



Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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In the News

To our readers:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, "Sidelines" did not produce an issue on Monday, Feb. 16. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused students, faculty, employees, alumni and advertisers and would like to take this space to ensure our readers that we are back on schedule.

Center hosts conference

The Adult Services Center will host the Fifth Annual Conference on Adult Learning in Tennessee on Feb. 19. According to Carol Ann Baily, director of the Adult Services Center.

Dara DiMarco, who works with re-entry students at Lane Community College in Eugene, Ore., will be the keynote speaker for Thursday's lecture.

Topics range from "Overcoming Fear of Technology" to "Helping Adult Learners Overcome Fears about Writing." For more information contact the Adult Services Center at 898-5989.

Professors receive grant

Charles W. Babb, chair of the elementary and special education department, and Tracey R. Ring, professor of elementary and special education, have been awarded one of four national research grants by the National Association of Laboratory Schools.

Babb and Ring will spend the next year examining non-traditional ways of improving the research roles of elementary classroom teachers in the region, according to the department of elementary education.

Fraternity holds election

The Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, a national professional insurance fraternity, will hold an election for the "Most Outstanding Professor in the College of Business" on Thursday, Feb. 26.

Ballot boxes will be located on the first floor of BAS South from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., according to an interoffice memorandum.

All juniors and seniors with a major in any department in the college of business are eligible to vote.

Embryo fight continues

(AP) — A divorcing couple is leading New Jersey into uncharted waters in a fight over eight frozen embryos. The wife wants them destroyed. He wants them preserved for his future or another infertile couple.

Superior Court Judge Lee B. Laskin will face some weighty issues when the case goes to trial this summer. Among them are: whether the embryos are children, property or something in between; when parental responsibility begins and ends; and when the right to procreate outweighs the right not to procreate.

In a similar case, the Tennessee Supreme Court ruled that the husband's right to have children outweighed his wife's right to donate the embryos to an infertile couple.



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.

SGA clashes over election

□ Jamie Evans/staff

The Student Government Association is having difficulty agreeing on several details for the spring elections.

One problem is the date the elections are to be held.

SGA President Ryan Durham wants to have the elections on April 14 and 15 with a run-off on April 21 and 22. If the elections were held on these dates, the results would be ready just in time for the SGA banquet which is scheduled for April 23.

However, SGA Election Commissioner Philip Crabtree would rather have the elections in March.

According to Crabtree, if the elections are held on April 14 and 15, Spring Break will cut into the time the

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Philip Crabtree, SGA Election Commissioner

candidates have to campaign. He said the candidates have a constitutional

right to campaign for 28 days, but because of Spring Break, they will only have 22 days.

However, Durham said that is not the case.

According to Durham, the law states candidates cannot start spending money for their campaigns until 28 days before the election, but does not guarantee the 28 days for campaigning.

Finding available voting booths for the elections is another problem.

The SGA usually rents voting booths from Rutherford County. However, these booths are in use this April because a county election is also taking place.

Durham has found some voting booths from Texas that can be shipped up for the elections.

Crabtree is not happy with those either.

According to Crabtree, the booths from Rutherford county cost \$200 plus the cost of paying the machine operators. The booths from Texas will cost \$1,500.

Crabtree said that means \$1,300 must be taken from somewhere else in the election budget. If the booths from the county were used, there would be \$100 dollars left over from the budget.

"That's a misuse of the budget and the Constitution says those are grounds to be impeached," Crabtree said.

Rec Center plans new additions

□ Kin Easter/staff

The MTSU Recreation Center has broken ground for a 21,000-square-foot expansion which will include men's and women's locker rooms, an outdoor pool, an indoor soccer arena, a larger lounge, a baby-sitting area and an alpine challenge course.

"When we first built the building we were trying to get some of these things that we were putting into it, but we did not have the money at that time," said Glenn Hanley, director of the Rec Center. "So we put the building up that we have now, found out afterwards that the project came in under bids and found this extra money to do the addition."

This will not be the last addition to the Rec Center.

"The next phase after this will be the expansion of the aerobic rooms and the weight rooms," Hanley said, "and we'll see when that develops."

The new locker rooms, lounge and baby-sitting area will be located on the north side of the building.

The indoor soccer arena is being built to accommodate the fast-growing MTSU soccer league and those who play roller hockey. Both currently use the basketball gymnasium. This 11,551-square-foot arena will have a removable artificial turf, dashboards to surround the 120-by-60-foot playing field and bleachers for spectators.

"Back in my day, soccer was not a very popular sport in America," Hanley said. "But it's coming on more and more and we are seeing more of a need of that in MTSU."

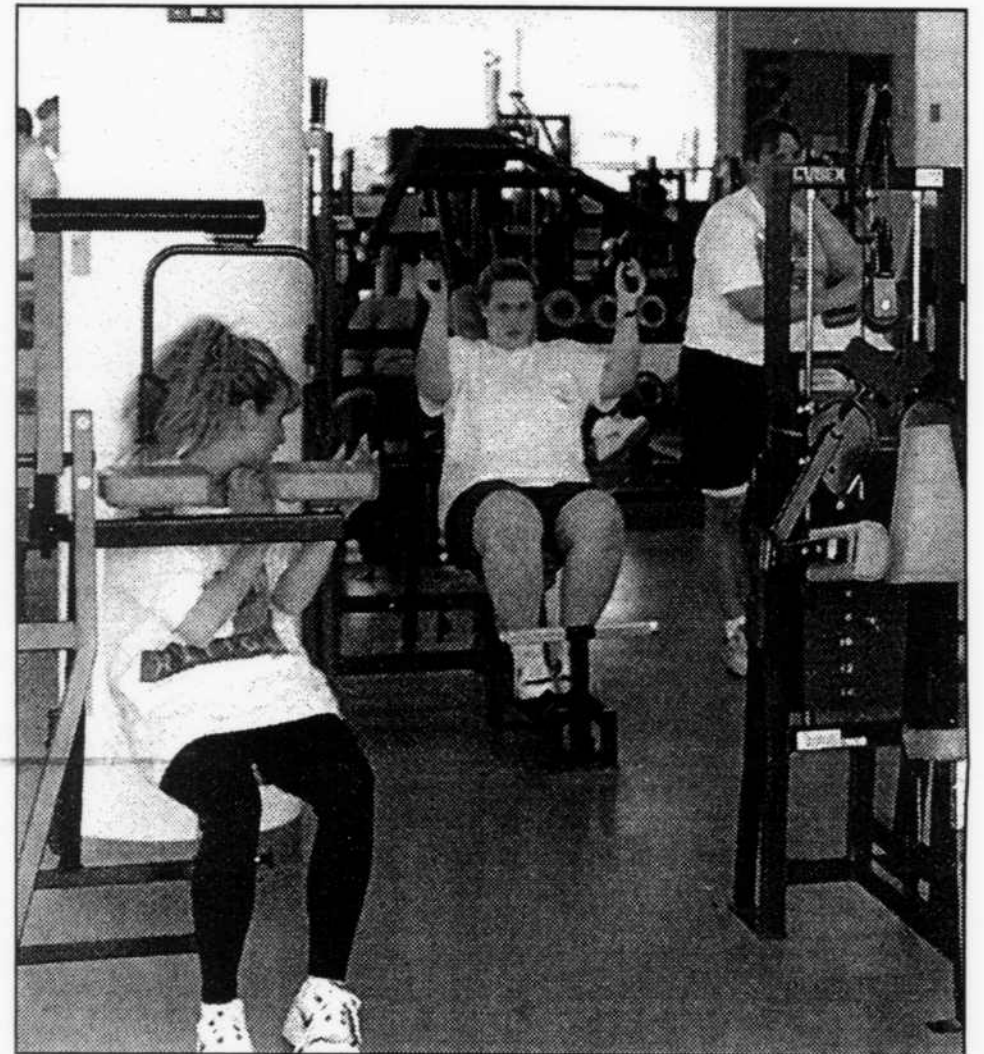
The turf may be temporarily removed for roller hockey.

"Currently, they skate on the parking lot," Hanley said, "but when the weather gets bad, they want to be able to skate indoors."

A new four-foot-deep outdoor pool will feature a zero entry level, four swimming lanes, sun bathing areas and changing rooms. The pool will be 50-by-75 feet.

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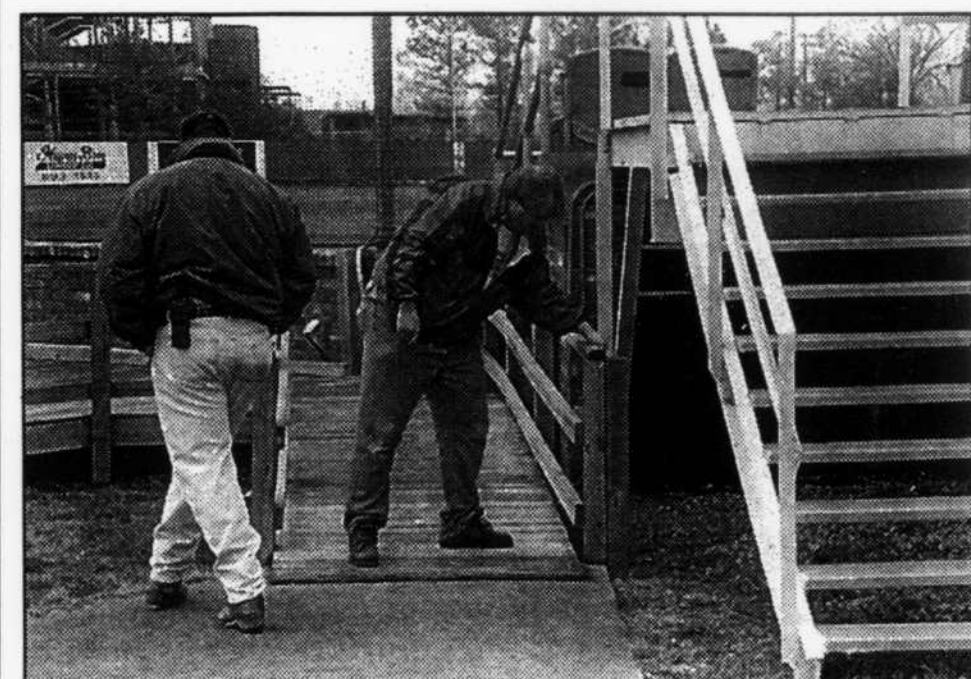
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Chad Gillis/staff

Ground has been broken for a 21,000-square-foot expansion to the Rec Center which will include an outdoor pool, indoor soccer arena and a baby-sitting area. Additions to the aerobic and weight rooms are also planned for the future.

Low budget sends faculty to the field



Jamie Evans/staff

Murphy Center manager Rick Fredette and engineer James Collier begin repair on a ramp leading to stadium seats at Reese Smith Baseball Field.

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Budget shortages from facility services have made it necessary for Murphy Center administrators to roll up their sleeves and start the repairs on the Reese Smith Baseball Field themselves.

According to Rick Fredette, the new manager of Murphy Center, the work orders for the repairs to the field were sent back from facility services. He said facility services was over budget and unable to spare the funds for the repairs.

Fredette met with some of the administrators in Murphy Center and

they decided to do the work themselves.

However, Fredette is not upset about the work.

