sleep over (the stadium holds 76,000), University of Nebraska officials braced themselves for the

onslaught of partying students.

The dorms were closed over the Thanksgiving holiday, and the administration said the sleepover was an incentive to those who would not be able to attend the game otherwise.

Officials say the weather for the game was unexpectedly good and students could travel easily, thus the poor showing.

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Tennessee Republicans predict failure for Duke

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - David Duke's past as a Ku Klux Klan leader and a Nazi sympathizer will lose him votes in Tennessee's March 10 GOP presidential primary, according to Rep. John J. Duncan Jr., R-Tenn.

Duncan predicted Duke, who was defeated by Democrat Edwin Edwards in a runoff for governor of Louisiana, would get less than 5 percent of the vote in the Tennessee primary.

"The philosophy of the Republican Party and my philosophy is one of freedom and opportunity for all people regardless of race or religion," Duncan told the Knoxville News-Sentinel from Washington, D.C.

"That philosophy...is as far removed from the philosophy of the Nazis or the Ku Klux Klan as night is to day."

Rep. Don Sundquist, R-Tenn., plans to support Bush in the Tennessee primary. He doesn't think Duke will attract "any significant support" and will wait for direction from the Bush campaign on whether to criticize or ignore Duke, Sundquist aide Ralph Perrey said.

George Wallace, a presidential candidate with a segregationist background as governor of Alabama, won Tennessee's Democratic presidential primary in 1968. He got 68 percent of the vote, beating liberal Democrats Hubert Humphrey and George McGovern.

Duke spokesman Marc Ellis said the campaign already has a list of 1,000 supporters in Tennessee and that Duke is planning campaign trips to the Volunteer State.

"It votes conservative," Ellis said when asked why Tennessee appeals to Duke. "He'll mainly campaign in the southern states, but he's also running in Michigan and some Northeast primaries."

Tennessee Republican chairman Tommy Hopper said when Duke continues to lose, his money will dry up.

"People won't support a perennial loser," Hopper said.

Election officials in other states are giving Duke too much attention by trying to keep him off the ballot and adding to his underdog appeal, Hopper said.

Hopper said any anti-Bush votes in Tennessee likely will go to Patrick Buchanan, a longtime Republican activist with a high profile, rather than to Duke.

Hopper believes Duke will get less than the 15 percent of the vote he needs under state party rules to win any Tennessee delegates.

"I think our strategy basically will be to ignore him. People like Duke thrive on publicity. To follow him around (and criticize him) would give him more publicity," he said.

Rep. Jimmy Quillen, R-Tenn., said he wasn't planning to even mention Duke's name.

Bids taken for Grill equipment

RUSTY GERBMAN
Staff writer

Bids for about \$750,000 in new equipment to refurbish the Grill will be opened by Campus Planning today while workers continue construction on the exterior of the facility.

In addition to the equipment, the cost of the construction portion of the renovation is set at about \$781,430, said Charles Pigg, director of Campus Planning.

Construction workers have already excavated the area and have made the footings for the new addition and hope to begin pouring concrete next week, Pigg said.

"We will basically be finished (with the construction) by April or May," Pigg said. "We propose to have everything completed Aug. 15."

Though construction will proceed throughout the semester, the Grill will still be serving students. The cafeteria will be closed to the students during the summer while construction and refurbishing works begins on the interior of the facility, Pigg said.

While the Grill is closed, another campus three cafeterias will open up with the Grill's hours. Which cafeteria has not yet been designated, but Woodmore cafeteria has been suggested, Pigg said.

"I feel that we definitely need to do this. That facility has been outgrown, and the concept of food preparation and serving has changed," Pigg said.

After completion, the new Grill will be designed as a food court with many different stations such as an ice cream and pizza bar, soup and sandwich station, as well as an area for ethnic cuisine, Pigg said. The expansion will also provide more a larger seating area, while providing more privacy. There will be booths sectioned off by partitions and plants, Pigg said.

The Grill's expansion also provides additional space for Phillip's Bookstore, Pigg said.

Penn State boots nude painting

Penn State University officials removed a reproduction of a famous nude painting from a classroom wall after a female faculty member complained.

The 1800s portrait by Goya, titled "Nude Maja," was given a new home Nov. 18 in the student center lounge on the school's Schuylkill campus.

The painting is a nude portrait of Maria Cayetana, the Duchess of Alba, in a reclining pose. Penn State originally bought the painting for a class.

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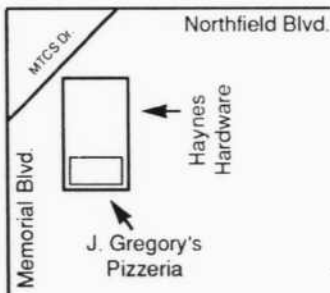
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- * tax relief for counties and cities.

The proposed plan will raise \$1.3 billion including \$928 million toward education and

\$404 million toward tax relief. McWherter's plan is "the largest package of tax relief" in Tennessee history.

"This plan is simple, it's fair, and it raises the money. We must invest in the education of our children," McWherter said.

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The Foundation: MTSU President James Walker, left, confers with Ann Deming, Vice President of Development and University Relations, and Foundation President-Elect, Bill Lynch.

New leadership for MTSU Foundation

Bill Lynch, a Nashville investment broker, succeeds George Frost as president of the MTSU Foundation effective Jan. 1.

He says he's excited about moving ahead with MTSU's \$7 million Challenge Campaign.

"I look forward to working with David Cullum (campaign chairman) to reach or even exceed our goal," Lynch said.

The three-year campaign, which began in November, 1990, has so far raised more than \$2.2 million.

Although he graduated from UT in 1970, Lynch says he feels that his roots are at MTSU.

"There is so much the school has added and continues to contribute to Middle Tennessee

from a growth standpoint," Lynch says.

The new Foundation president says he hopes his office will allow him to give something back to the community he loves.

"I received scholarships and student loans to help me get through college," he says. "This is just one way I can show how much I appreciated it at that time."

