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Students slip and slide on ice *Weather causes maintenance problems*

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

Icy sidewalks and unplowed parking lots created nightmares for MTSU students, faculty and staff last week, causing some students to skip classes and one to require hospital attention.

Bambi Kessler, a sophomore mass communication major, said she wasn't willing to walk across campus Wednesday for a 9 a.m. class in the Mass Comm building.

"I didn't want to walk all the way across campus (from Peck Hall) and try to go back (to Peck) with ten minutes for each trip," said Kessler. "The ice was so thick, I didn't want to take a chance and break my neck."

There was also a report of a female student slipping on ice in front of Peck Hall

Wednesday, cutting her chin badly enough to require stitches.

"We've used all the manpower we have," said Bill Smotherman, director of the MTSU physical plant. "I feel like we've done all we could do."

Smotherman said first priority was given to clearing handicapped entrances and walkways.

Maintenance put down a calcium chloride-based material called Snow Melt to help clear the ice, but Smotherman said it doesn't work in temperatures lower than 20 degrees. The temperature did not go beyond the high teens between Monday and Thursday.

"(The ice) has been a very unusual situation for us to deal with in that there

was rain, freezing rain and snow along with the fact that it has been so cold," Smotherman said.

There were not many other alternatives to the problem, Smotherman said.

"Putting dirt or sand down on the sidewalks would make one heck of a mess in the buildings," he said. "We are not equipped to deal with the dirt and sand."

Smotherman added it would have taken 500 or more tons of sand to coat the parking lots.

Kay King, a sophomore music major, complained to the safety office after her car got stuck in ice in the Greenland parking lot.

"There's really no excuse for it," King said.

The student said she called campus

security and talked to Gary Hunter, director of public safety and security.

"He led me around in circles...and gave me Washington, D.C. red tape," she charged. "I didn't appreciate his demeanor."

King said she had to leave her car where it was, risking a ticket, to do her errands on campus.

Hunter said he made sure King's car would not receive a ticket by making sure there were no ticket writers in the area where her car was stuck.

"I offered to send her a tow truck at a much-reduced rate, but she didn't feel she should have to pay for it, and we do not have it in our budget to pay," Hunter said. ■

Judd tells life story to Chamber crowd

Tina Denise Harvey
Staff Writer

Country singer Naomi Judd was guest speaker at a sold-out Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce meeting held Friday night in the Tennessee room of the James Union Building.

"We thought it would be an [appropriate] homecoming to bring her back to Murfreesboro," said Ralph Vaughn, president of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce. "She is a very inspirational lady."

The theme of the meeting was "Love Can Build a Bridge" - the title of one of the Judds' hit songs. Students of the Extended School Program made

decorations for every table using leather cowboy boots stuffed with lyric sheets and black music notes for centerpieces.

"Murfreesboro is a cool little town," said Naomi to the crowd of approximately 500 in attendance.

Murfreesboro is the site of Judd's last performance, held at Murphy Center in March of 1992 during the "Farewell Tour." Her last job before becoming a famous singer was as a nurse at Rutherford County Hospital (presently Middle Tennessee Medical Center).

"The first time I heard one of our singles on the countdown, I

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Sherri LaRose, staff

MEETING A STAR: Naomi Judd and husband Larry Strickland arrive at the JUB for the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce dinner and meeting Friday night. Greeting them were Becci Bookner, director of the Extended School Program, and Naomi Judd lookalikes.

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Professor gets three-year term on accreditation committee

Mark Blevins
Staff Writer

Dr. Everette Sams, professor of educational leadership, was recently elected to his third three-year term with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).



SAMS

The Association is one of six regional accrediting organizations in the United States. Sams was elected to the Commission on Secondary Schools.

Sams said that the purpose of SACS is to "promote high quality and excellence in programs, and [the] improvement [of them]." He added, "SACS stands for excellence in education."

Sams was chairman of the Latin American committee for five of his first six years. This entailed

traveling through Central and South America inspecting member schools.

MTSU is scheduled to have a SACS group in next spring to check for progress on meeting the goals set five years ago by the school administration.

"They look at what the described goals were and determine if we have met those goals," said Sams. "They will make recommendations for improvement."

SACS is a non-governmental, voluntary agency that accredits member schools in eleven southern states, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Schools accredited by SACS must conduct a major self-study every ten years, undergo an inspection every five years and send SACS a progress report every year.

Sams has been teaching at MTSU since 1964. ■

Aerospace executive predicts big growth in industry in the future

Jay Travis
Staff Writer

Tim Campbell, incoming president of the American Association of Airport Executives, spoke to aerospace students Thursday on the potential growth of the aerospace industry.

Campbell is currently Vice-Chairman of the American Association of Airport Executives.

Campbell said the expansion of the Nashville International Airport, scheduled to begin a Nashville London route May 26, indicates current growth.

"This route will help Nashville tremendously in the long-term future," he said.

Campbell said his first priority as AAAE president will be assisting in the re-authorization of the federal grants program for airport development.

His other plans for the future of the organization include many improvements such as developing a partial accreditation process for student members, such as those at MTSU, with the designation

certified airport specialist by 1995.

Campbell's experiences range from working for the Boston, Mass. Port Authority to holding positions such as Director of Aviation in Newport, News, Vir. and Knoxville, Tenn.

Campbell has a master's degree in urban and regional planning.

"We are opening the lecture series to all students in aerospace in an attempt for them to gain knowledge, exposure and experience in the field of aviation administration," said Chad Gherke, president of the MTSU chapter of Future Airport Executives.

The next scheduled speaker in the FAE lecture series is Deann Bradford, a community relations advisor for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority Feb. 3. ■



Campbell

Campus Capsule

Today

The Honors Program is holding their lecture series orientation at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall room 107. The series will continue throughout the semester. Call 898-2152 for more details.

The Interfraternity Council is holding their Spring Rush orientation at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Contact the Dean of Students office at 898-2750 for more details.

The MTSU Ba'hai Association is sponsoring Ba'hai Education Classes at 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center room 311. Contact Linelle at 896-7762 for more details.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a Parent and Child Wild Cave Trip. Anyone interested should call 898-2104 or stop by the Alumni Memorial Gym room 201. Sign up dead line is Feb. 7.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

The SGA House of Representatives will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the KUC theatre. Contact Drew Bergman at 898-2464 for more details.

David Copeland, Republican candidate for governor will speak at 6:30 in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. Contact Jody Allison at 361-4821 for more details.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Brooks' Night will host Professor of Psychology Dr. Jeanette Heritage and Officer Dustin Miller of Campus Security to discuss violence on campus and possible solutions. "Violence: What Can We Do?" will be held at 7 p.m. in Smith Lobby.

MTSU Right to Life will meet at 4:30 p.m. in PH 318. Contact Kim Clift at 898-4655 for more details.

IFC will have their Rush Card Distribution Tables set up 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the KUC Basement and on Wednesday as well. Contact the Dean of Students at 898-2750 for more details.

Thursday, Jan. 27

The SGA Senate will meet at 6:30 in KUC 316. Attendance is mandatory. Contact the SGA office at 898-2464 for more details.

The King-Hampton Award Luncheon honoring Ms. Rebecca Rice will be held at 11:30 in the

Halzewood Dining Room of the JUB. For reservations and details, call 898-2193.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic for interested persons. Contact the JAWC at 898-2193 for more details.

Saturday, Jan. 29

The United Cerabal Palsey of Middle Tennessee, Inc. Therapeutic Riding Center will offer a riding clinic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday as well. Contact Becky Petrick at 776-2391 for more details.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

The Placement and Student Employment Center is sponsoring the third annual Summer Jobs Fair from 1p.m. to 4p.m. in KUC 322 - 324. Contact Julea Reese at 898-2500 for more details.

Friday, Feb. 4

The MTSU Ba'hai Association will host Dr. Richard Thomas from Michigan State University to speak on "Achieving Harmony in a Racially Divided Community" at 7p.m. in the Hazlewood Dining Room of the JUB. Contact Shara Winton at 895-9021 for more details.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Children's Discovery House Presents "Stay Fit and Healthy Day" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Bev Calloway at 890-2300 for more details.

