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Cutting crew



Shawn Sidwell/staff.

Junior Tracey Grassham, a Studio Art major, works attentively on a band saw in the Art Barn wood shop on Tuesday. Grassham was working on a project for her Sculpting I class.

Law school proposal delivered

By Chad Gillis/staff

The MTSU Foundation delivered a proposal to acquire the Nashville School of Law Monday, meeting the school's April 15 deadline for submissions, according to Foundation president Andy Womack.

The idea of incorporating the Nashville School of Law into a public university was originated by Lt. Gov. John Wilder, who proposed a bill that would allow the Tennessee Board of Regents to purchase the private school.

The proposal is under consideration by Gov. Don Sundquist. Sundquist said he is taking into consideration whether a third state law school is needed.

"The chancellor's priority is the \$40 million budget cut," said Julie Goodyear, director of media relations for TBR.

"We haven't looked at the cost, location, or whether it would be

bought or not," said Goodyear.

Generally, when a university governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents wants to make a transaction of this nature, it must pass the Senate Education Committee, but this is not the case with the Foundation, said Womack.

"It is not a legislative matter at this point," said Womack, "that is the advantage with the Foundation."

The Foundation is an independent corporation with the ability to act without TBR approval, according to Womack.

"These are two separate 501 C3 corporations," said Womack. "This doesn't involve state approval." A 501 C3 corporation is a tax-exempt, non-profit entity.

Wilder first made the NSL



Andy Womack

proposal on behalf of Tennessee State University, not knowing that other universities in the mid-state area were interested as well.

Belmont University officials have also met with NSL officials, but have not made a formal bid, according to Ian Cambell, Belmont News and Information officer.

Cumberland University officials have sent a letter indicating an interest in purchasing the law school, according to Cumberland's president's office.

Tennessee State University officials met earlier in the semester with NSL officials, but had no comment on the situation.

"We (the Foundation) have been told to expect a response by May 1," said Womack.

MTSU missed the opportunity to acquire the Cumberland Law School 30 years ago, according to John Vile, chair of the political science department. •

No safety violations found at library

By Susan McMahan/staff

Construction on the new library resumed Tuesday as occupational safety officials found no safety violations at the site where a worker was killed in an accident last Friday.

Greg M. Turner, 39, of Kingston Springs, fell 56 feet after he was struck by a 10- by 12-foot wooden form mold for the elevator shaft being maneuvered by a crane, said Heloise Shilstat, regulations coordinator for the site's general contractor, Hardaway Construction.

Turner, who was operating the radio to the crane, had decided to start moving the four separate pieces in the mold by himself.

"The two men actually taking apart the mold had stepped away to get materials," said Shilstat.

Shilstat said apparently the wind caught the piece he was moving and turned it.

"When he realized he could not control it, he ran," said Shilstat.

According to Shilstat, the piece began to swerve and swing "like a picture on the wall"—from side to side.

Turner was struck in the back by the piece, which lifted him and tumbled him over the standard size guard rails.

Turner was not wearing a safety harness at the time of the accident.

Shilstat said that a harness is not required as long as an employee is working inside of a guard rail.

Shilstat said that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) had visited the site Tuesday morning and found no safety violations at the site.

The guard rails on the building had been measured by OSHA to ensure that they were the standard size.

Shilstat said that OSHA workers told her that if the other two workers



Steve Purinton/staff

A sign signified the closing of the construction site for the new library following an accident which killed a worker last Friday afternoon. Safety officials visited the work site on Tuesday, but found no violations.

were still on the building, there was a good possibility that more than one worker could have been killed.

Turner was employed by Concrete Form Erectors, the subcontractors working on the library project.

"General contractors hardly ever do complicated form work," said Shilstat.

She said that Hardaway often hired Concrete Form Erectors, which is owned by Turner's father-in-law, to complete subcontracting jobs.

This was the second time an accident has occurred on the library construction site.

On Feb. 27, John Suddoth, 27, and James McKnight, Jr., 28, were finishing concrete on the top floor of the building when they were struck by lightning.

Shilstat said that one of the men

injured is the son-in-law of the superintendent at Hardaway construction.

They were guiding a bucket of cement attached to a crane and were struck by lightning.

Both men were treated and released from Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

Shilstat said she was not in the office the day that incident occurred, but Hardaway's policy on lightning is to get workers off the building and into a shelter and to lower the crane.

However, she said the lightning that day began quickly and there "wasn't anything you could have done about it."

She said that two accidents on one job like this is atypical, but she did point out that "construction is very dangerous." •

House Speaker seeks way to punish absentee groups

By Jamie Evans/staff

Out of the 107 House members in SGA, 56 members can't vote because they have missed too many meetings and Speaker of the House Susan Guin said she wants to take more than their vote away—she wants to take the organization's activity-fee money too.

Guin said she is strictly enforcing the rule this year that if representatives miss three sessions they lose their voice and their vote. But she said she also wants to get legislation passed to require representatives to attend House meetings or the organization they are representing will lose its portion of the activity fee—a resource of money generated through tuition payments by students for student organizations.

As it stands, each organization that wants money from the activity fee has to send a proposal to a small committee consisting of students appointed by the SGA. The committee then allocates the money to different organizations depending upon the organization's needs.

Guin said the rule will take an organization's eligibility to receive money from this fund away from them



Susan Guin

for the next consecutive semester if the organization's representative misses three meetings.

For this new rule to become law, Guin has to present it to the university rules

committee. If it passes, it will have to be printed in the student handbook and every student organization on campus will have to become registered with the House.

Another area where the House has fallen short, Guin said, is proposing legislation. This semester no member of the house has presented or sponsored any type of bill or resolution.

Guin explained that the representatives, unlike senators, are elected from organizations around campus and not directly by the student body as a whole. She said she thinks that might be a reason the representative feel like they have less power.

"I think they're a little timid," Guin said. •

Incoming House Speaker looks for 'new direction'

By Jamie Evans staff

Speaker-elect for the House Jason Reid said he is ready to be out with the old and in with the new.

"Susan [Guin, current Speaker of the House] did an adequate job," Reid said. "I think we can do better, and go from a new direction."

Reid said that his number one objective is attendance. He said he plans to follow the 'three absences no vote' rule very strictly.

He said he is also in favor of Guin's idea to take activity fee funds away from organizations who miss more than three meetings.

However, Reid said he would

rather see them lose their seat on the House for the remainder of the year, which would indirectly cause them to lose the potential for activity-fee funds anyway.

"Right now, if you miss three days you lose your vote, that should be incentive enough, but when you're not passing legislation it's not much of a punishment," Reid said.

Reid said he is also pushing to have the House pass bills instead of resolutions.

He said he believes if the SGA passes bills—instead of resolutions—then the SGA will be taken more seriously and the administration will have to consider the issue at hand. •

Center for Pop Music acquires collections

By Susan McMahan/staff

The Center for Popular Music at MTSU recently acquired two new collections of music thanks to recent donations.

The collections of Robert E. "Mike" Doty and Lawrence Benson contain jazz and big band music collected over several decades.

Doty was a professional musician who played with big band leaders like Tommy Dorsey, Fred Warner and Joe Haymes throughout his career.

Doty was born in Rochester, Minn., and began playing music at about age 12. By the time he was 20, he had formed his own band and had begun playing in ballrooms.

The Doty collection consists of records and tapes of Doty playing, original sheet music, and several scrapbooks filled with memorabilia dating from 1922 until about the time of Doty's death in 1988.

According to David Jellema, an archivist at the center, the detailed scrapbooks are what makes the collection so unique.

"I have a feeling a lot of the photos (in the scrapbooks) were never released or published," said Jellema.

Doty's primary instrument was the alto saxophone, but Jellema said he was known as a "reliable musician who played the lead melody and was always on time."

Sheet music from Doty's only full-length composition is included in the collection. The piece, called "Hoboe Simfonie," gets its name from the oboe, the featured instrument.

Doty's composition was once performed on television and at the Radio City Music Hall in New York, where Doty worked as the chief instrumentalist later in his life.

The center first learned about the Doty collection after a friend of center director Paul Wells found a notice posted on the Internet. Jellema said Doty's family donated the collection to MTSU to ensure that it could be kept together.

