

TONY KIRK News Editor

Gov. Ned McWherter's tax reform for education will likely be approved when residents of the state realize reform is needed, President James Walker said.

"The state has really worked hard to help us with our plans, and I feel that the people of the state will see that the reform is needed," Walker said.

If McWherter's tax reform is not passed by the state legislature, it may cost MTSU \$2.5 million, according to the state finance commissioner.

Should the reform fail the vote, it would force the governor

to cut \$250 million from the state's budget, the *Daily News* Journal reported Wednesday.

Commissioner David Manning told the House of Representatives' Finance Committee MTSU's present budget of \$47.6 million would indeed be cut if McWherter's tax reform plan is not approved, the article stated.

However, MTSU could gain \$4.2 million — an increase of 9 percent that would lift the school's 1991-1992 planned budget over the \$50 million mark — if the reform is approved in full, Manning said in the article.

The governor's tax reform plan would fund a proposed \$9.7

billion state budget which includes a 21 percent increase for higher education that equals out to \$857 million.

Included in the plan is the establishment of a 4 percent general income tax, coupled with a reduction of total state/local sales tax to 6 percent and removal of all sales tax from food.

If the tax reform plan fails, Manning said McWherter would decrease the higher education budget by \$40 million, the article further stated.

House Finance Committee Chairman Rep. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, noted McWherter is also planning to cut \$80 million

from kindergarten through 12th grade education to balance the budget if the tax reform fails, the article stated.

He also said MTSU's \$2.1 million cut would not aid the university's plans to keep pace with its phenomenal growth in the past years.

MTSU already exceeds other colleges and universities in such ratios as students per administrator, Bragg said in the DNJ article.

But if Tennesseans do not want to reform the state's tax system and supply the much needed education money, lawmakers will not vote to do so,

Bragg said.

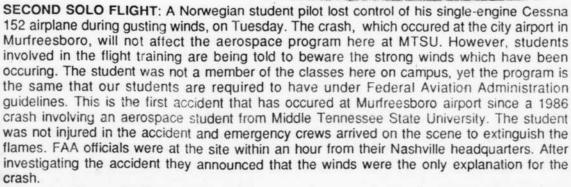
"If we don't want (more education funding), I shudder to think what's going to happen in the next two decades," Bragg said in article.

More than \$742 million was appropriated this year to fund the state's 53 colleges and universities.

The state's total budget for higher education is \$1,096,330,000, including all state, federal, tuition, fees and other revenues. Of this amount, 67 percent is actually paid by the taxpayers. Higher education is 13 percent of the state's \$8.5 billion budget.

Gusting Winds Prevail





Anti-Arab sentiment growing on campuses

"KILL ARABS!" said the poster at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

"Throw the bomb and kick them (Arabs) all out," added a banner recently displayed by a fraternity at Wayne State University in Detroit.

These, in short, are not good times to be one of the 22,000 Arab students studying in the U.S. or one of the untold thousands of Arab-American students now in college.

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) has received numerous reports of "harassment, physical assault against Arab, and more specifically Arab-American college students," reported Scott Easton media director for the ADC.

Students who look like they might be of Arab descent are reporting they are being regularly verbally harassed on their campuses by other students and by people off-campus as well.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation also is making life umcomfortable, announcing it will question some Arab students around the country about their knowledge of possible terrorism

in the U.S.

Michael Bernstein, a history professor at the University of California at San Deigo, likened the inquires of Arab-Americans endure during World War II.

In February, the ADC reported crimes against Arabs and Arab-Americans nationwide have skyrocketed since the Gulf War started Jan. 16.

On campuses, anti-Arab discrimination so far has been limited to verbal harassment and public insults like the banner at Wayne State, the students report.

"The university has been very supportive," said Wadah Haider, and Arab-American who, as vice president of Wayne State's Student Council, helped force the fraternity to remove the banner and apologize.

Haidar said he had not been subject to any personal abuse, and had not heard of any Arabs or Arab-Americans at Wayne State who had.

"That may be due to large numbers of Arab students at the school," he speculated. Other Arab and Arab-

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<u>Campus Capsule</u>

FREE INCOME TAX HELP DESERT STORM FOR FAMILIES Internal Revenue Service employees and trained volunteers now offer free tax assistance for military personnel of Operation Desert Storm or their families.

Workers will be at several locations throughout the state to prepare tax returns for spouses and dependents of those deployed to Operation Desert Storm.

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The Gamma lota Sigma Insurance Fraternity and the Sigma Club Honor challenges all clubs and organizations to the 1991 Quiz Bowl! Your team (up to 4 people) will go head-to-head at 6 p.m., March 7, KUC 324. It costs \$10 per team. Call Jeff McSweeney(893-3728), Dr. Hollman(898-2673), or stop by the Insurance office at KOM-226A.

Students for Environmental Action will meet on

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in KUC 315. The group will have an information table in front of Phillips Bookstore today.

The June Anderson Women's Center is coordinating a support group for anyone within the MTSU community who has loved ones deployed to Operation **Desert Storm.** For additional information, call the center at 898-2193.

Looking Forward, an oncampus support group for sexually abused women, is holding meetings 6-7 p.m. every Thursday in KUC 312. For further information, contact JoAnn at 355-1077.

