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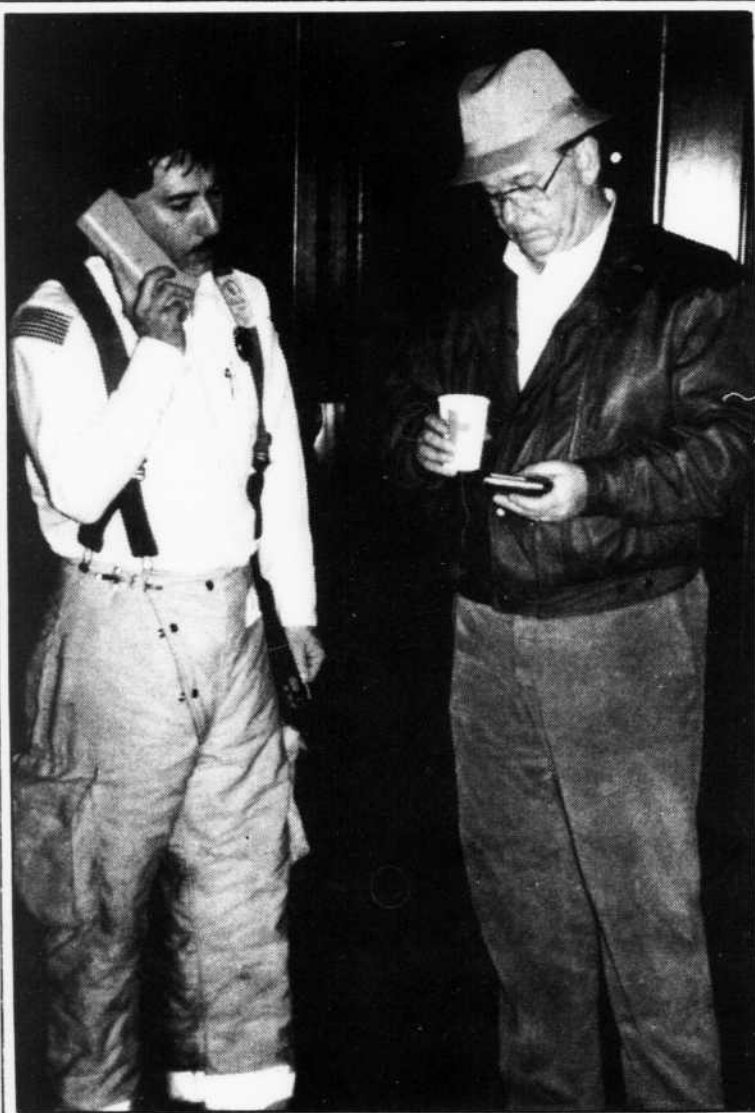
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Two times in three weeks!



Charles Hogue, staff

ASSESSING THE SITUATION: Murfreesboro Fire Chief David Baxter and City Manager Roger Haley call in more help.

Murfreesboro residents see downed trees, power lines

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

The second icestorm in three weeks hit Murfreesboro Wednesday night and Thursday, snapping trees and causing power outages throughout the city.

Murfreesboro Mayor Joe Jackson said the damage was extensive.

"There's a lot of lines down all over," Jackson said. "At one time, three-fourths

of Murfreesboro was without power."

This area included part of the MTSU campus. A power transformer exploded on North Tennessee Boulevard across from the house of MTSU President James Walker, causing a five-minute power outage.

Jackson said he was forced to call in extra crews from other city departments to help with clearing the damage.

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MTSU suffers grounds, building damage; class attendance minimal on Thursday

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

The second major winter storm to hit Middle Tennessee in three weeks blanketed the MTSU campus with an over an inch of ice Wednesday night and Thursday.

Classes were held Thursday and Friday with attendance requirements left up to the individual instructors. Some classes were cancelled and others had few students attending. MTSU President James Walker estimated that 30 percent of the student body attended class Thursday.

The sidewalks were still slick Thursday, but were clearer than after the previous storm three weeks ago. Bill Smotherman, director of the Physical Plant, attributed this to the better weather.

"The weather warmed up and the ice wasn't as hard-packed as the last time," Smotherman said. "We were able to clear it off quicker."

By Friday afternoon, sidewalks were clear.

However, Don Zlotky, superintendent of Building Repair and Maintenance, said many roofs on campus are still leaking.

"We have ice jams blocking roof drains and down spouts, forcing water to go where it's never gone before," Zlotky said. "Our own warehouse and purchasing building is giving us some of the biggest problems. That roof split

during the last storm and needs to be replaced."

Zlotky said the Learning Resource Center and Keathley University Center are also suffering from water leaks due in part to the Jan. 17 storm that closed the school for the first time in more than 24 years.



ZLOTKY

Most of the buildings on campus are flat-roofed, which can lead to problems with leaks in icy and cold conditions. However, Zlotky said most of the roofs are still under builders' warranty and can be repaired at minimal cost.

Zlotky said there are no estimates on the damage campus-wide, but repairs on the buildings would begin as soon as possible.

"We're gonna let it rain tonight and take [the buildings] from most serious to least," Zlotky said. "If the weather forecast is correct and we're dry by Monday, by Wednesday we'll be back in good shape."

"As soon as the ice is gone we can start," Zlotky added.

Warmer weather was expected by the weekend, with temperatures reaching the 50s by the first of the week.

Murphy Athletic Center is suffering some of the worst leakage, but the problem is due to a design flaw that Zlotky says is trying to be

corrected.

"Murphy Center suffers from a roof failure from a preexisting condition," Zlotky said. "The problem is being studied by an engineering firm to see what can be done."

Other problems on campus include heating and electrical problems at some of the dorms and tree damage around the grounds.

At Corlew Hall, some rooms had no heat or electricity, causing some residents to make alternative arrangements.

"We lost heat and electricity about 9:30 [p.m.] Thursday night," said Kelley Lloyd, a freshman living in Corlew. "I'm going to stay with a relative over the weekend."

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Attendance policy for bad conditions

According to MTSU Vice President for Academic Affairs James Hindman, MTSU has no official policy regarding class attendance in inclement weather situations. MTSU will be open for classes unless unusual circumstances dictate otherwise.

Decisions on whether to require attendance in inclement weather are left to the individual instructors. It is assumed that instructors will use their judgment about weather and road conditions when deciding whether to count an absence in bad weather against a student. Students are encouraged to contact instructors before leaving for class about whether that class will be held and for the instructor's policy regarding attendance in inclement weather. ■

MTSU's new director of bands appointed

Jessica Clayborn
Staff Writer

Patricia M. Root has been named Director of Bands at MTSU.

John Bingham, chairman of the Music Department at MTSU, said he is excited about Root's appointment.



ROOT

"Ms. Root was the unanimous choice by our selection panel," Bingham said. Bingham also said that the qualifications of the new band director were so important that a special selection process was used.

"When Joe Smith [current band director] announced he would be retiring this year after 35 years of service, we decided to devote the entire year to the search for a new director," Bingham said. "It was such an important decision that we wanted to use a detailed selection process."

The committee, consisting of several Music Department

members, was headed by Dr. Raphael Bundage. There were two other finalists besides Root; one from Ohio State and the other from the University of Illinois, but Root was the committee's final choice.

"We want to continue the tradition of fine bands Joe Smith conducted and keep our position as one of the finest bands in the nation," Bingham said.

Root received her bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Michigan and her master's degree from Washington State University. She is currently the associate director of bands at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, after having served as assistant director for four years.

Root has served as a conductor of the United States Collegiate Wind Band on its summer European tour, vice chair of the North American Band Directors Coordinating Council, and as college representative to the East Tennessee Band and Orchestra Association.

Root will complete the semester in Knoxville before arriving at MTSU this summer. ■

Limbaugh in libel suit

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A nurse claims Rush Limbaugh ruined her reputation by calling her a "transsexual lesbian."

Sherrol Miller, 45, claims in a lawsuit that the conservative commentator libeled her in his book, "See, I Told You So." Her lawsuit, filed Thursday, seeks unspecified damages.

Limbaugh's book drew on a Wall Street Journal article that appeared last year under the headline: "A Transsexual Lesbian Finds Herself Much in Demand on 'Gerald' and the Like."

