Parting shots of the former staff. See OPINIONS, Page 8.

## Greek row in the works

Fraternities, sororities move closer to campus housing as plan moves to Board of Regents

TINA DENISE HARVEY Staff Writer

The new Greek Alumni Council is requesting the University to inform them of the feasibility of building on campus housing for all social fraternitics and sororitics, and President Walker approves the plan.
"I support the idea of building the housing 100 pereent. said president James Walker.
"We have plenty of land available on the backside of campus to accommodate. The chances are better than 50/50." he said.
if newly appointed Chancellor Dr. Charies Smith and the Tennessee Board of Regents approve the idea, the houses would be constructed behind the agriculture facilites that can be seen from Greentand Drive and Rutherford Boulevard.
"Houses would be available for fraternities and sororitics alike," said Walker. "Majority and minority students would have the same opportunity to build housing."

The Greek Alumni Council is made up of 41 alumni representing every social fraternity and sorority. They recently bound together to investigate the possibility of forming "fraternity row" and to promote and support the growth of the Greek society on this campus.

We formed the council with intentions of organizing events to contribute back to the university, said council chairman, Tim Stroble-housing director for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
"We are interested in what the alumni affairs program is doing in their efforts to support the Greeks and their alumni.

The alumnus are also encouraging the university to update it's alumni database which would make it easier to maintain Greck affiliations. They are a requesting an office on campus, or at least a person who is officially appointed to program to the needs of only Greeks.
"The organization of database would provide a vehicle for informing alumni of upcoming events, said Paul Cantrell, dean of students.
"For example, if a fundraiser took place, the data would assist in networking outside formal university which could get more alumni involved in campus See GREEK ROW, Page 3

## TBR to convene on campus

CORRIE CRON
Assistant News Editor
For the first time since 1988, MTSU is hosting the Tennessee Board of Regents as they meet to discuss the present and future plans of Tennessee State Schools, excluding the University of Tennessee system.

The TBR will meet in Committee meetings Thursday, Dec. 9, and in whole Friday, Dec. 10.

The Board meets four times a year at different campuses in a
rotation This is the first TBR meeting on this campus since Dr. James Walker became President.
"This is an opportunity for MTSU to put its best foot forward to the people who matter the most," said Dot Harrison, Director of Public Relations.

On the Board's agenda are several programs to be initiated and/ or terminated at TBR schools, including MTSU.

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Trout James/Staff HAVE YOU BEEN GOOD THIS YEAR? During the Panhellenic Council's Christmas party held last Tuesday in the James Union Building, Samantha Vannouyong tells Santa Claus what she wants him to bring her a few weeks from now. In the event, various campus organizations gave presents to underpriviledged children to ensure that they had a "merry Christmas.

## Organization to study stars

CORRIE CRON
Assistant News Editor
Astronomy at MTSU is offrering an outlet for people to express their ideas and learm more about the cellestial bodies.
"Some people have always had an interest in astronomy, but have never had an outlet for it," said Dr. Jay White, chemistry and physics professor, about the Astronomical Society
"It gives people a chance to get together and talk about their interests," he said.

The Astronomical Society is a response to a growing interest expressed in astronomy by students.
"I've had 15 students in my first term alone asking me about an astronomy club or organization," White said.

The Astronomical Society is open to students, faculty and staff interested learning about stars, planets and other celestial beings and sharing that information to those outside the campus.

White said that part of the
purpose, besides being open to those on campus, is giving those off campus the same opportunity. He hopes to "tie the Society to the interest in elementary, middle and high schools.
"Teachers do not feel comfortable teaching [astronomy] because they've never been exposed to it," Said White. "Right now, I see it as we're here and we're available to help the teachers."

Society President Tony
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Charies Hogue/Staff FENCING IT IN. Jack Middleton of Rio Grande Fencing prepares the construction site for the new recreation center to be built near family housing on campus

## HADPY YOLSIDAYS!

SIDELINES
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## CAMPUS CAPSULE

## Today

The MTSU WOMEN'S Chorale is recruiting new members. All MTSU women who enjoy singing are encouraged to join. No audition is required. For more details call 2487

Housing Applications FOR '94 SEMESTER can be picked up in SGA office in room 304 of KUC. Deadline Jan. 25 at $4: 30$ p.m.

ANY ORGANIZATION INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN SGA House Club Night should pick up applications in the SGA office. All applications need to be in by Jan. 19. The event is scheduled for Jan. 20 in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. Call 898-2464 for more details

The National. Associntion of ENVIRONMENTAL Professionals is SPONSORING ENVIRONMENTAL Regulation Seminar at 5 p.m. in Davis Science Building room 100. Chris Greene of the Tennessee Division of Superfund will speak. Contact Leonard Walther at 731-1684 for more details.

Association
members are welcome. Call Andrew Welug at 890-5097 for more details.

The Equestrian Team meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Hannah Walker at 896-7839 for more details.

## The Society of

ENVIRONMENTA Professionals meets the first and third Thursdays of every month at 5 p.m. in the Wiser Patton Science Building Room 201.

A Women's Alcoholics Anonymots is meeting at the Camels Group, 1231 NW Broad St., Murfreesboro at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

MTSU STUDENTS who NEED SPEECH TESTING OR SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES should call the MTSU Speech Clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.

The Lambda Association holds their weekly gatherings on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on campus. Lambda is a an open support group for gays, lesbians and bisexual students, as well as advocates of the gay community at large. For the location of these gatherings call the hotline at 780-7293.

Environmental Action meets every Monday at 7

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## Clarification:

In a story printed Dec. 2. "Problems arise for Pikes, SAEs," it was stated that the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity would not be allowed to rush. In truth, they will not be able to rush through IFC, but will recruit members as a Non-Greek organization.

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IF YOURE INTERESTESD. CALSL 898-2815.

J.A. Hinton/Staff Merry Cfiristmas from the Sidelines staff! After a long and tedious semester, the staff of writers, editors and production people of Sidelines take out their frustrations on their editor, Jason Whatley.

Greek Row proposal to go before TBR...

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activities."
According to Cantrell, the council will not begranted their request to obtain an on campus office. The Student Government Association (SGA) is the only student organization with this privilege.

They could lobby the university admmstration to have an employee to do nothing but deat with Greek affairs, Cantrel! sand.

A lot of campuses have this," he said.

Alumni have previously contributed in adding the MTSU Foundation. ihe athletic
department, and have increased the level of most scholarships. "In the past, Greek alumnus have been among the top contributors probably because they have a higher sense of loyalty to the university that came about through ideals learned through their fraternity or sorority," said Cantrell.

President Walker shares this opinion and said, "Greeks are usually more supportive of university activities because of their organization learned from their fraternity or sorority.

Walker is an alumni of Kappa Alpha Psi and Cantrell is a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

During National Education

Week the council sponsored apples that were distributed to all academic departments and deans.
"This was a small token of our appreciation felt among the alumni," Stroble said.

Approximately 10 percent of the student body belong to a fraternity or sorority.
"We realize that Greeks are a minority on campus," said Stroble. "However the contribution and participation of these students is very strong."

Oct. 16 was the first meeting for the council which consists of both majority and minority alumnus.

The council will be meeting bimonthly to discuss issues

## TBR convening at MTSU...

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Programs to be terminated here will be the Scientific Application and the Software Design in the B.S. program in Computer Science.

There will also be discussion on permanently establishing the Center for Study and Treatment of Dyslexia.
"Everything we want to do to make MTSU better begins with the Board of Regents," said Harrison.

She also stated that Walker emphasized the importance of their office in this event. "IThe Board] needs to understand what we're doing here," Harrison said.

Students will be involved. acting as Student Ambas-sadors. Toby Gilley was elected by the school to be the student representative. Theatre students have also prepared a drama for the members to accompany a ten minute video about the campus.

For each meeting, the host university has thirty minutes for a
presentation. The presentation will be introduced by SGA President Woody Ratterman. Performing in the Music Hall, the final shot of the video is of the actors in a frozen pose. As the video fades to black, the actors will rise from the orchestra pit on an elevating part of the stage in the same pose.
"I think it's a priviledge to have them on campus," Ratterman said. "It is a time for MTSU to show off what we have."

