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## In the News

### Student given scholarship

Denise Singleton, a senior insurance student at MTSU, recently received a \$750 scholarship from Mrs. Mary Jane Allen based on her grade point average, leadership skills and interest in insurance as a career. Mrs. Allen and her family and friends have contributed more than \$40,000 over the past four years to the MTSU Foundation's Arthur H. Allen Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. The late Mr. Allen was an executive with State Farm Insurance in Murfreesboro.

### Stults scholarship awarded

Sophomore graphic design major Marcelyn M. Preheim of Antioch is the recipient of the \$1,000 Douglas Stults Memorial Scholarship for spring 1998.

The scholarship is awarded in the spring and fall semesters. To qualify for the scholarship, students must have worked in the media, have a minimum of a 2.7 GPA, and must have completed a minimum of 24 hours. Applicants must also complete an essay on a topic selected by the committee.

### Federal party embraces life

On Jan. 18, William K. Shearer, National Committee Chairman of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, issued an invitation to all pro-life Republicans to join the U.S. Taxpayers Party (USTP) and participate in, "America's only consistent pro-life political party."

### Frats fight alcohol misuse

Today, the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC)—representing 66 international men's college fraternities with 400,000 students in 5,500 chapters on 800 campuses in the United States and Canada—has added its weight to the campaign to stop the misuse of alcohol by undergraduates.

### Honors lectures begin

The honors lecture series, which features some of the university's top professors speaking on controversial issues, begins on Monday, Jan. 26. The theme for the series this semester is "People, Ideas, and Events that changed the World." The first professor to speak will be Ted Sherman from the English department.

### Summer jobs have arrived

The MTSU placement center presents this year's summer job fair. A multitude of diverse employers will be here to discuss internships and employment opportunities with students. The job fair is Wednesday Jan. 28 at the Keathley University Center in rooms 322 and 324 between 1 and 4 p.m.

### Raiders set new record

All previous basketball attendance records were broken at last Saturday's game against Tennessee State University. That night 10,729 people were present at the men's game which featured a laser half-time show to introduce the new mascot and logo.

## Students react to new mascot



Lightning, MTSU's first official mascot, makes his debut during Saturday's halftime show. Some students expressed dissatisfaction with the winged horse.

## Faculty receives salary adjustment

□ Jamie Evans/staff

The faculty of MTSU has been rewarded with a \$35,597-per-year intra-departmental salary increase.

A total of 14 faculty from seven different departments received salary raises ranging from \$900 to \$6,000 a year, with the majority getting about \$2,000 more.

The purpose of these increases was to bring faculty who were under MTSU internal standards up to where they should be. The raises were determined by comparing faculty to others with the same experience, in the same rank and in the same discipline, according to Christian Haseleau, president of the faculty senate.

The money was set aside by Vice President for Academic Affairs Barbara Haskew because, according to Haseleau, it was known this type of action was going to be needed at some time.

Haseleau also said this is the first time something of this nature has happened, because no mechanism for this type of thing had existed. Now that there is a mechanism, it is possible to do this again in the future, pending more funds.

"This was salary adjustments within a department—an equity between faculty of the same rank and same years experience within a discipline," Haseleau said. "It had nothing to do with the market salaries adjustment."

Haseleau was referring to the plan to adjust all of the university faculty to the average salary rates of other institutions similar MTSU.

"The majority of faculty with greater than 20 years experience have salaries below the market average," Marion Wells of the biology department said.

The academic affairs office is trying desperately to devise a way to

raise faculty salaries to the market average but is finding it difficult to develop a plan agreeable to all of the faculty.

"How do you predict what someone should be paid," Haseleau said.

According to Haskew, other Tennessee universities like the University of Tennessee, Knoxville have the same problem with their salary comparisons, and the lack of funding from the state is the main cause.

Haskew said that more state funding is not only needed, it is required if the salaries are to be increased to 100 percent of the market average, because no matter how you "cut the pie" the university still only has so much money to allocate to the faculty.

Adding to the problem, the state of Georgia is attracting a lot of prime Tennessee professors because it has more state funds to use and can afford to pay higher salaries to its faculty compared to Tennessee.

The salary equity study was initiated by President James Walker in 1993 when he hired William M. Mercer Incorporated to evaluate how MTSU faculty salaries compare to other peer institutions. The conclusion from the final report was that MTSU faculty generally earn less.

As a result of the report, two adjustments were made, one in 1993 and another in 1995.

A debate arose among the faculty as to how the information was calculated, and since then there have been a few revisions to the model to try to resolve the issues.

Currently, MTSU faculty are at 92 percent of the market average. However, this means that all faculty at the 92 percent mark or higher have received no adjustments to their salary.



□ Jamie Evans/staff

The new athletic logo and mascot were released at last Saturday night's basketball game against Tennessee State University and if attendance—which broke all previous records—means anything, the anticipation around the event was extremely high.

But now after the dust from all the hoopla has settled, some students are not happy with all of the changes.

"I think the new mascot looks like Ole Blue with a lightning bolt up his ass," senior criminal justice major Scott Davis said. "The presentation and the light show were great, but it was ruined when that thing came out."

This seems to be the general feeling across campus, according to Jason Reid, speaker of the house for the Student Government Association who also sat on the committee for the new mascot and logo development.

"[The new mascot] is agreeable, but it's not what I would have picked," Reid said. "Everyone I've talked to loves the logo, but they are not as excited about the mascot."

Reid also said that he likes the new logo, but it is going to take a while to get used to not having Ole Blue around.

Another problem arising from the logo and mascot is that Phillips Bookstore has exclusive rights to the new athletic merchandise for a seven day period.

"They can set prices at whatever

they want," Davis said.

Earl Harris, director of Phillips Bookstore, said that most of their markups are not as high as other places selling similar products. For example, Harris said that a jacket at Phillips Bookstore might cost \$60 where at Vanderbilt, the same type of jacket might cost \$85.

"I think on this type of thing, people are not going to pay higher than they think it is worth," He said

Originally, Harris wanted Phillips Bookstore to have the merchandise exclusively for three months, because it was a new university logo and they were the university store. However, MTSU only gave the store seven days.

"We felt we could do a better job of displaying the new logo than anybody else could," Harris said

General Manager of Blue Raider Book and Supply Darrell Isabell said that even though he was not supposed to start selling the merchandise until after seven days, he put the products out on the shelf last Monday anyway.

He also said Blue Raider Book and Supply does not have a full line of products yet, but does have things such as T-shirts, hats and other wearables which he is already selling.

Harris was not happy about this though.

"They should [stop selling the merchandise]," he said. "That's what the agreement was and they knew it."

The entire logo and mascot project cost \$77,000 excluding the cost of producing the new merchandise. \$11,000 of this went to the design and production of the Lightning costume.

## Reaching for Miss MTSU



Leslie Miller performs a ballet to "A Song for Mama" by Boyz II Men at the Miss MTSU pageant Friday night, Jan. 16.

## Former governor in emergency landing

□ Associated Press

An airplane carrying former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and three other people made an emergency landing Wednesday after part of his airplane's landing gear failed to deploy.

No one aboard the private, five-seat plane was injured when the plane landed on just two of its three wheels at 4:22 p.m. EST at Richmond International Airport, said airport spokeswoman Jacki Page.

During the flight, the crew heard a banging sound in the rear of the Beachcraft Baron and discovered the landing gear would not deploy, said Stephanie Holt, a spokeswoman for

Martinair Inc., which owned the plane.

The plane was headed to Georgetown, Del., and was diverted to Richmond when the problem was discovered. The airplane circled the airport to burn off fuel, then came in for the landing. After touching down, it spun off the runway into a muddy, grassy area.

"We spun out doing 50 or 60 mph. It was an exciting ride," a smiling Alexander said as he was brought from the plane across the airport to Martinair terminal.

