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In the News

Young authors visit 'Boro

As many as 500 elementary school children in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County — future Stephen Kings and R.L. Stines — will share their original writings with one another and with three visiting professional authors at MTSU's Third Annual Young Authors' Conference.

"The conference is intended to promote a love of reading and writing," said Bobbie Solley, associate professor of elementary and special education and co-coordinator of the conference. "We hope exposing the children to real authors and having them feel like real authors will promote literacy."

The event will take place 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 25, at Central Middle School.

Improvement honored

Chi Alpha Epsilon, a new honor society for students who started college in an academic assistance program and have maintained a 3.0 GPA for at least two semesters, will induct its first members Saturday, April 25.

The ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. in the Suntrust Room of the Business and Aerospace building. It is open only to members of the society, developmental studies faculty and inductees and their families.

Inductees are Joseph Debusk, Veronica McCullough, James McFadden, Kimberly Mitchell, Phonvilay Panyanouvong and Leslie Wormer.

Guitarists perform Bach

The music of Bach performed on guitar is the theme of three musical events to be held on the MTSU campus April 24-25.

The MTSU Guitar Studio Concert will feature Bach's Cello Suite No. 1, Lute suite No.1, Cello Suite No. 3 and Lute Suite No. 4 at 8 p.m. Friday. Performers for the night will be John Nichols, Mike Theimann, Alex Elder and Christopher Dorsey.

Stanley Yates and Mary Akerman will conduct a master class from noon until 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25. The final event in the series will be the Faculty and Guest Artist Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, featuring Yates, Akerman and Bill Yelverton, associate professor of music.

All three events will be free and open to the public. They will be held in the Music Hall of Wright Music Building. For more information call 898-5623.

Police round up suspects

ATHENS, Tenn. (AP) — Police are rounding up 52 suspects named in more than 100 drug-related indictments.

Thirty-four of the 52 had been arrested by late Wednesday afternoon. The arrests, which began Tuesday night, were made at the homes of suspected drug dealers and at sites of suspected drug transactions.

Police chief Chuck Ziegler said the charges include sale and possession of methamphetamine, crack cocaine and marijuana. Undercover officers made numerous drug buys between last June and last December, he said.

Those arrested were making bond, Ziegler said.

He said he hoped all arrests would be completed by the end of the weekend.

Know something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.

Lawson wins, ready to lead SGA

❑ Jamie Evans/staff

Lawson

The results are in and Jason Lawson will be the new Student Government Association President for next year.

"I'm ready to go," Lawson said.

Lawson may be ready to go, but is he fit to do the job?

"I think he's competent," said Ryan Durham, current SGA president. "With some work, patience and dedication on his part, he can successfully do the job."

Lawson agrees.

"I've got a lot of people behind me, a lot of support and a lot of ideas," Lawson said. "The things that I'm proposing are realistic ideas, so we're going to make some real changes."

Durham said he is anxious to work with Lawson in the next week and "show him the ropes."

Lawson received almost 66 percent of the votes — which might constitute a landslide if more than 3 percent of the student body had voted in the runoff. Only a total of 494 students voted.

Jody Bowman, the other presidential candidate, said he was not disappointed that he lost.

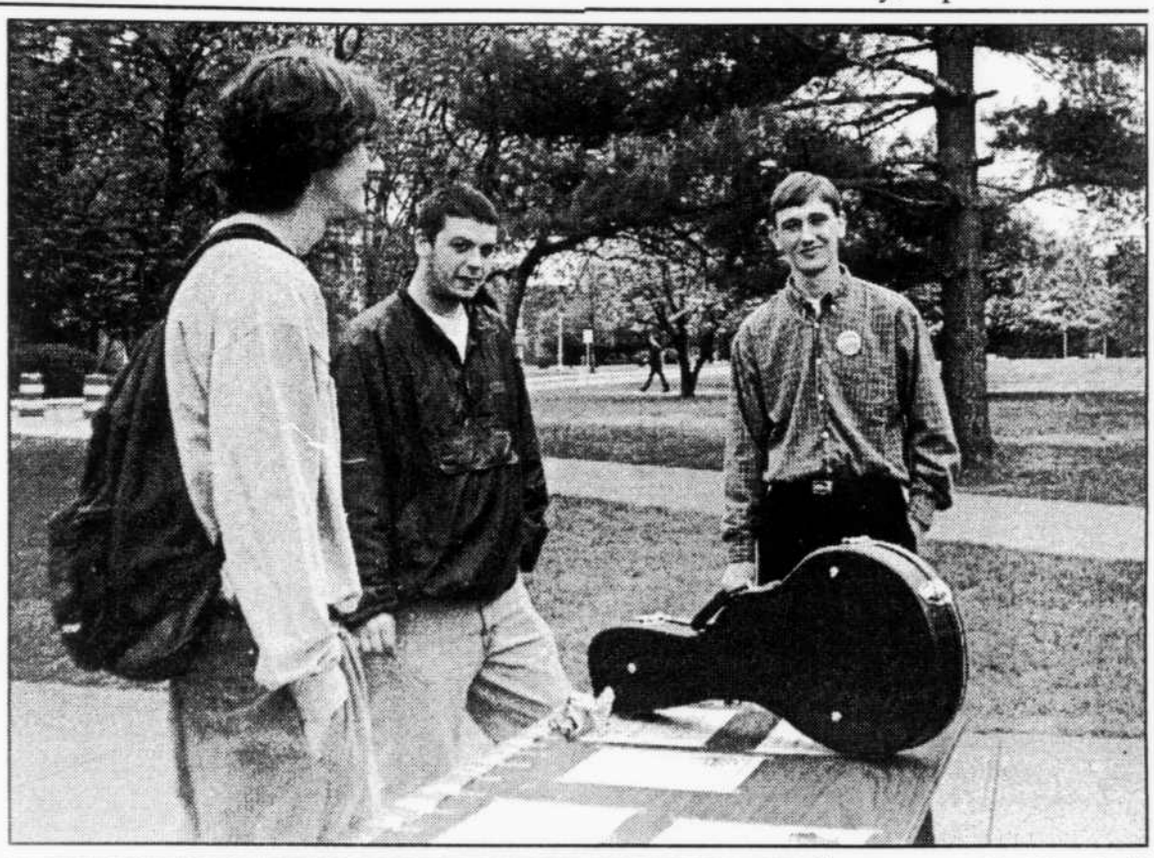
"It was a good experience, and I had a lot of fun," Bowman said. "I think Jason will do a good job."

"Jody was a tough opponent," Lawson said," so I wasn't going to underestimate him. I went in and took it from square one like we had an even chance. I just had to campaign hard."

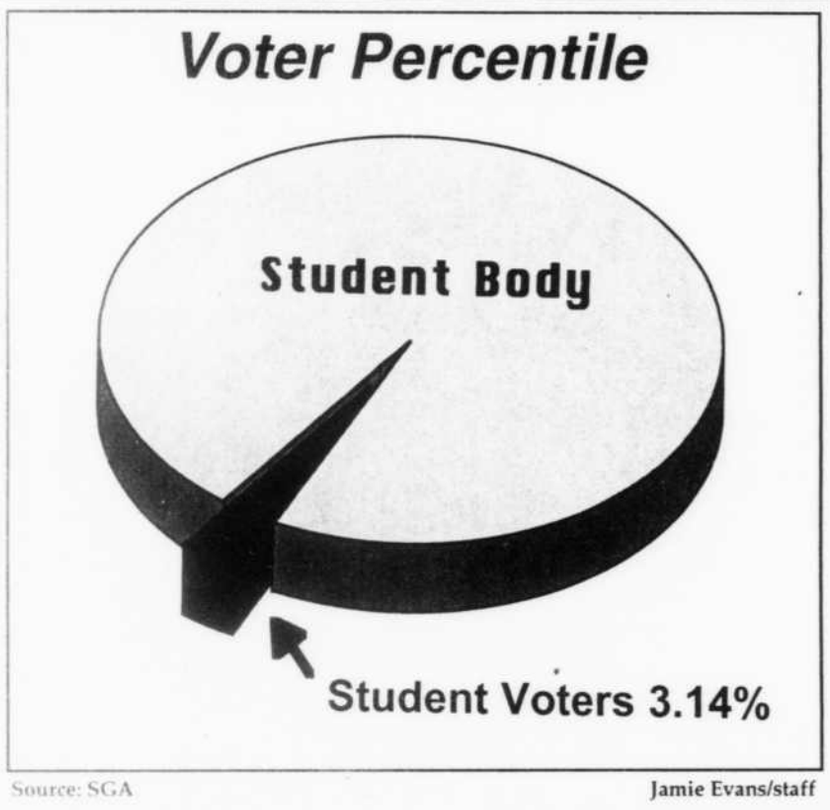
Lawson, who spent a semester as a House of Representatives member, a year as a senator, a year as senate pro-tem and two years working for State Representative Bart Gordon, said that he felt he had an advantage over the other five candidates for the position.

"I feel that I was the most experienced candidate running," he said.

There were also some candidates for senators in the runoff. Kristie Burton won as senator for the college of education and Jeff Jones won the college of graduate studies senator seat.


Vickie Gibson/staff

Jason Lawson greets students on campus during election week. He attributes his victory to his active campaigning. Even though he received a majority of the votes over Jody Bowman, a scant three percent of the student body voted during the runoff.



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Jamie Evans/staff

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Chad Gillis/staff

Students were required to give trees away in the Keathley University Center for Professor Garbharran's resource management and conservation class in honor of Earth Day.

Faculty Senate looks ahead

❑ Jamie Evans/staff

This year's Faculty Senate has met for the last time but Jerry Brookshire, the next Faculty Senate president, is already preparing for the future.

"The most important thing the Faculty Senate does is ensure faculty governance," Brookshire said. "A lot of things are not just what is done one particular year by one particular president of the senate. It's an on-going thing."

Christian Haseleu, the current Faculty Senate president, said that he believes Brookshire will do a great job leading the Faculty Senate next year.

"He's very thoughtful and knowledgeable about the way the university works," Haseleu said. "He has a real concern for the faculty."

