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**Clinton's 'education first' budget pleases local educators**

Associated Press

Tennessee educators are pleased President Clinton wants to spend the rest of his term making sure children learn to read, log on to the Internet and can afford to go to college.

However, Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., thinks the president's State of the Union address Tuesday night was "full of space-age rhetoric, but only Model-T policies."

Clinton said education will be his No. 1 priority during the next four years, calling for national standards on what students should know, an intensive campaign to teach reading, and federal tax breaks to help with college tuition.

"I'm pleased to see the president setting forth a plan aimed at helping young people who want to go to college," said University of Tennessee president Joe Johnson, who returned home from a UT women's basketball game just in time for the president's education remarks.

Among other suggestions, Clinton proposed a \$1,500 tax credit for the first two years of higher education, a tax deduction of up to \$10,000 a year and the ability to withdraw from Individual Retirement Accounts to cover the cost of college tuition.

The \$1,500 would cover a

student's tuition at most community colleges and the tax deduction would cover students at many public four-year schools, Johnson said. In-state tuition at UT is \$2,000 a year.

Vanderbilt University Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt said he's also pleased the president wants to make college more affordable and increase funding for basic research. But he pointed out that it's just as important to concentrate on kindergarten through 12th grade.

"All the college aid in the world won't help a nation whose kids can't read at grade level or do simple math," he said.

Clinton called for national tests of fourth graders' reading abilities and eighth graders' math skills.

That's a good thing, said Tennessee Education Association executive director Wanda Copley, but she wants more details.

Copley, whose group represents most of the state's teachers, said that just the fact Clinton is emphasizing education will help the nation's students and educators.

"And then he's talking about putting money behind it, which strengthens that commitment," she said, mentioning the \$51 billion Clinton wants to spend next year on education.

She and Rep. Bob Clement, D-

5th District, a former president of Cumberland University, said they were glad Clinton emphasized the need for order and discipline in schools.

"We need to provide our children with the proper environment and the tools they need to become responsible citizens in the next century," Clement said.

Copley, Clement and Rep. Bill Jenkins, R-1st District, thought the president's speech was well received on both sides of the aisle.

And they're hopeful the president and Congress can work together to get several things accomplished, including a balanced budget for the country by 2002 and some of his education proposals.

"I don't think it's time to focus on our differences," Jenkins said by telephone. "It's more important to pick out things we agree on."

But Frist was critical of Clinton's comments.

"He's for a balanced budget, but not a balanced budget amendment ... and he's for increased education funding, but lacks the creative reforms to put that money to its best use," Frist said.

"We are all ready to roll up our sleeves and work with the president to produce a future for America that matches his rhetoric." \*

**Library workers struck by lightning**

By Susan McMahan/ staff

Two men working on the new library construction site were taken to the hospital after being struck by lightning Monday morning.

John R. Suddoth, 27, and James D. McKnight, Jr., 28, were finishing the concrete on the top floor of the building at approximately 9:30 a.m. when they were struck.

Suddoth, a resident of Dickson, was standing on steel rods used to hold concrete in place and guiding a bucket of cement attached to a crane when lightning struck the bucket. Suddoth was wearing leather work boots instead of rubber ones.

A according to public safety officials, Suddoth was semi-conscious when police arrived on the scene. He was awake, but not talking.

Co-workers had been trying to keep Suddoth conscious until help could arrive.

Suddoth was rushed by ambulance to Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

McKnight, a resident of Springfield, was standing by Suddoth when the lightning struck his left arm. He was driven to the hospital by friends.

"Both men were evaluated by doctors for electrical shock and had no apparent injuries," said Melana Hydrick, assistant director of public affairs at Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

Suddoth and McKnight were both treated for indirect hits of lightning and released.

Both men are employees of Hardaway Construction. \*

**Former student charged with theft of textbooks**

By Susan McMahan/ staff

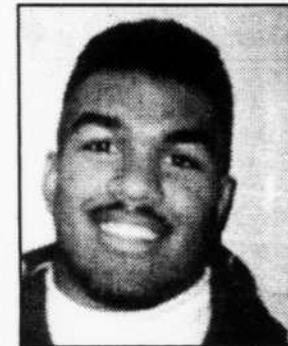
Former student Roderick D. Smith has been charged with stealing a bookbag and its contents worth approximately \$150. There is a warrant out for his arrest.

According to public safety, the owner of the bookbag had left her possessions unattended for a few minutes inside the library. When the owner returned, the bookbag was gone. Eventually, the books inside the bookbag were traced to Smith when he resold them to the bookstore.

Smith faces a sentence of not more than 11 months and 29 days in jail, and/or a fine up to \$2,500. For information leading to a conviction of Smith, a reward of anywhere from \$25 to \$300 is being offered. Persons with information should call Public Safety at 898-2424, or Crimestoppers at 893-STOP.

Theft is the most common crime committed on campus, according to public safety officer Dustin Miller. In 1996, there were 207 reported cases.

The majority of thefts on campus are opportunity thefts, Miller said, explaining that possessions most often



Roderick D. Smith

stolen are those left unattended in public places. Crimes, like book theft, only need as little as a five-minute window, Miller said.

The success rate of solving cases of opportunity theft is only 20 to 25 percent. The relatively low rate, Miller explained, is because students don't always pay attention to or report suspicious people.

"If we don't know something is happening, we can't stop it," he said.

Miller offered these tips to help prevent opportunity theft:

- \* Utilize the 25 cent lockers outside of the bookstore. Don't leave books on the bookstore behind the lockers.

- \* Keep possessions with you at all times. Remember, it only takes a five-minute window.

- \* Faculty and staff should keep offices locked at all times when vacant. \*

**Guest professor Mashek to research '96 campaign**

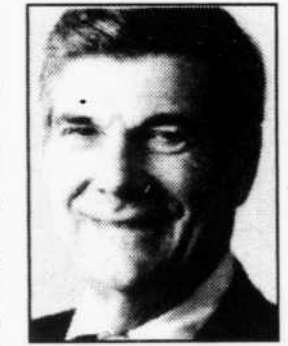
By Michael Haley/ staff

Presidential campaign expert John W. Mashek will visit MTSU beginning next week as a visiting professional scholar in preparation for his upcoming lecture, "Reflections on the 1996 Presidential Campaign."

Sponsored by the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies, Mashek will be teaching classes and guest lecturing in various journalism classes Feb. 10-28. His lecture on the 1996 Presidential campaign will be held Feb. 12 at 3:00 p.m. in room 101 of the John Bragg Mass Communications Building.

"His main focus as a journalist is journalism's function in democracy," said Robert O. Wyatt, professor of journalism at MTSU. "Mashek has been a political correspondent for some of the most leading publications in America and his insights on some events that he has previously covered are sometimes very interesting."

Mashek has covered every national political campaign, in some form or another, since 1968. He began as a congressional correspondent for various sources [what sources?] until he was promoted to political editor of U.S. News from 1978 to 1985. He



John W. Mashek

later covered George Bush's term in the White House for The Boston Globe in 1988.

Since November 1995, he has acted as Visiting Professional Scholar for the Freedom Forum, one of the largest journalism foundations in the world. As a scholar for the Freedom Forum, he studied the media coverage of the 1996 presidential campaign. The basis of much of his lecture for MTSU will come from his experience working for the Forum.

"Mashek spoke once for one of my introductory journalism classes a few years ago," said Wyatt. "Many students came up afterwards and were in awe over his presentation and viewpoints concerning journalism and democracy."

A reception honoring Mashek will follow the lecture. Students and faculty who plan to attend the public lecture and reception should RSVP by calling 898-5870 no later than Feb. 10. \*

**Got blood?**



Steve Purinton/ staff

Teresa Taylor took time out from her job as manager of Domino's Pizza on Baird Lane to deliver pizzas and donate blood to the American Red Cross. The blood drive, which is sponsored by Omega Phi Alpha service sorority, will continue until 4 p.m. today in KUC room 322. Free refreshments available for those who donate.

**Byrnes to speak on '96 election choices**

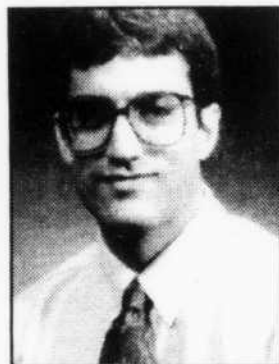
By Randy Ford/ staff

Mark Byrnes is the next scheduled speaker in the Honors Series Lecture. His lecture, "Picking the President: 1996" will be presented Monday, Feb. 4.

The presentation will be in Peck Hall, room 107, from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Byrnes, a six-year professor of political science at MTSU, said the lecture will focus on the tough choices Americans made during the 1996 election.

