



Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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In the News

Power out on campus

A transformer broke causing half of the campus to be without power from noon Sunday until approximately 5 p.m., according to Public Safety dispatcher Becky Mills. Electric transformers on campus consist of three wires known as phases. The Murfreesboro Electric Department was contacted and repaired the broken phase.

MTSU fourth in recycling

MTSU is currently in fourth place in a month-long recycling contest between Nashville-area schools called "Recycling Computes." The contest is a joint venture between Champion Recycling Corporation and Compaq Computer Corporation to see which schools can gather the most materials for recycling.

The top three recyclers will be awarded \$10,000 worth of vouchers redeemable for Compaq computer equipment. First place will receive \$5,000, second place \$3,000 and third place \$2,000. The contest ends Feb. 28. Students interested in helping MTSU in the contest can take their recyclables to the containers in the Greenland Drive parking lot.

Deadline approaches

Nominations for the Outstanding Teacher Awards are due Feb. 27. Ballots should be returned to the vice president of academic affairs office. The MTSU Foundation has funded three Outstanding Teacher Awards of \$1,500 each for the past 31 years. Awards are based on the evaluation of alumni, faculty and students.

Clubs can raise funds

The Blue Raider Athletic Association is in need of organizations to work concessions at the TSSAA State Basketball Tournaments. This is an excellent opportunity for organizations to earn additional funds while working in a fun environment. Organizations of six people or more can earn a percentage of sales for each session they work. The tournaments run from March 2-21. Contact George Zimmerman at 898-2210 for more information.

ROTC hosts pizza party

The MTSU Army ROTC is sponsoring an information meeting and pizza party for students interested in learning more about this summer's Camp Challenge. There is no obligation to attend this leadership training program. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 26. For more information, contact Major Bob Ogden or Second Lieutenant Eric Strom at 898-2470.

Special census continues

The City of Murfreesboro is conducting a special census to increase the annual sales tax and gasoline tax revenue received from the State of Tennessee. Full-time college students are required to respond to the census because they spend more than six months in Murfreesboro.



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.

Proposed library plan costly

□ Rob Fortney/staff

A resolution passed Feb. 2 by the SGA requesting that Todd Library change its cataloging system could cost MTSU hundreds of thousands of dollars and inconvenience students for several years.

The SGA Student Services Committee sponsored resolution SR-2-98S requesting the library change from the Dewey Decimal system to the Library of Congress method of cataloging material when they move to their new facility.

"We would have to triple the budget and double our staff," said

librarian Diane Baird.

A task force report from Louisiana Tech University estimated that it would take more than \$500,000, a staff of 17 workers and 10 years to complete the reclassification of 650,000 titles in its university library.

The resolution states three reasons for the change: MTSU is expanding to be a research university, most universities use the Library of Congress system and the Library of Congress method is more efficient.

Don Craig, dean of Todd Library, said the cost would be substantial and the students would be inconvenienced for a long period of time, because there

is more than 600,000 titles in the library.

"Major universities like Duke and Northwestern use the Dewey Decimal system, and the only complaints I have ever received are from students who transfer from universities where they've already learned the Library of Congress system," said Craig.

According to Jeanne B. Hardendoff's book "Libraries and How To Use Them," there are two main differences in the classification systems.

The Dewey Decimal system, created by Melvin Dewey, uses numbers to classify books into 10

topical categories.

The Library of Congress classification method, created by Charles Cutter, uses letters to classify books into 21 categories.

The Library of Congress adopted Cutter's system because they would be classifying millions of books and needed more categories.

Ed Salo, author of the resolution and chairman of the Student Services Committee, said the major advantage of the Library of Congress method is the ease of use.

"The materials are grouped

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Observing key for 'Post' columnist

□ Vickie Gibson/staff

"Washington Post" columnist Courtland Milloy was on campus last week as part of MTSU's African-American History Month observation.

"I'm an observer as a journalist," he said. "I tend to write about what I see."

Milloy said he liked what he saw on the campus of MTSU.

"I have really been impressed," he said, adding that the reputation of MTSU is extending beyond the boundaries of Tennessee. The new stadium will be great, he said, but added, "The real action is happening in the classrooms."

Milloy explained how he spent Monday observing journalism classes and visiting with faculty and staff including President James Walker. He said he was impressed with Walker, the faculty and the media resources available on campus. This was his first trip to MTSU and Murfreesboro. His sister, Docia Rudley, is a professor of accounting.

He encouraged students present to write down their observations of life on campus and submit them to the campus newspaper, "Sidelines."

"My ultimate mission is to encourage our writers," he said. "Put it down on paper and submit it to 'Sidelines.' We don't want 'Sidelines' to end up like the 'Banner.'"



Vickie Gibson/staff

"Washington Post" columnist and Black Entertainment Television commentator Courtland Milloy visited MTSU last week as part of African-American History Month. He encouraged students to write what they observe every day on campus.

He expressed his surprise at the integrated mix of the audience which turned out to hear him Monday night.

"Although this was a Black History Month event, both black and white came," he said. "To have black people and white people sitting together in Murfreesboro, it's no big deal."

But he said it is a big deal when you remember the history, especially of some places in the South. He told about a recent trip to Mississippi where he was surprised by the sight of

people of all colors gathered together at a casino, all with a common bond — greed.

"It was not that long ago in Mississippi that black people were lynched," he noted.

He urged students to try to be optimistic and look for opportunities in every situation.

"Never let someone's perception of you determine who you are," he said.

In addition to his column every

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Former director of KUC dies at 66

□ Staff Reports



Biggers

Former MTSU administrator Dallas Biggers died on Valentine's Day at Blake Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla., of a massive heart attack at the age of 66.

Biggers worked for 27 years as the director of the Keathley University Center from its opening until 1994 when he retired. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a graduate of Southern Mississippi University.

Biggers is survived by his wife Wanda, his son Johnny Biggers, his daughter Rhonda Miller and his stepdaughter Rhonda Crossland. He had five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His service was held last Thursday at Woodfin Memorial Chapel in Murfreesboro. Biggers was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

"He was a good friend," Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Lalance said. He presided over the services.

Craig named Flight Instructor of Year

□ Marcus D. Leslie/staff

Chief pilot and flight instructor Paul Craig of the MTSU Aerospace Program received a surprise visit from the Federal Aviation Administration on Friday, Feb. 13.

The officials from the Nashville FAA branch arrived at MTSU's Business and Aerospace Building around 10 a.m. to present Craig with the District Certified Flight Instructor Of The Year Award.

"I felt a calling to teach," Craig said, "to help bring students along the way I was brought along. Receiving this award underscores how important it is."

Some university representatives who attended the award presentation also expressed congratulations toward Craig and his outstanding commitment and dedication to MTSU's aerospace program.

"This award means a great deal to the university, and to Paul," stated university President James E. Walker, "We're very pleased with this honor—it's an example of the caliber of faculty we have at this university in a variety of disciplines."

Ron Ferrara, department chair of the aerospace program, expressed his gratitude for Craig and the recognition he received.

"We're very proud of Paul," Ferrara said. "He's a very dedicated flight instructor. He's one of the few career flight instructors I've ever met. He works hard at it and enjoys it."

"If anyone deserves recognition for being an outstanding flight instructor, Paul Craig has definitely earned his wings," U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Murfreesboro said. "Earlier this month I was able to insert provisions in the FAA bill to establish a competitive research program for institutions like MTSU. Now that Paul has been recognized as the outstanding instructor by the FAA, this only increases MTSU's chances of getting a grant."

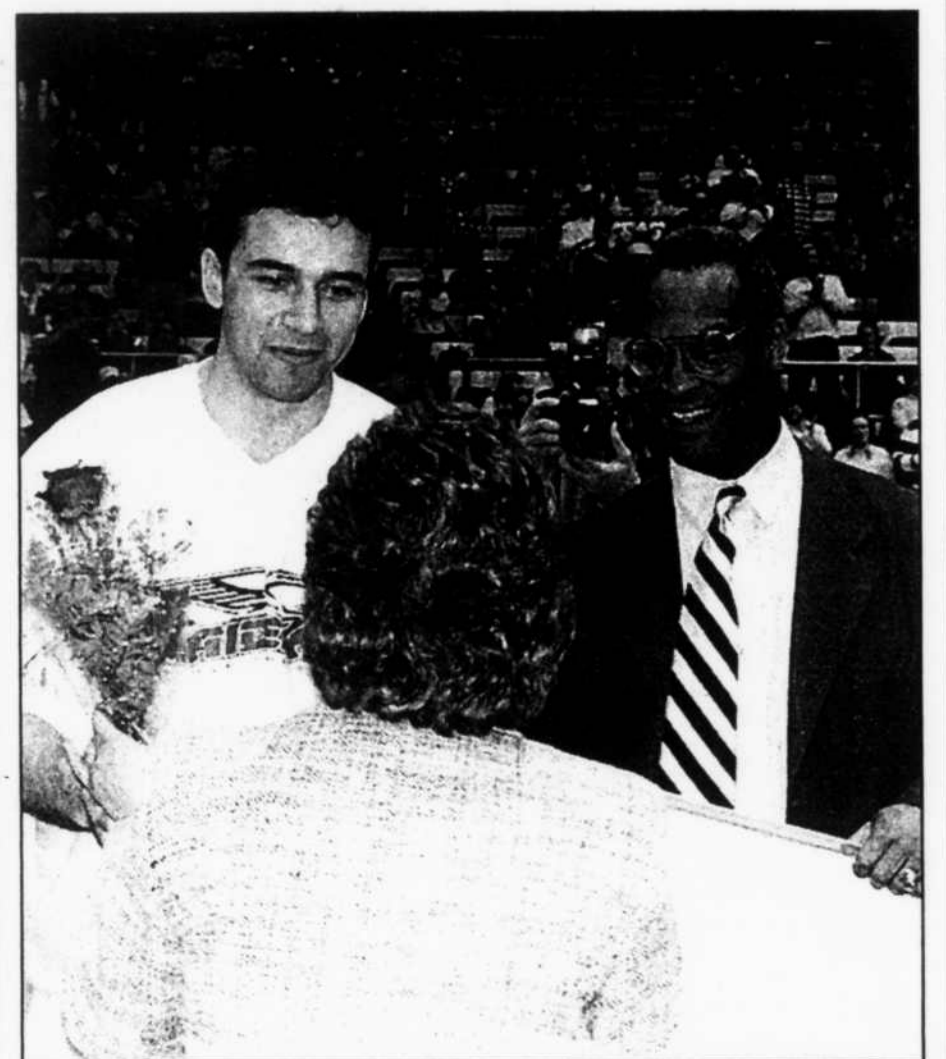
One of Craig's former students shared very sincere and encouraging words about Craig as a person.

"A flight instructor basically is a professor of flight," said Joe Tompkins, a senior aerospace major, during a live interview. "A professor has to be motivated and determined and he [Craig] fits every category to a tee. He's very excited about what he does and can take complex areas of aerospace and aviation and make them easy for anyone to understand."

