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Tennessee Board of Regents names finalists

Locals cut from MTSU presidential race

by JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

Of the 60-odd candidates for the MTSU presidency, all but 15 have been eliminated, including four MTSU locals.

Thomas J. Garland, chancellor of the State Board of Regents, released a list of the fifteen remaining candidates Friday.

Among those removed from the selection process was MTSU's Dean of Admissions, Records and Information Services Cliff Gillespie and Mary Martin, dean of MTSU's graduate school.

Gillespie was notified of the decision Friday.

"I'm very disappointed that I didn't make the final fifteen," Gillespie said. "With 20 years at this university, and what many people consider to be a good track record, I'm really surprised [I was eliminated]."

Dean Martin was also shocked at the decision and questioned the lack of local can-

didates.

"The decision came as a surprise to me," she said, "because the ad [seeking presidential candidates] didn't mention that locals need not apply."

The Tennessee Board of Regents and Garland, who will make the final presidential recommendation to the Governor, are currently involved in a law suit with a local newspaper, the *Daily News Journal*. The suit centers around the fact that Garland and the Search Committee closed all their meetings to the press. The *DNJ* claims that this is in violation of the state "Sunshine" or open meeting laws. A court hearing is set for October 15.

One possible result of the lawsuit could be a reopening of the presidential search process.

If the search process is reopened, Gillespie said he might reenter.

"I would have to think long and hard about

that," Gillespie said of reentering. "I think the chancellor has sent a pretty clear message that he doesn't want me as president."

Martin said she too would have to think about reentering.

"It would take some thought, but as of today I would," she said.

The remaining candidates are as follows:

- James B. Appleberry, Northern Michigan University president.
- Dan Angel, Austin Community College president, Austin, Texas.
- E. Grady Bogue, chancellor of Louisiana State University at Shevenport.
- Donald E. Bowen, vice president for academic affairs, Southwest Missouri State University.
- John R. Darling, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Mississippi State University.
- Arthur Dunning, vice chancellor, board of regents, University System of Georgia.

• Kermit R. McMurry, director of Nebraska Department of Social Services and governor's higher education policy cabinet.

• Ivory V. Nelson, chancellor of Alamo Community College District, San Antonio, Texas.

• Michael P. Riccards, president, St. Johns College in Santa Fe, N.M.

• Prince Rivers, provost of Atlanta University Center.

• Charles Pierce Ruch, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University.

• Gene W. Scholes, vice president of administration, N. Kentucky University.

• William T. Slater, president, Charter Oak College, Farmington, Conn.

• G. Warren Smith, president, Southeastern Louisiana University.

• Craig Dean Willis, president, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, Pa. ■

Low Midlander sales throw 'dim' light: Staff

Sales are down from last year, making the 1990 yearbook far from profitable

by DONNIE CASTLEMAN
Staff Writer

The small number of 1990 *Midlanders* sold to date is putting a dim light on the future of the yearbook, *Midlander* staff and organizers said Friday.

To date, 1,002 yearbooks have been sold, compared to the 2,700 yearbooks that must be sold in order for the yearbook to break even financially.

The current situation is following a trend that dates back to 1980 when the *Midlander* started decreasing in popularity, according to Christian Haseleu, acting chairman of the Student Publications Committee.

"It's hard to justify continuing the *Midlander* with this lack of interest from students," Haseleu said.

The chairman expressed disappointment with current *Midlander* sales, saying he felt that with an enrollment of over 14,000 students at MTSU, more *Midlanders* should have been sold.

Student Publications Coordinator and *Midlander* adviser Jenny Tenpenny Crouch said that the registration sales drive did not sell enough books.

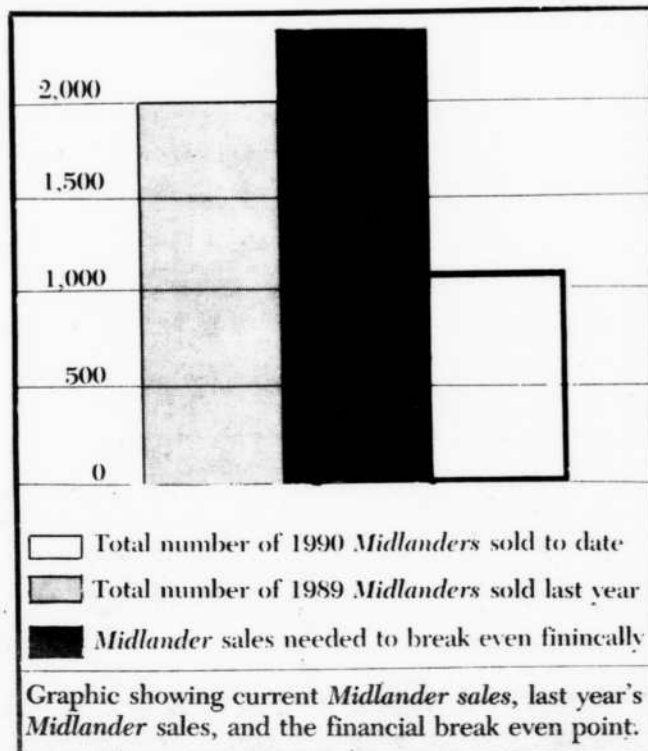
"The effort made during registration [to sell books] didn't get us more subscriptions," she said, adding that the decline in sales is "a sad statement" about the attitude of students. Crouch said she felt *Midlander* was an "inexpensive means of capturing events for the whole year." She also noted that students don't realize how important a yearbook like *Midlander* will be twenty years down the road.