The Benson collection is the result of Benson's years of buying records.

Jellema said Benson originally contacted MTSU's WMOT radio station to donate the records to them.

The station referred Benson to the center because the recordings date before 1950, the earliest recordings that WMOT plays, and the station no longer uses the record format.

"[The Benson collection] fills a lot of holes," said Jellema. "We don't have a lot of the 90s, he decided."

Benson, 93, decided to donate his collection of records to the center because his hearing loss made him unable to listen to music anymore.

Benson has said he would like to visit his collection at the center one day, but Jellema said he is unsure if Benson will be able to.

Jellema said that he feels the Doty family would come and visit the campus if the MTSU music department were to perform "Hoboe Simfonie."

"I want the music department to have the original manuscripts," said Jellema, adding that they would be good for the music department to use with a stage band or a jazz band.

The center, which contains books, music and videotapes, is open to students who need to find research on popular music.

All music materials contained in the center must be located through a discography because they are organized by the record label and issue number.

"This is not a traditional library, it is a research center," said Jellema. •

Great chemistry



Steve Purinton / staff

Students Tim Schuler, Denise Schriener and Natalie Tate (l to r) look over the Chemistry Club's exhibit at the Chemistry Open House held last Thursday.

On Campus

April 1997

Child Abuse Prevention of Tennessee needs volunteers to answer statewide Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with parents of newborns in the Parent Pathway Program, to assist with parenting classes, or to assist with child care during the parenting classes. Training in April. For more information call Amy at 227-2273.

Now Until April 18

10 Academic Service Scholarships are being offered by OWLs student organization for adult learners. Go to the OWLs office at KUC 320 or call Carol Ann Baily at 898-5989 for more information.

Now Until May 2

Student Art Show at Barn Gallery featuring work by Krishna Adams, Mary Beth Green, Dan Jordan, Allen Lowe and Sherry Teal. Gallery hours are **Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** Reception for the artists: Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information call 898-2455.

Now Until June 20

Careers Now Program sponsored by Erudite Emancipators announces internship opportunity for all career fields. Especially, but not exclusively, seeking minorities. Hourly stipend. Minimum 3.0 GPA required. Must be available for Fall semester 1997. For more information contact Angela Bond at 898-3954.

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THURSDAY, April 17

All-Sing Competition sponsored by Tau Omicron Women's Honor Society will be held at Murphy Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale in front of Phillips Book Store April 15 & 16 and at the performance for \$4 each. Proceeds go to the Domestic Violence Shelters of Rutherford County.

SATURDAY, April 19

Tennessee Inventors Association meets at 10 a.m. at 1055 Commerce Park Drive, Oak Ridge. Visitors welcome. Guest speaker is Anne E. Startwell speaking on "Basic Steps For Starting A Business." Call Arnold Beal at 423-966-0176 for more information.

SUNDAY, April 20

Model United Nations meets every Sunday evening. Anyone who is interested in international relations and current global issues is invited to attend. Check the Model U.N. bulletin board outside PH 211 for meeting times and locations or call William Duston at 904-6068.

Wesley Foundation University Worship meets at 8 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Call Bill Campbell at 893-0469 for more information.

MONDAY, April 21

Presbyterian Student Fellowship Prayer Luncheon will be at noon at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. Please call Michael Malone at 893-1787 for more information.

MTSU Right-to-Life hosts pro-life feminist Rachel MacNair who will be speaking at CKNB 121 at 7 p.m. about the roots and the future direction of the Pro-Life Feminist movement. Contact Jodi Collins at 898-3270 for more information.

TUESDAY, April 22

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Bragg Mass Comm. 103. Call Janelle Cox 867-3054 for more information.

Wesley Foundation Tuesday Night Supper is a weekly event at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Great home cooking. \$2.50 a plate. For more information call Bill Campbell at 893-1469.

Lambda Association will meet at 7 p.m. in MC 104. For more info. 780-2293, e-mail mtlambda@frank.mtsu.edu, or visit our web page at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda/.

WEDNESDAY, April 23

Supper and Worship every week with the Presbyterian Student Fellowship from 6-7 p.m. at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787 for more information.

Affirmative action battles hurt admissions

College Press Service

Even as national surveys show solid gains in college enrollment for minority students, several campuses say the end result of bitter affirmative action battles is a sharp decrease in minority applicants.

Following decisions to dismantle their race-preferential programs, public universities in Texas and California report that applications from black and Hispanic students for next

year's freshman class have plummeted.

That reverses a trend toward increased college enrollment of minority students over the last decade, according to reports by the College Board.

"Common sense suggests that affirmative action policies are making the difference for minority enrollment in four-year colleges and universities," said Donald Stewart, College Board president.

In Texas university officials say one reason for the decline is a new essay requirement that

deters less ambitious applicants. But they pin some blame on the "Hopwood effect," a reference to the federal court case that blocked most colleges in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi from using racial preferences in undergraduate admissions and scholarships.

The Texas system adopted a "race-neutral" policy and now gives more consideration to an applicant's experience overcoming adversity or other special circumstances. Still, fewer minorities have been accepted. *

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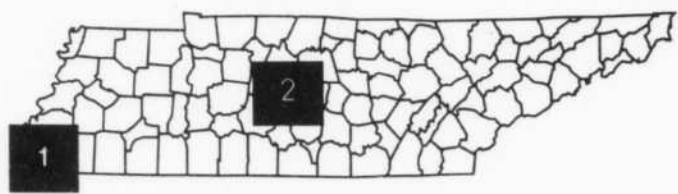
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Around the State



Legal debate brewing in MLK assassination

1 MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Another legal debate is brewing over attempts to conduct new tests on the rifle believed used to kill Martin Luther King Jr.

Prosecutors are trying to have the decision on those tests assigned to a different judge than the one who has tried to allow them before.

Judge Joe Brown of state Criminal Court tried in 1994 to allow new tests on the .30-06 hunting rifle but was stopped by an appeals court.

That court issued a new ruling this month, however, clearing the way for such tests. The appeals court said a trial judge has the authority if he decides it is necessary to order new scientific tests on trial evidence under his supervision.

But there is debate now over which judge in Memphis should be considered the trial judge for a case that was decided 28 years ago.

Ray has been trying for years to take back his guilty plea, and he argues now that the rifle found with his fingerprints on it near the scene of King's death was not the murder weapon.

Prosecutor John Campbell said in a court petition Tuesday that decisions on retesting evidence in the King assassination should be made by the judge in Division 3 of state Criminal Court.

That was the division in which Ray pleaded guilty in 1969, a year after King was shot on the second floor balcony of The Lorraine Motel in Memphis.

Brown presides over the court's Division 9.

William Pepper, Ray's lawyer, said he will oppose any attempts to move the case from Brown's court.

"There should be no reason other than the preference of the state to get it away from Joe Brown," Pepper said.

Campbell said court rules say such legal issues should be decided by the judge originally assigned to preside over a criminal case.

"This is not just for us to get this away from Judge Brown. If it winds up being in his division, that's fine," Campbell said. "The rule is pretty clear."

Cop killer's girlfriend sentenced to 10 years

2 NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A woman's failure to warn police

her heavily-armed boyfriend was waiting for them in the attic resulted in a 10-year prison term on Wednesday.

Rachel Green, 21, was sentenced on facilitation of second-degree murder and facilitation of attempted second-degree murder convictions. Each charge brought a 10-year sentence, with the terms to run concurrently.

Metro Police Officer Paul Scurry was fatally shot May 17 by Green's boyfriend, Jeffrey Swafford, and Officer Joe Brogdon was wounded.

Police testified last month at Green's trial that the woman had insisted Swafford wasn't in the apartment.

Minutes after Brogdon escaped with his wounds, Detective Robert Moore entered the apartment and shot Swafford to death.

There was some confusion at the conclusion of Green's March trial. Jurors found her innocent of facilitation of first-degree murder charges and were dismissed before prosecutors asked the jurors be polled. The jury then convicted Green on the second-degree charges.

Criminal Court Judge Seth Norman denied defense requests that the guilty verdicts be dismissed.

