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Burnett elected ASB president

RUSTY GERBMAN
Interim News Editor

Todd Burnett ran away with 51-plus percent of the presidential votes in the Associated Student Body elections. "I felt confident I would win the election," said Burnett. "But I didn't think I would win the first day. I thought it would come down to a run-off."

Burnett won with 779 out of the 1443 votes cast. Kathy Harrigan had 580, while Read Ridley got 84 of the votes. The write-ins for ASB president were Vallie Stone with one vote, Jeff Madden with two and Walt Mack with four.

Along with Burnett, Shawn Burgess swept the elections for speaker of the senate with 1185 of the votes. There were three write-ins: James Davis with two votes, Bill Tatchen with one and Dough Halingworth with one.

The first thing Burgess said he would like to do in office is to try to put out a pamphlet with all the names of the senators and other members of the ASB. The pamphlet will have basic information about the members and where you can get in contact with them.

"I want to basically learn what I can and can not do, and set up my connection with administration," said Burgess. "I'm looking forward to serving the student body."

Speaker of the house was won by Derrick Ledford with 752 of the votes. Ledford was unavailable for comment. Toby Gilley had 576 of the votes, while James Robinson,

the only write-in candidate, had two.

The winning senior senators are Chantel Ferguson, 263; Linda Savage, 247; Melita Melson, 243; Kelly Short, 292; and James Key, seven.

The winning junior senators are Holly Smith, 271; Kevin Akins, 234; Stephen Patterson, 215; and Sonya Price, 1.

The winning sophomore senators are Cully Craig, 293; Sandy Hughes, 254; George Pimented, 216; Charles Tidball, 1; and Chad Bradford, 1.

The newly elected Burnett said his first act in office will be to go over the items listed on his campaign handbill. Burnett's proposed actions include looking into the parking problem by having legislation to increase Loop Drive (Peck Hall) and Bell Street parking.

Burnett also wants to bring attention to handicapped students' issues, including moving classroom numbers to eye level with a braille equivalent also displayed and re-searching a handicapped shuttle van.

Increasing security with the idea of installing emergency phone system and increasing the lighting are also issues addressed by the campaign handbill.

"I want to spend a couple of days on the sidewalks and ask people what they want us to do," Burnett said.

"I would like to thank everybody who supported me," Burnett said. ■



George L. Walker IV • Staff
Kathy Harrigan, a candidate for ASB president, campaigned yesterday in front of the library. Her competitor, Todd Burnette was declared the winner in the election after votes were counted last night.

MTSU not totally prepared for disaster

This is the first of a series on emergency preparedness at MTSU. Topics such as flooding and fire protection will be covered in future articles.

DENA MASH
Staff Writer

Did you ever think about what would happen if there were a fire on the upper floor of a residence hall?

What if your dorm was flooded by storm waters or a tornado raced through campus? Would campus officials be prepared to deal with these emergencies?

Currently MTSU does not have a comprehensive disaster plan to deal with such disasters, but it would take less than a year to complete the project, according to Don Young, a physician's assistant at Student Health Services.

"If I had the cooperation of various departments" and all the needed resources, a tabletop disaster/mass casualty plan could be formulated in six months, said Young, who served as chairman of a committee for mass casualty planning formed in 1986.

The committee has not met in close to two years and he was unable to "push" the planning because of his responsibilities at Health Services, Young said.

The plan was never completed because "people moved, and people changed positions" and because the computer system was about to undergo a complete change, Young said.

"It's impossible to tell where everyone is at all times," Young said. "Class enrollment changes from week to week."

"There is no special program" for the identification of student victims in the event of a disaster, "but all student records are on the computer," said Tom Burks, director of computer services.



Sandra Rennie • Staff
A car on campus becomes an island during a recent rainstorm. Is MTSU prepared to handle floods?

"Different departments have their own plans for emergencies," Young said. "We just haven't gotten it [a disaster plan] into any book."

"I was concerned when I arrived about a disaster plan," said Young, who taught disaster medicine in the military. "I wrote a disaster/mass casualty proposal."

The MTSU mass casualty planning committee first met in 1986, according to Young, who was also part of a disaster fact-finding committee for Rutherford County.

The MTSU committee members included Paul Cantrell, Baxter Cook, Dick Gould, Newell Moore, Gerald Parchment, Dianna Reeves, Ivan Shewmake, Bill Smotherman, Jim Staley and Jack Drugmand, according to a memo by Young.

Topics discussed by the committee included: evacuation, warnings, student identification and relocation, traffic control, location of hazardous chemicals on campus, blueprints

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Campus Capsule

Campus Capsule is a service provided by Sidelines for campus non-profit groups. If you have a notice that you would like to run in Campus Capsule, please bring a typewritten sheet with the information to our offices, James Union Building, room 310. Items must be received by Wednesday at noon for Thursday's paper and by Friday at 6 p.m. for Monday's paper. Inclusion is not guaranteed and is based on space available.

The Blue Raider Soccer Team meeting for the 1990 seasons will be March 8 at 5 p.m. in the Davis Science Building, room 121. All players from the fall season are required to attend and any interested full-time students are invited to attend. A women's team will be started if there is enough interest. For information, contact Coach Hodge at 898-2847.

The Heartlands' Worldport Student Organization will meet today at 3 p.m. in room 103 of the aerospace department, in the basement of the Alumni Gym. Everyone welcome.

A Japanese meeting will be March 5 at 4 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, room 307.

Attention all nursing students: Check your mailboxes if you are anticipating entering junior-level nursing courses in fall 1990 or in spring 1991. Please respond to memo regarding your proposed admission. If you do not receive a memo in your campus box or at your home address, please come by the nursing office (SAC, room 221) or call 898-2437.

Have a Talent for Trivia? The Sigma Club will hold its semi-annual Quiz Bowl, co-sponsored by Gamma Iota Sigma, March 12 and 13. For more information, contact Scotty Tucker at Box 543.