Ongoing

The Office for Minority Affairs is sponsoring "Institute for Healing Racism" every Tuesday at 6:45 in KUC 316. Contact Shara Winton at 895-9021 for more details.

The Bhakti-Yoga/Vegetarian club meets every Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Jonathan Maxwell at 898-3801 for more details.

Students for Environmental Action meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in KUC 305. Call 890-5097 for more details.

The Lambda Association meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center room 241. Contact Christy Osborne at 780-2293 for more details.

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Judd

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was eating a fried bologna sandwich and driving down the road on my way to work at the hospital - listening to the radio," she said.

"I pulled over on the side of the road and ate my sandwich and listened to our song. Then I drove to the hospital and changed bedpans."

Judd came to Nashville in 1979 and is presently living on a farm in Franklin beside her daughter, country music sensation Wynonna.

"Nobody really knew what I did (at the hospital)," she said. "They just knew that I sang in the halls and gave shots."

Judd graduated from the College of Miran in California with a Nursing degree.

"They had a more progressive curriculum on holistic healing," she said.

Judd contracted chronic hepatitis in 1989, which ended her

singing career with Wynonna as the duo The Judds. The disease is presently in chemical remission, which she credits to her strong faith in God and the support of her family and friends.

"We are amassing scientific data on how people can become co-creators in their own healing," she said. "That's our new frontier - immunology and how the mind controls the body."

She is presently touring the country promoting her new book, "Love Can Build a Bridge." Autographed books are available at Phillip's Bookstore.

Naomi Judd will perform Jan. 30 during the halftime of Super Bowl 28 in Atlanta.

"I was honored by the offer to sing there but I really want to do it because it's very Americana," she said.

The Chamber of Commerce donated \$1,000 to Naomi's favorite charity in her honor.

After the meeting Naomi signed autographs and gave interviews. ■

Kerrigan jumps on injured leg in training for Olympic Games

BOSTON (AP) — Despite having nightmares, Nancy Kerrigan is determined to be ready for the Winter Olympics.

"I'm in very good shape because he had such bad aim," Kerrigan said in an interview broadcast Thursday on "Eye to Eye With Connie Chung," 14 days after a man clubbed her in the knee following a practice session in Detroit.

"It's just a lot of hard work getting back" in shape, she said.

The Lillehammer Winter Olympics start Feb. 12, with the women's figure skating competition scheduled to begin Feb. 23.

Kerrigan didn't look in bad shape Thursday as she successfully executed some of her toughest jumps in a practice session, including a double-axel. The jumps require her to land on her injured right leg.

"I just think the whole thing is a shock," she said. "When this first

happened I just kept waking up at night."

Kerrigan said when she awoke, she found herself grabbing her knee, so she thought she must be having nightmares about the attack. But she said the jitters will not affect her performance.

"When I'm on the ice, nothing really affects me," she said. "It's just something that happened."

Her mother, Brenda Kerrigan, said she didn't worry about her daughter's future on the ice after the attack.

"I don't think I thought about the skating," Brenda Kerrigan said. "I thought, 'Would she be OK? Would she just be all right. Would she walk?'"

But when Chung asked Brenda Kerrigan if the attack made her wish her daughter would stop skating, she said: "That's not what this family is all about. That's giving up." ■

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Plant pays \$10 million to settle crash lawsuit

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A paper plant agreed Friday to pay about \$10 million to settle 44 lawsuits that resulted from a fatal 99-vehicle pileup on fog-shrouded Interstate 75 in 1990.

Bowater Inc. agreed to the settlement without admitting any responsibility for the accident which killed 12 people and injured 54. But an attorney for 30 of the plaintiffs said the amount of the settlement was much more than the cost of defending the lawsuit would have been.

"It's a clear indication that we were right and they were wrong," said Douglas Fees, a Huntsville, Ala., attorney.

The company said its insurer felt settling the lawsuit was cheaper than going to trial and defending the case on appeal.

"It is an accepted fact of legal and business life that lawsuits are sometimes less expensive to settle than to defend. Plaintiffs' counsel are clearly aware that when the game is legal lotto, protracted confrontations improve their odds independent of the merits of the

case," Ecton Manning, Bowater Inc. vice president and general counsel, said in a news release.

There has been much debate as to what causes heavy fog in the area. Lawsuits blamed Bowater Inc., a paper plant which emits at least 2 million tons of water vapor into the atmosphere daily. The plant is about a mile from the highway.

A National Transportation Safety Board report released in 1992 blamed driver error and speed for the accident.

Fees said the settlement which will clearly compensate the victims. He contended the real question to be settled at trial was not whether Bowater caused the fog, but whether company actions were reckless, in which case punitive damages could have been assessed.

Two killed in grocery store robbery

MEMPHIS (AP) — An assistant store manager and a suspected robber were killed Wednesday during a shootout at a grocery store, police said. The manager of the business was wounded.

The incident began shortly

after 7 a.m. CST at Dan's Big Star when three men armed with pistols demanded money from manager Rob Allen and three clerks, said police Lt. John Dwyer.

Allen grappled with one of the men, who was armed with a .25-caliber handgun which fired twice during the struggle, Dwyer said.

Assistant manager John Russell rushed from the back of the store armed with a .357-caliber pistol and killed the man Allen was fighting, Dwyer said.

One of the other robbers then shot Russell in the back, killing him.

Allen was shot in the neck, apparently by the .25-caliber pistol, Dwyer said. He was not critically wounded.

The dead gunman's cohorts ran from the store and escaped.

Dwyer said police were withholding the name of the man killed by Russell pending notification of his family.

Bobbitt scheduled to take paternity test

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — John Bobbitt, whose wife was recently acquitted of criminal charges after cutting off his penis,

will take a blood test Monday to see if he is the father of another woman's child, his lawyer said.

Bobbitt, 26, skipped the test twice last week because the scheduling conflicted with his wife's trial in Virginia, his lawyer, Michael Iacono, said Sunday.

Lorena Bobbitt was acquitted of malicious wounding Friday and sent to a mental hospital for evaluation. Bobbitt has said he had sex with other women during his four-year marriage.

Beatrice L. Williams, 21, of Niagara Falls filed a paternity suit in October naming Bobbitt as the father of her 1-year-old son and asking for child support.

Bobbitt's lawyers have said she is lying.

Bobbitt has held a series of odd jobs since leaving the Marines. He has filed for bankruptcy and all his income goes towards his medical and legal expenses, Iacono said.

Bobbitt is under court order to submit to the tests.

The blood and DNA test results should be available in three to four weeks.

ROME (AP) — A man who

Hijacker surrenders to Italian authorities

hijacked an Ethiopian Airlines plane with 43 people aboard surrendered to authorities early Monday shortly after landing in Rome, reports said.

The hijacker apparently gave up voluntarily, and there was no apparent harm to the 32 passengers and 11 crew members on the Boeing 747.

The hijacker was immediately taken into custody by anti-terrorist police who surrounded the aircraft at Ciampino airport south of Rome, the ANSA news agency reported.

The flight from Dakar, Senegal, had been headed to Bamako, Mali, and was commandeered shortly after takeoff, officials said.

There was no immediate word on the hijacker's nationality or whether he made any demands prior to his surrender. ANSA quoted anonymous sources saying the hijacker was armed only with a knife.