He attended MTSU from 1966-68. He received his M.A. in statistics from Purdue in 1975 and returned to Murfreesboro in 1979 to work for the regional brokerage investment firm J.C. Bradford, where he is now a vice president.

"My son, Chris, graduated from MTSU last May with a B.A.

in finance," says Lynch. "My other son, Scott, is a junior at the university, majoring in mass communication."

Lynch says he feels MTSU has excelled, but is "only beginning to scratch the surface of potential. I want to see MTSU recognized for what it has contributed. Many people outside of Murfreesboro are not aware of the size and importance of the school. I would like to see MTSU's reputation expand outside of Murfreesboro and into the Nashville area."

"Our alumni support has a good base," but Lynch adds, "we need to build from that base and have greater involvement."

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*Make copies of your grades from fall semester and tape them to your door, mirror, alarm clock, etc. Vow to do better this time (yeah, right!).

*Go to all your classes early the first day so you can pick out that one special desk that you will mysteriously sit in the rest of the semester.

*Go to the bookstore and buy all of your \$50 textbooks that will be worth only \$8 in a few months.

*Find out all of the classes you can deal with so you will only have to make one \$5 trip through drop/add.

*Suck up to that one person in every class that you just know will never miss a day and get their phone number.

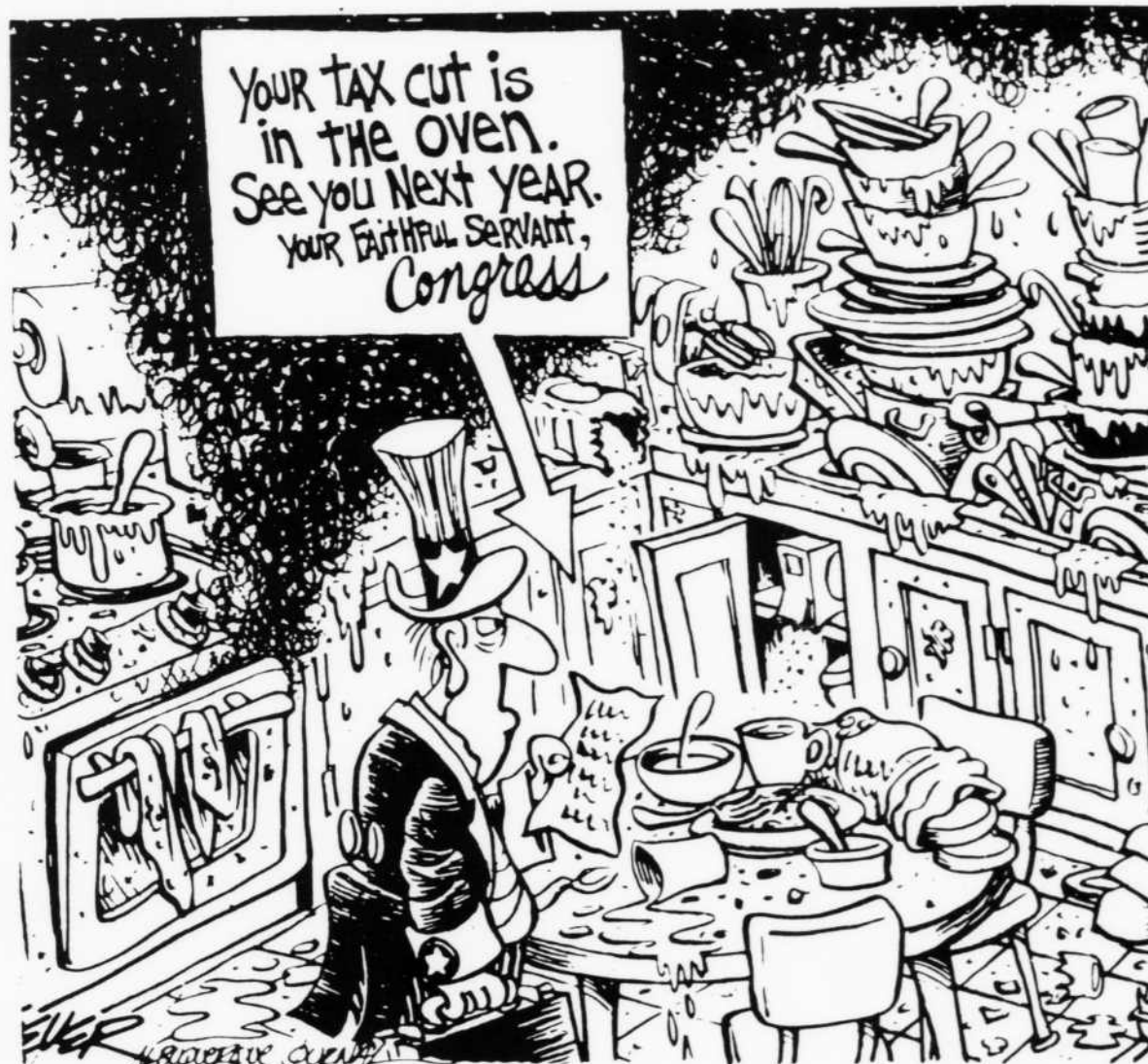
*Find out about all term projects and get an early start (See #1).

*Arrange your class schedule realistically. You may not mind a 1:40 class now, but what's going to happen in April when it's 85 degrees outside?

*Run all your errands for the semester and find a good parking space so you don't have to move your car again until May.

*Adjust your body to school food slowly. A sudden switch from home cooking to 'Grill grub' can be a real shock to the system.

*On a serious note, have a good semester.



Student newspaper only as strong as students make it

TERRY MASSEY
Editor

Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

A quote from *Citizen Kane*? No, believe it or not, it was Thomas Jefferson, the architect of our country, who made this statement. Maybe Tom was speaking off-the-cuff, but I think I know what he meant. Newspapers play a great role in our society. They provide citizens with non-governmental views on governmental affairs. They attempt to present true and unbiased information so that the reader can make an educated judgment. They are vital to the survival of democracy.

