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## Energy chiefs to discuss collider

By CHRISTOPHER BELL  
Managing Editor

People interested in finding out more about the proposed Superconducting Super Collider will have a chance to do so this Friday at MTSU.

A meeting planned "as the first step in preparing an Environmental Impact Statement," is set for Friday, Feb. 12, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building, according to the Department of Energy. The meeting will be from 1 to 5:30 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m.

An area including sections of Williamson, Bedford, Marshall and Williamson counties, is one of seven in the nation being considered for the SSC site, according to the DOE. Other potential locations are located in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina and Texas. The DOE will announce a preferred site for the

project in July.

"The SSC will be a racetrack-shaped particle accelerator in an underground tunnel ten feet in diameter and approximately 53 miles in circumference," according to the DOE. "As one of the largest scientific instruments ever built, the super collider will be used to study the fundamental nature of matter

"There is speculation that the super collider will lose support in Congress now that most states are no longer in the running for the project," according to a statement from Bart Gordon, 6th district congressman from Tennessee. "But DOE officials say that 20 to 30 states will support, spreading the

and they've been coming to us almost on a daily basis."

"We submitted eight volumes in our proposal" to the DOE, Fullerton said. "What we are in the process of doing now is adding volume nine, which is an answer to the specific questions that have come about for the specific site."

"Individuals interested in commenting at the meeting should notify the Department [of Energy] as soon as possible," according to the DOE. The address listed is:

Dr. Wilmont Hess  
SSC Site Task Force  
ER-65, GTN  
Office of Energy Research  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20545

"Those [unable] to register in advance may register at the meeting and will be called to comment as time permits, according to the DOE. "Participants will be asked to limit their remarks to five minutes, though written comments may be any length."

"MTSU is playing a major role in this"  
MTSU Professor Ralph Fullerton

and energy."

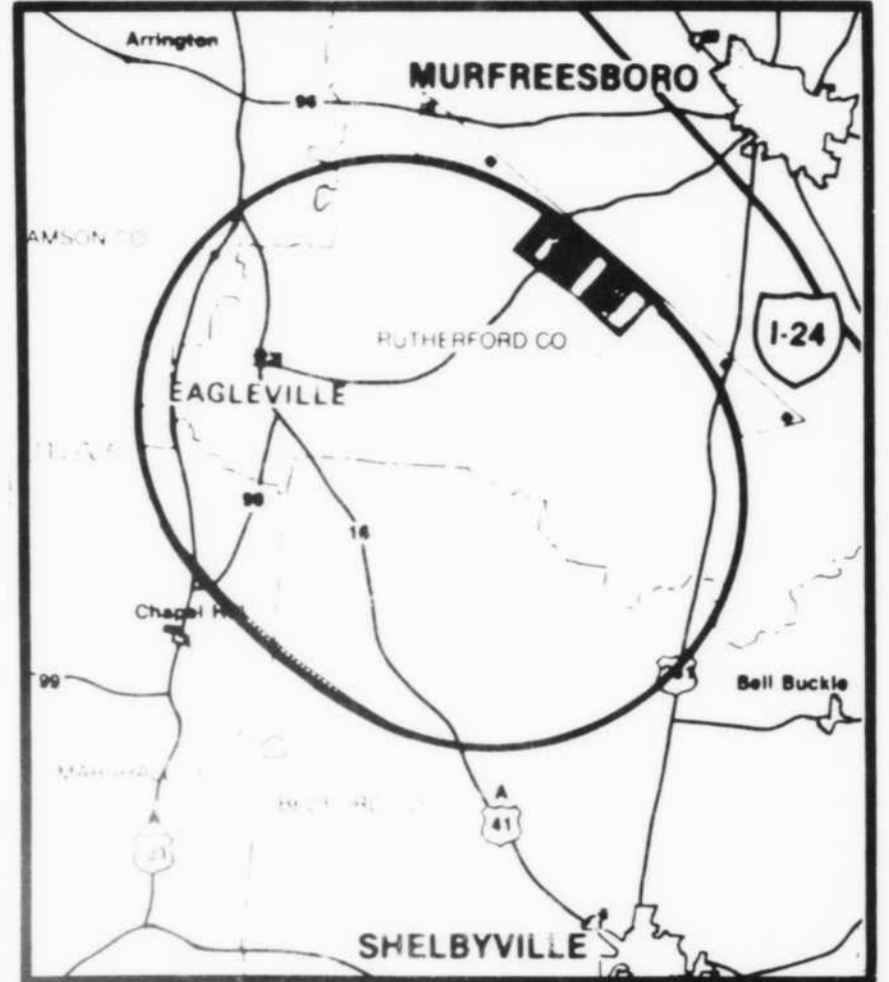
"It would benefit the university," MTSU President Sam Ingram said about the SSC. "We're in favor of the super collider coming to the site that's being proposed."

The SSC would eventually cost \$4.8 billion, according to the DOE for Tennessee task force. The DOE is requesting a "\$36 million down payment," this year to proceed with the project.

economic benefits around, not to mention the scientific advances that will be for the good of everyone."

Dr. Ralph Fullerton, a professor in MTSU's Geography and Geology department, is chairman of the land and soils division of Tennessee's study group.

"MTSU is playing a major role in this," Fullerton said. "We have this remote sensing center here,



Tennessee's proposed Superconducting Super Collider site



### Let's go crazy

MTSU loyalists get a head start on other fans for the upcoming "Wild and Crazy Night" Saturday night in Murphy Center at 7:00. The Lady Raider basketball team are sponsoring the event. See page eight for more information.

Frank Conley ● Staff

## Delegates to play legislator

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
News Editor

Future politicians from Tennessee will gather in the Tennessee General Assembly chambers Feb. 18-21 for the 24th Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature to learn about the legislative process, officials said.

"The first and primary purpose of TISL is to educate and give students hands-on experience in the legislature doing everything from drafting legislation right through lobbying the bill through committees and both houses," said Alan Crone, TISL governor and first-year law student at Memphis State University.

MTSU will be sending 16 people to TISL, said MTSU TISL Delegation Chairman Michael Partin. Student activity fee funds were used to defray the approximate \$1,500

for the delegation.

"TISL is a place for future political leaders to gain experience," Partin said.

Everything about TISL is set up like how the Tennessee General Assembly operates, Crone said, adding the General Assembly appropriates \$95,000 to help fund the event.

TISL even has three caucuses, Partin said.

"We have the small, middle and large caucuses," he said. "The small and middle sized schools will band together to get things through."

After TISL passes a bill, the Executive Council reviews it and decides if they will send it to the General Assembly as priority legislation, Crone said.

"We review the bills and send the best 10 to the General Assembly," Crone said.

The seat-belt law which recently went into effect had points which were passed by TISL, Crone said. Last session's insurance reform act also incorporated points from TISL legislation.

The insurance legislation failed, however.

Partin said MTSU's delegation is sponsoring several pieces of legislation — some of which are controversial for the sake of debate.

"One piece of legislation will require drug testing for college admission," Partin said. "It is being submitted to generate debate."

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## Robertson needs to dump preacher image

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
News Editor

M.G. "Pat" Robertson's main obstacle in obtaining the presidential nomination is convincing enough voters that he will be America's executive officer and not America's chief preacher.

Robertson, 57, says in his position papers that "nothing in our nation's history indicates that the government should be independent of moral values, or that religious people should not take an active role in our government."

evidenced by his recent win in the Hawaii caucuses.

In addition, Robertson has used his ability as a televangelist to do well in debates.

"Robertson has Reagan's mastery of the television medium," William V. Shannon, a *Boston Globe* columnist, wrote Nov. 4, 1987. "He has the automatic smile, the unshakable self-confidence, the easy, folksy yet dignified South-

with the management side of the presidency.

However, the Baptist preacher does not have any experience in dealing with foreign nations or in government. A flaw Mikhail Gorbachev and other world leaders would surely take advantage of if he was elected.

"In an effort to socialize the Soviets into the international community, we have negotiated with them," his position papers state. "We have granted them most-favored nation status and lenient banking credits. We have shared our technological pillage and industrial espionage."

"Our strongest weapon (in dealing with Communism) — confidence in the truth of our founding principles — has been shaken at its roots."

The negotiations with the Russians have ended the Cold War and allowed the United States and the Soviet Union to work together.

Robertson has the financial support of many voters — he is vying for the highest level of federal matching funds with George Bush — and he claims he has the signatures of over 3 million people supporting his candidacy.

However, he must still convince many more voters he is not trying to use the race as a springboard for his religious views before he can become president.

### News Analysis

ern manner."

Many political analysts feel Robertson was the only candidate to make strides in the Houston debate.

The Baptist minister also won an early Iowa straw poll.

Still, many people wonder where he comes up with some of his ideas.

Robertson has claimed the United Parenthood movement is an attempt to create a pure race.

He has also told another "Bay of Pigs" invasion of Cuba — an idea once carried out that had a dismal effect on America's public image.

Robertson also constantly laudes his accomplishments with the Christian Broadcast Network, which he started with \$70, and the 700 Club — a religious television program he founded.

This experience will help him

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### Tuesday COUNTDOWN

Sixth in a series

His position papers indicate Robertson, a Virginian, may have a trouble distinguishing between what is good for morality and what is good for the state. This is a problem which goes against the grain of the Constitution which mandates the separation of church and state.

"Pat Robertson believes that deficits are fiscally and morally wrong. Pat Robertson believes that abortion is morally wrong," the papers

state.