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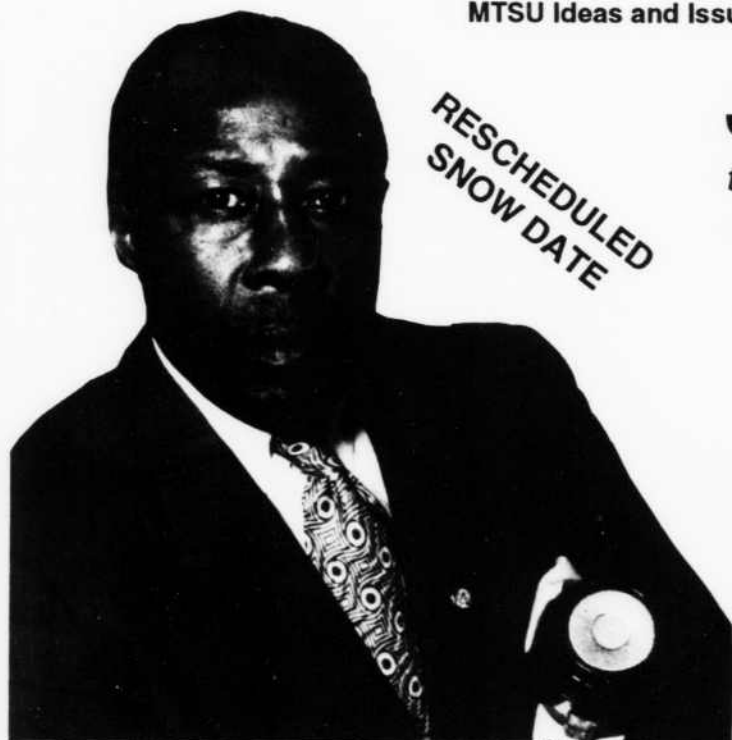
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First Amendment policy applauded

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"I've got my right to freedom of speech," we say. We don't worry about that freedom being limited. It has been with us too long. It is a known quantity, like living in a free country and "batteries not included."

However, some people are concerned about that right, concerned that the prevailing preoccupation with not being offensive to anyone has suffocated the free speech of everyone.

With that fear in mind, President Walker appointed a committee last semester to prepare a declaration of free speech, affirming the university's commitment to everyone's right of expression.

The committee was a result of last summer's incident in which a university official, now retired, was charged with stealing copies of *Sidelines* to prevent public dissemination of a story.

That incident has been dealt with and nothing more needs be said about it.

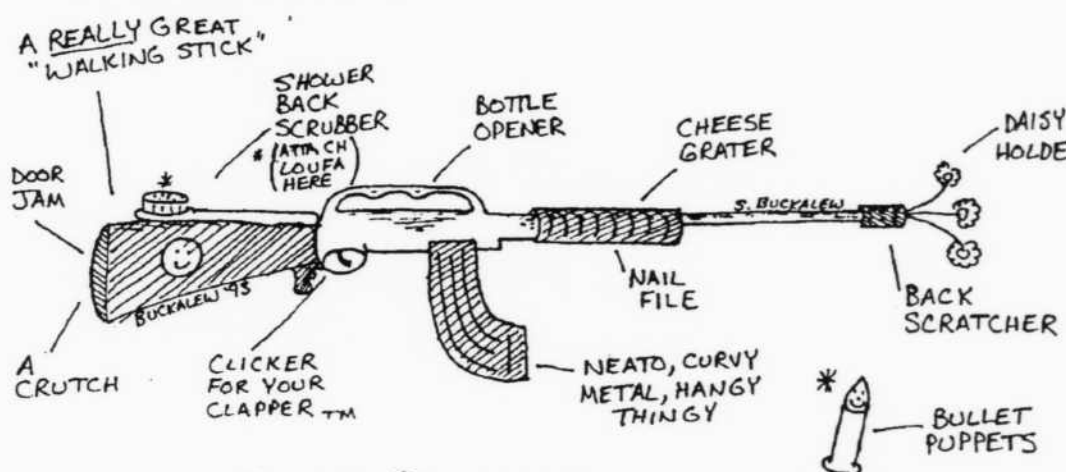
But the committee, for whatever reason it was appointed, was a needed one.

In a perfect world we would feel free to say what we want. In a perfect world what we wanted to say would always be something good.

But it's not a perfect world.

And sometimes we need reminders about our rights.

The First Amendment Committee, finished with its work and disbanded, has given us one of those reminders.



REASONS WHY ASSAULT RIFLES SHOULD BE LEGAL!

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Beware: Bride industry is racket

Forefront

DOLLIE BOYD



A great injustice has come to my attention and I can be silent no longer. For the benefit of my sisters campus wide I must speak out and cast off the chains of silence and suffering.

My story is a familiar one.

As little girls my friends and I dreamed of the day we would get married. We talked about what we would wear; we played dress-up with old window sheers substituting for veils and flowing trains. Princess Di had nothing on us. I grew up and went to high school, where my friends and I continued to dream of our "perfect wedding" (groom sold separately).

In college I became more in touch with myself as an independent woman, as a producing member of a vast world society. Still, my dreams have been with me all this time, although I stopped playing dress-up long ago.

Somewhere along the way I met the man I will marry. So now, at 25, I should have no trouble planning my dream wedding, right?

If you answered yes to that question, I've got an apartment building in Northridge to sell you.

Six months ago, my maid of honor and I went to the mini-mart, bought a 12-pack and a bride's magazine and began to

plan.

As we flipped through the pages of this 30-pound "magazine," we found such helpful articles as, "How to have your dream wedding for under \$35,000," or "Honeymooning on Venus: pros and cons." What every stressed-out bride needs to know. Now that I had a better idea of budget and honeymoon destinations, I began to look at the handy wedding planners that this magazine had so thoughtfully

the prospective bride so confused and befuddled that by the time she goes to her local bridal shoppe, she will buy that \$2,000 gown without question. She will register for a 95-piece Wedgewood china pattern that her relatives from Bedford County will never be able to afford.

Wedding customs and traditions are outdated vestiges of an age long past. I suppose it is quaint to believe that a woman's wedding day is the most

"Six months ago my maid of honor and I went to the mini-mart, bought a 12-pack and a bride's magazine and began to plan."

provided.

According to them, I had just become engaged and I was already six months behind. I should have the catering, music, flowers, and hotel accommodations ready NOW, NOW, NOW!!

My nerves were shot already and I hadn't even left my apartment yet. I moved swiftly along to the dresses. This would be a snap.

Who would have guessed that bridal satin and shiny sequins could be arranged to create such a stunning array of completely similar and disgustingly elaborate gowns? I freaked. They all looked the same to me! I was worthless as a bride and as a wedding planner. I had to go lie down.

As I was lying there in the dark with a cold compress on my fevered brow, it came to me in a flash of revelation. Bride's magazines are a racket. They get

important day of her life. It is the day she truly becomes an adult, gives up her freedom and all that. It just isn't true anymore.

I look forward to my wedding day, but I am already an adult. I have no intention of giving up my freedom, and I hate to think that at this young age I have hit the absolute pinnacle of my life (save motherhood, right?).

To make a long story short, do what you want at your wedding. Invite jugglers; have it on top of Peck Hall. Wear a bathing suit. Do what makes you and your groom happy. A wedding is for the couple, not the mother of the bride, the caterer or the flippin' bride's magazine. Have fun. I plan to. ■

Boyd is a December graduate of MTSU and a substitute teacher. She is the bride-to-be of Sidelines managing editor Mike Reed.

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New cable regs are big disappointment

Ken-L-Ration X

MIKE REED



I have to say it loud and clear: so far, cable television regulation has been a big fat disappointment. I was promised hours of entertainment, news and information at a price I could afford without the cable company raising my rates at random. It sounded like heaven on earth.

But let's look at the aftermath. Since the legislation went through, cable rates at my house have increased. Last October, three somewhat entertaining networks were replaced with local stations whose programming consists of reruns of "Magnum PI," scary people trying to save my immortal soul and a South American children's show called "Xuxu." It's not pretty out there in the co-axial jungle.

In the early days of cable, the companies were just happy to have some interested customers. Now on my Monopoly board, you can own Water Works, the Electric Company and ViaComm. Cable television has become a defacto utility.

Need proof? The phone company charges its customers an "inside wire maintenance fee". This basically says that the phone lines in your home are yours and if they get cut in a domestic brawl or chewed through by rats or small children, the phone company will fix them for you as long as you pay the fee. Your wires, your responsibility.

Tennessee Valley Cable-Vision (an InterMedia Company) is our new cable "provider." And in the true entrepreneurial spirit, they are going to give cable customers the option of paying an extra \$1.50 per month "Wire Maintenance Service."