Perhaps this is a bit much for a school newspaper. After all, we do depend on the university for funds, and MTSU isn't exactly a model of democracy in action. Why even have a school newspaper?

Unfortunately, this has been a common attitude toward *Sidelines* in the past; the old "I can't make a difference" cop out. It's an easy and safe approach, but it sucks.

As the spring editor, I want to assure you that our staff takes very seriously our responsibility to the students. It is our job to keep you informed about what's happening on campus and on the local, state and national levels also. I want to assure you that we

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Midlander a tribute to our tradition - let's keep it alive

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Most youth in America would give anything to play in a World Series or to follow a Grateful Dead tour like a traditional Deadhead, but few have the talent, resources or guts to do either.

What youth, and the rest of America, need to realize is that they are each part of forgotten traditions. They were born into an

GREG ADKINS

Midlander business mgr.
America that was individualized, but now live in a land that has become a bland mixture of poor ideals.

It was not long ago that people in the good ol' USA wore their own hand picked labels. Labels were selected with care from uncorrupt labor unions, noble political parties or courageous social organizations. Unfortunately, Americans have given up their titles. America has yielded its greatest asset: individual beliefs and the will to fight for them.

Before the television boom, cities were full of newspapers that

held unique points of view, both political and social. These papers were defenders of different ideals, champions of unique causes.

Now there is a standard and correct viewpoint offered by a reined media and thoughtless politicians, both Democrat and Republican. This viewpoint is the safe viewpoint, the one that makes the least waves.

Newspapers have closed down in record numbers. Every day, literally thousands of journalists fear for their jobs. Every year the number of America's illiterate increases. Who defends our truth? Who defends our traditions?

America has become a land of irony. More and more people

need more and more space to search for their identity and to find themselves. These people are searching for what they have shed. Their quest is one for identities they have refused.

Most of the nation will have to search for their purposes in life, but MTSU students belong to a ready made tradition. The MTSU tradition, which students can be a part of by involving themselves with campus issues, is a strong one, rich in history.

If one does not become interested in his own fate now, as a student, then one is destined to stumble through life blindly.

Today, at this very moment, a long-time campus tradition stands on the verge of

obliteration. MTSU's yearbook could become extinct. A committee has been formed to look at ways to boost students' interest and investigate the viability of continuing this campus tradition. But if no way can be found, the book is probably lost history.

Every student needs to take a side and let his opinion be heard. If tradition is dead at MTSU, then kill it once and forever by terminating the Midlander. Support its demise.

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Features

What's red, white and successful?

Executive Assistant leads life of 'pink-collar' worker

FERN GREENBANK
Features Editor

As the highest-ranking female on MTSU's administrative ladder, Bene' Cox has taken on a highly visible and challenging dual role — executive assistant to the president and female role model.

The job was something Cox actively sought. She left MTSU's English Department in 1988 to accept a position with the Tennessee Board of Regents, a calculated move designed to someday earn her an administrative position.

There is a history of underrepresentation of women in academe, and as a result, the position of role model has been thrust upon Cox.

Cox says she knows that if a woman succeeds on her own merits then she will naturally be a role model. And, in order to be successful, the focus needs to be shifted from gender to performance.

As the former assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents, Cox is familiar with an exhaustive study performed by that body in 1989 entitled "The Status of Women in Academe."

The study showed that only nine of the 45 key upper-level positions at MTSU were filled by women. Although this represented a low percentage, MTSU was in keeping with the average of all Tennessee state schools.

The administrative organizational chart reveals somewhat better news today. Of the 11 top executive administrative positions at MTSU, six are now held by women. However, only 22 percent of the faculty are women.

Time magazine's 1990 Special Issue on Women explored the dilemma of women in the workplace. The magazine noted that women have struggled for so long to get their foot in the door that society tends to focus on gender instead of qualities — proud women who are successful but always pointing out that they are minorities, women generally do not want to be considered tokens.

Rebecca Rice, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, is pleased with Walker's choice for an assistant, but she adds, "The fact that she is a woman is not the most distinguishing feature about Dr. Cox in her new



Shelley Mays/Photographer

WOMAN AT WORK: Dr. Bene' Cox, executive assistant to Dr. Walker, manages to perform two jobs at once.

role. She's a desirable role model because of her high work ethics."

"I didn't just want to get the job," Cox says. "I wanted to do the job well." She says there is a definite shift from the term "woman" to the term "competent."

Director of the Affirmative Action office, Forrestine

Williams, acknowledges that the numbers may not be as high as she would like, but says this isn't because of a lack of commitment on the part of MTSU's decision makers.

"The biggest outcry in the Board of Regent's study was in the area of women at the faculty level," says Williams. Only four

department chairs at MTSU are filled by women. Williams says she is working closely with department chairs and administrators to improve the status of women at that level.

Williams suggests that tenure has been difficult for women to achieve in the past because they

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Pronto's offers interesting menu just seconds from campus

International grub on a bun



Shelley Mays/Photographer

PRONTO HONCHO: Najeh Risheq, owner of Pronto's Restaurant, invites students to try his international menu.

Sometimes school cafeteria food can get really old. The alternatives have been few and far between. But now there's a convenient eatery near campus which offers more than the standard burgers-and-fries routine.

Pronto's is a new restaurant which occupies the defunct B&L pizza space, one block away from campus (the corner of Main and Baird). It's within walking distance for car-less students and those who are loathe to give up their treasured parking spot.

Pronto's offers a variety of foods, but their specialty is Greek gyros (pronounced hear-os). The smell of the marinating rack of lamb makes it hard to read the rest of the menu.

If the gyros don't tickle your fancy, you might want to try hot roast beef on pita bread, unbelievable deli sandwiches and yes, even pizza.

Najeh Risheq, proprietor of Pronto's says, "Not too many students have been here

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and know what we have."