Nacel Youth Exchange Program is looking for families to host teenagers from Spain, France and Germany and other countries this summer for four weeks (mid-July to mid-August). If you are interested, contact the local NACEL representative: Rita-Marie Maisonneuve, BDA 331, 898-2284.

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the stadium bleachers. Come alone or bring a friend. Call 893-3133 or 898-3234 for more information.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m., KUC 313. Interdenominational diversity with a unity of Christian purpose.

Lambda Association of MTSU is a support organization for gay and lesbian students, faculty, staff and their supporters. For more information write to: P.O. Box 624, MTSU.

MTSU Catholics meet at the

Catholic Center. Check sign for weekly activities. Sunday Mass at 7:30. 1023 N. Tennessee Blvd. 896-6074.

Co-op jobs are available for summer and fall '91. Opportunities include biology, chemistry, geoscience, physics, mathematics, computer science, environmental science and related disciplines.U.S. Department of Energy

deadline is March 15. Support includes academic credit, \$200/week, housing and travel reimbursement.

Young Murfreesboro People's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays at 601 Bell St. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information (or a ride) call Rick, 898-3190.

"Blue Phones" estimated cost higher than expected

TERRY MASSEY

Special to Sidelines ASB's proposal to install emergency "blue phones" throughout campus is being reevaluated after cost appraisals were nearly three times higher than original estimates, said Chief John Drugmand, director of public safety and security.

The original plan called for the installment of twelve phones to be dispersed in high traffic areas on campus with a direct link to campus security.

The project was expected to cost an estimated \$30,000, but recent figures show that costs could reach as high as \$90,000.

Reasons for the growing expense can be attributed to the high cost of installation, which includes digging underground and running phone lines below streets to the security building.

ASB, campus security and department of

telecommunications are currently looking into alternatives in order to keep the project within its original price range.

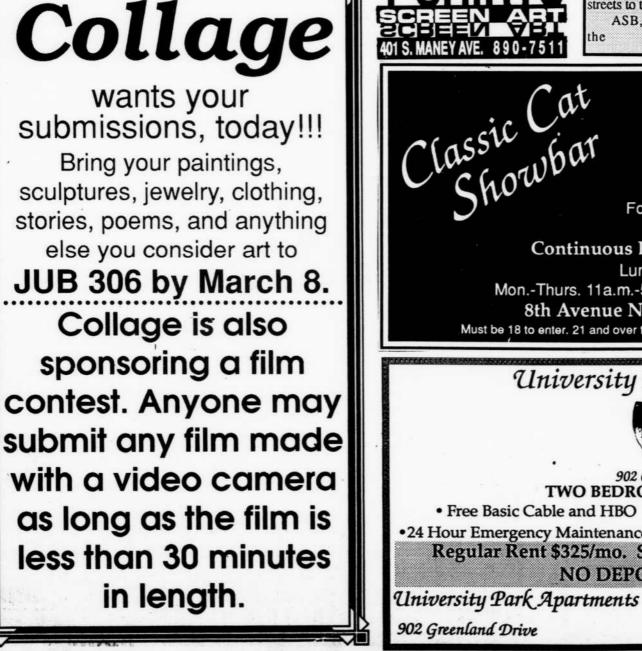
"We originally looked into getting 12 [phones] because the price per phone is lower when you buy 10 or more," Drugmand said. "Now we are looking at probably three phones, maybe more."

"We will be meeting with ASB and Dean Hayes soon to discuss the matter and select locations where the phones would serve the greatest number of students," Drugmand said.

Meanwhile, Dave Matthews the of department of telecommunications is looking for ways to lower the cost of installation.

Dave Matthews was away from campus last week and unavailable for comment.

The revised proposal is expected to be announced later this semester.



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American students have not been so lucky.

At least five Arab students at Arapahoe Community Colege in Colorado are going home after one student was verbally harassed while waiting for a bus.

Arab students at nearby University of Denver also have been assaulted both on and off campus.

A Pakistani graduate student with an Arab-sounding name at Michigan State University received so many harassing calls he had his telephone disconected.

"Unfortunately the people who do these kinds of things don't discriminate as to their victims," said Scott Easton of the ADC, noting that most Arab countries are U.S. allies.

Campuses are responding with task forces to help Arab and Arab-American students deal with any hostilities or other problems they might be having.

The task force at Michigan State sent letters to Arab students urging them to avoid confrontations and not to fight back, said Gill Lim, MSU's dean of international studies and programs.

"It's not good to dight back against unreasonable and uncivilized attack," Lim advised.

Counselors are encouraging Arab students at MSU to report any confrontations to them right away.

"We'll go to the root: talk to them (the attackers) and enlighten them," Lim said.

Arab students at Oregon State University have been more concerned about the safety of family members in the Gulf than about their own safety in America, said Parandeh Kia, an

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international studies and scholars advisor.

"There've been no repots" of outright hostility, Kea added. "But we're concerned that there might be some subtle things."

Meanwhile, the numbers of anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses have not increased since the Gulf war started, said Alan Achwartz, research director for the Anti-Defamation League in New York.

"I thing the Jewish community does have some valid reasons to be concerned," about harassmen, Schwartz said. "But I don't know if I would consider it a more difficult time on campus for Jewish students than in the past."

