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SIDELINES

Turmoil in SGA elections

Presidential race halted for failure to file forms

TRIPP BALLARD
 Staff Writer

Eight senatorial candidates and one presidential candidate were brought before the SGA Supreme Court Tuesday evening to answer charges that they failed to turn in financial disclosure forms by the set deadline.

The Court hearing resulted in the exoneration of the eight senatorial candidates. Presidential candidate Shane McFarland was disqualified from the election as a result of the charges.

The candidates in question allegedly violated a Article VI-Section VII article of the Comprehensive Electoral Act which specifies the deadline for the disclosure forms to be submitted. This section specifies that the financial statement should be submitted to the Election Commissioner at least 48 hours before the polls open.

The five-man election

The Results

SGA President ELECTION POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 4-5

THE SGA CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THOSE CHANGES OUTLINED IN BILL 4-95-S

Yes 81% No 19%

THE SGA CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ALLOW ONE SENATOR BE ELECTED PER 750 STUDENTS

Yes 88% No 12%

Speaker of the Senate

Milburn Fender 20%

Christin Baker 43%

Jason Potts 37%

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Yes 49% No 51%

THE SGA CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT, SPEAKER OF THE SENATE, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND ELECTION COMMISSIONER HAVE A GPA OF AT LEAST 2.30 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OFFICE

Yes 81% No 19%

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BAKER

McFARLAND

POTTS

commission set the deadline for Friday, March 10 at 4 p.m.

This deadline was included in each candidate's campaign packets but was not adhered to by the ten senators brought up on

charges or by McFarland.

Election Commissioner Geoff Jenkins prosecuted the charges before the Court for a final decision. The Election Commission could have disqualified the candidates with a majority vote but

instead decided to turn the case over to the Court.

"I went out of my way not to disqualify anyone, but we had decided last year after the elections to go strictly by

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Referenda all pass, run-off for Speaker of the Senate

MARK BLEVINS
 Assistant News Editor

SGA Election Commissioner Geoff Jenkins announced results of the 1995 SGA elections Wednesday night which include passage of all four referenda on the ballot and an election run-off.

The SGA presidential election has been postponed until April 4-5 because one candidate was disqualified for failure to submit a financial disclosure form by the deadline.

A run-off election between Christin Baker and Jason Potts will be held for the Speaker of the Senate seat because none of the three candidates received a majority of the vote.

Baker received 387 votes, or 43 percent, Potts received 334 votes, or 37 percent, and Milburn Fender received 185 votes, or 20 percent of the votes in the Speaker race.

The run-off election will also be held on April 4-5.

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SACS review committee at MTSU March 27

MTSU one of first to have SACS and NCAA review committees together

JOEY DAVENPORT
 Staff Writer

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools review committee will be visiting MTSU March 27-30 to evaluate whether MTSU meets certain criteria for re-accreditation.

The SACS evaluation is a peer review of MTSU's educational programs, policies and procedures. An NCAA review committee will also be visiting during that week to

evaluate MTSU's athletic program.

MTSU is one of the first universities in the country to be visited jointly by representatives from the SACS and NCAA review committees.

The 21-member SACS review committee will be interviewing faculty, students and administrators. Some interviews

will be arranged in advance while others will be spontaneous.

"I'm confident the University is in great shape and I think we will get

positive results from the visit," said Dr. Robert Eaker, Dean of the College of Education. "We look forward to the committee's recommendations for the future improvement of the university."

"This evaluation will show that MTSU meets...standards of excellence."

-Dr. James Brooks
 chairman
 MTSU Self-Study Steering Committee

MTSU's various departments. The results of the self study were forwarded to members of the SACS review committee prior to their visit.

"This is a way for the university to show that we are committed to standards of excellence," said Dr. James Brooks, chairman of the MTSU Self-Study Steering Committee. "This evaluation will show that MTSU meets these standards of excellence."

The SACS committee will give a report of their findings in an exit interview on the final day of evaluations. This meeting will be open to the public in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

The evaluation report will be forwarded to the SACS Commission on Colleges along with the MTSU self-study report. Based on reports by the review team and the

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MTSU NEWS

Debate team ranked 10th in nation

STAFF REPORTS

The MTSU Debate Team is ranked 10th in the United States by the Cross Examination Debate Association.

Other schools in the top ten included Cornell University, Michigan State and the U.S. Air Force Academy. MTSU is currently ranked above southeastern rivals Vanderbilt (19th), the University of Alabama (14th) and the University of South

won two first places, four second places and numerous other awards," said John Miller, assistant debate coach. "To date we have won 47 trophies this year and every student who has debated this year has contributed to winning one of these awards."

The remainder of the debate season includes three national championship tournaments. Next week MTSU debaters travel to Baltimore to compete in the

"This 10th place national ranking represents the efforts of our entire debate squad."

**-Russell Church
Debate Team director**

Carolina (54th). Over 200 colleges and universities compete for the national championship in debate.

"This 10th place national ranking represents the efforts of our entire debate squad," said Russell Church, director of the MTSU Debate Team. "Both our experienced varsity and beginning novice debaters have contributed throughout the season."

The national ranking is determined on the basis of the total number of debates won in a college's six best tournaments during the year.

"Our season began in September and by the end of the fall, our debaters had

National Novice Championships for students in their first year of debate competition.

Over 64 teams are expected to compete on the campus of Towson State University for this championship.

Over spring break, the debaters will travel to Louisiana to compete in the National Championships of Pi Kappa Delta, the oldest forensics honorary fraternity in the nation.

Their season will end with the Varsity Championships of the Cross Examination Debate Association in San Diego, Calif. ■

Doctoral programs may face cancellation

MARTHA STROUD
Staff Writer

The Tennessee Board of Regents targeted 3 of the 5 doctoral programs currently offered at MTSU to be cut due to their low enrollment.

TBR backed off in their attempt last week after receiving a packet of information and a resolution from the Faculty Senate from Dr. Curry, dean of Graduate Studies.

The low enrollment in the doctoral programs of Chemistry, Economics and History fostered the evaluation. The average enrollments in these programs from 1988-92, were: Chemistry - 2.4, Economics - 12, History - 4.8. The current enrollments in these

programs are: 7 in Chemistry, 19 in Economics, and 8 in History.

"There are over 300 colleges and universities in the U.S. that produce only 1 or 2 graduates a year," Curry said.

The significant increase in the D.A. programs over the last few years is due to the rapid growth MTSU has experienced in the last several years. The total enrollment of these three programs is half of the current 66 students currently enrolled in the D.A. Program for Spring of 1995.

Dr. Curry expressed the opinion that the curriculum of the doctoral programs are marvelous, but the degrees offered needs to be updated to a Ph.D. level. ■

Campus Capsule

Today

Fiction writer Thomas E. Kennedy will be reading from his recent work at 4 p.m. in Peck Hall

109. Kennedy teaches at the Ploughshares International Fiction Writing Seminar held in the Netherlands and is also the European editor of *Cimarron Review*.

SEA Mug Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in KUC downstairs lobby. Come buy a mug for \$3.50; worth discounts at the Grill, Sub and local businesses.

The Native American Indian Org. will hold a meeting from 5 - 6 p.m. in KUC 316.

The American Criminal Justice Assoc. will meet at 5 p.m. in KUC Room 314. A special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and firearms will be speaking. Anyone interested is welcomed to attend.

Friday, March 17 Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) will meet from 6 - 7 p.m. in KUC Room 305. ACOA is a support group for people raised in an alcoholic or other dysfunctional environments.

Upcoming & Ongoing

A photography show by Jane Alden Stevens will be in the Photographic Gallery of the LRC from Feb. 26 - March 30.

