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MTSU director called to serve

BRIAN WILLIAMS
Special to Sidelines

Minority Affairs Director Ralph Metcalf was called to serve in Operation Desert Storm at Fort Knox, Kentucky and left his position here at MTSU Feb. 8.

According to Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs, Metcalf's orders were faxed by the Army (origin unknown) to the university on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

"He got a phone call about three to four weeks ago alerting him he was going to be called," LaLance said.

Sgt. Maj. Robert Beverley, one of the instructors of the R.O.T.C. department and a close friend of Metcalf, explained what Metcalf would be doing at Fort Knox.

"Metcalf was part of the IRR, the Individual Ready Reserves, as a captain," Beverley said. "He would be teaching engineering in the Armor School."

Fort Knox is the leading armor station for the Army.

Metcalf's departure to serve as part of Desert Storm has left the minority affairs department without a director. This is the third time within the last three years that the position has been vacated.

"We have made plans to accommodate the responsibilities he had," LaLance said. "I assigned different functions to cover that area and work indirectly with me until we can find someone to work in that office."

LaLance also said that he will meet with the presidents and representatives of the black organizations to discuss the director's absence.

"I would like to get their feelings about it, their opinions, and find their qualifications for a replacement," LaLance said.

LaLance also said that he would meet with faculty, advisors to the groups and the chairman of the multi-cultural program to get a broad base of input before he makes a decision.

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Sharon Eaves/Photographer

CALLED TO SERVICE: Minority Affairs Director John Metcalf packs his things as he prepares to leave for Fort Knox. Metcalf was activated to serve as part of Operation Desert Storm on February 8.

Teacher Recruitment week hopes to help teaching seniors find jobs

CHRIS LITTLE
Special to Sidelines

Teacher Recruitment Week will be held Feb. 25 through March 1 for all graduating education students, said Martha Turner, director of the Placement Office.

This event will take place on the third floor of the KUC. Times for the interviews start at 8 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Any student wishing to interview with these schools must sign up in the Placement Department as soon as possible. A complete resume will be required for each interview.

Teacher Recruitment week takes place once a year for all prospective graduates who will start teaching in the fall. School systems are invited here to talk with the students and gather resumes.

"This gives the student a chance to interview

with as many school systems as they might be interested in that otherwise they may not have been able to get to," Turner said.

There will be 60 school systems here during the scheduled time period, Turner said. About 100 students are expected to attend the interviews. The number of students actually hired is between 25 to 35 percent, she said.

"More students could be placed if they are willing to move," said Turner.

Student placement could reach as high as 50 percent of the students being placed if they would relocate.

Any student who would like more information should come by the Placement Department, Room 328 in the KUC. Sign-up sheets are available now.

MTSU students help market Murfreesboro

LEANNE TULLY
Special to Sidelines

Two MTSU graduate assistants have been selected to work with Main Street: Murfreesboro/Rutherford County, on a market analysis for the Central Business District of downtown Murfreesboro.

Leslie Sharp and Michael Floyd, both part-time employees of MTSU's Center for Historic Preservation, will work along with the economic development firms hired by Main Street to assess downtown's economic potential and examine the local factors influencing downtown's ability to capture new opportunities.

Sharp and Floyd will develop

a building inventory that identifies such information as square footage, owner's name, lot size, map/parcel, assessed value, etc. This project will be done for 25 blocks in the Main Street District, which encompasses approximately 400 buildings from the Property Assessor's office. In addition, they will complete a visual survey to identify date of construction and building condition, and will also take photographs.

All of the information gathered will be computerized for immediate use by the economic development firms as well as for long-term use by the Main Street

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Campus Capsule

The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity and the Sigma Club Honor challenges all clubs and organizations to the 19901 Quiz Bowl! Your team (up to 4 people) will go head-to-head at 6pm, March 7th, 1991, KUC 324. It costs \$10 per team. Call Jeff McSweeney (893-3728), Dr. Hollman (898-2673), or stop by the Insurance office at KOM-226A. The Sigma Club's next meeting is Feb. 19 in KUC 312 at 11 AM.

