



Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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In the News

Pie throwing raises funds

In an effort to raise money for Special Olympics, the Can Do Crew is sponsoring a pie-in-the-face contest at 2 p.m. Friday, March 6, in the JUB Ballroom.

Students will be able to bid on the chance to throw a pie in the face of such renowned campus officials as Duane Stucky, vice president of finance and administration.

Free refreshments will be served.

Sidewalk to be blocked

The sidewalk north of Saunders Fine Arts will be blocked, according to an interoffice memorandum.

Fencing will block foot traffic between SFA and the construction surrounding the football stadium. For more information contact Bill Smotherman at 898-2967.

Power outage expected

A power outage is expected to occur from 7 a.m. until noon on Sun. March 22, according to an interoffice memorandum.

The outage is necessary to make repairs in the high voltage switchgear serving the campus. With no power, central heating and cooling will also be unavailable.

Students are encouraged to turn off computers, printers and other high voltage equipment before leaving for spring break, according to the memorandum.

Former Senator to speak

Nancy Kassebaum Baker, a former U.S. Senator, will speak for National Women's History Month at noon Monday March 9 at in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

The luncheon is free and open to the public, according to news and public affairs. Reservations should be made. For further information call 898-2764.

Compensation bill rejected

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Voting along racial lines, the state Senate on Wednesday rejected a proposal to compensate the loved ones of blacks and others killed during Mississippi's bloody civil rights era.

Sen. Johnnie Walls proposed setting aside up to \$100,000 for survivors of each lynching or other form of slaying from 1938 to 1970. Senators rejected the plan on a vote of 39-9.

Waste shipping stopped

OAK RIDGE (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy has halted shipments of out-of-state wastes to its Oak Ridge incinerator at Gov. Don Sundquist's request. But it may be only the beginning of the state's demands.

"We believe that the United States of America is legally and morally responsible to clean up Oak Ridge," Justin Wilson, Sundquist's top environmental policy adviser, said Wednesday.

"And we are not convinced that this cleanup has the priority that it deserves."

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

Turmoil strikes SGA elections

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Jeff Beaumont, attorney general for the Student Government Association, has had a formal complaint filed against him for using a personal website to campaign for SGA president.

The complaint was filed by another presidential candidate, Christina Jolly, and her husband, James Jolly, to the SGA Election Commissioner Philip Crabtree.

The charge against Beaumont was that he was violating Article VI, section 1 of the SGA Electoral Act of 1996, which makes using any means of campaigning—besides word-of-mouth—illegal until 28 days before the election.

The Election Commission met on

Tuesday to discuss the matter and concluded by a unanimous vote that Beaumont was breaching the electoral act. They ruled that he had until midnight on Tuesday to remove all items from his website which dealt with the SGA or elections.

"He put this [web]page up before the 28 days," Crabtree said. "He was in clear violation."

However, Beaumont said he did not feel there was a clear violation, because there was confusion over when the elections were going to be held.

The elections were initially planned to be held on March 9 and 10, which would have made Beaumont's use of the website legal. But, since the election dates have been moved to April 14 and 15, the website now violates the electoral act.

Crabtree said he told Beaumont the elections dates had changed and when the new dates were. And since Beaumont works in the SGA office he should have known about the election details.

Beaumont said it was confusing in the office because SGA President Ryan Durham was saying one thing and Crabtree was saying something else.

"Who's the boss?" Beaumont asked, "Ryan Durham, the SGA president, or Philip Crabtree, the elections commissioner?"

Crabtree said that Beaumont was in a meeting Feb. 9 that the election dates had been changed. Then, at a meeting Feb. 24, it was officially declared that the use of websites for campaigning was illegal until 28 days before the elections.

"[Crabtree's] told me so many

things," Beaumont said, "I really don't know what to listen to."

Beaumont said he attended the meeting Feb. 24 and removed the pages from his website the next day.

"[The web page] was still there Feb. 25 as of eight o'clock in the morning," Crabtree said. "He should've gotten it off immediately."

Beaumont also said he had some items on his website that had the election dates, a SGA logo and a disclaimer on his chat room that notified the user that information from the chat room was not intended to be used for campaigning.

The election commission decided those pages should be removed as well because, according to Crabtree, they inadvertently gave publicity to

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Womens history month honored during March

□ Lesli Bales/staff

It's a chance to celebrate the contributions of women. National Women's History Month kicked off this week at MTSU and offers a variety of events throughout March that were designed to appeal to a variety of students. Dramatic presentations, speakers, a music festival and art and photography exhibits are among the scheduled attractions.

"We have a really diverse calendar, and I think it allows people to recognize the achievements and potential of women which is the celebration of National Women's History Month," said Claudia Barnett, NWHM 1998 program chair.

Two annual events, the Seventh Annual Women's International Poetry Reading and the Third Annual Women's Leadership Conference, will anchor NWHM.

The Women's International Poetry Reading will be held on Wed., March 25, in Peck Hall 109A from 4:15-5:30 p.m. and will feature ten readers from France, Germany, Spain, Brazil, Israel, Japan, Holland, Greece and Iran. This is the first year a Native American reader will be featured.

"This is always a really great experience," said Shelley Thomas, event coordinator. "When our readers send home to their native countries to get the poetry, they often find out that they have relatives that have written."

The Women's Leadership

Conference will be held March 26-27 in the James Union Building. This year's theme is Dream Out Loud.

Organized for students by students, the conference will include a keynote address by Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the first African-American U.S. Surgeon General; workshops and the Women of Achievement Luncheon. More information will be featured in "Sidelines" later this month.

An exciting new feature in conjunction with NWHM is the Women in Science Brown Bag Lunch Series. This series features a different speaker every week in the Alumni Memorial Gym Room 210 at noon. Days of the week vary.

"We wanted to let more people know that women are succeeding and having fun in the sciences," said Judith Iriarte-Gross, event coordinator. "We also want women to be aware of what's going on in the sciences."

Participants are asked to bring their own lunches to the informal presentations which focus on women in science, their careers and their accomplishments. For more information, contact Iriarte-Gross at 898-8253.

NWHM will also feature individual events throughout March, including several guest speakers focusing on a plethora of topics.

Deborah Johnson of the Domestic Violence Shelter in Murfreesboro will

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Greeks bombard students with events

□ Kin Easter/staff

The greeks on campus are planning to run the rest of the semester into the ground with a series of events that are open to all students.

Alpha Phi Alpha has rented the Twin Theater Cinema on Tennessee Boulevard and will open doors for college students to see the movie I Know What You Did Last Summer tonight at 7. The admission is free.

The fraternity will also be hosting an MTSU Student Appreciation Jam at 10 following the movie.

"We are very blessed to be supported by the student body at MTSU," said Alpha Phi Alpha President Montrell Dobbins. "All year long the students have supported us and this is our way of thanking them."

The Kappa Delta sorority will hold a softball tournament on April 4. The cost is \$140 per team.

There will be an All-sing competition on April 9 featuring singers from each fraternity and sorority. The event is sponsored by the

Tau Omicron Women's Honors Society. Tau Omicron will vote after the event to decide which charitable organization will benefit from the proceeds.

"We want to make a significant contribution that will really help whatever group we give to," said Tau Omicron MTSU faculty member Jeanaette Heritage.

In recent years, Tau Omicron has given the proceeds toward organizations fighting domestic violence.

Greek Week is April 13-17. Events will include the award ceremony on the 13th, a guest speaker possibly lecturing about alcohol on the 14th and a celebration at the end of the week.

Other events will include the Mayfield milkshake contest, awarding the winner a year supply of dairy products, and a mud volleyball tournament.

