

# Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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## In the News

### Dean steps down

David Eason, assistant dean of graduate studies in the College of Mass Communications and a professor of journalism, is stepping down from his dean position after this semester.

Eason said he wants to become more involved with writing and teaching and less involved with administration.

Geoffrey Hull, recording industry professor, will take over the assistant position beginning in the summer.

### Recycling team No.2

MTSU's recycling program placed second in a Nashville-area recycling contest "Recycling Computes."

The group was awarded \$3,000 in refurbished computer equipment from Compaq Computer Corporation, according to Patrick Doyle, professor of biology.

### Prisoner held in cage

BEIJING (AP) — Police in southern China have imprisoned a farmer without trial for 10 years, at least five of them in a tiny cage where reporters found him naked and hungry.

The official Yangcheng Evening News published two photos showing Deng Qilu staring out from his cage, which is just slightly larger than a coffin and too small to stand up in.

The newspaper said Deng was detained 10 years ago after he stabbed and wounded a police officer in southern Guangdong province. Officials did not hand him over for trial because they thought him mentally unstable, it said.

### Race relations improved

MEMPHIS (AP) — Blacks and whites in Memphis and Shelby County may work, play and pray together but rarely live in the same neighborhoods, according to the results of a recently released poll.

However, the poll suggests that racial boundaries have softened, especially inside the city.

Two-thirds of blacks responding to a telephone poll, conducted this month by Etheridge & Associates for "The Commercial Appeal" newspaper, say race relations in the area are good to average. That compares with 55 percent of whites.

### Rebels consider ransom

EL CALVARIO, Columbia (AP) — Leftist rebels on Friday freed nine Colombians kidnapped earlier in the week at a roadblock where four American bird watchers and an Italian businessman also were seized. The guerrillas said they were evaluating how much ransom to ask for the foreigners.

Comandante Romana, local leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, told The Associated Press the group was "investigating" the foreigners' net worth before deciding how much ransom to demand.



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# MTSU refused capital funding

□ Kin Easter/staff

MTSU, the fastest growing university in the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), did not receive capital funds for any construction or renovation projects from Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist's recent budget, but accepted \$1.8 million to replace steam and condensate lines and reroof several buildings.

The state of Tennessee distributed \$153 million in capital outlay projects to other colleges and universities.

"I'm sure they thought that we got all the buildings recently," said Doug Williams, director of MTSU News and Public Affairs. "The state has a limited amount of money to spend. Right now, the state had to spend it on other areas than MTSU."

There are currently eight construction projects in progress at MTSU. The total cost of construction is an estimated \$94 million.

"Logic will tell you we had our day," Williams said.

Among the 15 statewide schools receiving capital projects funding, Austin Peay received the most at \$37.3 million for a new science building and UTIA followed with \$23.5 million for biotechnology research facilities.

But the TBR said they are requesting an acknowledgement of and approval to reallocate \$4.6 million of existing funds to MTSU for library computers, site improvements and the renovation of Todd Library.

State officials considered which construction projects in the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) needed funding. THEC presented a project priority list to the state after studying the needs of schools in the TBR and the University of Tennessee educational systems.

Due to a lack of money for the past seven years, the TBR could not distribute funds to the 46 Tennessee colleges and universities it governs.

However, the TBR played a role in choosing which projects, both outlay and maintenance, have priority in funding.

MTSU has received funding for its latest construction projects from state capital funds, student fees and tuition, according to Julie Walker, TBR director of communications.

MTSU officials anticipated beginning plans for a quadrangle project and renovation of Todd Library. However, the university will have to wait for funding, but not for too long, according to Duane Stucky, vice president of finance and administration.

"The money would be available approximately July 1," Stucky said. "The quadrangle needs to be designed. Generally, design takes about six months, then construction. The money for Todd is for planning only, so the design of a renovation would start soon in anticipation of making a request for construction money next year."

Todd Library may keep the curriculum library that serves the education department after renovation, but university officials do not know what other purposes the building will have.

"At this point, further planning is needed as there are a number of academic and student services functions under consideration for the building," Stucky said.

The Wright Music, Boutwell Dramatic Arts, Wiser-Patten Science, Stark Agriscience and Midget Business buildings, Corlew Residence Hall and the Natatorium (which houses the swimming pool) will all be reroofed.

The MTSU planning committee is working hard to receive funds in the future.

"The planning committee is diligently working in planning and communicating to the TBR," Williams said.

# Elders emphasizes power of women

□ Lesh Bales/staff



Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General, spoke on behalf of women's place in society Thursday night as the keynote speaker of the third annual Women's Leadership Conference.

She may be "dancing with a bear," but former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders took time out of her busy schedule to give the keynote address of the third annual Women's Leadership Conference Thursday night.

Elders spoke on her concerns for the country, emphasizing the education of the nation's women and children as imperative to creating a better tomorrow.

"The health of the nation is directly related to the health and education of its women," she said. "When women are poor, children are poor. When women are homeless, children are homeless. And when women lack health care, children lack health care."

So, how can women change the state of the nation? According to Elders, a revolution can start with just one.

"This Women's Leadership Conference started as the vision of one woman," Elders said. "One woman with courage can make a majority with her vision."

"Great women are not considered so because of their achievements but because of their achievements' effects on others."

Elders offered a unique perspective on how women can get to the top. Reminding the audience that a person can climb a ladder only one step (or person) at a time, she posed this suggestion: "Instead of trying to climb Jacob's ladder, maybe we need to expand Sarah's circle."

She also passed down some of her mother's advice that has carried Elders throughout her life: "if you want to get out of the cotton patch, you've got to get something in your head," "always do your best—that's good enough," "never throw away your tomorrows worrying about yesterday" (one Elders especially heeded after her stint as surgeon general) and "when you cease to see the

truth and speak it, then you will die."

While these heartfelt words literally propelled Elders from picking cotton to get enough money to attend the University of Arkansas, Elders has learned a lot along the way. First, power is never given—it must be earned. Second, set your own agenda.

"I did surgeon general the way I thought it should be done," she said. "I believe we need to educate to keep people healthy."

Other Elders' suggestions include "ask for what you want, you might get it sometimes" and "be clear about your own goals: know your price, set your price and know what you won't go below."

"You've gotta stick to it and stop worrying about who gets the credit," she added. "Just continue to keep your eye on the prize."

According to Elders, women can make a difference by following a few simple strategies. First, in keeping with the conference theme, women must begin to "dream out loud." Next, progress is only going to be made after an attitude change and the employment of creative leaders: leaders who are willing to think outside the box, willing to think laterally instead of vertically.

To illustrate this point, Elders told an anecdote about a farmer who got into some debt and was given a choice by the debt collector: either go to jail or let him marry the farmer's daughter. In order to settle the dilemma, the collector agreed to a deal. He would place two pebbles—one black, one white—in a paper bag. If the daughter chose the white, she was free. If she chose black, she had to marry the debt collector.

As the debt collector picked up two pebbles, the daughter saw that both were black. She knew that exposing the debt collector's actions could get her father into more trouble, so she reached into

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# Chemistry professor honored as Woman of Achievement

□ Lesh Bales/staff

A testimony that it's never too late to start dreaming out loud, MTSU chemistry professor Judith Iriate-Gross was honored as this year's Outstanding Faculty/Administrative Leader at Friday's Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon, a part of the third annual Women's Leadership Conference.

Twenty-two years ago, Iriate-Gross returned to college at the University of Maryland as a single parent. She had formerly been a secretary for Blue Cross/Blue Shield when she realized that she didn't want to do that for the rest of her life.

Returning to college wasn't easy, but Iriate-Gross found a good support system in her college's women center, her family and friends, but especially in her first general chemistry teacher.

"Thus, I'm a chemist," she said. Iriate-Gross furthered her education while raising her son and emphasized how important support groups continued to be while she strived to complete her Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina.

"With a strong support system and my own desire to succeed, I finished

my Ph.D. dissertation three days before my high school graduation," she said. "That was really important for me to do that."

While Iriate-Gross worked in the industry for awhile, she kept returning to teaching because she enjoyed it so much. She came to MTSU in 1996 and has made her mark in several ways.

In the fall of 1997 she, with support from the American Association of University Women and Tennessee State University, brought the "Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics" Conference to Tennessee. Geared toward middle school-age girls, the conference offered encouragement in fulfilling their potential in non-traditional science and math fields by introducing them to women who work in these fields.

Iriate-Gross also initiated this year's Women in Science Brown Bag Lunch series as part of MTSU's National Women's History Month. This weekly series provided women both on campus and in the community opportunities to participate in interactive discussions with women in science.

In essence giving back to the people who mentored her along the



Judith Iriate-Gross, an assistant professor of chemistry at MTSU, was honored as Outstanding Faculty/Administrative Leader at Friday's Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon. Iriate-Gross attributed much of her success to a strong support system of colleagues, mentors, friends and family.

way, Iriate-Gross is currently mentoring a research group of seven students who are working to synthesize and characterize glass and ceramic materials formed from inorganic elements at room temperature.

Iriate-Gross still leans on a "great" support system at MTSU including her husband and family, her department chair, her college, her fellow researchers and the many great women she interacts with at the university. It is with these support systems that she achieved her dreams,

and Iriate-Gross emphasized to luncheon attendees the importance of finding these people in their lives.

"Figure out your dream, go after it and make use of support groups," she said. "They'll make all the difference."

Lindsay A. Kee of Vanderbilt received the Outstanding Student Leader Award this year while World War II veteran Rose Spence-Love was honored as Outstanding Community Leader. Women from across the state were nominated by women for these honors.

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## MTSU On Campus



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

#### March 30

An open 45-minute course on how to search Lexis-Nexis databases will be held in Todd Library 111 at 11 a.m. and 4:50 p.m.

#### March 31

This is the deadline date for two different honors for "Older Wiser Learners." Applications to Pinnacle, an honorary society for juniors, seniors and graduate students who are 25 years of age or older with a 3.0 GPA (3.4 for graduate students), must be received by the end of the day. It is also the deadline for OWLs scholarship applications for adult learners which must be submitted to the Adult Services Center in KUC 320.

Beta Alpha Psi, the professional accounting fraternity, and VITA will be providing free income tax assistance to international students from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in BAS S339. All other students are invited to stop by the VITA table in the KUC lobby on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for income tax advice.

#### April 3

PRSSA will sponsor P.R. Day from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the

mass comm building.

#### April 8

Beta Alpha Psi, the professional accounting fraternity, and VITA will be providing free income tax assistance to international students from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in BAS S339.

Beta Alpha Psi will host a meeting for minority students interested in the field of accounting or business at 5 p.m. in KUC 305. Representatives from Arthur Andersen and Ernst and Young will be speaking.

#### April 14

A Teacher Seminar: Origami for Art Teachers, scheduled from 4-7:30 p.m. at Randalls Learning Center, 3501 Byron Ave., Nashville, is being co-sponsored by The Japan Center of Tennessee and The Japan Foundation, Center for Global Partnership. The seminar size is limited, so teachers need to register as soon as possible. Admission of \$12 includes a Bento Box Japanese-style dinner and the deadline is April 7. For more information or to register call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229 or fax 898-5164.