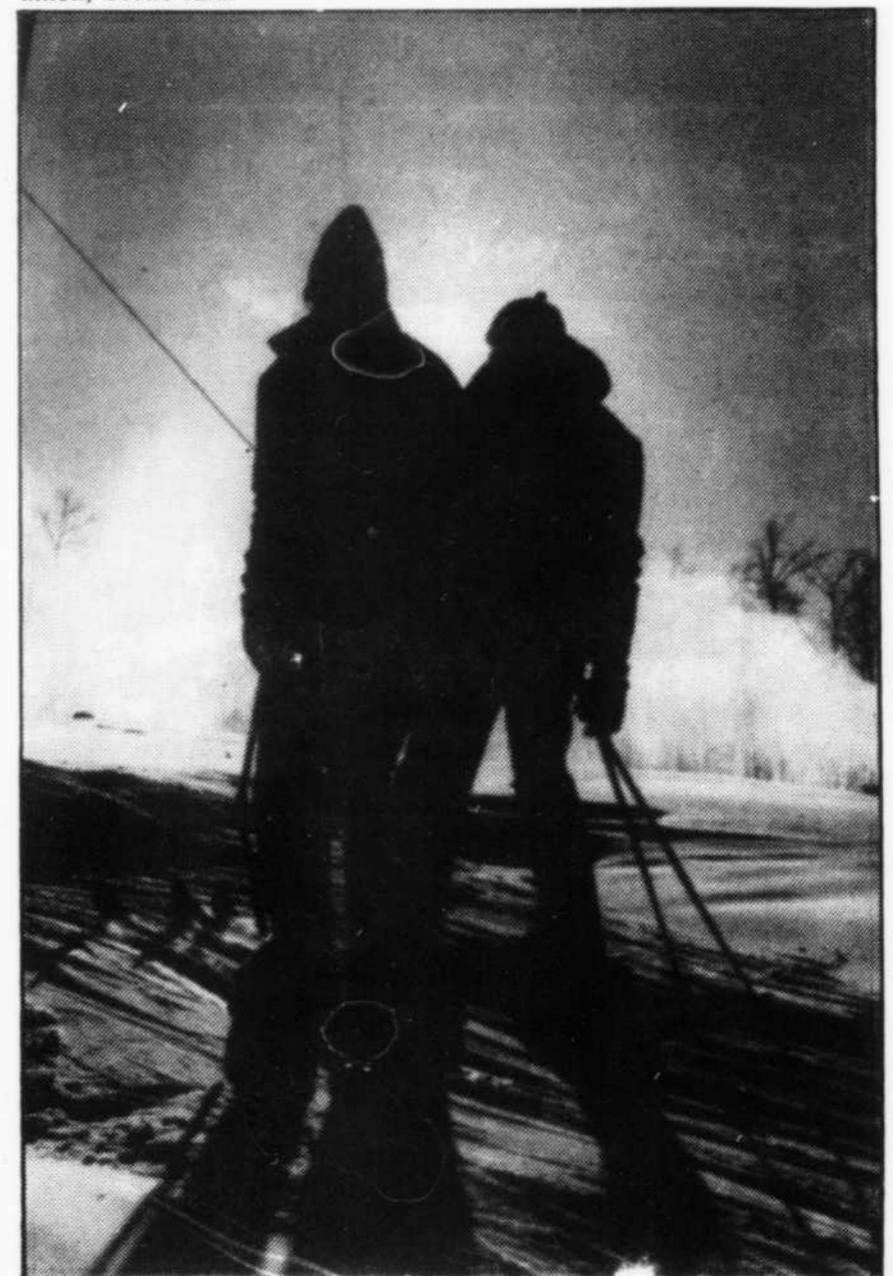
However, he "does not believe that church as an institution should attempt to dominate the civil government. He does not believe that it has the expertise to do so, and if it did, it would lose sight of its mission to give people eternal verities which would lead them to a relationship with God and to personal salvation."

The education entry in Robertson's position paper leads up to "Pat Robertson is opposed to any voucher plan that would allow government to interfere with private religious schools."

Voucher plans would entitle parents to government reimbursement for private school tuition.

This attention to morality is evidently a good political maneuver.

Ricky Scaggs, a country music star, and former Miss America Kelye Cash have pledged their support for Robertson's campaign. And he is doing well in the polls — as



Michael Johnson ● Staff

### Headin' into the sunset

Ski enthusiasts took advantage of near zero temperatures Saturday to hurtle down the slopes near Crossville. Snow cannons produced about two feet of snow so skiers could practice their hobby.



# Nobel winner to speak on MTSU influences Campus

By MARLA OSBURN  
Assistant News Editor  
James Buchanan, recipient of the 1986 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science, will give a public lecture entitled, "At the Turn of a Half-Century: Murfreesboro and Middle Tennessee 1936-40."  
Buchanan's speech will center on

his life and background at MTSU and in Murfreesboro, said Dot Harrison, MTSU's director of public relations. His lecture will be the basis of Buchanan's upcoming scholarly autobiography.  
He attended Middle Tennessee State Teacher's College from 1936 to 1940. MTSC became Middle

Tennessee State College in 1943. MTSU was given its current namesake in 1968.  
The Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce will honor Buchanan at a reception later that night at the Garden Plaza Hotel on Old Fort Parkway from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Buchanan won the Nobel for his work in developing the theory of public choice. He is currently the

director of The Center for Public Choice at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.  
Public choice theory was tagged by many economists as the heart of the Gramm-Rudman Act which mandates federal budget cuts.  
Buchanan said his work is "a non-orthodox window on politics. It gives us insight — not the only insight — on the workings of politics."



James Buchanan

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## Briefs

### Satellite dish fund being started

The foreign language department has begun a fund to purchase a satellite dish to gain access to foreign programming, a foreign language instructor said.  
Rita Maisonneuve, a French and Spanish instructor, said the dish will be used to tape Spanish, French, German and other programs done in the native language for use in addition to laboratory and textbook exercises.  
Foreign language students will raise the \$1,200 need for the dish, she said.  
Last semester, tutorial services raised \$137 toward the fund with other fund raisers already scheduled. The French Club is sponsoring a dating game and the Spanish Club will have a candy sale.

By Wendi Watts

### Christian fraternity organized

Gamma Omicron Delta, a christian fraternity, has been officially recognized by the university and is holding an organizational meeting tomorrow, said Mark Bell, GOD president.  
GOD was officially recognized this semester by the university, Bell said.  
"The goals of the co-ed fraternity are to emphasize Christian values while serving the MTSU and Murfreesboro communities," Bell said. "It offers its members fun, fellowship and a sense of self worth."

## Officials announce priority seating plan

**From Staff Reports**  
Current football basketball season ticket holders at MTSU will retain their seats for the 1988-89 season providing they purchase them before early deadlines, Athletic Director John Stanford said.  
Deadline for renewing season tickets for the 1988-89 basketball season must be ordered before Aug. 1, the Priority Seating Policy for 1988-89 states.

"After extensive study, MTSU will implement priority seating in an effort to work with the Blue Raider Athletic Association to raise scholarship funds," Stanford said. "Such funds are very vital to the overall athletic program."  
Rumors have been rife that long-time season ticket holders would lose their seats, but Stanford explained that the university will continue to honor "long-time Blue Raider fans who have been season ticket holders and supporters for many years."  
Stanford added, however, that "MTSU will continue its study of

priority seating options for the future as indicated by the demand for tickets."  
All Blue Raider fans, season ticket holders, university and athletic contributions will be considered in any future decisions, he said.  
The brief policy, after establishing deadlines for ticket renewals, continues:  
"For five working days after each of these deadlines, the Blue Raider Athletic Association will have the first right of refusal on any remaining season tickets. After these five working days, season tickets unsold will go on sale to the general public."

"The Blue Raider Athletic Association is a vital part of raising scholarship funds for all sports programs," Stanford explained. "All phases of the university can help us build a total athletic program through scholarship funding. Season ticket holders are encouraged to continue their support without losing their seats. They have been very important in supporting Blue Raider athletics through thick and thin."

## Homecoming activities planned for next game

By JOHN CARTWRIGHT  
Staff Writer  
MTSU's first-ever basketball homecoming begins tomorrow with

a homecoming olympics at 7 p.m. in Murphy Center, officials announced.  
The event was conceived last semester to "promote attendance at MTSU's home basketball games," said ASB President Holly Lentz. "Obviously, it won't be as big and competitive as our football homecoming, but we expect it to be a success."  
Eastern Kentucky's basketball squad will be travelling to the "Glass House" Friday for the 11 p.m. game to be televised on ESPN, Murfreesboro Channel 6.  
Thursday, the ASB is sponsoring an air band competition at 7 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center Learning Lab.  
For more information on homecoming contact the ASB office at 2464.  
Don Parente, special assistant to the president for sports promotions, said there will be a pajama party and contest during Friday's game.  
Contestants will be judged for traditional, exotic, best dressed, funniest and best-dressed group of five or more, Parente said.  
"Apparently, no one really knows what these categories really refer to," Parente said. "It is in the minds of the judges."  
Over \$750 in prizes will be awarded, he added. Judging begins at 9:30 in the Danced. Judging begins at 9:30 in the Danced. Judging begins at 9:30 in the Danced.

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# Two bound over in burglary

**From Staff Reports**  
Two of the three MTSU students suspected in the recent art barn break-in had their cases sent to the grand jury during a hearing Friday.

Gene L. Provost, charged with third degree burglary, and Christopher L. Dugger, charged with third degree burglary and malicious destruction, were both bound over to the grand jury during a general sessions court hearing. These cases

should be considered during the March term of the grand jury, according to the general sessions court clerk.

The general sessions hearing for David Christian Clark, also charged with third degree burglary, was reset for Feb. 26.

Attorney Scott Daniel represented Clark at the hearing, according to the records of the court clerk's office. Daniel, however, de-

nies involvement with Clark.

"I'm not sure he even needs a lawyer," Daniel said. "Let's just say he hasn't put me on retainer."

Jack Heffington, attorney for Provost, maintains his client's innocence.

"I don't think anyone will be able to prove that my client is guilty," Heffington said. "He was there...but the elements were not there for burglary."

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Another bill would force state hospitals to release the records of convicted child molesters, he said.

"Right now the state health department can not release the records of people convicted of molesting children," Partin said. "That means when Joe gets out of prison he can go teach somewhere and he starts all over."

"This measure will make the records available."

Usually more than a 100 bills are introduced at TISL, Crone said.

"We encourage the submission of legislation aimed at improving the state of Tennessee and the general welfare of its citizens," Crone said.

TISL was founded in 1966 by David Lillard Jr. and received its corporate charter in 1976 from the

Tennessee Secretary of State.

Delegates elect the following positions to TISL: governor, lieutenant governor (who doubles as speaker of the senate), secretary of state, speaker of the House and speaker pro tempore of the Senate and House.

Doug Roth, an MTSU senior majoring in finance, will serve as this year's speaker pro tempore of the Senate.



Members of the Maplewood High School Halftimers Club do their thing in Saturday's 'Conley of the Halftimers Contest' sponsored by MTSU's Kool Club. Halftimers perform at intermission of many high school basketball games.

