



## BAS evacuated

Jamie Evans  
Staff Reporter

A faulty, smoking elevator motor caused police and firefighters to evacuate students and seal off the Business and Aerospace Building last night.

"This is more or less of a surprise," said Sgt. Vergena Forbes of MTSU Public Safety, explaining that the police department usually gets calls about the older buildings on campus.

No one was in the elevator when the motor malfunctioned.

Around 7 p.m., the Murfreesboro Fire Department and Public Safety responded to a fire alarm and a report of smoke at the BAS. Forbes estimated that approximately 150 students in evening classes had to be evacuated. She was unsure if someone had pulled the fire alarm or if the smoke had triggered the smoke sensors.

Even with all the smoke, Forbes said there were no reports of flames or smoke damage.

"The reports are that it was just smoke," she said.

Forbes said police had learned that supposedly an unnamed professor had noticed a problem with the elevator around 6 p.m., but failed, to



Photo by Angela White | Staff Photographer

Firefighters respond to a fire alarm at the Business and Aerospace Building around 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Report the problem at the time. The south elevator motor began smoking and by the time it was noticed, smoke had filled part of the building.

Forbes said emergency service crews had been notified and were in route to the scene. She said the building was under the authority of the Murfreesboro

Fire Department and would be closed until the problem was resolved.

At press time, the building had yet to reopen. ■

## Fulbright Scholar plans to study theater

R. Colin Fly  
Staff Reporter

MTSU officials recognized the first foreign Fulbright Scholar to study on campus in a ceremony Monday in Tucker Theatre.

President James Walker welcomed Alice Ivanova as she begins her five month analysis of American children's theater.

"[Alice Ivanova] sets a milestone for MTSU," Walker said. "Her decision to study at MTSU is a distinct honor. We have several Fulbright scholars who work at MTSU, but this tells us that the image of MTSU is growing stronger."

A native of St. Petersburg, Russia, Ivanova hopes to observe and compare children's theater in the United States with that in Russia and discuss theatrical strategies with American producers. She also plans to work on a project she proposed, titled, "A Child in the Space of Production."

"I want to share [Konstantine] Stanislavsky's system while learning how theater production helps children realize their potential," Ivanova said.

While studying American children's theater, Ivanova will work closely with Jette Halladay, MTSU's well-respected expert in children's theater.



Photo by R. Colin Fly | Staff Photographer

Russell Church, chairperson of Speech and Theatre, and Kim Harris, a representative of Bart Gordon's office, present Alice Ivanova with a plaque to welcome her and her daughter, Masha, to MTSU.

Halladay, an associated professor of speech and theatre, met Ivanova in 1990 while bringing children to Moscow for a theater festival. Ivanova spoke fluent English and helped translate for Halladay and her group.

"Russian children's self-esteem has collapsed with the fall of communism," Halladay said. "Alice wants them to help children believe in themselves again through theatrical productions."

After learning of her acceptance in the Fulbright program,

Ivanova notified Halladay that she desired to fulfill her participation in the program by studying and researching at MTSU.

"The Fulbright program is nationally recognized," Halladay said. "Alice studied from the works of Stanislavsky, who is considered the father of modern American theater."

Ivanova is a resident director, acting teacher and "part-time psychologist" in the theater department of the City Palace of Youth Creativity in St. Petersburg, and an expert on the

theater methods of Stanislavsky and Evgeny Vakhtangov.

This is Ivanova's first trip to the United States.

"Everything here is so amazing," she said. "I expected and read a lot on America. I also watched a lot of movies."

"In Russia, everyone talks about America. The weather is beautiful here, and people are so hospitable and open. Murfreesboro is clean and charming. I love it."

Ivanova was presented with several honors, including a gift from the Department of Speech and Theatre, and words of encouragement from Kim Harris, representing the office of Congressman Bart Gordon.

Ivanova and her daughter, Masha, will live and work at MTSU for the next five months.

All faculty members who have participated in the Fulbright program were also recognized.

The Fulbright program, which began in 1946, was established to exchange knowledge and increase understanding between the United States and other countries. The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board awards 5,000 grants to foreign or national students, teachers, professors and professionals to study, teach, lecture and conduct research. ■



Photo by Robin Wallace | Staff Photographer

Angie Rios, greek life co-editor, browses through the pages of the 1997-1998 yearbook, which arrived Tuesday.

## Task force evaluates yearbook

Jenny Cordle  
News Editor

The future of MTSU's yearbook, "Midlander," is now in the hands of a task force aimed at reviewing the situation of the publication and recommending changes in the funding structure and in the distribution.

The Future of the "Midlander" Task Force held the first official meeting Feb. 29.

Out of 19,000 students, approximately 400 were photographed for the yearbook, and around the same amount purchased the \$35 yearbooks for the 1999-2000 school year.

"We have a problem," said Stod Ann Bailly, director of Student Affairs and an acting member of the task

force. "We're not selling enough yearbooks to justify the cost of print."

Junior Anika Waters, editor-in-chief of "Midlander," chalks the disparity between the number of students enrolled and those who actually purchase yearbooks up to a lack of resources.

The yearbook, published by Herff Jones, is funded by Student Affairs and is maintained by the Student Publications Committee.

The "Midlander" office, located in JUB, Room 310, holds three computers. One of the computers operates correctly.

The "Midlander" staff of eight has a year to fill approximately 300 pages. Staff members include

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## Editor resigns, managing editor takes position

Jamie Evans  
Staff Reporter

Randall Ford, a senior RA/TV major who was elected to serve as editor in chief of "Sidelines" for the spring 2000 semester, has formally resigned the remainder of his commission for "personal reasons," he said.

For the last four years, Ford has worked on and off at the publication and has held various positions including staff reporter, copy editor and news editor. At the end of the Fall semester, he was elected editor in chief by the Student Publications Committee.

Last Friday, Ford submitted his official letter of resignation



White

to Jenny Crouch, student publications director.

Wednesday, Crouch and Jimmy Cain, chair of the Student

Publications Committee, selected Angela White — previously the managing editor — to serve as the interim editor in chief for the rest of the semester.

White, a political science pre-law major, has worked at "Sidelines" for four semesters and has served as news page designer, opinions editor and most recently, as managing editor. In addition, White currently writes the column "Atypical Woman" for "Flash," the weekly supplement of "Sidelines," which covers off-campus issues, arts and entertainment.

Crouch said she is confident that as editor, White will do anything that is needed.

"Angela is perfectly capable," she said.

White said she understands why Ford left the paper.

"He was just stressed out, and he felt he wasn't doing a good job," White said.

White feels the publication won't suffer from the abrupt change in leadership, because the staff is already familiar with her. For now, she is just going to focus on expanding the staff through advertising and classroom visits, she said.

"I'm just going to get the staff built up," she said.

Due to White's promotion, the publication is currently without a managing editor. White is taking applications for the position and is also looking to hire three copy editors she said. ■



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MTSU's mascot, "Lightning", represents MTSU at all sporting events and various community activities.

## Wanna be the mascot?

Try-outs for "Lightning" will take place Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 22 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the gymnastics room of the Alumni Memorial Gym.

Contestants must attend both nights of try-outs to be eligible.

Other requirements:  
- must be able to assume the personality of Lightning  
- must be between 5'9" and 6'1" feet tall

- must be willing to represent MTSU at all sporting events and various community activities  
- perform a 3-5 minute skit incorporating props at Wednesday night try-outs

Lighting receives a \$1000 scholarship and a book scholarship.

Interested students can contact Victor Felts at 898-5996 for more information. ■



## On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

### March 9

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism is hosting a video-lecture presentation titled, "How Do You Derive Morality from Facts?" at 7 p.m. in KUC, Room 313. For more information, call Luc Travers at 893-9531.

Campus Recreation and Human Services is sponsoring a Nutrition and Fitness Awareness Fair from 1-4 p.m. in the Campus Recreation lounge. Find out your body composition, weight, blood pressure, flexibility and cardiac-vascular fitness. Nutritional and fitness educational materials will be available to all participants. For more information, call Jerry or Allison at 898-2104.