Free MCAT application seminar sponsored by the Kaplan Test Center on March 23 from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Kaplan Center, 3212 W. End Ave., Suite 403, Nashville. Call 383-8638 to register.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic on March 30 from 7 - 9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty, and staff. Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

The Middle TN Cage Bird Club is holding it's Annual Spring Fair and Sale on April 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Creative Arts Building, TN State Fair Grounds, Nashville, TN.

Drum Circle every Tuesday, fair weather providing, at 5 p.m. between Peck Hall and Cope Admin. amongst the trees.

BICYCLISTS: Get fit and enjoy the beautiful spring weather with the M'boro Bicycle Club! Rides leave the Greenland Parking lot at 3:30 p.m. every Tue. Length and speed determined by consensus. More info from 898-2688. (Helmets required.)

The Erudite Emancipators meet every Thursday in Peck Hall Room 304 at 3 p.m. E.E. is an organization dedicated to help African-American students address problems and difficulties they may face on campus.

The National Assoc. of Environmental Professionals meets every Friday in VIS 103 from 11 - 11:50 a.m. Anyone wanting to participate, please join us or call.

Block & Bridle meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in SAG Room 125. Everyone is welcome!

Single Fathers: I am doing a research study concerning the rights and the problems you may have encountered with state and federal laws. Please, call me. I am interested in your stories, and I want to help change the laws for your equality. Ashley Rouse, 781-0136.

MTSU Equestrian Team meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the TN Livestock Center Sales Arena.

The Horseman's Assoc. meets at the Tenn. Livestock Center Mondays at 7:30 p.m.. All majors are welcome. Come share a love and interest in all breeds of horses.

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

MTSU LAMBDA ASSOCIATION: A social support group for gays, lesbians and bisexuals meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104. For more info. call 780-2293.

Child Abuse Prevention of TN, a nonprofit agency, needs volunteers to answer

the statewide **Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline**, to work with parents of newborns in the **Parent Pathway Program**, to assist with **Parenting Classes**, or to assist with childcare during parenting classes. Next volunteer training will be in March. For more information contact Terry Ann Hull, Volunteer Coordinator for Child Abuse Prevention of TN at 227-2273.

International Student's Association meets Fridays at 6 p.m. in KUC 318. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Student Fellowship Friday mornings at 7. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

"Raiders for Christ" devotional every Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Eddy Dyer at 895-9439 or Mike Stroud at 896-1529.

College Worship Wednesday nights at 9 at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (615 N. Tenn. Blvd.). Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

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PRESIDENT

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the election rules, and I saw that something had not been done right," Jenkins said. "I decided to turn the charges over to the Supreme Court because there would be a direct conflict of interest if the election commission had to make the final decisions."

The charges against the candidates were brought up as two different cases, with the senators being tried as one group and McFarland being tried alone.

The senatorial candidates were found not guilty of the charges because an "implied authority figure" told them earlier that if they didn't spend any money then they didn't need to turn in the disclosure form.

"The senators' defense was the presumption that if they had no expenditures a financial disclosure form wasn't required," said David Haston, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Presidential candidate Shane McFarland was disqualified from the election because he failed to turn in his financial disclosure form by the March 10 deadline. In his defense, McFarland stated that he thought the deadline was March 13, and that he never received a financial disclosure form in his election packet.

"From the get go I have never denied that I didn't turn the form in on time," McFarland said. "I thought the deadline was on Monday, and besides that, I never received a financial disclosure form in my packet."

"More than anything I want the students to have a fair role in the decision, and I don't think it is fair to disqualify one person and let others off for the same charge."

As a result of McFarland's

disqualification, the presidential election was postponed and a re-ballot will be held April 4-5.

"All presidential votes tallied on Monday will be thrown out and an entire new presidential election will be held," Jenkins said.

McFarland has filed an appeal of the Supreme Court decision with the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

"I don't really want to cause problems, and I don't want to raise problems similar to those in the past that have hurt elections," McFarland said. "On the other hand, I'm not going to lay down. I just want a fair vote."

McFarland's disqualification and pending appeal decision leaves three eligible presidential candidates to run in the re-ballot. The eligible candidates will be Jim Cabbage, E.J. Gonda and Todd Taylor.

Cabbage found it distressing that McFarland was disqualified for what seems to be a small technicality.

"I wanted the charges dropped from the very beginning," Cabbage said. Shane was definitely a good contender for the presidency, and I'm sorry to see him dismissed on a technicality."

Current SGA president Drew Bergman stressed that his administration decided after last year's election that they would strictly adhere to all the rules this year.

"Rules have to be followed. Negligence is no excuse. Other candidates should be extra careful in following the rules in the future," Bergman said. "We decided last year that any election infringements would be prosecuted to the fullest." ■

in our efforts to prepare for the SACS Self-Study Re-accreditation Visit," said MTSU President Dr. James E. Walker. "It is apparent to me that, though our efforts have been great, the information we have gained will help us to better understand how to move our university toward excellence." ■

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University self-study, re-accreditation will either be affirmed or denied at the annual SACS meeting in December.

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House bill plans to cut \$1.7 billion from education funds

(CPS)-The U.S. House of Representatives is finalizing plans to cut \$1.7 billion from student aid, fellowship and other education funds already approved for the Education Department.

Republican lawmakers are taking the unusual step to re-open previously approved bills as a way to show their commitment to smaller government. The legislation would alter an education spending bill approved last year by Congress while under Democratic control.

The bill approved by the House Appropriations Committee also would chop another \$1.7 billion from Labor Department programs to provide summer jobs for youths ages 16 to 21.

The largest student-aid casualty is State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG), which offers matching funds to states that offer their own need-based aid programs. The Clinton administration wants to phase out the program by 1997, but the Republican legislation seeks immediate termination starting with the \$63.4 million set aside for the current fiscal year.

Student leaders criticized the move, saying SSIG provides a valuable incentive for states to support student financial aid.

"It's a great federal/state partnership, but we always see it on the chopping block," said Laura McClintock, legislative director of the

United States Student Association (USSA).

The bill also would cut or terminate nine scholarship and fellowship programs currently funded at about \$85 million.

Among those slated for elimination are Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowships, a \$20 million program to recruit underrepresented minorities for graduate education. It also would end the National Science Scholars program plus support for Teachers Corps, a program designed to help students pursuing a career in teaching.

"The cruelty we're seeing to future generations simply must stop."

**-Paul Houston
Executive director
American Association
of School
Administrators**

The plan also cuts \$11.2 million from the 1995 budget of federal TRIO programs, which targets low-income, first generation college students. TRIO received \$463 million in last year's spending bill, but advocates say they were bracing for a cutback.

"We knew it would be difficult because [TRIO] got 11 percent increase [for 1995]," said Arnold Mitchem, executive director of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations. "Our greatest

fear is that they would rescind the entire amount," he said.

Another program facing cuts is AmeriCorps, President Clinton's national service program that targets college-age youth. Republican plans call for cutting \$210 million for this program, about one-third of its 1995 budget, McClintock said.

If enacted, such cuts could have an immediate impact on students participating in service programs this year, she added.

The \$1.7 billion cut in summer jobs programs at the Labor Department will affect both high school- and college-age youth, advocates said.

"This is a defining moment in history," said Paul Houston, executive director of the American Association of School Administrators, which opposes the cuts. "The cruelty we're seeing to future generations simply must stop."

Members of the appropriations committee also voted to rescind \$142 million from state grants under President Clinton's Goals 2000 education reform program. The program offers states financial help to reach eight national education goals.