"I'd do this no matter where I was," said Fredette, who has worked at the Nashville Arena and the Pyramid in Memphis. Fredette added that it helps him to appreciate what the maintenance people do for them.

Some of the repairs include cleaning the bathrooms, pressure spraying the bleachers, painting, repairing some wood trim around the windows of the concession stand and replacing bulbs in the scoreboard.

WMTS radio struggles with low-budget crisis

□ Marilyn Mathis/staff

Student-operated radio station 88.3 WMTS is in the midst of a major fund-raising campaign this semester to alleviate approximately \$5,000 of debt.

After receipts of expenses paid last semester were not submitted to the student activity fee committee, WMTS was allocated a grant of only \$350 of the requested \$20,292.20.

Former station manager Gena Wellman allegedly failed to turn in the receipts.

"I have no idea," Wellman said when asked about the receipts. "[For] the money we spent, we turned in all the receipts we had."

According to official guidelines, the student activity fee committee offers three types of awards—grants, loans and scholarships. WMTS applied for a grant, which is a non-repayable award to an organization for use in pursuit of a project designed to benefit the entire student body.

Grant allocations are actually reimbursements* for expenses incurred for which the grants were awarded. Receipts must be turned in to determine the amount of money the organizations should receive.

"Once the committee determines what criteria they will use to make decisions for that semester, all applications are treated alike," said Rodney Bennett, chairman of the student activity fee committee. The lack of receipts made WMTS ineligible for much of the reimbursement needed.

"I personally dread writing disappointing letters that attempt to explain why our station was not funded

or talking with those students who come into my office not understanding why their request was denied or why they received so little of what they requested," said Bennett.

The station plans to host benefit shows with a more diverse choice of music and to incorporate and utilize organizations within Student Life to produce community programs and cultural events fairs.

With the new slogan "the music has changed," WMTS is trying to build a more professional image.

"As of the first month and a half of this semester, we've done more to this station than what has been done in more than two years," said Shane Martin, promotions manager.

The station, which is a College Media Journalists (CMJ) reporting station, has applied for a Federal Communications Commission to increase its power to 500 watts. This will enable the station to reach the Nashville area.

According to Martin, the station is in great need of new equipment, two computers, promotional items including T-shirts and stickers, a new banner and funds to cover operating costs and improve the station in general.

To overcome the budget problem, WMTS is launching a multi-faceted fund-raising campaign. This will include hosting a benefit show at Sebastian's on March 11 with Nashville Music Award nominees Fluid Ounces and The Shazaam, airing new WMTS promotional spots reflecting on the financial status of the

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1998 STUDENT RECOGNITION Awards

Middle Tennessee State University is about to initiate an inspiring new tradition. This April 17, 1998, a university-wide awards program will be held in order to pay tribute to three undergraduate students. These students will be honored for exemplary character and achievements in scholarship, leadership, and service. All members of the MTSU are encouraged to nominate those individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and meet the award criteria.

JAMES E. WALKER PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Description The President's Award is the most prestigious award given to a student of Middle Tennessee State University. The student who wins this award must exemplify superior character and honor and have made achievements that, ideally, all students should strive to meet. This student will have completed at least ninety (90) credit hours, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, be recognized as a campus leader, and have made significant contributions to the university community.

BARBARA S. HASKEW PROVOST'S AWARD

Description The Provost's Award is given to a student of Middle Tennessee State University who best demonstrates outstanding academic achievement. This student will have completed at least ninety (90) credit hours, have a minimum 3.5 GPA, and have provided evidence of involvement in scholarly activities (i.e. departmental organizations, debate team, have presented papers, etc.)

ROBERT C. LALANCE, JR. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Description The recipient of this award will be a student who has shown remarkable determination, has had to make sacrifices, and is contributing to the community while working toward his/ her degree. This student must be in good standing with the university and have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours.

ALL APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1998 AT 4PM.

Separate essays must be submitted for each award.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Development, KUC 122.

If you have any questions about the application process or recognition program, please contact Tom Burke, Dean of Student Life at 898-2750 or Gina Poff, Director of Student Development at 898-2454.

MTSU On Campus



To have information placed in the On Campus section of the paper, come by the "Sidelines" office, located in JUB 310, and fill out a form located on the table by the door. Information must be submitted in person. The deadline for Monday's paper is Thursday at 5 p.m. The deadline for Thursday's paper is Monday at 5 p.m. A new form must be filled out for each edition or the information will not be run.

Feb. 19

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism will present "Introduction to Objectivism," a video-lecture by Dr. Leonard Peikoff, at 7:30 p.m. in KUC 312. Come discover Ayn Rand's controversial philosophy of Reason, Individualism and Capitalism. Ayn Rand is the author of "The Fountainhead" and "Atlas Shrugged." Everyone is invited. For more information contact Luc Travers at 895-0951.

The Student Pagan Organization will hold a Divination Workshop from 8-10 p.m. in KUC 316. The workshop will consist of many different forms of divination. Tarot reading was discussed last week so it will not be discussed at this workshop. Free divination readings will be given. For more information contact Christina Jolly at 895-7132.

Feb. 19-28

The Japan Center of Tennessee presents the **Japanese Good Luck Charms Exhibit** from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. in the Cope Administration Building first floor lobby. The charms are believed to bring good luck in areas such as health, safety and success. They are found in various sizes, colors and styles. For more information contact Miyoka King at 898-2251.

Feb. 24

The Golden Key National Honor Society will have an Induction Reception at 6 p.m. in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room. Juniors and seniors with a 3.3 GPA or above are invited to join. Send in your profile form by Feb. 10. If you did not receive one, contact Dean Burke, KUC 126 or 898-2750. For more information contact Burke or Paige Parker at 360-3734.

Feb. 24-25

A seminar for students to learn a study plan to make it possible to prepare for exams and to help them avoid using cramming as their only study techniques will be held in KUC 320. Two separate "Five-Day Study Plan" presentations will be held. One will be Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The other will be Wednesday, Feb. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. The seminar is free. For more information or to sign up, call 898-5989.

Feb. 25

Sigma Tau Delta will hold a writer's workshop at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall 318. For more information, contact Sarah K. Lisle at 898-4985.

March 10

The Golden Key National Honor Society officers for 1998-99 will be elected at the chapter meeting in KUC 314 at 6 p.m. For more information contact Paige Parker at 360-3734.

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lounge area were supposed to be in the original plan," Hanley said. "The other components of the new addition were things that we found out once we got into the building that we would want to do."

The expansion will add 1,163 square feet to the current lounge. Recreation facilities manager Charlie Gregory says it should attract members to socialize, rest, eat, drink and watch television during their workout.

The Rec Center's locker rooms are overcrowded. Currently, there are 491 lockers. The two new locker rooms, which will cover 1,900 square feet, will add 400 lockers.

"One thing we did not plan adequately for is locker space," Hanley said. "We have a long list of people waiting for lockers in the building."

Another expansion plan includes a baby-sitting area to supervise children on a one- or two-hour basis, since children are not allowed in areas of the Rec Center. This area will include a 317-square-foot room and a 700-square-foot outdoor play area.

"The objective of this area is to provide a place for children to be supervised while the parents workout in the recreation center," Gregory said.

Because the current building has been very popular with members, especially with the challenge program, which works with groups on team building and leadership, the Rec Center has decided to add an alpine challenge course.

The course will roughly cover a 100-by-200-foot area and be composed of a 50-foot tower with rope ladders and 10 lower elements on the ground to accommodate 12 people. The addition will be completed during the fall semester, according to Hanley.

"We're excited as a staff," said Hanley. "The folks that know what we're doing have shown positive reactions. You can tell on some nights we are cramped in here when we th ought we would never be. It's exciting and rewarding, and I think they will enjoy what we'll do next."



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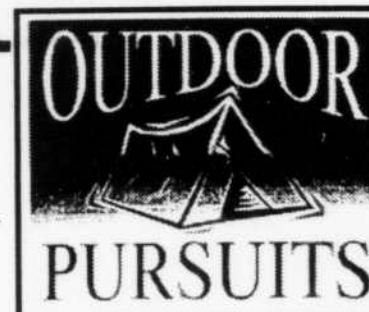
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Retreat to focus on bill proposals

□ Lee Brewington/staff

Legislation for the spring semester is the focus of a retreat for the Student Government Association.

The SGA will send 12-15 members to Standing Stone in Cookeville from Feb. 20-22 to share their ideas.

According to Brian Lewis, speaker of the senate, new legislation may include minor clarity changes to the constitution, electoral acts, referendum for election and the smoking issue.

The increase in the student activity fee is not on the agenda for discussion, but any member interested may bring it up.

Lewis said he hopes that the retreat will produce thirty or more pieces of quality

legislation, making it the most productive student government in over five years.

That would mean more than 50 pieces of legislation were debated for the entire semester. So far this semester, the house and the senate have discussed nine pieces of legislation and passed eight of those.

The money for the retreat is coming directly out of the pockets of the SGA members and not out of the student activity fee, Lewis said, adding that they know how important that money is for the students.

Furthermore, Lewis said he hopes the retreat will show how the house and senate are working hard for the student body they represent and set an example for future members to improve MTSU.

A little R&R



Jason Mazzo/staff
Allyn Harter of Campus Recreation gives Leroy Lewis III, a sophomore aerospace major, a massage in the KUC.

Ecology key to just society

□ Shimeka Boyd/staff

Capitalism—will this be the end of humankind? Professor Joel Kovel thinks it might.

Kovel will give a presentation entitled, "Ecology and Capitalism: A marriage Made in Hell," at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 20 in the James Union Building 304.

As part of the lecture, Kovel plans to discuss whether the only hope for saving ourselves is through a direct confrontation with capitalism itself. He will share what he sees as the fundamental "ecological contradictions" of capitalism and that the search for an ecologically sustainable society is fundamentally the same as the search for a just society.

Trained in psychiatry and psychoanalysis, Kovel holds degrees from Yale University and Columbia University Medical School. Currently he

is an Alger Hiss Professor of Social Studies at Bard College.

In addition to authoring more than 100 articles and 40 reviews, Kovel has written nine books, including "White Racism: A Psychohistory" (nominated for the National Book Award), "The Age of Desire: Case Histories of a Radical Psychoanalyst," "Against the State of Nuclear Terror" and most recently "Red Hunting in the Promise Land," which is a history of anti-communism in the United States.

He is also co-producer of an award-winning documentary, "Waiting for the Invasion: U.S. Citizens in Nicaragua," as well as an occasional film actor.

The philosophy department sponsors the lecture as part of its fifth annual Applied Philosophy Lyceum. For more information contact the philosophy department at 898-2907. They are located on the third floor of the JUB.

The new staff is deeply interested in improving the station and increasing support from students and campus organizations, according to Martin.

"We are top in our nation for our recording industry management program. Help us build a station to equal its power, precision and beauty," Martin said. "College radio is our future. Every band that is anything today broke on college radio."

Students denied NCAA eligibilty

□ Christine Tatum/ CPS

Black students and low-income students are having a tougher time meeting eligibility requirements to compete in college sports than other athletes, a recent study conducted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association has found.

The study provides a first look at the effect of Proposition 16, a set of controversial eligibility standards the NCAA approved six years ago in response to complaints that many athletes were not prepared for college-level studies. The stiffer standards went into effect during the 1996-97 school year.