## Have a very safe and happy Christmas season.

## Studemi Clericol Help Wanted

The Office of New Student Orientation is now accepting applications for Clerical Student Workers to help this Spring and Summer with the CUSTOMS orientation program.
Skills desirable include:
ability to juggle many tasks at one time

- good public relations skills. computer experience. pleasant personality. general office skills.

There are a total of five CTSILOMS positions available. Each will begin during the Spring semester and continue throughout the summer. Applicants must be willing to work 37.5 hours a week during the summer months at minimum wage. For detailed job descriptions and applications, come by the KUC, room 122.
Applications available immediately. All applications must be received by January 31, 1994.

## The average vacation lasts two weeks.

The average retirement lasts 20 years.

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## If you've spent

 more time planning your vacation, call us.You started saving six months in advance. Booked that spectal room on the beach. Nothing was left to chance. If only you planned your retirement as thoroughly as your vacation. That's where we come in. With our variable annuities, we're helping thousands of people retire comfortably. And we can help make your retirement as fEtIA relaxing as your vacation. To see how relaxing it can be, call for more information about Retirement Made Fasy. ${ }^{\text {s/ }}$

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Trout James/Staff LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! Joseph Buttrey (left) and Kenneth West film for the RaIV production by Mass Communication's Channel 8 Wednesday

Astronomical...

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Mathews agrees.
"Our aim is to bring the lesson to the schools instead of bringing the schools to the campus," he said.

Mathews outlined three major goals decided by the members of the Society. They are to Icarn more about astronomy share what they have learned with others and to make astronomy available past the campus walls

The Society, which hosts Star Parties that present an opportunity to gaze through telescopes, is not particular about membership.
'An interest, that's all you need," Mathews said

The Fall staff of Sidelines would like to wish Serenity Sutton the best of luck in the upcoming semester as editor. Have a news tip? Call sidelines at 8982815.


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Small pet with deposit


## New deductions offer easier, less

## expensive way to repay student loans

STAFF REPORTS

Washington, D.C., Nov. 22, 1993 - To make student loan repayment easier - and encourage timely payments Sallie Mae announced today that it is offering the Direct Repay plan, a repayment benefit that allows student loan borrowers to authorize a transfer of money from their checking or savings account directly to Sallie Mae for their monthly loan payments. Beginning May 1, 1994, borrowers who elect to use the Direct Repay Plan will receive a $1 / 4$ percent interest rate reduction on their loans paid electronically for as long as they continue in the plan.
"Direct Repay is checkless, so on-time payment is guaranteed every month provided borrowers have sufficient funds in their accounts," says Lydia Marshall, Sallic Mae senior vice president. "This helps borrowers avoid missed payments, makes it casy
for them to maintain a good credit rating, and allows them to pay less on their student loans."

Marshall notes that Sallie Mae can offer the interest rate reduction because loans that are paid electronically are less costly to administer. Through Direct Repay, the corporation will pass savings it realizes in servicing costs on to participating borrowers. The plan will be available initially to those Stafford loan borrowers whose loans are owned by Sallie Mac, are in repayment, and are serviced at one of its loan servicing centers. The plan will be available to all PLUS and SLS borrowers in July 1994.

In addition to Direct Repay's automatic $1 / 4$ percent interest rate reduction, eligible Stafford borrowers can reduce their rate further by qualifying for Sallic Mac's Great Rewards benefit - a rate reduction of an additional two percentage points for borrowers who make their first 48
scheduled payments on time. Borrowers with a $\$ 5,000$ loan balance would realize approximately $\$ 327$ in savings with the combined $21 / 4$ percent Direct Repay and Great Rewards interest rate reductions. Students who borrowed each year as undergraduates - totalling as much as $\$ 23,000$ in Stafford loans - would save more than $\$ 1,500$ over the life of the loans under both programs.

Sallie Mae, which buys education loans from originating lenders, is the nation's largest holder and servicer of such loans. Sallie Mae owns one in three guaranteed student loans outstanding today, representing financing for 5 million students and their parents.

Borrowers who are current with their payments may sign up for Direct Repay at any point in their repayment period. For more information on the Direct Repay plan, borrowers should call their Sallic Mac loan servicing center.

## Sidelines would like to wish a very fappy

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## Burton named assistant <br> dean in Business College

STAFF REPORTS
Eric James "Jim" Burton, of Murfreesboro, accounting professor at MTSU and director of events for MTSU's Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise, was recently named assistant dean of conferences and external relations for the College of Business.

In his new position, Burton will look for additional opportunities to focus attention on MTSU and the College of Business.
"As the only AACSB[American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business] accredited undergraduate business school in the region, we have a lot to offer-not only to our students but also to the business community," Burton said.
"[In this position] I am privileged to come into contact with a varicty of people, many of whom are not initially familiar with MTSU," he said. "It is encouraging to hear the positive comments such people have after being on campus," he

Burton is already instrumental in bringing MTSU together with business and industry leader.
"The campus is a much richer environment because of the generosity of Jennings Jones and because of chairholder Joe Rodgers," Burton added. Jones, MTSU chair namesake, is a local businessman and former mayor of Murfreesboro.

A native of MT. Vernon III., he received his B.A. degree in economics from MacMurray State University, Murray, Ky., and his Ph.D. in accountancy from the University of Illinois.

In addition to MTSU, Burton has taught at Florida State and Murray State universities and was a teaching assistant at the University of Illinois. Burton has previously listed in "Who's Who in Finance and Industry" and "Who's Who in Business Planning.

He was just nominated for a position on the Board of Regents of the international Association of Certified Fraud examiners



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## Parting Shots!

Over the course of the semester, this opinions section has seen perspectives from virtually every fascet of the political and social arena. These ideas, almost solely pronounced by students, often shed a little light on the truly diverse culture of Middle Tennessee State University. That was then. Now it's our turn.

A word from Mr. Jackson...
Managing Editor cays 'Cood Riddance'

It's the end of another semester, and it has been a very interesting one at that. I learned a great deal this semester about the business of this paper and the people on this campus. Before the semester started I came up to this office to offer my assistance to Jason. I knew Jason, but not extremely well. We stayed up here to all hours of the night to get the first paper out. By the next paper Jason and I knew each other much better

Before I say my last words as managing editor of this rag would like to express a few things about Jason Whatley. He handled the stresses and criticisms very well. He juggles more things in his life than anyone I know. Not having a great deal of experience in the newspaper business made this semester very difficult. We survived it and 1 feel very proud of what we accomplished. Jason is a very sincere, honest person

who will listen to anyone who will sit down and talk to him. I have yet to talk to anyone who really hates Jason after meeting and talking to him. There are a lot people on this campus that have said nothing but hateful things to him. I have no doubt you will go very far in life Senator Whatley. Nothing is worse than an individual who only criticizes someone, yet doesn't have the gumption to get off their butts and do something about it. The old saying about walking a mile in a person's shoes fits (no pun intended) perfectly here. I look forward to many years of friendship with Jason. I thank you for having the guts and determination to do this job and
giving all of us on the right : chance to voice our opinions

Jay Travis, the copy editor here, is one of my oldest and closest friends. For quite a whild we talked about finding a way to voice our opinions. When Jason became editor we knew our chance had come. However, we had no idea that it would become such a major part of our lives. I have felt sorry for Jay, because he took so much heat for mistakes. Jay had to learn this job while doing it. I went back to papers in semesters past and found that Jay has followed the Associated Press's handbook much closer than many other supposed journalists had. He believed in what we did and did his part as well as he could.

Tony Arnold is the last of the original editors to start the semester with us. I did not know Tony at the beginning, but have come to know and admire him He is a very kind person that

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## Former president of Kappa Alpha Order responds to hazing reports

I am writing in response to the Thursday, Dec. 2, 1993 issue which contained the article concerning Kappa Alpha Order and its present situation. Readers of Sidelines and The Daily News Journal have been exposed to comments by the Dean of Students, the Executive Director of Kappa Alpha, and the President of the Student Government Association; however, I believe they should also hear a response from an active member of the fraternity.

