



Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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In the News

MTSU's Still Growing

So far this semester, 15,868 students are registered for classes. That is one percent higher than last spring's 15,739 students enrolled.

Ticketers On The Prowl

Ticketing for all violations except for "No Campus Permit" on campus began on Monday, Jan. 5, including the metered parking spaces. Ticketing for "No Campus Permit" will start on Tuesday, Jan. 13. State violations like parking in fire lanes, disabled spaces or on yellow curbs are ticketed on a continuous basis.

Help Create Lightning

Students interested in becoming part of the "Lightning Strikes" campaign can contact Doug Williams at News and Public Affairs for more information.

Commute Cost Rises

The American Automobile Association (AAA) estimates that the cost of operating a vehicle is at 44.8 cents per mile for 1997. That is a 2.2 cents per mile increase from 1996. According to the estimate, a daily 72 mile round-trip from downtown Nashville to Rutherford County will cost a motorist \$677.38 per month.

Placement Still Has Jobs

Student placement has jobs available for students interested in on-campus jobs and community jobs. The hourly pay rates for these jobs range from \$5.15-8.50, according to Martha Turner, director of Placement and Student Employment.

Red Cross Blood Low

Tuesday, the American Red Cross of Murfreesboro announced they are critically low on both positive and negative type O blood. Donors can give blood this from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Moose Lodge on Broad Street. The regular drive is being held tomorrow at the Heart of Tennessee Chapter from noon until 6 p.m.

Starve a cold?

Treatment from Student Health Services is available to full- and part-time students who are currently enrolled at the time they seek care. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the staff unless special medical needs, such as x-ray, lab and medications not kept in stock, require referral to off-campus health care providers. Among the more-frequently treated illnesses are upper-respiratory infections (colds, sore throat, allergies, bronchitis). If you are not feeling well, feel free to stop by Health Services for advice, education and/or medication. The staff includes a physician, a physician's assistant-certified, three R.N.'s and one L.P.N. They are located in the McFarland Health Services Building and can be reached by calling 898-2988.

Housing experiences overflow

□ Chad Gillis/staff

Many campus housing residents were greeted this week with a yellow sheet of paper signifying a third resident.

Students who applied as late as the Christmas break have been placed in overflow housing again this semester.

"Overflow is considerably less than last fall, but comparable to last spring," said Debra Sells, director of residence life.

"We will accept applications as long as we have overflow space," Sells added. "At this point there are a large amount of students who are still needing to register."

"We expect to have a handful of spaces left over for both men and women, but I have no way of knowing exactly how many students are in overflow now."

Each semester housing has space for approximately 100 male and

100 female students in overflow. After those spaces have been filled, students are placed on a waiting list until accommodations become available.

Gore and Clement Halls have been chosen this semester for male overflow students and the end rooms in Corlew and Cummings Halls are available for females.

If students in overflow are "inconvenienced" past the first full week of classes, their rate for campus housing will be pro-rated on a monthly basis.

"If there are three people in a room they pay as if there were two," Sells said.

Although overflow is a constant problem for housing, a long-term solution exists. MTSU is planning to add an additional residence hall for the fall 1999 semester.

No name has been chosen as of yet, but the site of the 200-room

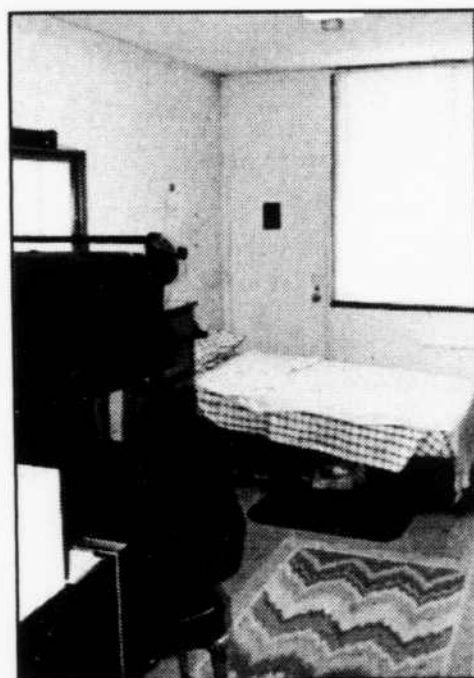
hall will be the northeast corner of 2nd and D Streets. The hall will hold an additional 400 beds and will house male and female students in an apartment-style building similar to Ezell and Abernathy Halls.

Construction should begin on the new residence hall by late spring, according to campus planning.

In the past, MTSU has placed a portion of overflow students in Murfreesboro hotel rooms, but that is not the case this semester according to Sells.

Housing is in the middle of a planned \$45 million housing renovation, but construction of a new hall should not obstruct the renovation project, according to Sells.

"We've tried to keep those entirely separate," Sells said. "The fees [for the new hall] will come from rent from the new complex. And a percentage for renovation of older dorms will come from students living in the existing dorms."



Chad Gillis/staff
A third bed is added to a two-bed dorm room to accommodate overflow.

New mascot soon will be revealed

□ Jamie Evans/Staff

A television commercial starring MTSU coach Randy Wiel is airing on ESPNU, a billboard can be seen in downtown Nashville and posters are up all over campus, all saying that lightning is going to strike Murphy Center on Jan. 17.

What's going on, you ask. Well, MTSU is almost a week away from the unveiling of the first ever official athletic logo and mascot, which will be released during the half-time show of the men's basketball game against Tennessee State University next Saturday.

The university athletic program has never had an official logo and mascot, so there is a lot of excitement surrounding the event.

Director of News and Public Affairs Doug Williams said that attendance is expected to be high at the game, and pregame tickets are already being purchased.

The event promises to be interesting with a laser show, music and a few other surprises that will carry in the new mascot and bid adieu to the current mascot, Ole Blue.

Even though Ole Blue is out, the Blue Raider name will be staying, because it still carries some sentimental value with the university and the community.

"There was almost universal agreement that we should retain the name Blue Raiders," said Lee Fowler, athletic director, "because there is a great deal of history and tradition associated with it."

The Blue Raider name was chosen in a contest "The Daily News

Journal" held in 1933 to give the university a nickname. More than 200 entries were submitted, but a guard on the school football team named Charles Sarver won the contest with the name Blue Raiders. He got the idea for the name from Colgate University — the Red Raiders.

"I didn't have any connection with Colgate University, but the Red Raiders of the east were pretty outstanding back then," Sarver said. "Now whether I thought a name would make us a winner or not, I don't know."

The athletic department is not the only one running ads for the new mascot. Phillips Bookstore is also running ads hoping to keep their cash registers singing.

"We hope to do more business the spring semester than we have done in quite some time," said Ed Harris, manager of the bookstore.

The previous high mark for franchise fees is \$25,000. This amount has been projected to double when the new logo merchandise reaches retailers.

According to Williams, there was some cost involved with the launching of this huge campaign. The production of the video for the television commercial came to \$1,300. The university spent \$2,600 for the advertising, which included the ESPN advertising.

These costs are only a small drop in a bucket, if the projections for the return on the merchandise are

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Vickie Gibson/staff
This billboard at the corner of West Main St. and Broad St. was created to promote the presentation of the new mascot in Murphy Center Saturday, Jan. 17.

More money or limited enrollment

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Limited enrollment may be in MTSU's near future if state funding does not increase for the next fiscal year, according to Cliff Gillespie, MTSU associate vice president for enrollment management.

"We sure don't want to do this," Gillespie said but added that "we are not going to admit freshman if we don't have classes for them."

If the university does limit enrollment, current students would not be affected except in special cases where a student may not be allowed to return from a university suspension.

However, incoming freshmen would be directly affected if the enrollment is limited, and the first-come-first-serve method will not be used to determine which freshmen will be admitted and which ones will be turned away.

Freshmen will be admitted if they meet the standard admission requirements which are a composite score of at least 20 on the ACT exam or a 2.8 high school grade point average. Marginal cases will be the first ones turned away.

Examples of marginal cases are potential students who make a 17, 18 or 19 on the ACT exam or out-of-state students who are missing high school requirements such as two foreign language units.

Currently, cases like these can go before the admissions committee for review. If the enrollment is limited this could cease to be an option. After all of the marginal cases, the next process of elimination would depend upon the date of application.

These actions depend on the enrollment, and if it will be limited. So the question is, will enrollment be

capped?

MTSU President James Walker said last spring at an open forum for faculty and staff that he did not want to cap enrollment, as that would hurt the university in the long run by decreasing state funds even further as enrollment declined.

Instead, tuition was raised by six percent—the highest tuition increase in MTSU's history—to cushion the blow of the \$40 million cut that was made to the budget for Tennessee's higher education by Governor Don Sundquist last spring.

However, this does not seem to be enough for next fall. And, according to Gillespie, factors like increasing utility rates, means the university is going to need more money.

"[Tennessee] is not producing enough college graduates," said Senator Andy Womack, former president of the MTSU Foundation. Womack said this makes him particularly against an enrollment limitation being placed on MTSU.

The fact that MTSU is growing so rapidly and is developing an even larger reputation will have no effect on the amount of funds the state allocates to the university next fiscal year.