The Faculty Senate has two main purposes Haseleu said.

One thing it does is make recommendations to the administration, the provost and the university president.

"Our president is very much a participatory governance president," Haseleu said. "He believes that everybody should participate in the way the university runs and he listens when the senate speaks and is very supportive of the senate."

This is important, according to Haseleu, because he said it has not always been that way at MTSU and it is certainly not that way throughout the Tennessee Board of Regents system.

This was the case early this year at Austin Peay State University when its Faculty Senate gave a vote of no confidence toward its university president.

Haseleu said that MSTU's senate stepped in to observe the events to ensure it was handled properly.

"We did what we could to make sure all side were heard and that the senate's opinion was respected,"

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Gift of life touches university

Student recounts miracle heart transplant

❑ Jamie Evans/staff

Eddie Dorris walks three miles a day, works part time and is a full-time student.

So, what makes him so different from others students at MTSU? The constant fear of dying from a common infection.

He doesn't have AIDs; he is one of thousands of Americans who have survived a heart transplant.

Over the scar on his chest he wears a green ribbon to symbolize his support for the organ donor program. His goal is to save the lives of other patients who are waiting for vital organs by getting more people to join the program.

This week is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week and organizations like the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) are desperately attempting to recruit more people to join their program.

During 1997, 5,447 patients nationwide received organ transplants. Unfortunately, 4,372 Americans were not that lucky. They died before a compatible organ donor could be found.

At the end last year, 58,673 patients were still on a waiting list for an organ donor and 4,048 of those were waiting for a heart. More will join them if more donors are not found.

Dorris was one of the lucky ones.

It all started for him in 1994 when he caught pneumonia. After the doctors ran several tests on him, they discovered that his heart was enlarged and beating rapidly.

They concluded that a virus had attacked his heart several years before when he was still in high school and it hadn't been detected until the pneumonia set in.

He spent the next month in the hospital and in denial, refusing to believe that he needed a transplant. He was released from the hospital and put on a waiting list of 2-3 years.

Meanwhile, Dorris went back to school part time. He was on medication and was instructed not to do any activity that would strain his heart.

"I was home taking medication, coming to school part time and waiting for a heart to be found," Dorris said.

In October of 1996, tragedy struck again. Dorris' gall bladder became infected and his heart stopped.

He was hospitalized again while his gall bladder was removed. After that, his heart was only working at seven percent of what a normal heart would. He had to stay in the hospital until a donor was found.

In February of 1997, his heart stopped again. The doctors operated and placed a machine, called a

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April 23
The Society of Professional Journalists will have its final regular meeting of the sememster at 5 p.m. in MC 150. Mike Davis, staff writer for "The Tennessean" newspaper, is the slated guest speaker. Davis will talk about getting started in the job market and his past work experiences.

April 25
Kappa Sigma Fraternity challenges all students to participate in the 3-on-3 Hoop Challenge sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of America from 8 a.m. until it's all over at the Murfreesboro Boys and Girls Club. Birth certificate/ID is required. To register send team name, roster, identification and phone number to 3-on-3 Hoop Challenge, 1003 Maple St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Participants must register by April 20. Age divisions are 10 and up, prices vary. For more information contact Kappa Sigma at 895-1918.

April 26
Ayn Rand will "speak for herself" in a videotaped interview presented by the Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism at 5 p.m. in KUC 305. The novelist/philosopher will discuss her unique views on various aspects of her philisophy-objectivism. Discussion will feature "Romantic Love."

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left ventricle assistance device (LVAD), inside of him to take over the work of the heart. This new machine had only been approved by the FDA a year earlier.

"If the LVAD wouldn't have been approved," Dorris said, "there would have been nothing they could have done to save me."

After that, he couldn't do anything but wait — again, His chances of surviving were less than 50 percent.

"It's a horrible feeling," he said. "You don't know if you going to have that tomorrow or if you will ever be able to live your dreams."

He stayed that way for eight months, until finally, in May of 1997, a compatible heart was found.

Dorris was in surgery for ten hours, but afterwards the anxiety and the nightmare were over.

Since that time, he has returned to school and spends his extra time going to seminars to tell his story. He visits with transplant candidates and helps them deal with their depression.

"When you are diagnosed with this problem, you feel like you're the only one going through it," Dorris said. "It's a long, cruel wait.

"It's a year-round thing for me. I don't just wait for this week."

He said that people have reservations about becoming donors.

For one, they think that if they are a donor, their body will be so disfigured that it will be impossible to have an open-casket funeral.

According to UNOS and Dorris, this is only a myth.

Another myth is that if a person is a donor and is in a life-or-death situation, the doctor will not try to save him.

There are laws that protect donors which state that the donor must be legally brain dead before they are even considered as a donor.

"They stop at nothing to save you," Dorris said, "but once you're brain dead, there's nothing they can do."

Members of UNOS also said that it is not enough to just sign a donor card to become a donor. The person must also inform their family of their intentions so, in the case of death, it is clear.

"I was very lucky that I got a heart," Dorris said. "There are patients that do not get a heart.

"There would be more people to donate an organ if they understood the need and how many people are waiting."

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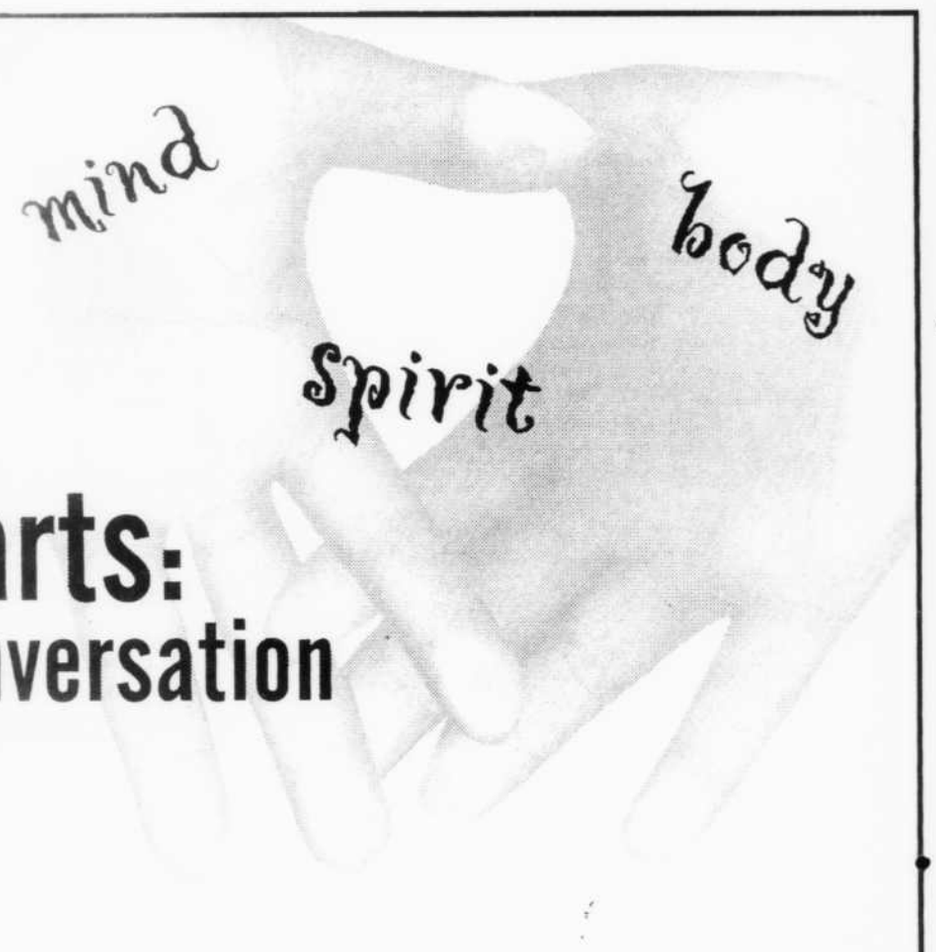

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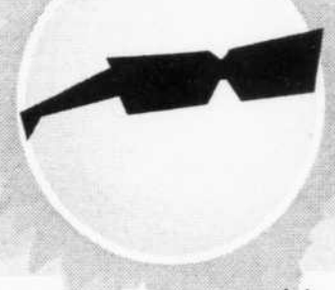

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Barnett writes for women's rights

❑ Shawn Whitsell staff

Shipp

Ida Wells Barnett was a crusader reaching people through the written word. An African-American woman who dedicated her life to working toward women's rights, Barnett is the focus of the last honors lecture of the semester, which will be given by Bonnie Shipp of the English department.

Barnett spoke out especially for African-American women's rights and against the practice of lynching. She started off writing for a church and later began writing for a black newspaper in 1889, which was then called, "Free Speech and Headline." Not only was Barnett a writer for this paper (which later became "The Free Speech"), she also served as co-owner and editor.

"My focus is how she used this paper," Shipp said.

Shipp will also discuss Barnett's life. She said she admires Barnett for the things that she accomplished and the obstacles she overcame, including caring for six or seven younger siblings after her parents died. Barnett also had to educate herself.

Barnett went on to become one of the founding members of the NAACP, but was given the position of secretary because she was a woman.

"She was also one of the first overseas correspondent," Shipp said.

Barnett lived in Memphis, Tenn., but wanted to leave because of the injustice there.

"She urged all black people to leave Memphis," Shipp said.

Because of her activism, Barnett had to encounter a lot of negativity. Her newspaper office was burned down, her partner was run out of town, and a contract was made to keep her out of Memphis after she left.

But she never let this stop her. She remained active until her death in her 70s.

Shipp has a bachelor's degree from Lemoyne-Owen and a master's degree from Tennessee State University. She is currently working on her dissertation at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She has read at the American Women Writers of Color Conference and the Southern Conference on African-American Studies. She has also been involved in the Women's Leadership Conference here on campus. Two years ago, she was elected "Sponsor of the Year" by the Ebony Achievement Award Committee.

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Haseleu said. "We wanted to make sure they were not overridden by the university president or anything like that."

The other role of the Faculty Senate is communication, Haseleu said.