With the tougher standards, the number of black students denied eligibility rose from 16.3 percent in 1995-96 to 26.9 percent in 1996-97. During that same period, the number of ineligible student-athletes from families earning less than \$30,000 annually rose from 14.7 percent to 22.2 percent. And for the second straight year, the percentage of black students from low-income families who failed to meet the standards was the highest of all categories; the number rose from 21 percent in 1995-96 to 34.7 percent in 1996-97.

"We all knew this was

going to happen," Dale Clayton, president of the Black Coaches Association told the Chronicle of Higher Education. "History has shown that African-American students don't test well. Individuals from low-income families don't test well. And many times, these individuals are one and the same."

The new standards require high school students to complete 13 core classes, including four in English; earn at least a 2.5 grade-point average; and score at least 820 on the SAT or 68 on the ACT. (However, students can still get eligibility with a 2.0 GPA if they exceed minimum scores on one of the standardized tests.)


In light of the recent study's results, NCAA officials are meeting this week to discuss the possibility of adjusting the standards, said Wally Renfro, a spokesman for the association. Adjusting the standards does not necessarily mean lowering them, he quickly added.

"These requirements were put in place by (educators) who wanted to ensure the preparedness of their athletes for life after sports," he said. "They wanted to make sure athletes weren't graduating without knowing how to perform at the college level."

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Placement and Student Employment Center
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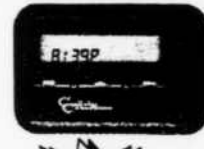
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Students face non-class challenges

Snuffy State University is at it again. Day by day students at this campus face new, non-class-related challenges that seem absolutely absurd.

The latest up-hill battle undermining education at SSU (aka MTSU) caused students a bone-chilling weekend in the dormitories and even more limited computer lab hours.

Although "Sidelines" attempted to warn students of the weekends' "inconvenience," we are not pretentious enough to believe we reached even half of campus.

We shouldn't have to. Things like power and heat outages should occur once in a decade instead of two or three times in a week.

How can students be expected to study efficiently without heat and power, or even food from the KUC for that matter.

The heat outage, of course, did not happen to all or even most of the dormitories, but problems equaling this seem to arise on a daily basis.

A quick trip to the BAS Sunday revealed students being turned away from the computer lab. Not only are computer labs on campus closed almost as much as they are open, but on some days they are simply closed.

With all the money being spent on construction and various other face-lift procedures, it is simply impossible for this publication to believe that SSU, sorry MTSU, does not have the funds to extend computer lab and library hours.

This university is composed of a variety of students, with demanding schedules that don't always provide business-like study hours. The last thing anyone needs is a power and heat outage in the middle of February.

Corrections

"Sidelines" ran an article on Thursday titled "Students' hard work rewarded" that incorrectly stated that student award applications can be picked up in the Office of Employment. Actually, applications can be picked up in the Office of Development in room 122 of the Keathley University Center.

Got a gripe? Let us hear about it.



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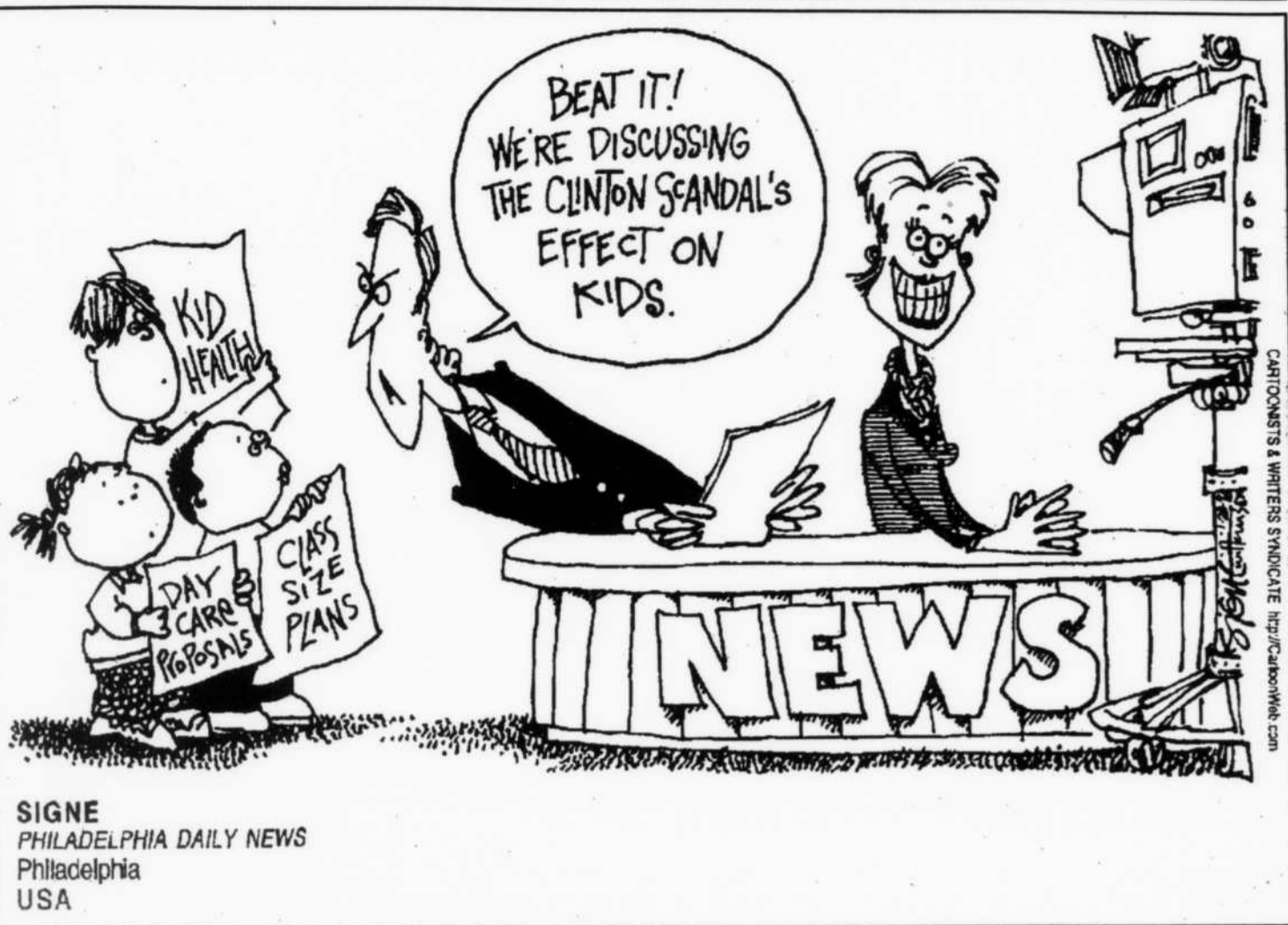
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Student intends to run for SGA's top political office

To the editor:

I learned of a devastating occurrence on campus Friday. I received the approval letter for the budget of an organization on the MTSU campus. This new organization needed startup money for the 14 workshops that were planned for the semester and a festival planned in March. They asked for \$1,300 and only received \$200. When I received this letter, I thought the last figure was a typo. By the words of a Sidelines article, I knew that the student organizations were allocated a total of at least \$90,000. Armed with these figures I decided to do some hunting for more information.

Dr. Rodney Bennett chaired the activity fee approval board for the Spring 98 semester. I went to his office Friday afternoon to pick up a copy of the Student Government Association's approved budget for the spring semester. Again I thought my eyes had failed me when I saw that the SGA was approved for over \$30,000 of the activity fee allocated for student organizations. When I recovered from the sheer shock of the figures, my blood began to boil. How

could one organization receive one third of the student activity fee?

At this point I decided to look even further into the matter. The \$30,000 given to the SGA for the spring was broken down into a table of what the money was to be used for. This is where the plot thickens. The SGA was approved for \$1000 to go on a leadership and a legislative retreat. As an SGA representative for an organization on campus, I had been hearing about such retreats in the House of Representatives meetings. The legislative retreat consists of 20 people who will be going to a set of chalets to "work" on the SGA. Work? Can they not work here on campus and save us this money that seems to be wasted on this weekend trip? The SGA plans to also send 5 people to Texas A&M to learn leadership skills that I can teach them out of a book from our resource-needy library.

The other figures listed on the SGA approval letter baffle me to no end. \$13,050 is listed for recruitment fees! That is a heck of a lot of money that I have in my 2 years here never been recruited by the SGA for anything. Please explain if you can. Let's continue. \$10,000 is listed under computers for the SGA. When I asked Dr. Bennett about this fee for computers, he said that the computers would be available to student organizations for newsletters and flyers. Let me say two simple words: Computer Labs! There are plenty of open computer labs

available to all students on the MTSU campus. Let the SGA get off their tushes and walk to one of the many labs. Even if they feel that they can't walk to the labs, let them apply for the technology fee that I pay every semester or apply for the many technology grants available to college campuses. \$2,000 is also listed under a banquet for the SGA. A banquet? For what? Can I come to this banquet? Just like you, I'm paying for it every semester. I have never received an invitation to any banquet given by the SGA. Have you?

There has been talk of a watchdog committee being formed to regulate the SGA budget. I am in support of such a committee. I will head it up if need be. Actually I am running for SGA president and plan on using the money given to the SGA wisely. I think the SGA budget-makers were thinking that no one would realize that the student's money was being wasted on retreats, banquets, computer labs, and recruitment. To see a full copy of the SGA budget approval letter, check out www.mtsu.edu/~m_c_0099. To comment to this letter, please email me at m_c_0099@mtsu.edu. The Student Government Association may be reached at 898-2443, room 208 of the KUC.

From,
Christina A. Jolly
English major
sophomore

Unlimited resources



Patrick Doyle



biology

Drive out from Murfreesboro in any direction and you will be able to witness farmland and wildlife habitat being turned into subdivisions or industrial sites. Check with the city's water department and you will find out that they have had to look to Smyrna and the Corps of Engineers for additional water to ensure an adequate supply for area citizens. Some time ago I read that in the United States we lose, on the average, 220 acres of farmland every hour of every day. At the same time, on the average, we gain an additional 200 people every hour of every day who must be provided with water, food, shelter and other necessary resources. With limited resources and a rapidly increasing population how long can

these needs be met? What happens when they can't be met? Who does without? Do the have-nots do so willingly or will the haves find it necessary to protect what they possess, even if that means killing the have-nots?

Look anywhere in the world where population numbers have outstripped the available resources, and that includes jobs, homes, food, etc., and you can expect to find violence between the haves and the have-nots, between the majority and the minority, between those with power and those without. Often the violence is so extreme an directed without provocation at children and women that we go into denial rather than deal with reality. In Germany, Indonesia and several countries in Africa recent news articles told of children and pregnant women who were beaten to death and the unborn children ripped from the womb.

Wars are caused by lack of resources! While those attacked may be defending their homes and liberty,

the attackers are looking for land and resources to fuel their economy. The Gulf War is a recent and prime example. The war was over oil! Not democracy, God or justice.

