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New library needed more than ever

Faculty, administrator survey says current facility not sufficient

MICHELLE MATHES
Staff Writer

Faculty and administrators agree that a new library is long overdue, according to a recent faculty survey.

The survey, known as the Institutional Effectiveness Assessment, was given for the first time in 10 years, according to Dr. Judith Wakim, chair of the Nursing Department.

According to the survey, faculty members indicated the existing library is lacking in funding, physical space and in book and periodical collections.

Wakim said the survey is designed to "assess what we have and to see how each department fits into the mission of the university."

"The survey also shows what kinds of goals the departments have and how each department will Assess its goals," she said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs James Hindman explained the library was built "some time ago to accommodate about 12,000 or so students."

"The facility itself is not large enough for the 17,000 students we now have," he said.

"The university is currently working with the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and the state legislature to fund a brand new (library) building," Hindman said.

"It's important to realize that we are in the very first stages of planning the new library," Hindman said. "We are still in the talking stages."

According to Hindman, MTSU must first receive "planning money" from the legislature. "Then we actually plan the building," he said. "Only after the building is planned does the legislature give the money to MTSU."

A plan for the new building has been proposed to the TBR, Hindman confirmed.

According to Library Director Don Craig the TBR recommended the plan to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission two weeks ago.

"We are hoping to receive the planning money some time after the next legislature session in January," Craig said.

This progress has not been without some controversy, however.

According to Hindman, the proposed building "was larger than [the state] wants to fund. Over the past 10 years, several new libraries have been built in Tennessee.

"The state has basically said that they will not build one any larger than those that have already been built," Hindman said.

"The plan has not been rejected," said Hindman, and so far no plans have been made to scale it down.

"The point that the faculty and administration want to make is that we need a library that will meet [MTSU's] future needs; not necessarily one that keeps within the financial limits of libraries (such as UT Knoxville and Memphis State) that were built 10

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SELECTED FACULTY, ADMINSTRATOR SURVEY RESULTS

95 percent said MTSU's library does not provide sufficient microcomputer lab facilities for student use.

94 percent said the library does not provide quality up-to-date mainframe computer systems to students.

82 percent said library does not receive appropriate funding to meet the academic needs of MTSU.

73 percent said the library does not have sufficient "special collections" (ie. original documents, first editions, rare books).

72 percent said the library's periodical collection and data bases are not sufficient to support graduate education.

71 percent said that the library's book collections are not sufficient to support the graduate education, research, and public service programs.

68 percent said the periodical collection does not meet specific academic program needs.

67 percent said book collection not sufficient for specific academic program needs.

65 percent said physical space for library inadequate.

Problems arise for Pikes, SAEs

*Pi Kappa Alpha
suspended for
hazing; SAE
disciplines pledges*

CORRIE CRON
Assistant News Editor

The Kappa Alpha Order is not the only fraternity receiving disciplinary actions for unsatisfactory conduct.

Pi Kappa Alpha also has come under investigation from the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC). Pi Kappa Alpha, or Pikes as they are commonly referred to on campus, "were found guilty of

hazing under their national by-laws and guilty of conduct dangerous to others according to the MTSU Student Handbook," said Jason Klatt, Vice-President of the IFC and Chief Justice of the Judicial Board.

The alleged hazing stemmed from reports of Pike pledges streaking through the Murphy Center.

Pi Kappa Alpha has been suspended from all Greek activities for the Spring and Fall Semesters. They are still a recognized organization but they cannot interact with other Greek organizations or participate in any activities as a fraternity. They cannot rush new pledges until the

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J.A. Hinton/Staff

I LOVE A PARADE... The city of Murfreesboro held its annual Christmas parade yesterday afternoon. The parade, which began at Greenland parking lot, boasted of an array of fire trucks, marching bands and floats from all parts of Rutherford County. Annette Rigney, above, joined in the festivities by helping decorate a Fosterville fire truck.



Carl E. Lambert/Staff

MUSIC TO MY EARS. Dr. Ron Bombardi plays the violin with the *Rogues* during the honors Lyceum Celtic Christmas at Peck Hall Wednesday.

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CAMPUS CAPSULE

TODAY

THE MTU WOMEN'S CHORALE is recruiting new members. All MTSU women who enjoy singing are encouraged to join. No audition is required. For more details call 2487.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS FOR '94 SEMESTER can be picked up in SGA office in room 304 of KUC. Deadline Jan. 25 at 4:30 p.m.

ANY ORGANIZATION INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN SGA HOUSE CLUB NIGHT should pick up applications in the SGA office. All applications need to be in by Jan. 19. The event is scheduled for Jan. 20 in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. Call 898-2464 for more details.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

THE LAMBDA ASSOCIATION will meet at 6:30 p.m. to hold elections for the spring semester. Call the hotline at 780-7293 for the location.

THE INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. in room 103 of the Mass Comm building. All Mass Comm students and interested parties are encouraged to attend. Contact Kevin Birch at 898-3482 for more details.

STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will hold an interest meeting at 5 p.m.

in the Alumni Center. Excellent opportunity for student leaders. For further information contact Janna Farris or Leola McClure at 898-2922.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

THE MTSU CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS is sponsoring an Environmental Regulation Seminar at 5 p.m. in Davis Science Building room 100. Chris Greene of the Tennessee Division of Superfund will speak. Contact Leonard Walther at 731-1684 for more details.

ONGOING

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY is held at 4:45 p.m. Thursday. Women's Bible study is held at 4:45 p.m. Mondays. Contact Michael at 898-3716 for more information.

THE PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meets from 9 to 10 p.m. at the PSF House every Wednesday. Anyone interested should contact Bryan Hume at 849-3490.

THE SGA SENATE will be in session at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in KUC 316. Attendance is mandatory.

THE BHAKTI-YOGA VEGETARIAN CLUB meets from 6 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday in KUC 314. The meeting is open to all students. Contact Jonathan

Maxwell at 898-3801 for more details.

STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in KUC 305. New members are welcome. Call Andrew Welug at 890-5097 for more details.

THE EQUESTRIAN TEAM meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Hannah Walker at 896-7839 for more details.

THE SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS meets the first and third Thursdays of every month at 5 p.m. in the Wiser Patton Science Building Room 201.

A WOMEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is meeting at the Camels Group, 1231 NW Broad St., Murfreesboro at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

MTSU STUDENTS WHO NEED SPEECH TESTING OR SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES should call the MTSU Speech Clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.

THE LAMBDA ASSOCIATION holds their weekly gatherings on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on campus. Lambda is an open support group for gays, lesbians and bisexual students, as well as advocates of the gay community at large. For the location of these gatherings call the hotline at 780-7293.

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Students unhappy with housing

Survey shows dissatisfaction with bathrooms, heating, cooling, maintenance, and cleaning

MARK WARDECKER
Special to *Sidelines*

A survey of 2,178 students conducted this fall by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) shows that a large number of students are dissatisfied with bathroom facilities, heating, cooling, maintenance and cleaning of on-campus housing facilities.

Although housing facilities are filled to almost 100 percent of their capacity, associate director

for housing personnel Bernice Hughes doesn't think that's the problem.

"We always treat the situation like we were completely filled," said Hughes.

Hughes also stated that a recent study of the custodial services shows that the number of residents is not a crucial factor in housing upkeep.

She said the problem has more to do with "whether they perform their job correctly."

Hughes stated that maintenance personnel tend to be "temperamental" and that this affects their job performance in particular situations.

Another difficulty is the turnover rate for maintenance personnel. Hughes sees MTSU as a "training ground" for workers from which they depart in search

of better positions.

The SACS survey shows that of the 46 percent of the students surveyed who live on campus, 23 percent were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the bathroom facilities provided, and 17 percent were dissatisfied with the cleaning and maintenance of the housing facilities. Also, 18 percent were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the heating, cooling and ventilation of the facilities.

Housing Director Ivan Shewmake is not deaf to concerns.

"Obviously we're going to respond to something specific because housing is customer driven," Shewmake said. "Some things you can do something about."

Survey says new library needed...

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years ago," Wakim said.

According to Hindman, there is already a constant need for more money to run the existing library.

"It's very troublesome for all of us," he said.

"For example, the inflation rate for periodicals is very high. We have had to add additional money to the budget in order to keep up with this inflation rate," he said.

So far, MTSU has been able to maintain its number of periodical subscriptions.

"We have a good collection," Hindman said. "I like to think that the basics are there." Of course any library will undoubtedly have "holes in its collection," he said.

According to Wakim, not having an updated library affects MTSU's students.

"It has definitely affected our student nursing, because it is a relatively new program," she said. "Over the past five years, we

have been fortunate enough to use the Vanderbilt Medical Library free of charge," she said. "Unfortunately, we will soon be charged for using these materials."

"In order for there to be a change in the percent of funds that go to the library, the state funding formula needs to be re-examined," Wakim said.

