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## Safety stirs controversy over new landfill



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Wesley Black, an employee of the Rutherford County Landfill Co., surveys the edge of the dumping area before shoving garbage into the vast expanse of the county disposal pit.

## Candidates speak

By CHRISTOPHER BELL  
Managing Editor

ASB presidential candidates Larry "Burd" Hall and Harry Hosey outlined their platforms during the final Associated Student Body Speakout Monday.

Opening the ASB to "any person willing to get involved," greater involvement in campus activities and more student input in the programming and operating of WMOT, the campus radio station, were his primary concerns, Hosey said.

Hall also stressed increased student involvement and said his showing in the election showed he could get students involved in the ASB.

"At first they said I was a non-entity," Hall said. "I am an entity now. I had to go to the dictionary to find what an entity was first."

"I got more people involved last time around. The issues and all that are important, but you can't get anything accomplished without more people involved."

The speakout, held in the Keathley University Center Grill, lasted less than 20 minutes, with only one question from the audience after the candidates' initial speeches.

The sole audience question, directed to Hall, asked what specific changes he would make if elected.

"I'd like to see visitation every night," Hall said. "If we got a group of 20-300 people together and make that known, it will be known and you can do something about it."

"In the words of Bobby Hopkins (85-86 ASB President), 'Vote early and vote often,'" Hosey said during his closing comments.

Hosey and Hall, the two candidates who received the largest percentage of the vote during the ASB elections March 2 and 3, will participate in a run-off election this Wednesday and Thursday. If no single presidential candidate receives more than 50 percent of the

vote, a run-off election with the two candidates who received the largest vote percentages determines the new president, according to the ASB Comprehensive Electoral Act.

● Voting for the run-off election will be held this Wednesday and Thursday, March 16 and 17, ASB Election Commissioner Doug Kinser said. Students can vote at either Peck Hall or in the KUC from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Night students can vote both days from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in the KUC.

## Student's vehicle crushed by bulldozer Friday

By M.A. BROWN  
Editorial Editor

An MTSU student photojournalist found out the hard way Friday afternoon that earth-movers and compact cars don't mix.

While shooting an assignment at the Rutherford County Landfill on Jefferson Highway, Sidelines Chief Photographer Wayne Cartwright had his 1986 Chevrolet Sprint crushed by a bulldozer driven by county employee Russell Stout.

Cartwright had parked his car in the unloading area of the landfill at approximately 3:30 p.m.

He returned 30 minutes later to find that his car was not quite the same as it was when he left.

The senior from Nashville had been in the landfill with employee Wesley Black. During this time, Stout accidentally backed over Cartwright's car with a 933 Caterpillar earth-mover.

"We were walking back up the hill and he [Black] was talking about how safe the landfill was," Cartwright said. "He said they had never had an accident in 13 years."

"Then he said, 'Would you look at that. They done run over your car.'"

Cartwright added that at first he had a feeling of disbelief.

"When we were coming back up, I was still looking for a good angle to see what had happened," he said. "When I looked up I could see the

By KIM HARRIS  
News Editor  
and  
VANNESSA JONES  
Staff Writer

Despite opposition from county officials and the Murfreesboro community, Browning-Ferris Industries maintains the safety of their new landfill.

BFI District Manager Tom Harrington said yesterday the company's intentions were incorrectly reported by *The Daily News Journal*.

"Walter Hill Dam and the city's water treatment plant both lie downstream from the spot BFI would dump runoff containing chemicals in the river," the article in *The Daily News Journal* stated.

"We don't have any plans to dump chemicals into the river," Harrington said.

Among local residents warning of the potential dangers of water contamination are County Executive John Mankin, Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Department Director Joe Kirchner and MTSU geology professor Charles McGhee and Patrick Doyle.

"We're all nervous about that [the landfill]," Mankin said. "The county's always been very careful not to let anything come in that's harmful to the environment."

"But you know how we wonder if a private company would feel that it is responsible," Mankin said.

"There is no potential problem with the landfill," Harrington said. "The trash is the stuff you throw away. We're not talking about chemicals or hazardous waste in the site."

"We're not licensed to collect or transport hazardous waste," Harrington said.

The trash will be placed into a cell, Harrington explained, that has a clay liner.

Included is a leachate system where water is filtered through decomposed garbage and collected. The system is a series of plastic pipes run underground similar to

a sewer system.

From there, gravity directs the material into a centrally located system, which is a series of holding tanks, according to Harrington. Tanker trucks then pump the material out and take it to be treated and disposed of.

While Kirchner holds that the new landfill is "negative all around," he realizes the need for a "place to put the waste."

"However, I have a problem in the fact that the master plan should have given the water supply more consideration."

"I have to assume the worst condition. They [BFI] say the clay liner will not leak. I know there's a lot of landfills that do leak," Kirchner said.

"If it did leak, the water would require higher treatment, which would be more costly," Kirchner said. We want to ensure that the city water is of consistently good quality."

"The problem here is we're very vulnerable because of the nature of geology and nature of the ground water," McGhee said.

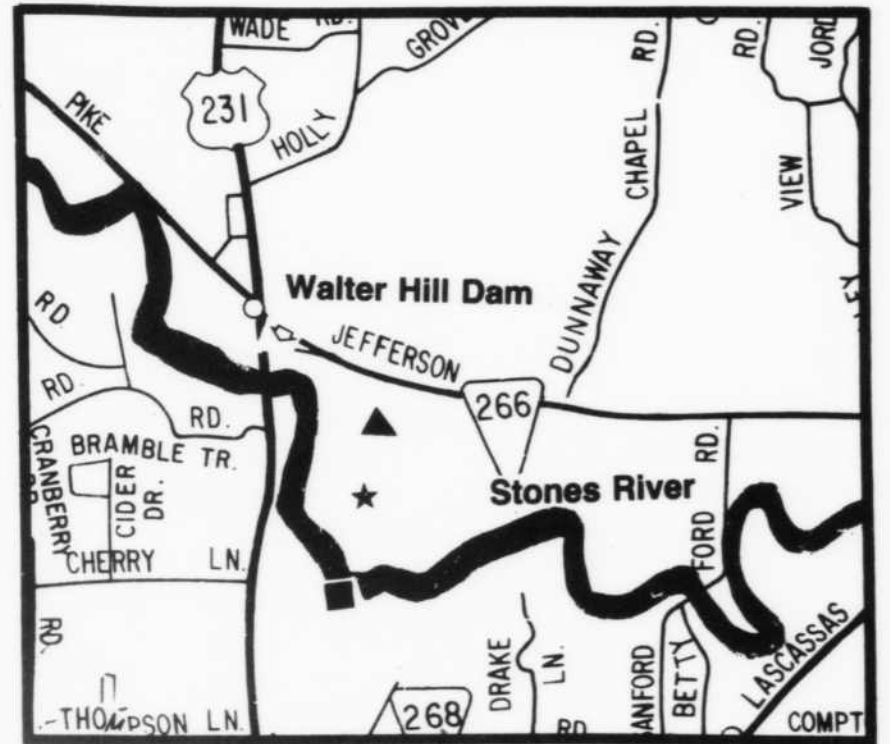
According to McGhee the geological location has a bedrock of limestone that is full of sinkholes. Within a two-mile radius there are 156 sinkholes; within a three-mile radius there are 336 sinkholes.

"Water moves under this area of contamination, making it impossible to know which part will be contaminated," McGhee said. "Landfilling is preferable to littering openly, but how do we save our water from being contaminated?"

"Even at this point, I would strongly advise students not to go near the water. I surely would not eat any fish," Doyle said.

Hauled metal plating sludge from Samsonite, Park-Sherman and Olin Metal, Doyle said, is residing in the bottom of the Stones River, due to drainage from the present landfill.

The drainage path leads directly to the city water intake system, Doyle said, and is carried upstream



Both the landfill currently under construction (shown by the ▲ symbol) and an older landfill (shown by the \* symbol) are located near the water intake for the Murfreesboro water supply (shown by the ■ symbol) on the Stones River.

to the Consolidated Utility District Intake.

Doyle fears the same of the new adjacent landfill.