All proceeds from the event will be distributed to the Nashville Cares

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Demomania



Jason Mazzo/staff
Matt Barrett, left, and Trent Cross, middle, use two volunteers to show that people can generate electricity.

Alumni Assoc. lands million-dollar deal

□ Chad Gillis/staff

The Alumni Association signed a five-year, \$1 million affinity credit card agreement with First USA Bank of Delaware.

In exchange for offering First USA a credit card marketing base, the Alumni Association will receive a \$1 million advance to invest in the university, according to Brint Marrow, marketing manager at First USA.

The advance is paid back at a 1 percent rate on purchases made with an MTSU credit card.

"In the affinity program you use colleges and universities to generate a large number of customers," said Marrow. "A portion of the proceeds are returned to the university."

After the advance is repaid, one percent of the total interest charged will go directly to the university, according to Debbie Coppinger, director of Alumni Association relations.

Of the \$1 million advance, \$200,000 will go towards endowing academic scholarships, according to Coppinger.

Endowed scholarships are funded when a lump sum of money is invested. The principal accrued from that investment provides funding for the scholarship on a yearly basis.

"We haven't worked out all the details," said Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for academic affairs. Haskew will be a key figure in determining how the money is used

and said she thinks the funds will go to be used to further the presidential scholarship program and to attract new students for the fall semester.

Another \$100,000 will be split between two athletic scholarships, according to Mrs. Coppinger.

"The first one will be a women's athletic endowed scholarship," said Ty Coppinger, executive director of the Blue Raider Athletic Association. "The second will be a football scholarship for the 1999 season."

The \$50,000 scholarship for women's athletics will be offered to a freshman this fall.

According to Mr. Coppinger, the football scholarship will help the program reach its 1999 NCAA Division I-A scholarship requirement of 85, up from the 63 needed to perform at the Division I-AA level.

A portion of the \$1 million will be used to create two new positions within the Alumni Asphyxiation, according to Mrs. Coppinger.

The remaining portion of the advance has been invested and is drawing interest until officials can determine in what ways it could best be used.

First USA will be offering a 4.9 percent interest rate for the first five months after the credit card is offered. After that, the card will carry an interest rate of 13.99 percent. The first marketing phase will begin on May 11, offering two credit card designs, and will target alumni, according to Marrow.

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On Campus



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March 5

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism will host a video lecture on "The Philosophic Revolution of Ayn Rand," by Dr. Harry Binswanger at 7:30 p.m. in KUC 312. This is a new lecture on what makes Ayn Rand's philosophy of reason, individualism and capitalism so revolutionary. Everyone is invited. For more information call Luc Travers at 895-0951.

The Student Pagan Organization invites everyone to an "Everyday Herbal Uses" Workshop from 8-10 p.m. in KUC 316. It will include herbal recipes for shampoos, facial cleansers, cold and flu treatments and much more. The workshop is free to the public.

The Plant and Soil Science Club invites students of any major to a slide presentation at 5 p.m. in Stark ABAS room 207 by Christy Matasick, a horticulturist at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and MTSU alumnus. She will also discuss summer internships at Cheekwood in Nashville.

March 5-7

Sigma Nu is sponsoring a free vehicle safety inspection in the parking lot near the stables past Cummings Dorm from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The inspection will include fluids, tires, lights, battery and

advice on other problems.

March 5-12

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

March 9

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

March 9-31

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

March 10

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

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Beaumont.

Beaumont also had 51 names on a petition to have the article in question thrown out for this election since the dates were so unstable. The election commission voted the petition done.

However, Beaumont said he feels his freedom-of-speech rights are being infringed upon and that he has not violated the electoral act with those pages because they were only intended to inform students of when the elections were to be held.

He said he intends to meet with Gene Fitch, dean of Student Life, to discuss the matter. Also, Beaumont said he plans on possibly filing suit against the SGA with the SGA Supreme Court.

Crabtree said that in order for Beaumont to sue the SGA, he would have to resign his position as the attorney general, because he is currently a part of the SGA.

He said he thinks Beaumont is trying to dance around the law and push it to its limits.

Girl Scout Week March 7-13



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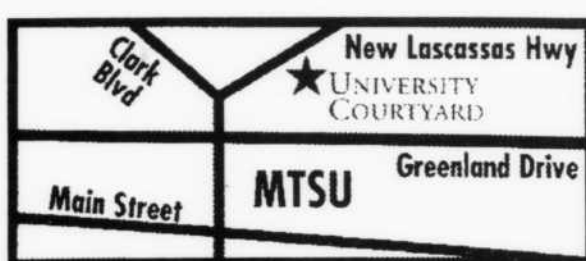
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'Racial Contract' alive in society

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Racism is alive and we continue to live in a white supremacist state, according to Professor Charles Mills from the University of Illinois.

Mills will give a presentation entitled "The Racial Contract" to illustrate the relationship society has formed between whites and nonwhites.

One focus of the presentation will be European expansionism and racism over the last 500 years and how the traditional social contract theory can be put to extraordinary radical use.

Mills' perspective is that an unacknowledged "racial contract" has shaped a world of European domination where a distinction between "whites" and "nonwhites" has been formed. He plans to argue that this system is imposed upon nonwhites through ideological conditioning and violence, which makes our world white supremacist.

Mills is an associate

Professor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois, Chicago, and received his doctorate from the University of Toronto.

His work focuses on oppositional political theory with emphasis on issues involving race, class and gender.

He has authored numerous articles as well as his recent book, "The Racial Contract," published by Cornell University Press.

The lecture is sponsored by the department of philosophy as part of the fifth annual Applied Philosophy Lyceum.

The lyceum series is intended to provoke philosophical reflection by bringing distinguished scholars to MTSU to address a variety of contemporary issues.

The lecture will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 in James Union Building 304. The lecture is free and open to the public with an informal reception following.

For more information, contact the MTSU philosophy department at 898-2907.

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March 11, in JUB Dining Room B on "Domestic Violence: Love Doesn't Have to Hurt." In addition to the talk, there will be a brief video and a panel of professionals who can answer questions and talk about their roles in helping the victims of domestic violence.

"I've had students in class that have suffered due to domestic violence," explained Shelley Thomas, event coordinator. "We really want to put students on campus in touch with the services the domestic violence shelter provides."

Arshi Nasseh, whose husband was the attorney general for the Shah of Iran, will speak about her journey from riches to rags on Wednesday, March 25, from 3-4 p.m. in JUB Dining Room C. Although she was once penniless herself, Nasseh went on to earn a Ph.D in counseling from Vanderbilt and is renowned as a major advocate for the immigrant population in Nashville.

"Arshi needs to expose people in Murfreesboro to what's going on [with the immigrant population] in Nashville," Thomas said.

Artistic presentations ranging from music to poetry to drama will also be featured

throughout the month.

Lorraine Johnson-Coleman, a nationally-known folklorist and cultural preservationist from Greenville, N.C., will present on Monday, March 9, a performance of stories on African-American history and culture included in her recent book "Just Plain Folks: Original Tales of Living, Loving, Longing, and Learning as Told by a Perfectly Ordinary, Quite Commonly Sensible, and Absolutely Awe-Inspiring Colored Woman." According to Lorne McWatters, coordinator of the event, Johnson-Coleman will begin with 45 minutes of storytelling followed by a discussion format of her work.

Johnson-Coleman will be featured in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Studio Theatre from 3-5:40 p.m. and will be followed by a reception and book-signing with Johnson-Coleman.