Representatives from the Student Conservation Association will discuss student internship and employment opportunities within our nation's

parks, forests, wildlife refugees and other public lands at 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the KUC theater. No previous experience is necessary. Open to all MTSU students. For more information, call Eric Frauman at 904-8359.

### March 10

The General Studies Committee will be holding an open forum in order to give feedback before a final version of the General Studies Mission Statement is drafted. The meeting will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in BAS, Room S126. For more information, call Bill Bradley, director of general studies, at 898-8416.

Nelly Toll, Holocaust survivor, will speak on Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Tucker Theatre. Toll will relate her experiences and those of her mother during the war which found them hidden behind a secret wall in the apartment of

a Polish family. Her story is related in her book "Behind the Secret Window." The faculty, students, and administrators are all invited to attend.

### March 10-31

The Heart of Tennessee Chapter of The American Red Cross is holding a series of blood drives throughout the month. Dates and locations include the following: March 10, 410 W. Lytle, from 1-6 p.m.; March 13, Union Planters Bank, Shelbyville Community, from 2-7 p.m.; March 15, Southeast Baptist Church, 708 Minerva, from 3-8 p.m.; March 16, MTSU, 3rd floor of KUC from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; March 17, 24 and 31, Red Cross, 410 Lytle St., from 12-6 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for a blood drive, call 893-4272.

### March 11

The nationally ranked MTSU Rugby

Moosemen just defeated the 4th ranked Ohio State University and are now taking on the 2nd ranked Penn State University. Come on out and have some fun behind softball field next to the rec center.

### March 13-17

Safe Spring Break Week 2000 will be hosting several events. To participate in Alcohol 101, The Condom Carnival and self-defense demonstrations, stop by the KUC Grill. For more information, call Gina Poff or Kerry Lane at 898-2454.

### March 14

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a bench press contest. Participants must register by March 10. The cost is \$5 for individuals and \$10 for teams (five to a team). Contact Allison or Jerry at 898-2104 for more information.

### March 15 & 16

Two faculty open forums are scheduled to be held in BAS, State Farm Lecture Hall, Room S102/204 at 1:30 p.m. The faculty is encouraged to attend these meetings to discuss faculty issues or other university matters of interest.

### March 16

Alpha Omicron Pi and Student Development, in conjunction with Safe Spring Break Week 2000, will be hosting "Mock Around the Block," a night with "mocktails" and educational information about the effects of alcohol. The event will take place on Greek Row at 8 p.m. All students, faculty and staff are invited. Contact Kerry Lane at 898-2454 for more information.

Omega Phi Alpha is hosting a blood drive that will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the third floor of the KUC.

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**Professor/Course Title and #:** Judith Iriarte - Gross  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** "Let's Get Physical,"  
"Women in the Physical Sciences"  
**Presenter:** Dr. Judith Iriarte - Gross

**Date:** March 1 - March 31, 2000  
**Time:** N/A  
**Location:** Davis Science Building, outside Room 104. There is a bulletin board display at that location.

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Claudia Barnett  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** English 223: Women Playwrights  
**Presenter:** Dr. Claudia Barnett

**Date:** Tuesdays and Thursdays during March  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** BDA, Room S338

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Phil Phillips/Experience of Literature (English 211)  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** Kate Chopin's "The Story of an Hour"  
**Presenter:** Dr. P.E. Phillips

**Date:** Wednesday, March 1  
**Time:** 10:15 p.m.  
**Location:** KOM, Room 105

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Nancy Rupprecht/Western Civilization (History 172)  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** "When Civil War is Waged by Women"  
**Presenter:** Dr. Nancy Rupprecht

**Date:** Tuesday, March 7  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Peck Hall

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Ayne Cantrell/Women in Literature (English 223)  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** "Just All of Me": Helena Znaniecka Lopata's Contribution to Sociology  
**Presenter:** Terri Terrell

**Date:** Wednesday, March 8  
**Time:** 12:25 p.m.  
**Location:** Peck Hall, Room 332

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Pat Nation/Victimology (Sociology 431)  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** "Femicide"  
**Presenter:** Libby Thurman

**Date:** Friday, March 17  
**Time:** 9:10 a.m.  
**Location:** Peck Hall, Room 105

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Pat Nation/Race and Ethnic Relations (Sociology 424)  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** Economic Stratification by Gender: "Why Women Pay More As a Minority"  
**Presenter:** Dr. Pat Nation

**Date:** Friday, March 17  
**Time:** 10:15 a.m.  
**Location:** Todd Library, Room 0001

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Gloria Hamilton/Psychology of Criminal Behavior (Psychology 412/512)  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** "Profiling Predators: One Woman's Perspective"  
**Presenter:** Dr. Pat Nation

**Date:** Tuesday, March 21  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Peck Hall, Room 208

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Linda Badley/Victorian Literature (English 627/727)  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** Victorian "Woman Question," Freud and Dora  
**Presenter:** Seminar format with presentations, discussion

**Date:** Wednesday, March 22  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Peck Hall, Room 301

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Nancy Rupprecht/Germany Since 1870 (History 440/540)  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** Women in the Third Reich  
**Presenter:** Dr. Nancy Rupprecht

**Date:** Thursday, March 23  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Peck Hall, Room 220

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Jid Lee/African-American Studies Lecture Series  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** Re-listening to the 19th-century African-American Female Voice  
**Presenter:** Dr. Jid Lee

**Date:** Tuesday, April 4  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Peck Hall, Room 220

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Linda Badley/Victorian Literature (English 627/727)  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** George Gissing's "The Odd Women"  
**Presenter:** Seminar format with presentations, discussion

**Date:** Wednesday, April 5  
**Time:** 3:00-5:40 p.m.  
**Location:** Peck Hall, Room 301

**Professor/Course Title and #:** Bill Turner  
**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** "From 'I Fall To Pieces' to 'I Will Survive': Changing Self-Representation of Women in American Popular Music"  
**Presenter:** Dr. Bill Turner

**Date:** Thursday, April 6  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Dining Room C

**Title of Presentation or Lecture:** "Women in the Military" Presentation  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 12  
**Time:** 12:25-1:15 p.m.  
**Location:** BAS, Room S208



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## Crime Log

### Theft

When: Thursday, Feb. 17  
Where: Family Apartment H  
What: Stolen banner found during room inspections.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 22  
Where: James Union Building  
What: Computer memory chips were stolen.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 22  
Where: Wright Music Building  
What: Watch was stolen.

When: Thursday, Feb. 24  
Where: Scarlett Commons  
What: Vehicle broken into.

When: Thursday, Feb. 24  
Where: Smith Hall  
What: Phone card was stolen.

When: Saturday, Feb. 26  
Where: Recreation Center  
What: Tool box was stolen from vehicle.

When: Sunday, Feb. 27  
Where: Monohan Hall  
What: License plate was stolen.

### Traffic

When: Friday, Feb. 18  
Where: Cummings lot  
What: Subject said that his 1987 pickup truck was dented.

When: Saturday, Feb. 19  
Where: Lyon Hall  
What: Vehicle parked in fire lane.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 23  
Where: Health Services lot  
What: Damage to vehicle.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 23  
Where: KOM lot  
What: A Honda rolled into a

Toyota with neither driver in parking lot.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 23  
Where: Reynolds Hall Lot  
What: Damage to motorcycle.

When: Thursday, Feb. 24  
Where: Police Department  
What: Subject advised his car was hit somewhere on campus and he noticed it when he returned home.

When: Thursday, Feb. 24  
Where: Fraternity Row  
What: Damage to Toyota Corolla.

When: Sunday, Feb. 27  
Where: Bell Street  
What: Citation issued for speeding.

### Drugs/Alcohol

When: Wednesday, Feb. 23  
Where: Monohan Hall  
What: Individual stumbling in roadway charged with public intoxication.

