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# Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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# ASB Senate approves re-organization bill

#### From Staff Reports

With only one opposing vote, the Associated Student Body Senate passed a bill that would restructure the ASB legislature during a joint session of the House and Senate Tuesday af-

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The bill would "facilitate a more agressive and active ASB," Sen. Geoffrey Herring, the bill sponsor said. The bill had been defeated in the House during a previous ASB meeting. The current two-house legislative system would be changed to a unicamerial legislature under the terms of the proposed bill. The bill would also restructure the format of the Senate and raise the grade point requirement for executive branch members.

Other ASB actions: a resolution requesting "that upon completion of the auxiliary Greenland Dr. parking lot an equal number of green curb parking spaces be changed back to yellow because "the current curb markings lend themselves to potential traffic hazards that may escalate during extreme climatic [snow and ice] conditions" was passed without opposition in both the House and Senate.

• A resolution authorizing a referendum in the 1986 ASB election on increasing the amount students pay into the Student Activity Fund from \$1 to \$2 was passed without opposition in both the House and Senate.

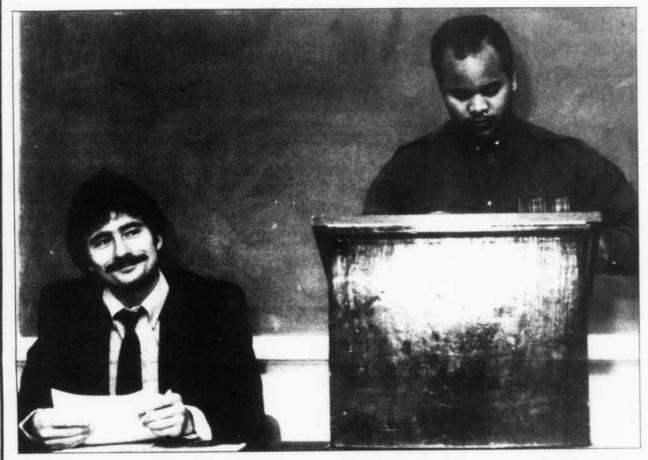
• A resolution giving students a two week notice before spraying in residence hall rooms was

ASB campaigns begin

passed unanimously in the House and Senate.

• A resolution authorizing a study of expanding campus phone services was passed without opposition in both the House and Senate.

• Laurie Love was confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice and Francine Boisvert was confirmed as a member of the Traffic Court.



From Staff Reports

Campaigning for positions in the 1986 Associated Student Body government begins at 12 p.m. today with the first Speakout in the Keathley University Center Grill.

The Speakout marks the start of a 10 day campaign period leading up to the elections on March 10 and 11. "At least one ASB Speakout [will be held] during the initial elections," the Comprehensive Electorial Act of 1983 states.

Up for election are the positions of ASB President, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House and 17 Senatorial positions. Candidates who submitted qualifying petitions with the ASB Election Commisioner include John M. Conkiln and Troy Baxter for president; Doug Roth and Bernard Etherly for Speaker of the Senate; John Perdue for Speaker of the House; Gregory Caldwell, Gena Beich, Ted Pagram, Thomas Buntin, Ralph Swindler, David Bond, Trey Gooch, Lisa C. Weaver, Ray Bauer, Tonda Mott, Dan Stephenson, Joesph P. Butts, David C. Smith, Belinda Smith, Connie Harns, and Stephanie didates will not be listed on the ballot and must have their names filled in by voters.

In addition to the Speakout, candidates may post signs and hold campaign rallies, while staying within budgetary limitations. Presidential candidates may spend up to \$150 for their campaign, Speaker candidates up to \$75 and Senatorial candidates up to \$50, the Electorial Act states.

The ASB election will be held Monday and Tuesday March 10 and 11, from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m., with poll locations in Peck hall and the Keathley University Center.

Speaker of the ASB Senate Ralph Thomas presides over Tuesday afternoon's combined ASB House and Senate meeting while Speaker of the House Mark O'Conner observes.

Stone for senator, according to the ASB office.

Students may also conduct write-in campaigns, the ASB office said. However, write-in can-

## Group to discuss Amnesty International chapter

#### By BRIAN CONLEY Sidelines Staff Writer

"Amnesty International is a world wide organization that works to free political prisoners," Ron Bombardi a Philosophy professor who is organizing a chapter on campus said. "We will only work for a prisoner that has not advocated or participated in violence."

Amnesty International is headquatered in London, England.

The headquaters assigns each chapter a prisoner but they reserve the emergency cases for colleges so there will be a large number of letters quickly, according to Melissa Berg-Skolnik, a student involved in organizing the group on campus, said.

"The organization writes letters to heads of state to try to raise the consciousness of people towards people that have had their rights violated," Bombardi said. "We have two goals. One to try to make the leaders imprisoning others feel that they are being watched and, two, make other people realize that some people are having their rights violated."

"No group works for prisoners in

their own country," Berg-Skolnik said.

Amnesty International is not yet an official group on campus. "We are now in the organizational stages," Bombardi said. "We are going to have a meeting and see how much support we have."

"We are sick of the apathy on campus," Berg-Skolnik said. "We will be a small group and work up."

Worldwide, Amnesty International has had sucess with its goals. They won a Nobel Peace prize in 1977 for their efforts. They have received the benefit of rock and

comedian stars worldwide. Sting, Leonard Bernstein, U2 and Picasso are a few of the celebrities that have helped Amnesty International with benefits in the past. In 1982, Dire Straits gave their royalties from record sales in South Africa to Am-

nesty International. "The Secret Policemans Ball" and "The Secret Policemans Other Ball", two benefits that raised over a million dollars for Amnesty International, featured such stars as Sting, Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and the Monty Python comedy troupe.