"On top of that," continued Tompkins, "he'll stop everything he's

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Seniors Night



Chad Gillis/staff

Aylton Tesch is honored as part of MTSU basketball Seniors Night. Tesch, a native of Brazil, is being represented by his roommate Kent Ayer's parents.

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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.

The **PRSSA** will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Mass Communications Building 104.

Feb. 26

An agent from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation will speak at an **American Criminal Justice Association**, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, meeting at 5 p.m. in KUC 312.

The **Student Pagan Organization**

will present Stone Power Workshop, free and open to the public, at 8 p.m. in KUC 316. Rocks, minerals and crystals and the power they hold will be discussed. Bring your own stones and show them off! For more information contact Caren Johnson at 895-7132.

March 4-8

The **Wesley Foundation** presents the Spring musical "Nonsense!" On March 4-6 the show begins at 8 p.m. On March 7 a dinner theater is offered at 6:30 p.m., and a matinee will show on the 8th at 3 p.m. All shows are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, except for the dinner theater, which is \$12.

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together better," Salo said, "I used the system at a previous university I attended and it was easier to find materials."

Craig said that students should be very familiar with the Dewey Decimal system because 95 percent of public and private school libraries, totaling over 200,000 libraries in 35 countries, use the Dewey Decimal system.

"I've used the Dewey Decimal system my whole life," said Tonya Binkley, freshman elementary education major. "They shouldn't change it now."

"It makes more sense to spend the money it would cost [to change to the Library of Congress system] on new books," said Michele Powell, junior occupational therapy major. "If it ain't broke, why fix it," Powell added.

John Womack, senator from the college of liberal arts, voted in support of the resolution.

"The Library of Congress method is a superior system," said Womack.

Stan Metz, a freshman political science major, thinks the system the library uses is not what is important.

"The computers and librarians are what matter," said Metz.

The advent of computers has changed the way most students use the library. Computer searches of data bases are convenient because they give locations of materials and can be done in just minutes.

Craig said the most important issue facing the library in the next year is staffing because the new library, set to open in January, will be two and a half times the size of the current one.

"As long as there are enough librarians and they are as helpful as they are now, I think we will be all right the way things are," Binkley said.

If the resolution is approved by Robert Lalance, vice president of student affairs, it will move on to MTSU President James Walker's office for review.

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Please Return Ballot No Later Than Friday, February 27, 1998

History professor discusses Holocaust

□ Shawn Whitsell/staff



Renn

Holocaust, and Historical Change," the next honors lecture.

The first part of the lecture, presented by Walter Renn, a history professor, will focus on Adolph Hitler and his involvement in the Holocaust.

The questions that Renn and other historians have raised are: What did Hitler know? Why did he do what he did? Did he intend to kill that many people at first? What made him so anti-Semitic? and What was his view of the Jews that made him so outraged that

he would kill 66 percent of them? One and a half million were children under the age of 12.

Although it is known what Hitler did, there is no official documentation of his demands.

"There was no written order, there was a verbal order," Renn said. "But none of the mainstream historians doubt that his role was critical."

The second part of the lecture deals with the Holocaust. Renn said that he was not going to talk about what actually happened because it is already well-known history. He will focus on other aspects.

"I will probably deal with more of the genesis of the Holocaust rather than the nature of it," he said.

Renn said he will concentrate on how much the German people knew, how much they participated and how much they approved of it. He's also going to talk about

how Germans feel today about having a reputation because of the Holocaust.

The third part of Renn's lecture will focus on how things did or did not change. He will talk about how the death of 90 percent of the Jews in Europe affects Jewish and discuss the impact the Holocaust has left on Christianity.

Renn will speak on how there is still a good deal of narrow-mindedness, prejudice, bigotry and stereotyping going on today, a half century after the Holocaust.

He said he believes some people need someone to be prejudiced against because of the things they hate in themselves and the differences in others.

"A number of the mental attitudes and structures are still around today, a half century later," Renn said.

Groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, militia groups and the Oklahoma City bombers

have the same mentality as the mass murderers of the past, Renn said, whether it be people who killed Native Americans or the racists who lynched African Americans.

"They all have the same mental attitudes," he said. "Mainly for contempt and a belief in their own superiority."

Renn received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Miami. He attained his master's and doctorate at Florida State University. He did his dissertation study at the University of Bonn in Germany. He has received a number of awards and honors. His most recent was presented in 1996 "In Recognition of Honorable Service Through Parlorous Times as Chair, Department of History, 1992-1996."

The honors lectures are given from 3:30-4:20 p.m. every Monday in Peck Hall 109A. All lectures are free and open to the public.

Live wire



Steve Purinton/staff
Junior recording industry major and WMTS station manager Ryan T. Acree does what he does best during his radio show. WMTS is currently finding ways to raise money to alleviate its current budget shortage.

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doing just to talk to you and he still manages to get everything done."

Tompkins even shared about meeting Craig on a campus tour visit prior to attending MTSU.

"His impression upon me is basically the reason I said I'll go to college", said Tompkins.

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Sunday and Wednesday in the "Washington Post" where he has worked for 22 years, Milloy has also been a commentator on Black Entertainment Television every Thursday night for 15 years.

Milloy is perhaps best known for his award-winning column about an incident at an Eddie Bauer store in Washington.

Milloy explained the circumstances around the incident where a store security guard forced a young black man to remove his shirt and leave the store in his undershirt because the guard believed the shirt was stolen. The young man had bought the shirt two

Craig received a bachelor degree from MTSU in 1979, a master's degree in 1990, and an education specialist's degree in 1995. He reminisced about his days as a student looking at how many of his classmates chose military or commercial flight careers.

"I made a decision to teach, and never regretted it", expressed Craig. "I'm especially proud to be teaching here at MTSU."

day before and returned shortly afterward with the receipt to prove it and reclaim the shirt. He then called Milloy at the Post and told him about it.

The young man and his friends with him won a \$1 million lawsuit recently because of the manner in which they were treated at the store. Milloy won best columnist award in 1996 from the Associated Press.

Milloy studied journalism at Southern Illinois University. A member of the National Association of Black Journalists, he has been a crime reporter and a foreign correspondent. He has received honors from the Washingtonian Magazine, Maryland-D.C.-Delaware Press Association and Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists.

Bosnian schools 'peace' it together

□ Kris Lane/CPS

Imagine getting to history class only to discover a destroyed building and no professor. Heading for the library and finding it no longer exists. Walking back to your apartment in fear of gunfire. Sound like a bad dream?

For students in Bosnia this was a brutal reality. In April 1992, after Bosnia was granted independence from Yugoslavia, Bosnian Serbs launched a war that pitted three ethnic groups against one another: Bosnian Serbs, Muslims, and Croats. Lasting 1,000 days, the siege left behind mass destruction and claimed over 200,000 lives.

A first step toward peace came in December 1995 with the signing of The Dayton Peace Accords. After three weeks of charged debate, the leaders of Bosnia-Herzegovina (Alija Izetbegovic), Serbia (Slobodan Milosevic) and Croatia (Franjo Tudjman)

agreed to bury their differences and end the bloodshed.

The agreement declared Bosnia one nation divided into two territories — a Muslim-Croat federation and a Bosnian Serb republic.

Although the three groups initially protested the accords, progress has been made. A crucial part of that progress was the University of Dayton's 1996 decision to get involved.

"The university felt it could play an important role in making the peace work in Bosnia," said Bruce Hitchner, UD's Director of the Center for International Programs.

In November 1996 UD hosted a symposium marking the first anniversary of the accords. American, Bosnian and Croatian diplomats, international business experts, and journalists from the New York Times and the BBC gathered in Dayton to discuss the future of Bosnia.

"With the symposium we want to expand in all

directions, to get everyone in the Dayton community to participate so we could help bring peace to Bosnia," Hitchner explained. "We have since planned many other initiatives and we're finally seeing coalescence — change is evident, no question about it."

Another of the university's efforts involves professor and chairman of the department of educational administration, Charles J. Russo. Russo, who specializes in legal issues relating to education, has twice traveled to Bosnia.

During his first trip in April 1997 he visited schools in Sarajevo and met with former deputy minister of education, Asim Donlic, to determine how UD could be of help.

"I realized how scarred the children were from the war — physically, emotionally and mentally," Russo said. "And I came to the conclusion that they not only have special educational needs, but also a need for psychological

counseling to help them recover."

In December 1997 the Office of the Ombudsman in Sarajevo asked Russo to return to participate in a roundtable initially designed to eliminate a policy enforcing segregated schooling. Because the policy was rescinded before he arrived, the roundtable's focus turned to ensuring equal educational opportunities for all Bosnian children.

Russo also spoke with undergraduates majoring in education at the University of Sarajevo. He made recommendations about issues the students raised, including religion and gender equality. Throughout his second visit Russo urged those he met to use the schools to integrate the youth and put an end to divisions that fueled the war. He argued that if the children are taught the hatred of past generations, there is no hope for future peace.

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OPINIONS

Editorials

Dewey Decimal doing fine

In its unbounded and faultless wisdom, the SGA Student Services Committee sponsored SR-2-98S—requesting the university change its current library cataloging system from the Dewey Decimal system to the that of the Library of Congress.

This is just another senseless endeavor by our bestowed leaders.

Does this "request" actually mean anything, or was it done simply to add another bill passed in an effort to make this SGA the most active one in university history?

Reasoning behind the request is poor and seems to have no real research behind it. SGA reason number 1: MTSU is expanding to be a research university. As legions of former and present students express, our current catalogue is outdated and extremely underdeveloped. Before we enhance our cataloging system we need to simply enhance our catalog.

SGA reason number 2: most universities use the Library of Congress system. Although this argument is somewhat trite in itself, it seems to have the most weight of the three and will, at this time, be left as is.