"There are things the administration would like to know and the Senate is a conduit for that kind of communication," Haseleu said.

Also, if not for the senate, a faculty member with a concern would have to go to the chair of the department. The concern would have then have to go to the dean of the college, then to the provost and finally to the president. The senate acts as a forum which allows the faculty to communicate with the university president without having to go through the chain of command.

In the last year, the Faculty Senate has created a Public Safety Advisory Committee, worked on revising the faculty equity model, created a smoking policy committee which will vote on a new smoking policy next semester and voted on revising the teacher evaluation form.

The first meeting of the next senate will be on June 8. Brookshire said that he has some issues he would like to present to the Faculty Senate but he wants to wait to reveal them until the first meeting.

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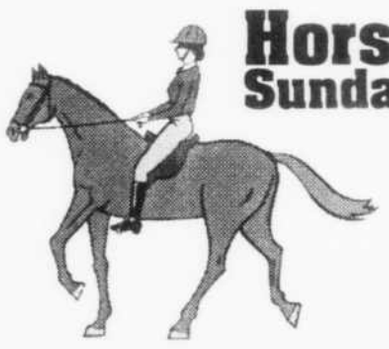

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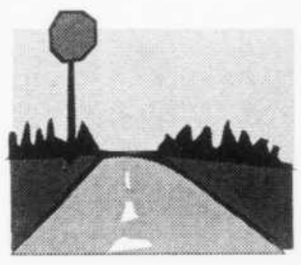

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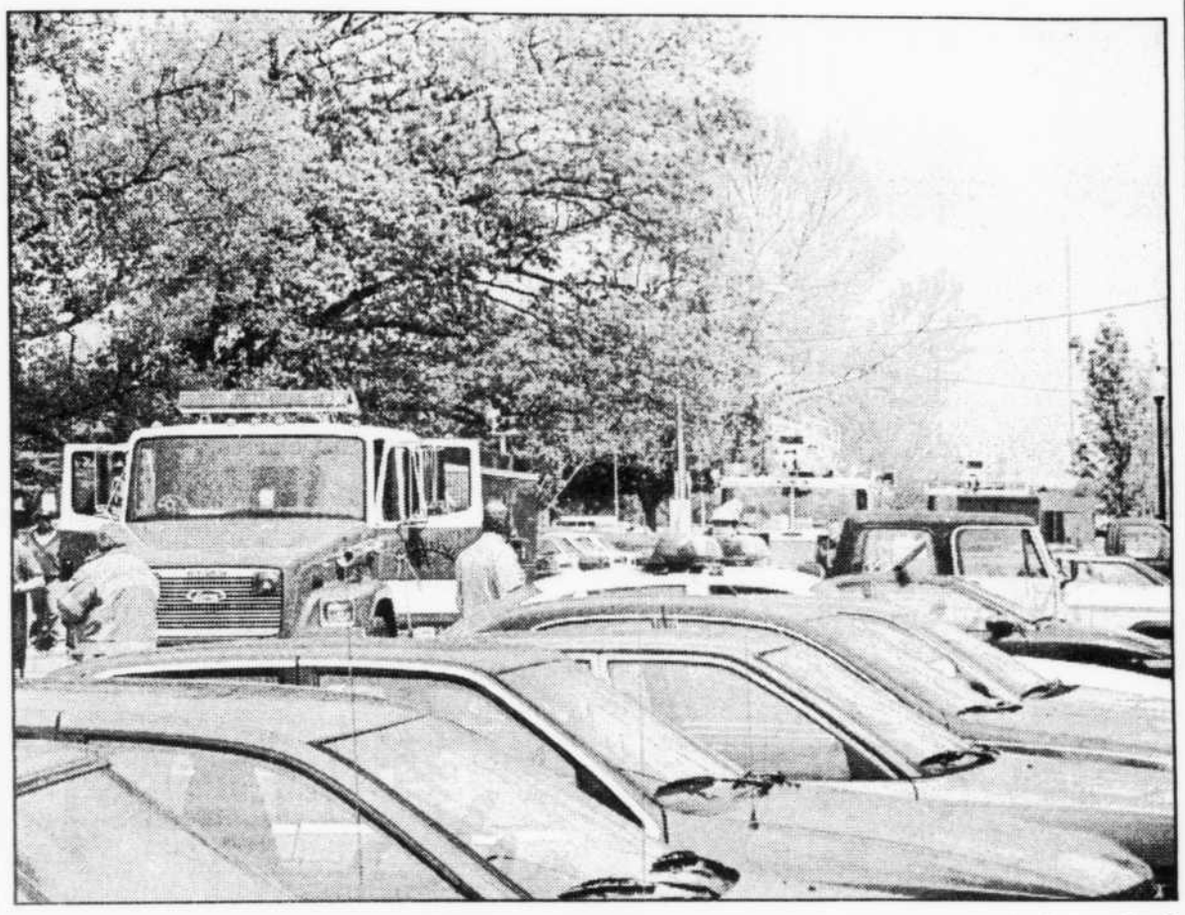

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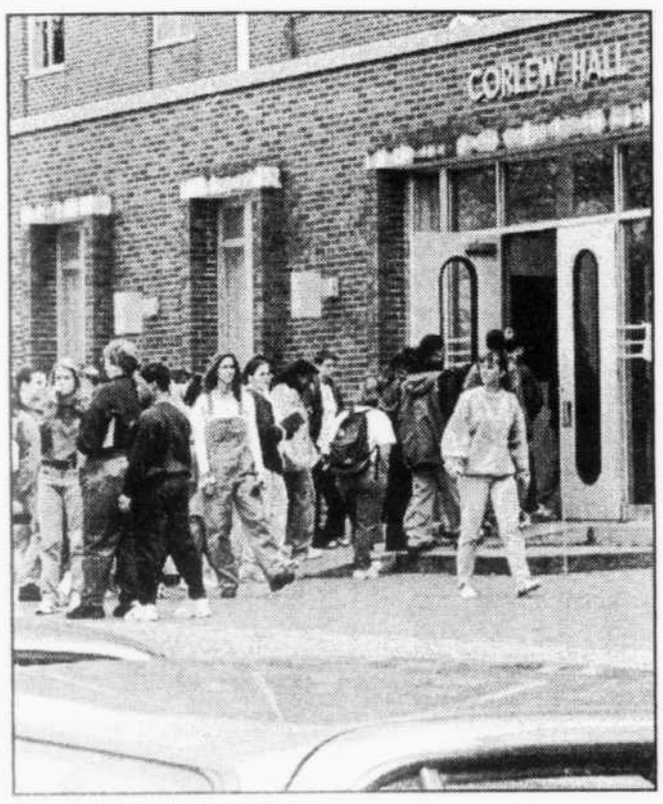

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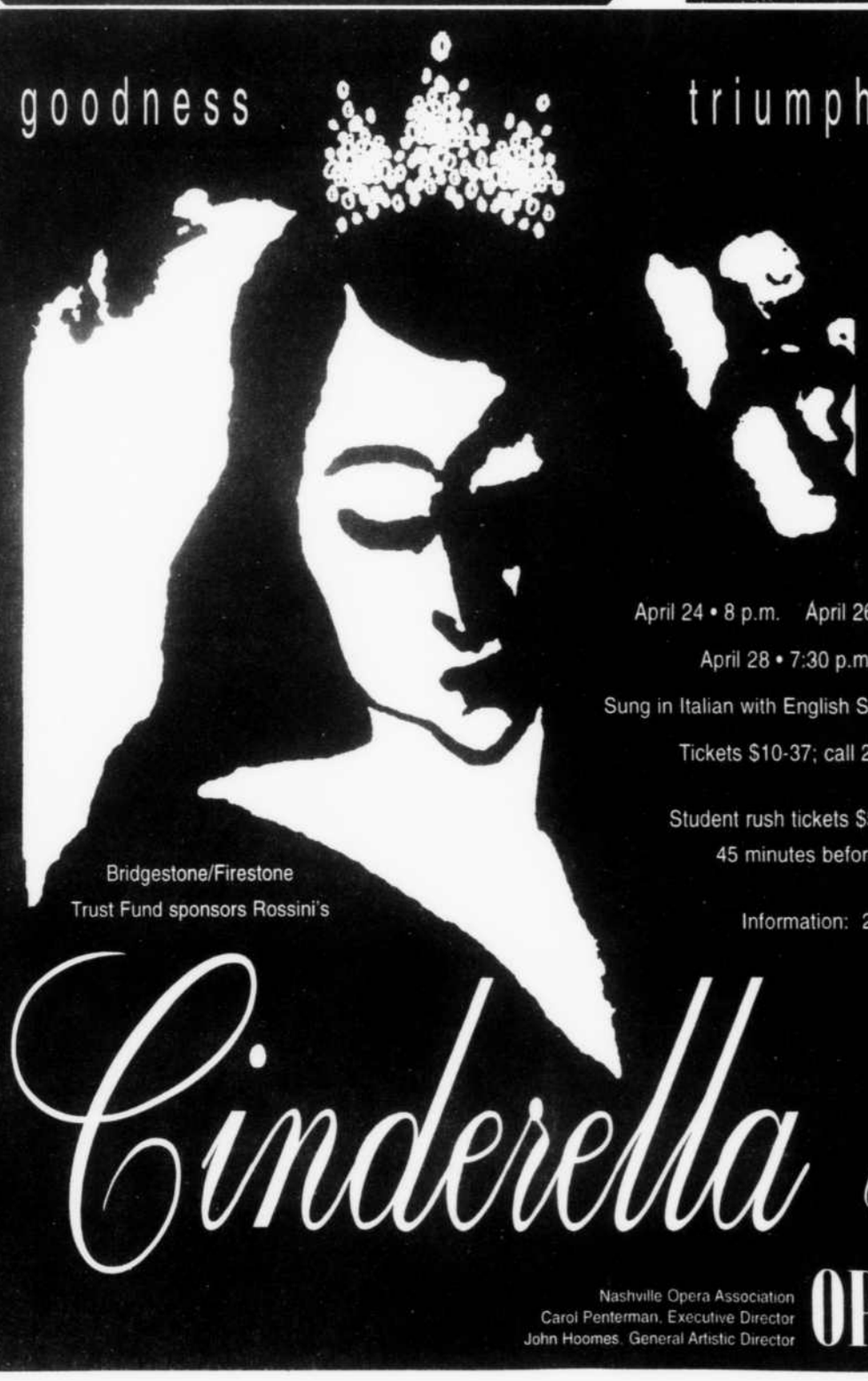

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Dance show offers variety

❑ Valerie Hackworth/special to "Sidelines"

Few may know about the weekly meeting of the MTSU Performing Art Company on Tuesday nights, but the upcoming show is sure to make the whole audience want to dance.