The pledge classes of Delta Lambda chapter of Kappa Alpha Order for many years have engaged in a prank called "Pledge Runaway"; wherein they pick a weekend designed to inconvience the active members by their absence and leave town for a retreat. In return, the active members expect the pledge class to thoroughly clean the house upon the conclusion of their retreat. This response to the prank is anticipated by the pledges. This year, the event was viewed as being outside the provisions of our National pledge program and as a result, the chapter is not allowed to have fraternity activitics from Nov. 24, 1993 until Jan. 12, 1994

This event took place on October 17, 1993. I feel it is important that the readers understand that immediately after this date, the active members saw the wrong which they have done and took action upon themselves. Excluding Homecoming and the Fall formal, no alcohol was allowed in the house, social probation was implemented, and punishment was assessed to active members directly responsible for the incident. Furthermore, the chapter officers agreed that a "traditional" event such as this would never occur again. In keeping with protocol, the National Administrative Headquarters of Kappa Alpha was informed of the situation by the active chapter. Besides the punishments which were already self-imposed, other sanctions were decided to be placed on the chapter by this body. The chapter fully understands that this type of activity cannot be condoned and that action must be taken to ensure that it does not occur in the

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I am convinced that calling religious and conservative people closed-minded is hypocritical....The only responsible way to read the Bible is in its entirety, "I testify to everyone who hears the prophecy of this book: if any one adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book." (Revelation 22:18-19.) To me the ones that close their minds to what is written in black and white are the ones that are close-minded.

Sara Kinser

## future.

I truly hope that the public realizes that fraternities are much more than what has recently surfaced in the media. This chapter has acrued over 400 hours this Fall in helping the community in which we live. Whether it is cleaning up a four mile stretch of highway, building houses for Habital for Humanity, or cleaning up Oaklands, we have tried to improve the image of not only ourselves, but the campus and fraternal system.

1 am not asking anyone to overlook the negative deed which has been done; but only to consider that their is two sides to every story. Positive aspects are always overshadowed by the negative. We are going to correct the situation which has occurred. Please take the time to consider the fraternities actions which have taken place before, during, and afer the incident on the 17th of October before passing judgment on Kappa Alpha Order and the fraternity system at Middle Tennessec State University

James K. Craighead Box B999
Editor's Note: Prior to printing the above mentioned story, "Hazing raises stench with fraternity" on Dec. 2, several members of Kappa Alpha Order were questioned about the alledged hazing and declined to comment. Several phone calls were also placed to Jimmy Craighead. however he was unable to be reached.

## Many liberals should read the Bible in its entirety

For almost three months, the readers of Sidelines have been introduced to what seems to be a religious war between the conservatives and liberals. We have been introduced to witches and all such ideologies. However, one statement seems to be thrown out in almost every issue. The statement is somewhere along the lines of: "Isn't the basis of Christianity love and understanding and not...(fill in whatever topic is being discussed.)" or "God is love and understanding and He would never condemn...(again fill in the topic.)". 1 do agree that God is the ultimate example of pure and truc love. He loved us enough to send his Son so that he gave his only begotten son, that whosocver believes in Him may not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16 NAS) We see from this passage that God is love, but we also see that his love is an unconditional love. In order to receive the benefits and rewards of this love, the condition to be met is that you must believe. There is another condition, we must do what he has told us to de and follow the principles that he has established for our benefit. ("If you love Me, you will keep my commandments., John 14:15 NAS)

In a letter to the editor (Nov. 18), Jason Whatley was accused of being a closed-minded conservative who throws out hate and discrimination. I disagree. I do not know Jason, other than through
what he portrays through the Sidelines. There have been times when I have disagreed with him, but I think Jason tells the truth and expresses his opinions through a good heart. I think that telling people that what they are doing can and will have damaging effects on their lives and their souls is not hate, but is love. Isn't it love to try and save a person from making a mistake? It is true that we, nor any person, are the final judge when it comes to what is right and wrong and that we, as people, can not be "gods" ("Vengeance is Mine says the Lord." Deuteronomy 32:35.)., but it is our responsibility to tell others the truth. ("Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every living creature." Mark $16: 15$ ) It is not Jason's, mine, nor anyone who speaks out against such sins as homosexuality, to hate; it is instead, to love and to save the precious souls that ultimately belong to God.

1 am convinced that calling religious and conservative people closed-minded is hypocritical. Aren't the minds of liberal people who call us this, just as closed to our ideas and beliefs? There was a statement that we should not take the whole Bible literally and that we should read the message it pertains responsibly. The only responsible way to read the Bible is in its entirety, "1 testify to everyone who hears the prophecy of this book: it any one adds to them. God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of prophecy. God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:18-19.) To me the ones that close their minds to what is written in black and white are the ones that are closeminded

SARA Kinsir Box B122

Send your hate/love mail to Box 42. 'Former' Editor Whatley can still receive it

## Managing editor has last word...

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could get along with almost anyone. He is in his fourth year as sports editor. He is certainly the biggest Blue Raider fan I have ever met. Football players that found offense at several criticisms Tony made this semester should realize that he takes this just as seriously as you do. He actually gets depressed for days after you lose. You would be extremely lucky if there was a whole stadium full of fans (as in fanatics) rooting you on every week. I photographed most of the games and traveled with Tony to the away games and have become a much bigger Raiders fan than I ever was
before. I would like to tell you something about Tony you probably don't know. Every game (basketball and football) he leads his mom arm-in-arm into her seat. She has tragically been nearly been blinded by diabetes. Tony is an awardwinning writer, but more importantly, he is an award winning human being.

I could not leave without saying thank you to Jenny Crouch. I know she wasn't sure of our abilitics at the beginning. She cringed at some of our dumber mistakes I'm surc. I hope that we were able to prove to her and all of you that this group of people was very sincere at producing a quality paper. Sue

Mullin (mother) also deserves our thanks. She often calmed me down in times of duress and guided me back on path. Sue often disagreed with our points of view, but stood by us when we needed her.

We proved that people who do not see eye to cye can work together to produce a quality product of which we can be proud.

I would like to thank Beth and Daniela for their little jibes and innuendos thrown toward me. By the way , girls, I do have a sense of humor.

I couldn't leave without thanking George and Carl for their help in making me a better photographer.


CARTOONS, with their simple and easy to understand
messages, often present opinions easier thian any
columnist could ever attempt to convey. This particular
cartoon, which was originally printed as our very first
on $\mathcal{A}$ ug. 23, was voted by the Sidelines staff as the best
for the fall of 1993.
I'm out of here...

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seemed to many students that the leadership of Sidelines had their own agenda and often times forgot who they really worked for the students.

Whether true or not, this perception continued and was even magnified last spring. It was at that time that Sidelines took several controversial stands, including unofficially endorsing an SGA candidate

For example, after last years SGA elections were called into question, Sidelines took up the banner of their fallen candidate with an unparalleled lack of evidence. Wild accusations were made that the former SGA president had voted twice; as did his girlfriend and one other supporter. While these votes wouldn't have matiered anyway AND there was literally no substantiated evidence, Sidelines gladly printed stories that could have ruined the reputations of several upstanding students for the sole purpose of furthering one candidate's hopes of winning. Even after an extensive investigation, no proof of the allegations was ever found; but that didn't matter, the damage had been done.

In fact, one of the three individuals who initially tipped Sidelines off to the "invalid" election results allegedly finally broke down and told the real story. This epitome of dishonesty, according to several eye-witness accounts, confessed and even bragged about fabricating the entire conspiracy theory in the midst of a drunken stupor at O'Charleys one unfortunate evening. According to witnesses, the bold liar claimed that he and two others were actually the "rats" (as they branded the current SGA administration) who tampered with the poll books, and not the current leaders of the SGA.

The real truth didn't matter though. What mattered, at least according to this disgruntled conservative fundamentalist, was that our student newspaper had the power to ruin someone's
name based on absolutely no hard facts. That's scary; but according to many, that was simply called "journalism." I called it an abuse of power, irresponsibility, and borderline libel.

Ironically, I found myself leader of this "rag" and my skin finally began to thicken. I had never in my wildest imaginations wanted this position or dreamed that I would hold it. Upon my arrival here, I knew nothing about how a newspaper goes logether or of the intricacies of keeping a dedicated staff together long enough to see see almost 10,000 papers to the stands twice a week. Yet through the unending dedication of some wonderful people, this paper survived despite "mourning the loss of innocense," as former editor Galyn Glick said last spring in reference to my election.