"I want to look at the election as a series of tough choices — the key decisions of candidates and voters,"



Mark Byrnes

Byrnes said. Byrnes doesn't believe that voters made uninformed decisions during the election. However, he said that Americans need to learn to use resources available. He hopes his lecture will emphasize that point to students.

"These days there are many sources of political information available, but people don't always pay

attention to them," he said.

Byrnes said the main point of his lecture "is to answer the question, 'Why did it come out this way?'"

He believes discussion of that question will help his audience learn to "better analyze future elections."

Byrnes said that his audience will better comprehend his message if they try to remember the events and decisions of the recent election.

"It wasn't that long ago, but sometimes we forget," Byrnes said. "If they can resurrect some memories of the '96 election, that will be helpful."

The theme of the spring 1997 Honors Lecture Series is "Tough Choices." \*



# College students learn to walk erect

College Press Service

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Students of the nineties are walking straighter than their counterparts in the eighties—and the reason may be backpacks.

In the 1980s, it was in vogue to carry bulky backpacks over one shoulder—a method that tended to throw students

spines out of whack, reports Sacred Bodison, coordinator of sports medicine for the University of Maryland.

But in the more pragmatic 1990s, students are using both straps again, says Bodison. In the eighties, fashion-conscious students went from class to class carrying their backpacks on one shoulder only, with one strap dangling behind. Those

who used both straps and both shoulders risked being labeled a nerd.

Still, even the two-strap method won't work if the load is too heavy, warns Bodison. "Even if they carry their bookbags on both shoulders, if you ever weighed their bookbags they're very heavy," she said. •

# On Campus

**MON-THURS, Feb. 3-6**

Panhellenic Fall Rush 1997-PX's. The Panhellenic Council is now accepting applications for Rush Counselors for Fall Rush. Application deadline is Feb. 7 at KUC 310. Interviews will be held Feb. 10-14. Good Luck! Call Vic Felts at 898-5996 for more information.

international relations and current global issues is invited to attend. Check the Model U.N. bulletin board outside PH 211 for meeting times and locations or call William Duston at 904-6068.

lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons, will meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in MC 104. For more information call 780-2293, e-mail [mtlambda@frank.mtsu.edu](mailto:mtlambda@frank.mtsu.edu), or visit our web page at [www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda/](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda/).

Wesley Foundation University Worship meet every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Call Bill Campbell for more information: 893-0469.

**MON-TUES, Feb. 10-11**

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity Spring Rush. Monday at 6 p.m. in KUC 318 and Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Nursing Bldg. 121. Call Lexy Lichtenberg for more information at 898-5033.

**February-March 1997**

Japanese Doll Exhibit at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum, 200 South Second Street, Clarksville, TN. Tues.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00-5:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$3.00, Seniors \$2.00, Children 6-18 \$1.00, Children under 5 free. For more information call the Japan Center of Tennessee 898-2229 or Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum (615) 648-5780.

**TUES-THUR, Feb. 4-6**

Pi Sigma Epsilon Professional Sales & Marketing Fraternity issues an invitation to all students of all ages and all majors to join. Interest and orientation meetings are: Tuesday-6:30 p.m.-KUC 313; Wednesday- 7:00 p.m.-KUC 324; Thursday-6:30 p.m.-KUC 313. Call Angela York at 893-6766 for more information.

**MON-FRI, Feb. 3-7**

Project I.D. Sign-ups anytime until Feb. 7. Actual Project I.D. starts on Mon. Feb. 10 and runs to Wed. Feb 12. You must sign up by Feb. 7 to participate. Call Josh Strawn, V.P. Area IV, 3050; or Rob Hall, V.P Area IV, 4407.

**TUESDAY, Feb. 11**

Sigma Tau Delta English Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Rose Coffee House. If you are an English major or minor with a GPA of 3.0 you are eligible to join. This is a real asset on your resume! Call Dr. Strawman at 898-2659 for more information.

**GRADUATING SENIORS**

All May 1997 Graduating Seniors are required to take the ACT-COMP. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: **March 4, 5, and 6.** On these dates, students may choose from three different test times: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., or 6 p.m. All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. If there are questions, please contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

**THURSDAY, Feb. 6**

Resume Writing and Interview Preparation for seniors and graduates. Learn the basics. 2:00 p.m. in 305 KUC. For more information call Martha Turner at 898-2500.

Wesley Foundation Tuesday Night Supper is a weekly event at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Great home cooking. For more information call Bill Campbell at 893-0469.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 9**

Model United Nations meets every Sunday night. Anyone who is interested in

Lambda Association, an organization for gays,

## Just dig it!



Steve Purinton/ staff

From left to right, graduate student Kristy Beasley, freshman Sarah Poteete and Oakland High School instructor Kathryn Ward participate in Wednesday's "Can You Dig It? Archaeology in the Classroom," a workshop for area school teachers sponsored by MTSU's Center for Environmental Education.

### Police Beat

**SATURDAY, Jan. 18**

Where: Old Lascassas Pike - Beside Kwik Sak  
What: Rebecca M. Norris, 35, was arrested for driving under the influence and driving on a suspended license

**MONDAY, Jan. 20**

Where: Ezell Hall - Third Floor Next to Laundry  
What: Caller advised that two men were fighting in the laundry room

Where: MTSU campus - between baseball and practice  
What: Complainant advised that baseball hit the windshield of the state car he was driving.

**SUNDAY, Jan. 19**

Where: Family Apartment H  
What: Complainant advised that she allowed someone to borrow her vehicle and they have not brought it back yet

**TUESDAY, Jan. 21**

Where: Student Recreation Center  
What: Complainant advised that someone was following her. Suspect is a young black male wearing a white t-shirt and black pants

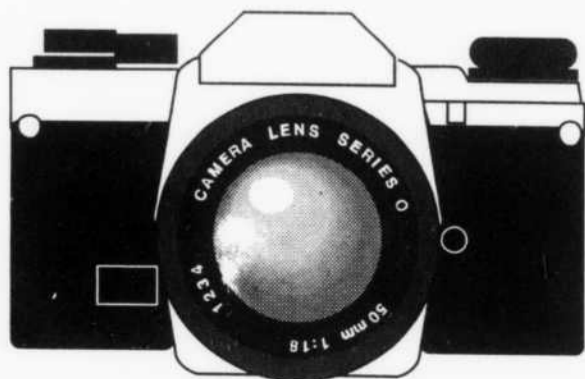
**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 22**  
Where: Mass Communications Parking Lot  
What: Hubcaps stolen, estimated value \$10

Where: Cummings Hall  
What: CD's and clothes stolen from dorm room, approximate value \$75

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# Around the World



## Jews and Arabs mourn soldier

**1** NEVE SHALOM, Israel (AP) — In a unique Israeli village where Jews and Arabs live side by side, the two peoples came together Wednesday to mourn the death of a 20-year-old Israeli army sergeant killed in a helicopter crash.

"He joined the army and went to fight Arabs — but now he was killed and I am sad," said an Arab neighbor, Adnan Mana. "We are one family. I think this is our most united day."

Tom Kitain was buried Wednesday evening in a tiny hillside cemetery in Neve Shalom, or "Oasis of Peace," a utopian community founded two decades ago to prove that Jews and Arabs could live together in peace.

It was one of scores of funerals for the 73 soldiers killed in Tuesday night's crash, the worst air disaster in Israel's military history. But Kitain's was almost certainly the only funeral attended by dozens of Arabs — his friends and neighbors.

Arab citizens of Israel — almost a fifth of the population — are not required to perform army service, and few do. The nationwide mourning for slain soldiers usually serves only to accentuate the separation between the two communities.

But in Neve Shalom, 15 miles west of Jerusalem in the Judean foothills, Arabs and Jews mingled together Wednesday outside the Kitain family's white, one-story house, weeping and sharing memories of the tall young man with a crinkle smile and easy laugh.

Thirty families — half

Jewish, half Arab — live in the village, sharing authority, educating their children in Hebrew and Arabic and trying to spread a message of tolerance and coexistence.

Kitain's parents, both teachers, moved to Neve Shalom when he was 9. At 18, he applied for membership in the community on his own right.

"This place is a special place because it's Arabs and Jews living together peacefully — on purpose," said 19-year-old Michal Dunayevski, a friend since childhood. "He loved it. He wanted Israel to have peace."

Kitain became an unofficial spokesman for the settlement, and appeared on a recent promotional video for Neve Shalom.

"In my army unit, they know my opinion about the conflict," he says in the recording. "When tempers flare, I try to cool down my mates. I point out that Arabs are not just Arabs. They are people too."