"Every landfill leaks, some more than others — Bowling Green, Kentucky, Waynesboro and Lewisburg."

"The problem is more you wouldn't see anything," Doyle said. "The fish and other life that feed on the bottom would have the material incorporated into their tissue and die."

Doyle claims to know a fisherman who has laid out line overnight down current from the plant and to the side of it, only to find one fish dead and one alive.

The water has been tested by both the county and BFI and shows no sign of contamination.

"It's tested pretty often and it will be checked even more often when it [the landfill] goes out there," Mankin said.

"We have spent our own money to have the river tested. We had a firm do a river survey on contamination in the river," Harrington

said. "We didn't have to have that done. We wanted to have it done to see what type of background data we could gather from the river," Harrington said.

Doyle suggested burning the trash for fuel and energy as a possible alternative to the new plant.

Kirchner added that it might be possible to move either the plant or the water intake system.

Mankin said recourse action is limited since the new landfill was given no choice in the new landfill site.

"I had a visit from a former solid waste state employee. He says this is the only site in the whole county for a landfill, so we don't have much choice," he said.

"Landfills are needed," Harrington said. "We need good sanitary landfills operated by good companies that have the capital resources to do a good job... and we are the very best in that business."

"For people to make sensational statements and scare the hell out of people is pretty irresponsible," Harrington said.

ance company may not have to pay full value for his vehicle.

"Under Tennessee law a lot of insurance companies get by with paying dollar value. This is sometimes less than what the car is really worth," he said.

The english/mass communications major said he hopes he re-

ceives enough money in the settlement to buy "a good, reliable car of comparable value."

"I really think the county should buy me a new car since mine was practically new," he said.

Now that the shock has worn off, Cartwright said he can look back on the incident and laugh.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Upon returning from shooting the landfill Friday at Stones River, photographer Wayne Cartwright returned to find that his 1986 Chevy Sprint had been crushed by a Caterpillar bulldozer.



"Bang! Bang! You're dead!" Mike Johnson/Staff

Jeff Thornhill takes a shot at the starbase, defended by David Burgess, while teammate Kyle Stringer aims at another target during a laser tag tournament held by Campus Recreation in Auxiliary Gym B, Murphy Center.

**Crushed**

situation. "I feel guilty [about making the assignment]," she said. "But I don't think this will happen again. This was just one in a million."

Cartwright said the incident has received a lot of attention from the local media and interested individuals.

"I appreciate their concern, but I could use a lot less notoriety and a lot more car," he concluded.



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The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program helps elderly, handicapped, non-English-speaking and other taxpayers who cannot afford professional tax assistance. IRS-trained volunteers will be at the Murfreesboro Senior Citizens Center Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m., the Murfreesbor Linebaugh Library, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Smyrna Library, March 9 and April 2 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tau Omicron Women's Honor Society will meet Tuesday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 324.

The Public Relations Students Society of America is sponsoring a resume workshop on Wednesday, March 16, at 3:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 325. If you have questions contact Marla Deaton at 895-9748 or Susan Wyant at 361-1154.

The ACT/COMP exam will be

given for graduating seniors in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building from March 14 through March 17. The times are at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. for March 14 through 16 and at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on March 17.

American Society of Women Accountants will have a business meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 4:30 p.m. in Kirksey Old Main in room 221. Officers will be nominated.

A SBS meeting will be held today at 4:00 p.m. in Studio A at the LRC. Discussion on "Can MTSU have a student radio station."

The Honors Lecture Series will continue on March 16th, with Dr. Jackie Eller giving a speech entitled "Deviance and Women." All lectures will be presented in Peck Hall Room 107 on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Sigma Xi and the MTSU Ideas and Issues Committee will present a lecture by Dr. William Hubbard. The lecture is intitled "Regulation of the Immune Response by Alpha-2 Macroglobulin and Associated Peptides". It will be presented on March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Davis Science Building Room 100. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Alpha Omicron Pi is raising money to prepare Easterbaskets for the Vanderbilts Children's Hospital and for children at MTSU's Speech and Hearing Clinic. A table will be set up in front of Phillip's Bookstore on Tuesday, March 17, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00p.m. and also on Friday, March 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00p.m. For additional information contact Jenny Amos at 459-3782 or Lisa Ferrell at 896-8158.

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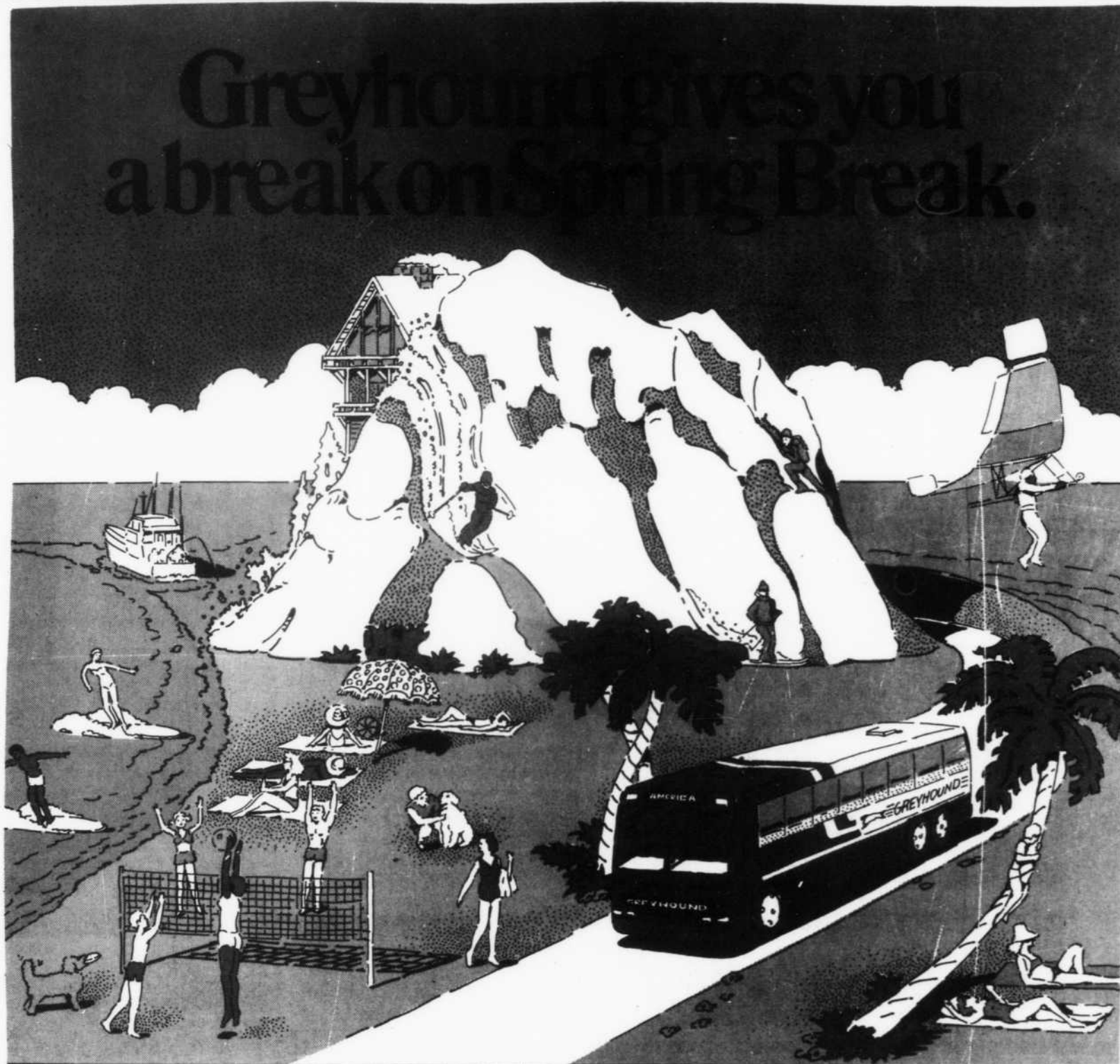
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# EDITORIALS

## Sidelines endorses Hosey for ASB slot

For the past three weeks, the MTSU campus has been bombarded with campaign slogans to vote for particular candidates for various Associated Student Body Positions.