During the first week of February, a Jewish temple near the University of Illinois campus in Chanpaign did receive an anonymous threat of destruction if Israel joins the war against Iraq.

Yet generally, Schwartz said, the Iraqi bombings of Israel has warranted widespread sympathy for the Jewish people.

Arab students too have received support and sympathy, MSU's

Lim pointed out.

"In this kind of situation, a lot of people go to Arabic students and ask 'what can I do for you?" Lim said. "I would say there are more

good gestures than threatening, unpleasant gestures."

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Johnson Wins Scholarship

STULTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED: Lucas Johnson, senior journalism major recieves the Doug Stults scholarship from Mrs. Elaine Stults. The \$400 scholarship was awarded to Johnson for his essay on "The Abuses of Power". Johnson is originator and former editor of MTSU's multi-cultural magazine, THE ASSERTOR





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Soldiers, welcome home

It's finally over.

With the recent ceasefire, we can all breathe a little easier now. Luckily, the fighting only lasted a little over a month. Luckily, we had very few casualties.

However, was it worth the cost? Was it worth the number of Allied soldiers' lives lost? Was it worth the wreckage and destruction wrought in Kuwait and Iraq?

Overall, the answer is yes. As it has been pointed out before, the cost of freedom for all men has always been financed with another's blood. It is indeed a great sorrow for the families and friends of those who died to have to cope with this loss. But they can take pride that their sons and daughters put aside their personal feelings and did what their country required them to do.

The people of Kuwait must now deal with their destroyed homeland, and like the mythical Phoenix, they will have to rise from the ashes to restore what once was a country that they could take pride in.

But what of Iraq? What of Saddam Hussein? Time will have to provide the final answer, but we could all be right in assuming the amount of retribution will be justified.

The most important thing is that our soldiers will be returning, even if it takes some time. They will not return to the hostile environment that the soldiers from Vietnam returned to. Instead, it will be the waiting arms of family, friends and loved ones, who may not have supported the reason but continued to stand behind the soldiers 110 percent.

Simply put, to those returning: welcome home and thank you.



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Letters to the Editor

Contradiction leaves bad impression

To the Editor:

It is nice to be reminded people can make a difference. March is Women's History Month. In Thursday's (Feb. 28) issue of Sidelines, I read about a childcare survey and a support group for abused women.

Then I turned to the sports section. Right beneath the article on the Lady Raiders' win over Austin Peay was an ad for that exotic showbar in Nashville. Let's just say my esteem for Sidelines dropped a few notches. Regardless of the intentions, the fact remains.

It makes a difference. Donna Archambeau Box 110

What should be done for education woes?

To the Editor:

I am concerned about the article you recently published from the Collegiate Network (what is the Madison Center for Educational Affairs anyway?) titled "Colleges suffering from 'junk course' illness". The point of the article seemed to be that through some sort of subversion, colleges have strayed from offering the high quality education they did in the good old days.

Certainly it is true that higher education is different today than twenty years ago. As with all changes, some have been good (these changes seem to have escaped the attention of the article's authors), and some have not been good. It is in all of our best interests to sort out the good

from the not so good, and I submit that this article is no help.

What I find so galling (and appalling) about the article and the central thesis which Lynne Cheney (together with William Bennett, former Secretary of Education) have tirelessly broadcast across the nation is just this: their criticism of higher education fails to seriously address the question of what is the responsible thing to do to adapt higher education to the changing demographics of its students (race, ethnicity, national origin, age, etc.) as well as to the changing world it must prepare students to inherit? No one is saying that Shakespeare should be dropped from the curriculum. For every irresponsible course option there are many others that are responsibly grappling with the on-going hard choices of how to broaden and update the curriculum. Bennett's and Cheney's answer (and the answer seemingly offered by this Madison Center) is to turn our backs on current problems and to cling to the (WASP) past.

It may be lamentable that the world is changing (and how the world is changing), but the ostrich does not have the answer. It may be lamentable that the university is changing (and how it is changing), but the way to deal with the changes is not be engaging in some quest for "pure knowledge". Neither knowledge, nor the university as an institution, nor teaching as an activity has ever been, is now, or can be entirely free of political import. Just as every fact has a historical dimension, so every fact has a political life. It may be that there are teachers who are irresponsible in their uses of knowledge, but conducting a McCarthy-like witch hunt for "teachers who would just as soon not preserve knowledge of the foundations of Western Civilization" will only divert attention from the dynamics of social change that we so very much need to understand.

