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# SIDELINES

## Sundquist cuts \$47 million worth of MTSU projects from state budget

Governor eliminates all capital projects in effort to decrease \$208 million budget deficit

**JOEY DAVENPORT**  
Staff Writer

Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist's announcement of the state budget for the 1995-96 fiscal year rules out any immediate plans for a new library or business/aerospace building at MTSU.



SUNDQUIST

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission's (THEC) capital list, which included funding for a new MTSU library, was eliminated from the governor's budget proposal announced during his State of the State address

Wednesday.

Funds for MTSU's proposed \$22 million business/aerospace building and for the renovation and expansion of the Tennessee Technology Center in Murfreesboro were also eliminated from the governor's budget.

"This is a matter of trying to deal with the deficit that has been created



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Kevin Evans (R), senior physical education/biology major, does research for a class on the CD-ROM system in the library Wednesday afternoon. With the anticipated budget cuts from the Sundquist administration, there will be no library or business/aerospace building in the near future.

over the last year," explained Jerry Preston, spokesperson from the governor's Finance and Administration Office. "The logic is to try to defer and correct the deficit

by eliminating certain projects."

According to Rep. John Bragg (D-Murfreesboro), chairman of the House Finance Committee, the state faces a budget shortfall of \$208

million from the 1994-95 fiscal year. The state deficit has been attributed to state programs such as the Children's Plan and TennCare fee

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### Bingham charged with assault

Music Department  
chair released on  
\$1,500 bond

**MARK BLEVINS**  
Assistant News Editor

Music Department Chairman Dr. John Bingham was served a criminal arrest warrant by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department Monday related to charges of simple assault filed by a music department associate professor.

Associate Director of Band Derle Long filed the misdemeanor charge with the MTSU Department of Public Safety Feb. 16 and

later obtained a warrant from the General Sessions Court of Rutherford County.

Maj. Brown of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department said that to his

understanding Bingham came into the police department of his own accord around 3 p.m. Monday after being notified of the warrant.

Bingham posted \$1,500 bond and was released. According to the Public

Safety report, Long charged that Bingham cursed him, shoved him and told Long to "take him on" in a confrontation concerning a memo from Long.

Long said he sent the memo to Bingham because he was "having problems with scheduling in his classes due to conflicts created by other members of the music staff and their schedules," according to the police report.

According to Long's charges in the report, Bingham went to Long's office where Bingham shut the door and "began cursing [Long]" about the memo. "When Long went to open

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BINGHAM

### SGA attempting to boost voter turnout for 1995-96 elections

**KRIS WETZEL**  
News Editor

The SGA Election Commission is trying to boost voter turn-out for the March 14-15 elections by sponsoring public forums, debates and speakers to individual campus groups.

The Election Commission functions as the governing force of the election. Led by Election Commissioner Geoff Jenkins, the committee consists of four other students. They are responsible for the

circulation of petitions, approving the candidates credentials, monitoring their campaigns and setting up polls.

The Electoral Commissioner is specifically responsible for getting students to vote. To accomplish this goal, Jenkins plans to talk to individual groups on campus and sponsor Speak-Outs and candidate debates.

The first Speak-Out has been organized for March 8 in the KUC Grill at noon.

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**MTSU NEWS**

**Music students sweep guitar competition**

**KRYS SPAIN**  
Staff Writer

Three MTSU guitar students swept first, second and third places in the classical guitar division of the Beethoven Club's Eighteenth Annual Young Artist's Competition in Memphis Feb. 18.

Billy Atkisson took first place in the guitar division, winning \$300. He will return to Memphis on Sunday to perform in a concert for the Beethoven club. Evan Hale was awarded \$200 for second place, and Tim Davis received \$100 for winning third place.

The contest was open to any student under 32 years of age, living within 250 miles of Memphis. Contestants competed in five categories: Voice, Strings, Piano, Winds/Brasses and Classical Guitar. The students were required to play three pieces from three different style periods.

Atkisson is a senior guitar performance major. He has entered the contest for the past few years, and he took third place in the 1994 competition. He has played guitar for nine years, and has been playing classical guitar for five years. He plans to graduate this summer. He prefers to play hard rock.

"The first two years that I was in the contest I didn't place," Atkisson said. "I practiced a lot, and the third year I placed third. Placing third really built my confidence."

"The long hours of practice paid off when I was awarded first place this last time. It was my last contest as an undergraduate," Atkisson said.

Hale is majoring in recording industry. He devotes his spare time to a rock-n-roll band called Flavor Saver. In the contest he played Bach's Third Cello Suite, Fantasia by J. Dowland and Sunburst by A.

York.

"I've been playing guitar for ten years. Classical Guitar for one and a half years," Hale said. "Rock-N-Roll is my forte."

Davis is also working on a major in Recording Industry. He plays at the First Baptist Church. During the competition he played two selections from J.S. Bach's Third Cello Suite, Sonata Opus 15 by Fernando Sor and Allemande by J. Dowland.

"I have been playing guitar for 10 years," Davis said. "I've only been playing classical guitar for four years."

Graduate and undergraduate guitar students

**"To my knowledge, this is the first time any institution has swept all of the prizes in the guitar division of this competition."**

**-Dr. William Yelverton**  
Assistant Professor of Music

came from Austin Peay, Memphis State, East Carolina, MTSU and Bethel College. Howard Vance, a guitarist from Memphis was judging the competition.

"What struck me is that a lot of graduate students competed,"

said Dr. William Yelverton, Assistant Professor of Music. "I was really surprised that the under-graduates competed so well against the graduates."

Yel-verton was asked to judge the contest one year and has since been sending students to it. The Beethoven Club is close to 100 years old, making it one of the oldest private music clubs in America. They sponsor the contest annually, and the concert is open to the public.

"Everyone played well and the competition was close this year. To see all three students win was shocking. The judging was close," Yelverton said.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time any institution has swept all of the prizes in the guitar division of this competition," he added, "This is the second consecutive year that an MTSU guitar student has won first place." ■

**Campus Capsule**

Today

**A Career Placement Orientation and Career Fair Tips** will be held at 2 p.m. at KUC 322. Learn about Placement Services, Resume Expert, Campus Interviews and Employment Opportunities.

**MTSU LAMBDA will sponsor "Come Out" and Dance** at 8 p.m. in the Tenn. Room of the JUB. Admission is \$3 at the door and refreshments will be served. Call 780-2293 for more info.

**The American Criminal Justice Assoc.** will meet at 5 p.m. in KUC 314. A special agent from the Tenn. Bureau of Investigation will be speaking. Other topics to be covered include the national competition and T-shirt designs. Anyone interested is welcomed to attend.

**Cookies, cakes, brownies, muffins, coffee** and other such delights will be featured at the Am. Criminal Justice Assoc. bake sale in the quad at Peck Hall. Everyone is invited to stop by.

**The Native American Indian Organization** will meet from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in KUC Room 305. Open elections.

**Fri., March 3 WOMEN AND POWER CONFERENCE:** Friday March 3 and Saturday March 4 at KUC. Free to MTSU students, faculty and staff.

**MTSU Concerts presents '95 Coffeehouse Acoustic Series** in the 2nd floor lounge in the KUC at noon. Featured artists will be Greg Garring, Seth Timbs, and Four Zoas. The show is FREE and OPEN to the public. Call 898-2551 for more info.

**The National Assoc. of Environmental Professionals** meets every Friday in VIS 103. We are currently working on the Lytle Creek Project. Anyone wanting to participate, please join us or call.

**The International Women's Day Breakfast** sponsored by Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women will be held Wed., March 8, 1995 at 7 a.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room. Tickets are \$7. Please reserve with the Sponsored Programs Office by TODAY.

**Sat., March 4 There will be an OES country ham breakfast** at the Masonic Hall, 1206 SE Broad St., from 6 - 11 p.m. The price is \$5/adult, \$2.50/12 and under. Call

898-2708 or 2409 for student special.

**Mon., March 6**

**A pre-nursing seminar** will be held by the Jr. nursing students who have just started the nursing courses from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the C-K Nursing Bldg. Room 121. The seminar is being held to give insight into admission to the nursing courses and things to expect in your first semester of nursing courses.

**A SGA presidential candidate discussion** sponsored by McHenry Hall Council will be held at 8 p.m. at McHenry Hall.

**A screening of Jane Campion's The Piano** will be held at 7 p.m. in Peck Hall 218. Free and open.

**The Anthropological Society of MTSU** will meet at 3 p.m. in Room 318 of Peck Hall. Join us.

**The Black Student Journalists Assoc.** will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 150. New members welcome!

**Tau Omicron** will meet at 5 p.m. in KUC 322.

**Upcoming & Ongoing**

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

**The Third Annual Women's Studies Undergraduate Symposium.** Come share a rare opportunity with undergraduates from across the Southeast region as they present academic work from all disciplines regarding women's issues. March 7 from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Tenn. Room of the JUB.

**The Placement and Student Employment Center** will hold a Resume Writing Workshop on Wed. March 8 at 11 a.m., an Interview Preparation Seminar on Thur March 9 at 3 p.m., and a Resume Critique on Fri., March 10 all in KUC Room 318.

**Campus Rec** will be sponsoring a table tennis tournament on March 15 from 5 - 9 p.m. in the Alumni Gym. Deadlines for entry will be March 13. \$2/person.

**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**

**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. 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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Church of God in Christ Revival on Campus Ministries** meets every Thursday in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. For more information call Rolanda Payne at 898-4065.

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## MTSU NEWS

## Stevens speaks about artistic development

**MARTHA STROUD**  
Staff Writer

Dr. Jane Alden Stevens, professor of photography at University of Cincinnati, delivered a lecture Monday night in the Mass Communication building that detailed her current exhibit "Shadowing the Green Pool" and her experience as a photographic artist.

Stevens cited nature, Gothic style churches, paintings, statues, films and books as strong influences in her work. Personal loss and experiences associated with growing up are also popular themes in her pictures.

"I want to take pictures that will make people pause and think," Dr. Stevens said in response to why she does not take straight pictures.

Stevens began her career by taking straight black and white pictures, but progressed into blending two pictures after she saw the possibilities of the technique. She has explored cyanotype, 3-D, and photo-linen, but always returns to her panoramic work.

Her panoramic camera is

100 years old. She inherited it from her great-grandfather. During the summer, she spends time in the Appalachian Mountains taking pictures of family and friends.

Stevens plans on continuing her work with the panoramic, but continues to explore new ideas and techniques. She is currently exploring the use of the digital darkroom for developing the collages she has been developing in the typical darkroom.

"I had never understood the reasoning photographic artists use to express themselves in their work," said MTSU student Jason Potts. "After hearing Dr. Stevens speak, I have a greater appreciation of the art of photograph."