Beside the interesting food choices, Pronto's provides a good campus atmosphere. Beer is sold on tap and by the bottle.

"I want to be different than other restaurants," Risheq points out. "I'm going to try different things that people would want on the menu as well as other activities; solo singing, comedians and other sorority/fraternity activities."

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Well, maybe not.

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tend to leave the workforce to have children or postpone their careers until children are of school age.

"People want change overnight," says Williams, "and it takes time."

Cox echoes Williams' patience. She says she doesn't feel pressure to perform as a role model for women only. "It is every person's responsibility to find ways to help people understand that being different does not have to be threatening," said Cox.

When you put people in a non-racist and non-sexist environment, it is remarkable what you can achieve," says Cox. The new executive assistant praises Walker for providing what she considers to be an ideal working environment for men and women alike.

Walker and a search committee also chose a woman to fill the newly created position of vice president for development and university relations. Anne Deming reported for work in November.

Already in place before Walker arrived were Forrestine

Williams, director of the Affirmative Action Office, Dr. Esther Seeman, who oversees the Japan Center and Cornelia Wills, who is at the helm of Institutional Research.

Cox thinks she will be able to draw upon her own experience as a former tenured faculty member here at MTSU and work closely with the vice presidents and department chairs to achieve what she calls a "shared mission," one which knows no gender gap.

Now Williams echoes Cox's belief. "I try not to push people to make changes, rather, I try to work with them and help them to see that it is right to work with us to effect change and opportunities for minorities," she says.

"There is a traditional pipeline available to move up in the ranks," says Cox, "but there are so many options available to women now. They can choose to go outside that pipeline into a diverse work force and plot out a route to end up where they want to be."

Cox knows all too well the sacrifices women must make in order to move quickly up the ladder. She and her husband chose a non-traditional route. He

says home with the children; she takes her briefcase and goes to the office.

"I think you can do it all," Cox says, "but not all at once." She agrees with the old saying, "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

Just as she praises Walker for providing a good working environment, Cox says she is equally as grateful for the support of her friends and family who have given her a feeling of confidence as a person, not just as a woman.

In recent years, women executives like Cox have been dubbed "pink collar" workers. This conjures up visions of tea parties and offices with ruffled curtains. Cox's office has a regal look. Dark paneling. No ruffles.

Perhaps "pink collar" is a compliment. After all, pink is derived from mixing volcano-red with pure-white; and successful "pink-collar" women are a mixture of assertiveness and caring.

Fortunately for the university, Cox has come up with a blend of characteristics which allows her to succeed at both of her goals — positive role model and competent administrator.

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The Judds' farewell concert

A look at the country duo's final performance at Murphy Center in December



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LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER: Naomi and Wynonna sing face-to-face in the concert finale.



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COUNTRY COUSIN: Reba McEntire showed up to bid the Judds farewell.



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GATLIN GUNS: The Gatlin Brothers made it to the show, too.



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LAST LOOK: Naomi and Wynonna in one last appearance.

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Sports

1991-92 Raider Review

Buttered Colonels slip past Raiders

Rematch no different, Eastern rolls again

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee State's football squad planned to redeem itself from an early season loss at the hands of the Eastern Kentucky Colonels during the NCAA playoffs — but the plans just didn't meet with reality.

Emotions ran high before the second-round game in the I-AA playoffs, and the game was expected to be a classic. However, it was only a classic performance by the Colonels that stole the spotlight with a 23-13 win. The Raiders had lost earlier in the season in Richmond, 17-7.

"They completely dominated us offensively, and their defense gave us no hope in the first half," said MTSU coach Boots Donnelly. "It wasn't as much a lack of effort on our part, but it was more of a great defensive effort by Eastern."

That defense held the Raiders to two lone first downs in the opening half and a mere three yards rushing to tally 39 total yards.

"They did the things they've done the last two times we've played them," Donnelly said. "We didn't establish our running game but our defense still gave us some great opportunities."

In the first half those opportunities came via fumble, interception and a blocked punt; yet the Raiders could not capitalize and were shut out at the half.

Meanwhile, the Colonels wasted no time getting their offense started. Early in the game a 57-yard screen pass to Markus Thomas netted the first touchdown. The extra point was missed.

At that point, Middle's defense held true for the majority of the first half. The lone let down was a big one though. Despite Eastern shutting down the Big Blue attack, the Raiders were by no means out of the contest.

With 21 seconds left, flanker Vincent Ware apparently took the ball on a reverse play. But

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Blue Raider roundballers having troubles, appear to be getting better

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

A loss isn't often positive, but the Blue Raider basketball squad may have gotten the spark it needed with its 79-70 loss Monday night loss to Cincinnati.

Over the Christmas break, things didn't exactly go the Raiders' way. But Monday's loss was to a Bearkat team with Top 20 potential and its only two losses were to ranked teams.

In the contest the Blue Raiders overcame a 11-point deficit in the second half and tied the game at 66-66 with 3:57 remaining on a Kelvin

Hammonds lay-up. Down the final stretch though, Cincy used a 10-2 run to put the Raiders away.

"I'm not pleased that we lost because we had a chance to win. We could have played better, but we have something to build on," coach David Farrar said. "We grew in confidence. We played hard, and we tried to play smart. I think we're more ready to play in the OVC and compete for a championship."

The loss dropped the Raiders to 5-5 while they have continue to struggle with problems on and off the court.

In December, the Raiders

faced the Big Orange of Tennessee in a battle of state bragging rights. At that time, UT had been struggling, and the Vols weren't well respected.

Middle dug a hole for themselves early falling behind by 20 just minutes into the game, but they managed to battle back by the end of the half and it was a see-saw battle to the end.

With :08 seconds left, the score was tied when Allan Houston, Tennessee's heralded guard, took the ball to the hoop, hit an off-balance shot and

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On-off Lady Raiders in OVC hole early

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Just when it looked like the Lady Raider basketball squad was beginning to look invincible, the ladies would bring themselves down to earth again.