The survey also indicates that the faculty considers MTSU's computer facilities and number of full-time faculty inadequate.

Greeks face problems...

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Spring semester of '95, nor can they participate in Homecoming '94 as a fraternity.

The fraternity has also been put on social probation for an additional three semesters, for a total of five. Under social probation, the Pikes will not be able to have any parties, mixers, etc.

The national Pi Kappa Alpha definition is broader than either of those of the IFC or MTSU.

"It was never proven that the brothers made or forced these pledges to do this," explains Klatt.

"I thought the IFC did a very responsible job in the matter under adverse circumstances," commented Dean of Students Paul Cantrell, who assisted only as an adviser to the Judicial Board.

However, Greg Lunsford, President of Pi Kappa Alpha, was not as impressed.

"The IFC is pretty much a kangaroo court [that] we didn't have a shot in," he said.

Lunsford also said that they

are planning to appeal based on the fact that the Fraternity's national organization did not find them guilty under their own definition.

"It has not been resolved completely," Lunsford said. "We're completely innocent."

Another fraternity at MTSU, Sigma Alpha Epsilon has also had to take disciplinary actions toward several pledges who disobeyed their pledge director's decision.

The pledges had planned to kidnap one of their brothers as a practical joke, and despite their pledge director's decision against it, they went ahead as planned.

Reports said that the pledges went to a brother's apartment, bound his arms and legs with duct-tape, and threw him in the back of a pick-up truck. Neighbors in the brother's apartment complex saw the activities and called the police. Because the brother said he was not being held against his will, no one was arrested.

However, the Fraternity did take some action. All the pledges

who were involved have been suspended for the rest of the semester. They have written formal apologies to the neighbors in the Rosewood apartment complex. They also have to answer to Dean Cantrell.

"The pledges are turning in a written formal apology and plan of restitution for what happened," said Cantrell.

"Our problem is more or less a problem of image," said SAE President Brian Chriske. The situation was handled within the fraternity and the Dean of Students office.

The pledges will be reinstated in January provided that they serve a chosen course of punishment based on their suggestions within the apology. Once those are turned in to Cantrell's office resolutions will begin.

"Brian and I will review it at that time", said Cantrell.

Chriske was adamant that the pledges get a clear message about their actions.

"SAE does not in any way condone this behavior," he said.

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BRANDY BERRYHILL
News Editor

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"VISTA, the equivalent of a domestic Peace Corps, focuses on issues of poverty, under-education, unemployment and drug and alcohol abuse in the U.S.," one volunteer said.

Those who volunteer are paid a living allowance through the federal ACTION agency. Health insurance and a monthly career-educational stipend are also provided.

If you are interested in becoming involved as a VISTA literacy volunteer, call the

FOCUS: Reports cast shadows on campus lighting problems

CORRIE CRON
Assistant News Editor

Many female students have had frightful occurrences while walking around campus after dark, perhaps leaving the library late, they have been surprised suddenly by someone standing in the shadows that they did not see earlier.

Though not necessarily an attacker, a person standing in a dimly lighted area can go undetected by a student until the person is extremely close.

"It's a big campus," said Jack Drugmand, Chief of Campus Police. "It is difficult to light every area."

Adding post lights and lights on buildings in the past years has illuminated the campus further.

"Over the years, lighting has been a major concern for students; the university has made significant progress in lighting," Drugmand said.

Don Zlotky, Superintendent of Maintenance and Repair of Buildings, is proud of the lighting on campus after seeing the status of some other campuses.

"I accompanied Chief Drugmand to one of our sister campuses," said Zlotky, "and after visiting MSU (Memphis State University), we decided we weren't

doing such a shabby job."

The main concern with the lighting is that of security risks.

"I check it from my point of view. Security checks it from their point of view, and if they find a security risk . . . we take care of it so it doesn't get buried with other work," Zlotky said.

Many factors tend to give the campus a darker than normal appearance. Although it isn't much of a problem any more, deciduous trees in full bloom can create more shadows than usual and security hazards for students.

And if the post lights don't seem bright enough, Drugmand can tell you why.

"The lights on the buildings are so bright they seem to make the pool lights look dim," he said.

Senior Kimberly Jenkins has noticed a problem with the brightness of the lights.

"There are lights, but they're not real bright," Jenkins said. "I do think about it. There are areas on campus that are well lit, but there are places . . . that have a lot of shadows," she said.

Another student doesn't like to go out often past dark and when she does, she uses campus security. She said she felt there could be more lighting.

The university does its part to make the campus as bright as possible. Both Campus Security and Maintenance do weekly surveys of all the lights, with Maintenance making repairs in about two or three working days, according to Zlotky.

"My challenge is simply to maintain what we have," he said.

Campus Planning said there has been talk of updating the lighting on campus, but so far that is all there has been.

Patti Miller, Director of Campus Planning, said, "We do not have a formalized plan at this time."

She also dispelled hopes that the new recreation center would brighten things up.

"That particular building is so far removed from campus that it will not have a significant effect," Miller said.

Meanwhile, Chief Drugmand reminds to follow the "Mom and Dad" rules students have always heard (e.g. "Don't take short cuts, stay in well lighted areas."). And he also encourages students to use the Campus Security Escorts if walking across campus at night.

"Don't be too embarrassed to do that," Drugmand says.

Announcement to All Students

TRAM (*Telephone Response at Middle*) continues to be available December 6-January 5 for Spring 1994 registration. The phone lines are available 7 days a week from 9:00am - 6:00pm. Fees are not due until mid-December or early-January depending on when students elect to pay. Currently enrolled, re-enrolling and graduate students (*cleared by the admissions office*) are eligible to register.

Beginning December 16, 1993 students may call TRAM and hear their grades spoken for the fall '93 term, the summer '93 and/or the spring '93 term. Each student will be allowed to access to only his or her grades by entering their student ID and personal access code.

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Computer services offers financial help to students

SUZANNE MOORE
Staff Writer

Galin Computer Services offers help to current and future college students who are in need of financial aid and wish to further their education.

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The total amount of funding

available for 1993 reaches near \$30 billion. Last year \$6.6 billion went unclaimed because people were not aware of its availability.

Grade point average or SAT scores are not required for many of the scholarships. A majority of awards are based on hobbies, special interests, intended major or college of choice.

Potential high school graduates, intending on starting college next fall, as well as undergraduate college students are eligible to apply.

Dean of Admissions Gillespie takes seat on ACT Board

STAFF REPORTS

Cliff Gillespie, Dean of Admissions, Records and Informations Systems at Middle Tennessee State University, recently attended the annual meeting of the American College Testing Corporation.

Gillespie was elected to the board by the ACT State Policy Council this summer. The council is made up of approximately 25 educational leaders.

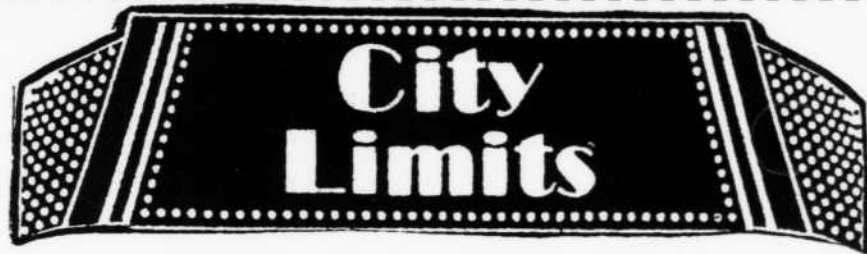
Of the 50 states, 37 have

representatives seated on the board. State representatives provide historical background in higher education in the state or region, identify state or regional trends in education, and identify formal and informal structures within the state or institutions that determine educational policy.

"I enjoyed attending the meeting, and am looking forward to continuing the work of furthering the goals of higher education with my colleagues," Gillespie said.

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Retired MTSU professor; business college founder dies

STAFF REPORTS

E.W. "Wink" Midgett, retired Middle Tennessee State University faculty member, who also is credited with beginning the university's business program in 1939, died last week, following a battle with cancer.

A year ago, on Sept. 29, Midgett was formally immortalized with the naming of the Elwin W. (Wink) Midgett Business Building on the MTSU campus. At that time a scholarship fund for accounting students was established in his name through the MTSU Foundation, with the hope of building an endowment to support a distinguished professorship in accounting. The fund continues to receive contributions from Midgett's friends and former students.

James E. Walker, MTSU president, defined Midgett's service to the university as "immeasurable" and recognized him as an outstanding administrator, a highly regarded teacher, and a nationally known scholar.

"The effective leadership that he provided the business program led to our present accredited College of Business," Walker said. "His influence has and will continue to be reflected in the overall character of Middle Tennessee State University and more specifically in the character and integrity of MTSU's College of Business."

"Wink is truly a legend on the MTSU campus," added Barbara Haskew, dean of the College of Business. Haskew described Midgett as "an important force in the growth and development of the entire university."

