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## Luncheon to celebrate elders

By Kris Wetzel / staff

A "Unity Luncheon" will be held Thursday to celebrate six African-American elders who have made significant contributions to communities in the Middle Tennessee region, according to Robert Rucker, assistant professor of social work.

"The purpose of the luncheon is to esteem and respect our elders," Rucker said.

Among the six honorees are Deotha Malone, the vice-mayor of Gallatin and an administrator for the Sumner County School System, and Harvey E. Clark, Sr., a Nashville resident who is 102 years old.

Aaron D. Wade is a Murfreesboro resident who worked for the Alvin C. York Veteran's Administration Hospital for 36 years. In 1966, he participated in the planning and development of the Ridge Crest Acres Housing subdivision.

Former principal of Holloway High School Joseph H. Stevens will be

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honored as well as Rubye Lee Jones who was a co-founder of a black cab service in Murfreesboro.

Joseph Lujan will be recognized for his successful career as a high-school football and basketball coach in Cowan, Tenn.

The top three contestants from

Tuesday's Musical Arts Competition will perform at the luncheon.

Other events this week in conjunction with African-American History Month include the presentation of a documentary about James Weldon Jones today at 6:00 p.m. in the LRC Multi-Media Room. The event will also include a Sing-In of the Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" led by the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

Independent film maker Zeinab irene Davis' "Mother of the River" will be shown at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in the KUC Theatre.

The film recounts an African folktale about a slave girl who befriends a woman who teaches her about respect, humility and independence.

About 220 school children from Murfreesboro City Schools, Rutherford County Schools and Lebanon City Schools are expected to attend the screening, according to Rucker. ●

## Black music competition Tuesday

By Ryan Werner / staff

The African-American History Month Committee in conjunction with the Music Department will be sponsoring the 1996 African-American Musical Arts Contest Tuesday.

"The purpose of the contest is to foster a heightened appreciation for and in celebration of African-American traditions in music," said Dina Foy, professor of music and coordinator of the event.

"It's also an opportunity to

showcase the variety of student talent on campus."

The 12 contestants will perform jazz, gospel and classical arrangements written by African-American composers.

The pieces will include vocal gospel, classical piano, ragtime piano, instrumental jazz and classical arrangements.

The contestants will be judged by three faculty members from Tennessee State University: Benjamin Kirk, director of jazz

ensembles and assistant director of bands; Edward Graves, director of bands; and David Walker, currently on leave from TSU and assistant Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The top three contestants will perform in the African-American Unity Luncheon on Thursday. The first-place winner will be awarded \$200.

The contest is Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in Wright Music Hall. It is free and open to the public. ●

## Southern life focus of new exhibit

Staff Reports

Photographer D. C. Young will be giving a slide/lecture presentation marking the opening of her exhibit documenting Mississippi artists, craftsmen and diverse ethnic communities in the Photographic Gallery tonight.

Since moving to Mississippi in 1980, Young has collaborated with Stephen Young on numerous documentary projects for the Mississippi Humanities Council, the State Historical Museum and the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi. Young currently lives in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

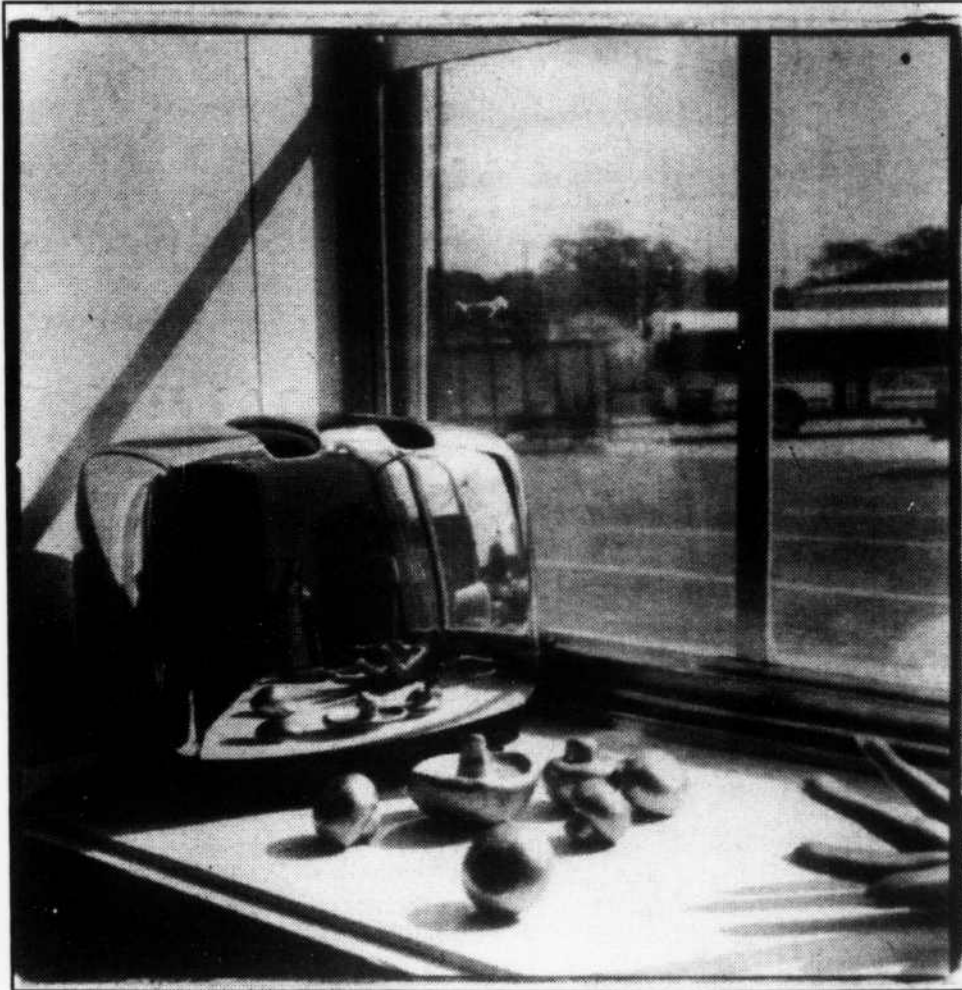
She has published photographs in *Southern Exposure*, *American Photography*, *Landscape Architecture*, *Folk Art Messenger* and numerous other publications. Her work has been widely exhibited in this country and abroad.

In 1994, she was Artist-in-Residence at the University of Memphis Art Museum.

The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 104 of the John Bragg Mass Communication building.

The opening reception will be held in the Photographic Gallery following the lecture.

The exhibit will be displayed through March 28. ●



Untitled photo from D. C. Young's photography exhibit "The Art of Documentary" displayed in the Photographic Gallery through March 28.

## Teacher Recruitment Week provides students with career opportunities

By Mark Blevins / staff

Students seeking a teaching career may get a foot in the door this week.

The 12th Annual Teacher Recruitment Week is being held on campus from Monday to Friday.

The event pairs graduating students seeking teaching careers with prospective employers from 64 school districts across the nation, according to

Martha Turner, director of Placement and the Student Employment Center.

The Placement Center schedules interviews for students with prospective employers. While no one is actually hired, Turner said the interviews are excellent opportunities for students to make initial contacts with school district officials around the nation.

Students can still schedule

interviews through the Placement Center.

Dean of the College of Education Robert Eaker said MTSU's "excellent reputation" for preparing students brings a lot of school district officials to Recruitment Week.

"This is one of the biggest weeks of the year for students who are in the teacher education program," Eaker said. "School districts across the

nation will have representatives here. The demand is pretty good this year."

MTSU participates in Teacher Recruitment Week as part of a consortium of area schools.

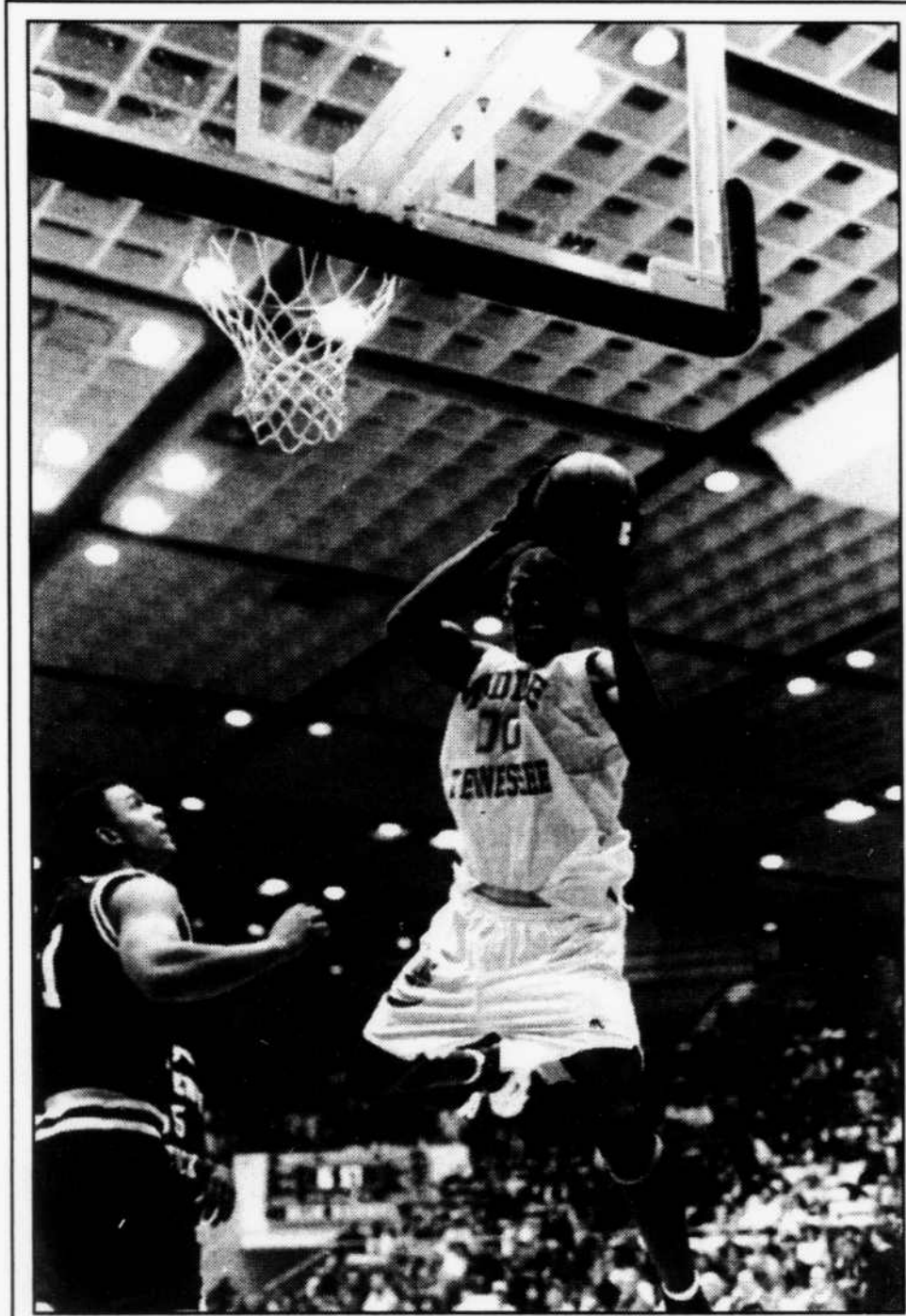
The next big event for the Placement Center will be the Nashville area College to Career Fair on March 28 at Opryland Hotel.