The organizational meeting for the proposed Middle Tennessee State University chapter will be at 1:30 this afternoon in room 218 of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

### Family violence expert to speak

By JANICE TOBITT Sidelines Staff Writer

Dr. Suzanne Steinmetz, a nationally known expert on family violence, will speak at MTSU Monday on "Abuse and Violence in Families."

• Steinmetz, associate professor of individual and family studies at the

University of Delaware, will be covering topics including new areas of study such as dating abuse and the abuse of the elderly.

"Dating abuse does occur...at MTSU as well as other universities," Dr. Faye Johnson, associate professior of sociology at MTSU, said. "I'm not talking about playful slaps and shoves, but...'I'm going to punch you out'," Johnson said.

Steinmetz's other topics to be discussed include spouse abuse, child sexual and physical abuse and sibling violence. The reasons why people remain in such abusive situations and possible solutions to the crisis will be discussed.

Steinmetz recieved her Ph.D. in sociology from Case Western Reserve University. She is the author of The Cycle of Violence: Assertive, Aggressive and Abusive Family Interaction, Resource Booklet for Families in Crisis and numerous other books on family violence.

She has appeared on *Today* and *The Phil Donahue Show* and her research has appeared in articles in *Time*, *Reader's Digest* and *Newsweek*.

Her presentation here will be the third in a series of four lectures on Current Crisis in Marriage and Family. The lecture will be held Monday, March 3 at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the Learning Resource Center. Admission is free and the public is invited.

### Survey tests credibility

By CRYSTAL NELMS Sidelines Assistant News Editor

Middle Tennessee State University President Sam Ingram, at the request of the Faculty Senate has established an ad hoc committee to study Public Relations at MTSU, Ralph E. Hillman, chairman public relations university ad hoc committee, said.

"The general topic of 'public relations' has been a subject of discussion in the (Faculty) Senate offand-on for a number of years," Dr. Earl Hinton, President of the Faculty Senate, said. "Dissatisfaction with, and disappointment in the projection of the image of the university exists among the faculty, the administration, and community supporters."

"Public relations occurs as a result of information released, or symbolic communication transmitted in which an image or meaning is created or transferred," Hinton said. "...Certain units of our campus are considered integral to public relations. These include: LRC publications and graphics, the sports information system, radio broadcast, television broadcast or cable, and the public relations office."

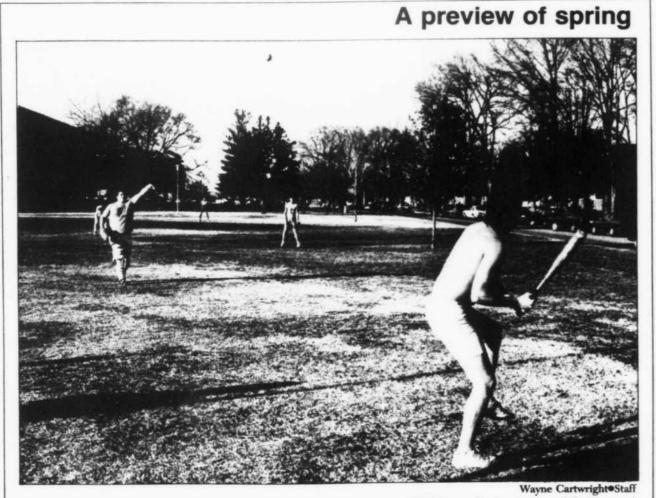
"The primary purpose of the public relations program at MTSU is to inform various internal and external publics of the university's accomplishments," Hillman said.

"As a committee we need to collect data from as many sources as possible...," Hillman said. "We need to synthesize all this data and propose an organization of and guidelines for all segments of the University's public relations.

An on-campus memo is being distributed to MTSU faculty, students, administrators, and staff. The memo asks that the university community take the time to comment on the strengths and weaknesses of MTSU's current PR efforts.

The memo also asks "What specific recommendations can you make to improve the first and remedy the second?"

Petitions need to be returned to box 373 by March 5, Hillman said.



While spring-like weather came and went in a day this week, MTSU students were quick to use it while it lasted. Here a group of students from Smith Hall enjoy a game of softball and the rare appearance of the sun.

# Campus Capsule

### FRIDAY

THE ASB SPEAKOUT will be held in the KUC grill at 12 p.m. All interested candidates will speak and students are encouraged to attend.

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.is sponsoring a party in the James Union Building on Friday from 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

THE SECOND TEACHER RECRUIT-MENT WEEK will be held at MTSU Feb. 24-28. Forty-nine school districts from 14 states will send representatives to MTSU to interview prospective teachers for 1986. Students who are interested in interviewing should visit the Placement Office immediately to establish their placement files and obtain a schedule of visiting recruiters. The Placement Office is located in room 328 of the Keathley University Center.

NO EXIT orginally scheduled for Feb. 27 to March 2 is cancelled.

### SUNDAY

THE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION of MTSU will be in concert at Bethel Baptist Church in the Walter Hill Community, Sunday, March 2 at 3 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

### MONDAY

ABUSE AND VIOLENCE IN FAMILY is the title of a lecture on current crises in marriage and family. It will be held on March 3 at 2 p.m. in the multi-media room of the Learning Resources Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

### TUESDAY

LITERARY WOMEN AND THE PAT-**RIARCHAL THEORY OF LITERATURE**is the title of the Woman's Magic lecture to be held on March 4 in room 305 of the Keathley University Center. The lecture will be given by Dr. Ayne Durham and Dr. Linda Badley, associate professors of English and Dr. Angela Hague, assistant professor of English. Admission is free and open to the public.