A native of Watertown, Tenn., Midgett came to MTSU in 1939, and remained for 38 years. In addition to serving as the first chair of the fledgling Business Department, Midgett taught accounting and co-authored two accounting textbooks—*Accounting Principles* and *Introduction to Accounting*. He also coached MTSU's football, basketball, and golf teams for four years.

In 1970, he published the highly regarded *An Accounting Primer*, which made the



ELWIN W. ("WINK") MIDGETT

prestigious *Library Journal's* list of recommended books, the only accounting book so honored. Another of his books, *Corkus*, is a humorous account of MTSU during its early years.

Midgett received the Alpha Kappa Psi award for outstanding service to education and was named the first honorary member of the Gamma Eta Chapter, Delta Pi Epsilon.

Midgett also coached MTSU football, basketball, and golf teams.

During last year's dedication of the Elwin W. (Wink) Midgett Business Building, former MTSU president M.G. Scarlett referred to Midgett as a model family man.

"I never called him Wink because I respect him too much," added Bill Vaught, former MTSU dean, during the same ceremony.

At the fall dedication of the building in his honor, Midgett reflected on his years at MTSU.

"One can't give 38 1/2 years of his life to something without loving it," Midgett said. "Seeing the campus coming full of life in the fall is one of God's most beautiful creations."

Walt Chatman, friend and former student of Midgett's, is the driving force behind the Wink Midgett scholarship fund.

"I am very conscious of the fact that because of him, I am where I am today," Chatman said in a recent interview. "He was loved by all."

Midgett is survived by his wife Nell, and sons Dan, of Hermitage, Tenn., and Don, of Tullahoma, Tenn.

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Shuttle astronauts attempt repairs of Hubble telescope

Astronauts forced to "trash" satellite's broken solar panel

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA decided Sunday to turn one of the Hubble Space Telescope's troublesome solar wings into instant space junk by simply dumping it overboard during an overnight space walk.

For the mission's first spacewalk early Sunday by the fix-it crew of the shuttle Endeavour, the verdict was "we got everything accomplished."

Story Musgrave and Jeff Hoffman spent nearly eight hours in the open cargo bay. When they left, the space telescope had six working gyroscopes again to guide it, three electronics units to run the gyros, and a new set of eight fuses.

"Jeff and Story today have definitely earned their Dr. Goodwrench certificate and service station Endeavour has qualified for a triple A rating," said Ken Ledbetter, the telescope's program manager.

The task of installing a new planetary camera and corrective lenses for the Hubble's other instruments was still ahead. But the mission's second spacewalk, beginning late Sunday, was reserved for replacing the telescope's twin solar panels.

The 40-foot-long panels have provided reliable electricity for the telescope, but they caused a vexing vibration.

One of the panels responded to a ground command to roll up tight like a window shade for transport back to Earth. But the second panel, badly bent out of shape, stuck with 70 percent of it still unrolled. Mission Control decided Sunday to get rid of it after it is removed from the telescope early Monday.

Lead flight director Milt Heflin said spacewalker Kathryn C. Thornton would hold the panel up high over the cargo bay and conduct "a gentle jettison procedure."

"She's just going to let go of it," Heflin said. "It's going to stay right there. There will be no pushing."

Shuttle commander Richard Covey planned to fire a small burst from the ship's smallest jets to move the ship away from the panel, leaving it one of 6,700 pieces of space junk tracked by the North American Aerospace Command.

It was expected to slowly drop into the atmosphere and burn up, a process that might take a year.

Each day's activities begin just when prime television time is over, unfortunate timing for NASA because the action beamed from 360 miles above Earth in

space is dramatic.

The first of the mission's five spacewalks, the second longest by American astronauts, lasted 7 hours, 54 minutes beginning late Saturday. Musgrave and Hoffman successfully completed their assigned tasks but not without some difficulties.

With practiced ease, they replaced two of three pairs of gyroscopes, two of three electrical units to guide those gyros and exchanged eight main fuses.

But when they tried to close a 7-foot-high access door, its four latches would not meet. The door, one of a set of double doors, must close tightly to protect sensitive star trackers from unwanted light.

It took two hours of pulling and tugging by Musgrave and Hoffman before the doors would close.

Ledbetter said the misalignment was caused because the light metal doors were warmed by different amounts of sunlight when they were open and expanded at different rates. The astronauts were told to close them for one orbit and the latches' position matched again.

On Tuesday, the astronauts are to install the new planetary camera, on Wednesday it is corrective optics for other instruments on the telescope, and on Thursday more electronics will be replaced.



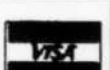
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A word from the Editor...

Who has religious freedom?

A few days ago, a school system was reprimanded for having a picture of Jesus Christ on a bulletin board in one of its classrooms. The picture depicted Christ with other "historical" figures, such as Martin Luther King, Jr. According to the teacher displaying the poster, the purpose of the display was to make students aware of the staunch religious stance made by Dr. King and how those views shaped his life. However, according to "concerned" interest groups, the reason the teacher gave was not good enough. Displaying a picture of Christ was just too much for the Constitutional "watchdogs" and it was deemed a violation of the famous "separation of church and state" doctrine. Sadly, this trend of censoring any form of Christian religion is all too common in today's society.

Through using the courts, anti-Christians have successfully muted any semblance of morality from our school systems. In case after ridiculous case, the initially well-intended tenet of "separation of church and state," as well as the rest of the Bill of Rights, have been obscured beyond reason; and this serpentine intrusion upon the rights of Christians is happening with the upmost in subtlety.

For example, prayer in school was once a very accepted and even encouraged part of daily life. I can even recall when members of my high school's student council would pray every morning at the beginning of our first class. While many of the more immature students simply viewed the intercom break as a time to snooze, many other students used the opportunity to thank God for another day. As you know, however, the tradition was found to be harmful and, due to protests from groups such as the ACLU, the prayers stopped around 1986 for most schools around the nation.

In a compromising exchange, many proposed that students be

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The death of free enterprise?

Clinton's arbitration threatens business

Binding arbitration! Our wonderful Mr. Clinton gives us binding arbitration. I am of course talking about the American Airlines strike. This fiasco has left me with many questions. The first being, what happened to private enterprise? The government involvement in this strike is just another of Clinton's Socialism/Communism tendencies, and it should not be applauded.

We would all like to be paid more. We all think we are worth more than we're paid. Sometimes a company just can't pay any more than they currently are. So now we go to the flight attendant



COLEY JACKSON
Managing Editor

situation at American. The flight attendants at American are paid very well. They start off low-paid just like everyone else in the airline industry, but move up quickly. Pilots have to spend years and thousands of dollars to make it into the airlines only to start out at \$15,000 a year. Some flight attendants are making upwards of \$50,000 a year. They

get these wages and can select how often they work. That's right, they can work only 15 days a month if that is all they bid on. That still leaves enough time to get a decent second job to make even more money. Flight attendants at American get good wages, excellent benefits, and do you know what they have to pay for medical insurance? A big fat zero. That's right, nothing. The company doesn't even do that for the pilots.

I find it appalling that they get all this with only five weeks training and have the nerve to cry. The average flight attendant is

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Democrats unveil new idea for campaign reform

Many Democrats were quite vocal in disputing the outcome of New Jersey's recent gubernatorial election. It was alleged that Ed Rollins, a consultant to New Jersey's Republican Gov.-elect Christine Whitman, disbursed \$500,000 in "street money" to ensure a low black voter turnout. A lawsuit contending the same was recently dropped due to lack of evidence.

However, a more significant, and well-



JOE T. ALLISON, JR.
Staff Writer

documented, case of minority voters being prodded into casting improper ballots in last month's election exists in neighboring Philadelphia, PA.

The Philadelphia Inquirer has identified more than 150 minority voters, mostly Hispanic,

who claim they were pressured by Democratic workers into voting absentee even though they were not eligible. In Pennsylvania, only voters who are ill or traveling on business can vote absentee.

In Philadelphia's Second Senate District, which covers the northern half of the city, Republican Bruce Marks led by 562 votes among those cast on election day. He lost when 1,391 for 1,757 absentee ballots cast went for Democrat William Stinson. Normally, about 900

absentee ballots are cast in the Second District, and support for Democrats and Republicans usually breaks about even. So why the increase in absentee ballots?

It seems that Democratic workers entered numerous Hispanic neighborhoods touting "la nueva forma de votar," or the new way to vote. They carried with them absentee ballots which they instructed voters to fill out and returned with the actual ballots later.

Victor Torres, who was

interviewed by the *Inquirer*, was approached by a man who insisted he sign an absentee ballot. After signing the ballot, Torres went to the polls and voted because he was uncertain about what he had done earlier. Mr. Torres later learned that he had voted twice. Another voter, who said she couldn't see well enough to read the ballot, was told by a campaign worker to mark the ballot "X" and sign it. The voter was assured that the blanks would be filled in later.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student has words for critics of Sidelines editor

Throughout the semester, all I have heard is what a terrible editor Jason Whatley has been. What has he done that has been so terrible? This is what I would like to know.