"I guess I'm glad to have done it, but I'm glad I don't have to do it again," he said. "We're fine, but the

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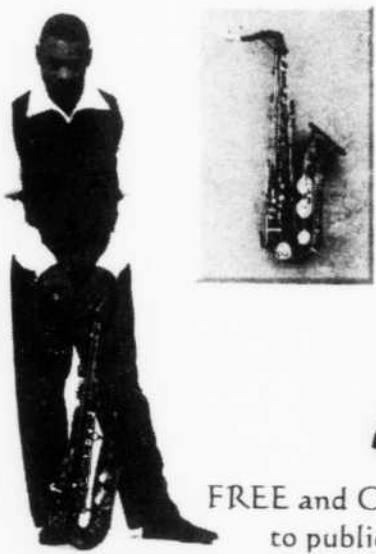


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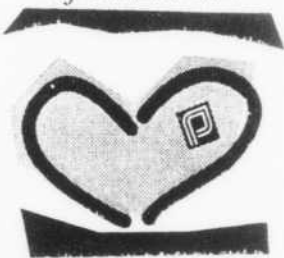
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Jan 22  
June Anderson Women's Center invites everyone to Earth Centered Spirituality from 3-4:30 p.m. Call 898-2193 to register.

Jan. 27  
Golden Key National Honor Society will have a group business meeting at 6 p.m. in KUC 312. Everyone is invited to the meeting and pizza. For more information contact Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116.

The MTSU College Democrats are looking forward to an enthusiastic crowd at their first meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Room 309 where they will look into the excitement of the upcoming election year. For more information contact Pam Arnold at 898-4534.

The MTSU Men's and Women's Rugby Club will practice every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 for

men, 6:00 for women, at the intramural fields between Cummings Hall and the Mass Comm. Building. Everyone is invited to join in, no experience needed. Men can call William Maddux at 848-1820 and women can call Nicole Wallace at 898-4511 for more information.

Jan 28  
Sigma Tau Delta will sponsor a Writer's Workshop at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 108. For more information contact Sarah K. Lisle at 898-4985.

For fun, fellowships, friendship and free food join fellow students every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Student Fellowship House, 615 N. Tenn. Blvd. The non-programmed style with real-life issues and real-life people is open to everyone. For more information contact Rich Zeigler at 893-1787.

Feb. 7  
University School of Nashville will host Summer Opportunities Day, where students can learn more about summer experiences, from noon to 4 p.m. Representatives from more than 75 local and national programs will be available to describe their programs in academics, fine and performing arts, sports and wilderness adventures among others. For more information contact Marte Beaty at 327-8158.

March 10-12  
Any students expecting to graduate in May are required to take the ACT-COMP test. On these dates, students may choose to take the test at 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. All tests will be held in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. No pre-registration is necessary. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. For more information contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.



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# Gore visits Tennessee flood victims

□ Associated Press

Vice President Al Gore toured parts of flood-ravaged Carter County on Wednesday, promising federal aid to victims will be expedited.

"Some disasters have a special impact and an unusual character that really calls out for extra attention and I felt like this was one of them," Gore told reporters after walking through a neighborhood where homes had been destroyed.

Gore, accompanied by U.S. Energy Secretary Federico Pena and U.S. Reps. Bill Jenkins, R-Tenn., and Bart Gordon and Harold Ford Jr., both D-Tenn., spoke privately with relatives of the seven people who died in the flooding.

"They told me that they were very moved and extremely grateful for the support this community has given them," he said.

Gore also visited Cloudland Elementary School, which has been closed since torrential rains and melting snow sent the Doe River over its banks Jan. 7-8. Hundreds were left homeless and damage was pegged at \$5.4 million.

"I'm here to reaffirm what the president and I said a week ago—that the entire country

still stands with Carter County and the community of Roan Mountain in making certain that these families get back on their feet as soon as possible," Gore said.

Last week, President Clinton declared Carter, Cumberland, Jackson and Johnson counties major disaster areas, making them eligible for federal grants and loans.

Gore announced \$43 million in Housing and Urban Development grants are being made available to Tennessee to aid flood victims and other across the state. The money had been earmarked for release in July.

Gore arrived at Tri-Cities Regional Airport in Blountville aboard Air Force II. He took a helicopter to survey the flood area, then visited the school and walked through the Crabtree Road neighborhood of Roan Mountain.

Gore paused in front of one destroyed home that had its wall washed away. "Oh my goodness, look at that," he said.

"I think the pictures conveyed through the news media don't convey the sense you get right on the scene," Gore said later.

The houses knocked off foundations, trailers wrapped

around trees and possessions still stuck in mud "really drives home the human impact," he said.

At Cloudland, white paper snowflakes still hung on the school's windows, but destroyed furniture and books were piled in front.

Gore put on gloves and scraped mud from a bookshelf, commenting on what a "long, slow job" it is to get the school cleaned up so it can reopen.

After about four hours in northeast Tennessee, Gore flew to Oak Ridge, where he planned to visit the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Speculation was that he would announce Clinton administration support for the proposed \$1.3 billion Spallation Neutron Source research project.

The key element in the project is an advanced-design particle accelerator for studying the structure and characteristics of materials. Officials say it could attract scientists from around the world.

The project could generate 460 primary jobs and 1,750 secondary jobs during the six years of construction, and about 250 permanent jobs and another 1,640 in the business community once it is running, supporters say.

## Man pleads guilty of theft by collecting fake donations

□ Associated Press

A Mountain City man who posed as a church official collecting money for flood victims has been ordered to spend a year in jail.

Mitchell Hayter, 40, pleaded guilty Tuesday to theft charges. Carter County General Sessions Judge Richard Gray gave him the maximum sentence, including a \$1,000 fine.

Flooding killed seven people in Carter County earlier this month and left hundreds of homes destroyed or damaged.

Authorities said Hayter posed as a church treasurer or minister to collect donations for victims of flooding and then used the money himself. He got two businesses to make out \$50 checks to him rather than the church he claimed to represent.

## Hitting the note



Celeste Castillo/staff  
Karen Fowler sings an opera selection during the Miss MTSU scholarship pageant Friday, Jan. 16.

### ALEXANDER

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plane was pretty messed up."

Alexander and aide Brian Kennedy of Nashville were flying to Delaware where Alexander was to deliver a speech to a Republican group. The plane took off from Washington, but was diverted to Richmond for a landing because that is where the charter air service is based.

Alexander said he and Kennedy planned to continue their trip to Delaware.

Alexander, 57, a

Republican, was governor of Tennessee from 1979 to 1987. He then was the president of the University of Tennessee from 1988 to 1991, when he left to become U.S. secretary of education in the Bush administration until 1993.

He ran for president in 1996 but won no primaries and dropped out early in the primary season.

Alexander was a White House aide in 1969-70 in the Nixon administration.

## Housing help sought for people leaving welfare

□ Associated Press

President Clinton's upcoming budget will seek \$1.3 billion over five years to help welfare recipients live where the jobs are, administration officials said Wednesday. At the same time, officials released figures showing the welfare rolls below 10 million families for the first time since 1971.

The housing money is part of a modest set of welfare proposals Clinton will present

to Congress next month. The president also wants to restore legal immigrants' food stamp benefits that were cut in the 1996 welfare overhaul law, and he has proposed spending \$100 million per year to help welfare recipients travel to jobs.

The housing money is meant to help people on welfare—or those who recently left the rolls—find affordable housing that is closer to jobs. About two-thirds of the new jobs are being created in the

suburbs, but three-quarters of welfare recipients live in cities or rural areas.

"It rewards men and women who are willing to work hard to climb out of poverty under their own power," Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo said in a statement.

Under the five-year plan, communities would compete for 50,000 housing vouchers each year. People on welfare—or those who have left the rolls in

the last year—could use the vouchers to move across town or to another city or state, as long as housing assistance is essential to getting or keeping a job.

Clinton will ask for \$283 million for the next fiscal year, with about \$300 million in each of the next four years. Using a voucher, a family would pay a maximum of 30 percent of its income for housing it finds on its own; the government would pick up the rest.

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## Editorials

### Abortion still a hot topic

Today marks the 25th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling in Roe vs. Wade. In that ruling the high court held that women have a constitutional right to have an abortion.

Sunday "The Pro-Life Rally and March for Pastors and Concerned Citizens" will take place on East Main Street near the square.

Two coffins will be carried in memory of the 35 million fetuses aborted since the Roe vs. Wade ruling and the mothers who have had to deal with their decision.

The march is sponsored by the Rutherford County and MTSU chapters of Rights to Life and will begin at 2 p.m.

While this is a controversial issue that seems to have no absolute, correct answer, it would be unwise for the US Federal System to make abortion illegal.

First off, laws do not prevent, they merely provide punishment after the fact.

Look at drug use in America. No matter how many laws are passed in a prevention effort, drugs will continue to be a problem until the topic is approached in a sensible manner.

Rape, domestic violence, prostitution, even cable theft is against the law and all are done on a daily basis.