When: Friday, Feb. 25  
Where: Clement Hall  
What: Possession of marijuana with intent to resale.

When: Saturday, Feb. 26  
Where: Student Recreation Center  
What: Attempted theft of road sign, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

When: Sunday, Feb. 27  
Where: Scarlett Commons  
What: Housing found joint and rolling papers.

### Miscellaneous

When: Wednesday, Feb. 16

Where: Bell Street Lot  
What: Vehicle vandalized with spray paint.

When: Monday, Feb. 21  
Where: Holmes Building  
Maintenance  
What: Phone harassment report.

When: Monday, Feb. 21  
Where: Cummings Hall  
What: Arrest made for soliciting on school property.

When: Monday, Feb. 21  
Where: Scarlett Commons  
What: Two suspects given verbal warnings for selling magazines on campus.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 22  
Where: Murphy Center  
What: A man had seizure, hit his head and was bleeding. Subject was transported to emergency room.

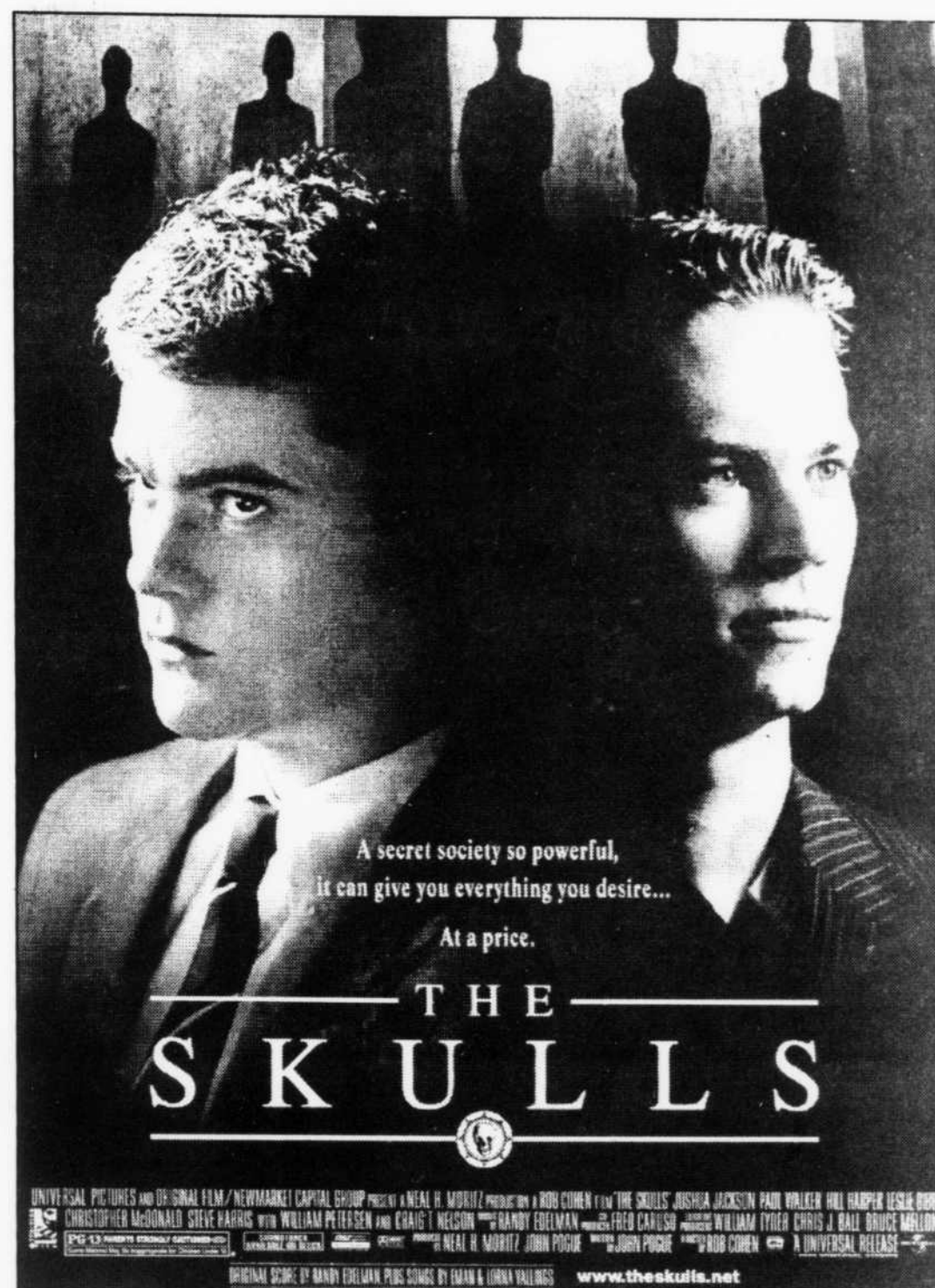
When: Thursday, Feb. 24  
Where: Deere Hall  
What: Subject said that an older male attempted to enter her room three days prior in an MTSU uniform, asking her if she needed her room painted.

### Violence

When: Wednesday, Feb. 16  
Where: Recreation Center  
What: Domestic violence reported.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 22  
Where: Scarlett Commons  
What: Subject reported being assaulted.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 23  
Where: Reynolds Hall  
What: Aggravated assault with a firearm.



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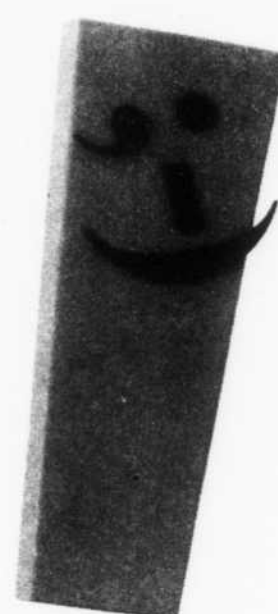
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## Yearbook: "Midlander's" fate sealed by semester end

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Assistant Editor Courtney Huckabay, Greek Life Co-Editors Angie Rios and Lauren Long, Organizations Editor Erika Pryor, Photo Editor Derrick Wilson, Academics Editor Heather Brown, and designer Catherine McNutt.

The task force's primary responsibility is to better the situation, whether that be by eliminating the yearbook or by changing the original operation.

The task force, which is a collaboration between Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Glenn and representatives from various university perspectives, includes David Badger, director of the Adult Services Center; Suma Clark, director of publications and graphics; Debbie Copping, director of alumni relations; Jenny Crouch, director of student publications; Martha Hixon, assistant professor of English; senior Susan McMahan; Liz Rhea, a member of the Alumni Board and the Foundation Board and former editor; Sandra Stott, JUB building activities attendant and former staff member; Doug Williams, director of News and

Public Affairs; and Baily.

Glenn proposed several issues for the task force to consider. He challenged the representatives to decide whether there is an "institutional desire" to produce a yearbook each year; whether the yearbook would be considered a value if the graduation fee was increased and each graduate was given a copy; if there would be any advantage to collaborative work between students and publication and public affairs staffs; and whether anyone would notice if the yearbook wasn't published.

"Once we have gathered facts and opinions from various groups and individuals, then we need to come to a consensus about whether we should continue publishing a yearbook," said Baily in an e-mail she sent to task force representatives.

"If we agree that there is an institutional commitment to the publication, then we need to recommend how it should be funded, what it should include, and how it should be administered."

The task force is planning to make the final recommendation to Glenn by the end of the spring semester. ■

## Applications available for student ambassadors

Staff Reports

Applications are now being accepted for 2000-2001 MTSU student ambassadors.

They are available in the Alumni Relations office in the Alumni Center.

An information table will be set up in the KUC across from the Grill on March 14 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled full time and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA. They must have completed at least one semester at MTSU and must be able to serve the entire year (fall 2000 and spring 2001). One let-

ter of recommendation from an MTSU faculty or staff member is also required.

