

# SIDELINES

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## University fundraiser done early

Pam Hudgens  
Staff Reporter

The MTSU Foundation exceeded its fund-raising goal of \$30 million a year early.

"We're well ahead of schedule," said Linda Hare, vice president of Development and University Relations.

The fund-raising campaign began three years ago to supply additional funds for MTSU's needs that are not met by the state of Tennessee or tuition.

Only 47 percent of the budget comes from the state, Hare said.

"There's never enough [money] for everything we need, but we hope it's enough to make an impact," she said.

The foundation has received gifts from alumni, friends of the university, foundations, corporations and organizations.

It has met the original goal and is projecting to have \$33 million by the end of the campaign, which runs through 2001.

"MTSU is growing in size and excellence," Hare said, "and in order to continue to do that, we need private support."

Contributions of more than \$1 million were given by nine donors, 29 donors gave gifts of at least \$100,000, and more than \$500,000 was collectively donated by approximately 700 of the university's faculty and staff.

The money will be used for scholarships, enhancement of facilities and equipment, faculty support and athletic scholarship and support. An Open Window Fund will be set

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- Linda Hare, vice president for Development and University Relations

aside for future needs.

"The Open Window Fund provides a way to take advantage of opportunities as they arrive," Hare said.

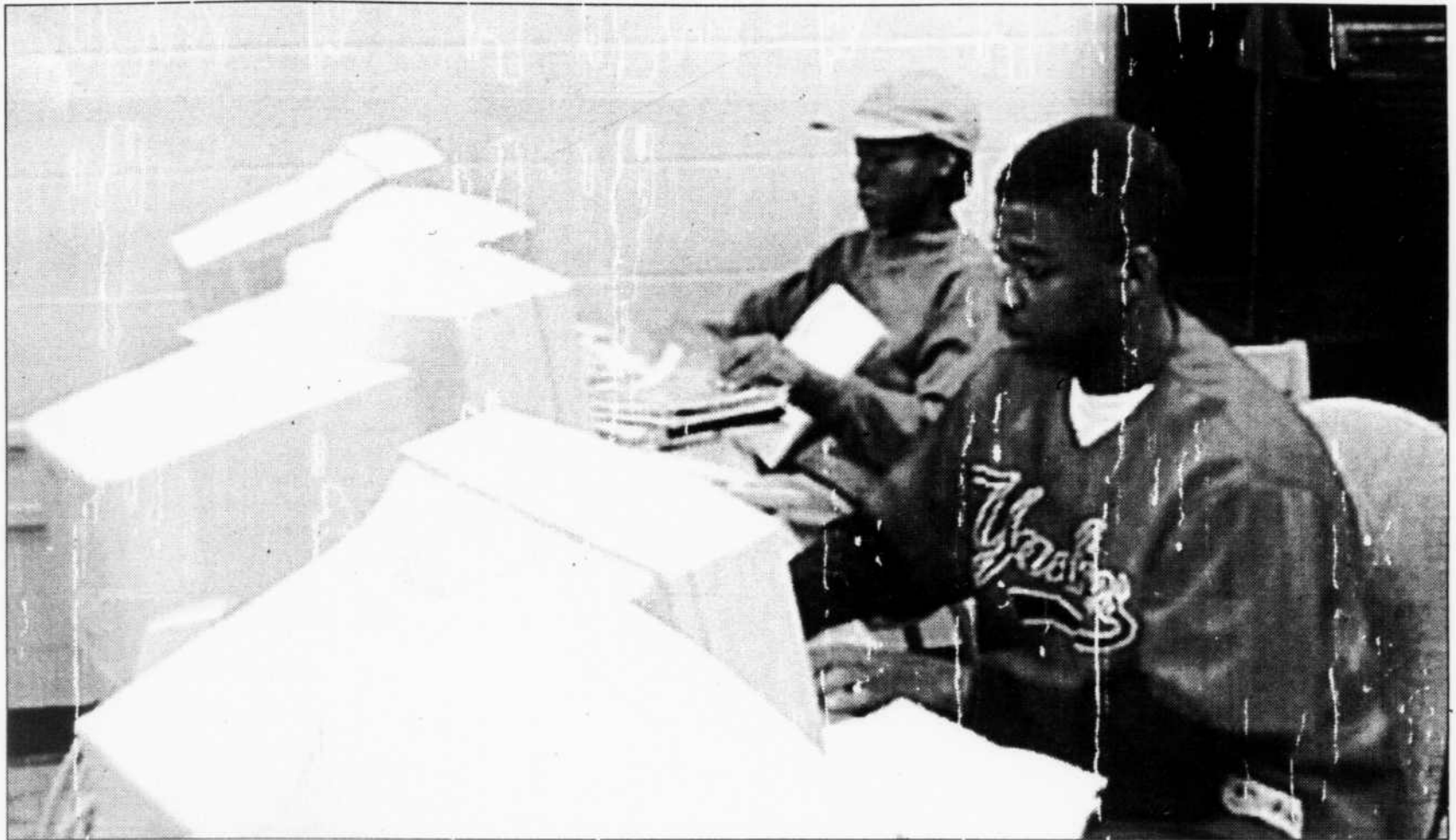
Hare said that last year they used the fund to provide scholarship support to top students who wanted to attend MTSU.

Without the fund, the students wouldn't have been able to receive any scholarships from the university, because all other funding sources had been exhausted.

While plans for the next campaign have not yet been started, there is an annual fund program to help supply money.

"We hope that as a result of this campaign, annual giving will increase," Hare said.

A reception will take place Dec. 14 at Stones River Country Club to celebrate the success of the campaign. ■



Lish Burgess, a sophomore criminal justice major, and Tasha Jackson, a sophomore aerospace major, use computers in the history computer lab in Peck Hall. University officials say most of the computers on campus are ready to handle problems that might occur when the date turns to the year 2000.

Photo by Derrick Wilson

## MTSU says it's Y2K ready

Jenny Cordle  
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty have nothing to worry about regarding the threat of Y2K, MTSU officials said.

When the clock strikes twelve on Jan. 1 of next year, "MTSU's well-trained staff will be ready and willing to help anyone with any computer problems or questions," said John Schmidt, operations manager and Y2K team leader for the Office of Information Technology.

"We've covered all of our bases and prepared for several years," Schmidt said about the implementation of a program designed to bring MTSU's Intel-based microcomputers into compliance with the year 2000 criteria. "We are as close to 100 percent ready as any organization can be."

Schmidt said that in the fall of 1998, he and the Y2K team for MTSU completed the process of

identifying the remedy and labeling the computers that needed to be fixed.

According to the Y2K Microcomputer Compliance Report, the software used will also "successfully negotiate the leap year on Feb. 29, 2000."

This process was completed in February of this year.

"The microcomputers were checked out, and we have followed all the specifications," said Schmidt. "They're as ready as they can be."

Approximately 2,060 Intel-based microcomputers are compliant without any additional modification to the computers' clocks.

However, there are some computers that will be left behind once the new year rings in. According to the Y2K report, approximately 740 computers still on inventory were not tested by the Office of Information Technology.

"The majority of these untested computers are older systems that have been relegated to storage by the departments, cannibalization of parts and

replaced by better models."

Approximately 176 computers' clocks could not be made compliant by the Y2K patch software.

"The software that the state of Tennessee provided would not fix the microcomputers," said Schmidt.

"The computers locked up when the software was installed and we were left with no other solution but to have them replaced."

According to Schmidt, it takes five minutes to load drivers and to make sure the system is configured.

Various patches were placed on the computers to make them compliant. Schmidt emphasized that the impact of computers not compliant was minimized by the Y2K team.

"For the next decade, MTSU's computer inventory is ready," he said.

However, Schmidt anticipates minor problems on Monday, Jan. 3, as more people go to work.

"I'm planning on having a very, very smooth New Year's," said Schmidt. "MTSU on average is very well-prepared. ■"

## New counselor considered

Bryan Brooks  
Special to Sidelines

A proposal that would create a victim's advocate/counselor at MTSU has been forwarded by the university to the Tennessee Board of Regents for approval at the board's regular quarterly session Friday.

All new positions must be approved by TBR.

The position - to be based in the campus' Counseling Center - would be proactive as well as reactive.

It would provide educational programming aimed at preventing assault and substance abuse, as well as counseling services to students, faculty and administrators, said Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs and author of the proposal.

"We're very much concerned about making sure any student that is a survivor of assault has the services they need," said Glenn, who compared the position's importance to that of an emergency room.

"Most people never think about it on a day-to-day basis. It's the furthest thing from their mind, but when the time comes that they need it, they want to be able to walk in the door of the best emergency room in the world."

The exact date the position would be established is unknown, Glenn said, but he feels confident that it will be in place by mid- or late spring.

Funding totaling approximately \$30,000 has been set aside in the university's budget, Glenn said.

Glenn described the position's purpose as

two-fold.

"First - speaking in broad terms - it can take care of the people that walk in the door. If they are dealing with substance abuse or an assault problem, the first and foremost thing is for that person to be taken care of."

"Second is education, helping people better understand a variety of issues so they can take care of themselves and avoid becoming victims."

The advocate/counselor's exact duties will be decided by the director of the Counseling Center.