This group of dancers has been working diligently to perfect this semester's spring concert. The show, "Moving On," will be in Tucker Theatre at 8 p.m. April 23-24.

As an audience member, show-goers can expect a wide variety of artistic expressions throughout the performance. This will include hip-hop and jazz along with some comedy and drama.

A variety of faculty and student choreographers participated in the compositions. Anne Holland and Angela Armstrong have led this group all semester and have welcomed several new members.

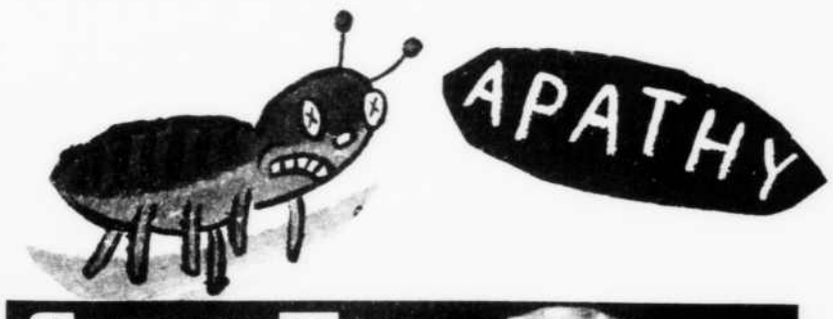
Tickets for this show can be bought for $2 in advance at the dance studio in Murphy Center and for $3 at the door.

A separate and different show, also performed by the company members and titled "Still Moving," was held on Tuesday April 21 in Wright Music hall.

For my country

Katie Wise/staff

Cadet Ernest H. Jenkins received three awards at Wednesday's MTSU Army ROTC Honors and Awards Ceremony. This particular award was presented by Dr. Bob Jones.



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OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson

Editorials

SGA improvement

Scotty Lawson will begin his reign as student body president at Monday's SGA banquet.

This time of year is generally a period of great transition within the SGA. It is a time to reflect on past accomplishments and foreshadow the possibilities to come.

A small portion of the campus population has selected its incoming top official. Now the effort must be focused on setting the agenda.

Human beings are notorious for following the path cleared for easiest travel.

And SGA must clear that path if our community is ever to set foot on it.

Publicizing meeting dates and locations on a regular basis is an excellent starting point. Students are incapable of caring about something they barely know exists.

Another novel venture SGA could undergo would be to insist that only well-though-out and researched legislation could be voted on during meetings.

Lawson would be wise to demand that senators and representatives do their homework and quit wasting time. It seems at times that the SGA itself does not even know what it can and can't actually accomplish.

There is also a great need for senators and representatives to thrust themselves and their ideas into public light. It is well known that this campus is full of apathetic, luke-warm bodies. It is up to the SGA to set an example of in-your-face effort.

Shaking hands and making promises are all good and dandy, but the election is over and now the work begins.

Students must have a face to place a name with as well. A suggestion table with a real, live SGA member to take complaints and offer recommendations on how a situation could be better handled would surely help.

The SGA needs to lead, not follow. Different methods and ideas must be attempted before they can ever approach fruition. Never should our government think that enough work has been done.

The reason people don't vote is because they don't know who they are voting for or why it would do any good in the first place.

Good luck.

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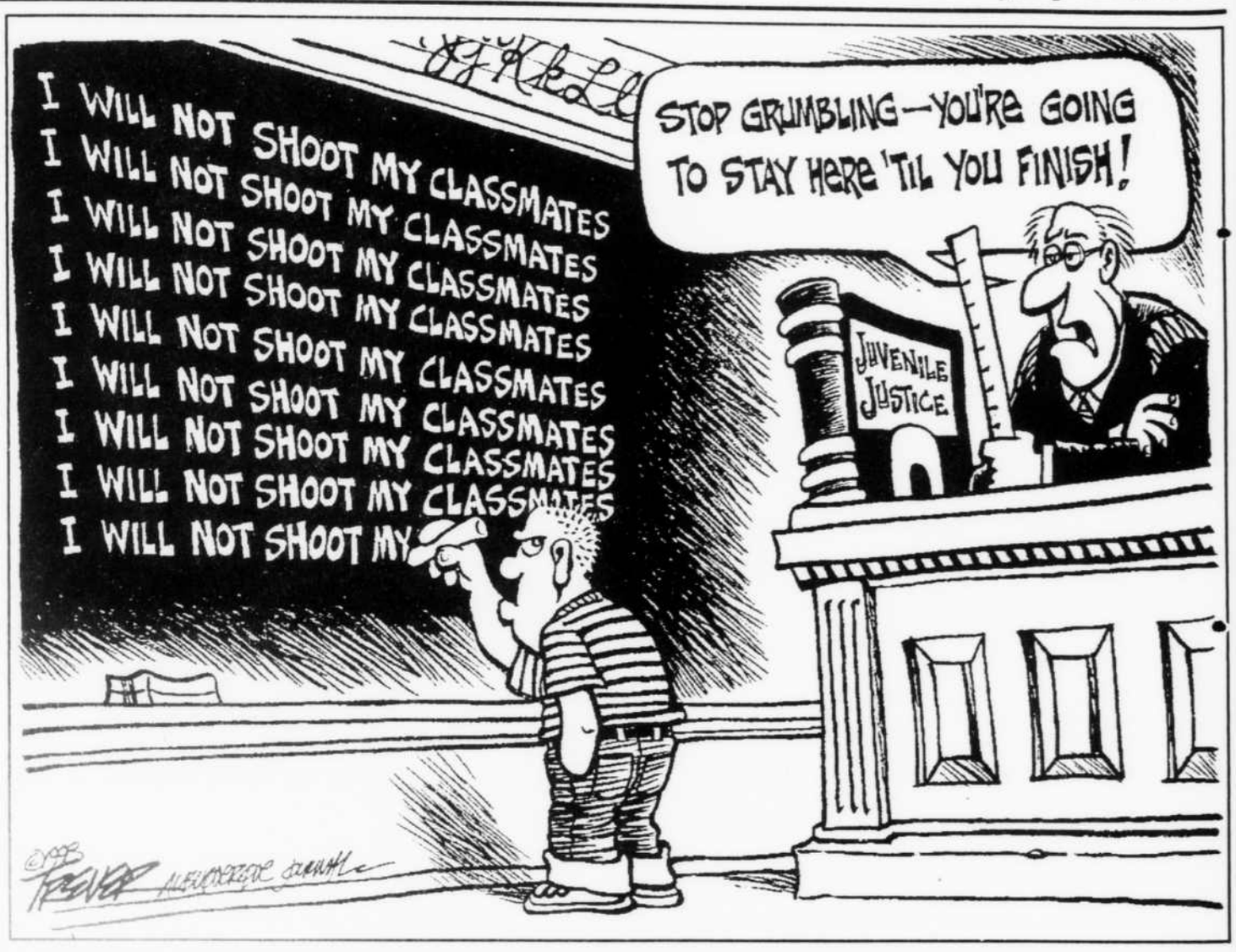

From the Mailbox

Student encourages personal discovery of Beaumont

To the editor:

A few modest notions which should stimulate some introspection into our own actions:

Perhaps this essay is a little too late in preserving the best interests of our student body, but having an understanding of human nature, I know that individuals are fixed in their beliefs and heavily influenced by tabloids which illustrate and usually exaggerate the personal imperfections of the lives of other hman beings. I once thought that immaturity, inhumanity and the savage hunger to know and believe depictions of the mistakes and sufferings of the private lives of prominent individuals was an adolescent fixation with tragedy that diminished when people matured an (sic) entered their years of college. I assumed that all minds mature and people learn to differentiate between important, relevant issues and ignorant, narrow-minded trash. I once believed that we humans could be humble enough to realize that we are all imperfect, and that not one of us is right to compare our actions to the actions of others and let those actions alone influence our opinions of an individual. In my opinion, we are all savage minded, driven by selfishness, lust and desire. We are compulsive liars and we justify all of our actions in order to prove to ourselves how much better we are than others.

After seeing how America reacted to the Clinton headlines about "sex - scandals" (sic), I realized that a sickening percentage of people are not intelligent enough to decipher between right/wrong, moral/immoral and important/insignificant. Should I have expected more from a university student body? Perhaps not. The nature of man is to highlight the faults of others and condemn them, and the truth is, all of our lives are equally filled with mistakes, immoral decisions and tragedies. We love to point the finger and play God, but when we make the wrong decisions, we justify them or ignore them. Not one of us has the right to judge one's actions as better or worse than one's own.

It saddens me to see how easily an "intellectual" community was persuaded by the irrelevant, tabloid article (which was printed in "Sidelines") about Jeff Beaumont. Assuming that all the accusations are true, is this not a reflection of our own lives? Do we all not make mistakes? Before you enter a stubborn state of denial, ask yourself if the most secret stories of your personal life, when dramatized and exaggerated, would not be equally disturbing? In destroying the profile and name of another, we are only denying to ourselves that our lives have perhaps been lead (sic) no better.

Were you going to vote for Jeff? Did you not vote for Jeff solely because of an article you read in "Sidelines" or a rumor one of your peers was slinging into an "intellectual, relevant, college-level discussion?" If so, I forgive you, because all of us make mistakes; our lives are not lived to the definitions of "moral," "ethical," "intelligent" or "civilized." I believe we strive to live in accordance to (sic) these idealistic definitions, and I hope we can learn from our mistakes in order to better ourselves. Bettering ourselves, however, does not begin by condemning the lives of others, and I hope this is reflected by our actions next time we vote.