ARMS is also accepting tapes for Musicfest III, to be held April 12 and 13. Send tapes to ARMS, Box 625, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Nominations are being accepted for the MTSU Distinguished Research Award. For information, contact the MTSU Graduate Office.

Teacher Recruitment Week will be held at MTSU from Feb. 26 to March 2. Representatives will be here from schools all over Tennessee and from 14 states. For information, contact the Placement Office in the KUC, room 328.

Career Placement Orientation meetings for seniors and graduate students will be March 6 at 11 a.m., March 7 at 2 p.m. and March 8 at 3 p.m. Students should attend to register with the Placement Center and to participate in the campus interview program. For information, contact the Placement Office in the KUC, room 328.

A Study Skills Workshop, sponsored by Minority Affairs, will be March 1 at 6 p.m. in the KUC, room 316.

The Sigma Club will meet March 1 at 5 p.m. in the KUC, room 312.

The US Census Bureau will be looking for workers on campus Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m., and 1 and 6 p.m. in the KUC, room 314.

Phi Kappa Phi, the national honors fraternity, invites outstanding seniors to apply for nomination by the local chapter for graduate fellowships. If interested, please contact Dr. Fred S. Rolater, Peck Hall, room 279.

The International Culture Day planning committee is holding a contest to design a logo for brochures advertising the event. To enter, bring your design by International Student Services, Cope Building, room 202, by Feb. 29. Winners will be awarded \$25.

Campus Recreation has several upcoming events scheduled including a Appalachian Trail Backpacking Trip on March 18-23, a Kayak Skills Clinic April 3-8, a White Water Canoe Trip April 14-15 and an Ocoee Rafting Trip April 28-29. For more information, call the Campus Recreation Office at 898-2104.

An Al-Anon Family Group, Adult Children of Alcoholics will hold group support meetings every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the KUC, room 315. If you grew up in an alcoholic or chemically dependent family, come find serenity. For information, contact Thelma Schrader at MTSU P.O. Box 4084 or call Carole Carroll at 898-2519.

The Student Publications Committee is now accepting applications for
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Candidates must have a 2.5 GPA, must be full-time MTSU students this semester, and must enroll for at least nine hours of coursework in the fall semester.

Applications are available in Room 306 of the James Union Building. A transcript and three letters of recommendation are also required. Deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, March 9. For more information please call Jenny Tenpenny Crouch, Student Publications Coordinator, at MTSU ext. 2815.



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of buildings, emergency equipment, inspection of fire extinguishers, hydrants and detectors, communication and the use of WMOT as an information distributor, according to the minutes of a committee meeting.

The currently existing Rutherford County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which outlines disaster procedures, does include MTSU, Young said.

"There is no campus-wide warning signal in the event of a disaster to my knowledge," he said.

The Rutherford County EOP states that "a [county] warning system does not exist and . . . a public awareness program needs to be developed."

Health Services would not play a vital role in the treatment of disaster victims because of a lack of emergency equipment and lack of an emergency vehicle, according to Young.

"A large percent of injuries happen after a disaster" while debris is being removed, Young said. Students cannot be involved in rescue operations because of safety and legal considerations.

Middle Tennessee Medical Center, the Veterans Administration Medical Center and Smyrna Medical Center would be used to treat and house victims in a disaster, Young said.

"We have a disaster drill every six months," said Laura Sibik, a registered nurse at Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro. "Sometimes college students are hired to act as 'victims'."

There is an announced code for disasters that occur outside the hospital and different departments respond to the code in different ways, according to the hospital disaster manual.

MTSU security's role in a disaster would include a quick assessment of the situation by officers and contact of Rutherford County's Emergency Services Coordinator, Billy Travis, according to Director of Security Jack Drugmand.

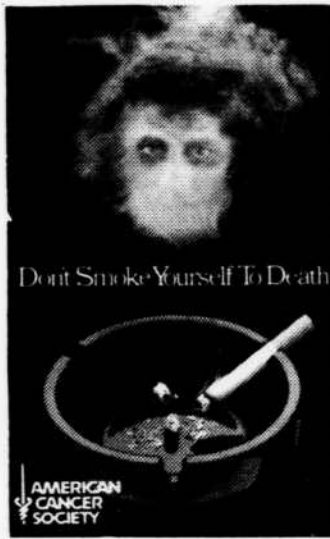
"Students should not call 911 from a campus phone because the origin of the call cannot be traced," Drugmand said.

"We're not unique," Drugmand said. "Other universities have the same problem. Our technology is not quite able to handle the enhanced 911 system."

A memo from the housing office was being prepared to inform students that they should call 2424 (campus security) instead of 911, Drugmand said.

There are currently no plans for future meetings of the MTSU disaster committee, said Young, but he "hopes they will meet again."

"It took a lot of effort to get this far," Young said. "A lot of research has been done," he added, but he had no secretaries or aides to help gather and prepare the information. ■



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OPINION

TSU students within rights to demonstrate

The scene of students atop the administration building of Tennessee State University last week was a memorable one.

It provoked images of mass demonstrations by students in the 1960s.

The students took these desperate measures because their horrendous living conditions were being overlooked.

Many people might feel that these measures were unnecessary, but after living in dorms with no hot water and leaky roofs, they felt their options were limited.

University President Otis Floyd refused to see the students after they were forcibly removed from the building late Wednesday night by police equipped with riot gear who outnumbered them by almost two to one.

Before making this episode seem greater than what it actually is, it must be stated that TSU has long been targeted for much needed improvements that have been long overlooked. Funds have been allocated for these improvements long ago, but hot water has yet to be restored.

This is not too much to ask.

The major problem that faces the students is a question of amnesty. Will the students involved in the sit-in be allowed to go unpunished or will the university see fit to give the students more problems in addition to their terrible living conditions?



What ever happened to progressive rock?

Charles Dudas

Guest Columnist

Whatever happened to the progressive in Progressive Rock?