Dr. Stevens' lecture and exhibit is co-sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee and MTSU's National Women's History Month Committee. "Shadowing the Green Pool" is currently on display in the Photography Gallery in the Ned McWherter Learning Resource Center. ■



BLAIR MITCHELL/Staff

Jane Alden Stevens and Chicago Dzviti spend a moment talking as fellow artists. Stevens, from Cincinnati, spoke Monday night about some of her work currently on display in the Photographic Gallery. Mr. Dzviti, a native of Zimbabwe, has work in the Spirit Talk Mbira exhibit on display in the Art Barn Gallery until Monday.

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**MTSU NEWS**

**College Republicans sponsors lecture on time management**

**TRIPP BALLARD**  
Staff Writer

The MTSU College Republicans held their second meeting of the semester on Monday night with special guest Dr. Ralph Hillman giving a lecture about different aspects of time management.

Dr. Hillman, an MTSU speech and theater professor who specializes in voice, diction and time management, delivered a forty-five minute lecture that emphasized the strains caused by time management.

"Time management is not about controlling time but controlling events," Hillman said. "Most of us need to keep a time log to make sure that we are using time well. 80% of our time is spent on doing things that reap 20% of our benefits."

Hillman pointed out five "mega-realities" that will continue to put pressure on all of us in the future. These "mega-realities" are: population growth, the huge flow of information, media growth, the huge amount of paper we consume and the overabundance of choices that are out there. Hillman cites the overabundance of choices as the most

exhausting mega-reality.

"We can't even look at all the alternatives to make choices anymore," Harris said. "There are just too many choices facing all of us. We need to narrow down our choices, not expand them, so we can make better choices more consistently."

The College Republicans hosted the lecture as part of their commitment to provide quality guest speakers for students. The College Republicans stay busy by trying to recruit new members, increase public awareness, hold more social functions and participate in community service.

The MTSU College Republicans have over 200 members and serve a vital role to Tennessee politicians during elections.

"We provide a labor pool for local Republicans during election years," Tim Harrell, Chairman of the MTSU College Republicans said. "We work phone banks, go door to door, hang up literature and attend rallies as a group."

The MTSU College Republicans have a number of immediate and long-term goals, including helping to

insure a Republican president in 1996. During the primaries, they equally support all the Republican candidates.

"We help all Republican presidential candidates during the primaries. As a club rule, we never endorse one candidate until after all the primaries when the Republican candidate is chosen," Harrell said.

The most immediate goal for the MTSU College Republicans is to help in changing the Tennessee State Legislature.

"Democrats have ruled the state legislature forever. The last election proved that the South is beginning to change from liberal to conservative and we hope that this trend will continue. Hopefully, in the future we will have a Republican majority in the state legislature," commented Harrell.

Other long-term goals include increasing the membership to over 500 members. The College Republicans are trying to gain local political seats, especially the 6th congressional seat and 48th and 49th district seats in the state legislature. ■

**Bookstore prices linked to publishers**

**TRIPP BALLARD**  
Staff Writer

Student complaints in late January about high book prices prompted a meeting between the Student Government Association and Phillips Bookstore director Earl Harris.

SGA President Drew Bergman and student advocate Andy Leffler, founder of the group Students for the Reform of Textbook Policy and senior recording industry major, met with Harris to voice and clarify student complaints.

All parties involved in the meeting left with the conclusion that the publishers were the ones that needed to be kept in check. Because the publishers have a monopoly, it is hard to take action without uniting more schools.

"It would take a large scale demonstration to alert publishers," Leffler said. "A lot of universities would have to organize together to do something. One school can't do it alone."

"Phillips Bookstore is really helping us by having the lowest mark-up rate,

along with Austin Peay, in the state. It is the publishers who are causing the problems because they are the ones who set the high prices," Leffler said.

Harris believes there is not much that can be done about the publisher's high prices and expects prices to increase as paper prices continue to rise.

Bergman spoke on the issue of book prices at a recent Tennessee Council of Student Presidents meeting. This council is comprised of all the other SGA presidents from the Tennessee Board of Regents schools.

Bergman also talked to the faculty senate and made sure they were careful about supplemental materials they asked students to buy. He asked them to make sure the students would use all the materials they were asked to buy.

"I have been in this business for more than 20 years and I have not seen a way, at this point, that you can lower textbook prices," Harris said. "We've tried to be as helpful as possible, and I wish there was a way we could help students more." ■

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## MTSU NEWS

### BUDGET

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collections which are six months behind.

Sundquist presented a \$12.97 billion state budget which delays \$101 million worth of building projects at Tennessee Board of Regents colleges and universities. This is the first time in at least 30 years a governor has proposed a budget lower than the year before.

"If the economy keeps growing like it has been, then we should have an excess of funds due to over collections," Bragg said. "By May, I hope we will be in good enough shape to be able to pick up and move forward with these projects.

"I hope we can put these excess funds into contingency plans to help fund some of these programs," Bragg continued. "I want to be sure that these contingency plans are a main priority."

THEC recently approved funding for 20 projects on their capital list for 1995-96. Funding for the new \$25.7

million MTSU library was 13th on this list.

MTSU has been requesting funds for a new library for 6-7 years. The recent attainment on the THEC priority list provided a good chance the money would be allocated. However, the entire capital list was eliminated from the state budget.

"The projects have been suspended until we get a more reliable picture of where the state revenue stands," said Bryant Millsaps, Executive Director of THEC. "However, there is a possibility that funding for all or part of the projects on the capital list will be made available later in the year."

The construction of the proposed business/aerospace building was approved by the Tennessee Building Commission for the 1994-95 fiscal year. However, the Tennessee Building Commission does not approve funding for capital projects.

"We are hopeful that Gov. Sundquist, his staff, and the legislature will continue to review the status of capital projects under consideration," said MTSU President Dr. James E. Walker. "We will work closely with Chancellor

### SGA

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Candidates running for President, Speaker of the House and Speaker of the Senate will have several minutes to state their platforms.

In the debate scheduled for March 13, candidates will receive 2-3 minutes to respond to questions asked by a panel of four students and three faculty members. Mediator Geoff Jenkins will open up the second round with questions that will force the candidates to respond to each other's replies.

"I think it's good that the candidates will have to respond to each other," Jenkins said. "In the past, you have only seen them react to the panelists."

Other plans to increase voter participation include extending the campaign time, inviting more opportunities for candidates to publicly speak and

Smith and his staff at the Tennessee Board of Regents as we strive to move forward with these projects that are so important to the future of our campus and the University community." ■

allotting two days and one night for students to vote.

Jenkins reports that only 800 students cast votes in the fall SGA elections. He has set his goals at having 2000-3000 votes cast this spring.

Any student with a valid student ID is eligible to vote, excluding only those who are forbidden by law [convicted felons]. Voting will be conducted by swiping student IDs to insure that each student only votes once.

"You hear a lot about the apathy level for voting and how bad it is," Jenkins said. "I have never seen anything like this. When only 800 students vote, something is really wrong."

The SGA candidates are regulated by guidelines in the SGA constitution and additional guidelines found in the Comprehensive Electoral Act. These documents designate qualifications for each office as well as defines the process a potential candidate

must go through to get their name on a ballot. A specific guideline regulates the amount of money a candidate can spend on the campaign.

In addition to the candidates, the spring ballot will also hold a referendum to amend the SGA Presidential requirements to 2.3 GPA, 45 credit hours and two consecutive semesters served at MTSU. Current requirements designate that presidential candidates must be a full-time or part-time student possessing 45 hours with a 2.0 GPA for at least two consecutive semesters at MTSU.

"People talk about the SGA having a high level of fraternity and sorority activity," Jenkins said. "A lot of people seem to be apathetic, but students who get involved with Greek organizations are interested in many things. Groups that have a vested interest in the campus get involved with the SGA." ■

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**BINGHAM**

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the door, Bingham placed his hand on Long's chest and shoved him back," according to the report. Long told Bingham that he was going to open the door so that others could hear what he had to say "and that prompted Bingham to leave, stating as he proceeded down the hall for Long to 'take him on,'" the report stated.

Bingham refused comment on the charges.

Long said in an interview Tuesday that the incident put him in a very uncomfortable situation, but he would not comment on the assault itself.

Long said that he does not want to blow the situation out of proportion and that he and Bingham will probably "sit down and work it out" at the scheduled court date.

The court date is set for March 9 at 9 a.m. in General Sessions Court at the Rutherford County Courthouse.

Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs Robert Jones said that the university is not taking action on the matter.

"In this type of situation, obviously [anyone accused is] presumed innocent and regarded as innocent until proven guilty," Jones said.

"It would be inappropriate for us to take steps or actions based on accusations. It's going to be resolved by the legal process in Rutherford County," Jones said.

Dean of Liberal Arts John McDaniel said that he knows very little about the incident but did comment on Bingham.

"We think a lot of Dr. Bingham," McDaniel said. "There's a lot of high energy in the department."

Bingham joined the music department as a permanent chair in August 1992, McDaniel said. All chairpersons in the College of Liberal Arts are evaluated every year.

This is Long's first year in the music department. ■

**Candidates for SGA Elections  
March 14-15, 1995**

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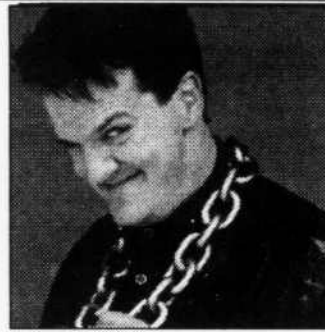
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**Public Safety  
Weekly Crime Log**

- THEFT:** Feb. 23. Theft from buildings under \$500. Location: James Union Building - cafeteria. Summary: Complainant advised she left wallet on table at JUB cafe and went back and it was gone. Complainant first advised she was at KUC after a long period of looking for her [wallet], she called back and advised KOM.
- ARREST:** Feb. 24. Location: off campus - Clark near Maymont. Charles William Harry Jr., 43, was arrested for simple possession and driving under the influence - 2nd offense.
- ARREST:** Feb. 24. Location: off campus - Clark near Maymont. Rodney Brian Price, 25, was arrested for public intoxication and simple possession.
- THEFT:** Feb. 24. Theft from auto & breaking in E/F. Location: Smith Hall. Subject called and advised that her car had been broken into. The car was parked on the side of Cope in front of Smith Hall. Subject is not a student.
- ARREST:** Feb. 24. Location: Judd Hall - parking lot. Johnathan Wesley Loden, 21 was arrested for aggravated assault on a police officer.
- THEFT:** Feb. 24. Bicycles under \$500. Location: KUC - bike rack. Subject came in to report her bike had been stolen.
- ARREST:** Feb. 24. Location: off campus - Clark near Maymont. Donald Lee Price, 21, was arrested for simple possession.
- THEFT:** Feb. 25. Theft from buildings under \$500. Location: Todd Library. Subject advised his gold wedding band and watch had been lost approx. two weeks ago from the top floor of the library.
- THEFT:** Feb. 26. Theft from auto & breaking in E/F. Location: Ezell Hall lot. Reported that someone had broken into her vehicle/pink and purple Geo and stolen her CD player.
- CHECKING VEHICLE:** Feb. 28. Location: Davis Science Building - red Chevy Pick-up. Vehicle cut across sidewalk from KUC to lot. Dean's citation issued.