# BBB warns about college sales

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
News Editor

Students promising open ended credit or chances of winning a \$1,000 scholarship if you buy their product, the Better Business Bureau said.

Some salespersons, who sell only on college campuses, ask students to sign a "student application" to purchase items such as china or cookware, said Marsha Goldberger, director of standards and practices for the Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc., the national organization of BBBs.

"This application, however, is also a purchase agreement for hundreds of dollars worth of goods, to be paid in monthly installments," Goldberger said. "Marketers often represent that signing this agreement is a chance to establish credit by maintaining regular monthly payments."

Many students later have trouble making the payments over the long run, she added.

"The BBB advises that you think

twice about what you may be committing yourself to," Goldberger said.

However, Tennessee law says it is legal for people over 18 to sign such contracts — something which upsets many parents, Goldberger said.

"Parents have expressed dismay that students who are dependents, without a job or income, and without a co-signature, can sign such contracts," Goldberger said.

This practice has also been the target of investigations at campuses, she said.

"Some colleges and universities are investigating or have taken action against companies who solicit without their prior knowledge or consent," Goldberger said. "The fact that companies are soliciting on campus does not automatically mean they have the permission or the endorsement of the college."

MTSU has had a problem with such groups in the past, said Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

"We have have a had a group in

the past to use those techniques," Cantrell said. "We have had the most trouble with groups that sell to females — silverware, china and cookware — using high pressured techniques."

Cantrell said the groups were banned from campus activities.

In addition, any group wishing to solicit on campus must get approval from Cantrell or Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs, Cantrell said.

"If it is a campus affiliated organization they need to get approval from me," he said. "If it is an off-campus group, they need to talk to Dr. LaLance."

Goldberger suggested a few questions you could ask yourself to avoid later problems.

"Resist efforts to sell you goods before you have had a chance to compare products," she said. "Evaluate whether you need expensive china, cookware or other goods, now or even a few years down the road."

# Campus Capsule

Sidelines will attempt to use this space to publish items and meetings of interest to the MTSU community. To submit items for publication, either send a typed copy of your entry to Box 42 via campus mail, or come by Room 310 of the James Union Building. Sidelines cannot guarantee publication of ANY item. Sidelines reserves the right to edit items for clarity and brevity.

Male cheerleaders are being sought by the MTSU Cheerleaders. Deadline for filing an application is today. For more information call 898-2822.

The American Society for Personnel Administration will be meeting Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. in Room 205 of Kirksey Old Main. All business and psychology majors are urged to attend.

The Honors Lecture Series presents "Error Detecting Bar Codes: What's Behind All Those Bar Codes?" by David Sutherland, MTSU department of mathematics, Feb. 10 at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 107. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Campus Recreation will be sponsoring a winter backpacking trip from Feb. 20 to Feb. 21. Sign-ups are Feb. 15 in the Campus Recreation office. For more information call 2104.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a mixed doubles racquetball tournament starting Feb. 22. Sign-up date is Feb. 15 in the Campus Recreation office. For more information call 2104.

The Fashion Merchandising Program is sponsoring the Cotton Patch Spring Wardrobing Workshop Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Wright Music Building. For reservations call 893-4981.

The Association of Non-Traditional Students of MTSU will have its February General Membership Meeting Thursday, Feb. 11 at 1:45 in Room 313 of the Keathley University Center.

Student Teaching Applications for the fall semester of 1988 must be completed and filed in the Student Teaching Office, Jones Hall 106, by no later than Feb. 12, 1988.

The Faculty Senate will be meeting Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Faculty Senate Lounge.

Mass Communications majors interested in competing in the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi Mark of Excellence Contest should contact Kelly Anderson extension 2815 or Dr. Glenn Himebaugh extension 2205 TODAY. Non-members may compete. The contest is open to journalism, photography and radio/television students.

Students interested in participating in skits for a "Black Male/Female Relationships on College Campuses" presentation need to attend a meeting tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Room 315 of the Keathley University Center.

The deadline for filing petitions for ASB elections is Feb. 17th at 4 p.m. in the ASB office. The petitions can be picked up Friday in ASB office.

Gamma Beta Phi will have a general meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center's Multi-Media Room.

The American Society of Women Accountants will have a business meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 202 of Kirksey Old Main.

The R.O.T.C. department is sponsoring a bloodmobile Wednesday and Thursday in Room 318 of the Keathley University Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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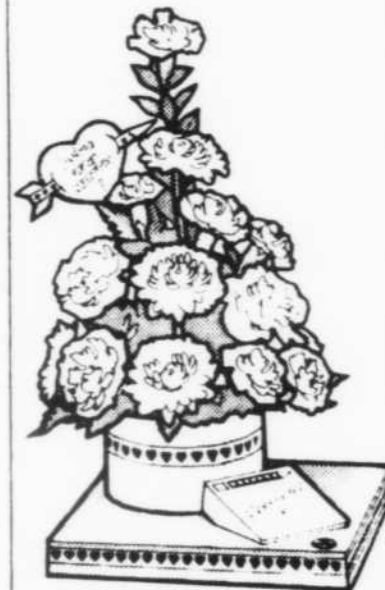
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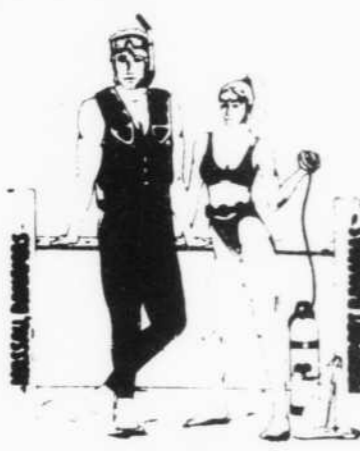
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Roger Allen  
Columnist

Because February is Black History month it is incumbent upon all Americans to reflect on the state of race relations in this country and to consider the enormous strides made in civil rights over the past 30 years.

In 1954 black citizens could not ride a city bus unless they sat in the back. Public and private schools in the South were segregated from the first grade level through graduate school. Restaurants, restrooms, water fountains and all other forms of public accommodations were either separate for or denied to black citizens.

Furthermore, for all practical purposes, voting rights for black Americans didn't exist. Through literacy tests, poll taxes and state legislative enactments, black citizens were denied their constitutional right to the ballot box.

Poor black schools could not produce individuals capable of competing with their white counterparts. Because of this unequal quality of education, blacks were perceived to be generally less intelligent than the white population.

Myths of this nature served to strengthen the theories of white supremacy groups who sought to keep black Americans "in their

place."

Fortunately, black Americans refused to stay "in their place." Through legal confrontations, civil disobedience, non-violent demonstrations and boycotts of various kinds, the message of black Americans slowly began to come to the attention of the federal government.

In 1954 the Supreme Court ruled in *Brown v. Board of Education* that segregated schools were unconstitutional.

In 1957 Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. was the first high school in a southern state to be effectively desegregated.

In 1958 the Supreme Court ruled in *NAACP v. Alabama* that the state of Alabama could not impair the activities of the NAACP by forcing the extraction of its membership list.

In 1964 Congress passed the Civil Rights Act, and in 1965 they passed the Voting Rights Act. Together these laws made any state law that was discriminatory against blacks or infringing on the rights of black citizens to vote a violation of federal law.

The court cases and cultural advances attained in the following 20 years are too numerous to mention. But the last major achievement, even if only for symbolic purposes, was made when Congress declared the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. a national holiday.

Given the enormous progress

made in only 30 years some might be inclined to think that racism has disappeared in America. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

Ignorance, hatred and the nature of the human condition continue to fuel the fire of racial bigotry. Racism from both blacks and whites has not disappeared. The battle now to be fought must be won on a more personal level as opposed to a legal level.

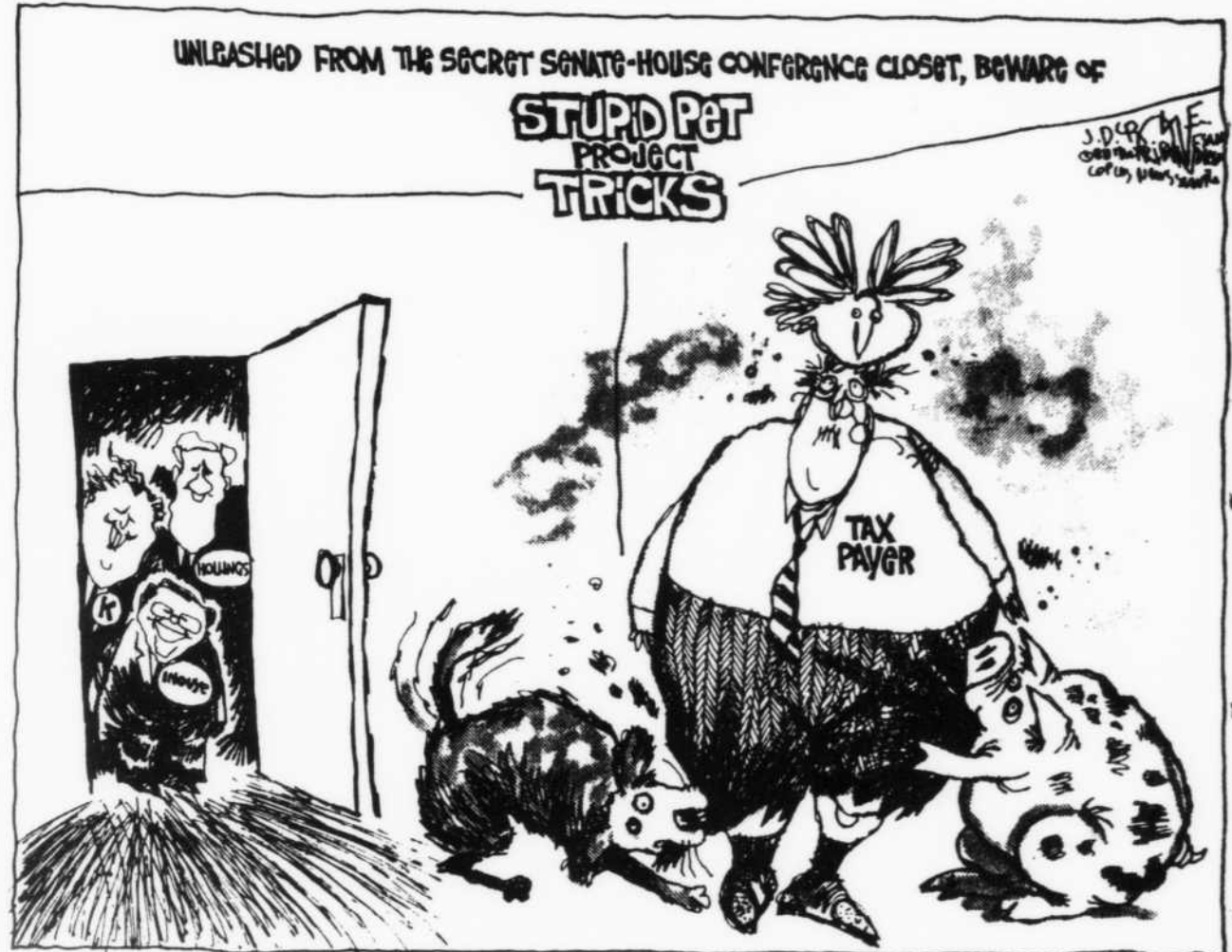
Yet, despite the fact that racism still exists, the gains of the past 30 years must be celebrated with joyful hearts by every American who believes that "all men are created equal."