But Kitain's commitment to peace did not keep him from fulfilling his three-year compulsory army service in a combat unit.

"He was realistic. He knew he was Jewish and should do this work," said Abed Salaam Najah, who taught Arabic, science and mathematics to Kitain in grade school.

Others in Neve Shalom made the same decision, joining combat units. Kitain was the first to be killed.

## Nine massacred in Algerian village

**2** ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — An armed group slit the throats of nine family

members in a village south of the capital, residents reported Wednesday, the latest in a wave of bloodshed blamed on Islamic militants.

About 20 attackers killed the family of mostly women and children Monday in Benchikao, 60 miles south of Algiers, the witnesses said on condition of anonymity.

More than 60,000 people have died in the North African country since the insurgency began in January 1992, when the government canceled elections to thwart a likely victory by the Islamic Salvation Front.

## Milosevic concedes, students want more

**3** BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Students rallied for more government concessions today even after Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic bowed to their key demand and recognized opposition election victories in 14 cities.

About 20,000 students marched through the center of Belgrade, insisting on everything from the firing of the Belgrade University rector to punishment for those responsible for election fraud and police beating of protesters.

At other rallies called by the political opposition, people have chanted for Milosevic to resign.

A party led by Milosevic's wife, Mirjana Markovic, warned that further demonstrations could lead to confrontations.

"We demand that the opposition stop all protests," said Aleksandar Vulin, spokesman for Markovic's Yugoslav United Left party. "If they continue forever ... then you must expect the state to defend itself."

Acting on Milosevic's order, Prime Minister Mirko Marjanovic was expected to present a bill to parliament ceding to the opposition control of the capital, Belgrade, and 13 other cities. The parliament is likely to pass the law by the end of the week.

Milosevic's long-awaited acknowledgement Tuesday of his Socialist Party's electoral losses did little to mollify the pro-democracy demonstrators who have been rallying for 10 weeks.

Opposition leaders vowed the protests would not end until the president eases his grip on the media and punishes those responsible for a police crackdown that injured 80 protesters Sunday and Monday.

## Swiss bank leaders create victim fund

**4** GENEVA (AP) — Hoping to quell growing international criticism over alleged collusion with the Nazis in World War II, Switzerland's "Big Three" banking giants announced Wednesday they will create a \$71 million fund for Holocaust victims and their families.

Eighteen months of controversy has threatened to tarnish the image of Swiss banks and has put them at risk of international boycotts.

"It's a breakthrough," said U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.

## New course offered to help supervisors

### Staff Reports

The Division of Continuing Studies is offering an American Management Association (AMA) First-Line Supervision course Mondays Feb. 10 through March 10 from 6:15-9:15 p.m. on campus.

First-Line Supervision is designed for first-time supervisors who want to learn to better manage employees. During the 15-hour course, new supervisors will learn how to improve morale, boost performance, and deal with complaints.

Materials for the course are provided by AMA and are included in the \$199 registration fee. Participants will receive 1.5 CEUs from

Continuing Studies after completing the course.

Harold King, the instructor, has lead courses similar to First-Line Supervision at Opryland Hotel and Theme Park, Institute of Financial Education, Belmont School of Business, and Nashville Tech.

First-Line Supervision is part of the Certificate in Management Program. Management Certificates are awarded after completion of six AMA/MTSU courses.

To register for the course, call 898-2462.

Other AMA courses offered this semester are Managing and Resolving Conflicts, and How To Build High-Performance Teams.

## Computer courses teach Web browsing

### Staff Reports

Several new computer courses are being offered by the Division of Continuing Studies this spring, from Understanding Microsoft Excel to Surfing the Internet. All of the courses require an extra fee ranging from \$45 to \$117. To register for any of the following courses, call 898-2462.

\* Microsoft Excel for Windows will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 25 through March 6 from 6 - 9 p.m. The course will introduce students to spreadsheet software. Some topics covered in this course are creating and printing worksheets, using numeric, text, and database functions, using shortcuts; and formatting and enhancing your work. Microsoft Excel is part of the Computer Certificate Program.

\* Home PC Maintenance

and Repair will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 11-27, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The course will teach participants skills and tips that will save time and money on PC repairs and maintenance. An Advanced Home PC Maintenance and Repair will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 25-April 10, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

\* Exploring the Internet will be offered Monday, Feb. 24, from 6 - 9 p.m. The course will introduce students to accessing the Internet, e-mail documents, how to contact people worldwide through discussion groups, research through Gopher, and downloading information and software free off the Internet. Students in the class will receive free Internet access for a limited time.

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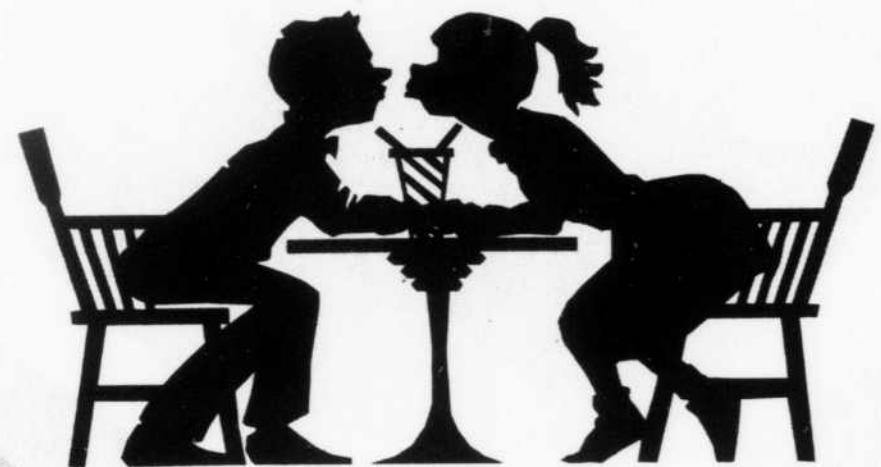
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## In our view

### Making education a priority

In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, President Clinton emphasized the need to improve the quality and availability of education-- notably higher education-- to all Americans, regardless of their financial circumstances. His proposed initiatives include the HOPE Scholarship, a \$1,500 tax credit to students, as well as a \$10,000 per year tax deduction for families with students entering their first or second year of college. Clinton's new budget also promises an extra 20 percent in funding for the Education department. With these initiatives, and with the support of Congress, the president has promised to make education his No. 1 priority in order to "make American education the best in the world."

In proposing to make education his highest priority, President Clinton has done a commendable job in trying to move the issue of education to the forefront of public debate. For too long, Americans have taken their educational system for granted, and the results speak for themselves. In comparison to the other developed industrial nations of the world, American youth are learning at slower rates than their peers in Japan, Europe and even South Korea. While U.S. educational standards are continually sliding, other nations are moving higher up the ladder.

In praising President Clinton's initiative, it should also be noted that his proposals still require further scrutiny and debate. Furthermore, the president must have the courage and fortitude to stick to his promises and, more importantly, motivate the rest of Washington, Democrat or Republican, to devote the same energy in improving education. The future of America depends on it.

## Corrections

*Sidelines* erroneously reported on Thursday, Jan. 30, that Public Safety is raising the costs of citations for traffic violations. Public Safety is increasing the enforcement of citations, but the cost of citations will not increase. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

In the Thursday, January 23, issue of *Sidelines*, the article previewing the Spring 1997 edition of *Collage* ("Literally A Work of Art") contained a quote by *Collage* editor Melissa Hoover regarding the reproduction quality of *Collage* artwork which may have led some readers to believe that Hoover felt the quality of the printed art reproductions looked better than the original artwork. In her remarks, Hoover was comparing the print quality of previous printings of *Collage* compared to this edition, not the original artwork published in the magazine's current issue. *Sidelines* is happy to clear up any confusion as it relates to the context of Ms. Hoover's comments.

The editorial on Monday, February 3, ("SGA traffic cure off mark") the Parking Authority was erroneously characterized as a "for-profit" organization. In fact, the Parking Authority is an auxiliary business that technically cannot earn a profit. While the Parking Authority can earn surplus revenue, the extra funds are funneled into an account devoted to future parking services and projects.

Furthermore, the Tennessee Board of Regents, not the Parking Authority, is responsible for setting campus parking regulations. The Authority is, however, in charge of issuing tickets based on the TBR's set guidelines. *Sidelines* regrets the error, but maintains that placing traffic court in the hands of the Parking Authority would create a conflict of interest for the organization.

It is the policy of *Sidelines* to correct all factual and editorial errors that are brought to our attention.

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## School name change an absurd idea



### Ramblings

Warren Wakeland

So, all of a sudden MTSU needs a name change. Somebody needs to explain this to me.