OVC Tournament Wrap-Up  
Monday.

**Sports**  
only in *Sidelines*

## THE NATION &amp; WORLD

## New East Tennessee area code could cause problem

**JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP)** — East Tennessee gets a new area code in September, but phone companies say some businesses had better be ready before that.

Many old automated switchboards, known as PBXs, aren't programmed for calls with area codes having middle numbers other than 0 or 1.

East Tennessee's new area code will be 423.

In some places with new area codes with a number higher than one in the middle, businesses weren't able to get calls.

Some PBXs can be upgraded with computer software. Others will need to be replaced.

Tony Carter, a spokesman for Sprint-United Telephone, which serves northeast Tennessee, said PBXs more than about 15 years old may not be able to be upgraded easily.

He said software upgrading costs a few hundred dollars for systems only a few years old, while the older systems may be looking at costs of \$5,000 to \$15,000. New PBXs may run \$500 per station, he said.

The situation is fixable, said Ron Harr, spokesman for South Central Bell in Knoxville.

"We are trying to make sure people are aware of the problem," he said.

Harr said the problem is already there for people in Tennessee with the old PBXs who try to call areas where a change has already been made, such as southern Alabama with a new 334 area code.

"People are going to start noticing that

something's not working," Harr said.

South Central Bell will start a statewide publicity campaign in the summer to make people aware of the area code change and problems it could mean, Harr said.

United also is trying to make its customers aware of possible problems, Carter said.

Some businesses are upgrading their whole phone system partly because of the change in area codes.

Linda Remington of American Long Wall Face Conveyers, an Abingdon, Va.-company that makes conveyers for coal mines, said the company had wanted to update its phone system from its old PBX. The area code change affects them because they have customers around the country and must call different area codes.

"We needed to grow. We needed new technology," she said. "It probably made us look a little quicker than we would have."

Tennessee Valley Authority also upgraded its software for PBXs last fall, partly because of the new area code.

"We knew it was coming," said Jay Parsons, a specialist in telecommunications for TVA.

Beginning in September, callers can use either the old 615 area code or new 423 area code for East Tennessee. But next February the 423 becomes mandatory.

New area codes are needed in some parts of the country since phone companies are low on available numbers. That's partly because of the increasing number of fax machines and cellular telephones. ■

## Former Communist elected Polish PM

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — Parliament elected former Communist official Jozef Oleksy prime minister on Wednesday, joining Poland's Eastern European neighbors in restoring a communist to power.

The leftist-dominated legislature forced out Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak, who was attacked for slowing the pace of selling off state-owned industries. He also clashed with President Lech Walesa, an anti-communist, over economic and social policies.

Former communist officials have returned to power across Eastern Europe on a wave of dissatisfaction with unemployment and falling living standards in the transition to free-market economies.

Former communists have been elected in Bulgaria, Slovakia and Hungary. They never left power in Romania, and are expected to win elections for Albania's parliament in 1996. Only in the Czech Republic do former communist rulers not appear close to returning to power.

Oleksy, a former local communist party chief, will be the seventh prime minister since Walesa's Solidarity union led the democratic revolution that overthrew the communist regime in 1989. Oleksy, 48, has been speaker of parliament since 1993.

The Sejm, the lower house of parliament, voted 285-5 for Oleksy. There were 127 abstentions by opposition members who complained that the ruling coalition of former communists and Pawlak's Polish Peasants' Party had failed to fulfill their election promise to ease the pain of market reforms.

The leftists, elected in 1993, had to scale back plans to expand social programs because of the high costs.

"How can we support the same coalition?" said Bronislaw Geremek of the centrist Freedom Union caucus.

Geremek accused Pawlak's government of wasting its chance by slowing down the sale of state industries to private investors and returning to centralized decision-making. ■

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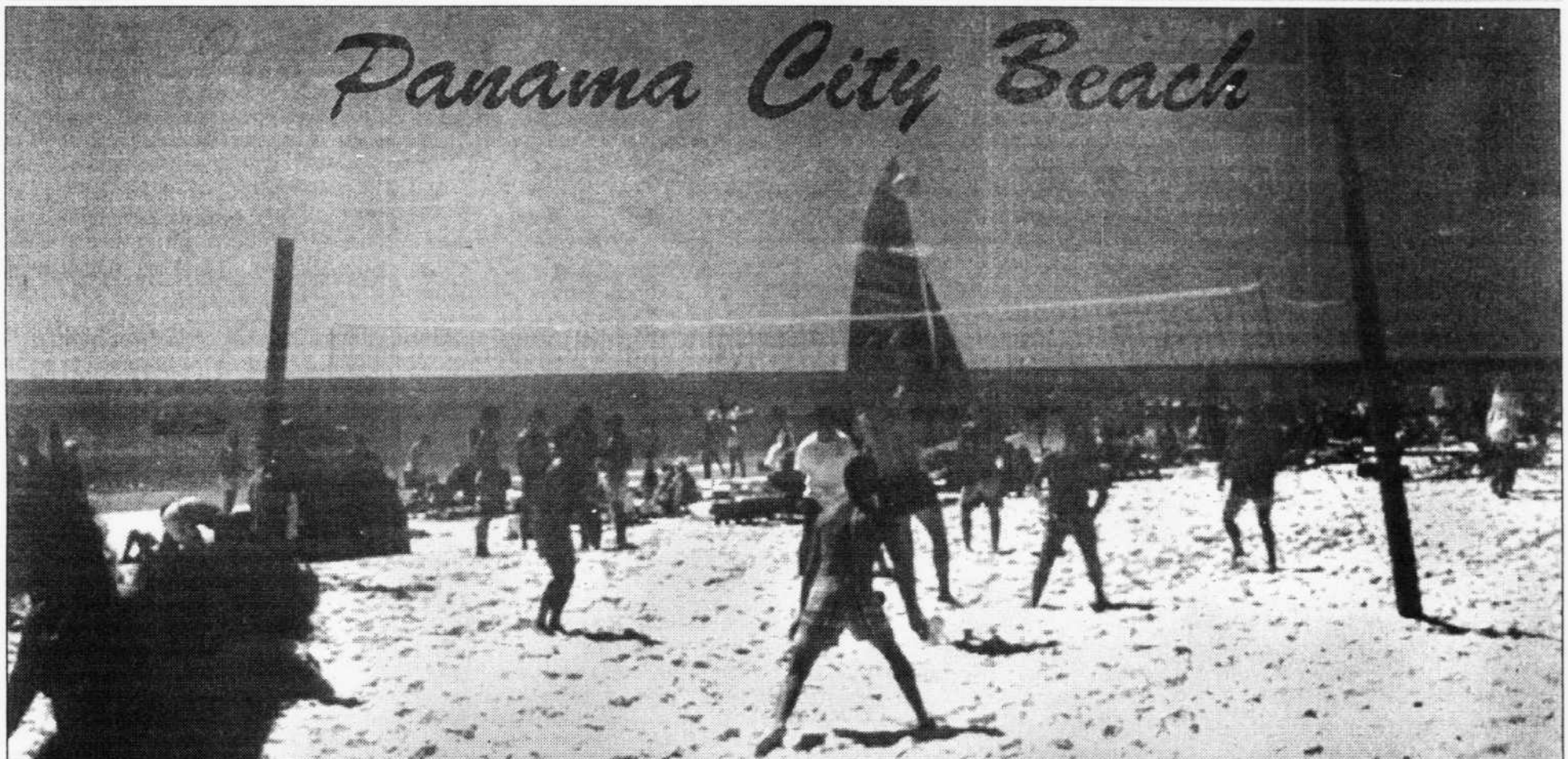
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**BRENT ANDREWS**  
Features Editor

For most college students, Panama City Beach is a household name. We've been there, seen the crowds, partied at the bars and thrown up over the balconies. This Spring Break is no exception, as PCB plans to host another onslaught of party-bound students for Spring Break '95.

If it's parties you're looking for, PCB is the place to go. From friendly parties in private hotel rooms to organized drink festivals sponsored by large corporations, PCB offers everything for the escape enthusiast. And with more

than 16,000 hotel, motel, and condominium units, PCB offers accommodations for you no matter how large or small your budget might be.

But if you are interested in getting a tan or frolicking in the Gulf of Mexico, PCB is often disappointing in March. I have been there during this often foul, always unpredictable month, and have seen bright Sun and warm sand

as well as cold drizzle and winter coats. The yearly average temperature for PCB is 78 degrees, with an average water temperature of 72 degrees, but if you decide to make PCB your

Spring Break destination, pack that bikini or swimsuit but save some space (maybe there in the trunk behind the cooler full of beer) for cold-weather clothing. The average temperature for

Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, one of the things visitors to the area like to do most is sample the seafood at one of PCB's numerous restaurants. PCB is also known for its fine Gulf

fishing, as well as the beauty of its 27-plus miles of beach. Also in PCB, students will find 5 18-hole golf courses, miniature golf, a zoo, a museum, and a huge variety of beach clubs offering every sort of music—from classic hits to heavy metal. At Spinnaker (8975 S. Thomas Dr., (904) 234-7882), Tesla will be playing on March 26, and dancing goes on day and night. Local

bands will also be making appearances, and Spinnaker is working on booking more national acts right now.

For the adventurous, the Miracle Strip Amusement Park (904-234-5810) offers daily entertainment, including its newest addition—the Shock Wave, a ride that takes you 65 feet into the air and turns you upside-down so you lose all that lose change in your pockets. Also, there is a 2000 foot-long roller coaster, 15 other rides, and a kiddie area just in case you brought your youngsters along.

Across the street from the amusement park is

**SPRING  
BREAK '95**

March is between 46 and 70 degrees, so you never really know what the weather will be like until you get there.

According to Lisa Syvaniemi-Lammi, Media Buyer for the Panama City

see **Panama**, page 10

## Coming to America - without sight

**AMY SENTELLE**  
Special to *Sidelines*

Exchange student likes MTSU, even without braille room numbers

Is there hope in a world of darkness? In Christoph Bungard's world, hope springs eternal.

You see, Christoph, an exchange student at MTSU from Germany, has been blind since birth.

Blindness, however, has not stopped him from seeing the world. He's traveled to

Spain four times and France twice by himself and is no stranger to the United States.

Christoph came to the states before on a different exchange program and wanted to learn more about this country as well as to improve his English.

He's made a smooth transition from his homeland to the states and has mastered not only English, but Spanish as well.

