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AIDS info, protection available on campus

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Special to *Sidelines*

You don't have to conduct a survey to find out that pointing a loaded revolver to your head and pulling the trigger isn't high on most people's list of favorite free-time activities.

But having sex without protection is "sort of like Russian roulette," Health Services Director Barbara Martin says.

"You can contract this virus [HIV] with a one-time exposure," Martin says. "Most of the time, however, it's not that way. But the fact that it can is why we have to stress that abstinence is the guarantee."

But students who go to

university Health Services for condoms or for information on HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases won't get lectures or moral judgments about sex, Martin says.

"It's an individual choice, and we don't make judgments about it. We certainly wouldn't say, 'You ought not to do that because it is morally wrong,'" Martin says.

What you will get at Health Services are just the facts and five free condoms—Saxon spermicidal with nonoxynol-9 condoms—packaged in a brown envelope. You don't have to sign in to get the envelope, and it won't be listed on your card.

AIDS

THE REAL STORY

Part 2 of 3

The series on AIDS continues with prevention information that is available to students. Also, more from the interview with an area AIDS patient in our Features section.

"They simply present an I.D. that's currently validated for this semester," Martin says. "But it's more than just five condoms

handed out."

Martin designed the front of the envelope to include four facts about AIDS under the heading "Sex-AIDS-Condoms."

Inside the envelope, five different brochures, produced by the American College Health Association, accompany the five condoms: two on sexually transmitted diseases, or STDs, two on the HIV virus and testing and one entitled "Making Sex Safer."

The Health Services staff delivers a similar message to students. The literature handed out emphasizes that abstinence is the only guaranteed method to avoid exposure to HIV and a

myriad of other STDs.

But for students who choose to be sexually active, Martin advises the following ways to reduce the risk:

*Use new latex condoms every time you have sex.

*Condoms with the spermicide nonoxynol-9 provide additional protection against the HIV virus.

*Heterosexual partners can greatly reduce the risk of infection if, in addition to the condom, the female uses contraceptive foam with the nonoxynol-9 spermicide.

*Do not use oil-based lubricants (Vaseline R) that can weaken the condoms and cause them to break.

Up in Smoke?

Wednesday morning many may have noticed a lot of smoke billowing from the heating and cooling plant.

An error in the plant was responsible for the large amount of smoke, Sammie Kelton, heating plant director said.

There will be no heating or cooling repercussions from the incident, Kelton said.



Shelley Mays / Photographer

Campus remembers Martin Luther King Jr.

NICOLE M. SIKORA
Assistant News Editor

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., the Office of Minority Affairs will sponsor several activities next week.

Alpha Phi Alpha will sponsor a vigil in conjunction with Minority Affairs Monday at 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center theater.

The vigil will include a candlelight ceremony, mock march, poetry readings, and a lecture by Brother Lucius Wallace of the Bradyville Road Church of Christ.

Director of Minority Affairs Ralph Metcalf said the program will focus on "Martin Luther King, some of his programs, some of his wishes, some of his hopes, desires and the things that he expounded during his lifetime."

Other activities for the week include a series of African-

American films tentatively scheduled to play at noon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the KUC theater and a leadership workshop for minority fraternities and sororities.

The celebration of King is part of a sequence of events coordinated by the Minority Affairs Office during the semester. Other programs scheduled include International Student Week, Black History Month, American Indian Day, observation of Asian and Hispanic holidays and participation in Women's History Month.

"We want to become not just the African-American Student Office," Metcalf said. "We want to be the Minority Student Office."

"We're going to try to bring more and more awareness to the

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NONE OF THE ABOVE:

Voters are stuck with a sad list of candidates to choose from in the 1992 presidential race.

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Part 2 of the AIDS series focuses on the importance of talking about sexual behavior.

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PEAY PUT DOWN:

The Blue and Lady Raiders rap Austin Peay in OVC basketball action Monday.

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Campus radio on the air

SAM GANNON
News Editor

MTSU's first student-run radio station, Underground 38, will begin broadcasting Wednesday, WNAR (We Need A Radio) president Reza Bakhtar said.

The radio station will broadcast on local cable television channel 38 until it can obtain a radio license, possibly next year.

The station will be playing mainly alternative and heavy metal music, Bakhtar said, after a fall student survey revealed that heavy metal and alternative were the most popular forms of music on campus.

Students will be operating the entire radio station, Bakhtar said.

"At our meeting on Monday we had 45 people. We're getting bigger and bigger," Bakhtar said.

Previous plans called for a party to celebrate the station's first broadcast with an open-house to follow in the future, but nothing has been arranged, Bakhtar said.

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other cultural groups on campus and try to do some things that would help them feel more at home at MTSU also," Metcalf said.

For more information, consult the Office of Minority Affairs at 898-2987.

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Grads find gloomy job prospects

VICKI NEAL
Assistant News Editor

Because of the unpredictable economy, college graduates this spring will face the worst job prospects in 20 years, according to a Northwestern University associate dean's survey.

Victor Lindquist, who is the survey's author and an associate dean, examined 259 large businesses. Results show that bachelor's degrees will drop 4 percent next year, while hiring for master's degrees will decrease 7 percent.

"I feel this is the worst it's been in 20 years for professional, salaried people," Lindquist said.

Lindquist recalls that the 1970s are remembered for extremely high unemployment figures, but he believes 1992 is the worst time for job prospects.

Although job prospects are not promising this year,

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Campus Capsule

Friday, Jan. 17

Blue Moves, MTSU Senior Dance Company, Tucker Theatre, 8 p.m., \$3 or \$2 with valid MTSU id

Tuesday, Jan. 21

SGA joint session, 6:00 p.m., Keathly University Center 324, 898-2464, all Senate and House members are required to attend

Other Campus Events

Student organizations applications for Activity Fee Funds, 126 KUC, deadline: Friday January 31, 4:30 p.m.