The Barn Gallery Exhibit "Charcoal Interiors" will open on March 9 and showcase the paintings and drawings of Julie Mitchell, fine arts professor at the University of Cincinnati, and Teresa Prater, painting and drawing professor at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C.

While the exhibit will be displayed from March 9-31, an opening reception will be held Monday, March 9, from 4-6 p.m. Both artists will also be giving presentations at 12 and 1 p.m. that day in the Gallery.

Photography won't want to miss the photo gallery exhibit: Margaretta Mitchell "Flowers and English Gardens" which will be open March 2-April 16 in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center.

According to event coordinator Tom Jimison, Mitchell will have two types of photography on display. Her "Flowers" display features 12 photographs, which are hand-pulled gravure prints similar to etchings. Meanwhile, "English Gardens" will feature 20 digital iris prints.

Mitchell will be on-hand Monday, March 23, for two presentations: from 3-4 p.m. in the JUB Hazlewood Dining Room and at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Mass Comm. building.

The Women's Music Festival will be held in Wright Music Hall from 7-10 p.m. The concert will feature artists such as National Public Radio's folk singer/storyteller Canace Anderson performing "Through a Woman's Voice."

Local favorites such as Annie Selleck (blues), Heather (alternative), Debbie White (rock), Dwan Bell (R&B and gospel), Tracey Spence (country) and MTSU's own Dianne Faust (easy listening, pop) will also be performing. Admission is free.

NWHM calendars outlining all the events are available in the June Anderson Women's Center in JUB 206 and the Department of Women's Studies in Peck Hall 109B.

Awards to be given during Greek Week

Outstanding Chapter
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Outstanding Advisor (male and female)

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Most Outstanding New Member Program
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Greek Tutors

bad," said Qualls.

"We want Greek guys to fight other Greek guys," said Pierce.

Each fight will be composed of three one-minute rounds with possibly two or three judges. In the Greek division, the fraternities with the most

wins will be awarded prize money or a championship belt.

Pierce said, Pi Kappa Alpha prefers awarding a belt, but they are having trouble finding a manufacturer.

Greek Life is already planning Greekfest, a carnival, conferences and a retreat, according to Felts.

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OPINIONS

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Editorials

Beaumont should be disqualified

If rules are broken, measures should be taken. According to SGA Election Commissioner Philip Crabtree, Jeff Beaumont was informed of a change in election dates some two weeks prior to his web page advertisement being discovered.

If this is true, Beaumont should be disqualified from the elections, especially considering he is an influential, established SGA member.

It is hard to believe that Beaumont would be uninformed of such an important change. If in fact he was uninformed, the question of how well SGA communicates inside its own doors quickly comes to mind.

But Beaumont's actions are not of paramount concern. The real problem is that the SGA took no action to disqualify him.

Beaumont clearly defied campaigning guidelines. For this he should not be able to run for president of the student body.

SGA set the agenda for the election, it would seem its own members should have to follow that same agenda.

Had it been a non-SGA-member, would the course of action have been different? If so, the SGA is biased. If not, it only proves that SGA fails to follow guidelines set in its own office.

Letters policy defined

Recently, 'Sidelines' has received letters to the editor that lack a full name, phone number, classification or major of the writer.

Although some may not want to give out such information, newspapers need these facts to verify that the letter is an actual opinion of an individual related to campus.

Additional guidelines specify that any letter to the editor be mailed to box 42, brought directly to the office in room 306 of the James Union Building, e-mailed through frank at stupubs or delivered by hand to the editor in chief. Letters should be kept as close to 300 words or less--to ensure 'Sidelines' can run as many letters as possible.

Letters to the editor is not a forum for public debate, nor does it promote any individual or organization.

If you have written a letter to the editor this semester and have not seen it in 'Sidelines' please contact the editor's desk at 898-2337.



Adult learners need to get involved

Carol Ann
Baily
Adult Services
Center



Did you know that almost 50 percent of the students enrolled at MTSU are 23 years of age and older, beyond the age of traditional college students? In addition to those older students, MTSU also has a good many students of traditional age who have adult responsibilities outside of their college work. They may be working full-time. They may be married and raising children. They may be caring for elderly relatives. All of these students who handle adult responsibilities in addition to their college studies are considered adult learners. When combined, all of these students with adult responsibilities number well over 50 percent of the MTSU student population.

Most of you reading this are probably surprised that there are so many adult learners here at MTSU. Why haven't you heard about this large majority of the student population? Because so many of these students are invisible. They come to campus alone, often at night, after work. They scurry to their classrooms, dart in and out of the library, and dash home to take care of children or other family responsibilities, or even off to a third-shift job. They are busy people. They are juggling so many tasks in addition to their course work that they don't get involved beyond their classes. If you are one of these adult learners, I want to encourage you to get involved at MTSU.

Why should you get involved? First of all, because there is still a lot of work to be done to improve the support services for adult learners. Don't get me wrong, I believe that the services provided the adult learners at MTSU are among the very best in the state of Tennessee, and indeed the mid-south region. I know this because, last week for the fifth time, MTSU hosted a conference on adult learning. Adult learners, instructors, and administrators who work with adult learners from all over Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and South Carolina attended this conference. These participants compared services provided and MTSU comes out ahead in many areas. The participants from other schools were impressed at the space our Adult Services Center provides and the extended hours that we operate. But we heard about a lot of services that MTSU doesn't provide yet. You could make a difference. You could make some of these dreams come true if you became involved.

Secondly, you should get involved because it is your turn. You owe it to those pioneers who came before and

made the Adult Services Center a reality. You see, it was a small, dedicated, and vocal group of adult learners who convinced the MTSU administrators and Dr. Robert C. LaLance, in particular, to establish the Adult Services Center five years ago. Prior to that time, they had found a room where adult learners could come for information and to relax in between classes and staffed it with volunteers. They really pushed for the official creation of the Adult Services Center and the hiring of a full time director to oversee the operations and serve as a campus advocate for the needs of adult learners.

Then, just two years ago, another small group of vocal students pressed for a larger space for the Adult Services Center. Now located in KUC 320, this center has trained and experienced adult student workers and a part-time secretary to staff the office from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays to serve the needs of the students who come on campus before or after work, or on their lunch hours.

The Adult Services Center provides information for prospective students who are adults coming to college for the first time or returning to college after a period of time away. The center provides orientation for adult learners, a peer mentor program for new students, and workshops and seminars to help adult learners become exceptional students. The center provides information and referrals to adult students about all aspects of academic and social life at MTSU.

The Adult Services Center is also a great gathering place for adult learners. It has a study carrel area, a computer for student use, a lounge area, and a snack area with tables and chairs, a small refrigerator, a microwave and toaster oven. Students feel comfortable stopping in between classes, over their lunch hours, and they meet others here and informal tutoring often takes place.

The Adult Services Center also sponsors the OWLs (Older Wiser Learners), the student organization for adult and re-entry students which functions as a support system as well as a social organization. Some students who are active in OWLs become peer mentors for new students. It is through this organization that adult learners advocate for services throughout the university to better serve the needs of the adult learners. This is where you could make your needs known and work with other students to find solutions to meet those needs.

Great things are already happening for adult learners through the Adult Services Center. Now, we need YOU. Your involvement can allow you to follow in the footsteps of

the adult learners before and you can take large strides forward to further improve services for adult learners in the future.

What kind of improved services, you ask? Well, the one area I hear about most often is child care. We recognize that children come to campus every day — infants, toddlers, school-age children on holidays, sick kids who can't go to their regular child care provider — you've seen it in the hallways, in the cafeteria, even in the classrooms. Adults have children and children need to be cared for while the adult learners are in their classes. Adult learners who really need and want child care for infants, for more toddlers than MTSU currently serves, or for sick children must actively campaign to get the services they need.