In reading past issues of *Sidelines*, the major "mistake" I can see that he has made is being a conservative Republican. Is being a Republican what has caused him to do such a "lousy job"? Sure, Mr. Whatley has made his political viewpoints obvious in the *Sidelines*. What I think people find so horrible about the entire situation is that his views are so conservative. I certainly saw little or no complaints when the past two editors made their equally liberal viewpoints known to readers, and that was during a presidential election!

To all the critics of Jason Whatley I have one thing to say. GIVE IT A REST!! You all have been so caught up in criticizing his personal beliefs that you have overlooked what a marvelous job he has done as commander of the paper.

We are talking about a guy who has had no journalism background. He knew about as much about running a newspaper as I would about running a political campaign. Still, he faced the challenge head on and did a good job.

As a student in the School of Mass Communications, I have become knowledgeable about what a good newspaper should look like. While I did recognize some errors in style at the first of the semester, things got much better as Mr. Whatley become more comfortable with what he was doing.

Now, I can honestly say that I enjoy reading the newspaper, which I had not done on a regular basis in two years prior to this fall. Sure, I'd pick it up every now and then but mainly for the Domino's coupons. Before, it just seemed like the same old stuff, and it was all too liberal for my brain.

Don't get me wrong. I am not a right-wing extremist, and I do not always agree with Mr. Whatley. I do believe that he has a right to say what he wants without people whining at him all the time. That is

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

'ACCEPTING Jesus Christ, God's Son, as your Saviour is the most important thing you or anyone else will ever do.'

JEFFERY LINGWALL

'God loves us all, male, female, white, black, gay, straight, conservative or liberal. But there are laws to follow and the consequences of following or not following these laws will come. This is true of anything. If I touch a hot stove I will get burned. If I break a law I will be punished. Many of you may violently disagree with me. That is your God given right under the constitution, but on the last day God will judge us all, including me, for the works we have done. We will all know the truth then.'

JONATHAN WADE

everyone's right as Americans. If you don't like it, move to Russia!

To close out Mr. Whatley's tenure as Editor, can't you just forget about how much you disagree with his stands on things such as NAFTA, the Confederate Flag, homosexuality and abortion? Give him credit where credit is due. Being in charge is a tough job. You are bound to step on some toes along the way. Mr. Whatley rose to the occasion and produced an entertaining and readable newspaper. Under the same circumstances, could any of you done the same thing? If any of you think you could, why don't you get yourself an application and give it a try? Maybe then Jason will get his respect.

The final words I have to say are to Jason himself. Thanks for bringing heated debates to the *Sidelines*. If readers will look back, they will see that things were not as one-sided as they seemed. Past liberal/Democratic editors have not been so generous to their conservative counterparts. Thanks also for not criticizing people who wrote letters to the editor because they may have used incorrect grammar or spelling. One editor made that mistake and made *Sidelines* the laughing stock of Middle Tennessee.

Finally, I hope this experience does not make you write off journalism forever.

I hear *The Limbaugh Letter* is looking for a few good writers. If you wrote for it, then I'd read it. Good luck and thanks for the enjoyable reading.

TONYA POWELL
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Accepting Jesus Christ is the most important thing you will ever do

I challenge everyone that reads this first sentence to finish my letter to the editor. I have seen it all too often this year; The hatred, depression, violence and many other problems that face us daily as a person, a community, a nation and a world. What I don't understand is why we, as a people, are not turning to the Lord Jesus for help. As a Christian I have an obligation to spread God's word and try to lead people to Him.

My church, New Life Christian Church, puts together a pamphlet to try to explain why everyone needs the Lord. It says, "MEN search for truth and happiness in life that only our Father in Heaven can provide. GOD's promise of a NEW LIFE can be yours because 'God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).'"

ACCEPTING Jesus Christ, God's Son,

as your Saviour is the most important thing you or anyone else will ever do. THE DECISION is yours and yours alone as to the direction of your life but...if you want a change then know that TO accept this new life you must accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of your life. 'Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6).'

How do I receive Jesus? BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is God's Son (Mark 16:16. 1 Cor. 15:3,4). REPENT-'And Peter said, "repent and be baptized..." (Acts 2:38). Repent means to be sorry for sin and you want a new life in Christ. CONFESS- Jesus said, "Whosoever confesses me before my Father..." (Matt 10:32). BE BAPTIZED-Baptism means immersion. A simple command of obedience which which bring you into Christ. (Acts 2:38, Rom 6:4, 1 Pet 3:21). BE FAITHFUL-Jesus is the Lord of life. His Holy Spirit dwells in you for help. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I'll give you a crown of life" (Rev 2:10).

We realize you may need some guidance concerning this plan, just as the Ethiopian asked Philip in Acts 8, "How can I understand scripture except someone should guide me...?" If so, do not hesitate to call our evangelist or elders. God cares and we care about you. Evangelist/Elder Rusty Swafford 895-5761; Elder Phil Hancock 459-0619; Elder Ben Wallace 895-0956; Elder Bill Peters 890-7384 or me, Christian Jeffery Lingwall 890-1794.

JEFFERY LINGWALL

BOX A363

Ms. Morrison should rethink views on Limbaugh and homosexuals

Lisa Morrison's article "Is Homosexuality A Frightening Thing?" is really a frightening thing. Lisa, your article cannot be taken as serious responsible material. The last article I read of yours only made out to be a fat joke paper on Rush Limbaugh. Lisa, fat jokes of someone you do not agree with doesn't make a good opposing viewpoints article. You should touch more on the issues you disagree with and not his calorie intake. Since then you've become quite the

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BIBLE THOUGHTS OF THE DAY

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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making as much as a teacher with tenure and twelve years on the job, and the teacher usually has at least 6 years of higher education. The flight attendant usually has a high school education. It's all enough to make you quit school and become an attendant. Now don't get me wrong, being a flight attendant is a respectable job and they do have a safety responsibility. However, it does not require the abilities or training of a lot of the jobs I have mentioned.

I heard over and over from the strikers that they, at American, are one big family and they just want to be happy. Yet they seemed to be jubilant at how

much the strike was costing the airline. This goes to show their ignorance about the economy of the airlines. There are only two airlines that are making money and one that is breaking even, that's it. The most successful of these airlines, Southwest, is only operating off of a one-half of one percent profit margin. American is not on this list. In fact, last quarter American made money for the time in many quarters. This strike will certainly negate any profit American might have made this year. It doesn't take much in this day and age to put an airline out of business. Just ask the out of work employees of Braniff, Eastern and Pan Am. They were old, established airlines that have all gone under

in the last couple of years. Airlines such as U.S. Air and Trans World Airlines are just scraping by. The attendants' actions certainly don't represent the way any healthy family treats each other.

Last week American said they will have to lay off employees at the beginning of the year in order for them to pay for this new contract. Mr. Clinton, you have bungled yet again and cost people jobs. You gain my increasing resentment at the power you seem to be appointing yourself. Hey! American flight attendants, be happy you have a job, because there are plenty of people that would be happy to replace you.

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granted a "moment of silence" during which each could pray silently, if they so desired. However, even this moment of meditation was deemed a violation of someone's First Amendment rights, and banned a few years ago.

Not long after that, this ban on prayer was further enforced by a ban on prayer before sports events, such as football games.

Even more recently, high school and college graduates have been prevented from being blessed with prayer during commencement exercises. The prayers were said to be just too "controversial."

In a Federal court ruling handed down a few days ago, traditional school play productions which depict a nativity scene or some other Biblical story were made illegal for state schools. "Funds allotted to state schools may not be used for religious purposes," anti-Christians touted.

What's going on? This Jeffersonian "wall of separation" so readily quoted by those wishing to curtail the rights of

Christians, does not even appear in the Constitution. Yet that is the very basis most often used to justify new and more demanding restrictions on the religious freedom of today's students.

For those of you who forget, the beginning of the First Amendment, which pertains to religion, reads "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." No where is there mention of "separation of church and state." Furthermore, one will never hear anti-Christians mention that at the same time this amendment was drafted, most, if not all public and private schools, began their days with prayers and even made no bones about nativity scenes or Biblical plays.

These unfounded rulings are out of control. It seems strange that our courts will prohibit the display of a picture of Jesus Christ while allowing posters of such butchers as Joe Stalin or even Hitler. Nevertheless, there is little doubt that the courts will continue to pander to the cries of a few while speeding the dilution of the religious rights of most Americans.

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Democrats need voting reform...

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Zoraid Rodriguez was told that she could vote at home along with her brother and common-law husband, both of whom are in jail. Saying that she didn't know who her brother and husband would vote for, Rodriguez was instructed to mark in favor of the candidates suggested by the campaign workers. Election records bear out these stories.

