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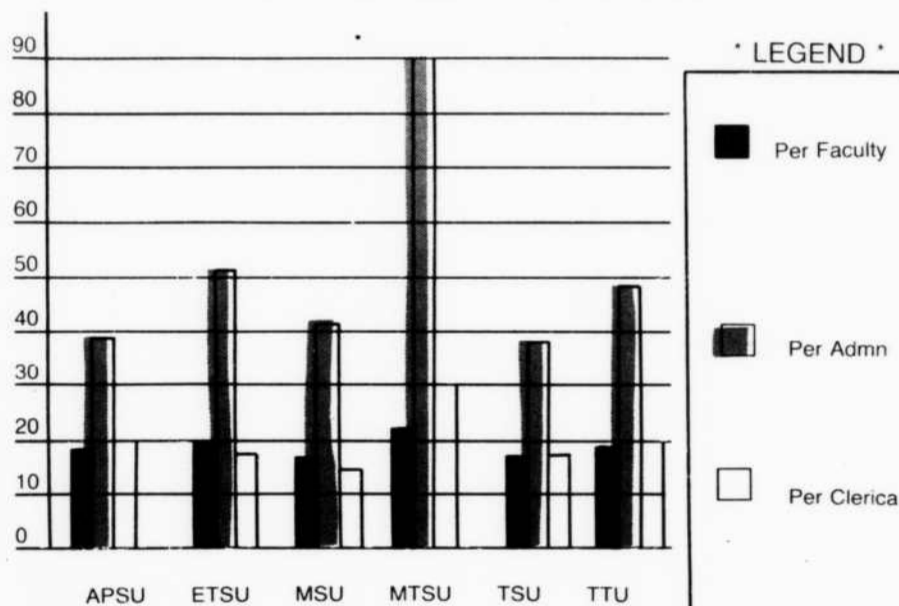
MTSU falls short in admin. ratio

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

MTSU has lowest funding per student and the highest ration of administrators, faculty and clerical workers per student in the State Board of Regents system, officials said yesterday.

Number of Students Per Position

Fall 1988



MTSU students, staff buy 60,488 cans of soft drinks in three weeks

By JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

A total of 60,488 cans of soft drinks were purchased during a three week period last month by MTSU students, teachers, faculty and administration, said J.O. Gist, director of administrative

services at the university receives 23.4 cents, or 52 percent, Gist said, noting that this was an "excellent rate" in terms of the vending business.

"The bids are awarded on a competitive basis," Gist said, "and the bidding was

very competitive — we want someone who will be able to service the machines and keep everything in working order," he said. "Otherwise the university is simply losing money."

Once money from the vending machines, including candies and pastries, milk, modresses, coffee, and cigarettes, is tabulated (see graphic), the profits are divided between the campus auxiliaries, including the bookstore, ARA, the post office and MTSU's general budget (See related story page 3), Gist said.

Gist said vending services were an excellent money maker for MTSU.

"The machines are very financially stable," he said.

so intense that we were able to receive an excellent commission rate."

The added that the rate of commission was only one factor of many which played into the decision to award a bid to a particular vender.

"We look at the size of a

These figures seem to indicate that MTSU is the most efficient campus among the six four-year universities governed by the SBR, said Jerry Tunstill, vice president of business and finance.

"It should tell somebody something," Tunstill said, adding that the administrator/student ratio at MTSU is "at least double" that of most other schools in the system.

"All this shows wasting the taxpayers dollar on excess staff," Tunstill said. "It shows we are operating pretty efficiently. We are operating efficiently when compared to the other schools."

President Sam Ingram could not be reached for comment.

MTSU has 89 students for every administrator. The next highest ratio is at East Tennessee State University with a 52-1 ratio. The lowest is at Tennessee State University with a 37-1 ratio.

For every MTSU faculty member there are 22 students. The second highest ratio is at ETSU with 20-1.

Memphis State University and TSU each have 17-1 ratios.

While many people would find these ratios alarming, some senior MTSU officials said the school's efficiency coupled with the high ratios and increased enrollment could benefit the students.

"Of course, as inexpensively as you can operate the administration provides money for the students," said Jessie Warren, vice president of administration. "I would say that, as long as you have as many administrators and faculty members as you need to operate, not to have an excess number would be a benefit."

Robert Corlew, vice president of academic affairs, agreed with Warren and Tunstill. "A lot of schools don't operate as efficiently as we are or work as hard as we do," Corlew said, adding there will be 28-30 new faculty positions in the fall.

"Of course a smaller ratio would be the best for the students," Corlew said. "I think we're gettin the work done."

According to Tunstill, the funding per student could be a bigger problem.

The funding per full time equated student (the total number of student credit hours taken at the school divided by 12) for MTSU is the lowest in the SBR system.

MTSU receives approximately \$3,500 per 12 credit hours.

"A lot of schools don't operate as efficiently as we are," Robert Corlew

MTSU's Vending Consumption

Illustration by Mike Johnson and Jeremy Rolfs



"The machines are very financially stable," J.O. Gist

and business services.

"That's a pretty low figure," Gist said, pointing out that school was only in session for three weeks last month, due to Spring Break.

For every 45 cent can of soft drink sold on the



Frank J. Conley • Staff

Economics assistant professor Bobby Corcoran tries to explain a concept to honors student Jeremy Rolfs during a meeting of the 242H course.

Students offered creative education through university honors program

By BRICE MINNIGH
Staff Writer

"All students with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better, as well as incoming freshman with a minimum ACT score of 25 or top-10 percent status in their graduating class, are eligible for the MTSU Honors Program," Ron Messier, the programs director said.

"A student doesn't have to be in the Honors Program to take Honors courses," Messier continued. "As a matter of fact, a student must successfully complete an Honors class to become part of the program," the director said, adding that students are required to submit an application while taking an honors class.

Messier said he felt honors courses stood a better chance of being of higher quality, due to the fact that they consist almost entirely of highly motivated and highly talented students.

"[More motivated students] allow professors to try new and more challenging methods of education," Messier said. "Professors prepare a lot more thoroughly for [honors] classes, and students get to use special equipment they would not get to use in a more basic course. In terms of dollars and cents, it's probably the best [educational] buy at MTSU."

The director added that although honors classes were more difficult for both professors and students, they were also more rewarding.

Many students enrolled in the honors program said they sought something more challenging than was available through MTSU's general undergraduate programs.

"I was definitely challenged by the normal undergraduate program," Dollie White, an adult student, said. "The honors program gets you much more involved. You don't feel crammed into a classroom with 30 or 40 other students."

White said she felt the small size of the classes contributed to the greater educational opportunities.

"The smaller size really lets you get to know the other students," she said.

The honors program has really let me interact with my professors," Jeremy Rolfs, another honors student, said.

"Honors students tell me they get better grades in their Honors courses, and I think this is due to the encouragement given to them by other members of the Honors Program."

Messier also mentioned the Honors Student Association (HSA), a social organization comprised mostly of honors students.

"[The HSA is] basically a social club formed by Honors students," the director said.

Students are given a chance to converse with faculty in an informal environment during "Faculty Firesides", organized by the HSA. The students are invited into the homes of various faculty members houses throughout the semester.

"They give students a chance to see faculty members as people, and people are most human in their home environment," Messier commented.

Messier said he felt that the honors program has been successful.

"Success is measured not in terms of the number of people who have entered the program, but rather the quality of the individual successes," Messier said.

The Honors Program shares a problem common to all facets of the university.

"We lack sufficient school funds to aid our Honors students in their efforts. We need more financial resources to attract quality students to the program and reward the ones we have," Messier said.

The director encouraged interested students to find out more about the honors program by stopping the honors office, located in Room 107 of Peck Hall.

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Endowment fund gives MTSU budgeting advantages: Ingram

By MICHELLE MATHES
Senior Staff Writer

Many students may know very little about MTSU's budget, but recent interviews with senior MTSU officials have provided *Sidelines* with some insightful information.

Sidelines became concerned about reports of university money which has not yet been budgeted. Several university employees claimed off the record that these funds, referred to as a "slush fund," were being withheld by the university.

"That is impossible," said Vice President of Business and Finances Jerry Tunstill.

The money in question, amounting to over \$8 million, is officially known as the Quasi Endowment for Academic Enrichment. The approximate \$600,000 in interest which MTSU earns from the \$8 million each year enables the university to have such a fund.

The fund is used for faculty non-instructional assignments and for desegregation scholarships, Tunstill said.

According to Ingram, there are two reasons for having this fund. One reason is there was a 10 percent increase in enrollment at MTSU this year — not the expected five percent.

"Therefore, we had extra tuition," the president said. "We hired a lot of adjunct employees, which are paid at a lower rate. Next year, when more regular faculty is hired, more money will be required to pay them."

Another reason cited by university officials was their hope to have additional money for faculty and other university personnel. The state places limitations on the amount of money that the university may give in raises, Ingram said.

There are two additional justifications for having this fund, he continued. One is it would not be necessary to take money out of the operating budget for faculty or non-instructional assignments.

A second is in the event that the state should have a serious economic downturn, there is money available to be used instead of freezing equipment, firing personal, or cancelling travel.

Ingram's original plan was to reduce MTSU's debts. This idea was not approved by the State Board of Regents, Tunstill said.

Ingram assured *Sidelines* that the idea is to use any money MTSU earns.

"There are too many needs not to [spend the money]," Ingram said.