According to Womack, the amount of funds given to MTSU is based on a formula that the state uses, and this is the same formula that has been used in recent years.

Governor Sundquist has formed a Blue Ribbon committee to study the higher education in Tennessee and improve the formula to meet the needs of the different universities in Tennessee. Womack is on this committee but said that they

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□ Bryan Brooks/staff

The MTSU Foundation received a \$650,000 bequest over the holidays from Marian Lisenbee Clark of Clarksville to fund scholarships for students in the anthropology, sociology and social work departments.

"It most likely will be next fall before scholarships are awarded with [Clark's] donation," said Steve Shockley, executive director of the MTSU Foundation.

Shockley said he wasn't sure how much will be awarded each year, but the money will be placed in an endowed fund, and the principle will never be touched.

"The money will be there forever," Shockley said.

At the presentation of the bequest, according to "The Daily News Journal," Foundation President John Bragg said the gift will make a tremendous difference in what the Foundation can do for the university.

"Alumni and friends can make a real difference by

contributing to the scholarship dollars available to deserving students," he said.

Bragg also said during the presentation that "MTSU has made a concerted effort to increase the scholarship funds" and these funds have "grown from \$500,000 to over \$3 million in just a few short years."

According to Shockley the Foundation currently has 410 different scholarships in the form of endowments in excess of \$9.4 million and an additional \$230,000 in other annual scholarships.

"All these are made possible through private support," said Shockley. "These are cases of people wanting to give back to the university for the quality education they received here."

Clark, who died in 1994, was a student at MTSU and received a bachelor's degree in Sociology in 1974. It was her wishes that the bequest fund scholarships for students majoring in social services or similar fields.

Know of 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.

Chair names consultant

□Chad Gillis/staff

MTSU has selected Earl Swensson to serve as special consultant to the Jennings and Rebecca Jones Chair of Excellence in Urban and Regional Planning, the seventh of nine proposed or existing chairs here.

"Middle Tennessee is becoming a hot ticket for the rest of the country," said Swensson, founder and CEO of Earl Swensson Associates, which helped design the Business and Aerospace Building. "We need to branch out beyond Davidson County, but we've not sat down to talk about it."

The chair is intended to function as a resource for the university as well as local communities in the field of urban development and planning, according to Tom Tozer of news and public affairs.

Jennings Jones, former Murfreesboro mayor and chairman of the city planning commission, donated half a million dollars two years ago in order to help establish the chair.

"We're sowing seeds

now—let's make it grow," Jones said. "Our task is to create the best possible past for those who will follow us into the future."

The Urban Chair is now in the process of shaping its direction and envisioning the future. A "steering committee," headed by Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will determine what functions the chair will encompass.

Eventually a chair holder will be selected to make contacts, hold seminars, bring speakers to the campus and reach out to surrounding counties, according to Tozer.

Chairs of Excellence are a partnership between private, university and state dollars. A total of \$625,000 is needed in private money to establish a chair, the state then matches the funds.

Jim Burton, executive director of MTSU's Jones Chairs of Excellence, estimates that there is currently \$1.25 million in the bank. Chairs of Excellence are funded through profits made from investing the total dollars.

The plan is for the chair to function on a regional basis to act as a liaison between local communities.



Swensson

"Sometime this spring we will be going through the appropriate channels to determine the criteria for the chair," Burton said.

Chair holder is given to the Tennessee Board of Regents and there it is determined where and how it will be invested.

Money made from the investment will then used to fund actions by the chair.

"We are in the process of working all that out, it just takes time to get there," said Burton. "We are certainly looking for a chair holder who has national credentials," Burton added.

Other chairs at MTSU focus on dyslexic and first amendment studies, health care services, manufacturing excellence, free enterprise and equine sciences.

First Duke scholarship awarded

□Jaime Rheinecker/staff

Wendie Bahnsen has received the first \$500 Jane Duke Memorial Scholarship for pre-law and legal-secretarial students.

Jane Henegar Duke, who died of cancer in 1995, is this new scholarship's namesake. Born in McMinnville, she worked as a court reporter in and around Murfreesboro for 30 years where she was a founding member of the Rutherford County Legal Secretaries Association and served as an officer.

The scholarship, established through the MTSU Foundation, is given to a student who is planning to enter the legal field.

Nancy Morris of

Murfreesboro Court Reporters, current scholarship chairperson for the RCLSA, was instrumental in establishing the memorial on behalf of the organization. According to Morris, it was not uncommon for Duke to help others financially, enabling them to take classes at MTSU. It was the Association's wish to do something that would guarantee that Duke's name and memory remain alive.

"Jane was known by her friends as having a unique way of helping people in the community," Morris said. "I perceived her to enjoy most of what she did for those who could in no way repay her."

Bahnsen is the first beneficiary, and Morris said she is exactly the kind of student that Duke would have

wanted to help.

After receiving her two-year court reporting certification, she plans to find a job with a legal firm. Some years down the road, she would like to start her own court reporting business.

Vince Smith, court reporting professor at MTSU, also expressed confidence that Bahnsen was the ideal recipient of the first Jane Duke Memorial Scholarship.

"Wendie is a talented, dedicated student who is always concerned about succeeding both in class and as a mother to her son," he said. "She is very goal-driven and always goes that extra mile to reach her goals. She is an excellent example of what the Jane Duke Scholarship Committee must have had in



MTSU On Campus

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To submit information on your organization, come by JUB 308.

Legislation against crime on campus

□Charles Dervarics/CPS

WASHINGTON — Colleges and universities will need to increase their oversight and reporting of hate crimes, if a new bill in Congress passes approval.

The legislation proposed by Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.) would require colleges to collect and publish more data on hate crimes, including those related to simple assault, harassment and vandalism.

The bill is expected to

receive a detailed review in January.

Current law under the Campus Security Act requires only that colleges report hate crimes that result in serious felonies such as murder, rape or aggravated assault.

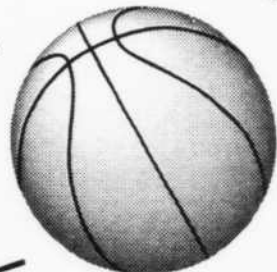
"It was useful to provide the reporting of hate crimes in these three [felony] categories, but it does not provide students or parents with the overwhelming

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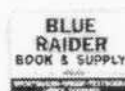
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| Jan. 13 | Men vs Tenn Tech |
| Jan. 14 | Women vs Tenn Tech |
| Jan. 15 | Men vs Austin Peay |
| Jan. 17 | DH vs Tenn St |
| Jan. 19 | Women vs APSU |
| Feb. 5 | Men vs Eastern Illinois |
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| Feb. 9 | Women vs Eastern Illinois |
| Feb. 19 | DH vs Eastern Kentucky |
| Feb. 21 | DH vs Morehead State |

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New student spaces and meters added

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Parking Authority has presented a peace offering in the ongoing war over parking on campus by constructing another parking lot only for students and is in the process of creating more parking spaces for the faculty.

A new parking lot is now under construction adjacent to Smith Hall, and some parallel spaces near the Wood/Felder cafeteria are being turned into normal side-by-side spaces which will increase the number of vehicles able to park in this area. These two lots will include 56 new spots for students.

In exchange, the Davis Science building lot, which currently has 64 white spaces and 48 green spaces, will be strictly for faculty after these other lots are completed.

Still, students will be gaining eight additional parking spaces that were not previously available.

The cost of the project was \$79,635, which was paid in full by Parking Authority.

Parking Authority has also added a total of 19 parking meters on campus, seven on the new street which runs parallel to the Keathly University Center, and 12 at the Cope Administration building.

"There was a need in those buildings for meters," said Connie Hagberg, parking authority manager.

Hagberg said that it has become more apparent that easy access to these buildings was necessary.

"We think that we had a part to do with it," said Ryan Durham, Student Government Association president.

Durham was referring to a bill that was passed by the SGA last semester which called for the conversion of one green space from each residence hall into a metered parking space.

However, Hagberg said the university traffic committee made the decision for these meters, and not the SGA, because the new meters were for the KUC and the Cope Administration Building,

not the residence halls.

The purpose was to provide students with the ability to unload their vehicles near their rooms instead of packing their belongings across campus.

Durham said he hopes these new meters mean they are one step closer to getting the residence hall meters.

Hagberg said that when the traffic committee last met, these meters were mentioned. However, she said that other issues took the attention of the majority of the meeting. Parking meters should be discussed, she said, at the next meeting on Jan. 29.



Vickie Gibson/staff

Meters near the KUC and at the Cope Administration Building were patrolled for violations starting Jan. 5.

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information of what actually constitutes hate crime in America," Torricelli said.

Giving students and parents added information will help them make educated decisions about college, which, in turn, "will make the deans, law enforcement officials, boards of trustees and alumni take these problems seriously," Torricelli added.

Felonies account for only about 16 percent of hate crimes nationwide, he said, which means few—if any—make it onto annual campus security reports.

For example, no college has reported a hate crime that resulted in murder, and only a few have classified a rape or assault as a hate crime, the senator said.

Several high-profile

incidents prompted the development of the bill, Torricelli said, including the electronic-mail death threats that 60 Asian-American students received last year at the University of California-Irvine.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith also identified at least 90 anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses in 1996, he added.