There is an interesting trend that has been occurring that a person cannot help but notice and wonder about. Classic rock or "oldies" stations have turned up on the radio dial with increasing intensity, with some stations exclusively programming classic music. MTV, VH-1 and magazines inundate the viewer with offers of classic rock, freedom rock and other forms of rock nostalgia.

What does this mean? Classic rock is a great alternative to music listening, but what does this say about the state of the art of music the last few years? Is oldies rock simply filling a void created by a lack of new music talent in the industry today?

There are still innovative rock acts like Pink Floyd, Rush, U2, and REM producing interesting music, but on the other hand bands such as Dire Straits, Police, Yes and other progressive acts have chosen not to record again.

Recycled paper; a long-term investment

Don Cusic

Faculty Columnist

Now is the time for this University's administration to take a strong, positive step in the direction of recycling and environmentalism.

The University has been open to recycling — and many administrators have willingly cooperated with faculty member Pat Doyle as he has spearheaded recycling efforts on this campus. Administrators have also complied with the state mandate to recycle. But now these efforts must be taken a step further and the Administration must initiate

At first a person suspects that there isn't the talent there was before, but perhaps the real problem is the lack of a radio format that will play relatively unknown, unestablished bands. Stations seem too eager to play it safe by programming the 10 most popular songs of one artist or another over and over, rather than introducing a new act. This in turn causes what few acts that do get airplay on rock stations to copycat other safe, commercial bands who have achieved fame and fortune. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, sincerity is overflowing in today's rock industry.

Nashville radio was dealt a huge blow when the late, lamented WWRV (Rebel 100) died in 1988. This innovative station programmed progressive, non-commercial rock acts. Its only problem was that it was not owned by a company large enough to survive the inevitable lean period until rating revenue increases. Unfortunately 91-Rock and KDF's Nashville Tapes do not effectively satisfy enough by themselves.

It is hard to believe that there is not room for a progressive rock station in Nashville. If this is the case, think of the effect of this upon new acts desperately trying to achieve their own fame and fortune. ■

a policy.

This University purchases a great amount of paper. The Administration should make it a policy that it will only purchase recycled paper.

Recycling is at a critical junction right now. Many people are recycling and there is a growing number of collection centers. But there is a glut on the market of paper — the supply is much greater than the demand.

In order for recycling to be successful, we must find ways to make it profitable in order for businesses to enthusiastically participate. At this time, businesses are not jumping into the recycled paper business because the market is too soft. Recycled paper costs more money, and major buyers, such as state agencies and universities, are

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unwilling to make it a policy to purchase recycled paper, so their is a lack of real incentive for businesses to invest.

The University will probably point at this column and quickly counter, "But we must accept the lowest bid." In

other words, because we are tax supported, we must always buy whatever is cheapest.

This view is terribly short-range and accepts a flawed point of view; namely, this move to recycled paper should not be viewed as another "expense," but rather as an investment.

Also, if recycled paper finds a significant market, then the price will surely go down and, in the long-term, it should be competitive with other paper. Thus an investment in recycled paper now by the University will, in the long term, pay off in terms of price and cost — always the chief concerns — as well as for the environment.

Let me also add that there are a number of other products made from recycled materials — everything from parking blocks to pencil holders. If this University wants to make a major, significant contribution to the environmental cause — and with Earth Day approaching there is no better time — then it will develop and initiate a policy to purchase recycled products whenever possible.

Please don't can your aluminum

Ann Smith

Students for Environmental Action

Why should we recycle? What's one more aluminum can?

The production of one aluminum can uses the same amount of energy that your television consumes during your favorite three-hour prime-time lineup — that's a lot of energy from one can!

When you drop that can into the garbage, you can bet it'll be in your neighborhood landfill for the next 500 years or so.

Today, people are becoming more aware of the fragile environment around them, but the problems seem so numerous. It's easy to just throw up your hands and say, "It's too much for me!" But here's an easy, simple thing you can do to make a difference in your own world: recycle your aluminum cans. You'll cut down on garbage, reduce

pollution, save energy, slow the mining of raw materials, and maybe even get that warm feeling all over from being so environmentally aware.

And remember: cans are not the only recyclable material. Many types of aluminum are reusable, including aluminum foil, pie plates, frozen food trays, even window frames and siding.

It takes 95 percent less energy to produce a can from recycled aluminum than from raw material, so many businesses are paying people money for their potential trash. MTSU uses this money to fund scholarships.

In various buildings on campus you will find tall cardboard boxes that will receive your used aluminum cans, and they're usually not that far away from the familiar garbage receptacles. So stop throwing away energy and money; drop your used cans in the recycling boxes!

(For more information on recycling any materials, call Mid-Tenn Metals, 895-7909.)

Letters to the Editor

Bookstore should stay open Saturdays

To the Editor:

I cringed upon reading the article in the Feb. 26 edition of *Sidelines* which stated that "Phillips Bookstore may no longer be open on Saturdays."

I could taste the bile rising as I bit my tongue to suppress a scream of utter futility.

What next?

I graduate in May, so this decision will not have much

effect on my life, but it will affect other students. I have been at MTSU since January 1986, literally, at MTSU. I do not go home on the weekends, as my parents have lived as many as 5000 miles away.

Only periodically have I had use of an automobile. I do not have a local bank account; Phillips Bookstore has been about the only place I can cash a check.

Now, I am doing my student teaching, and I cannot easily get to campus before the bookstore closes. Saturday

is the only convenient time for me to buy art supplies,

school stuff, cash a check, etc...

As much of our money Phillips Bookstore receives, they should feel obligated to serve the student body, a minority if not the majority. We get shafted when we buy our books, and also when we try to sell them back.