Applications are due March 24 at 4:30 p.m. and must be turned in at the Alumni Center.

The MTSU student ambassadors serve as the official hosts and hostesses of the university and participate in many activities including alumni, academic, foundation and presidential events.

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## Thinking Globally

by Luke Waack, staff columnist

# Reckless

## MTSU police acted rashly

Something in the way the barrel of the gun shone in the streetlight told me something had gone terribly wrong.

Two stories below me was an MTSU police officer with his gun drawn and apparently ready to shoot me.

Officer William Hancock, now a Rutherford County Sheriff's deputy, was pointing his 9mm at me and yelling for me to come down that fire escape.

Why? What had I done to deserve this? Is being out late at night an excuse for a police officer to threaten me?

I walked down the stairs with my hands held high. When I got to the bottom of the fire escape, I saw that his eyes were wide open, his pupils were fully dilated and his rate of breath was very fast.

Officer Hancock put me in cuffs. When I asked him what the charge was, he said, "Evading a police officer." I didn't know he was after me. I had been walking across the president's lawn, through the trees beside Schardt Hall, when I saw two figures standing about fifty

yards away.

I could not distinguish who they were.

I continued to walk towards the fire escape on the east end of Schardt.

As I stepped onto the asphalt, I heard a "hey."

It was not I, and something in the person's tone was really foreboding.

I kept going. For all I knew, he could have been a dangerous sociopath; like Wild Bill in the movie "Silence of the Lambs".

This experience has raised some important questions.

How much training did Officer Hancock have in the identification of suspects?

What is standard operating procedure when it comes to drawing a weapon? Has an MTSU police officer ever had to use his or her gun in the line of duty? How many dangerous criminals have been apprehended at gunpoint on this campus? How many students have had weapons drawn on them, and under what circumstances?

What good are the weapons if they are being pointed at us?

## Letter to the Editor

### City wants to take freedoms

On April 18, 2000, there will be an election in the city of Murfreesboro for city council.

It is very important for [citizens] to vote in this election.

Two weeks ago, Cynthia Holloway went before the city council to talk about the old water treatment plant.

She said that she had accepted a bid of 1.5 million dollars to tear down and move the plant to a new location.

The old water treatment plant is located on Broad Street, across from the Greyhound bus station. I sent the mayor a petition for a public hearing, which was denied.

I went to see Mr. Aydelott, and he remarked to me that "we can do what we want to do and if you don't like it, sue us."

I am asking you to call the mayor and the city council members and demand a public hearing.

I am hoping you will take the time to call these people and tell them that you are not interested in that type of government in the future.

We also wrote to the "Daily News Journal," and they refused to print anything about this because they do not want you to know.

In 1966, I was reading an article in the Royal Bank of Canada monthly letter, and I thought it was typical of the problems of our city government. I thought I would share it with you.

"The freedom of which we boast is not lost in shattered Dunkirks and blazing Pearl Harbors... Such events call for the utmost resistance.

Freedom is lost little by little in freedomless theft, a fragment of concession to expediency here, a morsel of 'what does it matter?' there.

Then, shockingly, we find that freedom has disappeared in the regimentation of not only our daily doings, but our eternal ambitions."

Daniel J Bostaph  
Candidate for City Council

Rob Evans is currently on vacation. Modern Dysfunction will resume when he returns.

However, you can attempt to fill his shoes and send your letters and opinions to JUB room 306. Or e-mail them to slopinio@mtsu.edu. Letters or Opinions may be edited for length and grammar.

## From the Editor

## TSSAA pain in neck for students

A lane of Tennessee Boulevard in front of campus is blocked off. Two major outlets from campus and a parking lot are closed to students.

Who would have thought high school students could cause so much trouble?

Both weeks of the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association basketball tournament are being held while school is in session this year.

What does this mean for us students?

A hell of a lot of inconvenience.

For those of you who may be still left in the dark, MTSU has basically sold parking space to

TSSAA -- our parking space. The space where we have already paid \$45 or so each to park.

Inconveniencing students simply to gain some exposure is unconscionable. We deserve better than to be stabbed in the back whenever an "opportunity" comes around that means nothing to the average student.

In addition, Faulkinberry's access to Tennessee Boulevard will be closed from March 8-11 and 15-18, and Greenland Drive will be closed from March 7-11 and 14-18.

The closing of these major outlets to and from campus at the same time is asking for trouble on

an already traffic-congested campus.

Adding to all this mayhem, the Tennessee Livestock Center parking lot will be closed for the Tennessee Beef Agribition on March 9 and 10.

I guess parking on this campus wasn't challenging us quite enough.

I challenge MTSU officials to figure out a better way to collectively piss off an entire campus.

The sad thing is they'll think of something.

Angela White  
- Editor in chief

# Death penalty works in Texas

Morgan Reynolds  
Knight-Ridder Tribune

To die for ... can there be a crime or string of crimes so bad that the culprit deserves to die? Thirty-eight states say yes, 12 states say no.

Count me as part of the majority.

The squeamish have a thousand and one arguments against capital punishment -- it's "barbaric," racist, has no deterrent effect, Europeans don't do it, every human life is sacred, an innocent might be executed, violence can only be justified for immediate self defense, and so on.

These arguments are defective, but let's consider a specific case first.

Larry Robison was a white male, 42 years old, 13 years of schooling, ex-carpenter, no prior prison record and 16 years on death row.

He was an attractive-looking guy. A former mental patient, Larry's parents insisted that his life be spared because he hadn't received the right psychological help.

Larry's behavior was extraordinarily all right. Age 24 at the time of the offense, Larry was convicted of stabbing and shooting to death a 33-year-old white man.

He killed four others during the same incident for a total of five dead, including decapitating and sexually mutilated his homosexual lover.

Court after court found him competent to stand trial. He had legal representation for 17 years.

A Fort Worth court deemed him competent to suffer his fate as late as last November.

He knew the consequences of what he had done, knew that it was wrong, and understood the legal process and his punishment.

Each time I study a death penalty case in Texas, the punishment seems deserved and the process thorough.

One of every three executions occurs in Texas. As a result, Texas has the system down pat, and has passed scrutiny upon scrutiny, check and recheck, both within the state and outside.

Only seven types of murder qualify as capital crimes in

Texas.

— First, murder of a child under six years of age because it is considered especially heinous.

— Second, murder of a public safety officer, firefighter or correctional officer.

— Third, murder for remuneration or hire.

— Fourth, murder during the commission of specified felonies like kidnapping or robbery.

— Fifth, murders during prison escapes.

— Sixth, murder by a prisoner serving a life sentence.

— Seventh, multiple murders.

Executions serve obvious utilitarian ends and are saved for the worst.

Robbers, for example, are encouraged to leave victims and witnesses alive. Murderers have an incentive to stop with one life taken. Guards have some protection from "lifers."

Some acts are bad enough to deserve the death penalty, pure and simple. Remember Jeffrey Dahmer, that homosexual butcher of boys and young men in Milwaukee?

No death penalty in Wisconsin, but was a life sentence justice?

Ask the victims' families.

Few tears were shed when inmates killed Dahmer in prison.

Local sentiment varies, and government must heed public opinion -- if too many criminals walk or punishment is too soft, people won't do the job that government will do.

Places like Texas -- border states in the Sun Belt with soaring growth, high minority populations, great upward mobility and younger than average people -- also have lots of rough 'n tumble people and naturally high crime rates.

Texas ain't Sweden.

The murder rate fell 60 percent since Texas started using the death penalty seriously in the 1990s, while the national murder rate fell 33 percent. Coincidence?

Maybe, but the spirit and practice of impartial retribution is a mark of civilization.

By contrast, societies unwilling to execute their worst criminals reveal the low value they place on the lives of victims.

# Men should have say in abortion

Grant Sinclair  
Kennesaw State University

Author's disclaimer: This column pertains solely to consensual sexual relationships and the offspring of said relationships. It does not at all pertain to cases of rape or any other type of forced intercourse.