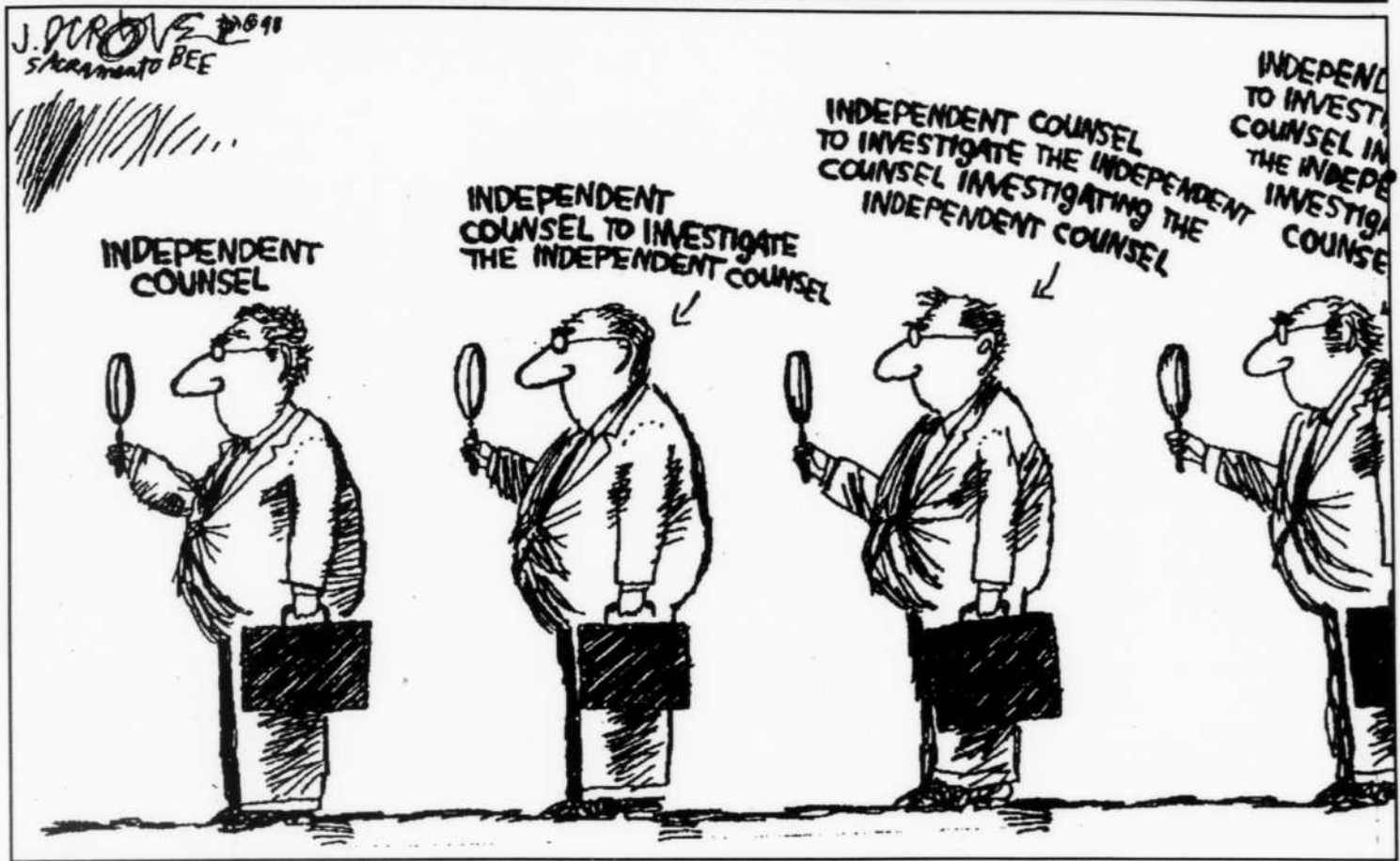
SGA reason number 3: the system is more efficient. Who is complaining about the current one? Most complaints directed to and coming from this publication are guided again towards the need for resource expansion.

Louisiana Tech. is cited as estimating a change such as this would cost around a half-million dollars, 17 employees and 10 years to complete.

Wow! A half-million dollars. Even though no one on campus would leave a decision of this monetary multitude up to SGA, this is a poor example of accurate spending. If SGA is attempting to pass a \$20 activity fee increase on the spring election ballot, it might want to demonstrate a tighter grip on finances first.

And the entire university is well aware that Todd Library is barely able to function in its limited hours with its limited staff. What would make anyone think the library could deliver enough supplementary labor to complete this arduous task?

Considering the enormous resources needed to fund this "request," and the fact that it will, in effect, do absolutely nothing, it is easy to see why it is ill-proposed.



From the Mailbox

Speaker of the Senate defends SGA retreat

To the editor,

This is written in response to the comments expressed by Christina Jolly in the February 19th issue of Sidelines. In her column, Ms. Jolly made several comments in regards to the SGA Activity Fee budget.

Yes, \$1000 was approved for an SGA retreat. However, there is more to this issue than Ms. Jolly is willing to reveal. As the retreat coordinator, I must say that, NO SGA MONEY, activity fee or otherwise, will be spent for the February 20-22 retreat. That's correct, NO SGA MONEY WILL BE SPENT ON THE LEGISLATIVE RETREAT. Yes, money was requested for this event, however several weeks ago some SGA members mentioned that the use of SGA funds might be inappropriate for the purpose of a retreat. As a result, I began looking into locations that students could afford all on their own. Fortunately, Standing Stone Park near Cookeville, was available at a very reasonable rate. Consequently, the 16 members going on the retreat will pay \$20 a person to attend. NO SGA MONEY WILL BE SPENT ON THIS RETREAT. FOOD, GAS, LODGING, ETC., WILL ALL BE PAID OUT OF THE POCKETS OF THOSE GOING—AND NOBODY ELSE. The SGA has never received the \$1000, it was just allocated to us. As a result of us not using it, the money will be put back into the Activity Fee fund "pot". President Ryan Durham and the rest of the SGA have been notified of this decision. Ms. Jolly, if

you would have paid attention in the House meetings, you would have known this as well; I have been announcing this for the past month.

Secondly, the retreat will provide the student body with a great service. Ms. Jolly implies that we will not be working at the retreat by placing the word, "work" in quotes. However, let me describe what we will be doing at Standing Stone: Friday night we will compile a list of possible bills and resolutions. Saturday, we will actually write the legislation proposed on Friday. We will also work on Electoral Act, Constitution, and By-Law changes. Additionally we will also be compiling an Annotated Code of the SGA "law". We are compiling the code so that students can use it as a reference guide to future legislation. Lastly we will eat and sleep. I hope these last two activities meet the approval of Ms. Jolly.

Thirdly, I would like to clarify that it takes money to run the SGA. As was printed on the front page of the same issue of Sidelines, it will cost about \$1,500 to rent the election booth. With 18,000 students it would be nearly impossible to count the votes and declare winners within a reasonable amount of time without the machines. It would literally take days to divide all the votes into their correct colleges, offices, etc. The SGA also uses the activity fee money on other events such as the movie on the knoll which played INDEPENDANCE DAY last fall. SGA money was spent to bring Starflax to campus last Thursday. Had it not been for the money from the activity fee, we would not be able to provide activities to students. In each of the above cases the events were well received with large student turnout.

Ms. Jolly, I ask you, "What have you done in the SGA?" Meeting after meeting you sit in the House and watch your peers write numerous pieces of legislation seeking to improve the University. However, all you care to do is criticize the very organization working for you. The old saying goes, "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Since you have done nothing to solve the situations, you must be part of the problem. Much of your complaint comes from ill-researched data and quick, irrational thinking. Had you actually paid attention in the House meetings, you would have heard that we are not spending SGA money on the retreat.

Lastly, I find it odd, that instead of coming to the SGA office personally to find out what is really going on, you seek rather to stir up a cloud of lies. Were you afraid of finding out the truth?

Thanks, Ms. Jolly for lying to the students just to get a vote. I wonder if your letter was just a lame attempt at trying to stir student interest in your campaign. You have succeeded at doing just that. But your success comes at the expense of the students. I truly hope you do not continue to behave this impulsively if elected.

Lastly, read page three of the February 19th issue of Sidelines, there is a column on the retreat. Sidelines actually called me and asked about the weekend. Then, Sidelines printed the article in the paper in regards to the workshop. Ms. Jolly please follow this example of gathering all information and then acting on it. Contact the SGA at 898-2464

Brian Lewis
Speaker of the Senate
Student Government Association

Students should stop complaining

Patti Fosbinder



columnist

America is a nation of whiners. New England was full of whiners. They whined about taxes, they whined about the government. They probably even whined about the weather. But what made New England America were the actions of those who were tired of whining and took action.

MTSU is a university of whiners. They whine about parking. They whine about the age and quality of its buildings. They whine about student desks which were bought by 1950s MTSU and 1990s MTSU students are still expected to fit into. But what do they do about it?

I would like to invite everyone on campus to send me suggestions about what needs to be done on campus. That's right. My box number is 1774. Go ahead, write down any complaints you have about MTSU (please, I can't help with city, state, national or international problems) and mail them to me.

But first, practice what you preach.

Ever since I got here I have heard students complaining about the looks of this campus. Anyone with any

complaints about this campus can send them to me, but only after you take a look at yourself. Do I want to keep the old library? Do I want to limit the size of the bookstore?

And more important, have I ever left the sidewalks and taken the shortest distance between two points to get where I was going? Do I want to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot"?

Have I ever dropped a piece of paper and not bother running with the wind to pick it up? Have I ever tossed a cigarette butt, not realizing it would take about 60 years to biodegrade?

If you have, you do not have a right to send me your suggestions because you do not practice what you preach.

Anyone wishing to complain about parking can write to me, also. But first consider whether you have ever looked for a parking place in the worst section of a major city. Have you ever left Riverfront Park in Nashville after the Fourth of July celebration, walked four miles and found your car totally blocked in by traffic so you have to wait an hour to get free?

Why do you bother going to a concert at Starwood where you have to park a mile away? Then you leave the concert in the dark surrounded by strangers who have been chugging and puffing and popping and dropping and who know you probably still have some

money and other things on your person.

And how reliable is security at a place like that?

If you have ever put up with poor parking at entertaining events, don't complain to me about parking here.

You want to complain about the quality of the buildings and desks on campus? Ask yourself the question, if I paid an extra \$20 per semester, where would I want that money to go? Student activities, so every single student can pay for a wonderful concert that one percent will attend? To change the name of the university? UMT students will still be sitting in MTSU desks.

In my previous life, I was a student at Tennessee Tech. There the president had created a format for any student questions or complaints. It was—and still is, I believe—called the President's Luncheon Forum.

Once a week at noon lunches are served in a room like the Tennessee Room. Food was available at 11 a.m. and hundreds of students gathered at each forum for lunch. Meals could be purchased with meal tickets or cash, or participants could brown bag it.

The forum would begin with the president—or the provost if he was unavailable—greeting his guests and discussing the activities of the

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Got a gripe? Let us hear about it.



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The 'Titanic' sinks us all

□ Troy Tickle/CPS

In case you didn't know, the boat sinks.

As each viewer sits, eyes glued to the screen in search of some miracle greater than destiny, they watch her slowly go down, pulling with her not only the hearts and souls of our favorite characters, but also of our very selves.

To all the men of the world, I will warn you right now: DO NOT let your significant other see this movie. Bad things will happen to you. Bad things will happen to your relationship.

Women across the country are suddenly becoming disgruntled and unhappy toward their previously very happy relationships. They are asking questions like, "Why don't you look at me like that?" "How come we aren't like them?" or "Why don't you ever paint me naked?"

These questions lead to other questions which are resulting in an outbreak of irrational break-ups, all which I attribute to the endless charms of Leonardo DeCaprio.

Normally I am not one to blame the media for the problems of the world. I don't think violence in cartoons makes children crazy. I don't think sexuality on MTV promotes promiscuity.

But in a case as obvious as this one, it's easy to see. The Titanic is sinking us all.

Women are watching this dynamic love story of passion and devotion, of romance and adoration, and wow do they want it! All of a sudden, they want to chug beer and dance with gypsies on table-tops or learn to spit off the side of a boat (women love that romantic stuff).

What we are forgetting here is that Jack and Rose only knew each other for three days. Three days! It's easy to love someone for three days.