The committee's March 2 vote on this package demonstrated strong support for rescinding funds in the House, but the Senate may not act so quickly, advocates say. The Senate "may have no stomach for rescissions," one advocate said. This bill would move on to the Senate after a final vote on the house floor. ■

Student robs bank to pay school loans

CHICAGO (CPS)—There are a lot of college students who are frustrated by their student loan debt. Few, however, go to the extreme Russell Nash did to try and pay them back.

Nash, a former student at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, was arrested after trying to rob a suburban Chicago bank last week. He told police he planned on taking just enough money to pay back his debts—\$3,000 for the school and \$3,000 for his federal loan.

On March 2, Nash, 22, took a bus to Oak Park, walked into a bank with a .32 caliber revolver and handed a teller a note demanding money. As Nash was leaving with the cash, the teller alerted a security guard.

Nash ran to a nearby intersection to catch a bus

home but was tripped by a bystander, who heard the security guard's warning. When Nash stood up, he surrendered to the guard, who had his gun drawn.

Police say Nash had \$4,418 in cash on him when he was arrested.

Nash graduated from high school in 1991. He planned on following in the footsteps of his two brothers and sister, all of whom had earned college degrees. But after two years at Indiana State, Nash returned home because he owed the school money.

After quitting his part-time job in December, Nash says he planned on getting a new job and transferring his credit to a school in Chicago.

He has been charged with armed robbery and released on a \$10,000 recognizance bond. ■

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RUN-OFF

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The Electoral Act of the SGA dictates that the two Speaker seats and the presidential seat must be won by a majority vote.

Jamie Groce won the Speaker of the House seat in an uncontested race.

Groce said his immediate goal is to encourage more student participation in on-campus organizations by improving the fall organizational fair.

"I'm going to spend all summer doing that," Groce said. "I want to make it sort of like a carnival atmosphere."

The organizational fair is held in the fall by student organizations to recruit members.

Groce said more involvement in student organizations would encourage students to stay on campus and to participate in campus activities.

SGA Election Commissioner Geoff Jenkins said there would be a meeting to determine whether the candidates in the April 4-5 election will be allowed additional campaigning time.

A total of 939 students voted in the election.

Jenkins attributed low voter turnout to the controversy surrounding the presidential race.

Senior senator winners are Amy Jenkins, Thomas Keel, Bill Miller, Jarrod Marshall and Lyric Lewis.

Junior senator winners are Susan Guin, Chad White,

Stacey Green, Shane Berry and Scott Davis.

Sophomore senator winners are Jennifer Jones, Jana Turner, Travis Close, Brian Lewis and Glenda Hawkins.

Freshman senators are elected in the fall semesters.

All four referenda on the ballot passed.

•Students voted for raising the SGA activity fee \$1 by a vote of 467-440. It is currently \$4 per semester.

•The referendum for raising requirements for the president, election commissioner and speakers of the house and senate to have a grade point average of at least 2.3 passed by a vote of 823-82. A 2.0 GPA is currently required.

•The referendum for amending the SGA

Constitution to allow for one senator to be elected per 750 students in a university college passed by a 772-108 vote. It has been one senator per 750 students in a classification rank.

•The referendum to amend the SGA Constitution to reflect those changes outlined in SGA Bill 4-95-S passed by a vote of 625-148.

The bill amends the constitution in four places. It amends Article II, Section 2 which

regards student admission to the university's services, facilities and activities. It did read that "Admission to the University's services,

facilities, and activities is open to all full-time students without regard to race, creed,

sex, or national origin. Part-time students are allowed these services, facilities, and

activities unless deemed otherwise by the administration." The passed referendum states that the university's facilities activities "is open to all full-time students." Part-time student usage is the same as before.

The passed referendum gives the president power to appoint a replacement for a vacant Senate seat, pending the approval of the House and Senate.

The passed referendum will also require that Senate and House bills be in the same form before it becomes law.

The passed referendum also states that the location of balloting will be decided by the Electoral Act instead of the Commission of Election Officials. ■

Cuban political oppression examined by outside forces

PARIS (AP) — Facing criticism over human rights abuses and pressure from France's first lady, Fidel Castro agreed Wednesday to let an outside mission look into cases of alleged political oppression in Cuba.

The Communist leader, in his first visit to France, also said he would check on a list of people identified by international rights groups as political prisoners.

"I've promised to examine

these cases that I don't know about, then ultimately allow a mission of international associations," including first lady Danielle Mitterrand, Castro said.

In a statement after lunch with Castro, Mrs. Mitterrand said Castro "accepted in principle" a request by France-Libertes and Amnesty International to send a fact-finding group to Cuba, pending "verification of the list" of political

prisoners.

Mrs. Mitterrand heads France-Libertes, a human rights advocacy group. She came under fire earlier this week for insisting Castro "is not a dictator."

"I let him know about the common concerns of all French aid groups regarding attacks on freedom in his country," she said in her statement. She said she asked about 43 prisoners listed by Amnesty

International.

"I spoke about the problem of freedom of speech and insisted on knowing the status of political prisoners," she said. "Regarding the death penalty, I reminded him of my profound indignation."

Castro has rarely allowed outsiders into the country to carry out investigations of rights abuses. It did allow a low-profile visit by a U.N. human rights representative

last November.

Politicians on the left and right — including the entire government of conservative Premier Edouard Balladur — have shunned the Cuban leader.

Despite a warm reception by outgoing Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, Socialist presidential candidate Lionel Jospin referred to Castro's government as a "dictatorship." ■

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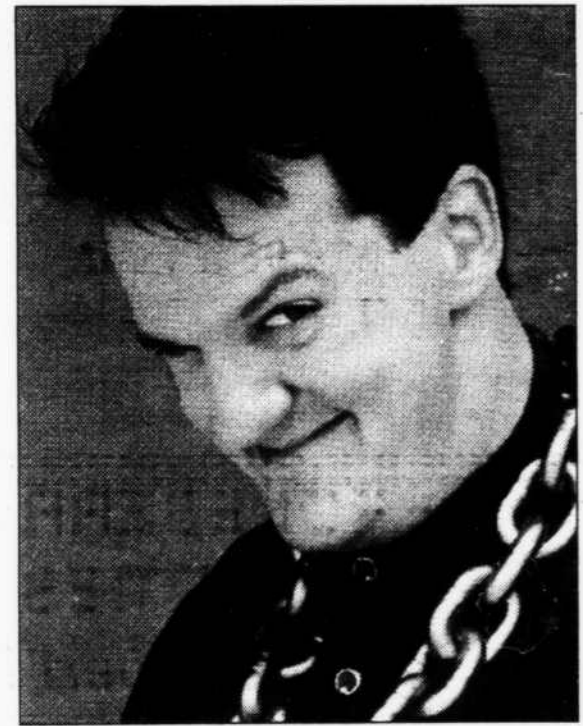
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Features Editor

Nearly three hundred years ago, a couple of explorers from France and their shipmates found a place where a bend in the Mississippi gave them easy access to trade with the Indians who lived and hunted along the fertile shores of Lake Pontchartrain. They decided to make a camp there, amidst the alligators and swamps of the Lower Mississippi Delta, and the camp grew into a prosperous trading center that would belong to France and Spain and France again before settling uncomfortably into the United States as part of the Louisiana Territory.

The area that was to become the French Quarter, or Vieux Carre', was at the center of this camp and has continued to be the center of trading and other activity in Southern Louisiana to the present day.