## Survey explores public opinion

□ Jamie Evans/staff

A telephone survey poll is being conducted by the college of mass communications to develop an archived history of public opinion in Middle Tennessee.

"This is sort of the maiden voyage," Ken Blake, professor in the school of journalism, said. He added that this is the first survey, but the idea is to have one every semester from now on.

According to Blake, the poll—which will be given for the next two weeks—has two main objectives: to create an ongoing record of issues in Tennessee and the general public's opinion towards these issues and to provide useful information for media in the area.

The entire Middle Tennessee area will be included in the survey.

"I think the questions are engaging," Blake said. "People will generally take to a poll if they think their answers will make a difference."

Some of the questions deal with music genres and why people listen to various types of music.

However, there are more sensitive questions on the survey.

"When you hear the term affirmative action, what do you think?" is one of those questions.

Students have the opportunity to be part of conducting the survey. A sign-up sheet is posted on the door of the Lexus-Nexis lab in the mass communication building.

The survey is sponsored by the department of information research and is funded by the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence.

## Student government election deadline nears

□ Staff Reports

March 31—the deadline for candidates to announce their intent to run for an office in the Student Government Association—is quickly approaching.

After the deadline, the SGA Election Commission will review the candidates for eligibility.

Starting with the April 2 issue, "Sidelines" will be publishing profiles of the candidates for the four major

offices—SGA president, speaker of the House of Representatives, speaker of the Senate and the SGA Election Commissioner.

This is intended to illustrate the issues and viewpoints that each candidate is representing leading up to the elections on April 14 and 15.

Any concerns or questions students may have regarding the elections should be directed to the SGA office at 898-2464 or the "Sidelines" news desk at 898-2336.

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# Recorded sound made all the difference

By Shawn Whitsell staff

Few people think of popular music when they hear the name Thomas Edison.

But his invention of recorded music in 1887 changed everything, according to Paul Wells, director of the Center of Popular Music—who will discuss this at the honors lecture today.

Wells said that one of the most fundamental changes in popular music was the invention of recorded sound.

Recordings, according to Wells, made it possible for people to hear music without actually being there when the

**Honors lectures are given every Monday in Peck Hall 109A from 3:30-4:20. They are free and open to the public.**

music was created or performed. Wells said that if an individual lived in one place, he or she had no idea what was going on in another place unless you were physically there.

Because of recorded sound, people in one country can listen to the music of another country without being there.

"We know what music is like in Europe, Asia and Africa," Wells said. "It changed our knowledge of other cultures, even in our own culture."

"But we take recorded sound for granted," Wells said.

The biggest impact recorded has is the ability to preserve sound, according to Wells. The invention of recorded sound also made it possible for us to hear music that was performed over 100 years ago. He added that music legends would not have had as much impact without recording.

Wells also explained that the sale of recorded sound has

surpassed the sale of sheet music since the 1920's.

"It changed the way we learn music, and it changed the way we listen to music," Wells said.

Wells has been at MTSU since 1985, when he became the first director of the Center of Popular Music. He has a bachelor's degree in music from Clark University and a master's in folklore from the University of California, Los Angeles. He also worked for UCLA for a few years before going to work in the music business for CMH Records in Los Angeles for six years.

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the bag. However, upon picking a pebble, she immediately fell to the ground dropping the pebble.

"We'll have to do it again," the debt collector said.

"No," she replied. "Just look in the bag. Whichever color is left is not the pebble that I chose." Therefore, she did not have to marry the wretched debt collector.

Other ways women can stimulate change is by creating an environment where change can take place — "not paralysis by analysis." And last, women must "keep on keeping on" because, according to Elders, perseverance is more important than talent.

"We have got to learn to be

be leaders," Elders said. "In the past, women were supposed to be nurturing. Now we have to go out and fight for things that help us take care of families. We have to educate ourselves, our children and our schools."

Although this revolution can start with one, Elders emphasized the importance of bonding together with other women to create change—an element that is often missing.

"Women need to learn to communicate, collaborate and form partnerships," she said. "It's like dancing with a bear. You can't just get tired and sit down. You have to wait until the bear gets tired and sits down first. There should be more than one of us dancing with the bear so others can take turns resting."

## MTSU junior killed during spring break

Staff Reports

Susan Denise Denny, 25, died during spring break in Orlando, Fla. She was a graduate of Hillsboro High School and a junior at MTSU.

She is survived by her father A.D. Denny, her mother Molly B. Denny, her sister Beth Miller, and her grandmother Lillian P. Bowers.

Services were held Sunday, March 22, at Woodlawn Funeral Home.

## Can ya dig it?



Vickie Gibson/Staff  
These facility services employees continue drainage maintenance work on Corlew Residence Hall.

## Dairy compact could cut jobs 70 percent

Phil West/AP

NASHVILLE — A dairy processor says he could lose 70 percent of the 190 jobs at his Murfreesboro plant if senators approve legislation Monday authorizing Tennessee to join a dairy compact.

Farmers say they need the legislation to help insure they get reasonable prices for the milk they produce.

But dairy processors, who bottle the milk that consumers buy, say the measure could drive prices up year by year.

Processors would move some of their operations into states that do not join the dairy compact to avoid the higher costs, said Bob Allard, general manager of Heritage Farm Dairies in Murfreesboro.

Heritage Farm processes milk for 171 Kroger stores.

Allard said milk prices in Tennessee could rise by \$1.50 a gallon if the state were to join the compact. The legislation authorizes the compact to raise milk prices up to \$1.50 a gallon, he said.

A Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation spokeswoman did not return phone calls Friday

for comment. The legislation passed the House on a 95-0 and is scheduled for a vote Monday in the Senate.

Northeastern states already have formed such a compact, and milk prices there shot up about 22 cents a gallon.

The proposed Southern Dairy Compact would have the authority to set regional prices for raw milk above the minimums established by the federal government.

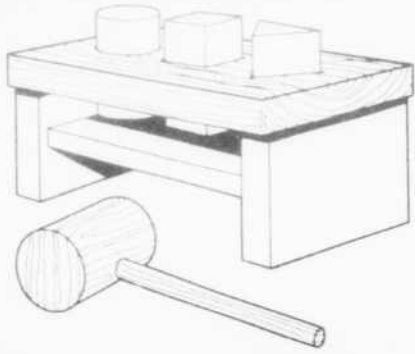
The price would be decided by delegates from each state, including at least one dairy farmer and at least one consumer representative per state.

The other states that are considering joining the compact include Louisiana, Arkansas, North Carolina, Mississippi, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Oklahoma.

The Milk Industry Foundation, a Washington-based trade association of processors and distributors, has said that it's foolish to raise prices when the industry has spent millions on advertising to combat slumping milk sales.

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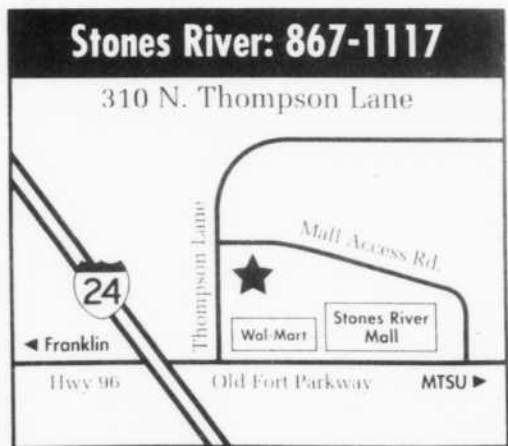
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## Editorials

### SGA elections at hand

Once again it is time for Student Government Association elections. Voting will be held on April 14 and 15 with a possible run-off taking place on April 21. And although you may not agree with any or all actions taken by this group, it is in the benefit of all students to at least vote.

The stereotypical point of view is that voting does no good for a number of reasons. One, the SGA is ineffective and has little or no power. Two, SGA action does not directly effect students. Three, the vote of any one person makes no difference in who will be elected.

It may be true that the SGA is ineffective and has little or no power, but a few bills passed by the house and senate will and do effect the future of MTSU's student body.

It may also be true that one single vote will not sway the majority from one candidate to the next, but 20,000 votes definately would.

Every year a few thousand students, at best, actually push buttons in a voting booth and actively choose this school's main representatives. Democracy does not work without participation. And surveys show that in MOST areas college students participate more often in a wider variety of activities — that includes voting.

It would also seem that students would want a say in who gets to represent this university in a number of situations. Voting also allows students the opportunity to choose who's name will automatically be printed on the first page of this publication in the near future.

If you don't like Joe Schmuck you should at least vote for someone else so you don't have to constantly see Joe's smiling mug in "Sidelines."

The bottom line is every single student should vote. It takes three minutes at the most, and besides, the lesser of a few evils is always better than the more prevalent one.



## From the Mailbox

### Lack of adequate lighting on campus disappoints students

To the editor:

After seeing the March 26 issue of "Sidelines," we feel compelled to write. It is a sad commentary on the state of our university that news of the Women's Leadership Conference being held here at MTSU has to be reported along with news of yet another sexual assault of a female. It is deeply disappointing to us that the participants in this conference, here to promote women's empowerment and expression, will need escorts if they want to walk across campus after 7 p.m.

The March 23rd incident is the second reported assault on campus

this semester. Both attacks were, quite probably, preventable. Both attacks occurred near construction sites where lighting is, at best, minimal. "Sidelines" reports that after this most recent assault, Public Safety has begun work to improve the lighting situation. Yet, the question remains: why were these improvements not made after the first attack occurred?

While construction sites are by no means the only places on campus where lighting is inadequate (the parking lot behind the JUB and Reynolds, Lyon and Rutledge Halls can be terrifying at night), they certainly seem to be the areas of choice for would-be rapists. While it is a given that more lights will not stop all cases of sexual assault, it is also a given that more lights equal fewer places for an attacker to hide.

The administration is fully aware that sexual assaults have

occurred and continue to occur on this campus. This university has a responsibility to do whatever is necessary to ensure the safety of its students. An institution with a multi-million dollar construction budget should most certainly be able to afford adequate lighting for its construction sites.

Female students should have the freedom to feel safe on campus after dark. We should be able to walk to our cars, classrooms or dorms without wondering if we are the next victims.

Sincerely,

Stacie Murphy  
sophomore  
English

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## Why all the hell about a pint of ale?

Philip  
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columnist



St. Patrick's Day—God bless him—and spring "hiccup" break have come and, alas, have gone. I don't know about everyone else, but I actually got to go somewhere this year "hic" and I had a hell of a good time. I have to commend MTSU and the state of Tennessee for one thing. They had enough foresight to plan spring break to include the best freaking holiday on the American calendar.

This brings me to the point of this week's column, adult beverages. MTSU students probably look forward to spring break more than any other university in the country. Why is that? It's because spring break means freedom. That's something that each and every one of us should cherish, because it's what this country was founded on, it's what the civil war was fought over, and it's what one of America's greatest leaders, Martin Luther King Jr., marched to achieve.

