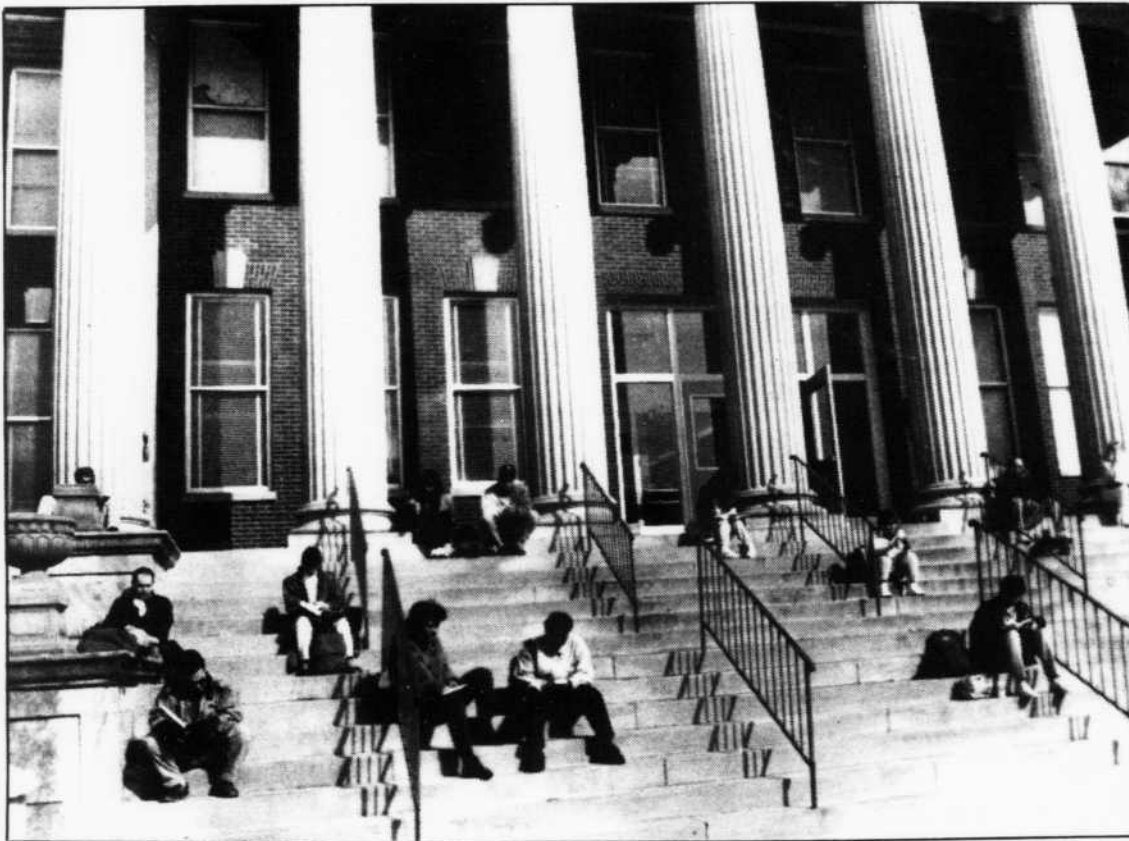


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JUST KILLING TIME: Students sit on the steps of the Kirksey Old Main Building enjoying the recent burst of spring weather.

Students given four days for registration

NICOLE M. SIKORA
Asst. News Editor

Spring registration will be four days long rather than two, Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie said.

He said excessive workloads and long lines during fall registration have caused administrators to extend the registration process.

"Last fall [fall 1991] we had four days at Murphy Center," Gillespie said. "There was some sentiment among people on campus that we were spending too much time to register students. So we cut back from four days to two days, and that was a mistake. We could not get the work done in two days."

Registration for both fall 1992 and spring 1993 will be scheduled to cover four days. Priority registration will not be

affected.

Gillespie said students can avoid the lines at Murphy Center by going through pre-registration and paying fees by mail.

"We had 2,000 more students who had to come to Murphy Center this semester because they did not pay early," he said. "Had they paid early, we would not have nearly as many people in line."

Gillespie said that a possibility for the future is touch-tone registration, an idea he has pursued for several years.

A telephone registration system would be composed of about 48 available lines. The system would allow students to register, pay fees, drop or add classes, inquire about grades, and access other information systems by using a touch-tone telephone

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Bicycle thefts plague campus

VICKI NEAL
Asst. News Editor

With the growing number of university students using the bicycle as a means of transportation, there is a greater chance of a bicycle being stolen on campus.

Students are reminded to watch out for the safety and security of their bicycles and other valuables, said MTSU's Public Safety and Security Chief Jack Drugmand.

Since the beginning of this semester, six bikes have been reported stolen, according to campus records. At least eight bikes were reported stolen during the fall 1991 semester.

The bicycles have been stolen from racks by Beasley,



Sims, Gracy and Deere halls, the latter being the location of several thefts last semester, campus records show.

"There are no absolute guarantees (to prevent bicycle theft)," Drugmand said. "People are coming and going all the time."

Drugmand also said he rides a bike himself "to beat the parking problem and to provide

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Sexual assault at Alumni Gym raises concerns about security

SUZANNE NORMAND
Staff Writer

The sexual assault of a female MTSU student in mid-January has raised some concern about the lack of security in the Alumni Memorial Gym during weekend hours.

The victim of the assault said she was lifting weights in the mechanical weight room when the incident occurred.

After she realized what happened, she said she left the facility to find help. Because no staff was available to respond to the situation and there were no phones in easily accessible locations, she said, the victim had to rely on help from other people

in the gym area.