Another section of the senator's bill would expand the definition of a hate crime to include acts against women and the disabled.

Torricelli unveiled his Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act of 1997 as President Clinton hosted a recent White House conference on hate crimes. The president did not comment on the bill but pledged to do more to combat hate-related incidents.

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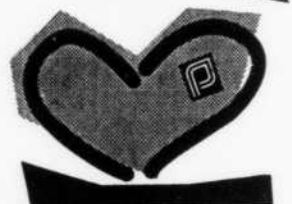
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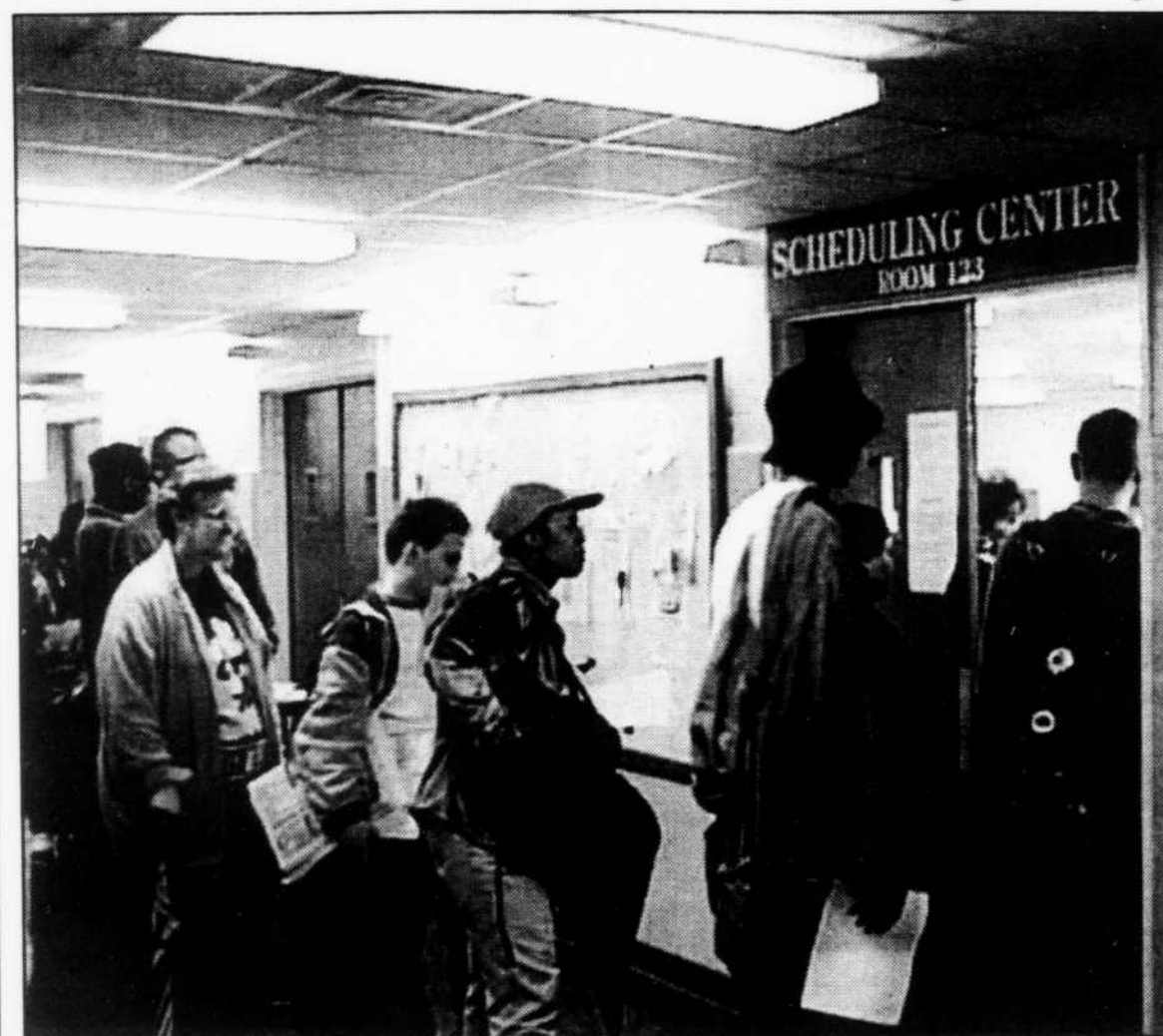
have not made any conclusions yet, and are not expected to do so before the budget for the next fiscal year is completed. An exact number has not been stated as to what the cutoff number would be if enrollment is capped, but the projected enrollment for next fall is 18,773 students compared to last fall's enrollment of 18,366.

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accurate. And if the results from other universities is any indication, making money from this should be no problem at all. According to News and Public Affairs, Villanova University had a \$35,000 drop in their annual return of merchandise. Since they modified their mascot, profits have jumped to \$200,000 a year. "The marketing of your program through athletic merchandise is a must for major programs," Fowler said. "This new logo will create some excitement with our fans, give us something to market and make money on the franchise fees."

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The back-to-school rush is moving slowly



Chad Gillis/staff

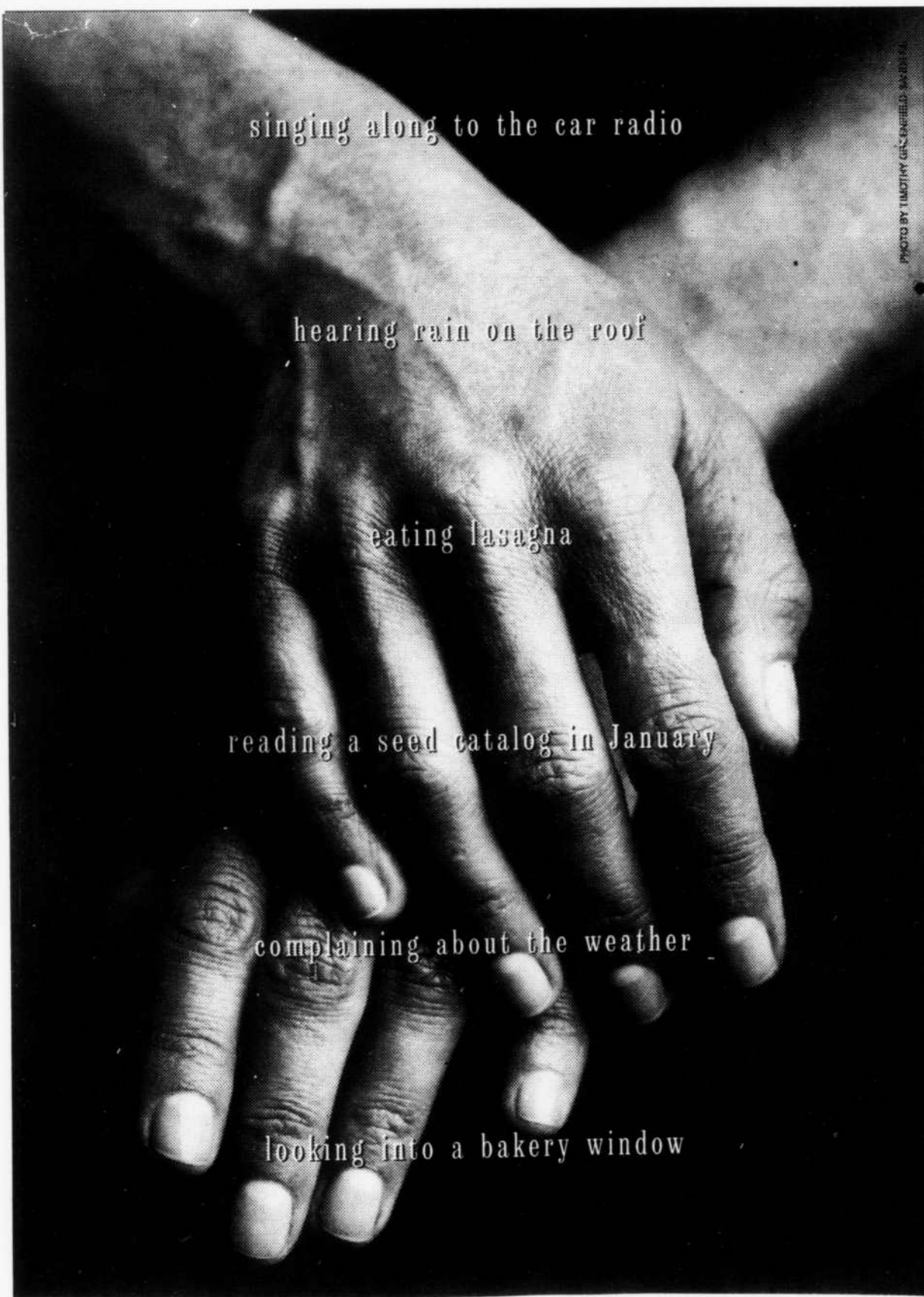
Students face the turmoil of registering for classes at the scheduling center in the James Union Building. A new option this semester is the ability for students to register online.