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thinking. I've been a cable customer for over 10 years and I've never needed inside wire maintenance. This new program has been supported by commercials that talk about pests eating through my cable wires or random household accidents that could cause my wires to explode. It's frightening. But not so frightening that I'm willing to cough up another buck and a half.

So what are our options? If you don't pay the fee, the cable company is going to start charging you \$36 per hour to come and fix *your* wires. Only in America, boys and girls.

Look on the bright side. They are your cables now. That means you can paint them candy-apple red if you want. And believe it or not, there is an even brighter side.

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The suit is being heard in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Greeneville. I am sure the final decision will affect how Tennessee Valley CableVision looks at their Wire Maintenance Service Agreement.

As for the extra buck and a half per month, I think I'll take my chances without the Wire Maintenance Service. ■

Don't legalize drugs: Gordon

Congressman Bart Gordon



Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders recently reignited the debate over the legalization of drugs with her comments that

she thought the idea should be studied.

Leading thinkers such as Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman and columnist William F. Buckley, joined by a handful of politicians and even some law enforcement officials, previously have suggested that such radical changes in our current drug laws may be needed.

These advocates are well-intentioned, but what they fail to see is that drug legalization is no solution. Instead, it's a senseless surrender that we must never make.

These people fail to consider that we are living in a different time—and dealing with entirely different substances. But, the argument that making drugs legal would force organized crime from the drug marketplace rings hollow. In order for legalization to work, prices of these drugs would have to undercut those of the drug dealers' "black market." In all probability that would cost the government something.

The main point, though, is that it's difficult to believe organized crime wouldn't respond by cutting its price further or by offering drugs that are stronger than those available in the proposed commercial marketplace.

The drug war's call to battle has passed. Now, we're down to the tough part—actually taking on both the criminal networks that distribute crack, cocaine and marijuana, and the "it's OK" attitude that creates this nation's demand for such drugs.

In the trenches of the drug war, we see embattled police officers, backlogged courts and

overcrowded jails. The casualties, born-addicted babies, AIDS infected users and victims of drug crime, continue to mount.

The drug war will be long, difficult and costly. The vast majority of Americans have come to accept this and are committed to winning. Unfortunately, the Surgeon General's personal comments have distracted our national focus on this effort just at a time when Congress is considering some serious steps to make crime a national priority.

Now is not the time to tell Americans that drug legalization is an easier, safer less-expensive answer to the nation's drug

costs in increased domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and in the reduction of addicts to useless and tortured human beings who live to get more drugs.

The plain truth is that there are no good choices for legalization among illegal drugs. All are addictive, and even marijuana—which many claim to be relatively harmless—turned up in the blood of more than one-third of the serious accident victims taken last year to a large East Coast shock trauma unit. And after a brief decline, the numbers are once again rising.

Legalization advocates also apparently ignore the devastating

"Easy access doesn't make people lose interest. Certainly, people didn't lose interest in drinking alcohol once Prohibition was repealed."

problems. Legalization advocates argue that legalized drugs would end the livelihood of drug traffickers, some of the most notorious criminals in modern America.

Easy access doesn't make people lose interest. Certainly, people didn't lose interest in drinking alcohol once Prohibition was repealed. Making dangerous, addictive drugs cheaper, purer and more widely and easily available would mean a sharp jump in addiction. Legalization would be sanctioning the mass poisoning of an entire society.

Legalization advocates, citing the huge amounts of money currently spent on the drug war, talk hopefully about the billions of dollars we could save by terminating our anti-drug efforts. We now spend some \$30 billion annually on law enforcement against illegal sale and use of drugs. This amount would be far surpassed by the estimated \$140-210 billion toll that would be taken by lost productivity, injuries and property damage by heavy drug users.

There would also be human

effects legal access to drugs would have on our children. How, for example, would we keep crack or cocaine or heroin that is bought legally by adults, out of our schools and off our play grounds?

Common sense tells us that if we set the drug legalization age at 18 or 21, we will also be making those same drugs more available to younger Americans.

By legalizing illicit drugs, we would unintentionally place a stamp of approval on their use. There is no doubt in my mind that there would be people using these drugs who would never think of trying them so long as they're illegal.

In terms of human and financial costs, and ultimately our nation's future, the legalization of drugs does not make sense. We cannot afford to lose the war against drugs, and we certainly cannot afford to surrender without a fight. ■

Gordon represents the Sixth Congressional District in the House of Representatives. His local phone number is 896-1986.

How about giving guns to those who turn in criminals?

Reality Check

JAY TRAVIS



They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions. I don't know about the pavement, but I'd venture a guess that one of the signposts along the way looks a lot like the current reactionary, overly-simplistic recent trend of

the great gun trade-ins of 1994.

Whether the recipient of this devil's bargain receives a gift certificate for free toys, cash or just a warm feeling in the pit of his stomach, the end result is the same. The bleeding hearts get to bask in the artificial glory which they create for their cause by removing firearms from the community. Namely, they attempt to remove the rights of law-abiding citizens, who incidentally tend to often disagree

with them, to own firearms.

Nowhere is the basic law of supply and demand more appropriate than in this instance. Rather than allowing the real culprits to quite literally get away with murder, I have a solution that will really cut down on rising crime rates.

First of all, we have a surplus of guns left over from all these trade-in programs. Add to that the fact that crime continues to run rampant in our communities, and

the solution becomes rather obvious.

Instead of trading guns for toys, why doesn't someone try trading criminals for these guns? For each violent criminal turned in by a law-abiding citizen, that citizen would receive a free gun recovered by police from the criminal. In one act, we could both get a gun out of the hands of a criminal and really reduce crime by removing one more example of the refuse of humanity from the

general population.

At least it makes more sense to try to reduce crime by reducing the criminal population than to punish the innocent by infringing upon their rights. Perhaps we would get a more enthusiastic response from the left if the issue were removing the freedom of choice concerning abortion instead of gun ownership. After all, both can lead to someone's death. The only difference is in whose rights get violated. ■

Features

Here he comes... Howard Berg has some new ideas about reading

Jason T. Sparks
Features Editor

Howard Berg was in his last year at State University of New York at Binghamton in 1971, studying an esoteric science called *medicognition*, or "how we learn to learn," as he puts it. Ironically, Berg was not doing well; in four years, he really hadn't learned how we learn to learn.

"I was doing okay in my classes, and okay on my exams, but I really wasn't doing well," Berg says. "I had to do *something*."

So when his finals came up, Berg was faced with the task of learning as much as he possibly could about *medicognition*.

"How is it we read so slowly and think so quickly?"

He had three days. He had 45 books.

Maybe it was a moment of Zen clarity, maybe it was the creative prowess inherent to deadlines, maybe it was aliens; all we can rule out is Elvis's ghost, the King still being alive at the time. But the point remains, he did what he did.

In the three days he had, he read the forty-five books, thereby enabling him to receive a high exam grade and a comfortable degree in *medicognition*. (Bio-psych, actually.)

And at no point during this time does it even strike Howard as even the slightest bit odd that he crammed four years of learning into three days.

Howard Berg sees text as having three levels: the literal, the implied, and the inferential. Consider the phrase, "Columbus sailed the ocean in 1492." Who? Columbus. What? He crossed the ocean. When? 1492. "It's almost like levels of journalism here," he says. "You're dealing with what's on the page, nothing more." That's the literal. Next is the implied. How did he cross it? By sailing. "It doesn't say that," Berg explains, "but we know it because we know people didn't fly in

1492." Lastly, we deal with the inferential. Why did he do it? "We don't know that, in this case. We have to find out," he says.