Not only was no staff available to respond to the situation, but also none was on duty to supervise the facility and to prevent non-students and non-faculty members from entering, she said.

Jack Drugmand, director of MTSU's Public Safety and Security, said the incident is still being investigated.

A campus-wide policy limits use of such facilities to students and faculty members. The person responsible for the assault was not a student or faculty member, Drugmand said.

Director of Campus Recreation Glenn Hanley blames the lack of staffing on limited

funds.

Hanley said staff is on duty only during special events and from 2-4 p.m. in the free weight room.

Funds coming out of the Campus Recreation budget are spent primarily on purchases of new equipment, leaving just enough money to pay for present staffing, he said.

Additional staffing can't be afforded, he said.

Hanley also blamed the absence of phones on limited funding. "I have requested a pay phone and on-campus phone several times, but none have been installed because there are not

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It will be up to us to determine if Japan's latest slap in the faces of American workers is true.

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The American Red Cross and Plasma Alliance are asking students for their 'red stuff.'

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TRAVELIN' KELVIN:

MTSU guard Kelvin Hammonds took the long road to his new home on the hardwoods.

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SGA changes forum date

SAM GANNON
News Editor

The Student Government Association's luncheon forums have been rescheduled to the third Wednesday of each month, SGA President Shawn Burgess said.

"It is a place for students and administrators to come together," Burgess said. "Students can be heard and get their questions answered and get things looked

into."

The forums, which began last semester, were started in an effort to keep students informed and to give students a chance to speak with university policy makers.

The forums were established as a campus tradition as part of the Year of the Student, which celebrates the student.

"It's about student empowerment," Burgess said.

This month's forum will be

on Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Burgess said he will be the speaker.

"We want to discuss housing and parking and other things that interest students," Burgess said. "We want everyone to come out. There's your chance."

Past forums have included members of local government as well as campus administrators.

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Campus Capsule

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Pledge meeting, Pi Sigma Epsilon, 5:15 p.m., Kirksey Old Main 452.

Auditions for musical Chicago, 7 p.m., Tucker Theatre, Ext. 2640.

Hare Krishna Club, meditation and discussion, 6 p.m., KOM 312, Adi-Parusa das 896-3425.

Sunday, Feb. 9

Student Mass, Catholic Student Center, 7 p.m., St. Rose Catholic Church, or for those needing a ride: 6:45, in front of Keathley University Center, February calendars are available at the Catholic Student Center.

Monday, Feb. 10

"Ethics in Music: Who Owns the Sound," Bruce Nemerov, Honors Lecture Series, 3:30 p.m., Peck Hall.

Deadline for entry in Kayak Roll Clinic, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym, ext. 2104.

Raquetball mixed doubles,

Campus Recreation, \$3 per person, Feb. 10-13, Ext. 2104.

Other Campus Events

Sitcom script writing, call Miles Hunter, Ext. 1799.

It's Only a Play, Buchanan Players, 8 p.m., Feb. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 2 p.m. Feb. 16, Arena Theatre, Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, \$4 general admission (free to MTSU with valid ID). Reservations: Ext. 2716.

Campus Capsule is a service provided by Sidelines for non-profit campus groups. If you have a notice that you would like to run in Campus Capsule, please submit typewritten or printed information to our office in the James Union Building, Room 310. Items must be received by Tuesday at noon for Thursday's publication and noon Friday for Monday's publication. Inclusion is not guaranteed and is based on available space.

Campus Crimes

Burglary to Auto: Edward Faria reported his vehicle had been broken into on Jan. 31 while it was parked in the Baird Street Lot, his stereo was taken.

Theft: Donald J. King reported his 21-speed mountain bike had been stolen on Jan. 31 from where he had it secured at the Murphy Athletic Center bike rack. George Martin reported the Game Room in the Keathley University Center had been broken into on Feb. 1 and all the electronic machines except for one had been broken into. Jon W. Morrow reported his keys were stolen on Feb. 2 from where he had accidentally left them in the trunk lock of his vehicle.

Assault: John King reported on Feb. 1 he had been threatened by a female.

Fight: Two male students on Feb. 2 were issued Dean's Citations for an altercation in Nicks Hall.

Trespassing: Tim Mears and David Stiles were issued written trespass warnings on Feb. 2 for driving their go-carts on campus. Three juveniles were issued written trespass warnings on Feb. 1 after being found in the KUC.

Larceny: Patrick D. Hicks reported on Jan. 31 his radar detector had been stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the Baird Street lot. Alex Robinson reported on Jan. 31 his wallet was taken from his bookbag while it was on a chair in the Grill.

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and an individual code.

"With the type of institution we are at MTSU, which is approximately 3,500 dorm students and 12,500 commuters, it makes a great deal of sense to be able to do this from the convenience of your own home," Gillespie said.

Dave Matthews of MTSU Telephone Services agreed.

"A lot of schools are going with this now," Matthews said. "I think it would be good for the university."

Installment costs are believed to pay for themselves eventually, because costs for temporary help would be eliminated. Gillespie estimated the cost of installment to be about \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Gillespie said that installation of the system depends on the budget, but he said he thinks it is a "very high priority."

"It is at least a year away, maybe two or three," Gillespie said. "However, if the system were to be approved by July 1, we could probably have the system ready for spring registration."

Head of Computer Services Administrative Systems Don Cox said computer programming for the system would "not be a difficult thing, but it would take some time to do it."

Roan State Community College in East Tennessee has a system similar to the one proposed for MTSU.

Roan State Registration Services Director Allan Brunton said registration once consisted of "long lines like every place else."