"We're really providing the mandate to the Counseling Center and its staff, and they decide who takes care of what where," Glenn said.

Counseling Center Director Jane Tipps said it is too early for specifics regarding the position.

"The details aren't firmed up yet," she said.

The proposed position satisfies some recommendations made in past years by MTSU President James Walker's Commission on the Status of Women on Campus.

Each year for the past five years, the commission has recommended the creation of a coordinator position to solidify and strengthen the services offered to the university's women students, faculty and administrators. These services to be strengthened would have included rape prevention, rape counseling and victim advocacy.

Each year funding was not available, the recommendations falling victim to the lack of higher education funding caused by state budget troubles.

"Some type of sexual assault coordinator has

been recommended for a number of years," Glenn said.

"I'm trying to respond in support of their recommendations. The response is different in some degrees, but I believe it meets the goals they have addressed."

"We broadened the scale a bit to provide a chunk of service to a larger number of folks."

Glenn said that as more money becomes available in coming years, the position's responsibilities will increase.

"The position will be expanded as funds come along. It's all a question of math, a part of that nasty tax question," Glenn said, referring to the income tax debate that raged on Capital Hill in November.

While money has been tight as a result of the state's underfunding of higher education, funding for a majority of the commission's recommendations was available this summer in the form of a federal grant.

After receiving university backing, several women faculty members applied for \$377,000 from the U.S. Justice Department, which was dispensing \$10 million to bolster women's services and combat violence against women on college campuses across the nation.

Because of the short turn-around time between receiving word of the grant and the deadline for submitting the grant application, the administration was uncomfortable backing the grant application.

"The grant proposal came at an awkward time," Glenn said.

"The university was not able to review it in a way that made possible for the university to sign off on it within the deadline. ■"

## Sidelines names spring editor

Lesli Bales  
Staff Reporter

Randall Ford has been named editor in chief of Sidelines for the Spring 2000 semester by the Student Publications Committee.

Ford has a diverse background in both print and broadcast journalism.

He has served as a staff writer and copy editor at Sidelines and serves as news editor this semester.

As a radio/TV major, Ford also has served as news director for WMTS for one semester, news anchor for Channel 10 for three years and news intern, student anchor and student producer for WMOT for the past year. He interned last summer with WRCB-TV, Chattanooga's NBC affiliate.

Although he is a radio/TV major, Ford believes being editor of Sidelines will be a good way to sharpen his management and leadership skills.

"The presentation style [in newspaper journalism and broadcast journalism] is different, but it's still just telling a story," Ford explained. "That's what I

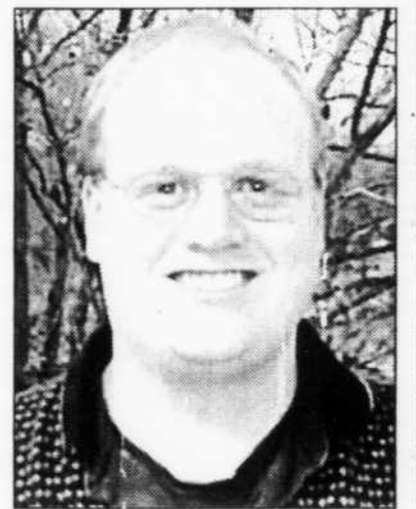
like about it."

As part of a Sidelines staff that earned the newspaper a Pacemaker Finalist Award in 1998-99, Ford has set his goals high.

"My biggest goal is to build on the progress we've been making at Sidelines and keep things moving in that direction," he said.

Ford said his biggest change will be changing some newsroom procedures "to make it more like a real newspaper."

A native of Clinton, Tenn., Ford will graduate in May 2001. ■



Ford

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# On Campus

compiled by  
Wesley Bush

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements may be held.

**Dec. 9-10**  
Applications are available for next year's Up 'til Dawn planning committee in KUC 306 or by calling Kealie Frazier at 904-8270. The deadline for applications is December 10 at 4:30.

**Dec. 12**  
The Raider Victory Fellowship and Champions for Christ Ministries will sponsor a Victory Christmas Special at the Alumni Gym at 10 a.m. The dance/stomp team 747 will perform, and there will be special music and drama. Admission is free.

**Dec. 20**  
The final date to pay outstanding debts to the university to access your grades via Tram or WebMT and/or receive a printed grade report upon request is Dec. 20.

**Jan. 3-9**  
Campus Recreation is sponsoring a canoeing trip to the

Florida Everglades. The cost is \$125 for students and \$160 for guests. Only 10 participants will be accepted. Sign up at the Recreation Center or contact WT, Mitch or Sean at 898-2104 for additional information.

**ONGOING**  
Champions for Christ is sponsoring campus Bible talks every Monday at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons, Building 7, Room 713 for all students and athletes. Food will be provided.

Lambda Association invites everyone on campus to attend meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact the president, Tony Gowell, at 867-3658 for any questions or concerns, or visit the web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda).

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Looking Forward," an ongoing support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The meetings are held every Thursday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.



## World News

### Cuban exiles acquitted of plot to kill Castro

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A federal jury acquitted five Cuban exiles on Wednesday of charges that they plotted to assassinate Fidel Castro, quashing the first U.S. attempt to convict anyone for trying to kill Cuba's communist leader.

The jury of eight women and four men delivered its verdict midway into its second day of deliberations. If convicted, the men could have faced life in prison. Cleared of conspiracy charges were Jose Antonio Llamas, a director of the influential Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation; Angel Manuel Alfonso; Angel Hernandez Fojó; Francisco Secundino Cordova and Jose Rodriguez Soja.

The defendants fled Cuba after Castro's 1959 revolution to become businessmen in the United States. They now live in Florida and New Jersey.

### Turkish Y2K committee calls for closing strait

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's chief Y2K committee is calling on maritime authorities to close the Bosphorus strait to large ships on New Year's Eve to guard against possible accidents due to the millennium bug.

The committee is asking for Turkey to bar ships over 3,000 tons from crossing the narrow waterway, committee official Hasan Coban said Wednesday. The strait divides the city of Istanbul and controls access to the Black Sea and Russia's southern ports.

It was not clear if the government would agree to the request, which calls for blocking shipping for 12 hours from Dec. 31 to Jan. 1. Officials at the Maritime Affairs office said a decision would be made within a week.

### Pope inaugurates key Holy Year project

ROME (AP) — Pope John Paul II was driving through a new underpass Wednesday on his way to a traditional appointment at the Spanish Steps, where huge crowds gave the city a taste of what to expect in the Roman Catholic church's Holy Year in 2000.

The underpass, which flanks the Tiber River, aims to prevent traffic gridlock when an expected 20 million pilgrims start arriving next year. John Paul stood up in his popemobile at the start of the 900-foot-long tunnel to greet Rome's mayor and wave to a small crowd. He then sat down and was driven through the underpass — which begins near Castel Sant'Angelo — and on to the Spanish Steps.



## National News

### Student suspended for compiling hit list

WEST JORDAN, Utah (AP) — A sixth-grader drafted a list of 12 "people to kill" after enduring months of taunting from classmates and has been kicked out of school, administrators said.

The boy was indefinitely suspended last week pending a final decision by a panel of district administrators, said Kirk Denison, principal of Terra Linda Elementary School south of Salt Lake City.

Denison said the boy admitted he was "angry and frustrated" but denied he intended to actually kill the students on the list, who had bullied him and threw dog manure in his face.

Police investigated but declined to file charges, according to Denison. West Jordan police did not return calls Wednesday.

### Dented fuel line forces another launch delay

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — For the second time this week, NASA on Wednesday delayed the launch of space shuttle Discovery to the crippled Hubble Space Telescope, this time because of a dented fuel line.

Lift-off had been scheduled for Saturday night. Shuttle managers decided to put off the launch by at least one day, and possibly several days, while engineers decide whether repairs will be needed.

It was the sixth delay for the Hubble repair mission, which was supposed to take place in October. Because of a problem with its pointing system, Hubble cannot make any astronomical observations until Discovery and its seven-man crew arrive with replacement parts.

### Commission considers sanctions against NC

COLLEGE PARK, Ga. (AP) — Representatives from Tennessee and Florida told the Southeast Compact Commission on Wednesday that North Carolina should be sanctioned for failing to build a low-level radioactive waste disposal site for the region.

The sanctions should include repayment of the \$80 million North Carolina was given to develop the site, the commission was told at a sanctions hearing.

The commission is scheduled to vote Thursday on whether North Carolina violated the terms of the multistate compact. If a violation is found, the commission would then vote on sanctions.

North Carolina pulled out of the compact in July.

## State News

### Jury says King was victim of conspiracy

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A jury found Wednesday that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was the victim of a murder conspiracy, not a lone assassin.

The six blacks and six whites on the Chancery Court jury deliberated only about three hours before returning the verdict in a civil lawsuit brought by the King family against Loyd Jowers, a 73-year-old retired Memphis businessman who claimed six years ago that he paid someone other than James Earl Ray to kill King.

The Kings were awarded \$100 in damages, but they weren't after money. What they wanted was a verdict that would lend support to their call for a new investigation of the killing.

William Pepper, the Kings' lawyer, told jurors Jowers was part of a vast conspiracy involving the Mafia and agents of the federal government. He said King was targeted because of his opposition to the Vietnam War and plans for a huge march on Washington.