Why two languages?

Christoph's planning on a career as a translator. And as if that weren't enough, he's minoring in law, explaining that, "I hope to find a job as a translator. I wouldn't mind working in another country."

His love of traveling was a big determinant in his decision to further his studies in the United States.

Christoph's home is in the village of Pracht, which is near the city of Koeln in Germany. He attended Gernersheim University and it was there he decided to come to the United States. The fact that Gernersheim already had a foreign exchange program with MTSU made Christoph's choice of schools easy.

What wasn't so easy was leaving his family and friends. You see, Christoph is not an only child, he has a twin brother. His brother is studying computer science at the University of Karlsruhe in Germany and Christoph

says that they keep in touch by "talking on the Internet because calling even once a week would be too expensive."

Despite being so far away from home, Christoph has enjoyed his stay in America, but says that some of the laws that govern dorm life are outdated compared to those in Germany. He explains that here the university "treats us like we're little kids. I feel like a prisoner. We'd never have such strict rules on the German university campus. At 18 we're considered adults, and the issues of drinking or visitation are not a matter of concern for the university. In Germany we're responsible for

ourselves."

Christoph does admit that in the beginning it was hard to make the transition from Germany to the United States. He had to take mobility classes to learn his way around campus. And he has to take his own notes with a tape recorder and Braille computer. Nevertheless, the hardest part of the transition has been making friends.

The fact that MTSU is a suitcase college also has made dorm life hard for Christoph. "On weekends this campus is a ghost town and I often get depressed and homesick," he admits.

All Christoph has to do to

see **America**, page 10



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on each of the first two tickets purchased  
with a valid ID.

**FEATURES**

**PANAMA**

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Across the street from the amusement park is Shipwreck Island (904-234-5810), where those of you who love to get wet will find a large waterpark with a wave-pool, an innertube rapids ride, and 2 new 65 foot waterslides.

For those of you who are interested in purging the sea of wildlife, Moody's Deep Sea Fishing (904-837-1293), 46 miles from PCB in Destin, Florida, offers either 6-hour morning trips or 4-hour afternoon trips for \$25 per person plus tax. No fishing license is required, and Moody's offers refreshments and beer (for a small fee) aboard the boat and complimentary filleting and cleaning. Or, if you choose, you can bring your own refreshments and beer and clean your own catch. Moody's fishes year-round for favorites such as Snapper, Sea Bass, and Ocean Perch.

While you're enjoying the beach bars of PCB, don't forget that it is against the law to drink and drive. If you find yourself at a bar at 3 a.m. and you don't feel up to walking the beach back to your hotel, call Yellow Cab of PCB at (904) 837-1293.

PCB does not have an

open container law on the beach, so you can drink to your heart's content while soaking up the rays, but no bottles are allowed on the beach and alcohol may not be consumed while walking on or beside PCB streets. Also, the PCB Police Department discourages jumping off balconies or piers or climbing on buildings. Instead, PCB Police Chief Lee Sullivan recommends trying one of PCB's bungee jumps.

The police department also warns that heavy fines are incurred by people who litter in PCB, and reminds us that pulling sea oats (the often obnoxious, sometimes beautiful, always erosion-detering grass that grows on the beach) is illegal. Fighting is also not allowed, and students must remain at least partially clothed while on the beach.

Bay County/Panama City International Airport is served by Delta Airlines, with smaller companies offering commuter service to surrounding areas. For more information about PCB, or to inquire about area hotels or attractions, contact the Panama City Beach convention and Visitor's Bureau at 1-800-PCBEACH. ■

**AMERICA**

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combat his loneliness is turn on the radio—amateur radio that is.

Amateur radio is his number one hobby. He explains that "with the right equipment you can talk to people in the U.S. and other parts of the world." Christoph took an exam with the FCC which in turn granted him a license and a call sign unique to him. After radio contact, Christoph sends a confirmation postcard as does the other radio operator. Over the years, he has attained quite a broad spectrum of postcards from his radio friends across the world.

Christoph is just like all of us. He enjoys going out with friends and having fun. Unfortunately, friendship has been hard to find. "Slowly, but surely, I'm beginning to make friends," he explains, "I think I intimidate a lot of people. Perhaps it's just the fact that I'm an exchange student who will be leaving in May. But in Germany I take every opportunity to befriend exchange students. It's so important to make friends and acquaintances."

Christoph is easily one of the most interesting people

I've had the pleasure of interviewing, and his friends reciprocate my feelings. MTSU student and friend Justin Cox holds Christoph in high regard, stating that "he's not afraid of his obstacles and he doesn't let them hold him back."

Christoph admits that at times it is frustrating to be blind because he can't do all the things that other people do. But he's very determined and takes every opportunity to make friends.

In fact, he's so determined that in September he went canoeing with the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (PSF). He had a great time, even when his boat turned over in the rapids. He remembers how they "all fell out of the boat. I wasn't too worried though because I know how to swim. It was pretty exciting."

PSF Director Mike Malone said that it was "really cool how he (Christoph) was willing to trust us to keep him safe during our ride down the river." Mike said that their tour guide was really impressed by Christoph's courage. The guide had never heard of anyone who was blind going down the river, and even Mike had his reservations concerning Christoph's safety because

he's "never been around someone who is blind. I wanted to make the trip as enjoyable as possible for Christoph, and I tried to describe everything that we were seeing. He was very patient with me as I tried to describe every last detail. In fact, that's one of the things that impresses me the most about Christoph—his patience and courage."

Christoph is a survivor who's able to stay afloat in the rapids of life. In the face of an obstacle he always comes out shining and positive. For example, he's having to audit most of his classes because he can't get the cassette versions of his books. They just don't exist. And sometimes he has a hard time finding the correct classroom. Germany puts room numbers on the door in Braille, MTSU does not. However, despite such obstacles, Christoph remains ever confident, ever optimistic.

The true beauty of Christoph is that he sees the world with his heart and gives from his soul. He is a true champion of life who says he's playing by his rules because "I'm only going to live one life and I'm going to have fun." ■

# WOMEN AND POWER

## MTSU WOMEN'S STUDIES CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO MTSU STUDENTS, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF.

Friday, March 3

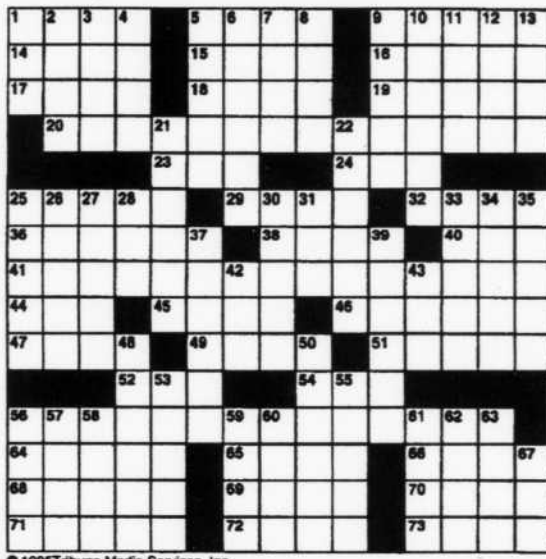
- 8:00 Registration (continues throughout the day) KUC 314
- 8:00 Book Exhibit (all day)  
Hospitality Room, KUC 314  
*Also join us for morning coffee, tea, and pastries.*
- 8:30 Conference Opening: Welcome and Announcements,  
Keathley University Center Theater (Second Floor)
- 9:00-10:30 Panel Sessions  
"The Post Cold War Gender Debate Goes to the Movies" (KUC 305)  
"International Issues in Anthropological Gender Research" (KUC 312)  
"Issues of Female Power in Shakespeare's Plays" (KUC 313)  
"Magic and Power" (KUC 316)  
"Gender Boundaries and Transformations" (KUC 322)  
"Exclusions/Inclusions: Feminist Studies and the Female Voice" (KUC 322A)
- 10:30-12:00 Feminist Films I -- Deconstructing Fiction and Fact:  
Thriller by Sally Potter and Reassemblage by Trinh T. Minh-ha (KUC Theater)
- 10:30-12:00 Panel Sessions  
"Politics and Power" (KUC 305)  
"Looking, Speaking, Playing: The Pressures of Conformity" (KUC 312)  
"Narrative Strategies and Transformations" (KUC 313)  
"Philosophical Issues of Female Empowerment" (KUC 316)  
"Literary Transformations of Power Relationships" (KUC 322)  
"Historical Perspectives I" (KUC 322A)
- 1:30-2:30 "Re-Calling the Outrageous, Contagious Courage of Women" MARY DALY, Keynote Address (KUC Theater)

- 4:10 Book Signing with Mary Daly, Keathley University Center Lobby (Second Floor)
- 5:30 Reception and Cash Bar, Garden Plaza hotel, Pool Side
- Saturday, March 4
- 8:00-10:00 Registration  
Keathley University Center, Room 314
- 8:00 Book Exhibit (All Day) Hospitality Room, KUC 314  
*Also join us for morning coffee, tea, and pastries*
- 8:45 General Assembly: Announcements  
Keathley University Center Theater (Second Floor)
- 9:00-10:00 "Infinite Divisions/Multiple Connections: Women, Power, and Politics" MARIA LUISA "PAPUSA" MOLINA, Featured Speaker (KUC) Theater
- 1:00-2:30 Feminist Films II--Su Friedrich's Lesbian Vision:  
Damned If You Don't and First Comes Love  
Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, Room 123
- 1:00-2:30 Panel Sessions:  
"Historical Perspectives II" (KUC 305)  
"Spiritual and Religious Empowerment" (KUC 313)  
"Power, Victimization, and Violence" (KUC 316)  
"Quantitative Analyses: Careers, Marriage, and Power Styles" (KUC 322A)  
"Empowering Sources: Voices, Rites, and Childbirth" (KUC 322A)
- 2:30-4:00 Panel and Special Sessions  
"Gender and Power in Antiquity: An Undergraduate Panel Discussion" (KUC 305)  
"Perceived Power: Embedded Practices in Present Educational Structures"--An Interactive Panel Discussion" (KUC 313)  
A Creativity Workshop (KUC 316)  
Women's Health Workshop (KUC 322)

**CROSSWORD & COMICS**

**THE Daily Crossword** by Kenneth Witte

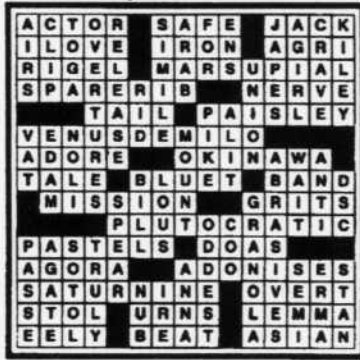
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**Friday's Puzzle solved:**

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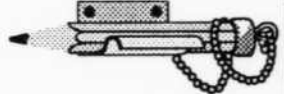
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**COMICS**

**CHAOS** by Brian Shuster



"You called about a rat problem, ma'am?"