I frequently hear that the adult learners want more classes offered in the evening. I also receive two or three phone calls a week inquiring about special weekend courses of study that are popular with adult learners at other institutions. Unfortunately, I have to inform these prospective students that we do not have these intensive weekend courses at MTSU. But the students who want more courses offered on more flexible schedules that suit their busy lives, need to get together and prepare a plan to bring to the academic administrators in order to accomplish their goals.

How many adult students do you know that have had to take off work to come to the Business Office, Records, or other administrative offices? Grumbling about the inconvenience of it won't help. TRAM has vastly improved the registration process for adult learners who can phone in from home, even pay by credit card. But, if you really want to see extended evening hours for some of the most commonly used administrative offices, then you need to lobby for those changes.

So, get involved! Find other students who want the same thing you do and formulate a plan to make your request known. Adult learners working in groups can magnify the benefit of the small amount of time each has to dedicate to the task. The areas mentioned above are just a few examples of the services for adult learners that could be improved. You may have other concerns that you want to address. Great! It is with your ideas and through a group effort that you can make a difference for adult learners at MTSU now and into the future.

How can you become involved? Come by the Adult Services Center in KUC 320. Call me at 898-5989. You can take the next step in improving student services for adult learners if you voice your concerns, your dreams, and your desires and get involved now.



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Reconstruction, Phase II

Phillip Crabtree
columnist



Jackhammers jump, backhoes dig and clouds of dirt rise as more economic progress comes to the South. Well, at least that's what we call it. But what's really going on here?

Let's just look at one phase of this economic growth. Let's look at the automotive industry. In the last fifteen years, Tennessee has started building Saturns and Nissans, Alabama has started building Mercedes and South Carolina is the proud home of BMW craftsmen.

Naturally, when large corporations such as these are looking at sites for new manufacturing plants, cities and states compete ferociously. Promises of cheap land, cheap labor and tax breaks are made. These corporations in turn promise jobs, economic growth and financial investments in the areas they are located. In short, corporations such as these are practically paid to come to the South.

What happens when the deals are finally made and hands are shaken? Before the ink is ever dry, Southerners are stabbed in the back.

Saturn moved to the Columbia/Spring Hill area with this same scenario. They promised to create a lot of jobs, and they did. They created jobs for Yankees. It would be one thing to bring in the "immigrants" and not say a word, but Saturn took a different approach. They made a commercial in which they took pride in hiring Northerners to move to Tennessee to build the cars.

Did this mean more jobs for Southerners? Yes. It sure did. It meant more restaurants were built and an ice hockey rink was built. There were also new homes built which boosted the lumber industry, heating and air-conditioning

businesses and other complimentary businesses to new home start-ups.

How 'bout that? While all the Yankees are getting the high-paid union jobs over at Saturn, Tennessee politicians are putting their people to work kissing carpetbagger ass.

The Yankees come down here where we are famous for our southern hospitality and treat every single one of us—black, white, Indian—as their lackeys. While we provide them with low property taxes, they provide us with low self-esteem.

"Yes, sir. I'll fetch y'all some more yeast rolls right away, sir. Would y'all like some sauerkraut to go with y'all's sausage? Yes, ma'am. We've started serving bagels just for you Yankee folk, because we're glad y'all are here. No, we don't mind if y'all bring y'all's natural tendency to have an asshole disposition down here with y'all. We're just delighted to serve you in return for rebuilding the South after the War."

The fact is that we poor Southern folk are starting to mind y'all Yankee folk very much. It's a fact that the South has had an agrarian-based economy for a long time. We are very proud of that fact, even though that put us economically behind the North. It is also a fact, however, that the South has been the driving leadership behind this country since its inception, and that dates back to the father of our country and a proud Virginian, George Washington.

We Southerners don't mind Yankees coming down here every now and then, as long as they don't wear out their welcome. It's important to realize that when you visit a foreign land you must respect the customs and the culture of that land. After all, if you are a tourist, you are visiting our land because of who we are and the culture that made us so charming. I, for one, believe that the Yankees have outstayed their welcome, and they would prefer to turn the south into a warmer industrialized north.

I never knew how much of a problem this was until I came to school



at MTSU. When I started meeting people here, many of them were from Franklin and the Columbia area, and as we Southerners know, that area is rich in southern history just as Murfreesboro is.

When I joined my fraternity, I was proud to call some of these same people my brothers. As I became acquainted with them, I learned more about the Yankee problem in Middle Tennessee. I heard about Yankees wanting to remove a statue of a confederate soldier from the center of Franklin. I heard about Franklin High School changing their mascot from the Rebels. Hitting closer to home, I heard about the removal of a plaque honoring the Confederate hero, Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, from the wall of the KUC. General Forrest is highly praised in my home town of Athens, Alabama, because he drove out the Yankees after they sacked and pillaged it. I am proud to have grown up on the street that bears his name. I

thought things were bad enough when the uproar about state capitols flying the Confederate battle flag was caused.

Now, I have nothing against all Yankees. Some of them are my friends, but they do not behave in such a manner. The problem that I and every single other Southerner ought to have is the disrespect of my ancestors.

If Yankees want to move down here and build cars, let them. There is nothing we can do. If they want to skate around on artificially-created ice which is not indigenous to the south even in the winter while they chase a puck, don't get down on them, because we are all peculiar in some way or another. However, I will be damned if a herd of Yankees are going to come down here with their sausage and bagels and disrespect my southern ancestors who gave their life to defend my family and my homeland.

I hear about movements to have Confederate cemeteries closed, I hear

about memorial statues that Yankees want to remove, and I hear about mascots that are being changed due to the illogical premise that they are racist. The most important thing to note in all of this is who is doing the complaining about the south. It's the Northerners. Secondly, who moved to the south? The Northerners.

I'll put this quite bluntly. I am proud to be from the south. That does not make me backwards, a redneck or a bigot. If Northerners are going to come to my homeland, they had better respect that. They should also either learn to assimilate at the culture down here in God's country, or they should plan on just visiting, not staying. And as for the automobile industry, I hope we aren't left with another Flint, Michigan, over in Columbia.

It's time that we Southerners regain our pride and self-esteem. We are done being pushed around, because reconstruction is over.

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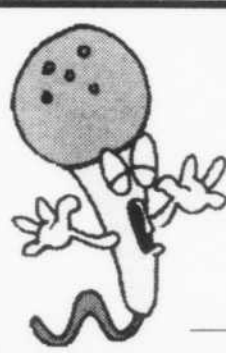


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Thursday, March 5

"Macbeth" is performed at TPAC's Polk Theater by the Tennessee Repertory Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 to \$26 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

The J.T. Gray benefit show takes place at the Station Inn at 8 p.m. This event is smoke free.

Eddie Gore's Soiree takes place at 3rd & Lindsley at 6 p.m. Greg Foresman take the stage at 9 p.m.

A wind ensemble concert will be held at Wright Music Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Brown 25 plays Springwater at 9 p.m.

Lipscomb University presents its 35th annual Singarama through March 7 in the Collins Alumni Auditorium on the campus in Nashville. Tickets are \$8 and are available by calling 269-1000.

The works of Clarice Nelson are being exhibited in the Center for the Arts Gallery throughout the month of March. The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no fee to view the exhibit.

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

Friday, March 6

Fizgig, Glossary and Badkite play the Indinet Record Shop. The show is 18 and over and cover is \$5.

Foot Long Hog plays Springwater at 9 p.m.

"Macbeth" is performed at TPAC's Polk Theater by the Tennessee Repertory Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

The Cluster Pluckers play the Station Inn.