### TVA approves deal to make bomb material

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A commercial reactor owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority will be the first in U.S. history to produce a key ingredient for nuclear warheads under a deal TVA directors approved Wednesday.

The TVA board voted 3-0 to allow the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant near Spring City, 55 miles southwest of Knoxville, to be used to produce tritium as early as 2003 while continuing to make electricity for TVA.

The agreement between TVA and the U.S. Energy Department angers peace activists, who say using a civilian reactor to make tritium runs counter to U.S. efforts to get other countries to reduce nuclear weapons.

### Blind man charged with Memphis bank robbery

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A blind man tried to rob a bank as a security guard who helped him to the teller's window stood nearby, police say.

Eruce Edward Hall, 48, entered the bank Tuesday, accepted the guard's help, then gave a teller a note demanding money, police said. The teller mouthed, "It's a robbery" to a guard, then gave Hall some money.

The guards stopped him as he walked away. "It was the wildest thing," bank spokeswoman Kim Cherry said. Hall was not carrying a weapon. He was charged with robbery.

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# Up 'til Dawn raises \$22,000 for St. Jude

Amanda Virgillito  
Staff Reporter

MTSU's first-ever Up 'til Dawn raised over \$22,000 for the St. Jude's Childrens Hospital in Memphis.

The donations will help support the hospital and researching cures for diseases.

Participants were asked to raise at least \$750 either in groups or individually. Greek organizations, honor societies, special interest groups and on-campus residents were among the 36 groups taking part in the event, said Kealie Frazier, Up 'til Dawn organizer.

"We didn't know if that was a realistic goal," Frazier said. "In the grand scheme of things every little bit helps," said Emily Beaty, recruitment chair.

It takes \$467,000 per day to run the St. Jude's Childrens Hospital in Memphis, according to Beaty.

Participants sought out donations through methods such as letter campaigns, bake sales, yard sales and catalog fund raising.

Some of the chair members toured the Memphis hospital before MTSU's Up 'til Dawn began.

"(It was an inspiration) seeing how positive and upbeat they (the children) are," said Marshall Campbell, finance chair.

The event ended with a reward party for all 400 participants, along with workers and patients of St. Jude's. The party was in MTSU's Recreation Center from 8 p.m. 'til 8 a.m. It featured a band, comedian, massage therapist, a bungee run, carnival games and food.

Up 'til Dawn also collected 1,100 food items to donate to

the Ronald McDonald House and the Target House, Frazier said.

The participants had about a month to collect all the money, Beaty said. Up 'til Dawn began publicizing at the beginning of the semester, but the deadline for applications was Oct. 15. Fliers were passed out and posted around campus, and "Up 'til Dawn on the Lawn" was held on the Knoll to promote the event.

"Now that we've had one up 'til Dawn, word of mouth will help us a lot," Beaty said.

Thomas Shedd, chair of logistics, said he would like Up 'til Dawn to become more involved with the community next semester.

"I hope that we won't have to spend so much money on it

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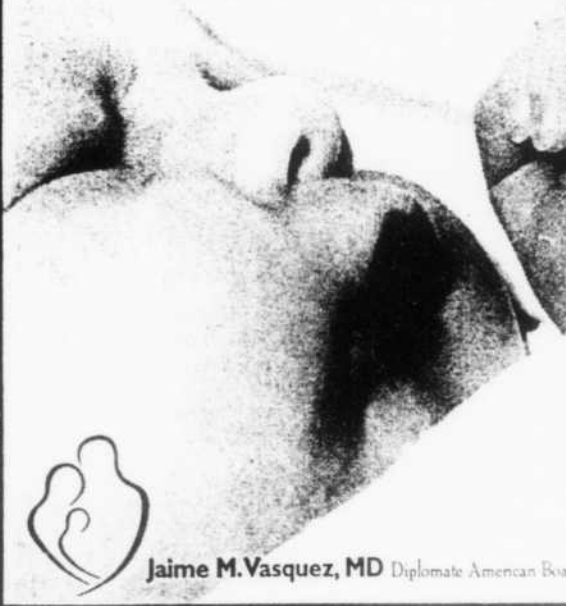
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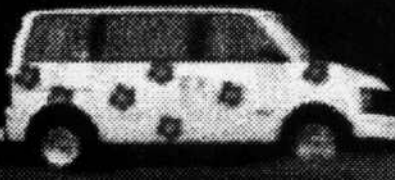


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(next year)," Shedd said. Up 'til Dawn was required to pay for rental of the Recreation Center, where the party was hosted.

This year's members of Up 'til Dawn hope to improve the event next year by getting started earlier, gaining higher participation, raising more money and becoming more involved in the community.

Applications for next year's Up 'til Dawn committee chairs are being accepted through Dec. 10. Chair positions include those in areas of recruitment, entertainment, patient relations, fundraising, finance, catering, logistics, public relations and spirit. Each chair will have eight to 10 members, with a coordinator assigned for each.

"I hope that it continues to become bigger and better each year," Frazier said, "because it's a good cause and it helps bring campus together."

# Coach suspended for letting girl play

TMS Campus

A youth basketball coach in Chicago has been suspended for three years for playing a girl in a national boys' tournament held in Florida.

Michael Horton has been barred from participating in Amateur Athletic Union tournaments, but he can still coach his team at New City YMCA in Chicago.

Despite the suspension, Horton said he did

the right thing in playing 10-year-old Tatiana Ortiz. "I would do it again for her," Horton said.

The AAU tournament in Florida last July was for boys 11 and under. "The rule isn't fair," Tatiana said. "I can play against boys in other games," she said, referring to her involvement on the Chicago Demons for three years.

The boy basketball players and their parents will reportedly write the AAU to reinstate their coach.

# Teacher's aide fired after biting student

TMS Campus

GAINESVILLE - A charter school teacher's aide was fired after biting a sixth-grade student on the hand while trying to retrieve a game from the 12-year-old, police said.

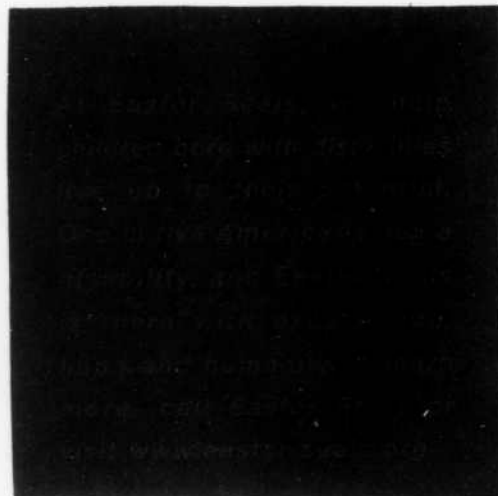
Michelle Roberts, a teaching assistant for several grades at Chance Charter School, was fired Friday. The bite, which occurred on a bus returning from a field trip, didn't break

the student's skin, officials said.

Carol Larsen, assistant director at Chance, told reporters: "She showed incredibly bad judgment. How do we teach children not to bite each other?"

According to published reports, Roberts worked as a preschool teacher before getting her current job. She underwent the background checks required by the school to become a teaching assistant, making \$7.50 an hour.

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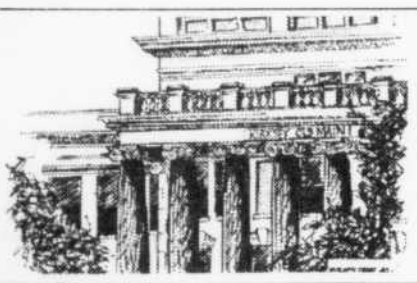
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—Thomas Jefferson  
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## From the Editor

### A word (or two) of advice

Today's is the last issue of Sidelines that you will see that has my name in it. I've been a writer, sports editor, news editor, copy editor, managing editor and, finally, editor in chief since wandering up to the Sidelines office my freshman year.

But tonight, as I write this short farewell, that all comes to an end. As the paper is put to bed, I am hit with the realization that in just more than a week, I will graduate from college and enter the real world.

So, what advice would I have that would be worth reading? Just the morsels of knowledge I've gained in my past four and one-half years here. Take it or leave it, these are the life lessons college has taught me.

First: don't be afraid to make new friends. As a person who hated college, I never wanted my friends to move on without me. But is that really fair?

Perhaps the greatest lesson I have learned in college is to accept change. Friends will come and go. Some you will keep despite the distance or e-mails of visits, phone calls or e-mails. Some will live forever only in the precious memory of the times you shared.

Either way, don't limit yourself to one group of friends. In a university this big, there are several different kinds of people who can enrich your life in different ways.

Second: broaden your horizons. College is a great time. You're old enough to make your own decisions (for better or for worse) but still young enough to run home to Mama and Daddy if you need help. So try something new. Even if you end up hating it, at least you will know you tried something different.

There are dozens of campus organizations, sports teams and classes offered to you right now. When will you have the chance again to take scuba lessons, be in a play or travel to places you've never been? Seize the opportunities you have as students. You may not have these opportunities again or, even if you do, you may not have the money or the time to take advantage of them.