My personal thoughts of Jeff, having met him personally. (sic) When asked to elect an individual for office, one must first produce and define the criteria of an exceptional leader. What qualities does one associate with a great leader? Is it not a great leader (sic) an individual who empathizes with the concerns of the student body, who is driven to accept the responsibility and challenge of satisfying the many needs of a diverse community and who successfully produces results which clearly reflect a positive spirit of dedication and unselfishness? I understand what qualities are expected in leader (sic), but I also understand that to go beyond those normal expectations, to unceasingly exert oneself in the interest of others, to eagerly confront challenge and to confidently encourage positive changes is to demonstrate the characteristics of an outstanding leader. I am proud to support an individual whose leadership qualities, social skills andachievements are outstanding and especially evident at Middle Tennessee State University. With total confidence, I believe Jeff Beaumont, an exceptional student at MTSU, prominent figure in the Student Government and resident of Area IV, has proven to this university that his leadership skills are outstanding and his past accomplishments are reflective of this. He motivates individuals as well as groups to seek not only an outlet for their ideas but the productivity for results. Jeff Beaumont is, perhaps, the best candidate for presidency.

Having said that, I challenge you to meet Jeff Beaumont and discover for yourself everything he has done for you already in his past accomplishments with the Student Government (sic). Then I challenge you reevaluate (sic) your opinion of him; I challenge you to reevaluate (sic) your vote as to whether or not it was an intelligent choice. I challenge you to focus on your own actions.

Christian C. C. Hamilton

Equality does not exist

❑ Adam Bowers CPS

There is a misconception raging in this country. When people talk about democracy or freedom, they too often use the word "equality." People, especially liberals, use this word to describe the ideal for America's future. The ideal is not so much "liberty and justice for all" as it is "not just equal opportunity, but a uniform sameness among Americans."

Let me offer the following idea. It is something that I believe very strongly and feel is central to what we are talking about: People who are equal are not free, and people who are free are not equal. In a society that values the free market and capitalism, some people will excel and become successful, and others will remain poor.

This does not mean that we ignore the fact that poor people exist. If you can get through all the liberal ranting in the newspapers, you will find that welfare reform is working wonderfully at getting people back to work. Soon, those opportunities that have never been available to those people who simply collected welfare from the government, will help improve lives.

In a society where nobody needs to go hungry, we must continue to be charitable in our actions and in how much we give. If we tell the government that it must not support us, we must still remain sensitive to those who are truly in need.

However, I do not believe in "equality." I think that people who do are making a mistake. In fact, when I hear people talking about equality, I think about the communist and socialist systems that have failed or are failing miserably. Central to communism is the idea that "equality" is paramount; no person should have more or earn more than another person, and freedom is secondary to equality. In the process, people are stripped from the natural incentive to succeed because there is never the opportunity for an improvement in living conditions. In these societies, innovation is treated with disdain and countries quickly become backward after years of little or no technological improvement.

Furthermore, people are not equal. People take the phrase, "all men are created equal," to mean something completely different than what it was intended. People forget that the rest of this statement is, "and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

What does this mean? It means that the Creator is not ultimately concerned about how much money your parents left you when they died or what kind of car you drive or what race you are. Each of us was created with talents that can be used to improve ourselves, and the means to succeed, live, cherish liberty and

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Ads blow smoke rings around teens

❑ Sara Goo CPS

I have a confession to make: I like Joe Camel and those cool Camel Red boxes of cigarettes that look like they're from the 1930s. I also love the Marlboro man, even though I'm not a cowgirl. And you know what? I don't even smoke.

Apparently, the idea that people can like advertisements and also not do what the ads tell them to do has not gotten through to those who are fighting our national tobacco war.

In the latest round of the Big Tobacco Companies vs. Washington, Big Tobacco threw the first punch last week, backing out of the lawsuit settlement. After peering at a final draft of the agreement, RJR Nabisco's Steven Goldstone saw it had fattened to nearly $600 billion from the original $365 billion. He answered, "No deal."

Politicians on the left and right ran around their offices, screaming and cursing. The money they were going to use to fight teen tobacco use had disappeared.

Apparently, each side has now begun a public relations campaign to smear the other. But really, all they have proven is that their efforts to promote public health and save American children from cancer have backfired into a shameful display of greed.

From the beginning, the reasons for attacking tobacco were motivated by money. Though the tobacco companies would not publicly admit it, Americans have known for years that smoking causes lung cancer.

Recent studies show that American tobacco consumption has declined and more people are kicking the habit. However, smoking is increasingly popular among teenagers. In a study released this month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta announced that 30 percent more teens smoke today compared to six years ago.

Using these statistics and the leaked news that tobacco companies may have marketed to teenagers in past years, politicians decided tobacco should pay up.

The money supposedly would go toward programs aimed at curbing teen smoking, specifically anti-smoking ads and public health campaigns. The deal would include voluntary restrictions on smoking advertisements that might encourage teenagers to take up the habit.

This idea makes sense, and I generally agree teen smoking is a bad idea (both Republicans and Democrats realized that no one really favors teen smoking). However, I have trouble understanding how billions of dollars will keep teens from smoking.

First, if tobacco companies did market cigarettes and other products to teens, who cares? Even though it's not the most ethical practice, teens are influenced to smoke by more reasons than billboard ads.

There is no advertising book that says people will blindly follow any media message they receive. In fact, advertising studies show that as people get older, they begin to filter information better and learn to decide whether they accept or reject advertising messages.

Every day, teens are bombarded with advertisements glorifying not only tobacco, but other vices in society. Sex, money and alcohol are abundant. Teenagers are old enough to make choices on their own. Let's give them credit — no one forced them to inhale.

To concentrate on tobacco advertising ignores the power of images in other media. Smoking television stars, movie stars and athletes are all bad examples. Who's to say that 16-year-old Johnny smokes because he's emulating John Travolta or James Dean?

The media is powerful in sending both positive and negative messages to children. But the strength of putting those messages into action is difficult to measure, and frankly, it has never been proven.

A better bet to explain the rise in teen smoking is to look at smoking as a social pressure. I'm sure you know someone who smokes, and chances are that person is often looking for someone to go outside with to have a cigarette. Smokers love company. And when teenagers are experimenting with trying new things that their parents don't approve, it makes sense they wouldn't want to smoke alone.

Researchers seem baffled by the statistics, but to me they make sense. Smoking among adults has gone down, while teen smoking has risen. This can be explained in one word: rebellion.

After I interviewed teen smokers last spring, my editors weren't particularly impressed with what they had to say. While lighting up, three high school students told me they smoked because they enjoyed it, their friends smoked and their parents didn't approve.

This isn't news, but it speaks of a generation of young people who want their own identity. Yeah, smoking is bad for you, but who cares? We live in a world that's already dictating teen lifestyles, from safe sex to where they can skateboard. So why blame Joe Camel?

Teens are smart enough to know the risks of life. They've seen media images, but they also know life is dangerous. Smoking has caused a lot of deaths and other related health problems, much of which are to blame on the tobacco industry's bad practices. But luckily, today's teens have better information about the risks than teens of 50 years ago. This allows them to make more informed decisions than their parents.

The tobacco lawsuit — the $365 billion or $600 billion — is not about teen smoking. It's done little but show how out-of-touch and greedy lawmakers can be when given the opportunity to reach into an industry with deep pockets and low public approval.

And perhaps we've learned another lesson that we can teach to our children — avarice is just as abominable as becoming addicted to nicotine.

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pursue our happiness. Each of us has an opportunity. If the opportunity is not there because inequality is so great, then we must make a change. But, I assure you, every person in this country has an opportunity.

What does this not mean? It does not mean that everyone is the same, and should have the same talents or the same amount of money. It does not mean that some people should be punished because they did work hard and other people should be favored because they did not. It does not mean that people should use any disability or disadvantage as an excuse for not trying and not striving to be the best they can be. It does not mean that people should believe that any disadvantage they have entitles them to special treatment or favor.

The question simply comes down to this: Would you rather live in the oppression of equality or the opportunity of freedom? Our society always offers the tools to improve lives as long as an individual is willing to work and become responsible for him or herself. There are very few people in our country, especially in today's economy, that work and toil for nothing. Most people that work find at least moderate success, if not great success, despite the government's attempt to tax success.

The other option is to turn our country into a place that is backward and oppressive. Everyone will make the same amount — no one will be able to buy anything. Everyone will have housing — all substandard. Everyone will have food — of the simplest kind. Everyone will work — for nothing. Frankly, I don't want the government to take care of me. I'll take my chances, and do infinitely better, on my own.

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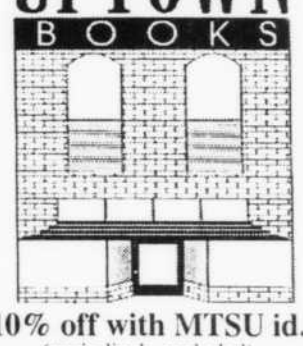
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Leo Dufour performs at Zanie's at 8:30 p.m. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $9 and $12.

Hinkley's Heroes with Tim Hinkley & Friends perform 9:30 p.m. at the Bluebird.

David Bennett and Friends play Springwater at 9 p.m.

The Middle East Woodwind Quintet performs at the Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m. Admission is free with MTSU ID.

David Grier and Roland White and the New Kentucky Colonels play the Station Inn.

Kyle Davis, Don Dixon, Peter Holsapple, Mike Durham, Jim Brock, Ferguson's Blue and Rob Ladd will play 12th & Porter starting at 9 p.m.

The Rayon City Quartet plays 3rd and Lindsley at 9 p.m.

Friday, April 24

The WMTS 88.3 benefit bash featuring the Phantom Five and Harmonium will be held at Indienet Record Shop at 7 p.m. The show is for all ages. $5 cover.

Leo Dufour performs at Zanie's at 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Tickets are $9 and $12. Doors open at 6 p.m. The early show is smoke free.

Bob DiPiero, Al Anderson, Sharon Vaught and Craig Wiseman perform at the Bluebird starting at 9:30 p.m.