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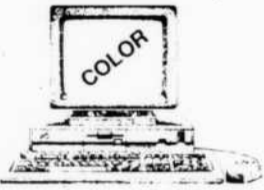
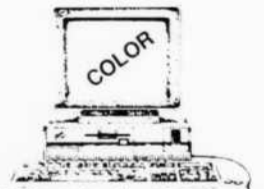
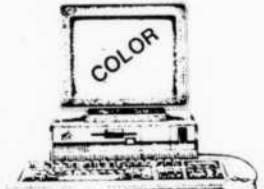
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Speaker runs dad's campaign at 16

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

When MTSU's new speaker of the Senate was 16 years old, he ran his dad's successful campaign for the Tennessee Legislature.

For most teenagers, this task would seem like a giant, unclimbable wall. However, to Todd Burnett it was nothing special — even though his father was serving time for failing to file his income taxes on time.

"I guess I really got into politics when I ran my dad's campaign when I was 16," said Burnett, a 21-year-old junior from Clarkrange. "I ran it while he was in jail. It was fun.

"I gave all of his speeches and served as his campaign manager," he added. "I had a lot of help from my classmates in high school.

"The people up there care a lot about him. Everytime I went somewhere I felt like I was going home."

Tommy Burnett, D-Jamestown, is currently serving his

9th term in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Almost ironically, the younger Burnett said he is sometimes discouraged from engaging in the political scene.

"I don't particularly think he wants me to go into politics," Todd said. "He tries to discourage my involvement in politics sometimes."

However, this advice is apparently ignored by Burnett as it could be said he has risen to the top of the Tennessee collegiate political scene. Besides serving as speaker of the House in the MTSU Associated Student Body last year and being inaugurated a week ago today as the new Senate speaker, Burnett was elected to serve as governor of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature.

TISL is an organization of colleges in the state which annually meets in the chambers of the General Assembly in Nashville. The student delegates operate just as the real state government — introducing bills, going to committee meetings and debating legislation on the floor of the House

and Senate.

As governor, Burnett will be the chief executive of TISL — just like Ned McWherter is the chief executive of Tennessee.

"The other MTSU delegates really had a lot to do with my being elected governor," Burnett said, adding they campaigned hard for him during the meeting last fall.

Burnett said his career in college politics just might carry over into the "real world" of Tennessee politics — but only after the animal science major graduates from law school.

"When I graduate from law school, I will probably go home and farm and maybe run for office," he said.

"But I got to get out of here first," he joked, adding if he does run for office, it will probably be in Jamestown.

"I may end up running for his office if he ever decides not to," Burnett said of his dad's political position.

"I may stay in school here forever. I kind of like it here," he said with a laugh.

Part of Burnett's ability and success in the political world lies in his keen ability to spin tales — even though his modesty downplays his storytelling ability.

Whenever there is a break in the action and there is a group of people around, Burnett will more often than not be seen in the middle of it telling a some tale with everybody totally engrossed and oblivious to the time.

"Where I was raised, a lot of people did that," Burnett said.

"I would rather get up and speak to a group of people and cut up than eat when I'm hungry," he said.

"I don't want a lot of hype. I just want something I can count on."



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Midlander to arrive

By JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

This year's *Midlander*, MTSU's yearbook, will be shipped by no later than June 10, and arrive here by no later than June 15, Ken Salter, the yearbook's editor, said.

Salter cited a lack of staff as one of the reasons for the lateness of the publication.

"A lack of staff slowed down production of the book," the editor said. "We also had difficulty in securing contracts. These two factors stressed the already tight deadline schedule."

Salter said that the yearbook had sold 2,000 copies, although the publication's staff had at one point hoped to sell 2,700 copies. He also noted that at one point sales were estimated to be well below the 2,000 copy printing contract.

"To sell off those remaining issues [and meet our contract] was a real relief," he said.

Salter said he felt this year's *Midlander* would be a good yearbook.

"From the proofs it looks pretty good," the editor said, adding that he felt it would be a more traditional yearbook.

"We've returned to a section format," Salter said.

Jackie Solomon, Student Publications Coordinator, also felt that this year's *Midlander* would be a good yearbook.

"I think the students did an excellent job," she said. "Those people who enjoy a more traditional type yearbook will really like this year's. Its very well organized."

Students who have purchased a *Midlander* can stop by the Student Publications office, Room 306, JUB. An ID will be required to pick up the yearbook, or students can send a representative with a photocopy of their ID to claim the book. Students can wait until next fall to pick up their book, or it can be mailed to them for a four dollar fee, which should be sent to *Midlander*, MTSU, Box 94.

Administration approves Holder's first plan

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

While he has been in office less than one week, the new Associated Student Body president has already accomplished something to help alleviate the confusion facing MTSU students.

Doug Holder received approval from university authorities Tuesday to use ASB funds for the purpose of destroying the so-called "fifth corridor" in Peck Hall.

Ever since the "square donut" was erected on campus, students have had a mysteriously difficult time finding classrooms in Peck Hall.

Nearly every student on campus who has entered Peck Hall, has commented to a friend or to themselves that no matter which of the four stairwells they enter, they will always be on the other side of the building from their classes.

To combat this "fifth corridor" which pops up to confuse the student, Holder will place numbers over each of the glass doors on the bottom of Peck Hall to prove there are just four halls.

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"I wanted to get something done now so the students will see that I have accomplished something," said Holder, who was sworn in just a week ago tonight.

"I have been here 12 semesters and I have always had trouble finding my classes," said junior recording industry management major Allan Lee. "Peck Hall is ridiculous."

"I've noticed that no matter what door you walk in, you have to walk around the entire building at least once to find your classroom," said 13th semester sophomore Rolfs Jeremies, a art history major. "This new door thing should help new students, or old ones, or maybe even professors — maybe even me."

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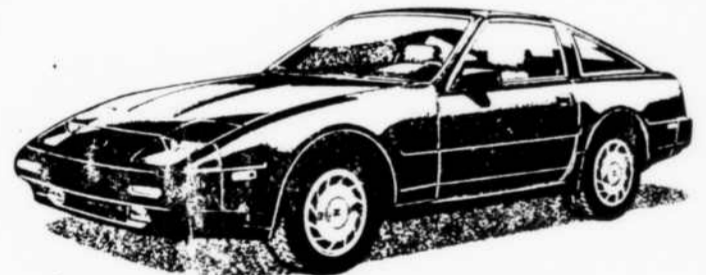
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Opinion

At long last; Reed cleans house

Well, this semester is about to ride off into the sunset. I am no closer to my degree than I was two years ago, but what the hey, I like it here. As a final parting favor to the students who not only won't be around this summer, but, won't even be back in the fall, I have composed this little list of housecleaning that needs to be done. So here it is: Mike Reed's list of parting shots et al. (clip and save).

Former ASB President Harry Hosey. Sorry about the crack about your name being a phallic symbol. Many congratulations to you for running a *quiet* administration. Heck, I hardly even knew you were here. This was quite a contrast from the loud, Troy Baxter and the mousey Holly Lentz with her meddling puppateer, Rob Marlin. It has been interesting seeing you confirm all my suspicions about the ASB. Maybe one day you'll know

what these suspicions are. ASB President Doug Holder. I have every confidence I will do your best to be open with me and the rest of the staff at *Sidelines*. Do not be alarmed at the ever increasing number of people following you around with little cameras and tape recorders. You'll get used to it. Take consolation in the fact that I won't be doing it.

D. Brian Conley - Editor-in-chief. My most sincere admiration goes to you on your ability to offend everyone on campus at least once during your tenure here. Now that you are moving on to greater things (the *Vanderbilt Hustler*) remember who got you that date with the oil wrestler from Cleveage-land. Yes sir, definitely an "E ticket".

Jeremy Rolfs - News Editor. You will always be a flunky in my heart. Listen, Hommes, try not to take everything so personaly. You are one of the few people I

know who thinks hunting should be outlawed and Big Macs are a staple foodstuff. Get a life. Essay, Home B.

Tracey Moore - Channel 33 News Director. I got

tance. Sorry I couldn't make it to the BBQin' with the Holstiens but there are so many social engagements and so little time.

See Mike kiss some



Mike Reed

Tales of the Velvet Elvis

your memo re: my comment about Channel 33 being a natural disaster. I was wrong. There is nothing natural about Channel 33.

Jennifer H. I don't know your whole name, but, I was very glad to meet you. Your comments concerning my columns were welcomed and if you want to discuss it further, call me and we'll

B'Donna M. Barnes. Thankyouthankyouthankyouthankyouthankyou. I haven't met you yet, however, I have enjoyed what correspondence we have shared. You have been a truly interesting acquaint-

major league butt to sway his teachers.

Well now that exam time is about to drive me insane. I am about to use my forum to do a little brown nosing.

I am no closer to my degree than I was two years ago. . . I like it here.

MizzDee. Thank you so very much for being tolerant of my many absences. I am eternaly grateful for the oportunity you have given me to expand my horizons and gain new skills. I certainly hope you will take into consideration that I am

a just a mild-mannered journalist-wanna-be, and not Max Factor. Thank you for understanding and caring. Uh, oh yeah and I thought *Vibes* was a great movie.

Dr. Frederic Crawford. Many thanks to you. I hope my performance in your class has in no way influenced you decision about my grade. I guess I'll be seeing you next semester (you know, "i" really stands for intellegent). I mean, what's a library assignment and a final exam between friends?

Well, now that that's over with, I can get back to the important stuff.

Dan Clark. Many apologies for the mistake made in your letter to the editor. We said you were Sigma Alpha Epsilon and as it turns out, you are Sigma

Phi Epsilon. Editor's note: I could make a joke here about it all being greek to me, but why lose what little integrity I have left. In case anyone did not know, I am the only male member of Tau Omicron. I have a certificate suitable for framing with my name in big bold letters. Power to the greek community.