The happy couple hasn't even had the opportunity to get to know each other yet. It takes time to realize that it drives you crazy when she chews her fingernails and hates how you drive, or that he leaves his

pants lying around the house and acts like a jerk when he drinks.

If the story had ended differently and the happy couple would have arrived in New York together, we would have seen a much different conclusion.

Since they had no money (and there is no way they could have sold the necklace without ending up in jail), they would have moved into a shelter while Jack looked for work. But they would have been happy because they were together.

Soon Jack would find a job scooping horse dung off the streets and Rose would find a job in a sweat shop, but they were still together so they were happy.

As an artist who has traveled the world, Jack would never be content working in one place, so he would bounce from job to job unable to hold anything down.

Rose would do anything to lift herself from the disgusting poverty she found herself in, so she continues to work and to prod Jack to work. They begin to argue. He needs to grow up and learn responsibility. She needs to learn money isn't everything and accept him as he is.

Eventually, she doesn't want Jack disappearing for three days at a time anymore, and she forbids him from drawing one-legged prostitutes. He finds her pretentious, high-maintenance, and unable to satisfy. They get in a fight. He's drunk. He hits her. It's over.

She sails home to mommy and finds a rich suitor who can satisfy her inner needs. He wanders the world painting and drawing always wondering what happened to the nice girl he fell in love with.

And there you have it. It's easy to get swept away in a moment of romance, but that's not the same thing as love.

So don't cry at that ill-fated moment of doom. Don't even shed a tear. The lover's finale, though tragic, saved them from a much more dismal and deplorable fate.



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university. Next up would be the athletics director who would share a good joke and sports of the day.

Department heads and professors would use this time to present awards and scholarships to students and faculty, also.

When that was done, a microphone would be made available to any students who had any questions, complaints or suggestions for the faculty or staff.

No matter what was brought up, someone would stand before the crowd and address it. Sometimes they gave answers and sometimes they told students why something was done.

Many times they would ask the student's name and tell him or her they would get back to them because the couldn't give details at that point. But the newspaper staff usually followed it up if the story was important.

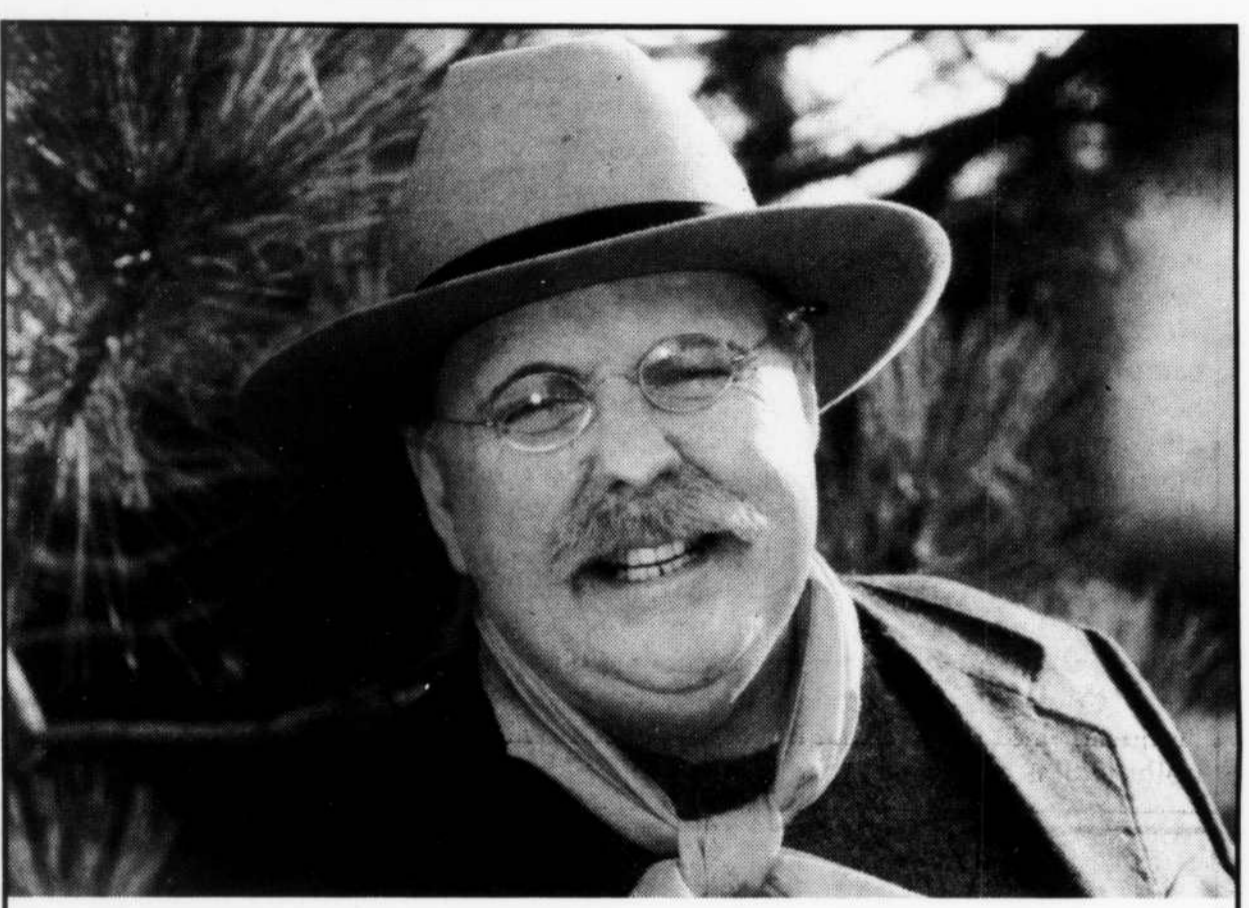
So, if you would like to see a program like this get started at MTSU, go ahead and write to me! If I get enough students behind me, I can suggest it to the president and see what he thinks. Then we can get rid of the whiners.

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After Hours

Monday, February 23

Auditions will be held for the Murfreesboro Little Theatre's April production of "Jake's Women" at 7 p.m. The director is looking for one man age 40-50 and six women ages 16-40.

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

Delicious Blues Stew and Kenny Neal & The Neal Brothers play Bourbon Street from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

Jon Zadick & The Corporation play 3rd & Lindsley at 8 p.m.

Submissions for a student-produced journal of love and erotica are being accepted through March 4. Anonymous submissions will be accepted. To submit, mail entry to box C118 on campus.

Tuesday, February 24

A Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras party featuring Hal Newman & The Mystics of Time will begin at 8 p.m. at 3rd & Lindsley.

Delicious Blues Stew and Kenny Neal & The Neal Brothers play Bourbon Street from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

The Mozart C minor Mass Choir concert will be performed at Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m.

Fools Rush In play the Boro for a special Fat Tuesday show starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25

Groovy Godies, the Donna's and Glossary play the Boro.

Stacy Mitchhart & Blues U Can Use play Bourbon Street from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

The Wooten Brother play 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 9 p.m.

Thursday, February 26

A jazz ensemble concert will be held at Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m.

The Tom House CD release party will be held at 3rd and Lindsley at 6 p.m. Venice plays at 9 p.m.

Friday, February 27

Sister Hazel and the Freddy Jones Band play 328 Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

The Guy Smiley Blues Exchange plays Guido's at 10 p.m.

The Scott Holt Band plays 3rd and Lindsley Bar and Grill at 9 p.m.

Stacy Mitchhart & Blues U Can Use play Bourbon Street from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

Pop Roxy plays the Indienet Record Shop, 1707 Church St. in Nashville, at 8 p.m.

Madcap takes the stage at 9 p.m. and Quimby (formerly Daphne's Operation) play at 10 p.m. All shows for are all ages. \$5 cover.

Are students never "too drunk"?

Sigma Phi Epsilon takes a new approach to alcohol awareness using a live DUI simulation

□ Rachel Bailey/special to "Sidelines"

As the sirens wail, the car slows to a stop and the driver is asked to step out of the vehicle. Next, the dreaded sobriety tests begin...the ones that, even while sober, students often wonder if they would pass. Pretending to walk on a tightrope, the driver stumbles—heel-toe-wobble, heel-toe-wobble—teetering on the edge of his self-imposed ill fate.

The drunken driver seems oblivious to what lies ahead. But as the handcuffs lock tightly around his wrists, the consequences begin to sink in. The thoughts of money, his soon-to-be-towed car and imminent license suspension begin to nag at the back of his inebriated mind, not to mention his impending hanging and possible jail sentence.

It could happen to anyone.

This is the public Safety Officer Danny Booker was

trying to impress upon new members of Sigma Phi Epsilon recently at a live DUI demonstration.

To passersby, the arrest looked shockingly realistic: a fellow student getting busted driving after having

chugged a few too many. But to members of the SigEpsilon fraternity this was merely a DUI simulation exercise and no one was actually arrested.

In light of widespread publicity about alcohol-related deaths in Greek organizations, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity decided to do something about it.

When the idea came to fraternity president Chad Stout a few months ago, he saw it as an opportunity to show newly-pledged members of the fraternity an upclose look at what could happen when someone drinks and then decides to get behind the wheel.

"Lectures usually just go in one ear and out the other," said Stout. "I thought that if the guys could see the actual procedure, then they would understand the seriousness of drinking and driving."

After the simulation, Booker gave a presentation and passed out pamphlets dealing with the facts and

figures of Tennessee's DUIs.

With statistics showing that more than 30,000 Tennesseans are convicted of DUIs each year, it is easy to see why Stout felt the issue needed to be brought to the

fraternity's attention. And, according to Booker, this method of DUI simulation seems to work well.

"A lot of people aren't aware of the consequences involved with

"I had no idea how serious and steep fines are for a DUI charge. I don't have that kind of money to throw away."

Justin Davis
Sigma Phi Epsilon member



DUI on campus 1994-1997

1994	18 offenses	1995	18 offenses
1996	8 offenses	1997	10 offenses



Source: MTSU Public Safety

Carrie Hirsch/staff

DUIs," remarked Booker. "And by witnessing a simulation, it seems the message has a greater impact."

Following Booker's presentation, Stout opened up a line of questioning in the hope that many new members' questions could be answered.

"I had no idea how serious and steep the fines are for a DUI charge," exclaimed Justin Davis, a new member of the SigEpsilon fraternity. "I don't have that kind of money to throw away."

Other questions were raised during the session, such as how fraternities fared in terms of DUIs on campus. Booker replied that the Greek system had very few incidents involving drinking and driving on campus, while other groups of students who live on campus, like athletes, tend to have more.

According to the facts presented in the simulation, the consequences of a DUI are pretty severe. From all the fines imposed to the most tragic consequence, possibly harming someone else, the outlook is bleak for a DUI offender.

And this is exactly the kind of message Stout had hoped would come across to the younger members of his fraternity. He has also planned follow-up simulations to be held in the spring involving lawyers and insurance agents who will reiterate the message.

At the end of the night, Stout explained the thoughts that were just beginning to sink into the minds of the young men of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"You are looking at a lot of trouble," Stout said, "for just a few drinks."