On March 2 and 3, 1,715 students turned out to cast their ballots for ASB president. In that election, Harry Hosey and Larry "Burd" Hall finished first and second. Of those 1,715 votes, 741 were cast for Hosey and 443 were for Hall.

Since neither of these candidates received the "50 percent plus one vote" required to win a general election for ASB president, a run-off election will be held this Wednesday and Thursday.

Of the two candidates in this run-off, it is the opinion of the *Sidelines* staff that Hosey would be the candidate most capable of serving the student body of this university as its chief executive.

Hosey, a junior majoring in marketing, has shown a sincere concern for the students of MTSU throughout his campaign. Alone among the candidates, Hosey has voiced his concern for our handicapped students and feels their needs could be better served by the university, just to mention one issue.

Also, by his campaign of visiting residence halls, the can-

didate has made more of an effort to truly discover the needs of MTSU students than his opponents.

His campaign has shown that although he is a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, Hosey cares about the needs of independent students as well as his fraternity brothers.

Hosey has stated that, if elected, he will attempt to increase student involvement in school activities. The candidate possesses the personal qualities necessary to accomplish these goals. He is a friendly, straight-forward person who has shown throughout his campaign that he can generate a significant following among the students of MTSU.

While Hall is an individual who should be commended for his courage in seeking the position of president, it is the opinion of this staff that he lacks the necessary qualifications to be an effective chief executive.

Early in his campaign, Hall showed his apparent disdain for election regulations by placing hundreds of campaign posters in Peck Hall, in clear violation of the Comprehensive Election Act of 1983, Article VI, Section 10. Upon being contacted by election commission officials, Hall rectified the situation.

It is our opinion that Hall also lacks the experience to hold the position of ASB president. Some doubt has also been raised about how seriously Hall would take his duties if elected.

While Hall has referred to himself as "The Non-Controversial Candidate" it is Hosey who has truly avoided controversy.

While former candidates Tony Stinnett and William Newberry were answering questions of conflict of interest and racism, respectively, Hall was drawing the attention and ire of some students with his campaign parade around Loop Drive during the general elections.

During this time, Hosey was concentrating on talking to students. Hosey's campaign has reached a significant number of students and allowed the candidate to learn how to effectively serve the MTSU community.

Hosey has shown that he cares about MTSU and has a deep seeded desire to serve the campus community. It is our opinion that he would do so to the best of his ability if elected as our president.

## ASB elections prove that local politics are the best part of American politics



Tommy Williams  
Columnist

I just can't understand why, out of the over twelve thousand students at this university, only 1,715 people chose to vote in the ASB elections on March 2 and 3.

What's the problem? Tip O'Neill, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, said that "all politics is local." This is so true. And how local can you get than right here at the university? It is truly politics at its best.

Just look at the recent race for speaker of the senate. The candidates were smiling Jim Barnes and Beta Theta Pi hopeful Lan Vaughn. Barnes rolled to victory. It was beautiful.

Jim won because he shook as many hands and smiled as much possible. In Jim's case, he smiles in his sleep.

In the speaker of the house race, Todd Burnett, a person possessing deep political heritage, ran unopposed. Why didn't anyone run against him? Was it because they were scared of his popularity or was it the fact that no one really cared about having the job? Occasionally, that is another beautiful thing about politics — no opposition. Just ask Burnett.

In the ASB presidential race, Tony Stinnett, William Newberry,

Harry Hosey and Larry "Burd" Hall conducted themselves in a way that well represented the diversity among politicians.

Tony was surrounded by controversy because of a possible conflict of interest between his work at *Sidelines* and his candidacy.

"Burd" Hall's campaign drew a lot of attention for his parade around Loop Drive on March 3. Campus Security and the frustrated drivers blocked in by it found this parade rather interesting.

Newberry's campaign represented a misfortunate situation. An old political figure once said, "The worst thing a politician can be called is a racist."

Newberry's campaign also proved that you can't always trust experience, or in the case of Newberry's campaign manager Rob Marlin, make believe experience.

Hosey ran a campaign that was full of political energy. Harry also added a nice musical touch with Pi Kappa Alpha "Emperor of Love" Scott Hogue.

The campus media also added its touch to this election by providing sometimes inaccurate coverage of the debates and events.

Tony was severely misquoted concerning a question about student drug testing which Stinnett didn't support. Hosey was also misquoted on the question, but the fact that he received more votes than any other candidate in the general election shows that his campaign obviously recovered.

Former *Sidelines* News Editor D. Brian Conley was responsible for the false headline that appeared in the paper a day prior to the election. This was typical of Conley. He has been able to stretch and turn the truth, mislead and create events and controversy for so long.

It embarrassed me when I saw the headline for the Sigma Debate story. I knew it was misleading, but I didn't have the authority to do anything about it.

Stinnett was in a bad position as well. He handled himself in that situation and should be commended.

This election has been great. We had just a touch of everything that makes up the essence of a political drama. We had racism, drugs, lack of experience and conflict of interest.

Some positive issues were even discussed, such as providing services for the handicapped and creating a new school radio station.

Harry, Larry, Will and Tony have given us a lot of entertainment for the past three weeks, but now it's down to Harry and Larry.

Every election ever held has had its winners, losers, victors and victims. The ASB elections have been no different.

Harry and Larry made it to this week's run-off. Tony lost in the general election, but got to keep his job, and Will is sitting in the corner trying to figure out what in the heck went wrong with his campaign.



"...LISTEN, I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT THIS PART OF THE JOB EITHER— BUT I ALSO PROTECT THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, THE MERCURY NEWS, DAVID LETTERMAN, GARRY TRUDEAU, DAN RATHER, WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, MORT SAUL, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE AND PAUL CONRAD..."

## Something to think about on break



D. Brian Conley  
Staff Writer

At 6:30 p.m. on March 5, a drunk driver sped down a residential street in Sand Springs, Okla.

According to a passenger in his truck, John [not his real name] ran a stop sign he had no intention of obeying and struck a car carrying three elderly passengers.

The car carrying my grandparents was totaled. My grandmother, 68, died instantly. My 77-year-old grandfather was conscious immediately after impact. According to the elderly woman in the back seat, he said he was OK, looked at my grandmother and collapsed. Attempts to revive him on the way to the hospital were unsuccessful.

The lady riding with my grandpa-

rents is now on crutches and has cracked ribs. The drunk driver received only a few minor cuts and bruises.

Not including over 50 family members, in excess of 130 people attended my grandparents' funeral Thursday. This shows how much they were loved by a community they had been a part of for just three years.

A tragedy such as this devastates those who knew and loved the victims. My grandparents would have done anything to help another person. They can not do that anymore thanks to John.

Our lawyer says John will get seven years for each count of first degree manslaughter he now faces. Two civil suits will be filed — one by the family and one by the passenger in John's truck.

However, money or worldly goods will never replace the love I felt for my grandparents or substitute for the fond memories I have

of them.

Like memories of granny's coconut creme pie and of our marathon cribbage matches, or memories of grampa's fishing stories and his contagious smile.

Many people reading this have suffered similar, if not greater, tragedies in their lives. I am not writing this for sympathy. Words or thoughts are comforting but do not help fill the vast void which has been torn out of my soul.

No, I just hope one person will think about what this drunk driver did to a family and community — how a few seconds caused so much grief.

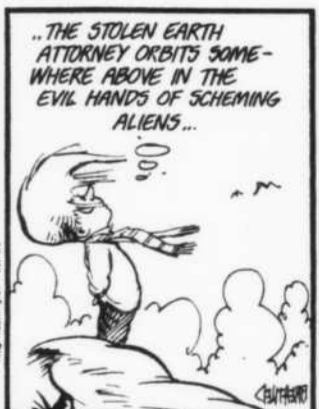
I hope they also think of how the decision to drink and drive killed two people and changed the lives of innumerable others.

I used to jokingly say, "Don't drink and drive — you might spill your drink." Not anymore. This has taught me just how precious life is and just how suddenly you can lose it.