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Editorials

Blue Raiders intent on post season appearance

Where there's a Will there's a way. This may be the most accurate statement circulating the MTSU campus to date.

Randy Wiel's 1997-98 squad has proven potential rarely seen at Middle in the past decade.

Since 1989, MTSU has failed to make either the men's NCAA or NIT tournament. This year will surely be different.

The Raiders are alone atop the Ohio Valley Conference, with a 9-2 record overall and a perfect 3-0 in conference play.

This, coupled with an RPI rating of 17, should guarantee the men a shot at post-season play.

The RPI is a mathematical rating figured on strength of schedule and margin of victory. It is one tool used by the NCAA tournament selection committee to determine "at-large" bids. "At-large" bids are given to teams who don't win their respective conference tournaments, but are still considered one of the top 64 teams in the nation.

Although the men are a talented squad, it's "heads-up" play and great shot selection that have carried the team through key wins against UT-Martin, a vital road win against Tennessee Tech and an overtime victory over pre-season OVC favorite Murray State on national television.

Both losses were experienced on the road, and respectable ones to the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the country.

This is only Wiel's second season guiding the reins for the Blue Raiders and to his credit stands a stellar 19-1 home record.

All this is just in time for the release of the new mascot and athletic logo. According to Wiel on a recently aired commercial, the "unveiling" of the mascot on January 17th will be the biggest thing that will ever happen at Middle. This publication believes an NCAA tournament bid would be much bigger.

It is possible that a new mascot could change this university's image on an athletic level, but a strong record and a respectable post-season appearance against some of this nation's top teams would surely improve it more.

By Jan. 24 MTSU will have sized up each conference opponent at least once, with the only road games left being at Murray State, UT-Martin and Austin Peay.

The first round of OVC tournament play begins Feb. 24, and the famed "March Madness" will be just around the corner from that.



From the Mailbox

Education should provide tolerance of different beliefs

To the editor:

One of the benefits of a university education is the opportunity to interact with and learn from people who hold a wide range of beliefs and values different than ours. If learning process is truly to be valuable, it has to involve more than a confirmation and reinforcement of beliefs that we each have when we begin the academic experience. Our own beliefs and values will be strengthened through challenging our beliefs against those we will encounter throughout the collegiate experience.

In an academic community dedicated to the pursuit of truth and knowledge, a minimum expectation that each of us should have is a tolerance for ideas different than our own. Each of us will derive greater benefits from our educational experience if we move beyond tolerance and accept that we can learn valuable lessons from those with whom we appear to disagree. If we embrace differences as a positive aspect of the life experience, we will all be tend to be less threatened by ideas and values and we neither embrace or understand.

Although we all have the right to express our opinions about those with whom we disagree, there are appropriate venues and opportunities to do so on a college campus. If we do not like someone's actions or beliefs, we should be able and willing to openly express differing opinions. Vandalizing signs, leaving hateful messages on answering machines, chalking sidewalks with hateful messages, and harassing persons through e-mail, are not appropriate expressions in a university community.

There have been several unfortunate instances of intolerance at MTSU during the fall semester that have no place in a learning community. The Lambda Association has experienced several instances where individuals have left hateful or threatening messages on the sidewalks of Peck Hall and the Keathley University Center, and on answering machines owned by student members of that organization. In addition, the Student Pagan

Organization has also been a victim of persons who have chosen to express their opinions anonymously through similar methods. It is okay to disagree with the values and beliefs of others, but there are more legitimate avenues of expression available. If someone does not have the courage to openly and publicly express his or her views, they may want to seriously question the validity and value of these views.

Freedom of expression is a treasured that should not be restricted, no matter how despicable the expression may be to the greater community. We, however, have failed to educate those students who know no better than to write hate messages on sidewalks and walls, harass others through technology, or deface the literature developed to promote the values and beliefs of others.

It is my hope that differences of values, beliefs, and practices will be considered valuable learning opportunities. We will be less suspicious and fearful of each other if we learn to reach out and try to understand why others do not think and act the same way we do. We will neither grow spiritually, emotionally, or cognitively by denigrating others. Embrace your beliefs and values, recognize that not everyone shares those values, and spend more time appreciating the value in others. Intolerance and incivility have no place in a university community.

Tom Burke
Dean of Student Life

'Sidelines' not a religious vehicle for one person's personal belief

To the editor:

I'm writing in response to Shannon Smith's letter 12/4/97. I think the main thing that needs to be pointed out here, is that the editor was not using Sidelines as a "religious vehicle for one's personal belief." He was simply stating the truth that Wiccan/paganism is not and should never be listed among Christian organizations. The reason people have problems accepting the truth is that

their foolish hearts have been darkened. No one has infringed upon your right to believe and practice the religion of your choice. Just do not expect us to list you among Christian groups because you happen to believe in a Supreme Being. The Bible tells us that the Devil believes and trembles.

To the editor I take my hat off. You did your job of reporting the news well. Also, in this age of political correctness it is refreshing to see someone not afraid to tackle controversial topics.

To Ms. Smith I say, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. -John 8:32." However, He will only set you free if you let Him. (ref. John 14:6)"

Sincerely,
Nathan T. Wilkerson

Lewis apologizes for telephone disconnection

To the editor:

On December 5, I (Brian Lewis, Speaker of the Senate) received a phone call from a concerned student who needed to talk about parking problems. During the conversation, the gentleman who called brought to my attention some very important issues regarding the practice of issuing tickets. However, due to a loose phone connection, the line was accidentally cutoff, along with the caller. First, I would like to apologize to the caller for getting cut off while he was speaking. Secondly, the Student Government Association would like to say that our door is always open and we are more than willing to speak and listen to concerned students. Lastly, the Student Government Association only works when the students get involved. It is our desire at the SGA that all students contact us with their concerns (sic) and or questions. Again, I apologize any inconvenience this might have caused the unidentified caller.

The Student Government Association may be reached at 898-2443, room 208 of the KUC.

Thank,
Brian E. Lewis

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Hootie Bird by Wendi Temple



More should consider state universities as affordable option

□ William P. Kovacs/CPS

As a father with a bunch of kids, I had to face the problem

of providing for their college education. The options are: an Ivy League type of school, private and very expensive; a

state university; or finally, a community college. A family could face a yearly bill for tuition, fees, room board, books and spending money easily \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year at one of the "good schools." One could get by with less than half that.

Just what are some of the benefits of going to the big name, private university? A reputation? How does a school or university get "that" reputation? The "quality of a university" is largely based on the reputation of the faculty and the quality of their papers and articles, as published in archival journals, and books and poems, etc., for the world to read. Their published output is largely funded by research contracts/grants from various federal, state and private funding sources. All universities try to attract the best faculty to enhance the

reputation of themselves as well as the institution they belong to.

Attending a less costly state university has the benefit of not leaving a large loan to pay off. It doesn't have the big impact on family finances that the expensive school has. But here is where the main argument is to be made: in the actual education of your child. If you look carefully at the credentials of the faculty at many state-supported schools, you will find that many of the faculty have gone to those big name (and perhaps expensive) universities themselves, and they now use the same textbooks that are used at the big schools. Classes are taught primarily by faculty. What I am implying is that the education that your son or daughter receives at a state university is academically just as good and perhaps better than at the expensive schools!

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| Captain's/Sports Chair Committee Meeting (WT, JH, DS) | Jan. 7 - 20 | Jan. 21, 5:30 pm | |
| 3 on 3 (DS) | Jan. 7 - 19 | Jan. 20, 5:30 pm | Jan. 21 - Feb. 3, 7pm |
| Basketball (M, W, CR) (JH)(MH) | Jan. 12 - 30 | Feb. 3, 5:30 pm | Feb. 4 - Mar. |
| Raquetball (M, W, CR) (WT)(MH) Self Paced | Jan. 13 - 17 | Jan. 21, 6:30 pm | Jan. 22 - Apr. 24 |
| Indoor Soccer (DS) | Jan. 14 - 30 | Feb. 2, 5:30 pm | Feb. 3 |
| Wrestling (DS)(MH) | Feb. 16 - Mar. 2 | Mar. 2, 5:30 pm (weigh-in 3:30-5pm and 6-7:30pm) | Mar. 3, 6pm |
| Hardwood Classic Basketball Tourney (JH)(MH) | Feb. 2 - 27 | 9:00 am, March 7 | Mar. 7, 10 am |
| 3-Point Contest (JH) | Feb. 19 | Feb. 19, 5:30 pm | Feb. 19, 5:45 pm |
| Free Throw Contest (JH) | Feb. 19 | Feb. 19, 7:00 pm | Feb. 19, 7:15 pm |
| Softball (M, W, CR) (DS)(MH) | Mar. 3 - 24 | Mar. 25, 5:30 pm | Mar. 26 |
| Sand Volleyball (JH)(MH) | Mar. 23 - Mar. 27 | Mar. 31, 5:30 pm | April 1 |
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After Hours

Thursday, January 8

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

Tim O'Brien, Darrell Scott, Dave Pomeroy, John Gardner and Ray Bonneville play the Station Inn.

Big Al & the Heavyweights play the 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 6 p.m. and Brian McCulloch takes the stage at 9 p.m.