The cause of all this conflict and turmoil is overpopulation. Too many people and too few resources. In 1650 the world population was estimated to be 1/2 billion. It took 200 years to double that number. Between 1850 and 1930 the world population reached two billion people, a doubling time of only 80 years. The next doubling took only 45 years and we reached the 4 billion mark in 1975. The world population now is at 6 billion! What that means is that in about 40 years all the world's resources will have to be divided in half. Half the amount of water, land, iron, coal, etc. per person. I don't believe that will happen. I believe that population numbers will be brought down by either limiting the number of children born or by a combination of starvation, epidemics,

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MTSU has no room for losers

Philip Crabtree

columnist



So this is how society is supposed to be, huh? Because Generation X-ers have taken up an attitude of irresponsibility thanks to their therapists who tell them that they're being too hard on themselves and that they shouldn't feel guilty about their lives, everyone else is the blame for all of life's little problems.

At least that is what the therapists and talk show hosts are saying. Certainly none of us have done anything wrong. We are all doing things that are socially unacceptable, because daddy used to touch us in our private places, mommy used to beat us with electrical cords and the Student Government Association made us use up a credit card spending limit. That's what some naive freshman would have you believe.

This "freshman" thinks that the SGA is selling her and the rest of her teenager classmates out. Therefore, she says that she will not be participating in our election.

"Wahhhh, wahhh!"
Did anyone else hear that? Was that the cry of a baby? I think it was. I think it's time for her diaper to be changed and a bottle shoved in her mouth.

This child, I mean freshman, goes on to say that the SGA ought to just get out and work for the money like everyone else. Oooh. We have a scholar amongst us. She must be the most profound student on this campus to be able to compose such idealistic documents as her letter to the editor. Let's just all bow down before her and kiss the ring that symbolizes all of her divine rightness.

Well, this is a university. This is an institution of higher learning, and it's time for this NKOTB-listening, green-hair-having, latte-drinking, wanna-be-a-grown-up to be schooled. And who better to do it than an upperclassman.

First of all, you say that the SGA needs to get out and work for the money like everyone else. I am the Election Commissioner. I was elected

to the position last spring to serve a one-year term. I, unlike the other three executive officers, do not receive a full tuition and book scholarship or any other type of compensation for the job that I do. I have taken off from my normal job in order to start organizing this year's spring election.

The Election Commission helps set up the elections. They, too, do not receive any compensation. They have been appointed from the House of Representatives—each of them represents one campus organization—in order to set policies and procedures for the elections. In addition to myself, the commission is made up of four members, and these hard-working students are Jeremy Baker, Allen Daubenspeck, Scott Roberts and Leif Swanson.

Now that you know the facts about who sets up the elections, allow me to call you a "bonehead." You not only took up good paper to make a statement without knowing the facts, but you accused five people of something that they have not done. Furthermore, by accusing the other four members of the Election Commission of not working, you are disrespecting their respective organizations by saying that the people they elected to represent them in the SGA are worthless and that they are indicative of their organization which you are implying are worthless as well.

The fact is that we are doing a fundraiser to raise advertising money for the elections. We had another option. We could have taken the money out of the activity fee fund. We still can, but it is more important to us to allow other organizations who need the money to have access to it.

Let me ask you this, freshman. Did you know that you paid into the fund when you paid your SGA activity fee at registration? If you had any sense, you would be applauding the Election Commission for not using your money.

Secondly, you accuse the SGA of selling you out by encouraging you to possess a credit card. A credit account is a privilege. It says that you have a certain level of integrity and that you are promising to make good on your word to repay a loan. From your statements in your letter to the editor, you believe that you do not possess

such a level of integrity and that you intend to just use the credit card company's money without repaying it. You are the exact type of person who does not need a credit card.

In addition, no one makes you apply for the credit card, and it you do apply for it, no one makes you use it. If you decide to use the credit card, no one makes you buy new CDs, pants that hang off your ass or additional body piercings and then renig on your agreement to pay the money back.

You indict the SGA for being harsh and right to the point. You are a member of the SGA. You say that you won't participate in our election, when it is and always will be your election. This is ignorance in its purest form, and it makes you a loser. It would stand to reason that if you are part of something that is doing something wrong that you either take steps to correct the problem, or you get out of the organization. Apathy and ambivalence are not proper actions to disassociate yourself from the problem, because it only creates a new problem.

That's right, freshman. You are a problem. You, however, are not a new problem. This is the same old problem that any democratic organization has experienced. In your defiant effort to be a problem to the rest of the student body, you can't even be original in

your crowd-rallying statements or in your proposed course of action.

It is my suggestion to you, freshman, that you drop out of school right now. That is the only way for you to get out of the Student Government Association. It is apparent, anyway, that you were weaned from your mother too early, and you don't belong off the porch where the big dogs run.

I hope you'll accept my apology for being harsh and right to the point. But your sort of letter creates epidemics, and the rest of the freshmen don't need to be dragged down by your ignorance. It's going to be a tough seven years as it is, and we don't need any more losers on our campus. Besides, I don't want to be blamed if you continue to wet your bed into your thirties.

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plagues or war. With so many nations possessing weapons capable of destroying all life on the earth, the last option seems to be the worst. Politicians, religions and citizens need to address this problem now or it is likely that we will face an earthy Armageddon, a hell-on-earth.

Student begins collecting complaints

Ron Spears

The Light of Day



I've been here at MTSU four years. After a while you get an emotional attachment to the place whether you like it or not. I really wish that I felt a burning desire to sing the alma mater, jump up and down at homecoming and stand on the roof tops and scream to the world that this is the greatest school in the country. It's how I'd always imagined college would be. The problem is that my BS detector keeps going off like the crash horn on the Titanic. It's hard for me to take this place seriously when we are apparently more concerned with fulfilling the grandiose dreams of a few graybeards than we are with simply taking care of the students who make this construction site a university.

It has been submitted by many that we, the student body, are either hopelessly disunited or totally apathetic. Those people are wrong. We are not disunited for the simple reason that so many of us have something in common. Walk across campus and just listen. You will hear dozens of people in impassioned discussions about a central theme, nearly everyone at this university has been abused and rebuffed by one of several bureaucracies on this campus. Take your pick: financial aid, university housing, records, scheduling, maintenance. The list is impressive. More often than not they generate the problems that we have to deal with. Then they confront us with a dizzying array of helpers, hinderers and mysterious forms. To their credit they offend without respect to race, religion, gender or political ideology. And most

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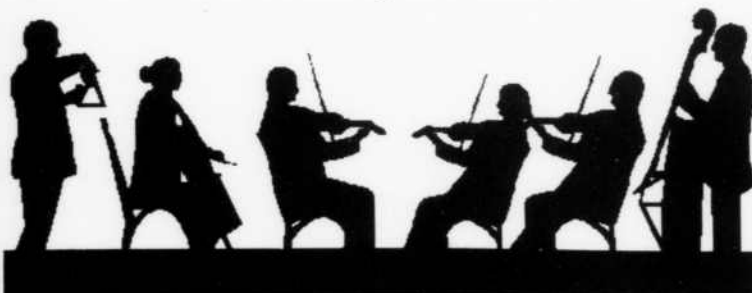
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IN FACT, I SHACKED UP WITH OLD SPICE FOR A WHILE, THINKIN' I COULD SPONGE OFF HER WHEN THE BAND MADE IT BIG... #

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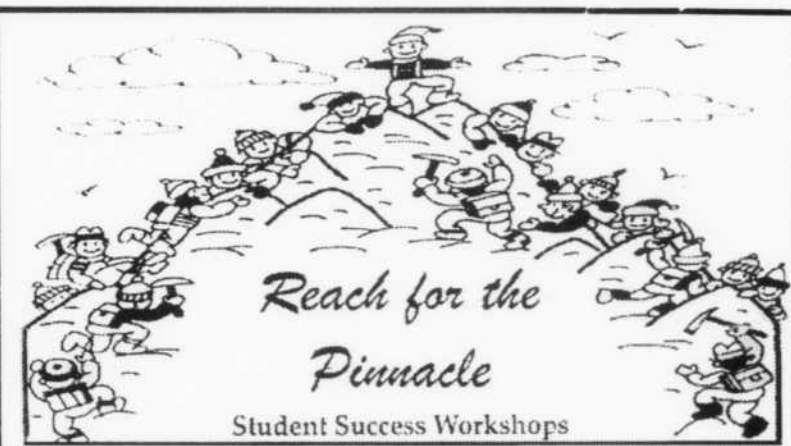
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importantly, they do so with impunity.

The fact is that we aren't apathetic, we're simply disillusioned and confused. Like the serfs of czarist Russia, we know that things aren't right, but we've given up complaining because nobody seems to be listening, or even to care. We see a marvelous Potemkin village rising around us to the glory of the crown, but most of us live in hovels with inadequate light, heat or sanitation. They have us cowed and we know it. Most importantly, we don't even have a forum for voicing our complaints or concerns. Let's change that!

I'd like to see those who've been shafted and given the run-around stand up and speak out. I'd like to see those who have been bullied and insulted share their experiences with the rest of us. Listen up. YOU ARE NOT ALONE! I can't guarantee that we can fix all of your problems, or even any of them. But they can be brought into the light of day. And maybe, just maybe, after the embarrassment level has reached a degree of buoyancy, the administration will address these problems. Maybe we can create a student watchdog committee that can deal effectively with these problems. And maybe we can fill it with real students instead of a bunch of self-serving middle-class sycophants from the 'burbs.

I want you to write to me at Sidelines, or e-mail me at hist0038. If you feel that you've been dished by the system, let us know. If you want to be a part of the solution, speak up. It should be more fun than the president's picnic.



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After Hours

Thursday, February 19

Steve Earle and special guests the V-roys, Buddy and Julie Miller, 6 String Drag and Cheri Knight play 328 Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$13 at the door.

Earl plays the Boro.

Pianist Jean-Efflam Bavouzet performs at the Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are free with MTSU ID, \$8 regular admission and \$6 for seniors and students.

Plus plays the Indinet Record Shop, 1707 Church Street in Nashville, at 7:30 p.m. Slump takes the stage at 8:15, Process is Dead plays at 9 p.m. and Spider Virus plays at 9:45 p.m. All ages. \$5 cover.

Sixto plays Springwater, 115 27th Ave., S. in Nashville, at 9 p.m.

Friday, February 20

Self, Fluid Ounces, The Features, Fleshpaint, Count Bass D, Caesar's Glass Box and the C60s play 328 Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Land Speeder, Plaster, Elliot, Saliva, Java Christ and 12 volt Negative Earth play the Indinet Record Shop. The all ages show starts at 7 p.m. \$5 cover.

Hosemobile plays the Boro.

The Bob Baker Brian Butterbaugh Band plays Springwater at 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 21

Haversack and The Skoaks play the Boro.

Lois Berg, Calypso, Trauma Team, The Sci-Fi, David Cloud's Gospel of Power and Glossary play the Indinet Record Shop. The all ages show starts at 7:30 p.m. \$5 cover.

The BMI/Aware Showcase will be at 328 Performance Hall at 6 p.m. as part of the NEA Extravaganza. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.

The Checkered Past Records Showcase will be at Springwater. The show starts at 9 p.m.

Sunday, February 22

The Mozart C minor Mass Choir concert will be performed at Wright Music Hall at 3 p.m.

Roland Gresham Jazz plays the Boro.