Master Sgt. Raymond Bohrer. If you promise not to show that Mardi Gras videotape to anyone else, I promise not to publish those photographs of you in the strap-on breasts. Huh-ah?

Well, I know that I have missed several people that deserved mentioning, but, what am I - omnipotent (well. . .). Perhaps next semester when things calm down and Doug Stults jerks this paper so far to the left that our noses bleed for a week to ten days, I'll get down to the nitty gritty.

Until then, adios amoebas.

Our Adidas — often imitated; never duplicated

And now it is time for America's favorite fun-time kid's show: Our Adidas Part IV: *The Blood Bath Continues* (brought to you in Tee-nie Weenie Eyestrain-o-vision). This is our last adidas so pace yourself (read a word a day until next semester). But, before the recent past becomes un-amendable history, we, the brother Opinion, wish to clarify just a few little itty bitty things.

We are not, as has been reported in all 73 of Murf-town's tabloids, employees of the Canadian Bureau of Tourism. We don't even speak French or drink beer, eh? We just feel that Canada personifies something which inherently demands personification. We have no idea what this means.

We are not, despite the roses, homosexual lovers. We haven't even seen the bathrooms in the KOM. Our deepest sexual fantasies have nothing to do with each other. Instead, they revolve around latent sports writing fetishes. "They were just two good teams going head to head and belly to belly."

Again, despite tabloid rumors, we are not the illegitimate twins of MTSU president Sam Ingram. We would hope that any children of the good doctor Ingram, wouldn't have as hard a time in classes as we. Surely you can pull a few strings . . . Uncle Sam? Kidding aside, you have done a great job and we will miss you — we're always low on material when you are out of town. Next.

We, despite what your mothers have told you, are not anti: greek, American, greek, MTSU, greek, Murfreesboro, greek, sports, greek, D. Brian Conley, greek, or hand guns. We just want everyone to join hands and sing a Lou Reed medley. Okay, maybe we dislike Brian, but he's no greek. We are forming our own organization, just to prove our good faith. Students interested in pledging to the Elvis Hendrix chapter of Omega Omicron Pepsi Sigma Alpha Sigh Rho Chi Phi Egg Fu Young Roe Wade Brown Board of Education Gamma Kappa Kroger Pi Epsilon Unicorn Delta Coupon Opinion — the organization for the furtherment of ourselves and no others — should send \$14.26 (and a big T-shirt) to Free James Brown, 666 Conley Avenue, Province of LaLance, Republic of Canada.

We do not know the whereabouts of one Captain 6-pack,

although we have heard rumors that he is sharing a cell with Elvis Aron Presley in Ratton, Texas. It seems that they were mixed up in a tiff over who was going to control interest of Eastern when Elvis finally does die. Long live Captain 6-Pack.



Our Adidas

Mike Reed and Jeremy Rolfs
Servants to the crown

We were not the vandals who placed a "for sale" on the lawn of the KUC. We have however, purchased the building and plan to unveil the new "Mike n' Jer's Paisley Pasta Paradise" early next semester.

We have accepted co-positions as chairholders of the Abbie Hoffman Chair of Excellence. Panelists planned for next year include Timothy Leary, Jimi Hendrix, Ed Kimbrell, D. Brian Conley, George Herbert Walker Bush, Christopher Nathan Bell, Dakota Montana, Darth Vader, Swami Buhahadauda - 15 millionth incarnation of Budah, Glenn Himebaugh (15,000,001 incarnation of Budah), and every single board member of Gannett. Goals? We don't need no stinking goals, we've got \$10,000 (that's 10,000 American dollars) stashed behind the Throtron display in Phillip's bookstore.

We are not, in fact, Nazi skinheads. We have never eaten rodents while listing to "Mqments with Adolph — The Summer Tapes" or attended a mass with a supremacist rally. Instead, we have devoted our time to a multi-educational program designed to teach all the shoppers of Hic-

kory Hollow to speak German, write Arabic, and rap the entire soundtrack of "Colors" verbatim.

The Opinion Page Rap. Coming to a beat box near you. Let's do it. . .

We're not L.L. Cool J or DMC. Not Bobby Brown or a dead guppie. We don't write for *Lifestyles*, or *Sports* or *Time*, we just rock upon the Opinion pages with our funky rhyme, Word.

In closing, we the Home-bodies Opinion, would like to wish you a very happy summer. We're taking the summer off to finish off a few libel suits (the better ones come with two pair of pants), but we'll be back. In parting, we would like to offer one final thing to anyone who has even taken offense at anything we've ever written: Shut up, gonadular sausage head, you probably deserved it. Die, fool die.

We love you.

No we don't, we were only kidding.

In reality, die fool die.

Word.

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Goodbye, farewell and thanks for the fish

"This is the end/My only friend/The End"

The Doors The End

At long last, my career as a journalist at Middle Tennessee State University is over. After 3½ years of working as an underpaid, overworked, slave to student publications, I am graduating (hopefully).

My time at *Sidelines* has been stormy and controversial. I know this could be considered a mild understatement, but hey, I like understatements (except when reviewing concerts given by young comics who star in movies with Nick Nolte).

Usually, the final column for an outgoing editor is filled with apologetic whining. "I'm so sorry we weren't perfect. I really didn't meeeaaaan to offend anyone. I am sorry we didn't get that women's tennis story in there."

You won't get that from me. I feel that this semester's *Sidelines* has been the best college newspaper in the state — and among the top five in the Southeast.

Granted, we weren't perfect by any means. We made our share of mistakes and then some. But that is why we are here — to learn from our mistakes. Besides, having a perfect paper is impossible. There is no such thing. It just won't happen. Period. People, especially inexperienced college students, are fallible.

I am not offering excuses for our mistakes — there are none. Everyone will just have to deal with it — especially me.

This semester's *Sidelines* was among the best this university has ever seen.

Enough of the ole ego stroking reminiscent of the Opinion pukers.

There will be one tradition I will uphold in this, my final column: parting shots.

Dr. Ingram — You have been one hip and happening university president. You are definitely one of the top 10 university presidents we have ever had here at MTSU. (Since I know you know that MTSU has had less than 10 presidents, I thought I would tell you that you are probably the best one we have ever had. Honest.)

Your patience and understanding with me over the years — from when I was a fledgling reporter helping out the pros in filing a lawsuit against you, until I did the features on you and your resignation, you have always helped me out tremendously. I have really appreciated it. You have given me some of the best quotes I have ever had in my career. Too bad I couldn't use them.

By the way, we really could use a Macintosh. They are really hip things to have and cost less than a Grand Am. We are having a Big Mac Attack here and would love to have one. If it weren't for the yearbook sucking up all of the money, we might have already had one. (I love subtle hints.)

Dean Cantrell — It's been real. I know that I have been a total pain in your ... but we actually get along well



D. Brian Conley
Bongo's Beat

now. I'm even almost sorry about all of the trouble I caused you. Almost. It's been a blast.

I may even have to come back next year and walk into your office and ask for 1,000 sheets of paperwork to be delivered immediately just for old time's sake.

Harry Hosey — You are far and above the best ASB president I have seen in my MTSU career. Keep it up. By the way, we still have those pictures of you at the game so keep the payments coming. (Just kidding. Maybe.)

Doug Holder — Give it up. The ASB is totally powerless and has no influence. (Just kidding again.) You have some big footsteps to fill, but you should be able to do it. Just don't let the paper bother you. Just because we can destroy you at any moment shouldn't enter into your mind. (JK, again.)

Every other ASB president — Enjoyed it. (JK)

Doug Stults — Quit now while you have the chance. YOU DON'T WANT THIS JOB. Trust me. IT IS

HELL!!!!!!! However, it does have its good points. Personally, I love it when Sam calls you back and doesn't have his secretary ask you to hold until he gets the call.

Really, I hope I have left you a good foundation to work with. Just remember the one thing I forgot — people are everything. Don't screw up like I did and have 17 people quit or be fired on you.

Janna Wheatley — Good luck Admiral Wheatley of the *Deathship Midlander*. Boy will you be sorry.

Seriously, I know I have been riding the deathship pretty hard this semester, but I really do hope things go well for you and the book survives.

Greeks — It was a blast. When the person I have trained in the ways of investigative reporting comes knockin' on your door — remember to be truthful. Don't try to cover up — give your side of the story. Then, when you manage to do something good (like you often do) call up the same person and tell them or write up a press release and hand deliver it to the editor.

Everyone who has complained about typos, misspelled words, and other grammatical mistakes — Don't complain until YOU work up here at 3 a.m. and the typesetter crashes and backs things up for days. Don't complain until YOU have had to write a story at midnight because a writer was a jerk and didn't show up.

If you don't like it — come up here and change it. Nearly every section editor works 30-60 hours a week up here in addition to going to class. This is a full-time job.

SO DEAL WITH IT IF YOU AREN'T GOING TO HELP OUT!!!!

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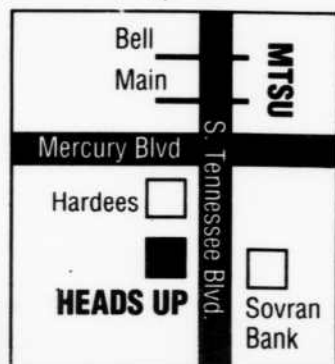
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Brown speaks kindly to the campus at large

To use an old sports saying (fitting, huh?), the time has come to take off the gloves. That is exactly what I intend to now do.