The fair brings together employers from businesses and government

agencies with graduating or graduated students.

Students who want to utilize the Placement and Student Employment Center can register at the office in KUC Room 328.

Registered students receive notices of what opportunities are offered out of the Center. The Center's phone number is 898-2500. ●



Brian G. Miller / staff

## Taking it home

David Washington goes to the hoop Saturday night against the Eastern Kentucky Wildcats. MTSU won the game 74-70.

## Mass Communication groups sponsoring membership drive

By Martha Stroud / staff

The Student Advisory Council is sponsoring a Student Organization Day on Wednesday to boost membership in organizations associated with the College of Mass Communications.

"The day will be for students to get information on the organizations of the College of Mass Comm which hopefully will attract more student involvement," said Chad Pennington, president of the Student Advisory Council.

This will be the first time the Student Advisory Council has sponsored a Student Organization Day.

The council's main goal for the day is to get students interested in Mass Communications organizations and to increase students awareness of the council.

The Student Advisory Council was formed by Dean of the College of Mass Communication Deryl Leaming to act as a liaison between students and faculty.

It is an open forum that provides an atmosphere where students can

discuss their ideas and concerns about Mass Communications programs with the faculty.

Pennington said that he hopes that Student Organization Day will get more students involved in the council.

"We believe that students should be actively involved in these professional organizations," Leaming said. "It is a part of the learning process, and it complements their formal education at MTSU."

"Students can make professional contacts which are important, and they can develop leadership skills among other things."

Participating organizations will include: Radio, Television, News Directors' Association (RTNDA); International Television Association (ITA); Association of Recording Manager Students (ARMS); and Writers' Ink, a script club for writers.

Tables will be set up in the main hallway of the John Bragg Mass Communications Building from 2:00-4:30 p.m., and representatives will be present to provide information and answer questions about their organizations. ●

## FEATURES

Radio/TV students take over channel 8  
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## WEATHER

MON  
rain

High: 56  
Low: 45



TUE  
light rain showers

High: 65  
Low: 46



WED  
partly cloudy

High: 73  
Low: 54



## SPORTS

MTSU tennis team pulls out victory at Samford  
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MTSU Concerts and MTSU College of Mass Communications present



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## CAMPUS CAPSULE

### TUESDAY, FEB. 20

Alpha Delta Mu initiation is to be held in Peck Hall 317 on at 1:30 p.m. Members and initiates are to bring canned goods for the food drive.

National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) will meet at 5 p.m. in the KUC Grill. We will be organizing and discussing the Lytle Creek Project.

Free Tax Assistance- VITA Program sponsored by Beta Alpha Psi- every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in front of the KUC Grill until April 10.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

College of Mass Communication Student Organization Day, sponsored by the Student Advisory Council will be held from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in the main hall of the Mass Comm Building. Representatives will be on hand to inform students about various student organizations in the College of Mass Comm.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 22

Psi Chi/Psychology Club will meet in Peck Hall Room 213 from 4-6 p.m. Dr. John Pleas will speak on "Expectations for Graduate School in Psychology." The new president and vice-president will also be elected.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 23

National Association of Environmental Professionals(NAEP) will meet at 11 a.m. in VIS 103 (the IS476-D classroom). We will be discussing and organizing the Lytle Creek Project.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

College Republicans will hold an open meeting at 7 p.m. in KUC Room 313. There will also be a table set up in front of the bookstore.

All May 1996 Graduating Seniors: As a condition of graduation, you are required to take the ACT-Comp. The test will be given on March 5, 6 and 7 in the James Union Building- Tennessee Room. On these dates you may choose from the following test times: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours.

Proposals for the Fourth Annual Undergraduate Symposium in Women's Studies are being accepted through March 7. Applications may be picked up from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in KUC 120. For more information contact Womyn's Political Action Group, MTSU Box 623, or call 890-0915, or e-mail us at [m\\_c\\_01c4@frank.mtsu.edu](mailto:m_c_01c4@frank.mtsu.edu).

MTSU will be hosting the Tennessee Women's Leadership Conference for college women on Friday, March 8. The keynote speaker will be Harriet Woods, the first Woman Lieutenant Governor of Missouri and former Missouri State Senator. The registration fee is \$18 and includes lunch. For more information call the June Anderson Women's Center at 898-2193. Registration ends March 1.

The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance and Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Fraternities will sponsor the 1996 MTSU Quiz Bowl on Thursday, Feb. 29. The contest will be held at 6 p.m. in the TV studio of the LRC and is open to all clubs and organizations. Teams, up to four people, must pay an entrance fee of \$15. Interested organizations should either stop by KOM 226A or call 898-2673 or 898-2534 to enter.

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a "Japanese Netsuke Exhibit." Developed during the 17th and 18th centuries, netsuke were created in Japan to prevent a

man's medicine box or tobacco pouch from slipping through his kimono's belt. These miniature sculptures were originally made of ivory or wood. They are less than 2 inches high and portray in detail the religion, legends and culture of Japan. The exhibit is on display in the lobby of the Cope Administration Building through March. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The Japan Center of Tennessee presents a "Women of Japan" exhibit in the lobby of Cope Administration Building. The exhibit of photographs and dolls is free and open to the public on Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. A "Japanese Kite Exhibit" will be displayed at the LaVergne Public Library, 5089 Murfreesboro Road, LaVergne, TN. The exhibit can be seen Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Wednesday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Volunteer State Community College will sponsor and "Origami Exhibit" in the lobby of the Library, 1360 Nashville Pike, Gallatin, TN. This exhibit may be viewed Monday-Thursday from 7:45 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. All exhibits will be displayed through March. For more information call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 615-898-2515.

Application deadline for the Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honorary Scholarship is April 12. Applications can be obtained in the social work office. Criteria are posted with the applications.

1995-96 MTSU Student Handbooks are available in KUC 122 and KUC 128.

Todd Library has items on loan from Fisk University Library in the display case to commemorate African American History Month. These items include materials from W.E.B. Dubois collection, Aaron Douglas collection, W. C. Handy collection, Langston Hughes collection and Jubilee Singers Archives.

### ONGOING EVENTS

The MTSU College Democrats will hold weekly meetings in room 313 of the KUC. Come and find out what we are all about.

Codependents Anonymous (Coda) will meet Thursday's from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Room 109 under the red handrail. Coda is a fellowship of men and women whose common problem is an inability to maintain functional relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and fulfilling relationships with others and ourselves.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) will meet Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Marks Methodist Church, 1403 E. Main St., Room 109. ACOA is a 12-step support group for people raised in an alcoholic or other dysfunctional family.

Lambda, an organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, faculty, non-students, and their supporters, will meet every Tuesday in the Mass Comm building, room 103, at 6:30 p.m. For further information write to MTSU Box 624 or call 780-2293.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will hold its weekly meetings on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and Campus Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 9 p.m., in KUC room 312. All campus ministries and all individuals are invited to attend.

Sure I Can Cope! is a support group for adult women

students sponsored by the JAWC. Issues such as balancing family, finances, school, and other topics will be discussed. The group will meet Thursdays at 12:05 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. starting Jan. 25. Bring your lunch! Facilitated by Lydia Sun, a Psychology Graduate student. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. Confidentiality in groups is encouraged.

Looking Forward is a group for female survivors of rape and sexual abuse. Topics such as safety, boundaries in relationships, effectiveness of coping skills, and ending isolation will be covered. Meets Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. All inquiries are confidential and confidentiality in groups is encouraged. Sponsored by the JAWC.

Seniors and Graduate Students: create your resume with Resume Expert Plus Software and register with the Placement Center in one easy step! Contact Placement and Student Employment Center KUC 328, 898-2500.

Wesley Foundation will be hosting an hour-long ongoing study group on Human Sexuality in the Christian Faith, Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

Wesley Singers rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should call the MTSU Speech Clinic, 898-2661, for an appointment.

Anyone interested in being a tutor or getting tutored, please contact Tanisha Harris of the NAACP (Educational Committee) at 898-4056.

MTSU Equestrian Team will hold regular meetings every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the TLC Sales Arena. Everyone is welcome!

Inroads Nashville, Inc. plans to recruit Sophomore and Junior Minority Students in marketing, computer information systems and business administration. With a GPA of 2.9 or better, successful recruits will have the opportunity to do internships with such firms as IBM, Price-Waterhouse and Northern Telecom. Those interested should immediately call Prof. B. Fayissa at 898-2385 or see him in KOM 322G.

The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss, a reflective book study, meets Sundays at 4 p.m. in KUC 305. All are welcome to attend. Sponsored by the Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry.

Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for dinner and fellowship at St. Paul's Church, 315 E. Main St. and Thursdays for lunch in the KUC Grill. All are welcome. Contact Andrew Wright at 893-3780 for more information.

MTSU Raidersharks- Scuba Club will hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. in the MTSU Pool. It is open to anyone interested in scuba diving or associated activities. All students are welcome. For more information call Tim or Jude at 895-6249.

Lambda will be hosting a "Movie Night" every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 103. For more information call the Lambda Hotline at 780-2293.

Phi Sigma Pi will hold their weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Stark Ag Building Room 125. Contact an officer if you can not attend.

# OPINIONS

Monday, February 19, 1996

SIDELINES

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## Gays are not normal by definition, already have equal rights by law

By Mark T. Gibson

In the Feb. 12 issue of *Sidelines*, JheanShetan Wolfsbrother correctly noted that terms such as "normal" are often slippery and ill-suited to a diverse population. She wrote: "In some societies/times holding hands or kissing in public was and still is considered sexually deviant. Again I ask, which definition are we to follow?"

The problem with this argument in favor of granting homosexuals protected status is that those "societies/times" to which she refers are not the America of 1996. What Saudi Arabia, India, China, Mexico, Ireland, Britain, Massasaipi'wai or little green alien people do in their country is irrelevant to what we in America do in 1996.

We have to make our own decisions, and we must use our culture and traditions to do so.