Auditions for Murfreesboro Little Theatre's April production of "Jake's Women" at 7 p.m. Director Brad Evans is looking for one man age 40-50 and six women ages 16-40.

Outta The Blues plays Springwater at 5 p.m.

Kurtis McFarland, K-LOVE, Quantessence and the Spot house band play at the Exit/In at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and go on sale at 5:30 p.m.

Spongebath adds bubbles to NEA

□ Tara Larimer/staff

Trying to decide which bands to check out during the NEA Extravaganza this weekend?

Murfreesboro's own Spongebath Records may have the solution for indecisive music fans who may not feel like hopping from venue to venue. Friday night marks Spongebath Records' fourth Extravaganza showcase, and its diverse lineup—Fluid Ounces, The C-60's, Count Bass-D, The Features, Self and others—will be more than worth the trip to Nashville.

Spongebath Records has experienced considerable growth since president Richard Williams, Self's Matt Mahaffey and Fluid Ounces' Seth Timbs designed its philosophy at the now-defunct Pronto's in Murfreesboro. Timbs came up with the name, "kind of as a joke, but Rick liked it and took it to the record label, which is cool," he said.

"Billboard" magazine drew attention to Spongebath's musicians, as well as to MTSU's recording industry program last year, when it ran a three-page feature article on the fast-growing Murfreesboro music scene.

"It's just a matter of time until some of the Spongebath bands hit," NEA's Sherry Bond told "Billboard." "They're excellent."

Located on the Square (on Maple Street), Spongebath specializes in artist development and tries to focus on bands from the Southeast.

"In a lot of people's minds, there's only New York and Los Angeles. I want to cover the space between them," Richard Williams said.

As excitement grows for attendees of this year's Extravaganza, the artists' anticipation grows as well.

"It's fun," Fluid Ounces bassist Ben Morton said. "The thing about Spongebath is everybody in all the bands are friends. A lot of us have played together and have known each other for years. To have a show where everybody's there, everybody's playing and everybody's hanging out before and after the shows—it's a blast. It's one of my favorite shows every year."

Morton, along with Timbs, Fluid Ounces guitarist Brian Rogers and Mahaffey, first played together in the band Ella Minopy.

"That was really a pure pop band," Timbs said.

Fluid Ounces' first release, "Big Notebook for Easy Piano," is more diverse.

"Now it's a little more eclectic. There's more jazz influence now. The songs are better, I think, generally..." Timbs said.

Timbs penned all the songs on "Big

Notebook," which showcases his talent on the piano. As a primarily self-taught pianist, Timbs cites Elton John and Thelonius Monk as two of his greatest influences.

Fluid Ounces' next CD, which the band begins recording this Saturday, will feature a song the group wrote together and songs co-written by Rogers, in addition to Seth's own creations. The sound will be more stripped down, according to Timbs.

"When we did the last album, the band had been together for about a year, but in a lot of ways it was 'my project with these great musicians' kind of thing," he said.

"It wound up being more overdubbed, and on this one we're not going to do that—the sound of the band is a lot more together than it was then," Timbs said. "We're just working together more closely as a unit, so we're going to cut everything live, or as live as possible."

"Big Notebook for Easy Piano" was the end result of the split from Ella Minopy for three-quarters of Fluid Ounces (they were joined by Sam Baker on drums), as "Subliminal Plastic Motives," the 1995 Zoo/Spongebath Records release, was for Mahaffey.

Mahaffey not only writes his own songs, but plays his own instruments, and is his own producer and engineer (hence the name Self). His latest release, "The Half-Baked Serenade," has been praised in "Ink" magazine, "Spin" and "Campus Circle" and

contains more pop and hip-hop influences than "Subliminal Plastic Motives."

"Half Baked" was recorded at Mahaffey's home in Murfreesboro, which allowed him to experiment with sounds and techniques.

"Everything is in one take. Not necessarily in the first take, but I would have to get a sound in one room and then run across to the next room and put my headphones on and play the drums all the way through because I can't punch myself in," Mahaffey says in his Spongebath biography.

His talent in the studio expands far beyond his own recordings. Mahaffey engineers for Count Bass-D and produced the C-60's first CD, and discovered labelmates The Features with Timbs when the band was just out of high school.

Rapper Count Bass-D, whose home base is Nashville after moves between New York, Ohio, Florida and London, England (he is the son of a West Indian missionary-evangelist), was signed to Columbia Records by Richard Williams.

"Pre-Life Crisis," Count Bass-D's debut release, has been described in "The Source" as "a familiar (but not a duplicate) jazz sound accented with

"In a lot of people's minds, there's only New York and Los Angeles. I want to cover the space between them."

Richard Williams, Spongebath president



photo provided

Spongebath band Fluid Ounces will be performing at 328 Performance Hall Thursday with labelmates Self and the Features as part of the NEA Extravaganza.

soul and pure hip-hop beats. The combination of live instruments (all played by the Count) with added kick from the 808, creates a sound that's extra smooth and shouldn't be slept on."

Bass-D's originality in his lyrics was the buzz when "Pre Life Crisis" was released in 1995, with songs like "T-Boz Tried to Talk to Me" (he describes his meeting with TLC member T-Boz, during which he failed to capitalize on her advances), and "Broke Thursday", where he states, "I'm so broke I can't even pay you no mind." His songs are often written from the underdog's point-of-view, blending his unique sense of humor with his bass, drums and keyboard.

Another band striving to bring originality to their musical genre is Ft. Lauderdale, Florida's The C-60's. In "New Times" magazine, the trio's vocalist/bassist Cucky Peak says,

"I think radio sucks right now. One of the great things about the early '80s was that nobody knew what was gonna happen in music, so anything anybody did was flying. But nobody's excited about rock and roll any more, and that's where we and the bands we are into step in. We'd like to be a band that defines a genre."

This genre is one of "clean, stripped down punk-pop" that Peak, along with drummer Gary Norton and guitarist Jimmy Hadzopoulos, achieve on their self-titled, high-energy debut release which has been deemed "the first great rock album of 1998."

Perhaps Sparta, Tennessee's The Features are not far behind. Fresh out

of the recording studio, the band has put the final touches on their first full-length album. Their debut CD, a six-song self-titled EP, was released last year.

Their goal? "To create light, infectious tunes that don't weigh our fans down," says lead vocalist Matt Pelham.

The Features' new album was produced in Jaskson, Miss. by Richard Dortch. Dortch helped mix and master their EP and will also be producing the new Fluid Ounces CD.

Described in "Spin" as having "more nuclear boots and better rickety organ hooks than the Rentals, Pulsars, Bobgoblin, you name it..." they are sure to deliver a power performance at the Spongebath Records Showcase.

Also appearing at 328 Performance Hall Friday will be Caesar's Glass Box and Fleshpaint. If you can't get enough of the The C-60's or Count Bass-D Friday, they will be back for another go-round Saturday night at Graham Central Station.

Other Spongebath artists appearing during the NEA Extravaganza are The Katies, who play 12th and Porter Saturday night at 12:30, and The Roaries, who will play Graham Central Station at 10:50 Saturday evening.

The NEA Extravaganza offers concertgoers the opportunity to see a plethora of local talent perform in intimate settings and discover new bands right along with music industry professionals. So head out to Nashville this weekend and discover a few for yourself.

Student-directed one acts a big success

□ Chad Gillis/staff

From virginity to incest—two student-directed plays run the complete gamut.

Brandon Reece and Seamus McNally take that crucial step away from the acting stage and into the director's chair in "My Next Husband Will Be a Beauty!" and "Stops Along the Way."

Tom Eyen's "My Next Husband Will Be a Beauty!" encompasses a vast variety of sexual overtones.

Reece commands a four-character effort led by Rodgers Clay and Jessica Carter as Henry and Henrietta.

The aging couple has recently gone through their third divorce and are on track for a fourth. Henry has no real sense of self without his wife to command him. Henrietta forever tries to persuade Henry to hietta her—believing that hate is the most desirable emotion.

Henry and Henrietta have come to visit their niece Virginia, whose mother has recently died.

Melissa Goldhamer plays Virginia, a young virgin with sensual desires for her uncle Henry.

Virginia is constantly stalked by a young psychopath, Rob Brunson, who enjoys picking his teeth with an ice pick and hopping and crowing like a chicken.

Brunson lives the part and is quite intimidating through his various



Chad Gillis/staff

Sophomore Jon Royal and senior Janna Wheatley talk to their waiter, freshman Julia Rojas, in "Stops Along the Way," a one act play running at the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Theatre through the end of this week.

two completely mistake his physical threats for puppy love.

The evening progresses and Virginia makes a move on Henry—

who is all too thrilled to have her sitting on his lap.

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Jars of Clay headlines NEA

□ John Kromer/staff

As February 18 draws near, the list of confirmed acts for the NEA Extravaganza '98 is rapidly growing, and some familiar names will be popping up all over Nashville's clubs.

Headlining this year's festivities is the multi-platinum band, Jars of Clay. The group is fresh off their January 16 performance on the "Late Show with David Letterman" and is slated to play the Ryman Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 17. They will be backed by The String Machine, an 18-piece orchestra conducted by Ron Huff.

"Jars Of Clay was the obvious choice to headline our opening night show," said Nashville Entertainment Association President, Jim Zumalt. "The band is the first rock band based in the state of Tennessee to achieve Platinum status."

Jars of Clay, with special guests Self and Lennon Murphy, will present a stellar line-up of the very best talent that has evolved out of our middle Tennessee music scene," according to Zumalt.

"It certainly makes a statement about the quality and integrity of talent that we are developing here," he said.

Other local favorites appearing live include The Evinrudes, whose single, "Drive Me Home" has achieved remarkable airplay in the Nashville area. In 1997, The Evinrudes were named one of the top unsigned bands in the country by "Musician Magazine."

Murfreesboro's own Spongebath Records will also be showing their wares with performances by The Features, Fluid Oz., Fleshpaint and Count Bass D.

Though there will be plenty of hometown stars, NEA is best known for its ability to bring in the finest talent from across the country as well.

Singer/Songwriter Trish Murphy hails from Austin, Texas. She has been compared to such notable female rockers as Emmylou Harris and Sheryl Crow.

The Irresponsibles are a Boston-based band who won "Musician Magazine's" 1997 "Best Unsigned Band."

Gum Wrapper Curb comes out of the white music buzz of Orlando, Fla. The four-man band has played locally before and is hoping to follow in the success of fellow Floridians like

Matchbox 20 and Sister Hazel. To further the exposure of NEA Extravaganza '98, a CD has been released highlighting 19 various acts who will be performing downtown on February 18-21.

"The Ex-Files": The Music of the NEA Extravaganza offers a sneak-peek at some of the scheduled performers at this year's happenings. The record has been released to media professionals and other key industry individuals alike. In its 13-year history, this is the third recording of its kind to be released by the organization.

"The Ex-Files" CD is really tangible evidence of the quality of talent we showcase during the NEA Extravaganza," said Zumalt.

"It's quite representative of what we offer in our nightly showcases: the nation's best unsigned musical talent from throughout the world of popular music."

The Nashville Entertainment Association was founded in 1980 by a group of music industry leaders who recognized Nashville's capacity to become one of the country's entertainment focal-points on par with New York and Los Angeles.

The proclaimed NEA mission is "to unite, promote, and serve the Nashville entertainment community."