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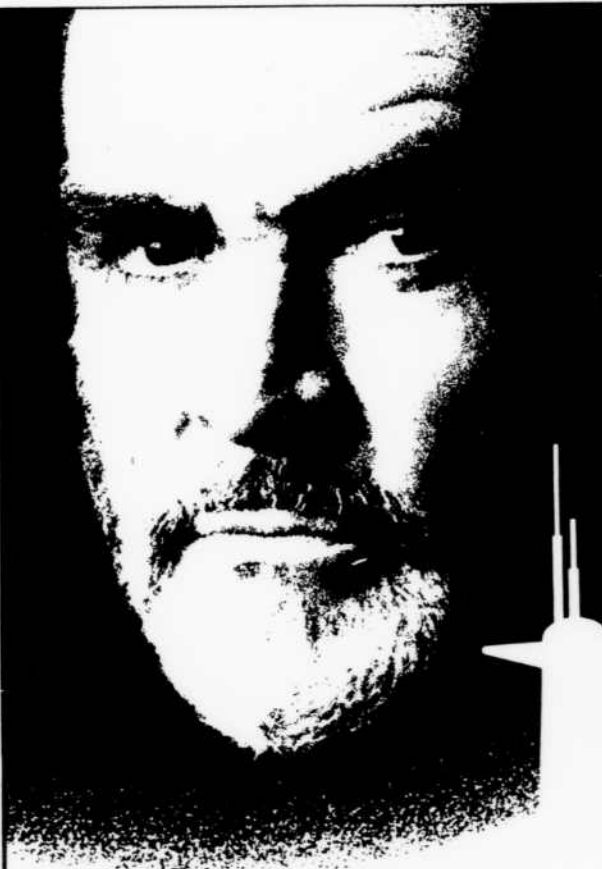


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FEATURES

'Blue Knight' prepares for college chess tournament

CHARLES DUDAS

Staff Writer

Chess is not merely an idle amusement; several very valuable qualities of the mind, useful in the course of human life, are to be acquired and strengthened by it: for life is a kind of chess, in which we often have points to gain, and competitors to contend with, and in which there is a vast variety of good and ill events that are, in some degree, the effect of prudence, or of the want of it. And this we may learn by playing at chess.

— Benjamin Franklin

It could be said that this is the credo of the Blue Knights Chess Club. Mark Cobb, president and founder of the Knights, explains, "I started playing serious chess last semester. I began playing with my friends and beat them, so I was motivated to start a chess club."

Cobb, a senior majoring in early childhood education and Spanish, has become so skillful at the game that he won the MTSU recreation department class tournament in January. It was this same determination that led him to found the Blue Knights last semester.

Cobb is currently gearing up for the Associated College International Union Tournament that will begin tomorrow at Memphis State University. In this tournament, players are required to make 40 moves in 90 minutes. Once this is accomplished, the game is won in the next 30 minutes.

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Mark Cobb, president and founder of the Blue Knights chess club at MTSU, practices for the Associated College

International Union Tournament, which begins tomorrow at Memphis State University.

Jennifer D. West • Staff

Karate club members earn awards



Bruce B. Newland • Staff

Members of the Bushido Karate Club of MTSU: back row (from left) Reggie Barnette, Bruce Curry,

From Staff Reports

Two members of the Bushido Karate Club of MTSU were among the top finishers in David Deaton's Southern American Challenge Karate Tournament held in Nashville on Feb. 24.

Lori Sullivan, competing in her first tournament, took home the third place trophy in Kumite (fighting) in the women's yellow-blue belt division. Reggie Barnette placed fourth in the men's white belt division in fighting.

The tournament is one of the largest of the year and the competition is tough. Other club members who participated are Jack Carter, Bruce Curry and Erika West.

Jack Carter and Steve Holt, president and instructor; front row (from left) Dixie Dunn and Lori Sullivan.

The Karate Club also had several members compete in the Winter Wado Festival Tournament held in Springfield, Tenn. Dixie Dunn, competing in the women's yellow-blue belt division, placed second in Kata (forms) competition and second in fighting. Jack Carter placed third in fighting in the men's yellow-blue belt division.

Anyone interested in joining the Karate Club should come work out with the club at Bill Taylor's Bushido School of Karate (located at 1820 N.W. Broad Street) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

No experience is needed and any MTSU student is welcome. For more information, call 893-6003. ■

Display of winning art to open with reception

DENA MASH

Staff Writer

"Currentworks '90," an exhibit of new work by award winners from MTSU's tenth Crafts Triennial will open Monday, March 5 with a reception in the Art Barn Gallery from 4 to 6 p.m.

The show will run through March 30 and will include works from artists around the country.

Exhibitors include two metal artists, two clay artists and one fiber artist.

Winners were selected from slides sent to three judges from the MTSU art department. Professor Klaus Kallenberger judged the metal art, associate professor Janet Higgins judged fiber and associate professor Marisa Mecchia selected the clay winners.

Kallenberger notes that two fiber exhibitors are usually included, but one of the winners was not available for this showing.

Paul Epple of Minnesota and Larry Davis of Texas both work in clay. Epple works with broken shards of porcelain to form randomly colored vessels and platters.

Davis' work is influenced by his experiences in the desert of Western Utah and is primarily sculpture, according to Kallenberger.

Jane Meyer and Ernestine R. Green, both of California, produce wearable metal art-like jewelry, notes Kallenberger.

Meyer's creations of titanium, nylon, auto body paint and other industrial materials are described as "wearable sculptures," while Green's metal and stone works are like "mini sculptures and collages."

Kallenberger describes the works of fiber artist Mary Snyder Behrens as more like colorful wall hangings.

"It's hard for new artists to build a reputation," notes Kallenberger. "Hopefully, this show will give them a chance."

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit is free and open to the public. ■

'Affairs' a taut drama; 'Stella' misses the mark

BRIAN WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

It may seem like actor Andy Garcia's (*The Untouchables* and *Black Rain*) status as a rising star has made a bounding leap upward thanks to a smooth and stylish stare.