Consider, if car production were made illegal would it cease? Of course it would not. When objects or procedures become illegal they go directly to the "black market." And who wants to find that their very own daughter was found dead at the hands of a non-licensed "doctor" whose only medical tool was a coat hanger.

Most would agree that rape victims and AIDS patients have a legitimate concern when considering abortion. The only sensible answer when including all individuals involved is to place parameter guides on abortions relating to individual circumstances.

And although that proposal is not a "right" answer, it is better than providing no guidance at all—whether it is in the form of an absurd law or through allowing anyone, at any time, to have an abortion.

Whether the consensus is pro-life or pro-choice, the US should not make abortion illegal. No one promotes teen-age sex, but sensible parents realize that it is going to happen.

The smart approach is to educate children and work with them, not make statutes that drive them away from the home.



## Can Lightning spark Learning Center?

**Carolyn Hopper**  
associate  
professor of  
dev. studies



Lightning has struck MTSU in more than athletics. We are experiencing unmatched growth in all areas of the university. We are now the second-largest university in Tennessee. Capital improvements are apparent all over campus from the new library to the Business and Aerospace building to the Student Recreation Center. MTSU students' ACT scores are higher than the state and national norms. We have nationally recognized programs and award-winning faculty. In short, we provide quality faculty in quality facilities to quality students. However, we are not offering our students enough to offset our growing pains. Our graduation rate is an abysmal 38 percent!

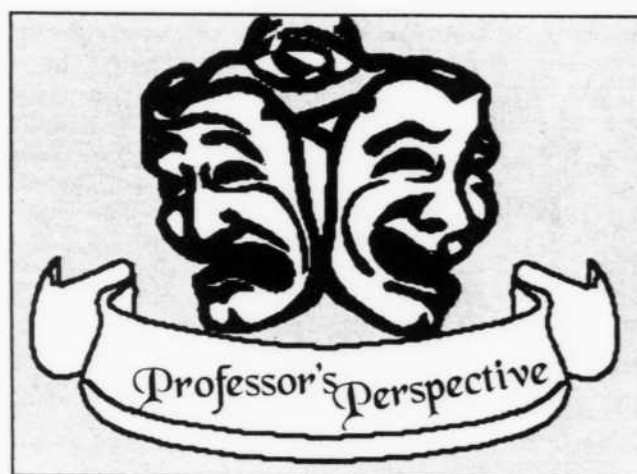
Being a successful university student is not something that just happens. No matter how intelligent, the average student may have little practice in some essential skills needed to be successful. Being a successful student involves more than intelligence. The successful student must be an expert in time management, in stress management, in critical thinking, in problem solving, in goal setting, in balancing finances, in memory and information processing techniques and in reading comprehension. In addition, students are required to make intelligent decisions or declare majors often when they don't even know what the choices are. Going to classes is just one aspect of being a successful student. As one of my students last semester put it, "Going to college is not a summer job in an ice cream store." While the university excels in academics, we may be failing in adequately meeting the needs of many students.

If I begin a new job, I expect my new employer to make an investment in my success. In order to be a productive employee, I need to understand the mission of the company and my roll in fulfilling that mission. I need all aspects of my duties explained to me. And I expect training and mentoring in areas in which I lack expertise. When a student enrolls in the university, his job is that of being a student. The university has responded to expanded enrollment by expanding student services; however, the very nature of our growth has fragmented many of these services across campus. Many times the services are hidden in the only pocket of space

that was currently available. The university, as a whole, has shown positive initiatives by providing custom orientation for freshmen and transfers, by offering University 101 courses, by making tremendous efforts to keep up with technology—providing students with e-mail and computer access and establishing the Office of Information Technology, by providing advisors for each college, by supporting the Women's Center and the Adult Service Center, and by expanding Disabled Student Services. There are segments of the student population who are targeted for additional student success services. Developmental Studies students have academic advisors and a study skills (student success) course as well as writing, math and reading labs. Student athletes receive similar services. Honors students have a Living and Learning Center residence hall. Many departments offer tutoring, labs, workshops and other services essential to student success. For the most part, these services are so scattered that unless students are at the right place at the right time, they may graduate before they know what help was available. Even as a faculty member who tries to keep informed, very often I don't know what services are available to students.

These pockets of help available to some students should be available to all students, and centralization is necessary. There needs to be a clearing house of services offered to students. Students have a limited amount of time and resources. The amount of time it takes to find help often defeats the purpose of finding help at all. And I don't think it is a matter of students not asking the right questions; if I have never been in this situation before, I may not know what questions to ask. I may not even know I have a problem that can be solved. Doesn't everyone have trouble concentrating while reading? Doesn't everyone have trouble with essay tests? Doesn't everyone stay up all night before a test? How can I ask where to get a mentor, if I don't know a mentoring program exists?

What I would like to see on MTSU's campus is a centralized Learning and Advising Center. I know what I propose is expensive. We do not have the funding, the space or the personnel for such a center. However, if we don't dream about solutions to problems, if we don't conceptualize possibilities, our dreams will never become realities. So let me share with you the concept of a Learning/Advising Center. The concept of a learning assistance center formulated by Frank Christ at Long Beach State is a reality on many campuses.



A Learning/Advising Center could first of all serve as a clearing house for all student services by providing information about the nature of or location of services or by making appropriate referrals if the service was not available "in house." It would serve to clarify the demands of this job of being a college student by providing information about what is expected and helping students understand policies and regulations. The learning center would provide programs that teach skills and maximize the learning potential and academic performance of students and enable students to apply those skills to actual classroom instruction. Learning skills workshops on subjects such as time management, study/reading, listening/note taking, term paper writing, preparing for and taking exams and improving memory skills could be offered. Referrals could be made to student workshops such as the those currently offered by OIT on using the internet or the library's orientation workshop. Advising and guidance on goal setting, career decision making, and selecting a major should be available. The learning center could provide tutoring in all general studies courses on a drop-in basis and arrange for tutoring in more specialized areas. It could house a supplementary instruction program and a coordinator for collaborative learning efforts. It should house services for disabled students and ESL students. It should provide multi-media delivery systems for learning. It would provide faculty with services and resources for improving teaching and augmenting classroom instruction and laboratory experience for teaching training. Wouldn't it be wonderful not to go all over campus seeking answers about financial aid, a student I.D. or a parking permit?

As I have said, the university is responding. I recently discovered that when Cummings Hall is refurbished, it will become a Living and Learning Center residence hall with many services available to the freshmen who will live there. If the university is interested in student retention and in students' getting the best education possible and in increasing the percentage of students who graduate, if we are to become "the" University of Middle Tennessee, consideration should be given to a centralized Learning/Advising Center. In the meantime each one of us should think about what we would like our ideal learning center to house and what services it could provide. If lightning can strike athletics, it can strike student services.

### Got a gripe? Let us hear about it.



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Mood swings, anxiety, stress often mistaken for depression

Glenda Morrison/CPS

What might seem like 'another bad day' to stressed out students could be subtle signs of something more serious - depression. "People can get depressed any time of the year," said Neal Newman, psychologist with the Ohio State Counseling and Consultation Service. Depression comes from many sources including pressures from home and school, he said. Stress, though, is often misidentified as depression. Mood swings, anxiety or grief are all specific conditions college students may experience.

"[Depression is] a fairly over-used label," said Charles Klink, associate director of the counseling center.

"Each person may show symptoms in their own special way," Newman said. There are behavioral, cognitive and physiological indicators students can use to identify depression, he said. For example a student may notice a change in appetite, sleep pattern or consistently low self esteem.

If a student gets a bad grade and mopes around for a few days that is not necessarily depression, Newman said.

"If it persists for three weeks or more, you could be in a depression."

Students can receive help for depression through the university's counseling center.

Each counselor handles depression differently, Newman said. Physicians initially identify and determine the source of stress, he said. Counselors and students can then work on problem-solving techniques.