THE PLACEMENT OFFICEwill conduct career orientation seminars for seniors and graduate students on Tuesday, March 4 at 11 a.m. and on Wednesday, March 5 at 2 p.m. in room 324 of the Keathley University Center. 1986 graduates should attend these seminars.

### WEDNESDAY

A UNIVERSAL FEMALE EXPERIENCE: Childbirth Practices in Antebellum America is the title of the Wednesday, March 5 Honors lecture to be delivered by Dr. Sally McMillen, Assistant Professor of History, MTSU. The lecture is in room 107 of Peck Hall at 3:20 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

FOUR HUNDRED BOOKS will be sold Wednesday, March 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawn in front of Keathley University Center by the Society of Professional Journalist. Most are new and they include both fiction and non-fiction.

### NOTICES

MSTU GARDEN PLOTS- there will be a meeting Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m. in the lobby of Jones hall for those interested in purchasing an MTSU garden plot for the 1986 year. The cost per plot will be \$5.

CAMPUS REC CO-ED SOFTBALLsign ups will be held on March 10 at 7 p.m. in the AMG, room 204. All teams must include five men and five women. Co-ed teams members may also compete in the regular intramural softball league sponcered by Campus Rec. There is a \$10 forfeit deposit for each team. Call Campus Rec at 898-2104 for more information.

MTSU UNIVERSITY HOUSING is looking for qualified Resident Assistants for Fall 1986. The deadline for applications is March 14, 1986. For additional information please stop by room 301 of the Keathley University Center.

LIFE IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY, a Tennessee Homecoming '86 art and photography competition, invites amateurs and professionals to participate. All photos or paintings must depict life in Rutherford County. A first prize of \$200 will be awarded in each category. An entry fee of \$8.50 is required and includes matting/ mounting by Emery's Fine Arts Gallery. All entries must be submitted to Emery's, 1601 Memorial Blvd., no later than April 2, 1986.

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: all submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to Sidelines by 1 p.m. Monday for Tuesday's paper and 1 p.m. Thursday for Friday's paper. All submissions are printed on a space available basis.



### presented by The MTSU Fine Arts Committee

March 2, Sunday Selections from Sinking Creek Film Festival, Program I 8:00 p.m., KUC Theatre

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March 3, Monday Selections from Sinking Creek Film Festival, Program II 8:00 p.m., KUC Theatre

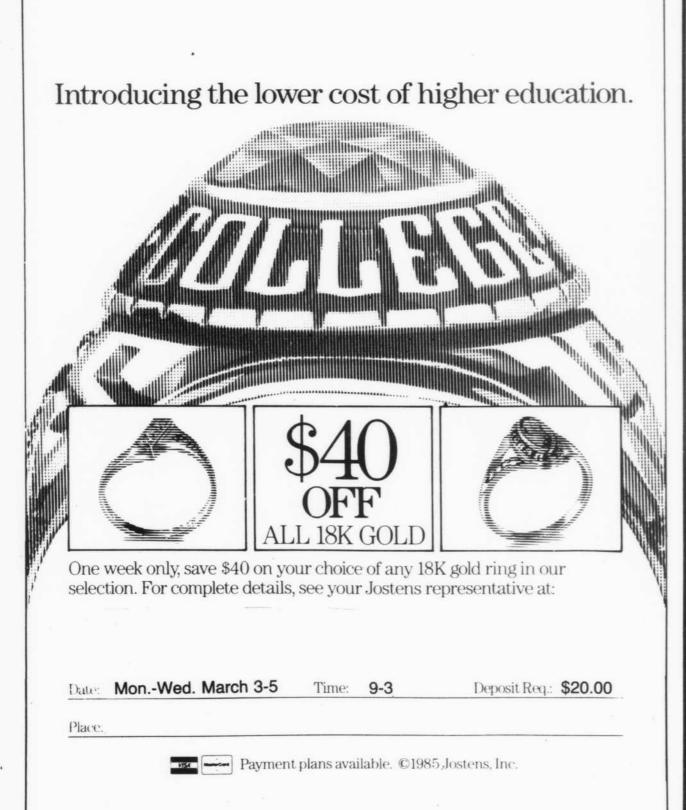
March 3, Monday, Through March 28 Currents '86, 9th Biennial Crafts Exhibition Barn Gallery, regular hours

For additional information, please call 898-2551

March 4, Tuesday Second City Comedy Troupe 8.00 p.m. BDA Auditorium

March 5, Wednesday Eleanor Carlson, Concert Planist 8:00 p.m. BDA Auditorium

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Plenty of good tickets left!!!

Day of show box office Saturday, March 1, opens at 12 noon at concert ticket box office at Murphy Center, Tickets will remain on sale through showtime. No student discounts day of show.

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Tickets are on sale in KUC Room 308 (Office of Student Programming), Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. MTSU students receive a one dollar discount on each of the first two tickets they purchase with a valid ID. For additional information please call the Concert Ticket Office at 898-2551.

# Editorial/Forum

### ASB students' responsibility

Once again the students of Middle Tennessee State University have the chance to select a responsive and competent student government.

But does anyone really care? Only two candidates are running for ASB President, two for Speaker of the Senate, and only one person is running for Speaker of the House.

Current Speaker of the House, Mark O'Conner, and current Speaker of the Senate, Ralph Thomas, were unopposed during last year's election. Of the 17 senate positions open for election, only 16 people have submitted petitions to be included on the ballot.