Third: don't sweat the small stuff, but learn to appreciate the little things. Is this a contradiction? I don't think so. As a worrywart, I tend to spend much time fretting over things that don't really matter in the long run. At the same time, college has taught me a new appreciation for the little things I didn't pay much attention to when I lived at home. For instance, how many of us realize how nice it is to shower without wearing flip flops, eat food that didn't come out of a microwave or park close to your destination until we come to college?

All cuteness aside, I hate it when older people tell me that high school or college was "the best time of my life." Doesn't give you much to look forward to, does it? But, if we can all learn to enjoy every moment of our lives as if each moment is "the best time of our lives," we'd probably be happier, healthier people. And we just might have better memories to show for it.

Happy Holidays,  
Lesli Bales  
Editor in chief



## Sexual violence, child abuse can happen right next door

Brett Hungeier  
The Hullabaloo

Claire starts, drops her drink, half-turns with a gasp. I can see the shock in her eyes before she realizes it's me. Now, a minute later, we're chatting, but her heart is still racing, her adrenaline draining slowly. I surprised her as she read on her front porch and should have known better. I've learned by now to cough or stumble when I approach because she's hurt herself before in that instinctive reaction to an unexpected visitor.

She invites me in; I'm just dropping off some books, but it's hard to turn down a free coffee. Claire has always liked order, and the apartment is tautly neat. The dog gnaws on my ankle, and the double-deadbolt door hangs ajar as we talk. She's having relationship problems, so I listen and manage to make some of the right responses. It's an awkward conversation at first — we're dancing around the topic on both our minds.

The last time I saw Claire was at the end of a late-night bull session. Her roommate, Jessica, had broken down that night, and when I came over she was in tears, crying inconsolably on Claire's shoulder.

Eventually, I heard the full story. A few images might help explain it to you: Jessica's father shaking his 10-year-old daughter by the neck and calling her stupid. Her mother calling her 15-year-old a slut in public. An abusive relationship at age 17. The boyfriend hit her when the mind games weren't enough; it ended in a rape and finished in a hospital.

She's surviving, but at a cost. Jessica has never had a happy relationship. She can't speak to her parents without crying. She can't trust love. She can recite Shakespeare and believe she's stupid; it can hurt her ribs in the mirror and believe she's overweight. And of course she can — she's been learning her lessons for 20 years now.

I've heard the statistics, and, although inexact, they're staggering. It's things like this, though, that bring the issue home. Jessica is the one in four, the one in 10, the one in 20, and I don't think she finds it comforting.

We know a few things about sexual and relationship violence. Namely that it's related to our culture's gender roles; societies across the world grant our near-monopoly on coercion. We're learning that the victims and child

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witnesses of abuse, whether emotional or physical, are traumatized in many ways. Sometimes we even realize that it's never the victim's fault.

But there's even more we don't know. Why do some children turn to violence later in life, while others are scarred like Jessica, and a lucky few emerge healthy and stable? And how do we address, legally or morally, the subtler issues of emotional abuse and coercion?

What scares me is that Jessica's life is just one edge of a spectrum. We can give and take pain so easily, and the opportunities are infinite. Six years old, and tickled by your brothers until you screamed? Twelve, and teased about your weight? Chances are you've felt it. And chances are, we've all dishied it out at some point as well. It's the damn part, the only damn part of human nature. It's the part that takes pleasure in coercion and victimization.

Is there a solution? We're learning that the legal approach, especially to child abuse and domestic violence, is necessary but not sufficient. There will always be subtler ways to hurt. We know that victimization and coercion are partially cyclic; many learn to victimize through being victims themselves. Our self-help and counselors may help break the cycle. Perhaps one answer lies in a truer notion of strength; perhaps another is "emotional intelligence." They're hard to define and harder to teach, but I'm convinced we can improve on the status quo.

By now it's time to leave, but I still wonder: how many of us are walking wounded? On the way out, I ask Claire what she thinks. She pauses on the steps where she had dropped her glass at the sound of a man's voice.

More than we'll ever know, she says, and double-locks the door behind me. ■



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## Corporate interests extend federal welcome to China

Ryan Hess  
The Penn

To trade or not to trade? These six words take on a bit of complexity when thinking about the United States' relationship with China.

Currently, China is enjoying temporary, normal trade relations status with the United States. This status, as well as most-favored-nation status, have been given to the eastern red monolith since the early '90s despite grumbles from Capitol Hill about things such as human rights, arms policies and other things that are used so publicly in an attempt to keep nations apart.

These grumbled, temporary trade favors, however, may become permanent as early as next year as China applies to be a member of the World Trade

Organization. This is something the United States has tried to impede since the nation attempted to become a member of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in 1986.

Ever since that starting point, the United States has tried to keep China a world-trade outsider, insisting that the country lower tariffs on imports and stop state subsidies to failing industries before gaining a welcome.

Throwing in the split between Beijing and Taiwan, the fact that China remains a bastion of Communism and several other side-with-the-wrongs de West Asian conflicts, it would seem clear that United States would want to stall China's full inclusion to the world's economy.

But, according to a recent article in the Washington Post, titled "Lobbyists poised for China

deal," the climate in Congress is looking rather favorable for the passing of permanent Normal Trade Relations status and U.S.-China entrance agreement terms for the WTO.

The motivating factor for the grin towards China: money. China has one of the fastest growing economies in the world, and as a nation we are readying up to exploit it.

Since China already enjoys temporary trade favoritism from the United States, the nation really won't get much of a boost if a WTO agreement is reached early next year and it is allowed to join up.

However, U.S. corporations stand to win and win big.

Agreement terms for joining the WTO are likely to force China to open most of its markets to U.S. imports. This has agriculture and industrial interests frothing

at the mouth and reaching for their pockets.

With control of Congress at stake in the next election year, this is disturbing.

This is not to say that the United States should take an anti-economic acceptance stance against China. It is to say, however, that the motivations here are wrong.

Maybe it is time for the United States to make permanent acceptance of China, maybe it is not, but the chance to profit from a growing nation should not be the deciding factor in extending a welcoming hand.

Before congressmen listen to corporate lobbyist saying "Now is the time," they should think back to the differences that have split the United States and China in the past and see if they are being resolved.

Is China's human right's

record improving? No, according to Amnesty International's 1999 World Report. Though the country signed the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in October, Amnesty says tortures, jailing of dissidents and an over-extensive use of the death penalty is still occurring.

Are we happy with the way China is maintaining itself militarily?

Probably not, considering last week President Clinton publicly criticized the sale of U.S.-originated weapons technology from Israel to China.

These issues that have so long divided the United States and China are not strong enough to stand up to the almighty corporate dollar.

Money talks in this country. Congress's decisions in the next few months will tell us whether our foreign policy walks. ■

## STUDENT OPINION

### Size discrimination: Real women get no breaks

Melinda C. Pappas  
Special to Sidelines

I write on behalf of a group consisting of approximately 50-60 million Americans, if the Census Bureau data are to be believed. Yes, 50 or 60 million Americans, more than the entire population of many countries.

This group, unlike others, is homogenous. It is black and white, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American. It is Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, and Muslim. Straight and gay. Liberal, conservative and moderate. Age? Anywhere from teens onward.

They do not have a NAACP, an ACLU, a NOW to speak for them. No, unlike the groups who struggled for civil rights earlier this century, and succeeded, this group has been ridiculed, all but banished from the mass media, even humiliated in public...all for sport. It is not considered politically incorrect, in most cases, to speak poorly of these people.

They must face a silent, insidious form of discrimination in most places they go. Airplanes. Wal-Mart. Universities and schools, as well as the competitive business world. On many occasions, those who are...for something over which those afflicted may have no control whatsoever!

When they turn on a television, pick up a magazine, or see a movie, they must face deep-rooted stereotypes of their kind. Rarely, if ever, does one of them grace the cover of a magazine of any kind.

How painful it must be to be one of them, you think. What ever could cause such discrimination in America, of all places?

A dress size over 12...that's what. Numerous surveys indicate the numbers of women over size 12 at 60 percent of the population, and the numbers are growing every year. Notable celebrities with this "condition" include Oprah Winfrey, Camryn Manheim of "The Practice," Rosie O'Donnell, and Lucy Lawless of "Xena: Warrior Princess." But they are few in a sea of thousands of "models" who sport waifish looks, whip-thin bodies, and perfect whitebread complexions.

Girls afflicted with "the condition" resort to anorexia and bulimia, quack diets, diuretics, and more to try and be "models." Many commit suicide at early ages due to their "condition," when in fact most cannot, due to genetic makeup, do a thing about their builds! Dense bone structure, height and muscle mass can contribute to the "condition," not just fat. A common myth, and one that contributes to negative "labels," is the fact that all women over size 12 are "plus size," "queen size," "extra size," etc.

I'm a human being, not a book, a waterbed, or a hamburger from McDonald's!

Girls strive to be as thin as Calista Flockhart, Jennifer Aniston, Britney Spears, Cameron Diaz, or any similar celebrity. They literally cannot pick up a mainstream magazine such as "Cosmopolitan," "E!," "Teen," or "YM" without seeing such images. Most computer-enhanced, of "perfection." A recent survey of swimsuits for "hippy" in the popular "Seventeen" revealed a model with hips I only dream about. "Real

size" women depicted in these glossies are, literally, a 10. Where is the justice? Many girls want to be Barbie clones to feel attractive, get dates, or feel worthy. In fact, many of the "strong" women in our world: Mia Hamm of the US women's soccer team, basketball star Chamique Holdseclaw, or even "Xena" are not waifs themselves.