Friday, January 9

Pyus, Stella, Four Hundred and Sober play Lucy's Record Shop at 8 p.m. \$5 cover.

Wild & Blue play J. T. Gray's Station Inn.

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

Twenty-two year old Israeli pianist Orli Shaham is performing with the Nashville Symphony at 8 p.m. in the Jackson Hall of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$8, \$16, \$26, \$38 and \$45 and are available by calling 255-9600.

Hal Ramer plays the 3 & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 8 p.m. and Gary Nicholson & The Change play at 10 p.m.

Saturday, January 10

Social Animosity, By Any Measure, Impossible 5 and The Vibes play Lucy's Record Shop at 8 p.m. \$5 cover.

Nickel Creek with Chris Thile plays the Station Inn.

Orli Shaham plays with the Nashville Symphony at TPAC's Jackson Hall at 8 p.m.

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

Gray plays at 6 p.m. at 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill and Grooveyard featuring John Cowan and Reese Wynans play at 10 p.m.

Sunday, January 11

A Bluegrass Jam will be held at J.T. Gray's Station Inn.

Larry Garner and Boogaloo Blues Band play at the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 8:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. \$5 cover.

The Bean Throwing Festival, a 600-year-old Japanese tradition, will be celebrated at the Children's Discovery House at 503 N. Maple St. through Feb. 5. The museum is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Regular admission is \$2.50 for children and \$3 for adults. Children under two are admitted free.

Nashville Sunday Night will be held at 7 p.m. at the 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill. The act is to be announced. Six String Drag will play at 9 p.m.

Monday, January 12

Johnny Rawls plays the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 8:30 till 1:30 a.m. \$5 cover.

MTSU Geography Club spends the winter last summer with squatters in South Africa

□ Ron Spears/ special to 'Sidelines'

Although it seems that we spend the lion's share of our time here at MTSU studying either the mundane or the arcane, occasionally we get to do something that is both fascinating and enlightening. That is what happened to the Geography club this past July when we traveled to South Africa. Eleven of us exchanged the torpor of mid-summer in Tennessee for a mild winter under the Southern Cross.

The weather was to be only the first of many surprises for our rather diverse group. We were quite raverse because each of us went to South Africa for our own reasons, and each with our own preconceived notions. Some of us were interested in history, some in geology, some in zoology, some in recreation, and some of us in how her people lived now that apartheid was no longer the law of the land.

Our next surprise was the incredible beauty, prosperity, and sheer size of our arrival point, Capetown. It is set at the foot of Table Mountain facing the Atlantic Ocean. One immediately notices the skyscrapers, the modern motorways, and the endless stream of European and Japanese cars.

It is amusing to be told by any number of South Africans that a BMW 325 is a cheap piece of junk, derided in much the same way we do Chevrolet Cavaliers. (It is perhaps best that yuppies take a breath now so as to calm their traumatized sensibilities.)

We were lucky enough to spend

two nights in a high-rise dormitory at the University of Capetown. It was a lot like staying at a residence hall here except that they had hot water, reliable elevators and electricity, and none of the concrete was falling onto the walkways below.

We spent most of our time in Capetown visiting the Legislative Plaza, the old fort, Victoria Wharf and various bistros, but Capetown is more than its parks, statues, landmarks and tourist traps; it is people.

When we looked out the massive windows of our Mercedes-Benz van, we saw another Capetown, one made up of its black urban poor. Many of them are the people who make up the nation's massive force of day labor. They eagerly accept long hours for meager pay without benefits of any kind, in the hope of turning it into a permanent job. They accept this because it is better than the alternatives. Among the alternatives is being a street vendor. The lucky ones get a semi-permanent spot along the main thoroughfares of the business district, selling everything from cigarettes to clothing at bargain prices. They must be constantly on the alert for thieves and muggers.

The less lucky ones sell flowers or oranges at traffic lights. Unfortunately, it seemed that most drivers rolled their windows up and looked away. The next alternative is begging. It is common to see children outside restaurants and shopping centers asking forlornly for hand-outs. It is a mean existence.

When we left Capetown to tour the wine country around Paarl and Stellenbosch, we finally got to see how most of these black urban poor lived.

On the way east from the city we saw the Goodwood squatter settlement, which hugs the motorway and the railroad for miles. According to the 1994 census, more than 250,000 people live there, in small wooden and tin shacks, without any of the basic services we take for granted. Existence there has been so bleak that this stretch of road became known as "Suicide Alley." Several years ago the South African government erected a high metal panel fence along the motorway to prevent any further "accidents."

When we toured the wine country, we learned that South Africa is one of



Ron Spears

Two of Briardene's youngest residents use one of the only six portable toilets to serve over 2,500 people.

the world's largest exporters of wine and brandy. Out of courtesy to our hosts, we tasted very small amounts of various vintages and discovered that they rivaled anything out of California. We were informed by the guide that many of their wines and brandies had won several international awards.

I can assure our readers that none of us drank more than a sip (particularly so, since some mossa-back in the administration would frown upon my stating otherwise).

We were told that the vineyards were tended by blacks whose families had often lived there for generations. But many blacks in the area don't live on the vineyards, they live in squatter settlements.

In nearby Franschoek, we saw one rather close by. The houses were roughly 12-by-12 and were made with various discarded pieces of lumber, abandoned signs and flattened gas cans. These people were lucky because they lived in a "formal"



Ron Spears

To avoid living in a traditional rondavel house, like the one above, is why many South Africans leave to go to the cities.

settlement. That means that they had a couple of stand-pipes for water, a couple of portable toilets, occasional refuse removal, and postal service.

As we traveled across the Little Karoo, a valley which runs roughly west to east for several hundred kilometers, we saw a semi-arid landscape which eerily resembled the American Southwest. Trees were only seen around the very occasional village.

What we saw was mile after mile of rocky sand and scrub flanked by massive sandstone mountains whose peaks were sharpened to a razor's edge by a millennia of erosion.

At great intervals along the road, men were building small brick homes in order to fulfill President Nelson Mandela's dream to better house his country's millions of squatters. But even his impossibly optimistic plan to build one million new homes by the year 2000 would never meet the burgeoning need fueled by migration and immigration. As we traveled the length of South Africa, we saw squatter settlements everywhere. They were a dismal witness to the desperate hopes of their inhabitants.

At length we reached Durban, South Africa's largest port. It is also the site of a beach and boardwalk on the Indian Ocean which makes anything this writer has seen from California to Maryland to Florida, look sad in comparison.

Our stay there was a welcome respite after many long days trapped

in a tiny van. We saw a city which rivals any for its diversity and international flavor. In fact, Durban has the highest population of Indians in the world outside of India itself. The market was an incredible experience, with smells and sounds and tastes which could never be experienced in a country where Kroger's is the place to shop.

Most importantly, however, this was where we were able to go into a squatter settlement called Briardene and interview the people who lived there. Finally, dull articles in obscure journals came to life as we got to see this phenomenon and these people first hand.

In an area of less than five acres an estimated 2,500 people live in tiny shacks nestled against a steep hillside. Myriad narrow footpaths meander through the settlement toward its two stand-pipes. At the time of our visit, only one of these was operational. There were many people gathered there to draw water and carry it up the steep hill, one load at a time. One enterprising man had a wheelbarrow so that he could carry a container of water to the door for a few cents.

There were a handful of portable toilets provided by the city to serve the community. Residents stood in a constant line before them. Only someone who has braved a portable toilet at an outdoor rock concert could appreciate the experience.

The trash and refuse generated by this community was discarded against the side of the hill, growing steadily each day. None of these homes had electricity, running water or insulation. Most leak prodigiously when it rains. The obvious question is why do people live this way?

Most of the inhabitants of this community are Zulu. They have come to Durban from throughout surrounding Kwazulu-Natal province looking for work—any work—because there is virtually none for blacks in the countryside. Most of them are under forty and many have children. Many are educated, indeed, some have college degrees.

They are hardworking people who have hope for the future. When we were there we talked to two of the community leaders. They explained that many of the settlement's inhabitants were away because they worked during the day. They need schools and basic services. South Africa needs people like these to succeed because they are its future.

When we return this summer, we will be completing a survey of the physical environment of Briardene, and a survey of its inhabitants. In time, with continued interest in and support for the project, we will incorporate this data with orthographic photo maps and create a geographic information system.

Hopefully, with better information about squatter settlements, we can provide the numerous non-governmental agencies throughout South Africa with a means to alleviate this problem and help blacks throughout the region reach their rightful potential. Wish us luck.



Ron Spears

A village elder at a living museum in KwaZulu-Natal smokes daga, or what we call marijuana, after playing traditional music.

Please direct any entertainment information to the Sidelines Features Desk at 896-2917.

Robert DeNiro says real-life political spin doctors inspired his 'Wag the Dog' role

□ Ian Spelling/College Press Service

NEW YORK—Robert De Niro, who loves the press about as much as a good groin pull, settles in to face a half-dozen journalists gathered at the Essex House in Manhattan to chat about his latest film, "Wag the Dog."

It's an amazing sight, for De Niro rarely gets this up close and personal, preferring instead to hold press conferences during which a co-star or director, lending moral support and picking up conversational slack, sits alongside him.