Miller was mentioned in the article, having appeared on the talk-show circuit for a different reason. The self-described "transsexual lesbian" was identified as Kate Bornstein of San Francisco.

Limbaugh apparently mixed up the two in a passage in his book that was removed from a later printing.

The lawsuit says Limbaugh and his publisher, Simon & Schuster Inc., continue to permit the sale of uncorrected copies. ■

POLICE REPORT

A male student reported on Feb. 2 that his laptop computer and cellular phone were stolen from his car parked in Cummings Annex lot.

A male student reported on

Feb. 7 that while eating in the JUB cafeteria his wallet was stolen.

A female student reported on Feb. 6 that her car was hit while parked in the Cummings lot.

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Brent Andrews • Christina Basiel • Mark Blevins • Jessica Clayborn • Kelley Lloyd • Chris Patterson • Kellie Russ • Deanna Snowden

CAMPUS CAPSULE

Today

The National Security Education Program is a federally-funded study abroad scholarship program. Undergraduate scholarships may award up to \$8,000 for an approved program. An information meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center room 305. Undergraduate application deadline is Feb. 11. Graduate application deadline is March 1. Contact David Curry at 898-2238 for more information.

Essay contest for MTSU students on Women's History Month. Contest must focus on some aspect of women's experiences. The winner will receive \$100. Deadline is Feb. 28. Contact Jill Hague at 898-2579 or 890-0686 for more specific details.

Due to an upcoming poetry workshop, Dr. Ellen Donovan of the English department is requesting poetry submissions. Students interested must submit no more than three poems by Feb. 18. Twelve students will be selected to participate. Dr. Donovan's office is located in Peck Hall 352.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a canoe trip down the Suwanee River in Florida Mar. 12 through 18. Sign up deadline is Mar. 1. Contact Ed at 898-2104 for more details.

Placement and Student Employment is sponsoring a Resume Workshop and Critique from 2 to 4 p.m. in KUC 324. Bring your resume for a professional critique. The Workshop continues on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more details.

Valentines Day Party at the Catholic Student Center at 7 p.m. Call 896-6074 for details.

The June Anderson Women's Center Library is featuring African American authors for the month of February. Please come by to view our selections and enjoy our new lounge area.

MTSU and eight other area colleges are participating in the tenth annual Teacher Recruitment Week Feb. 21-25. Sixty-one school districts from 10 states will send representatives to MTSU to interview prospective teachers for 1994. For more information contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

The International Television Association is sponsoring Karen Baker, an independent producer, to speak at 4:30 p.m. in room 103 of the Mass Communications building about future job opportunities in the communications field.

The Division of Continuing Studies is sponsoring a Self-Esteem for Women seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. in Peck Hall room 314A. Contact the Continuing Studies office at 898-2462 for more details.

The College Republicans will meet at 6:30 p.m. in KUC 313. Contact Jody Allison at 361-4821 for more details.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

The MTSU chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association - Lambda Alpha Epsilon will be having a meeting at 5:00 p.m. in KUC room 314. Mr. Clark from the Federal Bureau of Prisons will be speaking.

The Black Spirit will be held at 7 p.m. Contact Brooks

Drescher at 898-4532.

All administrators, faculty and staff can attend a budget seminar presented by Ramona Taylor, Director of University Resources, at 3pm at the Hazelwood room in the James Union Building. Topics include Changes in the THEC funding formula, and 1994-95 projected budget. OFAW members get in free. All others pay \$5 for materials. Call 898-2278 or 898-2193 for information.

SOLID Training, a workshop on writing resumes will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in KUC 313. Reservations are required. Sign up in KUC 122. Call Associate Dean of Students Office at 898-2454 for more details.

Saturday, Feb. 19

The Division of Continuing Studies is sponsoring a seminar entitled "Making Money as a Fiction Writer" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in KUC 314. For more details, contact the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2462.

Saturday, Feb. 26

The Campus Recreation winter backpacking trip will be held at Prentice Cooper State Forest. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 21. For more information call Ed at 898-2104. The trip will last two days.

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

The Society of Environmental Professionals will meet at 5 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Wiser-Patton Science Building room 201. New members are welcome. Contact Leonard Walther at 731-1684 for more details.

The Catholic Student Center holds mass every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Call 896-6074 for details.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Thursday at 7:30 in AMG 210. Call Greg Logan at 898-3081 for more details.

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

The June Anderson's Women's Center's regular office hours are 8am-4:30pm, Tuesday 8am-7pm.

Church of God in Christ, Revival on Campus (COGIC ROC) will hold a Bible study every Thursday night at 7 p.m. Contact Kevin Johnson at 895-5968.

MTSU...

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Zlotky explained that the ice and rain has caused problems with flooding in the steam lines that supply power to campus.

"In Corlew, we're getting so much water in steam line tunnels and manholes [that] we're having to use pumps to drain it," Zlotky said. "But we're having to use different pumps than we have because our pumps aren't strong enough to pump all the water."

Other damaged areas include the front sidewalk of Wiser-Patton Science Building, which was uprooted when a tree collapsed. In the parking lot behind Rutledge Hall, a tree surrounded by a two-foot high stone wall was snapped at the base, blocking entrance to the parking lot. All around campus, many tree branches fell victim to the weight of the ice.

Zlotky acknowledged that the grounds are also a major problem, but the fallen branches and trees cannot be

hauled away immediately.

"The grounds are so wet, maintenance will have to wait until the grounds dry out [to clear away the branches]," Zlotky said. "The superintendent of grounds will have to wait until the first of the week to make a decision about hauling off the trees."

"You might as well call this a natural disaster," Zlotky said. "This is an unusual occurrence which heaps a tremendous amount of damage on the landscape." ■

Ice...

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"We have brought in eight crews from the street department to clear the roads, and two extra crews from the sanitation department to help them," Jackson said. "The Murfreesboro Electric Department is getting on the calls as fast as they can, using all the crews they can."

Jackson has also asked for help from other areas.

"We've got a couple of crews coming from Kentucky [on Friday] to at least help get electricity back into houses so they can get heat," Jackson said.

Jackson said he and city manager Roger Haley did a little of the clearing work themselves.

"Roger and I pulled lines off a car at Academy and Evergreen [Streets] a little earlier," Jackson said. "The lady in the car was afraid to get out because she thought she might be electrocuted. But we saw they were just phone lines, so we just did it ourselves."

Larry Kirk, general manager for the Murfreesboro Electric Department, said his department worked around the clock for 48 hours to get on top of the problems.

"Our crews have worked 12-hour shifts around the clock since Thursday night trying to get power restored," Kirk said. "We got a couple of

crews in from Kentucky, and that really helped."

Kirk said there was never more than 5,000 customers without power at any time. By Friday afternoon, that number was down to 1,000. At that time, Kirk anticipated power being completely restored by Saturday night.

The Murfreesboro Fire Department was also keeping busy. Chief David Baxter said they have had so many calls that their trucks were tied up most of Thursday night.

"We've made 32 runs [Thursday night] alone [up to 11:30 p.m.]," Baxter said. "At one point, all eight trucks have been on calls at once."

The Rutherford County chapter of the Red Cross set up Murphy Athletic Center as an emergency shelter about 9 p.m. for people who had lost power and heat. Nancy McGill, executive director of the chapter, said this is not the first time emergency shelters have been needed in Murfreesboro.

"We've done this on several occasions before," McGill said. "The last time was six years ago. We wanted to be here if they needed us."

The Rutherford County chapter is the lead disaster chapter for the Middle Tennessee zone and responds to calls throughout the area. McGill said shelters were set up in at least eight counties. Bedford and Cannon counties were completely without power.

McGill said the Red Cross usually uses churches or high schools for shelters, but asked for the MTSU arena Thursday night because they didn't know what to expect.

"Because of the largeness of the storm, we did not know how many people to expect," McGill said. "It would be wonderful if no one showed up. But until we know about the electrical situation, we'll be here."

In all, eight people registered to stay at the shelter Thursday night. Friday night, the Red Cross moved the shelter to their offices on Lytle Street.

McGill said MTSU is a great help to the Red Cross in these types of emergency situations.

"MTSU is so wonderful in things like this," McGill said. "They are so supportive of everything we need."

Haley said the city is close to depleting its supply of salt.

"We started the winter with 700 tons, and we were down to 250 tons [after the last storm]," Haley said. "We were able to get another 100 tons last week, but we've used that. We picked up 100 tons of sand to help make the salt go further."