Earlier this semester, Editorial Editor Mike Reed wrote a column in which he made a statement to the effect that *Sidelines* put out a paper far better than this campus deserves.

At the time, I am sure many of you laughed at that remark, thinking of the numerous typographic errors and such that have appeared in this paper. I'm sure you all thought Mike to be trapped in some foolish illusion. "Why how could that rag, *Sidelines*, be better than what we deserve," I'm sure you thought, in your most self-important tone. "Why we're much better than that."

Well, I'm sorry to be the one to have to inform you, but for the most part, the *Sidelines* staff has put far more effort, sweat, blood and any other damn thing you want to say into this paper than the majority of this campus deserves.

Since the fall of 1987 I have been an employee of this under-funded and unappreciated newspaper. During that time, I have performed a variety of jobs — all of which I have done about to the best of my ability.

And what have I received in compensation for my time and effort? Nothing. *Sidelines* staff members receive either little or no pay at all, and as far as any professional respect goes, well, the paycheck seems like a bonanza compared to that.

You people sit out there in your smug little world of classes, parties and such, and when *Sidelines* enters your little microcosm of society, all you can find time to do is complain.

And about what? You bitch because we misspell a word, or because your silly, unimportant event didn't get covered. Or perhaps an opinion appeared in the paper with which you didn't agree.

First of all, do any of you have any idea how much time we spend in this hell-

hole? Why don't some of you come to Room 310 of the James Union Building at about noon on a Sunday afternoon and work until somewhere in the wee



M. A. Brown
The Words I View

hours of the morning. Then see if you don't misspell a few words.

Or why don't you work on a section for about ten hours. Then sit around for another 120 minutes, waiting on a friend (who happened to be working for another paper, and was under no obligation to help *Sidelines* at all) to call in a baseball story. Perhaps even YOU might get a first name wrong.

Secondly, why don't some of you try to cover a campus of over 13,000 people with a staff that consists of a maximum of about 11 people. Sounds hard, huh? Wrong! It's damn well impossible. We simply can't cover everything without a

little help from some of you.

The same people who complain the most about *Sidelines'* coverage are the same ones who won't call us and let us know about

events. To you people, I can only say "Thanks. We don't want you in the paper anyway."

However, some of the people I have been associated with have been great to work with. I can't name them all, but I can't express my truly heartfelt appreciation to them all.

Lastly, I just wish everyone on this campus would remember that opinions are just that — opinions. Remember, they're like assholes. Everyone has one, and no one's is the same.

Just because someone has a differing opinion from you, their opinion is not ignorant, stupid or any of a number of other insulting

references.

Just because Brian didn't think highly of the R.E.M., doesn't mean the concert was awful. It just means Brian didn't like it. So, for God's sake, don't write and call him illiterate, unprofessional or whatever. He has the right to an opinion just like you do.

Perhaps the thing that upsets me most of all is to see the number of journalism students — all of whom never set foot in the *Sidelines* office — bitch and moan about the paper. If you think we do such a bad job, then why don't you come help us. If you would rather sit on your ass and do nothing, then we don't need your criticism.

If some of you were more dedicated about the career you profess to be pursuing, perhaps you should join our staff. God knows we need it.

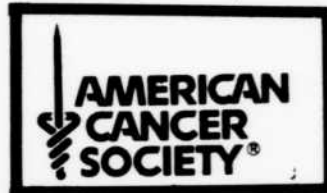
And for those of you who

just like to complain, call us when you can say that you have performed your job to absolute perfection.

Maybe then we'll treat your opinion with some of the respect it doesn't deserve presently.

And yet, incredibly, the paper is not totally lost. It can still offer a great chance for gaining practical experience. We have plenty of work and a stack of blank job applications. Many of the problems I've mentioned could be eliminated if we had more staff. What takes 11 people nineteen hours could be done in four hours if there were just a few more people here.

At least those who complain care. But if your not going to come up here and offer to help, you don't have any right to criticize — much less read — a publication that is far better than what you deserve.



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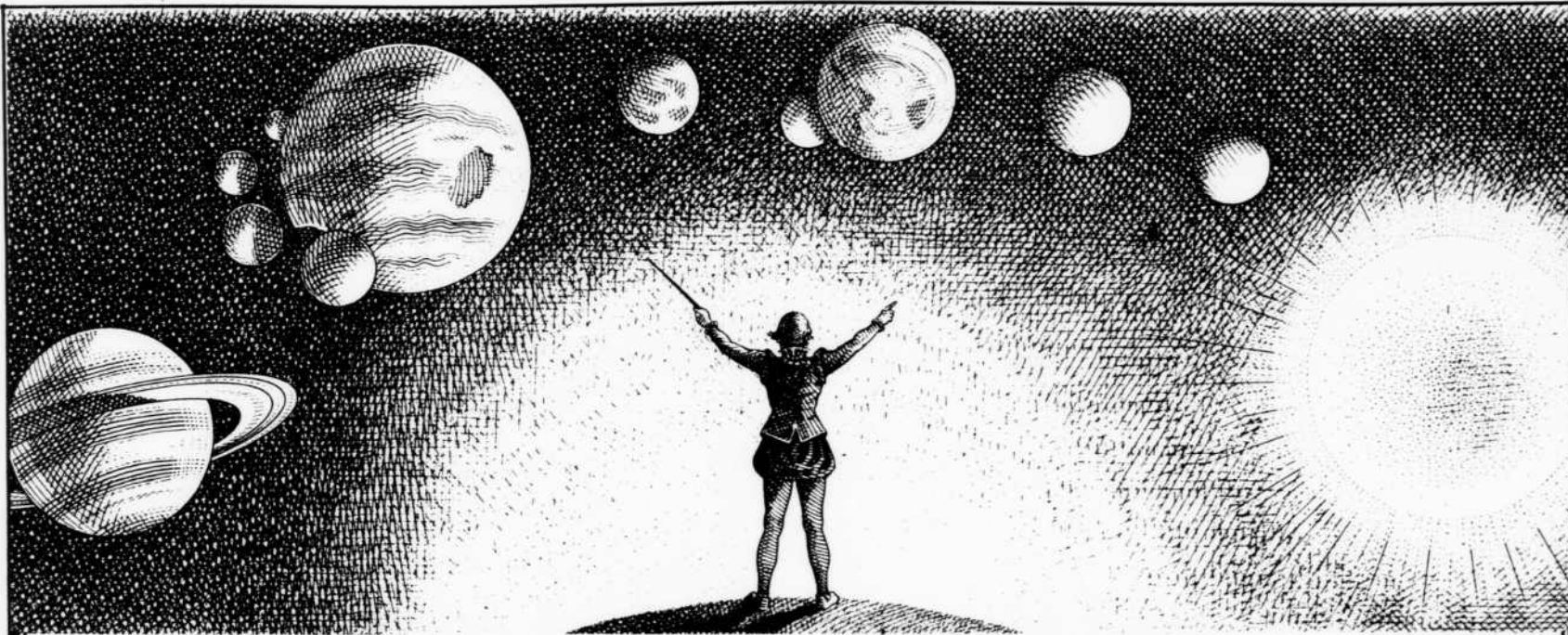


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Jeremy Rolfs

Mr. Rolfs' Neighborhood . . . *Funky Fresh*

Imagine this: Your alarm clock shakes you into partial reality, you slam it onto your desk in half-dazed anger. You promise yourself to get to bed at least seven hours earlier this evening. You grab your towel and bathroom bag and stumble towards the shower. The floors are frozen, but it is simply too early to comprehend pain, or cold, or death, or anything but sleep. You turn on shower and its noise is deafening. You place a glob of shampoo in your hair, then something terrible happens. The hot water is gone. Totally gone. Vanished. Ice water fills the tub. You now fully comprehend pain, cold, and death. You are in hell. Welcome to hell. We do this every morning."

That is the first paragraph of the first Mr. Rolfs' Neighborhood I ever wrote. Little did I know all the trouble I could get into. Funny thing is, we have never had any problems with hot water since that column ran.

Also funny that the subject of my first column could very well be the subject of my last. For yes, brethren, once again, we of Smith are less than pleased.

For the last several days, we have had no air-conditioning.

I have been informed, however; that it came on today while I have been here in *Sidelinesland*. Not bad, since the request was on file for several weeks before being postponed due to cold, only to be reactivated and ignored weeks later.

But I'm not going to waste my last few inches on University Housing. No writer could be that desperate.

Instead, I'd like to clarify a few things that I've mentioned this semester.

Racism: I am not a racist. I am a human who makes fun of people. All

people. Just ask the Sports section.

Cluefulness: I may or may not be clueful. I only know that watching "The Reporters" will not improve the odds.

Border tape: A form of self-expression. Also a way to upset people. Two very important things.

Class attendance: Easier to preach about than to act upon. Totally necessary. The purpose of college.

Murfresboro Cops: To the officer who told my good friend that he was "looking for that long haired bas-

tard columnist, so I can show him some real harassment." . . . Can you say law-

suit big guy? I feel much better now. Thanks to everyone who

reads *Sidelines*. I came a long way from home, and you let me make fun of your

pick-ups without killing me. MTSU — I guess I'm glad I came. It beats prison. I

think.