However, it's Richard Gere's performance as the antagonist that makes *Internal Affairs* an effective taut drama.

Putting aside a slow start (which is necessary to introduce the main characters), *Affairs* centers on an internal affairs officer for the police department (Garcia) investigating the vicious murder of the partner of a corrupt cop (Gere).

Vicious may be the best word to describe this movie until its predictable ending. It's Gere's performance that really sticks out. His character is so well played that you may hate him. The story hits you from the minute the investigation begins, for it is mainly one-on-one with the two leads taking blows at each other from the first time they meet. It may be best to say that *Internal Affairs* works best when it gets personal. Grade: B.

Stella, based on the novel *Stella Dallas*, can be a case of giving a movie a complete overhaul in an attempt to make it better than the book and bring the plot into the 90s.

Bette Midler is entertaining as the lead character, a wisecracking independent bartender. John Goodman delivers a helping hand as Stella's best friend. Stephen Collins also stars as the affluent father of Midler's child with Marsha Mason as his fiancée. Trini Alvarado stars as Stella's daughter, Jenny, who is the centerpiece of the two hour drama about their special bond of friendship that goes beyond a mother-daughter relationship.

Overall: Robert Getchell's screenplay is very uneven under the direction of John Erman. From the movie's slow start to its touching (almost overtouching) ending, the performances keep the plot going — only in spurts anyway. *Stella* does have potential, but it should be much better with the cast than what is seen on film. Grade: C. ■

Seminar showcases black music

CHARLES DUDAS
Staff Writer

Gospel and blues aficionados as well as those interested in learning more about cultural music gathered Tuesday in the Learning Resources Center as the Center for Popular Music presented "Musicians and Songsters: A Seminar on Black Music in the South."

Director Paul Wells notes that the seminar was presented as part of Black History Month "to showcase early forms of black music in the scheme of music history."

Wells opened the seminar with a lecture on black fiddling. This little known art was called "frolicking" and was played at dances for black and white audiences alike. Slaves learned the fiddle from whites on the plantations. Soon after this, the banjo was added to complement the fiddle. This was one of the first exchanges between black and white music culture that eventually led to modern blues-based music.

The next presentation was on gospel quartet singing, conducted by Doug Seroff, a researcher of Afro-American and black gospel music. Jefferson County, Ala. was researched and was found to be an area rich in gospel music heritage. Seroff discovered and researched the Sterling Jubilees, one of the oldest active gospel acts in America. Also in the area was a younger gospel quartet called the Sunlights and soon the two groups were playing together and learning from each other. Seroff noted that he hopes to bring the Sunlights to MTSU soon.

The story of W.B. "Hop" Hopkins was brought to light by Dr. Laura Jarmon, of the MTSU department of English. Jarmon met Hopkins, a neighbor of her grandparents, in Haywood County, Tenn. Early in his career, Hopkins played the blues, but later changed to gospel music because



Bruce B. Newland, Jr. Staff

Dr. Laura Jarmon of the MTSU English department presents the story of W.B. "Hop" Hopkins during a seminar on Tuesday on black music in the South.

of his conversion to Christianity. Hopkins sang about his concern of self and church and about his conversion.

To conclude the program, Dr. Charles Wolfe, also from the English department, told the legend of Huddie Ledbetter, better known as "Leadbelly." This Louisiana musician left the South and headed north where he impressed audiences with his blues concerts. For many people, "Leadbelly" provided their first exposure to southern blues. Wolfe explained that he hopes to write a definitive biography on the life of "Leadbelly."

As a surprise, Ledbetter's niece and her granddaughters were present at the program. ■

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From Staff Reports

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The evening will also include a buffet and a Greenpeace lecture, as well as guest speakers between musical acts.

The idea for the benefit was originated by two MTSU students, Jennifer Van Gelder and Whitt Hubner, both Recording Industry Management majors.

The goal of the concert is to raise money for Greenpeace as well as to educate and increase awareness about the Earth's environmental state. All profits will go to Greenpeace, with the majority of funds going to the chapter in Nashville.

Sponsors for the event include Turtle's, A Slice of Life, Chesney's, Encore Printing, Red Lobster and Kroger. ■

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Cobb explains that he plans to play his computer in preparation for the tournament. "It helps me to stay in the habit of being careful."

Whether or not he wins, Cobb is no sorry loser. "Even though I may lose one of three games I play, sometimes the most enjoyable is the game I lose, because an easy win is no challenge."

Currently, one of the club's main goals is to find a person to become their U.S. Chess Federation director, so the club can hold an official MTSU Chess Open. All chess tournament play is controlled by USCF rules.

What types of people enjoy chess? According to Cobb, there are no certain characteristics. "We try to get rid of the stereotype image," he claims. "No one stands around smoking a pipe."

Often in their meetings, the Blue Knights enjoy playing a variation of traditional chess called speed chess, where the pace of the game is quickened by shorter time limits. This results in a faster eye and feel for the chess match.

"Chess is a great game," says Cobb. "It is really aggressive, but we still can be polite with each other."

The Blue Knights meet every Thursday at 6 p.m. in room 314 of the KUC. ■

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Freshman duo impressing many

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

It could be that freshmen Julie Morrison and Tricia Sisson are in the wrong business.

Perhaps Morrison, who plays point guard for the MTSU Lady Raiders, should consider becoming a sniper. After all, the Union City sharpshooter is averaging 11.3 points per game for MTSU, and has led the Lady Raiders in scoring in three games this season.

Perhaps Sisson should consider becoming a rugby player, a bouncer or a professional wrestler. Although the Franklin, Tenn. native averaging only 1.1 points per game, she is perhaps the strongest and hardest-hitting Lady Raider on the team. Just ask Austin Peay's Kim Markus, who was flattened by Sisson in a perfectly-executed pick during a game earlier this season.

Like most athletes, Morrison and Sisson started out sports early.