One journalist, a newcomer with an oh-so-welcome naivete, breaks the ice with a question that leaves De Niro defenseless: "I haven't done this before and all I've ever heard is that you hate the press. What's with that?"

De Niro nods, but says nothing. The kid put it to him, and De Niro's at a momentary loss. "You've heard this a million times," the actor says, stumbling like Jake La Motta. "It's really the old answer."

Another pause. "I don't dislike the press. It's just sometimes hard to do interviews, but it's OK. I'm OK today."

And OK DeNiro is, as he does his best to promote "Wag."

Despite an I'd-rather-be-anywhere-but-here vibe, De Niro spends the next 30 minutes making nice.

"Wag," directed by Barry Levinson and written in acid ink by David Mamet and Hilary Henkin, casts De Niro as political spin doctor Conrad

Brean, who's called to the White House two weeks before Election Day to prevent the President's dalliance with an underage girl from ruining his shot at a second term.

The trick, Brean decides, is to divert the nation's attention. And how better to do that than to create a little war?

Enter egomaniacal, yet mentally insecure movie producer Stanley Motss (the "t" is silent), who conspires with Brean and presidential aide Winifred Ames (Anne Heche) to launch America into a fictional battle with Albania.

With great chutzpah, Motss devises faked footage of a child dodging bomb blasts to save her cat, locates a seemingly ideal hero (Woody Harrelson) and even sets in motion a patriotic theme song and a token gesture (tossing old shoes into trees) to bring it all home.

Does it work? Welcome to America.

"I enjoyed doing this," says De Niro, the quintessential New Yorker, who co-produced "Wag" via his company, Tribeca Productions.

"It was well-written. I enjoyed it as an actor. I enjoyed it as one of the producers. It just took a long time for me and Dustin to work together. Sometimes these things take a long time. We talked about things. You've got to come up with something, then kick around ideas. We got close on one thing, but it just never happened. Then this happened. It was fun. Dustin and I are friends. I'd work with him again, definitely."

De Niro says he turned to

real-life political spin doctors for his inspiration.

"I keep saying I used Dick Morris and James Carville as my influences (for Brean). I just took elements of them, what they did or do, that I applied to the script, the character. They were models we used. I don't think Brean looks at what he does as being amoral. He's just a realist, a practical person."

De Niro speaks slowly and in clipped sentences.

One can't help but wonder if Mamet's rapid-fire lines always spilled easily out of De Niro's mouth. The actor smiles.

"Some of them did," he says. "The rhythm did. But you have to study the lines and practice them. Sometimes you can improvise, but you've got to stay within the rhythm. Mamet's writing is very distinctive."

As always, De Niro has a batch of projects nipping "Wag's" heels.

Several Tribeca productions are in various stages of development.

De Niro himself intends to direct one, marking his first time behind the camera since his directorial debut with "A Bronx Tale."

Then, there are De Niro's culinary enterprises, as he's a restaurateur who co-owns the TriBeCa Grill, Layla and Nobu in Manhattan.

"Being a restaurateur is not a hobby, but I'm not in there cooking or any of that," he says, laughing.

"I can't cook. I just appreciate people who really are good at what they do in that area. I like great restaurants

and great food."

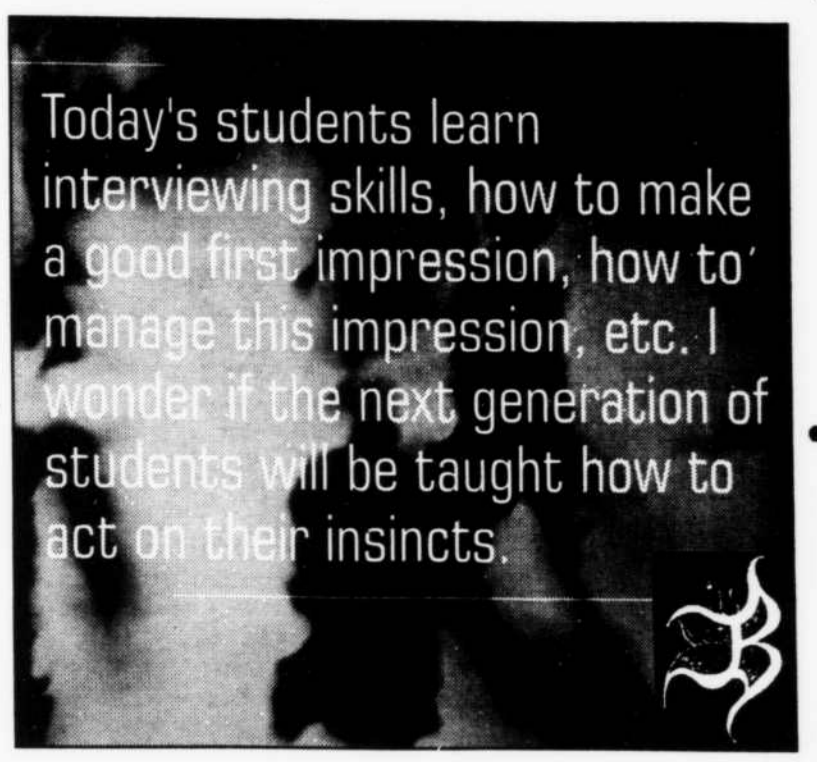
And, of course, there's more acting to be done.

De Niro turns up as Sam Jackson's bongs-smoking doofus sidekick in "Jackie Brown" and, over the next few months will appear in a "Great Expectations" remake and John Frankenheimer's drama, "Ronin." He's also set to join Billy Crystal in "Analyze This," a mob comedy directed by Harold Ramis.

"I had a good time doing 'Great Expectations,'" De Niro says. "It's an updated version of the story [set in New York]. The director [Alfonso Cuaron of 'A Little Princess' fame] did a good job. I had a good time doing 'Jackie Brown.' Tarantino was terrific. Quentin's got a lot of energy and is a very smart director. I had a lot of fun and the character was fun, too. 'Ronin' is going fine. We're still shooting it. Frankenheimer is very good. Mamet worked on the script."

Big role, small role—it doesn't much matter to De Niro.

"I like supporting roles because I'm not carrying the movie," he says as the conversation ends. "I'm not working as much as you might think, maybe a couple of weeks. It gives me more time to myself, to do other things. I just look for good roles. I look to see that the director is someone I like and respect, who will help me realize the part. I'll sometimes work with a director even though I'm not so sure of the material. I'll do that if we at least have the understanding that we're going to do the best thing we can do."



Today's students learn interviewing skills, how to make a good first impression, how to manage this impression, etc. I wonder if the next generation of students will be taught how to act on their instincts.

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LIGHTNING STRIKES

School officials will unveil the new athletic mascot and logo during a halftime ceremony of the Blue Raiders basketball game Jan. 17 against TSU.

Termed "Lightning Strikes" all that is currently known, is that the mascot is in fact a winged horse that involves heavy rain and lightning.

The show will include laser lights, special effects and music. It will be the first ever "official mascot" in school history.

The game is scheduled to tip off at 7:30 p.m.

ROLEX TENNIS RANKINGS

The Blue Raider tennis team maintained their national rank of 18 in the recent Rolex Collegiate Rankings.

After winning the ITA Reebok All-American tournament last fall the doubles team of David McNamara and Julius Robberts are ranked second in the country.

The duo is second only to the Georgia team of Steven Baldas and John Roddick, however, in the Region III rankings McNamara/Robberts are No. 1 with Baldas/Roddick in the No. 2 spot.

Senior Anthony DeLuise is ranked ninth in the country and is just the second Blue Raider to break into the top 10 singles national ranking.

DeLuise earned his ranking by becoming the 1997 Southern Collegiate Champion during the fall season.

The Blue Raiders open the season Jan. 31 at Wake Forest.

B'BALL RADIO SHOW

Both Randy Wiel and Stephanie Smith will be broadcasting their radio show live from Toot's Restaurant every Sunday at 6 p.m.

The show can be heard on WGNS-AM 1450.

Wiel, in his second season as head coach, has his Blue Raiders off to an (8-2) start. In her first year as head coach, after four as an assistant, Smith's Raiders are currently (4-4).

WIEL'S TV SHOW

The Randy Wiel Show can be seen every Sunday night at 10 p.m. on WNCN-TV.

In Murfreesboro, WNAB can be found on cable channel 15. The show is then replayed Monday-Friday on MTSU's very own Channel 8 at 5 p.m.

UPCOMING GAMES

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NEXT ISSUE

-Blue Raider baseball and training facility nears completion. The addition to Reese Smith Field will solidify it as one of the top baseball facilities in the South.

-Basketball preview, three straight nights the Murphy Center will play host to Raider basketball beginning tomorrow.

-Feature on Teneka "Bama" Burrell. Three years after first being recruited by the Lady Raiders, Bama is on the court and leading the team in rebounding.



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Raiders upset Murray State

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

With the game on the line junior reserve Kent Ayer played with the patience and poise of a veteran starter.

Both of those characteristics, coupled with a 10-foot jumper from the top of the key at the buzzer helped to propel the Blue Raider basketball team to a 76-71 upset of Murray State in Saturday's game at the Murphy Center.