Delta Sigma Theta will offer a chance for all faculty and students to be checked for Sickle Cell Anemia. The testing will be conducted by

Mehary Medical Center, Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 11AM to 2PM in the KUC basement.

The deadline for turning in All-Sing applications has been extended to Tuesday, Feb. 26. If you have any questions, call 898-3156.

Attention aspiring songwriters! RIM Writers will hold an organizational meeting Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 149 of the new Mass Communications building. Officers will be elected. For more information, call 898-5695.

The Placement Office is

sponsoring Teacher Recruitment Week Feb. 25-March 1 for students interested in teaching in 1991. Sixty school districts from 14 states and the District of Columbia will participate. Interested students should contact the Placement Office in KUC 328 to obtain the schedule and to make interview appointments.

MTSU President James Walker will be the featured speaker at the university's Davidson County Open House, Feb. 26, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Briley Parkway in Nashville. Various academic and university departments, such as housing and financial aid, have information tables so students and parents can speak with teachers and administrators about MTSU. The open house is free and open to the public.

Hike the Appalachian Trail during Spring Break! Campus Recreation will hold a meeting to discuss details of the trip on March 4 at 5:30 p.m. in AMG 219. The cost of the trip is only \$30 per student, \$35 for guests. Space is limited to 10 people!. Hurry and sign up! For more information, call 898-2104.

U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon will hold an open meeting 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at the Rutherford County Courthouse Courtroom.

Students for Environmental Action will meet on

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in KUC 315. The group will have an information table in front of Phillips Bookstore today.

The Spring Honors Lecture Series continues Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall 107 with Ed Kimbrell, dean of the School of Mass Communication, speaking on "Broadcasting and War."

Weather permitting, the Middle Tennessee State University Observatory will be open to the public on Tuesdays, Feb. 19, from 8-10 p.m. The observatory is located east of Cummings Hall. Because a step ladder is the only access to the telescope floor, children under 10 are not encouraged to visit the observatory without adult supervision.

The June Anderson Women's Center is coordinating a support group for anyone within the MTSU community who has loved ones deployed to Operation Desert Storm. For additional information, call the center at 898-2193.

The ASB House and Senate will hold a joint session on Feb. 20. Members are expected to attend. The meeting will be conducted in the LRC, Multi-Media room at 6:00 p.m.

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity would like all

interested students, faculty and staff who would like to send a word of encouragement to U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf area to address these letters to Dear "Brave Heart." Letters to be sent to the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps troops should be mailed to Operation Brave Heart, c/o Operation Desert Storm, APO New York 09848-0006. Letters to be sent to the Navy and Marine Corps on ships in the area should be mailed to Operation Brave Heart, c/o Operation Desert Storm, FFP New York 09886-0006.

Looking Forward, an on-campus support group for sexually abused women, will begin holding meetings 6-7 p.m. every Thursday in KUC 312. For further information, contact JoAnn at 355-1077.

Placement Office interviews scheduled include: Feb. 14, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Feb. 19 Peeble's Department Stores, Ryder Truck Rentals, U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Feb. 19 is also the deadline for pre-interview resume submissions for the Castner-Knott Co.

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The **Seventh-Day Adventist Fellowship** would like to invite those who are interested in Christian fellowship to join them Friday night at 6 p.m. for supper and Bible study. Anyone interested is invited. For more information, call 895-6128.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the stadium bleachers. Come alone or bring a friend. Call 893-3133 or 898-3234 for more information.

InterVarsity Christian

Fellowship meets Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m., KUC 313. Interdenominational diversity with a unity of Christian purpose.

Lambda Association of MTSU is a support organization for gay and lesbian students, faculty, staff and their supporters. For more information write to: P.O. Box 624, MTSU.

AA Unity Group meets Wednesdays at noon in KUC 311.

MTSU Catholics meet at the Catholic Center. Check sign for weekly activities. Sunday Mass at 7:30. 1023 N. Tennessee Blvd. 896-6074.

Co-op jobs are available for summer and fall '91. Opportunities include biology, chemistry, geoscience, physics, mathematics, computer science, environmental science and related disciplines. U.S. Department of Energy deadline is March 15. Support includes academic credit, \$200/week, housing and travel reimbursement.