Standing at 6-4 heading into Saturday's OVC showdown with Southeast Missouri, the Lady Raiders are looking for consistent play. Monday's win against UT-Chattanooga is a perfect example of what the Lady Raiders will have to accomplish for the win.

UTC has the talent to be as good as any team in the OVC. But after an early season 84-59 loss to the Lady Raiders at Murphy Center, UTC was seeking a little revenge and gave Middle a strong push.

However, Middle withheld and edged out a 71-

67 win. The score was tied at 67-67 with 1:50 remaining when Sherry Tucker knocked down the game winner from 10-feet out.

"We played hard again, and we knew UTC would be gunning for us," said Lady Raider assistant Dianne Cummings. "It was a tough game but it was good for us to win one that went down to the wire."

Last Saturday, the Raiders didn't look nearly as solid at Murray State. The conference opener proved to be a disappointment with a 32-percent shooting night costing the Ladies a 72-69 loss.

The two were knotted at 65-65 with 2:45 remaining but a breakaway layup with 18 seconds sealed the fate of Middle.

"The kids came ready to play and we played hard," Cummings said. "I thought we adapted to the

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Departing seniors have good reason to be proud

Staff Reports

For the third straight year, Middle Tennessee's football season ended in the quarter-finals of the NCAA Division I-AA national playoffs.

A 23-13 loss at Eastern Kentucky left the Blue Raiders with a 9-4 record for the year. Two losses to Ohio Valley Conference champion Eastern Kentucky (MTSU lost to the Colonels 17-7 in the regular season) marked the only Raider setbacks at the hands of Division I-AA opponents.

The other two losses came against Division I-A teams Florida State and Cincinnati.

"All in all, it was a good, solid year," reflected MTSU coach Boots Donnelly. "We had some big holes to fill at key positions when the season started, and we had to play a good many young people who generally came through for us."

"At the same time, we got excellent leadership from our 15 seniors, who have several things of which they can be proud."

The coach pointed out that among those things are:

- *Three straight appearances in the post-season championship playoffs;
- *One championship and one co-championship in OVC play;
- *An overall four-year record of 36-14-0;
- *A perfect home record of 21-0-0;
- *No OVC finish lower than second place; and
- *Becoming the only team in I-AA football to win at least one playoff game in each of the past three seasons.

Those 15 seniors include linebacker Scott Boykin, defensive tackle Chris Burns, tailback Joe Campbell, defensive guard Lem Collins, receiver/punt returner Orlando Crenshaw, defensive

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Bruce Stewart departure top MTSU story of 1991

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

With a new year well underway, it's now safe to look back at 1991 without fear of anything else happening.

There is no doubt that the past year was one of the most eventful in history for the Blue Raider athletic world. Therefore, for fun's sake, a list of stories was compiled and a select group of writers and fans selected the Top 10 Blue Raider stories of 1991.

Bruce Stewart took the top honors when he shocked the MTSU world with his resignation in July from his head post as men's basketball coach.

Stewart cited his reason for leaving as a chance to fulfill a life-long dream of coaching professional basketball. He was offered an opportunity to do so in the Continental Basketball Association by the Grand Rapid

Hoops, and he did so taking over a \$50,000 pay cut.

Lady Raider basketball mentor Lewis Bivens tragic paralysis was a close second in the voting. After complications with a blood clot in his leg, blood thinner broke loose and collected in his back causing severe damage to his nerves.

Doctors gave Bivens a 50-50 chance at walking again, and he has since turned those odds in his favor with constant rehab efforts which have his goal of walking the sidelines in sight.

In third place was MTSU's investigation into leaving the OVC. After an appointed committee explored the idea, it was recommended that MTSU leave the Ohio Valley Conference and possibly join the Southern Conference. President Walker looked into the move but

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the Southern said that it was not expanding at the present time.

The remainder of the list can be viewed on page 12, but there are also several worthwhile stories deserving of mention that did not make the Top 10 list.

Despite a 28-33 record, the Blue Raider baseball team won the OVCC tournament at Murray State and traveled to California to participate in the NCAA tournament.

Although they were eliminated in two games, they were extremely competitive and served the university proud.

MTSU men's track star Roland McGhee was named an All-American after his qualification for the NCAA in the long

jump. That's quite an accomplishment for a freshman.

From the gridiron, tailback Joe Campbell and offensive tackle Steve McAdoo coped All-American honors while Lady Raider basketball star Priscilla Robinson was deemed Freshman of the Year after averaging over 17 points a game on the hardwood.

As you can see by viewing this list of those left out, it's been a busy year with both good things and bad things happening to the Raider program.

However, it's a new year, and all the Raider squads have winning attitudes and winning athletes. That's why you can count on another eventful year of championships from the cream of the crop in the OVC.

TOP 10 of 1991

- 1) In July, men's basketball coach Bruce Stewart resigned his post for a coaching job in the CBA.
- 2) MTSU women's basketball coach Lewis Bivens stricken with paralysis following complications with a blood clot.
- 3) After an appointed committee explored the idea of leaving the OVC, it was recommended that Dr. Walker move the school into the Southern Conference. However, the Southern is not currently expanding.
- 4) Football tailback Joe Campbell became MTSU's all-time rushing leader after his second consecutive 1,000 yard season. During his four year career, he set almost every record for an MTSU running back.
- 5) In March, the NCAA informed MTSU it was conducting a preliminary inquiry into the men's basketball program. The inquiry is still underway.
- 6) Both the men's and women's tennis teams laid claim to the OVC title. It was the second consecutive for the women while the men won for the first time in several years.
- 7) In November, the OVC announced its bid to the NCAA baseball tournament had been taken away.
- 8) Four Blue Raiders baseball standouts were drafted. Dwight Robinson (Mets), Chris Crabtree (Dodgers), Greg Raffo (Tigers) and Cale Lawson (Indians).
- 9) The Lady Raider track team won the OVC indoor championship and tied for the outdoor crown.
- 10) MTSU's football team posted an impressive 9-4 record and advanced to the Division I-AA playoffs for the third consecutive year becoming the only I-AA to do so.