But as long as we continue to feed young women this poison, we can only end up with corpses, some not yet dead.

Let's accept larger women for who they are, and not for who they should be. I'm one of them, I should know. ■

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# FEATURES

## Dance teacher takes final bow



**Courtney Huckabay**  
Staff Reporter

Why would a favorite dance teacher of MTSU decide to retire after 34 years of exciting and challenging teaching?

"I'm sorta like Moses," said retiring dance instructor Anne Holland Cole. "Moses worked and worked to get his people to the Promised Land, and when he finally did, God told him he couldn't go with them."

"I have worked and worked and worked to get the dance program into the Promised Land of the speech and theatre department."

"Now I have achieved that, and I have chosen for myself not to go with it. So like Moses, I'm not going because it's time for me to retire. I've worked for 20 years to move dance to the theatre department, and now that it is, it's marvelous."

Many students will be sorry to see Cole go, especially graduate teaching assistant Angela Armstrong. Armstrong has known Cole since 1990 when she took her first dance class as an undergraduate student.

"I was majoring in finance and wanted an outlet from all the work I was doing, so I took a dance class," Armstrong explained. "I enjoyed the class and Anne very much, so I kept taking dance. I also joined the dance club, and after a few years, Anne came to me and told me I was doing very well and should stick with dance. She also asked me to teach a few classes at her studio, so I did. I think she really saw something in me and encouraged me to follow a path that I really enjoyed. Now, here I am, working as her graduate teaching assistant and working towards my masters. I'm fully dedicated to dance, and that's all because of Anne."

Cole received a bachelor's degree in English from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She has taught at other universities such as Troy State, Duke and Southern Seminary.

Cole came to MTSU from Edinburgh, Scotland with her first husband. MTSU appealed to Cole for two reasons. One, it didn't have a nepotism clause preventing married couples from working together, and two, it came well-recommended to her.

"At the time, the English department was very strong because of Richard Peck," said Cole. "I was urged to come teach here for that very reason. I then got my master's degree here in physical education and started teaching dance classes. Then the woman who was already teaching the classes left because she said I knew more than her, so I took over."

A few years later, Cole even had her own television show called "Body Poems with Anne Holland." Cole's experience as a professional dancer who has been part of many dance companies and has traveled on countless tours, has had a great effect on her career as a teacher. This experience is what many say makes her so great and popular. Cole was even part of a mime company.

She served as president of the Tennessee Dance Association for four years.

One of the funniest memories Cole has of her time at MTSU is when she produced "Faustus Ballet" for only 25 cents a person.

They had printed out 35,000 telegrams to advertise for the show and left them with the post office to deliver on campus.

The day of the first show, hardly anyone attended, Cole said. They wanted to figure out why only faculty received the telegrams, and not the students.

"They simply were not going to deliver them, so I took all of the thousands of left-overs and put them in my car and figured out a way to distribute them," Cole said. "I decided I would just drop them out of a plane onto campus. So I called the mayor to let him know, but he wasn't there, and then I got a pilot to fly me over campus, and I dumped out some of the telegrams."

The first time in the plane they were really high, and the telegrams flew for miles all over Greenland Drive.

The second time, they got down lower while the football players were practicing.

"They were jumping up and grabbing them all over the field. And let me tell you, we had the biggest turnout that night!" Cole said.

Cole has seen many changes at MTSU and is proud of the growth in the dance department. When she first started teaching here, the student population was only 6,000.



Anne Holland Cole poses with her daughters, who are all dancers. (Left to Right) D'Arcy Holland, Cole, Carolyn Holland Raney and Mary Holland Hatcliff

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She has seen many students become professional dancers and choreographers.

The dance club has also transformed throughout Cole's years as sponsor. It has branched out in many directions, and now a dance group in Murfreesboro called Blue Moves has spun off from the MTSU dance club.

Cole has also formed many tour groups with students, including Tennessee on Tour in 1985. She and student dancers traveled to Japan for six weeks dancing and singing in southern Grand Ol Opry style.

The dance department has always put on recitals and through the years has worked with many other departments to bring entertaining and unique shows to campus.

"We often work in conjunction with the theatre department, which is really helpful for things

like costumes and lighting," Cole said. "We've done things with the physical education department, the English department and even the philosophy department. We danced to 'The Philosophy of Equality' one time; it was really interesting."

The department of dance has gone from offering only modern dance classes to offering jazz, ballet, African dancing and choreography all with no budget, Cole said.

"I feel it is very important for students to know and understand their heritage. For this reason, I brought in people to teach African dance styles. Everyone should know about their native dances," Cole said. "Working with a zero budget makes us have to learn to do many things other than dance. We have to come up with and make our own costumes and learn stage lighting. The only way we can pay to rent lights is with the money we

bring in from ticket sales."

After spending hours upon hours working in the studio with students and planning shows for 34 years, Cole feels retirement is the right choice. She will be entering the half time retirement program, which means she will come back next semester to teach part-time.

In her retirement, she plans to travel with her husband, which she has always loved doing. She also plans to spend more time with her three daughters and six granddaughters. All nine are dancers. Cole is also working on an addition to her house, which will consume some of her newfound time. She also plans to continue dancing and watching MTSU's program grow and improve.

"The arts are coming alive with all the new blood that's coming into the program. I plan to keep watching and loving it," Cole said.

Cole is remembered most by her students as a teacher who spent more time working with them than in the office. Cole said she feels that as a teacher, that is where the most time should be spent, rather than sitting in the office waiting for the phone to ring. The impact she has had on students' lives is immeasurable.

"Anne is the most diverse and outstanding person I know," Armstrong said. "She's not only creative, but also inspiring. She always has the right words to say, the right approach and the right attitude, even when she's criticizing. She has done so much for the dance department and has put it where it needs to be. There's so much you can say about Anne. Some people just have that pizzazz in teaching, and it's amazing that she still has that sparkle even after all this time. It will certainly be difficult to fill her shoes." ■

## Santa shares the spotlight Diversity abounds this holiday season

**Mary Anna Brown**  
Staff Reporter

At last! It is that time of year again that almost everyone looks forward to. It's Christmastime!

But wait! It is not only Christmas that gives students and teachers all over campus cause for celebration.

MTSU's diverse campus is also home to students and teachers who are celebrators of Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

The most widely celebrated holiday around the world in



December is Christmas. Christmas is celebrated in many ways, but for Christians, Christmas is a day to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christians believe the baby Jesus was born of the virgin Mary in the stables of an Inn. The story goes that an angel of the Lord appeared to some shepherds in a nearby field and were told to go and greet the Messiah. Later, three wise men from the east followed a bright star in the sky to present gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the newborn King.

Today, Christmas has evolved into more than a celebration of Christ's birth. Christmas is a time for family and friends, giving and receiving, decorations and parties.

Everyone celebrates their holidays differently, but some of the more common traditions, such as gift giving, are shared. So how did these traditions begin anyway? Gift giving stems from the gifts given to the baby Jesus by the wise men.

But who can forget the big guy in the red suit we all idolized at Christmas? Who we refer to as Santa Claus began as a man from modern-day Turkey named Saint Nicolas. He was very shy and wanted to give money to poor people without them knowing about it.

Legend says that one day, he climbed the roof of a house and dropped a purse of money down the chimney. It landed in the stocking a girl had put by the fire to dry. This may explain the belief that Father Christmas comes down the chimney and places gifts in children's stockings.

Sadly, Santa Claus became a fictional character to us all around the age of eight or nine, and we promised ourselves that we would not ever forgive our parents for gulling us.

The tradition of sending Christmas cards has also changed over the years. Christmas cards originated in Britain in 1840 and traditionally showed religious pictures and



scenes such as Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus or the nativity scene. Today, cards are often humorous and display a wide variety of scenes and pictures.

In English speaking countries, the celebration does not end on Christmas day. The Dec. 26 is referred to as Boxing Day. This word comes from the custom which began in the Middle Ages around 800 years ago. Churches would open their alms boxes containing gifts of money and distribute the

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## New course pairs students with seniors

**Ruth Peltier**  
Staff Reporter

College students and senior citizens are joining forces in a new course presented by the health sciences department at MTSU.

The class pairs MTSU students with seniors from the St. Clair Street Senior Center in Murfreesboro. This semester, the students range in age from 22 to 50 and the seniors from 52 to 80-something.

The group meets on Saturdays at the senior center for two hours of workshops and activities planned by the students, that exercise the physical, social and cognitive skills of the seniors. The students also do physical assessments and wellness profiles of their senior partner. This valuable hands-on experience is difficult to gain anywhere else in the university setting.

"I never knew this class would give me the perspective I have gotten," said Jenny Crawford, a student in the class, "I did not expect to get to know them so well in so short a time."

Other students mentioned that they often were able to see changes in their partner and to alert their

partner to developing problems the senior might not have noticed.

According to Catherine Stogner, who is the teacher of the class, many of the participating seniors live in Westbrook Towers, a high-rise apartment building located next door to the senior center. This makes it possible for them to attend the sessions without worrying about transportation or parking.