New Orleans—AKA The Big Easy, AKA The Crescent City, AKA The City That Care Forgot—has become over the centuries a thriving metropolis of nearly 700,000 souls (a number that swells

to well over a million during carnival season), a place where anything can happen, where anything can be gotten for a price, and a place that blends the lawlessness of our past with the corruption of our present, the beauty of the Greek Revival, Italianate, and Queen Anne architecture of the Garden District with the smog and traffic problems that plague almost all modern cities. More than that, New Orleans is a place where you can be yourself, where famous celebrations like Mardi Gras in February and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in May are only a part of the carnival-like atmosphere that prevails year-round in the crowded, 100-square-block area that is the French Quarter.

As a major spring break destination New Orleans is often overlooked; at best, the city does not get the attention that other places like Ft. Lauderdale and Panama City get. But for entertainment value New Orleans is unmatched by any beach-resort town. The French Quarter offers dining, drinking and shopping 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with bars along Bourbon Street offering volatile alcoholic concoctions like Hurricanes and Hand Grenades and the tourist shops of the Quarter offering something for everyone as

New Orleans Louisiana



The heart of the French Quarter, Jackson Square attracts tourists, musicians, street performers, and lovers. Looming over the square is the St. Louis Cathedral, the oldest working cathedral in the United States.

well: from Pat O'Brien's Hurricane Glasses to thigh-high rubber boots, from alligator heads to leather underwear, from historic maps of the United States to sex toys beyond your wildest fantasies, New Orleans offers souvenirs that you just can't find anywhere else. Forget the "I got laid in Ft. Lauderdale" t-shirt you were going to get your roommate—he wouldn't wear it anyway—and bring him a nice little baggy of voodoo dust from Marie Laveaux's House of Voodoo

on Bourbon Street that will make him the Romeo of MTSU for a day.

With street names like St. Anne, Iberville, Bienville, Decatur and Toulouse, The French Quarter arouses the senses of the first-time tourist as well as those of the frequent visitor. The smell of boiled crayfish permeates the area, mixing with the spicy smells of other foods and the ever-present smell of alcohol to make a veritable buffet for the nose. The sound of jazz—in its original, unspoiled,

unpolished form—can be heard drifting from places like Preservation Hall and the House of Blues, riding on the waves of laughter and conversation that come from the tourists who walk the streets day and night. Music comes also from nearly every street corner, where musicians play for change and often draw large, cheering crowds. Other street entertainers such as artists, mimes, fire-eaters, jugglers,

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Redstone lands at The Boro

Murfreesboro
band is on its way
to the top

KRYS SPAIN

Staff Writer

"When you go to their shows, you feel like you are a part of them. You're not worrying about school, not worrying about work, you aren't worrying about anything. You are just there to have a good time and listen to the music. You kinda just blend in with them," says Heather Tietze, a devoted fan.

Tietze is one of the many local fans of blues/rock-n-roll band Redstone.

Redstone is a very talented band that plays locally at the Boro and Mainstreet. They have played around Bristol, several places in Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, North Carolina, and in Shreveport, Louisiana.

There are four members of the band: Chad Johnson, vocals and lead guitar; Randy Prior, bass; Scott Lloyd, rhythm guitar; and John A. Loy, drums. Occasionally, they have someone sit in on bongos. For the first few months, Dan Fontenot played bongos and harmonica

for the band. After that, Terry 'Scoop' Palmer sat in

**"One day
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play 'Freebird,'
and you're
going to like it."**

Loy
Redstone drummer

on bongos and also did some vocals. At any given moment, there is no telling who might

be seen on bongos.

During one show at the Boro, fans from the audience got on the bongos and start playing with the band. The band has a really friendly atmosphere.

They play cover songs from some of their favorite musicians. Their favorite cover songs include: *Catfish Blues* by Muddy Waters; *Who do ya love?* by Bo Diddley; *Voodoo Child* by Jimi Hendrix and *Black Magic Man* by Santana. They do *Whipping Post* by The Allman Brothers Band and *Cocaine* by Eric Clapton.

But the songs they perform the most are the original ones written by

members of the band. Johnson writes most of the songs, but Lloyd and Prior write a few of them.

Lloyd wrote *Way Back Home*, *Dreamin'* and *Armadillo*; and other songs that have not yet been recorded. He sings *Way Back Home*; Prior sings *Whipping Post* and a few original songs, but Johnson sings most of them.

Their sound varies from moment to moment, depending on who is leading the song. Johnson sings with a Louisiana, Texas, Southern blues style, in the tradition of Lead Belly. Lloyd sings with

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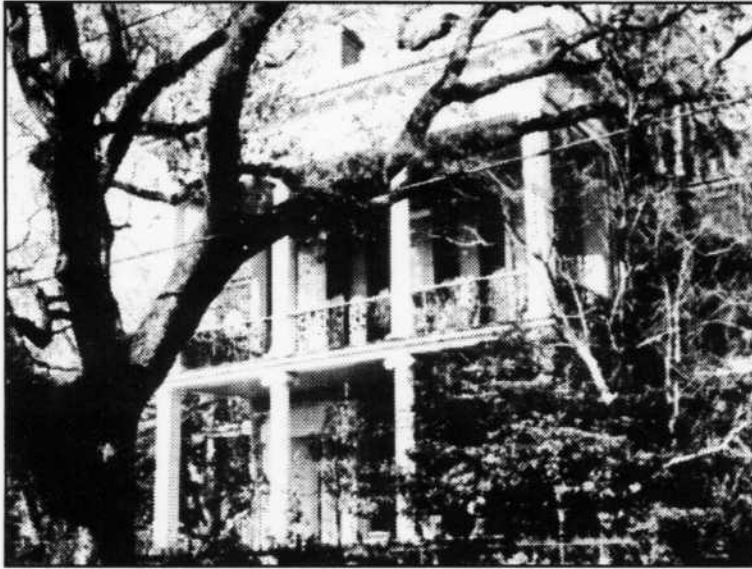
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tarot-readers and magicians can also be found in the Quarter, with the largest concentration of these centered around Jackson Square in the shadows of St. Louis Cathedral, the oldest operating cathedral in the nation.

Pastel stucco is everywhere in the French Quarter and throughout the city, with shades of yellow and pink and blue making the place look like some jewel of a town in the Caribbean, far away from the monotonous steel and glass of most US cities. But the glass and steel are there as well, with the tall buildings along Canal Place and farther uptown looming over the old city below. Some of these buildings, such as the Hyatt Regency and the World Trade Center, offer inexpensive trips to their highest levels for spectacular views of the city for as little as \$2.

From March 23-26 New Orleans will be hosting the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival, which will include plays, lectures, readings, music (of course) and tours devoted to the life of the late writer. For more information on the festival contact Metro College Conference Services at the University of New Orleans at (504) 286-6680.

For those of you who venture beyond the French Quarter during your visit, the St. Charles Avenue Streetcar offers an interesting way to see some of New Orleans most beautiful homes for \$1. Audobon Zoo on Magazine Street (behind Audobon Park) lets tourists get up-close views of native wildlife such as alligators



Beyond the blues, Anne Rice's Garden District Mansion looks out on 1st Avenue. The home is only one of many such mansions in the District.

and birds and also has a primate center and a famous white tiger. Admission to the zoo is \$7.75. Within walking distance of the French Quarter is the Aquarium of the Americas, one of the largest aquariums in America, where visitors can get a glimpse into the underwater world of local, regional and exotic aquatic animals and plants.

In the Garden District, home of Anne Rice, century-old mansions rise above quiet residential streets. Large, ornate fences and gates provide enticing peeks into the lush gardens beyond, and a walking tour of this area (guided or not) is a must for those interested in architecture or for anyone who appreciates beautiful homes. For a look at Rice's house, the inspiration for the house in *The Witching Hour*, just look up the address in a local phone book.