Recently, *The Nashville Banner* ran an editorial that said a name change has been under consideration here for 10 years. If that's the case, why haven't I heard about it?

I've been at MTSU five years. I used to be editor of this paper, for cryin' out loud. I was supposed to be one of the few students who actually knew what was going on here.

How'd I miss this? Recently, *Sidelines* ran a Letter to the Editor from an art history professor that analyzed our beloved name and called for a change. The professor used an analogy I hadn't previously heard. He said, "MT=EMPTY," and that separating the "M" and "T" would give the school a better image.

What spaceship did that idea come in on? Maybe the art history department is "MT." Maybe the art history professor is "MT." Maybe he needs to be teaching at MIT, where they separate the "M" and "T" with "I," as in "I don't know what the hell I'm talking about."

I don't think this university is "MT," and I'll bet I know at least one other person (President Walker) who doesn't think MT=EMPTY.

Maybe the art history professor needs a geography lesson.

Now I wasn't there at the time, but when MTSU's founding fathers founded what was then called a

"normal school," they probably looked at where they were founding it and said, "You know, we're in the middle of the state here. Let's call it 'Middle Tennessee Normal School.'"

They were bright guys. They probably thought people could figure it out.

I don't think they were looking to create the next Vanderbilt. They knew there was one of those already. No, I think they were looking to create a place where rural people could improve themselves and their family's lives by getting an affordable education, which they probably didn't have much chance of getting elsewhere.

I'd bet big money they didn't think MT=EMPTY.

Since the art history professor didn't make any suggestions for a new name, I thought I'd help out by coming up with a few to choose from.

If nothing else, I try to be accommodating.

**1. University of Brainiacs.** This should tell parents that smart kids go here, eh? We did raise the standards to find in here a couple of years ago. If it sounds like you need a 4.0 GPA and 8,000 on the ACT to get in here, that would definitely raise the image. We'd have more smart kids that we could count.

**2. Woodhall College.** A good image-building name, I'd say. It sounds like a school in Vermont or some fancy place in the Northeast. That's good, because everybody knows smart kids go to school in the Northeast so they can ski six months a year. If we build a mountain and ski resort behind the Rec Center, the smart kids would be fooled and come here in droves.

**3. Miller University.** You know how schools like Stanford, Duke and Vanderbilt are named after families that gave a lot of money to the school? Well, the Miller family dropped \$22 million on us a while back to make all

the horse people smarter. Let's name it after them.

An added benefit would be Miller Brewing Co. thinking we named the school after them, for which they would give us a lot of free beer.

The point is a name doesn't make the school's image; results do. The universities of Michigan and North Carolina are two of the finest academic institutions in America, but no one says, "Geez, their archaeology department is awesome!" when they bring up those names.

People talk about their football and basketball teams. They use their athletic prowess to further their academic missions. A novel concept, indeed.

You want to build MTSU's image? Developing a high-profile athletic program builds image. Raising academic standards builds image. Hiring world-renowned professors and speakers builds image. Publicizing all this builds a better image. Then you can get the smart kids.

We're doing all this stuff right now. Believe it or not.

President Walker once told me that most high school seniors don't choose a college based on academics, because most don't know what they want to major in. They make the choice based mainly on what they hear about a college in the media.

You don't hear about a university's history department in the media, no matter what they do. You hear about a university's Top 20 football team in the media all the time. Get the picture?

Changing the name doesn't do doubly-squat for image, and anyone who thinks it does needs to have their head examined.

Besides, if they changed the name, they'd have to get all new stationery. What a pain.

## Surviving the SGA traffic court nightmare



### The Mayer's Office

Gregg Mayer

Before I drag the SGA up onto the scaffold, or carry it like a toothless dog to the vet for euthanization, I would like to relate my own experience in traffic court last semester.

I was cited for not having a parking pass. I do have a parking pass, although it was not displayed at the time. It was sitting on my front seat, next to my umbrella.

So I traveled, through rain and wind, without an umbrella (because it was still on my front seat) to the SGA office, set a court date, and arrived promptly the following Monday at 4 p.m., the day I was to appeal. I didn't necessarily dress up, but I was wearing a collared shirt, ironed pants, and clean socks. I used a Tic-Tac to cover up the smell of a cigarette I had just enjoyed.

As I walked through the door, several students were already sitting, hands in between their legs, looking nervously around at one another. The SGA representatives, who were to serve as prosecutor, defense counsel, and judge, were also there, although they seemed a bit blithe under such ominous circumstances.

"Who wants to prosecute today?" one SGA member asked the others.

"Not me! I did it last time," a

cheerful, caricatured plump woman replied, jumping off the SGA couch; a retounding thud followed.

"O, C'mon, you know you want to do it," another said, grinning.

After much dispute, jolly dispute, the three honorable positions, prosecutor, defense counsel (whom the plump girl settled upon), and judge were divided up. They went into the back office.

What goes through your mind as you sit in the SGA office is a lot like what you think about in a doctor's office. No one wants to talk to anyone else. We all just want our tickets voided, and we want to go home and brag to our significant others how we stood up to the system and won. Democracy.

The door opened, out came the jolly round women ("Mrs. Claus" I dubbed her), waving to me with cherry-round fingers, and I went inside.

The judge, sitting opposite from me at the long table, was shadowed, mystical, hard to see under his baseball cap, his unkempt hair plastered to his forehead. His T-shirt, decorated with an inebriated design, didn't have any holes in it as might be expected. I was hesitant to ask him about 'Jurisprudence,' for fear he would reply, "Did they play at the Boro last night?" I sat down, pensive.

We talked for a moment. He recognized me from *Sidelines*; I smiled. He asked about my citation.

"I have a parking pass," I said. "But the day I was cited, it was removed from my window -- as the warning on the back of the pass

suggests when you drive. It was an honest mistake. Honest."

And it was over. My ticket was voided. Justice! Democracy! I won.

I don't want to sound ungrateful to the SGA for voiding my ticket. I'm overjoyed. I'm jolly, in fact. But the manner in which the court processed itself, unprofessionally and with utter inanity, disturbs me.

And recently, it has been the initiative of the SGA to move traffic court from the responsibility of the SGA office into the hands of Parking Authority. It seems the presence of Charlotte Hunt, director of Parking Authority, during appeals-court sessions has caused the SGA to tuck its tail, shuffle off any observable responsibility and duty to the students, and remain an inactive legislative body on campus. To remain toothless.

SGA, I say firmly, should not give up appeals-court duties. The SGA, no matter how pitiful, is the only checks-and-balances the Parking Authority has. If Parking Authority were to usurp all control of appeals, do you think they will still have the sympathetic students that students have for other students? If you do, you're probably in the Art department.

Instead, the SGA should formalize appeals court. Prosecutors and defense counselors should be well-informed of each pending case (instead of appointing each other five minutes previous to court), and the judge (I think there should only be one who serves the entire semester like the SGA president) should be, at the very least, bathed.



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## LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!!!

E-wrestling is rapidly growing as an "Internet sport," and people across the country are logging on and kicking tail

By Rachel Bailey/ staff

"Hello all you wimps out in never, never wrestling land!"

Does this sound familiar? Could it be the awe-inspiring voice of a wrestler, like the ones we've watched in the weeks since we were children? Yes, it is, and now it is the greeting you will receive upon entering the Internet Wrestling web site.

No longer does it exist merely as television entertainment or backyard brawls; wrestling has infiltrated the Internet. Imagine a world where you can create your own wrestlers, from choosing their height and weight to giving them their own specialized moves. You are also able to invent the way a match progresses and determine who comes out on top and who gets burned.

That is Internet wrestling, and it is rapidly expanding as a sport in which thousands of Internet users across the nation are involved. The users who browse these web sites range in career, background and age, but they share one thing: imagination.

Internet wrestling involves creating a wrestler, complete with persona and some sort of statistics to resolve the matches, and then managing his or her career. Then the gamemaster (usually referred to as the Federation Head) resolves the matches at the end of the week.

"We know it is fake, but we have a good time playing it," says Bernie Randolph, an MTSU student who participates in Internet Wrestling. Randolph says that the fun comes from player interaction, as the players develop feuds and alliances with each other. They are also allowed to arrange special matches, write interviews and make video clips which are posted by the Federation Head.

As E-Wrestling (as it has become known) developed, federations began forming into groups to allow easier transfers of character. Groups may focus around common backgrounds or other traits of the characters. The Summit Wrestling Alliance was the first of these federations. Others soon followed, such as The Fantasy Wrestling League Alliance and Hardcore Leagues of America. There are also many independent federations that have formed, including TeWA (Totally Extreme Wrestling Association), which includes Bernie Randolph as president.