Saturday, March 7

Actress Jenny McCarthy will be at Journey's at Hickory Hollow Mall from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Lee Harvey Skaswald, Rockin' Bones and Fisticuffs play the Indinet Record Shop.

Vagrant Saints play Springwater at 9 p.m.

"Macbeth" is performed at TPAC's Polk Theater by the Tennessee Repertory Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

The Nashville Bluegrass Band play the Station Inn. This event is smoke free.

Sunday, March 8

Outta the Blues play Springwater at 5 p.m.

The Stones River Chamber Players present their final concert of the season at 3 p.m. in the Wright Music Building. Admission is free.

Khari and Scott Halgren Trip are performing at the Spot at Exit/In at 7 p.m.

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The Silent Stalker

DEPRESSION

□ Lesli Bales staff

She is a 20-year-old marketing major. She plays spades with her friends at night and spends weekends with her boyfriend. She holds an on-campus job and is an officer in a campus Christian organization. She does her homework but occasionally skips classes.

She doesn't seem exceptional. Yeah, her life seems pretty ordinary: school, work, social life. Stephanie is your everyday normal college student. So normal, in fact, a lot of people don't realize she's dealing daily with depression.

For six years, Stephanie has had to fight this disease in order to lead a normal life. She hasn't always been in control. She is not alone.

"Depression is common among college students," says Jeanette Heritage, a psychology professor at MTSU. "Actually, I think it's more common than we'd like to believe."

Jane Tipps, director of the Counseling and Testing Center at MTSU, agrees.

"We have a high rate of students that come to the counseling center," she assesses. "Depression is a very common diagnosis that we make."

While some students, like Stephanie, arrive on campus already battling the disease, college can be the catalyst of many other cases. Heritage notes the adjustment from high school to campus life as the basic cause, pointing out especially how tough the transition can be for those coming from small high schools to MTSU's rapidly growing population of 18,000.

"It's hard to get used to being a small fish in a big pond," Heritage remarks. "Students come to campus on this high from being a big important senior and are automatically dropped down to the new kid, the freshman."

Michael Johnson, a counselor at the Counseling and Testing Center, adds that feeling like they have to "grow up" is another factor leading to depression in younger college students, typically ages 18-22.

"They get to campus and often stop to assess life," he explains. "Often they begin to deal with issues from their childhood in an adult way. It's that final leap from adolescence to adulthood."

Once students are here, though, there are more universal situations that can allow melancholy feelings to weasel their way into a person's psyche.

"Trying to do too much can lead to depression because maybe [students'] grades aren't as good as they would like them to be or their social life isn't what they expected," Heritage explains. "Students may also experience rejections they aren't used to, such as not getting into a certain group such as a fraternity or sorority."

Tipps and Johnson believe that stress is the single most common cause of depression among college students.

"Many students work and go to school at the same time, underestimating the level of stress of going to school alone," Johnson says. "You add issues such as relationships and family on top of that, and what we're dealing with is a combination of life in general."

Mary Glantz, counselor at MTSU's June Anderson Women's Center, sees a different cross section of students.

"My clients are more non-traditional—they're all women and they tend to be a little bit older," she explains. "The people attracted to the women's center usually have some other type of circumstance that sometimes aggravates pre-existing depression."

She lists divorce, single parenting, abusive relationships, eating disorders, domestic violence, rape and childhood sexual and/or physical abuse as her main focuses of therapy, adding that most of her clients deal with depression in addition to one or more of these co-existing conditions.

Although depression is presumed to be psychological, Heritage stresses

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Jeanette Heritage, psychology professor

that the effects may be manifested physiologically.

Once people have gained those pounds they may sink even deeper into depression because their clothes don't fit anymore.

The real problem, according to Heritage, is that many students don't realize they have depression. Warning signs may be simple and therefore misinterpreted.

"There is often a lack of joy in depressed students. There are no peaks in their levels of response. They come right up to the line of tolerance and don't go any further," Heritage explains. "Women may find themselves weepy while men may be more angry because that is how society has typically taught the sexes to deal with their emotions."

Other signs can fall to either extreme. While some folks report having difficulty sleeping, others have difficulty getting out of bed. Likewise, some people dealing with depression do not feel like eating while others may "keep stuffing things in their mouths," Heritage says.

Meanwhile, students should be aware of over-reacting or misinterpreting what other people say. Lack of concentration is another sign of depression.

"I think particularly younger college students may not think they are suffering from depression," Heritage remarks. "They walk with their heads down, don't laugh or smile, don't take a single note in class. It's like their bodies are there, but their minds aren't."

Other students may try to mask depression even from themselves by staying busy all the time.

"It seems like everyone's working, taking a full load of classes and partying too. It's just an overload, it's way too much," Johnson explains.

Tipps interrupts. "It's a real let-down when you're operating at that pace and then there's a break."

Johnson continues. "Students who do that actually have withdrawal symptoms. They ask themselves,

that the effects may be manifested physiologically.

"A lot of [depression] comes from not eating a good diet," she explains. "Many college students are on what I call the 'Twinkie and Coca-Cola diet' which is nothing but high sugar and high caffeine. What they don't realize is that those kinds of food pick you up for a little while but then they drop you back down."

Students also may use food for comfort, something to turn to when they are lonely or not making friends,

Heritage adds. However, the addiction is circular in that it can lead to the feared "freshman 15"—the 15 dreaded pounds many students gain during their freshman year.

"Have I lost that edge?" and I say, 'No, you're just relaxing.'"

There's another side to this kind of response that can be earth-shattering for the student.

"Some occupy themselves so intensely that when they slow down, they realize something is really wrong," Johnson adds. "There's something really wrong buried deep under there that they're just not dealing with."

Stephanie can see it, too. "I see warning signs in people who probably don't even realize that they have it," she laments. "I know they're living a life of sadness, and it doesn't have to be that way—but it is a lot of work and determination to beat it, and no one's going to do it for you."

Fortunately, MTSU offers several resources for students dealing with depression including the Counseling and Testing Center in Keathley University Center 329 and Glantz's services in the June Anderson Women's Center.

"Students need a support system to learn coping strategies," Tipps explains. "That's what we provide here [in the Counseling and Testing Center] in a confidential and non-judgemental setting."

Johnson reiterates. "Our goal is to help students learn how to cope and teach them how to assess their strengths instead of focusing on what's wrong. Some people just need to come in once and talk it out. I often end up being a friend."

"We basically 'help students help themselves,'" Tipps concludes.

Meanwhile, Glantz has two focuses when counseling in the women's center.

"The first thing I try to do is help put these women back together so that they're functioning again," she explains. "The next step, though, is most important. These women need to get to a place where they won't fall apart next time they get stressed out. Resolving issues is where I do most of my work because that doesn't happen overnight."

Tipps, Johnson, Glantz and Heritage agree that students can do a

Reasons for seeking counseling

Stress/anxiety/nervousness	51 percent
Romantic relationships	47 percent
Low self confidence/self-esteem	42 percent
Depression	41 percent
Family relationships	37 percent
Academic performance	29 percent
Career choice of future	25 percent
Loneliness	25 percent
Financial matters	24 percent

Based on data compiled from the Illinois State University's Client Problem Checklist. This data reflects national trends in the reasons student seek counseling, according to psychologist Robert Gallego from the University of Pittsburgh's Counseling Center. This data previously appeared in the "American Psychological Association Monitor" in April 1996.

Susan McMahan/staff

lot to help themselves—especially learning early on how to manage time—and stress—wisely.