Midlander pictures, Wednesday Jan. 22 underclassmen in the KUC lounge, Thursday Jan. 23 in KUC 322, Monday and Tuesday (Jan. 27 and 28) group photos, 898-2815

CampusCrimes

GAS REMOVAL? On Sunday gas was taken from the vehicles of Steven Douglas Rice, Charles Allen Jones and Clarence Swinton while the vehicles were parked near G Building of Family Housing.

MAGIC CARPET? On Jan. 6 Annette Patterson reported her carpet was stolen from outside her room in Abernathy Hall. She placed the carpet in the hall in order to clean the apartment.

MISSING MIKES? On Jan. 8 Bruce Currie reported two

microphones were missing from the Livestock Center. The microphones were found later that day.

VANDELISM: Three incidents of vandalism on automobiles have occurred this semester. The vandalism has included scratching of cars by keys and slashing of tires.

BICYCLE THEFT: William Patterson and Jonathan Hurt each reported that their bikes had been stolen from bike racks sometime during the holiday break.

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MTSU grads face tough times finding first jobs

VICKI NEAL

Assistant News Editor

Area job placement officers are anticipating that 1992 will be a rough year when new graduates search for their first "real jobs" — and MTSU grads will be no exception.

"I think the job market will be very tight (for the 1992 spring graduates)," said Martha Turner, director of MTSU's Placement and Student Employment office.

"About three of four years ago, an MBA could find a job within three or four months. Now it takes about a 10-month time frame," said Tami Fassinger, associate director of placement at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management.

Even though Turner has not yet obtained results from the

December graduates' survey to evaluate placement trends, she stressed that anyone graduating soon should prepare for job hunting in advance. Good resume presentation and interviewing skills will help in finding a job, she said.

MTSU, like Vanderbilt and most universities, offers seniors and graduates a variety of services in order to get a job.

"We offer resume workshops, career resource centers, campus recruiting programs, job postings, and career days are conducted in the fall," Turner said.

Orientation meetings for spring graduates will be offered by her office during January, February, March and April.

Internship is recommended at Belmont University's Career Services Office so students may gain experience which a future

employer may want.

"There are jobs out there, but you have to have experience," said Kaneal Alexander, director at Belmont's career office.

Jim Yates, director at David Lipscomb University's Career Development Center, said students learn how to devise a resume while using a job referral service provided by the school.

According to Yates, Lipscomb's students benefit greatly from this system, and so far the program is working well.

"We're seeing more students lately and some December grads have already been placed and placed well," Yates said.

Fisk University reports that 60 to 70 percent of their graduates continue their education either by medical school or professional school.

150 students expected at Ag exposition

More than 150 students are expected to attend MTSU's 5th annual Agriculture Academic Exposition on Jan. 27. The event is open to all students in grades nine through twelve who are interested in agriculture.

Dr. Harley Foutch, chairman of MTSU's department of agriculture, says the purpose of the event is to provide an educational experience and reward those students who have the greatest amount of knowledge and skills in agriculture.

The winning team and top individuals will receive \$1,000,

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salaries look more promising with starting salaries to be 2.7 percent higher.

Those graduates who took courses such as math, science and computer science in school did better landing a job than other graduates.

\$500, and \$250 MTSU scholarships respectively.

The event begins at 4 p.m. and winners of the event will be

announced and trophies presented at the halftime of the MTSU vs. Eastern Kentucky basketball game.



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Football player, girlfriend murdered

FRESNO, Calif. (CPS)- Police are searching for two juveniles for questioning in the murders of a Fresno State University football player and his girlfriend at an off-campus apartment Jan. 3.

Police found Melvin Johnson, 21, an offensive lineman for Fresno State, shot to death in the apartment. His girlfriend, 19-year-old Lisa Kelly, was found dead outside.

"It was a domestic dispute. Basically what happened was there were two men fighting over the same girl," said Sgt. Robin Heizenrader.

The details of the incident are still sketchy, but police believe one of two juveniles shot Johnson in the chest, then shot Kelly in the head after she fled. The woman was not a student at Fresno, according to enrollment records.

Dukakis to teach at Florida college

BOCA RATON, Fla. (CPS)- Former Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis will teach an undergraduate class called "Public Policy Analysis" at Florida Atlantic University this winter.

A private donation from a Delray Beach, Fla., couple will pay \$4,000 for living expenses, housing and a car for Dukakis and his wife, Kitty.

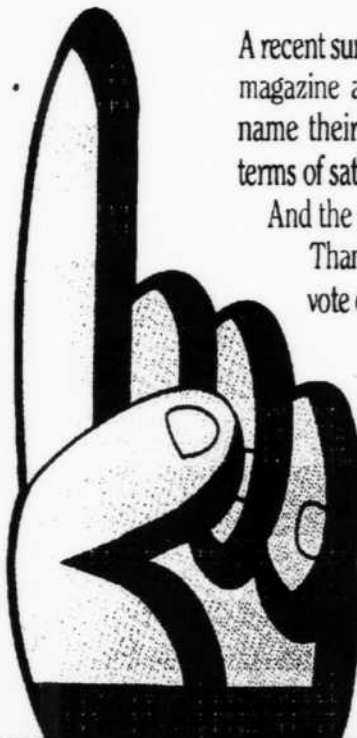
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Opinions

Consensus

McWherter's tax plan more hike than reform

If the road to hell is paved with good intentions, Gov. McWherter's efforts for tax reform in Tennessee are building an eight-lane super highway.

Gov. McWherter pitched his latest tax plan to the General Assembly Tuesday calling for a 3 percent state income tax. The plan calls for more than \$900 million to be pumped into Tennessee's failing education system. The bill faces tough opposition from legislators, special interest groups and outraged taxpayers.