Stogner pointed out that the seniors are a vital part of the program. They take their responsibilities as a mentor to their student partner very seriously. Several of the seniors have told her that they come regularly because they knew that if they were absent their student would be "without anybody."

Mary Parsley, 86, remarked that she has even attended when she was not feeling well.

"I feel better when I get out," Parsley said. "It gives me something on my mind instead of just myself."

Stogner says that the program is also very food-oriented. Both the class and the seniors bring goodies to share, and community businesses, such as Cracker Barrel

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have contributed food for the sessions.

"Eating together is an important bonding social activity for both college students and seniors," she explained.

Students have presented workshops on line dancing, weight and resistance training, genealogy, home safety, writing family history, massage, nutrition and osteoporosis, aerobics, benefits of walking and Spanish.

According to Stogner, during the line-dancing workshop, it was hard to decide which group to watch.

"The students were completely uninhibited," Stogner said, "and the seniors were in there, laughing, teasing and encouraging them."

Betsey Runyan and Heather Kettrey presented a workshop on the importance of relationships between grandparents and grandchildren.

Then, for their activity, the students encouraged the seniors to prepare tape recordings of themselves reading children's books aloud. The seniors can now send the tapes and the books to their grandchildren as Christmas presents. Jan Hayes, a teacher in the educational leadership department at MTSU donated 100

children's books to make this project possible. Hayes' mother, Betty Olin, is a senior member of the program.

Runyan and Kettrey are both in their senior year at MTSU and are both majoring in child development and family studies.

"I enjoy this class because it gives me a chance to work with older people rather than just kids," Runyan said.

Other activities have included crafts, listening to Delores Ketrba, 65, play her accordion, ballroom dancing, singing Christmas carols together, and a rousing game of Trivial Pursuit between the Ol' Wise Ones and the Whippersnappers. The seniors beat the students 11-8.

According to Stogner, the class has attracted students with majors and minors in a variety of departments. Most are from the child development and family studies, gerontology or women's studies departments. However, there are also students in the class who are majoring in history, nutrition and marketing. Stogner has structured the class so that a student can gain experience in whatever field he or she is pursuing.

Stogner meets with students for an hour before each class to

provide information that the student can share with their senior partner. She also schedules guest speakers during this time. One of these guests, Jason Greene, from Reeves Sain Drugstore in Murfreesboro, taught the students about problems that seniors might experience with their prescription drugs. The students then were able to discuss this subject with their partners.

"We like for the students to get a chance to be the experts," Stogner said.

The class also meets for another hour after the two-hour session with the seniors to discuss their experiences and to evaluate any concerns the students may have.

There were only 18 students in the class this semester. However, Stogner anticipates a full enrollment of 30 once the student body learns more about the program. She said that three more seniors wanted to participate this semester, but they wouldn't have had student partners. Almost all of the seniors have expressed a desire to return to the program during the spring semester.

Stogner said she modeled the course after a similar program that the University of Maryland at College Park has offered for 26 years. ■

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contents to poor people in the neighborhood on the day after Christmas. Today, Boxing day is seen as a time for graciously giving to the less fortunate.

Students and teachers on campus also celebrate the festival of Hanukkah. Antiochus Epiphanes IV, 175-163 B.C., began utilizing Greek culture to destroy the Jewish religion, attempting to force the Jews to idolatry. Hanukkah commemorates the victory of over the pagan Greeks who ruled over Palestine at that time.

The festival also celebrates the purification and dedication of the defiled temple in Jerusalem and the restoration of service to God.

Hanukkah is also called the festival of lights because of the miracle of the oil flask.

The story tells of a one-day supply of oil that lit the temple menorah for eight days following the victory. There are eight candles on the menorah and each candle on the menorah is lit for each day of the week celebrating Hanukkah.

This year Hanukkah lasts from Friday, Dec. 3 to Dec. 10. Feelings of gratitude and thankfulness are expressed through special prayers.

Kwanzaa is another holiday celebrated by students and teachers on campus. Kwanzaa occurs annually from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, and celebrates the seven nights of reflection.

Kwanzaa is essentially a family holiday. Each evening of the

holiday, family members gather around the celebration table and meditate on the principle of the day while the youngest lights one of the seven candles in the kinara, the candleholder. Each branch of the kinara symbolizes ancestors of the family.

Members of the family read seven principles and meditate on the principle of the day. Like other holidays celebrated around this time of the year, gifts are also given and received. Gifts are given according to promises kept, tasks accomplished, difficulties overcome, and promises made.

Although the traditions celebrated by all are diverse, it is beneficial to understand why we ourselves and others around us celebrate. ■

# Working Barbie cracks glass ceiling

**Teresa Gubbins**  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Everything there is to say about Barbie has been said.

But then Mattel comes out with a new doll — and the talk begins anew.

The newest addition to the Barbie family is "Working Woman Barbie," and represents a collaboration between Mattel and Working Woman magazine. The doll is a statuesque blonde with hip-length hair. She's wearing a silver-gray suit and toting a collection of working-girl gear: cell phone, travel mug, shoulder bag, portable computer and copy of Working Woman.

Even with the magazine's participation, she remains Barbie — which is to say that she embodies

an ideal exceeding what normal gals could achieve, from the top of her sleek blond head to the tips of her limp, possibly high heels. Her suit appears to be tight beyond the point of comfort. The Velcro-fastened pencil skirt is reversible so that it becomes a glittery skirt.

Working Woman Barbie also talks. "Saving money is smart," she coos.

"I can't wait to go to work." Ring ring ring — "I have a phone call."

There are things about the doll that are a bit superficial, acknowledges Working Woman spokeswoman Christina Duffney, but the magazine still thinks the venture is a good idea.

"Although a lot of people don't always agree, Barbie is somewhat of a role model for young girls, in the fact that a lot of girls play

with Barbie," she says. "Having a Working Woman Barbie is something positive associated with an actual magazine — not a 'Dr. Barbie' but something that's real that they can associate it with."

Duffney is proud of the accompanying CD-ROM, which lets young women create business cards and letterhead stationery.

"These are things that make it a little more real," she says.

But she points out that, in the end, this is a doll.

"It is a serious approach to Barbie but it's also for little girls and they want to make it fun for them," she says. "We went into it hoping to inspire girls, to let them know they can break the glass ceiling, can be anything they want to be. But there is still the whole fantasy part of Barbie. You can't make it too serious for young girls." ■

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## Raiders travel to Rocky Top

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

Opportunity is knocking on the door of the Blue Raider basketball team because their next opponent is a team that is upset-prone and ranked.

The Raiders will travel to Knoxville Friday to play basketball against the Tennessee Volunteers. This is an opportunity for the men's basketball team at MTSU to prove that they belong and steal some fans that are on the fence.

The Vols will enter the game with a perfect 6-0 record, while the Raiders enter with a 2-2 record. Tennessee has played several cupcakes, while MTSU is battle-tested and ready for an upset.

Tennessee starts Tony Harris at the point guard position. Harris is averaging 14 points and two rebounds per game. Harris is the type of player that can break the game open if he is hot. The Raiders will have to find someone to stay close to him. That person could be one of about four.

MTSU's point guard is Jonathan Whitworth. He is a tenacious defender that gave Kansas's Jeff Boschee fits. Whitworth is not relied on to score by MTSU, but he is forced to lead the Raider's offense and take care of the ball. Also, Harris struggles when the player defending him is taller. MTSU has a plethora of capable defenders. First there is the 6-foot-5 inch Fernando Ortiz.

Another player is Ron McKnight. The 6-foot-6 McKnight would provide definite shooting problems for Harris. Finally, Kevin White could guard Harris. White is a tenacious defender as well. He single-handedly shifted the momentum in the game against Marist.

"I don't think Tony has problems with anybody," MTSU head coach Randy Wiel said. "I think most people have problems with him. If he is hitting you are in

for a long night."

For the Vols, the backcourt mate for Harris is John Higgins. Higgins is a three-point shooter deluxe. The 6-foot-3 inch two-guard is averaging seven points and three rebounds per game, while shooting 36 percent from three-point range. He has taken 39 total shots, and 33 of them have been three pointers.

For MTSU, Fernando Ortiz is the shooting guard. Ortiz is one of the best players in the country. He is averaging 15 points per game and shooting 44 percent from the field while hitting 86 percent of his free throws. Ortiz lit Kansas up for 18 points and four steals.

The front court for Tennessee is on average bigger than MTSU's. At center is Isaiah Victor. He stands 6-foot-9 inch tall but weighs only 220 pounds. Unlike the Kansas game, MTSU center Lee Nosse will have someone he can handle physically. Kansas's Eric Chenowith is 7-foot-1 inch tall, 260, while Nosse is 6-foot-10 inches, 250 pounds.

Victor is quick and has good post moves, but Nosse should be able to play him well. Chenowith is rated as the second best center in college basketball and a first round NBA draft pick whenever he decides to go pro. Nosse gave Chenowith all he wanted on defense. Victor is averaging 14 points, nine rebounds and 1.2 Sportscenter highlights per game.