"Stress over a period of time can turn into depression," Glantz explains. "So, handling stress is essential to preventing depression later in life."

Heritage advises that students eat a sensible diet (not empty calories), get a reasonable amount of sleep and at least 20 minutes of vigorous exercise three times a week to help ease the physiological effects of depression. To remedy the social and emotional aspects, she says, "Go out and find some group to be involved with. There's more than just Greek organizations. There's clubs centered around your major or favorite activities. You just have to get out of your dorm room or apartment to find these things!"

Dealing with depression can often be a long and trying process. Although Stephanie has been off her medication for a year, she still sees a counselor once a week to help her through the rough times. While she admits most of her friends do not know how she struggles with depression, she stresses the importance of having a support group of people you can trust.

"I have five or six close friends that I can call who will be there to listen to me or cheer me up, whatever I need," she says. "They are important to me because they can tell me when I'm getting off track. They are concerned and caring at the same time."

Ultimately though, Stephanie knows that she is the only person who can cure her depression.

"I just keep on believing that I'm not going to fall back down into it," she stresses. "In 1993, I was just two hours away from being hospitalized. Now I'm an A and B student living a full-life."

"Basically, when you're at college dealing with depression, the last thing you want to deal with is taking personal responsibility, but that's what it boils down to," she adds. "It's a tough journey, but in the end, it's worth it."

MTSU Counseling Resources

MTSU Counseling and Testing Center
Keathley University Center, Room 329
8:30-4:30 p.m. weekdays
898-2670

Mary Glantz, June Anderson Women's Center, James Union Building, Room 206
8:30-4:30 p.m. weekdays
898-2193

Both counseling centers take walk-ins and appointments.

RIM students apply class to life

By Nikki Francis/special to "Sidelines"

The students of Advanced Concert Promotion are getting the chance to go out into the real world while still in school.

Instead of hitting the books during midterms and finals, these students are hitting the street to promote and produce two concerts during the semester.

The first concert will be held March 5 at Jonathon's on the Square. The show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and are available at Sound Shop in Stones River Mall, at the door or by reserve by calling 898-5869.

The class, Recording Industry Management 481, is made up of juniors and seniors in the RIM program who are being guided through the experience by professor Rich Barnett.

The proceeds from the concerts held this semester are going to the Recording Enrichment Fund.

Show headliners RCA recording artists the Thompson Brothers' sound patches together such diverse influences as Beatles-era British pop, '70s outlaw country, Buddy Holly, the Everly Brothers and even hints of Roy Orbison in a progressive country format that has ignited audiences up and down the east coast for years.

Their new album, "Blame it



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RCA recording artists the Thompson Brothers are playing Jonathon's on the Square Thursday night in a concert produced by RIM students.

on the Dog," was produced by Bill Lloyd of Foster and Lloyd fame and features performances by country legend Steve Earle as well as Lloyd.

The opening act, Luxury Liners, has popped up all over town opening for such local acts as Who Hit John, David Mead

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NCAA selection party

The Blue Raider Athletic Association will host an NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Selection Show Party at Toot's Restaurant.

The party will be Sunday, March 8, at 5 p.m.

Blue Raider fans can join head coach Stephany Smith and her OVC Champion Lady Raiders as they await announcement of their first-round opponent and the site for their first two rounds of play.

The evening is also the finale for the weekly coaches' radio show on WGNS-1450 AM. Men's head coach Randy Wiel will be in attendance with both coaches commenting on the respective tournaments. The radio show will run from 6-7 p.m.

NCAA basketball trip

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

Plans for the trip will be finalized Monday, March 9. This is due to the site and opponent not being announced until Sunday night, March 8.

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

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

Raider television schedule

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

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

Raider Radio Network

WGNS AM 1450-

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WBOZ FM 104.9-

All Blue Raider basketball games
WAPB AM 810-

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

Upcoming schedule

Women's Basketball-

at NCAA Tournament

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

Men's Basketball-

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

Women's Tennis-

at Memphis March 13 T.B.A.
vs Furman March 14 T.B.A.

Men's Tennis-

at H.E.B. Invitational March 6-8
vs Louisville March 13 1:30 p.m.

Indoor Track-

at Last Chance Meet March 7
at NCAA Indoor Champ. March 13-14 at Indianapolis

Baseball-

at UAB March 3 Noon
at UAB March 4 6:05 p.m.
at Tenn. Tech (DH) March 7
at Tenn. Tech March 8 2 p.m.
Softball-

at Austin Peay March 3 2 p.m.
at Georgia State Tournament March 7-8 in Atlanta

Golf-

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Next Issue-

A complete breakdown of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament as well as what head coach Stephany Smith thinks of her team's first-round opponent.

Raider head coach Randy Wiel's thoughts on the men's NCAA Tournament and the likelihood his Raiders are headed to the NIT.



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OVC champs: knew it all along

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

For the past few weeks a little phrase has hung in the balance of the Lady Raider basketball team's future.

All anyone had to do was take a single step into the office of the assistant coaches and the phrase was there, written on a marker board.

It simply stated, Yes, I can!

This past Sunday, the team lived out the phrase when—yes—they did win the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

More importantly, they secured an automatic berth into the 1998 NCAA Tournament.

It is the seventh time in history the Lady Raiders have gone to the tournament and the first since they received an at-large bid in 1996.

Unfortunately, there's one hump left to cross—they're 0-6 in first-round appearances.

However, don't for one moment think they reached the pinnacle of their season at the Nashville Arena when they knocked off UT-Martin 59-58 for the title.

"It's tournament time," Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith said. "Anything can happen."

For another three days the Lady Raiders have no idea where they'll go next week or who their next opponent will be.

But, as far as Smith is concerned, it really doesn't matter—after all, the team plans to just go about their usual business of executing everything that got them this far.

"We're not going to devise some special plan to win the tournament," Smith said. "We will prepare to win and we will play to win."

"Just like we always have."

What the Lady Raiders have done this season is to utilize each and every player on the squad.

"We have talent and depth," Smith explained. "We just don't have superstars."

"However, we do have some players who on any given night, can play like superstars."

In the OVC Tournament more than one player stepped up for the Lady Raiders. But it was newcomer Bama Burrell who walked away with the MVP honors.

Burrell scored 37 points in three OVC Tournament games by shooting 50 percent from the field. She also

fought a few opposing post-up players for 15 rebounds.

"The last four games we have been very scrappy," Smith said. "And that's one thing I wanted when I made the transition from assistant coach to head coach."

"When people come and watch teams I coach, I want them to say, 'Her team played really hard.'"

And, no one on the Lady Raiders team, lately, has played harder than junior Carlita Elder.

Elder's tenacious efforts at both ends of the court earned her a spot on the all-tournament team.

The Murfreesboro native scored a total of 25 points and cleanly picked four steals and prevented opponents from getting any easy looks at the basket—a task she's executed all

season long.