"It is like creating a whole different side of yourself," Randolph says.

Internet wrestling allows an individual to undergo a transformation from a regular guy or girl into a wrestler with fantastic characteristics.

After entering the web site, participants are able to fill out an entry form in which they can create a wrestler of their choice. There are many options to choose from, including the fighting style of the character, with choices such as Top-Notch Brawler, All-Rounder or Daredevil Flyer.

Participants are also able to peruse the wrestlers who are already



Graphic illustration by Brian G. Miller

in existence, like Freak Face, Irish Assassin, Chico Gonzales, Gravedigger, and, believe it or not, Skinny Buddha. These wrestlers are in the TeWA League, which the WPO (World Purification Order) is trying to take over. WPO is a take-off of pro-wrestling's NWO (New World Order) which comprises such legends as Hulk Hogan, Diesel and Razor. Television wrestling may also contribute to the events that take place on the Net's wrestling front.

"It is like fantasy games we used to play as children; it is just now we have the ability to play worldwide," says Randolph, who is known in the world of Internet wrestling as Rapture.

Randolph enjoys the fantasy world of wrestling and compares it to other fantasy games like Dungeons and Dragons. His wrestler, Rapture, was the TeWA's first Rookie Champion, and is now ranked third in the Top Ten Contenders for the title.

There are many MTSU students involved in E-Wrestling, along with thousands across the country. Wrestling on the net involves a combination of an interest in wrestling and an active imagination. E-Wrestling is a sport which provides a degree of escapism while inspiring creativity within its users. For more information, the curious can log on at

## Photography exhibit depicts life in Cuba



Photo provided by Lawrence W. Oliverson

A sample from Lawrence W. Oliverson's "Visions of Cuba" exhibit, now being shown in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the LRC. The exhibit consists of 50 color prints.

### Staff Reports

To many Americans, Cuba is little more than a large island to the south of Florida, characterized by clichéd visions of Fidel Castro's communist dictatorship regime. But to photographer Lawrence W. Oliverson, there is much more to Cuba.

An exhibit of Oliverson's photography, titled "Visions of Cuba," will be on display in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery of the LRC during regular gallery hours until Thursday, Feb. 27. The exhibit is comprised of 50 color prints.

"Most Americans have only a minimal and often stereotypical

knowledge of this country and its people," Oliverson says. "In 1993 I embarked on a project to photograph Cuba with two objectives. I wanted to increase my personal understanding of the Cuban way of life and to communicate this understanding both visually and emotionally through my photographs. This exhibit is a result of those efforts."

Oliverson first visited Cuba in 1993, then returned in 1994 and again in 1996 to collect images for this project. He has blended interpretive and documentary styles in his exhibit in order to make "Visions of Cuba" an enriching experience for the audience.

Oliverson has worked as a fine art

photographer since 1979. His work has been placed in numerous corporate, public and private collections throughout the country.

Oliverson will present a slide and lecture presentation on Monday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Bragg Mass Communications Building. A reception in the gallery will follow the lecture.

The Baldwin Photographic Gallery is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. All exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public. For more information call Tom Jimison at 898-2085. •

## MIXED REVIEWS

By Jason T. Sparks



### People Vs. Larry Flynt is fair portrayal of notorious publisher

There has been a considerable amount of buzz generated about *The People Vs. Larry Flynt*, Milos Forman's treatment of the founder and publisher of *Hustler* and a slew of other hard-core porno magazines.

People supporting the movie are lauding the First Amendment arguments made within it; detractors

feel that it glorifies Flynt—that some impressionable youth, perhaps, will see the movie and decide to emulate this man! Huzzah!

I question both camps. What's going on in this movie smacks of both, but isn't quite either.

*Flynt* is a biopic, telling the story of Larry Flynt's (played by Woody Harrelson) rise from moonshining as a child in rural

Kentucky to owning a chain of strip clubs in Ohio. When profits are down, Larry decides to try marketing his clubs in a newsletter, named for the chain—*Hustler*. The newsletter grows into a magazine, faltering at first but successful after nude pictures of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis are published in it. Working with his brother Jimmy (Brett Harrelson) and his wife, a stripper named Althea Leasure (Courtney Love), Larry turns his magazine into a monstrous success—and a successful

monster, according to Ohioans Charles Keating (James Cromwell, the farmer in *Babe*) and the director in *The Clinton Campaign*) who seek to shut down the magazine under obscenity charges.

While at first they succeed in jailing Flynt, he is released due to the efforts of Alan Isaacman (Edward

Norton), a young lawyer who specializes in civil liberty.

Despite Flynt's growing arrogance and penchant for controversy, Isaacman sticks with his client. He watches Flynt become a born-again Christian under the tutelage of Ruth Carter (Donna Hanover), the sister of another well-known Carter

from the 1970s, whereupon he decides to make *Hustler* a religious do...natural

pictorials," he decides, "depictions of Adam & Eve, or women floatin'...nude, on glass crosses."

His convictions, as strangely manifested as they are, perplex Leasure, Jimmy, and the other core figures at *Hustler*; however, when Flynt and Isaacman are both shot after a Georgia obscenity trial, Flynt—now paralyzed from the waist down—loses his faith. His next mission is to

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Photo provided by Sidney Baldwin

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make *Hustler* a bigger slap to the societal face than ever before, a slap which culminates in a lawsuit brought against him by Rev. Jerry Falwell (Richard Paul, not doing a cartoonish impression) when Falwell is parodied in the magazine. The suit reaches the Supreme Court, where the decision made will, however it turns out, become a landmark test of everyone's favorite Amendment—Numero Uno, the one on a plaque in our Mass Communications building.

Now, where the two opinions I mentioned earlier are concerned, there's a capacity for both, but the point of this film is something else entirely. A good biographical film, I think, has a thesis; simply re-telling the life story is not quite grounds for a plot.

Biographies like *The Buddy Holly Story*, *Shadowlands*, and *Ed Wood*—whose screenwriters, Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski, wrote *Flynt*—make an argument about their central characters, an assertion that they were who they were and did what they did because of some demonstrable trait. The argument about *Flynt* I got in this picture was that Flynt, after being shot for publishing a magazine, decided that there was little point in playing along with society.

"They deprived me of my manhood," Flynt says after his publishing house relocates to Hollywood; "but they left the top half—the half with the mind—and I'm gonna use it!" Herein we get the Flynt who breaks the rules, who sells videotapes of John DeLorean buying cocaine to CBS News but who refuses to reveal his source, throws fruit at the federal judge demanding the source, and gets 15 months in a

psychiatric ward. The rhetoric about free speech is mostly Isaacman's by now; Flynt is no longer a brave champion. He's a bitter rebel.

As for the risk of Flynt being a hero-figure, his bitterness also stems from his personal life falling apart. The movie depicts Flynt's morphine addiction, as well as Althea's drug addiction and slow death from AIDS. The movie does depict LARRY's life as one littered with expensive stuff and naked women, but it fulfills him no more than it did Charles Foster Kane or Michael Corleone. The first image of Flynt shows him in rural Kentucky, selling moonshine and wearing rags; he never looks much better, even in a jacuzzi with Leasure and two other women. There's not much bold color in this film. All is gray and flat; the viewer gets the same desperation of material-only culture found in adult bookstores. And while I don't wish to reveal anything, I'll say this: don't plan to enjoy Courtney Love's only full-frontal nude scene.

Woody Harrelson was the right choice for Flynt; that one-dimensional quality he can bring to his characters (it made his fool on *Cheers*) suits this man, who is going to make dirty magazines his way, no matter what happens to him. Courtney Love has earned her praise for her acting; I'm sure that playing the ex-stripper junkie wife of a flash-in-the-pan celebrity was quite a stretch for the young lady. I question Edward Norton's hyperactive, finesse-free lawyer, but perhaps that's the only kind of shyder that Flynt's ego would allow. Milos Forman has, with *The People Vs. Larry Flynt*, continued the ideas that drove his *Hair* and *Ragtime*. He has looked under the American flag, to see that it was partly woven by the people it often hides. •

## Retirement brings out stories

### Associated Press

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — It isn't exactly a tell-all departure, but some old stories of the Tennessee Highway Patrol are being retold as Liz O'Connor prepares to retire.

O'Connor has worked for the patrol for 38 years. Her female voice was the first to be heard on the Highway Patrol radio frequency of the Cookeville post, filling in when dispatchers went to lunch.

Former Gov. Buford Ellington once remarked that he could tell when the Cookeville dispatchers were having lunch by the female voice on the radio, O'Connor said.

She also recalls the more serious matters, like the time 90 percent of the troopers

statewide were sent to Memphis when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

There were the lighter moments, too.