See you in the fall, and have several really nice days. *Exodus punctuative*:

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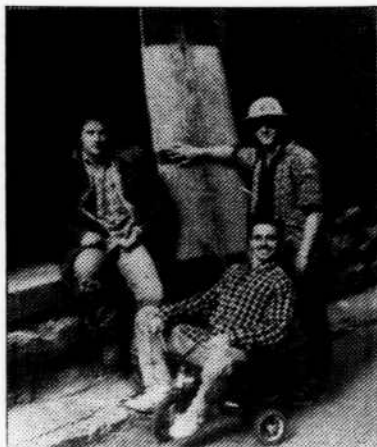
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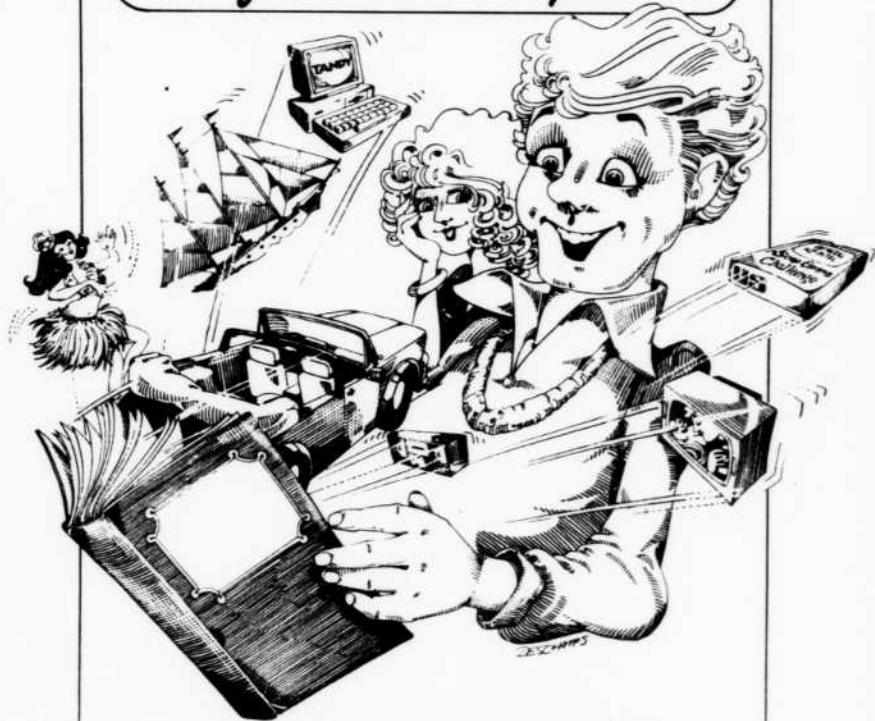
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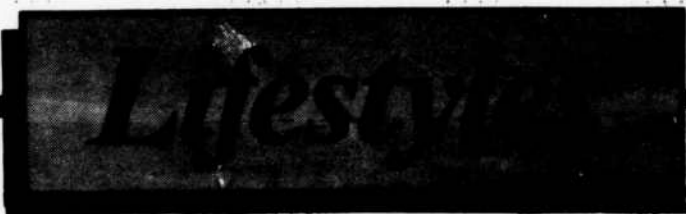
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Cultures meet in artist's work



Senior Art Major Henry Higginbotham wears one of the pieces now on exhibit in his show at the Art Barn Gallery.

Folk fest to come to Murfreesboro

By JILL MARILYN McWHORTER
Staff Writer

The month of May brings many things to Murfreesboro, Tenn. Warmer weather. Lots of rain. Wildflowers in abundance. Approximately 180 international dancers.

International dancers?

Yea, Murfreesboro in May is a bustling center of music, color and excitement when the International Folkfestival comes to town.

For the past seven years, Murfreesboro, has played host to visitors from foreign countries in an event that has been labeled the first of its kind in the U.S.

Dancers, musicians and translators from France, Italy, Latvia, England, Ireland, Spain, Brazil, Guatemala, Germany, and many other foreign lands have gotten off the plane in the heartland of Tennessee to share their music, dancing and ancient folklore.

Why Tennessee? And why Murfreesboro?

Tennessee has its wealth of folklore, dancing and music too. Let me introduce you to a type of dance called "square dancing" and the dance known as "clogging." These dances originated in the music and style of dancing brought to Tennessee and the surrounding Appalachians by colonial English settlers. The hosts of the International Folkfestivals, the Rutherford County Square Dancers and the Cripple Creek Cloggers, have mastered the shuffling, rhythmic clatter created by their metal-tapped shoes as they square dance to the rapidly fired instructions of the "caller."

"Go out the door and don't be late... swing your partner, like you're swinging on a gate! Grab your honey and go hog-wild...then come on home and do a do si do."

Now, those lines may not mean a lot to most, but to the Murfreesboro dancers they signal a darn good time.

Please see FOLK page 12

By CHRIS BELL

Special to Sidelines

This week, the Art Barn Gallery has been host to an exhibit of artifacts from a culture that dominated this continent hundreds of years ago.

The everyday and religious objects give visitors a look back to a time before the English, French, Spanish and Portuguese arrived to "conquer" the land.

The culture, however, is imaginary, and the artifacts, until recently, existed only in the mind of Henry Higginbotham's.

Higginbotham, a senior art major, has created a mix of Norse and American Indian influences to show what might have happened if the two cultures had merged. The show, which will be in the gallery until Friday, is the culmination of years of work.

"It's taken four years of art classes for me to actually come up on a realization of who I am and what I'm striving for," he said. "During the past two years I've come upon my own crea-

tion of this imaginary society.

"When the Norse people came over there was actually transactions between the two cultures," he said, "but of course the Norse didn't stay. This is a spiritual joining of the two. It supposes that they came up with their own religion, art forms, language and a way of life."

At his best, the artist has created that fusion. A ceremonial book with a metallic rune on the cover actually seems to be alive, re-

mind us of the power of the written word.

Higginbotham's picture of this new race goes far beyond the work itself.

"What I've told you is like the topsoil of what I've made up about these people. If I wanted to do primitive work and have primitive pieces I had to, like an actor does, become that person and adapt that frame of mind."

The works combine the metallurgical and language skills of the Norse, with the spirituality and natural way

of life of the Indians.

They range from bowls and jewelry to ceremonial books and garments and use materials as diverse as copper, stone, wood, paper and a bear claw. Most are displayed with among rocks and soil and give the appearance of being freshly excavated.

"I tried to create as much of an environment as could to make the piece even more active or to set them away from the rest of the room."

La Tiigs win lip sync contest

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

Lips were in full motion at the lip sync contest held last Thursday in the Keathley University Center Theater.

The program was sponsored by the Iota Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta as part of their celebration of their heritage week entitled "Heading In The Right Direction."

Hosted by two of the

sorority members, Kim Matthews and Deasree Williams, the contest featured seven of the scheduled eight acts.

Judging was based on the contestants originality, appearance, and lip sync ability.

Coming in first was the La Tiig's (Ladies Interested In Delta) with "Go See The Doctor." The group con-

sisted of Amy Baldwin, A-

landa Jones, Cindy Fagan, Carla Moore, Tony O'Neal, Tonia Robinson, Holly Toney, Shawn Wright, and Karen Young.

Coming in second was C.P.T. Heartbreak with "Can You Stand The Rain." The group consisted of

Miles White, Chip Pasley, Errol Williams, Orlando Martin, and Darius Gash.



Photo by Frank Conley

Male entertainers dressed as police officers stripped down to a G-string as an opening act for "The Male Revue" at City Limits last night. Meanwhile, emcee Michael Lee, screamed, "Are you horny." Later during the scene, one of the officers poured liquor on his body while the emcee played "Lick it up." The show, however, offered more than sexual entertainment. "It was well choreographed and the show was put together with class," said a spectator of the show.



The Parkano Folk Dance Group from Finland, comes to Murfreesboro in May to dance with other international groups in Folkfest.

Top five movies, singles, etc.

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

"Pet Sematary", based on the novel by horror master Stephen King, scared up some business over the weekend at the box office. The movie grossed a whopping \$12 million dollars over the weekend to land at the no. 1 spot.

Rounding out the top five: "Major League", the Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen baseball comedy, was second with \$5.2 million (\$25.7 million total). The teenage romantic comedy/drama "Say Anything" starring John Cusack and Ione Skye, was third with \$3.8 million (\$15.9 total). "The Dream Team", starring Michael

Keaton, was fourth with \$3.2 million (\$15.9 million total). "Rain Man" was fifth with \$2.4 million (\$155.7 million total).

In music, Madonna's prayers are answered as she is at no. 1 in both pop single and pop album charts with the single and LP "Like A Prayer."

Completing the top 5 pop singles: "I'll Be There For You" by Bon Jovi is at no. 2. Coming in at no. 3 is Tone Loc's "Funky Cold Medina." No. 4 is "She Drives Me Crazy" by the Fine Young Cannibals and Deon Estus is at no. 5 with "Heaven Help Me."

Finishing the top 5 pop albums: Tone Loc is second with "Loc-ed After Dark";

Bobby Brown's "Don't Be Cruel" is third; Debbie Gibson is fourth with "Electric Youth" and Guns N' Roses is fifth with "G N' R LIES."

In other chart news: Karyn White's "Love Saw It" is the no.1 soul single and the no.1 soul album is the self-titled LP buy "GUY." In the country charts "The Church On Cumberland Road." by Shenandoah is the no. 1 single and the no.1 album is George Strait's "Beyond The Blue Neon." The no. 1 rented video is Tom Hank's "Big."

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'College day' scheduled

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

The BSU/BSF (Baptist Student Union/Black Student Fellowship) Gospel Choir along with Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church located at 224 S. Maney St. in Murfreesboro will be holding their annual "College Day" program beginning at 10:50 a.m.

The 10:50 program will consist of a representative from each Black organization on campus to run the church service with a guest speaker.