Mr. Marks, the defeated Republican candidate, challenged the election results. Delays by the State Supreme Court, however, have made it possible for the absentee ballots to be removed from the envelopes that display the voters' names. Thus, it will be very difficult to identify any suspect ballots. In the meantime, three voters have stepped forward saying that their

signatures on absentee ballots were forged.

Attorney General Reno, who campaigned for Jim Florio, dispatched agents throughout New Jersey looking for evidence of what the *Wall Street Journal* justly called "phantom payoffs." It seems that she has no intention of doing likewise in Philadelphia to investigate what amounts to political exploitation. Even Bill Clinton, who said he was "very concerned" about the alleged voter fraud in New Jersey, declined to comment on the happenings in Philadelphia during a recent press conference. One can only guess that vindicating Bruce Marks isn't as politically expedient as assisting "Courageous" Jim Florio's New Jersey Democrats.

This hypocritical stench is almost sickening.

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"opposer." Now you seem to think God has a problem you can fix. However, you've managed to slip up again and write an article that cannot be taken serious. You have contradicted your own beliefs and haven't interpreted your Bible, if you've even read it lately, "responsibly" as you have commanded. Please let me explain.

You wouldn't have to read very far to find out what kind of relationships are expected of us by God. Genesis 2:24, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." According to you and the ELCA, Lisa, I should interpret the Bible "responsibly" and not literally. I will agree with you on that. Only because if I did take it to the literal sense, most of the Bible wouldn't pertain to any of us anyway. I doesn't strictly say my name, so it wouldn't concern me if I took it literally, right? So by following your standards of Biblical interpretation I should look at this as a whole. Let's look at this, "Therefore shall a man..." If I interpreted this the way you would have me, looking at this in the big picture, I would say God is speaking to the male part of the human race. The male population as a "whole." Then the man should, "leave his father and his mother..." Is this clear enough? A father and a mother. There is no father and father or mother and mother. Finally, "and shall cleave unto his wife." Wife? Did that just say a man must have a wife? Did it say anything about a man should have a husband or a woman should have a wife? What happened, Lisa? Did I interpret something wrong? What other meaning can come from the clear, simple verse 24? Only a rewrite of this scripture can change the meaning, but it would not be the true scripture it was before. Is that what you are saying, rewrite the Bible? When your words are taken out of context or you are misquoted you do not like it. God does not like it either.

Secondly, your words on gender are just as confused. You state that when we die our sexuality does not go with us. You feel it "is only a bodily form." Lisa, you've contradicted your own beliefs. Earlier in the article you called God, "God herself." Herself implies gender. Does it not? You, according to that statement, see God as female. If you don't believe we have gender why did you call God "her?" God would not be female or male if there was no gender. We are made in God's image, not some of God's image.

Interpreting scriptures to make any kind of lifestyle right in religious terms is not responsible.

Just as changing gun laws to accommodate those who want to kill is not responsible. That act is manipulative and wrong. Just as you stated, Lisa, "For, as Shakespeare once said, even 'the devil can quote scripture for his own purposes.'" Satan is the most manipulative force around. To be manipulative is to follow the ways of the devil. To Lisa and everyone, you are either for God or against him. You cannot ride the fence. God loves us all, male, female, white, black, gay, straight, conservative or liberal. But there are laws to follow and the consequences of following or not following these laws will come. This is true of anything. If I touch a hot stove I will get burned. If I break a law I will be punished. Many of you may violently disagree with me. That is your God given right under the constitution, but on the last day God will judge us all, including me, for the works we have done. We will all know the truth then.

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Gun control limits Constitutional rights

It seems to me that our elected officials have an innate desire to severely limit individual liberty and constitutional rights. The current Crime Bill is a prime example of this. 100,000 new cops on the street, more prisons and tighter control only exasperate the problem.

The mass media likes to dwell on the crime problem. However, I attest to the fact that crime is not as bad as is reported. For example, Chicago had 900 homicides in 1992. In 1978, they had 900 homicides! Drug crime will always be with us as long as the prohibitionist attitude continues and dealers continue to reap high profits. Only laws that legalize drugs and eliminate the profit motives will solve the problem; i.e. the repeal of prohibition.

The gun control bill is another example of excessive government intrusion. The Founding Fathers didn't add the 2nd Amendment to protect you against crime. It was added to give citizens the means to defend themselves against government intrusion.

Gun prohibition was tried before in modern history, i.e. Adolf Hitler, with tragic results. Prohibition of firearms would only create a black market for criminals to get guns, while leaving law-abiding citizens defenseless or make them criminals themselves! One U.S. Senator, John Chafer (R-R.I.) , would like to take your right to bear arms away from you. He will take my guns...out of my cold, dead hands!

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Student Programming offers a variety of jobs

ELIZABETH DOMEN
Life! Editor

Ever wonder what it would be like to work road crew for a musical group? Like to spend your evenings watching movies? Like working with great people who don't give you a hard time about everything under the sun? Since Jackyl wasn't hiring any extra roadies when they came through Saturday night, I guess you'll just have to settle for the next best thing: Student Programming!

Student Programming is an organization on campus that allows students to determine what kind of activities are planned. Each semester, officers are elected for a committee which determines the programs for the semester. This list includes movies, lectures, music on the knoll concerts, and major concerts like Def Leppard, Travis Tritt, and Hammer.

The film committee works to bring movies to MTSU before they reach video. The committee has also shown classics in the past such as *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and *Heavy Metal*. Students work on all aspects of the Keathley University Center Theater located on the second floor near the grill. There are usually two shows a night twice a week. Schedules are mailed to students' MTSU mail boxes at the beginning of the semester and are printed in the *Sidelines* newspaper on a regular basis.

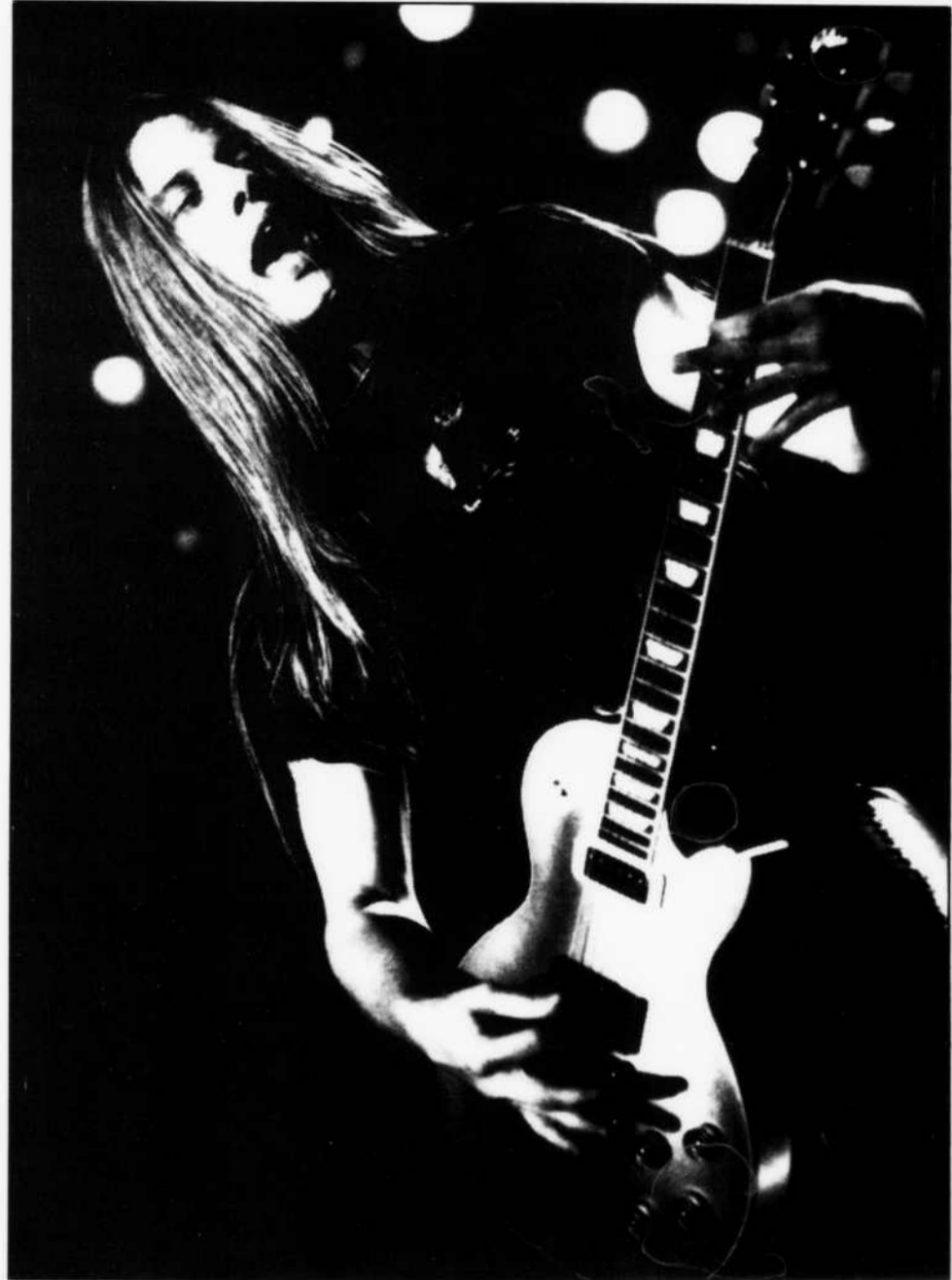
One of the most popular jobs seems to be working concerts. There are lots of jobs involved to get Murphy Center ready for a big show. First, a local crew made up of MTSU students arrives early in the morning and begins to unload trucks of equipment. While they are hard at work moving boxes of incredible weight and proportions, the

hospitality crew is hard at work cleaning locker rooms so that the bands will have dressing rooms. Security comes in the afternoon to make sure things are not tampered with while the crew assembles the stage, lights and sound. Finally around 3 p.m. when everyone is very tired and starting to get cranky they get a break. From experience I know the majority of crew members run home to take very hot showers and a nice nap.