**CHAOS** by Brian Shuster



"Now that's a lot of sour-cream and chives."

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Editors receive a full tuition scholarship and a salary during their term.  
 Applications may be picked up from the Student Publications office, James Union Building 308, 8a.m. - 4:30p.m., M-F.

## Congrats in order for Lady Raiders; Farrar

First of all, I'd like to express my most sincere condolences to all of the community supporters of Blue Raider basketball who were so adamantly in favor of the dismissal of Coach David Farrar.

### Rob NUNLEY



**Rob Nunley**

When his predecessor was here, a lot of you were a lot happier, and you had reason to be. The team was doing very well every year, and several of you could honestly feel that you played a part in that success. What's an illegal donation here or there if it guarantees a winning program? But when the NCAA came calling, and Stewart split for the CBA to be replaced by Coach Farrar, who didn't play your naughty little donation game, your role was limited to being a mere fan, and you just couldn't stand it. You wanted Farrar out.

You presented your case well: the team's record is certainly not what most people would call impressive after four years under Farrar's tutelage, and winning is one of the most important factors to consider when evaluating the status of a program. And it's true that a lot of fans this season came to Raider games disguised as empty seats.

But the MTSU administration realized that there are factors that should decide the impact a coach has on a program other than his overall win-loss record. And the benefits Farrar has given the Raiders are numerous, and have been discussed in this paper and others many times over the past few weeks.

Congratulations are in order for Coach Farrar, his staff, and especially his players, who are now able to give their all in the OVC tournament, which in my

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## The decision is made: Farrar stays at MTSU

Administrators agree to honor final year of contract

### ROB NUNLEY Staff Writer

The wishes of several Blue Raider basketball supporters came true Wednesday afternoon when it was announced that men's head coach David Farrar will return for the final year of his contract.

After several weeks of controversy surrounding the future job security of Farrar and his staff, the decision was made by university administrators to allow him to continue as Blue Raider head coach.

Articles and editorials have frequently appeared in the Middle Tennessee media in the past few weeks concerning Farrar's status at MTSU. Many columnists in the area seemed to be in support of the coach, extolling the positive effects his tenure has had on the program.

"There has been a good deal of speculation about the status of David's contract and we want to put that to rest at this point," athletic

director Lee Fowler said.

The decision was handed down as the Raiders prepared to enter the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, which begins today in Nashville.

Ending the regular season on a high note with an overtime conference win against Eastern Kentucky, the Raiders are optimistic about this weekend's games.

"We're happy because we have a chance to prove ourselves and Coach Farrar has a chance to prove himself. The team is playing good and we feel good about ourselves," said Raider point guard Tim Gaither. "Everyone is just real happy."

According to Fowler, each sport at MTSU is evaluated at the end of the season and then any decisions about the team's future are made.

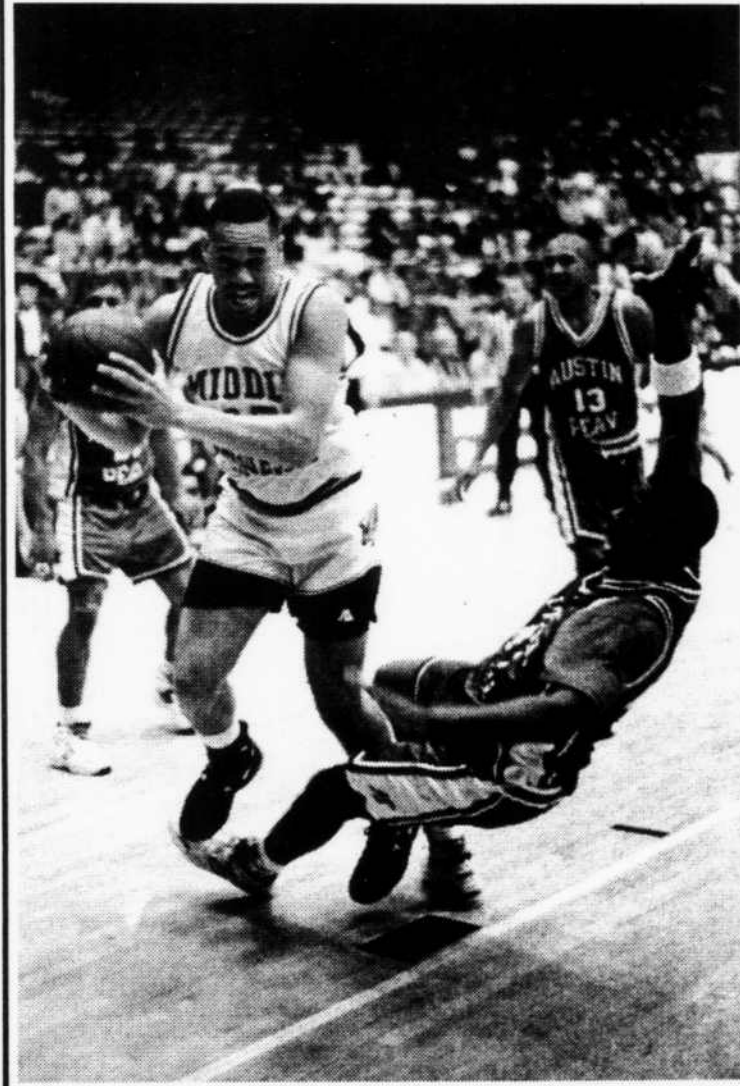
The men's basketball team was judged by Fowler to be "solid in regard to the kinds of athletes that are involved and the integrity of its operation."

At a tournament press conference Wednesday, a seemingly relieved and confident Farrar expressed his satisfaction with the way the situation was handled.

"I think it was not the easiest thing for anybody," Farrar said. "Everyone handled it in the right manner."

Fowler explained that one

## Get outta my way!



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Senior Paul Washington controls the ball in a recent Blue Raider game. They open play in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament tonight at 6:00p.m. in Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

of the main factors behind the decision was the quality of athletes that Coach Farrar has brought to the program, and the direction in which he believes the team is headed.

"With the players returning from this year's team, the addition of Nod

Carter and a couple of other good recruits for next year, there is every indication that our team should move into the top half of the Ohio Valley Conference standings and be competitive toward the league championship

See **Farrar**, page 13

## Golfers tie for ninth

### ROB NUNLEY Staff Writer

The Blue Raider Golf team had to settle for a share of ninth place at last weekend's 20-team University of South Florida Men's Intercollegiate Golf Invitational.

The three-day tournament was held at the par-72 USF Golf Course in Tampa.

As a team, the five-man Raider squad finished each day's play with combined scores of 307, 302, and 313 to end the tournament in a tie for ninth with Southern Mississippi University. The team score of 922 was 32

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## Raider assistant hopes history will repeat itself

### TONY J. ARNOLD Sports Columnist

MTSU assistant basketball coach Lonnie Thompson can look to the rafters of Murphy Center at a championship banner and fall into a day dream.....

For just a few short seconds, the clock stood still while hearts continued to quiver. Tennessee Tech, already nursing a one point lead it firmly held throughout the game, had just called a time-out trying to ice the shooter who was preparing to make his mark on history.

"I just knew I was going to hit the free throws," said Thompson, who was then a senior guard. "I kept asking myself in the huddle why

Coach (Bruce) Stewart wasn't talking to me in the huddle. He never said a word to me. He never said make the free throw or miss the free throw, he just started telling the team what we were going to do after Lonnie made the free throw."

MTSU was already a surprise story in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament held a decade ago in Murphy Center. For starters they were lucky to even be there. The team's 14-13 record placed them fifth in the final standings and would have left them in the cold in the leagues usual four-team tournament format that had just been expanded that 1985 season.

In its opener, it found the heart to come from behind

and post a 63-60 win over fourth-ranked Murray State before being pitted against top-seeded Tech and now they trailed by a point with three fateful seconds remaining.

Thompson toed the line and sank the most crucial shots of his career sending MTSU to the championship game with a possible trip to the NCAA Tournament awaiting.

"I wish that could have been the championship game," Thompson now reflects. "It always seemed we couldn't beat Tech but that night, all the pieces fell together."

But Thompson knew his duties as the senior leader were to pull the pieces

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## SPORTS

## Raiders slip past Eastern in OT

### STAFF REPORTS

The Blue Raider basketball team downed OVC foe Eastern Kentucky Monday night in overtime to round out their regular season.

Junior Tim Gaither led the Raiders with 20 points, teammates Bobby Clark and Shawn Driskill chipped in 12 apiece. Junior Roni Bailey grabbed eight

rebounds.

Eastern was paced by Arlando Johnson and DeMarkus Doss with 18 each.

The game marked the fourth overtime contest of the year for the Blue Raiders, and MTSU has won all four.

The Raiders are the seventh seed entering the OVC tournament this weekend and will play

## Baseball topples Ole Miss Rebels

### STAFF REPORTS

The Raider baseball team beat the nationally ranked Rebels of Ole Miss yesterday at Oxford, Miss.

This was the first win of the season for the MTSU and the first loss of the season for Ole Miss.

The win moves the Raiders on the season to 1-5, while the Rebels record drops to 7-1.

Dale Graham started for the Raiders, allowing two runs and four hits in six

innings of work to record his first win.

Craig Reavis and George Oleksik pitched a combined three innings of scoreless relief, as Oleksik got his first career save.

The Raiders got on the board first scoring two runs in the fifth inning when Reavis walked with the bases loaded and Chris Goggin scored on a passed ball.

Goggin drove in the winning run in the sixth, scoring Doug Barner with a single. ■

### Fowler's Forums



BLAIR MITCHELL/Staff

Three open forums were held last week by Athletic Director Lee Fowler to discuss the Master Plan for athletics at MTSU, especially making the move to I-A football.

## Gaither, Tucker honored

### STAFF REPORTS

Sherry Tucker and Tim Gaither were both honored by the Ohio Valley Conference last week for their basketball accomplishments.

Tucker, a Lady Raider senior, was named OVC player of the week for the last week of the regular season. She scored 74 points in three games along with grabbing 27 rebounds and 13 steals.

Gaither was named to the Honorable Mention All-OVC team for his efforts this season. The 6'1" junior is currently averaging 14.3 points per game and 4.6 rebounds per game.

Both Gaither and Tucker have made large contributions to this year's teams, not only in scoring, but in on-court leadership as well.

They will lead their teams this weekend in the OVC conference tournament in Nashville. ■

## FARRAR

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thereafter."

"It's time to move forward with our programs," Fowler added. "And that's where we want to go."

Coach Farrar stated that he was as unfamiliar with this type of situation as the two main administrators involved, Fowler and President James Walker, were.