What sort of freedom does it mean for MTSUers? It is a week where we can enjoy the sunshine, meet new people, lay on the beach or canoe the Rio Grande, or it could mean that we revert back to the nocturnal creatures that we are by just waking up at the crack of dusk, having two or three breakfast margaritas and partying 'til bed time—right about when all of those annoying morning shows are coming on. In short, spring break is when we MTSUers enjoy the freedom of having a good time.

Why do MTSU students look forward to spring break more than anyone else? Because, God help us, someone in Middlewick, or whatever the hell that other columnist thinks this place is called, thinks the student body can't handle more than a week of fun per year. By the way, Mr. Spears, I'd appreciate it if you wouldn't take words from my articles, and use them as your own. That's just blatant

plagiarism, but I digress.

Anyway, who died and made the administration holier than thou? It is apparent that a position in the administration just came with one more perk. When the brand new stadium and sky box are finished, our fearless deans will sit up above their peasant underlings, drink their sophisticated chablis like blue bloods at a polo match, and watch as students are checked for alcohol as they walk through the gate if not arrested for drinking working class beer while they try to muster any remaining bit of school spirit. Alas, fun has died a slow and miserable death at our beloved Big Blue.

At a school where the average age is 25 years old, it is an absolutely ludicrous idea that we may not partake in alcoholic. At 18 years of age, we are given the right to help select representatives who will defend our rights and our constitution. At the age of 21 and after patiently waiting like good young adults, we are allowed to enjoy the wonderful miracle of God called brew, ale, beer, lager, liquor, champagne, Chablis, mixed drinks, frozen drinks, cocktails or simply adult beverages. Why, then, are we not allowed as students to drink alcohol when the majority of us are past the age of 21 and many of us are coming to MTSU after having defended our constitution through military service?

One of the amendments to the constitution that I so gladly defended as a soldier in the U.S. Army was Article 21, the repeal of prohibition. The United States says we can drink, the state says we can drink, the county says we can drink and the city says we can drink. MTSU says we can drink if we are at so-called official administration or alumni events and only if "sophisticated" liquor is served such as wine.

Now if the state says we can drink and MTSU is a state facility but only a select few can drink here, it is obvious that we live in a state which clearly has two sets of laws, those for the privileged and those for the rest of us peons. It is absolutely amazing that the state has no regret for denying

those of us who are of age the right to drink beer in our dorm rooms and at football games while they sit in the Tennessee Room listening to Tchaikovsky, eating prime rib and poking each other in the eye while they drink wine with their pinkies sticking out.

The reason this issue has me in such an uproar is because I just moved back to my home county of Limestone in Alabama. My county is dry, but not in the Tennessee sense of the word. In Alabama, you can't sell alcohol, serve it in a restaurant or be seen with it in the county or any of the incorporated cities and towns. Their must also be a law against the advertising of it as well, because there are no billboards even depicting Budweiser frogs. This is unusual, because I-65 runs through the middle of it.

In Limestone County, however, they try to make a moral issue out of becoming a wet county. That is absolutely insane, and that's coming from a Christian. I know some young whipper-snapper out there is going to try to point out verse after verse in the Bible where alcohol is condemned. The fact remains that there is not one single utterance of alcohol being immoral in the Bible. Jesus himself was a wine distiller of sorts, and he thought enough of the flavor of the drink to partake in it as part of his last supper before being crucified. As a matter of fact, he commanded that we remember him by doing the same thing.

I sincerely hope that someone will get a petition together to have a wet/dry vote placed on the ballot next month. The petition would require 150 signatures of currently enrolled MTSU students, and it must be turned in to the SGA office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. If this doesn't happen, I hope one of the senators or representatives will be industrious enough to type up a bill for a referendum to be voted on at the joint session on the same day.

As you can surmise, I'm in strong support of the joys of alcohol. This

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# The meaning of life: can it be held in a backpack?

Ken Vogel CPS

Last Friday evening, someone stole my backpack, forcing me to re-evaluate my take on life.

It disturbed me that the loss of a material object could cause me so much anguish. I had always placed a certain value on material wealth, but I made it a point to base those values on whether such wealth enhanced my spiritual well-being.

I knew I liked fine dining, nice clothes and expensive jewelry, but more for the enjoyment that such luxuries could bring me and mine than for the sheer desire to spend and accumulate. But, standing by the information desk at the student union, trying to describe the contents of my dearly-departed backpack to two unmoved campus policemen, I found myself struggling to place values on the objects which it contained.

I realized that I could not differentiate between what was stolen and what the theft meant to me.

There was my microcassette recorder - which could probably fetch about 10 bucks at a pawn shop - and five cassettes - on which I had recorded hours upon hours of interviews for a project I had worked on for months - that couldn't be worth more than a dollar to anyone but me.

There were my disks - about 10 in all - which cost about 50 cents each. But how could I ever place a price on the innumerable documents they contained? I had spent endless hours conceiving, slaving over and editing the various papers, articles and essays on those disks to the point where they were an extension of my very thoughts.

Then there were three half-

finished fellowship applications that cost me 32 cents each to obtain through the mail. No monetary value could do justice to the crushing disappointment that I felt knowing I could never get the fellowships I so coveted, because all my eloquently written responses to the application questions were forever gone, sealed for eternity in the inaccessible vault of my stolen bag.

I found myself uttering words like "priceless" and "irreplaceable" as the policeman ceased his furious scribbling on the official theft report. The cop and I both realized I was no longer describing the contents of my bag, but rather the time, thought and energy I had put into the work.

"At least you didn't have a computer in there," he offered with a shrug, as he tallied up a total estimate for the contents of my bag. Net monetary loss: about \$75.

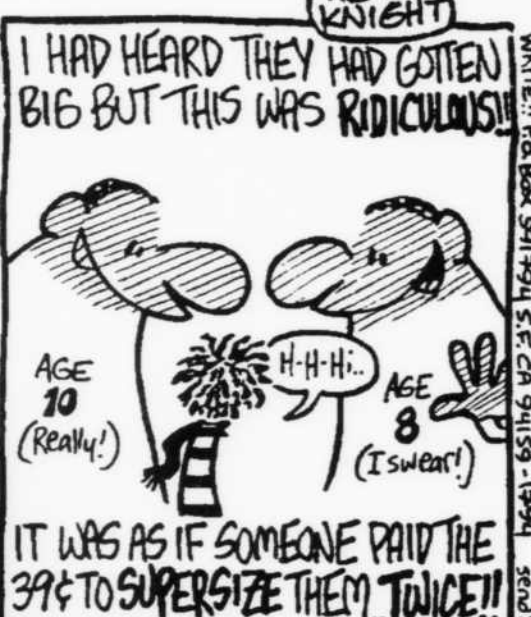
There I stood, devastated, wondering how I could ever start recouping my losses. My life had gone into a complete tailspin because of the loss of merchandise anyone could easily get in one trip to Office Depot. "Pathetic," I thought to myself all weekend as I wallowed in the intoxicating stupor of self-pity. It was pathetic that everything into which I had poured myself - the works that represented me - could be contained in a backpack that could be taken from me.

When I finally stopped feeling sorry for myself, I realized that the very fact that I had allowed my work and its physical manifestation, my backpack, to come to represent my being was the most pathetic aspect of the whole situation. My work is a reflection of me, not vice versa.

Guinness, a glass of brandy, or a bottle of champagne.

I'll leave you with this Irish toast, "May you never cross a stream in brown flood, a patch of soft grass or an angry woman." Ah, hell. I don't know what it means either, and we Irish are a bunch of drunks anyway. Have a drink on me.

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### Monday, March 30

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### Tuesday, March 31

-  Jeff Slaughter opens for Spontaneous Combustion at the Bluebird at 9:30 p.m.
-  The Ventilators play Springwater at 9 p.m.
-  The Sidemen play the Station Inn.
-  "The Crucible" opera will be performed at the Wright Music Building Music Hall at 8 p.m.


### Wednesday, April 1

-  Larry Cordle & LST play the Station Inn.
-  David Bennett and Friends play Springwater at 9 p.m.
-  A percussion ensemble takes place at 8 p.m. at the WMB Music Hall.







### Thursday, April 2

-  The Gibson Brothers play the Station Inn.
-  Phi Mu Alpha Composition Competition takes place at the WMB Music Hall at 8 p.m.
-  Funkiphino plays Springwater at 9 p.m.

### Friday, April 3

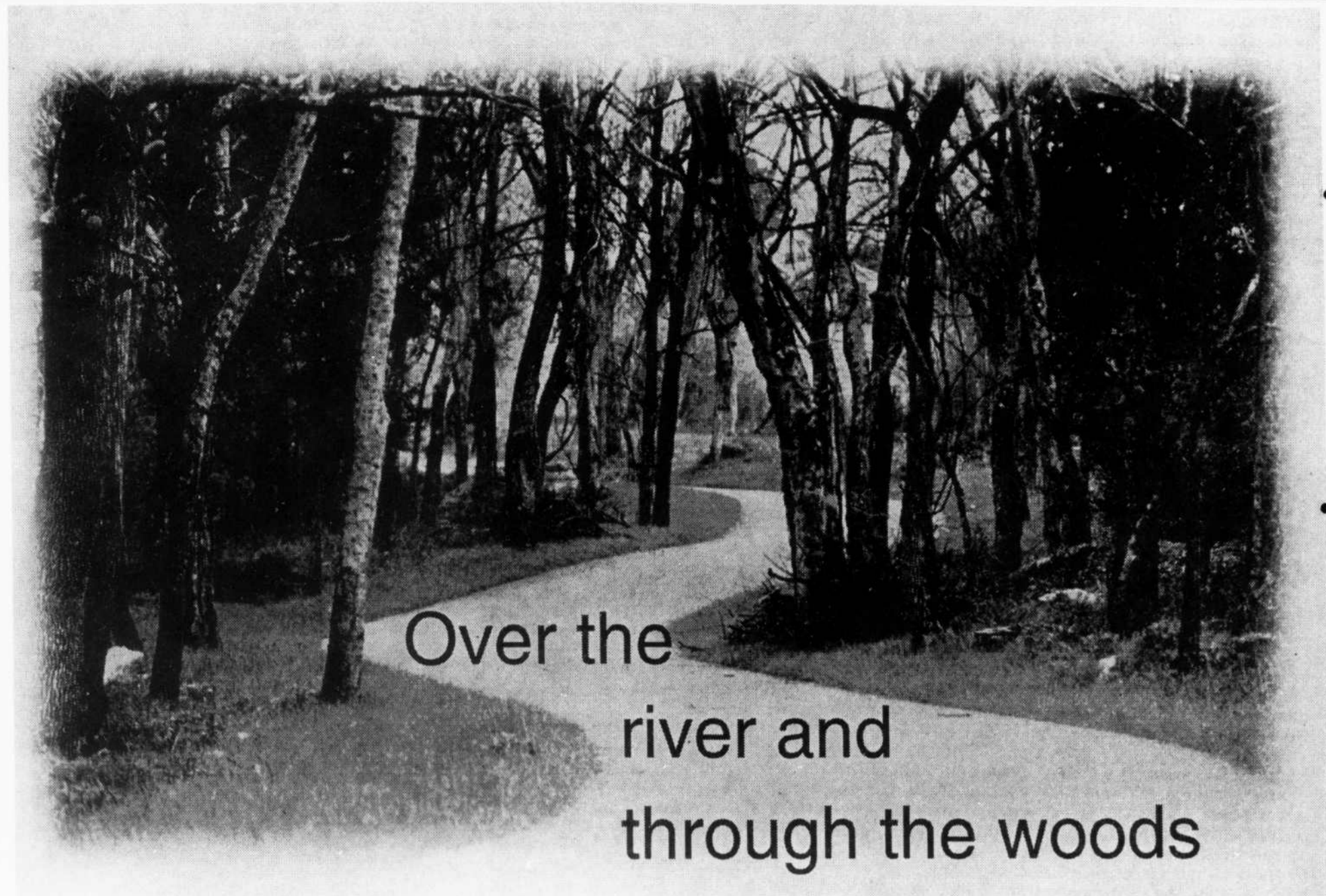
-  Ford Model Agency of New York City will host a free model search at Stones River Mall at 6:30 p.m. Candidates must bring a photo and complete an application, available at Stones River Mall.
-  Magic Hat plays Springwater at 9 p.m.
-  Holtzclaw with Jack and Die Nazi Scum play the Indinet Record Shop at 8 p.m. All ages. \$5 cover.
-  Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction plays 328 Performance Hall at 9 p.m. This show is 21 and over.
-  A jazz festival will take place at the WMB Music Hall at 8 p.m.
-  The Circle Players will perform Tom Griffin's "The Boys Next Door" at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Johnson Theatre at 8 p.m.