While in New Orleans students should be aware that the city is home to the fascinating, the spectacular and the dangerous. Like all good cities, New Orleans is riddled with crime and

murder. The French Quarter is a relatively safe area, but venturing beyond its narrow streets after dark is not recommended, and you will no doubt be approached by the occasional con-artist out to score beer money while you wander around. Don't lose your money to their scams. Also, bring your own drugs to the city if you must, but don't try to buy anything on the street. Chances are that whatever you buy won't be real, and there's always the possibility of getting shot to death for your money. As a general rule, you should listen to the wise words of your mother: "don't talk to strangers, honey." This might save you the frustration and expense of the hustler's scams, and ensure that you leave the Quarter with fond memories of your stay.

For more information about the New Orleans area, or to make hotel/motel reservations, contact the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau at (504) 566-5044. ■

Cyber-surfing the White House with Bill and Hillary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cyber-surfers of the Internet have discovered the White House.

Since the White House went on line last October with a "citizens handbook" for the federal government, it has been visited more than 1.25 million times.

Some 18 million files — everything from pictures of artwork in the White House sculpture garden to the federal budget for fiscal 1996 — have been downloaded.

Press secretary Mike McCurry highlighted the numbers Wednesday to show that the White House is joining the "information revolution."

Apparently, he's not quite there himself. "I have to confess I myself have not done this," McCurry said. "My abacus does not have a modem."

The citizen's handbook is available on the Internet computer network through a service called World Wide Web.

The address is <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>. ■

Psychiatric patient leaps into bear pit, leaves with scratch

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A psychiatric patient on a field trip to the zoo Wednesday leaped into a polar bear's pit and was clawed by the 700-pound beast.

The 28-year-old man was lifted to safety by zookeepers and treated for minor injuries at a hospital.

"I understand there were claw marks on his chest," said Minot Ortolani, executive director of the Buffalo Zoo.

The man climbed a waist-high fence and jumped into the 15-foot-deep pit to reach the bear, said Deputy Police Commissioner Rocco Diina.

As armed zookeepers stood by, other workers threw food into the pit to distract the bear, then lowered a rope and hoisted the man to safety.

"The bear went right after him ... like he wanted to play," said a zoo visitor, Jon Gallo. "The bear had one paw around the man and was licking his face."

The man, whose name was not released, was one of about 25 people from the Buffalo Psychiatric Center escorted to the zoo by four staffers. ■

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REDSTONE

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a tight North Carolina Southern groove, and Prior lends the band a progressive sound.

"Redstone sounds like a cross between *The Allman Brothers Band* and *ZZ Top*. I think they are the best band to come out of Murfreesboro since Hank Flamingo," says Michael Lloyd, 20, environmental science major. "I see all their local shows and occasionally some out of town shows. My favorite of their songs is *Days*."

Johnson says, "I wrote *Days* about a day that everyone can relate to, like when everything goes crazy, but my favorites of the songs we do are *Catfish*, *Riverman* and *Scoundrel*. We're all about the music, no gimmicks."

Brian Baker, 20, recording industry major, says, "They are a good time, beer guzzling, bar room band with a southern blues funky type sound."

Redstone has been together for over two years. Lloyd and Loy went to Southern High School together in Burlington, N.C. They met Prior at MTSU's freshman orientation and found out that he played bass. He introduced them to Johnson, who did lead and

vocals. On December 1, 1992, they began practicing in a rented storage space. And in February 1993 they played at the Boro for their first show.

They were christened *Redstone* by Frank Clark, a mutual friend. The name seemed to fit, so they kept it.

Lloyd, 21, is presently on hiatus from MTSU. He is from Burlington, North Carolina.

He says he recently came back from a two month absence. He had taken time off due to surgery. During his time off, he wrote a few songs that are not yet titled. His inspirations include *The Allman Brothers Band*, *Jimi Hendrix*, and *Tom Petty*.

"We took one summer off, John and I went home, and when we returned, it was hard to get back into the swing of things," says Lloyd, while strumming his guitar. "But we practiced together recently after my time off and we came together beautifully. We sounded sweet."

Chad Johnson, 23, is from Shreveport, the same town where *Lead Belly* is from. His inspirations are *Stevie Ray Vaughn*, *ZZ Top*, *Lead Belly*, and his dad, *Danny Johnson*. His dad sings, writes, and plays guitar. He has played with *Rick Derringer*, *Rod Stewart* and *Alice Cooper*, and is a big

recorder in Louisiana.

While taking a break from the recording studio, Johnson takes the time to comment on the goals and achievements of the band.

"Our future goals are to sell a million records and to make a living playing in the band. Our biggest achievement so far — we have a tape. The tape is available at all our live shows," says Johnson.

Their next show is this Saturday, March 18, at the Boro.

"We just want everyone to come out and have a good time, to relax and enjoy the music."

Johnson also says they are 110 percent accessible to their fans.

"Hey, if our fans want to swing by, that's cool. We're the good time party," jokes Loy, just arriving to the recording session.

Loy, 20, hails from Haw River, N.C. He says that Haw River is a town the size of MTSU's campus. His inspirations include *The Allman Brothers Band*, *Black Crowes* and *Lynard Skynard*.

When asked if he had any comments for his fans, Loy says, "I think everyone should get 'fired up' about *Lynard Skynard*. Too many people mock them, everywhere you go there has always got to be someone

there who yells *Skynard* or *Freebird*. Well, you know what, one day somebody's really gonna play *Freebird*, and you're gonna like it. Hear it again for the first time."

Loy's future goals are to make records, play drums, do producing and engineering and get fired-up about rock-n-roll. Any obstacles that may come along he just pushes aside because he feels that it is so fun just to play the music.

Prior, 21, is from Winston Salem, North Carolina. His inspirations include *The Beatles* and *Jimi Hendrix*.

"We plan to take this as far as we can ride it, all the way to the top," says Prior, just after recording back up vocals. "And we have a tape. What else could you ask for?"

Johnson says, "Randy is a heavy duty bass player."

Tietze is a sophomore, interior design major. She goes to all their Boro shows.

"They are very easy to get in touch with. I see at least one of them everyday. And I can relate to their music, they give you what you want to hear," says Tietze, "They play cool tunes that you can dance to, they have their own sound, and they are very vibrant. I love them all." ■