The power forward that will more than likely guard Nosse or Dale Thomas is C.J. Black. He is 6-foot-8 inch and 250 pounds and averages eight points and eight rebounds per game. Thomas is 6-foot-6 and 240 pounds, while averaging seven points and four rebounds per game.

Black is not a dominating offensive force, but he plays solid defense and cleans up the offensive garbage. Thomas is much like Black in his style.

At the small forward for Tennessee is Vincent Yarbrough. He shoots 45 percent from three

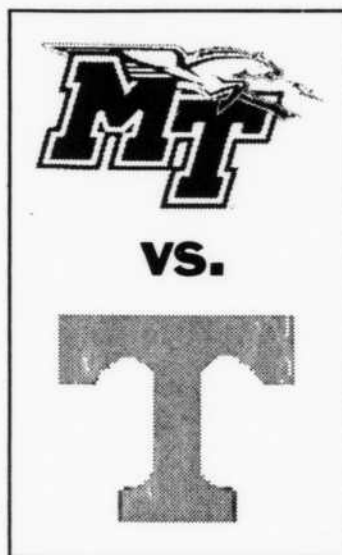
point land and stands 6-foot-7 inches tall. He rebounds, shoots and defends very well. He is athletic not overpowering, but can play under the basket or on the perimeter. Guarding him will be Cedrick Wallace. Wallace is one of two seniors on the MTSU team. He must play big in order for MTSU to win. He is the verbal leader on the team and needs to be the physical leader on the team.

Every game the 6-foot-6, 220 pound Wallace shows his athleticism with spectacular dunks. Following the Kansas game, the Raiders were in very high spirits, after an inspired effort. The Raiders played by far the most intense performance of the year. Wallace assured reporters the intensity of the Raider team against Kansas would be duplicated for the rest of the season.

The bench for Tennessee will play a key role in this game. The Vols like to play their starters for the majority of the game, with only five players averaging more than 20 minutes of game time. Against MTSU, Tennessee's starters will wear down quickly if MTSU controls the tempo with the pressure defense. Tennessee will fire first with Jon Slay. Slay is 6-foot-8 and will give the UT post players a breather from time to time. However, he only averages 10 minutes per game. He does manage 14 points in those minutes.

MTSU will fire first with the Ron McKnight. He is averaging more than 20 minutes per game and 15 points. He scored 19 against Kansas, while hitting 4-of-6 from three point land. He is also an excellent defender with a quick defensive first step. He leads the Raiders in steals.

MTSU is just a little more than a week off the devastating loss to Eastern Illinois, but they bounced back and played an excellent game against Kansas. If MTSU plays the way they played against the Jayhawks they can win. The

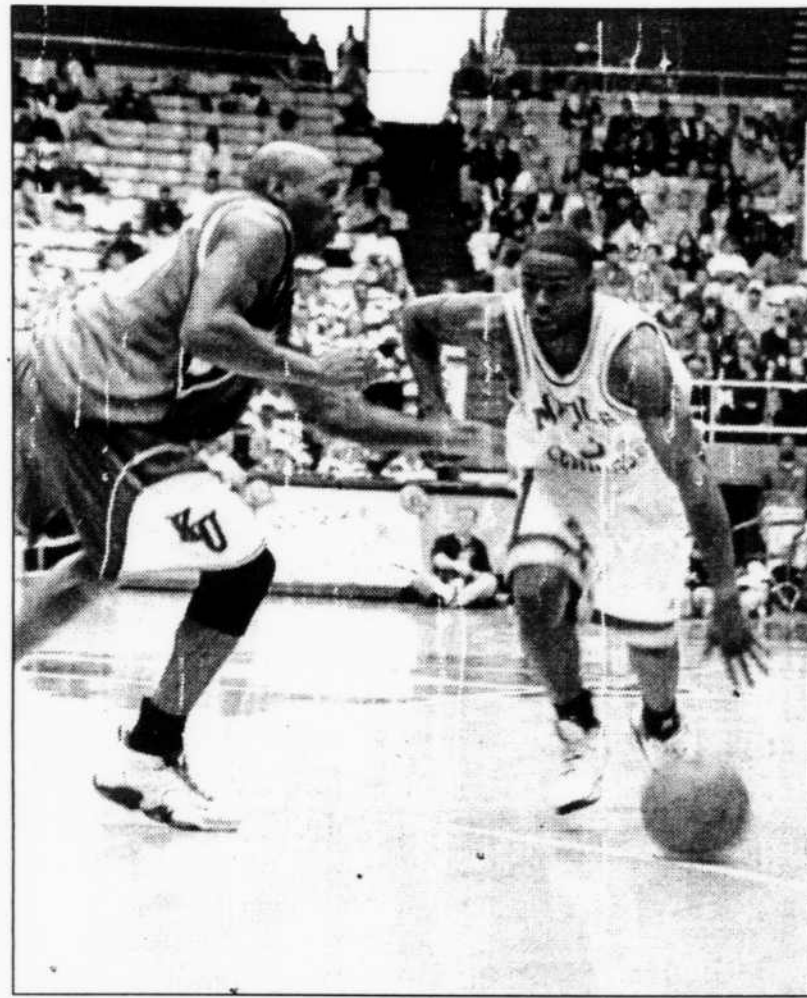


repercussions of a win against Tennessee could be tremendous for the Raiders fan support. However, the Vols have played very well this year and are rated highly in the national rankings. They can't overlook MTSU though. MTSU has the talent to beat them.

The X-factor will be the amount of pressure the Raiders put on the ball. If MTSU can force 20 or more turnovers and control the tempo, they are in good shape. The key players for each team are Cedric Wallace and Vincent Yarbrough. Wallace must step up and be that third major scorer for the Raiders, while Yarbrough needs to continue playing the way he has been playing. If Wallace has a big game, and McKnight and Ortiz play as consistent as they have been MTSU will win. Also, MTSU has to keep the ball out of Victor's hands. Nosse must play smart on offense and have a great defensive game.

Coach Wiel respects the depth of the Vols more than the play of the individuals that make up the depth, although Harris, Yarbrough and Victor are devastating forces on both ends of the floor.

"They are so deep," he said. "We have to come up with a good game plan to play against Tennessee, not so much against the individual players."



Kevin White and the Blue Raiders hope to pull an upset Friday against Tennessee.

UT Lineup		MTSU Lineup	
Del Baker (32)	G	Kenyata Chisholm(5)	G
C.J. Black (43)	F	Johnny Cobb(54)	C
Vegas Davis (34)	F	Jani Hiltunen(23)	F
Jenis Grindstaff (24)	G	Eric Jones(12)	G
Marcus Haislip (12)	F	Freddie Martinez(50)	G/F
Tony Harris (14)	G	Ron McKnight(1)	G
Charles Hathaway (55)	C	Lee Nosse(33)	C
Jon Higgins (42)	G	Fernando Ortiz(11)	G/F
Ron Slay (35)	F	Ellious Swanigan(51)	F
Isiah Victor (44)	F	Tiro Tennngren(22)	F
Harris Walker (5)	G	Dale Thomas(42)	F
Terrence Woods (31)	G	Cedrick Wallace(34)	F
Vincent Yarbrough (22)	F	Kevin White(3)	G
		Jonathan Whitworth(00)	G
Head Coach: Jerry Green		Head Coach: Randy Wiel	
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## Desert Swarm Lady Raiders head to Arizona