UCLA survey finds college students volunteer more, drink less, hate politics

College Press Service

LOS ANGELES—They drink less beer but smoke more cigarettes. And they worry more than ever about how they'll pay for their education.

That's the profile of today's college freshmen, according to an annual survey by UCLA researchers.

In addition, college freshmen say they don't believe in casual sex and have little passion for politics. Yet while today's college freshmen are less likely to be a card-carrying member of any political party, a record 72 percent reported some type of volunteer activity in the past year.

"My residence hall bagged food in Cincinnati for the holidays through student government," said Brian Wolfe, 18, a freshman at Miami University of Ohio. "This was a great chance for me to acquaint myself with Cincinnati and students from Miami."

Wolfe said he also volunteers for the Irish Club and Habitat for Humanity.

Michael Portnoy, a Stetson University freshman, volunteers through his church and fraternity house. "It is a good, Christian thing to do, and it looks good on my resume," he explained.

Survey assistant director Linda J. Sax says this year's crop of freshmen is the most community-service-minded class in the survey's 31-year history.

"These trends are especially encouraging, given recent studies showing that volunteer work has positive effects on students' personal and

academic development," said Sax, an education professor at the University of California at Los Angeles.

She credits the surge in volunteerism to local and national efforts to get young people involved with community service.

At the same time, a record number of students report they are anxious about how they will pay for college, the survey revealed.

More freshmen than ever, about 33 percent, said financial aid was a "very important" reason for choosing their college. In 1976, only 13.6 were as concerned about financial aid.

Also, more freshman than ever said they picked their university because it has "low tuition."

"These findings suggest that the failure of federal and state financial aid to keep up with the cost of college is changing the way students pick their colleges," said Alexander W. Astin, an education professor at UCLA and the survey's director.

"Rather than picking the college that offers the most appropriate program, more students will be making choices on the basis of low cost and the availability of financial aid," he said.

That's why Jennifer Stewart, 18, says she decided to attend Miami, a public college with in-state tuition of \$4,800. Private colleges often charge upwards of \$20,000 per year.

"I thought it was a good deal for the money," she said. "I looked at some private schools, but they weren't as good academically and the cost was higher."

Stetson's Portnoy says a mixture of scholarships, loans and grants helps him pay the private college's \$14,000 annual tuition.

"I was able to come to Stetson because they offered me a substantial financial aid package," he said. "Otherwise Stetson would be too expensive."

Like a growing number of freshmen, Portnoy says he must hold down a job to make ends meet. "I do work-study to pay my bills outside of tuition," he said.

For the 1996 study, researchers collected data from slightly more than a quarter-million students at nearly 500 private and public universities. The results were adjusted to be representative of the nation's 1.5 million freshmen.

Meanwhile, the survey also found more and more freshmen want to become teachers or doctors. At the same time, interest in business or law careers has dropped to a record low.

And when it comes to politics, today's freshmen say they can't be bothered. Less than 7 percent worked on a political campaign, compared to 16.4 percent in 1969, when political fervor soared on college campuses.

"Apparently, the 1996 presidential elections did little to rekindle college students' interest in politics," Sax observed.

Only 29.4 percent of freshmen said political awareness is a "very important" or "essential" life goal—down almost 10 percent since 1992, the last presidential election year.

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Opinions

In our view

Putting the House in order

The majority of campus organizations — 56 of 107 to be exact — which constitute the SGA House seem to want all of the benefits of university certification any of its obligations. These 56 clubs and organizations, ranging in purpose from professional societies to social fraternities, have neglected their responsibility, as mandated in each organization's constitution, to attend and take part in the SGA's bi-weekly House meetings. Rather than fulfill this duty, the groups have for various reasons missed three or more meetings and, as a result, have had their votes revoked by the Speaker of the House, Susan Guin.

They should be happy to have wiggled off the hook so easily.

Somehow these organizations believe they ought be entitled to all of the perks that come with university certification — including monetary assistance in the form of the student-activity fee — without putting in their fair share of work in order to get it. How else could one explain why organizations aren't able to send one representative to show up once every two weeks to a meeting that on average lasts less than one hour?

In spite of its shortcomings, the SGA is still a place where students can have an instrumental role in shaping this university's policies and actions. It is still a place where students can stand together with one voice and let President Walker, the administration, faculty members and the surrounding community know what is important and of value to them.

When organizations fail to take part in SGA, however, the message sent to the administration or, for that matter, anyone else who pays attention, is that students could care less about important issues that affect them. Instead of being a strong voice for students, SGA is reduced to a feeble whimper.

To help compel these organizations to come to meetings, Speaker Guin has recently proposed a rule that would allow the SGA to take away student-activity money from groups that fail to show up at House meetings. If an organization shirks its responsibility and does not attend meetings, they would not only lose their vote, but any funding from the university's activity fee as well.

Such a proposal is not only wise, but long overdue. Until these sorry excuses for organizations learn that with the benefits of being fully recognized by this university comes the obligation to become genuinely involved in helping deal with issues that affect all students, they should not be allowed to lay a hand on one cent of our money. In fact, they aren't even worthy of our recognition.



Character is key trait of 'The Big Dog'



Ramblings

Warren Wakeland

Since I'm about to wrap up my stay at this fine institution, I thought it appropriate to stop complaining for once and focus on the most positive thing the student body and this university has going for it. It's something most of you probably don't realize you have.

On page 1 of the "Perspective" section of the Mar. 15 "Tennessean," there was an opinion piece concerning our own beloved Mr. President — not stumble-down-a-staircase Bill, but Dr. James Walker.

The piece basically explains how and why MTSU's Big Dog is near the top of the Ten Most Wanted List for university presidents. There are many reasons, including all the construction we complain about on a daily basis.

I hear many people talk about what MTSU doesn't have. And yes, I am one of the most outspoken. But when you compare what was here five years ago to what MTSU has now, the difference is staggering.

A recreation center for students, complete with full-sized weight room, running track, basketball courts, climbing wall, an indoor swimming pool, and more.

When I came here, the run-down Alumni Gym served as the rec center. It was the reason SportsCom did so well for so long.

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the state at our disposal, for a \$15 fee per semester. You can't beat that. It's more like a health club than a rec center (except for no hot tubs or saunas — how'd they forget that?). Needless to say, there aren't many students paying to go to SportsCom anymore.

Credit Dr. Walker.

Significantly higher academic standards to get in here, which should be credited for the smartest freshman class in MTSU history enrolling here this past August.

When I came here my GPA was, shall we say, not impressive. But I got in then. Today, they'd laugh me out of the Cope building if I applied with transcripts like that.

Even with the higher standards, enrollment continues to explode and respect for MTSU in Tennessee high schools continues to grow. More than 18,000 students are expected here next fall, a 20 percent increase from 1992.

Credit Dr. Walker.

A bus service to take students from the outer parking lots to the inner core of campus and vice versa, thereby (supposedly) cutting down on travel time from car to class and back, as well as effort.

Most of you who read this column know I'm not too fond of the Raider Xpress, but that doesn't mean most of you are of the same opinion. Judging from the full buses I see most of the time, many of you seem to like it. And it is nice to have when it's raining or when my knees hurt.

Credit Dr. Walker.

The new library, business/aerospace building, walking horse arena out on Thompson Lane

and football stadium — more than \$80 million in construction projects that will benefit MTSU for decades to come.

Credit all to Dr. Walker.

And we haven't even considered the Master Plan he has created to put MTSU into the upper echelon of state schools nationwide in the next 20 years.

With this kind of track record, you can understand why this man would be in demand.

He has been seriously considered for at least two other presidencies in the last three years from larger, more prestigious universities (undoubtedly for more money), but has turned them down to stay here and finish what he has started.

That's called character, boys and girls.

The citizens of Arkansas can't say that about Bill (I won't run for president while I'm still governor) Clinton, and the citizens of Nashville can't say that about Phil (I won't run for governor while I'm still mayor) Bredesen. We can with Dr. Walker.

I am a real believer in Dr. Walker's ideas for making MTSU grow, and I believe he should be given every opportunity and as much money and support as he needs to implement his plans.