Whether you use the original (flawed) Kinsey reports which said up to 10 percent of Americans have had gay sexual contact, or the more modern reports which show it's closer to 4 percent, we are still dealing with the fact that in our society homosexuality is clearly a minority orientation. Anyone who wishes to define abnormality as a behavioral "deviance" is correct to do so; it "deviates" from the norm.

Please note that I personally prefer unique individuals to clones. That's a value judgment on my part.

The definition we are to follow is "whichever works best." Cultural norms are not set as a result of governmental deliberation but through an evolving process of trial and error. We have learned that a society which does not discourage murder is a doomed society, so we teach our children that murder is wrong.

In the end, every cultural norm is a product of those ideas which work, later codified into moral arguments.

Wolfsbrother then argues that Constitutional guarantees are denied to homosexuals on the basis of their sexuality. As proof, she cites an incident that occurred 26 years ago, when a gay bar called Stonewall was raided by New York police.

This is not 1970. I submit that any police department bold enough to try something like that today would face both civil and legal liability, so First Amendment rights of gay people ARE protected today.

She argues that Fifth Amendment rights vis-a-vis due process are routinely denied to homosexuals. The Constitution restricts what the government may do and does not normally address relations between citizens.

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However, it is illegal in every state in the Union to beat up or kill anybody for any reason, and the standards of due process are the same regardless of whether the victim of a crime is gay or straight (or black or white, if you recall Stacey Koons and company).

As for her claim that gay people are incarcerated in mental hospitals to cure their "gayness," I simply don't believe her. In an age when schizophrenics live under bridges because there are no funds available to treat them, I do

not believe that there is a mental hospital in the country wasting time and effort to "cure" a homosexual.

The American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* a long time ago. Since homosexuality is not listed in the *DSM IV* as a disease or mental illness, no insurance company will pay for its "cure."

There aren't many people who, out of their own pocket, will pony up the \$800-\$900 dollars a day a private mental hospital can cost.

Her other arguments fly in the face of facts. No child can be removed from a parent without an "overwhelming state interest" in protecting the child.

Medical decisions can be made by "partners" with a simple legal form called a living will. My lawyer has a power of attorney to make decisions, according to my pre-expressed wishes, in case I'm unable to.

A power of attorney can be held by any adult, not just a lawyer.

Marriages (gay or otherwise) are the province of states, not the federal

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## Letters to the Editor

### This b-ball season is a great one; Farrar should stay

To the Editor,

Let's talk MTSU basketball for a bit. First of all, there should be no doubt as to whether or not Coach Dave Farrar has taken as the men's coach. He has taken a sub-.500 team and made them into a winning team and quite possibly the most dangerous team in the OVC. He led an overachieving squad to victory over SEC strong hold Vanderbilt a few years back. If given a three or more year contract, he could better recruit by guaranteeing players that they would graduate under him. Plus, our men's record is not indicative of how good a team we are this year. We have lost three games that I have been to by less than three points. If we could hit free throws, we would have won those games. The people who want Coach Dave

out are blaming him for losses he could not prevent. He can't make our poor free throw shooters any better. They have to improve on their own. He couldn't wake our players out of the haze they seem to fall in when they leave the friendly confines of Monte Hale Arena. Only on our last road trip did we finally leave the Murfreesboro city limits and not lose focus. We have a good team with a great coach. If we want to keep improving as we have this season, we must be able to recruit good players. What player wants to play for a team whose coach may get fired before he even gets there?

Finally, I want to say that this season has been a lot of fun at Murphy Center. We have an exciting men's team and one of the best women's teams. The fans are finally getting into it, as well. Like us or not, the Free Willy Gang and

the Nod Squad (yes that's me holding the Nod Squad sign at the games) have energized the crowds. I know there are those who think we are vulgar in our behavior, but I assure you that only one or two people yell profanity, and we would like them to stop. When we are heckling the opposing team, it is not to be rude or ugly to get inside their heads and give our guys a psychological advantage. And judging from the reactions we've gotten from certain opposing players, it works.

The season is almost over, we have two great teams, and we have a legitimate shot in the OVC tourney. Come support our teams. SAVE DAVE!

Brandon Z. Nichols  
Nod Squad Member  
Senior, Recording Industry

### SGA senator wants to set record straight on Rec lockers

To the Editor,

In both issues of *Sidelines* [Feb. 12, 15], Mr. Dave Watson has made some idle comments about his efforts to present a bill concerning opening up more of the lockers at the new Campus Recreation Center. Mr. Watson has failed to inform his *Sidelines* readers that the bill he presented was poorly written and inadequately researched. He came into the Senate unprepared, and I personally felt that he needed to discuss this issue more thoroughly with the proper individuals at the Recreation Center and discuss the locker issue with them to see if they could work out their differences in that office. However, Mr. Watson proceeded on his own and presented his bill without the knowledge of the Recreation Center, and the bill was TABLED until he had time to discuss the issue with the proper individuals at the Recreation Center. Mr. Watson started this verbal bashing because he has nothing else to discuss. If Mr. Watson is so concerned about

student issues then why isn't he at every one of our Senate meetings presenting legislation to make these dire changes?

I have a few answers to Mr. Watson's attempted humorous comments about me in the Feb. 15 issue of *Sidelines*. In Mr. Watson's article he commented about how he was only allowed two minutes to present his bill. This is correct. Every senator that presents a bill is given the same two minutes just like Mr. Watson. What does he think: just because Mr. Watson shows up we are supposed to afford him all the time necessary for him to blow off the steam he has worked up all day. NO!! Mr. Watson, if you go over to Todd Library and ask the librarian to check out a book called "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER," you will find in there that the speaker of the Senate has the ability to set time limits for which bills are presented. Furthermore, according to Parliamentary Procedures, we did not even have to listen to your bill in the first place—for the simple

reason that you did not have a Senate sponsor for your bill. Speaker of the Senate Christin Baker was kind enough to allow you to speak. So before you go off on a temper tantrum, get your facts in line first before you speak.

In my contention about the locker situation at the Rec Center change your clothes in your room before you go over and work out, or pay the fee DAVE and RENT A LOCKER, so we do not have to visualize you in your birthday suit. Some of us want to be able to eat lunch today Dave.

Lastly, your question, "How many many Senators it takes to change a light bulb?" Let me pose this question to you Mr. Watson, How long will it take Mr. Watson to actually get out of school and get a real JOB instead of hiding out in college and bitching about the lockers in the Recreation Center? Tell me DAVE!!!!

Roy Scott Davis  
Jr. SGA Senator  
Senior, Liberal Arts



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Brian G. Miller/staff

## A sure sign of coming spring

The MTSU baseball squad practices Sunday afternoon in preparation for the 1996 season.

## RIGHTS: gays have equal rights by law

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government. If one state legalizes gay marriages, then 50 will have to recognize them.

Personally, I could care less. It's no skin off my nose if gay people wish to marry, and I say let 'em do so. I would never willingly stand in the way of two people's happiness.

But since marriage is, specifically, a state recognition of a private contract, then you first have to convince the majority of the people in a state that they should recognize such a contract. Otherwise, you're out of luck.

Her final point is that gays are not seeking protected status, but merely equal rights.

This common claim is demonstrably false, and hurts their cause more than anything else. People are perfectly aware of what gay activist groups are attempting to achieve. When we are told something obviously at odds with what we observe, we tend to distrust every argument thereafter. If we disagree with the political motives of these activists, we are labeled "homophobes" and ignored.

How could we further protect gay folks? Rewrite the law so that murder of a gay person is punished more severely than murder of a straight? Force states to punish people who beat up gays more severely than

those who "just" mug little old ladies?

What many gay people are arguing for is a host of preferential legislation which would guarantee that they cannot be fired or refused apartment rental on the basis of behavior which many people find offensive. What about the rest of us and our rights of assembly? We're not talking about skin color or even sexuality per se.

-we're talking about behavior.

May I claim handicapped protection to avoid being thrown out of my apartment if I play my stereo loudly because I'm a little hard of hearing? (Since my hearing loss is a result of Army service, am I doubly victimized by being a veteran?) Is my behavior protected?

If not, why then is gay sexual behavior to be protected? Straight sexual behavior can be offensive and people can be (and are) asked to go elsewhere when it's problematic.

In America, individuals need to solve their own problems. The government should step in only when a clear need exists, and in the case of gay civil rights, the government (usually) fulfills its obligations. There is no overwhelming need to extend protected status to this group of people, no matter how hard some people may wish it otherwise.

Mark T. Gibson is a senior Psychology student.

**May I claim handicapped protection to avoid being thrown out of my apartment if I play my stereo loudly because I'm a little hard of hearing?**

## New Web site offers facts about higher education

College Press Service

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—Did you know...the average salary of a professor at a private college is \$79,043? That there are currently 14 million students in the U.S.? That the average S.A.T. score last year was 910?

Statistics like these can be found at a new web site that bills itself as "the mother-lode of information about American

higher education." Funded by a three-year grant from the National Education Association, the site is maintained by graduate students and faculty at the University of Rochester.

The site, the Resource Center for Higher Education, is designed for use by researchers, analysts, policy makers and journalists, said Jan Fitzpatrick, spokesperson for the university. But college

students needing legislative, financial or other research on education could use it, too, she added.

Questions can be forwarded to the center's staff, who will point users in the right direction for an online search. "When you go into the library and you're not sure where to find what you're looking for, you go to the reference desk librarian," Fitzpatrick said. Like the librarian, the staff

"helps you refine your search."

The site contains numerous links to other resource tools, including the New York Public Library. Although much of its material has already existed online, the site provides "a coordinated way to get to it all," she said.

To sample the site's resources, go to [gopher://NEA-RCHE.warner.rochester.edu](http://gopher://NEA-RCHE.warner.rochester.edu).

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## Today's program brought to you by . . . MTSU

New season at Channel 8 features original MTSU student programming

By Lesli Bales / staff

You're channel surfing one night when you catch a glimpse of someone you recognize from campus. "What's this?" you may ask.

This is Channel 8, the station brought to you by Television Services and the Department of Radio-TV/Photography here at MTSU. Money from Student Activity fees also helps sustain the station.

Channel 8 has operated on and off since 1985 and is used as a co-curricular activity to supplement what is taught in the Radio-TV department. Dr. Bob Spires recently resumed the role of Channel 8 advisor, which he held from 1986-1991, and has several changes in store for the station.