New location set for digital planet

□ Matt Pabreza/staff

It all started with 400 compact discs, a little bit of cash and a whole lot of hard work from three very dedicated people.

Murfreesboro's largest used CD and cassette store, digital planet opened its door at 111 1/2 W. Lytle St. in 1993, and has grown exponentially every year since. With two locations in Murfreesboro, digital planet carries more than 25,000 titles of CDs, cassettes and vinyl recordings.

"We started out with \$400 in a metal cash box," said owner Michael Morrison.

Morrison, who migrated to Tennessee from Florida with hopes of becoming a songwriter, attended MTSU where he met his wife Jennifer. The Morrisons landed successful jobs out of college, but had their hearts set on opening a small business.

After Michael attended a music conference in Nashville with his neighbor Jim Laughlin, he decided that a secondhand record shop would be perfect for Murfreesboro. With the combined effort of the Morrisons and Laughlin, digital planet went from being an idea to a reality.

Laughlin is better known to most people in town as the extroverted salesman at the Lytle Street store, where he assures customers that all CDs and tapes are \$3 off.

"Jim helped start the whole thing, and he's really a part of the store," said Morrison.

Laughlin is a mainstay at the downtown store where he works six days a week open to close.

"Jim lives there," said fellow employee Hector Jiminez, who works at the Stones River Mall location.

Both digital planets have an abundance of electronic media and miscellaneous merchandise as well as recorded music. Movies, CD-ROMs, video games, posters and books line the shelves at both stores—which is probably why Morrison decided to open a third store in Murfreesboro behind Home Depot.

"We're going to combine things that are in both stores into the new store and add some to the mix," said Morrison.

Morrison plans to build a 3,000-square-foot pizza cafe, install a small stage for local musicians to perform and serve coffee for shoppers at his new store.

"We're going to put in a wood-fire pizza oven so we can serve a more gourmet, California-style pizza," Morrison said.

Morrison also has nearly 10,000 pieces of vinyl boxed at his downtown store and intends to display them, along with many other things, once the latest digital planet opens this



Photos by Susan McMahan/staff



Customers can choose between two digital planet locations in Murfreesboro. Both stores buy and sell CDs, tapes, CD-ROMs, videos and video games. The original store (above) is located on Lytle Street and the Stones River Mall store (left) is located near Sir Pizza. This summer, a new digital planet store featuring a pizza cafe and a small stage to host shows by local artists will open behind Home Depot near Stones River Mall.

summer.

What sets digital planet apart from its corporate rivals is its direct interaction with the public. People can not only buy merchandise, they can also sell their unwanted movies, CDs and tapes.

"We get people in here from all over the place," said Laughlin.

Morrison says that "everything" is different between his store and corporate chains such as Blockbuster and Tower Records.

"We're the kind of store where you just don't come in with an idea. If you come in with an idea you might find what you're looking for, but it's really the kind of store where you find things you don't expect to find," Morrison said.

And what's probably most appealing to resident of Murfreesboro is that the CDs and tapes at digital planet are usually a few bucks cheaper than at other stores.

But used record shops have been

under fire by some, especially country star Garth Brooks, who complain that buying secondhand CDs keeps songwriters from collecting royalties.

"If we didn't pass out the money for people to buy new CDs because they traded in their old CDs, there wouldn't be as many new CDs sold," said Morrison.

Morrison said he respects Brooks' opinion, but added that record clubs

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

'Sphere' won't tear at your heart

**Keith Parrack
review column**

If you're looking to see a film that massages and tears at the human heart, don't go see "Sphere."

If you're looking to see a film starring a busty, partially nude Sharon Stone, don't go see "Sphere."

However, if you want to see a huge budgeted, moderately well-made movie that uses primitive noises and grunts in place of dialogue, jam the kids in the Taurus, swallow, and pay the skyrocketing theater fee.

The starring three, Sharon Stone, Dustin Hoffman and Samuel L. Jackson, are all specialists in a technical field chosen to be a part of an underwater exploration team.

The writers are sure not to let you forget that these people are specialists. Every scene contains a factual interlude that grates the nerves after the first half hour.

Jackson threatens his own career with his math statistic-spouting.

Hoffman seems to be the focus of the movie. The opening credits are rolled with him in a helicopter over the Pacific.

The team is brought to the middle of the ocean to investigate a spacecraft found on the bottom by a ship laying fiber optic cable between continents.

Hoffman is, as usual, oblivious to what's going on. He uses his confused face with the wrinkled brow frequently.

The director, Barry Levinson, is particular with the

details.

Peter Coyote plays the commanding officer and offers a procedural rundown to crew in Hoffman. This is the only part where the story gets good.

We're introduced to the massive spacecraft and the special effects come roaring at us.

The diving team makes its way aboard the space ship, takes a little look around and we're off.

This is where the story starts to confuse the viewer and flex its dynamics. The Sphere is introduced as a massive ball of liquid that makes dreams come true and yada yada.

Then the cast is systematically killed off by order of importance.

The directing is not terrible, but the writing, by Michael

Chrichton, is.

The casting is done well, though I don't see why big actors like these would shake hands over this script. (The name Michael Chrichton causes people to do funny things like read his books.)

Queen Latifah even managed to weasel her way into this one.

My recommendation would be to sit this one out. But if you have to see this movie and you're the kind of person who saw Leviathan and the Abyss, don't let whiny little me stop you.

And don't go to the Carmike 6 on Broad Street. The seats are angled to throw you on the floor.

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such as BMG and Columbia House often have contractual agreements where they do not pay artist royalties.

"Garth kind of left that whole bit out," said Morrison.

A special shelf at digital planet is dedicated to local musicians such as Janie Gray, Holtzclaw and Glossary. Morrison said the store takes 50 cents for each local item sold, and the band keeps the rest.

They also kept their doors open until midnight for the release of Pearl Jam's new album, "Yield."

"We were proud," said Morrison. "We were the only ones open that late doing anything special. We're that."

Morrison is unsure what the future plans are for the Stones River Mall store once the new digital planet opens.

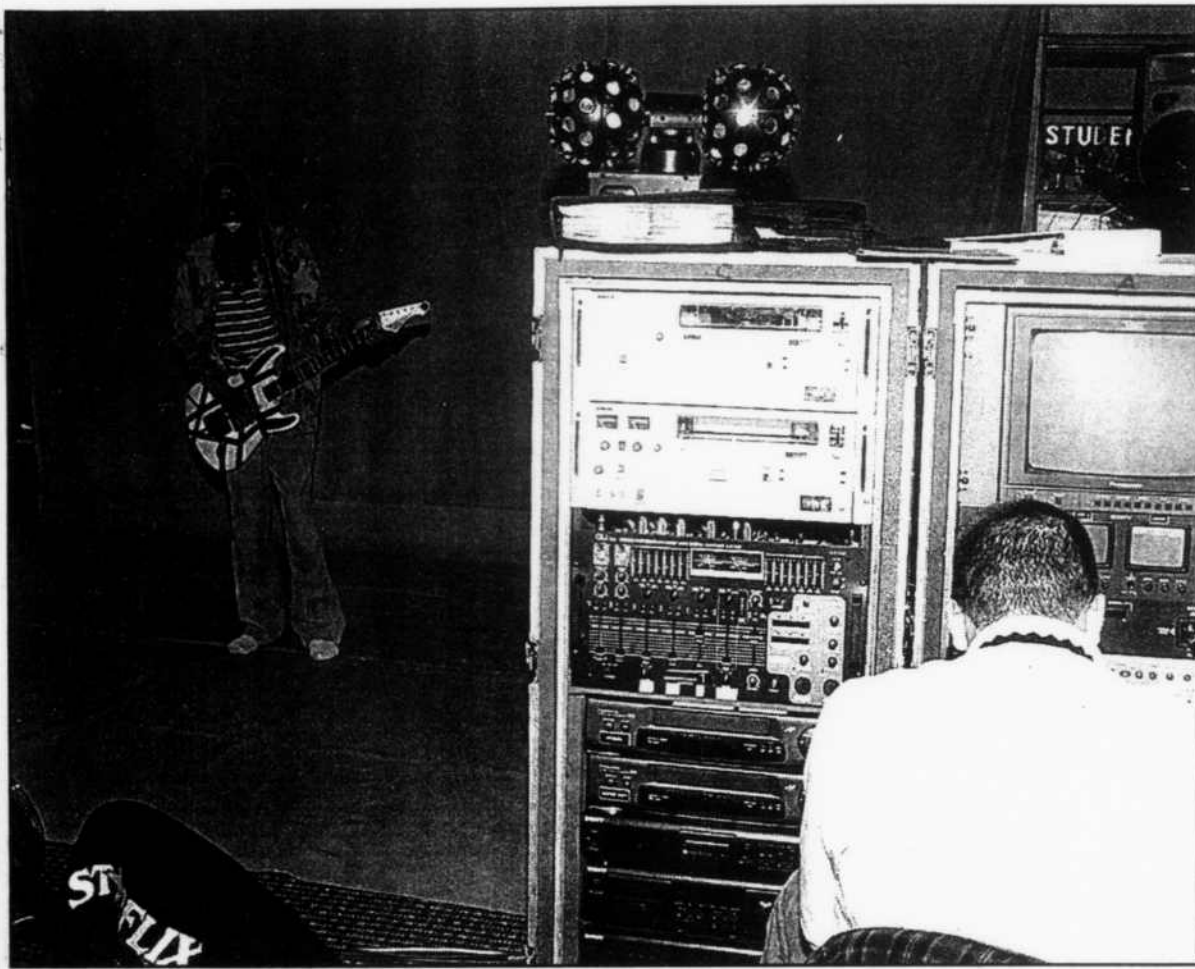
"We may change to another retail concept," said Morrison. But he promises the Lytle Street store will always be there.

"It will stay open as long as we can keep it open," said Morrison.

Jimenez added, "As long as Jim's alive."

And as long as all tapes and CDs are \$3 off.

'Head Like A Hole'



Timmy Gibson, a freshman mass communication major, makes a video for the song "Head Like A Hole" by Nine Inch Nails last week on the second floor of Keathley University Center.

Changing money part of the fun of travel

□ Doug Lansky/CPS

After six years traveling around the world, I can finally tell the difference between a Greek drachma, a Portuguese escudo, a Hungarian forint, a Venezuelan bolivar, an Egyptian pound, a Bosnian dinar, an Israeli shekel, a Czech koruna, an Austrian schilling, a South African rand and a Polish zloty.

It helps that these bank notes have the name of the currency printed right on the front.

But changing money is another story.

Traveling, after all, is not just about spending heaps of foreign currency, running back to the cash machine and getting more because you're spending \$6 for five-ounce glasses of Coke with no ice.

Sometimes — and this may come as a shock to a few of you — there are no cash machines to be found!

Around Europe, you may need to go to exchange booths with names like Checkpoint, Cambio and Just Give Us All Your Money. These places are centrally located, have wonderfully convenient hours and are able to offer this kind of service by charging you little commissions and fees.