As a soon-to-be alumnus of this university, I probably won't be the most active one, and I probably won't donate the most money.

I definitely won't donate the most money.

However, I will do all I can to see that this man retires from his current post. Because if Dr. James Walker decides someday to leave MTSU, this school will suffer for it.

E-mail your letters to the editor to *Sidelines* at: stupubs@frank.mtsu.edu

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The answers to all those I.R.S. tax questions



Dave Barry

Syndicated Columnist

Yes, helping people is what this column is all about. That's why today I'm going to start by answering a question that taxpayers are constantly asking, namely: "When writing a letter to the IRS, should I use hyphens?"

Not if you can help it. I base this advice on a Washington Post news item, sent in by alert reader Bob Pack, concerning an internal memo distributed by the IRS counsel's finance and management division. This memo, according to the Post, stated that the deputy chief counsel, Marlene Gross, "does not want to receive any memorandums, letters, etc. with hyphenated words." This was followed by a SECOND memo, which stated that Gross "does not want hyphenated words in letters, memos, unless it is at the end of the sentence."

The Post item does not say why the deputy chief counsel feels so strongly about hyphens. But it's quite common for people to develop hostility toward certain punctuation marks. I myself fly into a homicidal rage when I see business names featuring apostrophes on either side of the letter "n," such as "The Chew 'n' Swallow Cafe." Many historians believe the 1970 U.S. invasion of Cambodia was a

direct result of the fact that Richard Nixon received a memo containing a semicolon. The important thing for you, the taxpayer, to remember is that if you write a letter to the IRS finance and management division, and you MUST use a hyphen, you should place it at the end of the sentence, as shown in these two example sentences provided by the American Association Of Tax Accountants Wearing Suits:

WRONG: "You fat-heads will never catch me!"
RIGHT: "You'll never catch me, fat-heads!"

But enough about punctuation. Let's answer some other common taxpayer questions, using the popular Q-and-A format:

Q. Are you saying that, as a taxpayer, I DON'T have to maintain detailed records of my toenail clippings?

A. Not if your account for 4.7 percent or less of your Adjusted Gross Bodily Debris, which you are of course required to report quarterly on Form 2038-YUK (not available) unless you are a single taxpayer filing jointly or vice versa, which ever comes first.

Q. Are we EVER going to have a federal tax system that regular people can understand?

A. Our top political leaders have all voiced strong support for this idea.

Q. So you're saying it will never happen?

A. Right.

Q. At 9 a.m. today, I made large cash contributions to both major political parties. As of 1:30 this afternoon, the federal government had

still not enacted special tax-break legislation just for me. What kind of a country is this?

A. Unfortunately, because of the high demand, the federal government can no longer provide "same-day service," but if you do not see action by noon tomorrow, you should contact your personal congressperson; or, if you are staying in the Lincoln Bedroom, simply stomp on the floor.

Q. I have been trying without success since 1962 to get through on the IRS Taxpayer Assistance Hot Line. I understand that the IRS now also has a help site on the Internet.

A. That is correct. Now, in addition to failing to receive help by phone, taxpayers can fail to receive additional help by trying unsuccessfully to connect with the IRS World Wide Web site at <http://www.bunchofletters.gov>.

Q. If I COULD get through to that web site, what would I see?

A. Photographs of Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, naked.

Q. When you write columns like this, don't you worry that the IRS is going to get ticked off and audit you with an electron microscope?

A. No, because the guys and gals at the IRS are a fun bunch, and they know I'm just kidding around. "Ha-ha," is their reaction, unless they work in the finance and management division, where their reaction, if they know what's good for them, is "Ha ha."

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Learning to cope with dyslexia

One office in Murfreesboro is providing a national framework for dealing with the reading disorder

By Lee Murphy/staff

Many of us have driven by the ordinary, unassuming stucco structure on 610 W. College St. without giving it a second glance. But this isn't just any office building. Behind the doors of a modest suite on the first floor, phenomenal progress occurs every day to place Tennessee at the head of the class in the research, education and intervention of dyslexia — the developmental reading disorder that affects 5 to 10 percent of the population.

The Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia has come a long way since 1993. Operating under a direct grant from the state legislature and overseen by the chair of excellence in dyslexic studies at MTSU, the center is one of only a handful in the country, and it is the only one that functions on a statewide level.

The center's far-reaching impact on individual students and school districts throughout the state is evidenced by a map of Tennessee that displays a red dot for every area served. In less than four years, the dots have become indistinguishable, and the map is nearly a solid red.

Services provided by the center to its Tennessee population are free to K-12 teachers and students. From direct services for individual students with dyslexia to in-service and consultative programs for school districts, the center promotes a philosophy of collaborative education.

"It is truly a team effort," says Diane Sawyer, chair of excellence in dyslexic studies at MTSU. "There is not one individual working here who doesn't contribute to our thinking. They may be volunteers; they may be students; ... they may be faculty members from the university or teachers from the school system, but everyone who comes through who sees what we're doing pushes our thinking."

Sawyer, who wrote the proposal to the state legislature for the center's establishment and oversees its operations, says the services have

Breaking Through: Learning Disabilities in the '90s



Adam Smith/staff

made a dramatic impact on teachers across the state.

"When teachers have come to workshops, they go away feeling that they better understand the problem, and they have a better sense of how to go out and effectively, tomorrow, start working with them [the students] in better ways," she says.

Although the center offers one-on-one services to K-12 students who have been previously assessed for dyslexia by their schools, the primary focus is teacher education through direct services to school systems.

"We're a small operation, and if we're really going to make a big difference for children with reading difficulties in the state of Tennessee, particularly dyslexia, then we need to train teachers, because they're the ones that are delivering the instruction," says Deborah Knight, the center's director and only full-time employee.

Of utmost importance to the center's mission is reaching those individuals within the educational system who have a direct influence on children in the classroom environment. Knight says that teachers often become bombarded with mandates and legislation that dictate new responsibilities in the absence of appropriate guidelines or financial resources. That's where the center differentiates Tennessee from most all other states.

"I'm proud of the way Tennessee has handled this particular learning



Photo by Randy Janoski, courtesy of MTSU Photographic Services

Deborah Knight, director of the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia, aids a student in understanding the reading disorder. The center is the result of an initiative in the Tennessee state legislature to promote understanding of the disorder.

disability," Knight says. "I'm proud that our legislature has taken such direct interest."

Sawyer also feels that the state has taken great initiative in its support of the center.

"It is an incredibly advanced perspective on service for disability," she says. "It does not exist anywhere else — no other legislature has had this perspective and persistence."

This degree of dedication is bringing both the center and Tennessee into the national spotlight as a successful template for learning disability programs in other states.

Anne Fowler, editor of the interdisciplinary journal *Annals of Dyslexia*, has written that the center's program is "one that will serve as a model for advocates and educators in all 50 states."

This is no small achievement. Just last summer, Knight and Sawyer traveled over 3,000 miles across the state during August and September, conducting two-day workshops for teachers. The emphasis during site visits is on diagnosis of students with dyslexia and the development and implementation of appropriate intervention plans.

Sawyer acknowledges the far-reaching effects of the work with students, parents, teachers and school systems throughout the state. They have already started to receive

phone calls from other states.

"It will not be long before we have to deal with the reality that we will not only be serving our own state, but we will be trying to serve people who see this model as a viable model in other areas of the country," Sawyer says.

What has also made the center's program such a successful and all-encompassing model for other states is the long-term commitment to the population it serves. The center provides follow-up services for its students and schools, ensuring that

the lines of communication and progress remain open. The follow-up efforts allow the center to make adjustments in a particular school's instructional program or to track a student's progress.

"One of the things that was very important to all of us who worked on starting the center was not to be yet another clinical setting where children can get an assessment, then report sits in their files, and something may or may not happen as a result of it," Knight says.

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Characteristics of Dyslexia

The Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia recognizes several characteristics that may identify dyslexia:

- Incorrect sequencing of letters in words.
- Omission of letters in words.
- Difficulty breaking written words into sound units and blending the parts together for pronunciation.
- Slower, less accurate recognition of non-phonetic words.
- Spelling words as they sound, ignoring rules and special spellings of some sounds.