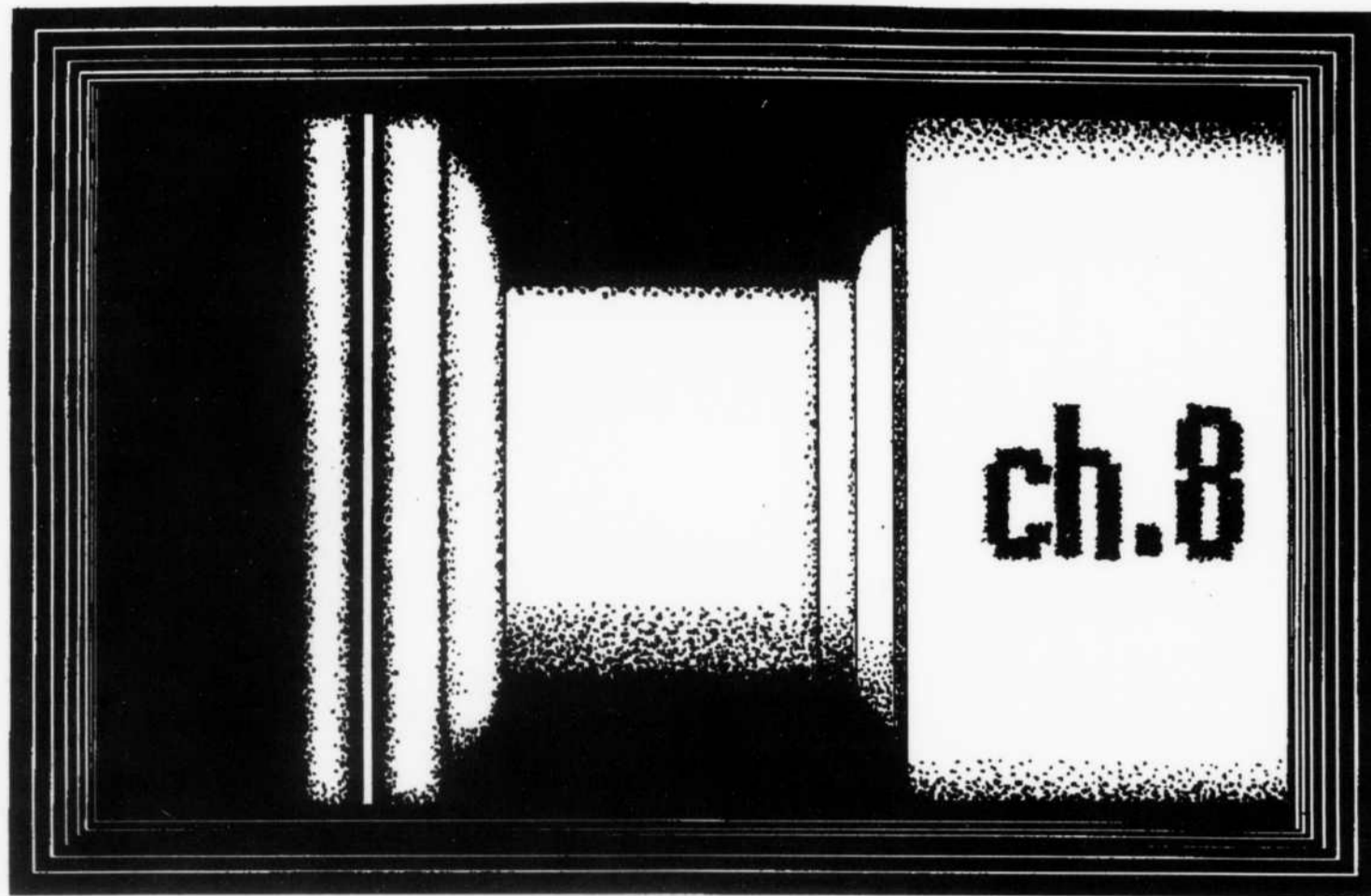
"Channel 8 will operate on a pro model, as close to a real world television environment as possible," Spires said.

There is generally no airing during the daytime. Instead, Channel 8 runs a bulletin board of both community and campus events. Channel 8 also airs some telecourses, courses offered for credit and delivered via cable television instead of through on-campus lectures.

"They are a great way to finish a degree when you live at a distance or don't have the time to come to class very often," said Liz M. Johnson, coordinator of Continuing Studies.

But when the sun goes down, the station comes to life with original student programming.

For those who are campus and community minded, you can catch the



news live on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.

"Pro Talk Live," MTSU's version of ESPN's SportsCenter, can be seen Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. While there is some talk of professional sports, the focus is predominantly on Blue Raider teams.

Can't stay up late enough for Letterman? Watch the "Early Evening Show" on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. This variety show includes a talk format and musical guests.

For music, movie and other

entertainment reviews, "ENT" airs Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

Channel 8 currently is airing two sitcoms, "Happy Hour" on Thursday at 7 p.m. and "Durham Bank" (formerly titled "Crystal Shores") on Tuesday and Thursday 9 p.m.

"Table Talk," hosted by Brian Davey, premieres tonight at 9:30. Like "Later with Greg Kinnear," this show devotes 30 minutes to one guest and some comedy skits. The first guests will be Miles Longer and Naked Dave, radio talk show hosts from WMTS, the campus station. In hopes of appealing

to both MTSU and Murfreesboro, upcoming guests will include SGA president Shane McFarland and others.

In addition to these programs, Channel 8 currently has several shows in development for later in the semester.

"Anybody is invited to come over and work," said production manager Michael E. Lester. "You are not required to have had any classes. It is a good place to gain valuable experience." ●

## Political activist Tim Wise speaks against racism

By Joey Butler / staff

Political activist and debate expert Tim Wise lectured in defense of Affirmative Action and other issues of racial interest Thursday night in the Learning Resources Multi-Media Room.

"It is amazing how much people don't understand about what Affirmative Action is and isn't," Wise said.

Wise addressed several myths surrounding the program, including arguments that Affirmative Action violates the merit system, that it's not needed because racism no longer exists and that it promotes "groupism."

First, Wise focused on the issue of Affirmative Action violating the merit system, which is a concept where jobs go to the most qualified applicants.

"There is no such thing as a color-blind equal opportunity society," Wise said. "The beneficiaries [of Affirmative Action] are often more qualified than the white competition."

Wise said that by the year 2030, 85 percent of the new work force will be women or minorities, and 50 percent of incoming students will be

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Tim Wise

minorities.

"If there is no solution, there will be no free country," Wise said.

Although legislation for Affirmative Action was passed in 1964, it was not enforced until 1971. In Affirmative Action's most productive years, 1978 and 1979, blacks in professional and managerial positions had an average of 16 years of education, compared to the 15.8 years of education most white professionals

had, yet whites still earned 33 percent more money than blacks.

According to Wise, a black worker with a doctorate only earned 10 percent more money than a white worker with a bachelor's degree, but 21 percent less than white doctorate holders.

"How do we measure merit?" Wise asked. "We have standardized tests, but no standardized education and we punish kids who go to the substandard schools."

Wise said that 75 percent of the students in inner city schools are minorities while 75 percent of the students in suburban schools are white, but there is \$1,000 less spent per pupil in inner city schools.

"People who say money doesn't matter have money, so it doesn't matter for them," Wise said.

A second myth addressed by Wise is that Affirmative Action is no longer needed because racism is over. Wise, who had a hand in the political downfall of David Duke, was quick to oppose this statement.

Quoting a 1990 opinion poll, Wise said 50 to 75 percent of whites polled thought blacks were "lazy, more prone

to criminal activity and would rather receive welfare than work." He said 20 percent of whites polled believed there should be laws prohibiting interracial marriages and 65 percent at least mildly agreed with the statement "black people shouldn't put themselves where they weren't wanted."

"The danger in this country is not the likes of David Duke," Wise said. "What we need to pay attention to are the politics of prejudice."

The final point addressed by Wise is that Affirmative Action promotes "groupism," further dividing racial groups.

Wise said opponents who view Affirmative Action as a way of payback for past racial injustices should apply that theory to themselves.

"We didn't cause the national debt, but we benefit from what increased the debt and even if you didn't cause something, you are still responsible for trying to correct it," Wise said.

"There should be no opposition to creating the first multi-racial America," Wise said. "It is the only one worth fighting for, dying for or living for." ●

## Wal-Mart plans store atop George Washington's boyhood farm

Corporate giant threatens to destroy important historical landmark

Associated Press

STAFFORD, Va. (AP) - The riverside farm where George Washington romped as a boy, and where legend has it the first American president chopped down his father's cherry tree, could soon be part of a less quaint American legend.

Wal-Mart, the muscular (some say ruthless) discounter, plans a new store atop part of the old Washington farm.

"This is George Washington's boyhood home, and it is a national treasure," said Cessie Howell, one leader of a fledgling citizen opposition group. "There can always be more shopping centers, but there can never be another place like this one."

The Ferry Farm site along the Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg is the only one of Washington's three homes that is not already a park or museum.

The house burned in the early

1800s, years after Washington's death, but the foundation is preserved and signs tell tourists a little about the family's life there. But grand plans for a visitor's center and much-needed preservation work have foundered repeatedly.

The site is mostly open fields, with a view of the river. Tract houses and a shopping center are visible nearby, but the Wal-Mart would be the first commercial encroachment on the land closest to the old Washington house.

The 30-acre Wal-Mart property would overwhelm the 15-acre historic site, with the actual store - and its promised Colonial-style facade - sitting alongside the preserved foundation, said William Abbot, editor emeritus of Washington's papers at the University of Virginia.

"In addition to sentimental reasons, this site is worth preserving," Abbot said. "It can be used to teach young people about life in the 18th century."

A Wal-Mart representative said if the Bentonville, Ark., chain does not build on the site, someone else will.

"This land has been zoned commercial for years, so I guess I'm a

little puzzled as to what exactly the folks did think would be built there," spokeswoman Betsy Reithemeyer said.

The nation's No. 1 retailer plans to break ground soon and open next year.

Washington lived at Ferry Farm from 1738, when he was six, until his father's death when the boy was 11. The young George then divided his time between Ferry Farm and two other family estates.

The legend of the cherry tree is almost certainly the fabrication of an admiring Washington biographer. But if George did actually confess to the vandalism with the words "I cannot tell a lie," the event took place at Ferry Farm, historians say.

When word of Wal-Mart's plans leaked out last month, the store seemed a done deal. The Stafford County Board of Supervisors welcomed the project, and plans for the store were already drawn.

Historians and environmentalists opposing the store say their only hope is to persuade Wal-Mart to go elsewhere.

The opponents hope to take a leaf from the critics who turned the Walt

Disney Co. and the American history theme park it tried to build near a Civil War battlefield in Manassas.

Although Disney seemed sure to win all necessary approvals, it pulled up stakes in 1994 after months of harsh publicity. Historians led the charge against Disney, saying the entertainment project would forever ruin the rural site's ambiance and historic value.