"I think in most situations people make every effort to do the right thing," Farrar said. "Without being the least bit self-centered, I'd say they did the right thing."

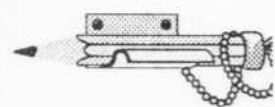
"It was a good choice and a good decision." ■

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**OVC TOURNAMENT PREVIEW**

# March Madness Invades OVC

## Blue Raiders to meet Murray State in 1st round

**ROB NUNLEY**  
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders will definitely have their hands full tonight in round one of the OVC tournament.

Their opponent, the number-two seed Racers of Murray State University, are coming off a five-game winning streak that helped give them a share of the regular season title.

The Raiders are coming off a dramatic overtime win at Eastern Kentucky Monday night, as well as the news that Coach David Farrar will be returning this season.

In a pre-tournament press conference Wednesday, Coach Farrar stated the benefits of the conference's postseason format.

"Tournament play is for the players," Farrar said. "It's renewed hope, it's renewed enthusiasm. It gives everybody the opportunity of getting into the tournament and that's why we went to this format many years ago."

"Our team is a growing team," Farrar said. "It's getting better every day and we're one of three teams in the league right now that are playing their best basketball of the season."

A Raider win tonight would be the first of the year against the Racers, who led most of the game in the last meeting between the two squads in Murray on Feb. 13. In that game, which the Racers won 87-74, taking an early lead which grew to as many as 19 points behind 24 from William Moore, 21 from Marcus Brown and 19 from Vincent Rainey.

Stopping Moore, Brown and Rainey will be the main key for the Raider defense. Brown's 22 points per game led the OVC this season, and Rainey's 18.9 ppg was good enough for third place.

Coach Farrar and his team feel very good about Middle's chances against Murray and in the rest of the tournament.

"Murray is the most difficult first round opponent, they are playing with great focus," Farrar said. "I expect this game to be an absolute war all the way around."

"The TV people asked me who I was picking to win it (the tournament) and I said, with no bit of humor at all, us," Farrar added. "I don't think there's another team in the tournament that has the depth to play three games in a row except us."

Senior forward Bobby Clark, who has been having some of his best games recently, echoes his coach's confidence.

"I think once we get past Murray it will be downhill," Clark said. "We always have trouble matching up with them but I think we can get them." ■



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## Co-Champ Lady Raiders set to make title run

**DREW BUTLER**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Being the fourth seed team in the OVC Tournament is not where the MTSU Lady Raiders wanted to end up.

Even though a loss to Eastern Kentucky create a four-way tie for first place in the conference, tie breakers placed them as fourth seed and will play the opening game of the women's tournament on Saturday at 11 a.m. against Austin Peay.

"We weren't happy being co-champions and they (Eastern) were very happy to be co-champions," said MTSU head coach Lewis Bivens. "Right now, we have to be focused on the tournament."

The previous game with Austin Peay ended in a 87-64 rout in Murphy Center. MTSU used their shooting from the three-point line to dominate the game.

"We used the three-pointer to win that last game," Bivens said. "They will probably try to take away our threes, so we are going to try to go more into the paint. I think Austin Peay is the most improved

team in the conference."

Although the Lady Raiders defeated the Govs twice this season, Austin Peay has posted wins against the other three co-champions.

The inside game for both teams will be a key for both teams. An MTSU victory would mean shutting down the Lady Governors post players. With 5'10" forward Colleen Polzin and 6'2" freshman center Amanda Behrenbrinker, the Lady Govs have one of the more dominating front courts in the conference.

MTSU will counter with the scoring of Sherry Tucker, who is coming off a 31-point performance against Eastern. The Lady Govs will also have to contend with the three-point shooting from people like Heather Prater and Jessica Beaty.

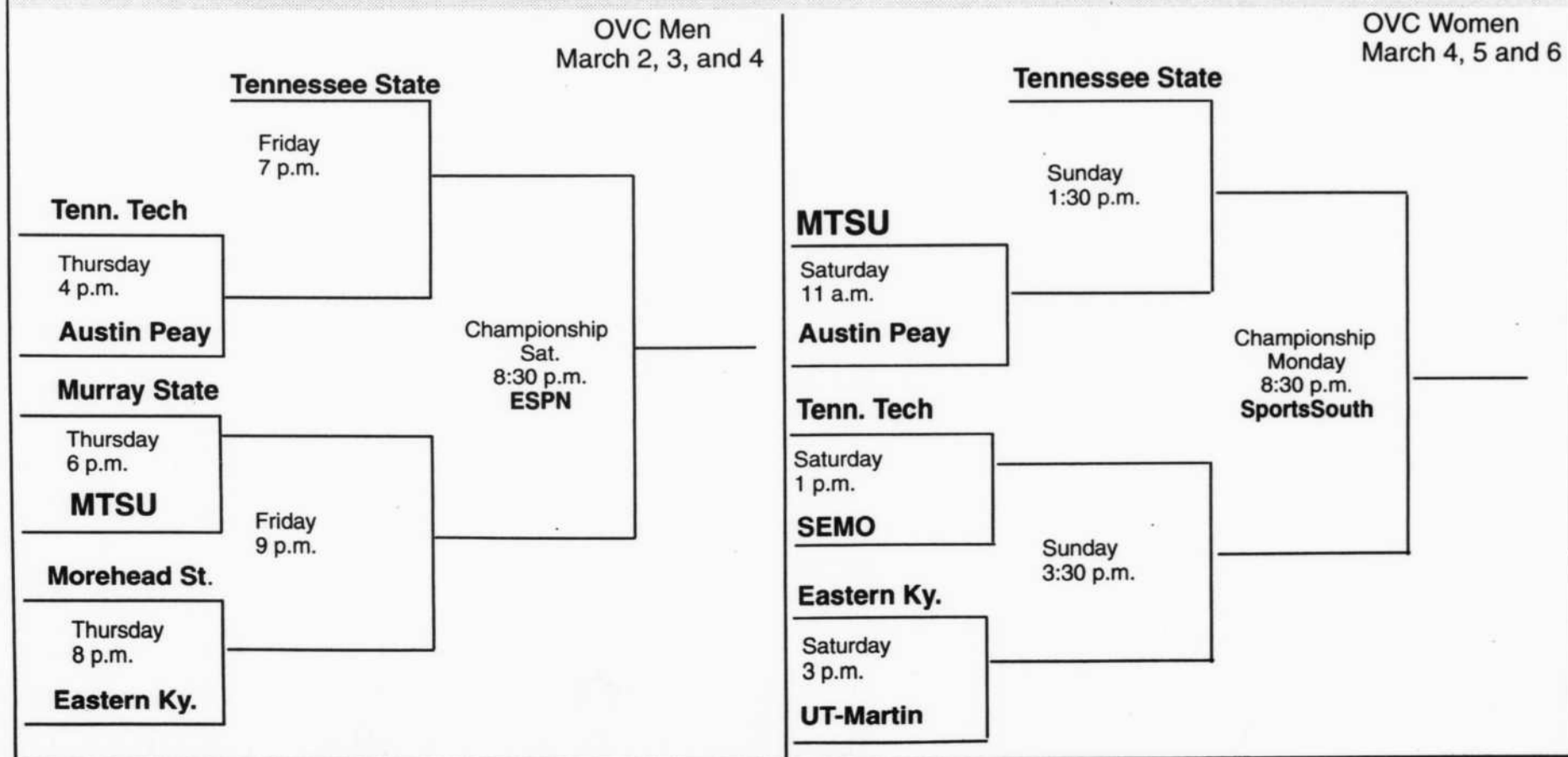
If the Lady Raiders win Saturday's game, then they will take on top-seeded Tennessee State in the second round.

"Hopefully, we'll be playing against TSU on Sunday," Bivens said. "I hope we get a great crowd."

Any hopes for a NCAA berth for MTSU depends on if the Lady Raiders win the tournament.

"I think you've got to go and win the conference tournament," Bivens said. "It hasn't happened in the last couple of years." ■

# Ohio Valley Conference Tournament



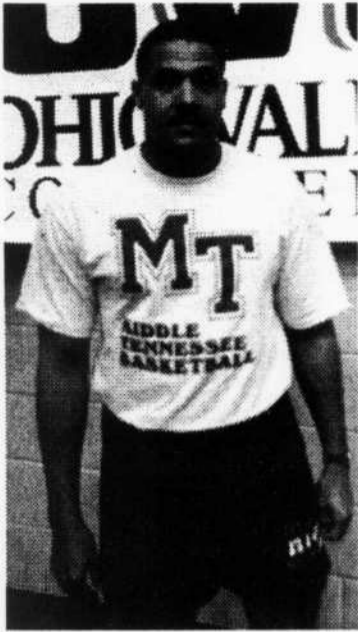
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## LONNIE

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together one more time.

"Getting ready for the championship game was the hardest game of all," Thompson admits. "We'd just come off such an emotional win against Tennessee Tech and I didn't know if I could pull myself



LONNIE THOMPSON

together and I believed the team felt the same way.

"I just kept saying to myself though that I didn't want this to be my last game. I didn't want to leave Murphy Center on a negative note. I knew if we could win the tournament, I would always have something to remember."

And somehow, some way, Murphy Magic was born. Once again, MTSU found itself trailing Youngstown State in the waning seconds, this time down by three with 31 fateful ticks left.

But with MTSU's heart along with a boisterous crowd, another miracle was conceived as Kim Cooksey's 20-foot jumper with 20 seconds seemingly put the Raiders up for good.

Youngstown netted a basket at the buzzer that would have counted, however, a called time-out was not seen by several of the players nor heard because of the vocal crowd. But while Youngstown flooded the court in celebration, officials discussed the call and disallowed the basket. In the final fateful seconds, Thompson was involved in a loose ball scramble that helped prevent any other last second heroics.

"Everything was just meant to be," Thompson said. "It was like a dream and I'll never forget when it happened. It was a special time, a very special time."

And back to the present, Thompson is preparing to help lead the Blue Raider troops into tonight's first round action in the OVC Tournament and the similarities of that Cinderella squad and this year's roller-coaster team are quite similar.

"This year's team reminds me a lot of that

team," Thompson says. "You look at our record (12-14) and its similar and this team is doing the same thing that that team did 10 years ago."

And the main difference? "That team had senior leadership that stood up and did what it needed to do. If our seniors can step up, we have a legitimate chance of winning the tournament. If we can't get the seniors to play the way they've been playing and need to play, it'll be tough.

"There was always something special about that team in '85. We always had the potential but things just kind of fell into place at the right time and this year's team is very much alike with that one."

While the scenarios are quite different, Thompson knows with this teams potential, anything can happen just as it did earlier in his career. But this years squad has something on that '85 team according to Thompson.

"I really can't evaluate the two teams head to head but on a 1-to-10 scale, this team definitely is a nine on talent and that's more than we had when I was playing."