"Trooper Ralph Spurlock, after losing an eye, became a dispatcher. He aggravated me to death," O'Connor said. "I shut the door on him once and he kicked it down. We hurriedly put it back up without nails.

"A few days later, the captain opened the door and it came apart, she said.

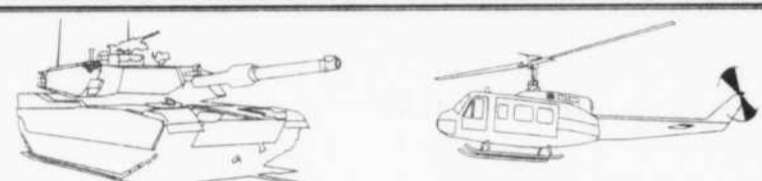
She also recalled the time a trooper caught a possum and turned it loose in the women's rest room at the patrol post.

It was "discovered" there by the wife of former Gov. Frank Clement. •

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The MTSU National Alumni Association is now taking applications for the

# 'Alumni Scholars' Scholarship

The Scholarship will cover regular in-state registration fees for the Fall 1997 and Spring 1998 semesters of undergraduate study (assuming fall semester GPA meets requirements). The recipient will remain on scholarship for a maximum of four semesters as long as the criteria for eligibility is met.

The Scholarship will be presented on May 3, 1997, at the Alumni Banquet in the JUB Tennessee Room. The recipient will be expected to attend the banquet and be introduced.

### Criteria for Eligibility

- Junior or Senior classification- Successfully completed (or currently enrolled with expected completion 60 hours).
- 3.0 GPA requirement for two most recent semesters-MTSU GPA of 3.0 to be maintained during period of scholarship.
- 2.5 cumulative GPA required.
- Commitment and service to the University and/or home community must be evident on the application to be given serious consideration.
- Selection committee to review applicants with open minds to their financial needs.
- Recipients of other current scholarships or grants which cover tuition costs will be excluded from consideration.
- Must enroll as a full-time student for the entire semester while receiving the scholarship.

Official application form must be used and should be typed or printed in ink. An official complete academic transcript must also be received by the Alumni Relations Office by the application deadline. Scholarship Applications are available only from the Alumni Relations Department in the Alumni Center and are to be returned to the Director of Alumni Relations by Friday, March 14, 1997. The selection process will be completed by Friday, April 18. The recipient will be notified immediately.



# Sports & Recreation

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## Raiders whoop Colonels to avenge loss to UNC

By Doug Malan/ staff

Treating Saturday's rout at North Carolina as a learning experience, the Blue Raiders gave fans a peek at their pure explosiveness when every facet of their game is synchronized.

A determined Middle Tennessee (14-9, 7-5) played with an offensive patience lacking in recent games and throttled Eastern Kentucky, 91-58, Monday night in Murfreesboro. The Raiders shot 58-percent from the field, a blistering 65-percent in the second half, and pressured the Colonels to their tenth straight loss.

Roni Bailey scored a career-high 28 points in 24 minutes while missing only three shots before fouling out late in the game, and the Blue Raider defense turned in its second-best performance of the season.

"It hurt to lose at North Carolina and we had to prove we were a better team than the one that lost to Eastern Kentucky earlier (on Jan. 4)," said point guard Richard Duncan, who had a MTSU career-high eleven of the team's 24 assists. "We learned how to be more patient after Saturday's game."

"This was our best game of the season," said Bailey, who added six rebounds and four steals. "We really had everything together tonight."

Nod Carter added 16 points and Torrey Moore scored 14 points for the second consecutive game for the Raiders. Daniel Sutton paced the Colonels with 23 points, 17 in the second half, as the only EKU player in double figures.

Leading 43-20 at halftime, Middle bolted out on a 24-2 run to start the second half and ice the game.

"At halftime I talked about a need for sustained effort," coach Randy Wiel

said. "A lot of times we let teams back in the game in the second half. Tonight our defense stayed active."

"We got our confidence back after that big loss. (Sunday) I was hard on the team about effort and how we didn't play MTSU style basketball. Now we can focus on the positives."

One of the positives was Middle limiting the Colonels to eight offensive rebounds and controlling the overall rebounding, 37-26. Matt Simons, EKU's 6'11" center who had 14 boards in the first meeting, was limited to seven rebounds and seven points.

The Raider defense also came away with nine steals while forcing 19 turnovers. The points allowed were the lowest since yielding 52 to Montreat in late November.

Bailey started the game with a vengeance as he crashed the boards for tip-ins, nailed jumpers on the wing and executed lay-ups on fast break opportunities. The wiry swingman tallied 20 points in the first half and scored the last six of the opening frame to give Middle a 23 point lead at the break.

"I can't even remember having a game like that," said Bailey. "I was just thinking about winning the game and not letting them back in it. Just hit them with everything we've got."

Through the first eight minutes of the first half, Eastern (4-16, 2-10) hung with Middle before the Raiders went on an 18-4 run to lead 34-15 with five minutes to play.

The Blue Raiders completed the dismantling of the Colonels following the decisive 24-2 run in the first six minutes of the second half. EKU would get no closer than 31 points as most of Middle's substitutes began appearing at the 13-minute mark.

"I don't know if it was our best

game, because we played well against Providence and Alabama," Wiel said. "To me, every game we win is the best game of the season."

Middle returns to the court Thursday night in a rematch with Austin Peay, another team from which the Raiders seek revenge for an earlier defeat. The Governors knocked off MTSU 82-74 on January 23 as Bubba Wells scored 40 points.

"We're going to come up with a game plan where we don't focus totally on Wells," Wiel added. "If he's going to score 25 points, I want him shooting 30 times."

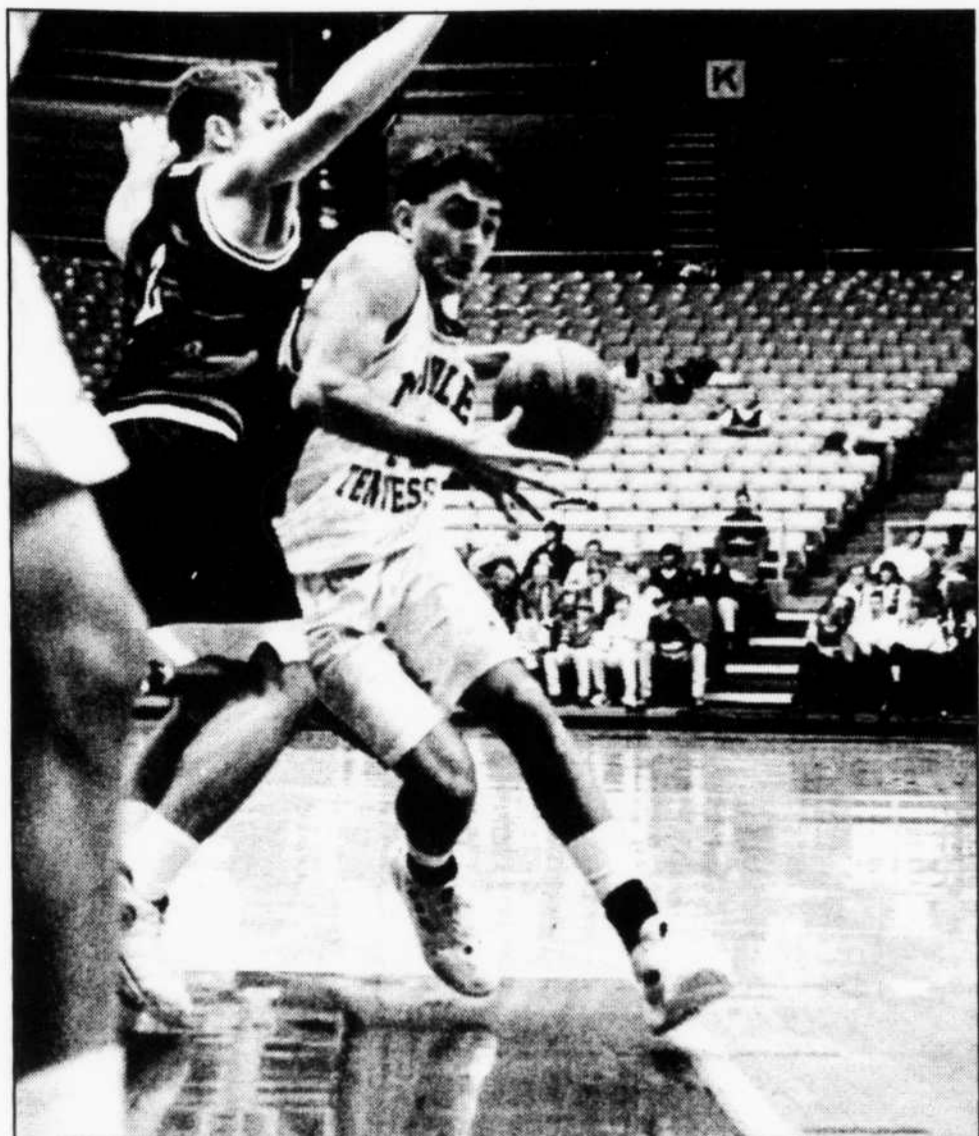
With only a game and a half separating fifth-place Middle from first-place Murray State, the Raiders can leap several places with a win Thursday. Tip-off for the game at Murphy Center is 7:00 p.m.