Opponents are also heartened by the success of nearby Warrenton, a horse enclave that turned away a Wal-Mart last year. Williamsburg, Va., Lake Placid, N.Y., and other small touristy towns have also defeated Wal-Mart invasions.

"People say there is nothing to see at Ferry Farm - no beautiful house to tour or anything," Ms. Howell said.

"Well, there's nothing really to see at battlefields, either. People go to battlefields to experience how things really were - to get a feeling of what the land was like and what the people saw when they were there. That feeling is what we would lose if this shopping center is built." ●



The Internet by Joe Legge

## Adding graphics to your WWW page

If you've been keeping up the last two weeks, you should have the basics down for creating a document on the World Wide Web. This week, challenge is the key word as the realm of graphics will be explored. There are all types of images, including GIF, JPG and BMP, among others. I have found that the best standing form graphic for use on the net is a GIF, thus it will be the standardized file type used in the following illustration.

First things first, the location of the image files to be encoded in your HTML document needs to be known. If you have personal files you wish to use, they must first be uploaded to your frank account and put into your public\_html directory. A good idea is to create a separate directory for the pictures. To do this, get into your public\_html directory (command: cd public\_html) and type mkdir pictures. As stated last week, access will need to be granted to the directory and to the files in it (command: chmod 755 pictures (hit return) chmod -R 755 pictures.) Now, if you have already uploaded your files to your account, type mv \*.gif public\_html/pictures and the files should now be in the pictures directory. (Remember to give the access command to the files.)

The image files are now ready to be placed in your index.html file. Using the pico editor (command: pico index.html) bring up your index.html file for editing. Scrolling through the text, find the place you wish to insert an image. Once it has been located, type `<IMG SRC="pictures/number1.gif">`. "Number1.gif" is naturally not going to be the name of your file, so substitute whatever it might be for "number1.gif". This is just one of many ways to insert an image into your webpage.

Another method of doing this is to tell the image where you would like it in relation to text at the left of the graphic. By default the bottom of an image is aligned with the text, so force the text to arrange itself in the middle, type `<IMG ALIGN=MIDDLE SRC="pictures/number1.gif">`. If the top of the image is what is desired, simply substitute MIDDLE with TOP.

The final manner we will look at deals with making the image clickable. An example of this can be found on most any website these days, but this isn't in the style of an Imagemap, or I-map. Those will allow you to create one big image featuring graphics within the image that can be clicked on. This is an advanced feature and will not be inquired about until much later. Anyhow, to make an image clickable in your website, locate where the image is preferred and type `<A HREF="page1.html"><IMG SRC="pictures/number1.gif" alt=[LINK] </A>`. This will allow those whom click on the image file "number1.gif" to access the file called "page1.html."

Those that have images that aren't GIF's and wish to convert them to a GIF should download the Paint Shop Pro program (<http://ca1007207.student.utwente.nl/softw/psp311.zip>) which will allow for this. Images can also be created here, if designing original graphics is fancied. ●

Questions or comments should be directed to legman@knuth.mtsu.edu

# Olympics fun for everyone - unless you happen to live in Atlanta

Dave Barry / syndicated columnist

I cannot wait for that dramatic moment when the torch-carrying runner enters the stadium and, in a dramatic gesture symbolizing the essence of the Olympic spirit, buys a vowel.

Recently, I went to Atlanta to check on the preparations for the 1996 Olympic Games (official motto: "Put Your Corporate Motto Here For \$40 Million").

As the organizers modestly point out at every opportunity, these will be the biggest Olympic games in the history of the universe. They're going to be HUGE. Take a look at some of the numbers:

- Total Budget: \$1.6 billion
- Number of athletes competing: Over 10,000
- Number of events: 271
- Number of events left once you eliminate all the mutant sports like synchronized kayaking: Maybe 6
- TV audience (counting everybody on Earth seven times): 35 billion
- Number of molecules in a single grain of salt: 470 trillion
- Number of times the average American will see an activity such as winning the pole vault with an activity such as a shrinking hemorrhoidal tissue: 2,537
- Estimated number of times some American, somewhere, sitting on his Barcalounger and watching the games, will look at "Izzy," the official cute cartoon mascot of the Olympics, and say, "Dang it Marge, that thing looks like a sperm": 7,172,219
- Total number of people who will come to Atlanta this July: 17 million

**As you can imagine, every single resident of Atlanta is wildly excited about the Olympics, except for those residents who have been sick of the whole thing since roughly 1991.**

single resident of Atlanta is wildly excited about the Olympics, except for those residents who have been sick of the whole thing since roughly 1991. The city is being transformed by a frenzy of construction. When I visited, a huge new state-of-the-art stadium was being finished; immediately upon completion, it will, in a demonstration of just how frenzied this town is, be torn down and replaced by an even NEWER stadium for the actual games. That is only one example of how these games are Creating Jobs and Boosting the Local Economy. Also, all the major highways in north-central Georgia are being reconstructed so that, when viewed from the air, they spell out "COCA-COLA WELCOMES THE OLYMPICS." (This project was planned before anyone realized that "Olympics" has a "y" in it.)

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Tastes Pretty Much The Same As Pepsi of the 1996 Olympics. There are many other official sponsors, including Avon, which is the Official Cosmetics, Skin Care and Fragrance Sponsor; and "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy!", which are - I swear I am not making this up - the Official Game Shows.

Of course, the Olympics are not just about big corporations paying ridiculous sums of money to be official sponsors. The Olympics are also about ordinary sports fans - people like you - paying ridiculous sums of money for lodging. I saw a classified advertisement in The Atlanta Journal and Constitution in which somebody was offering to rent a four-bedroom, two-bath home during the Olympics for \$10,000, which doesn't sound too unreasonable until you notice that this home is located in central Alabama. Really. Lodging anywhere near Atlanta is going for way, WAY more.

As an American and a sports fan, you're probably wondering if you can cash in on this. I think so. The official 1996 Olympics Travel and Accommodations Guide has a map showing four official Housing Zones as concentric circles increasingly distant from Atlanta: Zone 4 includes Nashville, Tenn. So let's say you have a house in Wichita, Kan.: All you do is put an ad in the Journal and Constitution offering to rent Olympic housing in, say, Zone 9 (Seattle would be in Zone 11; Taiwan would be in Zone 23). Go ahead! Give it a shot! You can't win if you don't enter the race!

Speaking of which, there will also be, weather permitting, some athletic events connected with the 1996

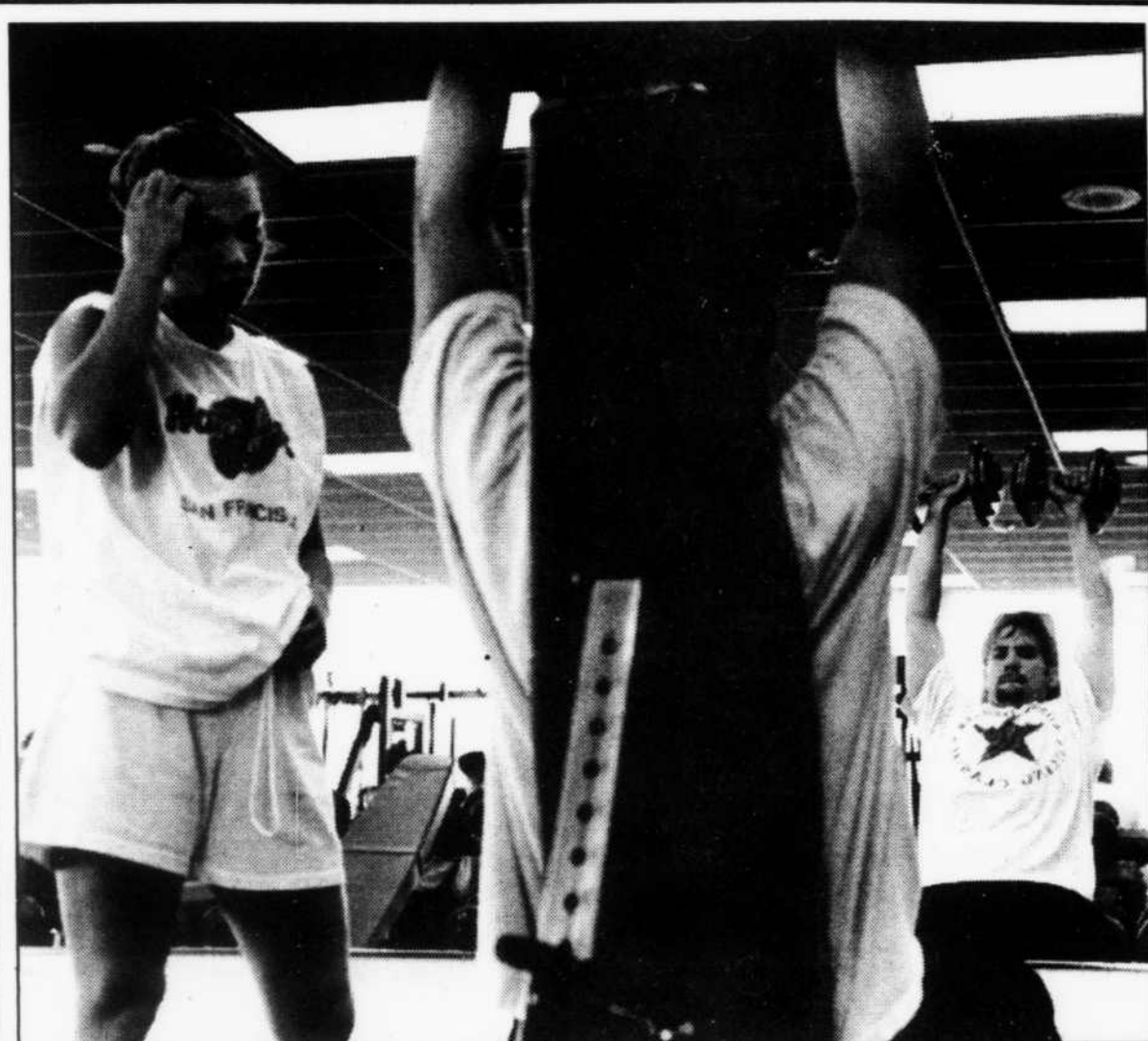
Olympics. If you would like to obtain tickets to see one of these events, hahahahahaha.

No, seriously, there are a total of 11 million event tickets for the games, and although most of these are snatched directly off the printing press by Olympic officials, corporate sponsors, heads of state, local politicians, the media, celebrities, organized crime and rich people in general, that still leaves, for distribution to the general public, a number (3) of prime tickets to the quarter-

finals of the Cross-Country Badminton event. If you would like to apply for a chance to receive these tickets on a first-come, first-served random lottery basis, place a wad of cash in an envelope and mail it to Fair Tickets Sweepstakes, c/o Dave Barry, Olympic Housing Zone 8.