Around 6 p.m. the ticket takers and ushers arrive to make sure all is ready, and at 7 p.m. the crowds pour into the seats. Even once the show starts, there are things to do. Deck hands must be on call to change scenery while security is keeping unwanted visitors from backstage.

The real work starts after the show. Local crew members must disassemble and load all the concert equipment in about half the time it took to set up the equipment. Finally, around 3 a.m. (or later sometimes) the crew is finally done, can collect their money (which is nothing to sneeze at) and go home to bed.

It is a lot of hard work, but it's well worth the agony your body goes through. You can make a lot of connections that could lead to other jobs and the people you work with are great. If you do decide to work with Student Programming, tell Harold Smith, director, Georgia Dennis, his right-hand woman, and Joyce Warpoole, the one who holds everything together, that I said hello. They are a wonderful group of individuals that will take care of anyone who joins the gang. So, go to KUC room 308 and fill out a short application (very short), or just call 898-2551 for details. They always have room for more!



Above: Jimmy Stiff plays to an enthralled crowd anxiously awaiting the moment when \$25,000 will be awarded.

Left: Jesse Dupree sings while Jeff Worley looks on playing guitar at Murphy Center's KDF Bash on Saturday.

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Criminal Justice students bring home awards

DANIELA GOPFERT
Assistant Life! Editor

The Chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association/Lambda Alpha Epsilon (ACJA/LAE) recently made an impressive showing at their first regional competition in Columbus, GA. The nationally chartered and recognized Criminal Justice organization brought home seven awards including four academic and three performance awards.

Universities and Colleges from the ACJA/LAE Southeast region (which consists of TN, KY, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS and FL) competed in academic testing, physical agility, firearms and criminal investigations. "It was a very exciting and educational experience for everyone," said ACJA/LAE President, Wyla M. Posey. "We learned a great deal from the more experienced chapters who said they were surprised and impressed by our performance at our first competition."

The academic honors included a second place award in Juvenile Justice and a third place award in Criminal Law, won by Cathy Pardue. Wyla Posey won second place in both Criminal Law and Police Administration. Terry Ward and Juli Mark won second and third place respectively in the physical agility competition. Their awards were based on timed completion of an obstacle course, six-foot wall, several coordination tests, and a 100-yard-dash. Charles Keller and Cathy Pardue won a special third place award for their theatrical performance at a Cultural Diversity symposium.

Most of the chapter members competed in the firearms competition with LeeAnne Rucker-Reed shooting a 313 in the novice division and David Loftis shooting a 399 in the professional division. Hunt Blair, one of the firearms coaches for the group, said, "I was very pleased with the dedication and initiative shown by all of our firearms competitors. These students spent their own time, money and resources on ammunition, range fees and practice for this competition. I would like to thank Karen Morgan for her last-minute shooting substitution. We all pulled together as a team and it was a job well done."

Kris Thornton coached the crime scene investigation teams which received praise from the FBI agent who prepared

and supervised the crime scenario. "As we were leaving the crime scene, the FBI agent in charge asked us what school we were from," reported member Harold Wells. "He said he wanted to know because he thought our scene sweep was impressive, professional and thorough." The crime scene itself was a disorderly hotel room filled with many well-hidden clues as to what the crime scenario was about and who the perpetrator was. Each team has only 15 minutes to sweep, sketch and take notes on the scene.

According to ACJA/LAE Secretary, Leigh Smith, "The MTSU chapter is requesting to host regionals sometime in the future. We would like to show off our own faculty by having them write the academic tests and plan and supervise the crime scene investigations." The members of the chapter would also like to thank their Department Chairman, Dr. Frank Lee, Advisor William Shulman and the rest of the Criminal Justice faculty for supporting the association and teaching the classes that enabled the group to perform so well.

ACJA/LAE will go to Chicago for national competition in April and next fall's regionals will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Anyone interested in joining ACJA/LAE should contact Wyla M. Posey at 893-1502.



Above: Angela Sanders clears an obstacle in the physical agility competition.
Below: (L to R) Hunt Blair, Terry Ward, Cathy (Betty) Pardue, Juli Mark, Leigh Smith, Charles Keller, Wyla M. Posey, David Loftis, and Candida Walker of the Lambda Alpha Epsilon organisation.



'A LaFace Family Christmas' offers alternative to same old holiday music

Just in time for the holiday season, LaFace Records released *A LaFace Family Christmas*. The album features classic favorites and original Christmas music from the LaFace roster.

This versatile collection of Christmas music displays the talents of LaFace's superstars as well as the label's latest discoveries. Platinum vocalist Toni Braxton delivers a sultry, soulful rendition of the holiday favorite, "The Christmas song;" multi-platinum trio TLC add two tracks — a funky, hip-hop version of "Sleigh Ride" and an original song, "All I want for Christmas;" newcomers Outkast contribute the playful

"Player's Ball;" 14-year-old singing sensation Usher interprets the Donnie Hathaway classic "This Christmas" — with a funky twist; quartet A Few Good Men give wonderful renditions of "Silver Bells" and "Merry Christmas My Dear;" and a rendition of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" is presented by McArthur, a multi-talented singer/musician/songwriter/producer, with enough warmth to make you cry.

The producers of *A LaFace Family Christmas* are as varied as the artists. Grammy award-winners L.A. Reid and Daryl Simmons contributed the tracks by

Toni Braxton and A Few Good Men respectively; the production team of Organized Noise worked with TLC and Outkast; Brian Alexander Morgan (SWV) produced Usher's "This Christmas," and McArthur produced and performed drums, guitar and bass as well as vocals on "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas." L.A. Reid and Babyface served as Executive Producers of the album.

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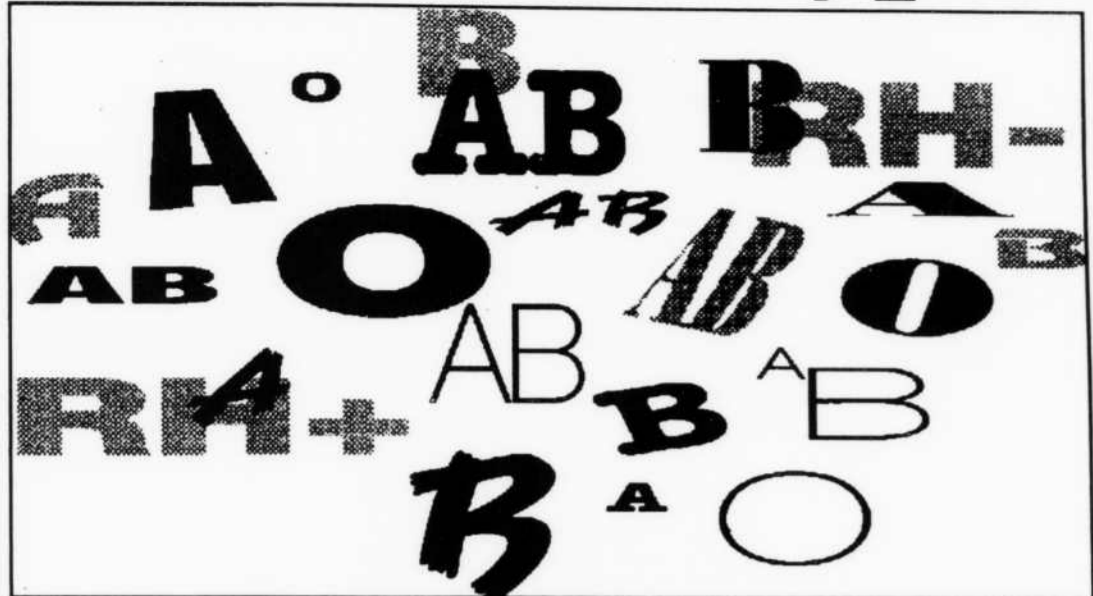
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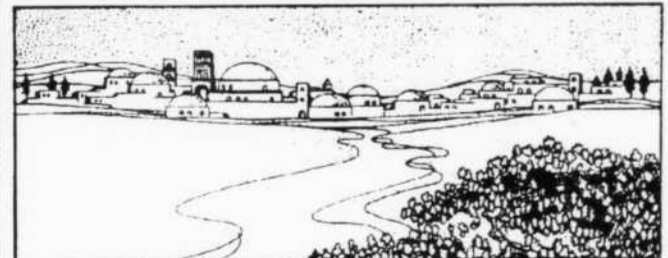
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Minnesota has too much muscle

A Family Affair

Norwood duo at MTSU

TRAVIS MILLSAPS

Sports Writer

In basketball, many players seem to have a special bond with the assistant coach that was responsible for recruiting them to the school. On MTSU's team this year, that bond goes beyond just an assistant coach/player relationship for one player. That is because the Raiders' Corey Norwood is the nephew of the director of recruiting, assistant coach Jeff Norwood.