Last year's total *Midlander* sales of 2,000 copies also



Sandra Rennie • staff

The above photo illustration represents the more than 900 *Midlanders* that have not yet been claimed.



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Sidelines Editor named

Student Publications chooses Interim

by Lauri Beasley
Staff Writer

A *Sidelines* interim editor was named Friday in an emergency meeting of the Student Publications Committee.

The emergency meeting was called in order to name a new editor in light of the recent death of fall editor Doug Stults.

Senior Laurie Jobe Watts, a public relations major and former *Sidelines* copy editor and production worker, will be *Sidelines*' interim editor until an acting editor, who will serve for the remainder of the fall semester, is named by the Student Publications Committee.

Chris Haseleu, acting chairman of the committee, said he felt that *Sidelines* needed an editor as soon as possible.

"I don't like leaving the paper without leadership," Haseleu said.

Student Publications Coordinator Jenny Tenpenny Crouch agreed with Haseleu.

"I believe it is in the best interest of *Sidelines* that we act as quickly as possible . . . [because] delaying the decision will keep the staff unstable."

Several committee members expressed concern with appointing an interim editor for the remainder of Stults' tenure.

"I'd feel uneasy about appointing someone for the whole semester," Haseleu said.

The committee decided not to name a current writer or section editor as *Sidelines* Editor-in-Chief, choosing instead to name a former editor or staff member.

"I believe it would be in the best interest of *Sidelines* if a previous editor with no particular axe to grind was



Laurie Jobe Watts

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appointed," Haseleu said.

One criteria used by the committee to select an interim editor was whether or not the appointee would submit an application to be editor after the two week search period.

"If we are looking for a former editor," Crouch said of the interim appointee, "I think we should not consider looking at someone who is planning to apply as Editor-in-Chief."

Watts said she felt that this was a major factor in her selection as interim editor.

"The committee wanted to name someone who wasn't planning to submit an application for editor," Watts said, "and I think that is part of the reason that I was chosen."

Watts said she wasn't planning to make any major changes during her two weeks at *Sidelines*.

"My main goal," the interim editor said, "is just to keep things running smoothly until a [full time acting] editor is named."

Applications for editor are now being accepted by Student Publications, located in Room 306 of the James Union Building. Deadline for applications is this Friday, September 22. ■

Bands' poster causes show to be canceled

Anti-Semitic tones and reference to holocaust create controversy

by JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

The distribution of two musical groups' flier, which contained strong anti-Semitic images and statements, prompted B and L Pizza to cancel that band's Friday night appearance, sources said.

The flier showed the name of the main band, Wez, their opening act, Futility, a human skull, and several human skeletons. Written on the side of the flier was the following statement: "Remember! You can't have a holocaust without any Jews — J.T."

The band denies having any knowledge of the phrase. "We don't know how the holocaust phrase got on our flier," Steve Dale, a band spokesman, said. "We made up our flier and handed out copies. Someone took one of those fliers, reduced its size, added that line, and distributed their own version of the flier. We don't know who 'J.T.' is but we would dearly like to know. He has caused both the band and the Jewish community a lot of unnecessary grief."

B and L Pizza issued a press release Thursday stating that the show had been cancelled and disclaiming any responsibility for the content of the flier.

"To whom it may concern," the B and L release states. "The advertised show for Friday, Sept. 15, has been cancelled. This cancellation is due to the distribution of a poster by the bands scheduled to appear. The poster contained material that was offensive and in bad taste. This poster was distributed by the members of the bands and not by any employee of B and L Pizza. . . B and L Pizza apologizes to all parties offended by the poster."

Dale said the band in no way intended for anyone to be offended by the poster.



The anti-Semitic tones of this flier caused B and L Pizza to cancel Friday's show.