And the key remains in that leadership role that Thompson portrayed to perfection so many seasons ago.

"It's kind of a coincidence but I was going through the closest and I saw the yearbook recently and I flipped through it and I thought 'that's probably one of the best times of my life.'"

A picture captured the magnitude of the moment. There stood Thompson with the game net draped around his neck along with his All-Tournament medallion, his coach at side with the championship trophy in hand.

Thompson went on to lead his troops into the NCAA Tournament where they put up a gallant fight before falling to the highly ranked North Carolina Tar Heels 76-57.

After college he bounced around the coaching profession before landing back at MTSU this season as a director of recruiting. But in the moves from one level to the next, his baggage has always included that inspiring season that can never be taken away.

"I can walk into Murphy Center and sometimes just stand there for 10 minutes or so when no one else is there and it's the same great feeling that no one else in life can feel. It was a special moment in my life."

And looking at that banner, he realizes it will forever stand tall as one of, if not the most inspiring season's in MTSU's illustrious and proud tradition.

"I'm a part of history," Thompson says with a sense of pride just as he hopes the Blue Raiders of 1995 will become too. ■

## GOLF

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2 strokes behind the winning team from the University of South Alabama, who finished with an 890. The host team for the Invitational, the University of South Florida, finished second with an 898.

Captain Nick Shelton led the Raider attack with a score of 229 (79/74/76).

The Raiders get to spend the better part of March at home, before taking part in the Tennessee Intercollegiate tournament March 26, 27 and 28. The tournament will be hosted by Tennessee Tech, and will be played at the Legends Club of Tennessee in Franklin. ■

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they are a sure bet to win, without the added worry of their coach's future.

But let's also give Dr. Walker and A.D. Fowler their due: Well done, gentlemen. You made the right call, and I don't think you will be disappointed.

● Despite the fact that the Lady Raider basketball squad had to settle for a four-way share of the regular season championship, and no matter what happens in the OVC basketball tournaments, spring 1995 has already been a successful year for MTSU athletics.

In case you didn't notice, and sadly you probably didn't, the Lady Raider track

team won the OVC indoor title last weekend. In fact, the team repeated a championship performance from last year.

The Lady Raiders are arguably the least-noted MTSU athletic team. But I challenge you to find a more talented group of athletes on this campus.

Mia Florence, Nekeya Ralls, Nadia Graham, Shelley Johnson and the rest of Coach Dean Hayes's squad are to be commended. They brought home yet another championship for their university's trophy case, and did it despite such little recognition.

Once again, congratulations to the Lady Raider track team, the Lady Raider basketball team and to coach David Farrar. ■

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## Editorial

### Gov. Sundquist—leave our new library alone

This past Sunday's *Daily News Journal* printed a story about Governor Sundquist's desire to eliminate the \$250 million state budget deficit.

The article mentioned that one of Sundquist's budget targets could be the newly-approved \$25.7 million library project at MTSU.

The governor acknowledged in his State of the State address Wednesday that he has decided to eliminate all capital projects, including our new library, from his new state budget in an effort to decrease the deficit.

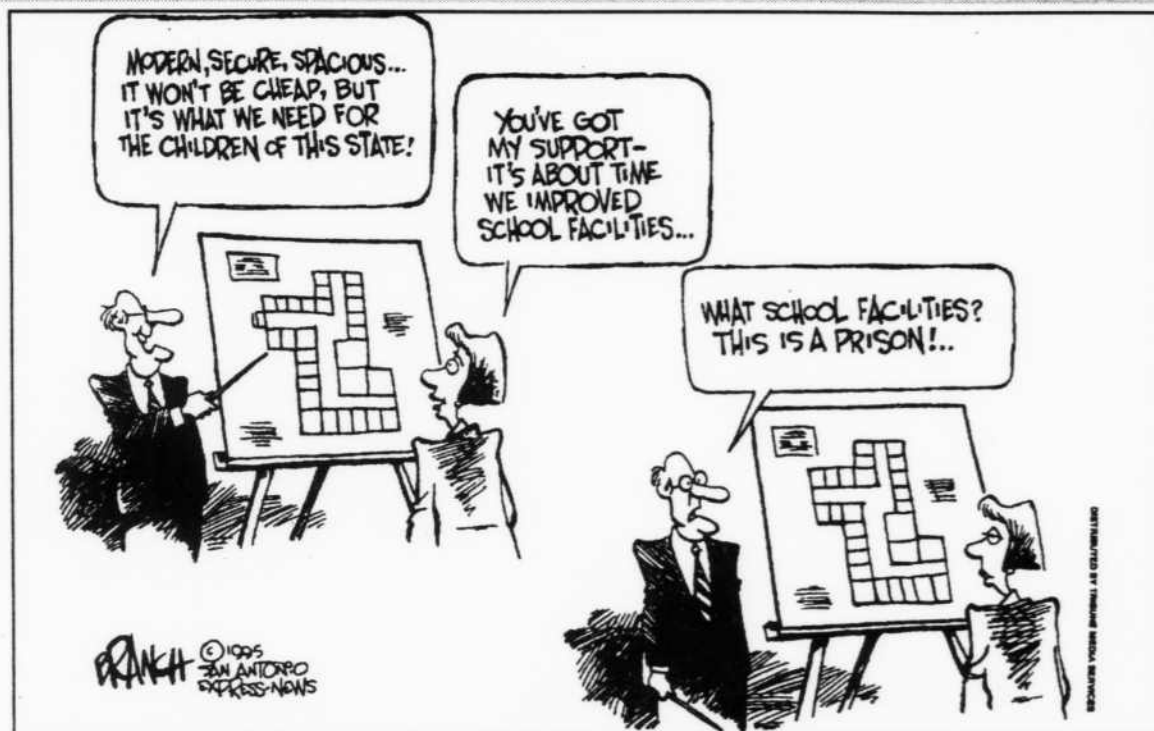
Gov. Sundquist, the new MTSU library is one project that must not be eliminated.

MTSU has been in need of a new library for years. It has taken seven long years to get this project approved, and now he is talking about taking it away.

Our current library is antiquated by 1980s standards. It was designed to serve a student body of 12,000. There are almost 18,000 students enrolled for the Spring 1995 semester.

Students and faculty, we must not let this happen. We can have a voice in this if we act fast. Write and call the governor's office. Express your extreme dissatisfaction with the idea of eliminating this project from the state budget.

We have to get mad about this. If we don't, we're going to lose the one thing this university needs the most.



## Sometimes things amaze me

### school daze



Warren Wakeland

Sometimes things that happen at this university really amaze me, usually toward the negative realm. But something positive happened the other day which I must share.

So all of you who say all I do is gripe, take heed.

I'm going to tell a story about parking on campus. A positive story—about parking? Yes. Like I said, some things amaze me.

The beginning of this month I began having real trouble with my car (no, I don't name my car Lewis like some of our wacked out writers). Not the normal trouble one has with a car that has traveled more than 160,000 miles in its lifetime, but real trouble.

I brought it over to the *Sidelines* offices one Sunday night, which is the night we put together Monday issues, so that I could take the pages to the *Daily News Journal*, where the paper is printed. I parked it behind the JUB in a white space.

Boys and girls, this is a no-no. Never park your car in a white space. Not only is it illegal, but your car knows it is in an illegal space and will go out of its way to be a pain in the butt.

When we got done with the paper, I came down to start the car and it wouldn't start.

Usually I can kick it and swear at it, and it realizes I'm not playing games and will fire right up. Not this

time, though. So I did what I thought was the smart thing. I left a note on the car for the ticket writers saying it won't start and to please not ticket it.

I knew this note would not work, but I figured that when I went to the SGA Student Traffic Court to appeal the ticket I knew I would get, I'd better have some evidence to back up my story.

When I went to court a few days later, I explained my story. It was my first time in traffic court. I love traffic court. No offense to the members, but they treat it like it's some O.J. Simpson murder trial or something. Lighten up. The "attorney general" doesn't have to ask me questions. I don't need my rights read to me; I can't get 25 to life for this. I don't think I've committed a felony by parking in a white space.

I could be wrong.

When I was done, the head of the court told me that if the situation happened again, all I had to do was call the Department of Parking and Transportation (I'm going to call it P&T, because I don't want to have to write out that big title four more times) and tell them the car is disabled. They would list the car as out-of-service and it would not be ticketed or towed. As long as I told them when I would move it, the car would remain there, unticketed.

Well, to make a long story short, I told them the car would be moved by a particular day and it was towed the day before it was to be moved.

Naturally, I was juuust a little miffed.

I called P&T to ask why it was towed, and was told that

it had too many tickets on it. When I told them what the court told me, they said the court was wrong. They said I had to call every day to tell them about the car, and the car would be ticketed anyway. I would have to take the tickets to the P&T office and have them voided.

So I, being the enterprising young journalist that I am, called SGA president Drew Bergman to get his spin on the matter. Drew told me his court was right, and he could show me the regulation.

I know Drew well enough to know he wouldn't politically BS me, so I'm sure the regulation is there. I didn't need to see it.

So then I fired off this letter to Gary Hunter, the director of P&T, to inquire about the problem. I asked that the four tickets acquired during this time be voided, and that the towing charge I would have to pay to get my car back be refunded to me.

Actually, I didn't inquire. I yelled in writing.

Then, to my shock, three days later Hunter sent me a memo saying all was forgiven and he would do as I asked! I got an apology and everything.

Like I said, sometimes things amaze me.

He also explained the way the matter should have been handled. I have a copy of the memo in my office if anyone wants to know the rule the way P&T interprets it.

So I wanted to just take a little space and thank the Department of Parking & Transportation for handling this matter so quickly and satisfactorily. It's not often that a student gets such response from a state institution. A lesson to be learned. ■

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## OPINIONS

## Money more important to family than values

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If you ask the American Family what is one thing they need to solve the problems they face, chances are high they will choose money over morality.

So why do some politicians ignore this and raise the moral issue of family values to top priority during campaigns? The answer is simple.

If you are part of the work force, you know as well as I that placing blame is easier than being responsible for cleaning up some mess. You get paid just the same and look good in the process. Looking good is the essence of winning an election.

Candidates such as Phil Gramm know this all too well. In a record breaking fundraiser Gramm announced his candidacy for President, placing the Religious Right's "family values" at the forefront of his campaign.

With his eager and admitted illegal drives for campaign funds he not only has a convenient scapegoat couched in his campaign rhetoric, but

also the funds to successfully paint a glitzy image to justify the misguided platform.

This adopted approach has stereotyped politics as a wolf in sheep's clothing. Mistaken as logic, candidates lacking a clear or educated understanding of majoritive needs adopt similar platforms wholeheartedly.

This self-defeating policy of searing the scapegoat at all costs is nothing new to the political agenda of the Religious Right. Its alliance with candidates willing to accept their backing seats this group in positions of power and makes it apparent that religion and politics are more similar than different.