Figures like these are ridiculous in a university with an enrollment of 10.000 students.

This question must be asked: do the students of MTSU actually want representation by a student government? The purpose of a student government is to make the opinions and desires of the students known to the university administration.

Students complain when the library closes too early on holidays, when they disagree with fund raising campaigns, or when something about university regulations irritates them. They should take these complaints to the ASB.

Being the student's way of communicating with the administration,

Student Government has a great deal of power and responsibilitity. This power is granted to Student Government by the students and with it is attached responsibility for both the ASB and the students who elect them.

### Editorial

This voice in university affairs is a privilege earned by the student's concern. It is debatable whether or not MTSU's students have earned this privilege.

Students must be willing to run for offices they are qualified for and willing to take the time to inform themselves about each candidate and his views and concerns.

The first opportunity for students to do this has past. Only a few students have bothered to run for the various ASB offices up for election this semester. Presently students can only listen to what these candidates have to offer.

This chance will occur this afternoon at the Grill. Each candidate will address listeners with his concerns at 12 p.m., a time when occupation of the Grill will be at maximum.

An increased input into the concern of student government cannot handicapp the process but only increase the output of it. An output that can only make it easier for students and their concerns.

> may seem an overwhelming minority to you, but actually there are more virgins in the world than you think. However, they are reluctant

of morality.]

Who died and made you God? On the assumption that you didn't have a bout with the ugly stick and lost, how do you know how that minority of virgins feel or think. If you're honest you can't. You have no idea of the background, beliefs or even looks of our select group. Sure some virgins are ugly but not all of them. Sure some don't [have sex] because they're not asked.

that is not gay," absolutely disagree with the statement that 30 percent of the male population at MTSU is gay. Where do these statistics come

### Tyrone

To the Editor:

Recently, it has come to our at-

many. We Suzanne are happy to bring these important aspects of Feb. to your attention, and we feel that in the future Sidelines should bring more of these pertinent facts to the public's attention.

experiencing National Potato to set an age at which all "normal" Month? Our guess would be : not people must have had sex?! (Remember this is college and its sup-- Tyrone, Diane, and posed to make you more tolerant,

Letters to the Editor



tention, and therefore, has caused us to become terribly distraught that important aspects of the month of Feb. have been overlooked.

During this month, Sidelines has created much Brouhaha (i.e. Bal-'lyhoo) over Black History Month. Well, this is all fine and dandy, but lest we forget some equally important aspects of the wonderful month of Feb.

For instance, did this publication allot space to emphasize the historical fact that the first Presidential bathtub was placed in the White House in the month of Feb.? A resounding NO echoes from the masses. What of Mr. Groundhog? Was he left in the shadows? We don't know. Once again, the masses cry out for pertinent information that has not been brought to the public's attention. What of the brave professionals who have sacrificed so much that we may enjoy National Dental Health Month? No, the masses should not forget these men. If it was up to Sidelines (a fine publication) we would be left in the dark with Mr. Groundhog. And who would have guessed that we were

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Tyrone Langeland P.O. Box 5099 **Diane Fussel** P.O. Box 8023 Suzanne Williams P.O. Box 9065 Morality 1

To the Editor:

Jamie Stinson sounds as if he just lost his virginity in the back seat of his car with a high school teenybopper. Strutting and leering on Friday, Feb. 21, he unsuccessfully tried to persuade the MTSU community that the macho man of past decades is again the man of the hour and is making it with every girl who hasn't been hit by the "ugly stick". Well SHUT UP MR. STIN-SON because you're in the 80's now. Here a man isn't a man because he has lost his virginity before age 21. And as woman isn't valued mainly for her face and chest. Who are you not sexist ). By the way, I wonder if Jamie Stinson ever thought about the fact that someone who isn't attractive to him may be very attractive to someone else or that he himself might have been hit really hard by the "ugly stick"?

Wake up Stinson, Beaver Cleever is an 80's man and he isn't working in an adult bookstore. He works for Planned Parenthood and goes to childbirth classes with his lawyer wife. It was Wally's friend Eddie that worked in the porno store and died of a deadly venereal disease.

**Ginger Buttrill** P.O. Box 4002

### Morality 2

To the Editor: [In response to morality, published in the Feb. 21, issue of Sidelines.]

I am a 19 year old virgin and PROUD of it. You may find this hard to believe, but we virgins do live normal lives. You can't pick us out of a crowd; it's not like we wear a big "V" on our foreheads to announce our sexual status. Virgins

to admit in the face of harsh criticism and ridicule from sexually active people. Virginity is not a disease like AIDS or something! Virgins should not have to defend themselves! Virginity is not necesarily a moral conviction but a freedom of choice. (Which to refresh your history, is what our country was founded on!)

You chose to be sexually active; others chose to abstain form sex. That is the right of every U.S. citizen the freedom to chose. We are all entitled to our opinion. Just remember that the next time you get the urge to judge virgins!!

Speaking of honesty, honesty is truth, not lies. I'm not saying that sex isn't pleasurable, but it's not the only pleasure in life! Use your imagination!! By the way, are you implying that only beautiful have sex? Wake up!! Be honest with yourself...your anomosity toward virginity may stem from a need to make yourself feel better about the regretted loss of yours!!

**Rhonda Barnes** 

#### P.O. Box 2168 Morality 3

To the Editor: [In response to Jamie Stinson's letter to the Editor on the subject What about those that are asked and say no, not because they don't want to, (let me tell you we can be just as horny as anyone else!) but because they were raised in a Christion home where they were taught from the cradle that a truely good person does wait until marriage.