As a five-year old, Morrison chased basketballs for a

neighbor who used to shoot in a backyard court. The Kentucky native also played with the Frogtown Flyers, a boy's basketball team, as a youngster.

Sisson also began her sports career at age five.

"I wanted to play soccer," said the freshman. "I thought it [soccer] was hockey, though. So when I was five years old, I thought I was getting into hockey."

Regardless of what she thought she was getting into, the 5-9 guard has produced. Sisson was an All-American soccer player at Franklin high school, where she also played basketball.

Morrison played for a high school basketball team that, during her junior and senior years, made the state tournament.

"I was real fortunate to experience a state tournament," said Morrison, referring to the transition from prep to college ball. "Coming to play in college is an experience. It's an accomplishment."

"It's an honor to be playing college ball," agreed Sisson.



Bruce B. Newland, Jr. • Staff

MTSU Lady Raiders Julie Morrison, at left, and Tricia Sisson

son. "But we got here through hard work and determination."

Interestingly, Morrison and Sisson are not only teammates, but roommates as well.

"When I came here, I didn't know a soul on campus," said Morrison. "Coach [Bivens] asked me if I had a roommate preference."

"He said he had a

freshman coming in, and asked me if I'd like to room with her. He thought we'd work out well together."

Indeed the two have worked out well together, on the court as well as in

the dorm. Morrison leads the Lady Raiders in steals with 31.

Although Sisson has tallied only 10 steals on the

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Western Kentucky drops ball; MTSU drops Western Kentucky

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

It ain't over 'til it's over.

So said Yogi Berra, the famous New York Mets catcher of the 1950s. So said MTSU coach Steve Peterson yesterday after defeating the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers 9-8.

"It was a heck of a game," said Peterson. "They played very solid. We're very fortunate to win."

Leading 8-5 going into the bottom of the ninth inning, the Hilltoppers needed only to retire MTSU right fielder Darius Gash, second baseman Darryl Steakley and left fielder Corey Watkins to tally the win.

Gash hit the ball one foot forward of home plate and twenty feet straight up into the air. WKU catcher Doug Darnall, pitcher Neil Corley and third baseman Chris Turner all claimed the pop-

up. The ball fell harmlessly to the turf off of Turner's glove in the confusion however, and Gash reached base safely.

WKU second baseman Wilfred Brown had a chance to put Steakley away when the MTSU senior popped up just right of first base. Brown dropped the ball, and Steakley got another chance.

The 5-10 senior doubled to center field, sending Gash to third. Watkins also doubled, sending Steakley to third and sending Gash home. Enter MTSU catcher Jay Owens.

Owens, who had gone 1-4 and struck out twice on the day, was perhaps the most unlikely candidate to deliver an MTSU win. So much for statistics.

Owens took the first delivery from Corley, and sent it over the left field wall. Owens' three-run homer

provided the winning edge for the Raiders.

The Blue Raiders took a 3-0 lead in the first inning thanks to a disastrous performance by Western pitcher Brian Walsh. Although Walsh allowed only two hits, he walked four Blue Raiders, including two for runs. Walsh also dealt a wild pitch that scored Gash.

Behind the leadership of relief hurler Ken Edenfield, WKU battled back, tying the score at three in the fourth. MTSU answered in its half of the inning with a two-run homer by Steakley, and the Blue Raiders took a 5-3 lead.

Western tied the lead again in the sixth, and took their final lead of the game in the eighth.

The Raiders will meet Western again tomorrow in Bowling Green. Game time is scheduled for 2 p.m. ■



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TSU's Mike Severance (20) scores during the first inning of yesterday's game as Western Kentucky's Doug Darnall (22) looks on.

Indians scalp Blue Raiders

TONY J. ARNOLD
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU Blue Raiders rode into Jonesboro, Ark. Monday evening with a five-game winning streak.

The Arkansas State Indians however, were not in a friendly mood, and scalped the Raiders 93-89.

The Indians put the Raiders down early in the contest with an opening 14-4 run. MTSU's only points came from free throws by sophomore Quincy Vance.

The Raiders battled back, taking their first lead of the game with 15:26 left in the first half. A Gerald Harris steal and layup sparked MTSU into rolling off a 17-2 run and taking a 23-16 advantage with 12 minutes remaining in the half.

Tough defensive work inside the paint by Vance and crackerjack sharpshooting outside by freshman Robert Taylor resulted in the Raiders taking a 54-41 margin into the halftime locker room.

Vance and Taylor scored 14 points each in the period and the Raiders shot 50 per-

cent from the field. At the charity line, MTSU toed the line 26 times, making good on 23 shots for 89 percent.

The Raiders were outscored 18-6 in the opening five minutes of the second half, but managed to cling to a slim 60-59 lead. ASU proceeded to overrun MTSU and reclaim the lead behind the play of a mammoth trio of upperclassmen: 6-6, 220-pound junior Dewayne McCray; 7-5, 280-pound senior Al Bannister and 6-9, 260-pound senior Greg Williams.

McCray led the Indians in the second half with 18 points. Bannister scored eight, including a short jumper with 12:07 left to give the Indians a 65-64 lead.

Williams took control inside the paint, muscling in 10 of ASU's next 18 points and giving them an 85-74 lead with 4:00 minutes left.

Williams went on to finish with a team-high 19 points and game-high nine rebounds.

"Their big guys down low made the difference," said

Raider head coach Bruce Stewart. "Fatigue set in and their strength took control".

Taylor finished the game with top scoring honors. The Memphis freshman scored 27 points on the night, including seven three-pointers, a new MTSU record.

"Robert's been doing a good job coming off the bench," said Stewart. "He's coming in focused and playing his role."

In other excitement, MTSU's Mike Buck tossed in a fifty-foot-plus three-pointer from the ASU free throw line with no time left for his only points of the night.

The Blue Raiders enter sudden-death play Saturday evening when they travel to Richmond, Ky. to play the Eastern Kentucky Colonels in the first round of the OVC tournament. The winner of the game advances to the OVC semifinals in Murray, Ky. next week.