The issue is one of means more than end results. Few could dispute that something drastic must be done to improve Tennessee schools. The question is what should we do? Answers range from a more progressive state income tax tied to a decrease in reliance on the sales tax, while others are content to continuously bump up the sales tax whenever there is a shortage. Gov. McWherter's bill falls somewhere between these views, but none are particularly attractive.

The problem we see in the new plan is that it involves more take than give. The 3 percent income tax is tied only to a half percent decrease in the sales tax, not a respectable decrease in our opinion. The idea of redistributing the burden in a more progressive manner is attractive, but this proposal seems to levy a heavier load on everyone, especially the middle class. Yes, the bottom line is a tax "increase" which will help improve our schools; but the word "increase" has been hidden behind the more attractive term "reform."

No, the Governor's plan is not perfect, but it is at least "a plan." Legislators who are more concerned with re-election than saving our schools will do their best to do nothing on this matter. Let's keep the pressure on them and get a bill with which we can all live and learn.



Election '92 a thriller - NOT!

With the 1992 presidential election still 10 months away, the suspense is excruciating (yawn). Some real heavyweights have thrown their hats in the ring for this all-important moment in U.S. history (nod). The tension builds by the day as America waits to see who will win the hearts and votes of the people (snore).

Enough of the sarcasm — let's be honest. This year's field couldn't win a one-man lottery; and as far as entertainment value goes, Election '92 is the *Ishtar* of presidential races. Its plot couldn't interest the cheapest of B-movie producers and the cast of characters is geared more toward *National Lampoon* than *National Review*. A quick run through the Democratic contenders shows just how tough a time CNN will have keeping our interest this election year.

* Never has the expression "more exciting than watching paint dry" been more aptly applied than to Democratic hopeful Paul Tsongas. Whatever brilliant ideas he may have are lost in an Elmer Fudd-like delivery and timid mannerism. The smart money says his bus will stop in New Hampshire.

* Jerry Brown is living proof that California is still the leading exporter of fruits and nuts. His apparent outrage over a corrupt political system makes him a good symbolic candidate, but little more. Frank Zappa hates politics, too; but I wouldn't want him living in the White House. He's a long shot at best and everybody knows it, that is, except for Jerry Brown. Look for him to hang around until the end.

TERRY MASSEY From atop the Soapbox

* Bob Kerrey is a tough-talking Democrat and a Vietnam War hero who has earned his place among the top three Democratic contenders. He has some creative ideas but suffers from a lack of political experience (come to think of it, that might be a good thing). Did I mention that he's a war hero? If not, he will.

* Tom Harkin's success depends largely on whether Democrats have learned their lesson about running another candidate that the Republicans can tab with the "L" word. If party moderates can agree on one man, he'll be back in Iowa by harvest. If not, he'll become the latest member of the Mondale-Dukakis Club.

* Bill Clinton may be the front-runner in this pack of no-names. He's running an aggressive campaign on a solid Democratic platform but still falls short of being a real thoroughbred. He's also refused to answer questions concerning his personal life. Is he hiding something?

The Republicans have a more colorful list of candidates but don't fare much better in the area of talent. Their role reads more like the *Who's Who in the Hitler Youth?*

For one candidate in particular, this is not an exaggeration. David Duke is the ugly stepsister of the GOP candidates. He's even being kept off the ballots of some states to

avoid guilt by association. The former Klan leader and Nazi party member (at least he claims to be former) has managed to scare his way into the hearts of the ignorant masses. He doesn't stand a chance, but his presence could make for rough sailing for other Republicans.

* TV commentator Patrick Buchanan has added a little spice to an otherwise bland dish of players. He's running as a true conservative under an "America First" theme that always play well in the WASP community. Unfortunately, his philosophies make him little more than David Duke with an education and a neat haircut. Look for him to sucker George Bush back to the right and bow out like a good Republican.

* We mustn't forget the current president, you know, old what's-his-name. George Bush kicked off his '92 campaign by finally admitting we are in a recession and throwing up on the Japanese prime minister's floor. What's he going to do for an encore, keep Dan Quayle? The truth is that people are starting to realize that President Bush has given us three years of inactivity at home. He's going to have to act busy for a while if he wants four more years of rest. Maybe he should have given Saddam Hussein a Jan. 15, 1992, deadline.

Well, that's all of them. Kind of anticlimactic, isn't it? Unless Mario Cuomo has another change of heart, George Bush will probably get enough of the "none of the above" vote to keep his job. If we're all lucky, we might sleep through to 1996.

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AIDS: THE REAL STORY

Editor's Note: Last week, we introduced you to Dan, an AIDS patient who spoke honestly about what it's like to have the virus and ways to prevent contracting the virus. Today Dan talks about the importance of talking. He believes in practicing what he preaches. He does that by sharing his experience with others. In today's issue, Dan tells what it was like to find out he had AIDS and how he has tried to get people talking about sexual behavior.

AIDS Part 2 of 3

Talk, talk, talk -- One conversation can save your life

FERN GREENBANK
Features Editor

Books climb like ivy from floor to ceiling, spilling over the top of heavy antique book shelves. The Persian rug looks worn from the steady traffic of friends and family. Black and white photos of Dan and his sister hold a place of honor on the mantel, a reminder of better days, the days before Dan knew he had AIDS.

Swarms of little colorful fish dance in their tank and country music videos play continuously on the television without the sound. Nothing extraordinary here, except for Dan of course. He sprawls his long long lanky legs across the green paisley couch, lights a cigarette and begins to talk.

Last year, Dan felt lousy. Attending classes at a local college and working full-time left him "full-time wiped out." Finally, Dan went to a local walk-in health center complaining of a dry hacking cough and a persistent fever.

"The doctor spent more time on ear wax than anything else," Dan recalls with his sense of humor still intact. "He gave me an antibiotic, which I was told later was like trying to put out an oil fire with a garden hose," he continues.