### Saturday, April 4

-  Highland Rim plays the Station Inn.
-  Chilhowie plays Springwater at 9 p.m.
-  Crop Circle Hoax, Kissingbook and Calypso play Indinet at 8 p.m. All ages. \$5 cover.
-  Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction plays 328 Performance Hall at 9 p.m. This show is 18 and over.
-  A jazz festival will take place all day at the WMB Music Hall.
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## Over the river and through the woods

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ABOVE: The path of the Greenway winds over four miles. BELOW: A Canadian goose sits guarding its nest of eggs on the banks of Lytle Creek. The bird blends in with surrounding vegetation while poking its head up to check for danger.

□ Chad Gillis staff



When most towns face the crisis of becoming a city they consider public transportation. Would tax dollars be better spent on an underground subway or an elevated train? Should taxi companies be regulated or does the city need additional roadways?

Electric token trains and gas-powered engines seem to be the only choices. But in Middle Tennessee a different approach is being used to account for traffic problems — old-fashion walking along Murfreesboro's Greenway.

The Parks and Recreation Department is putting one foot in front of the other, literally, by providing an alternative method of transportation in the form of shoes and bicycles.

Lanny Goodwin says this foot-powered subway system promotes "multi-modalism."

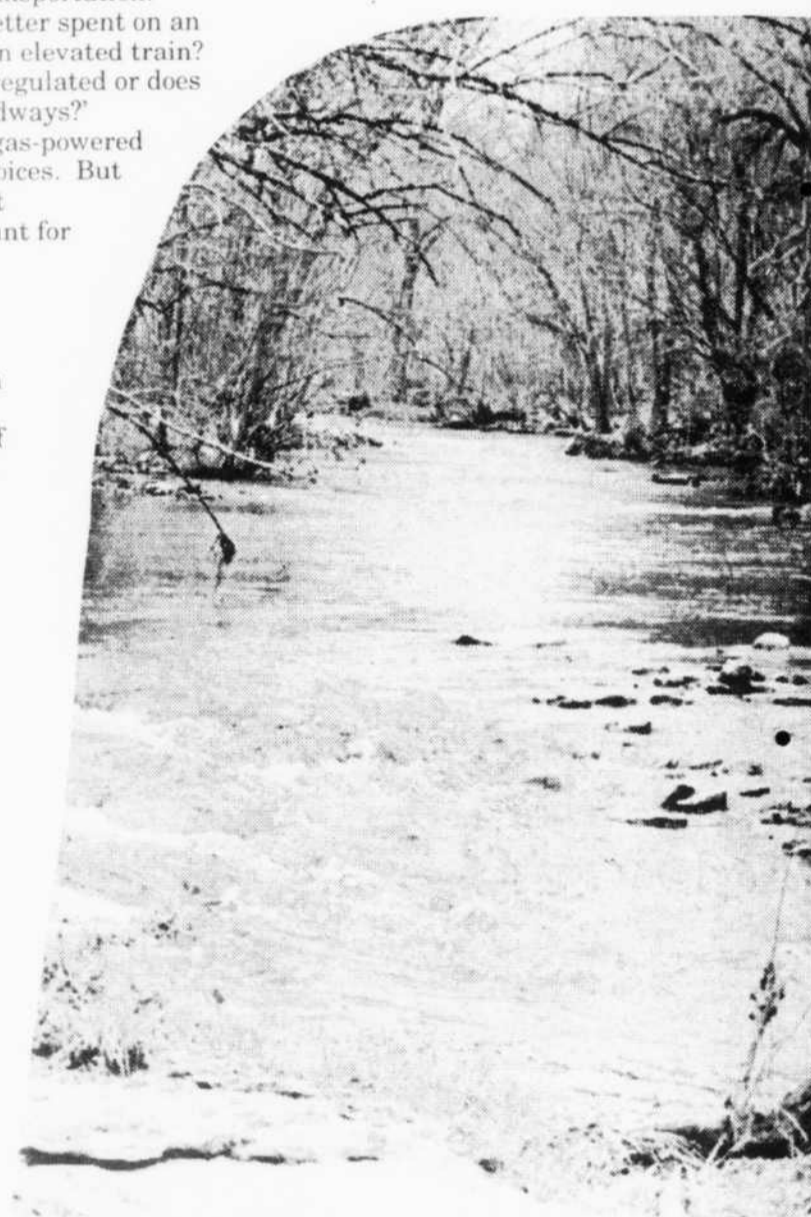
"It [the Greenway] captures one of the natural resources that we have," explains Goodwin, deputy director of Murfreesboro's Parks and Recreation Department. "We have regained Stones River, which was one major reason why people came to this area originally."

Beginning at Cannonsburgh Village near West Main Street, the Greenway provides a paved route, slightly larger than a golf cart path, from the downtown area to the northern side of the city.

The Lytle Creek leg winds under the West Main/Broad Street intersection and wraps around Dodge's convenience store.

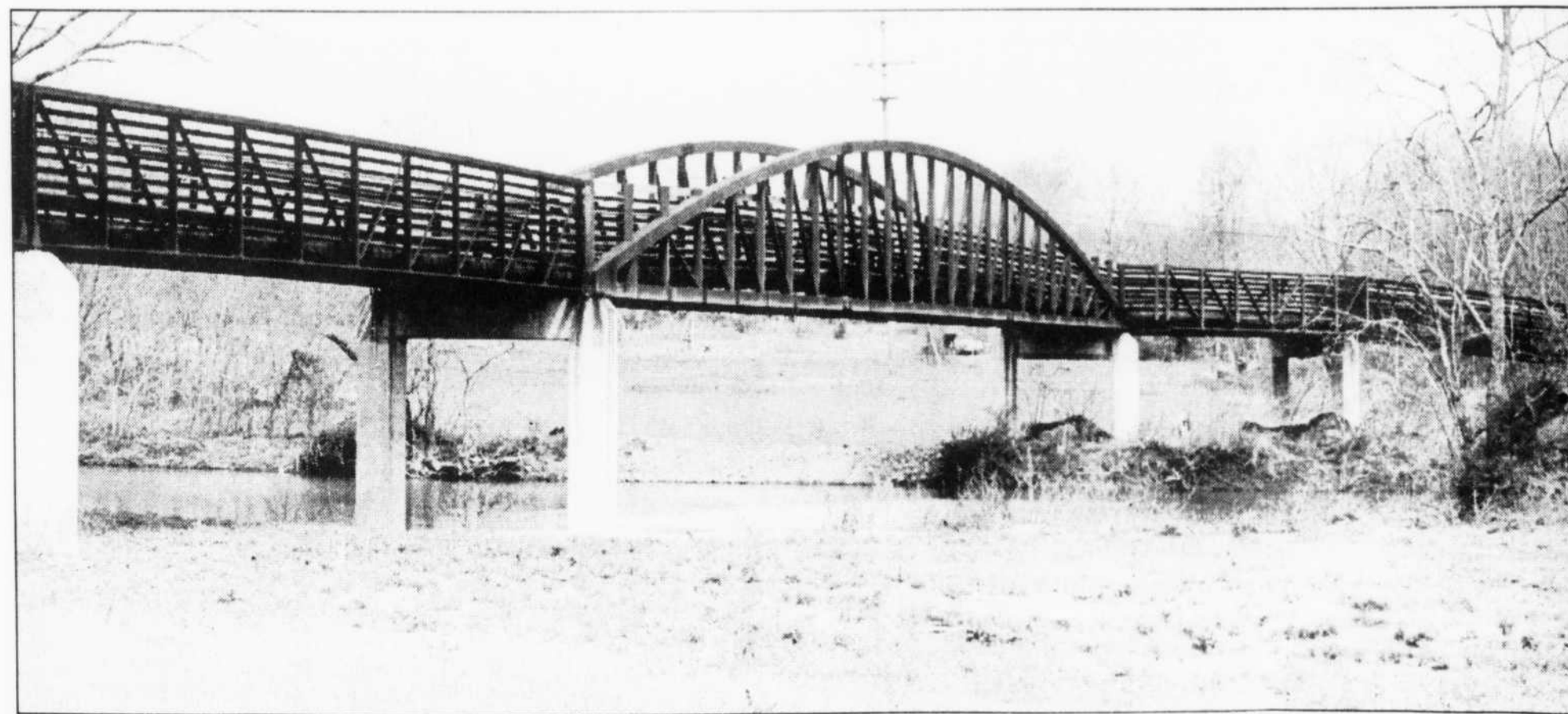
The path then guides pedestrians back under Broad and onward to Old Fort Parkway.

A morning walk reveals a pair of mallards, dozens of mud turtles and a tall, slender blue heron within the first tenth of a mile. Approaching Overall Street, an abandoned bridge supports picnic tables that offer a view of Lytle Creek and the still-prevalent Murfreesboro Railroad Station.



Lytle Creek meanders slowly through the quaint, rural atmosphere surrounding Murfreesboro's Greenway system.

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A large bridge connects the Lytle Creek leg of the Greenway trail to the Stones River portion. This photograph shows a calm section of Stones River near Manson Pike.