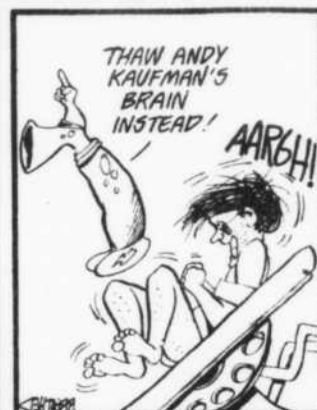
I wish people would think of the mass of twisted, blood-stained metal which used to be my grandparents' 77 Pontiac, or just think of the thousands of people killed or maimed by drunk drivers and not pick up the car keys after picking up a drink.

If it saves just one life and spares one family the grief we have suffered, I know my grandparents would have thought their deaths were not in vain. They were that kind of people.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Satisfaction' offers more than typical teen flick



Justine Bateman as Jennie, keeps the Mystery together in the Twentieth Century Fox release "Satisfaction."

*[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 **STARLENE ROCHELLE**  
Entertainment Editor

"Satisfaction" should be sufficient testimony that Justine Bateman is more than the ditzzy, mall-loving character she portrays as Mallory Keaton on the NBC series "Family Ties."

Bateman plays Jennie Lee, the lead singer in a rock 'n' roll garage band from a tough neighborhood — four girls, one guy — who spend their first summer out of high school as the house act in a posh club at a ritzy beach resort.

"Satisfaction" marks Bateman's first role in a feature film and it's her role as Jennie, who has brains and determination, that holds the band together through a summer of trials and tribulations.

Jennie Lee and the Mystery, armed with their street smarts, take their raw energy performance and rock the social scene. On the way, they learn a few lessons about love and take their first steps on the uncertain winding, bumping road to success.

The film also stars Liam Neeson, who recently played a deaf-mute defendant in "Suspect," as Martin Falcon, the burnt-out Sixties songwriter who hires the band to play in his club. He's the one who steals Jennie's heart. The look for singer/actress Deborah Harry — Blondie — as Neeson's sometimes girlfriend Tina.

The other band members include Trini Alvarado as Mooch, the drummer, who is also a rough street

fighter; Britta Phillips as Billy, the guitarist with a drug problem; Julie Roberts as Daryle, the bass player with boy problems; and Scott Coffey as Nickie, on keyboards, a newcomer and the only male in the group.

"Satisfaction," a sort of rites-of-passage flick, was directed by Joan Freeman ("Streetwalkin'") from a script by Charles Purpura ("Heaven Help Us").

When "Satisfaction" was first produced, producer Alan Neeson set out to tell a more believable story with more interesting, deeper characters from an environment that the usual teen flick aren't about — inner city, urban kids — not the same old cheesecake beef-

cake bologna that is released at this time every year.

A plus for the movie aside from the beautiful setting, filmed on location in Charleston, South Carolina, is the music. They were really playing those instruments! The film's music supervisor was Peter Afterman ("The Big Easy"). Steve Cropper, (Booker T and the MG's and the composer of some great Sixties classics such as "Dock of the Bay") produced all the songs performed by the band.

For what it is, the film isn't that bad. It offers an alternative to your usual teens-in-heat flick, and this is what I based my rating on. This movie proves that there is life for Justine Bateman after "Family Ties."

## 'Choice Awards' lets you choose

By **WACINDA STRICKLAND**  
Entertainment Writer

On April 26 the "TNN Viewer's Choice Awards," a new music awards program, will be presented by The Nashville Network as part of the fifth anniversary celebration of the Network.

What's different about this awards program?

In a balloting system developed by Group W Satellite Communications, marketers and distributors of The Nashville Network, viewers will be invited to cast their votes for winners in eight categories by calling 900-numbers.

Ballots for each category will feature six nominees, selected by a panel of 100 representatives of the music, television and radio industries and journalists.

"We think it's important to give the people a chance to name their favorite artists," said David Hall, TNN Vice President and General Manager.

"We believe the "TNN Viewer's Choice Awards" will mark the first time that all television viewers will

be given a chance to select their favorite artists."

The telephone numbers for each category are announced during each week of balloting in a series of promotion spots aired on TNN during the week.

For each telephone call, the caller will be charged 50c. TNN's proceeds from the calls will be donated to the W. O. Smith/Nashville Community Music School, which makes quality music instructions available to talented, interested and deserving children of low-income families in the Nashville area.

"This awards program is something TNN has wanted to do for some time," Hall said. "And we think the fifth anniversary of the Nashville Network is a fitting time to salute the artists who have pleased the music-loving, television-viewing public and who have also made our success possible."

The awards will be presented at a gala black-tie event held at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry House. The ceremony will be co-hosted by Ralph Emery, TNN's popular host

of "Nashville Now," Willie Nelson and The Oak Ridge Boys and other celebrity co-hosts to be announced later.

"TNN Viewer's Choice Awards" will be produced by Jim Owens Entertainment.

The nominees for two of the eight categories are:

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# SPORTS

## MTSU to host Volunteers in NIT



Howard Ross/Staff

MTSU center Dwayne 'Bam Bam' Rainey, above, will look to lead the Blue Raiders Friday night as they take on Dyron Nix and the Tennessee Volunteers in first-round National Invitational Tournament action at Murphy Center. Tickets go on sale Wednesday morning at the Murphy Center ticket office.

By **TONY STINNETT**  
Editor in Chief  
and

**SCOTT ALEXANDER**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Fireworks will explode when Dyron Nix and the Tennessee Vols come to Murphy Center Friday night in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament.

The Blue Raiders and the Vols will hook up for the first time in the schools' histories. Tennessee, out of the powerhouse Southeastern Conference, will bring a 16-12 record into the game. MTSU enters the game with a 21-10 record, tops in the state.

Head basketball coach Bruce Stewart learned of the invitation Sunday night after his team was left out of the 64-team NCAA field.

"I am really thankful to the NIT committee for selecting us as one

of their participants," Stewart said. "I am happy for our players because they faced more adversity than any team I have had at Middle Tennessee and they still managed to win 21 games."

The Raiders lost their semi-final game in the OVC tournament to Austin Peay 94-82, while the Vols were ousted from the SEC tourney by Florida, 67-60.

Tennessee finished sixth in the SEC and the Raiders finished second in the OVC.

Tennessee coach Don DeVoe failed to return several phone calls by the *Sidelines* staff on Monday.

The Blue Raiders will be making their second trip into the NIT tourney. MTSU was invited to the tourney in 1985, dropping a decision to Clemson at Clemson.

MTSU did compete in the pre-season NIT this year, defeating Vir-

ginia Tech in the first round game before losing to Seton Hall in the second round game.

The Vols have made five appearances in the NIT. They last competed in the NIT in 1985 under the direction of DeVoe. They played their first round game at Tennessee Tech, winning 65-62.

The 1985 Volunteer team advanced to the final four and finished third, losing to Indiana, but bounced back to down Louisville 100-84 in the consolation game.

DeVoe's 1973 Virginia Tech Squad won the NIT, beating Notre Dame 92-91 in overtime to claim the title.

Though MTSU and Tennessee will be playing for the first time, it won't be Tennessee's first trip to Murphy Center.

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## Harris, Sumpter lead Austin Peay past Blue Raiders in OVC tourney

By **TONY STINNETT**  
Editor in Chief

MURRAY, Ky. — Austin Peay pulled MTSU a 94-82 set-back in the semi-finals of the Ohio Valley Conference basketball tournament Friday night at Racer arena to end the Raiders' hopes of a second consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament.

The Governors defeated the Raiders in the semi-final round last year at Murphy Center and went on to win the tournament and a first-round game in the NCAA tourney.

Austin Peay had suffered two set-backs to the Raiders during the regular season, but refused to lose to MTSU for a third straight time.

The Gobs jumped out to a 13-6 lead and never looked back as they improved their record to 17-12 on the year. MTSU dropped to 21-10.

MTSU led only once in the game, 4-2 with 19:17 remaining in the game after Chris Rainey nailed a 17-foot jumper from the left baseline.

The Raiders tied the game only twice, 2-2 and 4-4. It was a game that Peay was in control of from start to finish.