If you ever bothered to check the receipt, you'd notice the fees often surpass the amount you were trying to exchange.

If you took, say, \$100 and changed it into English pounds at one of these exchange booths, then took your pounds and immediately changed them into French francs, then into Italian lira, then into German marks, then back into dollars, you

would end up with, I believe, Finland's national debt. (I'll bet you didn't even know Finland had a national debt. That's because they don't anymore; it belongs to a German tourist.)

This situation will change soon as the Euro — a new single currency for Europe — is introduced over the next few years (beginning Jan. 1, 1999). Here in France, they're already running public service announcements about the new money on TV.

These cheery spots depict grandpayers proudly showing stard-eyed children poster-size reproductions of the Euro, possibly leaving the kids to wonder if they're going to need wallets the size of hide-a-beds to hold the massive bills.

Once the Euro arrives, travelers will have to go a lot farther to rekindle the joy of money changing. Perhaps India, where the banks can be so confusing you need to access the Global Positioning System to locate the exchange window, and the currency is so devaluated vis a vis the dollar that you need to carry 12 wallets.

The funny thing about Indian money (besides the name "rupee") is that it seems to be ripped on generic facial-tissue, and the banks like to — I'm not kidding — punch holes in it so they can sew bills together in bundles.

New bank notes, thus, end up looking like they were printed in the Paleozoic period after only two weeks in circulation.

Now here's the catch: Indian street vendors don't accept bills that don't look nice! So you've got this country of nearly a billion people and

everyone is walking around with at least one damaged bill they're always trying to unload.

Tourists are a prime target. This only seems like a silly game until you find yourself with a pocketful of frayed, worthless money.

"C'mon," you plead with a vendor, "it's just got a little tear in it."

But they just look at you calmly and wobble their heads like broken action figures (which in India means "no" — although sometimes this same gesture means "yes," sometimes "I don't know," sometimes nothing in particular).

It's usually just a matter of days before you start inspecting your change methodically — not to count it but to check for damaged bills.

You could take the stuff to Syria, but getting a good exchange rate here can be tricky. When I was passing through, the black-market offered a 20 percent better exchange rate than the banks, but you could end up in jail for using it.

Naturally, this didn't stop black marketeers, or perhaps secret police, from yelling, "HEY, CHANGE MONEY?" from across the street.

If you were really keen on getting that extra Syrian pound or two, there was usually a guy hanging around the popular budget-travel hotels who was more than happy to step into a dimly lit restroom with you for a cash transaction. (If you're tempted to try this, verify his credentials with at least two other travelers who haven't gone to prison before you step into his currency-exchange toilet.)

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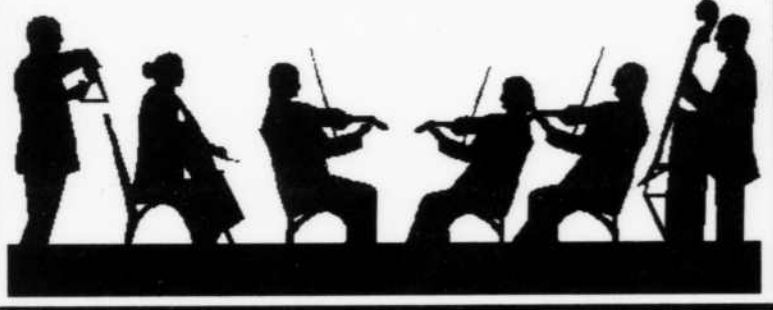


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Softball results

HUEYTOWN, Ala.--The Lady Raider softball team opened up the 1998 season with a doubleheader split at Samford.

Middle won the first game 3-0, while Samford got a little revenge with a 4-3 win the second game.

Both games were played at Hueytown High School.

Sophomore pitcher Jaclyn Story picked up where she left off in 1997. Story tossed a six-hit shutout to top the Lady Bulldogs in game one.

The Lady Raiders received a balanced effort offensively with freshman Courtney Wallace and sophomore Melanie Manley recording the RBIs.

In game two, the Lady Raiders took a 3-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning. In that time frame, Samford scored two runs to tie it at 3-3 and then scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

Golf results

TAMPA, Fla.--The Blue Raider golf team recovered from the early-week struggles in Mississippi with a sixth place finish at the Ron Smith Invitational at the University of South Florida Golf Course.

The Blue Raiders shot a final round 299 to claim the sixth spot, which is their best finish on the season.

"This was a good tournament for us considering what happened in Mississippi," head coach Johnny Moore said. "This finish will help us in the rankings because we were able to top some teams that had gotten ahead of us this fall."

Leading the way for Middle was sophomore Whit Turnbow. Turnbow finished tied for eighth with a 54-hole total of 212. Sophomore Brett Alexander also finished in the top 20 tying for 19th with a final tally of 216.

The Blue Raiders will next be in action March 6-8 at the Matlock Intercollegiate in Lakeland, Fla.

OVC Indoor Championships

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

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.

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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 Restaurant.

Upcoming schedule

Men's Basketball.
vs Eastern Ky. Feb. 24 7:30 p.m.
(OVC Tournament, first round)

Women's Basketball.
vs E. Illinois Feb. 24 5:30 p.m.
(OVC Tournament, first round)

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
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Raider baseball off to a good start

□ Chad Gillis/staff

The Blue Raider baseball team kicked off the season with a 2-0 series against Illinois State University.

Jeff Parsons posted his first victory as a Raider Friday with a 5-2 outing against Illinois State, pitching six innings.

"Outstanding opening day," said head coach Steve Peterson. "We wanted to limit Jeff to 85 pitches, which we did, and he threw very well."

Parsons, a sophomore Clemson University transfer, allowed just three hits while giving up two runs and striking out six.

Sophomore catcher Josh Pride tallied the first RBI of the season for the Raiders with a solo home run over the right-field fence in the first inning. He finished the game 2-4 with three RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen

base.

"Josh has been waiting for this day for an entire year," Peterson said. "He is going to be expected to have days like this hitting third in the lineup. I was very impressed with his play behind the plate."

Senior pitcher Chad Kirby took the mound in the sixth inning and finished the game allowing two hits and striking out five to post his first save of the season.

Saturday's game proved to be equally exciting as Junior first baseman Wayne Chinapen recorded two home runs, one of which served as the game winner with one out in the bottom of the eleventh inning.

"I'm expected to be in the lineup for power," Chinapen said. "I got a good pitch to hit."

Chinapen finished the game hitting 3-5 with one double and five RBIs.

Junior centerfielder Jeremy

Owens singled to open the first inning and stole second. Owens then advanced to third on a Jon Case fielder's-choice to second base.

The game was tied 4-4 entering the ninth when Illinois State's Ryan Knox led off the inning with a single to left field. Allen then scored on a double courtesy of catcher Ryan Duncheon.

In the bottom of the ninth, Chinapen sent a game-tying blast to right center.

"It was a high fastball inside," said Chinapen on the 0-2 fastball, "right there for me to turn on."

Things stayed steady until the top of the eleventh inning when Illinois State's Duncheon took Raider pitcher Cam Newitt's first career offering over the fence.

After a Pride pop-up to second base, Chinapen hit his second shot over the right field fence to clinch the win for the Raiders.

Senior Ken Bedwell pitched five solid innings in relief of starter Brad Howard, a 1997 Freshman All-American. Bedwell went five-plus, innings giving up five hits, two runs, a walk and seven strikeouts.

The Raiders started off strong on the offensive side again when Chinapen hit a high sacrifice fly with the bases loaded to score the first run of the day.

Senior first-baseman Clint Johnson then extended the Raiders' lead to 4-0 with a three-run home run over the left field fence.

Johnson came to the plate with bases loaded and one out when the second base umpire suspended the game, which was later called, because of rain.

The Raiders will be in action in Natchitoches, La., for a tournament Feb. 27-March 1 at Northwestern State. Middle Tennessee will face Northwestern State on Feb. 27.



Chad Gillis/staff

Chad Kirby, senior, throws the first pitch of the season at Friday's game against Illinois State University. The Raiders won 5-2.

OVC first-round games starting this Tuesday

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

It couldn't have made for a better setting.

When the Ohio Valley Conference men's basketball tournament opens Tuesday night, the Blue Raiders will host Eastern Kentucky.

The Raiders are still reeling after a loss to the Colonels in the closing seconds of their last meeting Thursday.

"I can't play them," head coach Randy Wiel said. "That game still has a real...just like I think about the Martin game last year, it pisses me off."

"I can't do anything about our shooting woes. But it irritates me to know about our defensive lapses. I'm sure the team wants to play them again."

Thanks to their 75-61 win over Morehead State the Raiders will enter the tournament on a winning note after suffering through an 0-for-4 drought which included losses to TSU, Austin Peay, Southeast Missouri and Eastern Kentucky.

"This time we're going to come out ready," senior forward Aylton Tesch said.

Tuesday's first-round game against Eastern will tip-off 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Lady Raiders first-round game against Eastern Illinois.

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Raider defense slams Morehead

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

K.J. Harden fulfilled a childhood dream by joining the Blue Raider basketball team four years ago.

In his final regular-season game, the Murfreesboro native lit up the scoreboard for a career-high 17 points as the Raiders downed Morehead State 74-61 in an Ohio Valley Conference win.

Harden was on target from downtown all night long, nailing all five of his three-point attempts. Two of his shots came in the opening minutes of play, as the Raiders (18-8, 12-6) jumped out to an 11-0 lead to start the game.

In his last 10 games, Harden has made a total of 27 three-pointers.

"Every once in a while I tell him, he gets high school flashbacks," head coach Randy Wiel said. "Then we're in trouble. But he let it fly. Everytime he was open and he let it fly. It looked like it was going in."

"He's a very good standing-still shooter."

Another big factor in the Raiders' successful night was Mantia Callender, effort led by senior Callender, who finished the game with 13

boards.

The Raiders won the battle of the glass 46-39 and eight of Callender's grabs came at the offensive end of the floor.

"I just wanted to play my heart out," Callender said. "I was fighting for the rebounds."

For the first time this season, Aylton Tesch didn't reach double figures in scoring. He finished the game with eight points but his consummate, tenacious play in the paint resulted in 12 rebounds.

"We need to start shooting the basketball better," Wiel said. "We got it going a little bit in the second half."

"Today a lot of it was rimming out, that's why I hammer on defense. Our defense has to be constant. But boy, if you combine our defense with good shooting, we'll be in business."

Richard Duncan put together a solid performance for the third straight game. The junior point guard out of Dishville, Ky., scored 14 points, dished off four assists and brought the ball up the court despite the Eagles (3-23, 2-16) full-court pressure defense.

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Lady Raiders reign over Morehead

□ Kin Easter/staff

The Lady Raiders basketball team made sure they would play the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament at home; the score said so.

What's wrong with today's younger generation? And whatever happened to manners?

The Lady Raiders embarrassed Morehead State University in conference action by handing them a 91-54 loss Saturday night at the Murphy Center.

The win gives Lady Raiders home court advantage Tuesday when they play Eastern Illinois in a first-round tournament game.