Ayer entered the game with just seven seconds left in regulation, after starting point guard Richard Duncan fouled out.

Trailing by two Ayer brought the ball up the court looking to Freddie Martinez to break through the lane off a double screen.

When the play failed to materialize Ayer, who had only played just under six minutes in the game, had no choice but to put up the shot, his first of the game.

Despite a national television audience, thanks to ESPN, the Raiders (8-2 over all, 2-0 Ohio Valley Conference) continued the tenacious defense, holding the Racers to just 60 points in regulation.

For the Raiders, the key to holding the Racers from running up the score was containing De'Teri Mayes.

Mayes, who has accounted for nearly 30 percent of the Racers offense this season, was held to just 14 points.

Another sore spot for the Racers was free throws. Murray State made just 18 of 27 from the charity stripe.

The Racers (11-2, 2-1) who were preseason favorites to win the conference, had already defeated both Iowa State and Arkansas prior to their match up with the Raiders. Murray's lone loss had come at the hands of Michigan.

A big factor for the Raiders was their ability to maintain their composure as a team when the Racers took the lead late in the fourth quarter.

Much of that poise has been gained from their tough nonconference schedule which took them on the road to both North Carolina and Kansas, their only two losses of the season.

Though Ayer provided the late game heroics, it was the consistent play of Aylton Tesch that paced the

Raiders for much of the way.

Tesch finished the early afternoon game, which tipped off 11:30 a.m. in order to accommodate the ESPN schedule, with 16 points, 16 rebounds and five steals.

Martinez and Mantia Callender added 13 and 10 each respectively to round out the Raiders who finished with double figures.

Much of the Raiders offense was created by Duncan, who brought the ball up the court with relative ease all afternoon. The junior finished the game with nine points and a season high seven assists.

Aside from his last second heroics at the end of regulation, Ayer also made a key three-point shot midway through the overtime period to put the Raiders up for good.

Ayer scored six of the Raiders 16 points in OT.

Isaac Spencer paced the Racers with 22 points and 17 rebounds. Chad Townsend added 18.

Raiders remain unbeaten in Ohio Valley Conference

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

With the help of a late first half run, the Blue Raider basketball team easily defeated UT-Martin to claim sole possession of the top spot in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Raiders (9-2, 3-0 OVC) handed the Skyhawks, who entered the game with a perfect 3-0 conference record, a 66-46 schooling.

For the fourth time this season Freddie Martinez led the Raider scoring attack with 14 points, breaking a five game streak in which Aylton Tesch paced the team offensively.

Tesch finished the contest with 11 while reserve Kent Ayer, Saturday's

hero, reached double figures as well with 10, tying his season high.

The Raiders used a balanced attack the entire game as team depth came into play. Ten players in all played more than 15 minutes each as the Raiders proved to be just too much for the Skyhawks to contain for 40 minutes.

In the end, the Raiders dominated nearly every facet of the game.

They held a decisive 40-29 edge in rebounding, in which they grabbed a staggering 22 offensive boards. Tesch led the team in rebounding with 11.

The Raiders forced the Skyhawks into 21 turnovers as they tallied up eight steals.

Ryan DeMichael led the Skyhawks with 13 points and reserve Robin Cude added 10 off the bench.

But it was the strength of the Raiders bench that helped seal their fifth straight victory, all at home. The Raiders bench outscored the Skyhawk reserves 30-27, however, they out rebounded them 18-5.

In keeping the game from completely getting out of control, no Raiders starter played for more than 25 minutes.

The win improves head coach Randy Wiel's record to 19-1 at the Murphy Center since taking over the team last year.

Next up for the Raiders is a road game against Eastern Illinois tonight. The team then travels to Southeast Missouri before returning home for a three game stint against Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and Tennessee State.

Ticket Information

Tickets for the Blue Raider basketball game against Tennessee State University on January 17 are selling fast. Cindy Randley, ticket manager at MTSU, recommends buying tickets as soon as possible. A large crowd is expected. MTSU will reveal the new athletic logo and mascot during the half-time show of the men's game.



Chad Gillis/staff

Kent Ayer, 12, took his only shot in overtime at the buzzer. The basket tied the game at 60 all, and sent the game into overtime. The Raiders defeated Murray 76-71.

Lady Raiders split conference openers

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times for the Lady Raider basketball team inside of 48 hours.

The Lady Raiders kicked the Ohio Valley Conference portion of their schedule by defeating Murray State 67-56 Saturday at the Murphy Center.

However, Monday night was a completely different story as the Lady Raiders set a few school records.

Unfortunately, they're records head coach Stephany Smith would rather have avoided.

The Lady Raiders lost to UT-Martin 75-32 to even out their record at 5-5 and 1-1 in the OVC.

Their 32 points were the fewest in a game. They also set the record low for fewest points in the first and second half, with 15 and 17 respectively. On the night they were 18.2 percent from the field, also a school low.

On a much brighter note, the Lady Raiders still performed defensively as they held both opponents to under 40 percent from the field as well.

In Saturday's win over Murray, the Lady Raiders were led in scoring by freshman center Joanne Aluka's 16 points. Aluka hit eight of 12 shots from the floor as she dominated all the play in the low post.

Cortney Neeley and Kelly Chastain also reached double figures in scoring with 13 and 12.

The Lady Racers stayed within 10 for much of the game largely due to the play of Sarah Higgins, who led all scorers with 19.

The Lady Raiders seemed to continue their execution Monday against Martin. However, despite moving the ball around the floor and getting open looks at the basket, they

were unable to capitalize by making the shots.

In fact, the Lady Raiders out rebounded the Lady Skyhawks 49-42 by grabbing a 22-10 difference off the offensive glass.

As poorly as the Lady Raiders shot, making just 11 field goals in the entire game, the Lady Skyhawks made only 19 of their own.

Much of Martin's offense came from Nichole Lockridge's 21 and Jody Miller's 16 to account for 65 percent of the Lady Skyhawks total offense.

At press time, the Lady Raiders were getting set to tip off against Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. Their next game will be on the road, this time facing Southeast Missouri.



Chad Gillis/staff

Joanne Aluka, 52, goes up for two of her team leading 16 points in Saturday's win over Murray State. The Lady Raiders are now 1-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Performer of the Week

Kent Ayer



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Game: Blue Raiders -vs- Murray State (Mens Basketball)

Date: Saturday, Jan. 5, 1998

Outcome: 76-71 OT Win

Scenario: Trailing by two points, Ayer checked into Saturday's game when Richard Duncan fouled out. Ayer brought the ball up the floor with the intention of passing to Freddie Martinez. However, he ended up taking the shot himself, his first of the game, at the buzzer. The basket forced the game into overtime, where he scored another six crucial points.



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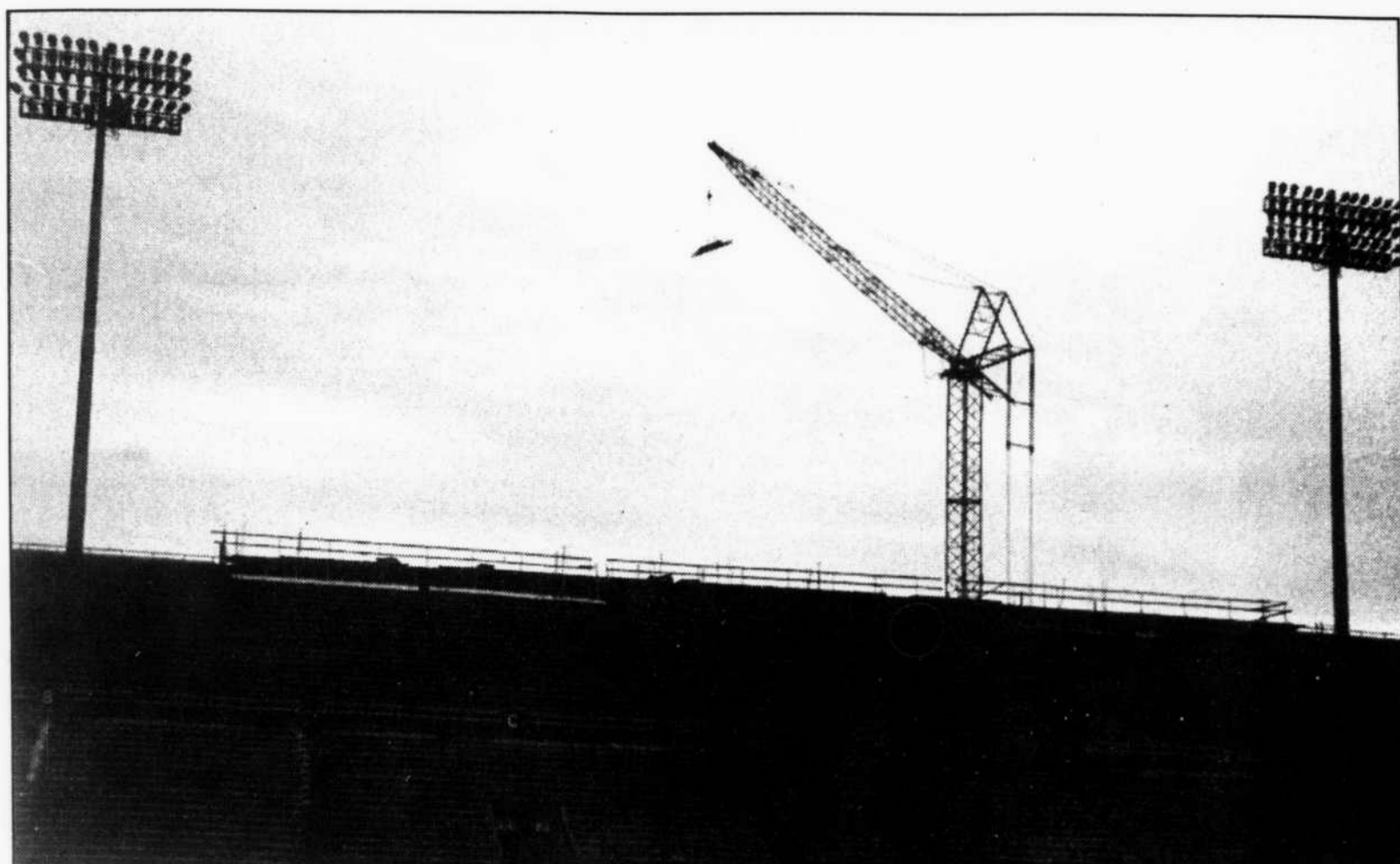
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The Tennessee Oilers are looking for a new home and Middle Tennessee may just be the place.