What is needed is respectful, intelligent dialogue, not the article's emotionally charged rhetoric of disease and infection which can only obscure the issues. We must turn to the questions of responsible actions and avoid the sensationalism of articles like the one you printed from the Madison Center. Charles R. Jansen

Ass. Prof. of Art History

We're free due to sacrificed life

To the Editor:

I am reluctant to challenge the good intentions of Pastor Robinson. However, I feel he is myopic in his view of the Persian Gulf conflict. First of all, in one of the prior editions of Sidelines, he was deride when speaking of praying that our missiles would go farther or straighter or more accurately to their target than the Iraqi's. I don't know of a single person who prayed for such a thing, but I do know many who prayed for the souls of soldiers. I am astonished that the Pastor would not have thought of such a thing, but it is clear to me that bias about the war overpowered this concept. There are people who have to be reminded every few years that we are all free and proud because someone was willing and prepared to give his/her life to retain these See LETTERS, page 5

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qualities of life. Now, before I send my \$5 to any organization, would you please tell me if any of it might go to restore broken bridges which Hussein might use in a future uprising? If foreign leaders are not able to treat their kinsmen humanely or reason with our leaders in an amicable manner, something should be done. It is a neglect of our responsibility to allow oppression to spread. It is unfortunate that innocents must also be involved. I think we all want a peaceful world. If you want it you also have to be willing to defend and maintain it by some method. One effective method has been demonstrated by coalition force. Even though it was not a desirable method, it worked; most of us are foresighted enough to see it was worth it.

It has been mentioned that Americans are arrogant and indifferent. The ultimate arrogance and indifference comes from those who are not capable of any allegiance to our country and they complain and they remove themselves form our own national interests. Thank God most of us are capable of holding our religious beliefs while also having pride and respect for our country. Kim McLemore 910 Brown Dr.

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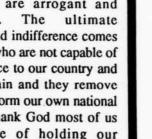
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Play review stinks To the Editor:

This letter is in response to your misguided and mediocre attempt to review the University Theatre's last production "Tartuffe". I have come to expect a slightly remedial journalistic approach to articles of an artistic nature, but you have reached new depths.

I, first of all, doubt that Susan Massengale ever saw the production, let alone read anything more than a cliff-notish synopsis before mounting her article. In the slight chance that she set foot in the arena theatre during the run, let me just say you have no artistic sensibility or you are just plain ignorant in the area of theatrical reviews. You never

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comment on the directing technique, the costume design, set design, or the various levels of acting abilities the actors portrayed during the performance. You simply stated a misguided plot that exposes your ignorance to the play itself.

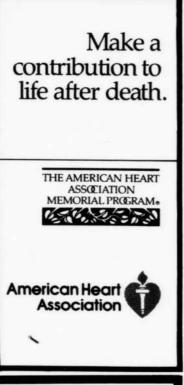
Let me offer some advice. Read reviews printed in the New York Times and Variety or if you dare venture into real journalistic behavior read the London Times. They are not concerned with the exposition of plot as much as the constructive (even destructive) criticism of the production and its parts. We haven't seen true reviews from Sidelines since Chris Bell left your staff.

I am not bitter...just vehemently tired of Sidelines and MTSU's half-hearted approach to

the arts. There are a few talented individuals on this campus who work hard to contribute to the artistic and cultural community and a high-schoolish (at best) attempt at a review is just a slap in the face.

If Massengale is assigned to review "Tracers", please save the ink and space and don't review the production at all. If I thought you were that desperate for journalists I would have volunteered to write a review myself. Take my advice...hire someone who has taken a few theatre classes or who at least goes to the theatre more than once a lifetime.

Daniel R. Webster 1200 E. Main Murfreesboro

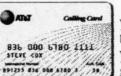


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Features Education key to equality actually feared that women could they contribute their expanding point of getting a higher Fields such as engineering.

FERN GREENBANK Staff Writer

A woman's place is not just in the home; it's anywhere she chooses it to be.

Society's attitudes toward women have changed dramatically over the past 100 years. As a result, women's attitudes have equally changed toward society and more importantly, toward themselves.

Education has played a major role in changing attitudes. Suffragettes blazed a trail for future generations of women, allowing them to freely pursue higher education over traditional women's roles without the fear of untoward reaction.

March has been designated Women's History Month in an effort to bring women of all ages and cultures together to reflect on the accomplishments of these suffragettes and feminists.

The activities planned during Women's History Month focus on the positive strides made by women while still looking at the road ahead.

"We have to be aware of what we have and what we haven't got," reminds Dr. Nancy Rupprecht, director of women's studies at MTSU.

"Every time a woman moves up the ladder of success, she allows the door to swing wider for the next generation of women. We used to come up against closed doors; now we open swinging doors, and hopefully in the future a gentle tap will be all that is needed," Rupprecht explains.

At one time educators

damage their ability to breast feed their children if they sat idle for long periods of time studying. Sociologist Herbert Spencer went as far as to claim "...absolute or relative infertility is commonly produced in women by mental labor carried to excess." Spencer's statement exemplifies the mindset women faced in the past.

"Every time a woman moves up the ladder of success, she allows the door to swing wider for the next generation of women."

Dr. Nancy Rupprecht

To appreciate the progress made, we only have to look at the numbers. In 1870, only 21 percent of all students enrolled in higher education were women. After the right to vote was obtained in 1920, women made up 47 percent of the student population. Today, well over half of all students enrolled in higher education are women.

In 1967, MTSU was home to 2,367 women or 44 percent of the student population. Today we can take pride in the fact that more than 54 percent of the student body here at MTSU are women. The numbers prove that education has become a positive and productive endeavor which benefits not only women but their families and the society to which

they contribute their expanding knowledge.

Studies show that marriages are actually enhanced by the higher education of wives. Betty Friedan, author of the acclaimed *Feminine Mystique*, noted that the more money a woman makes when she gets married, the greater her chances are of having a good marriage.