Berg started teaching high school in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and had his life threatened every day. The literal: Who? Howard. Where? A neighborhood in Brooklyn that recently hosted one of the smash riots of the NY season. What? Getting knives and guns pointed at him, and chairs thrown at him. The Implied: Had he chosen poorly? Hell yes. Did he need to quit? Yes, since he "went home every day and sobbed." Was he getting any teaching done? No. The inferential: What did he need to do? We don't know, in this case. We have to find out. Or, rather, Howard did. And then he remembered: *oh, yeah, I can read and comprehend at an unnaturally fast rate.*

So, young Howard had his second great moment of clarity. Since he couldn't teach in Brooklyn, but felt confident that he could teach elsewhere, he felt that the thing to do was to take his ideas on the road.

"It's not every day you get your picture in a book next to the world's largest sandcastle," Berg chuckles as he brings up the fact about his life that probably breaks the most ice at parties: he is in the Guinness Book of World Records. He made the 1990 edition, and inspired so many people to compete for the position that Guinness discontinued it. That means, fundamentally, that he's got it for good.

He is still, however, challenged constantly. He appeared on Regis & Kathy Lee's unctuous chat show, where he read an entire book by author Quentin Crisp, who then quizzed him on the book. He missed nothing.

He has appeared on MTV's *The Jon Stewart Show*, where he chewed and digested Howard Stern's ballyhooed biographical tome. This yields his one editorial comment: "it was simply *awful*," he says as his thick New York accent twists the first syllable for



Charles Hogue, staff

FOLLOW THE FINGER: Howard Berg teaching his speed-reading techniques.

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all it's worth.

He also appears on countless other news shows and the like, doing the same read-a-book-and-get-quizzed bit. Whether or not it makes good television is hard to say.

Another thing Howard does in his spare time is learn entire sciences, like he did at SUNY. If he wants to learn psychology, he gets a load of psychology books and goes burning through them. He's done the same with biology. He has also recently done the same with public speaking, so that he can speak and tour to plug his

book, *Super Reading Secrets*. Berg has decided that the time has come to take the word to the streets, and generate a few ducats in the process. The prophet wants to profit.

So we fast forward to the KUC on a miserably cold Thursday night, a night Berg is not likely to log as one of his better gigs. There are about ten Continuing Studies people in the room, none of whom are incredibly responsive, years of Tennessee schooling having taught them that, even if they learn nothing, they must remain

quiet.

Berg carries on though, a man with a mission. He poses a question: "How is it we read so slowly and think so quickly?" The answer is that we tend to translate visual information into audio information (in other words, we read phonetically. Remember when your Mom made you read *Green Eggs and Ham* out loud to her? She was making a mistake.)

Howard's goal is to eradicate that, to transform what we read into kinesthetic memory. Instead of knowing the letters by sound,

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Double Threat: You'll get the blues, but...

Fletcher Moore
Staff Writer

What can one say about four full-grown adults who dress up like a dead blues guitarist and proceed to perform Xerox copies of said guitarist's songs?

The dead guitarist in this case is Stevie Ray Vaughn, and his only slightly more vivacious mimics - Double Threat - gave a thoroughly unexciting performance Saturday night at 527 Mainstreet.

After a thankfully brief opening act, whose memory faded from my mind almost before they had finished their unholy barrage, Double Threat was ushered onto the stage with a crude epigram, "and now here's somebody who has a lot of respect for someone we're very much into." This was perhaps the most inspired outpouring of expression that entire evening.

What followed was a horrifying affirmation of the fact that Stevie Ray Vaughn is irrevocably dead. Each song was a precise, note-for-note replica of its corresponding SRV original, apparently with absolutely no interpretive input from this



Trout James, staff

DOUBLE THREAT

supposedly "live" band. Tunes were shoveled off the stage like piles of old newspapers, utterly devoid of vitality.

Slowly I began to get the creepy feeling that I was examining a cache of fossilized cow bones or a looted archaeological site.

The group's physical

presence was entirely superfluous - an SRV retrospective of greater value could have just as easily taken place in my apartment with a pile of CD's.

I could have continued, shaken but unscathed by this hideous faux homage to Vaughn had it not been for two additional factors. The first of

these was the vociferous insistence of the prosthetic Stevie - Sean Chambers - that SRV was a "great influence of his." This was thoroughly baffling considering that Vaughn's music had obviously gone straight from his ear to his hands, skipping his brain entirely. How can anyone speak of "influences" when one's style

consists not of intellectual responses but rather of mere appropriations?

Concerning the second factor, I must admit a tiny lie: Double Threat's copies were not perfectly exact. The guitar solos, in a manner of speaking, were new. Surrogate Stevie had apparently managed to learn about five signature SRV licks which he subsequently played a staggering number of times.

When he had explored every conceivable combination of these, he spiced things up a bit by repeating the whole monotonous episode with his instrument positioned behind his back. The crowd went wild.

After awhile my attention began to drift, along with the ponderous thunderheads of cigarette smoke rising along walls which shimmered with Cheerio-shaped spots of light reflected from the grotesque disco-ball hanging like a rotund, silver vampire bat from the center of the ceiling. Is this how we choose to pay tribute to our fallen greats? Sanctuary!■

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Reader

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we know them by pattern. It's the same principle that allows you to know phone numbers by knowing the order of the buttons to push.

After some explanation, Berg actually begins drilling his students on how to speed read. People are taught to move their fingers along the page, back and forth, so that their eyes will follow the finger (and move along the page rapidly.) No one is really catching a lot of words, but Berg is confident that they're well en route.

He then begins teaching how to learn fast, introducing his "literal-implied-inferential" theory. It's one of many theories he offers; in addition to reading

fast and learning fast, he also teaches fast. It's difficult to take in, but somewhere in the process, he makes it obvious that he's right. His theories could result in faster learning, in more learning. In the immortal words of Gene Wilder, "IT...COULD...WORK!"

The gig ends. Howard packs up his books, his audiotape deluxe sets, and his projections—Aristotle multiplied by Ron Popeil, divided by H. Ross Perot. He's an interesting figure, his thick frame heaving his giant display cases into his car.

It's hard to decide if he has the next big learning theory, or if he's just a *schlep* selling his book, one venue at a time.

Whatever he is, he's not Establishment. Far from it.

Welcome to the 1990s. We'll be moving fast. ■

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Music department announces spring schedule

Fletcher Moore
Staff Writer

Each new spring offers the possibility of renewal, and in a less known and less literary tradition, brings a new cornucopia of offerings from the MTSU music department. This particular spring shall exhibit a level of quantity and quality in this regard unmatched by virtually any of its ancestors.

Apart from the usual performances by the Stones River Chamber Players and the Middle Tennessee Symphony, this semester the music department will host a wide array of visiting artists and special events including:

- the 8th Annual Wind Ensemble Conference, with clinics by a number of national artists.
- an opera workshop with lectures by Dr. Christian Barnett of the University of Tennessee-Martin

and Joseph Hopkins of the University of Evansville, Indiana as well as a master class by Michael Ehrman of University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

• The Second Annual Flute Festival, with featured clinician James Galway - an internationally recognized flutist - and clinics by several others.

• Performances by visiting soprano Christine Brewer, mezzo-soprano Mary Ann McCormick, and clarinetist Todd Palmer.

• Performances with the Middle Tennessee Symphony by visiting violinist Isabella Lippi and pianist David Korevaar.

The following is a calendar of major music department events for the spring semester:

- Jan.27 Concert Series: Christine Brewer, soprano, and Mary Ann McCormick, mezzo-soprano.
- Feb.1 Stones River Chamber Players

Feb.11-12 Opera Workshop Festival.

Feb.13 Concert Series: Todd Palmer, clarinetist.

Feb.18-19 Middle Tennessee Flute Festival.

Feb.24-26 Wind Ensemble Conference (Tennessee Room, JUB).

Feb.28 Middle Tennessee Symphony with Isabella Lippi, violin (Tucker Theatre).

Mar.27 Stones River Chamber Players

May 2 Middle Tennessee Symphony with David Korevaar, piano (Tucker Theatre).

All concerts are free to MTSU students. Unless stated otherwise all events will take place in the Wright Music Hall in the Wright Music Building. For further information concerning any of these or upcoming faculty and student recitals, call the music department at 898-2469. ■

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Exile on Mainstreet would not be so bad

rie Cron
stant Features Editor

Mainstreet will be hosting several nationally recognized acts in the next few months.