An interesting disparity exists in the way we treat men and women in regards to their right to choose.

These days, women have an unchecked power the ability to terminate or keep a pregnancy without so much as a by your leave from the father of said pregnancy.

I am not going to discuss the moral virtues of premarital sex or abortion in this column.

I do not wish to express my opinions on those matters at this time.

With regret, I am not offering

any solutions here, only problems.

That being said, I am going to express my outrage over the lack of a father's right to choose the outcome of a pregnancy that is just as much his as it is the woman's.

As it stands now, any woman over the age of 18 may choose to abort a pregnancy without consulting anyone, much less the father. Conversely, the woman may choose to keep the baby and force the father to pay child support for the next 18 years.

To this lack of choice, most would reply, "He should have thought of that before he had sex with her."

Well guess what kids, it takes two to tango.

Both are responsible for using birth control, both are responsible for the consequences of their actions, and both should have choice in what happens to the pregnancy.

This is where the real quagmire of the issue comes in to play: What happens after the mistake has been made?

The resultant pregnancy, while a part of the woman's body, is a product of both people.

What happens when the pregnant woman wants to abort the pregnancy and the man wants to keep it?

Does the father have say in the matter?

No, he should have thought of that before he had sex with her, right?

What about when she wants to keep it and he wants to abort it? Tough, he is locked into a financial commitment for the next 18 years to say the least.

Things he should have thought of before he had sex with her, right?

I am not arguing for the removal of women's right to choose. I am just sick and tired

of women having a monopoly of decision on the fate of something that is not entirely theirs to decide.

Why shouldn't a woman carry a child to term, provided it will not endanger her life?

I am not arguing that a woman be forced to carry an unwanted child to term, but shouldn't the father of this child have some say in the matter?

If not, is it right to force a man to financially support a child he would have aborted had it been his choice?

It is only fair that women be forced into the same corner that men are in.

I understand women have to endure the discomfort, the physical pain of childbirth, and the associated changes in physiology. So what?

Those are things she should of thought of before she had sex with him.

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## For the health of it

by Autumn N. Spence, staff columnist

## Alcohol can poison college students



Alcohol poisoning kills about thirty college students each year, and 44 percent of other college students are drinking solely to get drunk.

Binge drinking is the first sign of alcohol poisoning and involves drinking an average of four to five

drinks in a row on any one occasion. Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is the legal method of determining the amount a person can tolerate.

Tennessee's BAC is 10 percent and is influenced by body weight, type of drink, how fast it is consumed, mood, amount of food in stomach and an inherited enzyme that helps metabolize alcohol.

Individual experience is a sure way to determine the amount of alcohol that one can tolerate because of the complexity of variables.

Other symptoms of alcohol poisoning include unconsciousness, cold or discolored skin, breathing less than eight times a minute and failure to wake up after vomiting.

If someone appears to have alcohol poisoning, don't leave him or her alone, turn him or her on his or her side to avoid suffocating on vomit, and immediately contact medical personnel or the police.

Never attempt to administer home remedies such as coffee or a cold shower since they are useless and may waste the time that professionals who need to save his or her life.

Irresponsible drinking contributes to several other problems such as date rape, assault, car accidents, unprotected sex, trouble with the police and poor academic performance.

Despite MTSU's reputation concerning alcohol, computer specialist Ben Coman of the MTSU police department reports that only 12 alcohol-related calls have been responded to since January 1.

Two calls resulted in an arrest, and only one of those involved a student charged with DUI.

Major Roy Brewer of the MTSU police department said that it has been several years since they have responded to a case of alcohol poisoning on campus.

However, he went on to say that it is possible that cases involving students could be occurring off campus.

He said that he does not anticipate alcohol to be a problem on campus during Spring Break. ■

## Legendary producer gives seminar

Staff Reports

Eddie Kramer, a producer and engineer known for his work with Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Santana and the Beatles, recently held a four-day recording session/seminar at MTSU.

In addition to his lectures, Kramer conducted a recording session so that students could see him work firsthand.

Fifteen local bands submitted demo tapes to be considered for a production session with Kramer, and he selected Nashville-based Fair Verona to work with during the Jan. 20-23 session.

"It meant a great deal to bring Eddie in, not only because of

his stature in the industry but because we knew he would be able to teach the students a great deal, especially because this was a multi-day event," said Doug Mitchell, MTSU Department of Recording Industry associate professor.

"The students got to see how a fully professional session might take place and it was very beneficial.

"The highlights of the entire weekend were his sharing of a lot of techniques and knowledge that he's gained in his years of recording and his reinforcing of many of the things that we teach in the department already.

"He was very good about asking students questions and trying to get them to respond.

When we would have a little problem or something, he would say, 'Now why is this happening?'

"And then the kids would have to retrace everything that was going on and figure out why something might not have been working."

Kramer began the event with a lecture addressing the general nature of recording, as well as the specifics of recording sessions, such as those for Led Zeppelin, KISS and Jimi Hendrix, on which he has worked.

He also discussed various microphone and instrumental recording techniques.

Kramer then unveiled the numerous photographs he had taken in studios throughout the

years.

On day two, Kramer worked with Fair Verona in pre-production, improving a selected song and then followed the next day tracking the song.

The last day was spent with final vocal overdubs, as well as the mix of the song.

"Eddie was exceptionally good at working with the band because he's very personable, even though he's a very famous producer," Mitchell said.

"He worked with them on their level and didn't intimidate them at all. He was able to extract a really good performance from them."

The event was sponsored in part by SHURE Microphones, Lexicon, BASF Tape, Monster Cable and Tascam. ■

## Composer/guitarist to hold recital

Staff Reports

Showcasing original acoustic guitar work from his "Guitarchitecture" compact-disc release, Roger Hudson will present a public recital at 8 p.m. Friday, March 10 in Wright Music Hall.

A faculty guitar instructor for MTSU, Hudson has performed for such luminaries as Chet Atkins, and has done studio session work for Elton John and LeeAnn Rimes.

He recorded his 12-song "Guitarchitecture" CD in 1994 for the Tikal Records label.

The Guitar Foundation of America's "Soundboard" magazine has hailed Hudson's CD for its "infectious melodies...strong themes...many gorgeous moments...and fetching rhythmic figurations."

Furthermore, Mel Bay Publications was so impressed with Hudson's solo guitar compositions that his works were included in three guitar anthologies: "2000

Fingerpicking," "2000 Jazz Guitar," and "2000 Blues Guitar," as well as a book/CD featuring 12 original solos for classical guitar titled, "The Guitar Collection of Roger Hudson."

"Roger is a first-class concert performer," remarked William Yelverton, an associate music professor at MTSU.

"Many of his pieces have influences in blues, folk, Celtic, Latin and Baroque music. It is the kind of music that virtually everyone enjoys upon a first hearing."

Hudson has recorded a total of two albums for the Tikal label. He also played on the "Alabama Christmas Memories" album for Jeff Cook of the popular country group Alabama.

Cook, in turn, was so impressed with a live performance by Hudson that he commissioned the work.

In addition to being a concert guitarist, Hudson is also a composer, arranger, teacher and columnist. To date, he has penned more than 50 works for guitar as well as compositions and arrangements for

string quartet, brass quintet and diverse ensemble formats.

He has written reviews for publications such as "Just Jazz Guitar" and "Fingerstyles" magazines, and in addition to teaching at MTSU, he also teaches at MARS Music Superstore and in his Nashville-based home studio.

Hudson earned a bachelor's degree in music theory composition from the College of Charleston and a master's degree in music theory from Georgia State University.

Moreover, he has studied and performed in master classes with renowned guitarist Christopher Parkening, as well as instructors Fred Sabback, Christopher Berg and John Sutherland.

"The reason his music is so widely appealing," observed Yelverton, "is that it crosses genres and boundaries — a synthesis of styles and influences that is uniquely his own."