Murfreesboro Young People's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays at

601 Bell St. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information (or a ride) call Rick, 898-3190.

Campus Capsule is open to the MTSU community for public service announcements and meetings of general interest. To have an item included, bring typed or printed copy to JUB 310 by 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Items will be included as space permits and with timeliness taken into consideration.

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"Until we can find someone to work in that office, Sherrie [Murray, the minority affairs secretary] and Michael [Turner, the minority affairs graduate assistant] will work very close with me," LaLance said.

However, LaLance said Metcalf's would not lose his position when he returned.

"He is on a one-year military leave of absence," LaLance said. "His departure is temporary for a defined period."

"He is assured his job when he returns," LaLance said.

Before Metcalf left for Fort Knox, a small reception on Feb. 7 was held in his honor.

"I wish he will have a successful year at Fort Knox and

after his completion of obligation, he would come back and do just as wonderful a job as he did before he left," Beverley said.

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Sharp received a history degree from the University of Georgia and is now an MTSU graduate student studying areas of historic preservation.

Floyd received an architectural degree from the University of Tennessee and has also had work experience with a local architectural firm. He is now an MTSU graduate student studying building technology and historic preservation.

Dr. James Huhta, director of MTSU's Center for Historic Preservation and member of the Main Street Economic Development Committee, helped devise the market proposal that was developed for the market analysis.

"This partnership between Main Street and the Center for Historic Preservation is a perfect example of how MTSU can use its resources to help better the community," Huhta said.

"Also, I hope this is the first of many projects that we combine our efforts with Main Street,"

Huhta said.



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Support needed for student rec center

Many questions have come up concerning the new student rec center, and many people don't know enough to vote yay or nay.

First of all, funding for the center will not take away from other proposed building projects. Some have pointed out that we need other facilities, such as a black cultural center, instead of a rec center, and moneys appropriated for the center would take away from other buildings. This is not true. We, as students, would be paying for the construction. We are already paying for Murphy Center and the JUB right now, not to mention an addition on the KUC, all of which were built over 20 years ago.

Others have asked who would be eligible. For instance, if juniors and seniors were charged for the building, and it was finished after the students graduated, would they still be able to use the facility? The answer is yes, alumni who paid for the construction while students would be allowed to use the building. Those who graduated before the \$35 addition was made to tuition would still be allowed to use the center, but at his or her own expense. And since this is a student rec center, faculty would also be admitted at their own expense.

It has been mentioned that there have been problems with the security of the already existing facilities, such as with the weight and locker rooms at the AMG. Because of the plans for the center, there will be only one entrance, and no one will be admitted without proper I.D. Security will be a major priority at this new center.

All this will benefit the students. If you would like to find out more about the center, contact the Student Recreation office.

But none of this will happen if you don't vote.



Letters to the Editor

Advising important

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on one portion of the letter from Professor Rosing. He raises a question about the effect of the new registration procedures on academic advising. I share his concern.

Quality academic advising is invaluable for a student to make the most of her or his college career. The ending of "See Your Advisor Week" was, in my opinion, ill-advised.

Many problems were encountered with the new registration procedures due to the necessity of herding nearly 15,000 students through one small room. May I suggest that we can solve both problems in one easy stroke.

Now that all instructors have computers and those same instructors are advisors, why not reinstate "See Your Advisor Week(s)" and instead of the advisor writing classes on a colored card, he or she can punch the requests into the computer just like was done in the basement of the JUB. Academic advising returns and the bottleneck will be broken.

I am fully aware of some of the logistical problems, such as office and class hours, appointments by hours earned, and computer program and hardware requirements. I believe, however, a group of intelligent, interested people can overcome these hurdles.

The decentralization of

registration will break physical and logistical bottlenecks and insure each student has the advantage of academic advising every semester. I believe it's the prudent thing to do.

Richard Pearl, Sr.
GA Psychology
Box 2344

Say no to styrofoam

To the Editor:

It is almost hypocritical that MTSU, the first university in this state to have a recycling program, still uses styrofoam in large quantities.