This year's speaker will be Catherine Robinson of Knoxville, Tn. She is an Evangelist who delivers messages in nursing homes and prisons and is also a counseling as well.

In addition to the morning service, the Riverdale High School Choir will provide music throughout the whole service.

After the morning service, lunch will be served at the Patterson Community

Center located on East Castle Street.

Beginning at 4 p.m., the BSU/BSF choir will present a full line concert along with the Suttles Family, featuring Todd Suttles, from LaFayette, Georgia.

All activities are open to

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The Rutherford County Square Dancers (made up of 4-H students through age 18), and the Cripple Creek Cloggers (made up of persons older than 18) love it so much that they've taken their performances to forty-six of the fifty states. They started traveling to international festivals in 1977 when they were asked to participate in the World Folkloric Festival in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Now, with a healthy share of hard work and careful planning, they're bringing the excitement they discovered overseas back home to Tennessee.

"It was our hope to have our people in this area know something about the experience of the festival. We knew they couldn't go there, so we brought it all here," Steve Cates, the founder and director of the Murfreesboro group explains simply.

On the dancer's itinerary there are two major shows for the general public, usually lasting over 2 hours each. The first occurs on May 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Tucker Theatre on the campus of MTSU. The second is a closing performance on May 18, at 7 p.m., at the Riverdale High School Auditorium. The price of admission is \$6 per person for each show. The dancers present their heritage in traditional

folk costume, accompanied by their musicians with authentic instruments. Prepare yourself to oooh and ahhh at the elaborate dress, for it is a spectrum of colors and a world of styles. Canada's young MacCulloch Dancers will take the stage in colorful clan tartans with velvet jackets and tams. The women of Austria's "Edelweiss Klagenfurt" will wear embroidered and pleated skirts, wide-sleeved blouses with lace collars and brightly colored aprons. The men will don boots, black knickerbockers, a velvet coat and bright velvet waistcoat, topped off with a wide-brimmed, black hat.

"The Rutherford County Dancers wear costumes which are based on the 1850's. The men's pants are cut straight with suspenders and, of course, no zippers. The women's outfits feature varying bands of traditional patchwork along the skirt of ruffled dresses in only the colors that would have been available in the 1850's," describes Wendi Watts, publicity chairman for International Folkfestival 1989.

The costumes can be examined more closely during the Parade of Nations on May 13 at 1 p.m. The dancers will parade down East Main Street, from the Murfreesboro town square to Central Middle School.

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New King flick released

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

Another movie tradition has taken place.

It seems like every time novelist Stephen King writes one of his horror tales, it winds up on the big screen. Well, things don't change much for another Stephen King. His best seller has went from the pages of a book to a picture on the big screen. This time out, it's his 1983 best seller "Pet Sematary."

It is hard to do a movie which is based on a novel, but since Stephen King wrote the book and the screenplay it is easy to understand (if you're Stephen King and read the book).

"Pet Sematary", for all of its intentions and purpose, is supposed to be a dark story of death, grief, and re-

surrection. It does state that; however, it is more of a flawed horror flick.

The story is mainly about a young couple (Dale Midkiff and Denise Crosby) and their little family moving in a new home in an area with a high rate of animal deaths, thanks to fast moving semis.

They are showed a "secret" by their neighbor (Fred Gwynne) about the place where they bury the pets (and some humans too). However, there is a catch—there is another cemetery in which something is buried and comes back to life. Coming out of the grave is a person, yet this person has radically changed than from before.

"Pet Sematary" is a movie that offers a lot; however, it is all jumbled up together under the direction of Mary

Lambert and it is difficult to comprehend.

I am going to give the movie two different views. For the ones who have read the novel (which I strongly suggest to do before you see the movie) you will enjoy its shock horror. For the ones who did not read the novel and will see the movie: It is interesting and at some times gory and weird. It may be more of a pet peeve.

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Sports

Sports staff survives semester, but how?

"Ain't over til it's over," some wise old baseball man said. Well, guess what, folks? It's over. The semester that is. As we're sure you probably know, this is the last issue of *Sidelines* for the spring of

before we leave, the sports staff [that's right, all two of us] have a few things we'd like say.

First of all we'd like to thank all the people who have helped make us famous, or at least helped to make our job a little easier, and a helluva lot of fun.

First of all, we'd like to start with coaches Bruce Stewart and Lewis Bivens. First and foremost you two are tremend-



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By M.A. BROWN
and
K.C. SALTER

coaches, and you always put a quality product on the

covering the Lady Raiders and Blue Raiders this past season was a real joy. It's not often that you can find coaches who are always willing to return your phone calls, and still give good interviews even when their team lost a tough game. These two did that and much more.

We'd also like to say that it was a true injustice that the Blue Raiders were not invited to the Women's NCAA tournament. The tourney is supposed to feature the top teams in the country, and without the Lady Raiders, this year's version didn't.

And to coach Stewart, we'd like to say there probably isn't a more deserving candidate for the UT job, but we're not exactly upset that you're still going to be with the Blue Raiders next season.

Very special thanks should also go out to all the players who found time in their busy schedules to sit down and give us interviews. And let's not forget the unforgettable seasons they put together.

The seniors on both squads will be sorely missed. It will be hard to find a player who gives a better interview than Andy Henry, who always spoke his mind. And finding a more charming interviewee than Sandy Brown will be an almost impossible task.

We can't forget the assistant coaches. Diane Cummings and Janet Ross were invaluable all semester long on the women's side [By the way, coach Cummings, Ken really likes he is an "Ace Reporter" now].

On the men's side, Tommy Smith makes some great decisions. You should open a stand at all the baseball games.

Although the basketball season was basically a good one, there were several low points. Of course, the Lady Raiders' loss in the OVC Tournament, and their subsequent snub from the NCAA were real downers. And the Blue Raiders' loss to Virginia in the NAAs was another low point, and the end of Sandy Brown's three-point shooting streak was aummer [we still think the change in hair styles is what it is], but all of that was overshadowed greatly by the successes of the season.

However, one low point that couldn't be overshadowed was the loss of Ken's car on the way back from Eastern Kentucky. That cast a dark cloud over an otherwise successful weekend in the Bluegrass state. Tangling with a transfer student is something none of us want to do again.

Next comes coach Dale Short and the men's tennis team. We're glad we could start getting you guys some of the things you've deserved. Thanks for all the help you gave us. We really thought you were going to break Murray's string of OVC championships. You came damn close anyway. The Racers better look out next season. By the way, Spain still takes credit for starting Chris King's winning streak by doing a feature on him. He's glad

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Frank J. Conley•Staff

Getting him down ...

Several members of the MTSU Moosemen Rugby Team attempt to bring down a Western Kentucky player during Middle's 20-10 victory Saturday. The Moosemen closed their season with a 9-2 record.

Tippins gets dream shot with Cowboys

From Staff Reports

As former MTSU defensive end Kenny Tippins found out recently, occasionally dreams can come true.

As a young football fan, Tippins spent much of his time cheering for the then-powerful Dallas Cowboys.

Over the years, as Tippins' football career began to blossom, hard times befell the Cowboys.

Now, however, as new Dallas owner Jerry Jones attempts to rebuild the once proud franchise, Tippins will have an opportunity to help the Cowboys return to their glory years.

The franchise announced Tuesday night they had signed Tippins, a two-time All-OVC pick, to a free agent contract. Tippins will join the Cowboys' other free agents and draft choices at mini-camp this weekend.

"When I was a young guy I watched the Cowboys. They were my team, and they still are," Tippins said. "It was kind of hard to take, watching Dallas go from one of the best teams ever, to one of the worst."

Tippins is one of several new players that new Cowboy head coach Jimmy Johnson will be looking at

in an attempt to replace departed stars such as former All-Pro defensive tackle Randy White.

Tippins said the Cowboys were hoping to move him to outside linebacker, a position which has troubled Dallas over the past several years.

"Dallas showed an awful lot of interest in me, plus, I believe I have a better chance of playing at Dallas," he said. "Plus, they are a team I have always followed."

Tippins was also extended offers by the Atlanta Falcons and Cincinnati Bengals.

In an effort to bolster their defense, the Cowboys selected five linebackers in this week's NFL draft. Their number one linebacker choice, Tony Tolbert of the University of Texas at El Paso is expected to be moved to defensive end.

While Tippins said he is excited about receiving the opportunity to play professionally, he said the reality of possibly playing for the Cowboys has not yet set in on him.

"It hasn't hit reality yet. I sometimes find myself thinking about it, though," he said.

Moosemen thrash Western Kentucky

From Staff Reports

As the old saying goes, "All good things must come to an end," and perhaps the most successful season in the history of the MTSU Moosemen came to a close Saturday with a 20-10 victory over Western Kentucky in Murfreesboro.

With the victory, the Moosemen concluded their season with a 9-2 record, the best record in four years for the team.

"All in all, it was a great season," junior Ryan Reid said. "We had the two strongest packs in the history of MTSU."

"Usually your pack dwindles because of injuries and such, but we managed to keep two strong packs all

season, and that made it really tough on our competition."

Reid, Todd Jones, Shane Moore and Jim Dudek all scored goals in Saturday's victory over the Hilltoppers.

"It was very hot out there, and we just did enough to win," Reid said. "We won in all aspects of the game, but we've played Western Kentucky so much we've developed a lot of friends on their team."

"Playing them is kind of like a marriage. It's kind of a love-hate relationship."

This weekend the Moosemen will hold the 4th Annual Old Boys Weekend. Alumni Moosemen from

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Michael Johnson•Staff

Just do it ...