Sociologists Ernest Burgess and Leonard Cottrell concluded that "income indirectly measures education since the amount of educational training influences income." In other words, if a greater income is linked to success in marriage and life in general, and education is responsible for increased income, then women and their families benefit from an educated woman.

Education also benefits society in general. Harrell Rodgers, in his study entitled "Poor Woman, Poor Families," noted that if the current trend continues, the impoverished class will be comprised only of women and children, bringing about not only an increasing divorce rate but a rise in unwed mothers. Providing education as an option for this class of people helps to alleviate the financial burden of caring for a growing group of unskilled and poor Americans.

Rebecca Rice, director of the June Anderson Women's Center on campus, works with women on a daily basis and has a more realistic outlook on the status of women.

"We have rallied to overcome many obstacles in educational opportunities for women. However, what is the point of getting a higher education if you cannot get hired, if you make 60 cents on the dollar to that of a man, if you can't find affordable daycare, etc..?"

In June of 1990, the Tennessee Board of Regents published "The Status of Women in Academe" which provided more than 90 recommendations aimed at furthering opportunities for women on campus, both student and faculty. This study concluded that women are still pursuing careers in fields traditionally dominated by females—nursing, allied health, education and the liberal arts. Fields such as engineering, engineering technology and computer science fields are underrepresented by women.

"The national assumption that one can no longer presume nursing, health services and education are 'women's fields' receives virtually no support from TBR (Tennessee Board of Regents) data," states the study. The national attitude has changed in theory, not necessarily in practice.

As Gloria Steinam said in a *Cosmopolitan* interview, we have come a long way but we still have

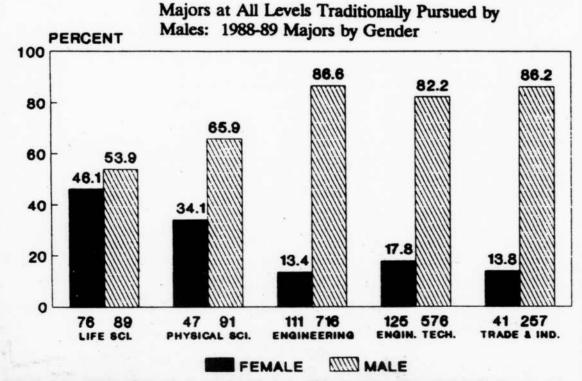






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DO NOT DISTURB: (Top picture)JoAnne Chism, a sophomore psychology major from Bolivar, TN, studies some before class. (Bottom picture)Shawanda Davidson studies in her room in Lyon Hall, Davidson is a senior industrial psychology major.



Source - "The Status of Women in Academe", June 1990 - Tennessee Board of Regents

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have about "75-80 years left in this war."

The choices we make are a weapon in the "war" for equality.

"Education opens our eyes to alternatives," contends Dr. Rupprecht. "The more you understand about the way in which your life has been shaped by history, the better armed you are intellectually to deal with everyday situations."

Dr. Rupprecht is quick to point out that there is nothing wrong with traditional roles or traditional career fields such as nursing and teaching. Choosing to be a nurse or teacher out of choice is one thing. Choosing traditional roles because you are afraid of male dominated fields or not aware of opportunities available is another matter.

"Self esteem is essential to the progress of women," states

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Women's Center. "If a woman gains confidence by he college experience, goes on to raise children in whom she instills confidence, then the cycle will continue to provide young woman who will be policy makers and women's advocates in the future." A legacy of self respect and confidence passed on to children may be one of the most valuable contributions educated women make to society.

Rice of the June Anderson

Equality is presently a state of mind as the reality of a "true equality" may never be achieved. More and more women realize that for the time being, feeling equal is important, not necessarily being equal.

Of course, many feminists will vehemently disagree. But another reality lies in the fact that all women do not possess the motivation to be visible leaders in the women's movement. While we leave the job of lobbying and educating to those best equipped and willing, all of us pursuing

higher education are participants in the process simply by virtue of our presence in the educational system. On the other hand, women must be careful not to become complacent about the status of women. The goal is still equality.

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Education frees women from restrictive thinking, creates opportunities for advancement and provides a positive way to deal with life choices. There is no negative argument for encouraging women and education to link arms. Bringing the two worlds together builds a strong bridge which connects women to the world around them.

Women are no longer ostracized for aspiring beyond child rearing and homemaking, in fact, are quietly applauded for daring to carve out their own path, becoming financially and emotionally independent.

No longer willing to derive their sense of identity solely from roles such as wife and mother, women have discovered that

through the educational process, they can produce ideas of their own based on personal needs and ambitions, enhance their chances of "happiness" and lift themselves out of poverty, relieving the community of financial burden.

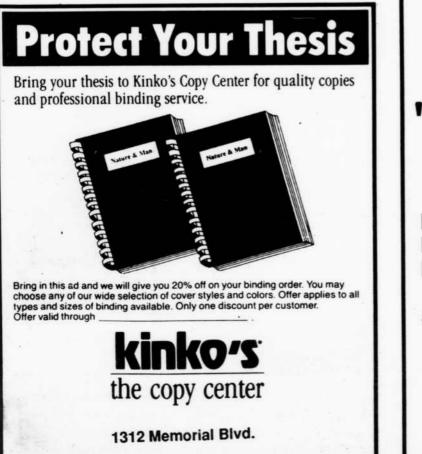
Whether you came to Middle Tennessee State University because your parents insisted, to catch a husband, to further your career, to change careers, to start a career, or fulfill a dream, the outcome will be positive.