Telephone registration at Roan State allows students to register, drop and add classes using a touch-tone phone. Students are not able to pay fees by phone using a credit card, though Brunton said that was a possibility "down the road."

During the past year that the system has been in service, Brunton said he thinks the new system is working well.

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enough funds," he said.

Another reason for trespass offenses is lack of security at the building's entrances. None of the entrances are equipped with an alarm system.

Hanley said the doors are shut off after weekday hours yet are only equipped with one-way locks.

A suggestion was made that signs be posted warning people using the facilities that they are doing so at their own risk.

Hanley, however, doubts the effectiveness of such signs. "I don't know how much people will read those signs," he said.

Administrators predict that when the new Student Recreation Center is completed, supposedly in Oct. 1994, it will provide convenient hours to MTSU alumni and maintain a safe environment.

Plans for the facility indicate one access point and supervision in all rooms. "Such features are possible because of the design of the facility and the availability of funds," Hanley said.

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more spaces."

He suggests two ways to help prevent bicycle theft.

*Keep bicycles locked at all times.

*Keep bicycles locked in a secure place.

Highly valuable bicycles should have proper insurance, he said.

"This is not a place for high-priced items or family heirlooms," Drugmand said.

"Keep them at home."

*More than 14,000 students cover the university, Drugmand said, so it is easy for thieves to have the opportunity to steal anything.

"The MTSU campus is a smorgasbord shopping mall for thieves," he said.

Who will be top instructor?

The MTSU Foundation has funded three Outstanding Teacher Awards of \$1,000 each for the past twenty-five years and will do so again this year.

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Opinions

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We will prove the Japanese right or wrong

While many Americans labored away at their jobs Monday, Japan launched yet another verbal equivalent to Pearl Harbor. The charge — America lacks a work ethic. This latest barrage came not from a business leader or some low ranking public official, but from Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa.

America's outrage over such talk is not so much the message as it is the messenger. We know that there is a problem with our productivity, we just don't like someone else pointing it out to us.

Ironically, the Japanese statement may do more good than harm. Criticism from our economic rival should provide more motivation than any management program that has been developed. If it takes a shot in the arm, albeit a cheap one, to get us going then let them fire away.

The real question is not where America is, but where we are going. The answer lies within us, the future leaders, workers and consumers of our country.

Within the next few years, we will all be leaving school and entering the work force. The success or failure of the U.S. economy will depend largely on our level of performance.

This might seem a bit much. After all, we're just in college, right? However, on a personal level we will all find this to be true in the not so distant future. It is up to us, as Prime Minister Miyazawa said, if Americans will "live by the sweat of their brow."



Letters to the Editor

Too lazy to walk

If you do not believe me just watch them circle the KUC. I followed several cars around at 8 am on the 28th and they drove all around the loop and the biology building and the dorms looking for convenient spaces and after someone in a red Trans-Am parked illegally I went and checked availability. One lot across from Kwik-Sak was empty and by Murphy Center was two-thirds full. Last semester when Sidelines argued about parking and I found that spots were open but not convenient ones and that is what students want. The excuses are not, "I am afraid in the dark" if they have a morning class or are men. They are, "I'm late, my hair, my shoes, or it's raining." The 28th was beautiful and there were ample spaces so what excuse then? They want them so badly they are willing to pay a \$4 parking ticket or should we just call it a parking fee. Tickets are issued constantly and when the weather is worse parking violations are worse. Coincidence, I think not! "It's raining!" So whatever arguments are being used it boils down to convenience. If they build a new parking garage where do you think it will be? Between Peck Hall and Cope would be nice but don't count on it. It will be a long walk from somewhere and you will have to walk outside, no enclosed moving sidewalks for a few years yet.

This is not a minor issue. 15,000 students times \$50 is \$750,000, a very major sum and that is without ticket income. Should parking be easy? Sure, for the people who work here and they often cannot find a spot because of all the illegal parking.

Terry Bohannon presented

several poor arguments:

No. 1—Students have a right to park near where they are working on their degrees. Why? They do not at other schools. UT has a shuttle bus. Would MTSU students wait for a shuttle bus when they can walk there faster?

No. 2—Students have to drive to the KUC to check their mailboxes or use the book store. Why can't they do it before or after class by walking? There are 14,292 P.O. Boxes and most of the people walk there so why can't everyone? Yes, the flooding and lack of good dry walkways should be addressed but that isn't the reason most of the time. The "all too often flooded" areas, how often is that? Maybe 20 to 30 percent of the time? I agree that people should not be charged for what they do not use so don't raise the fee to \$50, raise the fine to \$50 and I would imagine that convenience might become too costly. Handicapped parking fills up and there are rumors of how easy it is to get a handicapped sticker. True or not it is sad when people are so desperate for a parking place that they would use a handicapped one. The policy now will not allow towing for illegal parking if you're not in a handicapped space and you can bet that the people who park illegally know it. Maybe we should run a list of all the names of the violators and see if it is the same 1,000 people or so who just can NEVER FIND a spot so the HAVE to park illegally.

Parking is not convenient at any large university. It is not supposed to be. You could always put a bike rack on your car and ride it in from the far reaches of the parking lots. You could keep a large umbrella and rubbers in your car. This problem

is not going to go away it is going to get worse and what is sad is that instead of working together to make it easier on all of us, too many people take care of number one and if that is hard on the rest of us, tough. There are a couple of nice aspects to this —if parking is our most serious problem this is a nice place to go to school. Won't it be nice to be able to tell our children that we had to WALK TO COLLEGE IN THE RAIN, UP HILL BOTH WAYS.

RJ "Stumpy" Binder
Box 5487

Group psychology?