During Black History Month, Americans of all colors and ethnic origins should acknowledge with gratitude the great document which has allowed this cultural revolution to take place. That document is the Constitution of the United States.

It is the Constitution with its ideals of personal liberty and justice for all that has made this revolution possible.

During Black History Month we should indeed consider the history of black Americans. But to consider only the negative aspects of American Civil Rights is to do a disservice to all Americans and to the Constitution.

The Constitution has worked for all Americans, and we, as a people, should never forget the liberty it affords each of us.



## Citizens can't run huge budget deficits so why should government be able to?



Ralph Swindler  
Columnist

What if you owed \$100,000 to Sovran Bank and continued to spend their money without repaying them? Before you could say credit card, you would probably find yourself in bankruptcy court.

This sort of action is considered criminal in our society. It is completely wrong to remain in debt and not attempt to rectify the situation.

If it is unacceptable for a person to act in this fashion, it most certainly is unacceptable for the United States to do this.

The truth is that this country is blatantly debt ridden, and the government continues to spend while in a deficit situation.

Why do we have a budget deficit? The answer is plain and simple. Congress spends more than it takes in.

Congress, by the endowment of the Constitution, makes all spending decisions. There needs to be a way to get Congress to spend within the limits of the revenue it receives. There are several ways to go about this.

One way to decrease the deficit

is to raise taxes. To some in Congress this is the best way. Raising taxes would increase revenue for Congress to play with when it makes its budget decisions, and play with it is exactly what they would do.

Taxation alone is not the answer. Taxation stifles economic growth because it hurts the middle class the most, and it is the middle class who spurs on the economy.

Another way to decrease the deficit is to make heavy, across the board budget cuts. Unfortunately, there is no consensus on what programs are vital and which ones are not.

Budget cuts would hurt the rebuilding of our military strength. Social programs would be hurt.

If taxation and budget cuts cannot solve the problem, then how can the runaway deficit problem be solved? This is a difficult question. However, through common sense it would be possible to get the deficit heading the other direction.

The first thing to do is restructure the budgetary timetable. As the timetable is now, we have a one year budget. Congress is in session for two years. Does it not seem sensible to have a two year budget? A two year budget would save a lot of time and money.

The next step is to reduce government inefficiency. The postal system is a prime example. Do we really need Saturday mail service? If somehow needed to mail something on Saturday, they could send it by Federal Express.

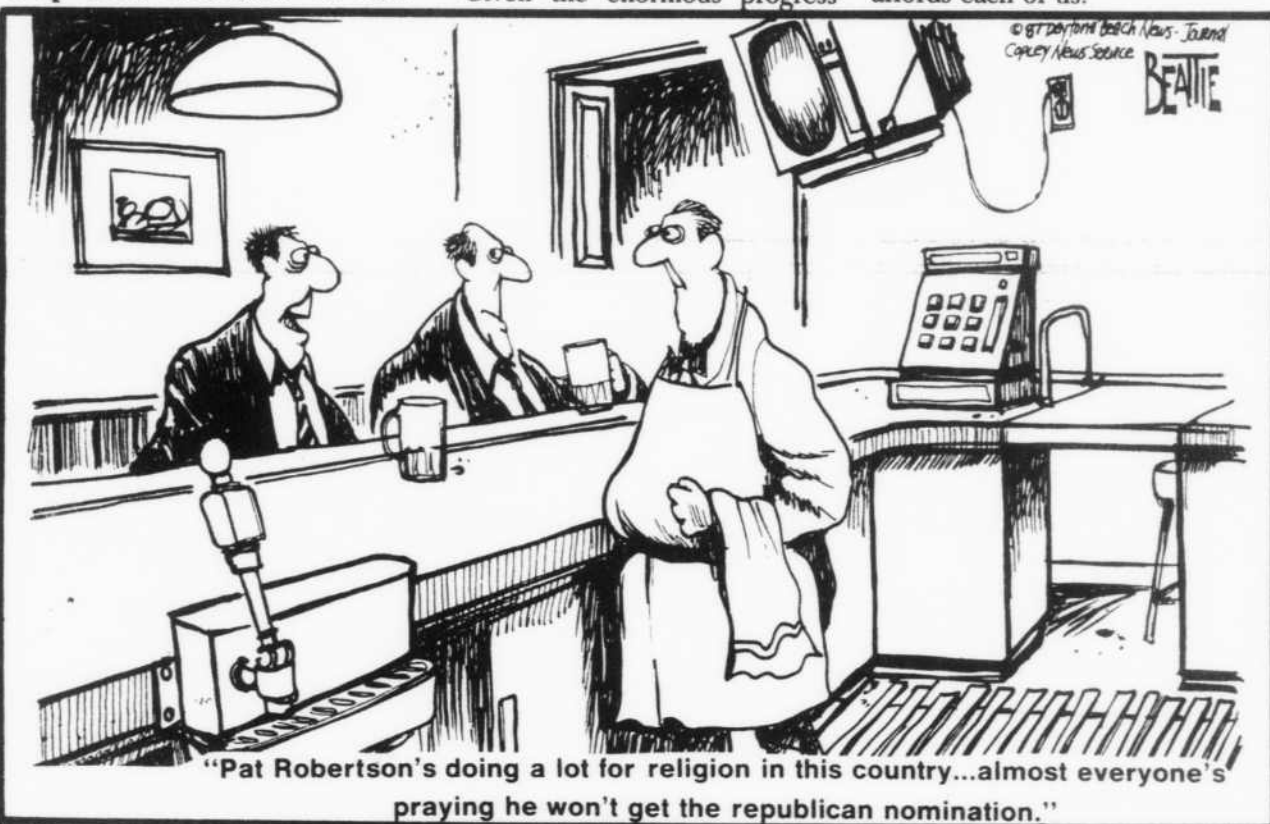
Another wasteful government service is the TVA. The TVA is a white elephant. If it were a private industry, it would have been bankrupt years ago. The government should sell it.

The last step would be to increase revenue while decreasing spending. The U.S. should create new forms of revenue enhancements in the way of indirect taxes. One possible idea is a federal lottery. This is a proven way to increase income.

The government also needs to step up pressure on those failing to pay taxes. Nothing makes me more angry than someone who intentionally fails to pay his taxes.

The system needs to be repaired. This means that both Democrats and Republicans need to come together. They have to end their petty bickering.

The Congress must act as Americans, not as Democrats and Republicans, and they must act now.



## Survey doesn't tell true story of excellence at MTSU



Kate Lapczynski  
Columnist

According to an article that ran on the front page of *Sidelines* on February 3, a survey commissioned by MTSU showed that the university was ranked third in academic excellence behind Vanderbilt and UT-Knoxville. While MTSU was rated highly for its athletic traditions, it was not perceived as a center of "rigorous academic activity" by the 387 people who were surveyed.

In response to this survey, Dr. Ingram has earmarked \$10,000 for advertising in hopes of changing the public perceptions of MTSU.

While I am usually sceptical of public relations reactions to perceived problems, I support Dr. Ingram's decision in this case. The excellence of MTSU is one of the

best kept secrets in Tennessee and it is about time that something was done to correct this situation.

MTSU has long been the college of choice for students interested in a career in education. The university boasts top-notch biology and math departments and has an Historical Preservation Program that is rated third in the entire nation.

Assembled on this campus is a remarkably strong faculty. Extant on this campus is an impressive physical plant and an equally impressive array of resources such as well-equipped labs, a well-stocked library and a fine Learning Resource Center.

Somehow these assets have escaped public notice. Dr. Ingram's hope is that an advertising campaign emphasizing these assets will influence the public perceptions of the university, attract more top-flight students and enhance the value of an MTSU degree.

Perhaps a little positive advertis-

ing will help to dispel the inferiority complex the university seems to labor under. It has sometimes seemed to me that the school itself is not aware of just how good it is.

Before coming to MTSU, I attended several other institutions of higher learning, including Wayne State University in Detroit and Michigan State University. The level of instruction I have received on this campus equals or exceeds the level of instruction I received elsewhere.

Among the many people who recommended MTSU to me were members of the Motlow State Community College faculty. Many of them had done either their undergraduate or graduate studies here, and spoke highly of the MTSU program. Their praise was well founded.

It is not presumptuous to state that I could have attended any university I chose. It was not a default decision on my part to come to

MTSU but rather a matter of informed choice.

It is exactly this point that needs to be emphasized, that there are serious students who have made MTSU their college of choice. MTSU is more famed for its social activities than for its academic excellence.

According to the survey, MTSU is viewed as "less than ideal in all

aspects of its academic environment, including a respected degree, individual attention, good teachers, research and career preparation." First hand experience proves the invalidity of these views.

While there is no denying that it is possible to have a good time on this campus, it is possible to get a quality education on this campus as well. I applaud Dr. Ingram's plan

to enlarge the public's awareness on this point. MTSU is a good school. It deserves some good press.

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# Should America mix God and politics?

## A View From The Left



Tommy Williams  
Columnist

If Pat Robertson, Republican candidate for president, is elected our nation will suffer four long years of unrelenting, unmerciful, penticostal rape.