"I think we had extra intensity because they had beat us twice before," APSU stand-out Barry

Sumpter, who had 12 points and 10 rebounds, said. "I think we had more desire tonight than last time. It had to be now or there would be no tomorrow for us."

The Raiders battled back in the first half to pull to within 40-36 at the mid-way point.

Peay came out strong in the second half and built a 76-61 lead with 7:42 remaining, but MTSU would not give up and put a 9-0 run together to pull to within 76-70.

Chris Rainey's two free throws pulled the Raiders to within 76-63. Phil Snell then nailed a three-pointer and the Raiders trailed 76-66. Dwayne Rainey hit four free throws in a 40 second period to pull the Raiders to within 76-70.

At that point the crowd played a factor in the game, with the Peay partisans rising to their feet and giving the Gobs some momentum.

"I think they [Austin Peay] received momentum and spurring on from their tremendous following of spectators," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "I think that was a factor too. When they made their run in the second half their 1,500 fans came to their feet and really gave them some momentum."

"Our 30 couldn't be heard," Stewart said.

The Raiders had opportunities to close the gap at 76-70 after Peay missed several field goal attempts, but Sumpter, Andre Harris, Tony Raye and Lamont Ware took control of the offensive boards and eventually put the shots in.

"We did a much better job on the boards this time around," Harris said. "We tried to keep them off the boards and our rebounding was

Please see Austin Peay page 10

## Murray State downs APSU for conference title, 73-70

By **SCOTT ALEXANDER**  
Assistant Sports Editor  
MURRAY, Ky. — After a fast paced weekend of OVC basketball, the bragging rights of the Ohio Valley Conference are now placed firmly in the state of Kentucky.

Murray, Kentucky that is. The Racers of Murray State defeated Austin Peay 73-70 Saturday night to lay claim to the OVC title and an NCAA bid.

Years of practice and preparation into Racer arena with one common goal — the NCAA.

For those that were expecting a blow-out by Murray State, the first half proved them wrong.

Although the Racers jumped out to an early 5-0 lead, Austin Peay countered with nine consecutive points. This set the stage for seven first half lead changes and the biggest advantage by either team at a slim five points.

Murray State started the second half with six consecutive points by Chris Ogden.

"I felt like I let the team down in the first half," Chris said. "I wanted to come out in the second half and play up to my capability."

A technical foul on Austin Peay coach Lake Kelly and great offensive and defensive execution by the Racer trio of Jeff Martin, Don Mann and Carl Sias put Murray State up by 12 with 12:13 remaining.

"Austin Peay is a great team," Martin said "and they always seem to come back."

And that they did. The Governors tied the game at 57 with 7:08 to play after Murray State went scoreless for five minutes.

From then on it was a see-saw battle that saw neither team gain a margin of over 4 points.

For Murray State, Jeff Martin led the way for the remainder of the contest, scoring eight of the Racers' final 14 points.

The dynamic duo of Andre Harris and Barry Sumpter led Austin Peay in the final minutes, with Tony Raye also contributing.

However, with the season on the line, it was Vincent Brooks who was the deciding actor.

After the two teams swapped baskets that put Murray State in the lead by two points with 15 seconds to play, Austin Peay called a time out.

For Brooks, it was either gloom or doom as he put up a three pointer that would have iced it for the Governors.

The ball bounced off the top of the rim and into the hands Carl Sias with two seconds remaining.

"I will not second guess myself or my team," Kelly said when asked about the deciding shot. "It didn't work and I have to live with it."

Jeff Martin led Murray State with 32 points and was named the tournament's MVP.

"For those who doubted us, we went out and proved that we deserve to be number one," Martin concluded.

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# Lady Raiders headed down 'yellow brick road'

By TRACY BOYD  
Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raiders are "headed down the yellow brick road".

This is how Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens describes his team's first-round NCAA tournament meeting with the University of Kansas, Wednesday in Lawrence, Kan.

bid by virtue of their Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship win over Tennessee Tech last week.

In addition, MTSU also won the OVC regular season championship, surprising many prognosticators who predicted they would finish as low as fourth in the conference.

"Playing in the tournament is a reward," said Bivens.

ular season Big Eight Conference race.

It will be the first meeting of the two teams.

Bivens is hoping the miracle season will continue, but it may just

take a miracle to beat Kansas.

"It looks like they've got a lot of quickness," Bivens said, "which is not a good thing for us to go against. They're a very physical team. We could have a lot of trouble matching

up with them person to person."

Bivens says that Kansas' main strength is their consistency. They have four starters averaging in double-figures.

Leading the Lady Jayhawks will be Sandy Shaw, the Big Eight Player of the Year.

The 6-foot senior forward averages a team-high 13.7 points per game.

Lisa Dougherty, a 5-foot-8 senior guard, averages 11.2 points per contest.

Deborah Richardson, a 6-4 junior center, leads the team in rebounding at 7.7 per game, and scores 10.3 points a contest.

Rounding out Kansas' double-figure scorers is 5-foot-7 sophomore guard Lisa Braddy, at a clip of 10.2 per game.

Lady Raider standout Sandy Brown is excited about the tournament and is optimistic about MTSU's chances.

"I'm really excited," said Brown. "I'm not going to say we don't have a chance. We have to be optimistic. If we execute our game, we have as good a chance as anyone."

The Lady Raiders enter the tournament as the 10th seed out of a possible 10 seeds in the Midwest region.

Kansas is the seventh seed. Louisiana Tech (27-2), the fifth ranked team in the nation and second seed in the Midwest, will host the winner of the MTSU-Kansas game.

The winner of that game will advance to the Midwest Regionals in Austin, Texas on March 24 and 26.

**"We're going out to see Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz and the Tin Man and all of those people."**  
Lady Raider coach Lewis Bivens

"It's been a miracle all year," Bivens said, "and now we're going out to see Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz and the Tin Man and all of those people."

The Lady Raiders, 22-7, received the automatic NCAA tournament

The Lady Jayhawks, 21-9, received the automatic NCAA berth by winning the Big Eight Conference tournament. They recorded tournament victories over Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Kansas finished third in the reg-

## Martin, Mann lead Murray past ECU in OVC tourney

By SCOTT ALEXANDER  
Assistant Sports Editor

Murray State defeated Eastern Kentucky Friday night 76-60 to advance to the finals of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament against Austin Peay.

The Racers, who were predicted to win the tournament, encountered few problems with the Colonels.

The duo of Jeff Martin and Don Mann dominated the first half, contributing 23 of the Racers' 40 first-half points.

"The basket was there and we took it," said Martin, who led Murray State with 32 points. "Me and Don [Mann] shot the ball really well and the crowd support was tremendous."

Eastern closed the gap to seven points at 67-60 with 2:41 to play,

but the perimeter shooting of Mann and the inside game of Martin and Carl Sias was too much for the Colonels.

"The difference in the game was the rebounding," Eastern coach Max Good confessed. "We didn't get position as good as them. We just stood around."

The win improved Murray State to 20-8 and sent Eastern back home with an 18-11 overall record.



Frank Conley/Staff  
Lady Raider center Tawanya Mucker, shown here in recent action, will lead MTSU against Kansas in NCAA tourney first-round action.

## NIT tourney tickets on sale Wednesday at ticket office

Staff reports

Tickets for MTSU's Friday night first-round National Invitational Tournament game against the University of Tennessee at Murphy Center will go on sale at the Murphy Center ticket office tomorrow at 8 a.m.

Reserved seat tickets will cost \$9 and bleacher seat tickets will go for \$8.

MTSU students with a valid stu-

dent I.D. can purchase tickets for \$6. There will be a two-ticket limit placed on the tickets at the student discount price.