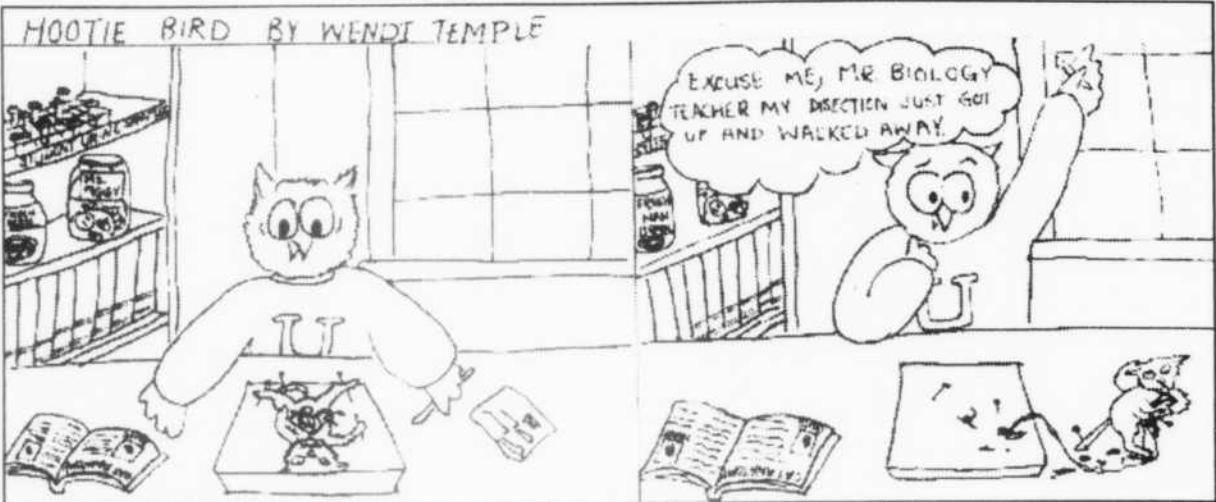
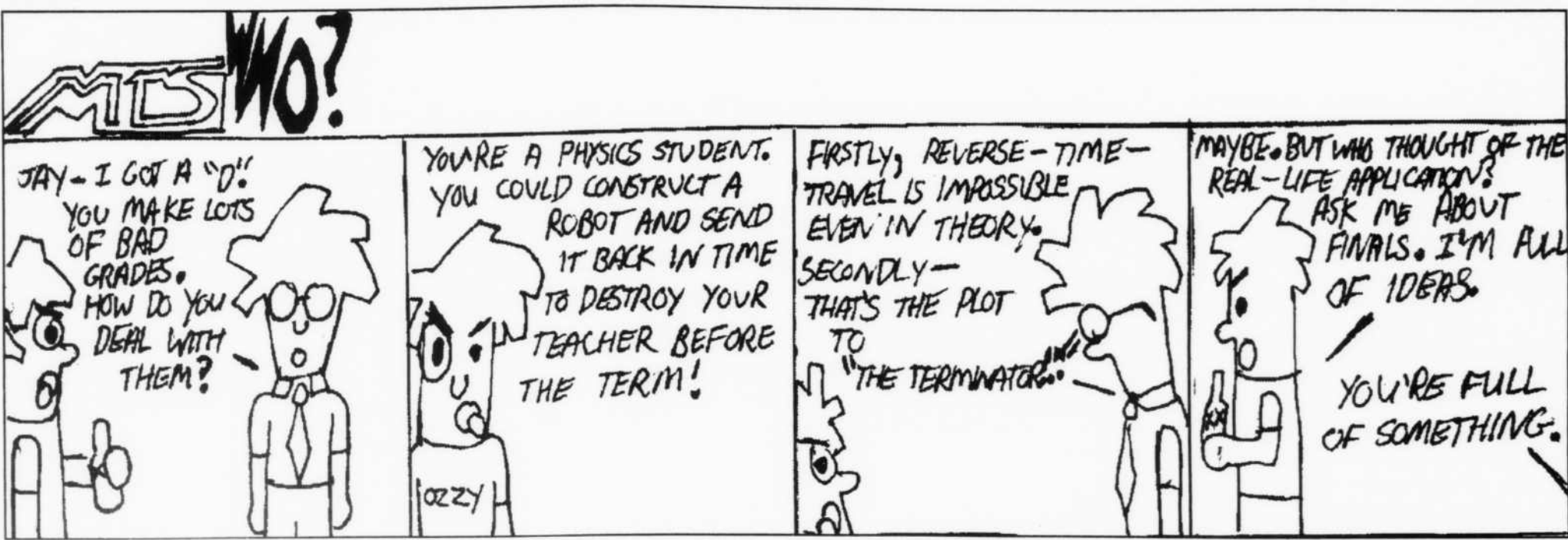
"Not everyone is depressed the same way," he said.

Statistics show that depression is more common in women than men, Klink said.

This fact may be misleading though, said Klink, because women are more likely to seek treatment.

Students who notice signs of depression in friends should encourage them to see a professional to properly diagnose and treat the problem, Newman said.

"Say what you're noticing, but don't assume you know what it means," he said. Many times students are just busy or distracted and not depressed.



UC to spend \$7 million to increase minority attendance

Sarah Lubman/CPS

The University of California is poised to spend \$7 million in new funding on efforts to increase the number of underrepresented minority students this year, university officials said Thursday.

At a meeting of the university's governing board of regents Thursday, UC President Richard Atkinson said he was adding \$2 million to university spending on outreach programs. Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed budget includes an additional \$5 million, bringing the total amount of new funding for outreach this year to \$7 million.

The state's top public higher-education system is expanding its recruitment and preparation of African-American and Latino students now that UC policy and state law bars the consideration of race in admissions. The programs target schools rather than individual students in order to comply with Proposition 209, the anti-affirmative action initiative approved. But the news wasn't all rosy. Even as UC officials exulted over the new money from Sacramento, they were scrambling to stave off new decreases as well: Wilson's budget also includes a proposed \$12.2 million cut for teacher-training programs that have been part of the university's broader outreach efforts for 20 years.

"It's disappointing these programs have been eliminated in the budget," University of California President Richard Atkinson told the regents.

Karl Pister, a retired UC chancellor who is overseeing the university's ambitious drive to double total outreach spending over the next five years, said UC plans to discuss the proposed cut with Wilson's office and hopes to reverse it. The cut would halt UC programs that

train teachers from around the state in nine school subjects ranging from writing to math. The programs are designed to improve the teaching of common subjects that California public-school students must learn in order to eventually become eligible for both UC and the California State University system. About half of the \$12.2 million flows to CSU from UC.

Some UC officials said the teacher-training programs were cut because they became embroiled in a philosophical fight at the state level over how to teach math in public schools. Wilson administration officials denied it, saying that the funding will be cut because the teacher-training programs don't conform to newly-adapted math and English standards for public-school students.

The programs that were cut, said Glee Johnson, undersecretary of the governor's office of child development, "don't match with anything in particular .... We need someone to teach to the standards which the state has adopted."

Separately, a committee of the regents Thursday approved a five percent fee cut for resident undergraduate students, essentially rubber-stamping a law passed by the state Legislature and signed by Wilson last year. The committee also voted to raise fees for all

out-of-state students by four percent, or \$400 per student, despite strong objections from one trustee.

Regent David Lee, a Silicon Valley businessman, urged his colleagues to put off the out-of-state fee raise, which would affect foreign graduate and undergraduate students.

"We educate not just the state but the nation and worldwide," Lee said, citing his own experience. As an immigrant from Taiwan in the 1950s, Lee said, he couldn't afford the non-resident fees at UC-Berkeley and went to school in Montana instead. But the committee voted against Lee. The full board is expected to approve both the in-state fee cut and the out-of-state fee hike Friday.

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### Thursday, January 22

The Lipscomb University Landiss Series presents a discussion of Martin Luther and the Bible, led by Richard Marius at 7:30 in Swang Center Room 108. The campus is located at 3901 Granny White Pike in Nashville.

Stacy Mitchhart & Blues U Can Use plays the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

Kentucky Thunder featuring Etta Britt, Sheila Lawrence, Jonell Mosser and Vicki Caricco plays the 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 9 p.m.

Mixt Company Bluegrass Band with David Blood play the Station Inn.

### Friday, January 23

Dale Ann Bradley and Coon Creek play the Station Inn.

Mike Griffin and the Unknown Blues Band play the 3rd and Lindsley Bar and Grill at 10 p.m.

Tim Krekel and the Groovebillys with special guests play 328 Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

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### Saturday, January 24

Crop Circle Hoax, Glossary, Garage Sale, The Most and Katies play Lucy's Record Store in Nashville. The show will begin at 8 p.m. \$5 cover.

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Roland White and the New Kentucky Colonels and David Grier plays the Station Inn at 402 12th Ave. South in Nashville.

Hal Ramer play the 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 8 p.m. Jimmy Hall and the Prisoners of Love play at 10 p.m.

Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction play 328 Performance Hall at 9 p.m. 18 and over.

### Sunday, January 25

Nashville Sunday Night will be at 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill.

A Bluegrass jam will be held at J.T. Gray's Station Inn in Nashville.

Stacy Mitchhart & Blues U Can Use plays the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

### Monday, January 26

Celinda Pink and the Unchained Band play the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 8:30 p.m. till 1:30 a.m. \$5 cover.

# Angelou searches for rainbows

□ Susan McMahan/staff

The Austin Peay State University Dunn Center was probably more crowded last Friday than it ever had been before and as a result the library was probably more crowded the next day with students looking for rainbows in the clouds.

The crowd was due to a special appearance by Maya Angelou, who encouraged students from Austin Peay and all other universities attending to realize a university library is a valuable resource.

"In your library, there are elements, there are rainbows and they are there for all young people," she encouraged.

Angelou walked out singing to the audience, which was unusual for a woman renowned for her poetry, books and plays.

"When it looks like the sun wasn't going to shine anymore, I became a rainbow in the clouds," Angelou sang.

She spent the evening telling her enchanted listeners how they could also be rainbows in the clouds. She focused in on one rainbow, Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday was Jan. 15, one day before her speech.

"I'm sorry to say that a number of people think of Reverend King as if he were larger than life and that's very dangerous, I think, because it separates him and his life from young men and young women," she announced.

King has been made out to be too big and too un-human, she declared.

"Then the young people say 'I could never be like that,'" she said. "And so they remove themselves because he has been removed."

Everyone has the possibility of becoming a rainbow in the clouds like King did, Angelou said. This can be accomplished by helping someone who "might not look like you, maybe not from your neighborhood, possibly not from your church, not from your race."

"Each one of us really can light the way for somebody," she continued.

Angelou, who many people remember from the poem "On the Pulse of the Morning" which she read at Bill Clinton's 1993 Inauguration, told the crowd that poetry was a

rainbow in the clouds.

"You need to know that somebody was there before you. Somebody was lonely before you, called out her name before you, ignored before you, considered invisible before you," she explained.

Angelou, who was raped at age seven and didn't speak from ages seven to 13, turned to books and poetry during her time of silence.

"I'm going to use African-American poetry tonight," she laughed. "You knew I would. I believe African-American poetry is a rainbow in the clouds."

Angelou recited works from many famous African-American poets, including her own and that of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, her favorite poet, who wrote "Little Brown Baby" and "Negro Love Song" in 1892.

"It could have been written last week for Queen Latifa or L.L. Cool and the Gang," she joked.

She used another poem, also written last century, as an example to show African-Americans are capable romance: "The black man said, 'The woman I love is fat,'" Angelou recited. "And chocolate to the bone/ And every time she shakes/ Some skinny woman loses her home."

She read poetry about love, romance and the bonds between fathers and children. She disputed stereotypes about African-American people, like white people make love and black people have sex and black men aren't good fathers.

"I think it is time to reintroduce romance that does not lead necessarily to sex, but does lead to sensuality and grace," she declared.

She reminded listeners while talking about poetry that black people arrived in America in 1619, which was "one year before the Mayflower docked. We have been here that long. We are still the last hired, still the first fired."

"Today, our numbers are 50 million, and that's a conservative estimate," she joked. "I know people who swear there are 50 million black people in the Baptist church."

Angelou, who was raised by her grandmother in Arkansas, recalled her grandmother always being asked to



photo provided

Poet Maya Angelou spoke last week at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville.

sing in church, but not ever doing it until no one else was around at home. Then she would sing "I Shall Not Be Moved."

Angelou progressed the issues of black women from slavery when they were called "mammy" to current days when black women do everything from

stand in welfare lines to get ordained as ministers while singing like her grandmother used to.

Then she ended her talk exactly as she had begun it: "When it looks like the sun wasn't going to shine anymore, I became a rainbow in the clouds."

## Would you like your coffee online?

□ Brandon Christy/staff

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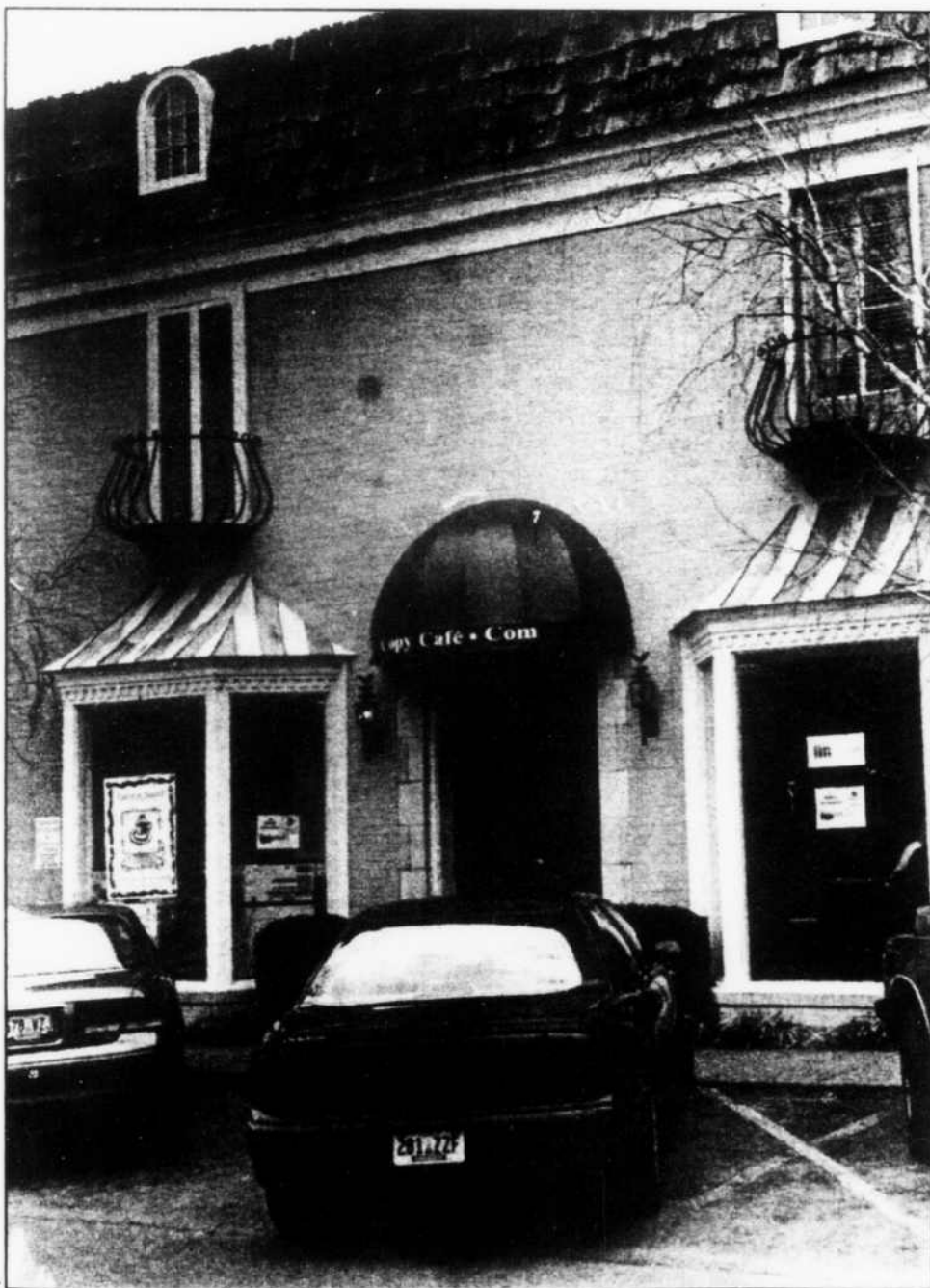
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Sure, you can do all of these tasks on campus, but if it's 3 a.m. and you are craving to surf the net, to slurp down some coffee or get those last minute essays typed you'll be out of luck, because the computer labs will not allow drinks inside, and you

couldn't get in at that hour of the morning anyway.

Copy Café.Com is located at 124 Spring Street, across from Beckman's Prescription Shop. Although no official grand opening date has been set, the Nezzars expect the doors to open within the next few weeks.

## Actor hopes crowds show good will at box office toward 'Good Will Hunting'

□ Ian Spelling/College Press Service

Ben Affleck is banking on the premise that most people want to see more than aliens, car chases, explosions and steamy sex scenes at the movies.