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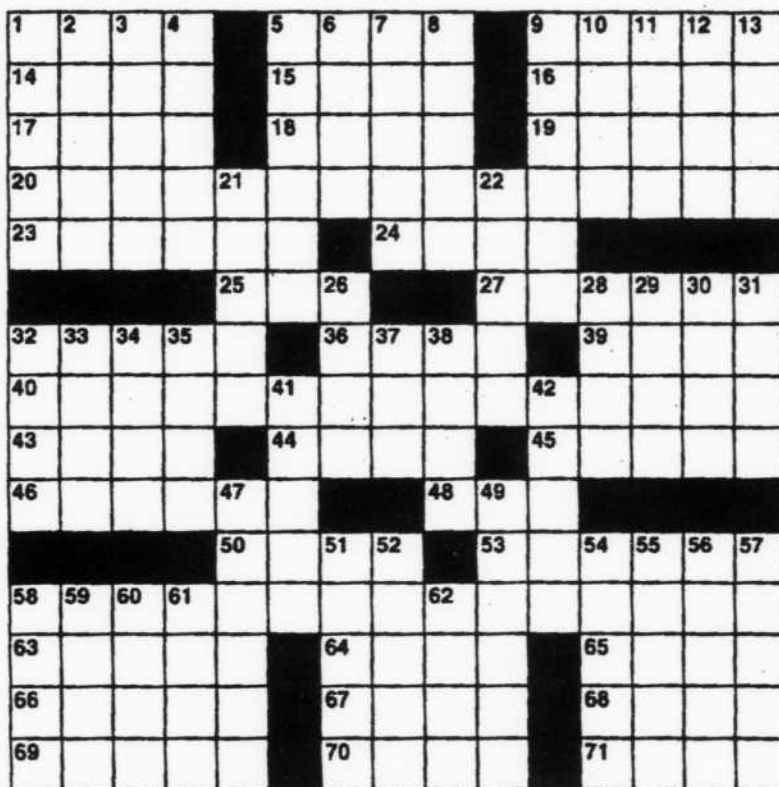
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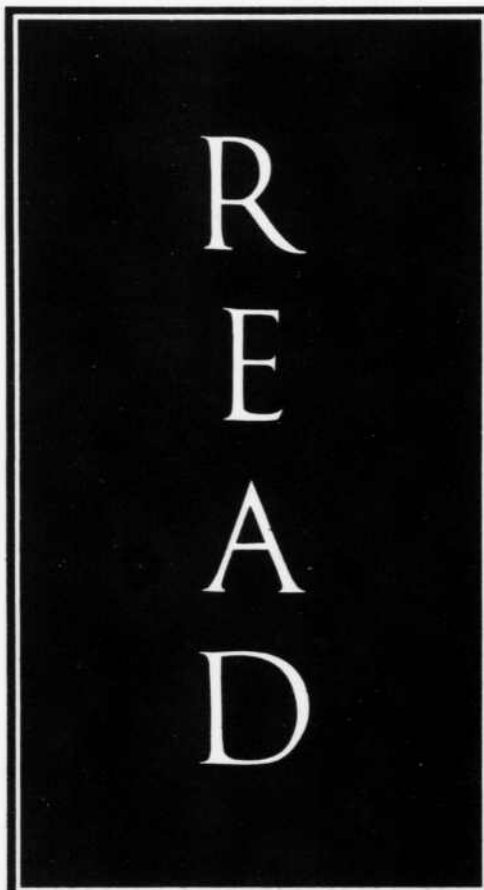


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Raiders sweep two-game series with Southern Miss

MTSU gets fourth straight win 7-5

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders took a big step toward turning around what was looking like a disappointing season this Tuesday and Wednesday, sweeping the nationally ranked Golden Eagles of

Southern Mississippi. The Raiders had been struggling offensively as of late, especially on the road, but since this weekend's series with Northeastern Illinois, aggressiveness at the plate paid off, especially in Sunday's game, when Middle exploded late in the game to win 14-6. But on Tuesday patience was the offensive watchword, as the Raiders took advantages of bad relief pitching to take a late-inning lead.

The Golden Eagles came

into the seventh inning on Tuesday tied with Middle at three runs apiece when Junior catcher Brent Moser showed the quality of play that had gotten the Eagles their national ranking by knocking Raider starter Richie Conway out of the game with a two-run homer. Reliever Patrick Mayes came in for Conway, and was able to pick off two Southern Miss baserunners to end the inning.

The Raiders were able to get back on track in the

eighth. Eagle relievers Brandon Parker and Heath Cantrelle combined to walk the first four batters of the inning, and gave the Raiders a run when Perry Lyons was able to score from third on a wild pitch. Senior outfielder Craig Reavis hit a line drive single to center field to drive in Clay Snellgrove, and Jamie Walker's sacrifice bunt scored Jordan Beddies to give the Raiders a 7-5 lead, which was enough of a cushion for junior George Oleksik, the club's new

closer, to come in and record his second save of the year.

Patrick Mayes recorded the win for the Blue Raiders, moving his record to 1-1, in a contest that Coach Steve Peterson called "a game of missed opportunities on both sides."

Wednesday afternoon's game saw the Raiders move from a patient attitude behind the plate, as they were able to strike early, scoring four runs in the second behind base hits from

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MTSU Golf Team competes in Franklin

Blue Raiders will get their first look at OVC teams

JOEL FREY
Staff Writer

The Legends Golf Club in Franklin, Tenn. will be the next stop for Blue Raider golf in the Tennessee Intercollegiate on March 27, 28 and 29.

This tournament provides MTSU with an opportunity to see how well they stack up in the OVC race as they face-off against Austin Peay, UT-Martin, Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State in the university division of the tournament.

Head coach Johnny Moore said he feels his team has an excellent chance to win the event if they play well and do not become too overconfident.

"We know the course extremely well and although team leaders Nick Shelton and David Reid are not playing as well as they were in the fall, I would be disappointed if we did not win this," Moore said.

This will be the team's first action since the Florida Invitational last month in Tampa.

Shelton said he thinks the team will be fine in

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Here's the Windup... And the Pitch



Cliff Karell/Staff

Doug Varner digs in at the plate against Southern Mississippi. The Blue Raiders swept the two games played at Jones Field on Tuesday and Wednesday. MTSU will take on the University of Alabama-Birmingham in Birmingham.

MTSU Tennis team struggles in Monday loss to N.C. State

Women's team loses to Wolfpack, 6-0

JOEL FREY
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider tennis team's string of unfortunate luck continued on Monday afternoon as a seasoned North Carolina State squad

came to Murfreesboro handing the women a 6-0 defeat.

Coach David Thornton said that despite the loss he saw some positive signs from individual matches.

"We played tough at certain positions, however N.C. State is ranked in the top 40 in the country and we were just not able to exploit any of their weaknesses," Thornton said.

Kelley Bacich extended

her Wolfpack opponent to three sets and Thornton also said that freshman Melinda Ryan played well in a straight set loss.

"I'm still encouraged at this point and I continue to see signs of improvement everyday. Once we get past some of these injuries and are not forced to default matches, I think we will gel as a unit," Thornton said.

The main injury Thornton

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MTSU Track goes to NCAA

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU advanced three members of the men's track team into the semifinal round of the NCAA meet last weekend.

Keith Watkins, Mario Allman and Micah Otis placed in the semifinals of their respective events.

"That's the highest level," said track coach Dean Hayes. "I'm happy with our performance. You have to be in the top 16 in the country to get to this level."

Watkins and Allmon competed in 55-meter dash while Otis took part in the high hurdles.

The trio qualified for the NCAA Tournament with high finishes at a tournament in Johnson City on March 4.

"I'm happy just for the experience of going to the meet," Hayes said.

That meet completes the indoor season for the MTSU track team.

The next meet will be the Alabama Relays on March 25-26. It will be the first outdoor meet of the season. The Blue Raiders will be competing against teams like the University of Alabama, Louisiana State University, University of Pittsburgh, Eastern Illinois University and University of Illinois. ■

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the house. Finally, if none of these reasons appeal to you, Raider head coach Steve Peterson offers yet another appeal of Blue Raider baseball. It's just a great place to have some fun in the sun. Peterson tells a story about a conversation he had with a male student, who he was trying to convince to attend a Raider game.

"Do you like baseball?" Peterson said. "No." "Well, how about a suntan? Do you like to get a tan?"

"No." "Well, how about young ladies? Don't you like to see them?" "Sure!" "Well, come on out to the game!"

So you see, there's plenty of reasons why you, the MTSU student, should be attending Blue Raider baseball games. But just in case there are some of you who still don't feel the urge, there's one last reason.

You get in FREE, for goodness sake. Where else offers that kind of deal? ■

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time for the upcoming tournament as well as OVC match play.