Haley said the city should be able to handle the extra cost involved.

"We are very blessed to have reserve funds to help cover the cost [of salt]," Haley said. ■

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MAKING MULCH: MTSU Maintenance worker David Dunaway clears away fallen branches from in front of the JUB Friday afternoon.



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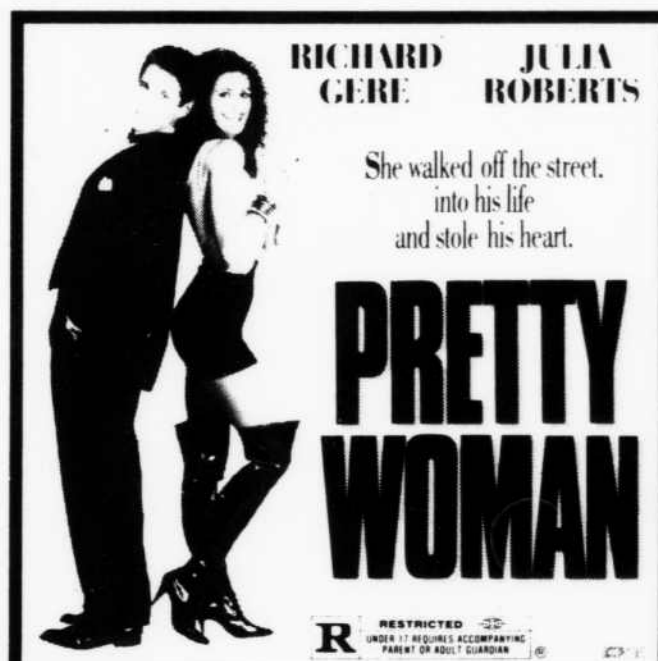
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The purpose of this contest is to encourage student research and writing on African American life, history, and culture and to generate more advanced study.

Any undergraduate and graduate student in the first two years of master's degree or doctoral study may qualify for the contest.

Three winners from MTSU at the undergraduate level and three winners at the graduate level will be recognized.

All MTSU winners will be awarded **\$50 cash prizes** and invited to submit their papers to the national contest in May 1994.

Winners of the national contest will be awarded **\$500 cash prizes** and invited to the ASALH Annual Meeting in October 1994. ASALH will pay the expenses of the winners. Special sessions will be organized at the Annual meeting for winners to present their prize-winning essays.

Essays may be submitted on any topic that explores the life, history, and culture of African-Americans. Essays should have appropriate documentation and conform in style to articles published in *Journal of Negro History* -- Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

Essays will be evaluated on the basis of cogency, content, documentation, organization, originality, and style.

Style sheets and contest information available at 276 Peck Hall.

Entries must be received by 12 noon, April 7, 1994.
Winners announced April 25, 1994.



Brian G. Miller, staff

HIGH TECH EDUCATION: Tony Teasley, lab assistant at Smith Hall works on a photo program with Adobe Photoshop.

Computer labs open in some residence halls

Yanetra Mitchell
Staff Writer

University Housing and the Office of Information Technology have joined together to set up computer labs in four MTSU residence halls.

Director of Housing Ivan Shewmake and Director of the Office of Information Technology Lucinda Lea have equipped Corlew, Lyon, Smith and Wood-Felder Halls with Macintosh and Zenith 486 computers, CD-ROM players and laser printers in response to the demands made by housing students.

"Students have been asking for the labs for a long time," Shewmake said. "If you go look at the folks [in the residence halls] you'll see there's just a desire to have them."

The labs are stocked with various types of software that will allow students to do everything from write papers to creating financial spreadsheets.

The new labs cost about \$50,000 and are expected to improve over the course of the semester with new changes in time availability.

"They can go almost any time between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m.," Shewmake said. "Eventually I'll have them open 24 hours a day."

Shewmake, who took a

personal interest in the project, felt that his office should get involved in helping dorm residents who didn't have access to a computer.

"It would be a good thing for students who don't have [a computer]," he said. "In the future a computer will be like a pencil."

Shewmake further said that many of the current computer labs are always occupied with students, making it difficult for other students to use them.

"What do you do when everything is busy?" asks Shewmake. "Students would have to wait around for a computer. It was just so much better to have them in the residence halls."

Carisa Brown, a lab assistant at Lyon, said the labs are very popular with the residents.

"Since the lab opened in Lyons Hall, over 300 students have utilized it," Brown said.

The efforts made by university housing and the office of information technology have given many students access to computer technology that will reward them greatly in the future. Having computer labs in residence halls will add an alternative for students when other campus labs are closed. ■

Jessica Clayborn also contributed to this story.

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NATIONAL ROUNDUP

Last of "Alabama Gang" dies in wreck

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. NASCAR driver and TV personality Neil Bonnett died Friday, his racing comeback ended by a crash during a practice session at Daytona International Speedway.

The 47-year-old driver from Bessemer, Ala., lost control in the high-banked fourth turn at the 2.5-mile oval. His Chevrolet swerved onto the track apron, then up the 31-degree banking before hitting the outside wall nearly head-on.

Although oil from another car was suspected as the reason for the crash, NASCAR spokesman Chip Williams said no residue was found on the track surface.

"The best we can tell, it was driver error," he said.

Bonnett was removed from the battered car by track safety personnel and transported to nearby Halifax Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 1:17 p.m. EST, 32 minutes after the

accident.

No cause of death was given, but a track official said Bonnett had massive head injuries.

Bonnett was practicing in hopes of qualifying for the Daytona 500 on Feb. 20. He drove only twice last season, his only starts since a severe concussion and a partial loss of memory from what was thought to be a career-ending crash at Darlington, S.C., in the spring of 1990.

Rush to be new pitchman for Fla. OJ

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The latest pitchman for the Florida Citrus Commission is leaving a sour taste in some mouths.

Rush Limbaugh starts his \$1 million job Monday with the commission — the same board which decided Anita Bryant and Burt Reynolds were too controversial to promote orange juice.

The right-wing radio and television talk show host, known for bashing feminists and President Clinton, will

promote Florida citrus during breaks from broadcasting, The Miami Herald reported today.

Democratic Gov. Lawton Chiles was not pleased with the commission's choice.

"He believes there are broader audiences to be reached, because our orange juice leaves a good taste with people and should be promoted on programs that represent good taste," said Chiles spokesman Ron Sachs.

Hutchison acquitted in Texas ethics case

FORT WORTH, Texas-Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison won her fight against ethics charges when prosecutors refused to continue with the case and a judge ordered her acquitted.

"I was totally stunned," said the senator. She had pleaded innocent, calling the charges a Democratic plot against her.

Prosecutors refused to present their case Friday because the judge would not rule in advance on whether they could use evidence seized in a raid.

Prosecutors had asked Judge John Onion Jr. to drop the charges before a jury was seated. But Hutchison's lawyer, Dick DeGuerin, wanted a jury seated so his client could be acquitted.

Onion instructed the jury to find the senator innocent and the panel did so less than an hour after it was sworn in.

Under double-jeopardy law, Mrs. Hutchison cannot be indicted or tried again on the same charges.

The Republican was charged with using state dollars, state employees and state computers for personal and campaign purposes when she was state treasurer between 1991 and 1993, and tampering with state computer records to cover it up.

Man kills son over expensive doctor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A man apparently upset over his 3-year-old's doctor bills strangled the boy and threw the body into a river, then wrote a letter to police confessing to the crime,

prosecutors said.

Police received a letter Wednesday with what appeared to be a confession by James Propheter telling how he killed his son, Sean. The 24-year-old Kansas City man was charged Thursday with first-degree murder.

Propheter was in the Jackson County jail Friday on \$75,000 bond.

"He stated the victim has had pneumonia in the past and the doctor bills have totaled about \$450 and he hasn't had the money to pay for the doctor bills," said a criminal complaint filed by Jackson County prosecutor Linda Koch-Carroll.

The complaint said Sean was strangled Sunday night and that, on Monday, Propheter wrapped the body in a garment bag, drove to a rural area northwest of Kansas City and threw it in the Platte River.

A search for the body was suspended Friday because the river was frozen, said Capt. Greg Crader of the Platte County Sheriff's Department.