"The band wishes to extend an apology to anyone who took offense at the flier," Dale added. "We wish we had a way to control things like this, but once a flier is out, anyone can do anything they want to it. It's sad, but there are some people who just take things too far." ■

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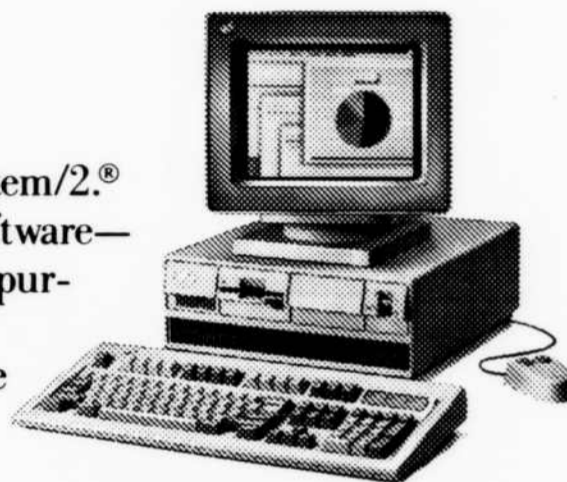


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disappointed some staff members.

"I thought we put out a good book," Ken Salter, last year's *Midlander* editor, said. He also said he felt that putting out a good 1990 yearbook could help generate future sales, but that it would take two or three more good books to "get back in the right direction."

Despite Salter's enthusiasm about last year's *Midlander* and the future of the yearbook, the *Midlander* office is currently holding more than 900 unclaimed yearbooks bought by students last year.

"[Students] probably forgot they had purchased a copy," Salter said.

But the thought of unclaimed yearbooks and low sales hasn't changed the views that current *Midlander* editor Janna Wheatley holds for the 1990 *Midlander*, entitled "Better Than Ever."

"I'm somewhat depressed," Wheatley said Friday, "but optimistic that more [yearbooks] will get sold."

Wheatley cited the fact that "students don't expect much" from the yearbook as one reason for low sales, but quickly added that she is certain great ideas and a history of the school year will make this year's *Midlander* "better than ever."

The new editor also said she "expects more participation from organizations" and plans to "give them more input" on what goes in the 1990 *Midlander*.

A table will be set up in front of Phillips Bookstore Wednesday and Thursday to give students who purchased 1989 *Midlanders* the opportunity to pick them up.

Orders can also be placed for 1990 *Midlanders* as well.

The price is \$15. ■

The Student Publications Committee is now accepting applications for

Fall Sidelines Editor

Candidates must have a 2.5 GPA, must be full-time MTSU students this semester, and must plan to enroll for at least nine hours of coursework each semester they serve as editor.

Applications are available in Room 306 of the James Union Building. A transcript and letters of recommendation are required. Deadline is 4 p.m. September 22. For more information please call Jenny Tenpenny Crouch, Student Publications Coordinator, at MTSU ext. 2338.

Selection will be made by September 29.

Campus Capsule

Campus Capsule is an open bulletin board for the entire MTSU community. Submissions can be turned in to Room 310 of the James Union Building, and will be printed on the basis of timeliness and space. Deadlines are 3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday.

RIM Writers will hold their first meeting Tuesday, September 19 at 7 p.m. in Room 316 of the KUC. All song writers and interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Tony Morreale at 896-8425.

A Career Day, sponsored by the Placement Office, will take place Thursday, September 21, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the track of Murphy Center. For more information, contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

Applications for Homecoming Queen are now available in the ASB Office, Room 304 of the KUC. Deadline is September 20.

The Association of Non-traditional Students (ANTS) will hold its first lecture of the 1989-90 season Tuesday, September 19, at 5 p.m. in Room 313 of the KUC. For more information, contact Marilyn Cupell at 896-2956.

The Honors Lecture Series will continue this Wednesday with a lecture by MTSU's Lora Brewer, dept. of mathematics, entitled "Math Avoidance and Its Impact in the 1980's," scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in Room 107 of Peck Hall.

Tau Omicron will have its first general meeting on Wednesday, September 20, at 4 p.m. in Room 324 of the KUC. Refreshments will be served.

Anyone interested in meeting and talking with candidates being considered for the position of director of minority affairs is invited to stop by KUC 322 from 2 - 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The meeting is open to any students, faculty and staff interested in attending.



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OPINIONS

Presidential quest cuts qualified candidates

When current MTSU President Sam Ingram retires in December, this school will baptize a new leader, regardless of whether that leader will be the best candidate for the job. In light of the recent elimination of candidates, we feel serious problems could exist.

This week the list of possible presidents was sliced from more than 60 to 15. In this bit of housecleaning, *all* of MTSU's local candidates, *all* candidates from the state of Tennessee, and *all* women were told "thanks, but no thanks."