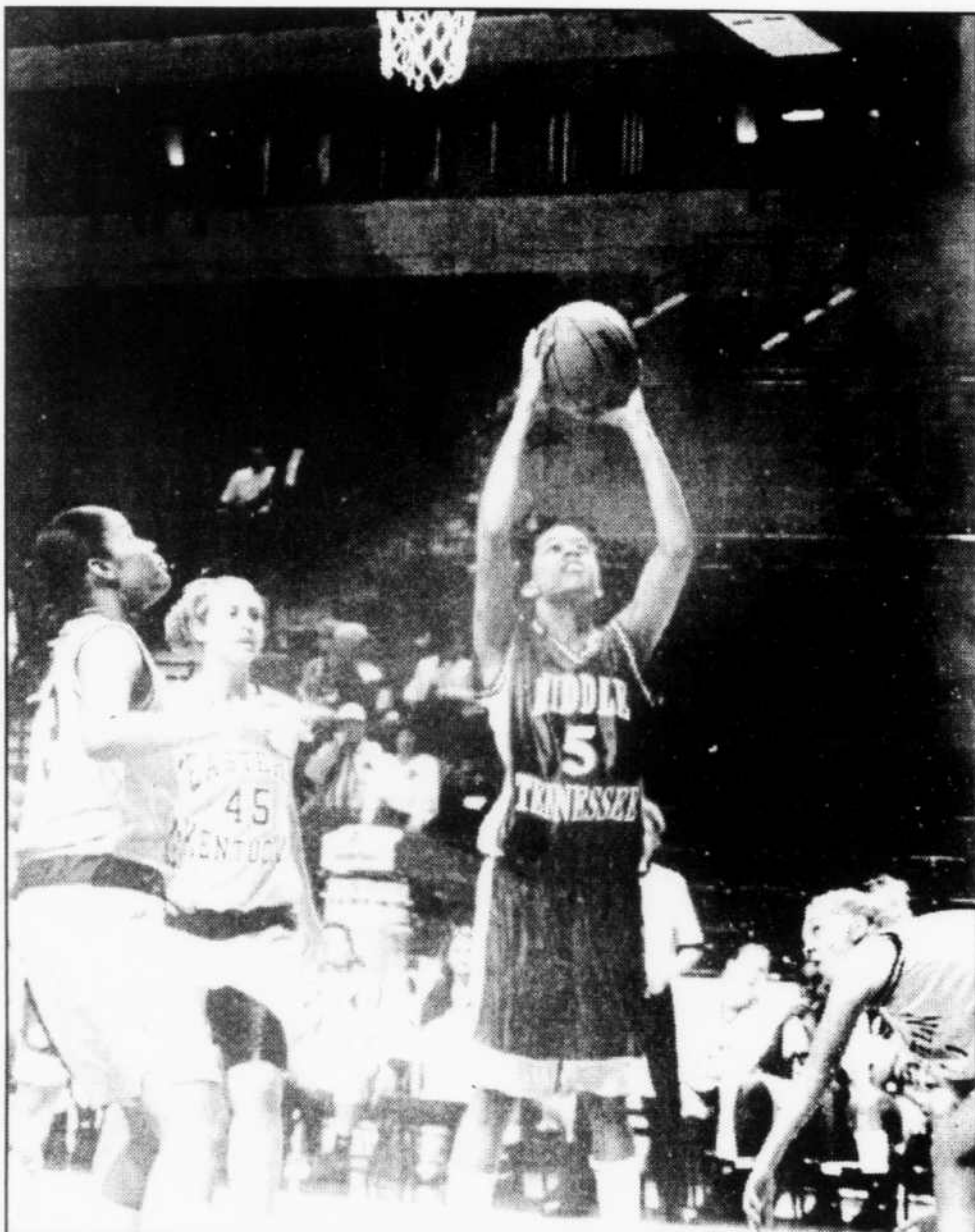
Elder has been the consummate worker for the Lady Raiders. Yet she failed to receive any regular-season recognition.

In fact, the Lady Raiders didn't have a single player named to first or second all-conference teams.

"This isn't an individual sport," Smith said. "It's a team sport. And this team doesn't need anyone to carry it."

What they do have are two seniors—Tenika Smith and Natalie Sneed—a core of experienced players and a group of freshmen who have all made an immediate impact.

"We all know what we want," Smith said. "The buck doesn't stop here."



Chad Gillis/staff

Natalie Sneed, 5, gets ready to lay in an easy two-point basket in Saturday's semi's.

Senior player performance up

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Whether it's maturity or the realization that the end of the road is near, Natalie Sneed and Tenika Smith have really stepped up their performance lately.

The only two seniors for the Lady Raiders, Sneed and Smith have had a great deal to do with the team's success this season.

"They have refused to let up," Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith said.

Tenika Smith has been hampered on and off with a hamstring injury. But if you don't already know it, you would never tell by how she plays.

A 5-foot-8 guard from Knoxville, Tenika Smith is not afraid to drive

the ball inside on bigger players or pull up and hit a 15-foot jumper with a hand up in her face.

The transfer from the University of Tennessee started 21 of the Lady Raiders 26 regular-season games this year—all of which came at the off-guard position.

Not limelight type player, Tenika Smith is satisfied by just doing the so called little things that are needed to win.

She's collected 49 assists and 41 steals to go along with her 43 percent shooting from the field.

"They are both tremendous not only in ball games but in practice as well," Stephany Smith said.

With Sneed, the Lady Raiders have a quality second point guard to relieve Courtney Neeley. Sneed is also capable of playing the off-guard

position as well.

Like Tenika Smith, Sneed's relentless efforts often-time go unnoticed.

Neither Sneed nor Tenika Smith were honored for their everyday performances this year by the Ohio Valley Conference.

"This isn't an individual sport," Stephany Smith said. "It's a team sport."

When the Lady Raiders have Sneed at the point, they gain a little speed to the offense.

Although she averages just under five points per game, Sneed's high percentage shot selection coupled with her ability to find the open player—she tallied 73 assists—make her a

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Intramural basketball involvement increasing

Guest Column
WT Taylor
Intramurals Director



It's March Madness Time at MTSU Too!

As one contemplates "March Madness," it typically conjures up images of a player driving for the basket at Kentucky, North Carolina, Duke or UCLA. However, basketball is alive and well at MTSU too!

This is evidenced by the various levels of participation by our students. The student athletes who play at the Murphy Center are having a good year. Both the men's and women's teams won the first round of the OVC Tournament and advanced to the Nashville Arena for the second. Then the women's team won the OVC title.

Many other students are excited to watch not only MTSU's collegiate athletes but also their favorite players as the channel surf the cable networks.

While viewer excitement begins to build to February and comes with Spring to roar into the student's psyche, actual participation is often overlooked.

At the Rec Center, the basketball courts are busiest this time of year. One can drop by at noon and see increased "pick-up game" participation. Also, beginning at 3 p.m. or so, the courts that were silent in the early morning come to life.

Mark Owens, a Rec Center Facility Manager, sees evidence of this increase, first, as a regular player in the popular Tuesday and Friday noon pick-up game and, second, as an evening facility manager. He notices the crowds watching and waiting to play.

"These games have regulars year round," Mark says. "But more people come out this time of year." He goes on to say that by late afternoon, three or so courts will be packed with half and full-court games.

This would probably continue if it were not for organized student play in intramurals. Many on campus do not realize that MTSU had 88 BASKETBALL TEAMS THIS SPRING. Two are scholarship teams and 86 play just for the fun of it.

"At Alabama we had a few more IM teams, but we had a big Rec Center all five years of my undergrad there," John Huck, intramural graduate assistant, says.

"I think basketball will continue to grow now that students have six courts to play on. Even though the numbers aren't the same, the competition and intensity here is every bit as strong as BAMA."

As the IM Director, I agree with Mark and John. This is my fourth IM basketball season at MTSU. My first season, 1995, we had 56 teams which took up both courts of the AMG. Therefore, there were no pick-up games when Intramural games were

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Performer of the Week

Tenika Smith



Knoxville,
Tennessee
Senior
5'8"
Guard
2nd year
with team

Game: OVC Women's Basketball Tournament

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 24, thru Sunday, March 1

Outcome: OVC Champions and a bid for NCAA Tournament

Scenario: Throughout the Lady Raiders three tournament wins, Tenika Smith quietly amassed 25 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and dished out eight assists.