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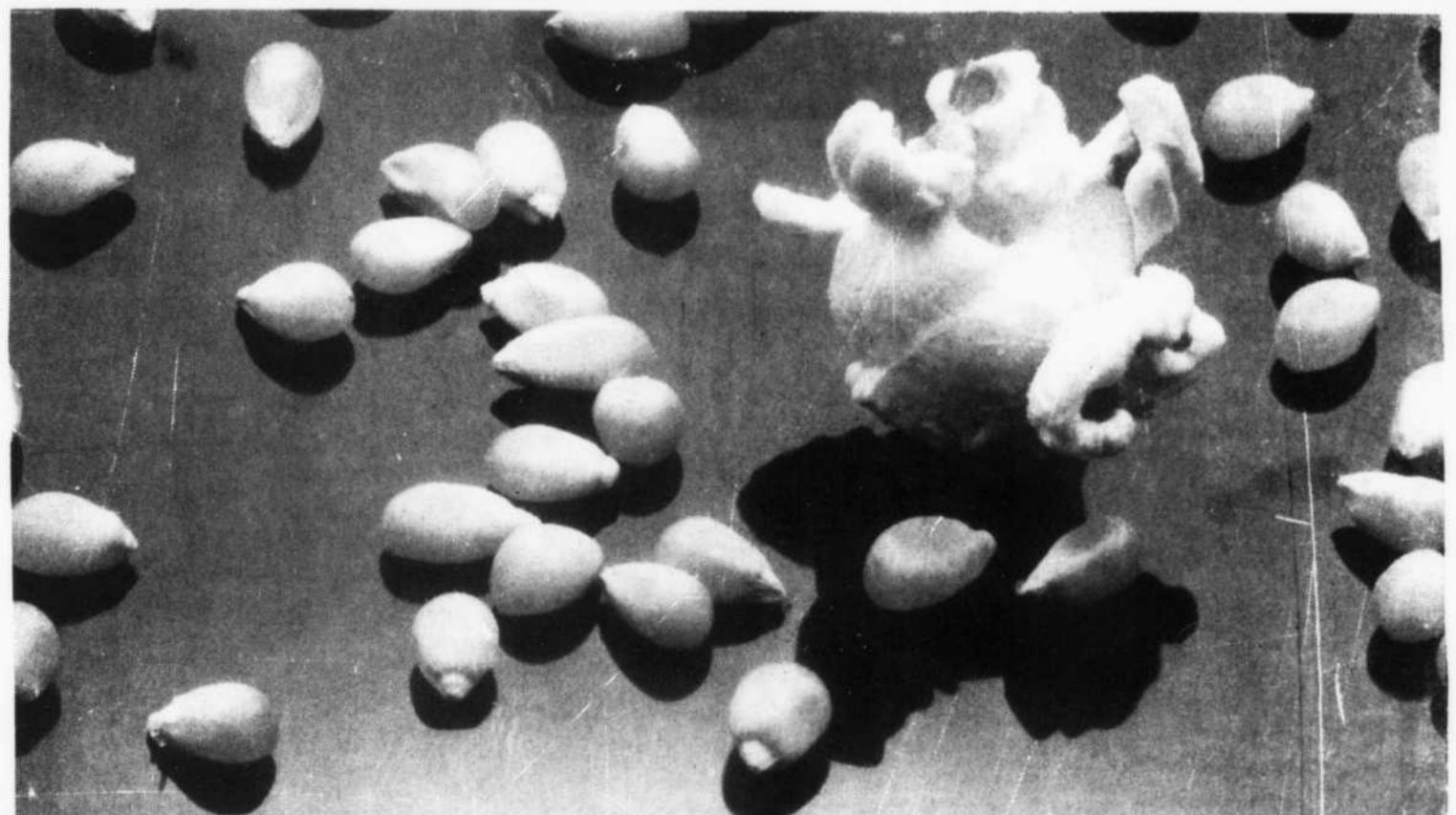
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# Richardson, Norton lead MTSU past TSU

By M.A. BROWN  
Editorial Editor

The MTSU Blue Raiders used the arms of Chris Norton and Dave Richardson to sweep Tennessee State in a double header 10-1 and 6-0 at Reese Smith Field Sunday.

In the first game, Norton cut through the Tiger line-up, allowing just two hits over seven innings.

The right-hander from Murfreesboro walked two and struck out nine in pitching his first complete game of the season.

The Raiders opened the scoring early by rocking TSU starting pitcher Anthony Coleman for four runs in the first two innings.

The Tigers scored their only run of the afternoon on a lead-off homer by center fielder Charles Smith in the fourth.

MTSU put the game out of reach in the bottom of the fifth, scoring five runs off Tiger reliever Tony Majors.

The big blow of the inning was a two-run double off the right field wall by first baseman Mike Meserly.

Left fielder Jay Owens, a freshman from Cincinnati, Ohio, added a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth. The homer was Owens' first of the year.

With the victory, Norton ran his season's record to 2-1.

In the second game, Richardson in a pitching clinic, shutting out the Tigers on just one hit while striking out 15 over seven innings.

The senior left-hander pitched the game for three and one-third innings before running into trouble in the fourth.

With the Raiders leading 2-0, Tiger shortstop Corey Barrentine knocked a one-out single and advanced to second on a Richardson wild pitch.

Following a strikeout of center fielder Smith, clean-up hitter Col-

eman, who started the second game in right field, struck out. However, the ball got past catcher Cal Lawson allowing Barrentine to advance to third while Coleman safely reached first.

First baseman Roger Crow walked setting up a bases loaded situation for pinch hitter Melvin Smith.

Smith struck out on a 2-2 count, and Richardson had no more trouble with the Tigers.

"I didn't do anything different today," Richardson said. "I just went out with my normal stuff."

The victory was Richardson's fourth against only one loss. He has pitched four complete games on the year, striking out 42 in 41 innings. His ERA for the season is now 3.26.

Norton's and Richardson's performances were very pleasing to head coach Steve Peterson.

"It was great," Peterson said. "Norton had a couple of bad starts

and he needed a good start to make him feel better and to stay in the rotation."

As for Richardson, it was business as usual, Peterson said.

"Dave Richardson pitched his normal good game. He's come close to a shut out a couple of times and he finally got one," the first year coach said.

Peterson was also pleased with the way the Raiders played behind their pitchers.

"The whole team played well behind Chris and Dave. We only had two errors today, and they were both tough plays," he said. "Pitching and defense is what you want constant in baseball. Hitting will come and go."

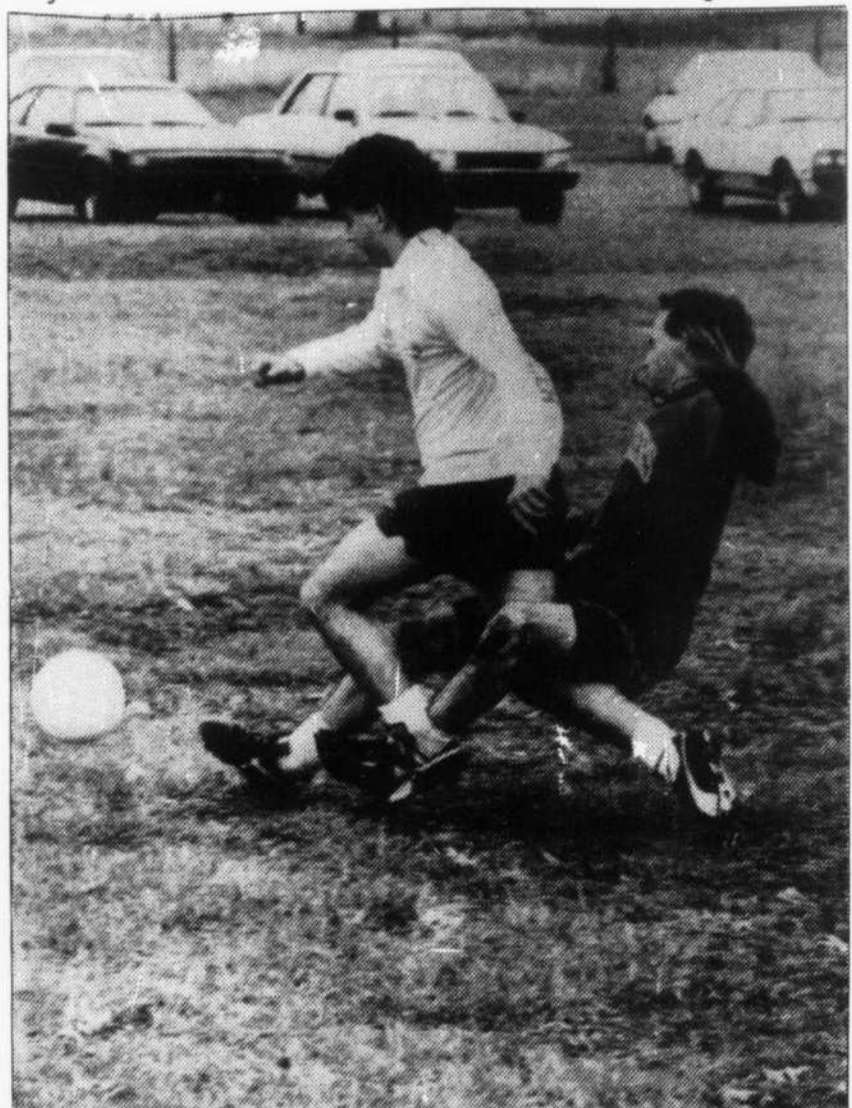
Both errors were committed by shortstop Ed Pye late in the second game.