You just might be suprised how many of us are still around. Morality is not dead, honestly!

In response to the Feb. 25 letter

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Donna Fagen P.O. Box 9833

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Morality 4 To the Editor:

from? Many of us would love to know. We think you probably put in one too many zeros. Please correct this error! Show some info to prove yourself right. Thank you.

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We reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and space.

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Sidelines, Box 42, or come by Room 310 of the James Union Building.

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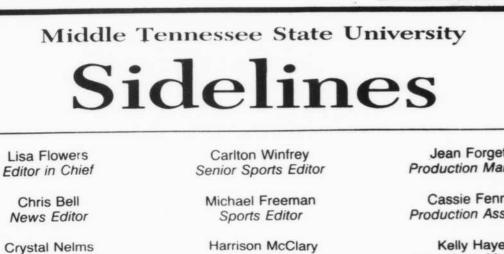


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# Features/Entertainment

# Hickerson devises programs for affairs office

#### By MICHELE DUKES Sidelines Feature Writer

The office of Student and Minority Affairs is active daily in the lives of students at MTSU. Whether a student needs career advice, tutorial assistance, or financial aid, the office is there not only to assist black students, but for all students as well.

"The Minority Affairs office has existed since 1977 when the need to establish a centralized office to assist black students was recognized," Phyllis Hickerson, director of student and minority affairs, said.

In an effort to enhance relations between black organizations and other organizations on campus, several "bridging" groups have been incorporated into the student and minority affairs network, Hickerson explained.

One such organization devised by the Student and Minority Affairs Office is a new Intersorority Council — an equal to the Interfraternity Council which "would be the umbrella for all sororities," Hickerson said.

In addition, at the beginning of each semester, a supplemental minority student orientation is held with several facilitators in atten-

dance to advise students on the study labs which are available to them.

A study skills test/anxiety workshop is also conducted by Student and Minority Affairs, in conjunction with the Guidance and Counseling Office.

Throughout each semester, these workshops help students to sharpen skills such as "how to read a (text) chapter and how to take notes," Hickerson said. "Also a slide presentation is given to teach students ways to study for tests," explained Hickerson. "We know that students have problems going in to take a test many times because they're over-anxious, so we deal with test anxiety," Hickerson explained.

The study skills/test anxiety workshop lasts approximately two hours and Hickerson calls them, "mini-workshops," but she explained, "a lot of information is given out."

Hickerson also explained that several activities would be planned and new students would be encouraged to join in.

One activity for freshman is Hickerson's "Mentor/Protege Program" which would consist of students already on campus volunterring to take-on incoming freshman as proteges and helping them adjust to college life.

"Many students find it hard to adjust, some may feel isolated, and I'm hoping that if there is someone like a best friend or a big brother to turn to that those students will be encouraged to get involved," Hickerson said.

Hickerson is currently researching the mentor/protege project and has found that it "works quite well on several other campuses." Hickerson plans to submit this proposal in the next few months in hopes of getting it underway for the fall semester

Recently, the Black Student Association was changed to the United Students Association to defray the idea that only black students can participate.

"The BSA students realized that with the name 'black' it might be thought to exclude other races, and so it is now called the United Students Association to get students of all nationalities, races, and sexes to participate," Hickerson said.

However, as Hickerson explained, programs like these re-



Phyllis Hickerson, director of student and minority affairs, works on the many tasks her job requires.

quire funds and currently the Student and Minority Affairs office is "just getting by."

## Quilt exhibit curator captivates crowd

By KATHY BRADY Special to Sidelines

Wearing a brilliant strip-patchwork outfit indicative of African textile traditions, Dr. Maude Wahlman, curator of the Afro-American quilt exhibit recently on display at the Art Barn Gallery, captivated the audience Tuesday in the University Center with her slide show and lecture.

Dr. Wahlman did not intend to become an expert on Afro-American quilting.

"This all started as a semester's project," Wahlman said. "Then I fell in love with the art form, and textile tradition migrated to Haiti,

found myself writing a dissertation on the subject," she explained.

Wahlman's work has been instrumental in cultivating appreciation for Afro-American quilting. Recently she acted as representative for several southern quilters who were commissioned to create reproductions of 1920's quilts for Steven Spielberg's movie "The Color Purple.

As image after image flashed across the screen Wahlman led the viewers through 4,000 years of art history as elements of the African Cuba, Brazil and the United States.

Afro-American quilts are different because, "they reveal forms never seen in Anglo quilts," Wahlman explained. This also includes a form that is directly related to African magic.

Stuffed and padded forms of quilts refer to magical accessories such as the Haitian "pacquettes," charm bundles stuffed with medicinal herbs, grave dirt, or other powerful materials.

For example, Pearlie Posev's "Dolly Dingle", and Sarah Mary Taylor's "Men," both quilts in the

MTSU exhibit, "probably refer to voodoo," Wahlman said.

Most Afro-American quilters are over 90 years old," Wahlman informed the audience. Wahlman's main concern is that existing quilts be preserved, but she is also worried because few young people are taking up this time-consuming and tedious craft.

"Does your grandmother quilt? Maybe you'll be one to carry on the tradition for her," Walman said. "We mustn't let Afro-American quilting become another lost art," Wahlman said.