# Margulies spreads her wings

□ Ian Spelling/CPS

Pity poor Juliana Margulies.

The actress, best known as nurse Carole Hathaway on TV's "ER," smooches George Clooney week after week on the hit series and, in "The Newton Boys," her new movie, she locks lips with heartthrob Matthew McConaughey.

"I can't complain," Margulies jokes during a conversation at a Los Angeles hotel. "I think they're at opposite ends of the spectrum, very different from each other. Matthew's much more Texan, open, very welcoming and a sweet, sweet guy's guy. George has a little bit more of a city quality, but he's great, too. Look, Matthew is blonde and George has dark hair."

Of course, it's Margulies' own kinky-curlly, raven hair

and piercing eyes that make her such an exotic screen presence, even when she's stuck in "ER's" dull hospital scrubs or the prison garb she wore in the film "Paradise Road." In "Newton Boys," however, Margulies gets to flash some sass.

She plays Louise Brown, a single mother who becomes romantically involved with Willis Newton (McConaughey), a charming fellow who spent 1919 to 1924 robbing banks with his brothers, portrayed by Ethan Hawke, Skeet Ulrich and Vincent D'Onofrio. Louise adores Willis, even after he admits he's a bank robber and not a gambler, as he'd led her to believe.

"Louise is an integral part of the film," says Margulies, who sports vintage dresses and snazzy hats throughout the picture, which is based on a

true story. "She's the only woman in a movie dominated by men. Her scenes are the most important intellectual scenes. There's no action in them, but you see the progression of Willis' character through her. What you see is what they were. They were madly in love and she stuck by her man, even though she knew it was wrong. She begged him to get out of it because she didn't want to see him get hurt. Even when he defied that, she stayed with him. She stayed with him when he was in jail. She stayed with him until she died. She's just as strong as any of the Newtons, which I loved."

Margulies truly is about the only woman to dot the "Newton Boys" landscape, something that she didn't mind. No one, she adds, made her feel she'd stumbled into boys' club.

"Everybody was so sweet,

sensitive and welcoming that I never felt like that," says the 31-year-old actress. "Louise's costumes were just so beautiful, so that every time I walked in it was all about the clothes. The costume people got bored with just the guys. So I always felt kind of special."

The actress, the youngest of three girls, also didn't mind hanging out with so many guys, in part, because as a kid growing up she thought she should've been a boy.

"I was a tomboy," says Margulies, who was born in New York, raised in England. "For Christmas I got baseballs, footballs and mitts. I didn't get dolls. I didn't play with dolls. I was much more of a guy's guy than a girl's guy. That changed, though, when I hit puberty. Suddenly I realized you have to

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## Greenway:

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From there the trail turns right into a more wooded area where bikers, joggers, parents with strollers and young couples sparsely clutter the paved trail.

Debi James, a local homemaker, visits the Greenway daily.

"I love it, it's great," James explains. "Occasionally I like to bring my children, but I like the serenity best...there's not much country left in Murfreesboro."

On the far bank of Lytle Creek a Canadian goose sits hunched in thick grass, guarding its nest of future hatchlings.

Further down the trail, a second blue heron stands seemingly frozen near the

convergence point of Lytle Creek and Stones River. With one powerful flap of its wings, the bird is airborne and quickly finds refuge further downstream.

A long, rusty bridge for the length of a football field forks over the convergence point of Lytle Creek and Stones River.

Midway across, the pounding footsteps of a jogger can be heard thumping louder and louder as he approaches from behind. With each planting of his shoe the bridge trembles slightly. It's as if a small earthquake has decided come along for the morning stroll.

A quick look down at the river reveals a large turtle paddling slowly under the bridge. It keeps a leisurely pace before quickly submerging into the murky, green depths of

Stones River.

Fishermen line the banks, casting repeatedly and generally catching nothing but moss. Just beyond the end of the bridge, the river flows over several small waterfalls before calming to a mild current near the Manson-Pike boat ramp.

Just up the trail an old-timer pulls a foot-long carp to the bank.

"It's kinda windy out here today," he says while mildly wrestling his lunch on the ground, "but the fishing's good. I've got me a channel cat in the bucket."

From Manson Pike the Greenway winds northeast under a railroad and West College Street before connecting to Stones River Battlefield.

The trail is covered with a wide variety of vegetation. Pink dogwoods are in full boom

and provide a colorful contrast to the immense green grass along the path.

Several areas along the Greenway provide parking and entrance points for pedestrians.

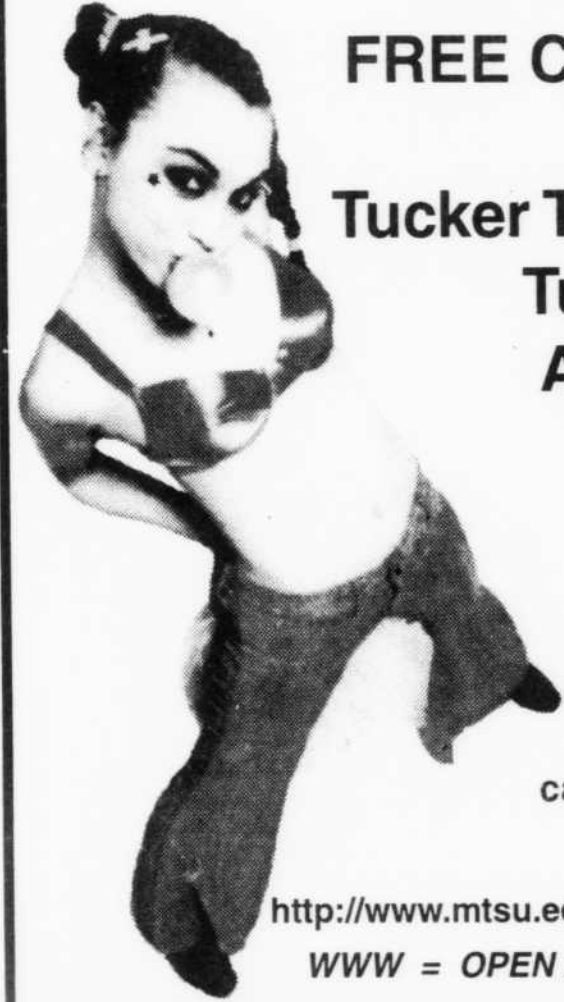
The four-and-a-half mile trail follows closely along the city's major waterway before coming to a halt at the Thompson Lane Trailhead.

The entire path was constructed with roller-blades in mind, Goodwin explains. But the majority of traffic occurs via the original form of human transportation.

Walking may be considered an ancient and quite useless form of travel to many areas, but Murfreesboro's Greenway gives the city a new claim to fame—the 'foot-way.'

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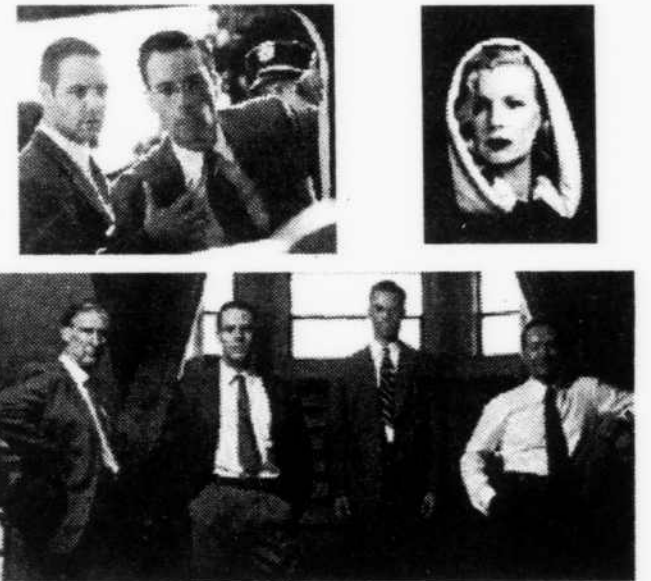
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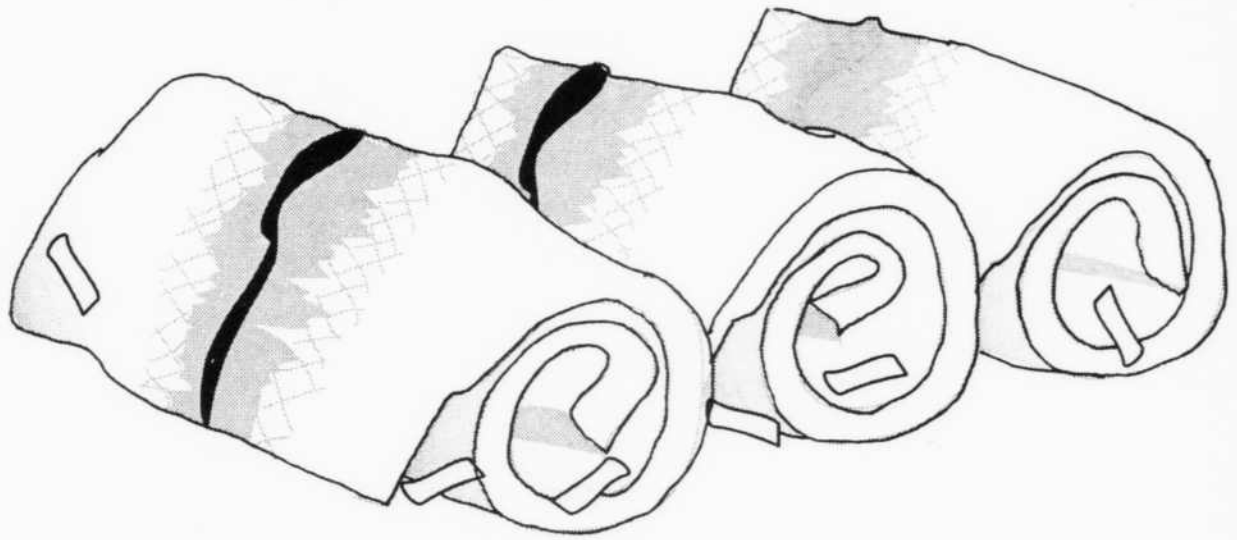
□ John Garner/special to "Sidelines"

It is lunchtime, and the students of MTSU wait in line at the doors of Corlew Hall. Some, fidgeting and squirming, seem pressed by hunger into nervous perpetual motion. Others, relaxed and at ease, appear in no hurry to fill their bellies.

The lunchroom opens and the movie-line atmosphere breaks. We herd toward our meal in the bovine tradition. Many trail along patiently, carefully inspecting every available morsel. A few zing ahead, human arrows flying in determination targeting one particular vendor.

Fingers point to the savory selections protected behind polished glass walls. Voices rise in puzzled tones, and cries of "What's that?" echo querulously in the hall. Very often "that" is the meat loaf (or roast beef or chicken) that it plainly appears to be. Perhaps some of us find it difficult to trust the evidence of our eyes when our chow is dished out from behind sneeze-guards.