Corey Norwood is a 6-5, 185 pound junior who plays both the second-guard and small-forward positions. He joins the Blue Raider team as a junior this season after spending two years at Hutchinson (Kansas) Community College. Last year at Hutchinson he averaged 12 points and four rebounds a game. He also shot over 50 percent

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Coley Jackson/ Staff

ON THE MOVE: MTSU forward Paul Washington attempts to go to the basket against Minnesota.

Raiders hang tough with nationally ranked Gophers

TRIPP BALLARD

Sports Writer

Despite Milton Dean's 30 points for the MTSU Blue Raiders Friday night, the Big Blue squad fell to number 14 nationally ranked Minnesota Golden Gophers 90-76 in Murphy Center.

The game was a battle of hot-and-cold shooting as each team had a number of unanswered scoring runs. Both teams seemed very tentative at first, but it was MTSU that jumped ahead on Tim Gaithers' trey at the 18:01 mark in the first half. But the teams didn't get into scoring early as only seven points were scored in the opening four minutes. Nerves seemed to plague the Blue Raiders early on as they missed several scoring opportunities, while the powerful Gophers were plagued with eight turnovers in a ten minute time span.

Nevertheless, Minnesota

took the early lead yet MTSU made run after run but the points proved to be too few and far between as the Gophers picked up the pace and started scoring consistently. A deadly mix of inside play and good 3-point shooting coupled with an MTSU scoreless streak, that lasted the final five minutes of the half allowed Minnesota to open up a 20-point halftime lead at 44-26.

The second half started out promising as the Raiders and energized Dean came out smoking and showed that they could play with the big boys as they mounted a 12-3 run in the first six minutes of the half denting the lead. But this was about as serious of a threat the Raiders could post, while the Gophers got hot once more pushing the lead back to 20.

The story for MTSU was the outstanding play of the guards especially Dean and Gaither. The

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Versatility brings home Lady Raider trophy

Victory streak now at four and Bivens' troops looking for a whole lot more

TONY J. ARNOLD

Sports Editor

Versatility is a key to any basketball team. The ability for any player to pick up the slack and perform is essential and by doing so, MTSU's Lady Raiders season is certainly begging to brightly glow.

Lewis Bivens' troops brought home the University of Texas at Arlington Classic trophy with hard fought wins over nationally respected Oregon and Texas-Arlington this weekend.

"I think we picked up a lot of confidence in this tournament and I think we can now see there's nobody we can't beat if we play together as a team and we play well," said MTSU forward Maggie Cox.

In the opener, Oregon sported a front line 6-5, 6-4 and 6-3 meaning an inside game for the small Lady Raiders would be difficult and that held true as the Lady Ducks held standout forward Priscilla Robinson to only nine points. Never fear though, enter the outside attack.

Heather Prater and Sherry Tucker took turns burning the nets as the duo accounted for

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MAGGIE COX

LADY RAIDER FORWARD

13 of the 14 MTSU 3-pointers to lift the team to an emotional 79-74 win.

"I'm proud of our effort and guts in a close game against a team who beat the No. 17 team (Northern Illinois) last week," Bivens said. "It was as good a win as I have ever been involved with."

Both Prater and Tucker ended the night with career highs. Prater had 25 including 7-of-9 from 3-point range while Tucker led all scorers with 28.

Game two was different. The UTA team lacked the size but made up for it with its ability to bury the jumpers and play pressure defense.

"Before the game started we knew this team would play us man-to-man and that we

were going to go inside and that just shows how much versatility our team has," Prater commented. "One night we can hit 14 3-pointers and tonight I don't even remember hitting two. We went inside and killed them."

MTSU actually knocked down three treys but Prater was right about the inside game. Cox, Robinson and forward Michelle Jackson accounted for 55 points and 20 rebounds en route to the teams 87-66 win.

"Going inside, that was the game plan tonight," Cox said. "Against Oregon, they had so many big people that we couldn't really get an inside game going but tonight we were able to get it in and we reacted."

And one might have to wonder what if? What if Cox was playing at a 100 percent? The 5-11 junior was battling not only big centers, but tonsillitis and pink eye.

"It was an effort to get up and take a shower," Cox said referring to the OU game day. "I felt much better today. I felt like I could get up and down the court without passing out."

Another key to the title contest was a defensive switch that put UTA away.

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Secondary coach resigns

STAFF REPORTS

MTSU football secondary coach Preston O'Neal resigned last week after serving on the Blue Raider staff since 1986.

"It was reaching a point with me that I wasn't enjoying it," he said. "With the time and commitment involved, if it's not fun, you shouldn't do it."

O'Neal was in charge of MTSU's running backs for three seasons before taking over the secondary position.

This season, the 5-6 Blue Raiders ranked near the bottom of the Ohio Valley Conference, but twice during O'Neal's guidance, the Raiders have led the nation in pass defense.

A replacement for O'Neal is currently underway.

Norwood's invade MTSU....

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from two point range and nearly 40 percent from beyond the 3-point line.

Before that Corey played at Tupelo (Mississippi) High School where he gathered All-State honors and was a McDonalds All-American nominee his senior year. In addition to basketball in high school, he also won the Mississippi high jump track championship with a jump height of 6-9.

Jeff Norwood also went to Tupelo High School where he was a two year All-State player. After graduating high school in 1981 he went to Mississippi State, where he was a three year starter for the Bulldogs at both the point-guard and second-guard positions. In another twist to the story, Jeff was recruited to Mississippi State by his present boss. At the time, MTSU head coach David Farrar was an assistant with the Bulldogs.

Jeff then served as an assistant coach at Mississippi State for four years while earning his Master's degree. He then went to be an assistant at Nicholls State for a year before joining Farrar's staff in the fall of 1991.

Both Norwood's describe their relationship as a close one. "He is my nephew, but he is more like my brother," says Jeff. "We did everything together. He was always looking up to me and coming to watch me play." Corey agrees, "We were always together. We went hunting, fishing and did everything. It was a real close relationship."

Of course their relationship also involved basketball. "I guess we probably grew really close playing basketball. When he got old enough to start playing me one-on-one," says Jeff, "I just beat him and would beat him, but knowing all the time... he was really a better player than I was

or had more to use than I did.

"I had beat him so many times until one night we were playing in the park, probably one or two in the morning," continued Jeff. "I told him 'Corey you're just really giving me too much respect and you're not quite playing hard enough. If you play a little harder and give me a little less respect (you will beat me).'"

Ever since that night Jeff considers it a good day if he wins a game.

Corey waste no time in saying "my uncle" is the reason why he choose to come to MTSU. Jeff, of course, is very happy his nephew did decide to come to Middle.

"I never had a doubt of where I wanted him to go," says Jeff. "I pretty much have been the overseer of him. I try to help him get his career and life in order and headed in the right direction. I wanted him here because I felt he had a good chance to graduate here and I knew he could play here."

"I know the people here," Jeff continued, "and know that they are good people. I did not want him going somewhere that I did not know who was going to be looking after him and taking care of him."

Corey has been plagued by an ankle injury so far this year and has yet to see any playing time for the Blue Raiders. He is presently on a game to game basis and hopes to get into the action soon.

Corey describes his playing style as "aggressive." As for a weakness, "I think I could work a little harder on defense," says Corey. "I play good defense, but I think I need to work harder." Jeff says that "Corey has always been very gifted, talented, athletic and all that stuff. Basically Corey's biggest problem is coming to work hard in practice every day. Most of the time he

plays hard, but he won't always work as hard as possible."

Corey says that there are not any particular moments that stand out in his basketball career. Jeff, however, says that he has one moment in his career that stands out in his memory. As should be expected, it involves family.