We almost have it all. Choices and opportunities. Housewife, engineer, doctor, mother. Equality, justice, and fairness will surely follow if we take advantage of those choices and opportunities. Embrace your time here. Education is a subtle and mysterious healing force.





Angela Bonds/photographer LAST MINUTE CRAMMING: Kerri Baxter, a freshman nursing major from Smyrna, studies for an upcoming exam.





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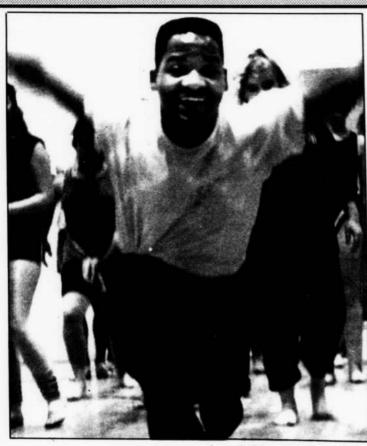
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4FRICAN DANCING: Rossi Turner, director of the Santofa Dance Theater in Nashville, lead a demonstration of African dances which was held in Dance Studio A last Tuesday night, Feb. 26. Dances of the slav es, from religious festivals, and social dances as well made up the demonstration that was sponsored by the Minority Affairs Office and the MTSU Dance Club in conjunction with Black History Month.





If you know who these groups are please call the Midlander as soon as possible at 898*2815



What's Gappenin

The Japan Center of Tennessee presents a mini-exhibit of Japanese masks in the lobby of Cope Administration building. Demon and fox masks are among the items on display through March. The Cope building is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

Studio Art '91 features art from university-level faculty from Middle Tennessee in the Metro Arts Downtown Gallery in Church Street Centre. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon until 5 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit will be on display through March 17.

The Southern Women's Show runs March 21-24 at the Nashville Convention Center. Food, cooking, health care, career opportunities, travel planning, and fashions shows are just a few of the main attractions of this year's show. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth 6-12, children under six are free. Child care provided by KinderCare for children 3-6, two-hour limit. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily, except Sunday, noon-6 p.m.. For more information call 1-800-334-0248.

The Japanese Center of Tennessee in cooperation with the Staff Development Teacher Center and the Consulate-General of AJaPan in New will sponsor a Japanese Festival for Teachers to be held at the Teacher Center in Nashvile on Tuesday, March 19 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Teachers will participate in Origami, Haiku, or Kana(Japanese writing) sessions and a Japanese box dinner will follow the last session. The registration deadline is Monday, March 4. For more information please contact the Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229 or the Staff Development Teacher Center at 298-8456.

Cheekwood will be showing the Masterphotographs from the "Photography in the Fine Arts" Exhibitions, 1959-1967, at the Fine Arts Center through April 7. It is an exhibition of 209 vintage black and white and dye-transfer prints selected from six photography exhibitions which played a pivotal role in shaping the public perception of art photography during the late 1950's and 1960's. The exhibition surveys and in part recreates the achievements of these exhibitions in the advancement of photography as an art.

The Metro Arts Downtown Gallery presents Studio Art '91 which is art by university-level studio faculty from Middle Tennessee including two and three dimensional work. The exhibit runs through March 17.

Bela Fleck and the Fleck Tones will be featured at 328 Performance Hall on Thursday, March 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 reserved. For more information call 259-3288.

The First Annual True Blue Photo Contest Bring us your wacky photos from spring break and you could win a camera. The long and short of the rules-1. They must be of current MTSU students and the photographer must also be from MTSU. 2. The photos must have been made while the subject and photographer were students at MTSU. 3. Location dosen't matter, but content must be tasteful and the judging is based on the concept "the true side MTSU students." 4. Photos must be turned in by April 15, 1991 to the Midlander office. 5. For more rules or information call 898-2815. A free roll of film will be given to the first 25 entrents. Prizes: First: A Canon Sure Shot Second: Portrait session and print from Paul Vaughn Studios. Third: IIX14 enlargement and frame

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<u>Sports</u> Ladies fall in finals

Tenn Tech too much to handle TONY J. ARNOLD

Sports Editor How does MTSU Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens spell relief?

G-R-A-D-U-A-T-I-O-N.

Middle's coach wasn't the least bit bashful to admit he is happy to see Tennessee Tech's trio of seniors, Angela Moorehead, Renay Adams and Cecilia Ramsey, to complete their playing careers against his Raiders. Especially after the 84-59 thumping they handed MTSU Tuesday.

With the win, Tech claimed the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship while MTSU had to settle for second.

"I'll be more than happy to send them three graduation Bivens presents," later commented.

Although Adams and Ramsey have done more than their share against MTSU throughout their career, it is Moorehead who has garnished the spotlight and Tuesday night was no exception.

The OVC Player of the Year See TECH, page 11



Matt Woodard/Photographer

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LAST STAND: MTSU senior Pippa Gibson awaits as Tennessee Tech's Cecilia Ramsey gets ready to make a move. Although the Lady Raiders dropped the contest, they placed second in the OVC Tournament.