Robertson, a renowned T.V. evangelist, has attempted to mix his so-called dedicated faith with his ignorant conservatism to form a campaign that certainly questions the morality of this nation.

Robertson's own morality has raised some eyebrows with the report that his first child was conceived out of wedlock. Whether this report is valid or not, we can conclude that on some issues, Pat does not practice what he preaches.

Robertson's crazy farm program claims to be the answer for farm foreclosures. This program provides no protection to the farmer yet emphasizes the protection of the lender. Also, Robertson wants to completely phase out much needed farm subsidies, which have maintained moderate stability in our agricultural economy.

The gospel according to Robertson is that the nation should be anointed with privatization. This completely ignores the basic idea behind a centralized government. Robertson forgets that fees and tax dollars are used to enable the creation and use of certain services and that government is here to work for the people and not just take profits.

Robertson blames the break up of the American family structure on a morality crisis, high taxation and government programs. I can certainly agree that a morality crisis and a highly taxed income could cause a rise in the divorce rate, but



I fail to see the connection between legal separation and appropriations for the elimination of acid rain. I guess marriage can't be bonded by pork barrel bliss.

I admire Robertson's dedication to his God and the fellowship of his congregation, but I am confused when he states that "if we're going to restore excellence to America, the best place to start is by bringing God back into the classroom." I don't believe we can be restored to a level we have never reached.

By this statement Robertson is either encouraging the re-education of the Almighty or he has forgotten about the omnipotence of the holy father.

I pray that as Robertson attempts to walk across the political water to the Republican nomination he removes himself from the pulpit and stops trying to get America off the dance floor.

## A View From The Right



M.A. Brown  
Editorial Editor

Pat Robertson is a black spot on the Republican Party.

The former televangelist turned presidential candidate is trying to walk a fine line between God and politics, and personally, he tends to lean a little too far to the religious side for my blood.

Although Robertson has resigned his post with the Christian Broadcasting Network and his position as a minister, his campaign still contains many religious overtones.

For example, Robertson makes references to stretching out his hand to all Americans in his campaign speeches. This sound a little messianic to me.

I find it hard to believe that, if elected, Robertson would be able

to fully separate his commitment to God from his commitment to the American people.

Would Robertson become a little too committed to his God and try to dictate a national religion? That is a question that worries me.

On a more personal level, I just don't trust Robertson. He has a face that belongs down at Joe's Used Car Lot.

I often have nightmares about President Robertson extorting money and funneling it to CBN or making CBN the official national network and forcing the American people to watch hours upon hours of "The 700 Club."

I don't know if the distrust I feel for Robertson is a product of "Jim Baker fall-out" or if the man is really untrustworthy. However, I cannot get past this feeling to the fact that I agree with Robertson's stand on some issues.

Robertson is on or near target on issues such as abortion and re-

gulating the federal deficit by cutting government spending.

On other issues, however, Robertson missed the boat.

In a recent speech, the candidate said he would support "another Bay of Pigs type action" in an attempt to overthrow the Communist regime of Fidel Castro in Cuba.

I don't like the idea of the Soviet Union controlling an island only miles off our coast either, but attempting another Bay of Pigs maneuver is not the way to rectify the situation.

On the issue most central to his campaign — the role of religion in government — Robertson has said that he does not believe that the church has the expertise to run the U.S. government. If it did "it would lose sight of its mission to give people... a relationship with God."

I firmly agree with Robertson on this point. I also think he should listen to his own words and drop out of the 1988 presidential race.

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## Students get ready for bed during Friday night party



Tony Stinnett  
Editor-in-Chief

A pajama party in Murphy Center at 11 p.m.?

As strange as it may sound, that is exactly what will take place Friday, Feb. 12 during what has been termed as "midnight madness" around the Ohio Valley Conference.

At 11 p.m. MTSU will try to get some revenge against nemesis Eastern Kentucky during a nationally televised game on ESPN.

The highlight of the evening will be a pajama party that is supposed to enhance the spirit of the students who venture out to the "Glass House" on Feb. 12.

They tell me that they are going to give away over \$750 worth of prizes to the winners of their respective categories. Now that could be interesting.

As I understand it there will five categories in which students can compete. Of course males and females will compete separately — we wouldn't want to infringe on anyone's equal rights would we?

The five categories are funniest, traditional, exotic, best dressed and best group of five or more.

Looking ahead to the extravaganza I can only imagine what this night could hold for Raider loyalists.

Exactly what is meant by exotic? I can just see ASB President Holly Lentz and Rob Marlin, homecoming director, entering Dance Studio A in Murphy Center (where the judging will take place) in their most elegant nighties and/or boxers. Wouldn't that be a real knock-out?

Or it could mean that Shannon, KDF's disc jockey, who will be on the judges panel, might show up in her... surely not.

I can see it now — students and faculty alike pouring into Murphy Center in all types of pajamas.

Picture this — people like MTSU President Sam Ingram and Dot Harrison, public relations director breaking out their treasured polka dotted or plaid p.j.'s. That would be a sight worth seeing.

As far as the funniest pajamas, well, we do have a lot of characters on campus who could fit into that category quite well with their regular clothes.

I have to ponder for a moment in the best dressed category. Raider coach Bruce Stewart and Lady Raider assistant Diane Cummings pull out some pretty nifty threads for basketball games. I can only imagine what they wear to bed.

I can see it now. Stewart coaching in the best of his wardrobe of pajamas. We all remember his antics last year during Beach night. Wasn't that special? A repeat performance could be at hand.

Best group of five or more? Now what could that possibly be. I won't even try to guess, yet I am sure I will be surprised.

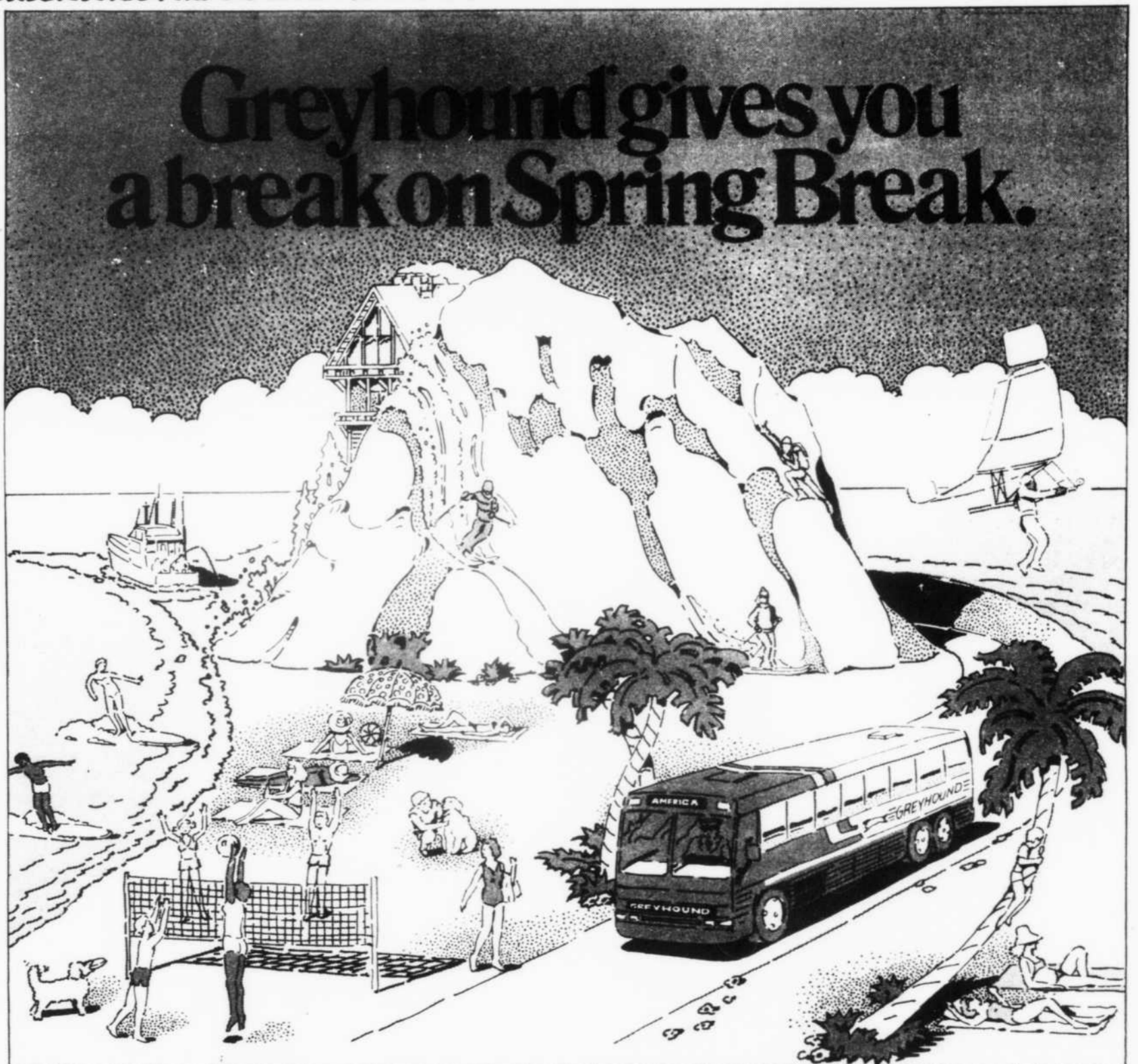
What I can't figure out is exactly what do the fans have to gain by taking part in such a weird promotion?

Could it be that they have a chance to appear on national television if they come in full spirits? (In other words, dressed to the gills in flannel — but what about those people who sleep-gasp! — in the buff?)

I think I get it now. Fans pack Murphy Center in their craziest nightwear and ESPN loves it so much that they feature the crowd on national television. A chance for free airwaves and a chance to boost MTSU to victory in their second consecutive ESPN appearance.

What a night it will be in the 'Boro with midnight madness and 11,000 pajama partying fans. This might just be enjoyable.

Looking ahead to the infamous pajama party I can see good things happening at the midnight hour. It may even be a success depending on the variety of pajamas that are shown on this different kind of night.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Prince's new film 'Times' up from 'Moon,' down from 'Rain'

[Editor's note: A five-star rating system is used in evaluation purposes. One being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

★★★

By D. BRIAN CONLEY  
News Editor

When I first walked into the theatre to see "Sign 'o' the Times," Prince's new movie, I felt something may have been wrong.