Tip off time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. CST. ■

Kentucky too much for MTSU

TONY J. ARNOLD
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Cats of Kentucky toyed with the Lady Raiders en route to handing MTSU a 72-56 defeat Tuesday in Lexington.

MTSU could muster only three points in the opening five minutes of the first half, while UK scored 15 points in the same period of time. MTSU finally awoke, responding with a 12-2 run to cut the Kentucky lead to 17-15 with 9:05 remaining in the half.

UK pushed the lead to 13 as they entered the locker room with a 35-22 lead.

"We weren't playing consistent," said Raider Head Coach Lewis Bivens. "They

did a good job applying pressure, and they drove the ball in on us."

After being held scoreless in the opening half, MTSU's "sleeping beauty" Stephanie Capley awoke and went on a tear, putting the Raiders back in the ballgame.

Capley's third three pointer cut the lead to 43-35 at the 15:25 mark. She finished the contest with a game-high 21 points.

"She has these moments when she goes into hibernation," said Bivens of Capley's play. "She woke up at halftime."

"I was trying in the first half but I couldn't get the ball in," said Capley. "In the second half, it clicked in."

The Raiders played stubborn basketball for the remainder of the half. The Lady Raiders cut the lead to ten on several occasions and even cut it to eight

when freshman Kristi Brown nailed a three pointer with 7:33 remaining.

However, the Lady Cats stood their ground behind the play of Vanessa Foster Sutton. Sutton scored 13 points and grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds.

Capley was the only Lady Raider to score in double figures. Gipson finished with 10 rebounds. ■

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season, an analysis of team statistics reveals that Sisson steals the ball from opponents faster than any other Lady Raider. On the average, Sisson has stolen a roundball every 16.3 minutes of playing time.

According to Morrison, playing ball for the Lady Raiders had not been all fun and glory, however.

"You have to be so much more mentally tough in college," said the 5-8 freshman. "There's no time to relax while you're out there on the floor because you're playing with the best."

"It's a kind of rude awakening at first, getting out there, but after a while you settle into it."

Because of the relative youth of this year's squad, Morrison and Sisson are enjoying a greater amount of playing time than normally accorded freshmen.

"It's really exciting," said Morrison. "There was a little nervousness at first, but I've settled down a lot."

Although Morrison has started 26 of MTSU's 27 games, Sisson has not started this season. According to her roommate, however, Sisson fulfills a different type of role for the Lady Raiders.

"I admire Tricia," said Morrison. "She's got to be ready to come in whenever Coach needs her."

"I was really nervous at first," said Sisson about playing for MTSU. "You have to work so much harder in college than high school. I've gotten over my nervousness now, though."

MTSU started the season with a record of 4-11 and a conference record of 0-3. In their last 10 games, the Lady Raiders have gone 7-3, moved from last to third place in the OVC with a record of 7-5 and secured a spot in the conference's post-season tournament.

"We just didn't work together at first," said Sisson. "We're playing better together as a team now."

"We're showing more patience," added Morrison. "At first, it was just a bunch of individuals out there. It came together at a good time."

Indeed, the Lady Raiders square off against the Murray State Lady Racers in the first round of the OVC tournament. The Lady Raiders will take on Murray at 6 p.m. Monday in Tennessee Tech's Eblen Center.

If MTSU wins, they may once more be faced with

the task of defeating archrival Tennessee Tech on Tech's home court. In any event, a win Monday would guarantee them a shot at the OVC crown.

Basketball aside, both Morrison and Sisson have mixed thoughts about their respective futures.

Although Sisson has had thoughts about law school, she is unsure of which academic program she would like to study in, and has not yet declared a major.

Morrison is majoring in corporate fitness.

"I want to do something where I'm active," said the freshman point guard. "I can't see myself sitting behind a desk."

"I'm going to be rich," said Sisson, flashing a smile. "Seriously, I want a large family. And I'm going to be successful at whatever I do."

In all likelihood, Morrison and Sisson will not end up as snipers or wrestlers. But whether or not they go into law and fitness respectively, one thing is for certain: if they continue as they have started out, they will remain both active and successful. ■

Lady Raiders open at home, Blue Raiders travel to Shorter

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady and Blue Raider tennis teams will be in action this weekend at home and on the road, respectively.

The Lady Raider tennis team opens the 1990 season Saturday at home against Ball State.

"Our girls are looking very strong," said MTSU coach Sandra Neal. "We've been practicing since January, and we're very anxious to get the season started."

The starting lineup for the Lady Raiders features South African natives Lorinda Weiss, Kelli Williamson and Yael Soresman in the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 singles positions respectively.

Senior Lynn Dillard, freshman Angie Leake and sophomore Katrina Beuchler round out the singles lineup for MTSU.

In doubles action, Weiss teams up with Soresman, Williams teams up with Leake and Dillard teams up with Beuchler in No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 doubles respectively.

"They're working real hard," said Neal. "We're strong all the way through, and they're very coachable. I feel like we'll have a chance to do well."

According to Neal, Austin Peay is the team to beat in the OVC race this year. Peay returns all but one member of last year's OVC-championship team.

In men's tennis, coach Dale Short and his Blue Raiders hit the road Friday for Rome, Ga., where they will take the court against Shorter College.

"They're one of the top NAIA teams in the country," said Short. "They take

pride in their tennis program."

Shorter's Dominic Botnik, one of the top players in the nation at the NAIA level, won at MTSU's fall classic.

"They don't get many chances to play Division I teams," said Short. "They're pretty pumped up. They'll be ready for us."

"The top four positions will be tough. I think we'll win down the line, though."

"Craig Haslam is playing great tennis right now, as well as Johan Franzen. But if we're not mentally prepared, they're going to give us problems."