Hudson's performance is free, and the public is encouraged to attend. ■

## What's in a name? Beaver College considers a change

James M. O'Neill  
Knight-Ridder Tribune

GLENSIDE, Pa. — Vulgar humor could cost Beaver College its name.

Irrked at hearing the school's name used in ribald jokes by David Letterman, Howard Stern, and plenty of college-aged students, Beaver officials are polling alumni, staff, and the college's 2,800 students on whether the school should adopt a new moniker.

And now that high school students routinely conduct college research on the Internet, Beaver officials are upset because some computer filters that parents and libraries install to block access to pornographic Internet sites are also preventing students from accessing Beaver College information online.

"The word 'beaver' too often elicits ridicule in the form of derogatory remarks pertaining to the rodent, the TV show 'Leave It to Beaver' and the vulgar reference to the female anatomy," Beaver president Bette E. Landman lamented in a letter sent last month to alumni, parents, staff and students.

According to Landman, the sensitivity filters have even blocked delivery of e-mail messages originating from Beaver. In addition, the college's market research shows that the school appeals to 30 percent fewer prospective students solely because of the name.

"There are alumni reports that our name presents an obstacle when seeking employment and that some have chosen not to display their diplomas to avoid unkind remarks from colleagues," Landman wrote.

Beaver spokesman Bill Avington said the Montgomery County school was seeking input from alumni because officials expected strong feelings on both sides

*Some filters, which search for key words in Web addresses, blocked access to the Beaver College Web site.*

of the debate over a name change. He said that so far, the school had received 1,800 responses, which had yet to be tabulated. The school has also scheduled campus meetings for alumni, staff and students to discuss the matter.

"I don't have a problem with whether they change the name," said Michelle Boardman, a Beaver freshman. "Either way, it will still be the same programs, the same professors."

Freshman Aimee Drumheller agreed. But she noted that friends erupted in laughter when she told them the name of the college she was to attend.

"I'd just kind of blow it off. But when they hear the name, they always want me to get them a Beaver College T-shirt," Drumheller said.

Beaver got its name because it was started in Beaver County, Pa. Founded in 1853 as Beaver Female Seminary, it moved to Jenkintown in 1925, and consolidated in Glenside in 1962. It has admitted male students since 1973.

Mark Kanter of Solid Oak Software in Santa Barbara, Calif., said it was likely that some filters, which search for key words in Web addresses, blocked access to the Beaver College Web site.

He said Solid Oak's filter, Cybersitter, did not block the word 'beaver.'

But if it did, he said, parents using the software could simply turn the program off or override the particular Web address so students could

access the college site.

Landman also wants to address whether Beaver should seek university status.

Beaver has a strong foreign study component, but outside North America, the designation "college" regularly refers to a secondary school or college-prep school.

"This perception hinders our ability to attract foreign students and to develop partnerships with the most prestigious overseas institutions," Landman wrote.

La Salle, St. Joseph's and Villanova have changed to university status over the years. Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, trying to reflect growing program diversity, recently changed its name to Philadelphia University.

When it comes to names with prurient double entendres, Beaver is not alone.

At Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., officials have not yet seen the Internet problems that Beaver faces. But Tim Underhill, Ball State's spokesman, said that after students took to printing T-shirts with the technically inaccurate phrase "Ball U" on them in the 1960s, the university trademarked that name - as well as the more accurate "BSU."

At Morehead University in Kentucky, spokeswoman Pauline Young said that "every once in a while we hear a joke, or someone says the name of the school a little weird."

But with declining enrollment and the school's teacher-education program under scrutiny, she said, its name is the least of the university's concerns. Young said she was not aware of any Internet filter problems.

Beaver officials do not yet have a new name in mind, and Avington said the survey results would not necessarily determine what Landman does. ■

## Right on key

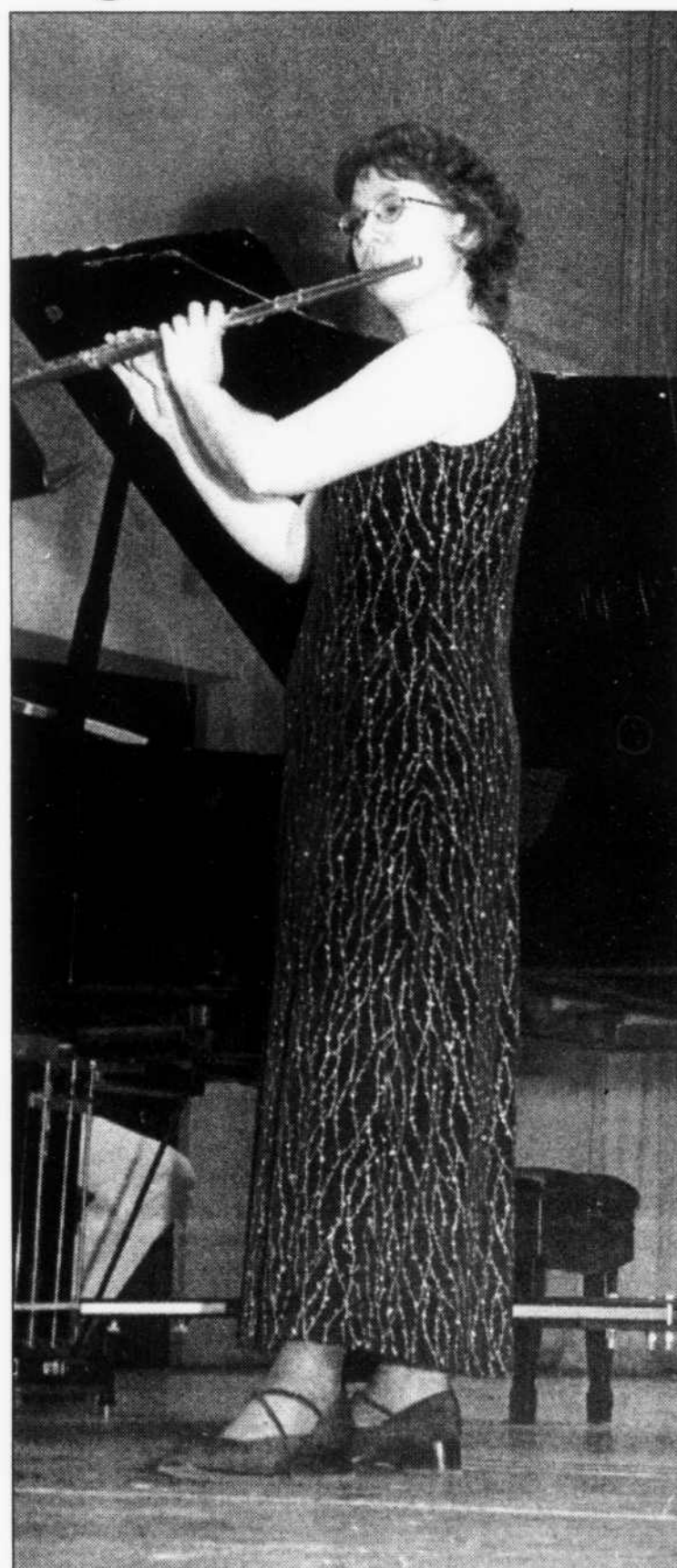


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Erika Inge Leake, flutist, performed Monday night in Wright Music Hall. Leake was chosen to perform as a soloist for both the 1993 and 1999 National Flute Association Conventions.

## Bob Jones U. drops interracial dating ban

Staff Reports

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The president of embattled Bob Jones University announced on national television Friday night that the school has dropped its ban on interracial dating.

Appearing on CNN's "Larry King Live," Bob Jones III said the university still believes in the principle of banning interracial dating because it could lead to interracial marriage and what he called "genetic blending."

But the monthlong national firestorm that has raged over the school and its conservative Christian policies has become what Jones called an "obstacle for people to see what the school is really about."

"We don't want this to be a stumbling block," Jones told King. "We have a broader testimony. The ban is dropped."