While I had the pick of the litter seating wise, five people crowding a movie theatre is not one of your

better omens to the quality of the film.

Then the movie started. The opening scene, located in the heart of Anycity's red light district, appeared to be the beginning of another "Purple Rain," Prince's

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blockbuster hit of 1984. A pair, which appeared to be a married couple, were having an argument.

She wanted him to talk to her. Immediately after the last words were

spoken, Prince was seen in a concert (he wasn't in the opening scene) playing the song with the same title as the movie.

What followed was yet another vehicle for Prince to strut his ideas and funkadelic music. Overall, it was fairly good.

The music itself, the most important aspect of the 90 minute Prince video, was better than any cut off of "Under the Cherry Moon," voted the worst movie of 1986 by many, many publications. Yet it was nowhere near the quality of "Purple

Rain" or "1999."

Prince, who also directed the film, was at his energetic best in the series of concert clips. He danced, pranced and played his heart out through the flick.

One item, or lack thereof, surprised me the most — the almost total lack of explicit sexual content. Prince is known for sexual overtones in his music and concerts, and fortunately, aside from a few scenes, "Sign 'o' the Times" lacked an overabundance of such overtones.

The tunes were well produced

and mixed and the cuts from scene to scene were well done which added to the continuity of the show. Only the many different costumes Prince and Sheila E., the drummer, wore hinted the film may have been shot at several locations.

Scenes playing off the opener were interplayed throughout the concert, which badly resembled something the Doors would have done with "The Unknown Soldier" if they had access to '80s technology and special effects.

However, the acting during the

scenes interspersed throughout the movie was, in a word, horrendous. Prince was attempting to create an artful concert film.

He failed. Overall, the production and editing of the movie were well done. The scenes, not counting the plot, flowed crisply and the sound was at the right level.

For the Prince lover this movie would rate five stars. However, for the person who merely likes Prince's music it's a two and a half. "Sign 'o' the Times" is currently playing at the Martin 4 Theatre.

## Cruel Blue's creativity, skill creates complimentary rapport

★★★

By MIKE VAUGHAN  
Entertainment Critic

Long live the local music scene. It is traditionally the breeding ground and basic training of every aspiring band in this area. While some local groups suffer one of two equally tragic fates — fading into obscurity or mediocrity — others use the experience to fine tune musical skills, develop creative abilities and build the rapport that is the key to a tight band.

Audience response is the only gauge a band can use to find out if

### French play offers slice of 17th century

By TERRY BANKER  
Entertainment Writer

When you decide to bake a cake, you don't start by throwing a bunch of eggs in a bowl. You start with a tried and true recipe. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Buchanan Players will open their spring season with Moliere's tried and true play *The Miser*.

*The Miser*, which originally opened in 1668, is considered to be a period piece. For anyone who's interested, a period piece is a work of art, or in this case a play, that mirrors the society of a specific location and time. *The Miser* is a French play set in the late 17th century. If you don't let this intimidate you, you're not familiar with 17th century works. What this means is that the play will be presented in a different style. It won't look like *Death of a Salesman*, and it won't resemble the rock opera *Hair*. It will, however, parallel modern sarcasm that can be found in Neil Simon plays, or for you couch potatoes, old *Moonlighting* episodes. The only difference will be in the frosting — this cake's going to look a little different.

Director Phil Martin's production concept includes the actors playing actors from a *Commedia del Arte* troupe. These troupes were common in the 17th century. He has included in the first act a period of improvisation in which the actors will wheel up in a wagon with props, costumes, and make-up and decide to put on a show. The improvising by the ensemble alone should be very interesting in the way it depicts theatre of times past. Martin compared his goals for the production with the process of writing a sonata — "...the timing in a show like this should be like the flowing of a song...there are ups and downs and it has to have spots to rest, build and develop — like a sonata." Martin has only a week left to fine tune his composition.

The tried and true recipe director will be working with a cast which includes a couple of organ -- Don Sullivan and Steve Morgan, some flour -- Jenny Alexander and Earl Smith, and a little sugar from Suzette Saad and Shannon Parnell. With the support of Richy Smith as baking powder and other members of the cast to give this cake spice, audiences will be pleasantly entertained. However, there is a problem. The show only runs for five nights so you'd better call or stop by for reservations early. Otherwise, you might just have to sit on your couch and watch *Moonlighting* reruns.



Cruel Blue

what they're doing works and following a band through this process can create a very personal connection between performer and listener. It can be very exciting to watch a band's development. Cruel

Blue, a fairly new Murfreesboro based trio, may be the kind of band that offers Nashville/Murfreesboro club regulars this exciting experience.

Cruel Blue, with Bob Bowden

on guitar, Tony Morreale on bass and Doug Smiley on drums, has come up with some remarkably rich material, including some that have only been together about six months.

To slap a standard label on this band's sound would be unfairly restrictive. This is no shallow water, and any single label cannot describe the depth of their music. While there is the definite aggressive force of punk, Cruel Blue's music is hauntingly melodic. And although the thought provoking qualities of psychedelia are present, there is also a high-powered driving rhythm that makes their music very danceable.

Bowden's vocal delivery of his own lyrics is passionate, but guarded and distant. This unusual combination of qualities works. Rather than seeming out of touch with the emotion of the lyrics, he conveys the impression that the distance results from really experiencing these emotions.

Bowden's range on guitar is far-reaching and impressive. He can hold back enough to help create a solid unified sound, neatly complementing the vocals and rhythm section, or cut loose with a fire-spitting solo that would probably, at full vol-

ume, singe your hair.

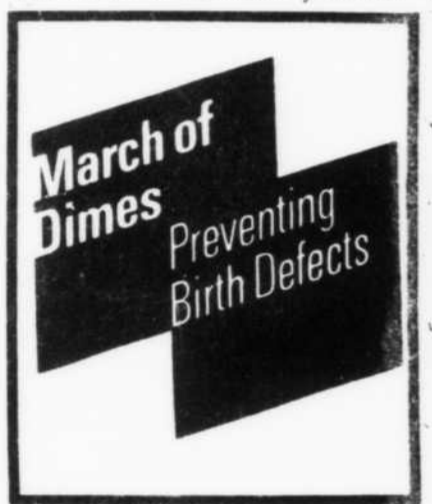
Tony Morreale on bass supplies a great deal of the music's weight and substance. He can pound out a rapid-fire staccato rhythm, or take the lead with his melodic phrasing. Smiley's drumming is crisp and well-tempered, generating the power that gives this music its kick.

Cruel Blue's material seems a bit unbalanced, however. It is easy to tell which songs the band likes best. Some songs ("Clown Of My Life," "Like An Angel") have more hooks than a trout line, while others ("I Am Dead") are surprisingly sparse. Also, some songs teasingly end before the listener is ready. This is a matter of taste though, since brevity itself can be considered part of a song's message.

The trio recently recorded a six-song promotional cassette (from which this review is taken) at Sound Emporium Studios in Nashville. Although a band's live performances usually sound very different than their recorded material, Cruel Blue's studio engineer, Michael

Praytor, also does the live sound mixing. The sound should be very close.

Reviewing a club band's recorded material does not substitute for the experience of seeing them perform live, but it can give a good idea of the group's range and ability. There are real glimmers of light in some of these songs, and the band's most apparent quality is its creative potential. Watch for Cruel Blue in Nashville/Murfreesboro area clubs and find out for yourself.



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# SPORTS



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MTSU point guard Gerald Harris shoots over Tennessee State's Termaine Smith in Friday night's 98-83 win over the Tigers at Gentry Center. Harris scored a career-high 16 points in the ESPN telecast.

## Lady Raiders down TSU 90-72; Mucker's 38 points lead MTSU

By TRACY BOYD  
Assistant Sports Editor

Tawanya Mucker scored 38 points and three other Lady Raiders scored in double figures as MTSU downed Tennessee State 90-72 in conference action Friday at TSU's Gentry Center.

The win was MTSU's ninth in a row, which raised their conference record to 7-0, 15-3 overall. TSU fell to 0-8 in the league, 0-16 overall.

"It's amazing to me that she [Mucker] got 38," MTSU coach Lewis Bivens said. "I didn't think she had a great night and she still gets 38, but that's the kind of player she is. But, we get her the ball also."

"You have to give Lianne Beck and those other girls credit. They get the ball inside."

MTSU got on the board first when Kim Collier hit a free throw and Lianne Beck added a jumper to make it 3-0.

The Lady Raiders held a 17-10 advantage with 14:11 remaining before TSU pulled back to tie the score at 20 with 10:11 left in the first half.

Mucker promptly took over as the Lady Raiders outscored TSU 17-9 over the next eight minutes and MTSU led 37-29 with 2:19 left on the clock.

TSU scored the next six points to close the gap to 37-35 at the 1:43 mark.

The Lady Raiders answered by

reeling off 10 straight points to make it 47-35 at intermission.

Sandy Brown hit two consecutive three-pointers and MTSU stretched the lead to 57-37 within the first three minutes of the second half.

TSU made one last run at the Lady Raiders when they closed to within 60-50 with 12:25 left in the game, but that was as close as the Tiger Gems could get.

Lianne Beck continued her hot streak by adding 16 points while Sandy Brown scored 13. Stephanie Capley pitched in 10 points.

MTSU has now gone through the entire first half of their OVC schedule without a loss, and although Bivens is happy, he is not ready to admit his team has won the conference.

"Everybody is going to be more prepared for us in the second half," Bivens said. "Maybe in the first half people were taking us lightly. I think they'll respect us the second time around. We've just got to get a little bit better as a basketball team."

"But I'm the happiest person in America to be where we're at right now," Bivens continued. "15-3. If somebody had said that in the pre-season, they [would have] put us straight into the insane asylum."

● Mucker has now scored in double figures in all 18 games this season and, going back to last sea-

son, she has scored 10-plus points in 22 straight and 34 of her last 36.

● Doubly Brown has scored in each of his last three games.

● Lianne Beck has scored 60 points in her last three games.

## Blue Raider baseball opens season at Memphis St.

By CHUCK MORRIS  
Sports Editor

The MTSU baseball team will open play on one of their toughest schedules ever Feb. 19 at Memphis State.