I would like to challenge the psychology department to develop a profile on those individuals who like to gather in groups of three or more in the stairways, doorways and middle of the sidewalks during class changes. Surely these individuals are not oblivious of their inconsiderate and obnoxious behavior. Why do they do it then? Are they starving for attention? Are they trying to act macho? Do they want to disrupt class? I would be interested in finding out. Perhaps if we develop a profile on them we can help them to blend in with college "students" or place them at more appropriate institutes of learning.

Dr. Bob Newsome
Box 27

Gotta Have It!

I would like to suggest a possible remedy to the condom machine dilemma: Let's talk to the Pepsi folks about dispensing a condom with each can of Pepsi. "Gotta have it!"

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Ty Hager
Box A-131

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Features

BLOOD AND MONEY

Red Cross looking for donors

FERN GREENBANK
Features Editor

The Red Cross bloodmobile stood parked outside Keathley University Center last week. It got pretty lonely.

Only 117 people donated blood over a two day period.

"That's awful," says Nancy McGill, executive director of the Rutherford County Chapter of the Red Cross.

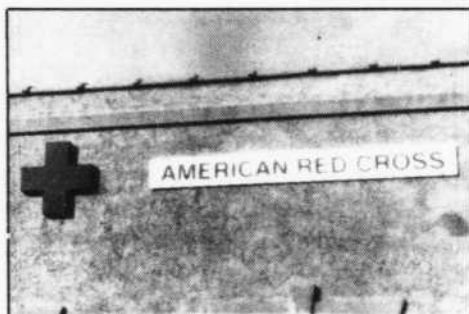
McGill's concern is understandable. As of late, the blood supply for Middle Tennessee has been drastically cut. More than 400 units of blood each month have been lost through the Ft. Campbell donation sites.

Anyone who served in the Gulf War will not be eligible to donate for three years. Malaria medications taken by soldiers and a rare parasite found in Saudi Arabia are the reasons for deferring this faithful group of donors.

In addition, all of those who received a flu shot must wait three months to give blood. The vaccination sometimes causes HIV tests to show up falsely positive but the Red Cross must turn away these donors anyway. Those individuals who test falsely positive will not be allowed to donate blood ever again. The Red Cross can't afford to take chances.

McGill isn't sure exactly why the turnout was so low for the recent blood drive, but she has some hunches.

"My first concern is apathy," the



director admits. But apathy is hard to prove so McGill points out more concrete guesses as to why students may not be willing to donate blood.

"It could be AIDS related," McGill says. "Either some people still think you can contract the virus by giving blood or they know they are going to be tested for HIV and they don't want to know," she adds.

On the other hand, the Red Cross representative says she doesn't want the blood drives to be used as a means of testing either. She would feel more comfortable if students saw their physicians or the health department for testing purposes because they have the counseling services available to deal with the sensitive issue.

And finally, what about that Plasma Alliance paying students for plasma donation?

"It's hard to compete," says McGill with a resigned voice.

Although she understands the economic hardship students endure and how attractive the Plasma Alliance offer seems, McGill is concerned.

"When you give blood, it can be broken down into four elements," McGill explains. "Red cells, white cells, plasma and platelets are taken from the blood to help four people with each pint of blood taken."

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Plasma bank pays donors, takes bum rap

FERN GREENBANK
Features Editor

"The Red Cross has stereotyped plasma centers as places of ill repute," says Scott Salusbury, assistant manager of Plasma Alliance in Nashville.

Salusbury is used to being on the defensive. Because plasma banks offer money to its' donors, they have developed an unsavory reputation.

"Our business is conducted in accordance with the guidelines set up by the government," Salusbury notes. "We screen each applicant carefully and if anyone is taking medication or is under a doctor's care, we don't allow them to donate."

The plasma bank representative also points out that their physician performs a physical examination; vital signs are always taken; instructions are given to donors regarding drinking fluids, eating properly and abstaining from alcohol use. In addition, donors must provide a Tennessee driver's license with a valid address. Salusbury says homeless are turned away as donors.

Even though plasma is separated from blood and the blood returned to the donor, testing is carried out by the plasma center reported Salusbury.

Each time an individual comes to donate, their blood is tested for HIV, hepatitis and syphilis. Liver enzyme



studies are taken as well as a urinalysis. If a person tests positive for HIV, a registered letter is the form of communication.

Why pay donors? "Because in order to meet the demand, we have to," answers Salusbury.

Where does the plasma go? "We pride ourselves on being the only plasma company in the industry that tests, ships, produces and sells the finished product," the manager explains. Plasma Alliance is owned by Armour Pharmaceutical. All plasma is handled through intercompany transfer.

Salusbury says the plasma industry as a whole is working to clean up its' image, but it seems clear there is a difference between blood donation and plasma donation.

The Red Cross will allow photographs to be taken during its' blood drives. Plasma Alliance does not allow its' donors to be photographed. Most blood donors are willing to admit they have given blood. No plasma donors were willing to speak on the record. The Red Cross relies on volunteers. Plasma Alliance pays for donations.

Apparently Plasma Alliance has attracted a faithful following of MTSU students. Approximately twice a week this group makes the trek to Nashville to donate plasma. It's like a part-time job.

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European tour offers opportunity to explore new lands

Human Sciences Department sponsors program open to all

FERN GREENBANK
Features Editor

Learn about the Westminster Abbey, Edinburgh Castle, Ireland's Blarney Castle to the shops of Paris. It sure beats Algebra or Chemistry. You can actually get credit for touring Europe.

The department of Human Sciences is sponsoring a European study tour. The program was baptized three years ago as a joint effort between MTSU and UT

Knoxville. The trip was so successful that Sharon Scholtes, coordinator for the Interior Design program, decided to try it again.