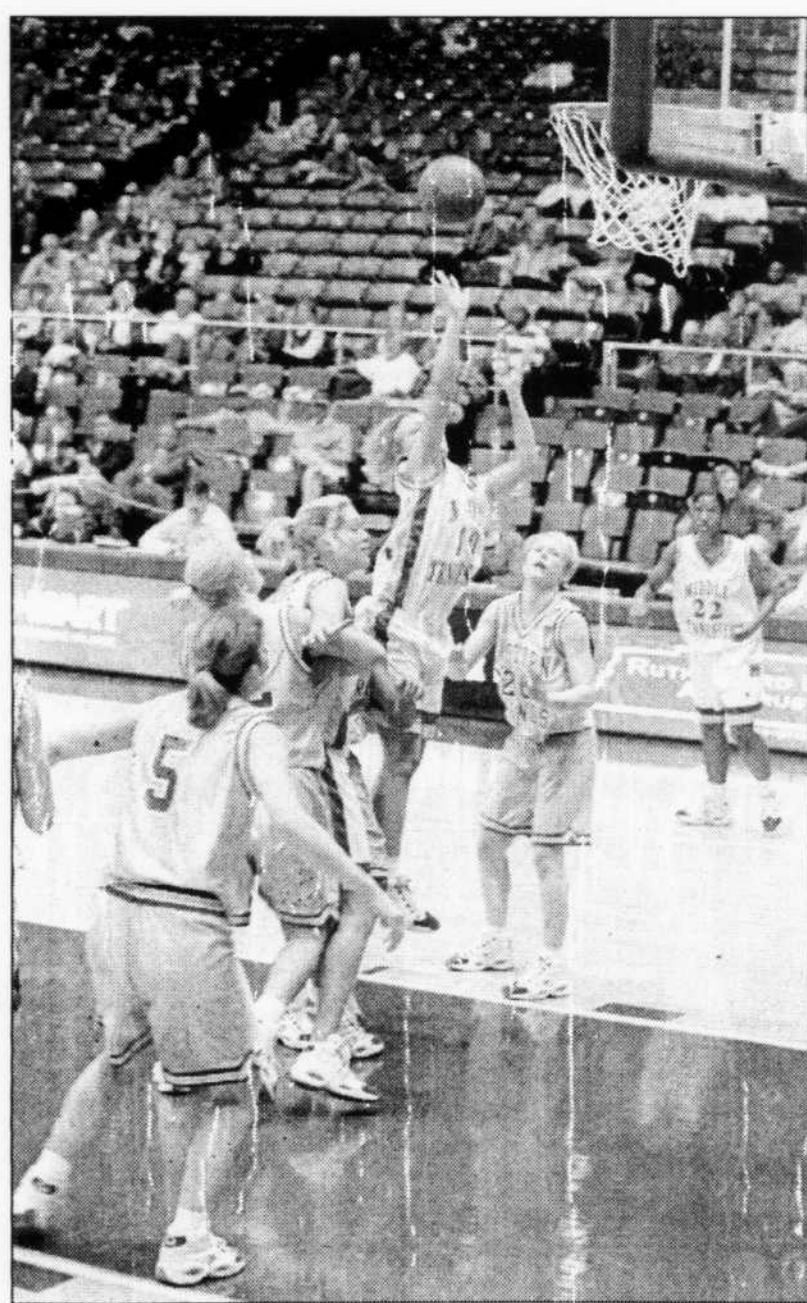


Photo by Derrick Wilson

Paula Penttila and the Lady Raiders invade the Arizona tournament Friday. The Lady Raiders will play Indiana on Friday at 3 p.m. On Saturday they will face either Arizona or Texas Southern. The time of Saturday's game has yet to be announced.

## Football coaches need integrity

View from the Top  
sports commentary



Michael Edwards  
Columnist

I was wrong. Many of you recall that earlier in the year I bashed the Vanderbilt Commodores for being underachievers and being the SEC doormat every year.

However, this year Vanderbilt has made great strides to having a decent football team. No, they are not good by any means. Let's remember they still had there 18th straight losing season and lost to Tennessee for the 18th consecutive time. Vanderbilt did help the SEC by not losing every game they played, like South Carolina, but they still didn't go to a bowl. So Vanderbilt fans don't get all crazy about saying how good your Commodores are.

I would like to personally thank the Tennessee football team for bringing the Commodores back down to earth and showing them that they are still the same old Vandy, and the rest of the country is still better.

Are college football coaches role models for their players or just men trying to win football games? What's the most important thing for the coaches, winning or making men out of boys?

If a player stays with the same university straight out of

high school, he will spend four years with that coach. Some players say that their coach is a father-like figure to them. Probably because they spend so much time with them.

I think the answer to the coaches purpose is not what the NCAA is telling us. The purpose of a coach is to make men out of boys that will some day go on and have a job and perhaps a family.

LSU's former head coach, Gerry Dinardo, suspended Cecil Collins for his freshman football

little while and then let him come back to a team that would eventually win a national championship. The same goes for former Nebraska lineman Christian Peter, who was accused of domestic violence by his former girlfriend, while at Nebraska. ESPN uncovered this problem.

The NCAA, however, would like you to believe that the coaches purpose is to win football games. Just look at the past year of events. Peter Warrick and Laverneus Coles were allegedly

Bravo Sierra. Warrick was suspended a couple of games, but it just so happened that he was back for the last game against Florida. It's funny how that worked. He wasn't punished; he was given a two week vacation. Coach Bowden showed his lack of integrity by kicking one meaningless player off the team and keeping the other.

On to the Tennessee side, the Vols have had some problems with grades and people not going to class. Not just any students though— football players. One of which is the Vols starting returnman, Leonard Scott. Scott was suspended for the Memphis game, but just happened to return for the Florida game. What a coincidence.

Some players, not necessarily Scott, have allegedly been caught plagiarizing their work. People took tests for them and wrote papers for them. ESPN did an investigative story on the matter and found that it was true. In the '80s, other universities in the SEC have had players graduate that couldn't read or write. They were good football players and played a few years in the NFL. Now that their careers are over, what are they doing? I have an idea. Would like fries with that?

The university later did an investigation of their own, and wouldn't you know it, they didn't find anything. That was such a bomb shell that the university wouldn't find anything that could put them on probation.

Well, the NCAA is now involved in the investigation, and let's see if they find anything. ■

The purpose of a coach is to make men out of boys that will some day go on and have a job and perhaps a family.

season. Collins was probably on his way to a Heisman trophy and many wins for the LSU football team. After Collins again broke rules, he was kicked off the team. Dinardo showed his integrity, lost football games and eventually lost his job. Collins is now in the NFL and has not had another run in with the law since he was kicked off the McNeese State team.

Tom Osborne had a guy named Lawrence Phillips. Oh yeah, remember him? He had several problems with the law and was arrested. Osborne merely suspended Phillips for a

caught buying clothing at a Tallahassee shopping establishment at a very large discount. It's funny that Coles just happened to violate his probation and get kicked off the team. He was not a vital part of the Seminole's success. However, in Warrick's case, you have a guy that was vying for a Heisman trophy and a vital part to Florida State's success. Warrick didn't get kicked off.

FSU is saying that Cole's had prior troubles and that is why he was kicked off the team, but Warrick did not. To me, that is what ROTC members might call



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# PARKING CHANGES FOR SPRING 2000

A couple of changes will take place regarding campus parking beginning with the Spring Semester

- The University Traffic Committee made the recommendation that the "GRAVEL" parking lot located north of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building will have designated spaces for both "white" and "green" permit parking. **Upon returning to the campus for the Spring Semester, please review the signage in this lot carefully, as some of the spaces will be designated for "white" permit parking and others will be designated for "green" permit parking.** It is very important that the campus community is aware that this lot is not entirely open for white and green permit parking, but has designated spaces for permits! Please call Parking Services at 898-2850 if you have any questions.

- Due to safety reasons, the University Traffic Committee made the recommendation that the residents of Womack Lane, Scarlett Commons and Greek Row will be allowed to park in certain areas on the campus 24 hours a day. Please read carefully the following information regarding this rule:

A. The residents will be allowed to park in the following areas 24 hours a day with a valid green parking permit:

- Greenland Drive parking lot (green permit parking)
- Green permit parking spaces located on Faulkinberry
- Green permit parking lot directly located east of the Library (this does not include the lot located directly north of Ezell Hall)

Please note that residents may continue to park in the "overflow" parking areas located at BOTH the gravel and paved parking areas at the Recreation Center 24 hours a day.

B. The residents will be allowed to park **from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.** in any legal "white, green or black" permit parking area (except in the 24 hour parking areas noted above)

C. The parking areas at Womack Lane, Scarlett Commons and Greek Row will remain "reserved" parking for residents only, 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week. All residents must have the appropriate validation sticker attached to his/her green parking permit.

**Other than these changes above, residents are not allowed to park in any other areas on campus, until 6:30 p.m. If a resident vehicle is found on the campus in a parking area other than those listed above before 6:30 p.m., then the vehicle will be issued a citation.**

Please contact Parking Services if you have any questions regarding this matter. We appreciate your calls, as we want you to be clear regarding this rule.

## PARKING TIPS

- On Tennessee Boulevard, there is a sign posted with the appropriate symbol meaning "No Left Turn." This sign is located close to the Voorhies Industrial Studies complex and past Faulkinberry. Please read and follow this sign. The City of Murfreesboro Police Department will issue a ticket (with a large fine) for turning left at this location where the sign is posted. This is a City violation and will have to be handled through the City of Murfreesboro. Please look for this sign and do not turn left in this area.

- Please display your parking permit at all times and park in your designated area.

- Please remember that there are several violations in which a vehicle may be towed or booted. One of the rules is as follows:

**Five or more traffic/parking citations in a semester.** Please note that this rule is based on the "number" of traffic/parking violations in order for a vehicle to be towed or booted. The rule is NOT based on whether the tickets are "paid or unpaid."

If you have any questions regarding violations for booting or towing, please refer to Section 5 of the Traffic and Parking Regulations or call Parking Services at 898-2850.

- The operator of any disabled vehicle parked in violation of University regulations must report the vehicle immediately to Parking Services. Failure to report may result in traffic citations and/or towing. The vehicle must be called in each day it is disabled and parked in violation of University regulations.

- Please remember that all legal parking areas are designated by signs, painted stripe, bumper blocks (does not include the yellow bumper blocks) or other marks.

- Please call Parking Services at 898-2850 with any comments or questions regarding campus parking.

## PARKING SUGGESTIONS

The University Traffic Committee, which is composed of faculty, administration, staff and students, makes the recommendations regarding:

- Parking rules and regulations
- Parking permit fees
- Citation fines
- Parking permit designations (parking lot designations for white, green or black permit parking)
- Reserved parking
- Reviews appeals for faculty, staff, visitors, and students who hold a white parking permit
- Other general parking matters

Everyone is welcomed to make suggestions to the University Traffic Committee regarding campus parking. Please contact Parking Services at 898-2850 for the procedures for forwarding a suggestion to the University Traffic Committee.



  
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and Safe Holiday!**  
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