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# Connells' new release a breath of fresh air

#### By JOE MONTGOMERY Sidelines Album Critic

Ah, youth! The spirit that keeps things fresh, alive, new, and which is also the spirit behind the Connells; a stunning quintet from Raleigh, N.C. which plays a form of jubilant pop that is in perfect contrast to the tired, constipated sounds of Journey, Starship, REO Speedwagon, et al. So while those dinosaurs refuse to die (they must have a nuclear half-life), the Connells provide a much more representational outlet for the emotional ambiguities that are associated with being young, but without being snide, snotty, or critical. I like to think of this band's music as being a spiritual milkshake. Plus, they rock like crazy.

While partially produced by Don

Dixon (R.E.M./Guadalcanal Diary guru), the bands debut album, Darker Days shows that the Connells are definately not one of the many bands of the R.E.M. bandwagon. True, they are from the south, and they do have a folk-ish, jangley sound, but this (and I never thought I'd say this) is a band that is as strong as, if not stronger, than my perrenial favorites R.E.M. The Connells are completely without pretense; no shamelessly wiggy lyrics; no backward guitar tracks; no inncoherent mumbling; just the best album I have heard this year, or in recent memory.

But enough of my raving-let's get to the music. This wonderful album starts off with "Darker Days," a track which practically jumps off of the turntable with its bouncing beat, buoyant guitars, and

unusual backing vocals, forming to create one joyful noise. The title bellies the song's comforting, optimistic lyrics:"Words are words and I would try to find/Better ways to let you leave those days behind/ Oh I have seen darker days.'

with its staggered rhythm, ringing guitars, and beat-group sound. While "Brighter Worlds" is a fastpaced tune with a soaring guitar sound and catchy lyrics (I'll bet that after listening to it you'll walk around the house singing: "Tell

"...the best album I have heard this year ... "

The following cut "Much Easier," is even better with its pretty, "10,000 Maniacish" keyboard sound and gentle pace, highlighted by Doug MacMillan's rich vocals and the easy, laid back feeling of the lyrics: "It's much easier today/It's much easier just hanging around."

"1934", a song by keyboardist/ guitarist George Huntley, might be more appropriately titled "1964", them won't you tell them/I know don't you know").

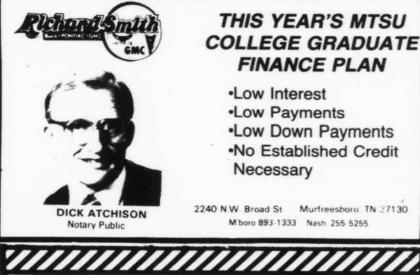
The Connells then show a different side to their sound with "In My Head," a dark, moody cut featuring the distinctive guitar work of Mike Connell (who, coincidentally, wrote all but one song on the album). The lyrics also convey a shadowy dream-like aura: "There you are/And all I can see is your eyes."

The bitter, discontented lyrics of "Hats Off" match perfectly with the angry guitar attack and pounding drums, intensifying its poisonous message: "You can't have it back/ No you can't have the world as it once was with cowboys and Santa Claus."

"Holding Pattern" is probably the weakest cut (a difficult achievement) due to its rather plain sound and vocal delivery, while "Seven" is the strongest with its sweeping rhythm, minor-key instrumentation, and mournful, string-like keyboards, blending with strange, comforting lyrics: "And I thought I heard you speaking as I fell into a dream/But I knew that it was alright/I knew that it was alright."

The following "Unspoken Words" is a quick, happy (dare I say jangling?) song that ends the album on a positive note.

I can't emphasize enough the fact that everyone should own this album. It's a breath of fresh air in a stagnant markertplace. In fact, if you don't like it, I'll eat this review (well, maybe not) but this album should be in your collection. Granted, it may be difficult to find (it's an import), but it's worth seeking out-and even though it's titled Darker Days, your stereo will think that it's summertime.





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## 'Quicksilver' deals with many risks

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#### By JAN HEISE Sidelines Entertainment Critic

At the beginning of this semester, Murfreesboro became a city of confusing streets, signs, and traffic lights as I searched for my automatic banker.

Then, after what seemed an eternity of being broke, I saw that priceless word: Quicksilver...my synonym for money. Quicksilver is starring Kevin Bacon, which has ambition Jack is working with. definitely brought in the bucks.

"Quicksilver" is a flim about the risks one takes when dealing with the stock market. Jack Casey (Kevin Bacon) turns the buying and selling of stock into an art as he builds an empire of \$30 million dollars. However, the faster he gains his money, the he faster he loses it, causing the lifestyle of his parents and himself to change completely.

Jack sees the pain he has caused his family and totally withdraws the usual chase scenes and lovers from his high class world. His father quarrels that exist in many films, breath, and then get right back in mosphere. The underlying plot there," but Jack is too afraid to take centers around the idea that life can that advice. The young man walks change quickly and to stand up to out of the house and drops his brief- the problems that arise rather than case which spills papers that were backing down and creating more.

once important to him. As he watches them all blow away with the wind, he sees the resemblance between this situation and his own life

Jack's last few dollars are spent on a bike which is a necessity for his new job at a company called Ouicksilver where he is hired as a messenger. In his new life, he is surrounded by individuals who are less fortunate than himself. One of his new friends, who is also a messenger, believes there is no future also developing the same meaning in this job and tells Jack his dream for Tom Donnelly, the man who is to open a hot dog stand on a wrote and directed the new movie nearby street. This exemplifies the

> Through the course of the movie, several people try to convince jack to become involved with the stockmarket once again. He refuses to do so until his friend, Hector Rodriguez, desperately needs money to get his life organized. Jack invests a small amount of cash into an unfavorable type of stock and comes out a winner which changes his entire outlook on life.