In the championship game against UT-Martin, Smith fought off several opponents, who all held more than a slight height advantage, in pulling down six of her boards.

The senior transfer from the University of Tennessee also stifled the Lady Raiders' OVC adversaries with her deadly pull-up jumpers from 10- to 15-feet away, throughout the weekend.

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Take the good with the bad

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Sports Editor



But, I tell you what, for all it's worth, I really respect the guy.

I admire the courage it takes to go out and play the position of point guard against top-rated teams like North Carolina and Kansas.

Throughout the year, fans at the Murphy Center have been fickle, at best, when it comes to Duncan.

If things are going good, they give all the credit to Aylton Tesch and Randy Wiel.

But when things aren't going so well—like during their four game losing streak—you can hear a few of them yelling to Wiel, "Get him out of there."

Turnovers are a part of basketball, no matter how great a team you're talking about. The Raiders could be up 20 points, commit a turnover and the crowd would be all over Duncan.

Come on, give the guy a break.

Still, Duncan kept his head up and did his job day in and day out. He was a consummate competitor to the very end.

A few weeks ago, he showed that he was more than just a player for Middle Tennessee.

After the Raiders lost a last-minute game to Eastern Kentucky, Duncan was the only Raider to come out and sit in front of what was left of the

Murphy Center crowd and talk about the game.

Despite what anyone may think about Richard Duncan and the fact that he sometimes lets his emotions get the best of him, Duncan is the best point guard the Raiders had this year.

More than that, Duncan deserved some recognition from the Ohio Valley Conference for his efforts.

Instead, Tesch was, as expected, named to the all-conference first-team and Freddie Martinez received honorable mention.

That was it. A team wins 19 games and the point guard, who started every game, goes unnoticed.

Who could blame the guy if he went around like Dangerfield saying, "I don't get no respect."

"People are booing, and it's not even Halloween."

That's right, it's not Halloween—it's March Madness and the Raiders are still hoping for that outside opportunity to get a bid to the NIT Tournament.

For Duncan, that bid would be chance to do what he's done all season—lead his team up and down the court.

Hopefully next year, when he returns for his senior season, Duncan will finally receive the respect he deserves.

challenge MTSU's teams. Tech and MTSU have split the title to date. Teams interested in signing up should do so by March 5.

No conversation about basketball would be complete without mentioning those student referees. Here are 30 or so hard-working students who go out four nights a week from 5 p.m. to closing and endure fatigue, low pay, fan abuse and player wrath—for the love of the game.

"This is the hardest job on campus. It was the same at Martin," says Marie

Hanselmann, IM intern from University of Tennessee at Martin. "When you're calling games of your peers, it is especially hard because someone has to win and someone loses. But all things considered, our refs get better as the season progresses and try really hard!"

Regardless of your status at MTSU, basketball fever is rising. You can root for the Raiders at the Arena, channel surf looking for Duke or visit the Rec Center any evening. This time of year March Madness is here!

the Lady Raiders depth and Stephany Smith's philosophy of rotating her players.

"This team is not a team that needs anyone to carry it," Stephany Smith said.

Needless to say, when it comes time to play their first-

round NCAA Tournament game, the seniors will be ready to go in more ways than one.

"They give a presence that will greatly be missed," Stephany Smith said. "I don't know if anyone else will see it, but I do."

the NCAA, the Raiders could possibly face Vanderbilt.

However, although Vanderbilt has a handful of losses, many of them were close games. This could set up a possible NIT match-up with Memphis and instead, Vanderbilt would earn an NCAA berth.

Many of the coaches in SEC believe UT is a lock to enter the big dance. The Raiders chance of going to the NIT becomes somewhat diminished if both Memphis and Vanderbilt also head in that same direction.

If UT, Memphis and Vanderbilt all earn NCAA bids

it doesn't mean the Raiders are out of the NIT, it just lessens the opportunity considering the tournament is tied so closely with being regionalized.

Those are just a few of the possibilities and until Sunday and Monday roll around nobody can be certain what the two selection committees have in store.

That is except for Blue Raider Athletic Director Lee Fowler. Fowler is one of nine members of the NCAA selection committee.

But then again, it's all part of the excitement surrounding March Madness.

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a constant offensive threat.

Sneed recorded those statistics despite playing just 23 minutes a game in light of

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According to Raiders head coach Randy Wiel, the NIT likes to keep their tournament selection very regionalized.

Wiel said that because the first-round is held on campus sites they like to keep teams in their respective areas in order to boost attendance.

Their are four teams in Tennessee that all have tournament possibilities: the Raiders, Memphis, UT and Vanderbilt.

A possible scenario would be that if Memphis and UT make

Hobbs ends coaching career

□ Paul Newberry/AP

ATLANTA—The first day of the Southeastern Conference tournament may be the last day of coaching for David Hobbs and Richard Williams.

Hobbs already knows that his six-year tenure at Alabama will end as soon as the Crimson Tide plays its final game. He was fired last month, though school officials allowed him to remain until the end of the year.

Williams, the coach at Mississippi State for 12 seasons, is hinting strongly that this will be his final season, too.

"I don't know what I'm going to do," Williams said Wednesday, a day before the Bulldogs (15-14, 4-12) opened the tournament against Georgia (15-13, 7-9). "At the conclusion of the season, I'm going to take some time to think about it."

Williams, 52, said his decision would be related more to reaching 30 years in the state education system—allowing him to qualify for full retirement benefits—than a disappointing season by the Bulldogs.

But it was clear that he's disturbed by where his program has fallen just two years after reaching the Final Four.

"I wasn't able to get this team to do what it has in the past—rebounding, playing defense, putting out maximum effort," Williams said. "Those are the traits this program was built on. I'm very frustrated that I wasn't able to get the team to do those things. It makes me wonder if I'm doing the right thing."

Hobbs was fired on Feb. 2, with Alabama finishing up a six-game losing streak, but the Crimson Tide (14-15, 6-10) has rebounded to win four of its last five games coming into Thursday's contest against Vanderbilt (18-11, 7-9).

Hobbs doesn't believe his team turned things around because it wanted to show his firing was a mistake. He had eight new players at the beginning of the season and said they simply needed time to blend together.

"It's taken awhile to get everyone on the same page," said Hobbs, whose team upset No. 16 Arkansas in the regular-season finale. "I think we're a somewhat dangerous team now because the guys are playing

hard and they're playing as one."

The other first-round games at the Georgia Dome, where the tournament begins a three-year run, are Tennessee (19-7, 9-7) vs. LSU (9-17, 2-14) and Auburn (15-12, 7-9) vs. Florida (13-13, 6-10). No. 7 Kentucky, the regular-season champion, doesn't play until Friday, along with No. 10 Mississippi, No. 15 South Carolina and Arkansas.

Though Kentucky (26-4, 14-2) has won five of the last six tournaments and clearly has the best team in the league again this year, the other coaches see a window of opportunity to break the Wildcats' post-season dominance.

"There's a lot of parity in the SEC," Georgia coach Ron Jirs said. "Certainly, Kentucky is the favorite...but I think it's wide open."

The four ranked teams, along with Tennessee, are thought to be assured of NCAA bids no matter how they fare in the tournament.

"I think three teams have a legitimate chance if they win two," Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said, referring to the Tigers, Vanderbilt and Georgia.

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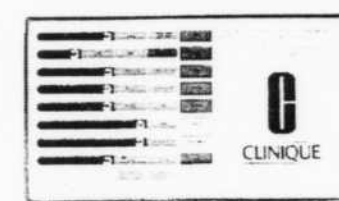
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