The health center personnel never asked about Dan's background or whether he felt at risk for AIDS. He had a patch of red over his cheeks and nose, a classic HIV indication. Dan admits that if AIDS ever occurred to him, denial had shoved it way down.

Five days later Dan returned to the clinic. This time he saw Nurse Practitioner Deborah Wage. Throughout the conversation, Dan refers back to that day and to Deborah. He says being treated with compassion at the precise moment has added to his recovery and sense of emotional balance.

Deborah took a chest x-ray and said, "We've got to talk." Dan had a classic pneumocystus pneumonia x-ray, the pneumonia which AIDS victims commonly develop.

"We talked and it all came tumbling out. Sure, I'm at risk, I told her." Dan remembers, "We agreed that I should be tested and Deborah promised to rush the results in two days. Usually it takes two weeks, but I didn't have two weeks to wait."

The conversation drifts into the area of HIV testing and family reactions, then to discrimination, religion and safe sex. When he's steered back toward the original subject, Dan flashes those perfect white teeth in a cocky smile, as if he thought he would be able to avoid talking about the moment he found out he had AIDS.

"Oh yeah, I guess I skipped right over the emotions, didn't I?" Dan admits.

"I suppose I left the health center knowing the result was going to be positive, but I also left having had this conversation [with Deborah] called 'This is not a death sentence.'"

Dan lights another cigarette, gets a new cup of coffee, answers a few phone calls and then tries the same charming grin as he

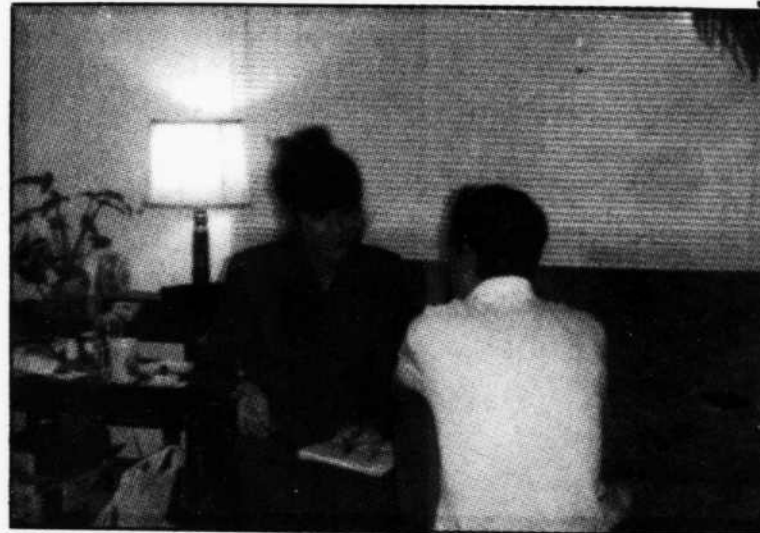
"There are as many ways to have 'the conversation' as there are people. You'll find that you'll be respected in the end for having the courage to bring it up."

AIDS PATIENT

fails once again to avoid the subject. He continued.

"Anytime you have a case of pneumocystus pneumonia and full-blown AIDS, it's serious. But they're not at the same point of hopelessness they were 3-4 years ago when all of the stories were about doctors walking out of the room because they couldn't deal with the conversation, saying, 'I don't know anything to do for you.'"

Then Dan went home to



DISPELLING MYTHS: "Good families have people dying too, they're just quieter about it," Dan, an AIDS patient tells Features Editor Fern Greenbank.

wait. He says he felt too sick to even think about the test. In two days he returned to the center and Deborah told him the test was positive. He was referred to a specialist and sent straight to the emergency room.

As Dan got into the car where his sister waited, he remembers saying to her simply, "They think I've got AIDS," and his sister quietly said, "I know. I've been so worried about you."

"I had about 15 minutes of total devastation, annihilation and despair. Then I remembered some of the things I had learned along the way and this was just

it, or when they do talk about it, they get an ignorant or unfeeling reaction or a 'you made your bed now lie in it judgment,'" says Dan as he discusses his first few days with the diagnosis.

"Maybe I had a particularly enlightened group of friends, I don't know, but for whatever reason, I haven't had the negative fall-out that I suppose is quite common."

Perhaps Dan's experience is unique, or maybe we're just becoming more compassionate toward AIDS patients. Maybe once the public realized that AIDS was not only a gay issue or an IV drug user issue, then people began to feel like it could reach them too. And, if we can't say without a doubt that we've never engaged in high risk behavior, then it would make sense to judge AIDS patients less harshly.

Dan recently spoke to a group of teen-agers about AIDS—how you get it and how not to get it. Eye contact was minimal. Nervous muffled laughter could be heard intermittently. Teen-agers who didn't want Dan sitting in the same room with him, were the same ones who shook his hand when the talk was over. In the course of one hour, attitudes were altered.

Altering attitudes in young adults is more difficult. Colleen Edgell, health educator for the Rutherford County AIDS program, presents seminars on sexually transmitted diseases to local groups, including Corlew Hall just last month.

Edgell notices that young adults are handling AIDS much like they used to handle the issue of pregnancy. She points out that you only have to have unprotected sex once to acquire AIDS and she says "it's unfortunate that young people often won't act until someone they know is affected."

Like the County Health Department, many community organizations are attempting to intercept young people before they engage in high risk behavior and there are just as many organizations which specialize in furnishing emotional support to AIDS sufferers and their families.

One of those agencies, PACT (Parents and Children Together) is aimed at educating students in the middle and high schools. Robyn Minton, director of the program, has also chaired small group discussions for Vanderbilt students.

Minton points out that women feel more comfortable taking care of pregnancy protection than virus protection because sponges, diaphragms, the pill and spermicides can be dealt with privately while the partner is in the other room.