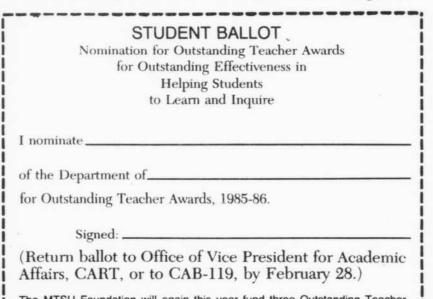
The movie was okay. It contains "Take a minute, catch your resulting in a highly predictable at-

My major complaint stems from the visual effects. Many scenes showed Jack on his bike racing around at a fast pace, weaving in and out of traffic, making me dizzy and unable to concentrate fully. In

other words, I felt sick. I don't know what it was, but I wish it could have been expressed in another way. "Quicksilver" is rated PG and is

now showing at the Cinema Twin in Murfreesboro.





The MTSU Foundation will again this year fund three Outstanding Teacher Awards of \$1,000 each.

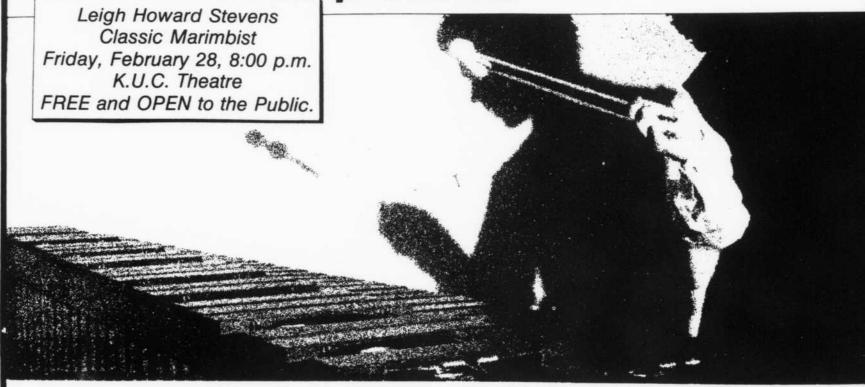
Graduating seniors and alumni, students, and faculty will be asked to nominate faculty members for the awards. Finalists are those who have been nominated by all three groups and who have been teaching for three years or longer at MTSU. A committee, representing the faculty, Associated Student Body, MTSU Foundation, and Alumni Association, will review the finalists from those nominated.

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# **Sports**

# Raiders reflect on season, look toward tournament

By BLAKE FONTENAY Sidelines Sports Writer

After closing the season with a home court win over Tennessee State Wednesday night at Murphy Center, one of the Middle Tennessee State men's assistant basketball coaches took a little time out from their preparations for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament to reflect back on some of the high and low points of the past season.

The Blue Raiders finished their regular season Wednesday dropping Tennessee State, 85-73 before a crowd of 4,500 at Murphy Center.

The Blue Raiders, led the night by Lee Campbell with 22 points, served the Tigers with a give and take game, leading by as much as 20 on several occasions, but faltering and allowing TSU to pull within 10 before icing the game with a late surge.

game for two Raiders, Kim Cook- said, in reference to the altercation sey, and James Johnson, both of that occurred during the Tech whom received All-conference rec- game that resulted in the suspen-

ognition during their two-year stints at MTSU.

the regular season with a record of 21-9 overall and shares the OVC regular season championship with Akron with a 10-4 record. They also possess an unbeaten record in front of the home crowd at Murphy Center.

Graduate assistant coach David Clement summerized the Raiders' season from the 14-game winning streak to the up-and-coming OVC tournament

The team started off on the right foot by winning a couple of big games on the road before the OVC schedule began. But the opening win on the road against Tennessee Tech was very important in establising a pace for the conference race, according to Clement.

It was the final regular season as mucha as possible," Clement

### MTSU Hikers head to **Big South Fort Park**

trail.

By CASSIE FENNELL Sidelines Sports Writer

Campus Recreation is sponsoring an early backpacking trip to the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area near Oneida, Tenn. March 8 and 9.

A pre-trip meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Gym room 204.

The Big South Fork area is rich in history and beauty. Huge rock formations chiseled by centuries of wind and storms jutt from high cliffs. Deer and other wildlife roam freely through the remote hills and valleys.

Charles Gregory, assistant direc- come by the office in the Alumni tor of Campus Recreation, said the trail taken at Big South Fork will and reserve a tent and backpack if be voted on by the hikers at the you need one. They are issued on

The Blue Raider team finished

"We tried to down-play the fight

"The trail chosen for the back-

packing trip will depend on the ex-

perience level of the students who

sign up," said Gregory. "If we have

an experienced group on the trip,

we'll take a trail for more advanced

hikers. If most who sign up are be-

ginning hikers, we'll take an easier

The cost for MTSU students, fac-

If you would like to sign up for

the spring backpacking trip, call

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sion of two MTSU players.

The Blue Raiders' fast start included 14 consecutive victories (a school record) and an 8-0 record in conference play.

Then, a four game road trip almost proved to be disasterous as the team dropped all four games and fell from the top spot in the OVC.

"There was never any self-doubt on the part of the team," Clement said. "We just wanted to get back in front of the home crowd."

Clement pointed to lengthy travel time and large opposition crowd support as being two of the major factors working against the team during this slump. The team did recover to win its last three games at home and captured a share of the OVC title

Through the OVC's tie-breaker system, Akron received the right to host the conference tournament instead of MTSU

"That was a little bit of a letdown," Clement said of the possibility of playing the semifinal and final rounds of the tournament on the road. "Akron was on track all year. They have an advantage over other OVC teams at home because the driving distance to Akron is so far. They don't make mistakes or beat themselves."