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Vote: The life you enhance might be your own

Student elections are more than a popularity contest

Soon the SGA will be holding officer elections for the upcoming semester. The bylaws don't allow for very much campaign time so it is up to every student to listen carefully to what each candidate has to say and then vote their conscience.

Every year it's the same old thing: candidates talk until they're blue in the face, campaigners shove handbills into hundreds of hands and the voter turnout is always pathetic.

Well enough is enough. Get up off your duffs and participate in the democratic process. The SGA has gone a long way to insure that every student gets the opportunity to decide who should be in charge and it is your duty to be good electors and vote.

Don't sit idly by and let more motivated students make your decisions for you. It doesn't take that much time out of your day. Vote.



To print or not to print

How will expanding technology affect your newspaper reading habits?

Ken-L-Ration X

MIKE REED



Sitting around the lunch counter with a few friends and co-workers, a question came up. What is the future of print journalism? It's a legitimate question. I'm supposed to be working on my career while here at MTSU and all the technological advances are geared toward broadcast journalism.

People still read their daily paper, but for how long? Television is expanding. Futurewatchers are predicting 500 channel cable systems that will do for television what Gutenberg did for the written word.

In this month's issue of *Quill*, a trade publication, there were several opinions on the future of the newspaper.

While some felt that technology would keep up with the business of putting out a paper, most feel that the "paper" aspect of it might go the way of woodcuts and etchings.

The next step in newspaper evolution will be a customization of your paper of choice. I envision

a day when I'll be able to get only the news and features sections of the *Tennessean* delivered to my door. I never read the sports/food/travel/business section anyway and in the future I won't have to put up with it.

Computers will play an even bigger part of your daily life by then and reading your paper over

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your computer will be just a start. It is already possible to get an on-line version of the *Chicago Tribune*, with the right hard/software. USA Today beams its information via satellite all over the world.

MTSU is being wired with a fibre-optic network even as we speak. Once the buildings, classrooms and lecture halls are all on-line, perhaps you'll be able to call up the current issue of *Sidelines* over your computer.

If we look still further into the future we can see the development of specialized

computers the size of index cards that receive up to the minute news and information from a larger database located in space. We'll carry them around in our pockets and when we want to know the box scores we simply touch a few buttons and voila! Welcome to the Information Age.

Yep, the future's so bright I gotta wear shades. The one unifying force behind all of these technological wonders is the fact that at the other end of your computer is a person gathering that information and reporting it.

Print journalism may disappear in my lifetime, but reporters will be around forever.

But Mike, you say, what about the growing competition between broadcast and print journalism? Hey, somebody has to write what the anchor says. Listen closely to the local news. See how often they refer to newspaper reports to get their information.

The fact of the matter is that people believe what they read. Reading is how we are taught to obtain information. We would rather see it on the page than believe what someone tells us.

Whether they read it on a large piece of newsprint or a backlit supertwist plasma flatscreen, as long as they're reading it someone will keep writing it. ■

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Students should be given advance warning of curriculum changes

Sweet & Sour Grapes

SUE MULLIN



I would like to know when was the last time that an administrator on this campus went to a clothing store and plunked down their money and said, "I'll take \$300 worth of clothing." Or to the grocery and said, "I'll take \$50 worth of food," or to the drug store and ordered \$20 worth of medicine.

I am having the most disappointing term of my academic career. The reason is precisely because I have been forced to be an indiscriminate and uninformed consumer. Course formats and course instructors were changed from

what was listed in the course catalogue and the spring schedule book.

I do not take my courses willy-nilly, nor do many of my friends. We plan what we do with great deliberation and consideration, and we have both short-term and long-term purposes in planning our curriculums. We even go to professors and "interview" them, discussing reading lists and course objectives. If more than one professor is teaching the same course, we talk to them, and then we make choices that we feel will best suit our overall academic goals. We try hard to be informed consumers when we pay our tuition, and we try to know exactly what we are doing and why.

It's hard enough to work out schedules when several desired classes are offered at the same time, some offered infrequently and still others only to a very limited

number of students, without dealing with blatant misinformation. All too often, alternate choices and changes cannot be made.

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Even if we can juggle the have-to classes with classes of choice after the semester has started, we cannot make course substitutions because sections are full by the time we find out we've bought a product we had no desire to purchase.

I understand that the planning and printing of registration schedule books is done with much

forethought and weeks in advance. I realize sometimes changes must occur. I don't have any problem with this. I'm not saying that course formats can't be changed, nor am I saying that instructors can't be substituted. I am saying that when we get our schedule books for each new term, we should simultaneously get a flier advising us of all known course format and course instructor changes so we are aware of what it is that we are buying. Any changes after that time should be listed through a special information number in the TRAM system.

When I buy Thompson seedless grapes, I don't expect to get home and find Concord grapes in the bag. And when the grapes are bitter, I don't appreciate having to eat them anyway. Nor do my classmates. ■

RELIEVE STRESS.

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The Reagan reign rewritten? Liberal educators should stick to the facts

Reality Check

JAY TRAVIS



Who out there remembers the '80s? The entire decade is being systematically rewritten in the classrooms of liberal instructors in

schools across the nation. The 1980s will be remembered as the one that most liberals would have all of us forget ever happened, save for a slanted viewpoint of revisionist historians aimed squarely at discrediting the presidency of Ronald Reagan.

I firmly believe that Reagan was both the finest and possibly the final, truly great leader of our generation. No man before him (or since) has yet to match his ability to lead the country and unite the world against a common enemy. Despite the fact that some of our teachers may say otherwise, the "evil empire" of the 80s was indeed the communist USSR, NOT the Reagan reign.

As a matter of fact, it's due to the policies of President Reagan that we are not still locked in an ever-escalating cold war with the Soviet Union. Reagan's initiatives such as Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) were in no small part responsible for breaking the economic back of the Soviet bear as they overextended their economy in a vain struggle to keep up with the rejuvenated U.S. military. Put simply, under Ronald Reagan's leadership, we won the cold war and defeated the largest threat to our very existence in our nation's history.

Does the media hold up President Reagan as a national hero for his leadership role in this? Hardly. To hear them tell it, President Reagan was more of a danger to our way of life than Soviet cruise missiles pointed at our homes. Personally, I'd prefer to have President Reagan drop in

on Nashville. He'd cause less damage than the Russian nukes.

Rather than simply going on and on about all the lies and misrepresentations which are accepted by the media as "the truth" about President Reagan and the rise of conservatism in the '80s, I ask you to merely stop and look at the facts.

At the root of all the current propaganda about how the economy went to hell in a hand basket because of the fiscal policies of the '80s, lies a little-mentioned fact: President Reagan was not the one to blame. Plain and simple. If you want to blame someone for

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the financial woes of the country, why not at least fault the guilty party?

When did we get the tax increases that have choked fiscal growth each and every time they were saddled to the back of the economy?

If you dig past all the smokescreen put up by the media as it panders to the current fad of Reagan-bashing, I believe you will find that a Democratically-controlled Congress not only knocked the legs out from under the Reagan budget proposals, but then went on to hold the Federal government hostage by dragging out the budget process time and time again until the necessity of passing a budget of any kind, no matter what manner of pork was included, became a national emergency. They would have shut down the government itself if those same political terrorists we elected did not get their way.

This always struck me as ironic that Congress could hold the entire nation hostage and never be held accountable to its citizens, while President Reagan was taken to task for trying to help save a South American country from a communist dictatorship.

Before my critics chime in about how Reagan broke the law, I want to know why the law is supposed to apply to President Reagan concerning the Iran-Contra issue, while Congress continues to let a murderer sit amongst its ranks. (Or has the "honorable" senator from Massachusetts learned how to open a car door for a lady yet?)

Does the media have a responsibility to report this fad of Reagan-bashing for what it truly is, and to report who it is that is behind most of these rumors? Morally, yes.

One of the basic tenets of journalism, as I understand it, is the inherent responsibility to approach any story not only as parrots of the allegations made, but also as cynics concerning the details of those stories, as fed to us by the so-called experts. After all, the only difference between news and propaganda is the creditability of those reporting it. As far as the legacy of Ronald Reagan is concerned, most of the journalistic community seems to be too engrossed in the feeding frenzy upon his reputation to bother getting their facts straight.