Jones said he met with his administrators Friday at the Greenville, S.C., school. That's when they decided to end the policy, which became national news when Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush spoke on the campus Feb. 2, several days before the S.C. Republican primary. Sunday, Bush admitted that he was wrong not to have challenged the school's ban on interracial dating and its anti-Roman Catholic position.

Jones, 60, said that out of concern for the cause of Christ and the school's 5,000 students, they will now be able to date people of other races.

Keeping with school policy, if they date off-campus, they will still need chaperones. "This thing is of such insignificance to us," Jones said of the interracial dating ban. "Why should we have this here as an obstacle?"

Jones said he hopes the end of the interracial dating ban will signal an end to the media accusing the university of racism. The school has had the ban since it began admitting blacks in 1970. "The only gain I want is the liberals to say 'We were all wrong' when they said we were racist," Jones said. ■



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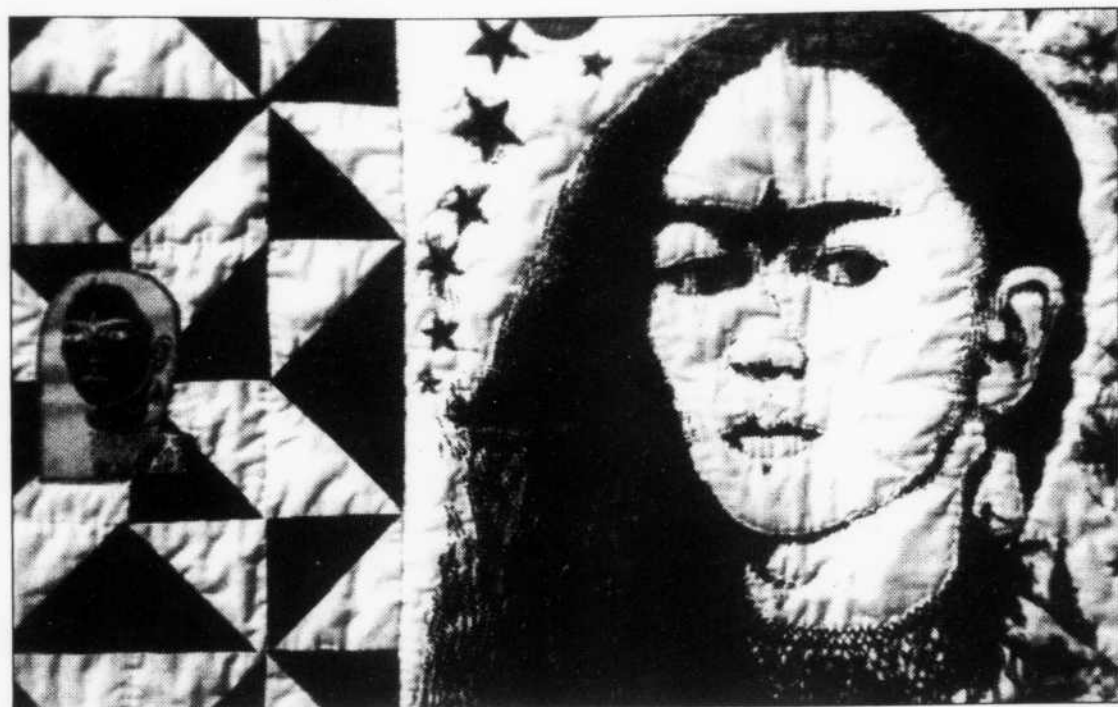


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# Raiders split with Eagles

Michael Edwards  
Sports Co-Editor

The song says "Take me out to the ball game," but Tuesday against the Eagles of Southern Mississippi, the Blue Raiders just got taken.

With the score knotted at three in the top of the eighth, Blue Raider skipper Steve Peterson elected to make a pitching change.

Junior Jason Moates started the game and went seven strong innings, allowing only three runs and five hits while striking out four. However, the move was made to start the inning, and the new hurler was sophomore right-hander Kyle Sparkman.

Three batters later, the Blue Raiders found themselves looking up at the Eagles, due to a solo home run and a two-run shot by Dusty Haley and Chris Finegan.

"I think Moates was strong enough to go some more. It was my decision. I just don't want to force anything right now," Peterson said. "There's other pitchers on the team. There's guys that have to step up to be successful."

"When the bullpen gate opened up, we just were very ineffective," Peterson continued. "You got to come in and pitch and make the pitches, and we didn't do it."

MTSU made three errors in the ball game, one of which led directly to an unearned run. They also had one wild pitch, and on successive pitches two passed balls.

"We are not playing good defense anywhere in the game," Peterson said. "In the ninth inning, we blow a double play ball. We got two passed balls."



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Kris Lammers attempts to tag a Yale player during Monday's 4-1 loss.

We got a throwing error. When we lose concentration, we just break down."

Fielding was not the sole problem for the Raiders' defeat on Tuesday, however.

MTSU stranded six men on the day, five of whom were in scoring position. Two double plays were turned by Southern Mississippi, and one of those stranded a runner at third base.

During the game MTSU put runners on base with less than two outs six times. One of them scored. Five of those six were in scoring position with less than two outs.

"[Pitching] is not our problem," said Peterson. "We're not swinging the bats. We've got people in the game that their sole purpose is to play solid

defense, and manufacture a run here and there. The middle of the order is supposed to drive these guys in, and they're not consistently doing it."

"When you're not scoring runs, it's an unhappy ball club, and they deserve to be unhappy," Peterson continued. "As a coach, I have to work them through this. I guess I have to be a psychiatrist, a shrink. You have a consistent approach."

"In our last inning we didn't have a consistent approach at all. The panic was in, and somebody was trying to hit a three-run homer with nobody on base."

The Blue Raiders did have some bright spots scattered in the batting order. Senior Justin Links replaced sophomore Jason

Howarth in the bottom of the seventh inning. With runners on first and second, he singled to left scoring Junior Brandon Johnson, and when Finegan miss played the ball, Wes Whitehead raced all the way from first to score and tie the game.

In the eighth, though, the dam broke and the Eagles scored two runs off Sparkman before the Raiders could retire a batter.

Senior Brett Allen would retire the first batter of the inning, but not before Finegan went deep on a two-run blast. One of the runs was charged to Sparkman.

Allen would fan the next batter, but give up a single to Brent Quinn, who went 3-for-4 on the day. Two batters later, he would score on a fielder's choice to make the score 7-3.

"Southern Miss beat us," said Peterson. "They know how to put people away. That's why they have been in regionals recently, and when they had to make the routine plays, they made them."

In the second game, led by Kris Lammers, the Blue Raiders managed to knock off the Eagles 7-3. Lammers pitched 7-1/3 innings, gave up three runs on seven hits, striking out five.

Blue Raiders scored four in the first and scattered three the rest of the way. Southern Miss scored one in the first and tacked on two in the eighth.

Josh Pride led the Raiders with two hits. He scored a run and drove in two.

Left fielder Justin Links had two hits and scored two runs.

MTSU improves to 4-9 on the year. They host Dayton Saturday at 3:00.■

## MTSU golf 10th at Matlock Invitational

### Staff Reports

LAKELAND, Fla. - In windy conditions at the Matlock Invitational on Tuesday, MTSU, the 50th rated team in the nation by GolfWeek Magazine, shot a disappointing 302 to finish 10th in the 18-team field. The 54-hole tournament was held at the Grassland Golf and Country Club, which was a par 72, 7,065-yard course.

"The course was extremely difficult today, especially with the wind," head coach Johnny Moore said. "It is a tour-type course, and we did not play very smart the entire tournament, but overall it was not a great day for scoring."

One player who did score well was Blue Raider senior Brett Alexander. The Richland, Mo., native finished with an even par 216, which tied him for fifth place overall.

Alexander, who shot an even 72 in the final round, was 4-under par heading into the final two holes before suffering a triple bogey and a bogey. On the front side, Alexander shot a 32 after bogeying the day's first hole.