But even if you are not fortunate enough to be able to see the Olympic games in person, you'll still be able to be a part of the Olympic experience by watching every

second of the coverage, including commercials, on TV. (Don't even get up to take a shower! Just squirt some official Avon fragrance in your armpits and KEEP WATCHING!) It's going to be a wonderful thing, and I for one cannot wait for that dramatic moment in the July 19 opening ceremony when the torch-carrying runner enters the stadium and, in a dramatic gesture symbolizing the essence of the Olympic spirit, buys a vowel. ●



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Freshman Kriste Paul and sophomore Brad Cochran used the weight room in the Rec Center Sunday afternoon. The Center offers a variety of activities for many tastes.

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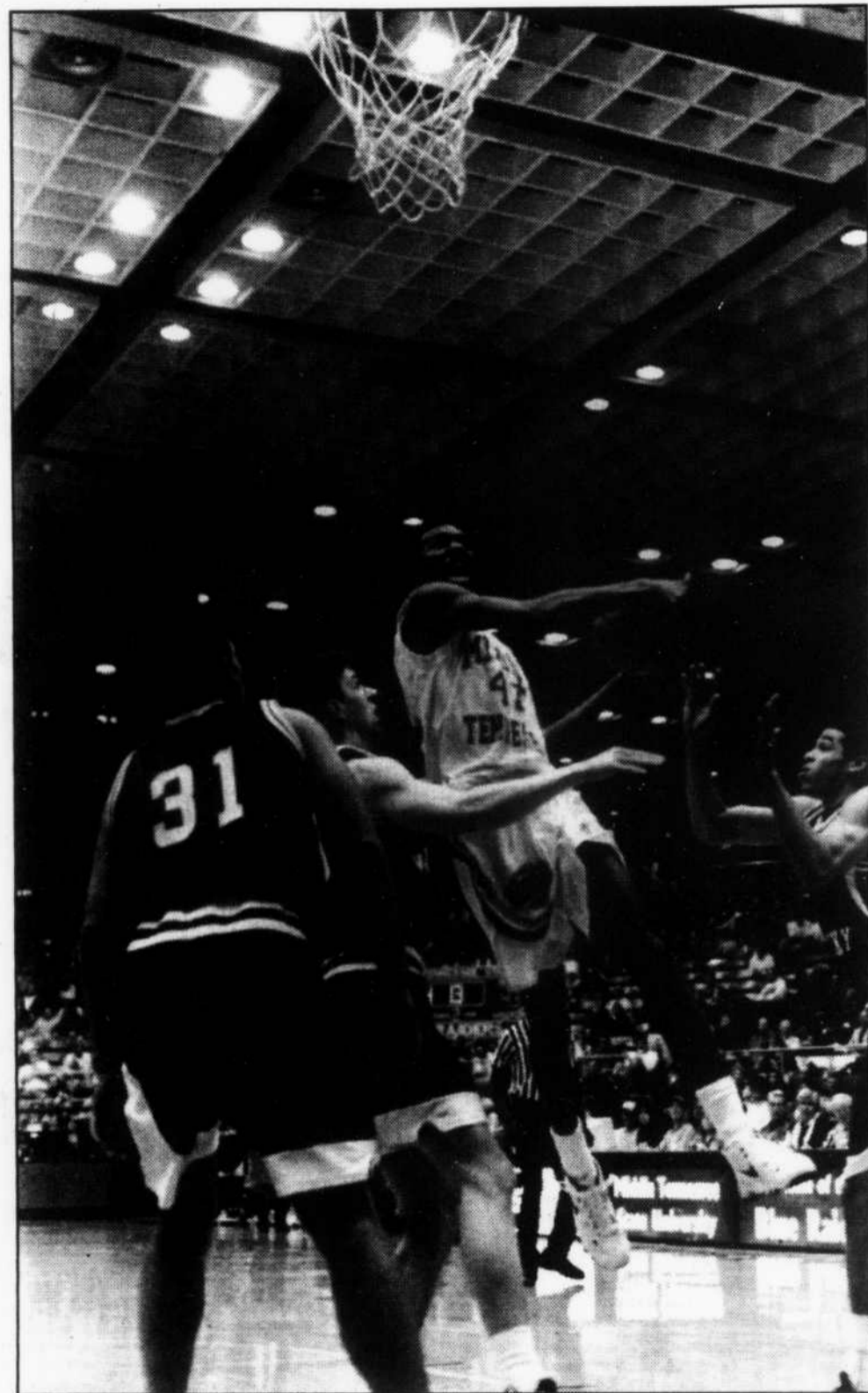
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For more information, contact Jenny Crouch at 898-2815, or come by the James Union Building, Room 308. No more than three finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and will be interviewed April 19 at 2p.m. in the James Union Building Dining Room A. Candidates will be notified by April 10 whether you are to be interviewed.

## Blue Raiders split pair of home OVC contests



Brian G. Miller/staff

Nod Carter drives through traffic to put up a shot during Saturday night's 74-70 win over Eastern Kentucky. The Raiders will host Morehead State University tonight at 8:00 at Murphy Center.

By Rob Nunley / staff

The Blue Raiders experienced the highs and lows of conference competition last week.

Middle dropped a close game to rival Tennessee Tech on Thursday night but was able to outlast Eastern Kentucky for a close victory on Saturday.

The home performances left the Raiders with an overall record of 14-9, while their conference record moved to 8-5. MTSU is now tied for second place in the OVC with Austin Peay.

Arch rival Tennessee Tech spoiled the Raiders' chances of taking sole possession of second place Thursday, handing the men in blue a disappointing 77-71 loss.

While Tech entered the game near the cellar in the OVC standings, the Raiders knew their rivals would be fired up for the game, especially after losing to Middle in Cookeville earlier this season.

"They can get pumped up," said senior center David Washington. "When we come to play, forget what games they've lost or what games we've won. They're going to be prepared to play against us, and the same for us against them."

Washington's tip-in of a missed shot with 33 seconds left in the game tied the score at 63-63 and sent the game into overtime.

But unfortunately for the Raiders, the five-minute period was dominated by Tech, as the Golden Eagles took the lead early and combined strong inside play of 7', 1" center Lorenzo Coleman with accuracy from the free-throw line to come away with the win.

"We didn't play as well as we needed to play to beat this team tonight," Washington said. "They came out and played well, and we just didn't swell up and get over that hump."

Washington led the Raiders with a game-high 20 points, two assists and two blocks. Teammates Roni Bailey and Aylton Tesch scored 12 and 11, respectively. Tesch led the Raiders on the boards, grabbing 13 rebounds, while Tyrone Barksdale added seven.

Coleman led Tech with 14 points, while Albert Wilson and Chris Turner

chipped in 11 and 10, respectively.

The Raiders shot a disappointing 36 percent from the floor, while the Golden Eagles connected on 47 percent of their shots.

"We just didn't seem to be real balanced or real confident in our shooting, and we've pretty well documented all year that we've got to shoot the ball well to win," said Blue Raider head coach David Farrar. "These games at home, we knew they weren't going to be easy, and they're still not going to be. Somehow we've got to find a little momentum, and we've got to find four or five guys playing well over and over again."

Middle certainly seemed to find that momentum on Saturday night, as three Blue Raiders scored in double figures on the way to a 74-70 victory against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

The Raiders and Lady Raiders recognized their senior players prior to the game, and it was senior Tim Gaither that played a big part in the victory, scoring 21 points and dishing off six assists.

"It was a special night, and I just wanted to come out and play real hard to try to help the team get a win," Gaither said.

After Gaither's two free-throws in the final second of the first half gave Middle a 34-32 lead, the Raiders seemed to have all the momentum they would need, as they never trailed in the second half.

A big factor in the Raiders' success against ECU was keeping the Colonels' biggest offensive weapon, forward Demarcus Doss, in check. Doss entered the game averaging 18 points a game, but the Raiders held him to just eight points.

"Nod guarded him an awful lot of the time, and Nod's size and quickness and awareness would create problems for anybody a little bit smaller," Farrar said. "But that was a big factor in the game, and I don't think you're going to calm him down too many times."

Although Doss was not a big factor, center Curtis Fincher came through for ECU with 28 points, including 16-of-19 from the free-throw line.

Farrar commented on the frequency of Raider fouls being called

against the ECU big man.

"Fincher being fouled was quite a factor in the game," Farrar said. "I guess we're just a bunch of physical guys, we evidently just beat people up underneath there."

Even though Middle led the entire second half, they were never able to pull away. The Raiders' lead grew to as many as 10 at one point in the half, but the Colonels kept coming back.

A steal from Doss with 13 seconds remaining in the game led to a Carlos Bess bucket that pulled the Colonels within two, but Gaither sealed the victory for Middle by burying two free-throws on the Raiders' next possession.

Gaither's 21 led the Raiders, while Tesch and Nod Carter threw in 16 apiece.

"Tim and I didn't have the best games of our careers Thursday night, so tonight we wanted to come out and assert ourselves," Carter said. "That's what we need to do if we're going to win."

"In the end, our kids swelled up and counteracted great pressure, great physicalness," Farrar said. "Tonight Eastern Kentucky was a very good team."

"Thursday night may be as hard on the kids and fans as it's ever been," the coach added, referring to the Tech loss. "From that point of view it was a great thing to be able to bounce back, play hard and play smart. And we can play better."

The Raiders play their final home game of the 1995-1996 season tonight, when they host the Eagles from Morehead State University. The 7-15 (2-10 OVC) Eagles upset the Raiders earlier this year in Kentucky.

"Morehead creates all kinds of problems for us," Farrar said. "That team is too good and too talented. They're a college basketball team that takes a lot of pride in what they do, and one thing they do very well is shoot the ball. We have nothing else on our minds but playing very good, very hard and very smart against them."

Tip-off for the Morehead game is scheduled for 8 p.m., and the game will be broadcast on the SportSouth cable network. ●

## MTSU men's tennis squad scrapes by Samford, 4-3

David McNamara rebounds in third set to clinch victory for Blue Raider netters

By Joel Frey / staff

MTSU's men's tennis team survived a big scare Saturday in Birmingham, Ala., coming from behind to pull out a 4-3 win over Samford University.

With the match tied at three, sophomore David McNamara, playing at number four singles and trailing 2-5 in the third set, came back to defeat

Bulldog Marcus Lyon 6-3, 6-7(3), 7-6(5) clinching the match for Coach Dale Short's Blue Raider squad.

"David played unreal in the third set after he was down," Short said. "He came up big for us with the pressure on and really gave the team a big boost in the process."