The NEA is a non-profit organization and a division of the Arts, Entertainment and Music Department of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. The organization is dedicated to "helping support existing entertainment businesses by marketing our industry to a local, national and international audience."

The NEA Extravaganza was started in 1986 with just over 10 artists performing over two nights. This year's event will be touting more than 300 acts performing at 25 of Music City's night-spots.

The organization remains as the only national music conference to annually showcase unsigned talent to those in the industry.

Past industry leaders who have attended the Extravaganza's seminars and performances include representatives from Arista, Columbia, Capitol, EMI, Interscope, Reprise, Virgin and Mercury Records, as well as many independent labels.

Notable VIP's in attendance include Chuck D, Richie Sambora and Amy Ray.

The NEA not only promotes

some of the best "established" talent of tomorrow, but it also lends a hand to some of our undiscovered stars of the future.

The NEA Educational Foundation was created to "ensure that all elementary students in the Metro public school system receive sequential art and music instruction by a licensed specialist by the year 2000."

Although the Extravaganza is NEA's most popular event in the area, it's not the only focus of the organization. "The Artstravaganza" is another celebration of Nashville's performing arts, dance, film and visual arts.

"The NEA Golf Tournament" is another community event which donates its proceeds to charitable organizations in the area.

"NEA Arts 2000" is another event held to expand the horizons of today's youth. This is a chance for Nashville's children to give their hand at the songwriting process.

Arts 2000 builds public awareness for the need for music education and visual art instruction in our public schools.

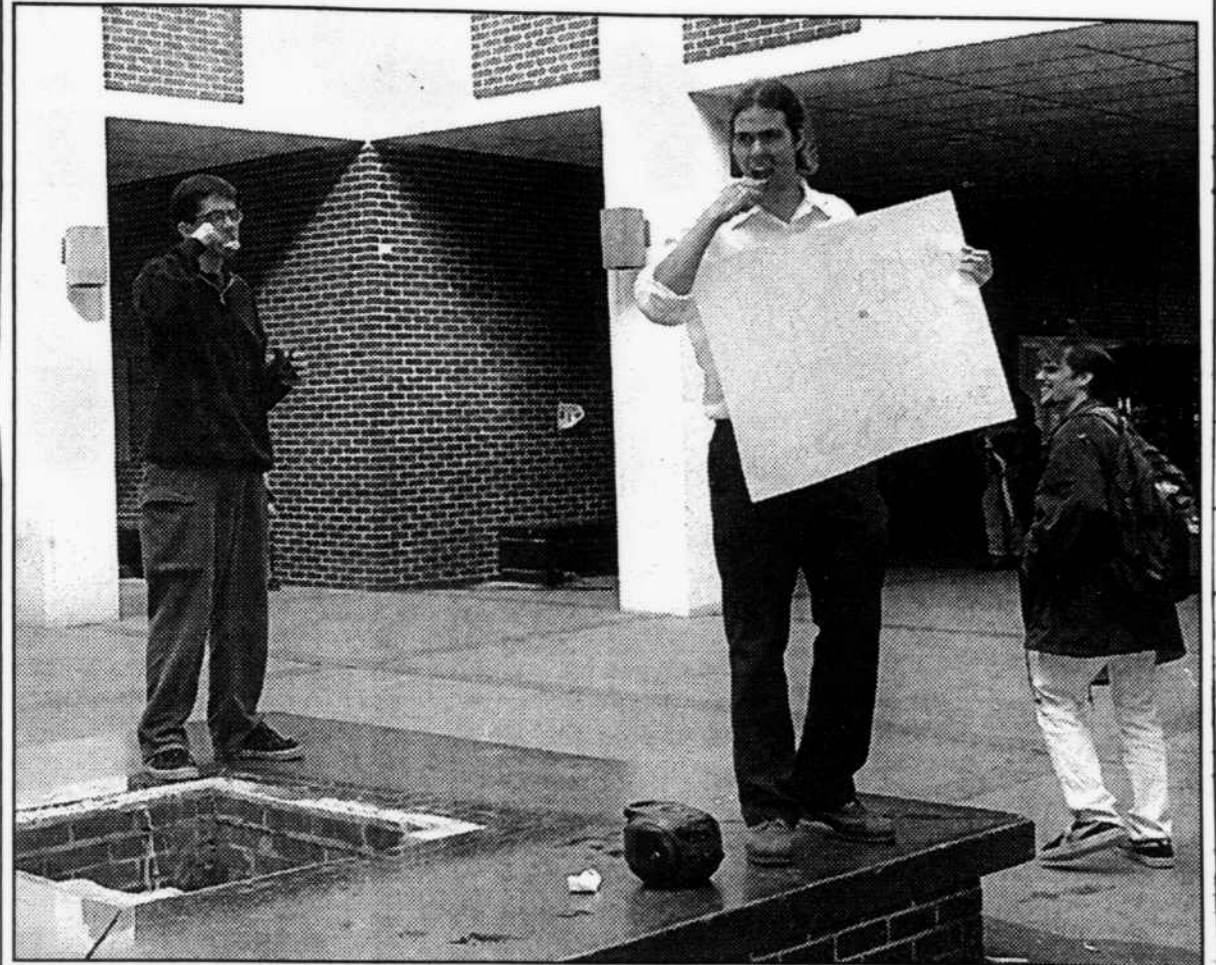
The NEA Educational Foundation also recognizes individual teachers and principals who are making "music and visual art instruction a priority in their public schools."

While this year's crop of unsigned talent descends on Nashville, you're probably wondering how you can partake in some of the performances and the promotional CD. The Ex-Files CD is on sale at Tower Records on West End Avenue.

One night wristbands can be purchased for \$10 at any club hosting NEA events. These wristbands will allow you to hop from club to club, bearing that they are all within NEA's performance realm.

This is a terrific chance at a night out and an inexpensive way to go club hopping.

The NEA has slowly but surely eaten away at Music City's reputation of only offering country music, and this is the best time of the year for rock fans in the Middle Tennessee area. So be sure to check out the best unsigned bands of today, and quite possibly the stars of tomorrow.



Susan McMahan/staff
Eric Philpott, a sophomore art major, left, and Joey Rositani, a sophomore anthropology major, brush their teeth as a "celebration of the mundane" in the center of Peck Hall Monday afternoon. Philpott said the 22 cents earned by "The Brushing of Teeth" would be donated to charity.

DJ Douridas to visit WMTS Friday

□ Marilyn Mathis/staff

Los Angeles Record/TV show featuring music by upcoming artists with live performances and interviews.

Douridas, who will be attending the Nashville Entertainment Association's Extravaganza '98, will be interviewed on Stephen Lassiter's 88.3 FM WMTS show "7200 Seconds." The show airs from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20.

"Morning Becomes Eclectic," Douridas' radio show

on Santa Monica College's 89.9 KCRW, is a three-hour daily show featuring music by upcoming artists with live performances and interviews.

The station has been chosen as the "Nation's Best Non-Commercial Station" twice at College Media Journal's New Music Awards. It has also been named the "Best Bit of Everything" radio station by "Details" magazine.

The television spin-off, "Sessions at West 54th," showed last summer on PBS. The show can be seen locally on

Nashville's WDCN Channel 8—Murfreesboro cable channel 6—Saturdays at 10 p.m.

Douridas has shown many artists of various genres on the two shows. Artists including Tori Amos, Beck, David Bowie, MC 900 ft. Jesus, Ani DiFranco, Patti Smith, Sinead O'Conner, Suzanne Vega and Tricky have made appearances.

A compact disc anthology of the KCRW show entitled "Rare On-Air: Live Performances from KCRW's 'Morning Becomes Eclectic'" is available on Mammoth Records.

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Henry suggests that the three go to a hotel room and pursue an evening of lust. Henrietta first considers an incestuous three-some to be sick, but soon after re-evaluating the situation finds it a turn-on.

All four actors work extremely well together and provide a slightly insane look at love, relationships, booze, valium and sex.

McNally takes his first stab at directing with Jeffrey Sweet's "Stops Along the Way."

This tale is of a lost young woman and her seemingly endless desire for a former professor.

Janna Wheatley plays Donna back in her mid-to-late twenties who has recently left her husband to re-spark a prior relationship.

Jon Royal plays the part of Donna's lost lover Larry, a literature professor who embellishes a strange combination of a great love for the arts and a dire need for quantitative order.

The two find themselves on opposite ends of a burning candle: Donna being the passionate, undying flame and Larry the unlit hilt of stability.

Larry's car breaks down while he is attempting to take Donna back to her husband in Baltimore and the couple is stuck in Ohio.

Julia Rojas and Bradley C. Porter play complementary roles. Roja plays a waitress/bar-tender/mechanic while Porter takes on the role of a businessman who is also on his way to Baltimore.

Although Rojas fails to steal the spotlight, Porter provides a humorous touch of lightness to an overall serious look at

modern relationships.

The modest setting and lighting used for both productions work extremely well at showcasing the intentions of the cast and the directors by providing little distraction for the eye.


The accompanying music works extremely well at breaking up dialogue. Both productions encompass a feeling of realism—of brute truth about a world which cries to be defined. Two thumbs and a big toe up for Reece and McNally for succeeding in what few even attempt.

The one acts run through this week at 8 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building in the Studio Theatre.



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For more information, contact Jenny Crouch at 898-2815 or come by James Union Building, Room 306 and the School of Journalism Office, Mass. Com. 249. Up to three finalists may be selected from the field; applicants for an interview on a date to be announced. You will be notified if you are to be interviewed.

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Bring the Oilers campaign

WAPB 810 AM is promoting a "Bring the Oilers to Middle Tennessee" campaign.

According to Mike Leahy, WAPB general manager, anyone interested in assisting with the campaign may call the station at 867-3366 or e-mail WAPB@mindspring.com.

Tennis Rankings

The Rolex Collegiate Rankings were released Tuesday afternoon and a few of the Blue Raiders figured prominently.

Senior Anthony DeLuise is now ranked 26th in the country. The former All-American is joined in the top 40 by fellow senior David McNamara. McNamara moved from 82 to 38.

The doubles team of McNamara and Juluis Robberts is now fifth in the country. They had been second.

Webb to be honored

The Lady Raider basketball team will make a special presentation Thursday night to honor all-time leading scorer Kim Webb. Webb scored 2,148 points and is the only Lady Raider to have her jersey retired.

Also being honored Thursday night will be Jonelda Buck. Buck recently scored the 1,000th point of her career.

OVC Indoor Championships

The OVC Indoor Track Championships will be held at the Murphy Center Feb. 27 and 28.

OVC basketball tournament

The OVC basketball tournament gets underway Feb. 24.

At the moment, both the men's and women's teams for Middle will host a first-round game for a chance to advance to the semi's and finals at the Nashville Arena Feb. 27-March 1.

Raider television schedule

"The Randy Wiel Show" airs every Sunday night on WNAB at 10 p.m. It is replayed 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. on MTSU Ch. 8.

"The Stephany Smith Show" airs on WHRT Channel 27 on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Raider Radio Network

WMTS FM 88.3- (Womens Basketball only) vs SEMO 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at TSU 7 p.m. Feb. 14 vs Morehead 5:30 p.m. Feb. 21 WGNM AM 1450-

All Lady Raider basketball games The Randy Wiel Show on Sunday nights. Taped from 6-7 p.m. at Toot's Restaurant in Murfreesboro.