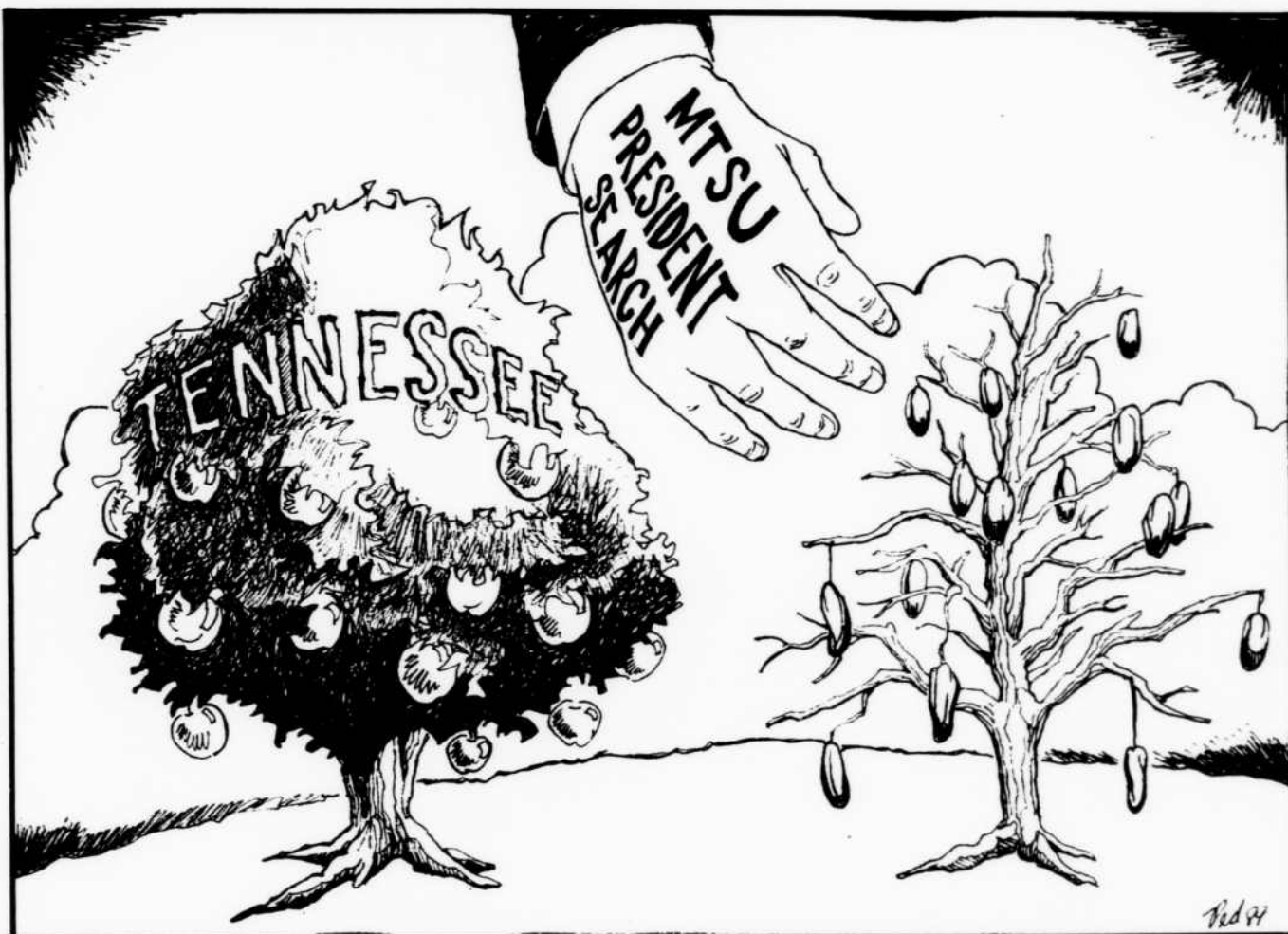
Underfunded and overcrowded, MTSU now desperately needs a leader who understands both the educational mission of this university, and the political maneuverings needed to fund that mission. At least that's what the faculty senate said in a report delivered last week.

Both Vice-President of Academic Affairs Jessie Warren and Dean of Admissions, Records and Information Systems Cliff Gillespie are familiar with MTSU's academic and administrative processes. They also understand local politics, with Warren having been elected as Franklin County's first female school superintendent and Gillespie having taken an active role in the state Democratic Party. However, based on their "criteria," the committee eliminated both MTSU veterans from the selection process.

What was the committee's reason for cutting Gillespie, Warren and other talented locals? Perhaps they saw the burning of the apple orchard as a way to remove a few perceived bad apples. Perhaps some grudges never fade.

If our assessment of the committee's logic seems somewhat biased, we are sorry. But when the committee sees fit to close all their meetings, what are we left with besides speculation? If the committee actually *had* a valid rationale for eliminating some of the most qualified presidential candidates, we would be more than happy to report them.

On the other hand, if *we* were the committee, and *we* were making decisions based on politics and a "good ole boy" mentality, we'd probably close our doors too.



Letters to the Editor

Alumni Gym lockers don't lock

To the Editor:

This is a warning to everyone who uses the Alumni Memorial Gym.