On the offensive side, the Raiders had several players turn in

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Raider left fielder Jay Owens breaks up a double play against TSU.



Frank Conley/Staff

Two unidentified soccer players battle for the ball in the scoreless tie between MTSU and the Nashville Blues Saturday.

## MTSU soccer club ties Blues, still looking for first league win

By TONY STINNETT  
Editor in Chief

The MTSU soccer club battled the Nashville Blues to a scoreless dead-lock Saturday at the MTSU soccer field.

Both teams had several opportunities to score but neither team could capitalize on the muddy field.

"Both teams had a chance to win, but the field got muddy in the rain and the players started slipping and falling in the mud," head coach Ed Kilgour said.

Mid-way through the match the sky opened up and rain played a factor in the match.

Players from both squads had trouble keeping their footing on the rain-drenched field and neither team could ever establish a good running game.

The Blues are a perennial power in the league and Kilgour is happy

that his team was able to compete with the Nashville Club.

"I think that it is a feather in our cap to be able to play with them," Kilgour said.

The Raiders' defensive performance, anchored by Warren Julino, Paul Crews and goalie Brian Bookhardt, kept MTSU in the match.

"Our defensive performance was great and Warren, Paul and Brian did an excellent job and really anchored the team."

The tie put MTSU's season record at 0-1-1 after dropping their opening contest of the season to Vanderbilt, but Kilgour is pleased with his team at this point and the improvement that they have made.

"We are just starting up in this league and we have a lot of new

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## Pig-out offers MTSU students 'largest party in MTSU history'

Staff reports

The Blue Raider Athletic Association, in conjunction with the B.F. Goodrich spring football game, will sponsor the first annual "Pigs in Pigout", April 15-16, according to BRAA Executive Director Scott Woodburn.

An all-night cook-off and dance will head the list of activities kicking off the spring game in what Woodburn is labeling, "the greatest party weekend in MTSU history."

The money raised will go into the MTSU Scholarship Fund.

"Obviously this is being done to raise money," Woodburn said, "but more importantly, we're just trying to find out what people get excited about and get them to participate in a fun activity."

Twenty-five professional cooking teams will compete for \$2,500 in monetary prizes. The cooking be-

gins Friday night, April 15 and will be followed by "the world's largest disco" from 8 p.m. until midnight on Horace Jones Field.

Cooking will resume through the night and a 25-member judging panel made up of celebrities and town officials will judge the cooking on Saturday morning.

After the food judging, there will be a hog calling contest, followed by the spring game. After the game, everyone is invited to eat the prepared food.

Former MTSU football players who are now in the National Football League will be on hand Friday morning to sign autographs.

Woodburn hopes that there will be student participants competing against the 25 other cook-off teams, most of whom will be corporate

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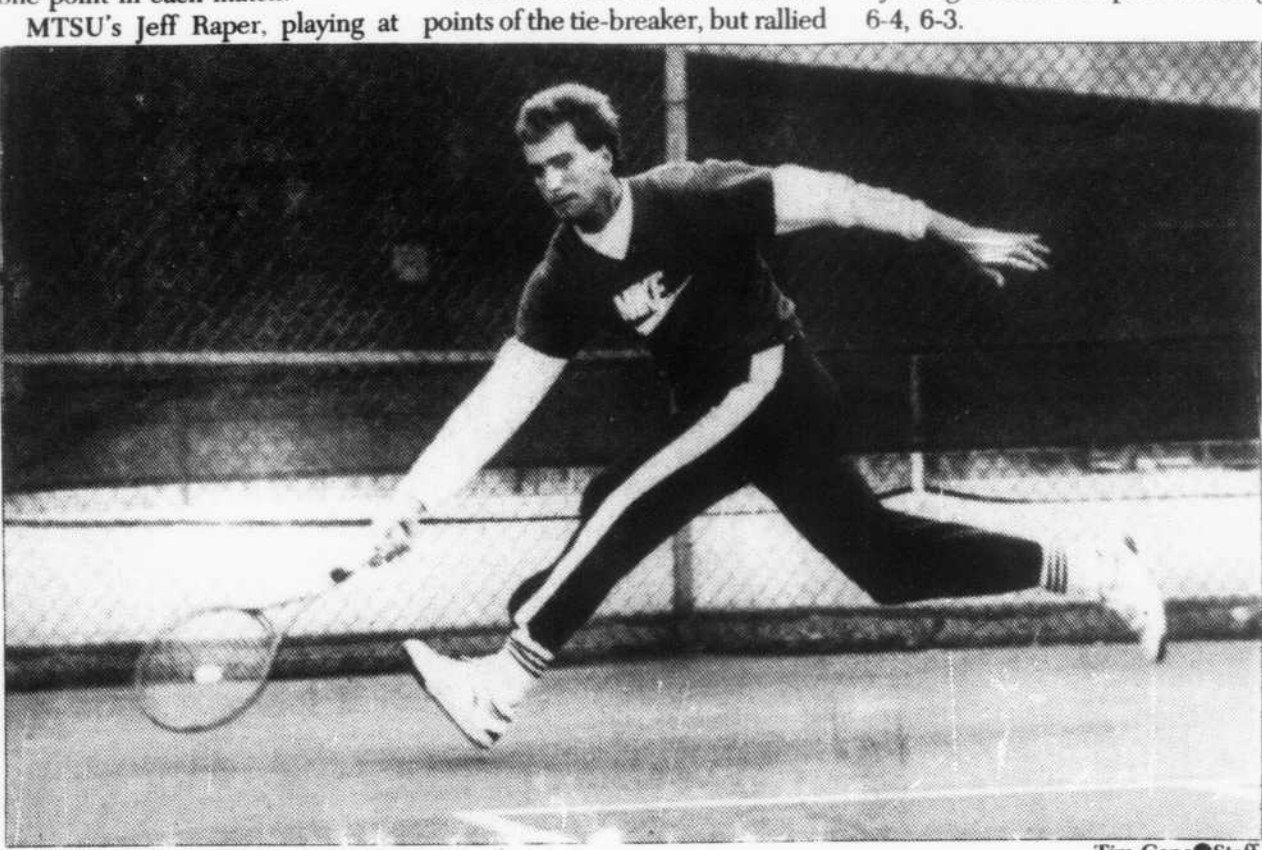
# Murray netters down Raiders

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On a cold snowy untennis-like afternoon, Murray State kept their winning edge on the MTSU tennis team in tact by sweeping all three doubles matches yesterday. The Racers 6-3 victory kept alive an eight year dominance over the Blue Raiders in the non-sport match. With the win Murray improved to 4-6, snapping a four-match drought.

The Middle netters, winless against Murray since a 1980 victory at home, slipped to 4-4, but managed to split the first six singles matches.

"It was nick and tuck, we could have easily won 6-3," MTSU coach Dale Short said. "It came down to one point in each match."



Tim Cope/Staff

Senior netter Ilmar Mutli stretches for a forehand return during his match with Murray State's Mathius Arrfelt Monday. Arrfelt came from behind to defeat Mutli in three sets, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

number five, whipped Swede Tomas Hult 6-4, 6-3. Chris King knocked off Murray's Hans Wold at the number six singles position 6-2, 6-3.