"But when it comes to condoms," Minton says, "two people have no choice but to discuss it." The health educator reminds young people that a good rule of thumb is this: "If you don't feel you can discuss protection with a potential partner, then you are either not ready to have sex or you aren't ready to have sex with that particular partner."

"The conversation" is perhaps one of the main reasons

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young adults engage in unprotected sex. "There are as many ways to have 'the conversation' as there are people. You'll find that in the end you'll

be respected for having the courage to bring it up," Dan tells his audiences.

During presentations, Dan also explains to young people that the reaction to "the conversation" is usually one of discomfort, fear or anger. He

says, "You can watch the reaction of your partner and if he or she can't accept your concern as genuine, then you probably need to address whether this was a good choice in partners."

The key word is choice. We have so many. We can abstain from sex. We can protect ourselves and avoid alcohol and drugs which impair our judgment. We can discuss condoms and past sexual experiences with our partners. We can choose partners who share our concerns. We can be tested. And we can care about our friends and their high risk behavior.

We have choices to make in order to avoid the AIDS virus. Dan doesn't have those choices anymore. He has a lot of choices in terms of what to do with his experience and with his life, but he can't avoid the virus.

The phone starts ringing again. The fish are still twirling around in circles in their tank and videos still play silently on the television. The ashtrays are full and the coffee pot is empty. The tape has run out in the tape recorder. It's been a long day.

But Dan still has the emotional energy to flash those great white teeth in a smile that says, "I hope this will help."

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Is it true? Could country music finally be on a regular agenda at Murfreesboro's Mainstreet? Well, the rampant rumors you may have heard are in the process of becoming The Truth.

It's hard to pin down one particular reason for the switch to a steadier line-up of country bands. Perhaps people have lost the funds, time or interest to go out and party at Mainstreet anymore with the past repertoire

ERIC WALKUP Music Editor

of "rock style" bands.

Mainstreet's owner, Phillip Austin says, "No one is coming out to see rock anymore, unless it's in a line-up of 4 or 5 local bands in one show."

"We had a country band at Mainstreet for a New Year's Eve party and people really enjoyed themselves, so we've decided to

include more national country acts [on the weekend] to balance out the rock acts," Austin announced.

Austin says Mainstreet WILL NOT feature any more "metal" acts.

There will be select Thursday nights when there won't be a cover charge. A \$5 to \$7 cover will be charged for other country acts depending on their popularity.

"The change to country music is nothing new to other bars around Murfreesboro, it's just that Mainstreet has never featured country until now," Mainstreet's owner says.

Reaction to the change on the MTSU campus has been mixed, but generally favorable.

Joe E. Schmengidy, a transfer sophomore stated, "Cultural diversity is my way of life. Anyone who is not open enough to try all musical genres is losing out."

Mainstreet's decision brings more opportunity for country stars performing both in Nashville and Murfreesboro while they're on tour.

Jeff Pringle, a booking agent for Buddy Lee Attractions in Nashville, feels that "country is a larger scale of music. It is

perceived better because it seems to cater to the person or family in ways that rock music cannot obtain."

Pringle says he believes country music has the promotion and superstars like Garth Brooks and Travis Tritt to compete on the charts with any rock-n-roll star, even simultaneously on both of Billboards' Rock and Country charts.

"Fifteen years ago, you were lucky to see any country bands doing well on charts," Pringle added, "but now they're everywhere."

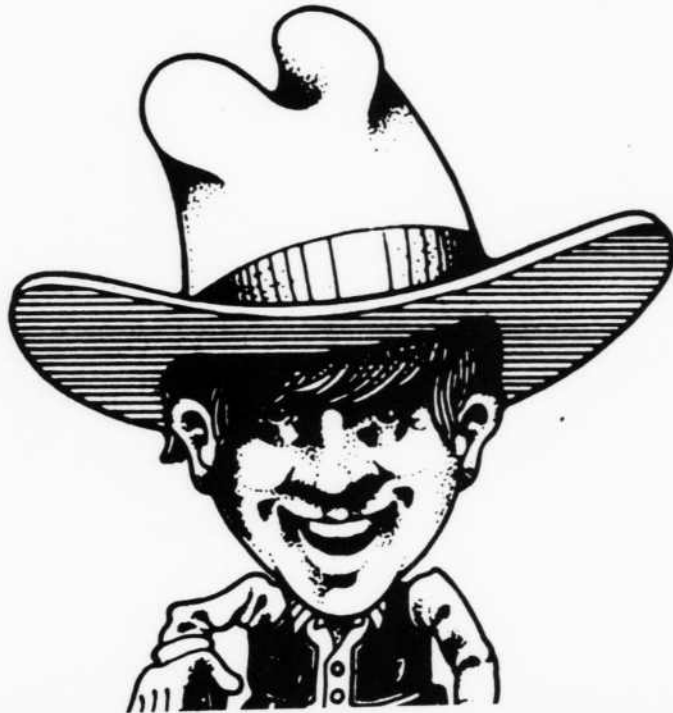
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Sports

Purposeful play pounces Peay

Raider teamwork adds up to impressive win over OVC rival

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Finally a first for the 1991-92 basketball season.

The Blue Raiders had yet to play with a purpose for 40 minutes this season — that is until Monday night against Austin Peay.

Middle's purpose was clear on that night as the Raiders battled their way uphill for most of the game, never giving up, and upon reaching the top, they coasted home with an emotional 84-71 victory.

"The most obvious thing about tonight was that we were playing more purposeful and more alert and having fun playing the game," said Raider mentor David Farrar. "Even we were behind, I was pleased with our play. It was a great team effort."

Austin Peay, which hit nine of its first 10 shots, quickly built a 27-13 lead. Peay would go on to shoot a sizzling 64 percent from the field in the half and nailed six of nine 3-pointers.

But the Raiders hung tough. Behind the play of each and every Raider on the floor, Middle

Men chalk up win over UTM Pacers

MTSU's men continued its winning ways last night spanking UT-Martin 94-55 for the teams fourth consecutive win.