After a heartbreaking, buzzer-beating loss to Eastern Kentucky Thursday, the Lady Raiders did not want to be discouraged going into the tournament.

"We need to have a good game to get our confidence going," said senior forward Natalie Sneed.

The Lady Raiders moved the ball quickly down the court at the start of the game leading by 19 points with 10:54 left in the first half and finishing it out with 40-23 half-time lead.

Junior forward Jonelda Buck was big on defense at the start of the game to push Morehead behind and give the offense a chance to widen its lead. She had two blocks by the end of the first half.

Buck and junior point guard Cortney Neeley led the Lady Raiders offense, scoring 15 points each. "OVC Newcomer of the Week" Bama Burrell scored nine points, had four steals and grabbed six rebounds.

The Lady Raiders tied their season-high blocking record with eight blocked shots against the Lady Eagles. Buck, Sneed and senior guard



Chad Gillis/staff

Jonelda Buck, 20, center from Jamestown, Tennessee, wrestled with Eastern Kentucky players at last Thursday's game. The Lady Raiders lost 55-54.

Tanika Smith all had two blocks.

Junior forward Cyndi Ainsworth was able to play after suffering a fractured elbow Feb. 7 against Southeast Missouri. She scored three points, dished out two assists and picked up a steal.

"Of course it felt better in the fact that we won, but I was really disappointed several times in the basketball game because we just got sloppy," head coach Stephany Smith said. "It's hard to continue your composure and play hard when the game loosens up so much."

The Lady Raiders, 14-11 overall

and 11-7 in the OVC, will play Eastern Illinois in the first round of OVC Tournament action Tuesday.

Neeley urges everyone to attend Tuesday.

"We need people to come and support us," she said.

Coach Smith is concerned about the next game, however.

"We haven't been able to make the mismatch to our advantage yet," said Smith. "And I like to try to see us do that."

Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m. at the Murphy Center.



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 community are encouraged to nominate those individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and meet the award criteria.

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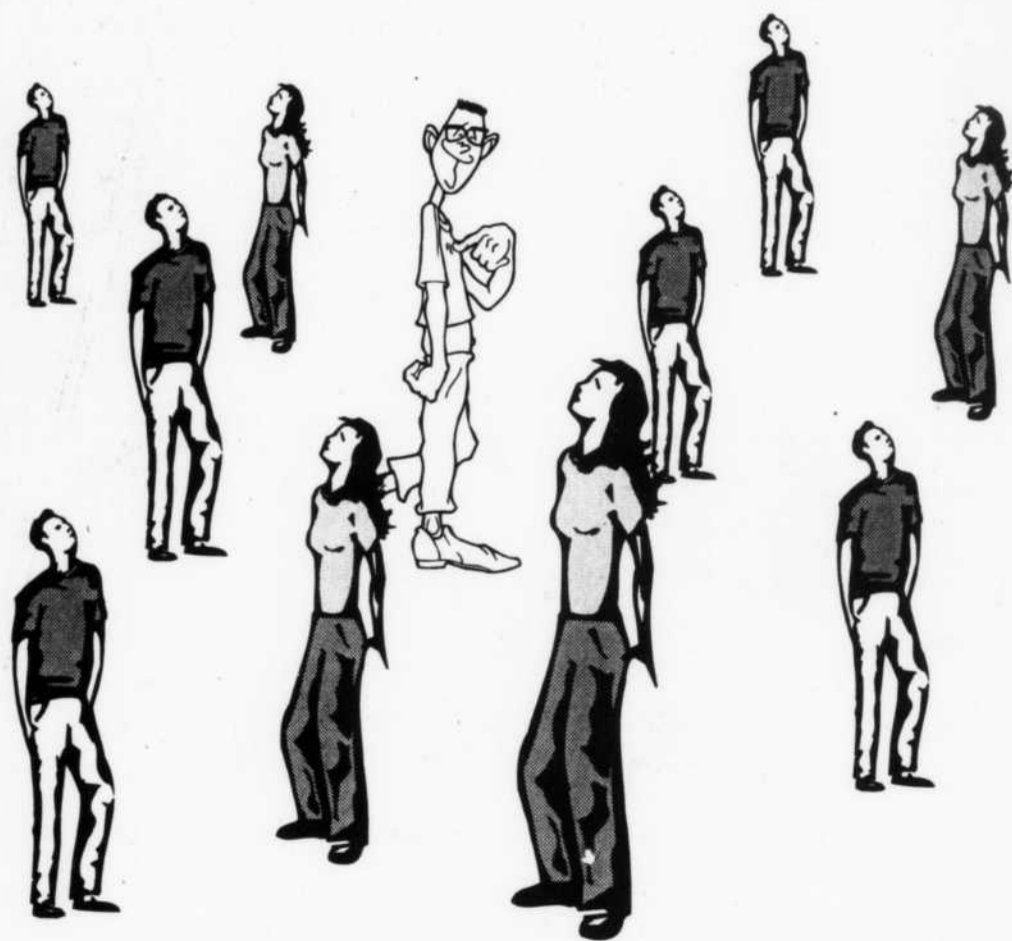
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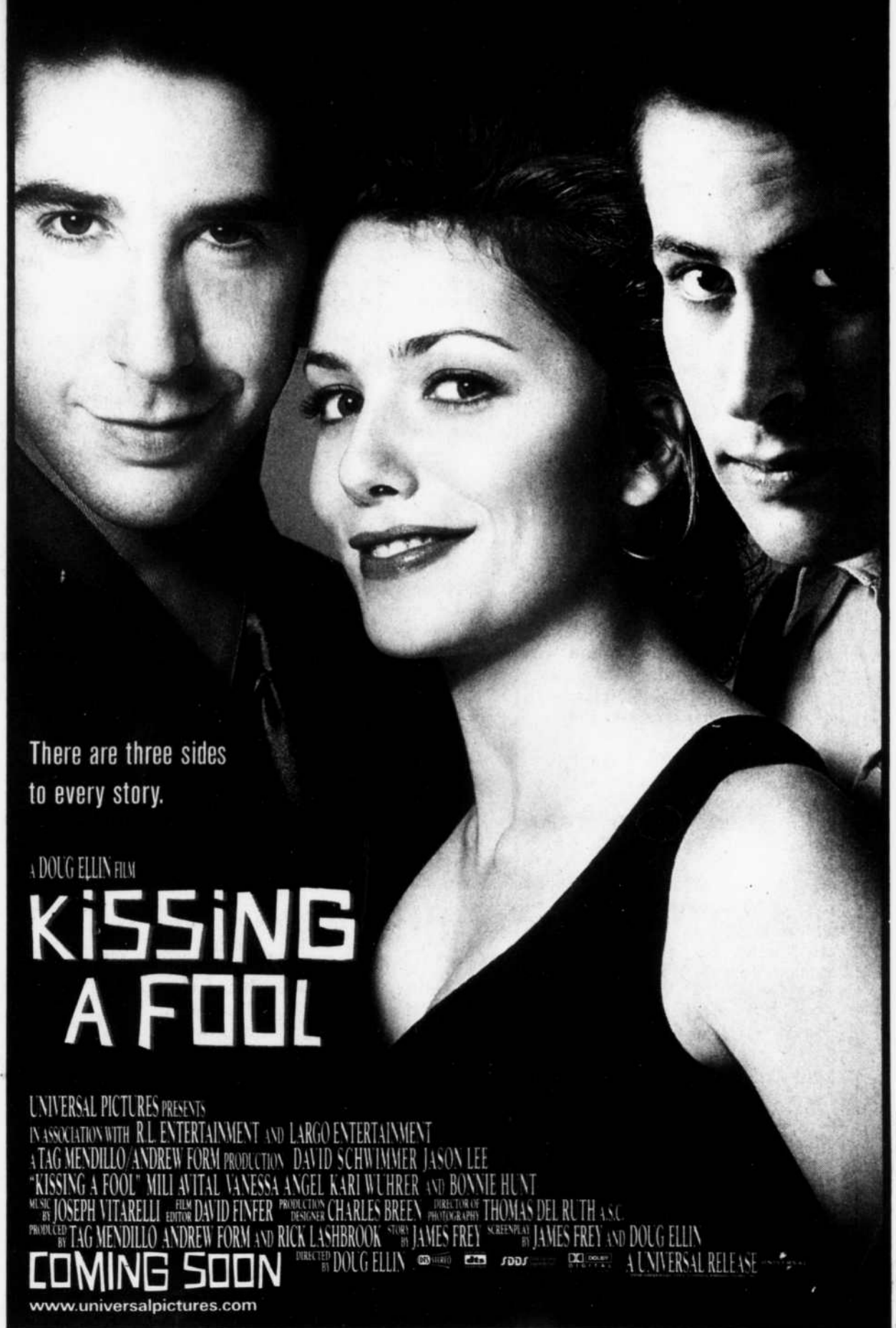
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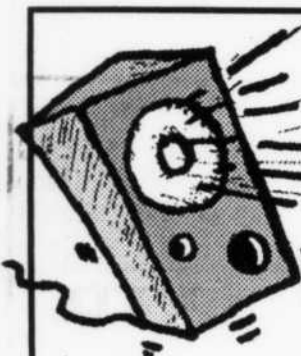


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Have pride, go to a game

**Keith Ryan
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It really is time for the student body at MTSU to wake up and do something. After being here on campus for six months, I can honestly say that the students as a whole are extremely lathargic. No wonder people outside this campus take pot-shots at us so often.

We need to stand up as a collective group and say enough is enough.

A good start would be by supporting various activities that take place right here on campus—most notably the athletic events.

I'm not saying that everyone has to attend every single game played here, but have a little pride and go to at least one game. More than likely you'll find what an exciting time it is and probably want to go to another.

All too often you can walk across this campus and someone is bound to be wearing UT clothing or Kentucky, North Carolina, UCLA and so on. It's disappointing for me to see that.

I understand that programs like those are almost on par with professional teams but the lack of local support for the Blue Raiders still remains frustrating.

However, the real slap in the face are people here who wear TSU, Austin Peay or Murray State garb.

Seeing that just makes me want to puke! As if low

attendance figures weren't enough.

Schools like that are on our level. Even worse, they're in our conference. We have student-athletes here who train long hours year-round to compete against those schools. To know that those athletes walk our campus and see that is embarrassing.

This isn't high school. We've all chosen, for one reason or another, to attend school here.

If Austin Peay is the school you choose to support, then simply move up to Clarksville. Honestly, we don't need you here to drag us down.

in awhile.

For all those who laugh at the goals some of the key people at MTSU have for us, just remember, Rome wasn't built in a day.

I'm not saying that Boots Donnell is going to lead the football team to a bone-crushing victory over Nebraska tomorrow afternoon. But the fact is, we are a campus of 18,000 students. Why can't we be like them?

We need to show Murfreesboro, the people of Middle Tennessee, the state of Tennessee and the country that we care about how we're viewed—that we do have pride.

Last summer, the "Sporting News" listed Murfreesboro as 127-best city in North America to be a sports fan. Wow! If they only knew.