Once in office, family values are attacked through a number of politicized moral beliefs leading to such things as censorship and discrimination.

One example includes the "Communications Decency Act of 1995" (S.314) which allows the government to censor Internet transmissions based on what it sees as threatening to "American family values," two terms congressional leaders have seemed to define despite sociologists and anthropologists finding the task virtually impossible.

The basis for censorship and

discrimination is to stifle the process of redefining such things as society and refining values in essence hindering their adaptation to ever-changing economic and social conditions.

Their combined effect destroys the existing definition of society and family in favor of an idea that existed under a totally different economic landscape. The use of censorship and discrimination perpetuates a leader's antiquated notion of family by devaluing the validity of the modern family.

Once we understand the family in relation to the economy it is easy to see that it is not driven independently by the Devil; rather it is responding to the failure of politicians to abandon their hindsighted ignorance and desires for a 30-minute episode of a Leave-It-To-Beaver America.

Our modern economy demands two parent income. It also makes it convenient to work on Sunday, to risk our health, and sometimes to prostitute, sell drugs or go on welfare to feed a child.

The drastic measures we adopt seem appalling when we do not understand them in cases such as having to feed a child. To say their

actions are the cause and not effect of what politicians are elected to manage is absurd. Yet this absurdity is the main ingredient in the placebo fed to the American people by such misguided leaders, candidates and particularly writers. It is the glue to such logic that would no longer define a tree as a tree when it weathers a season that changes its leaves and branches. Running around the family gluing branches and leaves where they no longer belong is a farce.

Instead of focusing on the family, an institution that can only be DESTROYED by imposing narrow minded rules, leaders should focus on the part of society that can ONLY EXIST by imposing rules: the economy.

Successful Republicans in November 1994 led campaigns stressing the economy. Their success came by distancing the party from the Religious Right's destructive white washing agenda and moving toward the center.

Republican Presidential candidates should do likewise instead of allowing this agenda to threaten the party and America with issues that are NOT a priority in governing diverse peoples. ■

## Letters to the Editor

## Gay reader takes offense to Basiel

To The Editor and Christina Basiel,

I HAVE HAD ABOUT ENOUGH! I am tired of reading uneducated, unresearched, and bigoted commentaries in *Sidelines*. I have many times in the past read Basiel's so called "Philosophy" and let it slide, making comments to my friends and other people around me, but this time I have had it!

The 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, Section 1, states: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

This last section, which you so conveniently left off Basiel, is the section that is most important in the situation concerning Amendment 2. As a member of the Gay and Lesbian community I find my personal liberties at jeopardy all the time, which, as Basiel said in her Feb. 23 article, are **supported** to be protected by the 14th Amendment but are not. Right now I can be fired, denied medical benefits and group insurance and denied a place to live, all because of my sexual preference. This is not **EQUALITY**, it is **DISCRIMINATION!**

I am not asking for preferential treatment, nor is for other members of my community. All we want is the **exact** same rights and benefits as any other citizen of the United States. I'm sure that if you, Ms. Basiel, were at risk of losing your job, your kids, or your life because you have blonde hair, you would understand that for which I and others in my community ask.

Using that example has brought up another point. Homosexuality is **NOT** a choice. It is a very natural occurrence that happens among every species on the face of this planet, human beings included. If it were a choice, who in the world would make it knowing all of the threats to our lives,

liberty, and property that exist in this culture?

It is time that Christina Basiel do a little **legitimate** research before she writes, and gets down off of her moral high before "he that is without sin" starts throwing stones.

**GAY and PROUD of IT,**  
JheanShetan A. Wolfsbrother  
MTSU Box C-938

## Sidelines needs more investigation

To The Editor:

First, I want to applaud the looks of the paper this semester. It looks very professional and carries an excellent mixture of articles. Your new feature writer is a godsend after the last couple of semesters; I especially enjoyed his Grand Canyon piece!

Secondly, I request that you find the responsible person(s) and give us adequate coverage on:

- notice of campaign debates prior to the event so more students can attend
- notification of change in library hours while you are there, maybe you can also find out why it takes so long to get books shelved
- why all doors at Peck Hall are not unlocked every day!!!

Murphy Center seems to have this same problem.

- movement to reconfigure the interior doors from the stairs to the halls in Peck Hall—they should both open to allow smoother flow of traffic.

I have put up with these minor irritations for four years and they never seem to improve! Maybe with the excellent staff that you seem to have this semester you can spend some time doing these investigational pieces. Or, maybe, the administration would like to respond themselves and perhaps try to justify such ridiculousness.

Thanks for any help you can give us, and keep up the good work!!!

Melinda Johnson Lickiss  
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## Words can have the most hurtful effect

BACKTALK

Robin  
Dixon

*Cutdowns*. The game, almost always, was some inane phrase like, "Your momma is so ...," or "Your father is so..." and it went back and forth between two people until there was a declared winner.

I never thought much about the game at all until my cousin Dion, who was simply a *Cutdowns* "artist," challenged this other kid on the bus one day. After two minutes, Dion had the other boy crying uncontrollably in his seat.

The rules of *Cutdowns* were simple. If you paused, you lost. If you stuttered, you lost. If you cried, you were humiliated.

I never played *Cutdowns* after that, because I saw how powerful words can be.

Words.  
I probably wouldn't have remembered the incident at all if it wasn't for something I wrote last week,

"Budweisers, Broncos and Bubba." All I wanted to do was write a funny story about an uncomfortable situation I was in. The next day, a man wanted to ask me a few questions about the piece.

I went home with this in mind and re-read the piece. The more I sat and thought about it, the more it gnawed on my conscious.

After struggling with the thing for over an hour, I decided to talk with *Sidelines'* student adviser. She felt I was being a little too hard on myself. After all, I was making fun of the situation.

It didn't work.

I guess she must have seen that I was still troubled over the whole thing.

*Cutdowns* was just a kid's game that was supposed to be funny. Every once in a while, however, it got personal. It's hard to imagine how little kids can know what words are "hurtful" and "non-hurtful," especially when the words are the same.

Thinking about the whole thing again, however, made me realize something. A lot of the things we find funny—Wyle E. Coyote falling off a cliff, Eddie Murphy impersonating Buckwheat or Jeff Foxworthy making fun of white southerners—are at the expense of someone else. ■

## CORRECTION

In the Feb. 27 issue of *Sidelines*, the headline on the column for The Conservative Philosopher should have read, "Why say no to Amendment 2."  
*Sidelines* regrets the error.

## Family to pay for son's defense with lottery winnings

**FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP)** — One week ago, Victor Brancaccio's lawyer urged a judge to delay the teen-ager's murder trial so his family could raise money for an insanity defense.

The judge granted a three-month delay. The family needed only five days: On Sunday, Gene and Lina Brancaccio learned they had won a \$2.82 million lottery prize.

"I did a lot of praying for this," Gene Brancaccio said Tuesday. "This is the biggie — at the right time and at the right moment."

He said the winnings would go toward the defense of his son, who has been in jail since the 1993 fatal beating of 78-year-old Mollie Mae Frazier.

The younger Brancaccio, who turned 18 on Sunday, told police he began hitting the woman after she criticized the rap music he was playing on a portable radio, according to court

records.

Brancaccio's lawyer, Juan Torres, maintains his client was mentally unstable at the time of the beating. Brancaccio had only recently been released from a psychiatric hospital, the lawyer said.

Torres last week urged a delay so the family could raise the \$75,000 needed to pay psychiatrists to testify about the effects of a drug, prescribed by a hospital doctor, that Brancaccio was taking.

The Brancaccios have already sold their pizza shop to help pay legal costs, and they lost their \$170,000 home after defaulting on their mortgage.

The family will get more than \$141,000 a year in lottery winnings for the next 20 years.

"I'm going to take things one step at a time," Brancaccio said. "Right now, my son is first." ■

## No need to pave over 'pigsty'

**DAVIS, Calif. (AP)** — Paving over a few potholes wouldn't seem like a radical proposition, requiring an archeologist, neighborhood survey, historical commission and general gnashing of teeth.

But this is Davis, a town so politically correct that smoking is restricted even outdoors and there are little tunnels under a freeway for frog crossings.

So after 12 residents asked the city to repave a one-block alley dating back to 1910, Councilwoman Julie Partansky invoked the California Environmental Quality Act last week to try to stop any repaving of the "historical resource."

Gas station manager Rick Hoffmann has another word for the alley running behind his station: "Pigsty."

Deeply rutted and potholed, the alley becomes a muddy mess in the winter, a mosquito-breeding swamp in the spring and an axle-cracking dust-maker in the summer, Hoffmann said.

But Partansky, an artist who lives on one of the city's six unpaved alleys, says the Environmental Quality Act requires them to be left alone.

"They are the original material used when the neighborhood was built. It's part of the fabric of the neighborhood as originally conceived," she said.

"The alleys have a wonderful ambience. To pave them would make a world of difference. It's real mellow in the alley now."

Several of Partansky's neighbors in this university town of 50,000, 15 miles west of Sacramento, also like the funky, rural feel of the crooked, weed-lined alleys.

"I like these potholes," said Fred Millford, 42, a cannery worker who lives down the alley from Hoffmann's service station. "Especially in the winter. They keep the traffic down."

A battle over potholes is hardly out of place in Davis, the home of genetically altered tomatoes, a prestigious University of California campus and a series of weird civic disputes, such as a recent attempt to prosecute a woman for disturbing the peace with her snoring.

The city's Historical Resources Management Commission has weighed in with the opinion that an archeologist should survey the alley. After the survey, a commission memo soberly concludes, "most likely, paving the alley would be an appropriate mitigation measure."

The City Council decided last week to survey all the people who live on the block of wood-frame homes and cozy houses. A staff report recommends spending \$43,500 to pave the alley, including \$5,000 for an archeologist.

"It's just an alley," fumed Hoffmann. "This isn't native gravel, so to speak. The only logical thing to do is pave it, maybe put speed bumps in. But this is Davis, so it's overkill." ■

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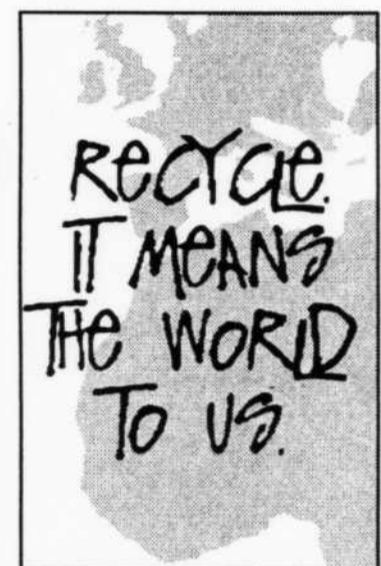
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