Although MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler says he has yet to be contacted by the Oilers and the Oilers front office has continued to deny the rumor, a Memphis newspaper reported that the Oilers are looking at the possibility of playing their games for the next two seasons at remodeled Horace Jones Field.

Jones Field has undergone a major facelift as the seating was expanded to 31,000 and the construction of luxury boxes and a new press box is now under way.

The remodeling is expected to be completed in late spring, just in time for the Oilers 1998 season.

Last season the Oilers suffered through low attendance and the team is now looking to leave Memphis as soon as possible.

Vanderbilt Stadium is also being considered.

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| 29-30 | TIRSA Conference Trip | Jefferson City | \$NC (10) | 8am, 1-29/30 |
| 29 | Belay Clinic | Rec Center | \$8/10 (8) | 7-10 pm, 2-4/5 |
| FEBRUARY | | | | |
| *1 | Caving | Southport Cave TN. | \$10/12 (11) | 8am, 2-1 |
| 4-5 | Roll Clinic | Rec Center Pool | \$10/12 (10) | 7-10 pm, 2-4/5 |
| 14 | Grants Quadrathlon (Bike 13, Run 5, x-c ski 1.5, snow shoe 1 to Mt. Taylor@11,301'x2) | Grants, NM. | \$40 entry fee (9) | 2/1015 |
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| 3-4 | Kayak Roll Clinic | Rec Center Pool | \$10/12 (10) | 7-10 pm, 3-3/4 |
| 6 | Lead Clinic | Rec Center | \$10/12 (6) | 4:30 pm, 3-6 |
| 7 | *Women's Rappelling | Snell Shell, TN | \$8/10 (8) | 10 am, 3-7 |
| 11 | Belay Clinic | Rec Center | \$8/10 (8) | 3-6pm, 3-11 |
| SPRING BREAK | | | | |
| 13-22 | Canoeing the Rio Grande Fri.-Fri. (discounts for part. w/ own canoe or camping gear)(Coop w/ UT-Memphis & UNI) | Texas/Mexico | \$199 (Univ. only)(20) | 5:30pm, 3-5 |
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| *26 | Adopt a Highway | Ruth. #99 | \$FREE & lunch | 2-4 pm, 3-26 |
| 27 | NBA Bulls vs. Hawks | Atlanta | \$TBA | noon, 3-27 |
| 28-29 | Stone Door Backpacking | So. Cumberland | \$25/30 (12) | 5:30 pm, 3-25 |

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Blue Raiders celebrate a victory!



Chad Gillis/staff

The Blue Raider basketball team gave the fans of Middle Tennessee a lot to celebrate about Saturday afternoon with their upset win over conference rival Murray State. The Raiders, now 9-2, 3-0 OVC, flexed off the win in front of a national television audience on ESPN.

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The holiday season creates a happy environment to make life-changing decisions. Surrounded by family and friends, it is easier to see big tasks as effortless. Another Christmas cookie, one more cup of eggnog, a second helping of Grandma's turkey dressing, there goes another pound. No sweat.

For many people, the new year brings a new attitude. Weight loss and new techniques to lower or prevent stress are two of the more common decisions people make on the first of the year.

However, when we return to work, school and the everyday stresses that are slowly killing us, achieving our New Year's resolutions seems more like climbing Pike's Peak.

The realization that losing weight or making more personal time is far from effortless comes within the first few weeks the year. Out of the millions that decide to lose weight or live a healthier life, more than half fall short of their resolutions within a few months.

There are a few things you can do to make your resolutions happen. First, make a realistic goal. Evaluate what you want to change and decide if it is actually possible. No one can lose 20 pounds in two weeks or fly to Bermuda every weekend to reduce stress. Set a goal that is reasonable.

Secondly, get professional advice if necessary. Undergoing a major diet can put stress on the body and your family doctor is the one who can put you on the right path. It is too tempting to fall into the "quick fix" diets, which are more harmful than helpful.

If your goal is to lower stress talk to a massage therapist or aromatherapist. They specialize in making lives less-stressful. Avoid taking medications to relax.

Next, develop a plan. Sticking to a schedule is a successful way to stay focused on a goal. Include exercise time in your daily schedule. In addition, schedule a time each day to relax. Whether it be ten minutes or an hour, take time to flip through a magazine, take a short walk or listen to your favorite music.

Another helpful hint is to let people know of your resolution. If you are trying to lose weight, tell your best friend or spouse. If they know you are trying to change your lifestyle, they will be there for encouragement and support. Also, when they see your commitment to your resolution, they will be there to praise you.

Keep in mind that not every goal is achieved. Hard work can pay off in big ways, but not

always in the way you prefer. Major weight loss is not always the result of months of exercising and eating right. Part of making a realistic goal is understanding what you are capable of. Instead of losing forty pounds, you may only lose twenty. Recognize that any step made forward is a positive move no matter how small.

Stay flexible with your regimen. If you miss a workout or let your work take you over, don't sweat it. Start over tomorrow and make up for lost time. Obviously, there are life emergencies that no one can control. Avoid making petty excuses, but don't flood yourself with guilt if you get off schedule.

Lastly, take a few minutes every so often to evaluate yourself. Ask yourself if you are happy with the decision you made and if you are getting the results you want. If things are not going as planned, redesign your course of action. There is no law that says you can't make a new resolution in March.

Whatever you decide to do, make the right moves. Stick with what you want to do as long as it is helpful and not harmful. Never refuse encouragement or praise and remember that you are changing your lifestyle for you and only you.

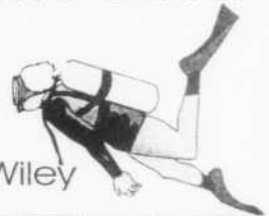
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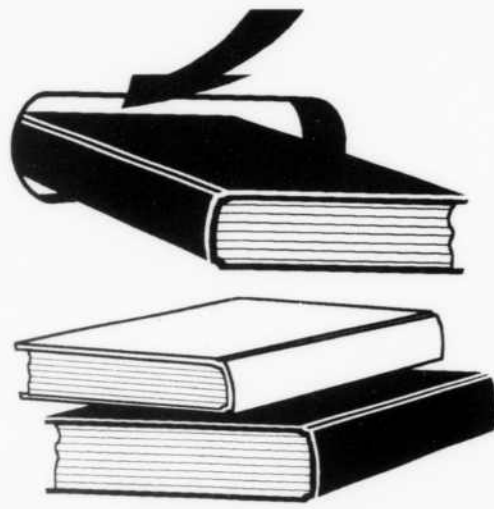
'97 SPRING AEROBICS SCHEDULE

Please remember that all aerobics classes are \$1 or save money, buy a \$20 punch pass good for 26 classes. Participation waivers must be filled out once per academic year. Classes based on instructor availability. Please come by the Recreation Center or call the Fitness Director at 898-2104 for more information.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 6:15-7:15 am Early Bird Aerobics | | 6:15-7:15 am Early Bird Aerobics | |
| 12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Time Jam | | 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch Time Jam | |
| 4:30-5:00 Abs, Abs, Abs | | 4:30-5:00 Abs, Abs, Abs | |
| 5:00-6:00 pm Step | 4:45-5:45 pm Muscle Toning | 5:00-6:00 pm Step | 4:45-5:45 pm Muscle Toning |
| 6:15-7:15 pm Tone & Slide | 6:00-7:00 pm Total Body Conditioning | 6:15-7:15 pm Tone & Slide | 6:00-7:00 pm Total Body Conditioning |
| 7:15-8:15 Step Aerobics | 7:30-8:30 pm Step | 7:15-8:15 pm Step Aerobics | 7:30-8:30 pm Step |

FRIDAY- NO CLASSES

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