"Personally, I think the rest of the team and I have been hitting the ball much better, especially the last

couple of days, and we are excited about the rest of the season. There is little doubt in my mind that we will not dominate the OVC this year," Shelton said.

The team will have little rest following the intercollegiate as they will travel to Alexander City, Al for the Southern Junior Seniors the next day. ■

TENNIS

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Michelle Wilson's ongoing battle with bursitis in her hip.

As on Saturday versus Samford University, Wilson retired in the first set of her match Monday against N.C. State.

Thornton said the team will take the rest of the week off before they resume play on Saturday, March 24 against East Tennessee State at the Murphy Center courts.

"The break is sure to do us good. Hopefully everyone will come back fresh and excited to begin the second half of the season," Thornton said. ■

BASEBALL

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Walker and Snellgrove and sophomore outfielder Jordan Beddies's two-run homer, his first round-tripper this season.

"It was just my type of pitch, a low fast ball," Beddies said after the game. "I knew it was the kind of pitch I could drive, but I also knew four runs wouldn't be enough to win the game,

since they're such a good hitting ballclub."

Middle was able to drive in an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth, when a hard single to center field by Snellgrove plated Barner. Oleksik came on in the ninth, and struck out the final two batters he faced to record his third save of the season.

This week's wins moved the Raiders' record to 6-9 for the season. ■

MTSU Softball team blasts TSU

MONICA GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Yesterday the Lady Raider softball team took the field against Tennessee State University on their home field and came away with two more wins to add to their record.

The Lady Raider offense scored five runs in the first game, winning 5-2. The second game was called in the fifth inning, due to the eight-run rule with a score of 8-0.

Pitcher Jill Booth and catcher Charlotte Peay led the defense in the first game with 9 strike outs. TSU was held to four hits.

Andrea Edwards pitched for the Lady Raiders in the second game, and Jamie

Estepa caught her first game of the spring season. Estepa had been sitting out due to an injury sustained in the fall. Edwards ended the game with six strike outs and the Lady Raider defense tightened their grip on TSU and allowed no runs to score.

In the second game, the Lady Raider's bats heated up scoring four runs in the first inning.

"We hit the ball very well and scored runs when we needed to," said Mary Beth Coombs, assistant coach. "We'll be ready for SEMO on Friday."

The Lady Raider softball team takes the field again Friday on their home turf against South East Missouri, last year's OVC tournament champions. ■

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Editorial

SGA Supreme Court makes big mistakes

It is beginning to seem as if this university cannot get through an SGA election without a confrontation. This year the problems have to do with filing financial disclosure forms that reveal how much money each candidate has spent on campaigning. Each candidate is allotted a certain amount of money by SGA to use for campaigning. The candidate uses his/her own money and is reimbursed the amount they disclose on the forms. Each candidate is required to file these forms with the SGA election commissioner at least 48 hours before the beginning of the election period, according to the SGA constitution.

The commissioner, Geoff Jenkins, set Friday, March 10 at 4 p.m. as this year's deadline to file the forms. Eleven of the 20 total candidates for SGA offices failed to file their forms on time. According to election rules, failure to file can disqualify the candidate from the race in which he/she is participating.

Jenkins has the authority to disqualify those candidates automatically. Rather than exerting his authority over 11 people and automatically disqualifying them, he decided to prosecute the candidates in front of the SGA Supreme Court. Two of the candidates dropped out of the race before the hearing Tuesday evening. Of the nine remaining candidates, eight were exonerated by the Court. The only candidate convicted of the offense was presidential candidate Shane McFarland.

Many of the candidates are upset at this ruling. Many SGA people believe that if one of the candidates was disqualified, all involved should have been disqualified. Some say the Court's ruling is unconstitutional. We believe the same. The Chief Justice of the Court explained that McFarland was disqualified when the others were not because the others were told by "an implied authority figure" inside SGA that if they did not spend any money they did not have to file the form.

This is contradictory to the SGA constitution, which states that each candidate "shall be required to file" a financial disclosure form. Apparently, the constitution did not matter to the Court. With a presidential candidate now disqualified, it was felt that it would not be fair to continue the election process for

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Behold the rite of Spring: Summer internship season



Warren Wakeland

school daze
Before we begin today's ramblings, a moment about last Thursday's column. I received a few letters from readers about the column ("One man's guide to college: tests, papers and BEER:30") that suggested I was doing students a disservice by saying this was all there is to college, and that the university should possibly "give that scholarship to someone who'd be a little bit more appreciative."

The letter with this quote appears in the "Letters To The Editor" column on page 13.

I want all of you to know that I take my "academic career" seriously to the point of a 3.8 GPA since enrolling at MTSU. I dare say I take my studies more seriously than 99.9 percent of the students enrolled here.

I also am a non-traditional student who, for 2 1/2 years until this semester, has attended school full-time and held two jobs simultaneously in order to pay my way through school. I think it is plausible to say I am more than a little bit appreciative of the scholarship afforded the position of editor of this newspaper.

If the letter writer had taken the time to speak to me personally before launching her attack, perhaps she would have gained a different

perspective. To those of you who took the time to write, I apologize if I have offended you. I had thought all along that anyone who read the column on a regular basis, as the letter writer implies she does, understood that if I am being serious about a subject, I say so. Otherwise, I am writing tongue-in-cheek.

Now to the fun and adventure. For those of you who cannot tell, this is not a serious column. I am writing tongue-in-cheek.

We are beginning to enter what I call "summer internship season." This is when juniors and seniors do their very best to impress the people they wish to have bring them into their businesses and allow them indentured servitude for the summer. The reward for this loyalty is, for some, three credits, and for the lucky few, a salary.

Summer internship season runs through May. This season I am trying to get an internship with one of the finest PR firms in the country. They select two interns and receive more than 100 applications each internship season for the two summer slots. Suffice it to say it is tough to get the job.

To this point I have sent an introduction letter to ask for information and an application. I am putting together my application now and will get it off during Spring Break.

Some of you get to go to Florida for Spring Break, I get to send off internship applications and write a political science paper. I hope you freeze your c7s@nbo%rk off.

I have found a few things about the internship season

to date that are difficult to manage. For example, the cover letter. You are supposed to write positive things about yourself in the cover letter that aren't covered in the rest of the application.

I always thought resumes were supposed to expose all the positive things about yourself. What else do I have that I can put into this letter? Do I write about my stunning smile (see photo at top of column)? My charming disposition (reference the editorial staff)? My speedy eight-month recovery from ACL surgery four years ago? I don't know.

Assume you are selected for an interview. How do you handle yourself? What do I wear? You thought only women asked that question, didn't you. Do I buy a new suit for this or rely on an old throw-together? Colored shirt or white? Brown or black shoes? Mint for the breath before, during or after? Or all three? It's driving me nuts.

And the waiting. My beautiful red-headed friend (deep sigh) applied for this internship last February and the firm made her wait until mid-May before telling her she got the position.

If I have to wait like she did, I may put my head through one of the walls of my lavish in-town cubbyhole.

But if you want the internship, you have to attack these difficulties and succeed. It's hard but, according to all those who know, well worth the effort.

Then, when you do get the position (hopefully), you go celebrate by wondering what made you get yourself into this to begin with. ■

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that office. The election for SGA president was halted and previously registered votes were thrown out.

A new election has been scheduled for April 4-5 to elect a president and hold the run-off for Speaker of the Senate.

However, the Court has decided that for the new election, or re-ballot, the presidential candidates will only have to obtain a plurality of the votes to win the election. In other words, if the highest percentage among the three remaining candidates is 40 percent, that candidate wins.

Again, this is contrary to the constitution, which states a candidate must receive a majority of the vote, or at least 51 percent, to win.