Well, even with the "encouragement" of Ms. Glick and others, we made it; and in the grand editor's tradition of giving thanks, 1 am at a loss of where to begin

First, I want to thank my Lord and God. Though not popular or politically correct to mention His name, without Him, I could not have survived this test of will. In the last verse of St. Mathew, Jesus said, "...I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." How true. While at times my faith became very weak, He was with me every step of the way. He also sent many others to bear the burdens with me.

Coley Jackson was one of these. I met him last spring but never really took him serious when he said "I want to help you. I believe in what you're doing." Nevertheless, Coley showed up in my office this fall and refused to leave. Although initially asking to simply be a photographer, Coley's roles quickly expanded to that of second in command, managing editor, in the wake of two resignations. While he, like myself, had no experience in journalism, his dedication to meand this newspaper was unending. Throughout the
semester, he not only demonstrated his abilities as a leader through keeping the our unique staff together, he kept us in stitches as well with his always vivacious personality. Night after night and battle-weary, Coley stayed with me until two, three or even four in the morning until the paper was finished. Without Coley, I would have given up long ago. I will always treasure him as a friend and an ally.

Jay Travis also arrived at a time when I needed him most Like his best friend Coley, Jay said that he was willing to do anything to ensure the success of this paper. Sacrificing his sanity Jay accepted the position of top copy editor and gladly took blame for any and all mistakes in the newspaper. He worked until all hours of the night and was faithful to the final issue; much like his assistant copy editor Cossete Joyner.

Tony Arnold. His name speaks for himself. This man is what my mom likes to call "true bluc." Tony has been sports editor for over four years and is without question one of the best in his field. His dedication to Sidelines and Bluc Raider sports is unparalleled. In summary, it was generally accepted as 1 intimated to Coley on several occasions, "If Tony quits, we're finished.

Le Datta Grimes, Brandy Berryhill, and Corrie Cron worked feverishly to keep the news coming in. While they often were frustrated by late or nonexistent storics, each of them "stayed the course" until the job was finished. I can honestly say, I can't think of a better news staff with which to work.

Our production crew, who actually "put the thing together," was unbelievable. No matter what changes in style or content occurred, they were content to deal with the inconvenience. Beth Doman and Daniclla Gopfert, with their warm personalities, not only managed production, but also our "Life" section. Along with Brian Mayzure and Greg Hoenie, they made it.

The photographers under the leadership of one of the best, George Walker, broke new ground for Sidelines photography. With him, Carl Lambert, Chuck Hogue, and Andy Hinton never ceased to amaze me with their extensive knowledge of photography and masterful abilities to provide spectacular pictures.

Jenny Crouch, the Director of Student Publications, put up with me. How? I'll never know. Without her, I would never have attempted this job. Jenny, while not initially supporting my move to become editor, supported me with unquestionable dedication. She looked passed my many faults and my lack of experience. She gave me a chance. Jenny dutifully carned both my respect and my admiration. I will miss her

Jody Allison has been a close friend of mine for many years and he and I have certainly been through the fire. As an opinions writer, Jody is, without question, the best this newspaper has ever seen. He and another good friend of mine, Aaron Fletcher stimulated the campus through providing a seldom heard point of view - to say the least!

Sue Mullin was also a great ally. Though not always agreeing with my views, she took up for me under the most trying of circumstances. Her dedication as our typist was unbelievable.

Cydney Crawford kepi us all straight. As Sam Gannon once said, "she is Student Publications."

Marc Davis proved to be a great and dedicated co-worker. As he skillfully managed our Advertising department, he never once complained about dealing with the problems of the editorial staff. This paper would be in trouble without him.

Throughout the campus there are innumerable professors and staff members which have given me encouragement along the way. People like Dr. John Vile, Dean Paul Cantrell, Dean Judy Smith, Dr. Bob Lalance, and President James Walker served as a source of unending encouragement. In
addition, Dr. Everette Cunningham never ceased to give me ideas and enlightenment as he professed his unique and inspiring ideas on conservatism, politics, and "Slick Willic."

My Mock Trial team, which is among the best in the nation, always listened to my complaints and tolerated my intolerance. I treasure their friendship and I'm grateful to play even a small role with such a wonderful talented organization Rachacl Ocseh Keith Slocum Angic White Peyton Hibdon, Mandy Smith Cheslic Harris, and Doug Sloan were always there with a kind word of encouragement. Kim Miller, my best friend and cocouncil, constantly reminded me of her unending devotion and always warned, "THEY better not be mean to you." I love her and my other teammates dearly.

Finally, I thank my family Were it not for the love and encouragement of them. I would not be here today. They encompass and define my hopes dreams, and strength.

To the students of Moddle Iennessec State Untiversity. I thank you for the opportunity to be your editor. While I understand that there are those among you who rejoice at my graduation and thus the end of my tenure as editor, please remember this one tenet: No matter what anyone says, this is one of the greatest universities in the nation; and no matter what you want to do, you can do it here. With the many wonderful programs, both academic and extra-curricular, there is no reason why any student of this university should setule for second-best.

I think it only fitting that I end this last column with one last quote from the God's word. In Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, Solomon said: "To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven... a time to keep silence and a time to speak." Looking back on yall, this must have been my seosora?

## Top 10 things you DIDN'T know about SIDELIN(ES THIS Fall

(10) The Editor pulled (which he has the right to do) stories which contained in-depth interviews with people for the sole purpose of praising an alternative sexual orientation. (9) Editor Whatley had no formal position with the national College Republican Federation during his tenure as editor. (8) There are no Greeks or SGA officers working for the Sidelines editorial staff. (7) A few professors on campus actually like the Editor (even in Mass Comm!). (6) Many Democrats honestly supported the initial idea of "Editor Whatley."
(5) The editor was fair (right!)
(4) Members of a witches coven (to go unnamed) targeted the management of Sidelines with threats of violence.
(3) There were at least eight dismissals or resignations from the Sidelines staff.
(2) All dismissals from the Sidelines staff were made after a great deal of deliberation (except one) and had the full support of the other members of the staff, not just the editor.
(1) Many claim Editor Whatley is now a closet liberal - NOT!

# Copy edition calls for revolution 

## JAY TRAVIS

Copy Editor

Finally, the time has come to write my final words for this semester. Over the course of this semester, I have tried to keep a central theme in the heart of all my columns: If you believe in something, stand up for yourself. No matter what side of the issue you may believe in, for heaven's sake, at least believe in something! $\quad \mathrm{T}$ h e real enemy of our time is not (may my Republican friends forgive me) Bill Clinton. He is just a transient symbol of the times who will be relegated into the pages of history in due time. Our generation's greatest challenge is an enemy more insipid than some political scapegoat. The thing which threatens us is apathy. As long as we are passive and allow ourselves to be manipulated by the powers that wish to control our lives, we will be the weak, ineffective little slaves to the system that we have been trained to be for most of our lives.

It is only when we show the courage to stand up against the forces which strive for our submission and determine to think for ourselves regardless of what we see on television, hear in "popular" music, or become "enlightened" to by so-called experts who offer us the comfort of removing our responsibility for our lives by assuming authority over us, that we will ever be able to rise up and fight against our true enemies. The struggle will be a hard one; harder than anything we as a generation have ever faced.

The enemy divides us by race, politics, religion, morality and culture. Conservative vs. liberal, black vs. white, Christian vs. non-Christian, etc. All these
various groups have our disagreements, and these are used to play us off against each other like a bunch of third-world tribal groups being backed into fighting each other by an imperial power claiming to be on the side of each one. United, we could casily drive them out of our homes and into oblivion, and they know it. That is why they have set up modern society in a manner designed to force us to accept their will as if it were a foregone conclusion.

The world has gone from a place of endless possibilities to a place of day-to-day survival and cut-throat competition for the almighty dollar, and somewhere along the way we as a nation seemed to have lost sight of our national soul. The men who founded this country were not a bunch of mystical characters in some history book; they were simply a group of average men, not unlike you and $I$, who had one distinguishing characteristic that set them apart from the rest of their generation. They had a belief in the vision of a better world than that which they knew, and the courage to face the overwhelming odds that stood in the path to that world. When our country had its revolution, those average men that signed that now famous piece of paper had no idea of whether they could win their struggle against the legitimate authority of their king. In fact, they were called traitors by a vast number of their peers. Still, they had their belief in their cause, and a sincere belief; a faith, if you will, in a cause really can defeat even the most overwhelming odds.