Plates are piled high, yet servings of favored foods are dolloped out in inverse



proportion to those liked least. The bouquet of one flavor blurs into the next. Corn and potato and meat and gravy cross each other's Maginot lines. Cacophonous chatter rises. The assembly line trundles toward the dining area. Plastic trays clack against Formica tabletops. Chairs slide out, then in, and the eating begins.

A student's tray marks his territory. Some allow others to circle close to their provisions, and some hold fast to as much terrain as they can defend. The greatest leeway is given to those who study (or appear to study) while they eat. Whether this stems from respect for a comrade at work, or a self-interested desire to forget term papers already overdue, nothing says "table for one" better than schoolwork in progress.

Most tables host a riot of activity. Amazingly, those who gabble the most also gobble the most. Here there is a constantly shifting swarm, every seat occupied the instant it is vacated. Their energy sings through space, infectiously exciting anyone nearby. These students wolf their food, jabbering about this or that between, or through, mouthfuls. They surrender their place at the party only long enough to load up on a second helping (or a third, or...). A few daredevils begin with dessert and work their way backward to salad, risking a citation for violation of the dietary laws.

I observe a baffling minority who, though every bit as lively as their colleagues, subsist on a diet no more lavish than Oliver Twist's. Their plates are

adorned sparingly, more for artistic nourishment than corporeal satisfaction. These are meals to please the palette. I spy a bit of red something-twirly, a dash of white unknown-entity, both given contrast by the merest wisp of green-thing. Lovely dishes to look at, but apparently not worth the effort of chewing.

The lunch hour ends (for me, at least) and I must bus my tray and go to class. I step outdoors, leaving behind the rattle and clatter, and aromas, and spectacle of sharing a meal with my peers. Corlew Hall recedes at my back and a single thought graces my mind:

I wonder if there's anything good in the Peck Hall vending machines today?

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move on. But I've always been comfortable around guys."

As "Newton Boys" shoots it out with the big guns at the box office, another film featuring Margulies, the drama "A Price Above Rubies" is seeking an audience among art house moviegoers. Margulies, who's of Eastern European descent, plays a Hasidic woman happy with her place in life who crosses paths with Renee

Zellweger as a Hasidic woman who comes to realize that particular existence is not right for her.

Then, of course, there's "ER," TV's top-rated show. Hathaway has proven to be one of the most popular characters, despite the fact that she was killed off in the pilot. Early on, Hathaway dated an ambulance medic, played by real-life paramour Ron Eldard. Since then, she's been hot and heavy, on again/off again with Doug Ross (Clooney).

What would Margulies, who recently received a \$1 million bonus from "ER's" production company, like to see unfold?

"It would be great if she and Ross got married," the actress replies. "I want to see a relationship that works. I know there's the long titillation factor of, 'Let's try to stretch this out as long as possible,' but I'd love to see them marry, then see a working relationship where two people go to work every day and stay passionate about each other. Then I'd love to see her get pregnant and have a really (crummy) pregnancy."

As the conversation comes to a close, Margulies contemplates all that she's achieved and what she hopes the future holds.

"I feel very blessed and

lucky, but there's so much more I want to do," she says. "I'm not 80 years old, going, 'Look at the amazing life I've led.' I'm so in the midst of it that I don't really take it in enough. Not that I'm not satisfied, but there's so much farther to go. I'm limited right now by 'ER.' It's a blessing as much as a curse. I don't want to bite the hand that feeds me. I'm very grateful for my job and I love doing the show, but it does limit me. At the same time, I get in my car, drive home to this beautiful house and say, 'Oh, thank you, ER.' The show is a great gig, and I don't want to leave. So, it's a double-edged sword."

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### Lady Raider spring banquet

The Lady Raider basketball team would like to invite you to their 1997-98 Lady Raider Basketball Banquet.

Join the Lady Raiders as they honor this year's team and outgoing seniors.

The banquet will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 13 in the Auxiliary Gym of the Murphy Center.

The meal will be a pot-luck dinner. Please RSVP with Debbie McGowan at 898-2968 by April 9.

### Doubleheader of fun

MTSU baseball fans can enjoy a doubleheader of fun, food and baseball at two events in April.

On April 13, fans can enjoy a picnic dinner with President Walker and other faculty and staff members at MTSU Night at the Nashville Sounds.

Some lucky fans will be chosen to test their arm on the Sounds radar gun, join Walker on the field for the ceremonial first pitch, win Sounds or MTSU merchandise or even take part in a few other surprises.

The evening will cost \$11 for adults, \$8 for children under six years of age and children under two are free.

The price includes box seats in Greer Stadium, picnic dinner and all the activities including face painting and fun with the Sounds mascot Ozzie and MTSU's Lightning.

Game only tickets can be purchased for \$4. Reservations for the package must be made by April 6.

On April 22, the Blue Raiders take on UT-Knoxville in Chattanooga.

The MTSU Alumni Association is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat cookout before the big game at Engel Stadium.

The evening, including dinner, will cost \$8.50 or \$7 per person depending on which game tickets you purchase.

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For information call 898-2922.

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### Upcoming schedule

#### Women's Tennis-

vs Tenn. Tech 2 p.m. March 31

at UT-Martin 9 a.m. April 1

at Murray St. 2:30 p.m. April 1

#### Men's Tennis-

vs Belmont 2 p.m. March 31

vs UT-Chatt. 7 p.m. March 31

at Georgia Tech 1 p.m. April 3

#### Track & Field-

at Ole Miss. Invite April 4

at Sea Ray Relays April 10-11

at Arkansas St. Invite April 11

at OVC Championship April 17-18

#### Baseball-

at Belmont 3 p.m. March 30

at Western Ky. 6 p.m. March 31

vs Vanderbilt 7 p.m. April 1

#### Softball-

vs Tenn. Tech 5 p.m. March 31

vs UT-Martin 4 p.m. April 1

vs Austin Peay 5 p.m. April 3

at Eastern Ill. 1 p.m. April 5

#### Golf-

at Southern Junior/Senior

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### Next issue

A feature on senior women's tennis star Amy King.

Performance of the week.

A complete wrap-up of the Lady Raider softball team's doubleheader with Tenn. Tech.



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

# Raiders manage to split doubleheader with visiting Skyhawks

## Raiders explode with nine runs in the third to win nightcap after letting the first of two conference games with UT-Martin slip away Saturday.

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

The Blue Raider baseball team had a chance to pullout a doubleheader sweep Saturday afternoon.

Unfortunately, their bats fell asleep and their arms fell apart.

After jumping out in front of UT-Martin in an Ohio Valley Conference game at Reese Smith Field seemed poised to take the first of two games from the Skyhawks.

The Raiders (7-16, 3-6) led 6-0 after one inning. Junior centerfielder Jeremy Owens led the brigade in the leadoff spot with a single, a double, a RBI and a run scored.

The two hits in the first inning by Owens helped extend his hitting streak to 18 games.

Raider starting pitcher Chad Kirby held the Skyhawks at bay until the fourth inning when broke loose for five runs in order to pull within one of tying the score.

Kirby, however, settled back down, retiring six of the seven batters he faced in the fifth and sixth innings.

But as luck would have it, the Skyhawks weren't through as the first batters reached base in the seventh.

Kirby, who finished the game yielding six runs on eight hits in six-

plus innings of work, was lifted in favor of Jeff Parsons.

Parsons took the mound and his pick-off throw sailed into centerfield wide right of second base as the tying run advanced to just 90 feet away.

A big-time double play by second baseman Tom Case looked to bail the Raiders out of trouble until Chad Pritchett's double to the right-centerfield wall knotted the game at six.

The double was Pritchett's first hit of the game.

A wild pitch, pass ball, hitter batsman, walk and an error later, and the Raiders found themselves trailing by two with just a half-inning of play left.

For the Raiders, the bulk of their problems began at the plate after the first inning.

In the first inning of play they tagged Skyhawk starter Michael Blount, who went the distance, for six runs on seven hits as 11 batters went to the plate.

The Raiders failed to connect for another hit the rest of the way. In fact they only managed five more base runners.

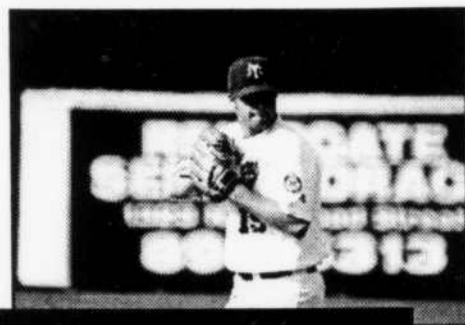
In the nightcap the Raiders trailed 5-2 heading into the bottom of the third when they exploded for nine runs to take the lead for good, as they split the first two games of a three-game series by winning 11-8.

After the first out of the inning on the first batter, the Raiders sent 12 consecutive hitters to the plate, who would all reach base.

The inning was highlighted by Scott James' three run blast, his first as a Raider.

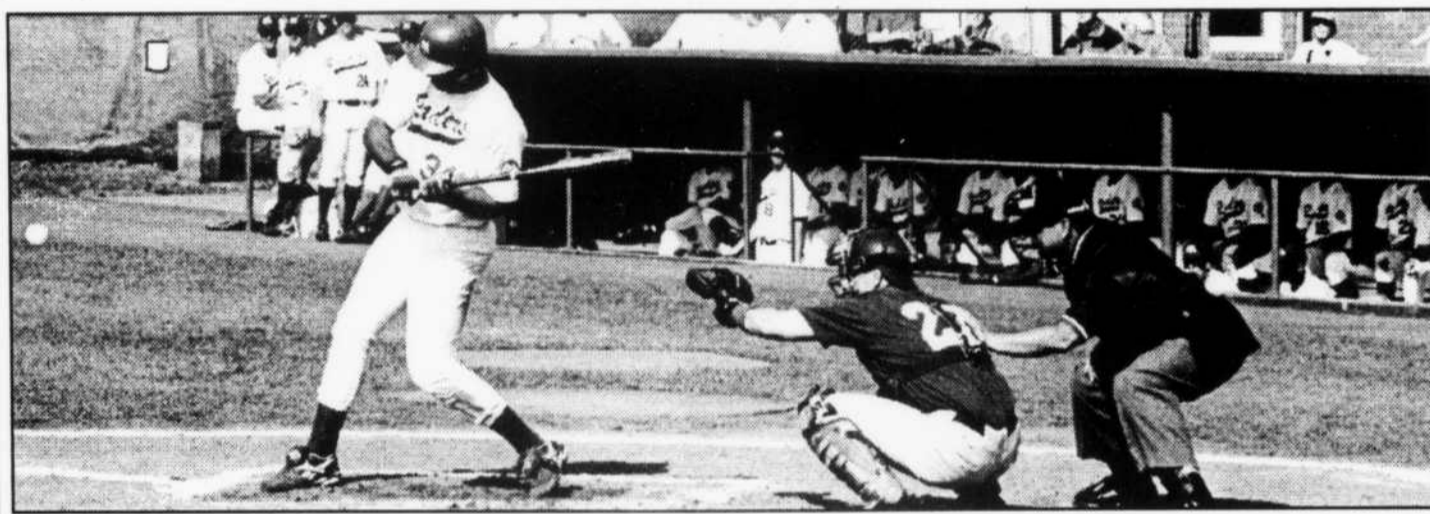
Unfortunately, the Skyhawks ended Owens' 18 game hitting streak. The centerfielder was 0-3 with a walk.