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Instead of running, Ware stopped and fired a 39-yard TD strike to Kenny McCollum.

With the momentum in their favor, the Colonels marched out of the locker room and immediately tallied a field goal after a Tim Lester 63-yard run.

MTSU finally got on the board after falling behind 23-0 when Kelly Holcomb hit Steve Dark on a 19-yard pass. Middle went for two and missed the conversion.

With 6:13 remaining, Holcomb connected with Curt Watkins from 5-yards out for the final margin.

"We gave up the two major plays when we were still right in the game," Donnelly said. "The play at the end of the first half was a big play, a mighty big play."

"Even though we were able to do some things with the passing game late, the damage was already done."

Holcomb completed 17 of 25 passes for 183 yards in the fourth quarter alone. He totalled 255 yards on a 25 of 44 day.

The loss marked not only the end of the season but the end of 15 collegiate careers of MTSU seniors, most notably being Joe Campbell.

The Raiders tailback holds numerous records and is the school's all-time leading rusher. Campbell has never performed well at Eastern and the final contest was no different since he managed just 33 yards before exiting the contest on an injured ankle after he was tackled and fumbled the ball away on his final carry.

"I hate to go out on a losing note," Campbell said as the season closed with a 9-4 record. That kind of nullifies everything. People tend to remember you by the last game you had. Fortunately, we lost to a

great team. We just have to accept that and rebound."

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tackle Bryan Faulkner, offensive tackle Tony Gains, center Mike Gibson, receiver Greg James, center Tracy Majors, fullback Bart Myers, offensive guard Mike Nihill, center Andy Patterson, offensive guard Chris Smith and defensive end Shannon Watts.

Six of those seniors were offensive starters (four in the interior line) and four were defensive regulars, leaving Donnelly with 14 starters, including kickers, back for 1992.

There were some individual achievements in '91 as well.

A total of eight Blue Raiders — Boykin, Burns, Campbell, tight end Steve Dark, offensive tackle Steve McAdoo, receiver Vince Parks, place-kicker Garth Petrilli and defensive back Jamie Redmond — were named to first-team slots on the All-Ohio Valley Conference team.

Four others (defensive end Mike Caldwell, quarterback Kelly Holcomb, defensive guard Randy Houston and Smith) were named to second-team All-OVC berths.

Campbell and McAdoo also garnered first-team All-American honors.

Campbell became the school's all-time career leader in rushing yards (3,823), touchdowns (45) and scoring (270 points). Those totals do not include another 581 yards, five touchdowns and 30 points racked up in NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

Freshman quarterback Kelly Holcomb finished the regular season with 1,763 passing yards, the third best single-season total ever for a Blue Raider. His 130 completions (in 209 attempts) was also the team's third best ever. He ranks second on the all-

time Blue Raider list with a .622 completion percentage and set a school record with 15 straight completions over a two-game span at mid-season.

In addition, Holcomb had another 37 completions in 71 attempts in the two playoff games, good for 390 yards and two touchdowns.

The Blue Raiders just completed their 10th straight winning season, extending the school's longest streak ever.

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circumstances well, but we just couldn't get the shots to fall."

One of those circumstances included the absence of head coach Lewis Bivens who missed both the Murray and UTC contest after being hospitalized for over a week due to a fluid build-up around his heart. He was released from Nashville's St. Thomas Hospital Tuesday.

Earlier in the season the Raiders hosted their own tournament and after a first round win against Western Carolina, they fell hard to Alabama in the championship contest.

They then traveled to San Francisco to participate in the USF Classic and looked impressive in a first round win over San Jose State 88-54. But inconsistency shined once more when they fell to San Francisco in the championship 70-54.

Middle returned to the hardcourt less than a week later to tackle a ranked Houston team and they gave the Cougars all they wanted before falling 99-85 in the Shoney's Classic at Alabama. They did however win the consolation over Jackson State 76-68.

Therefore, Bivens hopes his troops come ready to play Saturday because if they want a OVC championship ring, they can ill afford another letdown.

1992 Campus Rec Events

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Whiffleball	January 13	January 15-22
Indoor Soccer - Coed & Mens	January 15	Jan. 21-March 13
Basketball	January 15	Jan. 21-March 13
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Volleyball Tournament	February 5	February 8
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Volleyball Tournament	February 17	February 22
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Volleyball Tournament	March 4	March 7
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**Sincerely,
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Rush Chairman**

Blue

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picked up a foul from Warren Kidd on a debatable blocking call. Houston hit the shot, and the Vols won 86-83.

Since that win for UT, the Vols have yet to be beat.

The Raiders didn't have their heads down for long though. They bounced right back days later and whipped Mississippi Valley 87-67 behind a 16 point, 14-rebound performance by Quincy Vance. In the contest the Big Blue burned the nets for a 60 percent ratio, and they never trailed in the contest.

The win was expected to give Middle a little momentum heading into the conference opener with Murray State in mid-December. Unfortunately, it didn't.

The first half was a constant battle, the second was no contest. Murray simply dominated the game and forced the Raiders into several mistakes and rolled to a 98-74 win.

That loss was followed up by another as the Raiders fell in the first round of the Blue Angel Classic to South Alabama 76-71. They did win the consolation contest against Division II foe Slippery Rock 72-46.

Problems off the court were also taking place. Sophomore forward Jeff Clifton quit the team citing his unhappiness with the Blue Raider program. Point guard Greg Christian was dismissed from the team as well due to his

failure to meet the university's academic requirement.

But life went on and a weary, road-traveled squad returned to Murphy Center on Jan. 2 for only the second home game of the season against Oral Roberts, and the Raiders started the year off right with a 100-78 victory.

MTSU led by as many as eight points in the first half before slipping behind 45-40 at the half.

With 16:10 left, the Titans held a 56-47 lead but the Raiders caught fire and went on a 19-1 run to grab the lead and never looked back. The home win didn't impress head coach David Farrar though.