Eastern Kentucky	20	38	—	58
Middle Tennessee	43	48	—	91

Eastern Kentucky—Sutton 10-16 2-6 23, Cecil 0-3 2-4 2, Simons 3-6 1-2 7, Inskip 1-4 3, Bess 2-8 5-8 9, Moore 1-2 2, Stukes 3-3 1-1 7, Fitzgerald 2-5 5. Totals 22-49 11-22 58.

Middle Tennessee—Bailey 12-15 3-3 28, Carter 5-9 5-5 16, Wampler 1-3 2, Duncan 2-3 2-4 6, Moore 5-6 14, Allen 2-4 1-3 5, Callender 1-4 2, Ayer 1-4 2, Martinez 2-5 5, Harden 4-7 9, Hughes 1-1 2. Totals 36-62 11-16 91.

3-point field goals—Eastern Kentucky 3-13 (Sutton 1-2, Cecil 0-1, Inskip 1-4, Bess 0-2, Carpenter 0-1, Fitzgerald 1-3). Middle Tennessee 8-18 (Bailey 1-2, Carter 1-2, Duncan 0-1, Moore 4-5, Ayer 0-2, Martinez 1-3, Harden 1-2, Buchanan 0-1). Fouled out—Cecil, Bailey. Rebounds—Eastern Kentucky 26 (Simons 7) Middle Tennessee 37 (Bailey, Martinez 6)



Brian G. Miller/staff

Junior forward K.J. Harden drives the lane on his way to the goal for two of his nine points to help the Raiders to a 91-58 win over EKU. The Raiders play Austin Peay tonight at 7:00 in Murphy Center.

Assists—Eastern Kentucky 14 (Bess 7) Middle Tennessee 24 (Duncan 11) Total 38. Fouls—Eastern Kentucky 18, Middle Tennessee 24. Technicals—none.

## Local athletes give new job rules mixed reviews

By Doug Malan/ staff

Based on the observations of Middle Tennessee athletes and coaches, the recent NCAA ruling allowing athletes to hold a part-time job in season seems to be, "Great. If we had the time."

The rule, which was passed at the NCAA convention in January, allows athletes to work while in the middle of their sport's season and earn a restricted amount of money. The income would be based on the difference between the scholarship's value and the cost of attending the university.

One study states that difference is \$1,800-\$2,400 per year.

But with the rigors of academia and athletics, several believe it's impossible to work, go to class and play an NCAA-sanctioned sport.

"I don't see how they can do it," head baseball coach Steve Peterson said. "Athletes practice for 20 hours a week during 22 weeks of the year, and to be a successful athlete, you have to practice on your own plus go to class."

"Being an athlete at any program is very serious. It's like having a job already while trying to juggle academics and a social life."

The rule is designed to assist the student-athlete by allowing him or her to receive a small portion of the money the NCAA rakes in from television revenue and advertising. But, in order to benefit, the athlete must sacrifice even more time and energy.

"I don't have time to work during the season," soccer player Shannon Broadwell said. "I go to class, come back to do homework, go to practice and come back and do more homework."

"I guess you could hold a job if you

didn't want any social life."

"I think it's a good rule because some athletes need the extra money," said Lady Raider guard Kay Francis. "Personally, there's no way I could do it."

For several years, the NCAA has grappled with the notion of paying the student-athlete a monthly stipend to aid those who are strapped for leisure cash. However, the pay-for-play system has been too controversial to incorporate in whole.

"I think this new rule will help non-revenue sports at Division II and III schools," said men's basketball

coach

Randy Wiel.

"But I'd like

to see some

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Marisa Calvin/staff

sophomore baseball player said. "With financial problems, it's kind of tough to come up with extra money, and I don't have time to work."

"I'd like to be paid," said Francis, "but that's not fair to other students. We're just regular students who happen to play basketball, which is difficult."

For now, the NCAA is testing this new rule before reconsidering the instigation of a student-athlete salary system.

But with the mega-million dollar income of the association, it could just be a matter of time before long-exploited college athletes begin to receive money for their services. And the minuscule shred of amateurism and innocence in college athletics would disappear.

## Men's tennis team backhands rivals

By Anthony DeLuise/  
Special to Sidelines

The MTSU men's tennis team could be in for their biggest season ever if this past weekend's results are any indication. Competing in their sixth O'Charley's Invitational, the Blue Raiders reigned supreme over a talented field of competitors including the 10th ranked team of South Alabama. In the opening tournament of the year, the MTSU squad strung together a series of three victories culminating in a 6-1 win in Sunday's championship match against surprise finalist Virginia.

The doubles team of David McNamara and Julius Robberts started the ball rolling with a crushing 8-3 win over the 35th ranked pair from Virginia, and when Frederic Niemeyer and Marshal Brown wrapped up their match, the Raiders clinched the doubles point. With a 1-0 lead and momentum in their favor, Middle was able to win five of the six singles matches in capturing the coveted title.

Before Sunday's final, MTSU won matches over 38th ranked South Florida and 35th ranked Michigan. Middle began the day by winning the doubles point against Michigan, followed by victories in four of the six singles. Niemeyer, Anthony De Luise, McNamara and Jim Madrigal were victorious at number one, two, three and six singles respectively. Madrigal fought particularly well at number six singles in a satisfying win over his former teammate.

After receiving the second seeding, MTSU began play in the tournament Friday against South Florida, whom

they disposed of handily, 6-1.

Although Coach Dale Short was pleased with the tournament victory, he sees this weekend's result as a stepping stone to better things. "I was really proud of the guys this weekend and it is without a doubt a great way to start the 1997 season," Short said. "However, it is only the beginning of the year and there is a long way to go."

Junior David McNamara's performance was a highlight this weekend in winning all three of his singles and doubles matches. "I felt that I have improved tenfold from last year and am happy about my form early in the season," McNamara said.

Short's squad will not have long to enjoy their victory in Knoxville as they travel to Starkville and then Mobile next week to take on fourth ranked Mississippi State in key duel matches. "The tie next week will be the real challenge for us," Short said. "This team boasts the top two players in the nation and it is up to us to step forward and show them that Middle is a force to be reckoned with."

However, before heading to Bulldog territory the Senior/Junior combination of Niemeyer and De Luise will make their way to Dallas to compete in the Rolex National Indoor Championships this week. Niemeyer and De Luise, ranked 10 and 15 respectively, posted tremendous fall seasons in singles and doubles, beating many of the top ranked players in the nation. "It is quite an honor to have two of our players participating in such a prestigious event," Short said. Only the top 32 players in the country are invited to be a part of the third leg of the ITA

Grand Slam. The pair are also 3rd alternates to enter the doubles with their Spring ranking of 10.

Niemeyer, the 6-2 servicing machine from Quebec, Canada, backs up his bomb with solid groundstrokes and great volleys and certainly has what it takes to be the best player in the country. Niemeyer realizes that this upcoming tournament is a great opportunity to make a big statement for himself and the university. "This is a big chance for Anthony and me to compete with the best of the best and to push MTSU further in the national spotlight," Niemeyer said.

(20) Middle Tennessee 6  
(52) Virginia 1

Singles

(10) Fred Niemeyer (MT)

def. Scott Libovitz, 6-4, 6-3

(15) Anthony De Luise (MT)

def. Hyon Yoo, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3

David McNamara (MT)

def. Bear Schofield, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2

Julius Robberts (MT)

def. Justin Smith, 6-1, 6-2

Kent Koch

def. Marshal Brown (MT) 3-6, 6-3, 7-

6(7)

Jim Madrigal (MT)

def. John Winter, 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

(24) McNamara/Robberts (MT)

def. (35) Schofield/Smith, 8-3

Brown/Niemeyer (MT)

def. Libovitz/Yoo, 8-5

De Luise/Madrigal (MT)

def. Koch/Winter, 8-6

(National Rankings in Parenthesis)

## Lady Raiders set longest Murphy Center losing streak with 70-61 loss to Eastern KY

Staff Reports

Groundhog Day proved unlucky for the Lady Raiders as they suffered yet another loss at home on Sunday to Eastern Kentucky. The Lady Colonels defeated Middle Tennessee 70-61 in the holiday game.