The Raiders will next be in action tonight when they travel to Belmont University and Western Kentucky before returning home Wednesday evening to host Vanderbilt University at Reese Smith Field. Game time is set for 7 p.m.



Chad Gillis/staff

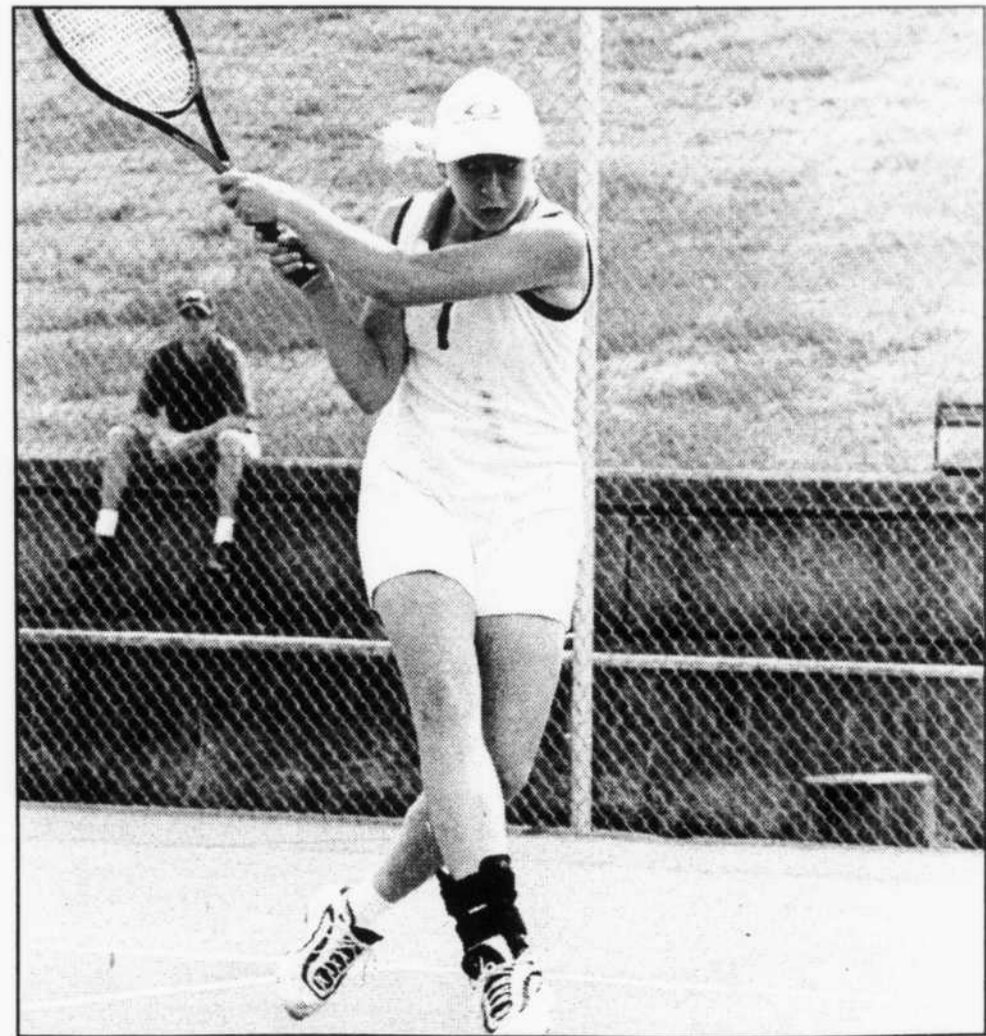
Chad Kirby, 19, starting pitcher, went for six innings and took the loss against UT-Martin.



The Blue Raider baseball team watches from the dugout to see how Wayne Chinapen, 34, handles the Skyhawk pitch. The Raiders lost both games to UT-Martin (7-16, 3-6).

# Lady tennis team walks away winner

□ Chad Gillis/staff



Chad Gillis/staff

Clare Sevier, plays No.1 in singles and doubles, returns a serve to Arkansas State.

The Lady Raider tennis team topped both the Louisville Lady Cardinals and the Arkansas State University Lady Indians over the weekend, improving the squad's record to 10-6 overall.

In Friday's face-off, the Lady Raiders utilized singles wins at No. 1, No. 3, No. 4 and No. 6 positions while capturing doubles victories at No. 2 and No. 3.

"It was a great win," said head coach David Thornton. "It was one we had to have to reach our goals. We want to break into the national rankings and go on to the NCAA Regionals. This was a must win if we are going to get there."

With wins by Alex Toelle, Larissa Liese, Amy King and Clare Sevier in singles play, MTSU held a 4-2 lead going into doubles.

The duo of King/Liese clinched the match early, handing Louisville's Angie Schneider and Kelly Whitler an 8-1 defeat.

Saturday proved to be more of a challenge for the Lady Raiders with a 5-4 defeating of Arkansas State.

MTSU took an early 3-0 lead with victories at three, four and five. The

# Support the MTSU baseball program

Keith Ryan Cartwright  
Sports Editor



So far, the 1998 baseball season has played out like a "Tale of Two Cities" for the Blue Raiders: it's been the worst of times and the best of times.

On the field, the Raiders have suffered a breakdown with their pitching staff and have been inconsistent at the plate as well.

Unfortunately, after years of dominating opponents, the Raiders are in the unfamiliar position of last place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Nonetheless, this weekend had its shining moment despite a discouraging loss to UT-Martin in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday.

Saturday's doubleheader with the Skyhawks was the first time the Raiders used their new clubhouse for their pre-game preparation.

The new facility houses a green room, the players locker room, offices for the coaching staff, a lounge, umpire dressing rooms and indoor pitching mound and batting cages.

**"MTSU is lucky to have had such a rich tradition and though their season hasn't been the best, they're deserving of our support."**

Chip Walters of the Blue Raider Athletic Association and public address announcer for the home games said it best: "This really moves them up a level."

Indeed it does.

And a round of applause is due to the entire baseball program for making it all a reality.

The money used to pay for the construction was raised by them through donations from outside supporters.

Here's a program that has brought MTSU more than a handful of championship banners and notoriety throughout the country, yet they didn't act as though the university owed them.

Instead, they stayed true to their roots and raised the funds themselves and my hat goes off to them for it.

I've especially become impressed with head coach Steve Peterson's respect for his predecessors.

"Coach P" is a man who truly respects the baseball program past, present and future it beholds.

I don't claim to know the man all that well, but his beliefs seem genuine. He's a hard worker who's not afraid to do things himself; he played that way, coaches that way, recruits that way and has continued to move the baseball program forward in that same manner.

MTSU is lucky to have had such a rich tradition and though their season hasn't been the best, they're deserving of our support.

A really unfortunate turn of events has been how WAPB AM 810 has handled the radio broadcasts for the baseball games this season.

Just as last year, MTSU student Doug Malan returned to the booth as the Raiders main play-by-play man.

Just as last year, Malan has executed his job with the same class and dignity the baseball program has always portrayed.

Yet, in light of the dismal season WAPB pulled the plug on away games. Electing instead to just announce home games.

Duh, we're all able to attend the home dates ourselves. It's the road games fans would like to hear.

To top it off, WAPB decided at the last minute Saturday to broadcast only the first of two games. Listeners were deprived of hearing the nightcap.

Through it all, Malan has taken it

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# Choose your Adventure

Exercising outside can be just as effective as a workout in the gym. With warmer weather on its way, take every opportunity to get outside, soak in the sun and sweat.

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Finally, the sun has peaked its pretty face.

We've reached one of the greatest times of the year. Weather-wise, Spring is a great time for outdoor activities. It's not too hot, barely humid, and if the warmth is here to stay, we can finally put away our winter coats.

You don't have to be an avid Rec Center-goer or weight lifter to get in shape. Since the weather is finally looking up, get yourself motivated for spending more time outdoors by lacing up your Nikes and taking a stroll outside in the sunshine.

Finding the right outdoor activity for you isn't hard or impossible—even if you're an indoor, low-impact activity kind of person. Good weather can be hard to come by, so don't use the 'I'm not into being outside' excuse for staying in the television trap.

Trying a new adventure is one of the best ways to keep life a little more spontaneous and keep your health in good status. In-line skating can replace running, while mountain biking is a great stationary bike

substitute. Choose your sport and go with it.

For boredom-prevention, try every kind of sport you can. Take a weekend canoeing trip with the Rec Center's Outdoor Pursuits staff or come up with your own adventure idea with a group of friends. Make plans for upcoming weekends and stick to them.

To get yourself started on finding the right sport for you, flip through some outdoor magazines, like *Outdoor*, for ideas. There are even magazines written about specific sports, such as *In-line Skating*.

With Summer around the corner, most of your health magazines will start publishing outdoor adventure exercising ideas.

If reading and research is a little too conventional for you, go out on a limb, spend the money and buy the equipment for the sport you want to try. A cheap pair of in-line skates from K-Mart can give you a great workout—no need to invest in a two hundred dollar pair of Oxygens or Rollerblades.

A fairly decent mountain bike can be bought at Wal-mart for around \$100, which isn't bad for a beginner. If you treat it nicely, it should last at least a year without any major repairs.

However, if you find that biking is going to be more than

a once-a-month activity for you, think about investing money into a \$500-600 bike that will stay in one piece for a while.