The final point comes down to this. The next time someone tries to make you accept the liberal line about how evil the presidency of Ronald Reagan was, stop a minute and look at the agenda of the accuser. Then research the facts on your own, independent from the data they feed you, and in the context of the whole picture instead of disjointed, warped viewpoint they would have you blindly follow. Ronald Reagan may not have been perfect, but I think you'll find he was still the closest thing we have had to it in years, and a hell of a lot better than what we have now. ■


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VALENTINE'S DAY

DEALING WITH THE HIGH PRICE OF A CONSUMER HOLIDAY

& FINDING ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO SAY 'I LOVE YOU'

SAM GANNON
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WHY NOT
SAY YES?

YOU'RE
SO COOL

LOTS OF
LOVE

LET'S GO
STEADY

X O X

BE MINE

LOOK
ALIVE

LOVE
YOU

I have seen the near future and it is pink and red. Valentine's Day is upon us.

The American holiday, Valentine's Day, is just like Mother's Day, Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July. It's a time for reflection and thought. Like the Fourth of July asks us to reevaluate the importance of our country, Valentine's Day asks us to ponder the essence of our romantic relationships.

I seriously doubt that the young Roman lady was so enamored with St. Valentine that she ran down to the nearest Hallmark store and bought him a card and a stuffed animal to show her deepest feelings. Nonetheless, the advertisers, marketers and businesses that stand to make a profit from the holiday would have us believe that consumerism is the best way to say "I love you."

Valentine's Day is thought to have begun as a celebration honoring St. Valentine and another Christian martyr who were executed by the Romans in the third century. The holiday, in the sense we know it, emerged in the 19th century, when the custom of sending anonymous messages or cards to those one admired was well-established. Lavishly prepared valentines became the rage in America in the late 19th century, including lace, Cupids, hearts and flower designs.

Just a browse in the local department store will tell any shopper that Valentine's Day will soon be here. These stores begin selling Valentine's Day items immediately after the most recent consumer holiday: Christmas.

After going to just one store, my mind was boggled with the marketing and packaging and purchasing options for Valentine's Day. Fortunately, a friend was with me and helped me through the chaos.

Heart-shaped, candy-filled, cardboard boxes line one entire aisle. Some have chocolate inside, while others have "pecan perks." The sizes range from the span of a hand to at least three times that size. Some boxes have lace, ribbon and trim on the outside, others a plastic flower (most likely a rose), but most have a sentiment or endearment printed on the box in gold lettering: "To My Valentine," "For Someone Special," or "With Love." One series of boxes even had a small, stuffed puppy tied helplessly to the box.

If you're one of those who doesn't really care about what the box looks like, that it's the thought counts more than a strangled puppy or plastic flower, you'd better ask your pocket book how it feels. Boxes of the same size and contents, will cost different amounts, based on the packaging. Valentine's Day is all about packaging and how much you want to impress your Valentine.

My friend Andrea admits she doesn't care for the candy that come in the heart-shaped boxes. "I don't like this kind, because it usually goes bad and gets hard really fast.

Further down the aisle she explained that "these kinds of candy are relatively cheap and are supposed to symbolize giving your heart away, but I don't know who'd buy them anyway. They're just plain tacky."

Another row of the Valentine's section was devoted to other types of candy. There are the various "normal" types of

candy you'd expect to see on Valentine's Day. The large chocolate Hershey's kisses, the chocolate hearts wrapped in red foil and a variety of candy and confections with red, pink and white.

Then there are the some kinds of candy that they sell on aisle two of the food section, but repackaged for Valentine's Day sale. There's the M&Ms, the Peppermint Patties, Reeses Cups, the Hershey's Kisses, all the same stuff you see year round. Andrea says. "This is the same stuff they sell at Halloween and Christmas, just in a different package."

"Then there are these," Andrea's eyes light up with delight, "You can't find these any other time of the year," she explains, "that's why I really like them."

—♡XOX—

"My aunt told me not to open a box of chocolate someone I was dating gave me for Valentine's Day. If I did, we would break up."

—♡XOX—

What's she's referring to are the small rectangular boxes of hard sugar hearts that we can all probably remember from way back when. Sugar hearts come in assorted colors and are either flat and wide or thick and thin. These small hearts are most commonly linked to the "love" catch-phrases printed on the top: "Look Alive," "Love You," "Lots of Love," "You're So Cool," "Why Not Say Yes?," "Let's Hold Hands," "XOX," and "Wish I Could." Andrea admits that the one she always wanted to receive was "You're a Foxy Lady."

Aisles three and four have non-perishable consumerisms in red, white and pink: inflatable balloons, cupcake holders, cookie cutters that spell-out "LOVE," and even cupid garlands.

Then there are the stuffed animals. The Valentine's Day zoo includes: pigs, dogs, sheep, cats, lions, mice, gorillas, rabbits, bears, pandas, ducks, hippopotamuses, rats and much more. Some of the animals wear clothes, while some are sold naked, but those who do wear clothes have on the red, pink and white colors and have those same old tired expressions on them: "I Love You," "You're Special," "Be My Valentine," and even the new, yet just a stupid "Hog Me." A few of the little critters hold picture frames for the loved one to insert a favorite picture.

Stores also cater to those who intend to have Valentine's Day parties—I've never been to one or even heard of one myself, other than Carl Lambert's "Love Stinks" party last Friday night I doubt he purchased any cute little Valentine's Day items at the department store. The list includes stickers, invitations, red hearts and cupid to cut out and put on the door, streamers in those three great colors, plates, cups, napkins, even plastic silverware with hearts on it.

(Please see Valentine's, page 12)

Valentine's ...

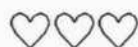
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For those whose gift purchases exceed cards and candy boxes, thank God there are gift bags in traditional designs and colors. There is even Valentine's Day wrapping paper and bows—for gifts of love which cannot be contained by bag alone. Maybe that silk teddie you been eyeing for that special girl at Victoria's Secret could fit into such a box or maybe those cute little boxers with the Cupids on them.

What Valentine's Day gift could be complete without the card? I estimated nearly 815 greeting cards specifically designed for Valentine's Day. The cards come in all shapes and sizes and usually have the three, now-sickening, colors: red, white and pink. There are also those boxes upon boxes of cards for kids to give at school, with Barney and Beauty and Beast and Michael Jordan on them.

I get angry at the commercialism of a holiday that should be sweet and kind and romantic. This year if anyone is going to spend money to buy me a cruelly-treated stuffed puppy tied to a red, heart-shaped box full hard, sickening candy ... I'll take the \$12.95 instead.

By the way, Andrea ended up buying two chocolate lollipops wrapped in foil and a Valentine's Day card with Elvis on the front that played "Love Me Tender" when the card was opened. I abstained.



Are you fed up too? What's a caring individual to do in the midst of these "Buy! Buy! Buy!, Spend! Spend! Spend!" messages we get? I don't expect my girlfriend to send me 10 million roses or some ugly box of candy or a sappy card or a stupid stuffed animal. I don't want the silk boxers or balloons or cookies and candies. What I want is time.

I'm taking 18 hours and working two jobs and struggling to make it through the day. She's working and going to school too. Time is something that we don't have a lot of together, and something we want. Unfortunately, I am on campus from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays and she works second shift. We won't even see each other on Valentine's Day so we're celebrating it on Friday. We'll have lunch and maybe go to the park and spend time together. Time is something we don't have a lot of and can't afford to waste. Spending time together is a big and important deal. And that's how we're going to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Here are some alternative ideas for those who want to avoid the commercialism involved with America's celebration of love:

- Rent a movie. There are more than enough video stores in town, certainly one of them has "Sleepless in Seattle," or "When Harry Met Sally." Be adventurous. Snuggle on the couch with that someone special and watch a movie. How about the movie you saw on your first date, or maybe a romantic classic like "Casablanca?" Whatever it is, remember that it's togetherness that counts. Or go see a movie in the theater. "Shadowlands" is sure to pull on the heartstrings.

- Cook dinner. Order a pizza. Make your speciality. Have that quiet romantic dinner together. Add some candlelight and soft music a little wine and all that matters is that you're with the one you love.

- Make a card. Remember how much fun it was to cut up doilies and construction paper and get out the glitter and make your mom or grandma a card for Valentine's Day? Bring it all back to life. Certainly we're much more creative and hopefully coordinated now so, if all 815 cards are strike-outs for your "Honey Bear," make one. You'll have a lot of fun and your lover will see your special effort.