WBOZ FM 104.9- All Blue Raider basketball games WAPB AM 810-

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

Upcoming schedule

Men's Basketball- vs Eastern Ky. Tonight 8:15 p.m. vs Morehead Feb. 21 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball- vs Eastern Ky. Tonight 6:15 p.m. vs Morehead Feb. 21 5:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis- vs UT-Chatt. Feb. 26 1:30 p.m. at Ball State March 1 9 a.m.

Men's Tennis- at H.E.B. Invitational March 6-8 vs Louisville March 13 1:30 p.m.

Indoor Track- OVC Championships Feb. 27-28 at LVC Chance Meet March 7

Baseball- vs Illinois State 3 p.m. Feb. 20 vs Illinois State 1 p.m. Feb. 21 vs Illinois State 1 p.m. Feb. 22 (Opening Home Stand Series)

Softball- at Samford (DH) 1 p.m. Feb. 21 at Ole Miss (DH) 2 p.m. Feb. 25

Golf- Bridges All-American Tournament Feb. 16-17 (all day)



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

Olympic athletes will try again Get back to nature with the right stuff

□ Rachel Parrish/staff

Christian Nsiah and Boniface Amuzu were pretty excited about this year's newest addition to the Blue Raider's newest team: Albert Agyemang. Not only is he a native of Ghana, but he almost completes their 1996 Olympic 400-meter relay team.

Recalling the time the three spent in Atlanta this summer, Agyemang says that one of their main priorities was to make Ghana proud.

"All of Ghana was so happy for us," he said. "They'd call the [Olympic Athlete's] Village daily to wish us luck. We were so excited."

The unthinkable happened when one of the relay members was injured during the preliminaries and Nsiah

took his place. With him, they qualified for the semi-finals.

After listening to the pleadings of the injured member, the coach decided to let him compete only to see him get hurt again. Nsiah once again took his place to compete in the finals the next day.

Everything went as planned until they stepped out on the track.

"What my coach didn't understand was the rulings for injured competitors," said Agyemang. "It was a technical mistake on her part. Whomever runs the semi-finals must compete in the finals, so we were asked to leave the track."

"We were all so disappointed because in 24 years this was the first time Ghana qualified for the Olympics in the 400-meter relay."

Despite the huge disappointment,

there is determination in Agyemang's voice.

"We will qualify again," he said confidently. "I trained for an entire year to make it to the Olympics and I know I can do it again. What I would like to see is us breaking the national records and then attacking the African records."

If you have never had the opportunity to see Ghanaians perform on the track, then it is recommended that you do. Agyemang, Amuzu and Nsiah are true competitors and each in his own way brings not only spice but life to the team.

Each has determination and a strong sense of competitiveness. Even if you did not know they competed in the 1997 Olympics, it would not take a genius to see the champions they are.

Get back to nature with the right stuff

Guest Column
WT Taylor
Intramurals Director



There are any number of activities we can enjoy in the outdoors in Middle Tennessee and beyond. All that is needed is a little planning and an adventurous spirit.

One of the most important aspects in "getting back to nature" is the equipment used. Plan your equipment needs and have the right supplies when you go out. Whether you're car camping at Fall Creek Falls, on an overnight canoe trip on the Buffalo River, or canoeing/hiking at Stone Door, there are five items to consider to help you enjoy the experience.

The first item is your sleeping bag. These come in assorted shapes and sizes but are necessary to protect you from the night.

There are all types of places to sleep—the back seat of the car, a tent or a cave. If the temperature drops below 60 degrees, you will not enjoy any of these without a bag.

In purchasing a sleeping bag, plan to spend \$50-80+ if you want something that will be appropriate for three seasons or more if you want a winter bag. The cotton variety is less expensive and can be easily found. However, they are bulky, heavier and not as versatile. Plus, they seem to take forever to dry out when the canoe tips!

Consider purchasing one of the many synthetics now on the market—Hollofil, Quallofil, etc. They dry easily, stuff into small places and can keep out that chill. Coleman has a new, inexpensive line out for '98 which fits this criteria within a student's budget.

Although goose down is my favorite, cost can be a limiting factor, plus care must be taken as they can take longer to dry than even cotton.

Other name brands design out are Northface and Sierra Designs. Be sure to check the temperature rating of the bag and beware of sleeping bags which do not list a rating.

The second item to purchase is a tent. This allows you to not only camp in local parks with privacy but also move beyond the parking lot to a scenic spot off the beaten track.

There are literally dozens of tents available and care should be taken in purchase. This item will cost between \$75 and \$400. You can save money on cheaper types; however, when that breeze whips hard on the beach or a downpour suddenly erupts, these may send you retreating to the back seat of your car.

Consider purchasing a "free-standing" tent with a rain fly. These will withstand strong winds and will keep out all but the worst thunderstorms—nothing works in a hurricane!

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Track team prospers at invitational

□ Rachel Parrish/staff

In the MTSU Track and Field Invitational this past weekend, the Blue Raiders were victorious over four OVC schools. The men compiled 85 points while the women were second to Mississippi State University.

In the long jump, Bianca Conley was second with a leap of 17-11 1/4. Also second in that event was Bahama native Atiba Tucker with 22-7. Both newcomers, Andrea Ribac at 39-5 1/4 and Steve Reid at 50-7 1/2, took first place in the triple jump while Tabitha Pyles was second in the long jump with 5-4.

Senior Torrence Riley leaped his way to first place with a jump of 6-6.

Six-time OVC champion Shelly Johnson took first place in the women's shot put.

Hurdlers Haneef Sharif at 7.2, Darrell Arun at 7.4 and Carlos Claroy at 7.54 were first through third in that event. For the women, Nekeya Ralls (8.15), Maronda Harris (8.55) and Tabitha Pyles (8.61) were second through fourth.

Both Albert Agyemang and Stacy Acklin were second in the 55-meter dash.

Mario Paul, another newcomer to the team, ran the 800-meter dash with an outstanding time of 1:52.80.

Dominating the men's 200-meter dash, Ghana natives Christian Nsiah (20.90), Albert Agyemang (21.2) and Boniface Amuzu (21.5) were first through third while Canadian Erica Kiauka at 8:42.80 and Dave Milne at 8:56.00 were first and third respectively.

Look for the Blue and Lady Raiders to compete for the OVC Indoor Title on the weekend of Feb. 27-28.

Lady Raider tennis suffers double loss

□ Staff Reports

The Lady Raider tennis team suffered two dual-match losses this past weekend.

Friday, the Lady Raiders lost to Mississippi State 8-1. The Lady Bulldogs team is ranked 58th in the country.

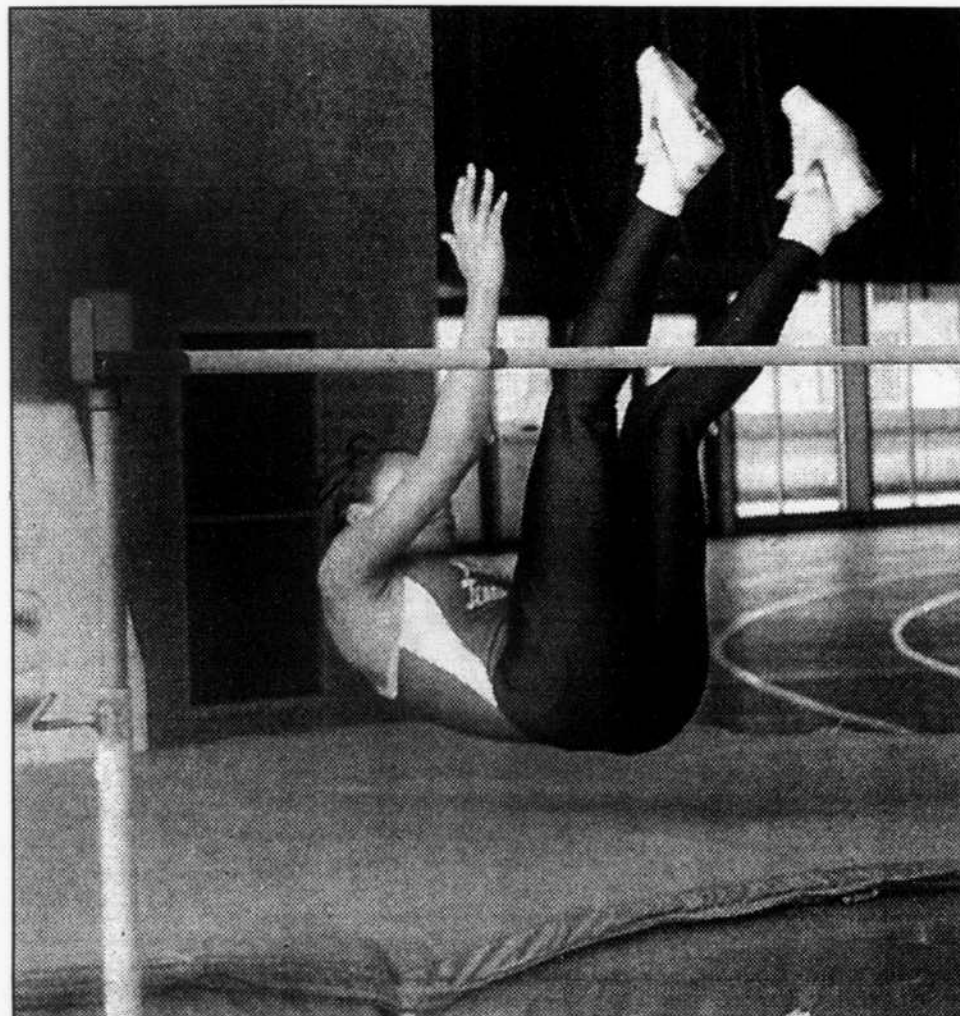
The Lady Raiders lone point came on the strength of their No. 1 singles team of Jennifer Bryans and Alex Toelle.

Bryans and Toelle defeated Ivana Belanic and Leanne Wills 8-5. On Saturday the Lady Raiders moved on to Lafayette, La., to meet with the University of Southern Louisiana.

The Lady Cajuns narrowly escaped with a 5-4 win as the Lady Raiders dropped to 4-5 on the season in dual-match play.

In singles action Toelle and Michelle North picked up wins and the doubles teams of North and Clare Sevier and Amy King and Larissa Liese also won their matches.

It was USL's first dual match of the season.



Katie Wise/staff

Tabitha Pyles, freshman, business administration major, made the jump to second place Saturday at the MTSU Invitational.

Golf team looks to next tournament with hope

□ Staff Reports

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss.—The Blue Raider golf team started with promise, but ended with disappointment at the second annual Bridges All-American Tournament at the Bridges Golf Resort.

Middle Tennessee was 11th after the first round with a 297, but was just one shot behind Florida State and Indiana.

Day two saw a different Blue Raider team ballooning to 330 and finishing 17th. In fact, no Blue Raider player broke 80 in the 18 holes.

Sophomore Whit Turnbow led the Raiders, finishing tied for 50th with rounds of 72 and 82 for a 154 total. Sophomore Brett Alexander carded a

156 with a 73 and 83.