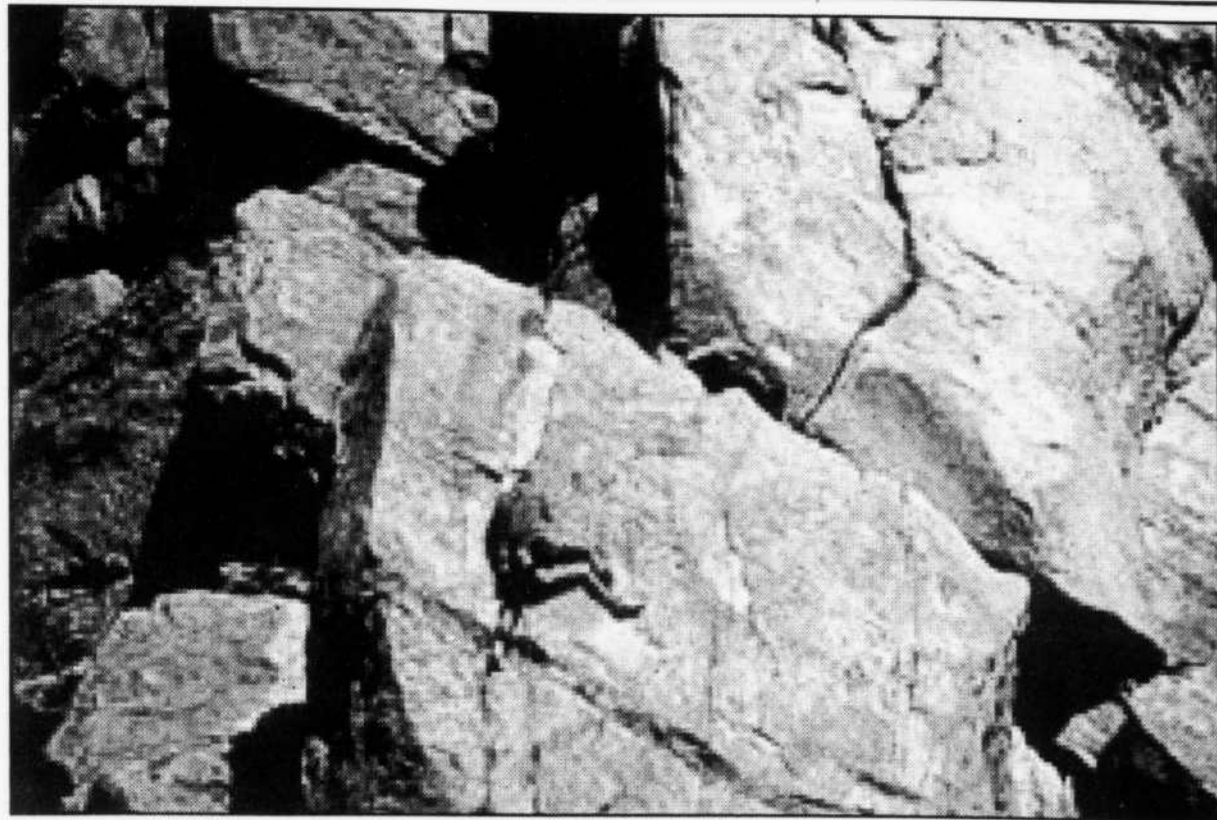
Rockclimbing, as intense as it appears to be, really is not a difficult sport to get involved in. Attempting the climbing wall at the Rec Center is a perfect introduction to the sport.

Climbing isn't as much arm and leg strength as it is skill. Obviously, you have to be able to balance your weight on a wall with your fingertips and toes. However, finding the right climbing route and pattern makes the sport enjoyable and a lot less scary.

Bouldering is a form of rockclimbing but doesn't require most of the same equipment. It is basically about climbing over big rocks—around 30 feet tall, at best.

If you fall while rockclimbing, there is a good chance you would be injured. Bouldering does not get you high enough to do serious damage (hence the lack of equipment).

Canoeing, which is a wonderful upper body training



sport, is ideal for this geographical region. There's the Hiwassee, the Tennessee and the Stones Rivers, just to name a few. The Ocoee is for those with a little more experience, but nonetheless a great river to run.

I hope every one of you got outside in the sun this past weekend or at least have outdoorsy plans for the one upcoming.



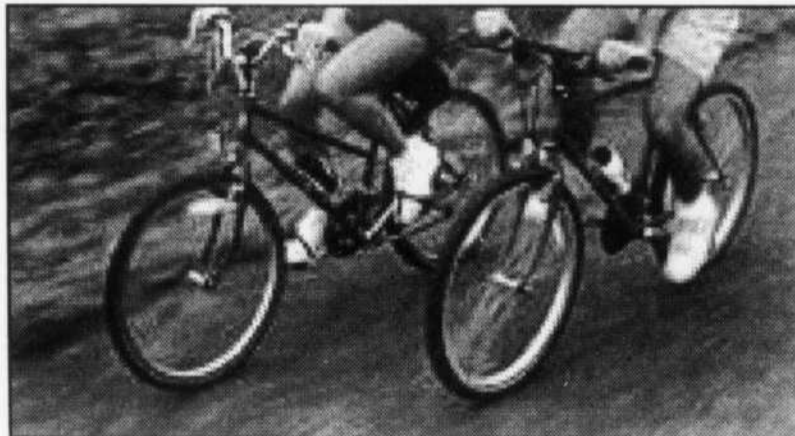
### Canoeing & Rafting

You can really work your upper body stroking your way down a river. It is important that the back be strong to support your total body and to help prevent injury.

It takes arm strength to keep the boat moving, but you can find an easy route for beginners before tackling the major waves.

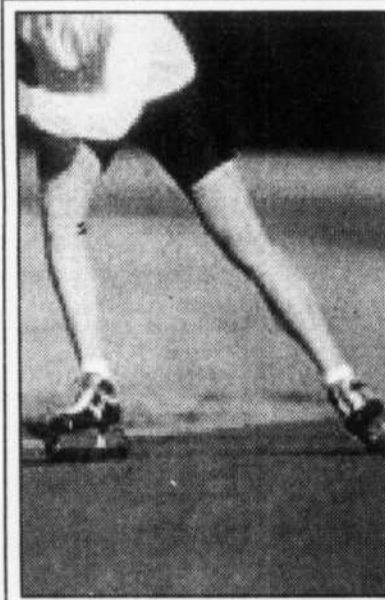
Whether you are a pro at the breaststroke or not, a life jacket will ultimately keep you on the safe side when you're out on the water. The rush of the water can literally send you into a rush—and one that will lure you back into the boat for another run.

For more information about renting equipment or going on a trip with the Recreation Center's Outdoor Pursuits staff, call 898-2104.



### Mountain/Trail Biking

While there isn't a great difference between the physiological benefits of stationary biking and off-road biking, being outside can make pedaling more appealing. Combined with the feeling of the wind against your face, the smell of fresh air and the warm sun beaming against your body, the fact that you are moving (as opposed to sitting in one place for 30 minutes) can be an incredible rush. After all, motivation is the first step in exercising.



### In-line Skating

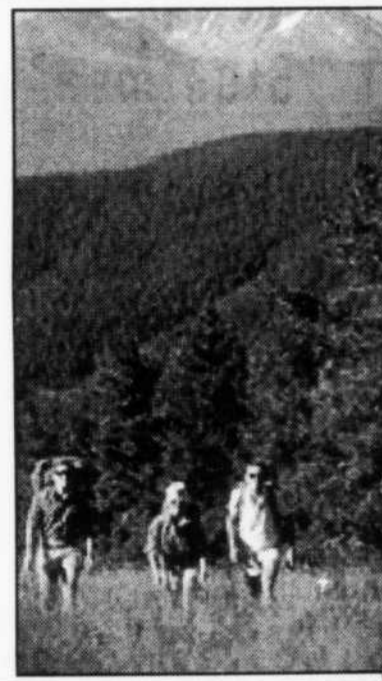
You can work the same muscles walking or running as you do skating. In-line skating challenges your total lower body: quadriceps, hamstrings and gastrocnemius (calves) and gluteal (rear) muscles.

The benefit of skating over running is that the gliding movement on wheels is considerably less stressful on your hip and knee joints.

### Hiking

With the right kind of boots, hiking can serve as a great lower body weight-training and endurance-building session. Walking at an incline on the treadmill can give you similar results, but the logistics of hiking a rugged mountainside make the challenge much greater.

Along with the idea of getting out of the gym for exercise, being in nature can motivate you to go the steeper route.



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# Raider tennis stomps UT-Martin

Staff Reports

**MTSU 7  
UT-Martin 0**

The University of Tennessee at Martin men's tennis team suffered its first Ohio Valley Conference loss of the season by a 7-0 count against MTSU on Sunday at Skyhawk Courts.

The Skyhawks (11-4, 5-1 OVC) had their best chance to win at No. 1 singles where Mark Sutton went three sets before losing to David McNamara.

## College Men's Tennis at Martin

### SINGLES

David McNamara (MTSU) d. Mark Sutton, 7-6, (7-5), 3-6, 6-4  
Julius Roberts (MTSU) d. Tiago Tregansin, 6-4, 6-2  
Shayne Podbury (MTSU) d. Tom Wride, 6-0, 6-2  
Anthony Deluise (MTSU) d. Fabian Gonzalez, 6-4, 6-0  
Marshall Brown (MTSU) d. Danilo Castro, 6-1, 6-1  
Matt Walker (MTSU) d. Paulo Hexsel, 6-2, 6-1

### DOUBLES

Brown/Floriciw (MTSU) d. Tregansin/Wride, 8-5  
Podbury/Robbarts (MTSU) d. Sutton/Hexsel, 9-7  
McNamara/Pellerin (MTSU) d. Gonzalez/Castro, 8-4

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Lady Raider's Toelle topped Giuliana Enriquez 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3. Kim Glassman betted Betina Crooks 6-1, 6-0 at No. 5. King was leading her opponent 6-1, 1-0 when Belinda Guthrie retired.

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It like a champ. Should the baseball program, which has given so much to this university without expecting anything other than loyal fan support in return, be subjected to such treatment?

Thornton said. "We just have to have faith in ourselves."

Doubles play clinched the home victory for the Lady Raiders when Glassman and teammate Clare Sevier handed Arkansas State's Kendra Miechsner and Kylie Kemsley an 8-2 bashing at No. 1.

Thornton's team has won the last two OVC seasons and

Win, lose or tie, the baseball team more than deserves to have all 56 of their games broadcast.

I hope that Athletic Director Lee Fowler and President Walker will prevent such a debacle from ever happening again.

There's an old saying,

said he is optimistic about this one.

"I think we've got a solid team," Thornton said. "If we stay healthy and focused we should continue to dominate the conference."

The Lady Raiders will be in action Wednesday, April 1 against Tennessee-Martin and Murray State.

"Don't bite the hand that feeds you." And the baseball program has fed MTSU 15 OVC championships since 1959 including the last eight years and 10 of the last 11.

Let's not turn our backs on one of the most productive programs our athletic department has to offer.

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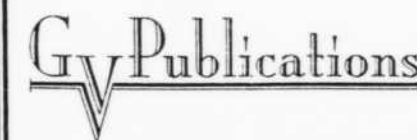
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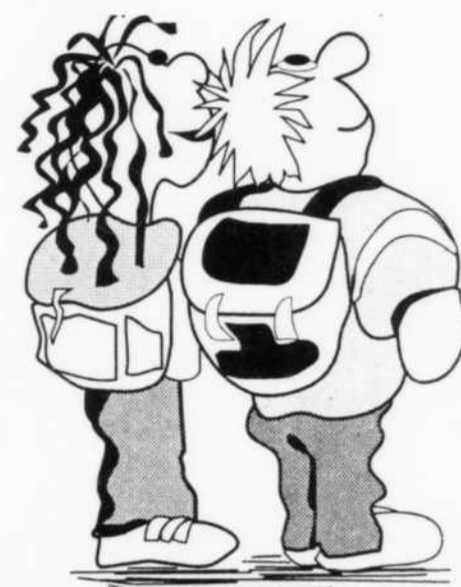
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