Middle now stands at 8-5 overall and is ready to head back into OVC action against TSU Saturday night.

The Raiders dominated the game shooting 55 percent from the field, blocked six shots and dished out 22 assists as every Raider played and scored.

Jeff Hunter paced the way with 13 points and six rebounds. David Clark added 11 while Robert Taylor nailed 12 on four 3-pointers.

refused to give in. It battled tough and by intermission had narrowed the once large margin down to striking distance at 42-37.

"I wasn't displeased with our play in the first half," Farrar said, "and I felt good about the way we were playing. We were quicker

and it was a matter of stopping their penetration."

And in the second half, the Raiders did exactly that.

Middle's defensive pressure was keeping the Governors off the scoreboard. With 13:54 left in the game, the Big Blue finally took its first lead as Warren Kidd got an amazing pass from Mike Buck and jammed the ball home.

"Coach Farrar told me I needed to work harder to get the ball and I did," Kidd said. "I think we had a good bench tonight and we wore them down."

"They were a good shooting team in the first half, but we didn't think they could do it the whole game."

Greg Franklin answered Kidd's stuff with a 3-pointer that put Peay back on top, but Kidd's offensive rebound and put-back, marking his seventh straight point, gave the Raiders the lead for good with 13:12 left.

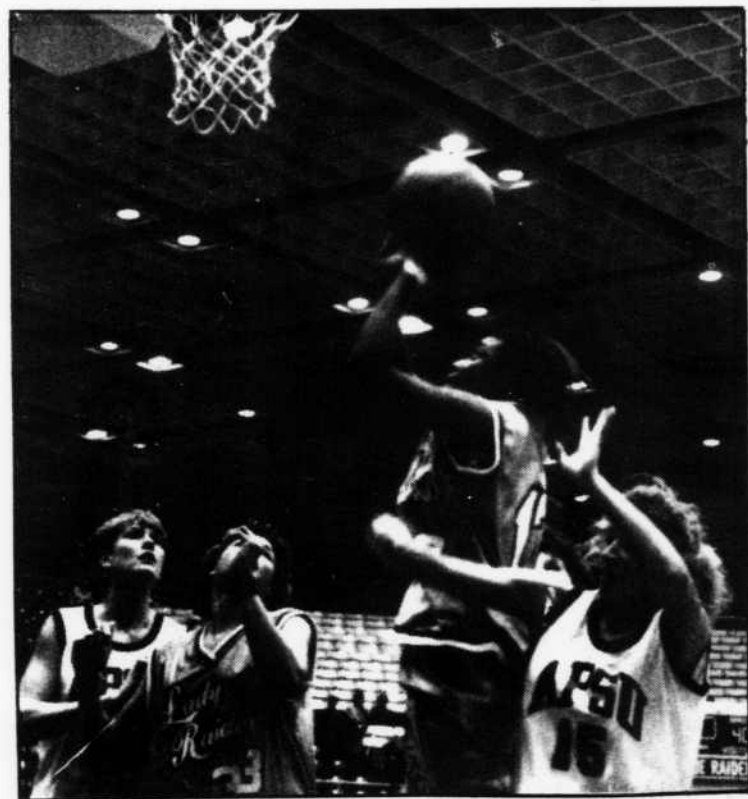
Over the next 12 minutes, Middle pulled away as a team effort resulted in a 26-11 scoring burst, giving the Raiders their

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POWERFUL STUFF: MTSU center Warren Kidd jams home a go-ahead basket during Monday's key OVC win over Austin Peay. Kidd scored 21 points and pulled down 15 rebounds.



Shelley Mays/Photographer

POURING IT ON: MTSU reserve guard Cherrita Williams helps the Lady Raiders spank Austin Peay with a bucket in Monday's action. Williams scored 15 points in the 107-60 whipping.

SEMO win not enough, Lady Raiders rock Peay 107-60

Extent winning streak to 32 consecutive games

SCOTT HASSLER
Sports Writer

MTSU's Lady Raiders showed Monday night what kind of power they possess as they crushed the Lady Governors of Austin Peay 107-60.

The win marks the team's second in a row in conference play after a disappointing loss to Murray State. Saturday night, they trounced Southeast Missouri 81-57.

"You never expect to win this big, especially in an OVC game," said Raider center Priscilla Robinson, who contributed with a game-high 21 points in the victory. "But when we play, we don't take anyone for granted."

"We were looking for a couple of wins. We really didn't play that bad at Murray. It just wasn't meant to be."

But from the opening tip-off, this night appeared to be a destined win for the Lady Raiders. They quickly jumped out of the gates and took a 9-0 lead in the opening four minutes of the game before extending the margin to 14-4 with 13:43 left in the

half. From that point on, the lead was never trimmed below 10.