Now, 200 years later, the government has become a mirror of what our forefathers revolted against. When the law is warped around to the point of trying to outlaw the very religious freedom that this country was originally settled to allow, when the
concepts of justice and morality are subjugated to the rights of criminals and special interest groups to enforce their beliefs when society refuses to accept them, then the time is ripe for a change. And it will be the few brave souls who are willing to be called traitors by those preaching conformity, who are willing to stand up against that which their society's leaders command them to accept as right and wrong, who are willing to reach into their hearts and find among the frustration and despair at their plight a single, shining beacon of hope. Within the heart of darkness of modern man lies the seed of hope and the spirt of independence on which this country is founded. This change will not come easy for many in our generation who have grown soft on years of television and shopping malls, but either it has to come or we as a nation will eventually lose our status in the world. What is worse, we may well go the way of ancient Rome; an empire collapsing under the weight of its own apathy.

I realize this may seem a little far-fetched, but with our planet slowly but surely crecping towards a one-world government and the very forces in our capital conspiring to aide in this sellout of our freedom, the time is approaching when each of us may well have to decide for ourselves, in what do we believe?

I, for one, will choose to follow that of my forefathers: Give me liberty or give me death! As for yourself, all I can say is, choose wisely, because your way of life and that of your children is determined by the choices you make, or choose to let someone else make for you. Good luck to all of you and God bless you this holiday season.
"What do I think about my tenure as editor? Well, I would say but I feel the need to censor myself. So much for the First Amendment!"
"I did it MY way! And don't you forget it, Jerky!"
"We leave with our heads held high, knowing before God that we fought the good fight."
"I'd rather be a Republican and go to Hell than be a Democrat and not know where the hell I'm going."
"Our president, Her Highness, her hubby "Slick", and Prince Tree Hugger represent the highest concentration of intellect since the Three Stooges."


Copy Editor


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## Evolirig: Parting shots from our most experienced staffer

Well, this piece of work completes a four year reign. It was four years ago that I became Sports Editor at this paper and its been a continuous run ever since.

Being in this position has allowed me to be a part of the Blue Raider team through my coverage. But it's also opened the door to experience and many friendships. Honestly, I could set here and tell you all about my years here and what they mean, but at this time I think the staff I work with has its time is due.

I really didn't know what to expect before the semester's


TONY ARNOLD
Sports Editor
beginning with Jason Whatley coming in. I won't bother explaining the controversy of his appointment as editor but 1 will admit I was skeptical

But over three months later my mind is at ease. I honestly think I've enjoyed working with this staff as much or moreso than with any other. We made our
share of mistakes, but that's part of the game. We took our shots, and dished few out as well. Yet here we are, a minute portion of what we originally began with, but still here with hair still on our head.

I know the paper doesn't suit everyone, but it never does and never will. I realize that I and other staff members have upset you at times while raised your eyebrows on other occasions. Once again, that's part of the game.

But what strikes me most is the determination of this staff. Our predecessors said it couldn't
be done. Well, we did it and at no greater expense that any of my former staffs. In particular Jason Whatley, Coley Jackson, and the rest of the staff never let anything get the best of them. Sure there were times when we all wanted to quit, but they strove forward. And I don't think I've ever seen so many enemies firing through the letters to the editor section but I'm here to tell you this is a great staff. Jason was not given a fait chance from the beginning. People said he couldn't do it and the paper would fall to pieces.

Months later, the paper is still here and it looks and reads as
good as any time before. I just wished that people would clear the biasedness from their minds and view it openly. Sidelines is a learning tool here for anyone who wishes to take advantage of it. It's not the New York Times. We're supposed to make mistakes That's how you learn to do your job better

Jason took on this challenge and has scaled the mountain and now he's the one looking down on everyone. After all, he certianly has a right to




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##  <br> Dean Judy Smith's retirement

announcement came as sad news to many students and faculty members whose lives she had touched. Smith, Associate Dean of Students since 1966, has seen MTSU change from a small state college to a major university. She has had more to do with that than she would normally let anyone know.

As an English major at MTSU, Smith had no aspirations of becoming a college dean. Her interest was in the area of social work. And soon after finishing her graduate work, she became a clinical social worker at Murfreesboro's VA Hospital. But it was draining work. With four young children at home she knew some changes had to be made. She called up Clay Tucker who had been her major advisor and who was now Dean of Liberal Arts. He offered her a job teaching sociology and developing a social work curriculum.

In 1966, there was a lot of unrest on campus; especially on the part of women. They still had a 9 p.m. curfew. If they wanted
to spend the night off-campus they had to get written permission from their parents.
"House mothers would come around with their white gloves and if there was dust on anything, the girls got in trouble," said Smith.

The current Dean of Men and Dean of Women were frem the old school, and Dr. Mel Scarlett, the university's newly elected president, was feeling the heat. Fecling the need for a new administration, Scarlett hired Robert LaLance as the new Dean of Students. Smith and Paul Cantrell became Associate Deans,doing away with the titles Dean of Men and Dean of Women.

Smith said, "Clayton James (James Union Building) had been my mentor, so when I was offered this job, I came to him. He told me to take the job, but to quit the job after ten years or before I was forty."
"I should have listened to him," she added.

Smith, who was in her carly thirties when she came to this job, said that she is experiencing some burn-out. "I think all Deans should be young. I feel like you
need somebody who is more dynamic, and more ready to relate," she said.

Junior Todd Tabor who has worked with Smith in the CUSTOMS orientation program for three years, said, "They will have a hard time finding someone more dynamic than Dean Judy."

Orientation was former Dean of Students Services, Bob McLean's job. When he retired in 1980, the university didn't replace his position, and Smith was given the job.

I had been very uncomfortable with the type of orientation we were doing which was just half a day," Smith said. There was no pre-registration then, so students would not come in the summer. As soon as preregistration was developed, Smith and her secretary of seventeen years, Carolyn Hatcliff began working on the CUSTOMS program.
"I'll never forget that first day of the first session. I was so nervous," Smith said. Although she admits that the pressure of being in charge of CUSTOMS has been unbelievable, it remains

Sweet
See Smith page 16

## SUE MULLIN <br> Staff writer

Last week in my Media Law class, Dr. Ed Kimbrell counseled us to not make a racetrack event of getting our education. We should pause along the way, he said, to savor our learning experience as if it were a fine wine.

I could have wept. How I would like to savor this experience! Instead, I find always there are not enough hours in a day, not enough money in my paycheck, and all the papers I hand in are works-in- progress, painfully unfinished. I'm reading textbooks at grandchildren's birthday parties, and my grades since I returned to school, like old socks, are gradually creeping downward.

Tiredness and end-of-term panic are on the faces of so many of those I pass hiking back and forth across campus these days. I don't know if by skipping sleep, trying to make everything work and get everything done, living two days in every one, we are living twice as much or are going to live half as long. When I think of how tired I get and see the fatigue on so many faces, I worry about my friends, my classmates, even those students I haven't met.

A couple of weeks ago, I got so tired that I hallucinated on the drive home, and mailboxes and shrubs, deer and dogs, mile markers and signs all became weird creatures. Nothing was stationary. All objects moved, and I kept driving around them. I suspect I drove very erratically. There was a big orange horizontal quarter-moon beautiful and low in the sky, and it kept leaping at me from behind treetops, sometimes rushing toward me, sometimes suddenly falling, so I had to swerve or stop to keep from hitting it.

The next week, too, my endurance was again tested; the 11 hours sleep I got the week before having been all used up. Finally finding time to go to bed, I had a dream, then a dream inside the dream, and then when I got up, the dream kept going.

I love Thompson seedless grapes, especially when they are big and fat and really sweet and room temperature so I can pretend they still taste of sun. I haven't had any for a long time, nor have I thought about them recently. I haven't had time. In the dream my eldest daughter brought me a large bunch of grapes in her two hands, but I was too tired to want them then. She went away
and the grapes remained, and I saw that two grapes were bruised, so I picked them from the bunch, then the bunch went away. Because I was tired, I held the two grapes in my left hand, and I was going to throw them away in a bit, but I was just too tired to get up right then.