Seniors Whit Turnbow and Richard Spangler were the Blue Raiders' next top finishers.

Turnbow shot a 226 to finish in a tie for 39th, while Spangler came on strong the final two rounds to post a 227 and tie for 42nd.

Sophomore J.R. Wade, rated 98th in the country by

GolfWeek Magazine, struggled all three rounds, coming in 45th with a 228, which was his highest score of the year.

Rounding out MTSU's scoring was freshman Justin Miers, who finished 89th with a 244.

The Blue Raiders will take a week off before heading to Montgomery, Ala., for the Alabama Spring Invitational on March 17-19.■

### Team Scores:

1. Florida Southern (291-294-289=874)
2. Duke (290-292-294=876)
3. Georgia State (291-288-301=880)
4. Memphis (294-289-299=882)
5. Ohio State (297-288-299=884)
6. Valdosta State (291-291-302=884)
7. Mississippi (295-294-295=884)
8. Old Dominion (294-298-295=887)
9. South Florida (297-302-293=892)
10. MTSU (297-298-302=897)
11. Columbus State (303-295-301=899)
12. Richmond (296-300-304=900)
13. Virginia Tech (304-298-304=906)
14. Alabama (301-306-301=908)
15. Furman (295-307-312=914)
16. Georgia Southern (301-311-311=923)
17. Wofford (302-313-310=925)
18. Illinois (308-317-319=944)

## Lady Raiders are building momentum

Josh Ezzell  
Sports Co-Editor

The softball team is on a roll. They enter Saturday's contest against Alabama A&M having won four of their last six en route to the Middle Tennessee Invitational.

In the Middle Tennessee Invitational, they defeated Belmont University twice, as well as Miami University and Tennessee State University, while losing to Western Michigan University and Miami University.

"We're performing strong, especially on defense," pitcher Amanda Kendall said. "We're playing excellent right now."

The Lady Raiders won the Middle Tennessee Invitational with defense and pitching. Kendall went 2-0 during the tournament, striking out 14 and compiling a 1.20 ERA. Jennifer Martinez went 2-1 with a 1.68 ERA while striking out 24.

Kendall leads the Lady Raiders with a 4-1 record and a 1.24 ERA. Martinez has a 4-4 record and a 1.88 ERA with 58 strikeouts. Stayc Preator is 3-2 with a 2.01 ERA, and Courtney Wallace is 1-0 with a 1.47 ERA.

The Lady Raiders have a .966 fielding percentage, and nine are perfect from the field.

"We had four pitchers through the tournament that contributed greatly," head coach Karen Green said. "Someone's been there to take up the slack, and in the past we haven't had that."

"Having pitchers will make a huge difference. Seven years in a row we've had injuries and been left with one (pitcher)."

While pitching and defense have been strong, the offense has done enough to win. The Lady Raiders have won six one-run games, and all but two wins — Alabama State University (12-1 and 14-2) — have been



Photo by Robin Wallace | Staff Photographer

Pitching has helped the Raiders win four of the last six games, decided by four runs or less.

The Lady Raiders are hitting .276, while opponents are hitting only .229. First baseman/third baseman Shay Haskell is hitting .320 with two homers. Outfielder Erica Buhl is hitting .304 with one homerun, and Middle Tennessee Invitational Tournament MVP Laura Brockman is hitting .279, while leading the team in RBIs with 13.

But the team has admitted they can hit better.

"The bats could be stronger, but they we've gotten the key

hits when we've needed them," Brockman said. "The bats will come around as long as we stay consistent."

The offense doesn't worry Green too much. She is more concerned with the defense and pitching.

"If you've got good defense and pitching, you'll be okay," Green said. "The hitting will come around. We mainly need to get our confidence level up."

Following Alabama A&M, MTSU will host Western Kentucky University Monday at 5 p.m.■

## News & Notes

### Clinics:

Second Annual Middle Tennessee Coaches Clinic will be held Mar. 24-25 at Floyd Stadium. Many high school, collegiate and professional coaches will be speaking. The clinic starts at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. To sign up, contact Tom Fiveash in the Middle Tennessee football office at 615-898-2926.

Blue Raider men's basketball camp will be held July 12-16. The price to those eligible (10 years old through rising senior) is \$160. Children of MTSU employees receive a 50% discount.

Blue Raider's women's basketball camps will take place June 7-10 for individuals, June 10-12 for position camp. The cost for the individual camp ranges from \$235 to \$265 depending on the time of registration. A discount is available for registering prior to May 22.

### Results:

Yale beat Middle Tennessee 4-1 Monday despite a strong debut pitching by Freshman Matthew Griffith.

Kapria Kirk finished a team-high seventh for the women's cross country team Friday, while John Cheek finished a men's best thirteenth.

The women's soccer team signed their first recruit on Feb. 2. Emily Shrum is the first goalkeeper to sign with the Blue Raiders in two years.

### Upcoming Games:

Saturday:  
Blue Raider baseball vs. Dayton  
Lady Raider softball vs. Alabama A&M (DH)

Sunday:  
Blue Raider baseball vs. Dayton

Monday:  
Lady Raider softball vs. Western Kentucky (DH)

### Other News:

Spring football practice starts today. The spring game is April 15.

The Blue Raider and Lady Raider tennis teams continued their march upward in the latest Wingspan Collegiate tennis rankings.

The men's tennis team climbed to No. 44 after posting two wins at the HEB Invitational Championships over the weekend. Also competing in the tournament are No. 20 Virginia and number No. 35 UAB.

The Lady Raiders moved up three spots to No. 52 in the nation after winning all three matches over the weekend. The women's team will host Louisville today.■





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Tamara Davis takes a cut during the Middle Tennessee Invitational.

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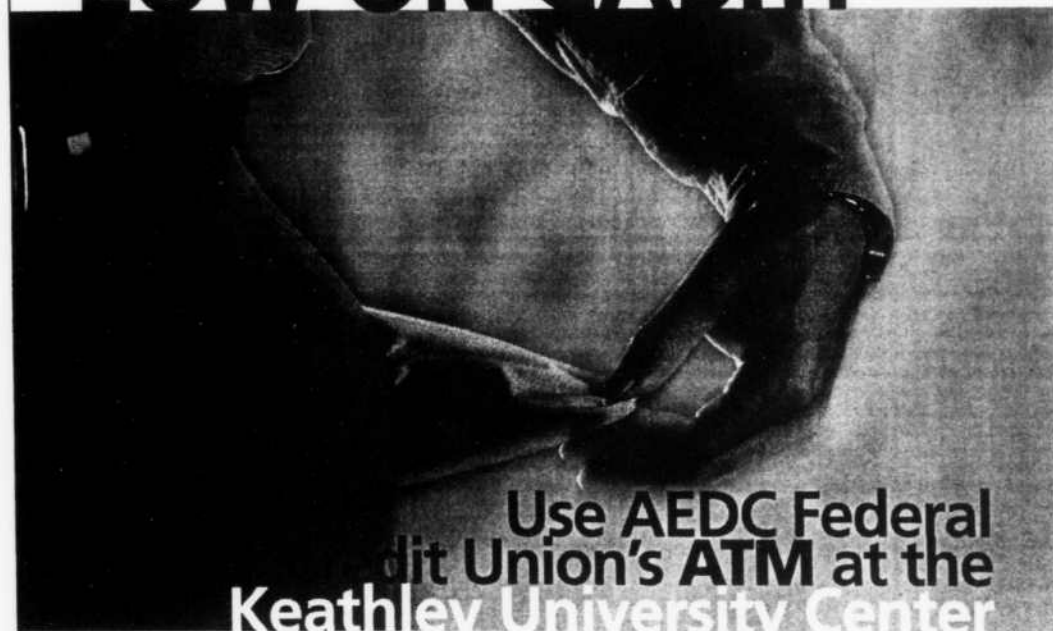
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