MTSU Swedish freshman Johan Franzen played Jonas Bengrahm in a dramatic three and one half hour duel, won by Franzen 6-2, 6-7, 7-6 to conclude singles play.

Bengrahm, the number three seed for Murray, edged out a second set tie-breaker (8-6) to even the match at one set apiece.

A running forehand down the line gave Franzen a break of serve in game six of the third set to even the score at 3-3. Trailing 5-4 Bengrahm broke Franzen and then held serve to lead 6-5.

Franzen lost four of the first five points of the tie-breaker, but rallied

to win the next five points. Two points later, a hard hit Bengrahm forehand sailed long giving Franzen the victory.

Franzen said being behind in a match makes him play better. "I wasn't nervous," he said. "I play better when I'm down."

Tony Wretlund, Mathius Arrfelt, and Gei Sjobeng won in singles for Murray. Wretlund beat Nick Shewmack 6-1, 5-2. Sjobeng defeated Chris Coffe 6-3, 6-0 and Arrfelt came from behind to score a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ilmar Mutli.

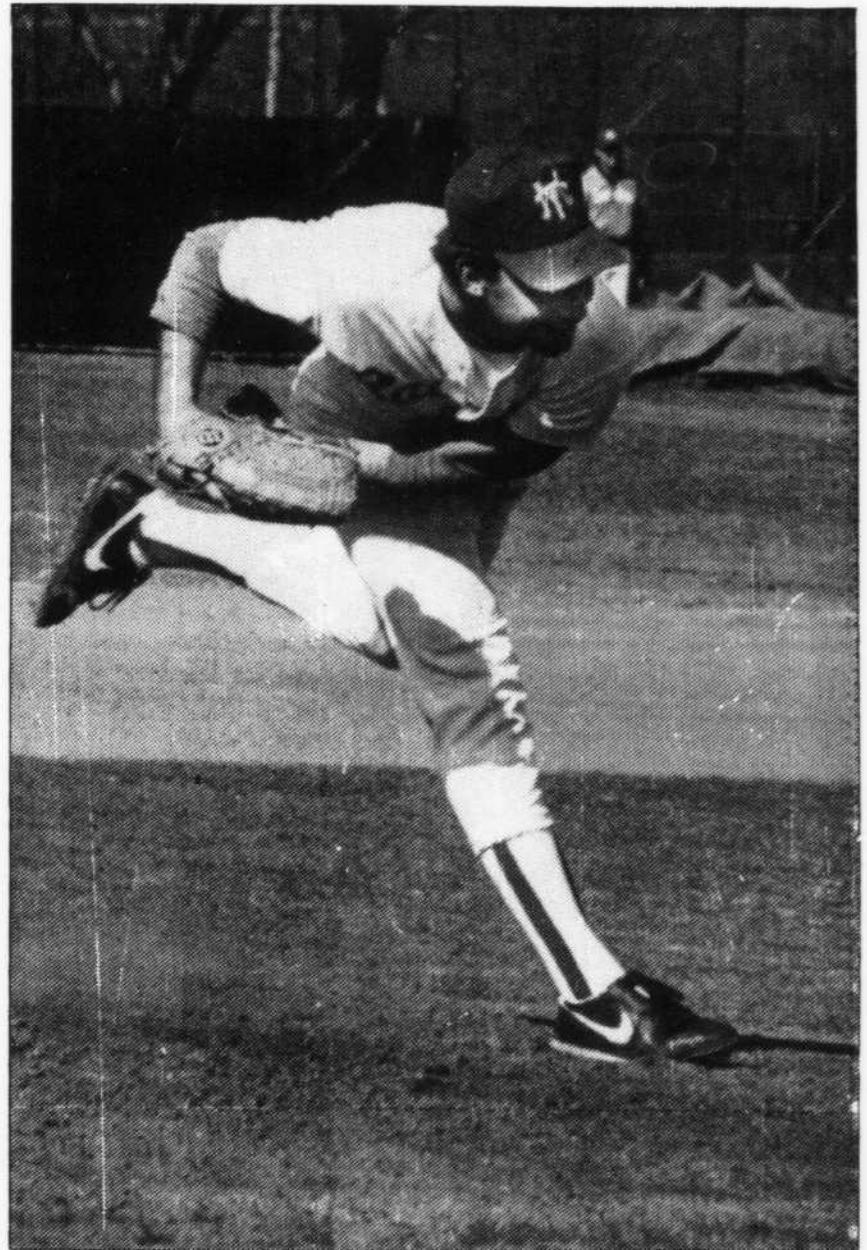
Murray and Wold edged Mutli and Franzen 6-3, 4-6, 7-6. Arrfelt and Bengrahm beat Coffe and Shewmack 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. Hult and Sjobeng defeated Raper and King 6-4, 6-3.

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strong performances in the double header.

Left fielder Owens was a perfect five for five on the day including the first-game homer and a double in the second game. He drove in two runs and scored three. He also had a stolen base.

Third baseman Chris Whitehead, who had struggled at the plate early in the season, was four of six with the bat, including a triple in the second game. He drove in three runs and scored one.



Frank Conley/Staff

Raider left-hander Dave Richardson brings one to home plate in his one hit shut out of TSU. The Raiders swept a double header from the Tigers at Reese Smith Field Sunday.

"Chris is coming off an ankle injury which really slowed him down," Peterson said. "He's starting to come around though. Jay Owens had a great day, too."

Peterson also commended the efforts of designated hitter George Zimmerman.

"George hit the ball real well in the first game, but he let down a little in the second," he said.

Zimmerman went three for four in the first game with a run and an RBI. However, he was hitless in the second game.

"It was good to see the middle of the lineup hit like that," Peterson said. "We have the potential to be a strong lineup. We just need to gel."

Right fielder Mike Young and shortstop Pye also had big days at the plate going three for eight and two for five respectively.

Young drove in three runs and scored three, while Pye scored two runs and stole four bases.

The victories raised the Raiders' season record to 9-8-1. More importantly, the wins upped MTSU's Ohio Valley Conference mark to 4-1.

The Raiders are now tied on percentage points for first place in the OVC with Austin Peay.

Peterson said he was pleased about the Raiders' OVC record. However, he added he felt it was too early in the season to worry about who was leading the OVC.

"It's definitely a good start, but it's too early to be worrying about things like that," he said. "When you play like we did today, and get starting pitching like that, you expect to win."



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a key down the stretch.

Harris finished the game with 19 points and 15 rebounds.

Austin Peay's game plan was to contain the two Raineys and deny Chris Rainey the ball around the perimeter.

"We had to contain the Raineys," Peay coach Lake Kelly said. "We felt like we did a good job on them and they still did well. Little Rainey had to work for his points (16) and that helped out.

"I really thought we did a good job shutting Dwayne Rainey down, but I looked at his stats and he still had 18 points and 12 rebounds."

Despite the loss Stewart was not displeased with the effort of his team and complimented their comeback.



Howard Ross/Staff

Austin Peay senior Andre Harris displays his emotions during APSU's 73-70 loss to Murray State in the OVC championship Saturday.

"I'm proud of my guys," Stewart said, in his post-game interview. "They played with a lot of adversity with the injuries and all, but they never gave up."

Injuries were a key for the Raiders with both of their guards playing with banged up knees and ankles, but Stewart said that wasn't the reason for the loss.

"It's easier to pressure two one-legged guards than it is two quick, two-legged guards," Stewart said. "But we committed 15 turnovers in the first half and you can't win a game that way."

Randy Henry scored 14 points and Ty Baynham contributed 13 in a losing effort.

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players," Kilgour explained. "Our organization is starting to come along and the players are starting to play together."

"After we play a while we will get better," Kilgour said.

Kilgour is still looking for new players for the club and anyone that is interested can meet with the team when they practice on Tuesday through Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

The soccer club practices at the soccer field located behind married student housing.

The Raiders will play Western Kentucky on Wednesday night at Sykes field in Nashville. Game time is 7 p.m.

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According to Woodburn, this is the first time an event like this has been held at MTSU, and he hopes it will continue in the future.

"Hopefully we're going to do it every year," said Woodburn.

Anyone interested in entering a team in the cook-off should contact Woodburn in the office-level of Murphy Center.

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