"One particular play I remember more than anything else at Mississippi State was a game against Louisiana State University. We were playing real well, I was playing real well...and we were winning. I can remember getting up and shooting the ball and as I let it go I could see my mom jump up in the background and start waving her hands.

"That is something I always think about every time I go to a ball game, and it always comes across my mind everytime I go to practice. For me, it is kind of a fun memory."

As for their futures, both of them plan to stay active in basketball.

Corey says that he would like to get into coaching "if I do not get to go to the league," referring to the National Basketball Association.

As for Jeff, "I guess if I could do anything, I would probably like to be a professional scout. I kind of like their job. It's less headaches and probably less heartaches."

Jeff does say that that one day he would like to be a head coach, even on a high school level, just to see if his ideas would work and to see how well he could handle a team. "But I really like an assistant's life," he comments.

As the season gets into full swing and the Raiders get ready to challenge for the Ohio Valley Conference regular season crown, you can bet on one thing. For one player, it will be a family affair.

Gophers have to dig for win....

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Raiders inside game was stifled by the Gophers all evening, so it fell on the shooting guards, and shoot they did. Gaither carried the team in the first half with 10 points and finished the night with 17. Dean only had five points in the opening stanza, but came out gunning in the second before ending the evening with 30 points.

"I was tentative in the first half," Dean said. "I missed a few shots and got down a little and was thinking about my shots too much. In the second half I

relaxed and stopped thinking about my shots so much; they started to fall."

Statistically the Raiders seemed to be hurt most on the inside with good play by the Gopher big men that led to a lopsided rebounding advantage of 41-26 for the Gophers. The Raiders did play with a lot of pride as they battled with the Gophers, twice trimming the lead to nine in the second half, but it just didn't have enough gas.

"We made a few runs at them but we never could catch up," Dean said. "I am happy and confident with the teams effort

tonight."

Meanwhile, MTSU mentor David Farrar had nothing but high praises for the Gophers and also for his teams effort.

"Minnesota has a great, high caliber program and a very strong team," he said. "I was disappointed with our lack of aggressiveness in the first half. I thought we may have given the Gophers too much respect, but I was pleased with the second half. I thought we worked much harder and played more like an aggressive team."

MTSU plays at Texas Christian Tuesday night.



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RRRRRRR: No, Clarissa Woodard isn't growling at her opponent, she's giving a head fake before heading to the basket for the Lady Raiders who are off to an 4-0 start.

Raiders on a roll....

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"We went to the 1-3-1 zone and it changed the tempo of the game," Bivens said. "We came out and got three straight steals to start the second half and it went from a two-point lead to an eight point lead and we were able to stretch it out from there."

In fact, that defense held UTA to just four field goals the final 11:39 of the game when, at that time, it was a mere four point contest.

"We'd get a little up and then let them come back," Prater said. "But toward the end, we got it up and we didn't let them come

back. Coach Bivens is always getting on to us saying 'nail 'em. When you get up on them nail 'em and don't give in. Keep driving it right on in.'"

Tucker and Robinson each earned spots on the all-tournament team.

The victories improved the Lady Raiders to 4-0 on the season. The last time the team got off to such a start was in Bivens' first two seasons at the helm. In his debut in 87-88, the team won four straight. The following season, Middle opened with eight wins. Both seasons, MTSU went on to become OVC Champions.

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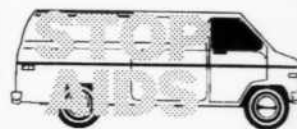
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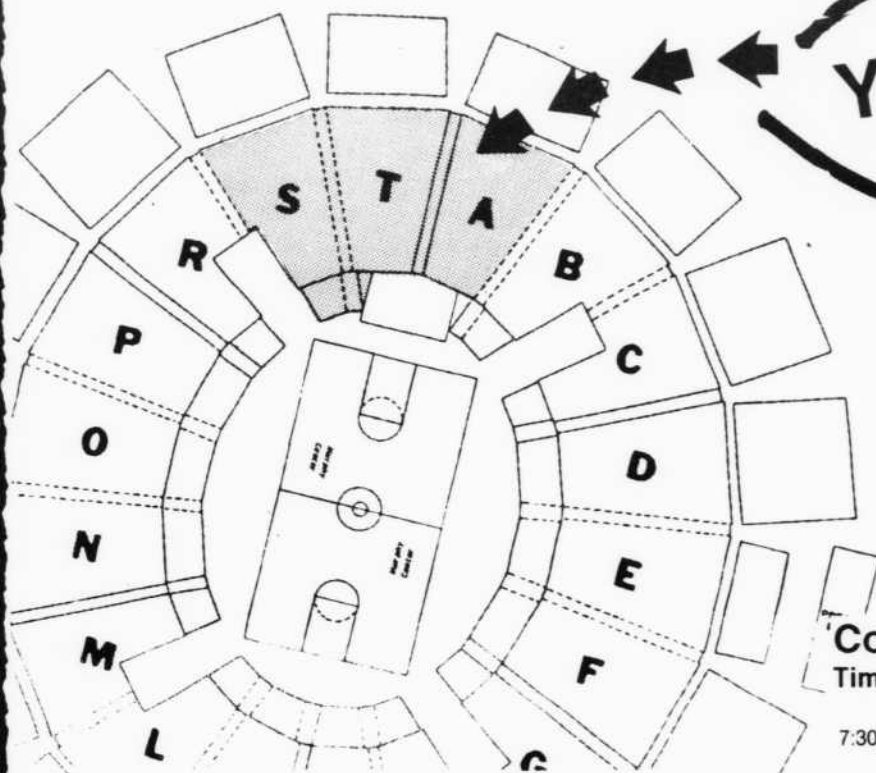
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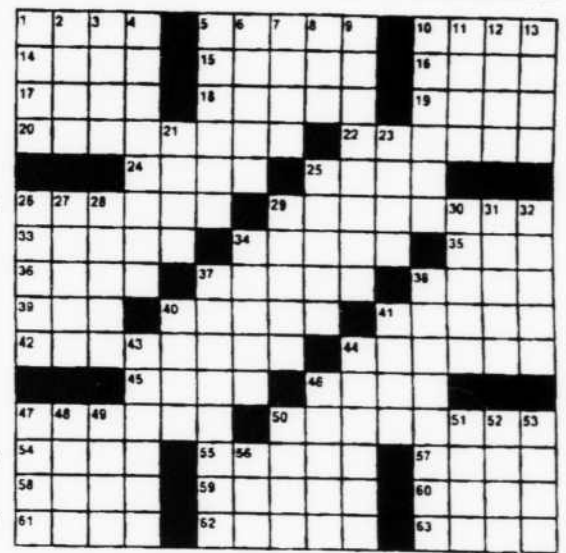
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tepid
 - 5 Hits hard
 - 10 Smelting residue
 - 14 Bewildered
 - 15 Ghostly
 - 16 Senate employee
 - 17 Heavenly object
 - 18 Pertaining to birth
 - 19 Newspaper piece
 - 20 Line of cliffs
 - 22 Organic compounds
 - 24 They play at Shea
 - 25 Suffer pain
 - 26 Wander aimlessly
 - 29 Examined again
 - 33 "Half — is better ..."
 - 34 Walked in water
 - 35 River: Sp.
 - 36 Intelligence
 - 37 Ranted
 - 38 Venetian resort
 - 39 Night before
 - 40 Wise ones
 - 41 Potato e.g.
 - 42 Kinsman
 - 44 Rattan workers
 - 45 Oven
 - 46 Chagall
 - 47 In a spin
 - 50 Big cats
 - 54 Paper quantity
 - 55 Muse of poetry
 - 57 Cleveland's lake
 - 58 Clothing
 - 59 Ind. money
 - 60 Gr. peak
 - 61 Butterine
 - 62 Time periods
 - 63 —do-well



- DOWN**
- 1 Stinger
 - 2 Movie dog
 - 3 Actual
 - 4 Xylophone relatives
 - 5 Lawmaking body
 - 6 Is ahead
 - 7 Comic Johnson
 - 8 Miss Farrow
 - 9 Chose
 - 10 Treats maliciously
 - 11 Tardy
 - 12 Ripening agent
 - 13 Valuable stones
 - 21 Ego
 - 23 Farm building
 - 25 Mosquito genus
 - 26 More crude
 - 27 Animated
 - 28 Traveler's stopover
 - 29 Poe's bird
 - 30 Indian group
 - 31 Duck
 - 32 Wall openings
 - 34 Horse-drawn vehicle
 - 37 Banter
 - 38 Noon meal
 - 40 Recipe direction
 - 41 Sour



- 43 With hands on hips
- 44 Water craft
- 45 Aima —
- 47 Jason's ship
- 48 Whip mark
- 49 Rabbit
- 50 Father
- 51 Gaelic
- 52 Get up
- 53 Scorch
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