"I think audiences are smart enough and discerning enough to go to movies that are not just about big guns and big tits, but about people," Affleck says.

He'd better be right. Why? Because the fate of a fine film, "Good Will Hunting," is at stake in this moviegoing season that's jam-packed with sinking ships, knife-wielding psychos and giddy green ooze. You see, the talented 25-year-old actor, whose credit sheet already includes "Mallrats," "Dazed and Confused" and "Chasing Amy," not only co-stars in "Hunting" opposite Robin Williams and Matt Damon, but he and Damon wrote the film.

Directed by Gus Van Sant, "Hunting" tells the story of Will Hunting (Damon), a kid from the tough streets of Boston who also happens to be an off-the-charts genius. When he's not out partying with his pals, including best friend Chuckie (Affleck), or working as a janitor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he's using his photographic memory to study history and solve impossible math equations. A great future awaits Hunting if only he could master his demons.

Enter two mentors with the potential to lead Hunting down very different paths. There's Sean McGuire (Williams), a therapist working out a few demons of his own, and Lambeau (Stellan Skarsgard), a professor who envisions Hunting putting his talents to use for the military or some big-bucks think tank. As Hunting struggles with his options,

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Please direct any entertainment information to the Sidelines Features Desk at 898-2917.



# Band delivers long-awaited break

□ Marilyn Mathis/staff

Talking to Animals' Velvel Records debut "Manhole" treats the world to a long-awaited break from all the Chumbawumba and Third Eye Blind hyper-pop filling the airwaves.

This Boston band sounds more like their neighbor Jennifer Trynin than popsters Letters to Cleo, but can definately hold its own in the northeast music scene. The band pours singer/songwriter Juliana Nash's sultry vocals over melodic guitar rock to



create an album of beautiful rock ballads similar to those of Elysian Fields.

Long-time Nash collaborator/bassist Greg Porter, guitarist Thomas Juliano and recently added drummer Mike Levesque (Juliana Hatfield, Scarce, Tribe) round out the lineup.

Formed in 1990, the band has built substantial followings in both Boston and New York, Nash's hometown.

Gigs at legendary venues including the Plough & Stars bar in Cambridge (launching pad for Morphine and Jennifer Trynin) and New York's Sin-e (immortalized by the late Jeff Buckley's EP "Live at Sin-e") bolstered Talking to Animals to star status in the northeast.

Talking to Animals

## HUNTING

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he meets Skylar (Minnie Driver), a Harvard student who cares more about his heart than his mind.

"From beginning to end, we spent four or five years making the film happen," Affleck says during a conversation at a Manhattan hotel.

Several months of that were 24-hour days spent by Damon and Affleck, childhood friends from Cambridge, Mass., hammering out the script and improvising scenes. Other months found the two faxing pages back and forth, as Damon remained at college and Affleck landed acting gigs in L.A.

"We'd actually started writing the script while we were in school. It was based on a short story Matt wrote. When we got out to Los Angeles, I said, 'Let's finish this thing. Let's write it and see if we can make a movie of it, even if it's low-budget.'"

"Matt agreed, and we did it. That's how it evolved. We wrote it, sold it, and it all worked out.



The band Talking to Animals is releasing their debut album "Manhole" on Feb. 24 on Velvel Records.

recruited veteran producer Mike Deneen (Aimee Mann, Jennifer Trynin, Letters to Cleo) to turn the knobs on Manhole.

Recorded at Q Division Studios in Boston, the album is already gaining much critical

acclaim.

"Juliana Nash can wail with the best of them, and I mean that in the most complimentary way," writes the "Boston Tab."

"I am taken by how perfectly this band controls its

dynamics, holding back the explosion until the 'sweet spot' is reached," writes the "Northeast Performer."

The album will be released commercially Feb. 24.

performances he gets out of actors. He knows just the right thing to say. He never says too much. He also creates an atmosphere that's so comfortable. You don't feel like you're on a movie. You don't feel pressure. As the writers on it, Matt and I wanted him to have a sense of authorship. When he came on board we said, 'Hey, you're the indie guru.' He has a wealth of experience that we knew we could only benefit from. He's responsible for the movie you see on the screen."

Rather than go deaf from the Oscar buzz that's already kicked in about "Hunting," Affleck has immersed himself in several new projects. He's currently awaiting the release of "Phantoms," a thriller in which he co-stars with Rose McGowan and Peter O'Toole, and he's in the middle of shooting "Armageddon," a \$100 million-plus action epic due in theaters next summer.

Affleck plays a young oil driller dating fellow driller

Bruce Willis' daughter, Liv Tyler. Willis is none too happy, but bigger problems arise: an asteroid is on a collision course with Earth.

"Armageddon" is taking so long," Affleck says. "I wrapped 'Hunting,' and three or four weeks later I was into 'Armageddon.' And we're still shooting! We won't end until January or maybe February. Who knows? This could go on forever."

If and when "Armageddon" actually comes to an end, a flotilla of other films awaits Affleck. On the horizon are "Dogmen," "Forces of Nature," "Third Wheel" and another film with Damon that the two scripted.

Talk about striking while the iron is hot...

"It's strange to be planning things out so far ahead, but it's a lot better than sitting around, playing Nintendo all day," Affleck says. "I had plenty of that, three years. So I'm perfectly happy to have work."

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

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Thursday, January 22, 1998

## 2-MIN. DRILL!



### Tesch on top of OVC

Senior Aylton Tesch was chosen the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week.

The Victoria, Brazil, native scored 20 points in the Raiders victory over TSU.

### Injury Update

K.J. Harden returned to action for the Blue Raider basketball team after having bronchitis. Still out is Terry Hughes with a broken thumb.

For the Lady Raiders, it appears as though Murfreesboro native Kay Francis may be lost for the season due to a knee injury. Despite the fact that she is experiencing pain, doctors have yet to locate any structural damage.

Also out is Bama Burrell with a sprained ankle. Burrell injured the ankle at the end of Saturday's game against TSU.

However, it seems as though Cindy Ainsworth has fully recovered from a broken toe she recieved on Jan. 7 against Tennessee Tech.

### Upcoming Raider television schedule

The Randy Wiel Show  
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Feb. 14 WMBK at TSU 7 p.m.  
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### Upcoming schedule

Mens Basketball-  
at Eastern Kentucky 6:30 tonight  
at Morehead 6:45 Jan. 24  
Womens Basketball-  
at Morehead 4:30 Jan. 24  
at Eastern Kentucky 6:30 Jan. 26  
Womens Tennis-  
Indiana Tour. All Day Jan. 24  
at Vanderbilt 2 p.m. Jan. 30  
Mens Tennis-  
at Wake Forest T.B.A. Jan. 31  
ITA National Indoors Feb. 5-8  
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at Illinois State Invite Jan. 24  
MTSU Invite Noon Jan. 31  
Baseball-  
vs Illinois State 3 p.m. Feb. 20  
vs Illinois State 1 p.m. Feb. 21  
vs Illinois State 1 p.m. Feb. 22  
(Opening Home Stand Series)  
Softball-  
at Samford (DH) 1 p.m. Feb. 21  
at Ole Miss (DH) 2 p.m. Feb. 25  
Golf-  
Bridges All-Amer. Tour. Feb. 16-17

### Next Issue

Monday's sports section will contain co-sports editor Jennie Treadway's "Stay Fit" column. This installment will detail the differences between men and women's results from regular exercising and eating healthy.

Dick Palmer will be the subject of a profile. Palmer, a 1960 graduate of MTSU, has been "the voice of the Blue Raiders" for the past 16 years. You can hear him on the radio as he calls play-by-play for both the football and mens basketball teams.

There will be an upclose look at Blue Raider basketball—the Randy Wiel way. Unlike others, Wiel has proved that a college basketball program can be successful at any level by utilizing all the



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## Blue Raiders win over TSU

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

The Blue Raider men's basketball team maintained a two-way tie for first place in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 67-57 win over Tennessee State.

Aylton Tesch scored 20 and Freddie Martinez added 19 to lead the Raider offense. Tesch had a stellar night in the field connecting on eight of 10 shots while Martinez drained five of eight three-point attempts.

However, just as it has been all season, the Raider defense played a big role in the victory. The Raiders held the Tigers to just 36 percent shooting all night and committed 19 turnovers.