Nonetheless, that should be a building block for us—a spark that says, if people outside of Murfreesboro are aware of what kind of teams MTSU sports, maybe we should take a good look at what they have to offer.

With both the men's and women's basketball teams hosting a first-round Ohio Valley Conference Tournament game Tuesday night at the Murphy Center, there's no better time than now to take in that one game you owe yourself.

Begin to develop a little sense of self pride. From here on out, be proud to be a student at MTSU and never passively let someone down-grade you for coming here.

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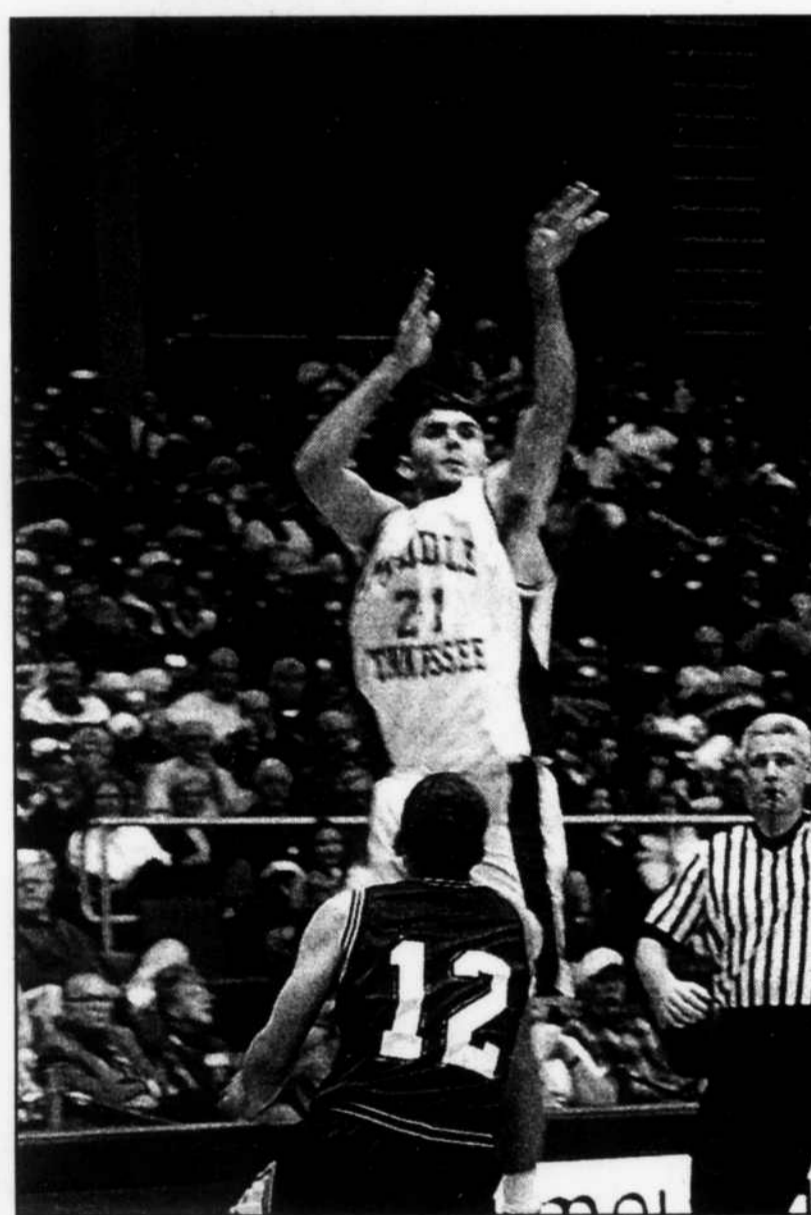
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Senior K.J. Harden, 21, a forward from Murfreesboro, had a big week to end his regular season career as a Blue Raider.

RAIDERS

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Duncan also helped to spearhead a defensive effort on the part of the Raiders. The Eagles committed 18 turnovers throughout the night.

Although the Raiders pulled out the win, once again they struggled from the field as a team. They shot just under 29 percent in the first half.

"I just couldn't get anything to drop," Tesch said. "I just have to try and get myself together and come back for a big game on Tuesday."

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The Lady Raiders are set to tip-off at 5:30 p.m. at the Murphy Center.

Winners of the first-round games will advance to the semi-finals and final round action to be played at the Nashville Arena.

Women's semi-final games will be played Thursday night while the men's semi-finals will be Friday night.

The women's conference championship will take place Saturday afternoon. The men's championship is scheduled for Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and will be televised nationally on ESPN.

"Everyone can beat each other," Wiel said. "There's no bad ones left."

Nagano says goodbye to Olympics

□ Ted Anthony/AP

NAGANO, Japan (AP)—Saying farewell to a weather-beaten but roundly successful Winter Olympics, Nagano thanked the world Sunday by illuminating a dark, chilly Japanese valley with starbursting fireworks, the orange flames of traditional bonfires and the glow of 50,000 handheld lanterns.

And in the end—after two weeks of snow, rain, more snow, still more snow and finally even an earthquake—Nagano danced.

"Sayonara! Sayonara!" shouted the master of ceremonies, comedian Kin'ichi Hagimoto, bedecked in a cartoonish white and red top hat.

The American team marched in with equal exuberance, carrying a banner inviting everyone to Salt Lake City, home of the 2002 Winter

Olympics. "Thank you, Nagano," it said; K.Y.S. hockey gold medalist Karyn Bye held up the right corner. Some Americans rode on others' shoulders.

And the Japanese, greeted by a flagtown-crowd, horn-blasting hometown waving, strode in to an even more special sight: their emperor, Akihito, grinning and clapping his hands over his head as Empress Michiko whispered in his ear.

"Congratulations, Nagano and Japan," IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch said in his speech at the closing ceremony. "You have presented the world the best organization in the history of the Olympic Winter Games."

That praise fell short of the ultimate accolade of "the best Winter Games ever" that Samaranch bestowed on Lillehammer four years ago. But it was more enthusiastic than the label "indeed most

exceptional" that he used to describe the troubled 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta.

Samaranch also noted with gratitude the fact that the nations of the world had upheld the terms of a nonbinding U.N. resolution calling for no military hostilities during the games.

"We hope that the observance of the Olympic Truce during the Nagano Olympic Winter Games has served the purpose of searching for peaceful and diplomatic solutions to the conflicts we are facing today," he said.

Just like the opening ceremony, the end of the 20th Winter Olympics of the 20th century was a mosaic of East and West, traditional and modern wrapped up in a hometown festival—all against the backdrop of the

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There are two components to smoking: sidestream and mainstream smoke. Sidestream smoke is what comes from the cigarette, pipe or cigar when it is burning (in-between puffs). Mainstream smoke is what is exhaled from the smoker.

Studies have shown that second-hand smoke, otherwise known as involuntary smoke, is just as deadly as first-hand smoke. Although the smoke is less concentrated than what is inhaled by the smoker, the carcinogens are still prevalent in second-hand smoke. It is estimated that about 3,000 lung cancer deaths each year are of nonsmokers.

Separating air space (smoking/non-smoking sections in restaurants) lowers, but does not eliminate, the chances of nonsmokers to be exposed to the carcinogens.

While anti-smokers focus on the cancerous effects of smoking, there are many other negative effects tobacco has on a person's health.

Heart disease is a common result of smoking and is estimated to effect about 40,000 people a year. Hypertension (high blood pressure) is also the result of heavy smoking, especially in adult males.

Gum disease, emphysema, the toughening of the skin, yellow finger nails, chronic cough and a high heart rate are some of the less-fatal results of smoking.

Women should take extra caution in picking up the habit. While breast cancer awareness is worthy of all the research and advertisement, lung cancer was defined a few years ago as being the leading cause of cancer death for women.

Taking oral contraceptives and smoking dramatically increases the risk of developing heart disease, heart attacks and blood clots. Also, smoking decreases a woman's chance of having a healthy baby. It is common that babies born of smoking mothers have a very low birth weight, which makes the first few weeks of life critical.

Women used to be the smaller population of smokers behind men. In the 1950s, it was considered fairly risqué and unladylike for a woman to smoke. Today, the percentages are almost identical. While more men than women smoke, the numbers are considerably close.

While women are more likely to try to quit smoking, it is more likely for men to quit for a longer period of time. About a third of people who quit smoking relapse within a year. However, the longer amount of time that passes without a cigarette the less likely a person is to relapse.

The correlation between smokers and other unhealthy habits is strong. Although there are exceptions, smokers are more prone to eat less fruits and vegetables, more likely to drink alcohol and less likely to exercise regularly than nonsmokers.

Quitting smoking decreases the likelihood of developing cancers, heart disease, chronic lung diseases, hypertension and strokes. Within ten to 15 years of living smoke-free, ex-smokers can return to the healthy physical state they were in before they began smoking.

There are numerous things a person can do while trying to quit smoking. Whatever the activity, do it in good health.

Tips for Quitting Smoking

- drink plenty of water and fruit juice
- avoid alcohol, coffee, or other beverages associated with cigarettes
- have healthy snacks on hand (carrot sticks, pretzels, fruit, popcorn)
- if you miss having something in your hand, play with a pencil, paper clip, a ring, etc.
- call a supportive friend instead of smoke
- spend time in smoke-free places (museums, malls, theaters, etc.)
- brush your teeth when you get the urge to smoke
- do little exercises like push-ups, stretching, knee bends, climbing stairs, etc.

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breath-taking Japanese Alps. But exactly what reverberated across Nagano's myriad peaks? Weather, for one. Perhaps the defining event of these games, the strange meteorology of the past two weeks bedeviled organizers and beleaguered athletes, forcing cancellations, rescheduling and general befuddlement all around.

But the people came—1,358,207 of them at competitions and victory ceremonies by Sunday afternoon.

The Olympics ended with an eerie, memorable image: a darkened Minami Nagano Sports Park jammed with people, the only light a few muted blue spotlights and orange flames flickering in five places—four traditional Japanese bonfires, and high above, the Olympic flame.

On a giant video monitor, images of games past scrolled by: St. Moritz, Oslo, Grenoble, Sapporo, Innsbruck, Lake Placid, Sarajevo. And finally, Nagano—packaged in slow motion, a perfect highlight film.

Nagano Mayor Tasuku Tsukada presented the Olympic flag to DeeDee Corradini, mayor of Salt Lake City, home of the next Winter Games in 2002.

The Olympic flag extinguished and the flag passed on. Then they did something in Nagano they've been threatening to do for days: They relaxed.

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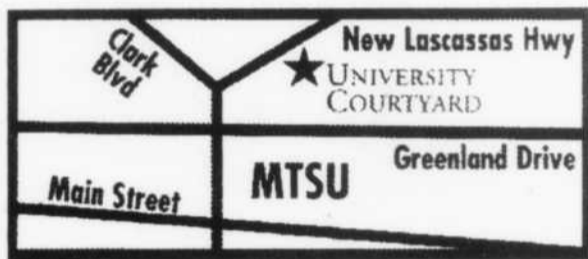
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