Apparently, in the dream I fell asleep, and I dropped the grapes. My boyfriend came over and found me sleeping, and quietly leaned across the bed to wake me. But he put his knee on the bed on the two grapes where I had dropped them. He didn't know what he had gotten into and made a startled sound that woke me. I was so wild with shame that he couldn't console me. (I think my shame over my neglect of my housework invaded the dream.) In my shame, I woke from this dream inside the first dream and he wasn't there, which made me sad beyond sad until I was full of grief, but then I found that I still had the two grapes in my hand, and had not dropped them, and was so glad that I had not failed and dropped the grapes that my grief at his not being there became bearable.

I was still so tired I didn't get up and throw away the grapes. But I vowed to keep my fingers carefully closed, even if

I dosed, which of course I did. I wol often, in reality and in the dream, an each time my hand was carefully an firmly closed over the grapes. I neith squished them or dropped them. Whe the alarm went off, I had to adapt to different way hitting the snooze butto without opening my hand to get anothe few minutes sleep, and when I got up, turned off the alarm right-handed so a to not spill the grapes in the bed.

In the bathroom with my hand ove the waste basket, I opened my finger and my hand was empty. There were n grapes. At least I didn't drop them in th bed, I thought. Several times gettin ready for school, I again found my han closed over the grapes. Each time opened it and looked, the grapes weren there. Still, in unguarded moments, find I'm still trying to not drop th grapes.

To my classmates:
Please, take some time before and during the rush of finals to sleep. And when the last exam is complete, I hop you are curled in a comfortable chair, big bunch of perfect grapes on the tabld beside you, and that the taste of the find wine of a successful semester fills you.

# Life! Editor's parting shots <br> It's been a great privilege to experience <br> this semester, you have really enlightened 

$1 / 2$ years of college at MTSU, but now 's time for me to fly, and not a minute too pon. I'm about to lose my mind. I have a retty long list of individual and groups I ould like to thank and give personal essages to before I leave.

Thanks to the Production Staff at idelines. I have been in Production for a ttle over a year now, and it's the one thing will miss the most.
To Daniela Gopfert: I can never thank ou enough for being my best friend and ompanion over the last year. You're a ood worker and will make a strong leader. wish you nothing but the best of luck. ou better keep in touch. Sam, is that a ickey on her neck?

To Greg Hoenie: for his exceptional yout abilities
To Brian Mayzure: for saving my butt ith his computer knowledge (and they fought I really knew something up here).

To Cameron Marshall: for his tattoo esigns and his sick sense of humor

To the Sidelines Staff who I had the lcasure of working with as Life! Editor
my life.

To Jason Whatley: for letting us see the "other side" of you at Toot's.

To Jay Travis: Production night would have been even more tedious without you.

To Coley Jackson: for not having a sense of humor and not being able to say the word "orgasm." (Do you know what a condom is yet?)

To Jenny Crouch: for being the best advisor, friend and boss anyone could wish for (do I get a Christmas bonus?).

To Corrie Cron: for always pointing out the good-looking guys

To Mare Davis: for reminding me what a used car- salesman is like

To Tony Arnold: for being the only one who got his section done on time consistently

To Sue Mullin: thanks for the tip on the interview and for having such a strong shoulder

To Brandy Berryhill: for finally kecping a straight face for the staff photo To LeDatta Grimes: for being a great conversationalist

To Peyton Hibdon: even though your ideas about women are antiquated - you still make me laugh

To Cydney Crawford: a.k.a. the supply goddess - you never let us down

To out staff photographers, you have been a great help. Without you we would have to fill too much white space!

To George Walker: You won't be able to turn out my lights again!

To Carl Lambert: Are you ever gonna graduate?

To Andy Hinton: thanks for being everywhere we needed you to be!

To the Advertising Department, for trying to do your job in spite of who your manager is!

And to all others who don't necessarily fit into a category!

To Dr. Neal in History: I never had a better history class, or a better instructor!

To Andy Bostaph: for getting the job at the Tennessean, and leaving your cushy job for me

To Merrill Jackson: for not doing your job - I needed the money!

To the Grill Crew: I can start my
"new" life knowing how to play a mean game of Spades

To Debbie and Melissa: for taking Loki and Goblin in my time of need. Pagans live on!

To Cat Thornton: for your wicked sense of humor and your companionship, continue to give your roommates hell!

To Chris Trout: for making my last semester memorable

To the G.J.'s crew: I'll never find a better place to throw darts or a more sincere group of people - thanks for taking me in.

To Bruce: GO PENN STATE!!!!!!!!
To George Popovich: for being the only one to sing "Plush" with me

And to all those I forget to mention, I'm really sorry. Everyone that knows me has touched or changed my life in some form or another. I'm leaving Tennessee to try my luck elsewhere but I'll always think fondly of my life here. Remember: It's better to burn out than to fade away.

Elizabeth Domen

## Greetings - a comedy for the Christmas season

## OSETTE JOYNER

## aff Writer

A comedy for the Christmas season is ppearing in a "little" theater at the end of wing Boulevard in Murfreesboro. A harmingly humble theater, Murfreesboro ittle Theatre, is the home of this eason's performance of "Greetings."

A cast of five join together to portray Gorski family's humorous Christmas e in Pittsburgh, Pennsyivania Andy orski (Shawn McWhorter) and Randi tein (Virginia Garland), his fiance', avel home to see Andy's family. Andy is atholic and Randi, Jewish. Andy oresees a major conflict with good reason ad warns Randi about his family.

The Gorski family is not unique in tuation but bizarre in their own special ays. Mrs. Gorski (Susan Pinkerton), uite the cheery busy body, has been aired with a Mr. Phil Gorski (Jay Curtis), ho has some pretty preposterous ideas bout Christmas and maybe drinks a little oo much on occasion. Phil Gorski emands to know in a few choice words vhy others on his block are not donning heir homes with lights and praising God. However, he contradicts himself by pending his idle time bahumbugging bout, complaining about the house's orry plumbing and electrical wiring nstead of spreading the season's boodness as he claims his neighbors, the theists, should be doing.

The Gorski family has had their share f heartache - their other son Mickey Travis Harmon) is retarded. Up until the resent he has never spoken a sentence. On this particular Christmas Eve omething magical happens. A spirit, who efers to himself only as Lucius, takes ver Mickey's body to "shed some light on the situation."

The family puts aside Phil Gorski's onflict with Andy's new fiance' and the lectrical and plumbing distractions to oncentrate on their son Mickey, who has
transformed into what seems to them as a schizophrenic. Mickey's other spirit, Lucius, discloses much to the family about their lives now and then - a present that could not have been gift wrapped.

I like to compare this story to the most recent episode of "Picket Fences" when a virgin woman is dragged from a scrious car accident comatose. She dies in the wreck, but only a moment before the coroner is to "fix her up" she comes back. Through a series of tests they discover the woman is pregnant. For a few shining days the narrow-minded town of Rome sets aside the holiday cooking and eating and clbow-to-clbow Christmas shopping at Wal-Mart to ponder the thought: maybe, just maybe there could be another child of God - the true reason of Christmas celebration. Unfortunately, a doctor had arranged the whole scam, not thinking of the woman's well-being, to get the old Christmas spirit back. As Lyle Lovett would say, he "wasn't good, but he had good intentions."

Sometimes it takes a life-risking event or a mysterious spirit appearing through a retard's soul to wake people up.

The cast of "Greetings" was perfectly selected for the precise effect and directed beautifully by Tim Henard. Travis Harmon (Mickey) especially gives an astounding role, swapping back and forth from a drooling retard to a distinguished gentleman.

The Murfreesboro Little Theatre itself poses and ideal setting for such entertainment. A quaint, cozy atmosphere warms you with a feeling of being right there in the Gorski's living room.

There are but a few dates left: Dec. $9,10,11$ at 8 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 893-9825.

This performance is definite must sec Pull away from the rat race to relax and behold a miracle. And to you all: "Grectings!"

"Greetings"
Back: Virginia Garland and Shawn McWhortwer Middle: Susan Pinkerton and Jay Curtis

Front: Travis Harmon

## Smith from page 14

her proudest achievement
The CUSTOMS program and her work with the Panhellinic Council of Sororities have been the most enjoyable parts of her job.