For more information, contact the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia, 610 W. College St., Suite 120. Tel: (615) 848-1271. E-mail: dyslexia@midtn.campus.mci.net

Exhibit displays best of permanent collection

By Adam Smith/staff

Baldwin Photographic Gallery, the unassuming, warmly-lit passageway in the Learning Resource Center, has, during its history, played host to exhibits of many well-known and respected photographers. Names like Ansel Adams, Gary Winograd, Harry Callahan and Aaron Siskind have all graced the walls of the gallery, all thanks to the efforts of Professor Emeritus Harold Baldwin, who founded the gallery to expose students to quality professional photography.

During the month of April, the gallery is exhibiting a retrospective of works in the Permanent Collection, as selected by Baldwin. The exhibit's collection is quite impressive, featuring prints from the many photographers who have held exhibits in the gallery over the years.

As viewers enter the gallery, they are greeted by a brief written description by Baldwin on the history of this exhibit.

"In the early days of the [photography] program, most art galleries were not exhibiting photography, making it difficult to expose students to quality work," Baldwin says.

"Through soliciting some private funds, I was able to book some exhibits, although most were of lesser-known photographers. With time and international publicity sent out by MTSU, the gallery was able to attract many outstanding photographers for exhibition."

Today, the introduction says, the gallery has 1,002 prints, including works by now-deceased photographers, prominent professional photographers, and early student work.

Moving into the hall, one notices the wide range of names and dates associated with the photographs,



Photo by Gary Winograd, courtesy of Baldwin Photographic Gallery

This print, from Gary Winograd's "Women are Beautiful" series, is one of the works on display in the Retrospect exhibit.

from Edward Weston's 1927 black and white print *Shell*, to Robert Rosenblum's 1995 digitally-enhanced color print at the center of the hall.

As one walks through the gallery, it's difficult not to be affected by the contrasting moods and shifts of the different artists. One shifts from a sense of awe and hope from the horizon of Robert Slack's *Sunrise* to a feeling of insignificance in the face of the tiny figure standing alone and surrounded by pure darkness in Harry Callahan's *Bobine*, Chicago print.

Also in the gallery are less objective pieces, including Doug Stewart's photoserigraph of a kneeling female figure and Henry Holmes Smith's amorphous *Shapes with White*. Even those who know nothing of photography can admire the weighted meanings behind the subject of Marrie Cumhi's simple photograph and quote from a prison

inmate, or the complex emotional response generated by Masumi Hayashi's *3-D Jesus*, whose three faces of Christ grab one's attention with eyes that open and close with the viewer's movements.

At the back of the gallery are works by photographers with names that most viewers have never heard: Terrell Martin, D. Mark Ferrell, Shain Terrell and Philip Prater are just a few of the names in this corner. This section is devoted to the works of students from MTSU's photography program, and features the same variety of style and subject matter as those selections from the professional photographers.

The retrospective exhibit will continue at the Baldwin Gallery until April 25. The gallery's hours are: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; 4:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Saturday, and 6 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Sunday. •

Art Barn exhibit celebrates work of graduating students

By Christi Underdown /staff

The gallery of the Art Barn is filled with a menagerie of Native American fish, boxes shaped like temples, functional pottery and cheese curls for the purpose of celebrating the talents of four graduating art students from April 7 until May 2.

The various sculpture and ceramic pieces made by Krishna Adams, Sherry M. Teal, Dan Jordan and Allen Lowe are the components of this spring's Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibit.

Adams' work derives from the stories about fish told in the Native American culture. Through her artwork, she tells myths about sturgeon, salmon and even the origin of totem poles involving a killer whale.

"There's a lot of fish going on," she says.

Adams is in the process of looking for a graduate school, which specializes in her field of interest, art therapy.

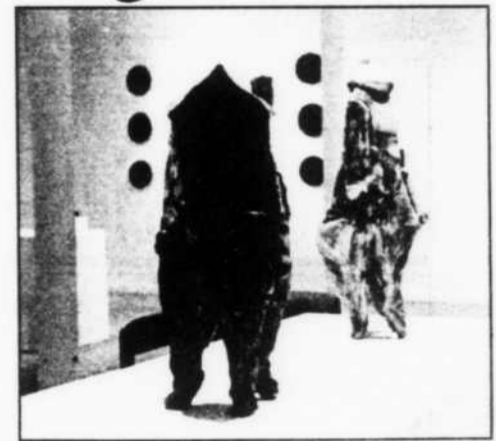
Teal's interest in the similarity between cultures has inspired her to create a world of boxes, which display familiar symbols in an unfamiliar light. "Boxes are functional, but they can hold personal things," she says.

"Everybody is naturally curious and nosy. People like to look in boxes." Teal is looking for a career that combines her interests in art and anthropology art preservation.

"We like dirt," she says of her anthropology companions. "We play in mud pies for a living. What could be better?"

Symmetry is a requirement for Jordan's pottery. None of his pieces have handles or spouts — decoration is added through the use of glazes and slips.

"Surface embellishments allow me



Steve Purinton/staff

"The Harvest" and "Communion," by Sherry Teal, are two of the pieces on display in the Art Barn's Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibit.

to add interest to the piece without disturbing the tranquility of the form or the practical nature of the pots, thus achieving my goal as a potter: to create a body of work both functional and aesthetically appealing," Jordan says. "I don't want to create something that will just sit around." Jordan said he felt like he had been in school forever and would like to take some time off after graduation. He hopes to someday open his own shop.

Lowe has taken a humorous look at cheese curl art in his pieces, which include a self-portrait titled "Me." "I want to challenge people to think about how they see things," Lowe says. "If people leave and are thinking, then I have accomplished my goal."

Lowe is looking forward to working on his own after graduation. "If that doesn't work out in the next one or two years, then I'll probably go to graduate school," Lowe says.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. •

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Festival brings jazz bands to Main Street

by **CHAD GILLIS**
The first annual Main Street JazzFest will bring the swingin' sounds of ragtime to the streets of downtown Murfreesboro this weekend.

"We hope that we are going to provide an event that a lot of people will enjoy," said Janalee Wise—director of Main Street, a non-profit maintenance organization.

Saturday's events will begin with a "real New Orleans style jazz parade," according to Wise. The 12:30 p.m. parade will be led by the Rebirth Brass Band.

April Barrows, a Franklin resident with a recent CD release — *My Dream is You*, will perform at 1:30 p.m. on a stage facing down East Main Street.

Paula Chavis and William Richardson will go on at 2:30 p.m., followed by a Brazilian jazz band called Som Brasileiro at 5 p.m.

One of the world's premier jazz vocalists, Deborah Brown, will appear at 6 p.m.

Brown, who recently released a CD titled *International Incident*, has

been compared to the great Ella Fitzgerald. Brown is sponsored by MTSU.

MTSU's WMOT is also sponsoring a JazzFest competition at the Center for the Arts, located on College Street behind the square.

The 19-piece Army Band Forces Jazz Band will perform at 7:15 p.m., followed by the nightclub Jimmy McGriff and Hank Crawford Quartet at 8:30 p.m.

"We tried to get a real mixture, so that people would see the variety in jazz music," Wise said.

Food will be provided in two tents located around the Court House, and Main Street encourages people to bring a lawn chair and blankets.

Local business' will be open regular hours Saturday, but will close along with the streets at 6 p.m.

Parking will be available below the Linebaugh Library and at Calvary and 1st American Banking.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Janalee Wise at 895-1887.

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"We won't just go in and do an in-service for a school — we insist on the support of administration so that teachers can get the materials they need and the support they need for scheduling in order to make good things happen with kids and dyslexia," she adds.

And it's these kids with dyslexia that both Knight and Sawyer say make their jobs so rewarding, because the children have so many strengths. Individuals with

dyslexia have average to above-average intelligence and generally have good oral language skills. The learning disability presents itself due to a difficulty in reading and spelling words.

"The students with dyslexia are the easiest ones to deal with really in terms of support and assistance," Sawyer says.

Knight points out that these students represent a population whose specific learning disability makes prognosis fairly easy.