KDF, Gibson Guitar, and Mainstreet are just a few sponsors Pat Travers who will appear Thursday, Jan. 27. Travers is heard regularly on 103 KDF and claims Animals, Cream, and Jimi Hendrix as his main influences. Autographed Gibson guitar worth \$1,000 will be given away to lucky patron. A KDF radio personality will also be on hand to produce Travers.

Mainstreet is also planning a celebration in honor of reggae legend Bob Marley. The Italz, a reggae band from western Jamaica, will be performing. Marley covers to an expected packed crowd. They will possibly

play a few originals off their latest LP, *Catch of Fire*. In addition, a someone will be whisked away on a much needed vacation as Mainstreet and other sponsors are giving away a cruise to the Caribbean. The magic night is Friday, Feb. 4.

A band that has been causing a great deal of excitement on campus, Bad Brains, will be performing on Wednesday, Feb. 9. The band has a sound much like that of such bands as Living Colour and Red Hot Chili Peppers. They claim to be the originators of the rock/funk/reggae fusion and their latest LP, *Rise* from Epic Records, signals their rise to a major label.

Also in the future are such acts as Webb Wilder and Crain. Information about show times is available at 890-7820. ■

The Piano: could it be this year's Crying Game?

unter, Keitel strike a romantic chord

lege Press Service

"The Piano" is fast becoming this year's "The Crying Game" in that its success largely has been gained through word of mouth and rave reviews from critics.

Like "The Crying Game," this film by Australian director Jane Campion is motivating, violent, darkly disturbing and erotic. It is a story about Ada McGrath (Holly Hunter), a mute, mail-order bride who arrives in the New Zealand wilderness with her young daughter Flora and loves piano in tow.

Ada, an extremely strong-willed woman, is obsessively attached to the piano, which allows her to express her passions in a pure sense. Hunter gives an incredible performance in this movie, communicating every emotion with her eyes, face, hands and music.

Ada's new husband Stewart (Sam Neill), is a oddish and tightly wound sportsman who abandons the piano on the beach because he

doesn't understand its significance to his new bride. Another rough settler, George Baines (Harvey Keitel), perceives Ada's despair over her loss. Baines rescues the piano and agrees to keep it at his house as long as Ada comes to give him lessons, although he wants more from her than that, a situation that sets up an explosive conflict.

As the story unfolds, the stark, melancholy beauty of New Zealand's wild coasts and jungles becomes a background for the white colonists' systematic destruction not only of the land but also of the native Maori culture.

In many ways, "The Piano" is not so much about love as it is about loyalty - Ada's loyalty to herself, her art, her lover, her husband, her daughter, their loyalties to her, and what loyalties Westerners have to other cultures and to the Earth. It is also a movie that raises troubling questions about human relationships and haunts the memory with its beautiful images. ■

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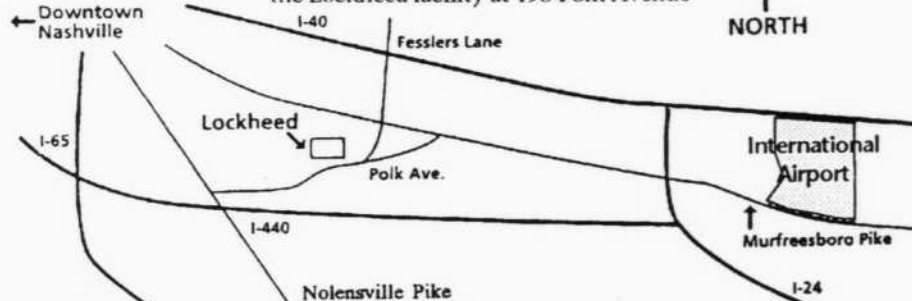
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Sports

'Death Valley'

Icy Raiders falter at Eastern Kentucky

Travis Millsaps
Sports Writer

To win games, teams need to hit free throws, Saturday afternoon at Eastern Kentucky, MTSU's men's team could not hit the crucial free throws. The result was an 88-72 defeat.

The Blue Raiders started the game on fire. They opened up with a 7-0 run and seemed to be on the verge of beginning their "Death Valley" trip through Kentucky successfully. However, MTSU lost the lead almost as quickly as they got it. Eastern answered with a run of its own and went in at halftime with a 45-34 lead.

Once again, the Raiders suffered a lapse that turned an otherwise close game into a big defeat. Even worse was the fact that Middle made only 5 of 12 free throws in the final 10 minutes of the first half. This included missing the front end of two one-and-ones.

Eastern was 12 of 15 from the free throw line in the first half.

"That brings you in at half-time with a different mentality

"I'd like to think we're a pretty good team, but in reality we're pretty good guys and we work hard. But we don't make free throws, we don't make baskets at crucial times, and we are not particularly strong with the ball."

-Head Coach David Farrar

and different attitude," Blue Raider Head Coach David Farrar said of the missed free throws, "You don't gamble the way we gambled and you don't take some of the 3-point shots late that we had to."

"I really think at different stages in the game tonight," Farrar said, "we fought pretty hard and played pretty well. The difference between winning and losing isn't a lot of free throws and second shots. They're usually the [keys] that indicate winning."

Raider guard Milton Dean agreed with Farrar.

"Over the past few games we have not been shooting free throws as well as we are capable of shooting them," said Dean.

"And I think it is just basically a matter of confidence.

"We had a lot of opportunities today to score on the foul line," Dean said, "which would have made a big difference in the score."

Dean once again was MTSU's leading scorer with 20 points. He has been the Raiders' leading scorer in 13 of their 16 games. Dean also added seven rebounds.

Paul Washington came off the bench to add 18 points and 6 rebounds. Tim Gaither tossed in 17 points.

Eastern Kentucky was led in scoring by DeMarcus Doss with 21 points while William Holmes added 16.

MTSU is now 4-12 overall and 1-5 in the OVC. Eastern Kentucky is now 8-9 with a 4-3

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Promotor claims TSU officials can't count

Suing for more than \$170,000 in discrepancy

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Nashville promoter claims Tennessee State University officials cost him more than \$170,000 by under-reporting attendance at the 1992 Tennessee State football game at Vanderbilt Stadium.

In a lawsuit filed against the university, Robert Stout, president of Business Cents Inc., alleges TSU told only 11,902 fans attended the Sept. 5, 1992, game, while attendance figure reported to the Ohio Valley Conference was 23,748.

Stout's contract to promote the game required the company to pay the schools \$60,000 each. His company paid for the rental of Vanderbilt Stadium and for game officials.

Stout's suit says the Tennessee State Board of Regents, which oversees TSU, came up with its own attendance number for the game — 12,349.

Tennessee State athletic director Bill Thomas said Thursday there was no validity to the suit, but said he was unable to explain the attendance discrepancy.

"The auditors here at the university looked into the matter. The auditors examined all the records and, to the best of their knowledge, there is no discrepancy," Thomas said.

"This is not a haphazard operation. We have policies and procedures we adhere to and they are annually reviewed."

Contracting promoters for such a game is rare, but schools did so to ensure the \$60,000 guarantee.

Net revenues in the series have declined from a high of \$80,000 per school in 1987 to less than \$55,000 in 1991.

"What if it rains? It takes some of the risk out of the game," said MTSU athletic director John Stanford.

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Instead of touchdowns and field goals we're here with basketballs and hoops in the first-ever basketball 'On the Line.' As many of you probably remember, we experimented with a football 'On the Line' in the fall and the results were overwhelmingly successful. All it requires is a little time, research for those of you who are really serious about their hoops, and a trip to the post office or Sidelines office.

All you need to do is watch each week for the list of games. They will appear each Monday. The rules are the same as for football in the sense you place a check beside your winner. Send them in to the provided address or come by Sidelines and leave them in the 'Line' mailbox in room 310 of the JUB.

Weekly winners will be announced when all the games have been completed. Anyone picking a perfect 16-0 record will qualify for an MTSU T-shirt. Tabs will be kept and the

person with the most wins at the end of the season will receive a plaque commemorating their accomplishment. Space permitting, we will print complete standings every two weeks or so to let you know where you stand.