- Write a poem. Not everyone is poet, but certainly most of us can fill in the blanks of the "Roses are

Red" rhyme. Go out on your own, write "Ode to a Beautiful Girl," or write your own "How do I love thee, let me count the ways."

- If a poem is uncomfortable for you, write a letter telling your love about a special moment or memory.

- If you two are separated by miles and miles of distance, space and time, use your calling card, that's what it's for. Even if you're not separated by miles and miles, call your love and play remember when.

- Plant a tree. There's nothing better than seeing your own love grow in the relationship than to plant something and see the product of your love grow too. Evergreen are traditionally symbols of immortality.

- Get back to nature. If the weather is okay, go outside and experience nature together. Cycling, hiking, camping and other outdoor things are fun and love-sharing activities.

- If you're married with children, pack the little darlings off to Grandma's and play romper room at home. Even if you don't have kids, play romper room. It's fun and definitely involves togetherness.

- Dance. Soft music, soft light and two people in each other's personal space ... what could be more lovely?

- Visit the pound. Is there an cat or dog that needs some love, too? Give your loved one a new friend this Valentine's Day.

- Kiss. Hug. Touch. Pet. (and the beforementioned romper room).

- Take a drive, have a picnic—weather providing, act out some scenes from "9 1/2 Weeks" ... do the unexpected!

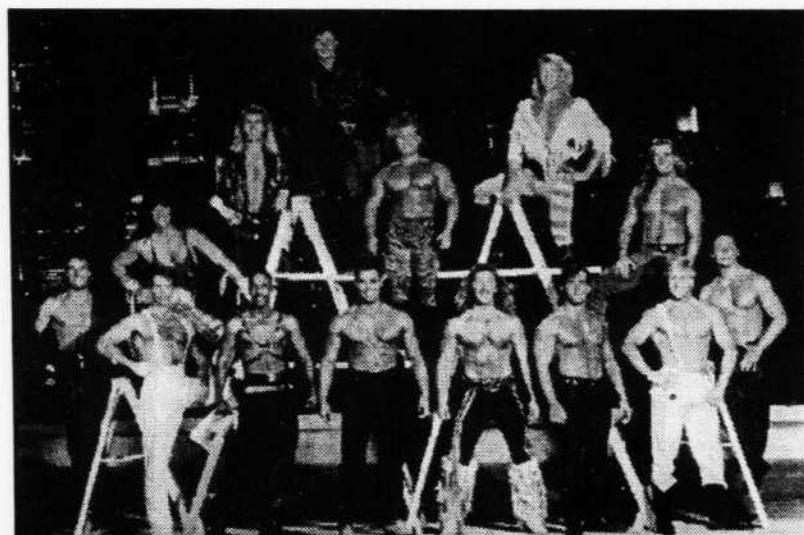
Instead of just plunking down your money for that really stupid box of really bad candy and that card that comes pretty close to saying what you want, sit down with that special person and tell them how you feel, spend time together, reflect on the relationship and how important it is to you. That's what Valentine's Day is all about. ■

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Your sweet little mattress kitten.
Love,
Stephanie

March 1st will be here soon enough.
Love Always,
Jo-Lynn
P.S. Happy Valentines Day

K.B.:
You bring me joy and happiness and I hope
I bring you the same. Please be my one and
only Valentine.
B.C.

Jack,
When the truth is found to be lies...
Mabel

Chris--
My heart's one true desire was realized
when you walked into my life. I'll love you
forever.
Love,
Bambi

By all means marry; if you get a good wife,
you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll
become a philosopher. -- Socrates

Sean,
When I came to Tennessee I knew it was full
of promises. You are one of the best reasons
to stay. I love you always,
Carrie

Adam,
Thank you for the wonderful memories
you've given me. Happy valentines Day,
Sweetie, I Love You!
Love,
Your Sunshine

To the Pillow Hog.
Happy Valentines Day.
I love you.
Your Blanket Hog

Happy Valentines Day to Emily DeFrees.
From Chuck

Rachel,
Still waiting for a yes, but I'm a patient soul
and you're worth it.
Risk one evening of your time and give me
the chance to prove myself worthy of your
companionship. I await your response.
JET

Brian,
I'm looking forward to our second trip to
the Bahamas.
Love you.

G.-
Life without you would be a lie.
Happy Valentines Day.
I love you.
MSW

To Stace, Wendy and Melody,
Here is to Bars, Beer, Beaches and Men we
haven't met.
Remember friends come first and just "don't
give a damn."

Stephanie,
Whether we're in Dairy Queen, Vermont, or
the Virgin Islands, I'll always love you!
Happy valentines Day!

To Wanda
Happy valentines Day! I think you are
beautiful and I will always be in love with
you.
From Jamie

Jackie,
To fond memories and bright futures.
I love you!
Greg

Dream Lady,
I'm crazy in LOVE with you, and never
forget it. Happy Heart Day!
Yours Forever,
Christopher

Little Trave,
Please be my Valentine forever!
I will wait on you for as long as it takes.
Love,
Sunshine

Stu,
Sapphire eyes, indigo night, turquoise and
tangerine dawns, blue rain, green cedar
shadow, silver spring waters, I love you.
Sue

To Christy B. from Steven F.
I may be 500 miles away but I still love you,
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To Mari G from Ray,
I'm glad we're together again
Happy valentines Day

To all the women on campus:
Everybody needs a little insanity in their
lives.
Carl L.

My Little Bear Claw,
Your my calm before the Storme.
Love,
Your Pookie

Patrick,
The most meaningful course I took at MTSU
was "Love 101," when I met you! I
remember our college days and the
overwhelming joy and passion of our first
love. Our love continues to deepen and grow
through strong roots of caring and
commitment.
Your College Love
Robin
P.S. Happy valentines Day to our "blessing
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Head Lock Will Hold Tom Bethany Fans

George Hackett
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Jerome Doolittle, a former speechwriter for President Carter, leans heavily on his political savvy and stinging wit in *"Head Lock"* (Pocket, \$20), the fourth in a series featuring Boston sleuth Tom Bethany.

Bethany unexpectedly gets involved in the abortion controversy after his married lover, Hope Edwards, discovers she is pregnant by him. They agree that the best solution is a trip to a clinic near Washington, where she practices law.

At the clinic, Bethany and Edwards befriend Kimberly Butler, a pregnant teen who has just been denied treatment because she cannot cope psychologically with what she is about to do.

As the three leave in a car, they are surrounded by anti-abortion "Life Force" demonstrators led by televangelist Howard Orrin. The protest is shown on the evening TV news. The next day, Kimberly commits suicide.

Bethany blames Orrin and vows to put him out of business. He also is determined to derail the minister's GOP candidacy for the U.S. Senate. He is campaigning on a platform based on Christian white male supremacy and using funds from a lucrative biblical theme park called Lordland.