Around Town

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Thursday, April 17 — Roland Gresham
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Saturday, April 19 — Live comedy at 8 and 10 p.m.

However, the educational system has not always been in synch with their needs.

"It's not because the dyslexic students are less capable of learning, it's that they really haven't had appropriate instruction. And that's really what we're all about — helping teachers and

school systems understand what is the most appropriate way. First to identify who these kids are, and then how to teach the most effectively."

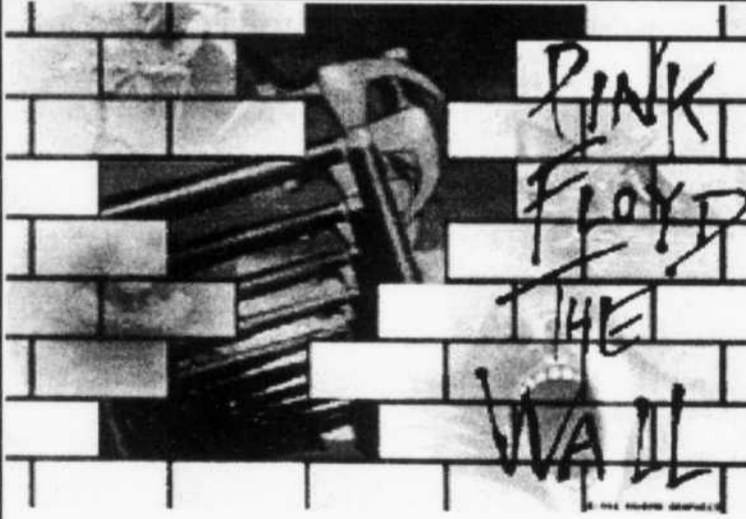
This is the final installment of a three-part series on learning disabilities.

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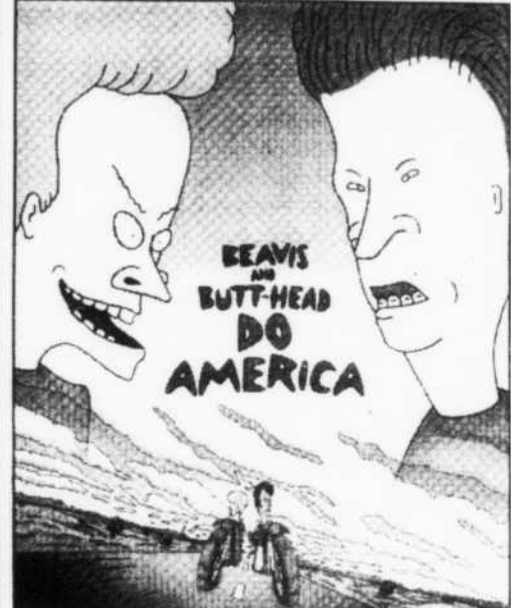


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3. Following the explosion, one (1) long blast of the horn will be sounded to signal "all clear."
4. Construction workers shall see no one is in a danger zone prior to setting off explosives.

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Raiders beat Cumberland, split Evansville series

By Doug Malan/staff

In an era of high scoring games and diluted pitching staffs, Middle Tennessee baseball traveled back in time Monday afternoon, defeating Cumberland 3-1 in Lebanon and sweeping the three-game season series.

Both starting pitchers threw complete games and nullified the opposition's high-scoring offense in a crisply played contest. Along with the Rockwellian setting of Woody Hunt Field, a brick-encased emerald nestled among colonial houses and sprawling trees, the game befitted one of the 1950's.

Jamie Hill (3-0) struck out a season-high six batters and scattered five hits in earning his second victory of the year over the Bulldogs, mastering them with his breaking pitches. Of the sophomore's six career victories, three have come against Cumberland.

Jordan Beddies provided the offensive spark with his seventh homerun of the year in the fourth inning. The solo blast to left-center leaves Beddies eight homers shy of the MTSU career mark of 35 tied last year by Doug Barner.

Jody Atwood (4-1) suffered his first loss of the season despite giving up two earned runs on eight hits while striking out three batters.

After Ty Curley scored on an error in the seventh to give his team a 3-0 lead, Cumberland rallied in the same inning with a run on three hits and an error. Hill stranded runners on the corners when he struck out pinch hitter Brian Foster, his third strikeout

of the inning.

The Bulldogs came back in the eighth when leadoff batter Angel Hermoso reached base on a one-out walk. Hill caused Greg Strickland to ground into a fielder's choice before Steve Green, who was hitting .450 with 13 homeruns, hit a laser to right that was chased down by centerfield speedster Jeremy Owens.

After a lead-off single in the ninth, Marc Suarez fled to right and Jason Franklin hit into a double play to end the game, the third twin killing of the afternoon for Middle.

Owens, who finished 2-3 at the plate, scored the game's first run after walking in the first, advancing on a balk and scoring on an error. Andrew Thompson collected two hits and Wayne Chinapen and Ryan Dillard both had their ten-game hitting streaks snapped.

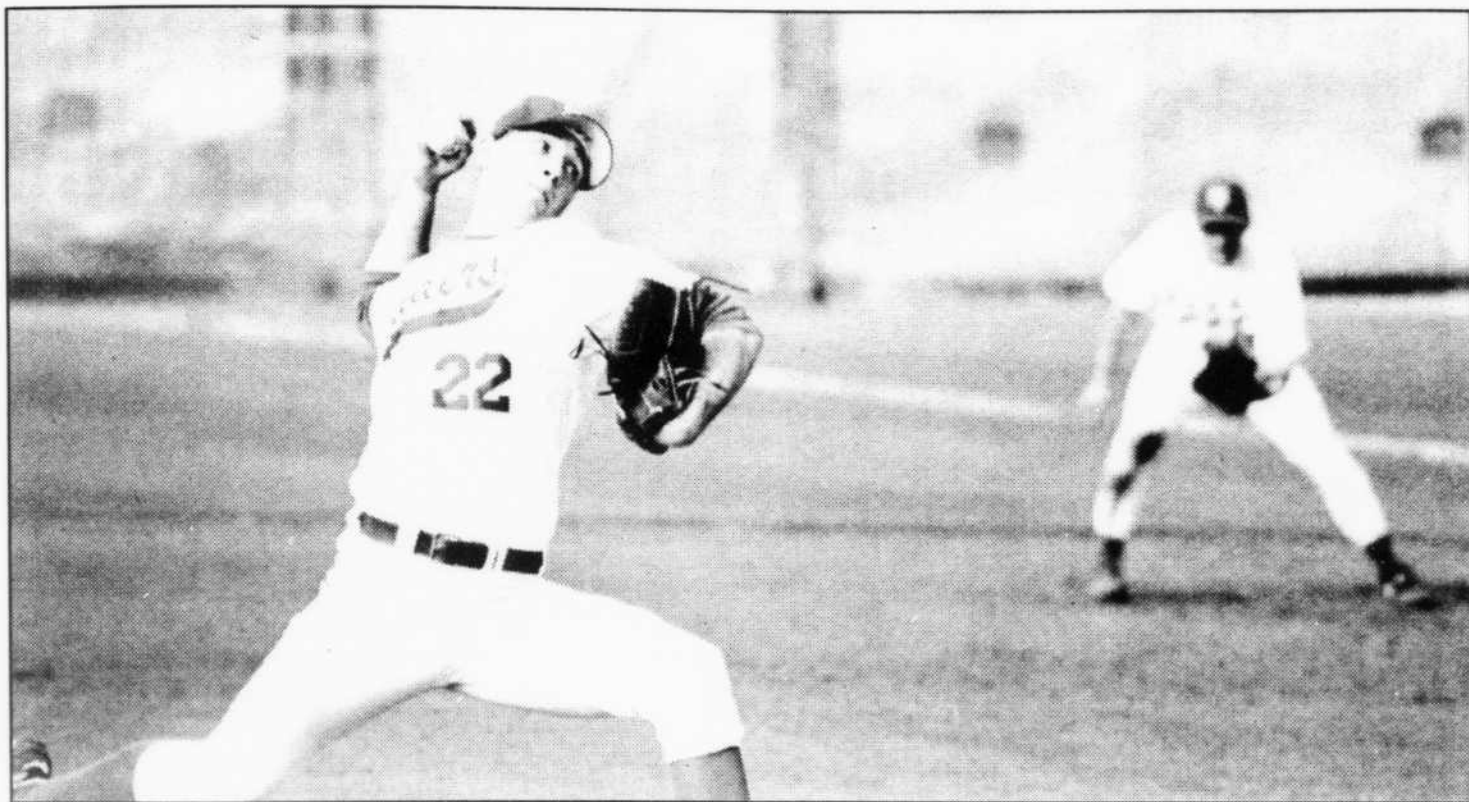
This past weekend gave Middle a bye in the conference and they split with Evansville in a series at Reese Smith Field.