Bob E. Baker Band and Michael Slusser play Springwater at 9 p.m.

Jimmy Bowen and Santa Fe play the Station Inn.

Saturday, April 25

The Wood and Strings Puppet Theater performs "Out of the Mist... A Dragon" at the Children's Discovery House in Murfreesboro at 2:30 p.m. The cost is $2.50 per person.

M.K. Ultra plays 3rd & Lindsley at 8 p.m. The Nationals take the stage at 10 p.m.

Fizgig, Purge and Shrinking Violet plays Indienet Record Shop at 8 p.m. All ages. $5 cover.

Sunday, April 26

Amy Watkins takes the stage at 3rd & Lindsley at 7 p.m.

Leo Dufour performs at Zanie's at 8:30 p.m. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $9 and $12.

Please direct any entertainment information to the "Sidelines" Features Desk at 898-2917. Fax information to 904-8487.

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Members of the band Diamond Rio accept their plaques when they were named the 83rd and newest members of the Grand Ole Opry last Saturday evening in Nashville.

Diamonds *in the* rough.

Years after they achieved local fame as Opryland's Tennessee River Boys, the boys of Diamond Rio have their night

❑ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

It's been 15 years of success for the members of Diamond Rio and Saturday night their careers came full circle.

One of the most celebrated vocal groups in country music, Diamond Rio, became official members of the Grand Ole Opry with their performance at the Opry in front of an international television audience Saturday.

"We are very honored to be the newest member of the Grand Ole Opry," said lead vocalist Marty Roe. "It's something all of us have dreamed about. We're honored to be here and we want to carry out the tradition of the Opry."

Not bad for a group of guys who started out their career in the early '80s performing as an attraction at Opryland, U.S.A. as the Tennessee River Boys.

However, known to much of the world as Diamond Rio, they've gone on to record four platinum albums since signing with Arista/Nashville in 1990.

"Diamond Rio is one of the finest young groups in country music today," said Grand Ole Opry President and General Manager Bob Whittaker. "Each member is an accomplished artist and together they are producing some tremendous young country sounds.

"These guys have made frequent guest appearances on the show in recent years to demonstrate their commitment to the Opry and to country music. They will inject their own unique blend of energy into the Opry and will help us move the show into the next century."

The group was invited by Whittaker when they last appeared on the Opry stage March 14. Diamond Rio became the 83rd official members and the first group since The Whites joined in 1984.

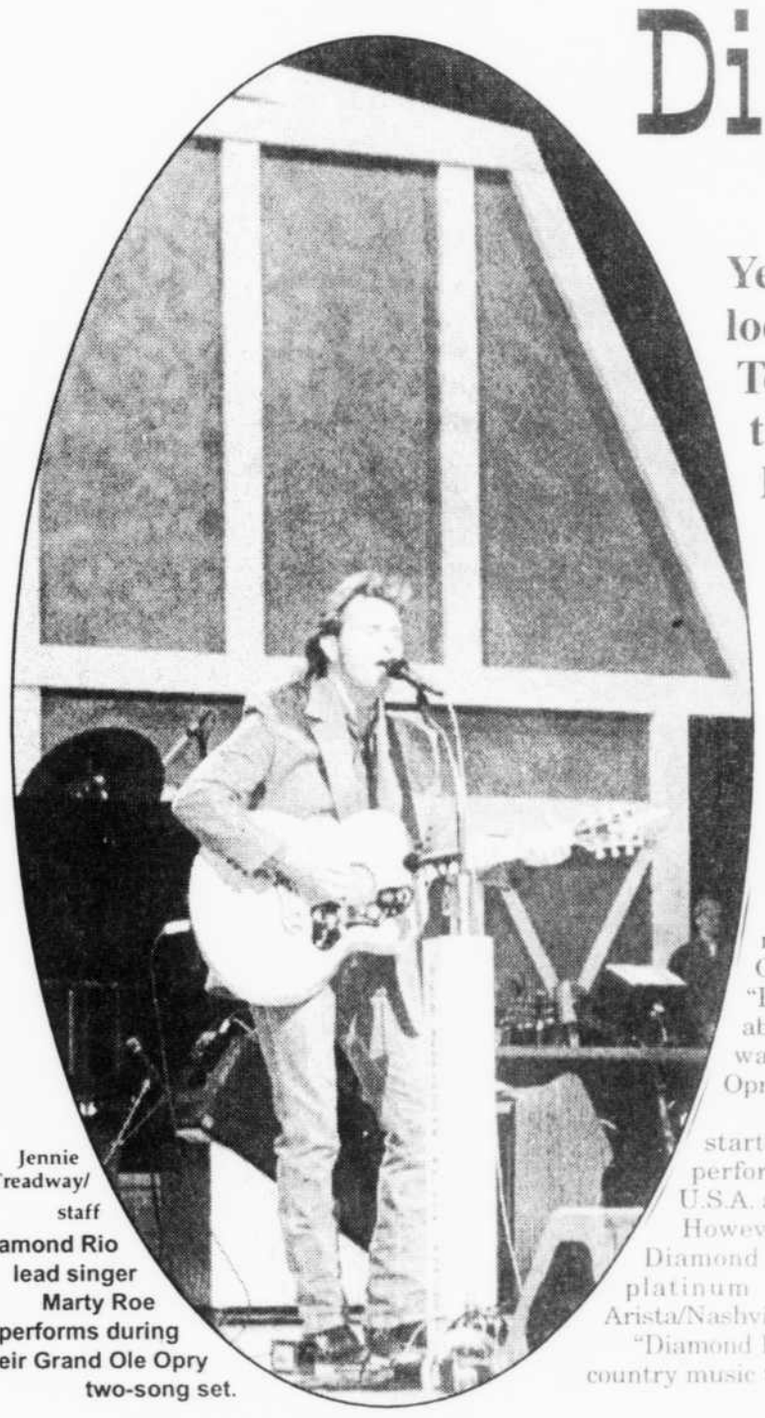
After a brief induction speech from Little Jimmy Dickens, Roe said the group wanted to take it back to the song that got their career started "Meet in the Middle."

Diamond Rio then closed its two- song performance with an old fashioned, one mic, slow tempo, harmonized ballad "Tennessee."

The group is made up of original members Roe, Dan Truman and Jimmy Orlando, who all performed as part of the Tennessee River Boys, as well as Brian Prout, Gene Johnson and Dana Williams, the nephew of Opry stars and bluegrass legends The Osbourne Brothers.

Aside from four Grammy nominations Diamond Rio has won four Country Music Association Vocal Group of the Year awards (1992, 1993, 1994 and 1997), two Academy of Country Music trophies as Top Vocal Group (1991 and 1992) and four Radio and Records Vocal Group of the Year honors (1992-95).

The month of April could still yield more recognition for the group. Diamond Rio was nominated for three ACM Awards that were presented April 22, including Vocal Group/Duo of the Year, Single of the Year for "How Your Love Makes Me Feel" and Video of the Year for the same song.



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Diamond Rio lead singer Marty Roe performs during their Grand Ole Opry two-song set.

Internships provide hands-on experience

❑ Laura Kizer/staff

The school year is almost over. Summer vacation is beckoning you. How will you spend it?

You could take classes, watch TV or gain an invaluable boost to your resume by doing an internship.

Choose the last option. Do an internship.

That's how I spent last year's summer vacation. It was an experience I'll never forget.

Opportunities await at each internship you do. With that said, how do you land this haven of opportunities?

"The best way to find out about internship possibilities," said Martha Turner, director of Middle Tennessee State University's Job Placement and Employment Office, "is by contacting the intern coordinator of your major."

That's best if your internships college credit. If not, stop by the Placement Office in Keathley University Center Room 322.

You've found the perfect internship; now how do you seal the deal? Creating a resume and developing interview skills are the tips Turner gives students.

According to the Employment Placement Service, your resume be no more than one page, include your address and telephone number, emphasize useful experience and be typed on white or cream-colored paper.

The Interview Guide gives these tips for a successful interview:

1. Arrive on time
2. Wear appropriate attire (business suit)
3. Don't be nervous
4. State your desire to work for the company and that you're willing to do almost anything

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1. *Arrive on time*
2. *Wear appropriate attire (business suit)*
3. *Don't be nervous*
4. *State your desire to work for the company and that you're willing to do almost anything*
5. *Use the call back ending which is simply stating that you appreciate the employer taking the time to talk you and you look forward to receiving a call-back from the employer soon.*

'Paulie' not typical animal fare

Jared Wilson
The Movie Guy

"If I could talk to the animals..." So goes the Oscar winning song from 1967's "Dr. Dolittle." But what if the animals could talk to us? Hollywood's nearly used up that formula with plenty of forgettable kid flicks, but the Oscar-nominated film "Babe" just may have revived what was mostly a direct-to-video enterprise.

The most current release is "Paulie," the story of a talking parrot who bonds with his child owner only to be given away. The rest of the movie is predictable enough: Paulie encounters people from all walks of life throughout his journey home. Sound familiar? That's because this plot is standard "talking animal" fare. The movie itself, however, is not.

The writers give Paulie genuinely funny wisecracks, and the result is not unlike that achieved by Jim Henson's early Muppet movies. The picture will entertain children without alienating adults. The supporting cast keeps the film interesting, as well. Jay Mohr, a Saturday Night Live alum who may be best remembered as the wicked Bob Sugar in "Jerry Maguire," gives a nice turn as Benito, a hapless conman using Paulie for his own gain. (Mohr also provides the voice of Paulie.) Other appearances by Gena Rowlands, Cheech Marin and Buddy Hackett seem unimpressive given their abilities, but they are far from disappointing.

The jokes are fresh and funny, but there's not enough of them, and though "Paulie" sustains interest, it cannot be described as unique. The best comparison would be to say that "Paulie" is like a parrot with clipped wings: it's nice to look at, but it never flies.

My video picks for the week are two films from acclaimed Japanese director Akira Kurosawa. Kurosawa's work, at the least, is phenomenal, and his art has inspired several Western imitations. His "Seven Samurai" prompted America's "The Magnificent Seven," and George Lucas has said that Kurosawa's "The Hidden Fortress" inspired his story for "Star Wars."