Despite playing full court pressure defense the Raiders committed only 11 personal fouls the entire game allowing TSU to go to the line only seven times.

After sea-sawing back and forth in the opening minutes of the game the Raiders pulled ahead for good with a Martinez three-pointer and just over five minutes remaining in the first half.

Martinez's shot sparked a 13-0 run by the Raiders as they held TSU scoreless for nearly four minutes.

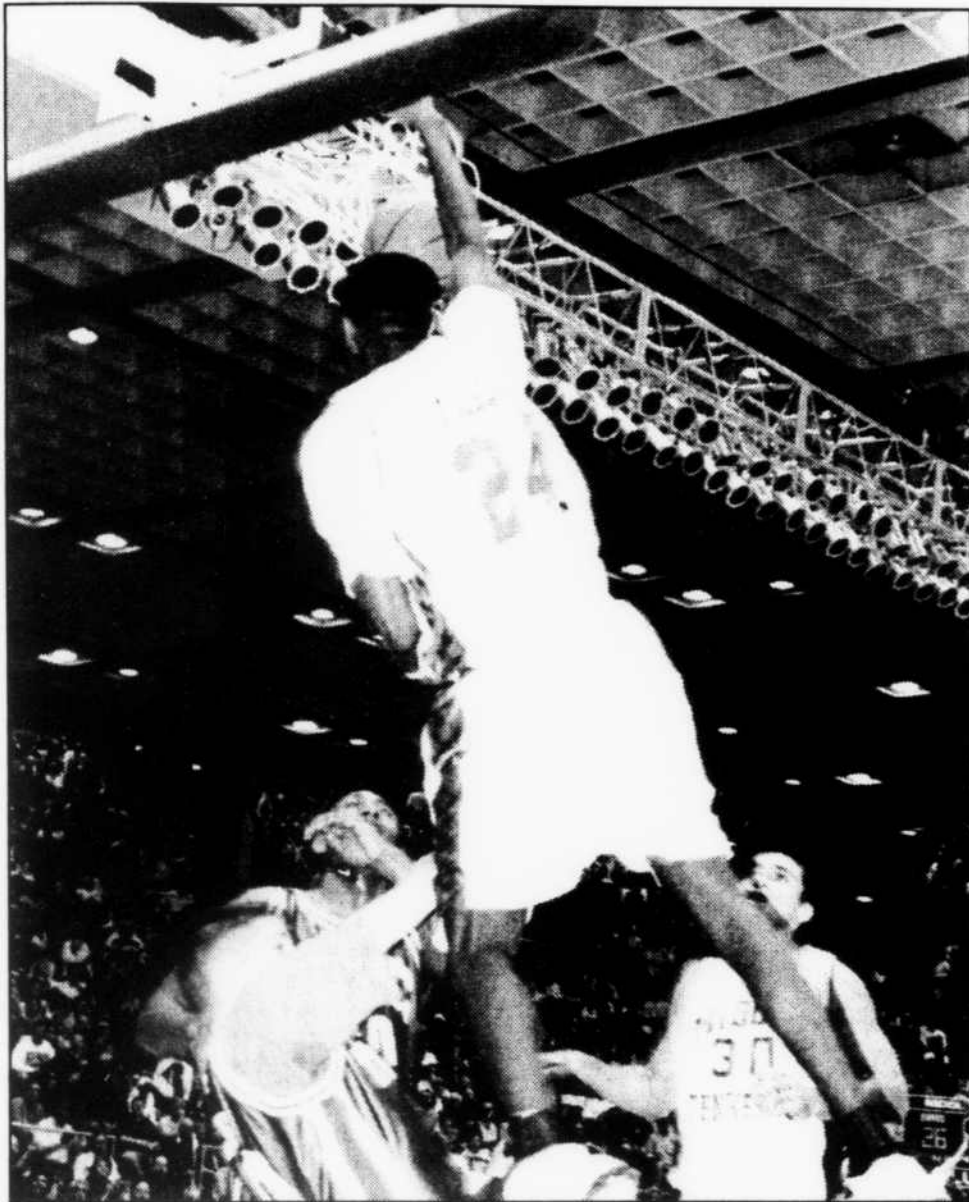
A crowd of 10,729 then watched as the Raiders led by as many as 21 in the second half do in large part to a slam dunk fest thanks to Tesch and reserves Malachi Allen and Ali McGhee.

After a bout with bronchitis, K.J. Harden returned to action. Harden played five minutes and scored two points.

However, it was Harden who helped ignite the Raiders after the Tigers cut the lead down to as low as seven midway through the second half of play.

This keeps the Raiders (13-3, 7-1) in a tie atop the OVC with Murray State (7-1).

With the three game home stand over, the Raiders now are set to face



Chad Gillis/staff

Ali McGhee, 24, slammed Tennessee State University with another two points at the game Saturday night. The Raiders defeated the Tigers 67-57.

Eastern Kentucky, Morehead, Murray State and UT-Martin on the road over the next two weeks.

The Raiders have yet to face Eastern Kentucky or Morehead this season but have already beaten Martin and Murray.

For the Raiders they will not return home to the Murphy Center

until Feb. 5 when they look to avenge their only OVC loss of the season as they host Eastern Illinois.

The Raiders are now 9-0 at the Murphy Center this year and have only lost one home game since head coach Randy Wiel took the program at the start of the 1996-97 season.

## Lady Raiders show defense important in game

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Once again the Lady Raider basketball team proved that games are won by playing defense.

When it comes right down to it, if your opponent doesn't shoot the ball it doesn't matter how poorly you do.

After a tough home loss to Tennessee Tech 74-55, the Lady Raiders picked up their defensive

pressure and forced their next two opponents into combined 51 turnovers.

Saturday night the Lady Raiders held on for a close 76-74 upset of Tennessee State on a jumper by freshman Joanne Aluka just before the buzzer.

A record breaking crowd of 8,174 people watched as the Lady Raiders handed the Tigers their second loss in the Ohio Valley Conference. It was the largest crowd to ever take in an OVC

womens game.

Two nights later, the Lady Raiders forced Austin Peay into 30 turnovers as they tallied up a staggering 19 steals, led by point guard Cortney Neeley, who had five on the night.

Though the Lady Raiders were just six of 26 from the field in the first half, their tenacious defense put pressure on the Governors and ultimately forced them into committing 23 personal fouls.

The Lady Raiders were 14 of 16 from the line in the first half and 16-20 from the charity stripe after the break.

In the win over TSU, freshman Kelly Chastain led the Lady Raiders in scoring with 17. Neeley added 15 and Aluka chipped in 11.

Aluka led the way against Austin Peay with another 11-point night and also hauled down nine rebounds.

Chastain's 39 points in three games along with 10 steals and six blocked shots earned her "OVC Freshman of the Week" honors.

The Lakeland, Fla., native is one of two freshman players that have made an immediate impact for the Lady Raiders (9-7, 5-3) already this year.

Next up for the Lady Raiders is a trip to Morehead, Ky, this Saturday for the start of a four game road trip.

The team will return home to the Murphy Center on Feb. 7 to host Southeast Missouri.



Chad Gillis/staff

Joanna Aluka shoots a 12-foot jumper over the Austin Peay defense Monday night.

## Lady Raider tennis team suffers loss

□ staff reports

The fifth-ranked Georgia women's tennis team swept the Lady Raiders 9-0 at the Lindsey Hopkins Indoor Center.

Georgia (1-0) started strong early and never looked back en route to their first victory of the dual match season.

Sophomore Marissa Catlin, ranked second in the country in singles, shutout Jennifer Bryans 6-0, 6-0. Vanessa Castellano, ranked 23rd, followed with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Claire Seveir.

Jane Reid, Christa Grey, Lauren Rose and Nadine van de Walle also picked up wins for Georgia.

In doubles action, the No. 1-ranked duo team of Catlin and Castellano defeated Michelle North and Seveir 8-1.

## Basketball coach teaches more than game rules

Guest Column  
**Jim Ryan**  
Assistant Men's  
Basketball Coach



There is a basic rule of algebra that is often applied to athletic teams. I'm sure you are familiar with the credo which states that the sum of the parts cannot exceed the whole. Well, when discussing this year's Blue Raider basketball team, I am convinced that even Albert Einstein would agree that this whole definitely exceeds the sum of its parts.

A good basketball team, like any other successful joint venture, depends upon the ability of people from very divergent backgrounds to come together in total harmony towards a well-thought-out goal. We like to call this basketball chemistry.