"Although the tour is set up to focus on architecture, museums, European design and products, you don't have to be a human sciences major," Scholtes is quick to point out. "In fact, one third of those already committed to the trip are not even students," she adds.

Anyone can participate—alumni, students, non-students, friends of students etc... You will be required to enroll for credit, however.

Three years ago Caroline Farris went

to Europe as part of the first tour. She and her aunt had such a good time they decided to do it again. Except this time, Caroline has talked several of her friends into going as well.

"Even if I hadn't saved the money," Farris says, "I would take out a loan. It was that much fun."

"We did everything we wanted to do," Farris explains. "We went down the Rhine and we rode in gondolas. We saw castles that were 2,000 years old. We shopped and bought Gucci goods for practically nothing. It was like being in a fairy tale."

The entire tour is pre-planned, right down to the food. The pre-paid package

includes airfare, transportation, hotel, food and entrance fees to all scheduled events. The only thing you bring is your curiosity and money for souvenirs. Farris says the tour bus was like that of a movie-star and the food was excellent everywhere she went.

This year, the trip will make its' way from London to Scotland to Ireland and to France. Participants will visit Kensington Palace in London and the Waterford Glass and Crystal Factory in Ireland. In Paris stops include the Eiffel Tower and the Palace of Versailles. The list of planned

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Blood

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But, McGill points out, when you give plasma, the blood is separated from the plasma and then the blood is returned to your body. It's called plasmaphoresis. Plasma is a valuable commodity, but only one element of blood can be used from your donation.

It takes approximately 56 days for an individual to replenish one pint of blood. That's why you must wait eight weeks between each blood donation. Plasma, on the other hand, can be donated twice in a seven day period. So, if you can give plasma more often than blood and get paid for it, some students have crossed over from giving—to giving and receiving.

McGill hesitates to point out

that the recent attention given to AIDS on campus may have backfired and could also be contributing to the lack of donors. Awareness sometimes initially causes fear instead of action, but the Red Cross hopes once students separate all the facts from the myths, blood donation will pick up again.

Another blood drive is scheduled for March and the Rutherford County Red Cross office is keeping its' fingers crossed that the number of donors will rise.

Blood for money isn't an option for the Red Cross. It's a non-profit organization. It has to nudge, prod and remind us now and again how much our help is needed, but in the end, the organization can only rely on us to volunteer.

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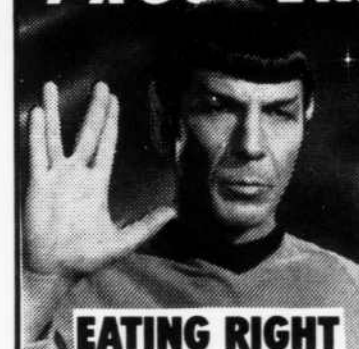
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Photo exhibit celebrates freedom

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"New Orleans Second Line: The Cultural Revolution" is the name of the exhibit and it will be on display for one more week (until Thursday, February 13). Photographer Michael P. Smith has collected numerous black and white photographs chronicling the freedom celebrations in urban New Orleans.

Mr. Smith has presented pictures showing various aspects of African-American life from the local "hood" to church and even the Mardis Gras. When you

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look at them you will notice an exuberance, a joyousness, even a sense of ecstasy— aspects that set the African-American sub-culture apart from the American "norm".

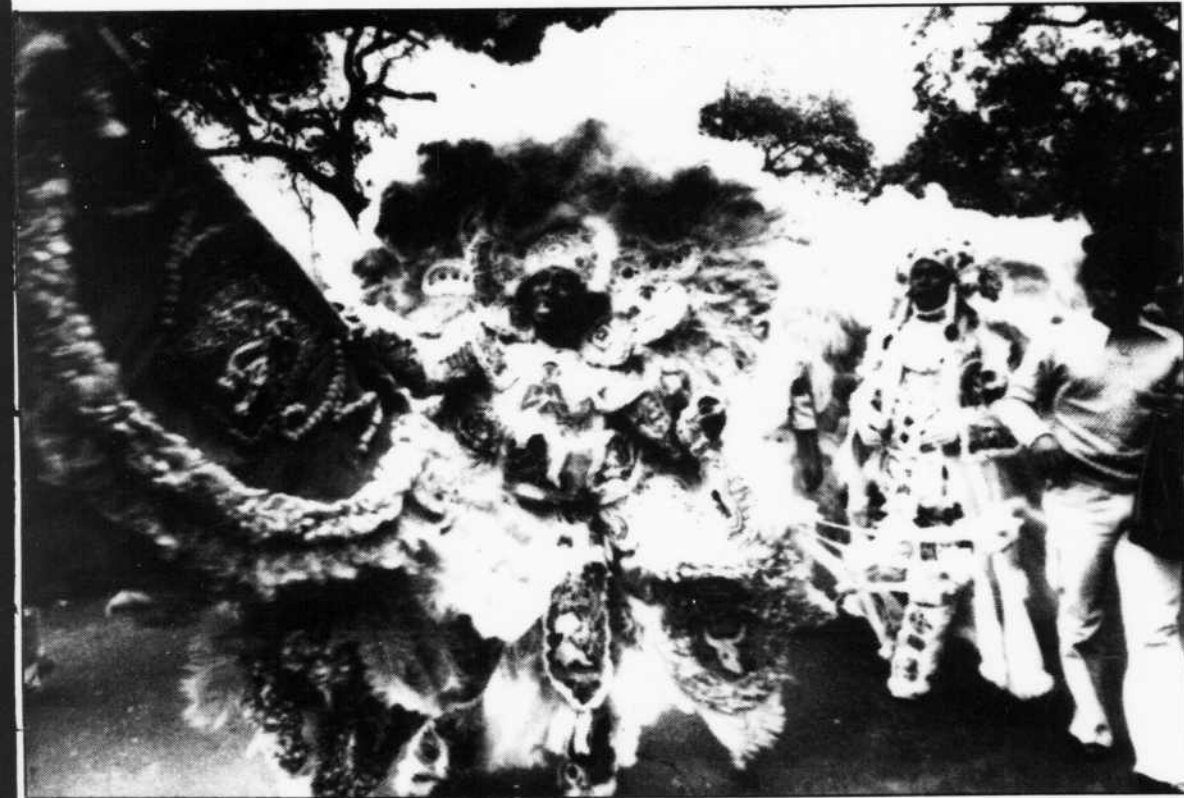
The pictures are a celebration of freedom. The freedom which comes from death, the freedom to enjoy life, the freedom to express your heritage. Freedoms which we all have a right to enjoy. It is hoped that the young people who look at these photos notice the brotherhood and solidarity that