Although McNamara said he was excited to win a big match for the team, at the time he was unaware of the circumstances surrounding it.

"Actually, I had no idea of the team score," McNamara said. "I thought we had already won and I was just thinking about my match."

Middle took four of the six singles matches with the Bulldogs after losing the opening doubles point.

Besides McNamara's win at number four, Julius Robberts, Marshall Brown and Mark Follett won at three, five and six, respectively in the Blue Raiders' final line-up.

Short said this win was particularly important for his team's confidence after losses to Tennessee and Mississippi St.

"We were all disappointed with how we played in those two matches,"

Short said. "However, a loss to a UT or Mississippi St. doesn't hurt us like a loss to a Samford would have, even though Samford has a solid team."

Against State last Thursday, Brown and Fred Niemeyer, playing together for the first time this season at number two doubles, had three match points at 7-6 which would have given MTSU the opening doubles point, but eventually lost a tie breaker in the abbreviated pro-set 9-8(2).

McNamara and Anthony DeLuise had won their match at number three doubles, 8-5, to give Brown and Niemeyer their chance.

"We knew going in we had to win the doubles point if we were to have any chance in winning," Short said. "But after we lost the doubles point the team's overall morale really deflated."

State swept all six singles matches in winning the match over Middle 7-0.

Short said that despite some ups and downs early in the season, he still feels his team will be able to

compete with anyone once they are firing on all cylinders.

"I guess if we were going to go through a slump of sorts it is good to do it early in the season when we still have time to make adjustments in order to peak towards the end, closer to post-season play," Short said. "If we can regain some confidence throughout the line-up and learn to handle adversity with a little more poise, I feel we will begin to show better results very soon."

Middle's record stands at 3-3 heading into a critical road swing this week with matches at Tulane, Southwestern Louisiana and Alabama-Birmingham.

MTSU defeated UAB, 4-3, earlier this month at the O'Charley's Invitational in Knoxville. ●

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**Dale Short**  
MTSU Tennis coach

## Lady Raiders down TTU, Eastern Ky.

By Sean P. O'Toole / staff

Lately, no one has been able to tell what Lady Raider basketball team will show up on any given night.

However, following consecutive victories over Tennessee Tech on Thursday night, 75-64, and Eastern

Kentucky Saturday night, 80-67, the Lady Raiders reasserted themselves in the race for the OVC championship.

First up was Tennessee Tech, the only OVC team the Lady Raiders have a losing record against all-time (21-31).

Following a slow start that saw

the two teams score just three points combined in the first four minutes of play, the Lady Raiders and Golden Eaglettes traded baskets back-and-forth over the next six minutes, and following a Leslie VanWinkle 3-pointer, the Golden Eaglettes owned a 12-11 lead.

The Lady Raiders then went on a 17-4 run en route to a 28-16 advantage.

Even though the Golden Eaglettes outscored the Lady Raiders 7-2 in the final four minutes, MTSU went into halftime with a 30-23 lead.

After the Lady Raiders opened the second half with a 9-0 run, the Golden Eaglettes outscored the Lady Raiders 18-2 over the next six minutes and tied the game at 41 with 11:07 remaining.

Following a Kara Hobbs steal, Heather Prater buried a crucial 3-pointer that put the lead back to three. Following two turnovers by the Golden Eaglettes, Cortney Neeley laid in two consecutive buckets increasing the lead to five, at 48-43, with 9:10 remaining in the game.

But the Golden Eaglettes would not die. After a Eargle Oglesby jumper shrank the lead to one, VanWinkle hit two free-throws to give the Golden Eaglettes their first lead since the 10-minute mark of the first half.

But the Lady Raiders went on another run. A 13-4 spurt was capped by a lay-up from Trella Thomas with four minutes left in the contest. The Golden Eaglettes never got closer than seven, and the Lady Raiders were able to escape with a 75-64 victory.

Head Coach Lewis Bivens said the sweep of Tech was critical.

"We are very happy to win," Bivens said. "We did not play very efficient, but we played very hard, and with a lot of energy, and sometimes that is enough."

Neeley led all scorers with 19 points for the Lady Raiders. She also threw in 6 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals.

"Coach Bivens just keeps telling us that every game is a new season now, so we just need to play harder," Neeley said.

Bivens added, "Cortney played with a lot of energy tonight. I would



Brian G. Miller/staff

Lady Raider center Amanda Bevis lays up a shot during Saturday's win over Eastern Kentucky. Bevis scored 10 points against ECU.

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go so far as to say that she was fearless."

Despite the Tech win, Bivens and his team knew coming in to Saturday's game with the Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky, who the Lady Raiders beat on Jan. 21 in Richmond 74-55, would be a fight.

"Eastern is playing very well right now," Bivens said. "They have won their last three games, and we really need to upset their inside game if we have any chance."

After Middle jumped out to a 9-1 lead to start the game, both teams scored just six points between them over the next three minutes.

Following a Lisa Pace 3-pointer which cut the Lady Raider lead down to three, both teams went on a scoring binge. The Lady Raider lead ballooned to as much as 12 and deflated to as little as five.

At the half, the Lady

Raiders held a 40-31 advantage, despite the Lady Colonels shooting a blistering 63 percent from 3-point land.

After a Shannon Browning 3-point bomb decreased the lead to four at 64-60 with 6:20 to go, the Lady Raiders went on a 10-3 run that put the lead back to 11 with 3:05 left. The Lady Raiders never looked back on their way to a 80-67 victory.

This completed the 10th season sweep the Lady Raiders have scored over Eastern since 1977, and put the Lady Raiders one step closer to the top seed in the OVC tournament.

"Our 13 turnovers really hurt us," Bivens said. "But once again, we played really hard, even if we did not play very smart."

"We worked really hard inside, but that is actually what kept them in the game, because they hit so many threes," Bivens said.

Jonelda Buck led the Lady Raiders with 18 points on 9-of-15 shooting from the field.

"They seemed to guard me with smaller people than I have been guarded with the last few games, so I was able to hit some shots better than I had been, probably because I have been so mad at myself lately," Buck said.

For the second straight game, Neeley made big contributions, throwing in 11 points and five rebounds. Amanda Bevis led the Lady Raider bench with 10 points, all in the first half, as the Lady Raider reserves outscored Eastern's 36-3.

In the second to last home game of her career, Heather Prater scored 16 points, grabbed seven rebounds, added four assists and four steals, and also went a perfect 10-of-10 from the free-throw line.

"Senior night definitely motivated us some," Prater said. "Our careers are winding down, and the younger players know how bad we want to win the conference outright."

"I guess we seem to have a

script," Bivens said. "We lead big, and then we always seem to get a big play from somebody when the other team is getting close."

Prater added, "I hate to say that we can just turn it off and on, but we like the lead at a distance, so we just play big somehow whenever it gets close."

Next up for the Lady Raiders (20-3, 11-2) is Morehead State tonight, who the Lady Raiders hammered on Jan. 20, 108-74.

It was confirmed this weekend junior forward Jessica Beaty is lost for the season. Team doctors had originally hoped she would be able to return by the OVC tournament.

"We know now that she is gone, so we have to get scoring from other people," Prater said. "We know that it is gonna be tough when teams are fouling me at half-court."

Tip-off time for tonight's night's game with Morehead State is scheduled for 5:15. ●

# Moosemen rebound from WKU tie with back-to-back victories

By Joel Frey / staff

MTSU's Mid-South champion club rugby team, known as the Moosemen, posted two victories over the weekend.

After beginning the season two weeks ago with a 27-27 tie with Western Kentucky, the Moosemen rebounded in victories over Chattanooga Clubside and UT-Chattanooga.

Senior forward Peter Keating said the team came together after the disappointing tie with WKU.

"We really had a solid week of practice coming into the weekend and it was tremendous the way we came together as a team," Keating said.

Chattanooga Clubside had beaten the Moosemen the past three years coming into

Saturday's contest.

The teams played even throughout much of the game before Middle was eventually able to pull away in a closely contested 30-19 win.

Freshman Todd Shorter said it was a key win for the Moosemen.

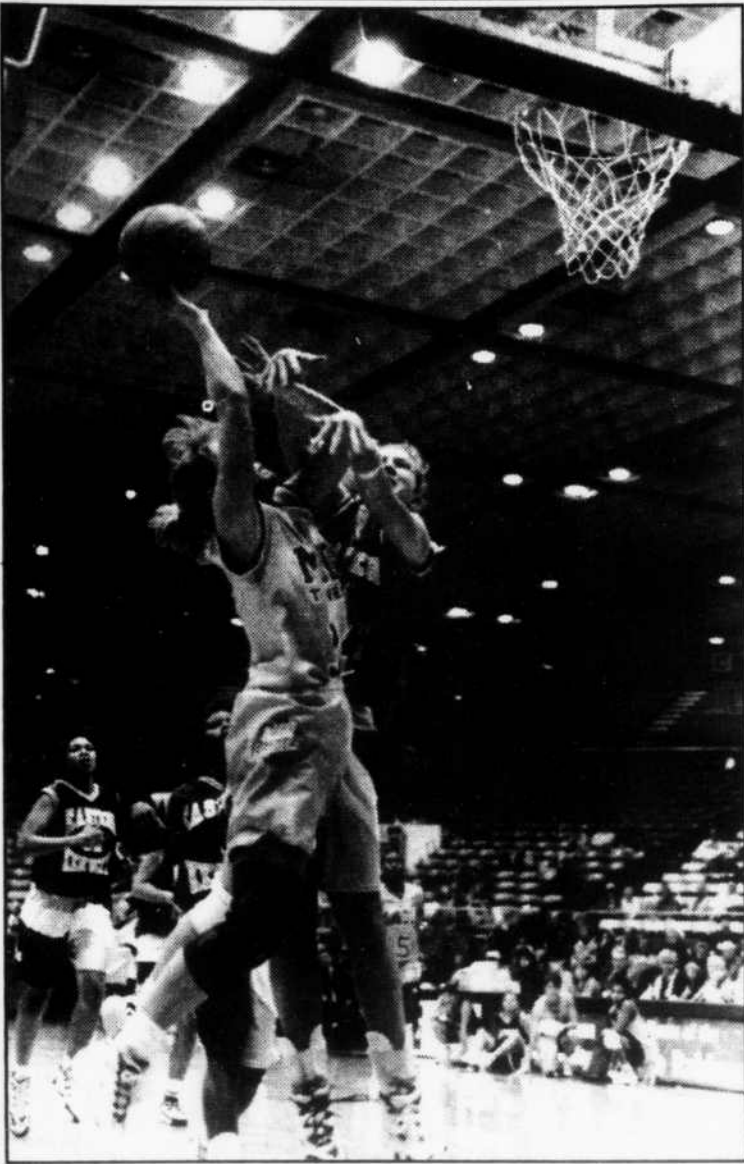
"We are always a big game for them," Shorter said. "Coming into the game we knew we would have to feed off

their emotion if we were to come out on top."