Smith said, "I have made friends in those particular areas that will be friends forever."

Panhellinic Council member Kristi Dunlap said, "There wouldn't be a Panhellinic Council if it wasn't for Dean Judy. They can put someone in her position, but they'll never fill her shoes.'

Smith said that her most trying time was last summer when she was accused of censorship by Sidelines editor Sam Gannon.
"Nothing had prepared me for that and I'll never get over it," she said. As she has always done, Smith handled the situation with class, apologizing before the press, and maintaining that her removal of school papers was not intentional censorship. Class is the first word that comes to mind when describing Smith Her office, her appearance - Dean Judy Smith is class.

Smith said that she's looking forward to spending a lot more time with her family upon retirement. She said that if she could be remembered for one thing, it would be as a student advocate.
"I think if I have one strength, it is that I'm not seen as a threat by either students or faculty members. If a student comes to me with a problem, I can be an effective mediator," she said. Many students hope that the next associate dean has that strength as well


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# Tourney time at Middle Tennessee <br> Lady Raiders host Garden <br> <br> Plaza Classic over weekend 

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DRIVING TO THE CL.ASSIC: Heather Prater and her teammates are ready to put their 4-0 record on the line at the Garden Plaza Classic.

## Time to hit the old track

## Blue/Lady Raider track squads see first action Saturday

 SPORTS InformationThe men and women of Middle Tennessee State University will open the indoor track season this Saturday at noon in Murphy Center. Besides the Raiders, the other teams in the meet are Tennessee State, Western Kentucky, UT-Chattanooga and Murray State. This will be the rebirth of men's track at Tennessee State who dropped the sport after the 1967 season, and is appropriate as Middle Tennessee began track again during the 1991 season.

Of interest will be the testing of a new scoring system approved by the NCAA coaches in Las Vegas this week at their yearly convention. The system is patterned after the Europeans as they score two places per team and for this many teams will use

9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. This provides for closer scoring as well as more scoring to make a more competitive atmosphere.

MTSU's men are led by All-American jumper Roland McGhee, who has the 7th longest all-time collegiate jump of $27^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$, and won four events in last year's OVC Championship. The Raiders are the defending champions. Other contributors will be Micah Otis, Melvin Stevenson, Carlos Gupton, Tom Hampton, Richard Primm, Tom Hampton, Carlos Gupton, Jahez Salahuddin and Kenden Maynard.

The women's team will face a tougher battle because they will not be at full strength until next semester. The Raiders are led by Jaqui Brown, who participated in the 1993 Olympic Festival in San Antonio.

TONY J. ARNOLD

When the ball is tipped at center court Friday night, another successful Lady Raider basketball Garden Plaza Classic will be underway with the anticipation of another great tournament.

This is the third Classic and fourth tournament held at MTSU under Lewis Bivens' direction.
"We've had a few markee's over the years," admitted Bivens. "We've had Clemson in our tournament; We've had Florida, Louisville, and Alabama."

This is the lone MTSU tournament for either the men or women and MTSU has won it only once, when it was the Shoney's Classic during the 1988-89 season. But this is 1993 and the Lady Raiders have their eyes set on building to a spotless 4-0 start on the season while placing yet another tournament trophy on the shelf. Unfortunately (for Middle Tennessec) though, three other squads share the same aspirations.

Missouri-Kansas City, Oral Roberts, and Southern Indiana enter the hallowed halls of Murphy Center with intentions of making their own noise over the next two days.
"This year we don't have any markee names but I think a real exciting team will be the UMKC team," said Bivens. "They run a great passing game and they have good movement."

And Bivens isn't thrilled with his first round opponent in Oral Roberts cither.
"They're really big, much like Oregon (which MTSU defeated 79-74),"

GARDEN PLAZA CLASSIC
Missouri-KC vs
South. Indiana (Fri. 6 p.m.)

MTSU vs Oral Roberts (Fri. 8 p.m.)
Consolation Sat. 2 p.m.
Championship Sat. 4 p.m.
Bivens commented. "They have a front line of 6-3,6-3 and 6-2 so they're going to give us a lot of trouble. Big teams always give us trouble.
"We're really going to have to work to run the ball and get the things done that we need to do to be a good basketball tcam."

UMKC will play the lone Division II school in the tournament but the Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles are capable of making they're own noise as well.
"They are much like us in that they are a very versatile team," said Bivens. "They are a well-coached team with 11 of 12 players coming back from a team that went $15-15$ a year ago. They could give a lot of people fits.

UMKC and Southern Indiana will square off at $6 \mathrm{pm} . \mathrm{m}$. with MTSU and ORU fighting it out at 8 p.m. The losers of each game will participate in the consolation game at 2 p.m. Saturday with the championship at 4 pm .

## Blue Raiders fall to TCU

Associate press

FORT WORTH, Texas - Kurt Thomas scored 24 points and brought down a career-high 17 rebounds Tuesday night as Texas Christian defeated Middle Tennessee State 65-56 in overtime play.

The Horned Frogs (1-2) dominated the overtime period, scoring 11 points and holding the Blue Raiders (1-3) to one basket - a layup by Tim Gaither - with slightly less than a minute to play.

The Horned Frogs also amassed 52 rebounds during the contest.
Eric Dailey added 17 points for TCU and pulled down 15 rebounds.
Middle Tennessee's top scorers were Milton Dean with 18 points and Tim Gaither, who had 14.

Both teams suffered from poor accuracy in regulation play, which ended 54 54 with the Horned Frogs' Jeff Jacobs missing an inside shot with just seconds to play.

Texas Christian hit 37.5 percent of its field goal attempts. The Blue Raiders fared slightly worse, scoring on 34.3 percent of their field goal shots.

The Raiders host Alabama-Huntsville at 7:30 on Saturday and then MissouriKansas City a week later.

## Football playoff possible <br> \author{ DOUG TUCKER 

}AP Sports Writer

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. - Hold fast, football fans. A college playoff may be only 25 months away.

And, it may not. But at least a blue-ribbon committee of big shots has agreed to do a feasibility study. And that, like a real-life, honest-to-goodness major college football champion, has never happened before.
"I don't think this necessarily advances the possibility of a football playoff," said Francis Canavan, the NCAA's group executive director for public affairs. "What it advances is that, finally, there will be a firm decision, yes or no."

It's too late to do anything about the current Nebraska-Florida State-West Virginia debate raging right now through The Associated Press media poll and the CNN-USA Today coaches poll.

The polls will have to sort out the mythical national championship for this season and next. But maybe not in 1995.

If the feasibility committee should deem a playoff advisable, then the NCAA Council or Presidents Commission could put some format together, probably a one-game or two-game concept, and let NCAA schools vote yes or no at their January 1995 convention.

If approved, fans would celebrate the first Division I-A playoff at the end of the 1995 season.
"Whether this advances or retards the possibility of a championship will be driven by the facts the study uncovers," Canavan said. "The purpose is to gather the information so we can have solid, objective information about the impact on the schools and on the student-athletes, and on the financial impact.'

Ohio State football coach John Cooper suspects a playoft is coming.

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# MTSU athletics investigated 

## Lady Raider sports to get their due with Title IX staff reports though. <br> will be occurring in the near

A federal team of Title IX investigators recently made a visit to the MTSU campus and changes will likely be coming.

Title IX requires equality for minorities and women and is a part of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

It also states that women's sports must receive a proportionate amount of money to the number of women enrolled at the university and an investigation within MTSU's athletic department last week.
"They came in here either because we had a complaint filed against us or they were simply spot checking," said athletic director John Stanford, "I really feel like it was just a spot check,
"The investigation dealt with equality, male and female, scholarships, facilities, staff, travel money and salaries."

If it was a complaint which was filed, MTSU won't know who filed it unless a lawsuit is sought.

Admitadly, MTSU does not met all the Title IX requirements but neither does the majority of universities across the nation.
"We know we have some weaknesses and deficiencies and we've addressed that to the Tennessee Board of Regents," Stanford admitted. "We're waiting to see if the board will help us in funding to meet all the Title IX requirements."