Remember to get your picks in on time and look them every week if you want to win that plaque.

Good Luck!

Tony J. Ar
Sports Editor

ON THE LINE

INSTRUCTIONS

Place a mark beside your predicted winner. Entries must be received no later than Friday, Jan. 28.

Pickers with a perfect week will qualify for a MTSU T-shirt. The picker with the best total record at the year's end will receive a plaque.

If a game has MTSU 'vs' TSU, it means the game is at a neutral site. Also note that some contests will be women's games and some teams will appear more than once since they play more than one game per week.

Send entries to 'On the Line', Box 42, MTSU, Murfreesboro, Tn. 37132 (Box 42 if sent through campus mail), or come by the JUB, room 310 and leave them in the sports mailbox. Late entries won't be accepted unless postmarked by the deadline date.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

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Congratulations

Hopefully your name will appear here February 7th when the first week of games you predicted has been completed. Whoever has the best record that week will see their names here. Below the top pickers from last week you will see the top pickers from the compiled records over the season. In order to let you know where you stand, we will try to print complete standings every two weeks.

TOP PICKERS	W - L
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Name

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Rain, sleet or snow.....

MTSU's Lady Raiders still go

ny J. Arnold
ports Editor

Despite almost a foot of snow, roads and a near-empty gymnasium, MTSU's Lady Raider basketball team heated up and dished off a stubborn Eastern Kentucky Squad, 72-66.

It was a big win for the squad in the sense that Lewis Bivens' squad recently suffered its second loss of the season—an OVC loss—and it was that first game at the EKU, Morehead swing state referred to as "Death Valley."

"It was very important for us to win up here, especially after the loss (on Wednesday)," said Bivens. "It wasn't a work of art, but I think we got some big plays from Priscilla Robinson down the stretch and some kids off the bench came through in a crucial stretch time."

And while there were several crucial stretches one stood out. With 4:19 remaining in the game, Robinson's lay-up seemingly gave Middle a commanding 69-62 lead. However, the Ladies missed two shot ends of one-and-ones allowing Eastern to pull within a minute with less than a minute left. The Lady Colonels also had a ball.



"We tried to take away two areas: the top and the corner," Bivens admitted. "That's where you've got to go to shoot it."

The strategy paid off as Maggie Cox came up with a blocked shot and Robinson connected on three-of-four free throws to seal the victory.

"We were fortunate they didn't make the shots," Bivens said referring to EKU's missed opportunities. "We didn't play very poised at times late in the half."

Other key surges came via the Lady Raider bench. Kara Hobbs, Trella Thomas, Mescha Griffin and Melanie Patchen all provided stellar minutes for the squad, which never traded in the game.

Robinson led MTSU with 20 points and 14 rebounds. Heather

Prater added 11 but perhaps the most balanced stat line belonged to Cox. In addition to the senior's beg block, she scored 13 points, pulled down four rebounds, had four steals and dished out nine assists.

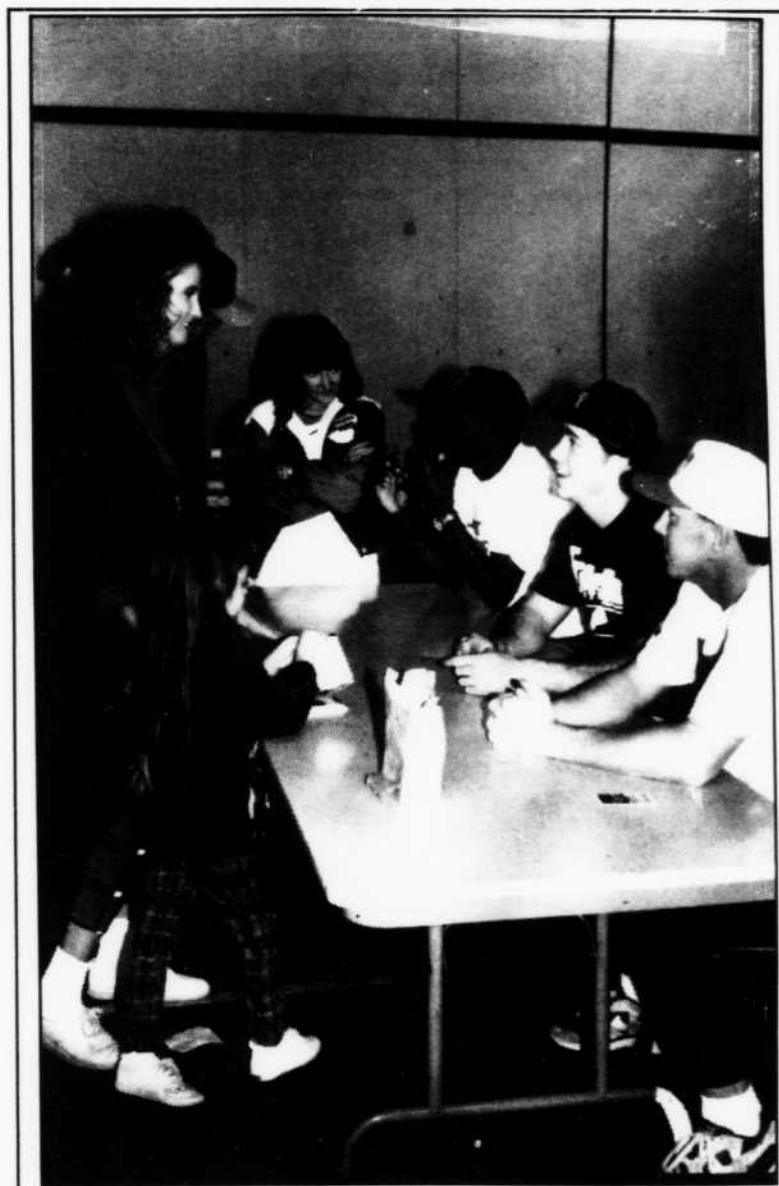
"This was a big game and it was very important that we win," Cox said. "It was a confidence hurdle and we needed this win. This is a big road trip and it's always harder to win on the road."

The win improved MTSU's seasonal marks to 13-2, 5-1 in the OVC. However, there's still plenty of room for improvement in the manner of how Middle has been winning as of late.

"We're still not where we need to be," Bivens commented. "We're still not getting the consistency we need in our offense. It's a struggle right now to get what we need to offensively. But it's nice to get out of here with a win."

MTSU, which shot 56 percent in the game, plays at Morehead tonight. The Lady Eagles upset Middle last year in Morehead, costing the Lady Raiders a shot at the OVC crown.

"I think we'll be ready this year," Bivens closed. ■



Charles Hogue, staff

GOT A PEN? Professional baseball players and former MTSU students Jason Maxwell, Jay Owens, and Dwight Robinson, (top to bottom) were on hand to sign autographs at the card show held at Murphy Center. Mother and daughter are Kathy and Jennifer Dillon.

Raider opposition happy to be home

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — If any of Morehead State's basketball players ever get tired of the game, they might try becoming movie critics.

Both Morehead's men's and women's basketball teams, who lost MTSU tonight, left for home last Thursday after spending Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Nashville's Regal Maxwell House Hotel because of icy conditions that closed interstate highways in their home state of Kentucky.

Portions of four interstate highways and two parkways were open again last Thursday as Kentucky Gov. Brereton Jones partially lifted a winter storm driving ban.

During their stay in Tennessee, Morehead's players

"I think we've seen just about every movie here."

- Dick Fick, Morehead State head coach

did whatever they could to stay out of boredom. Fortunately, a theater was right down the street from the hotel.

"I think we've seen just about every movie here — 'Philadelphia,' 'Tombstone,' 'House Party 3,'" men's coach Dick Fick said. "We're getting a real lesson in cinematography."

The players also exercised and played cards to pass the time, he said.

"We're doing the best we can," he said. "They (the hotel) have a fitness room here, and I've been getting a lot of exercise."