After the tough win, UTC proved to be little competition for the Moosemen.

MTSU combined timely scoring and tough defense in an easy 25-0 win over the Moccasins.

The Moosemen travel to Huntsville, Ala. this weekend for a match with an area club team. ●



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## Hacked in the act

Lady Raider senior guard Heather Prater gets fouled on a shot attempt during Saturday night's game against Eastern Kentucky. The Lady Raiders host Morehead State University tonight at 5:15.

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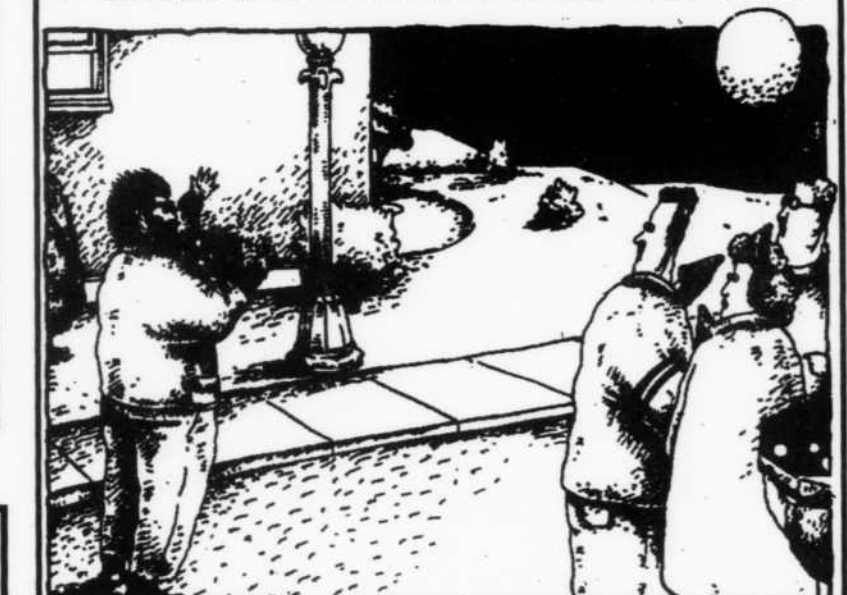
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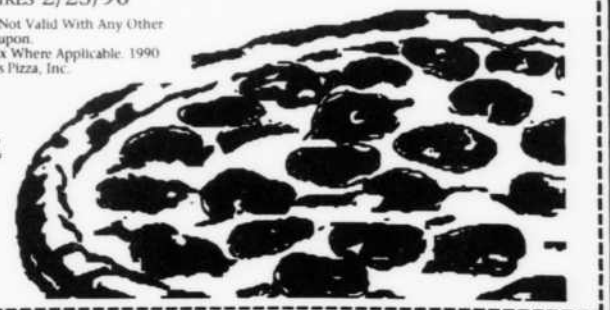
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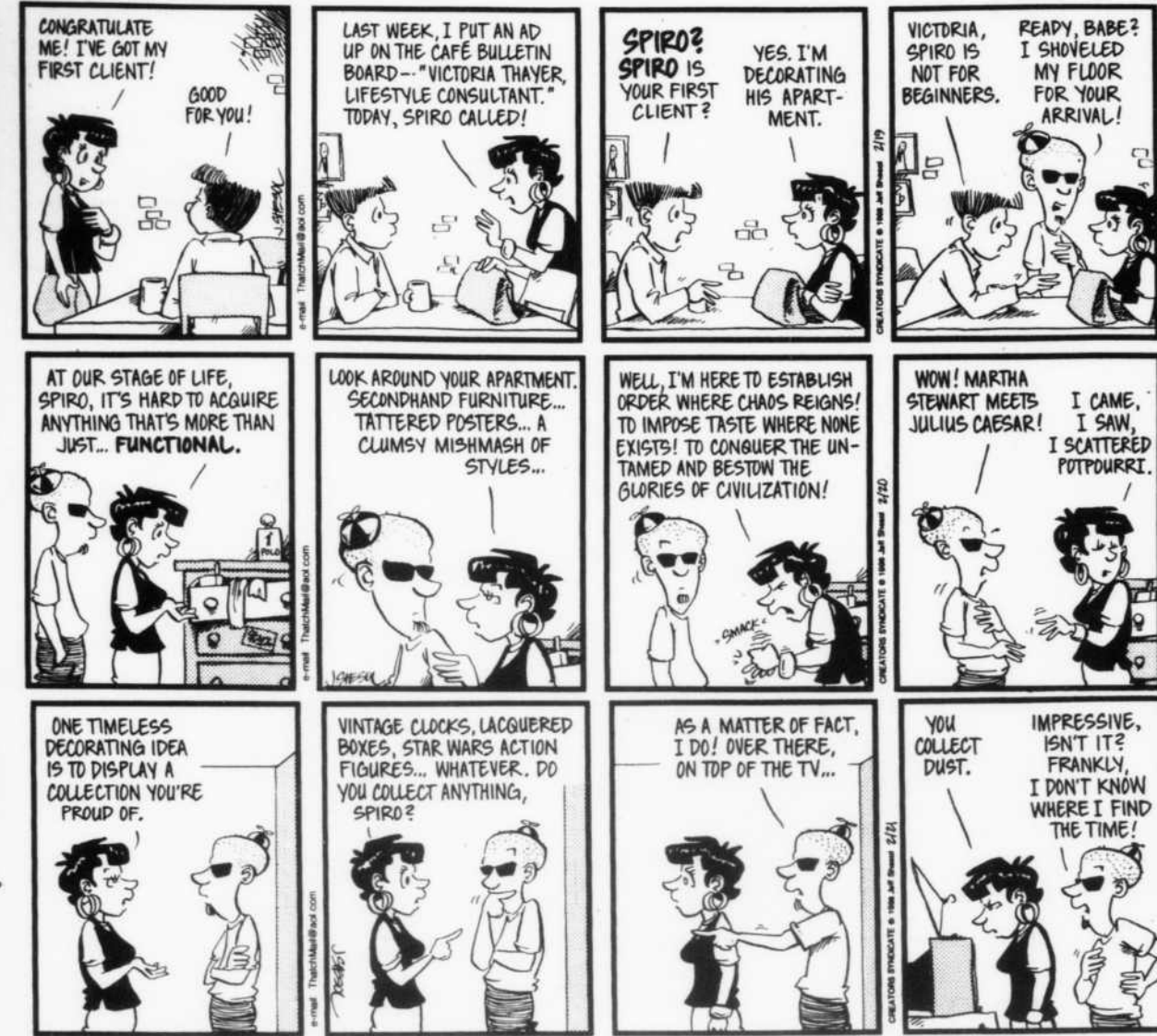
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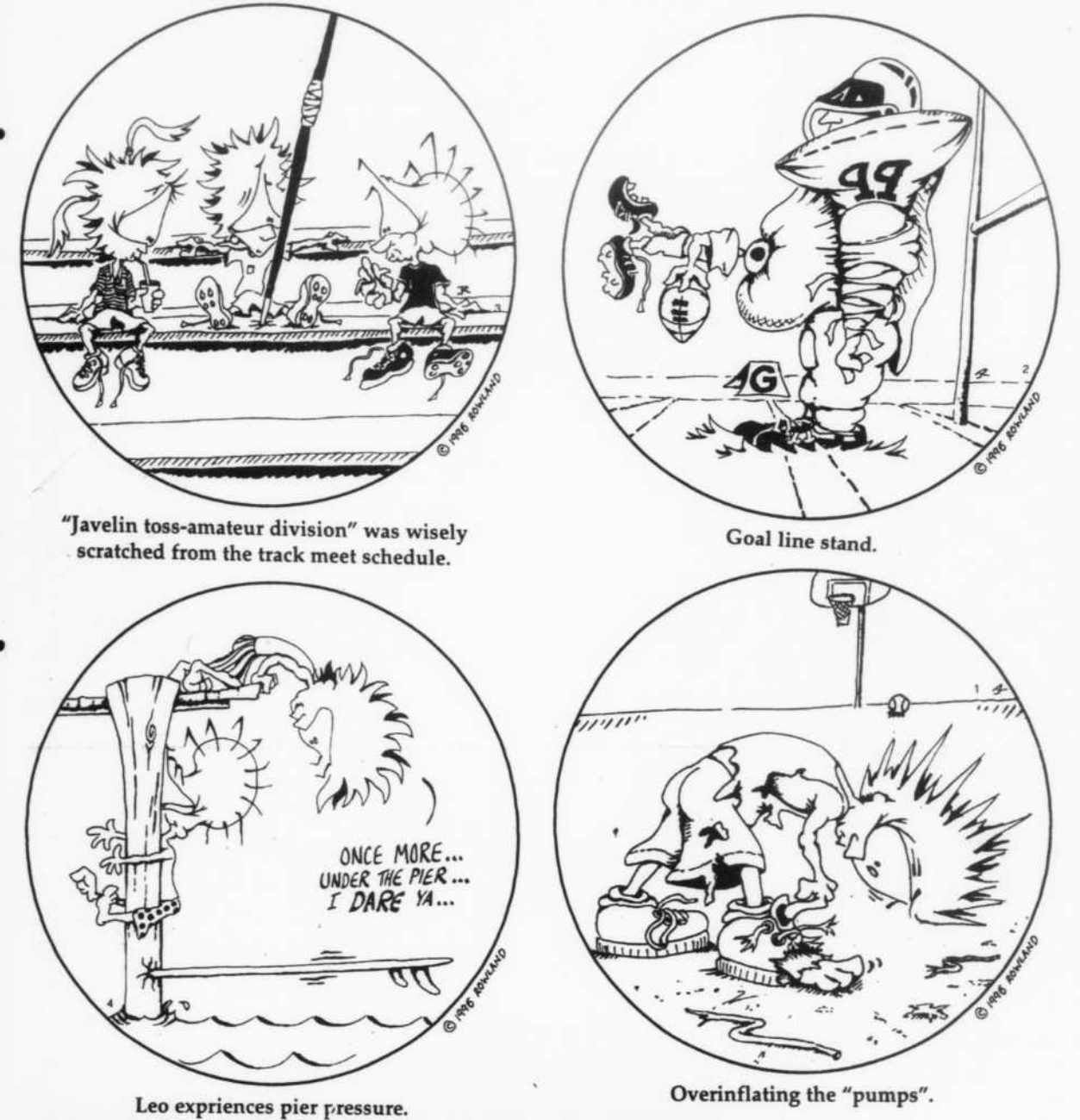
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