The Lady Raiders will take to the Murphy Center tennis courts against Ball State Saturday at 10 a.m. The Blue Raiders square off against Shorter Friday at 2 p.m. ■

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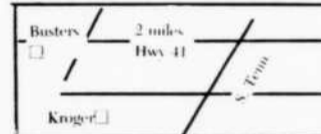
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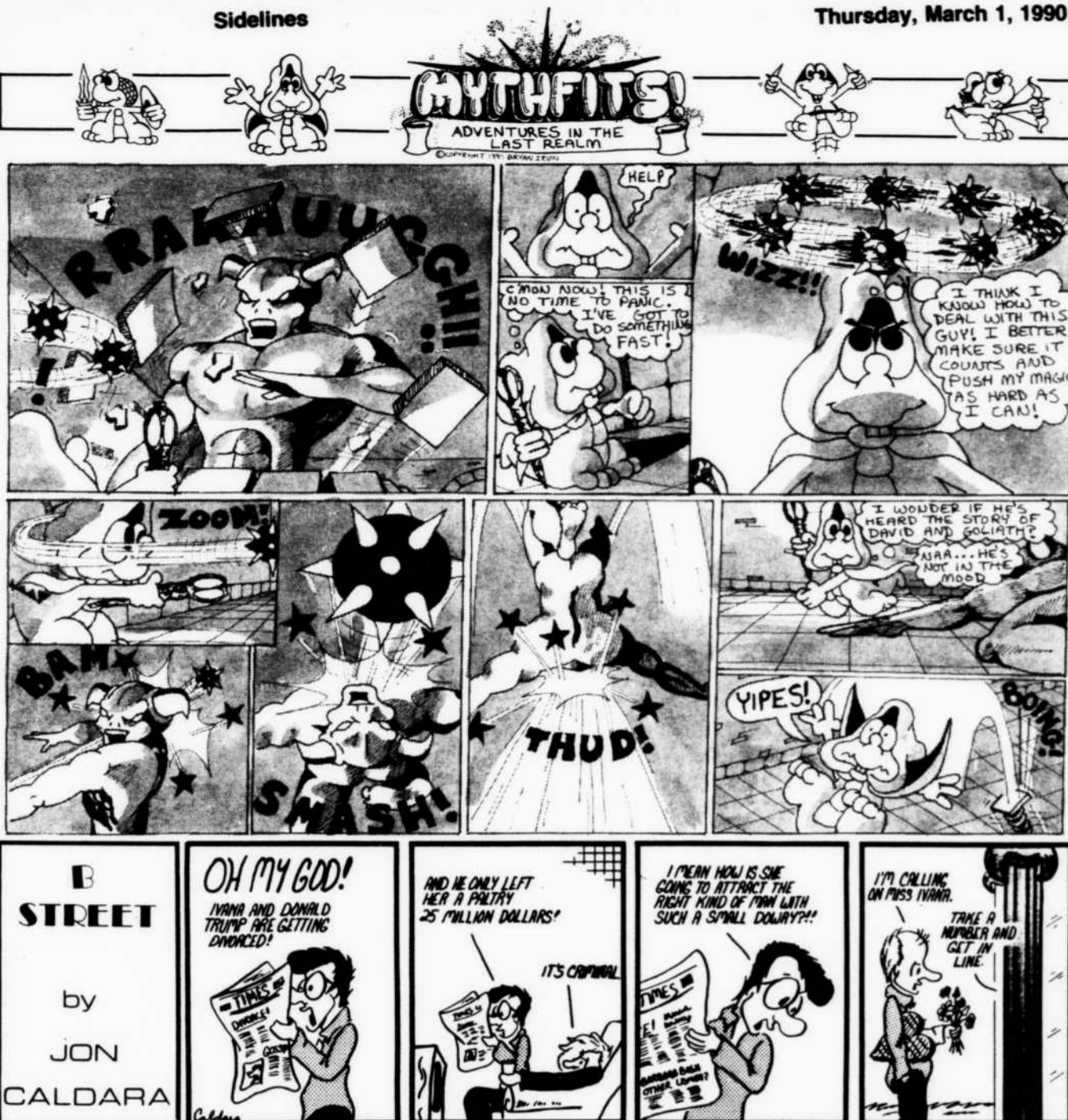
PERSONALS

Nels. Don't worry about it, we'll find a way to work it out! We've got something too special to let it go.

JUST FRIENDS? Yeah, yeah, whatever you say. For now.

Yo Michelle P., stop "tying" and "wearing out" those young boys at your *Lair of Lust*. Get your tail to your Intro to MP class.

Hey world! Willie and Julio, the World Tour begins. But they ain't playin' "SUNCITY".



B
STREET

by

JON

CALDARA

OH MY GOD!

IVANA AND DONALD TRUMP ARE GETTING DIVORCED!



AND HE ONLY LEFT HER A PALTRY 25 MILLION DOLLARS!



I MEAN HOW IS SHE GOING TO ATTRACT THE RIGHT KIND OF MAN WITH SUCH A SMALL DOWRY?!!



I'M CALLING ON PUSS IVANA.



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Research award deadline nears

HEATHER FUCHS
Special to Sidelines

Nominations for the MTSU Distinguished Research Award are being accepted by the Committee on Faculty Research at the MTSU graduate school office no later than March 5.

To be eligible for the award, research submissions should meet at least two of the following criteria: (1) originality, (2) advancement, (3) recognition and (4) currency (which means research must have been done while employed at MTSU and either worked on or completed within the last five years).

The award, the only one offered by the graduate school, is designed to reflect major breakthroughs, but generally represents the "combined products of systematic programs of research," according to Mary Martin, dean of the graduate school.

All full-time faculty members are eligible for nomination, except previous recipients.

The winner will be awarded \$1000.

For more information, call the graduate school at 898-2040. ■

Correction

Bruce Thomsen, a co-writer in the project which received a NARAS award which was reported in Monday's issue, was inadvertently left out of the story. *Sidelines* regrets the error.