### MTSU baseballers drop season opener

By TONY STINNETT Sidelines Sports Writer

The Middle Tennessee State Blue Raider baseball team lost its season opener to Vanderbilt at McGugin Field Wednesday by 10-

Despite the loss, head baseball coach John Stanford, was pleased with the overall effort his team put forth.

"It was a typical first game," Stanford said. "Our athletes put forth a very good effort, I'm sure that the mistakes we made were aggressive ones.

The Blue Raiders rattled Vandy starter Jim Heins for five runs in the top of the fourth inning to take a 5-3 lead. Archie Smith relieved Heins in the fourth with two outs and recorded the final out of the inning.

Smith's outstanding pitching contributed to the shutdown the Raiders experience in the remainder of the game. During 5 1/3 innings, Smith allowed only two hits as he struck out four Raiders and allowed no runs and picked up his

MTSU used four different pitchers to try to put a halt to the Vandy attack

The Commodores, 2-1 overall, pounded out 17 hits as they collected 10 runs. Steve Peck was credited with the loss.

In the fifth inning, Peck gave up three runs on two home runs as Vandy took the lead for good.

Mike Maziarka led the Commordores in hitting with three hits. Six other Vandy players added two hits each

Ed Pye, Al Colburn and Chris Whitehead had two hits each for MTSU.

"In summing up the game, I think that our hitting was decent," Stanford said. "We had errors that cost us some runs."

"Our pitching was spotty at times. We had to use four pitchers,' he said.

MTSU will hit Smith Field Friday here at Murfreesboro at 1:30 p.m. The Raiders will be taking on the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky.

Greg Johnson will start the game

However, Clement was confident that the team could win the tournament and advance to the NCAA regionals.

"We've won 21 games this year. We've beaten every team in the conference at least once," Clement said. "It would have been almost impossible to win all 14 OVC games. The conference has too much balance.

"We have five players averaging in double figures. No one can say we'll stop one guy and we'll beat MTSU. They'll have to stop four or five players," he said.

Going back to Akron to face it's OVC foes, four who've defeated MTSU this season, Clement said that there would not be any major

changes in the team's preparation for tournament play.

In summarizing the season, Clement cited the contribution of all the players on the team as being important to the success of the team--as well as the contribution of "the sixth man."

"I'd like to thank the fans, especially the student body, for their support," Clement said. "By beating Akron by 20 points, Eastern Kentucky (MTSU's first round opponent) has shown that they can play good basketball. We'll need a big crowd Friday night to help us win.

Tip off for the game is 7:30 p.m. at Murphy Center.



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## Kay Willbanks: towers with talent

### Raider profile By MICHAEL FREEMAN Sidelines Sports Editor

On the exterior, Kay Willbanks could put the fear of God into anybody, at anytime, by intimidation.

Actually, though, anybody that fears Kay, probably doesn't know her

Despite the fact that she stands head and shoulders over most of her peers (literally, she stands 6-4), Willbanks sparkles and shares her smile with everybody she comes into contact with.

Willbanks, a junior center for the Lady Raiders basketball team, hails from a small town, just south of Chattanooga.

"Ringgold [Ga.] is God's country," Kay said. "I love it there."

Ringgold, a small town with big ideas also gave MTSU another Lady Raider stand-out, Holly Hoover, whom Willbanks joined earlier in the week in the Lady Raider 1000 point club.

"I feel lucky to be up there [with Hoover]," Willbanks said. "It is exciting to think that in future years people will read my name, and think that I am as great as the others in the club.

Kay feels that MTSU is just the right size for her, offering enough opportunities to allow her to grow, but still small enough to be friendly.

"I don't think I could have been happy anywhere else," Kay said. "MTSU is just my size."

Another plus that MTSU as far as Kay is concerned is the closeness of the basketball team.

Kay said. "I went to other schools, also. I was put off by the way that some of the other teams seperated into their seperate groups after practice. Here, we are like a family.

But, what does the future hold for Kay Willbanks? After graduation, this girl wants to return to her hometown and teach school.

"I used to want to make money," she said. "I was going to be a lawyer. I don't know why, but money isn't as important as it was."

"I always had good teachers, and my mom was a substitute for awhile," Kay said. "That was a big influence on me."

Due to her size, Kay's mom also played a big part in clothing Kay.

"When I was young, I wanted to go out, just once, and buy clothes off the rack," she said. "Momma had to make most of my clothes. That's changed now for the most part. People have become more conscious as to the needs of taller people."

And personally how does Kay feel about being tall?

"I love it. It is great," Kay said. "People see me and they say, 'Look at that person, how tall she is'. I love it

"Kids are usually the ones who are so amazed," Kay continued. "I was a teacher's aid last year, and the kids (first grade) would come in from other classes, and say, 'look at that lady'.

Following the end of this season, Kay must go into the hospital for reconstructive surgery on her ankle.

"The ligaments in my right ankle have been totally torn away from the bone," Kay explained. "They told me if I don't have the surgery, in future years the ankle could just When I was being recruited," roll over while I'm walking around."

first win of the season. for the Raiders.



#### MTSU's Kay Willbanks

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Although she does plan to have the operation, Kay doesn't plan on having to miss any of the soft-ball season, this summer.

"I can't miss my softball season," she said. "The doctor said if I have the surgery during spring break, I shouldn't miss much of the season."

That plan could be complicated some if the Lady Raiders have anything to say about it. Head coach Larry Inman hopes to have his squad in the NCAA tournament during the break.

"I won't mind giving up my spring break to play in the NCAA,' Kay said. "I doubt if anyone that plays basketball would mind."