The schedule, featuring teams from the Southeastern, Sun Belt, Metro, Missouri Valley and Big Ten conferences, along with the Ohio Valley Conference's Southern Division opponents.

North Alabama, a powerful Division II team from Florence, and local NAIA opponents Trevecca and Cumberland also grace the Blue Raider schedule.

Several teams on the Blue Raiders' schedule were picked by *Collegiate Baseball* to challenge for their conference crown.

Memphis State (Metro), Ken-

## Blue Raiders beat Tenn. St.; Henry scores 24 in 98-83 win

By TONY STINNETT  
Editor in Chief

"I'm so glad we came to TSU," was the tune that a handful of jubilant MTSU supporters sang last Friday night as the Blue Raiders destroyed Tennessee State 98-83.

The win, MTSU's ninth consecutive over the Tigers, improved the Blue Raiders to 14-7 overall, 5-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference. TSU dropped to 9-10 overall and 2-6 in their first season as a member of the OVC.

A near sell-out crowd, 10,101, TSU's largest of the season, and a national television audience watched as the Raiders took control of the game in the second half and never let the struggling Tigers back into the game.

Gerald Harris got the Raiders on the board first with a 16-foot jumper that put MTSU on top. Anthony Mason promptly canned a three-pointer to put TSU up 3-2.

The game was a see-saw affair during the first 13 minutes of the game. With 12:48 remaining in the first half Judon Roper hit a layup to put TSU on top 12-11. Randy Henry followed with a jumper from 10 feet out that gave the Raiders a 13-12 lead, a lead they would never relinquish.

Henry was a mainstay for the Raiders on the evening as he led a 10-3 spurt, scoring eight of his team-high 24 points during that time.

"I feel like I got into the flow of the offense early," Henry, MTSU's

Blue Ribbon preseason All-American said. "I was constantly moving and my teammates got the ball to me and my shots were falling."

Late in the first half MTSU had built a 36-28 lead but TSU pulled to within two, 36-34, by the half.

MTSU had control of the ball with 48 seconds left in the half and was going for the final shot, when MTSU's Ty Baynham was whistled for an intentional foul with 14 seconds remaining.

"They called Ty for elbowing on the post with 14 seconds remaining and that's all I know about that," Blue Raider coach Bruce Stewart said.

Termaine Smith hit a shot with five seconds left and MTSU led 36-34.

MTSU took command of the game early in the second half, outscoring the Tigers 24-11 to increase their lead to 60-45. The second half spurt also deflated the TSU fans.

"One of the biggest keys in the game, along with our defensive effort, was taking the crowd out of the game early," Stewart said. "We didn't give the crowd a lot to cheer about. If they would have had a lot to cheer about they would have gone crazy."

Harris led the second half flurry and scored a career-high 16 points on the evening.

"I am feeling confident with my shot right now," Harris said. "I don't really feel like I have to order for us to win. We have a balanced lineup and we don't have

to rely on one particular person on any given night."

All five Blue Raider starters scored in double figures with Leslie Gregory scoring 17 points, Baynham pitching in 15 points and Chris Rainey adding 12 points.

Gregory, who Stewart has referred to as "a poor man's Adrian Dantley," teamed with Henry to shut down TSU's highly touted All-America candidate, Anthony Mason.

"Right now Leslie Gregory is playing like a mad man," Stewart said. "The guy is playing great. Henry and Gregory's combination right now seems to be very good."

Baynham did a good job defending Mason and that was also a factor in the game.

Mason scored a game-high 34 points. However, he shot only nine of 23 from the field.

"During the heat of the action I would guess that Mason was about six for 20," Stewart said. "Give Ty credit, he is playing good defense."

"Mason is a good player," Henry said. "They talked a little early and we had to stay on our level and let them play down on theirs."

After the game Stewart reflected on the importance of the win and the bearing it had on the conference race.

"This [game] was critical," Stewart said. "This was the key. If we wanted to compete for the [conference] championship, we had to win this game. That's all there was to it."

coach Steve Peterson. Peterson replaced John Stanford, who became athletic director in July. "You have to play the big boys to be considered a big boy."

MTSU's major challenge in the OVC is expected to come from Eastern Kentucky.

The Colonels are favored to repeat as Northern Division champions by the division coaches in a poll conducted by *Sidelines*.

Eastern Kentucky had won three consecutive OVC titles before MTSU defeated them on their home field last May.

This year's OVC tournament will be held at the site of the Southern

Division champion May 6-8.

Murray State will probably provide the stiffest challenge in the Southern Division race.

The Thoroughbreds finished second in the division last year, but were beaten by Eastern Kentucky and Akron in the OVC tourney.

The other members of the Southern Division are Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and Tennessee State.

The Blue Raiders open their home schedule Feb. 24 against Western Kentucky at 2 p.m. They will also entertain the University of Illinois for two games, Feb. 27 and 28. Both games begin at 1 p.m.

## Lady Raiders' game plan: get the ball inside to 'T'

By TRACY BOYD  
Assistant Sports Editor

This season, the Lady Raider basketball team has had a very simple, yet effective, game plan — get the ball inside to "T", Tawanya Mucker that is.

Lady Raider coach Lewis Bivens realizes the importance of executing this game plan.

"She [Tawanya] is the one we have to go to in the clutch," Bivens says, "and that's when she's at her best."

her teammate, better known as "T" by her teammates and friends, is a major reason why MTSU currently sits atop the Ohio Valley Conference with a perfect 7-0 record and a 15-3 overall record.

The 6-foot junior center has emerged into one of the finer players in the country, and her numbers alone are enough to speak for themselves.

Currently, Mucker is averaging 23 points per game, which ranks her first on the team and third in the OVC. She also records a team-high 9.9 rebounds per contest, which is third in the conference. In addition, Mucker ranks in the top five in the conference in both field-goal percentage and blocked shots.

Feb. 1 against Eastern Kentucky, Mucker became the sixth woman in MTSU history to enter the 1,000 point club.

As if that's not enough, she has been named the OVC player of the week on two occasions this season.

It is no surprise that Bivens has nothing but praise for his star performer.

"She has gifted athletic talent that most people are not blessed with," Bivens says. "She is one of the finest players I've ever had, both on and off the court. She's not the star type. She blends in well with her teammates."

Mucker is originally from Louisville, Ky., but moved to Macon, Ga., at the age of 13.

She began playing basketball in the sixth grade because her all friends played and, because of her height, the coaches urged her to.

In her four years at Macon's Northeast High School, Mucker played on two four-A state tournament winning teams.

Highly sought after by college recruiters, Mucker narrowed her possibilities down to Kentucky, Tennessee and MTSU.

"I chose MTSU," Mucker said, "because I really liked the coach and the players and I wanted to go where I knew people. Also, it wasn't far from home."

An elementary education major, Mucker aspires to be a third or fourth grade teacher in Atlanta. She has done some student teaching and enjoys it very much.

Mucker draws a great deal of support from her family and they try to come to games as often as they can.

Her mother is the person she looks up to most.

"I really admire my mom a lot," Mucker said. "She really worked hard to support me so I wouldn't have to go without."

Outside of basketball, Mucker

enjoys going to movies, skating, dancing and watching television.

"I'm a TV freak," she admits. "She is a very optimistic about the future of this season's team."

"I think we can go as far as we want to as long as we keep working hard," Mucker said.

Mucker says that this team lacks the speed that was present a year ago, but adds, "this year we all pull together and do what we have to do to win."

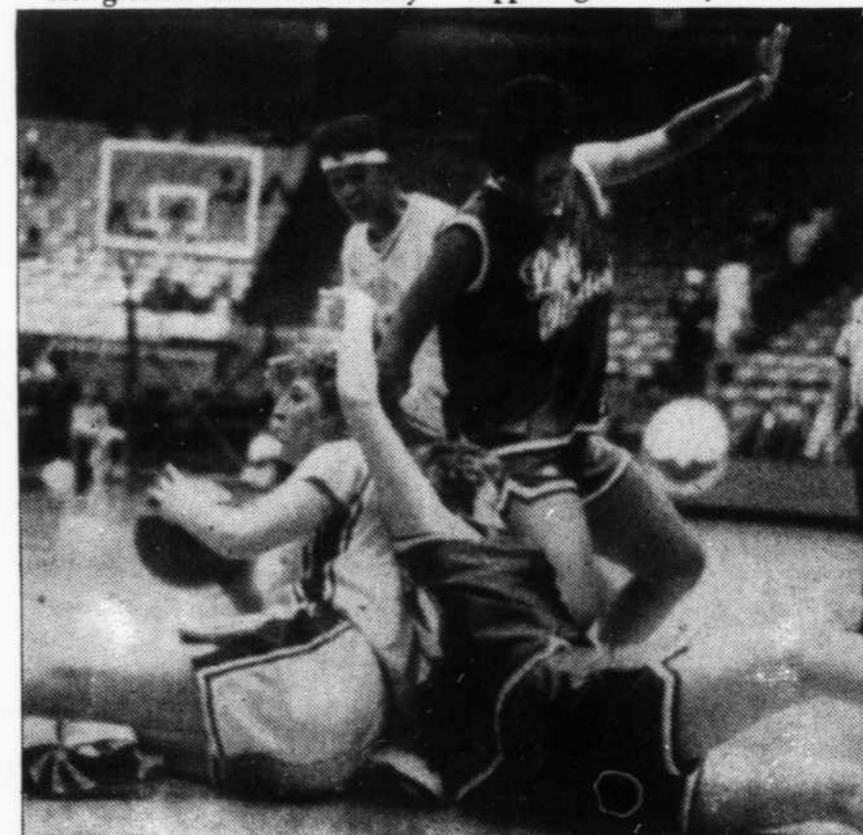
Her greatest moment as a Lady

Raider came her freshman year when MTSU defeated South Carolina in double overtime to capture an NCAA tournament bid.

The way it looks now, Mucker should have many more great moments as a Lady Raider.

This is a most evident when she states her philosophy — "Work hard and do your best and good things will happen to you."

She must know what she is talking about because good things are happening to Tawanya Mucker.



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Tawanya Mucker looks on as Julie Harrison picks up a loose ball in a recent game. The Lady Raiders beat Tennessee State 90-72 for their ninth straight win.

## Last night's games

### Arkansas State downs MTSU 79-71

JONESBORO, Ark. — Ed Loudon and John Tate accounted for 40 points as Arkansas State downed MTSU 79-71 last night in a non-conference game.