"I'm not particularly pleased with anything right now," Farrar said. "I told them tonight that they resist practice and hard work and expect good results."

"The way we played the first half was a typical response to the way we've practiced."

That victory led to the the Raiders' performance against Cincinnati Monday night.

"A number of breaks had we gotten, we could have won the ball game," Farrar said. "For how poor we played technically, I'm pleased with the competitiveness and spirit tonight."

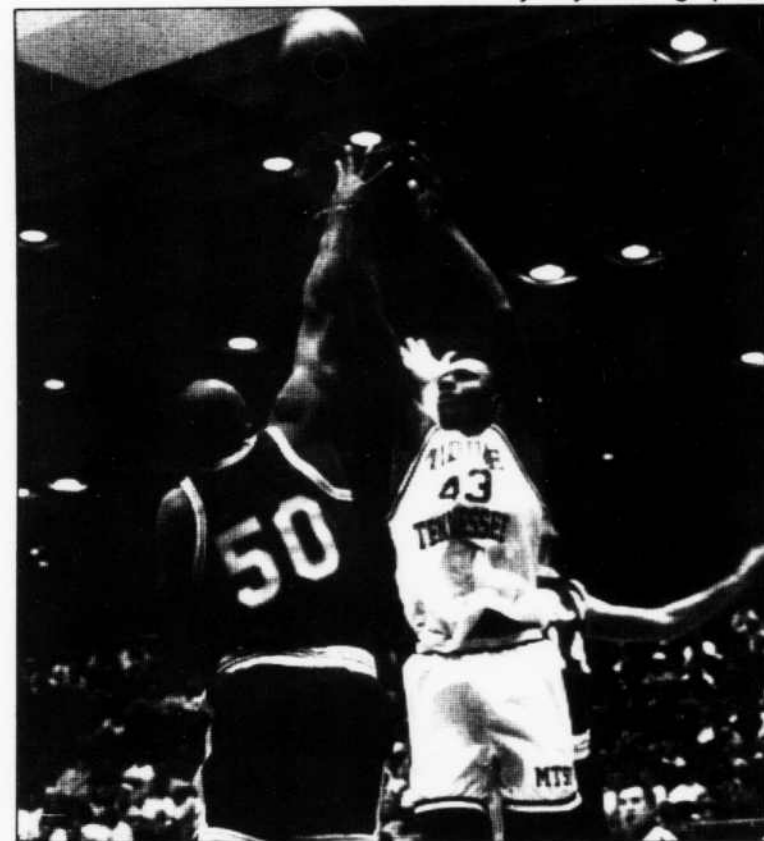
So maybe the Big Blue is getting on track because they cannot afford to be off when they head into OVC action on a regular basis Saturday night when Southeast Missouri comes calling. Tip-off is set for 7:30 at Murphy Center.



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LITTLE AND LARGE:

MTSU point guard Tim Corder looks for some help during a contest earlier in the season (top photo). Corder is the smallest member of the Big Blue team. Meanwhile, MTSU center Warren Kidd stands tall as he puts a shot over an opponent (right photo). Corder has assumed a starting role since the departure of Greg Christian while Kidd is always a force underneath the basket for coach David Farrar.