The Court's logic on the ruling is this:

Candidates must be given 10 working days notice of a run-off. This off situation exists. A run-off means the earliest date a run-off election for president could be scheduled would be April 18-19.

The SGA initiation banquet for new officers is scheduled for April 20. Holding a run-off would mean the banquet would have to be rescheduled. They say this cannot be done.

We believe this is an absurd reason for going around the constitution of student government. We cannot find any logic for either of the Court's rulings. We believe both rulings to be unconstitutional by the rules

and regulations of SGA.

All rulings of the Court in this matter should be overturned by Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Robert LaLance and the results for all offices thrown out. An entire new election should be held with all candidates eligible, including McFarland. The SGA initiation banquet should be postponed in order to allow fair time for everyone involved to regroup and campaign again.

The rules are clear: if a candidate does not file a financial disclosure form, they are disqualified from running for the office of their choice. To exercise this rule against one candidate and allow eight others to circumvent this rule sets a horrific precedent for future elections.

The "implied authority figure" who gave candidates improper information should be reprimanded for their mistake.

Jenkins had made it his goal to run this election by the letter of the law, and in this case has tried to do so. The Court with its rulings has effectively made the office of election commissioner moot. Jenkins has no power to enforce the rules if the Court circumvents his power, as it has done in this case.

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Sincerely,

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Letters To The Editor

Take his scholarship; he doesn't deserve it

To The Editor:

I am writing in response to March 9th's column of "School Daze" by Warren Wakeland.

I was a bit taken aback by Wakeland's almost stereotypical portrayal of college students as partyers who drink all night, cram for tests and papers, then party and drink some more.

I also found it disturbing that Wakeland, a prominent figure on our fine college campus whom before this article I had respect for, is nothing more than a drunkard who really isn't taking his academic career seriously at all. ("Finish the class and hit the Molsons. It's Beer:30!" (REALLY!))

I am aware of the fact that as editor of *Sidelines*, Wakeland receives a scholarship from the university for a free ride of "tests, papers and beer:30." As a non-traditional student who works hard for the money to attend school, and even harder for the grades to stay in it, I feel that maybe the university should give that scholarship to someone who'd be a little bit more appreciative.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

Lose the election and eat lobster

AUSTIN, Texas (CPS)—Humor and rage, mixed with the smell of boiling lobster, filled the air recently at Mick's Mix near the University of Texas-Austin campus.

Fulfilling a campaign promise, Wiley Koepp, who ran unsuccessfully for Students' Association president, was both praised and insulted for boiling and eating his two pet lobsters, Zoe and Squishy.

"I don't know whether to laugh or be disgusted," said Stacey Bryant, a broadcast journalism senior. "It's a funny situation, but it's kind of cruel. He's a good politician. He kept his campaign promise."

Koepp, an English senior, had promised to use the free tuition and salary he would have received for being president to fly the lobsters first-class to Maine. He then would have taken a boat off the coast and set them free.

Koepp had said that if he lost, he would boil the lobsters.

"Before I decided to run, I was going to get rid of them. It's kind of expensive keeping them alive," Koepp said of the lobsters he bought from a Red Lobster restaurant.

Koepp attempted to hold

the boiling ceremony on the West Mall, but the on-campus organization of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) protested the event and brought in members of the Campus and Community Involvement Office, who said Koepp had not approached the administration about holding the boiling ceremony.

"I went down and let him know that he hadn't gotten permission to do any cooking on campus," said Cheryl Wood, a student affairs administrator in the Campus and Community Involvement Office. "It's possible that we could have approved it, [but] he hadn't even contacted our office."

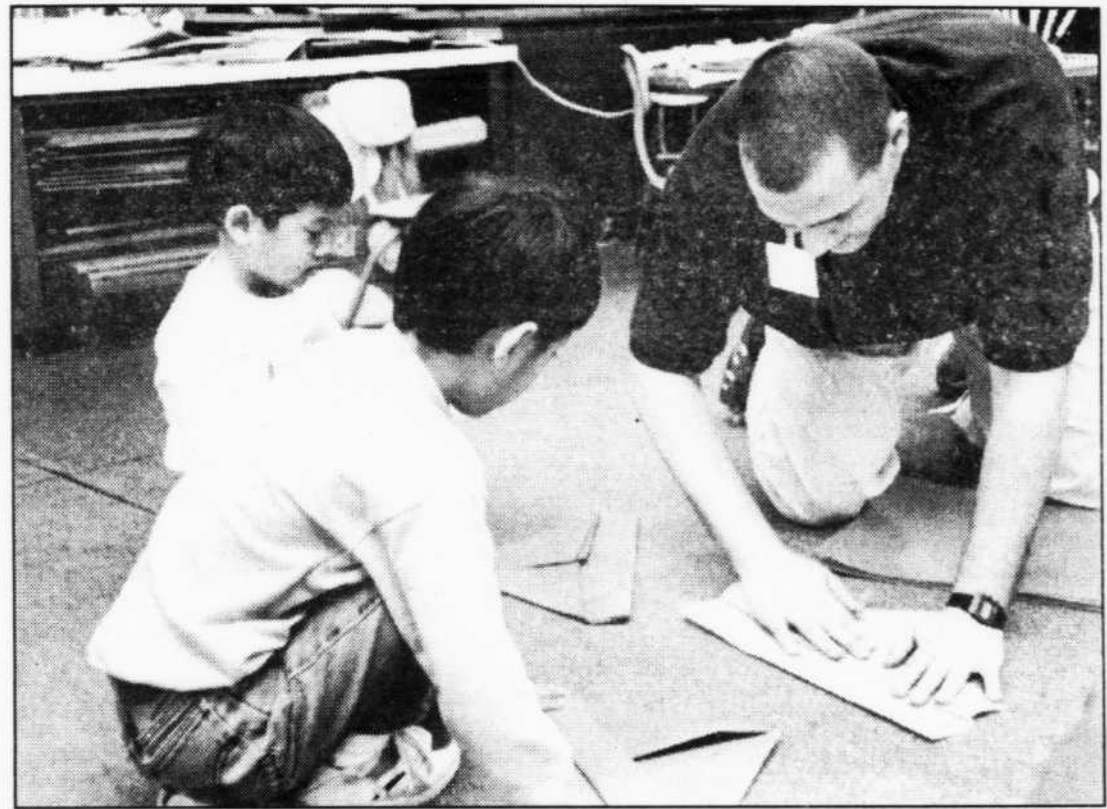
Koepp moved his lobster boil to Guadalupe, outside of Mick's Mix, where he drew a crowd of about 30.

"I'm protesting this because he's glorifying the death of animals in front of a group of people," said Niki Telkes, a member of PETA and an environmental resource management and geography junior.

Telkes said PETA had offered to fly the lobsters to Maine, but Koepp declined.

"We offered him an alternative," Telkes said. "He said he had thought

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MTSU senior and Campus School worker/teacher Matt Vinson helps Kevin Sisco and Larpin Butchareon make party hats during class.

about it long and hard and said, 'They're going to die anyway.'

Koepp said he had reasons for turning down PETA's offer.

"I decided against that for several reasons," Koepp said. "I didn't want to break my campaign promise."

Koepp also said he was not sure whether releasing the lobsters in Maine would be safe.

"Putting them back in their environment after being out for several weeks—I wasn't sure that they could have caught [their own] food. I just felt it was something I

had to do," he said.

Koepp, who did not display any visible remorse while killing and eating the lobsters, said, "I did take measures to do this as humanely as possible. I don't feel real good, but I kept my campaign promise." ■

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