MTSU led 34-33 at the half as Ty Baynham and Chris Rainey combined for 21 first half points.

MTSU trailed 33-31 with three seconds left in the first half when Rainey canned a three-pointer to give the Raiders the lead.

Rainey had a game-high 24 points on the night, including four three-pointers and two four-point leads.

MTSU maintained their lead throughout the first 10 minutes of the second half, but with nine minutes remaining, the Indians went on a 9-2 run to take a seven point lead.

"I felt like our guys played hard tonight," coach Bruce Stewart said. "There was a five minute stretch where we couldn't hit a shot."

Leslie Gregory added 17 points for the Raiders as they dropped to 14-8 on the season. Arkansas State improved to 15-10.

### Crimson Tide rolls over MTSU 97-58

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The MTSU Lady Raiders had their nine game winning streak snapped here last night by the Alabama Crimson Tide 97-58.

The Lady Raiders were led in scoring by Tawanya Mucker. Mucker scored 21 for the Lady Raiders, 15-4. Sandy Brown was the only other Lady Raider in double-figures with 17.

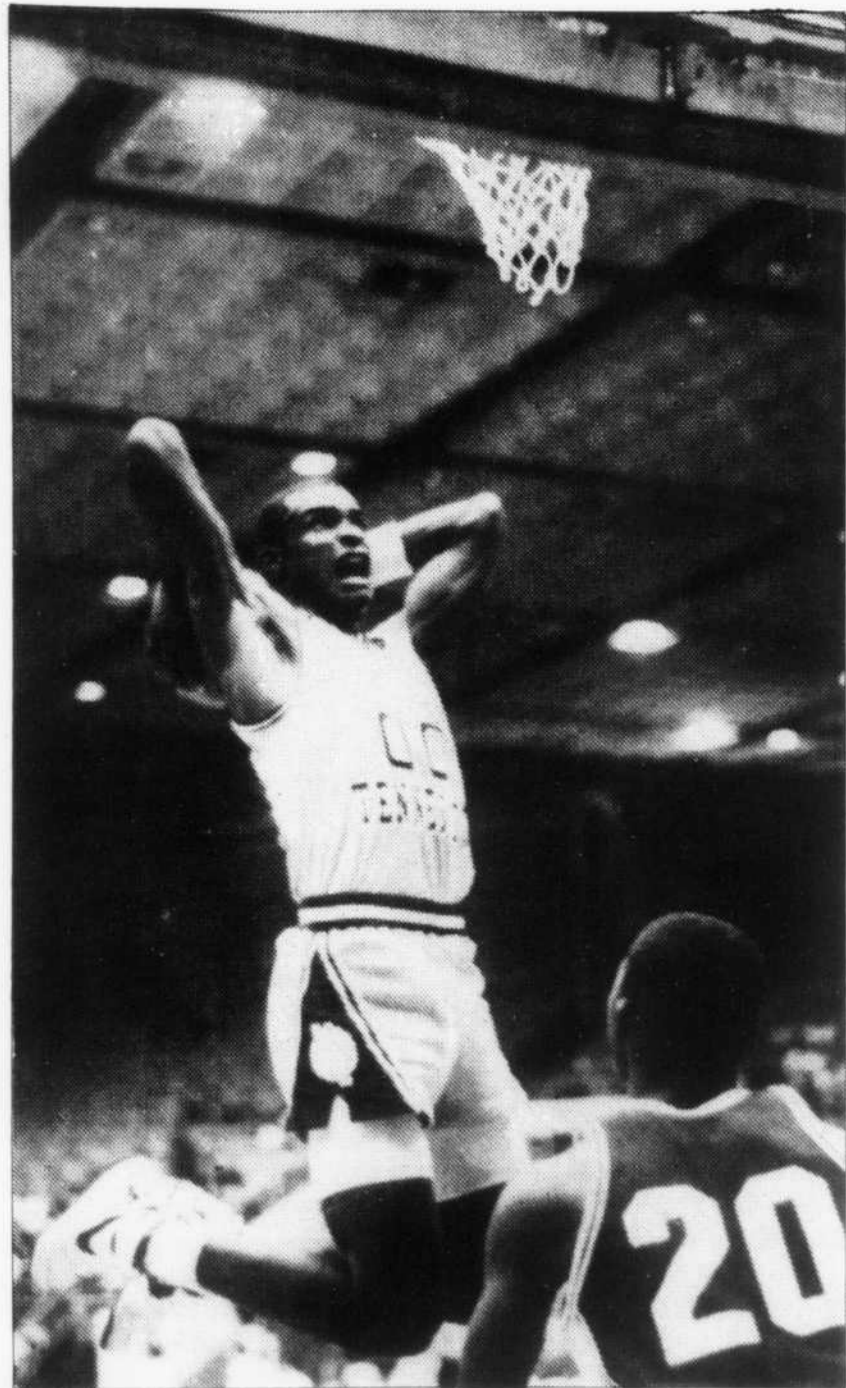
Alabama, which shot 56.2 percent from the field, was led in scoring by Laura Vaughn, who had 16 for the Crimson Tide, 13-7.

The Lady Raiders shot 19 for 49 from the field (38.8 percent).

MTSU played close the first 12 minutes of the game. Alabama was only able to attain a six point lead.

The Crimson Tide exploded in the final eight minutes of the first half, as did MTSU coach Lewis Bivens, who got a technical foul late in the first half.





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MTSU forward Ty Baynham prepares for a slam dunk in recent action. Baynham scored 15 points against Tennessee State and allowed Anthony Mason only nine of 23 from the field.

## Beason sets new school mark in triple jump at Indiana Relays

**From Staff Reports**  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — MTSU's Kyieta Beason shattered the MTSU school triple jump record here Saturday at the Indiana Relays. Beason leaped 38 feet, 3½ inches in her first triple jump competition. The old record, 37-9½, was set by teammate Sherrie Bingham. Beason also placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 3 inches. Bingham finished fifth, jumping 19-2 while Ursula

Langford placed sixth with a jump of 18-7½. Bingham also placed sixth in the high hurdles with a time of 8.26 seconds. Veteran track coach Dean Hayes was pleased with their performance. "We're getting a little tougher mentally," Hayes said. "We're teaching them to compete against good competition." The Lady Raider track team will be in action again Saturday when they host six schools at Murphy Center. Alabama-Birmingham, Western Kentucky, Murray State, Tennessee State, Southeast Missouri and Fisk are scheduled to compete. MTSU also hosts the OVC Championships Feb. 27 on the Murphy Center track.

## Baynham consistency helps MTSU in OVC

By **TONY STINNETT**  
Editor in Chief

Blue Raider standout Ty Baynham is an athlete of true quality and has had to overcome a lot of adversity in his five year basketball career.

Yet, as most true athletes do, Baynham has overcome adversity, uncertainty and, most of all, criticism in his career. He has proven his worth and has been a valuable asset in the Blue Raider climb to the top.

Baynham originally signed with Western Kentucky after his high school days at East High School in Nashville. Baynham instead went to the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, where he started every game as a freshman.

Baynham then moved on to his current home, MTSU, where he has used his superior talent and ability to make things happen.

From the start of his college career, Baynham moved around from place-to-place until finally he found a school where he felt comfortable.

"I chose to come to MTSU because it was closer to my family in Nashville," Baynham said. "Coach

[Bruce] Stewart was also a factor in my decision to move. I had known him ever since I was in ninth grade and some of my friends had played for him. I knew that he would build a good, respectable program at MTSU and I wanted a chance to be a part of a good program."

Even though Baynham found a new home in Middle Tennessee, he still had to overcome a part of athletics that has become too commonplace — criticism.

People would downplay Baynham saying that he did not play to the best of his abilities and that he was not consistent in his style of play.

But criticism is something that Baynham has overlooked and has since proven his skeptics wrong.

The physical education major has scored in double figures in his last 11 games, including a 41 point outburst in two games last week in "Death Valley" — Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

"I have never felt like I have had to prove myself to anyone," Baynham says. "I give the best I have every game and if someone can't take that for what it is, then there

is not a whole lot I can do about that."

In addition to his offensive skills, Baynham is also one of the best defensive players in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"Ty is the best 6-7 defensive player in this conference," Stewart said. "He plays good defense every night and when you can hold Andre Harris [Austin Peay] scoreless in the second half of a ball-game, you are definitely getting the job done."

Ty has also held several offensive threats below their average this season and that has been a key for the Raiders.

"Ty is very consistent," Stewart says. "A lot of people felt like he couldn't be consistent, but he is probably the most consistent player we have because he is playing on both ends every night."

Baynham, going into last night's game at Arkansas State, has 931 points for his career. If he can score

in double figures the rest of the season, he is a cinch to become a member of the 1,000 point club.

Baynham, who was offered scholarships by every team in the Southeastern Conference in addition to Nevada-Las Vegas and Missouri, says that he has no regrets about ending up at MTSU.

"I have had the opportunity to be associated with a team that has been to two NCAA tournaments and two NIT tournaments," Baynham said. "That is a great honor and says a lot about this program and the job that Coach Stewart has done here. The only regret that I have is getting into the tournaments and not advancing. I like to do more than just be there. I want to win."

In his career Baynham has overcome a lot and, above all, he has proven to everybody that he is a competitor and a consistent winner.

## 'Wild and Crazy' nights ahead for Lady Raiders

By **TRACY BOYD**  
Assistant Sports Editor

It will be "Wild and Crazy" at Murphy Center Saturday night when the MTSU Lady Raiders host Eastern Kentucky in a 7:30 p.m. game.

A group competition will be held at 7:15 and will be open to any group wishing to participate.

Groups will be judged in three categories: dress (the wilder the better), originality and noise level.

The group that does the best in all three categories wins \$100 in cash.

"We really need student support," Janet Ross, a former Lady Raider standout and graduate assistant coach said. "The crowd can re-

ally make a difference in us winning or losing."

The Lady Raiders are leading the Ohio Valley Conference with a perfect 7-0 record and are 15-3 overall. They have received votes for the Associated Press Top 20 the past two weeks.

"With numbers like this," Ross added. "It is a shame that we have to ask for student support."

"So come on out in your best stripes, plaids, jams, Blues Brothers, etc., and support the Lady Raiders."



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