The Blue Raiders won Saturday afternoon, 7-3, as Chad Kirby (2-6) threw a complete game, striking out three and yielding seven hits.

Thompson went 3-5 with his fifth homer of the year in the sixth inning and Jon Case continued his hitting tear with two RBI singles. Case is hitting .525 over the last six games.

Dillard added a two-run double and Curley had a sacrifice fly.

Middle jumped ahead 5-0 in the fifth before the Purple Aces scored on an RBI single by Bobby Hodges in the sixth. Brink Jenkins and Ryan Connors added RBI in the last three innings.



Brian G. Miller/staff

MTSU pitcher Jamie Powers delivers a pitch in a game earlier this season. The team is now 20-15 on the season.

Thompson's homer and Clay Snellgrove's RBI single in the seventh provided the final margin.

In a Sunday slugfest, Evansville won 14-10 with seven runs in the ninth inning. The teams combined for 33 hits and seven errors.

MTSU led 10-7 before the Aces sent 11 batters to the plate in the ninth. Phil Broshears hit a two-run single and Jenkins, who batted with

the bases juiced after an intentional walk, hit a bases-clearing double.

Evansville skipper Jim Brownlee and Blue Raider coach Steve Peterson were both ejected for arguing ball-strike calls. Ryan Brownlee, the coach's son, was also ejected after being picked off first in the seventh inning.

Owens led off the game with an inside-the-park homerun on the first

pitch, his fifth homer of the season. The sophomore finished 3-6 with two RBI and his 14th stolen base.

Chinapen and Case both collected three hits and Beddies added a couple RBI singles.

Freshman Kevin Davis (0-1) got the loss out of the bullpen and Chris Luttig (3-2) earned the win in 4.2 innings of middle relief. •

Track travels to OVC Championships

By Rachel Parrish/staff

The OVC championships will be held this weekend in Charleston, Illinois. The men's and women's track teams hope to sweep the titles at this year's competition.

On Friday, the finals of the shot put, javelin, high jump and long jump will be contested. While the jumpers and throwers will be adjusting to the cold weather, the semi-finals of the 100m, 400m, 200m, 800m, 10,000m and both hurdle races will be taking place. Only the eight fastest times out of each race will make it to the finals on Saturday.

As only three athletes from each school can be entered in each event, everyone on the Middle Tennessee team must step up and do their part in order to walk away with the victory.

Returning champ Nekeya Ralls is slated to run the 100m hurdles, the 100m dash, and the triple jump. In the OVC indoor championships, Ralls was the women's top scorer with four first

place finishes to her credit. Another key player for the Raiders will be the very dependable Shelly Jonson, who has been both the reigning indoor and outdoor shotput and discus champ for the last three years. Volleyball standout Angie Veneble will be the top MTSU javelin thrower. Freshman Tablitha Pyles is scheduled to participate in the high jump, the 400m hurdles and the triple jump.

Senior sensation Saran Dunmore will be competing in both hurdle events, and hopes to better her school record time of 1.02s in the intermediates. The 400m dash is well equipped with Rachel Parrish, Tyjuana Phillips and Trina Weddington. Parrish is slated for the 200m, while Phillips and Weddington will be competing in the 400 relay along with Kim Watson and Bethany Brent. Brent and Watson are also entered in the 100m and 200m dashes.

The men's team is determined to make their mark at the championship this weekend, and hopes to defeat arch rivals Eastern Illinois.

In the first event of the day, Boniface Amuzu, Rashaad Haynes, and Jahez Salahuddin are entered in the long jump. Of the three, the busiest will be Boniface Amuzu, who is entered into the 100m, 200m, and 400m relays. Also competing on the nationally-ranked relay team is Keith Watkins, Christian Nsiah and Kenden Maynard. Torrence Riley is one of the favorites in the high and triple jumps. Vince Akridge is entered in the discus event.

The heat will be on as MTSU's four hurdlers, Dana Dixon, Darryl Arvin, Carlos Clardy and Shane Heavener steal the scene from the rest of the OVC competitors. NCAA qualifier Kenden Maynard is the favorite by far for the 400m, the most difficult race of the day. Maynard's time last week of 46.34 was a school record and moved him up to number 12 in the nation. Senior Jason Smith will be competing in the 10,000m run, and will compete in the 300m steeplechase with Jason Carpenter and Kyle Brown. •

Colleges offering courses in NASCAR specialties

Associated Press

Mike Mooney points to air vents on the front of Darrell Waltrip's blue and orange Parts America Chevrolet. He says some of the vents are covered with tape because the engine needs less ventilation when racing on long tracks.

Mooney doesn't work on cars, build or drive them, but he knows when the car goes on a shorter track, the tape will be removed to allow more air to get to the engine.

"They use the brake more on short tracks," he says.

Knowing about nuances in motorsports is part of Mooney's job as an account executive for The Cotter Group, a sports communications firm that handles publicity, marketing, licensing and hospitality for clients like Waltrip.

Mooney's job and others like it are becoming more prevalent, and heads of those companies say they need more people with business backgrounds combined with a knowledge of motorsports.

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in North Carolina hopes to fill the vacuum by offering a two-year motorsports management technology degree.

The program may be the first of its kind in the country, said Shirley Lukadoo, vice president of academic affairs at the college.

"We're in NASCAR country ... We don't expect to find it anywhere else," she said.

In the area around the college, 135 motorsports-related firms create 1,790 jobs, \$71.4 million in payroll and \$207 million in direct expenditures, according to a recent study by the Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Trustees at the community college, located about 20 minutes north of the Charlotte Motor Speedway, approved the degree program earlier this year. College officials hope to have the program ready this fall. It would be a joint program with nearby Mitchell Community College and Davidson County Community College.

About 300 students have already asked about the program. "We anticipate a waiting list," Lukadoo said.

The idea for the program came about when community college officials, with campuses in Kannapolis and Salisbury, N.C., asked what the school could do to support the growing motorsports industry.

"Right now teams are hiring aerospace people and people who used to work for defense contractors," said H.A. "Humpty" Wheeler, president of Speedway Motorsports, which owns the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Racing teams, souvenir companies, product manufacturers and marketing and licensing firms say they have openings in mid-level management, said Carl Squires, who helped develop the proposal at the college.

Twenty companies in Cabarrus County responding to a survey from the college estimated they would have 62 management positions open in the next two years.

"The whole field is so broad. No one has been trained to do this kind of work," he said.

People from Goodyear Tire, two NASCAR teams, several promotion firms and Wheeler's 600 Racing company helped develop a list of what students would need to learn, and nine industry representatives advised preparation of the curriculum.

In the program, students would take general courses along with subjects such as business math, advertising and sales promotion, motorsports fundamentals and accounting.

Students would also complete an internship at a parts company or public relations firm, and have hands-on classes in welding, chassis building and fabrication.

"They should know how a race car is put together ... not learn how to weld, but know what it means to weld aluminum," Squires said.

The degree would help recent high school graduates who want to get into the racing industry but don't know how to get started. It would also help the person who could not go to college get a higher paying job, Wheeler said.

Some schools such as the University of South Carolina and Clemson University offer technical courses in racing in their engineering departments.

Elon College, a small liberal arts school near Burlington, N.C., offers a NASCAR marketing class during its one-month winter term.

Dr. Janie Brown started teaching the class four years ago. She says schools from across the country have called her for advice because there are few academic texts devoted to the business of NASCAR and other motorsports.