Ed Thompson, a local resident, goes through his workout which consists of several trips up and down the bleachers at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium.

Raiders slam 'Dores in OVC-SEC clash

By M.A. BROWN Sports Editor

Vanderbilt's Commodores found out the hard way Tuesday night that non-conference games can be dangerous as they took a 12-3 thumping at the hands of the MTSU Blue Raiders in Murfreesboro.

Both teams came into Tuesday's contest riding the

high of a weekend sweep of a conference opponent — Tennessee Tech for Middle and Tennessee for Vanderbilt.

According to MTSU head coach Steve Peterson, such a situation is very conducive to a team let-down. However, the Blue Raiders

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Basketball career ends for Beck; Navy career begins

By **KEN SALTER**
Assistant Sports Editor

When the buzzer sounded on the Lady Raider's 71-66 defeat at the hands of the Murray State Racers in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, it brought the curtain down on the careers of the three seniors on the team.

For Sandy Brown and Tawanya Mucker, the crowded schedules of classes, practice, and studying with little or no free time were over. They could finish the semester and their degrees with a somewhat normal schedule.

However, for Lianne Beck the other graduating member of the senior trio, the situation is only temporary.

Beck, a chemistry major, will be entering the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. this fall to pursue a graduate degree in medicine.

"I've always wanted to be a doctor," she said confidently. "This seemed like the best option. When it comes to getting into medical school, there aren't too many choices. You have to go with who's going to accept you."

Life in the armed services isn't new to Beck, however. Her father, Albert, was in the army.

"I've lived in a lot of different places," the 5-6 swing player who averaged 22 points a game her senior year in high school recalled. "I lived in Germany for seven years, from when I was about two until I was nine. I've lived in three different places in Ga., and I lived in Kansas before I moved to Ft. Knox, Ky. where I went to high school."

It was in 1985 at Ft. Knox where assistant coach Diane Cummings first saw

Beck who hadn't signed despite being one of the leading scorers in Kentucky.

"I had other options earlier in my senior year, but I wasn't sure where I wanted to go," Beck said. "I waited too long for most of the schools and by the end of my senior year, there were only about three or four who were still interested. I was going to go to Transylvania College. Then Middle came along. I was lucky to sign with Middle."

However, the circumstances that led to the program's interest in Beck weren't the usual ones.

"We had just lost a recruit to another school and we were scrambling to find another person to play guard," Cummings remembered. "I talked to Lianne a couple of times. I knew she was one of the leading

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Que Dogs down Kappas

From Staff Reports

As part of the Annual Omega Week, Omega Psi Phi fraternity played two basketball games in the Alumni Gym.

In the first game, Omega was defeated by the Handicapped Student team, 50-20. The Que Dogs played in wheelchairs.

"It was like playing the

Lakers," Darrell Freeman, Omega Psi Phi faculty advisor, said. "They knew what they were doing, and we didn't."

In the second game the Que Dogs came out victorious, defeating Kappa Alpha Psi, 50-43.

"We took out our vengeance on the Kappas," Freeman said.

Playing for the Omegas were former MTSU star Randy Henry, fraternity president Vincent Windrow, Freeman, Floyd James and Reggie Johnson.

Also as part of Omega Week, the fraternity gave out two Ronald E. McNaire/Omega Alumni Scholarships to handicapped students.

Blue Raiders slam 'Dores

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got just what they needed to pull out a victory — strong starting pitching.

"After a big weekend like that, you have to look to your starting pitching," Peterson said. "He has to give you a lift, and that's what John McCormick did tonight."

McCormick, 5-0, went the distance for the Raiders, allowing Vanderbilt a meager six hits, while walking one and striking out 11.

Six of McCormick's 11 strikeout victims were caught looking.

"John came out and established himself on the inside," Peterson said. "He got a lot of batters on what we call a backdoor breaking

ball.

"He didn't throw that well against Tech, but he came back really well."

McCormick's victory was his second in two years over the Commodores. A fact he said he was pleased with.

"I beat them last year to open my season, and I wanted to beat them again," he said. "I felt like I should have shut them out tonight, but that's the way it goes."

"I lost my concentration there for a minute. Then I just had to bear down and do what I had to do." McCormick lost his shut-out bid on a solo homer to left in the eighth inning off the bat of Will Bond.

Offensively, the Raiders got all they needed with a

first inning five-run explosion, led by a towering homerun from first baseman George Zimmerman.

Zimmerman's blast, a two-run shot, cleared the right field wall and split a set of goal posts on the football practice field behind Reese Smith Field — approximately 30 feet behind the fence.

Second baseman Darryl Steakley added a two-run blast two batters later, and the rout was on.

"We really hit well," Peterson said. "We saw some pitchers who might not have thrown for Vandy normally, but that's the way it goes."

With the victory, the Raiders are now 22-16-1.

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across the country will be in town for a Friday afternoon golf tournament, Saturday night banquet, and a Sunday afternoon game with current MTSU players.

"The idea is to see who can party the longest, and then play the hardest the next day," Reid said laughingly.

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he could help, and wonders if some sort of tennis scholarship might be in his future.

A special thanks also goes to David Lafontaine and Ryan Reid of the Moosemen Rugby Team. Congratulations on a great season guys, and thanks for making sure we always got our results. Good luck against the Old Boys. Something about "seeing who can party the longest and then play all day" sounds pretty good to us.

Of course, we can't forget about coach Steve Peterson and the baseball team. Coach Pete is always good for some lively quotes, and he puts together a good team, too. Following in John Stanford's footsteps couldn't have been too easy, but Peterson has shown he has ever bit up to the task.

We've proven we're not perfect with our baseball coverage. But we offer sincere apologies for calling John McCormick "Mike" McCormick in the Tennessee story, and for calling Mike Young "Darryl Steak-

ley" in a cutline and for calling someone [we still don't know who] "Scott Duff" in yet another picture. At least we always got the scores right.

We also need to thank Sports Information Director Ed Given, Chuck Morris and all the others in the Sports Information Department. Thanks for helping us get passes to all the games and making sure we always had the statistics and other information we needed. And on top of it all, Mr. Givens tells some pretty good baseball stories as well.

As far as the *Sidelines* staff goes, we need to begin with Editor D. Brian Conley. We know we consistently had the best section in the paper, and thanks to Brian for giving us the chance to do it.

Thanks to all the production staff for making sure everything got laid on our page in the proper order, and everything looked good. Thanks also for having the patience to hang around when we had late games and such which au-

tomatically meant a late night for us all. You all did a great job on every issue, but then again you all get paid real money so you should do a good job.

Thanks to Frank Conley and all his photographers for the time and effort they put in. You've given us some great shots, guys.

Thanks to Kathy Slager for making sure all the travel money stayed straight and got in the right hands.

Another special thanks goes to Kevin Spain and Tony [Tone-Loc] Stinnett. While you were assistant sports editor you did a great job, Kevin. We're glad you got the opportunity to move up. And thanks for some of the story tips you've given us, Tony.

Well, enough of the Academy Awards imitation, that's just about all the people we need to thank anyway.

Earlier in this semester, a column appeared in the Opinion Section referring to "tunnelvisioned sportswriters." First of all, we know this was not a di-

rect reference to anyone working for the *Sidelines* Sports Staff, seeing as how we are anything but tunnelvision.

However, something about a writer who has done nothing except write columns for one newspaper throughout his entire three year career calling someone else tunnelvisioned really bothers us. Now who's tunnelvisioned, Mr. Reed?

Secondly, Mr. Rolfs admits that although he's only been with us one semester, more people hate him than

anyone else on staff. Very admirable accomplishment, huh Jer?

It would be hard to beat D. Brian's hatred record, don't you think, Jer? And is that what you really want — people's hatred.

By the way, Jer. Suck this!

Always remember "Capt. 6-Pack and masochism" and "Americans together." Great headlines, huh? Nice verb usage, too.

Also, to the truck driver who hit us — suck this!

To all of you who called

for death of *Midlander* — suck this!

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Life more than basketball for Beck

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scorers in Ky. and even though I had only seen her play on tape, I felt like should could help our program.

"Lianne had already decided to go to another school, but she wanted to play Division I basketball, so I got her to come for a visit.

"During the first day, we were talking, and, like I do with every recruit, I asked her what her ACT scores were. She got a discouraged look on her face and said she didn't do very well. I said that was okay and told her she could take it again, but that I needed to know what she had gotten the first time. She said 'I only got a 23'. She thought that

was bad. I told her she didn't need to worry."

Once at MTSU, Lianne, who is known for her organization, was put in with a roommate who wasn't quite as organized as she was.

"She was roomed with a girl who just was the total opposite of her," Janet Ross, former teammate and current graduate assistant on the team, said smiling. "It was really funny."

Lianne, however, didn't feel her freshman roommate was much of a story.

"We were opposites, there's no denying that," she explained. "We joked a lot with each other, and we worked through our differences."

Once at MTSU Beck began to practice her work ethic both on the court in addition to her studies.

"I knew if I played hard and practiced hard, I would have a chance to move up," she said. "I moved up six

positions by my sophomore year."

It was during her sophomore year that Beck was moved into the low post because of a shortage of players on the team.

"At one point we only had seven people on the team," she recalled. "Coach [Jim] Davis moved me to the low post and I loved it. I had never played center before, but I really enjoyed it. My stats shot through the roof."

After her sophomore year, Davis left and current coach Lewis Bivens took the helm of the Lady Raiders and moved her back to small forward.

It was during the year that followed that Beck made her biggest mark in Blue Raider sports history.