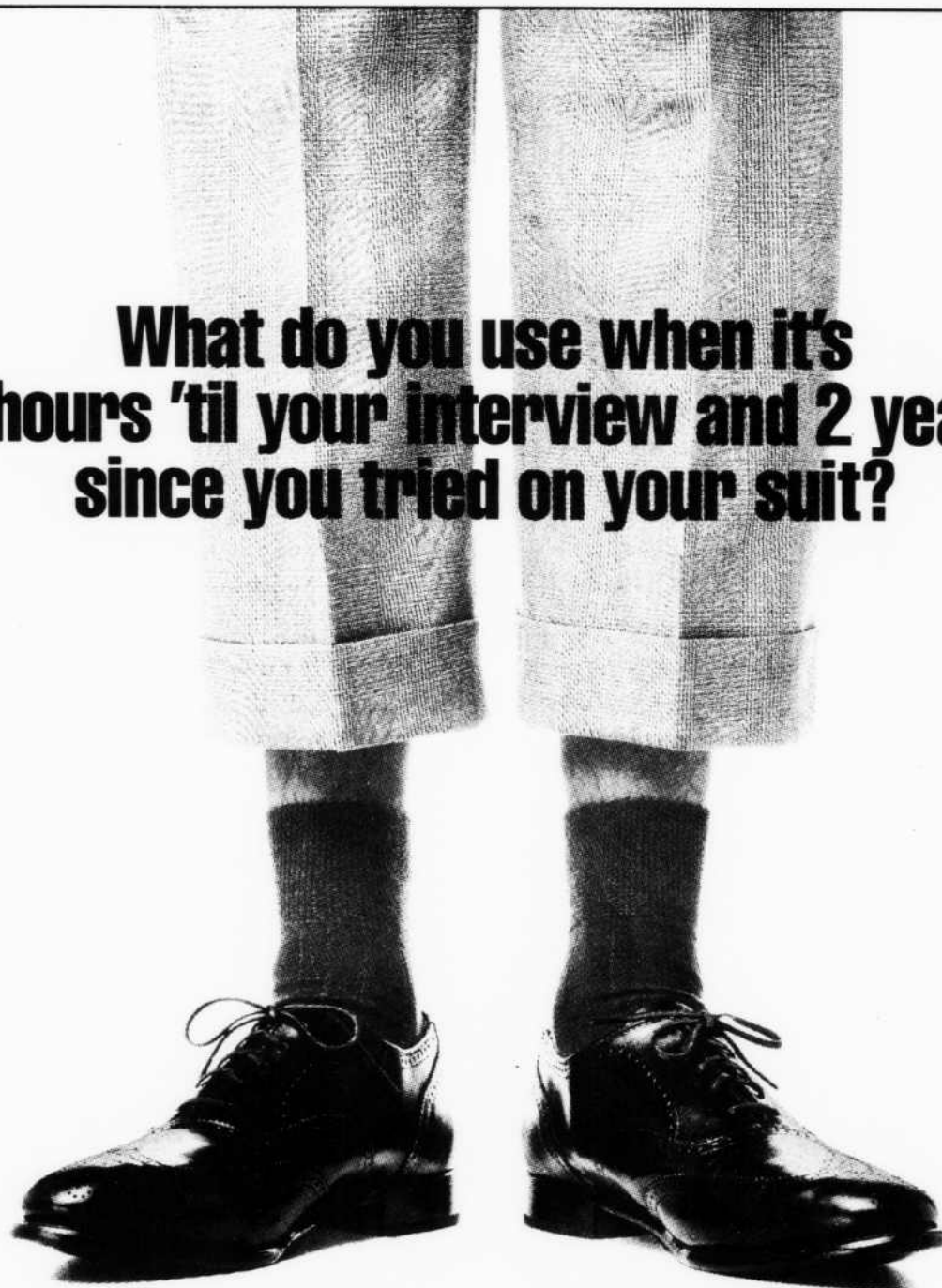
"The pastor didn't care if the establishment Republicans hated him. He thrived on hate. It was what made him the front-runner in the race up till now, according to the polls."

Bethany tracks down the teacher responsible for seducing Kimberly, gets him suspended and then sets up a scheme to snare Orrin. Bethany recruits an old friend, massage parlor manager Wanda Vollmer, who lures the minister into a bedroom equipped with hidden cameras. The scenes that follow carry enough shock value to destroy Orrin.

Bethany gives Orrin an ultimatum: Change your lifestyle or a videotape of the tryst with Wanda will be turned over to the news media.

Doolittle's plot is constructed around a sensitive issue that he examines from both sides. The book is well-crafted and good reading. ■

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Parker powers Murray to upset



Carl Lambert, staff

LOOKING FOR HELP: Lady Raider point guard Heather Prater looks for a teammate during the Lady Raiders shocking loss to Murray State.

Lady Raiders dealt major blow

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

Lewis Bivens warned that his team shouldn't overlook Murray State, but the game looked more like David versus Goliath when Murray entered the game in the OVC cellar with only one league win.

Now they have two.

David was in true gladiator form Saturday night as 5-6 Jennifer Parker slung her stones that added up to the force of 38 points and a 79-76 Lady Racer win.

"Jennifer Parker just took over the ballgame there at one point and we did nothing," Bivens said. "When she'd miss, no one went to the backboards."

"I give Murray State all the credit they deserve. They just came in here and flat whipped us."

The loss was only the fourth of the season for the Lady Raiders, however, three of those are conference losses and the setback dropped them from first to third.

"You control your own fate and now we've taken that out of our own hands," admitted Bivens, who must now hope that other OVC schools can pin losses on Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State who each have two league losses.

While everyone knew Parker was averaging 20 points per game, no one, especially Parker herself, expected such an

outburst.

"In practice all my shots were off and I've been in sort of a slump," Parker admitted. "I made the comment that I was hoping my shots would hurry up and drop and they did on my first few shots tonight. I don't really know why, I just started feeling good when I started shooting it."

Parker's 16 first-half points helped Murray open a five-point lead, which they maintained for a large portion of the half. However, MTSU stayed within striking distance and Heather Prater's 3-pointer in the closing seconds gave Middle the 42-38 halftime lead.

Within five minutes of the final half, Parker took over netting 12 quick points that helped Murray erase a six point deficit and build it to a 13 point lead on Parker's third 3-pointer with 4:49 left in the game.

"We knew coming in we didn't have anything to lose and we've been playing with sort of a monkey on our back," Parker commented. "We needed this win."

The Lady Raiders did make it very interesting though mounting a 12-4 run to nip the lead to four. With 43 seconds remaining, the Ladies had a chance to trim it to two, but Prater missed the front end of her one-and-one free throw and time evaporated.

"It was too little too late," Bivens said.

(Please see Parker, page 17)



Charles Hogue, staff

TOGETHERNESS: Members of the MTSU track team huddle up at their meet Saturday. Both the men and women posted convincing victories.

Tough pill to swallow for Short

Blue Raider tennis team drops heartbreaker to Vanderbilt

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

The doctor was in Saturday and gave MTSU's tennis team a tough pill to swallow.

Vanderbilt carved away like a fine surgeon, nipping the talented Blue Raider squad 4-3 in action at Vandy.

"It's hard to swallow for me because I think we're the better team and I think that's pretty obvious," said Raider mentor Dale Short. "They say a team can beat anyone on a particular day and they beat us on that particular day."

"You can't let up on anyone, and one mental mistake and they were on top of us."

Due to scoring changes this year, six singles matches are played with a point being allotted for each victory. However, a sweep in all three doubles matches results in one point as well and the Blue Raiders ganged up to sweep the doubles matches, yet fell short in the singles. In fact, the Raiders were so close that they had five opportunities to swing the score to 4-3 in their favor.

"All of the matches were tight

"It's hard for me to swallow because I think we're the better team, and I think that's pretty obvious."

- Dale Short
MTSU tennis coach

and Shane Scrutton [who plays No. 1 singles] had five match points where we would have won but he didn't," Short said. "Shane's a good player though and I know he feels bad and it was a bad loss. However, they will be days where he carries the team, and on this particular day it just slipped away."

That one may have flipped away, but the wins posted by MTSU's doubles team's were certainly a boost considering Short has been toying with the line-up trying to find the right chemistry. He may have found it.

"I've been trying to find the right mix for some time and I couldn't be more pleased with the way our doubles teams

performed," admitted Short.

And his double's teams performed again in the teams second match of the day sweeping Miami of Ohio again and this time the Raiders did win 4-3.

"Most teams won't play two matches in a day and that was probably a big mistake on my part," Short said. "When I originally scheduled them I didn't think they were that strong but they've had some really big wins so far this season and they were a lot better than I thought."

Along with the doubles wins, Paul Goebel, Anthony Deluise and Fredric Niemeyer posted singles wins. Goebel and Deluise also won against Vanderbilt and to date, Deluise is yet to be beaten in singles action posting a sparkling 5-0 record.

"We could have set down and felt sorry for ourselves, everything was against us because it [Vandy] was such a bitter loss," Short commented. "We were also extremely tired and emotionally drained, but we pulled together and squeaked one out."

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Racers outrun Raiders for 116-86 win

Travis Millsaps
Assistant Sports Editor

Murray State came to Murphy Athletic Center Saturday night as the OVC league leaders. The 2,500 fans in attendance then got to see why, when the Racers defeated Middle Tennessee's men's team 116-86.

"They have a great depth and they have a great plan for the kind of players they have," said Blue Raider head coach David Farrar. "They are the deepest team [in the OVC], the most talented team, and the most difficult team for people to beat."