"It was a disappointing day," Raiders head coach Johnny Moore said. "The course was wet and the conditions tough, but it was the same for all of us, so that's no excuse."

"We started well. Now we have to work on finishing well. The next tournament is coming up quickly so we will have a chance to redeem ourselves right away."

The Raiders next tournament action will be at the Ron Smith Invitational in Tampa, Fla., at the University of South Florida Golf Course.

The field includes DePaul, Louisville, Memphis and Tulane. The tournament runs from Feb. 20-22 with 18 holes played each day on the par-71, 6,876-yard layout.

Performer of the Week

Ali McGhee



Montgomery,
Alabama
Junior
6'6"
First
1st year
with team

Game: Blue Raiders vs Tennessee State University

Date: Saturday, Feb. 14

Outcome: 81-76 loss

Scenario: Ali McGhee joined the Blue Raiders just after the winter break and the much talked about transfer who had previously showed signs of what he's capable of, was nothing short of spectacular against TSU.

With Aylton Tesch not at full strength, McGhee stepped forward and helped put the Raiders within reach of pulling-out the come from behind victory by making six of seven three-point attempts. Three of which came unanswered back-to-back-to-back.

McGhee finished with a season high 20 points.

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Physical fitness is more than being able to run a mile or lift a barbell. The body's ability to function efficiently is the key to longevity and twenty minutes on the Stairmaster may not be enough.

There are four major components that define physical fitness: cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility. Another component that has been newly added in the last few years is body composition or body fat percentage.

Cardiovascular endurance is the body's ability to deliver oxygen and other nutrients to tissues. While cardiovascular fitness can be achieved by participating in aerobic (i.e., "with oxygen") exercise, such as

running, swimming, speed walking and biking, a walk around campus sometimes is not enough to count as an appropriate workout.

To achieve the best possible results from aerobic exercising, it is important to work in your Target Heart Zone. A simple formula will let you know if you are working too hard or not hard enough.

You must work in the 65 to 80 percent zone to burn fat. Any kind of movement can burn calories, but that should not be the main goal when exercising. Sustaining a heart rate in the 70 percent range for at least 20 minutes is essential for reaping the best results.

The idea that "more is better" does not necessarily apply to your target heart rate. If you exercise too hard, meaning that you have a hard time breathing and your heart rate is above the safety zone, the your chances for heart exhaustion are high.

Your Resting Heart Rate is

an indicator of your cardiovascular fitness. Exercising regularly makes your heart beat more slowly when your body is at rest since more oxygen is reaching the blood. The best time to take your RHR is first thing in the morning. Count the beats for ten seconds and multiply by six. A good RHR range is around 50 to 75.

Muscular strength is the muscles' ability to exert force for a brief period of time, meaning one repetition. The ability to lift a barbell of any weight one time measures muscular strength. Usually, the highest weight you are able to lift one time, called your "maximum," is the weight you would refer to as your strength ability.

You can build your muscular strength with a

strength training program. Working with dumbbells or weight machines two to three times a week can increase strength, improve circulation and decrease body fat.

It is important that a strength training program be progressive and consistent, meaning that you do not increase the amount of weight, then increase the number of repetitions and sets. For example, instead of lifting 15 pounds ten times in a matter of three sets, alter your workout to lifting ten pounds 12 times in three or four sets.

The last repetition of your last set should be considerably harder than the first repetition of the first set. It should not be

so painful that you run the risk of tearing a muscle, but you should have a bit of a struggle lifting that last barbell.

Muscular endurance is the ability of a group of muscles to sustain a long period of contractions. A strength training program would also increase endurance since you would constantly be pushing your muscles to their limits. An example of increasing muscular endurance would be doing push-ups. Your muscles are in a constant resistant motion, so they are forced to intake more oxygen.

Flexibility, one of the more ignored components of physical fitness, is the ability to move joints and muscles through their full range of motion. Many do not think about the need to touch their toes or lift their legs, but flexibility is necessary in preventing injury and increasing blood flow.

Everyone stretches to some extent when they wake up in the morning whether it be to

work out a kinked neck or to wake the body up. If we didn't stretch in the morning, we would not hold our balance or stand straight up without getting a little dizzy.

Without stretching before and after exercising, the same kind of disorientation can happen in the body. Relieving the body of kinks is necessary in preventing injury and excessive pain or discomfort.

A person's body fat percentage or composition tells what percentage of the body is fat and what is lean mass. Lean mass refers to muscles, tissues and other components of the body. Measured in several ways, the average percentage of body fat for women is 20 to 27. For men, the average is ten to 18 percent.

Overall, achieving physical fitness is an individual process. Set parameters according to your sex, age and skill level. No one's results are the same.

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While there are pricey models, you can find the Eureka A-frame or L.L. Bean dome-type affordable and both are sturdy, dry and long lasting. After your purchase, be sure to use seam sealer on the stitches to prevent leaks and a plastic sheet under the floor to keep out both moisture and cold.

The next two items are small but have the potential to make your trip more pleasurable—sleeping pads and stoves. How many of you sleep on the floor? I will bet none on a regular basis. Therefore, you should consider a 1/4" to 2 1/2" sleeping pad depending whether you are car camping or hiking in. They will certainly take out the lumps of roots and rocks and perhaps even fool your body into a really restful night. Beware of those blow-up types. Sure, they are thick and comfy, but mine mysteriously got a hole after only one or two uses.

At the Campus Recreation Outdoor Pursuits Program, we tell students that if they are warm, dry and have a good meal then the likelihood of a positive experience is increased dramatically. The first three items will take care of the warm and dry criteria. So it is very important to plan and prepare that meal.

While many items are out there in a squeeze bottle, will they satisfy and nourish you enough to make you look forward to that next outdoor trip? I doubt it.

You need something hot to eat and/or drink in the morning

and at the close of the day. Whether you purchase a white gas Peak One or butane MSR, the difference in your meal options is worth the trouble. Don't go to bed hungry!

Before you purchase, get a copy of the latest "Backpacker" and review the gear comparisons in the February issue and then get that "Campmor" or "REI" catalog to look for a deal. However, if you do not know gear or don't have the time for mail order, check with your local retail shops.

Talk to the folks at Adventure Technologies or even K-Mart in Murfreesboro or travel to Jumbo Sports, Wilderness Sports or Cumberland Transit in Nashville. They will all be helpful and tell you about their equipment options.

However, if you are unsure whether you are ready to "get into the outdoors" enough to justify a purchase, then you should come by the Rec Center. Located down the long hall past all the steppers, walkers and bikes is the Outdoor Equipment Rental Shop. Here you will find all your camping, caving, backpacking and boating needs.

Since this equipment service is designed for student use—the charges are very affordable. You can rent a \$200 tent for the weekend for only \$7. In fact, you and a friend can get this tent, two sleeping bags, a stove with fuel and two 1/4" pads for about \$20. Plus, the friendly student staff can show you how to use it, tell you where they have been, and some other do's/don'ts in equipment use.

With Spring only a month away, the O.E.R. Shop of Campuse Recreation is open

30+ hours per week beginning February 23. This gives any student a chance to get good equipment, first class service and free advice—all at a great price seven days a week.

If you want to try out a piece of equipment or do not go outdoors enough to justify a purchase, then call 898-2104 or come by Campus Recreation.

Regardless of the path you choose (purchasing or renting), good equipment is essential to a fun outdoor experience. So "go outside play!"



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Lady Raider softball hopeful

□ Chase McGrady / staff

The 1998 Lady Raider softball season is shaping up to be a great year.

This year's team is led by Jamie Polsteen, Pierrecia Lyons and Allison Cheatam. This group of players is the first one with two or more players to play the entire four years in the program as recruits.

The first Lady Raider to pass through the softball program for four years was Kristen Rawlings in the '96 season.

These players came to the Lady Raiders to start a winning tradition at the school and to be

close to home.

All three players are close to their families and liked the program at MTSU because they can always look back later and know they helped build a winning tradition for the Lady Raider softball team.

This class of seniors has seen many changes in the softball program. These include a more experienced group of recruits that has come from as far as California, Alabama and Florida.

Year-round strength conditioning and a wider budget has helped the program greatly.

Improvements have also been made with the addition of two pitchers to the lineup

bringing the total to three on the pitching staff—as compared to last season when the team had just one pitcher.

With these improvements the Lady Raiders are gunning for the glory of the Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

With their first game Saturday the team faces a competitive schedule which will feature many ranked teams in the nation.

They only have 12 active players but head coach Karen Green and her players believe that if they can get past injuries, they have their best chance of bringing MTSU the conference championship.

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OVC outlook good for Blue Raider baseball

By Rob Washburn/OVC

State, Murray State and UT-Martin.

The Raiders return 14 lettermen and five everyday starters from last year's squad that posted a 31-24 overall record and tied for first in the OVC with a 17-7 mark.

The Raiders are led by

junior outfielder Jeremy Owens, who earned 1st team All-OVC honors after batting .346 with 20 stolen bases a year ago, and sophomore pitcher Brad Howard, who went 7-2 with a 3.80 ERA in 1997 to earn Freshmen All-American honors.

BRENTWOOD, Tenn.—Middle Tennessee, which has earned at least a share of six Ohio Valley Conference regular-season baseball titles in the past eight years, has been picked to capture the crown again in 1998 in voting by the conference's head baseball coaches.

The Blue Raiders received five first-place votes in the pre-season poll, narrowly edging out Austin Peay, which picked up four first-place votes and was selected second in the balloting. Defending OVC Tournament champion Tennessee Tech was picked third, followed by Eastern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky, Southeast Missouri, Morehead

Women's tennis loses dual-match

By Staff Reports

The Lady Raider tennis team suffered two dual-match losses this past weekend.

Friday, the Lady Raiders lost to Mississippi State 8-1. The Lady Bulldogs team is ranked 58th in the country.

On Saturday the Lady Raiders moved on to Lafayette, La., to meet up with the University of Southern Louisiana.

The Lady Cajuns narrowly escaped with a 5-4 win as the Lady Raiders dropped to 4-5 on the season in dual-match play.

In singles action Toelle and Michelle North picked up wins and the doubles teams of North and Clare Sevier and Amy King and Larissa Liese also won their matches.

1998 Pre-season OVC Baseball

Coaches' Poll

1. MTSU (5 first-place votes)	60
2. Austin Peay (4 first-place votes)	57
3. Tennessee Tech	48
4. Eastern Illinois	44
5. Eastern Kentucky	34
6. Southeastern Missouri	32
7. Morehead State	22
8. Murray State	18
9. UT-Martin	9

OVC tournament tickets on sale now

By Staff Reports

The Blue Raider men's basketball team, and possibly the women's team as well, will host one of the sites in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament next Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Games times are set for 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the event of a doubleheader, at 7 p.m. if there is only a single game.

Winners of the first-round games will advance to the tournament's semifinals at the Nashville Arena on Saturday, Feb. 28, with championship games set for Sunday, March 1.

action, whether a single game or doubleheader, at the Murphy Center are on sale now at the university's athletic ticket office. The tickets are priced at \$10 each for adults, \$4 each for MTSU, high school, middle school and elementary students and children.

Tickets for MTSU students are on sale at the Keathley University Center on the campus.

Season ticket holders will have until the completion of Saturday night's regular-season finale with Morehead State at the Murphy Center to purchase their current seats.

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