Sinclair shut down, shut up in romp to conference finals

TONY J. ARNOLD Sports Editor

MTSU went into Wednesday night's game ready to play steamrolling Eastern Kentucky 83-66.

Motivationally, the Raiders had no problem getting fired up after Eastern Kentucky forward Aric Sinclair boasted his superiority in the Colonels' last win.

Following their 79-74 win in Murfreesboro less than a month ago, Sinclair commented that MTSU would never beat Eastern as long as he wore a Colonel uniform. He also stated that no one on the Raider squad could stop him.

Well, Wednesday Sinclair was shut up and shut down.

Robert "Cat Eye" Taylor did the job defensively, holding Sinclair to three points while "Cat Eye" himself led all scorers with 22.

"I knew I had a job to do on Sinclair," Taylor later commented. "I had to focus in on my defense and not really on my offense; it just came."

Colonel head coach Mike Pollio admitted that his star player had a rough night, however he took up for him.

"No body gave him a chance to explain what he meant. Why can't the kid be allowed to live with that statement," Pollio said. "He did not play well and obviously the crowd was on him."

While a few hundred Raider fans made the trip, each continually boasted reminders of Sinclair's ultimate personality. It was a continual roar or chant "Aric, Aric, Aric."

The fans reminded Pollio of the treatment Sinclair received in Murfreesboro.

"MTSU has the nastiest crowd in the OVC," Pollio boldly stated.

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Raiders look good in semi's Offense sparkles in Eastern KY win

TONY J. ARNOLD Sports Editor

Despite ending the season on a losing note, the Lady Raiders still have something good to look back on.

MTSU had to get by a talent ladened Eastern Kentucky club Monday night to earn their shot at - Tennessee Tech. Not only did they get by Eastern, they did so in an impressive manner.

Head coach Lewis Biven's squad sizzled from the floor, point bomb to reverse the hitting a season high 64.8 percent. emotional swing-or so it - They also knocked down 50 percent of their 3-point attempts.

"We played a really good offensive basketball game," Bivens said following the win. "I couldn't be more pleased."

Senior Stephanie Capley took control of the game early from the outside. As she tallied a long jumper with 13:45 left in the opening half, Middle had a 13-4 lead.

Although MTSU continued to strengthen the advantage, many

wondered how long they could Robinson took over the paint as dominate a solid Eastern club.

After building a 15 point cushion, things started to crumble a little as EKU mounted a comeback near the close of the half. EKU had trimmed the lead to nine and it appeared as if they would be taking the momentum into the locker room.

But at the buzzer signifying the end of the half, Lady Raider guard Julie Morrison buried a 3appeared at the time.

In the final 20 minutes, Eastern took to the court with a vengence, and within five minutes had the Lady Raiders looking over their shoulders as the gap closed to three.

While fans thought the picture looked bleak for Middle, Bivens and his girls had different ideas.

Capley started popping from the outside, while teammates Pippa Gibson and Priscilla

they withstood the charging run and added a little run of their own to pull back ahead at a comfortable distance.

In just minutes, the lead was back to double digits, and although Eastern continued to shoot the ball extremely well, MTSU did the same - only better.

As a result, EKU never narrowed the gap much further and fell by the wayside with a 14-13 record.

"We shot the ball pretty well," said Eastern's coach, and former MTSU mentor, Larry Joe Inman. "But Middle shot the ball better against us than anyone has all year.

"You really have to give credit to Middle. They played a super ball game and deserved to win it."

Robinson led the way for MTSU with a game-high 28 points as she nailed 12-of-15 field

Sharon Eaves/Photographer

FOOT RACE: Eastern Kentucky's Jaree Gooden races to cut off MTSU's Julie Morrison during the March 4th contest at Murphy Center.

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But, regardless of where the game was played, MTSU took control early and never let up.

"I think the key was that we got a good start offensively," MTSU mentor Bruce Stewart said. "Robert Taylor got us started and opened up the inside game."

Although the Raiders never trailed in the contest, the game remained close throughout.

In fact, the closest EKU came was a tie at 13 with 12:11 remaining in the half.

At the half, MTSU led 36-31.

The Raiders controlled the boards in the second half, building a 56-46 lead with 10:33 remaining.

But Eastern would rally to cut the lead to four with 8:05. However, with Taylor on the bench with four fouls, Mike Buck stepped forward.

Buck drained a 3-pointer seconds later to pump the lead back up and Middle coasted into the finals Thursday night.

"We had a balanced attack and defensively, we really locked up," Stewart said. "That was the reason for the win."

"Buck hit a really big bucket. We hit him on a skip pass and he drilled it."

While Taylor lead the way, Kidd was only a step behind with 20 points to go along with 20 rebounds. Kelvin Hammonds added 16.

The Raiders will now take on the winner of last night's Murray State-Morehead State battle for the tournament championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The game will be televised nationally at 6:30 on ESPN.

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appeared virtually unstoppable as she put in 32 points while grabbing 12 rebounds and dishing off four assists.

"We fronted her, we played behind her, we did everything we could possibly do," Bivens said. "She couldn't be stopped."