Do not use any of the Alumni Memorial Gym Lockers!!!

- Wednesday morning, Sept. 6, 1989, I locked my book bag and gym bag in locker number 80 (in the Men's Dressing Room). I used a Master lock, and assumed my possessions would be reasonably safe there. An hour later, I came back to an open locker — my microcassette recorder, a calculator and a \$20 bill were stolen out of my bags. The lock had not been sprung and the locker showed no signs of being pried open.

The locker had been forced open by hand.

One of the Campus Security officers who was investigating discovered how the gutless puke broke into the lockers. The catch on the bottom of the lockers' doors all had been cut or bent so they wouldn't lock. It is then quite easy to pull open each locker door with just a quick jerk of the arm.

Notice... I said *lockers* plural. Locker numbers 1, 12, 16, 21, 24 and 66 are also fixed to be broken into the same way. There are probably more. The first five were on the same wall, and I couldn't remember any of the other numbers.

I hope this helps you folks so you don't get ripped like I did. I also hope this speeds up the replacement of all the lockers (since any of the lockers can be modified easily in this manner).

Final Note: Please keep your stuff with you at all times — especially when you're in high-risk areas like the High Rise Cafeteria, the Grill, Todd Library, the area across from the Grill, Phillips Bookstore, etc. My suspect was seen looking around the tables in the Library this afternoon. ■

Have a nice day,
Bob Pawlick
P.O. Box 3238

[Editor's note: The letter below is the last we will be printing on the "great Greek controversy." While we appreciate all comments we receive, we have a limited amount of room in which to print them. Letters are written on other topics and we would like to give them equal space.

Also, please put your *real* name, address and phone number on your letter. Only the name and address will be printed, but we have to check all letters to verify the author. If we can't find you, we won't print the letter. Thanks.]

Greeks responsible for own image

Dear Editor:

I'm sorry to drag this age-old controversy over the coals again, but it has to be said. Why do non-Greeks have such a bad image of Greeks? I don't know about others, but the image I have of Greeks is an image well-deserved.

I've been to frat parties where, if you're not in a sorority, they won't know you're alive. I've had friends threatened with physical harm because they had the "audacity" to sit at one of their "their" tables in the Grill.

When one of my friends is picked up off the ground by several fraternity men and carted off to another "non-Greek" table and is told that they will push her nose in all the way to the back of her head if she sits at one of "their" tables again, I'm bound to have just a *tiny* problem with them!

Maybe the whole Greek system isn't to blame for these bad encounters, but it really makes the system look bad to the majority of us who aren't Greeks. It's a shame to have the whole bunch ruined by a few bad apples. If the Greeks will select their members more on the basis of personality rather than looks, money and clothes, you could probably save your battles for intramural sports and not the pages of *Sidelines*. ■

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FEATURES

A pottery find may link two cultures

MTSU professor uncovers lost Moroccan city

SHAWN RENNIE
Staff Writer

Hidden on the desolate northern fringe of the Sahara Desert, lies Sijilmasa, the lost city of Morocco, and MTSU's Dr. Ron Messier is helping to uncover its secrets.

Messier holds a doctorate in Middle Eastern History from the University of Michigan. He came to MTSU in 1972 from Eastern Michigan University, where he taught for three years.

Here at MTSU, Messier heads the Medieval Studies Department as well as serving as director of the Honors Program.

He first heard of Sijilmasa in 1968, while researching for his doctoral dissertation on the circulation of gold currency in the Middle Ages.

"Over and over again" the Sijilmasa appeared in his research. Coins minted at that time were routinely stamped with the name of the city where they originated and large numbers came from Sijilmasa. When Messier searched for details about the city, he came up with scant information.

"There's not much written about the city," explained Messier.

In fact, very little at all was known about Sijilmasa, and matters would remain that way for another 20 years.

What was known about Sijilmasa, according to Messier, was that it had been an important trading center during the Middle Ages.

"In the Middle Ages, most of the gold ore for the production of currency... went across the Sahara," Messier said.

Gold was minted and traded all over the Mediterranean area for a variety of goods. Slowly, and for a number of reasons, after what appeared to be a prosperous era for Sijilmasa, the city died out, leaving behind little visible evidence of its presence, according to Messier.

In 1986, Messier was in Rabat, the capitol of Morocco collecting data for a book. While there, he decided to make the long, difficult journey south to Sijilmasa. He couldn't resist the temptation to see the place he had wondered so much about 18 years earlier.



Sandra Rennie•staff
Professor of history Ron Messier is already planning his next journey to Morocco to continue excavation of the lost city of Sijilmasa.

By hearing his reverence when talking of his first visit to Sijilmasa, one can understand that arriving at the site was a special moment for Messier — to be standing in the middle of what once had been an important city and what was now a few scattered ruins.

"There was not much to see, but there was enough to see to suggest that maybe it should be excavated," said Messier.