the New Orleans community is able to express without shame or reservation.

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. there will be a lecture and slide show with more photographs by Michael Smith. This event will be at the Multimedia Classroom in the Learning Resource Center.

Michael Smith is to be applauded for his ability to catch the inner feelings of the African-American celebrations of freedom. The photos are quite inspirational, and have a lot to say to us all.

This exhibit is part of the fine arts events in conjunction with Black History Month and parallels a similar exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute.



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The plane departs Nashville on June 12 and returns its' weary travelers on July 4. Deposits need to be made this week and places are filling up, so if you need more information and want to reserve a space, contact Sharon Scholtes at 898-2094.

We learn so much more by actually doing. History takes on a whole new meaning when we are able to see what textbooks can only describe. Traveling offers immediate rewards— appreciation for different cultures, the opportunity to make new friends and the chance to broaden our scope of vision.

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Traveling Man

MTSU's Hammonds has taken long road

SCOTT HASSLER

Sports Writer

Blue Raider guard Kelvin Hammonds has taken the longer and less traveled road to get where he is today.

Hammonds, who is averaging 13.9 points and 3.2 rebounds a game for MTSU, did not come here the easy way.

He played basketball at Northeast High School in Macon, Ga. The team was relatively successful.

"We won all-district a couple of times, and my junior year we lost in the state finals," Hammonds said.

When out of high school, Hammonds had scholarship offers from the University of Georgia, Drake, Minnesota, and MTSU. He chose to go to Minnesota.

"I went to Minnesota and partied all the time," said Hammonds, whose older brother, Kerry, is MTSU's all-time leader in rebounding and scoring. "I didn't take college seriously like I do now. I learned from my mistakes at Minnesota, and I realized the stuff I shouldn't have done."

While at Minnesota, Hammonds played in about seven or eight games. Shortly thereafter the coach and Hammonds had a talk about his future.

"Coach Haskins told me to pull my grades up or go to a junior college. I decided to go to



Barbara Klemt/Photographer

FUN BUNCH BUSTER: Kelvin Hammonds breaks up a Murray State high-five while moving to the basket.

junior college."

The decision to leave Minnesota was a tough one.

"I didn't want to face the people who knew I could've done better at Minnesota," Hammonds said. "I guess you could say I ran from my problems."

Hammonds left Minnesota for Hutchinson Junior College in Kansas, where he met present MTSU coach David Farrar, who was then the Hutchinson coach.

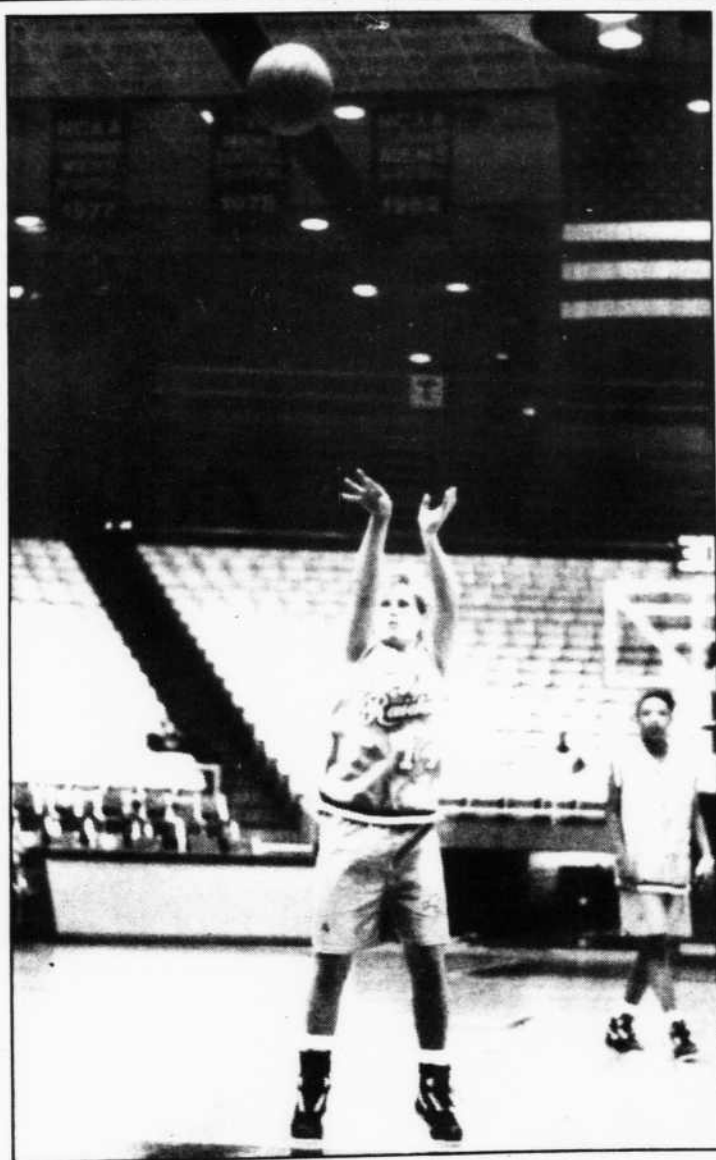
He had to make adjustments at the junior college, he said. "I went to junior college with a

friend named Eric Wilson. I came out of high school averaging 30 points a game, and I didn't respect junior college that much.