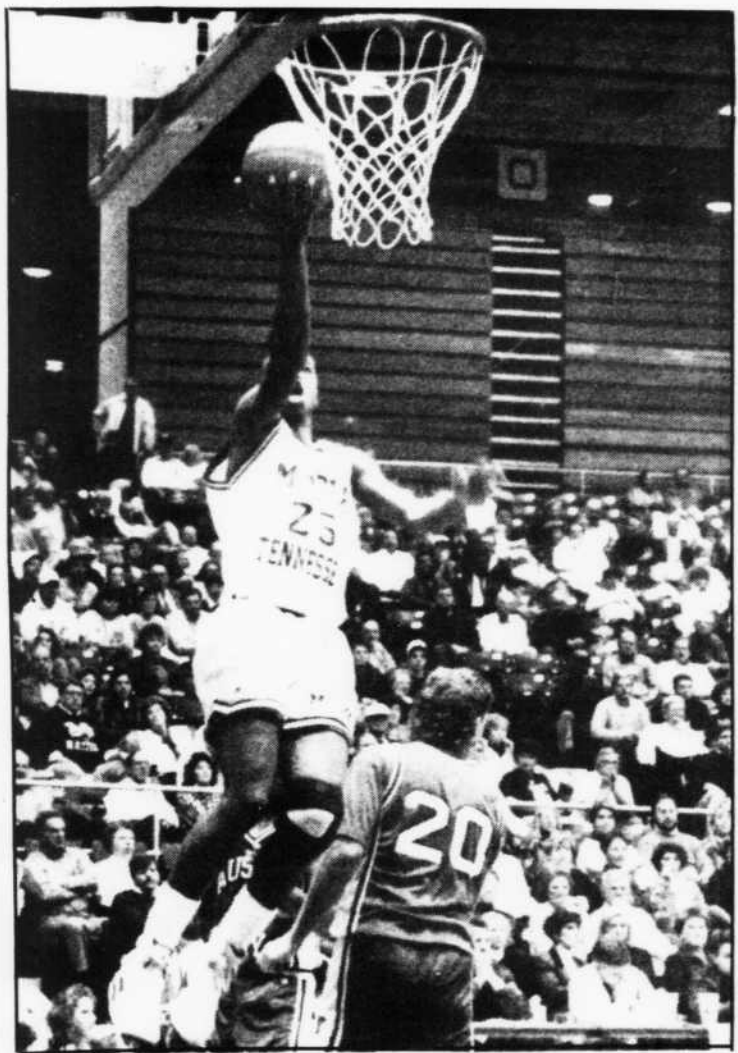
Middle's victory, which improves the team's record to 8-4 overall and 2-1 in Ohio Valley Conference action, marked the 32nd consecutive time that the Lady Govies have hit the hardwood and come up empty in search for a victory. In fact, Peay has never beat the Lady Raiders in a streak that dates back to the 1976-77 season.

"I've never told my players about the streak, but I'm sure they know," MTSU coach Lewis Bivens said. "I really don't know what to say except we played really well right off the bat, and we kept playing aggressive the whole game."

"I was real pleased with the handling of the ball. We only had five turnovers at halftime. Sherry Tucker has really come along at the point guard position, and we were able to run the ball and push the tempo consistently."

Tucker, a freshman from Memphis, had been sharing playing time for most of the season.

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

CAT ON THE MOVE:

Blue Raider guard Robert 'Cat Eye' Taylor looks for an open lane above and after finding one, makes a move to the hoop (left). Taylor added 10 points to help the Raiders in their come from behind win Monday.

Win

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second Ohio Valley Conference win.

"Coach Farrar had us ready to play and we played well," Raider guard Robert Taylor said. "We knew we needed this game."

Although the Raiders had to battle to get back in the game, a look at the final statistics suggested that Middle dominated the whole game.

Middle won the rebounding war by a decisive margin of 42-21. But perhaps the most amazing stat was how Peay was limited to just three offensive boards the entire game.

The Raiders shot more than 50 percent both halves and hit 15-of-17 free throw attempts, and they committed just 12 turnovers while dishing out a season-high 22 assists.

"We need to play like this every night," said Raider guard Kelvin Hammonds, who had a career high 27 points while nursing a sprained ankle. "But we have to put this one behind us now and build on it."

While Hammonds paced the scoring, Kidd was equally impressive with 21 points and 15 rebounds.

Over the past two games, Kidd has grabbed 33 boards.

Raymond Davis and Taylor each chipped in 10 points for the victors as Middle upped its mark to 7-5 overall, 2-1 in the OVC.

"The proudest I am is if

when the media asks me who played the best, I can't answer that," Farrar said. "I haven't been this proud of a group in a long time. We played very purposeful and we had fun."

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However, after Christmas, she has emerged to show the type of potential everyone expected out of the all-stater. In Monday's game she not only ran the show, but also she found the time to toss in 14 points as well.

But Tucker was quick to credit the teamwork defense for the hard work and rewards on the floor for the victory.

"We keep on the pressure

defense for the whole game," she said. "We like to play defense, and we work a lot on defense during practice.

"I'm just trying to prove myself since everyone in the league knows I'm a freshman," Tucker said. "I try to keep my turnovers to about one or two a game, and I work on my three-point shots a lot during practice."

Niki Bonner helped out matters with 18 points, Cherrita Williams scored 15 while Maggie Cox and Kristi Brown each had

12 as each Lady Raider played and scored.

"I knew they hadn't beaten MTSU, and that's pretty amazing," Robinson said. "As long as I'm here, I don't plan on letting them beat us either."

The Lady Raiders play the University of Tennessee-Martin at 7 tonight in Martin. They will return to Ohio Valley Conference action Saturday when they travel to Nashville's Tennessee State for a 5:30 match-up with the Lady Tigers.