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Golfer Warren diagnosed with cancer

Staff Reports

Johnny Warren, MTSU's first golf walk-on to ever crack the starting lineup, was diagnosed with cancer recently.

Warren had earned his spot in the lineup but had to sit out of the last two tournaments due to illness. He returned home to Greenbrier, Tennessee, and test results diagnosed the 21-year-old with cancer, resulting in his withdrawal from school and the team for the spring semester.

"It was quite a shock," said head golf coach Johnny Moore. "As a coach, you are never prepared to hear news like that."

Each year, Moore holds a "walk-on" tournament to give members of the student body an opportunity to earn a spot on the team. During that time, he has never had a winner of that tournament crack the starting lineup until Warren, a sophomore, did this year.

"The main goal now is prayerful support for Johnny, his family and the doctors. Johnny is strong and he is a fighter. I look forward to having him back in the fall."

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Vanderbilt at MTSU, 7 p.m.

Softball Next Games

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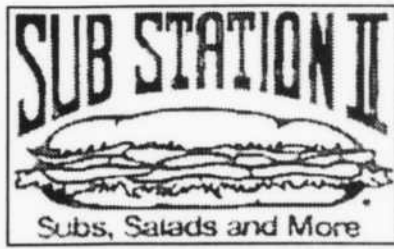
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Men's tennis defeats Tech, TSU

By Rachel Bailey/ staff

The ninth-ranked MTSU men's tennis team took on Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State University in their last OVC matches before the conference tournaments begin this weekend. These matches felt like a breeze following up their tough loss to UAB this past Saturday as the Blue Raiders defeated Tech 4-0 and TSU 6-0.

"After a loss like that [to

UAB], we needed some confidence to prepare us for upcoming matches like the regionals and, hopefully, the NCAAs," said David McNamara, who plays number three for MTSU and is ranked 76th in the country.

Tennessee Tech proved to be stronger than expected at the top of their lineup, and the result was MTSU's Julius Robberts, Marshall Brown and Jim Madrigal completing their matches quickly at number

four, five and six for the win over Tech.

After leaving Cookeville, the Blue Raiders traveled to Nashville for their second match of the day, this one against TSU. Coach Dale Short took his top three out of the lineup for this match, which allowed Stefan Florencien, Belal Hamadeh, and Cal Cook to enter MTSU's lineup. MTSU wrapped up this victory easily and moved to an 19-5 record overall. •

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Her class materials are compiled from NASCAR material sent from the headquarters in Daytona Beach, Fla., newspapers and trade magazines and a few general textbooks on sports management.

"If they do it so well, why haven't we written and studied about it?" she said.

Mooney, an Elon graduate with a degree in corporate communications, returns each year to talk to the Elon class.

The emergence of academic classes "almost parallels the way the sports has been growing," Mooney said. "NASCAR has been validated in marketing, this is just another validation of sports popularity and growth." •

Cubs lose first 12 in a row; break record set in 1884

Associated Press

The Chicago Cubs can finally say they're record-setters.

The Cubs set the mark for worst start in National League history, making three more errors Wednesday as they extended their losing streak to 12 with a 4-0 loss to the Colorado Rockies.

The Cubs have lost 26 of their last 28 games, including the end of last season, and have the fourth-worst start ever, trailing the 1904 Washington Senators and 1920 Detroit Tigers (each 0-13) and the 1988 Baltimore Orioles (0-21).

Chicago, which has 21 errors this season, broke the modern NL record of 0-10 set by Atlanta in 1988 and the overall NL record of 0-11 by the 1884 Detroit Wolverines.

Roger Bailey (2-0) pitched a five-hitter for his first career shutout. Colorado won its sixth straight road game, tying a team record set in 1993.

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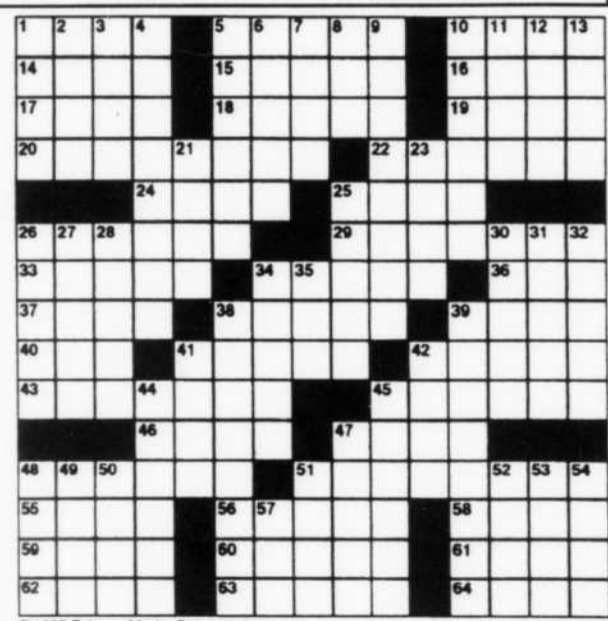
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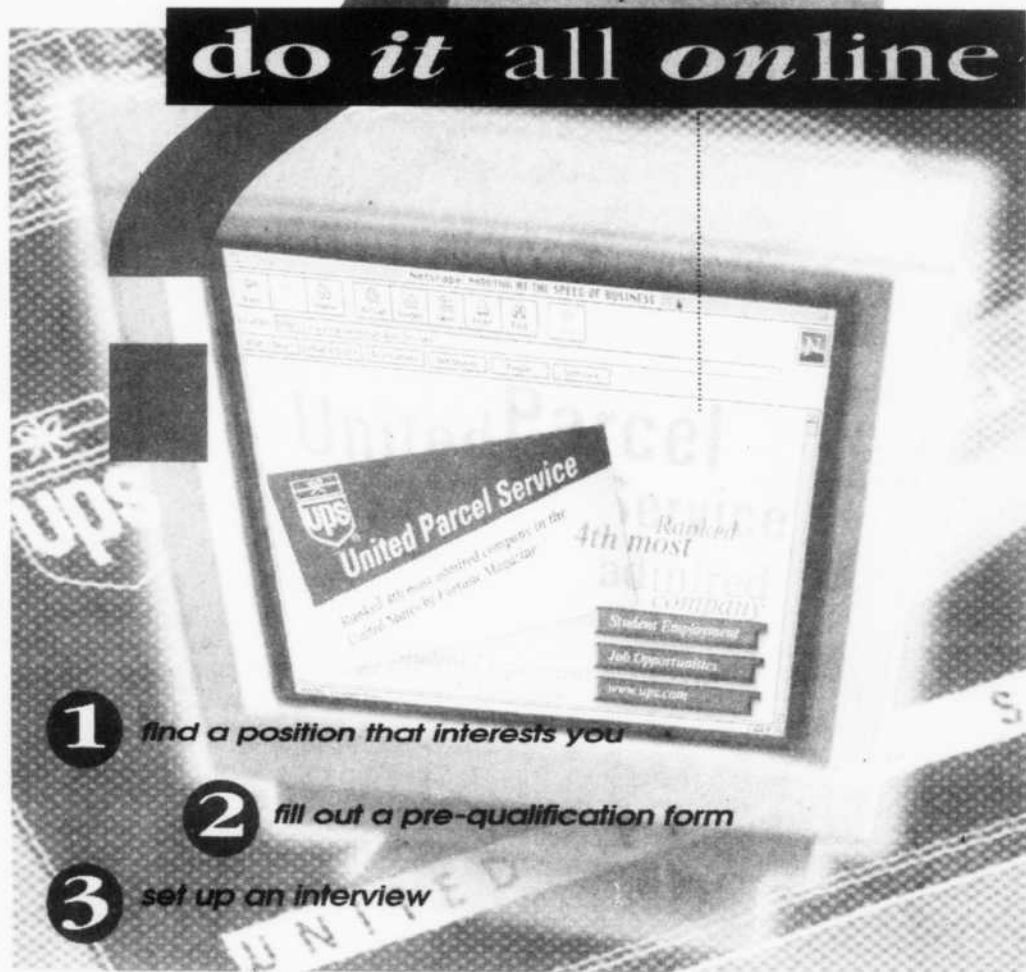
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