"I didn't think that the competition was great at the junior college level. I went to practice like I was the man. I ran into some guys who were better than me and that made me think. I had to use my mind and actually sit down and analyze the game."

After two years at Hutchinson, he came to MTSU

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Dane Herndon/Photographer

UP, UP AND AWAY: MTSU's Laurie Hopwood launches a free throw during action Monday.

Lady Raiders don't like slow 'Pacers,' explode for 110-66 win Monday

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

After Middle Tennessee greeted UT-Martin's Lady Pacers with a 90-69 defeat earlier in the season, one would think a message had been delivered.

But Martin came back for more Monday and more it got — much more.

By the time the game clock mercifully ran out, the Lady Raiders had shell shocked the Lady Pacers 110-66.

"It was a good game in the sense that we got to play a lot of people," Raider head coach Lewis Bivens said. "It was important that we got tuned up for this weekend's big trip to Eastern Kentucky and Morehead."

Each Lady Raider got in tune for what is commonly the road trip referred to as "Death Valley" by scoring at least two points. Priscilla Robinson, who had a career high 36 against the Lady Pacers in the first meeting, led the way with 24 points in limited action.

"I thought we did a good job passing the basketball tonight," Bivens said. "You never know what to expect in a game like this, but our kids did a pretty good job of coming out and being ready to play."

Entering the game, it was feared that the contest would provoke a lackluster performance considering the easy win earlier

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Brown, Otis continue to perform

Track stars continue to do well at Ohio State

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA

Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's women's track team finished third and the men's team fourth during this weekend's meet at Ohio State University.

The women placed behind the University of Indiana and the Buckeyes.

Sophomore Jacquie Brown continued her winning streak by finishing first in the triple jump with 39-10 1/2 for the second week in a row.

"Jacquie had very consistent jumps," coach Dean Hayes said.

I think it was probably the best series of jumps she has ever had."

Brown is undefeated this season in that event, and this is only her second year competing in it.

"Saturday was the first time I ever jumped a series of four out of six jumps that were 39-5 and better," said Brown. I felt great since it's only my second year at triple jumping, and I'm still learning."

Brown's performance was the Lady Raiders' only win. She also finished second in the long jump with 18-4 1/2. Koko

Rowley placed third in that same event with 18-2 3/4.

Another competitive performance was given by Latonia Jackson. She placed second in the 55-meter hurdle finals in 8.23 seconds.

In the 400 meter finals, Trevy Matthews (59.49) and Nadrian McGill (60.94) finished third and fourth. Michelle Welch placed fourth in both the triple jump (36-5) and 55 meter dash finals (7.22), and Veronica Tipton placed third in the high jump with 5-7 1/4.

In the running events, Linda Brewer placed fourth (1:39) in the

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Raiders must begin win streak Saturday

else hopes of a conference crown could be demolished

Lady Raider head coach S Bivens says it best.

"We're down to six conference games now, and if we take care of business, we're in a position to do so."

And if the Raiders, both men and women don't take of business, there at home waiting next year.

When the Raider squads travel to "Death Valley" this weekend, there will be no room for error. Naturally, one of each team's goals is to win the OVC. The Raiders are in a position to do so by going into the home stretch but this weekend could make them or not of them.

On the women's side of the coin, they find themselves facing an extremely tough Eastern Kentucky squad Saturday afternoon. The Lady's handed the Colonels a early season check so you know they want a revenge.

Therefore, Middle will have

TONY J. ARNOLD 'Round the Rim

to play to the best of their ability to pull off the win and if they do, it should virtually eliminate Eastern from contention. But the mirror works both ways because a MTSU loss would do the same.

If the Lady Raiders can defeat EKV, then Morehead lies in the wake. They are big and tough as well meaning they can't be overlooked.

Realistically its simple though. They have six games left and it doesn't matter who there against. One loss and the dreams of a crown go twisting down the drain.

But, since the women's league is not as strong as the

men's, let's exaggerate a little bit. If things fall into place this weekend, two wins will set up a showdown with league leading Tennessee Tech.

Tech isn't going to loose until then and Middle could pin that second loss on them. The following Monday, Tech goes to Murray who is better than one expects meaning a upset is very realistic, just ask the Lady

or the Raiders will be watching Murray grab its fifth consecutive OVC title.

Murray (6-2) currently leads the league by one game over Middle (5-3) and a game and a half over Eastern (4-3). The Racers are the Raiders travel partners meaning that if MTSU plays EKV on Saturday, Murray is at Morehead.

On Monday, EKV host Murray while the Raiders go the Morehead. Therefore, every team Middle faces, Murray will do the same.

After this weekends road trip lies tough domains like Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri. Tennessee Tech and State will come to Murphy Center.

So Middle must win and hope someone else knocks off Murray. If so, they can't let up until the season end because all

the teams left on the road are deadly at times.