Tech coach Bill Worrell knew that he had a good thing going early in the contest and advised his players to go to their senior star.

"Angela was cooking tonight," he said. "When she is like that we just want to get the ball in to her."

But before Moorehead really got heated up, it looked as if Middle Tennessee came ready to play.

The Lady Raiders quickly opened up a 5-0 lead by going inside to Priscilla Robinson. But that would be Middle's brightest moment as Tech answered with authority.

The Golden Eaglettes began applying tremendous full-court pressure forcing numerous turnovers. Meanwhile, Tech converted on most of their opportunities and while holding MTSU scoreless for nearly six minutes, ripped the game open with a 26-6 run.

"Against Eastern, we attacked the press," Bivens said, referring to the Raiders semifinal win. "Tonight, we let it attack us.

'We played poorly and they made us play poorly. They're definitely OVC Champions."

MTSU was unable to chip the Tech lead down to a strikable distance and seemed to fade further behind as the game went On.

Tech, on the other hand, continued it's tremendous

pressure and let Moorehead take care of the scoring which included acrobatic shots like a

360 in the lane. "They were patient and we impatient," Bivens were contended. "We started out well but Moorehead came to play tonight."

Moorehead was named as the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Her 59-point, two-game performance was an OVC record and the award was her third consecutive MVP honor, a first in the 10-year history of the tournament.

Adams and Mitzi Rice joined Moorehead representing Tech on the All-Tournament team.

MTSU senior Stephanie Capley and Robinson were bestowed the honor for the Lady Raiders.

Ironically, Capley needed nine points during her final collegiate game to move into sole possession of fourth on MTSU's all-time scoring list. She tallied NCAA tournament.

eight, which was good to tie Sharon McClannahan with 1,464 career points.

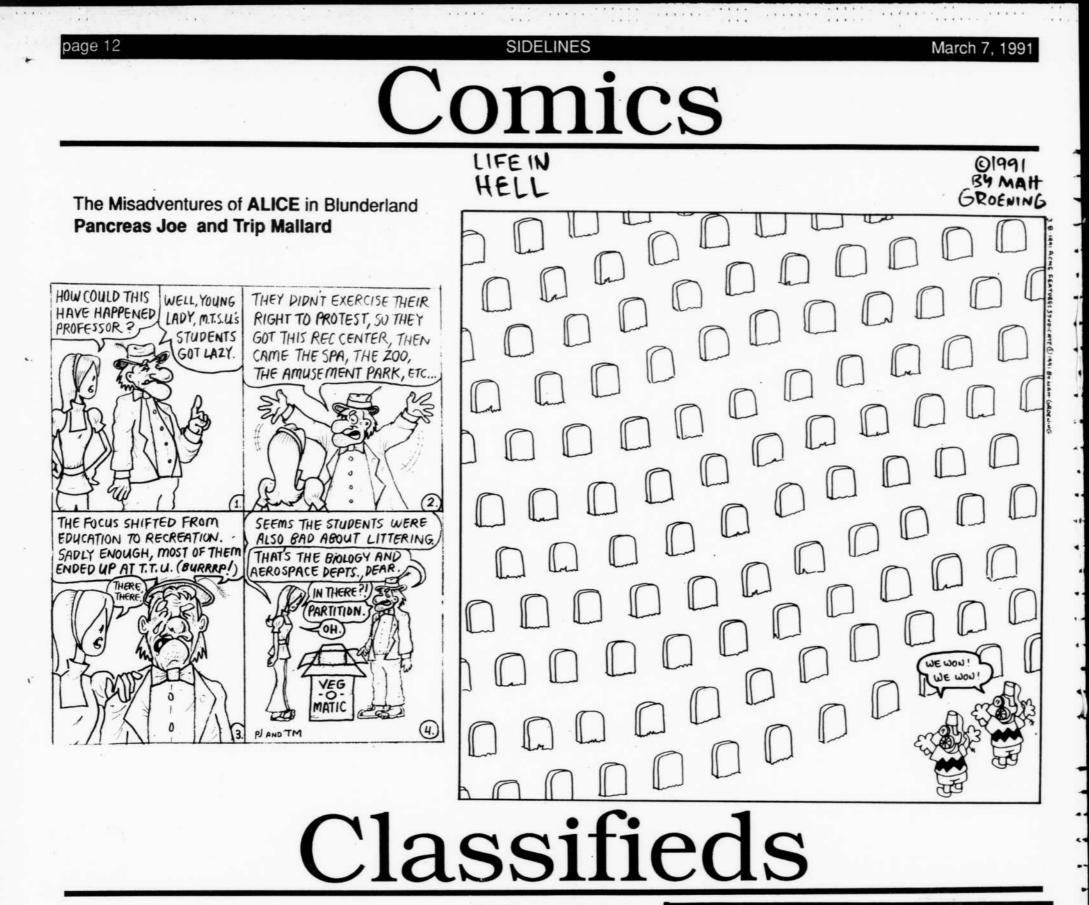
Robinson was the only Lady Raider to hit double figures with 18 points of the night.

Pippa Gibson also played her final game for MTSU. While giving her usual relentless effort, she scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds.

The loss equalled the Lady Raiders mark at 14-14 while Tech, 22-7, advances to the







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