Returning to Rabat, Messier met a professor of law named Abdulhai Moudden. Over a casual lunch, they discussed their mutual interest in Sijilmasa. Moudden told

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Student president shows many sides

JILL McWHORTER
Features Editor

His favorite pastimes are pottery and politics — and he seems to do a fairly good job at both.

If you didn't know that current Associated Student Body president, Doug Holder, was a dabbler in clay as well as student government, don't worry. You're probably not alone.

Holder, an energetic, happy person who describes himself as a "people person" agreed to be the subject of a student profile, primarily to let people know more about him and about the ASB office.

Doug Holder proudly claims Atlanta, Ga. as his hometown, but he also holds special sentimental ties to the small community of Bell Buckle, Tenn.

"I went to public school in Georgia until the sixth grade," explained Holder. "Starting in seventh grade, I went to Webb School in Bell Buckle. I went from a town of two million to a town of 300, which was a big difference. I enjoyed the change, obviously, because I'm still here."

Holder attended Georgia Southern College for one quarter and missed Tennessee so much that he returned to attend classes at MTSU.

"I decided to go to MTSU for one semester before transferring to a school that I felt comfortable with going to," said Holder. "MTSU's approximately 23 miles away from where I went to high school. I really enjoy this area. At the time, I was involved with camping and being outdoors."

Holder was soon convinced, however, after one semester here that this was where he wanted to remain until the end of his undergraduate schooling.

He first became involved in student government when he was elected as vice president of what was then known as I-Hall. After serving in that position, Holder worked as ASB representative for the MTSU Clay Club.



Doug Holder Wayne Cartwright•Staff

"I was a clay student, an art student," Holder explained. I had a declared major, business administration, but I wasn't very active in it. I was trying to pursue my interest in art. My interest in art has always been in pottery. I studied for a few years in the clay department here."

After Holder served as a representative for the Clay Club, his interest in government was further aroused by a speech by past ASB president Harry Hosey.

"What really got me involved was when Harry came to speak to an organization that I'm involved with on campus and I liked what he had to say. I supported what he had to say and wanted to do everything I could do to help him get elected, so I worked on his campaign and worked as diligently as possible.

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Spike is real thing

BRIAN WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

As a film maker, Spike Lee has been the jockey of a horse that carries enough power and strength to win the famed Triple Crown. However, Lee is also the jockey of a horse that leaves several doubts in the minds of many of how it can win its crown and the results of the horse's win on others.

Lee's latest horse, *Do The Right Thing*, has the nation talking and Spike sitting in a hot seat of controversy.

This is a movie that has an energetic theme, massive hype and can even make Batman turn his head for its content.

And it is that content that may leave some with a stake through their hearts because there is still so much unbridled hatred existing between one another in this country.

Cinematography by Ernest Dickerson (by far his best work yet) and a storyline and direction by Lee are combined well in this two-hour study of human nature and relationships set within a racially mixed neighborhood in Brooklyn on one of the hottest days of summer. And when the heat goes up, so does the intensity of the film's characters.

Throughout the film, from the opening dance sequence choreographed to Public Enemy's "Fight The Power," to its "calm after the storm" conclusion, the intensity never once lessens.

Soon after the film begins you get a feel for everybody in the neighborhood. The main characters are Sal, the owner of a pizza restaurant (brilliantly played by Danny Aiello), Sal's two sons (played by Richard Edson and John Turturro) and Mookie (Spike Lee doing yet another job other than his producing, writing, and directing).

The main conflict comes from Gincarlo Espitio and Bill Nunn planning a boycott of Sal's after Espitio complains about not having photos of blacks on the restaurant wall.

The fact of the matter is this: Lee has outdone himself with *Do the Right Thing* in more ways than one.

It is safe to say that Spike Lee is now an equal to Coke: *Do The Right Thing* is the real thing.★★★★

Do The Right Thing is currently showing until Thursday in Murfreesboro at the Cinema Twin located on South Tennessee Boulevard.

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"Apparently, I impressed him enough for him to ask me to be his chief-of-staff for the next year after he was elected. It kinda snowballed from there," said Holder. Although Holder has made several changes of major in the past few years, from business administration to public relations to political science, he claimed his foray into politics has not changed his career choice. Rather, he said serving as ASB president has strengthened it. Holder had trouble describing his role as ASB president, claiming that his responsibilities were varied, ranging from honoratorial work to administrative things." He said the ASB sponsors events on campus, such as the upcoming homecoming celebrations, and helps out the administration when they need to know the student body's consensus on issues. Holder named current ASB projects with the University

Buyer's Club Student Discount Club program being at the top of the list. According to Holder, prizes are being given away daily in the search to finish the puzzle located on the third floor of Keathley University Center. "Another thing I'm working on is a program called 'Together for a Safe Campus,' which is in conjunction with the security office and Dean Hays' office," Holder said. "It's sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council. It is a program that educates you about date rape, drug and alcohol abuse. It also deals with AIDS awareness." Holder isn't just worried about on-campus issues. His concerns extend to world topics ranging from wanting to hold a candlelight vigil for the slain Chinese students in Tianamen Square to taking a stand against apartheid. "One thing I'm really interested in is deforestation. It's kinda strange because I've always been a conservative and I'm finding a lot of liberal tendencies starting to come out, which is great because these are things I strongly believe in.