My first recommendation is "Yojimbo," about a vagabond samurai (Toshiro Mifune) who wanders into a village where two rival merchants have staked their claim. Each merchant has his own gang, and they have nearly decimated the town with their struggle for power. Mifune, as the nameless hero, plays each side against the other, tricking them into destroying each other.

Part of Kurosawa's purpose in creating "Yojimbo" was to satirize the "seibu-geki," which is the Japanese term for the mindless American Western, and as a parody, his film is top-notch. But it is so innovative, that it even inspired a remake — Sergio Leone's spaghetti Western, "A Fistful of Dollars," which starred Clint Eastwood in the Mifune role.

Even on a non-comedic level, though, "Yojimbo" is a riveting film. Kurosawa treats man's indecision on a deeply complex level. Mifune must choose between two evils, and not to choose at all, deciding to be selfish, would be just as bad. There is no easy way out. Even good deeds bring punishment. These are just a few facets of "Yojimbo," a tragi-comic story where finding good in a world of evil is like finding the needle in the proverbial haystack.

The next Kurosawa film is "Rashomon," in which four people give four very different accounts of an incident involving a bandit's attack on a nobleman and his wife. The film appears simplistic upon initial viewing and taken at face value, but it is really a labyrinth of ideas. Remember Joe Pesci's famous line from "JFK": "It's a mystery wrapped in a riddle inside an enigma"? That's "Rashomon." It's a cinematic M.C. Escher drawing.

Kurosawa's abstract fable seems to be a commentary on human understanding. There are as many perspectives of an event as there are witnesses to it, and so, as each person gives their account of the bandit's attack, each one somehow takes responsibility for the nobleman's death. But who is right? Is anybody? And how do we know?

Some of the stories are only others' versions of witnesses' perspectives. And it really gets mind-boggling when you add another unavoidable layer to the perspectives — your own. How does the viewer know he has remembered the tale correctly? How do we know who's telling the truth? We don't, and that seems to be the gist of "Rashomon." The truth is we just don't know what the truth is.

"Rashomon" is a fascinating film with a mysterious intent as it surveys human emotional experience unfettered by plot or detail. If there is ever a question as to whether films are art, let "Rashomon" serve as Exhibit Number One.

My grades: "Paulie" C; "Yojimbo" A-; "Rashomon" A+

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5. Use the call back ending which is simply stating that you appreciate the employer taking the time to talk you and you look forward to receiving a call-back soon.

Your resume is perfect, you followed the interview tips, but how do you land the job?

As Turner points out, "Many employers use internships as a pipeline to fill full-time career-level jobs."

That means most employers are scouting for juniors and seniors as interns.

"Juniors and seniors are preferred," Turner explains, "because they have more training in their academic area."

Lisa Bell, Nashville Zoo's director of marketing and public relations, agrees.

"When hiring an intern," she said, "I typically look for a person who is mission-committed and knowledgeable in their area of expertise."

Bell offers more advice for prospective interns.

"An internship is a way to gain invaluable hands-on experience," she said. "You should be willing to do anything because most of the work you do won't be glamorous."

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Football guide wins award

The 1997 Middle Tennessee Football Guide was named "Best in the District" for Division I-AA by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Overall, the guide finished 14th nationally.

The 1997 guide was designed, written and edited by Sports Information Director Ed Given and printed by Ambrose Printing Company in Nashville. MTSU Publications and Graphics, headed by Suma Clark, also provided editorial assistance.

"Ed did an otstanding job with this year's guide," said assistant sports information director Jim Horten. "He spent a great deal of time and effort to bring the guide to the Division I-A level, and I think this award says a great deal about achieving that goal."

Middle Tennessee is in CoSIDA District IV, which includes the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee.

BRAA membership drive

The 1998 Blue Raider Athletic Association membership drive is underway.

The BRAA is the booster organization for Middle Tennessee athletics. The drive will run until May 18.

The goal for this year's membership drive is to raise $450,000 through membership pledges and donations. This includes renewals as well as new memberships.

According to the drive's chairperson, Liz Rhea, this is an important year for the Blue Raiders and the BRAA.

"With the move to I-A in football," Rhea said, "there will be an increase in the number of scholarships in athletics. Most of the money raised in this campaign will go to fund athletic scholarships in all sports."

City recreation activities

The Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department announced eight activities it will sponsor in May.

On May 1 they will hold the Summer Road Show registration as well as a senior citizen dinner dance. The dance will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Senior citizen day in the park will be held May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 8, it will host lunch in the gallery from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The following day they will hold a street festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

They will also host a library workshop at the Linebaugh Library May 16. May 16 is the start date for the Senior Citizen District Games which will run until May 21.

The Sports Com swimming pool will open beginning May 23.

Raider Radio Network

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All Blue Raider baseball games and the Steve Peterson Show every Monday from 5:30-6 p.m. Taped at Toot's Restraunt.

Upcoming schedule

Track & Field-
at Penn Relays Today - April 25
at National Invite May 2
at Middle Amer. Classic May 10
at Billy hayes Invite May 16
at Georgia Tech Invite May 23
at NCAA Championship June 3-6

Baseball-
vs Morehead(DH) 2 p.m. April 25
vs Morehead Noon April 26
vs Belmont 7 p.m. April 27
at Vanderbilt 7 p.m. April 28
at Murray(DH) 1 p.m. May 2
at Murray 1 p.m. May 3
at UAB 7 p.m. May 5
at UAB 3 p.m. May 6
at OVC Tournament May 7-9

Softball-
at Eastern Ky.(DH) 1 p.m. April 24
at Morehead(DH) 1 p.m. April 25
vs Troy State(DH) 2 p.m. April 27
at OVC Tournament May 2-3

Please fax any information on sports and recreational activities to Sidelines at 904-8487 or call the Sports desk at 898-2816.

David McNamara: 'AUSTRALIAN FOR ATHLETE'

❑ Jennie Treadway staff

He's the 1998 OVC Player of the Year, ranked No.15 in the ITA poll with his doubles partner Julius Robberts and dreams of playing in Wimbledon.

"I've been serious about tennis since I was about eleven or twelve years old," said David McNamara, senior exercise science major. "My whole family plays tennis."

As the son of a tennis coach and the oldest sibling to three tennis players, the McNamara family supported his decision to answer tennis coach Dale Short's request to come to MTSU and play tennis.

He doesn't write home to his parents in Melbourne, Australia, often, but they have encouraged him all the way.

"They're really supportive," David said ,sitting on a picnic table outside the tennis courts. "My whole family is into sports."

As captain of his tennis team in high school, David had every desire to come to the U.S. and play college tennis. However, he had no idea he would wind up in Tennessee, much less Murfreesboro.

"I thought about going to Alabama, but I ended up here," David said. "And I love it. I don't regret it at all."

According to David, the Blue Raider tennis team is like a family. Not only are they teammates and friends on the court, a close relationship exists off the court as well. He even lives with two of his teammates — Anthony DeLuise and Belal Hamadeh.

David and Anthony, another Melbourne native, have known each other for about six years. In fact, Anthony is the one who carried David's nickname, 'Wacky,' from high school to college.

"I got the name a long time ago — I guess I just 'whack' the ball around in a way that made people start calling me 'Whack' and "Wacky," David laughs. "I guess it just stuck. I even answer the phone as Wacky."

On the court, David puts every effort into winning. In the beginning of his college career, his goal was to be the OVC Player of the Year. That's one goal he can mark off the list.

"I've gotten a lot of satisfaction out of the way I've played," said David, staring at the courts in front of him. "I've gotten better and better every year."

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> **David McNamara**

Coach Short has been more than David expected, as far as encouragment is concerned.

"He's been a coach, friend and father to each of us," said David. "I mean, most of us are foreigners, so he's been a big help to all of us."

David went All-OVC in 1996 and 1997, which gives his record a nice foundation to build on. As champion of the 1997 Reebok/ITA All-American in doubles with Julius Robberts, David has only one direction to head: up.

"Julius and I have gotten really close in the past few years," said David. "He wants to stick around and work on his master's, but I want to play tennis while I still can."

And play he does.

David has been known to spend his summers in other countries competing in local tournaments. One summer, he and Anthony made a spur-of-the-moment decision to travel to France and test their talents on foreign land.

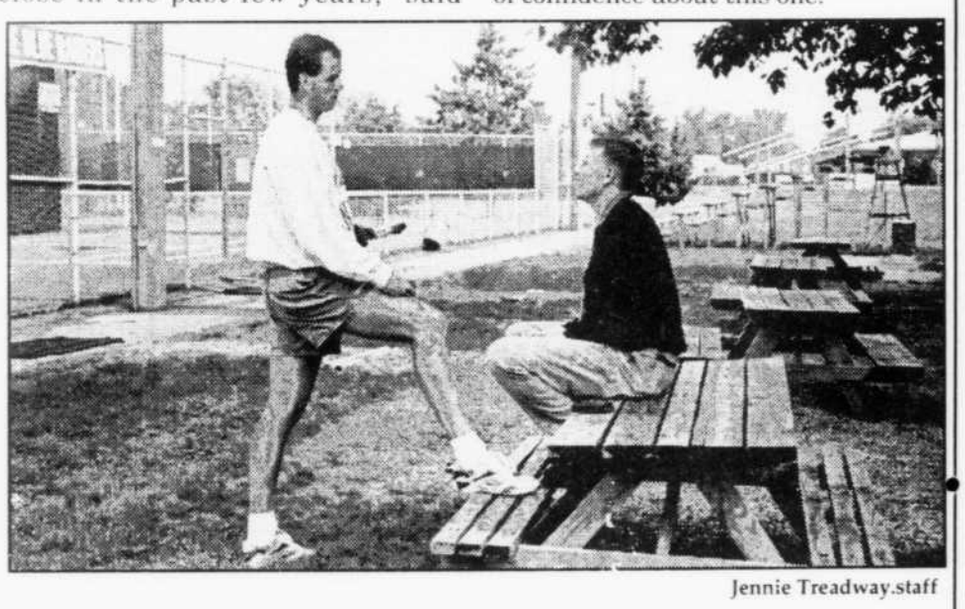
"I called my parents one day and said I'd be calling them that summer from either Murfreesboro or France," said David, who shortly afterward found himself and his teammate in Nice whacking around a tennis ball.