Lianne averaged 11.7 points per game her junior year but it was that, combined with her 3.92 grade point average, that landed her a spot on the first team Academic All-American squad sponsored by GTE. It was the first time an MTSU athlete had been accorded such an honor.

"It is a great honor," she said. "I'm glad to see that hard work is appreciated, but I don't dwell on it. I know it means a lot to the university and I'm also glad for MTSU."

Beck didn't feel, however, that her performance this season was of the quality needed to again make the team.

"I don't think I was All-American quality basketball wise this year," she said. "My mind wasn't on basketball as much. My numbers stayed just about the same."

This season met with much expectation as nearly the same team that surprised everyone to win the OVC in 1987-88 was back with the 1988-89 version of the team. The team started out quickly winning their first eight. After the team hit a slump that got them off to a 1-2 start in league play, they won their final 11 league encounters including a win over rival Tennessee Tech to win their seventh straight OVC championship.

With the team hosting the OVC tournament, it appeared that they would be packing their bags for the NCAA Tournament. But a furious comeback by Murray State in the semi-finals of the tournament cut the season short of the team's goal.

"I was more concerned with winning the OVC for the fourth year in a row while I was here," she admitted. "I wasn't so concerned about losing my last game, it was just the way we lost that was disappointing."

Though the season and her basketball career are over, Beck has continued to get academic honors.

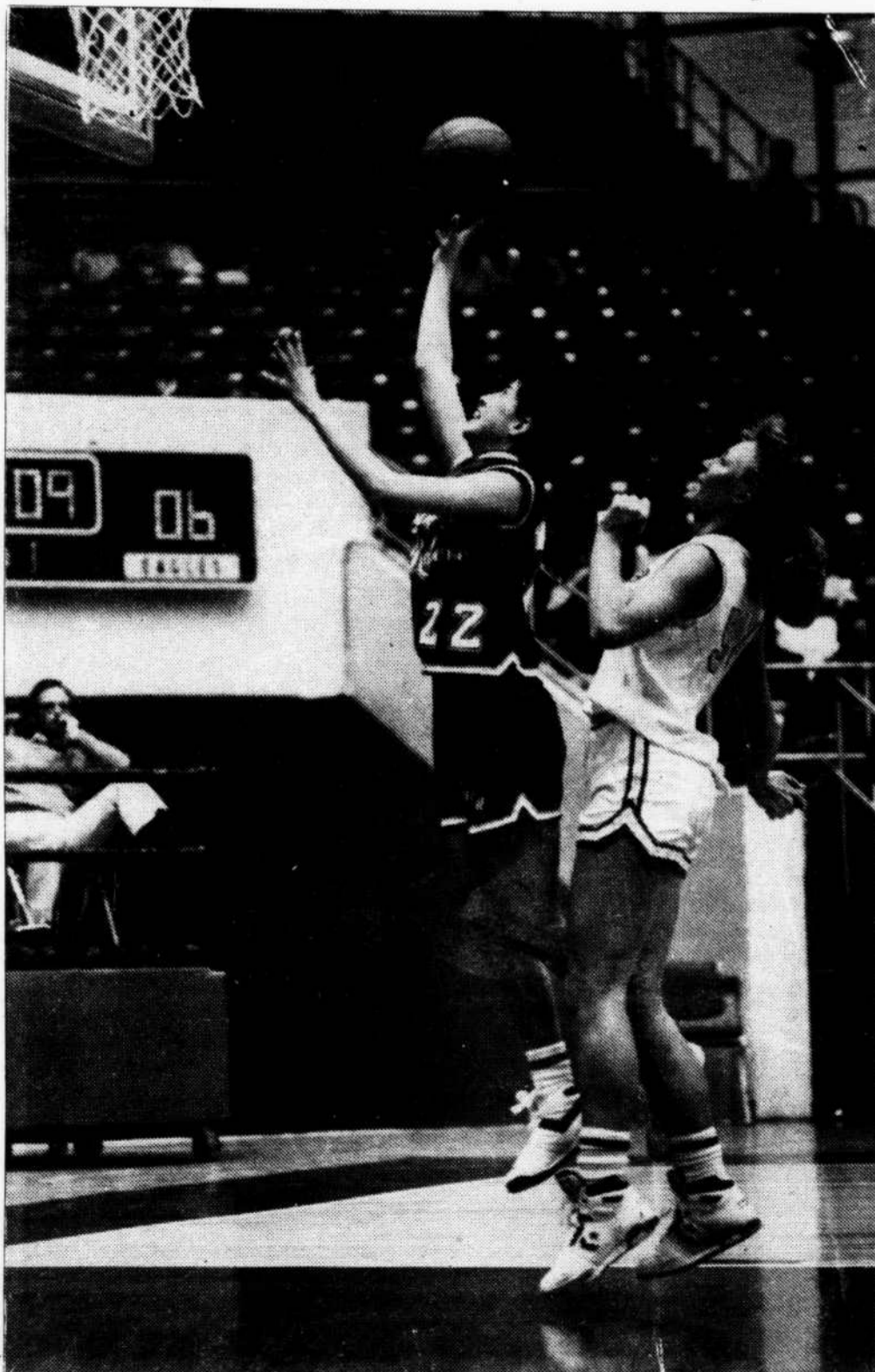
Last week at the academic awards banquet, Beck won both the C.W. Wiser Allied Health Scholarship and the Ivwer L. and Ethel C. Smith Pre-Medical Scholarships.

"I was surprised about the biology award because I'm not a biology major," she said. "It's nice to get awards like these, but I've never gone out and expected to get them."

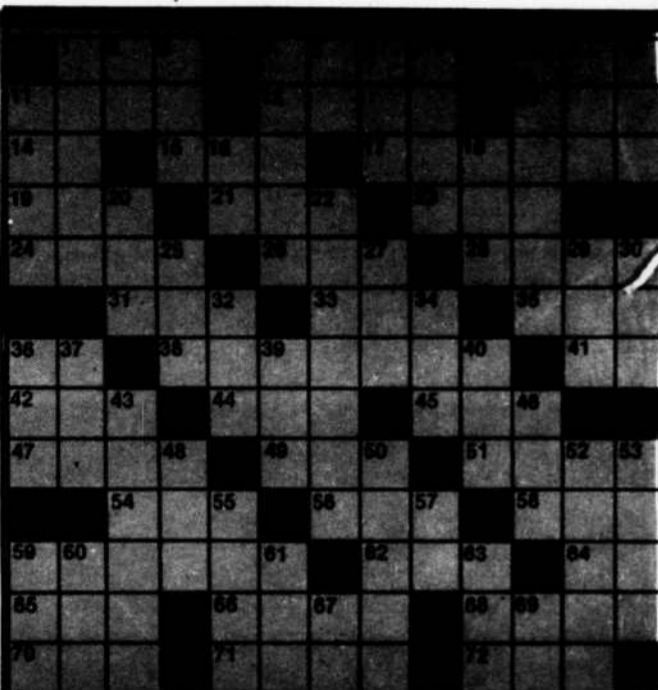
Lianne's days are num-

bered at MTSU and soon she will be in medical school. Next season someone else will wear Number 22 for the Lady Raiders. Her impact on the program and her contributions to the university, however, will be lasting.

"Lianne is going to be a success," Cummings said confidently. "And I'm going to be very proud to have played a small part in her success."



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ACROSS

- 1. Green vegetable
- 4. Relax
- 8. Three (pref.)
- 11. Curve
- 12. Toward lee side
- 13. Rodent
- 14. Article
- 15. Unhappy
- 17. Take for granted
- 19. Took a seat
- 21. Make a knot
- 23. Brew
- 24. Kill
- 26. _____ Lupino
- 28. Finishes
- 31. Snake
- 33. News service (abbr.)
- 35. Digit
- 36. A male
- 38. Mythical horse
- 41. Enlisted woman (abbr.)
- 42. Upper limb on body
- 44. Transmits heredity characteristics
- 45. Opens locks
- 47. Vocalized
- 49. Female saint (abbr.)
- 51. Snake-like fish
- 54. Edu. group (abbr.)
- 56. Dine
- 58. Place
- 59. Imp. person (slang)

- 62. Get (past. part.)
- 64. Mother (slang)
- 65. Cause pain
- 66. Speed contest
- 68. Half another ship
- 70. Expire
- 71. Ship's mast
- 72. Confused noise

DOWN

- 1. Prison system
- 2. In or into (pref.)
- 3. Promotions
- 4. Radius (pl.)
- 5. Elevated railway
- 6. Ocean
- 7. Exam
- 8. Shirker of duty
- 9. Male sheep
- 10. Inhabitant (suf.)
- 11. Fish
- 16. Near
- 18. Look
- 20. Flap
- 22. School
- 25. Second person
- 27. Army Post Office (abbr.)
- 29. Female deer
- 30. Stitch
- 32. Also
- 34. Make angry
- 36. Owns
- 37. Age
- 39. Office holders
- 40. Born
- 43. Mix
- 46. Affirmative
- 48. A.M. moisture
- 50. Intent
- 52. Yellow fruit
- 53. Remain
- 55. Freshens
- 57. At
- 59. Not good
- 60. Three (Roman)
- 61. Opening
- 63. Small child
- 67. Western state (abbr.)



Sidelines apologizes

In Sidelines' April 21 issue, Leslie Hightower was quoted as saying she was considering going into the medical profession. This quote was a misquoting of one of her statements. Sidelines regrets any confusion that may have been caused by the error.

Navy bound ...

Former Lady Raider star Lianne Beck will be heading for the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. after her graduation from MTSU in May.

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