The game started out close and with seven minutes remaining in the first period MTSU held a 30-27 lead. But Raider guard Milton Dean was whistled for his third foul with nine minutes remaining and with their leading scorer on the bench, Murray went on a 24-8 run in the final part of the period to open up a 51-38 halftime lead.

Part of the run by Murray was aided by a questionable,

intentional foul call on Brent Secrest and a quickly whistled technical on Farrar. Murray also changed their full-court press from a 1-2-1-1 to a 2-2-1 zone which created problems for MTSU.

"We beat ourselves a couple of times in one little run," said Farrar. "They didn't create much problems when they were in their 1-front zone, but then there was an intentional foul, then there was a technical, then they were three or four turnovers and they went to the 2-2-1 zone."

"The soft zone hurt us more than the hard one. I think our lack of attacking caused a lack of composure, which is what teams employing those kind of athletes in that type of plan are trying to get you to do."

Murray head coach Scott Edgar said that he felt the game was always under control.

"The game was going the way I wanted it [in the beginning]," Edgar said. "We were trading baskets which was fine, because



Coley Jackson, staff

MOVIN' MILTON: Milton Dean drives to the hoop in Saturday's game. The Raiders host Southeast Missouri tonight at 7:30.

the tempo was what I wanted.

"Just like in Murray, at the 10 or 11 minute mark the game was 21-17, then boom, we go on a run."

Turnovers proved to be a big factor in the contest. Middle committed 24 while Murray had only 12. Both teams shot the ball

extremely well as they both checked in at 53 percent. Middle was 30-of-57, while Murray was (Please see Murray, page 18)

Parker...

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"Our kids are playing hard but they're not playing very smart."

"We didn't lost the game tonight, we lost it the last few days in practice. It was a team loss and a poor coaching job by me."

Middle now stands at 16-4, 8-3 in the OVC. Murray improved to 6-15, 2-10 in the conference.

MTSU was led by senior Priscilla Robinson, who had missed the previous three practices due to illness, with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Clarissa Woodard had 14 points, Prater netted 12 and Cox added 10. Prater also tied a career-high with 10 assists.

Usual starter Sherry Tucker did not play in the contest due to breaking a team rule.

The Lady Raiders return to action tonight hosting Southeast Missouri at 5:30 p.m. MTSU defeated the Lady Othakians 70-67 earlier this season.

Lady Raiders entering danger zone

Just over a week ago, MTSU's Lady Raiders were in the drivers seat of a competitive OVC basketball race. Today, they're battling for third place.

On February 5, the team was dealt a setback at the hands of Tennessee State relinquishing their OVC lead. On Saturday, exactly a week later, last place Murray State humbled Lewis Bivens' troops at Murphy Athletic Center.

Going into the TSU game, the Lady Raiders held a one game lead over the Lady Tigers and Eastern Kentucky. With a win, and a road win already under their belt at EKV, the Lady Raiders could have done some serious damage to the competitions' hope. Now, with the loss to Murray compiled with



Tony Arnold
Sports Editor

TSU, the Lady Raiders are against the ropes.

Back in December, I did a special issue for our Garden Plaza Classic and in it we compiled a Christmas wish list of the Lady Raiders. While the basics you expect—jewelry, money, cars were all there. However, the most common wish was an OVC title ring.

The last time any Lady Raider has felt the gold on her finger was 1989 and this year was supposed to be their year again.

For the most part, it has been. But all of the sudden, the title is in jeopardy. Why?

Of course you have to start with the loss of senior forward Michelle Jackson, who went down with a season ending knee injury in December. Then you have Sherry Tucker whose game has been affected recently by the return of a stress fracture in her foot.

Could it be Middle's inability to stop quicker teams? While the defensive press has proved to be a vital tool throughout the year, its been costly in its past two defeats.

And while the Lady Raiders have four seniors (Jackson being one), they are still basically a young team with inexperience that adds up to mistakes.

Nevertheless, we're 20 games into the season and there's no reason the game is any different now than when it was in game two when we blew out UT-Chattanooga.

The injuries are acceptable and unfortunate; yet in each loss, the Lady Raiders have had a chance to win, but they didn't make the most of their opportunities. As far as the defensive press, it's a gamble that has obviously paid off. The Lady Raiders are in possession of a 16-4 record which is the fastest start in school history.

I don't think there's anyone who really cares if we get 22 wins or 17. I think they want that OVC championship ring and now their backs are against the wall

(Please see Danger, page 18)

ON THE LINE

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MTSU at Austin Peay	Women		N. Carolina at Notre Dame		
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To David Burgett who posted the best mark of the week with a 12-4 record. Everyone who entered missed the MTSU Lady Raiders game against TSU and the only other three winners Burgett didn't pick were Georgetown, Louisville and NC State. There were several people who went 11-5 and a few who went 7-9.

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Danger...

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and the Lady Raiders can ill afford another loss if they want it all to themselves. They can't rely on talent, fate or luck. It's time to come out swinging and hopefully they'll get some help as Tennessee State still has to host Tennessee Tech while we host Eastern and travel to Tech. Currently Eastern, after a win over TSU yesterday, is in first with two league defeats.

Championship teams find a way to win no matter what the

odds and I think we have that mentality as the Ladies proved by overcoming a 17-point deficit to defeat a very good Tennessee Tech team. But while everyone can wish for that OVC ring, no one is going to give it to you—you're going to have to earn it starting tonight against Southeast Missouri.

I know this isn't baseball but if you want that ring all to yourself, you've got two strikes against you and with one more you'll almost certainly be out. ■

Murray...

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40-of-76.

Middle Tennessee had four players reach the double figure mark in the game, with two reaching 20. Dean lead the Raiders with 28, while Tim Gaither added 20. Paul Washington added 14 points and Jevon Banks contributed 13.

Murray State used a balanced attack that had five players hit the double digits. Marcus Jones hit for 21 points with Marcus Brown and Cedric Gumm adding 16 and 15 respectively. William Moore and Vincent Rainey both tossed in 11.

"We stayed pretty adamant when the game was on," Farrar said. "We came into it with some pretty conscientious thoughts about what we wanted to do and when we were keeping it close, I thought we were playing about as well as we can play against a team that is this talented.

"They are very good, they're capable of winning two NCAA [tournament] games and they can pose a lot of problems for a lot of

people."

MTSU's record is now 5-16 overall with a 2-9 mark in the OVC. Murray improved its league leading mark to 18-4 with a 11-1 conference record.

Middle will now host Southeast Missouri Monday night at MAC. SEMO defeated MTSU 99-77 earlier in the year. Tip-off is set for 7:30 for the men's game.

●Farrar announced Saturday that junior forward Corey Norwood has been dismissed from the team.

In announcing Norwood's dismissal, Farrar cited a lack of both academic and athletic progress as primary factors in the move.

"Corey is a good person and we wish him well," Farrar said, "but we had a continual problem in adapting to team rules and demands."

Norwood had appeared in 13 games for the Blue Raiders averaging 2.1 points and 1.4 rebounds in just 10 minutes of playing time per game. He has been hampered by ankle problems throughout the year. ■

Tennis...

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●In Lady Raider action down south, MTSU broke even with a victory and a loss.

On Friday, the women upended West Florida 6-3 but

followed that up with a 8-1 loss to Mobile who is the defending NAIA national champion.

"I'm really ecstatic with our play," Short said. "I really didn't expect us to do that well because both West Florida and Mobile are excellent teams. Even in the one we lost, every match was close." ■

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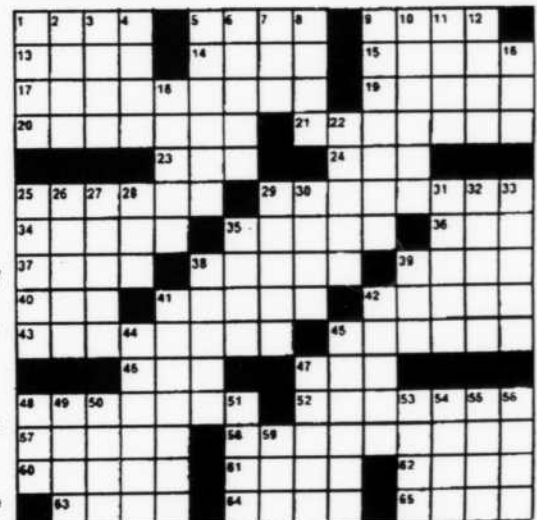


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