Although Holder's activism may never match that of his older sister, a Princeton University student whose anti-apartheid stance gained her the privilege of meeting Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Holder expressed a desire to lead MTSU to more involvement in world events.

His wide-reaching views are present even in the theme of this year's homecoming — "Windows on the World," in which organizations will represent various countries.

After graduation, Holder plans to take his conservative/liberal viewpoints beyond planning homecoming and passing campus bills to a real estate law practice in South Carolina — or possibly to a salesman's position. ■

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Messier that, although he had no specific knowledge of what was involved in getting permission to investigate the site, he was sure Messier would have to go through the Minister of Culture. Discouraged, Messier returned home. If not for a strange twist of fate, his dream would have ended there. In December, 1986 or January, 1987, Messier received a letter from his friend, suddenly. In the letter, suddenly told Messier that he now worked for the Minister of Culture and had recommended Messier as a special projects consultant — Would he be interested in forming a team to excavate Sijilmasa? In the summer of 1987, Messier and Neil MacKenzie, a friend from graduate school, travelled to the site so they might formulate a strategy for a major expedition to Morocco. In the fall, they received grants — one from the National Geographic Society, another from the Social Science Research Council. Messier assembled an expedition team consisting of MacKenzie, four MTSU students, a surveyor, an architect and a student from UCLA. The team spent five weeks at Sijilmasa, working early in the morning to avoid the afternoon heat, which often reached 115°. The group had three major objectives: to map the site, do a survey of the pottery and to dig a series of trenches. Finally, the excavations uncovered portions of several structures, including a stone-lined canal, a cesspool, stone foundations and what is apparently an industrial complex, possibly for the washing of the eyes of Messier, the expedition was a complete success. He is already in the planning stages for another trip to Morocco. Messier hopes to have financing in place for a major expedition in the spring of 1991. ■



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Veenstra showing continues at gallery

By **Charlie Dudan**
Staff Writer

Whether you're a camera buff or not, you will want to check out the photography of Jim Veenstra, known in short as J. Vee.

The artwork will be on display in the art hall at the Learning Research Center through early October.

The striking images that Vee produces with his photos are created by a carbon pigment process which is more than 100 years old and gives a 3-D effect.

Looking at the photographs, one is struck with the depth and detail of the artwork. Vee's use of contrasting light and dark remind a person of the stark photography of many

of the 1940's classic black and white movies.

Here is an example of a few of the photos on display:

Yellow Tree and Field is a stark photo of a tree in field reaching for the sky that demonstrates a moody, ominous tone.

French Roadside is shot in the early morning fog of a rural, dirt road flanked by bright heather on each side. A peaceful feeling pervades and a longing is felt to know what is down the unseen road.

Pam and the Linnean House portrays a small girl dwarfed by a gazebo that demonstrates Veenstra's ability to contrast of light and detail.

Lastly, *Abby of Van Gough* portrays a woman standing in a hallway in an ancient villa or castle that reveals an emotion of isolation. This is one of the finest examples of detail and 3-D. ■



Clara Dougherty, sophomore Annette Williams examines the Veenstra exhibit in the LRC gallery.

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SPORTS

MTSU falls at Western Kentucky

Blue Raiders beaten at home game in 31-16 loss

by KEN SALTER
Sports Editor

Underpublicized parts of MTSU's team surprising opponents were vital to their first two wins.

Unfortunately for the Blue Raiders, Western Kentucky gave them a dose of their own medicine as they defeated MTSU 31-16 Saturday night.

Herb Davis, a redshirt sophomore and third string back, ran through and led the Blue Raider defense for 169 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Hilltoppers to their second victory in three tries.

"Our defense did a great job of blocking for me," Davis, who had not played before Saturday's game, said. "We knew their offense was prone to over-extend, so it was part of our plan to make them do it and it worked perfectly." MTSU Head coach Tom Donnelly, however, was surprised by Davis' performance.

"Davis is a good running back," he said. "He's been here a year and he's smart. His performance didn't surprise us."

Despite Davis' performance, mental errors and strange events proved vital in the Blue Raider loss.

With MTSU trailing 3-0, the Hilltoppers were facing a fourth-and-two situation at the Blue Raider 27. Western elected to attempt a field goal and their attempt missed. However, there was a penalty flag on the play.

After a short conference, the officials decided that there was no penalty and the flag was picked up and the play was to be run again.