The path to the crown is there. Now it's up to our players and coaches as to how much they want it. With earlier defeats, which should have never happened (ala Lady's loss at Murray and Middle's losses at Tech and Murray at home), the Raiders have put themselves in a must win situation.

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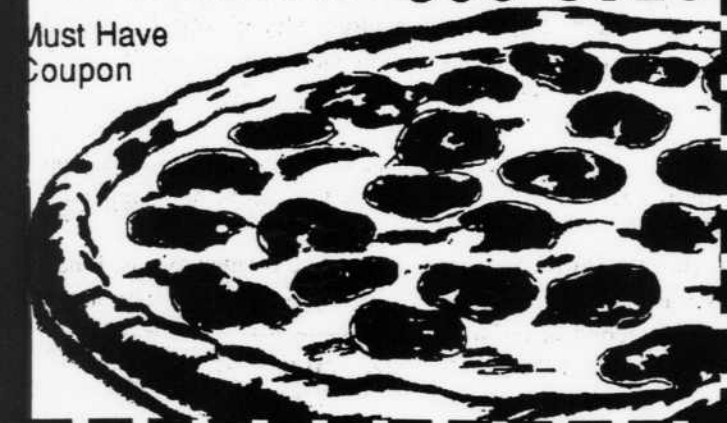


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to play for Bruce Stewart.

"The Big 10 (the conference Minnesota is in) has a rule that a junior college player who comes to the school has to sit out a year," he said. "I didn't want to lose my eligibility. Bruce is a great recruiter, so I came here."

Hammonds liked playing for Stewart and the style of play he incorporated. But then Stewart left and Farrar came in, although he hasn't minded the change.

"Bruce stresses the offense and Farrar stresses defense," Hammonds said. "Farrar let's everyone play and makes you feel like you're a part of the team."

While his playing career has been quite bright, Hammonds is not quite sure what the future will hold for him.

"I'd like to play pro ball, but I realize that only one in a million or whatever make it. If I put some time into it, it might work out, but if it doesn't it won't be a factor of my life."

"Right now I don't want this season to end. If I start looking at the future, then it will get here too quick. I just want to play and come out on top. Everything else

will fall into place."

And everything has fallen into place quite nicely for Hammonds. If the pros don't work out for Kelvin, he would like to be a counselor with kids.

"I'm a psychology major and a physical education minor," he said. "I like kids, and I know how they are. I wouldn't mind being a coach either, though. I guess I really want to be a probation officer for kids."

Hammonds doesn't worry about those things now, however. He knows all too well how things change in a short period of time.

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in the season. On the contrary, the Lady Raider offense was explosive.

In the first half Robinson took control of the paint and helped push MTSU out to an early, yet commanding, lead.

Martin refused to be blown away as it battled desperately to keep within striking distance. At the half it had managed to neutralize the early runs of the Lady Raiders and trailed 45-30.

The Lady Pacers would need a lot more than guts and hustle to slow down the Lady Raiders in



Dane Herndon/Photograph

GET OFF MY BACK: Lady Raider guard Shana Wright tries to keep a UT-Mar defender off her back while preparing to shoot a lay-up. Wright's 3-pointer with seconds left in the game gave the Lady Raiders a 100-66 win. This weekend they face Eastern Kentucky and Morehead.

the second half, though.

Perhaps in its most impressive offensive performance of the year, MTSU went on several runs, inching closer and closer to the century mark for only the second time this season.

With 2:44 remaining in the game, junior guard Julie Morrison hit a lay-up that put the Lady Raiders up 101-60. With that, one would think they would be satisfied — wrong.

Once the century mark had been passed, it was obvious 110

was the goal and senior wing Shana Wright took care of it. After hitting a lay-up with under a minute, Middle was stuck at 107.

Martin answered with a score of its own, giving the Raiders a chance at their goal with seconds left, specifically four seconds. Wright launched a 3-pointer from the top of the key that drained nothing but net, giving the Lady Raiders the win.

While Robinson led the way, four other Lady Raiders hit double figures. Kristi Brown came off the bench to net 20, including four treys. Wright

chipped in 15, Sherry Tucker and Niki Bonner 12.

The win gave MTSU a 1 overall record and 6-2 in Ohio Valley Conference. Middle is 10-9.

Now Eastern awaits and a falling to Morehead Monday night, the Lady Colonels are with MTSU (6-2 in OVC) — second, one game behind Tennessee Tech. The contest takes place in Richmond at 12 p.m.

"We're down to conference games now, and it takes care of business, we're there," Bivens said.

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600-meter race, and Sharon Smith was fourth in the 800 meters (2:21).

Hayes said he thinks the outcome of the meet shows that the women are becoming more competitive.

"The women are getting their mental toughness back for the Ohio Valley Conference Championships," he said. "No one has to be heroic. We have people in each event to stay solid and score points."

In the men's competition, freshman Micah Otis performed well in four events. He placed second in the 55-meter hurdle finals in 7.49, fourth in both the 200-yard dash (22.03) and the triple jump (45-5 1/4) and seventh in the long jump (21-11 3/4).

"Micah did a real good job on the hurdles," Hayes said. "A guy from the University of Indiana who beat him placed second in the hurdles in NCAA's."

Football star Vince "Vince" Parks placed fourth in the meter hurdles finals in 7.73, sixth in the long jump with 22-6.

Roland McGhee ran lifetime bests in both the trial well as the finals of the 55-meter dash. He clocked 6.62 seconds, third place overall.

In the 600-yard dash, freshman Everett Jolley finished in 1:21 for second place, followed by Chris Layne, who came fourth with 1:24. Ted Townsend was seventh in 1:24.

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