This loss marked the seventh in eight games, and the sixth in a row lost at Murphy Center. All six of those losses were in OVC play and, according to the Murfreesboro Daily News-Journal, is the longest streak of that particular kind in Lady Raider history.

Although MTSU jumped out to an early 12-0 lead, the squad could not maintain such a commanding margin. By the end of the first half, Eastern had managed to come within eight points of the Lady Raiders, trailing only 28-22 at the halftime mark.

Eastern turned it on in the second half, taking the lead for the first time less than five minutes into play. Although Middle regained the lead, Lady Colonel Trina Goodrich connected for two to make the score 43-41. After that, the Lady Raiders were not able to regain the lead. Jessica Beaty led the Lady Raiders

in scoring with 14 points and eight rebounds. Carlita Elder also added eight rebounds in addition to 12 points and Tanika Smith tossed in nine.

Although MTSU grabbed 41 rebounds in comparison with Eastern's 36, the Lady Raiders' turnovers also mounted up: 19 over the Lady Colonel's 10. That total was again larger than the number of Middle assists (15).

The Lady Raiders will travel to Cookeville this Saturday to take on Tennessee Tech's Golden Eaglettes. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:45.



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## OVC Basketball

### Standings

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Murray St.	8	3	13	6
Austin Peay	8	4	11	11
E Illinois	7	4	10	9
SEMO	7	4	10	12
MTSU	7	5	14	9
Tenn. Tech	7	5	11	9
UT-Martin	4	7	7	13
Tenn. State	4	7	6	13
Morehead St.	3	8	5	14
E Kentucky	2	10	4	16

### Last Week's Results

January 30  
@MTSU 98, Morehead State 86  
UT-Martin 71, @Eastern Illinois 68

February 1  
@Tennessee Tech 88, Eastern Kentucky 75  
Austin Peay 86, @Eastern Illinois 76  
@Murray State 88, UT-Martin 69  
@Southeast Missouri 78, TSU 75  
@North Carolina 99, MTSU 49

February 3  
@MTSU 91, Eastern Kentucky 58  
@SEMO 73, Austin Peay 72  
@Eastern Illinois 82, TSU 74  
@Tennessee Tech 90, Morehead State 76

### This Week's Games

February 6  
Austin Peay @ MTSU, 7 p.m.  
Murray State @ Southeast Missouri, 7:30 p.m.

Tennessee Tech @ TSU, 7:45 p.m.

February 8  
Eastern Illinois @ Eastern Kentucky, 3:15 p.m.  
SE Missouri @ Morehead St., 6:45 p.m.  
MTSU @ Tennessee Tech, 7:45 p.m.  
UT-Martin @ Austin Peay, 7:45 p.m.  
Murray State @ TSU, 7:45 p.m. (WNAB-TV)

February 10  
SE Missouri @ Eastern Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.  
Eastern Illinois @ Morehead State, 6:45 p.m.  
UT-Martin @ TSU, 7:45 p.m.  
Murray St. @ Austin Peay, 8 p.m.(SportSouth)

## OVC Women's Basketball

### Standings

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
E Kentucky	10	2	14	5
Austin Peay	9	3	13	8
Tenn.Tech	8	4	11	8
E Illinois	6	5	10	9
Murray St.	5	6	8	11
Morehead St.	5	6	7	12
Tenn. State	4	7	8	11
UT-Martin	4	7	5	14
MTSU	4	8	6	16
SEMO	2	9	4	15

### Last Week's Results

January 30  
@TSU 71, Belmont 55  
UT-Martin 71, @Eastern Illinois 63

February 1  
@Tenn Tech 82, Eastern Kentucky 77  
@Murray St. 62, UT-Martin 52  
Austin Peay 80, @Eastern Illinois 67  
Morehead St. 81, @MTSU 78

TSU 84, @SEMO 70

February 2  
Eastern Kentucky 70, @MTSU 61

February 3  
Austin Peay 77, @SEMO 60  
@Eastern Illinois 69, TSU 64  
Morehead St. 90, @Tenn Tech 87

### This Week's Games

February 6  
Murray St. @SEMO, 5 p.m.  
Tenn Tech @TSU, 5:45 p.m.

February 8  
Eastern Illinois @Eastern Kentucky, 1 p.m.  
SEMO @ Morehead St., 4:30 p.m.  
Murray St. @TSU (WNAB-TV), 5:35 p.m.  
UT-Martin @Austin Peay, 5:45 p.m.  
MTSU @Tenn Tech, 5:45 p.m.

February 9  
SEMO @Eastern Kentucky, 1 p.m.

## Indoor Track

Saturday, Feb.8  
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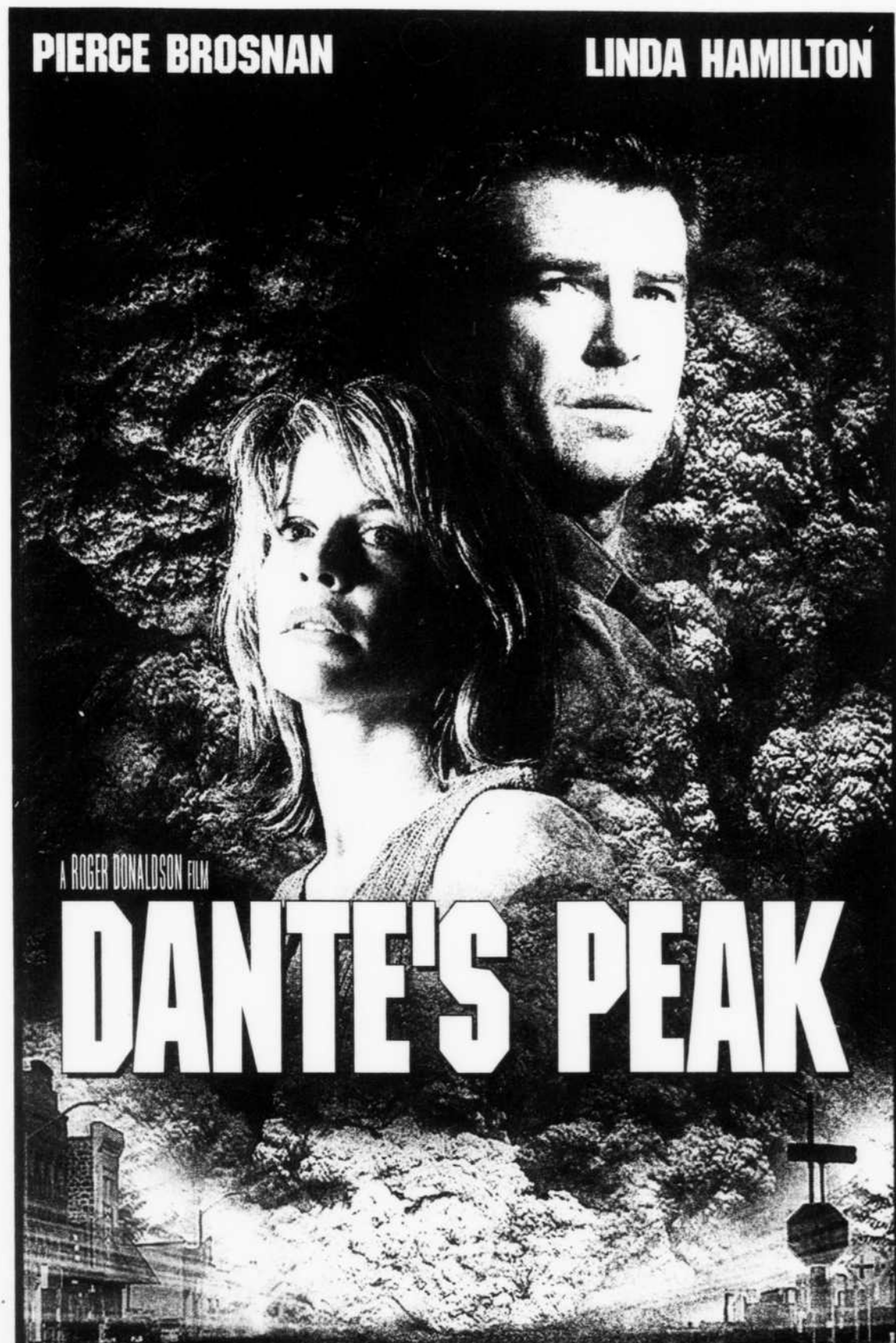
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