Among notable changes that
future is the change of gametimes for womens basketball. Currently, the games start at 5:30 p.m. That will probably change to $6: 15$ or $6: 30$. MTSU is in the process of building a new softball field but will have to add dressing facilities.
"We may have to add another women's sport, and if there is interest, soccer is a possibility," Stanford said. "They have also suggested that we have equal staffs for bascball and softball and men's and women's basketball.
"We plan to totally meet Title IX requirements and, as I said, we've addressed that to the Board of Regents."

Arnold looking for moral victory to close out career
"The old guy wants to go out with a bang. Too bad, I just cant let somebody win. They ve got to cam

Tony Arnold by a game in the final week of th season ruing Amolds chance at ropeating
"You win a few and you lose a few," a dejected Arnold said. "I think 1 didn't cat cnough Wheaties Every time I look at Aly now I cry in shame. I really need this win to prove that 1 still have that old touch.

Touch, what touch. Last year he didn't have any competition," Aly said. "He just met his match. 1 m the greatest

Arnold needs the win to fimish out his career on top. Being he won't be here next fall, it's a moral victory he would cherish.
"I'll admit I was beat but I've got the pride to make one last stand," Arnold said with a glare in his cyc.

Meanwhile our guest is student 'Line' winner William Wood. Wood led throughout most of the season and held off a few competitors near the end of the race.

Shamefully, we return Coley Jackson to the bowl picks. "Arnold had to have somebody he could beat," said Aly.

Also Tripp Ballard is back irying to prove his worth after challenging early but fading toward the end of the season's race.

| Final Line | Standings |  |  |  |
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| Name | Win | Loss | GB | Pct. |
| Charles Aly | 87 | 43 | - | .669 |
| Tony Arnold | 86 | 44 | 1 | .661 |
| Guest Picker | 84 | 46 | 3 | .645 |
| Tripp Ballard | 80 | 50 | 7 | .615 |
| Coley Jackson | 77 | 53 | 10 | .592 |


| On The Line | Tony Arnold For a Moral Victory | Tripp Ballard Happy he beat CJ | Coley Iackson Dinardo act-a-like | $\begin{gathered} \text { Charles } \\ \text { Rlv } \\ \text { The Champion } \end{gathered}$ | William Wood The otherr Champion |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Clemson } \\ & \text { vs } \\ & \text { Kentucky } \end{aligned}$ | Clem. 15-6 <br> Kats cant put up points | Clem. 30-20 <br> What's UK doing in a bowl? | Clem. 24-21 <br> Kats run ove: | Clem. 10-7 <br> Kats overrated | Clem. 13-0 <br> Is Pitino coaching again? |
| Alabama vs <br> N. Carolina | Bama 17-10 <br> Barker o: not | NC 35-10 <br> Bama is truly horrible - ilove it | Bama 21-14 <br> Palmer not on Bourdon Street | Bama 17-10 <br> Tide arowns Heels | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NC } 28-20 \\ & \text { Paimer cant do it } \\ & \text { al } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tennessee } \\ & \text { vs } \\ & \text { Penn State } \end{aligned}$ | Vols 42-10 <br> Vals offense too mucn | Vols 45-21 <br> Vols get <br> evenge | State 55-0 <br> And : <br> ove it | Vols 42-21 <br> The champs? | $\begin{gathered} \text { Vols } 13-12 \\ \mathrm{Nai} \\ \text { dite- } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Iowa vs California | IOwa 17-6 <br> Cal. 100 unpreaictable | lowa 7-3 <br> Who are these teams? | Iowa 14-10 <br> Where does Arnola get these? | Cai. 28-23 <br> Who cares? | Cal. 24-7 <br> Bears stronger than Hawkeyes |
| Boston Col. vs Virginia | BC 24-10 <br> $B C$ should have beat WV | BC 21-13 <br> BC has a great QB | BC 13-10 <br> Last seconc fiela goa | BC 27-16 <br> Virginia cnokes again | BC 38-37 <br> BC good tor headaches |
| Florida vs W. Virginia | Fla. 35-28 <br> Sweetness for SEC champs | Fla. 27-24 <br> Mountaineers overrated still | Fla. 35-20 <br> Sweer as sugar | Fla. 35-28 <br> Mountaineers suck | Fla. 27-10 <br> Gators munch |
| Florida St. vs <br> Nebraska | FSU 24-17 <br> Honestly the bes: | FSU 54-25 <br> They shouidn't even play | FSU 100-0 <br> Looks like a <br> Vandy score | $\begin{gathered} \text { FSU 99-0 } \\ \text { Nebraska } \\ \text { sucks } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FSU } 38-20 \\ \text { Give me } \\ \text { a break } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| ```Texas A&M vs Notre Dame``` | ND 35-10 <br> Farmers don't stand a chance | ND 28-14 <br> Irish too trong for Aggies | ND 24-7 <br> trish <br> faith | ND 28-27 <br> Close game | A\&M 14-10 <br> Aggie <br> Smaggie |
| UCLA vs Wisconsin | UCLA 17-10 <br> I don't care anymore | UCLA 17-14 <br> Who are the Badgers? | UCLA 21-10 <br> Bruins do i: to it | UCLA 24-20 <br> Bruins have too much ' O ' | UCLA 35-14 <br> They'd rather be surfing |
| Mich. State vs Louisville | Louis. 17-7 <br> Cards fiy higher | State 3-2 <br> Why waste the money? | State 15-10 <br> idon't <br> know | Louis. 17-14 <br> Too many bowl games | Louis. 52-0 <br> Cards are all aces |
| Vandy vs Open Date | Date 55-0 <br> I like Dates better anyway | Date 7-3 <br> Vandy finally has a close one | Date 100-10 <br> Date too powerfu: | Date 5-2 <br> Moral victory for Jerry | Date 52-0 <br> 'Dores cant muster it |

"I think it's a matter of tume" he said from a football dinner in New York. "I thank eventually we will see it. I'm personally for it.

Gres OBricb of New Orleans. charman of the Prestents Commssion, sadd the formation of the study group should aot be seen as an ndorsement of anythons

The Prestemas Commission
whech has spearheaded a sweenag fetorm movement
mroughout college vorts, is on
record opposing a playoff. Its approval would be needed for the idea to have a chance
"This is smply a decision to gather information," O'Brien said
"Where that information will lead us is anybody's guess."

UCLA chancellor Charles Young will chair the study group, wheh also will include NCAA executive director Cedric Dempsey, Okiahoma athletic derector Donme Duncan, and NCAA chief operating officer Tom Jernstedi.


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## Division I-AA Top 25

| The Top 25 teams in the 1993 Sports Network. Division I-A.A poll. |  |  |  |
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| Team | W-L-T | Pts. | Prvs. |
| 1. Youngstown | 8-1-0 | 1501 | 1 |
| 2. Marshall | 7-2-0 | 1459 | 2 |
| 3. Ga. Southern | 7-2-0 | 1378 | 3 |
| 4. Troy State | 8-0-1 | 1353 | 4 |
| 5. Montana | 9-1-0 | 1334 | 5 |
| 6. NE Louisiana | 7-2-0 | 1214 | 7 |
| 7. McNeese State | 7-2-0 | 1142 | 8 |
| 8. Boston U. | $9-0-0$ | 1107 | 9 |
| 9. Howard U. | $9-(0-0$ | 999 | 10 |
| 10. William \& Mary | 7-2-0 | 964 | 11 |
| 11. Idaho | 7-2-0 | 937 | 6 |
| 12. Central Florida | 7-2-0 | 879 | 13 |
| 13. North. Iowa | 7-3-0 | 792 | 15 |
| 14. Southern U. | $9-1-0$ | 684 | 17 |
| 15. Alcorn St | 7-2-0 | 615 | 18 |
| 16. West. Carolina | 6-3-0 | 515 | 20 |
| 17. Pennsylvania | 8-0-0 | 509 | 21 |
| 18. NC A\&T | 7-2-0 | 458 | 12 |
| 19. Steph. F. Austin | 6-3-0 | 443 | 22 |
| 20. E. Kentucky | 6-3-0 | 431 | 23 |
| 21. Massachusetts | 7-2-0 | 317 | 25 |
| 22. Delaware | 6-3-0 | 294 | 14 |
| 23. MTSU | 5-4-0 | 181 | - |
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