As an exercise science major, David thinks about going back to Australia as a sports promotor. That is, after he plays tennis a little longer.

"Sports aren't that big in Australia. I mean, we don't have big stadiums like this back home," he said, pointing to MTSU's near-finished football stadium.

In terms of immediate goals, David is looking forward to May 27's NCAA tournament in Athens, Ga.

"I can't wait," he said. "I have a lot of confidence about this one."



Jennie Treadway.staff

David and David Thornton, head coach of the women's tennis team, have a chat outside the tennis courts.

Lady Raiders fall to UTC Mocs

❑ Staff Reports

Lady Raiders	*1*	*3*
UT-Chatt.	*3*	*4*

The Chattanooga Lady Mocs took two games, 3-1 and 4-3, from the Lady Raider softball team Tuesday evening at Warner Park in Chattanooga.

In the first inning of game one, Chattanooga's Leah Tucker tripled in her first at bat but was left stranded. UTC rallied in the third inning when Keri Meigs and Kami Tucker managed back-to-back singles and were driven in by a Sarah Olson single to right center.

Then in the fourth inning, Megan Luring chipped one into left center, stretching it into a two-bagger, her 20th of the season. She was brought around by Brandy barber who smacked one up the middle.

The Lady Raider's bats woke up in the fifth inning. Courtney Wallace led off with a single up the middle and advanced around on a Melanie Manley sacrifice bunt and an RBI single to right field by Tamara Davis.

But UTC hurler Talya Trudell struck out three Lady Raiders and held them to just three hits and one run, picking up her 20th victory of the season against eight loses. Wallace took the loss for Middle Tennessee, but struck out two Lady Mocs in the effort.

Middle Tennessee retaliated in its first at bat of game two with a lead off single by Allison Cheatham. She was driven in courtesy of a Rachel Actkinson fielder's choice.

However, UTC asnswered in the second with a rally started by a Kami Tucker stand-up double to right center. Olson then reached second as she capitolized on an error by the Lady Raider's center fielder.

Allsion DeVries singled to left, allowing Tucker to score. Brandy Barber then knocked in Olson, giving UTC a 2-1 lead. Leading off the bottom of the third, Mandi Green crushed one to right center for her second triple of the year and scored on a sacrifice from Leah Tucker.

Middle Tennessee answered in the fourth inning when a Wallace double to right center, and a Davis single to left field allowed Wallace easy passage across the plate, narrowing the deficit to one at 3-2.

UTC added its final run in the

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Golf tourney to aid baseball program

❑ Staff Reports

The Chuck Taylor Golf Tournament to benefit the Blue Raider baseball program will be held May 19 at the Indian Hills Golf Club.

Registration and lunch will start at 11:30 a.m. and the tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Prizes for the winning teams include golf clubs, golf bags and gift certificates provided by Reebok. There will also be prizes for "closest to the pin" and "longest drive."

Each participant will receive a barbeque lunch before the tournament, a good-bye bag and free beverages on the course.

The tournament fee is $10. Individuals or businesses may sponsor a hole for $100.

The tournament honors Chuck Taylor, a native of Bell Buckle and member of the Blue Raider Hall of Fame (inducted 1985), who played two years of baseball at MTSU before signing a professional contract in 1961 with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Taylor also pitched for the New York Mets, Milwaukee Brewers and Montreal Expos from 1969 through 1976.

For more information or to get an entry form to the tournament, call Tommy Wheeler at 890-3333 or 893-8498.

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Ohio Valley Conference Tennis Championship Results

Women: #1 MTSU, #3 Murray St.
(Middle Tenn. player listed first)

Singles

Clare Sevier vs. Brooke Berryman
Winner: MTSU 6-2, 6-2
Alex Toelle vs. Amy Gemmill
Winner: MTSU 6-1, 7-5
Amy King vs. Nicole Petrie
Winner: MSU 6-0, 6-3
Larissa Liese vs. Juliana Hite
Winner: MTSU 6-1, 6-0

Doubles

Bryans/Toelle vs. Berryman/Zimmer
Winner: MSU 9-7
North/Sevier vs/ Gemmill/Petrie
Winner: MTSU 8-6
King/Liese vs. Sartz-Knudsen/Hite
Winner: MTSU 8-1

All-OVC: Clare Sevier, Alex Toelle, Amy King, Michelle North, Kim Glassman
Player of the Year: Clare Sevier

Men: #1 MTSU, #6 Austin Peay
(Middle Tenn. player listed first)

Singles

Julius Robberts vs. Robert Powell
Winner: MTSU 6-0, 6-4
Marshall Brown vs. Pavel Levitanus
Winner: MTSU 6-3, 6-4
Matt Walker vs. Nathan Rodich
Winner: MTSU 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

Brown/Mark Pellerin vs. J.Rodich/N.Rodich
Winner: MTSU 8-4
Floricien/Walker vs. Levitanus/Hall
Winner: MTSU 8-5 point to MTSU

All-OVC: David McNamara, Julius Robberts, Shayne Podbury, Matt Walker, Marshall Brown, Mark Pellerin
Player of the Year: David McNamara

Golf team's fourth OVC title in five years

❑ Staff Reports

The Blue Raider golf team held on for a six-stroke victory at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships at Springhouse Golf Club in Nashville.

The Raiders shot a final round 287 (-1) to top second-place Eastern Kentucky (-1) and third-place Austin Peay (+7).

The 54-hole total of 857 (-7) by the Raiders was an OVC Tournament best.

Sophomore Brett Alexander (Richland, Mo.) fired a four-under par 68 to win medalist honors by four strokes, with a total of 208 (-8), over Murray State's J.R. Conkle (212).

Alexander's 208 is the best individual OVC Tournament total at the Springhouse layout. For his efforts, he is the OVC Player of the Year for 1998.

"Brett had an awesome tournament," said Raider head coach Johnnie Moore, who recieved his fourth OVC Coach of the Year honor. "He is truly an amazing player. He has a tremendous attitude and goes about his business."

Alexander received help from junior Steve Ressler (London, Ky.). Ressler had a three-day total of 214 (-2) which included rounds of 70 and 72 to go along with his final round round of 72. He finished tied for third and joined Alexander on the All-OVC team.

"Ressler was the key for us," added Moore. "He was steady from day one. He had a tough spring, but something about [Springhouse] brings out the best in him."

Sophomore Whit Turnbow (Shelbyville) added a final round 72 to finish at 219 (+3). True freshman Dana Randle (Albany, Ga.) provided a gutty 75 (+3) finishing tied for ninth at even-par 216. Sophomore Richard Spangler (Hixson) added a 236.

"I can't say enough about how proud I am of this team," Moore said. "We have had more than our share of troubles this year, but they hung tough. This is a special, special championship."

The Raiders won thier final two tournaments of the year with the OVC and Southern Junior/Senior. Alexander also won medalist honors at the Southern Junior/Senior.

Wednesday's tournament win marked the third time in Alexander's career that he's captured a tournament title in his two-year career.

As a team, the year is over as the NCAA does not award automatic bids to regionals for conference championships. That policy could change as early as next year.

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fifth inning. Meigs took a base on balls and advanced around on a Kami Tucker fielder's choice and a single to center by DeVries.

Then in a final effort, the Lady Raiders Jamie Polsteen reached on a UTC error and advanced on a passed ball. Actkinson singled to right field and drove in Polsteen.

Pitching 5 1/3 innings for the Lady Mocs, Amy Robertson (19-5) struck out five batters and earned the win, while Amanda Kendall took the loss for the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Mocs improved to 42-13 on the season while the Lady Raiders dropped to 23-23.

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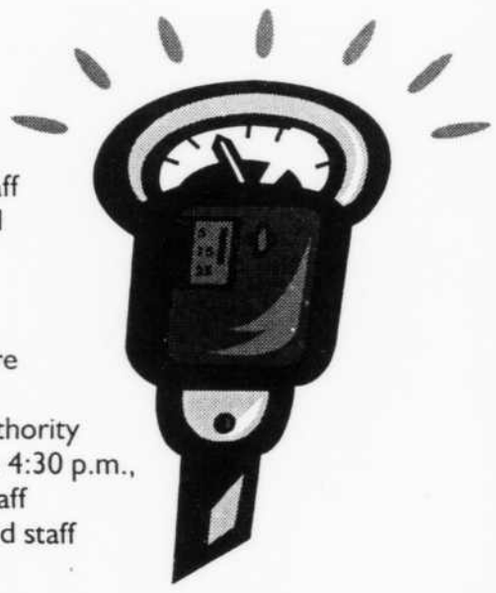

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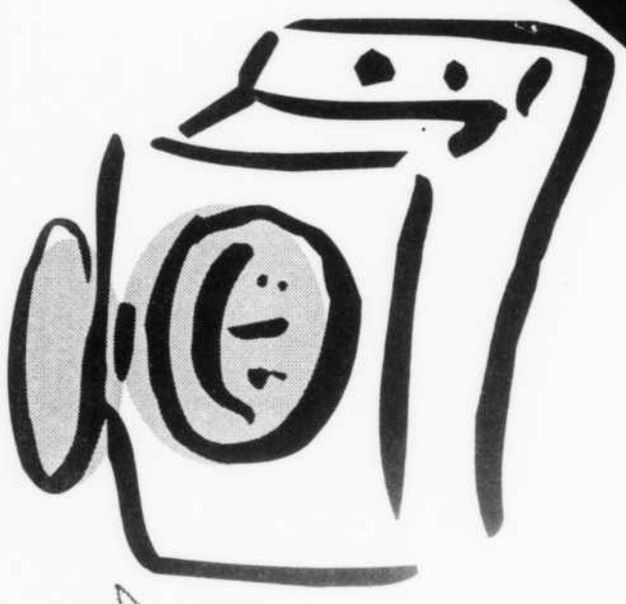

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