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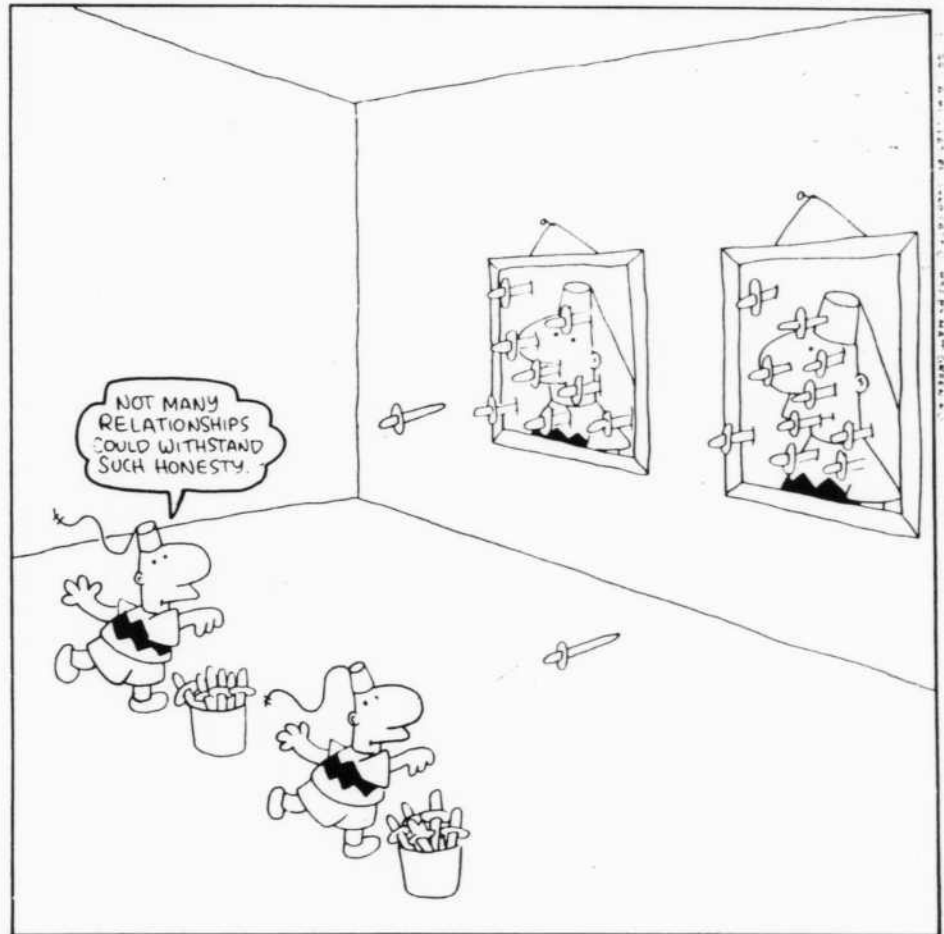
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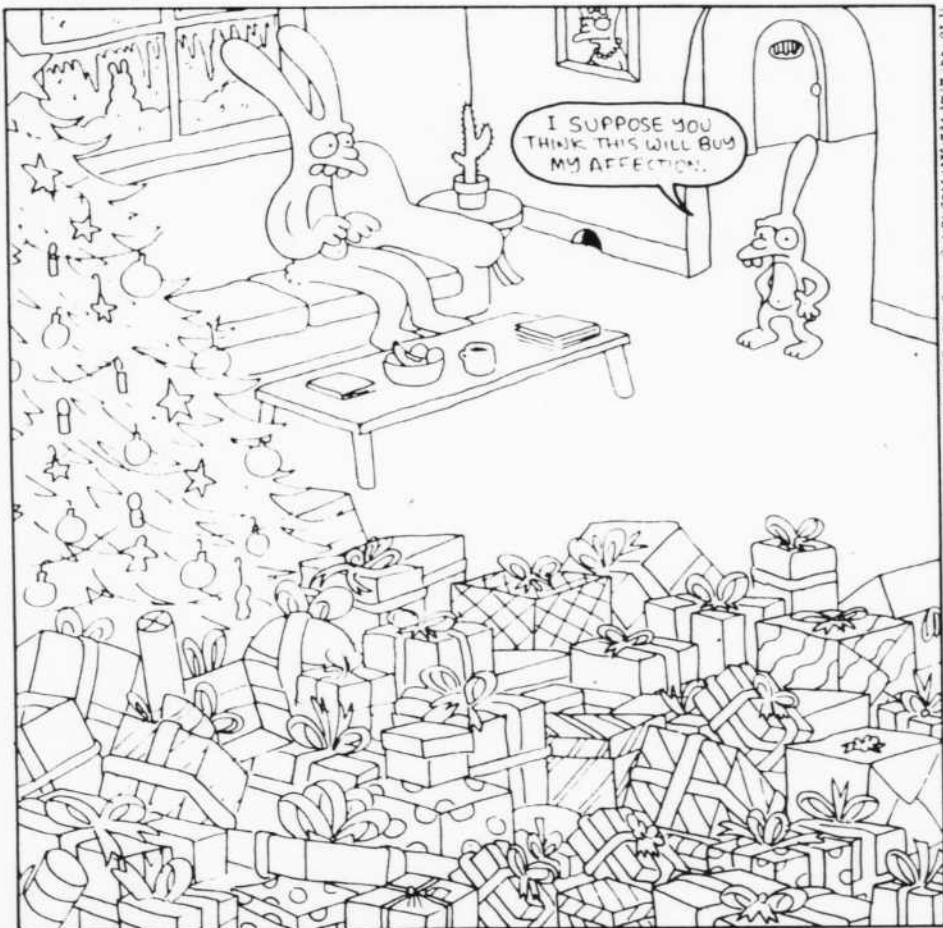
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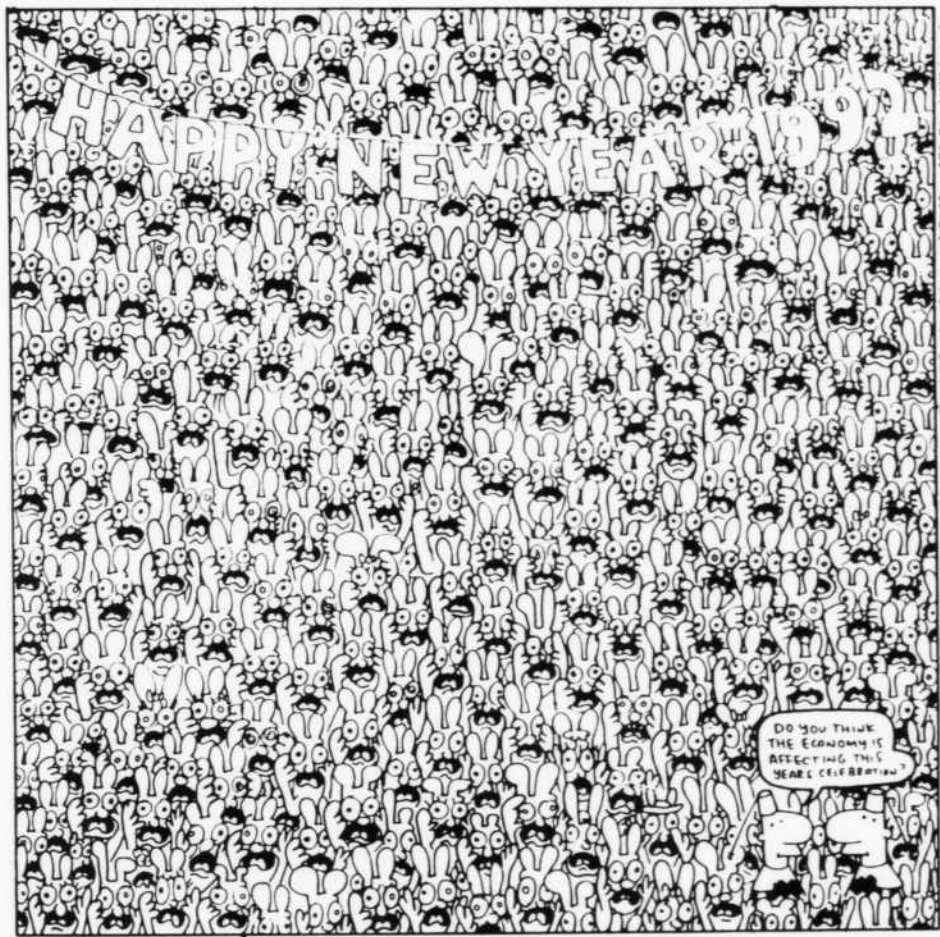
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