The most important part of the process is role definition and acceptance. Each member of the team must understand that the ultimate success of the Blue Raiders depends greatly on his ability to understand, accept and perform his role. Championships are formed when these thirteen players perform as a single entity.

The problem is that the viewing public, including the loyal fans who attend our basketball games, is often unaware of just how important the chemical process is to our team's success.

For every three-point field goal scored by Freddie Martinez, or for every awe-inspiring slam dunk whacked through the rim by Malachi Allen or Aylton Tesch, there are literally hundreds of other feats performed by team members which go unnoticed by the crowd.

These basic, fundamental, basketball plays performed by other members of our team are in their own way far more crucial to our team's success than the above mentioned deeds.

A primary example of a player sacrificing part of his game for the good of the whole is Richard Duncan, the junior point guard from Louisville. He could easily lead the team in scoring, but he realizes that his role is to be our quarterback. He gains satisfaction from setting up his teammates for easy baskets and by applying constant defensive pressure on the opposing team's point guard.

Duncan certainly knows how to win, as evidenced by the Raiders 32-15 record in games he has started during the past two years.

Another example of a player willing to do whatever is necessary to help the team win is Mantia Callender, our senior center from London, England. He is far and away the squad's most improved player from last year, and his quiet leadership often proves as helpful as his rebounding and shot blocking.

A team's chemistry is often forged during intense practice sessions, and this year's squad is blessed with two players whose incredible work ethics have been an inspiration to the coaching staff. Marcus Anderson, a senior from Nashville, could be a starter on several other OVC teams.

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## Performer of the Week

**Aylton Tesch**



Senior  
6'8"  
Forward  
2nd year  
with team  
Victoria,  
Brazil

**Game:** Blue Raiders vs. Tenn.Tech, Austin Peay & TSU

**Date:** Jan.13-17, 1998

**Outcome:** Three home wins to up record to 13-3, 7-1

### Scenario:

Aylton Tesch was named the OVC Player of the Week. In front of 10,729 fans, Tesch scored 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds as the Raiders defeated TSU 67-57 to maintain their stature atop the OVC. It was the fifth time this season Tesch led the team in both scoring and rebounding.



# Raider track team on the road and running strong

□ Rachel Parrish/staff

The annual Kentucky Wildcat Invitational was held last weekend in Lexington, Ky. The Blue and Lady Raiders fared rather well despite the long road trip.

Head track and field coach Dean Hayes said he feels the team did okay and as the seasons progress, the men's and women's times will drop considerably.

On the women's side of things, one of the better performances came from senior shot putter Shelly Jonson. Jonson, who is also seven time OVC champion, put out a throw of 44.25 meters. Though the throw won her the 4th place spot, Jonson was not satisfied with the effort.

"I was not pleased with my throw at all," she said. "I can do much better and I will."

Another senior, Nekeya Ralls, also put some points on the board for the Lady Raiders. The jumper's leap of 18-0 1/2 placed her fifth overall. Unfortunately, junior long jumper Bianca Conley twisted her ankle and was unable to compete in the triple jump.

Competing in the 60-meter dash was sprinter Bethany Brent. She clocked in with a time of 7.28 for the 7th place

spot and went on to run the 200 for the 8th place spot. Teammates Rachel Parrish and Markeitha Gray placed 4th and 5th respectively in the 400-meter dash.

The three women, along with sprinter Trina Weddington competed on the 1600-meter relay (3:54.70) and went on to claim the 4th place spot.

One of the best performances for the Blue Raiders belonged to newcomer Steve Reid. In the triple jump, Reid made an outstanding jump of 48-3 1/2 and claimed the first place spot.

Also competing for the Blue Raiders was Texas native Ivan Gaines. His jump of 44-11 3/4 placed him 5th overall.

In the high hurdles, taking the 3rd, 5th and 7th spots were Ron Bramlett (7.51), Haneef Sharif (7.51) and Carlos Clardy (7.67).

Another newcomer, Albert Agyemang, placed 5th for the men's 60-meter dash. He ran a time of 6.43 and felt pretty good about the race overall.

"I think that I had a pretty good race in the 60," said the Africa native. "But in the 200, the turns were just a little too sharp and I hope to improve on them."

Teammate Christian Nsiah ran 21.80 in the 200 meter dash

to yank down the 2nd place spot.

"I was just trying to have fun in the 200," he said. "But I guess I relaxed a little too much." Not far behind him were Agyeman and Boniface Amuzu who placed 3rd and 4th.

The only personal record for the Blue Raiders belonged to Eric Kiauka who ran 8:57.77 in the 300-meter run.

The men's 1600 relay, the final event of the day, proved to be well worth the wait. Mario Paul, Nsiah, Gaines and Amuzu just missed the first placed spot. The men kicked out a time of 3:14.90 with freshman Ivan Gaines (48.3) claiming the fastest split.

Once again, the Blue and Lady Raiders will have a long trip ahead of them. This week the team will take the seven-hour trek up to Normal, Ill.

## RYAN

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He has fully embraced his role for the Blue Raiders, and his unbelievable willingness to compete for every rebound and every loose ball has forced his teammates to improve every day.

Reggie Marshall, a freshman guard from Wetumpka, Alabama, has forced Richard Duncan to elevate his game in order to remain in the starting lineup. Reggie realizes that his time will come, but more importantly, he understands that his contributions in practice each day have a powerful impact on our team's ultimate success.

Yes, the whole of this year's Blue Raider basketball team is greater than the sum of its parts. Thirteen pistons, firing as one engine, powering the Raiders to the top of the OVC.

I urge you to come to our remaining home games and to watch our team exhibit the lessons learned from algebraic basketball and team chemistry.

## Track team to travel to Illinois

□ LaKisha Langster/staff

The men and women's track teams will travel to the Illinois State Invitational on Jan. 24.

Both teams have been preparing for this meet since September 15. Other teams competing include Iowa State, Indiana State and DePaul.

"The men's team should do pretty good if everyone stays healthy," said head coach Dean Hayes. "Steve Reid, who has placed in NAA for triple jump, has a good chance of placing. Ivan Gaines, a transfer from SMU, has done a good job so far."

Gaines will participate in the 400-meter, the long jump and the triple jump. Christian Nsiah and 1996 Olympian Albert Agyemang will both compete in the 55 meter dash and the 200-meter.

The women's team will be led by seniors Nekeya Ralls and Shelly Johnson. Ralls, who is a NCAA qualifier, will participate in the high hurdles, the 55-meter dash and the long jump. Johnson will compete in the shot put and discus—events in which she has won the OVC Title the last three years.

Both teams' biggest goal is to win the OVC Title.

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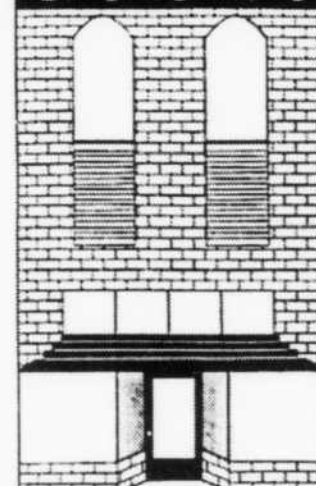
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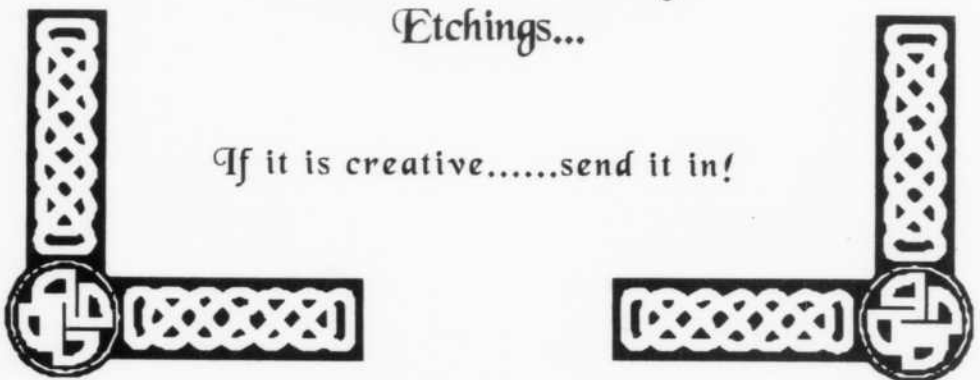


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