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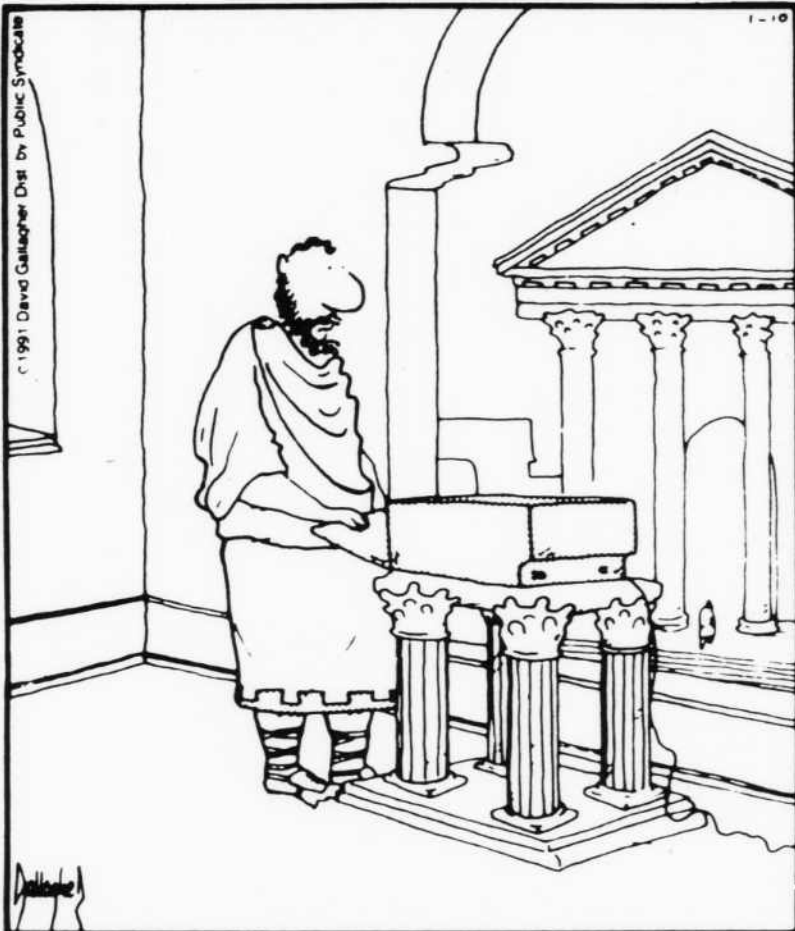
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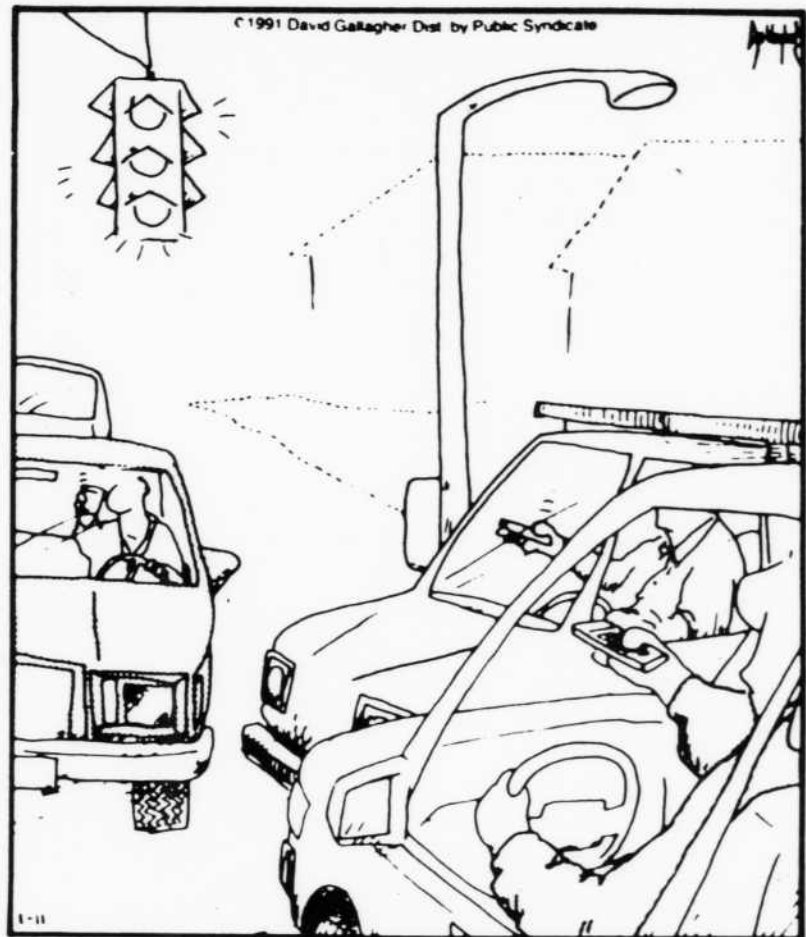
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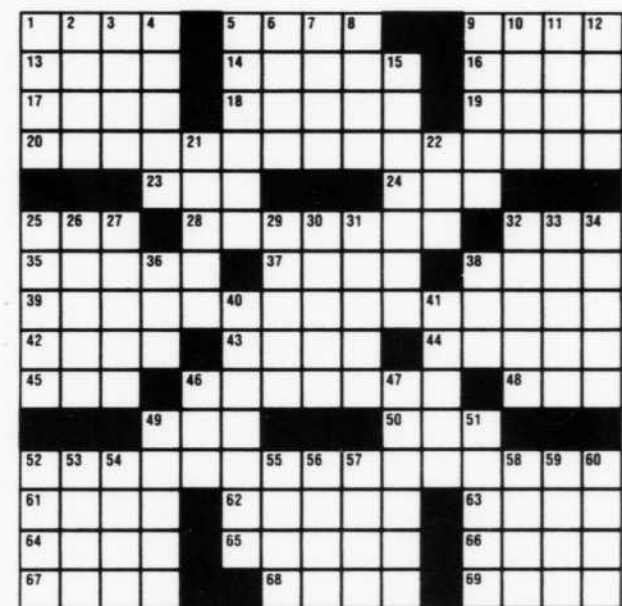
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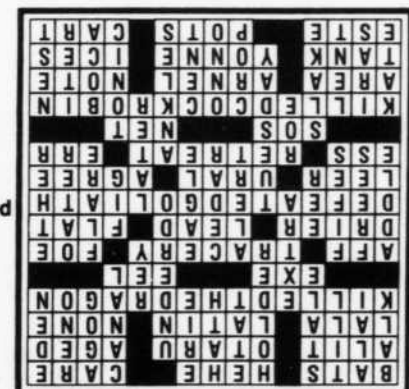
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 - 35 Not as wet
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 - 46 Secluded place
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- 51 Quinine
- 52 "Kiss Me —"
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