"I'm trying to lose some weight and look like (University of Kentucky coach) Rick Pitino," said the comical Fick.

When Nashville's roads cleared enough for travel, the team drove to Vanderbilt and David Lipscomb Universities for practice.

The Eastern Kentucky men's team (who Middle played Saturday), also stranded after playing Austin Peay in Clarksville on Monday, worked out at Trevecca Nazarene College and Tennessee State.

"You've got a choice," said Eastern Kentucky coach Mike Calhoun, whose team was on the road for more than a week. "It can be a minor inconvenience and you can go about your business, or you can look at it as misery."

Raiders

(Continued from page 12)
VC record.

"I'd like to think we're a pretty good team," Farrar remarked, "but in reality we're pretty good guys and we work hard. But we don't make free throws, we don't make baskets at crucial times and we are not

particularly strong with the ball."

MTSU now visits the second stop on the "Death Valley" trip as they travel to face Morehead State University and their colorful coach, Dick Fick.

The game can be seen on television in the Murfreesboro area on SportsSouth (Channel 33, Murfreesboro cable). Tip off is 8:30 CST. ■

No joke - Jordan to make pitch at baseball

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan, the multimillionaire, chasing fly balls in the minors? Maybe, if it would ultimately get him where he wants to go — to the majors with the Chicago White Sox.

"If the team wants me to go down and work on certain skills, hone certain skills, if they feel I have the potential, yeah, I would certainly consider it," Jordan said Thursday. "But only if I had a chance. I wouldn't go there for no reason."

"If the team asked me to do so, then I would. No one has asked me, and I haven't made the team."

Jordan, 30, admitted his baseball skills are currently not of major-league caliber. The White Sox say they will determine by mid-February if they will invite Chicago's most famous basketball retiree to spring training. The team's pitchers and catchers report Feb. 16.

"I'm trying. I'm not good enough right now, but I still got a couple of more days," said Jordan, appearing at a news conference with Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson to promote a line of sports cards.

"A lot of people may think this is off the wall, and maybe it is, but I'm doing something I choose to do. That is following one of the dreams I had when I was a kid."



You have a 6:00 class that ends at 8:30 at Peck Hall and you're parked somewhere close to Alaska and it's dark and you don't feel safe walking all the way across campus. Calm Down. The Raider Xpress runs now runs until 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. There. Feel better?



MIDLANDER

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MIDLANDER wants you and your smiling face in its 1993-94 issue. A professional photographer will be on campus Jan. 24-28 to take senior and underclass photographs. He will either be located in the Grill Lobby or in KUC 312. Hours are as follows:

Monday & Thursday
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Tuesday & Wednesday
Noon-8 p.m.
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9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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2. Personals

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3. Announcements

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Wild Kingdom By Anthony Rubino, Jr.

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What is cheating?

College Press Service

Students admit to cheating at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, but they say there's too many gray areas about what is considered academic dishonesty, a survey said.

Students said blatant dishonesty such as cheating on an exam is wrong, but they had mixed opinions about collaborating and sharing homework assignment answers. In fact, 56 percent of the students surveyed said they were confused about what constitutes academic dishonesty.

The survey, conducted by the MIT Colloquium Committee, found that almost 45 percent said that copying homework that would not be graded was not considered cheating. Another 45 percent said it was trivial and 10 percent labeled it as serious cheating.

Students were divided about whether it was dishonest to get help from a campus computer consultant for writing the content of a computer program for class.

Almost 80 percent of the students admitted that they had cheated at some point in their college years by either collaborating on homework or copying someone else's homework assignment.

Almost 70 percent said they collaborated on homework at least once, 45 percent admitted that they misrepresented or fudged data in a laboratory report or

research paper, and almost 60 percent admitted to copying another student's homework assignment that was to be graded.

According to Norma McGaver, a co-author of the study, the surprise was not that students cheat, but which students are cheating since there is a perception that some students get good grades through dishonest means.

"Some people think it's the best and brightest students who cheat, but that's not the case. It's the students with academic difficulties who cheat," she said.

The study also found that students with lower grade point averages are less likely to ask for assistance and may fall into a pattern of cheating as a way to get by.

McGaver said sophomores, not first-year students, who were more likely to cheat.

"There seem to be more stress because that's the year they pick their major," she said.

The survey was commissioned after a cheating scandal occurred on the campus in 1990. The scandal occurred when 79 of 250 students taking Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving were found to have cheated on a homework assignment. Students defended themselves by saying cheating in one form or another was rampant across the campus. Many of the students said they did not think they had done anything wrong. ■



Charles Hogue, staff

FRIGID FITNESS: Thembi Huff, junior, strides around Murphy Center to get a little exercise Saturday.

Exercise can be a beneficial treatment for AIDS patients

Leslie Lloyd
Associated Press

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) — AIDS patients benefit from regular exercise, a researcher at East Tennessee State University has found.

Dr. J. Kelly Smith, a professor of allergy and immunology at the Quillen College of Medicine, says AIDS patients who exercise regularly produce more CD4 cells and natural killer cells to fight the disease and feel better mentally.

"What we're really talking about is moderate amounts of exercise," he said. "It's equivalent to what most people do when they exercise."

He said benefits come from a minimum of one hour of exercise, such as brisk walking, three times a week. The patients could work up from there, but Smith said strenuous training wouldn't be suggested.

"It should be a graded increase in exercise," he said.

Young AIDS patients can get involved in an exercise program and it would be essentially a free form of treatment, Smith said.

He began the study 2 1/2 years ago with 13 men and three women infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The average age of the participants was 37.

Smith divided them into exercise and non-exercise groups and monitored their progress every six months.

Regular exercise doubled the amount of CD4 cells, which help fight off AIDS, as well as increased

other immune responses Smith said.

Questionnaires also revealed that the moods of those AIDS patients who exercised improved.

"The more conditioned they were, the better their moods," he said.

Smith said more research is needed concerning the connection between AIDS treatment and exercise.

"We're going to continue with it and we hope to expand it," he said.

Apparently little research is being done about exercise and AIDS, according to Smith and others.

"I don't know of any research about that," said Dr. Dalbovski, a spokesman for the Alternative Medicine division of the National Institutes of Health.

Smith said much research is funded by pharmaceutical companies looking for drugs that can be used to treat AIDS. Also Smith said such research about exercise and AIDS doesn't generate much interest in the medical community. ■

FIU pair develop computer application

New student admissions easier for college administrators

Two Florida International University students combined their talents to create a speedier admissions process through computer applications.

Nestor Portocarrero and David Flor joined forces to create a computer program to expedite the admissions process at the university, and now they're trying to market their program to other schools across the nation.

The computerized application for admission includes an interactive presentation that uses graphics and pictures to guide students through the university's programs.

"It's like a walk through a brochure," Portocarrero said.

The five-minute presentation, which highlights the university's academic, social and sports highlights, is designed to eliminate the university's need to mail heavy brochures.

"It really is a marketing tool. It's a whole multimedia

presentation," Portocarrero said.

The presentation is concluded with an application for admission that students can fill out on computer. Then they return to computer diskette by mail.

Disks are cheaper than brochures, so the new process will save money for the university. A disk costs about 30 cents, while brochures are \$1.50. And, because the disk is lighter than the brochure, the university saves almost \$2 per mailing.

"As far as cost, only time will tell how much money we will save," said Carmen Brown, director of admissions for the university.

Not only is the program helpful for students, but it also will save time. University admissions employees have to input paper applications manually. The computer program eliminates data processing time since employees don't have to transfer the application from

hard copy into the computers. Downloading the application takes about five seconds, compared with about 20 minutes to type in the application.

The diskettes for the program will be produced in time for fall 1994.

Portocarrero, who works part-time at the university's admissions office created the program after Admissions Director Carmen Brown discovered a similar program to help students apply at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She asked Portocarrero to help make the admissions process easier.

Portocarrero and Flor didn't charge the university for the program, but they are marketing it to other schools at an introductory price of \$5,000. So far, about six schools have shown interest in purchasing the program, Portocarrero said. ■

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