This time Western elected to go on fourth down, but were called for holding and penalized eight yards instead of the 10 which is the normal assessment for holding.

"The referee said we were in the encroachment zone," Donnelly said. "But

if you get out of the encroachment zone before the play is run, it is not a penalty. That's what we did. He made a mistake, but not nearly as many mistakes as we did."

With fourth-and-10 now facing them, the Hilltoppers elected to punt.

Western got their punt away, but the Blue Raiders were whistled for illegal participation for having 12 men on the field. The penalty gave the Hilltoppers a first down and they drove in for a touchdown giving them a 10-0 lead.

"It killed us to have 12 men on the field," Donnelly said. "Chuck Swafford is on the block team, and we had the return team on and he was on the field. There's just no excuse in that."

After a 25 yard field goal by Joe Lisle made the score 10-3, Western added another touchdown on an 11-yard pass from Scott Campbell to Robert Coates

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Sandra Rennie•Staff



Wayne Cartwright•Staff

Bad night for the Blue Raiders...

TOP: In a scene that typified the game with Western Kentucky, center Tracy Majors sits alone late in the fourth quarter after coming out of the game with an ankle injury during the Blue Raiders 31-16 loss to the Hilltoppers.

LEFT: Western Kentucky tailback Herb Davis runs for part of his 169 yards in Saturday's game. MTSU cornerback Chuck Swafford moves in to tackle Davis.

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Soccer team upends Murray for second win

from staff reports
MTSU's Blue Raider soccer team raised its record to 2-3-1 as they beat Murray State 2-0 Saturday.

Just six minutes into the game, Marty Gilbert opened the scoring with a

goal which proved to be all the offense the Blue Raiders would need.

Later in the first half, Shannon Thomas closed the scoring as he beat the Murray State goalie one-on-one.

MTSU used strong defensive play in keeping Racers off of scoreboard, allowing the just eight shots on goal the second half, while Blue Raiders had 21.

The Blue Raiders will be in action again Thursday.



Michael Johnson
Murray State's goalie stops one of MTSU's 21 second half shots during the Blue Raiders' 2-0 win over the Racers. The win raised MTSU's record to 2-3-1 on the season. They play Martin College Thursday.

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London-born Nihill having 'bloody good' time at MTSU

by ANNE CLAIBORNE
Staff Writer

Sophomore offensive guard Mike Nihill is having a bloody good time here in Tennessee.

Since coming to "Blue Raider Country" from Niceville, Fla., good things have bombarded the London-born business management major.

After being redshirted his first year, Nihill earned a regular spot on the MTSU offense and secured a starting position this year as he was named to the pre-season All-OVC team.

But Nihill is not letting the honor overshadow the main reason of his being here.

Pre-season doesn't mean anything if you're not there at the end when it matters," Nihill said. "Right now, I'm just like anyone else on the team; I want to win the OVC championship."

Nihill credits several particular people and situations with his success since donning the blue and white uniform.

"I think (being redshirted) benefitted me my first year," Nihill said. "It took a lot of pressure off of me and made it easier to concentrate on my studies, as well as learning more about the way the team runs their particular offense."

"My dad has always been there for me since I was a little kid. We're pretty close. He and my mom come to all our games - home and away - and they really support me."

But how did the 19-year-old find his way to our humble abode away from abode we call MTSU?

"(David Garner) used to be an assistant here and is coaching at my high school," Nihill said. "He told the staff about me. It was one of my better offers."

"I came and visited, met a lot of nice people and decided to come on up."

This is a definite credit to the recruiting effort on the part of the Blue Raider staff considering Nihill was sought after by the likes of Vanderbilt, Kentucky and Virginia

Military Institute.

Being almost 500 miles away from home can definitely have its disadvantages especially when you enjoy deep sea fishing and the beach, but Nihill is quick to dismiss any stereotypes commonly placed on Floridians.

"I'm not your typical surfer," Nihill said. "The biggest difference between Tennessee and Florida is the beach."

"The situation around the team helped me to get through any homesickness I may have had."

Like most college players Nihill would like to play professional football.

"If I could, I have always dreamed of playing for the Miami Dolphins," he said. "Ever since I was little, that's who I wanted to play for." ■

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to make the score 17-3 at the half.

On the Blue Raiders first possession of the second half, they drove 66 yards on just four plays to cut the lead to 17-10.

Tailback Joe Campbell started and ended the drive as he rambled 43 yards on the first play then scored around the left end from six yards out to cap the drive. Campbell rushed for 114 yards on the night.

That was as close as MTSU got, though.

Western scored on two of its next three possessions and put the game away as they increased their lead to 31-10. MTSU added a late score on a 21 yard pass from Phil Ironside to Derwin Brewer for the final margin.

"We just by and large did not play aggressive," Donnelly said. "We did nothing all week. The only good thing is we can't go too far backward." ■



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