Every day, the Grill sells hundreds, if not thousands of styrofoam containers. These products release chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), the chemical that is quickly destroying the ozone layer. Without an ozone layer, we have no protection from the sun's deadly ultraviolet rays. In addition to this, styrofoam is nonbiodegradable and will still be lying around millions of years from now. These are problems that will only get worse if we refuse to act now.

To complicate the situation, many companies have advertised that their styrofoam is now environmentally safe. This is nothing but a shameless advertising ploy. For example, some styrofoam is now supposedly recyclable. This is true, by recycling centers for styrofoam are almost nonexistent, making this claim irrelevant. It is also said that CFCs are no longer

used in some styrofoam products. This may or may not be true, but in any event, it will still be filling up our landfills when the sun goes nova.

There is certainly no reason why we should continue using styrofoam. There are other safe alternatives such as paper and cardboard. UTK banned styrofoam almost a year ago and they seem to be functioning normally. With your help, this problem can be solved.

To help put an end to styrofoam, there are a few simple things you can do. First, don't use it. Second, put pressure on university officials by talking to them and by signing the petition that will be available in the KUC basement on Wednesday and Thursday. Look for the table sponsored by Students for Environmental Action. Working together, we can stamp out styrofoam.

Andy Welch
Box 6682

Is ASB being unfair?

To the Editor:

They say some good can always be found in bad; that from tragedy can spring triumph.

As a veteran of the United States Army and an active member of the National Guard, I am limited to a hundred mile radius of my base in Smyrna. I am very proud of my military background. I was stationed in Korea (1985-86), served a stint in the Sinai (1987), and then was able to pursue my education.

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Letters

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The experiences and knowledge I gained as a paratrooper student at the air-assault school, as a distinguished honor graduate, and as an army achievement medalist helped prepare me for my equally challenging experiences here at MTSU.

I'm a proud American and an equally proud member of its military. America to me is freedom; freedom not only of speech, but of action. This is the entire basis upon which my comrades are willing to make the supreme sacrifice. To be free is often taken for granted, freedom and its benefits should never be taken for granted; and I try to utilize my freedoms to the maximum. For this reason, I decided that there were issues that I felt were being neglected here at MTSU. I decided instead of getting on a "soap-box" and complaining to friends that I would instead do something about it. That is why I am running for ASB president. Unfortunately, some do not seem very excited about me practicing my freedoms. Our honorable ASB president, Todd Burnett, rudely and without tact, confronted me in a local establishment and stated, "You can't run, you're disqualified for student body government." To have reached such a lofty position in student government obviously took

much charisma and intelligence. I saw little of either in my encounter with Mr. Burnett. Mr. Burnett's reasoning for my disqualification was (1) I had been campaigning before March 1, and (2) I had not attended MTSU for two concurrent semesters. Well, being a newcomer to this university is quite a challenge; deciding to run for ASB president took much soul-searching. When I made the long walk to the ASB office, I admittedly did not know the rules. That is why I asked for an application and any other pertinent paperwork concerning running for office. I was given the application by David Pritchett, who I might add stated while handing me the application, "You won't win." Although the request was made by myself, no rules were given to me. Later, I returned, yet once again an ASB worker informed me "I have no information, you'll have to come back later." Obviously, I did my part to obtain rules and deadlines. Perhaps Mr. Burnett should prepare his staff to answer such simple questions. In regards to Mr. Burnett's second grounds for disqualification, I am a member of the United States Army National Guard; my classroom has been the real world. This rule is obviously aimed at incoming freshmen, not toward an individual who has, and is serving, his country. Also, Mr. Burnett needs to realize that my second reason for not attending

concurrent semesters here at MTSU is that I transferred to UT-Knoxville after the Spring 1990 semester in order to have access to a better equipped handicapped services program. Our nation's crisis made it necessary for me to return. The handicapped services is of great

concern for me; you see, I am severely dyslexic. This condition has made attending classes a great challenge, being a member of the military a great challenge, and running for ASB president also a great challenge. I am not afraid to pursue and realize my dreams. Mr.

Burnett, you're obviously upset about my candidacy, perhaps your allegiance is with someone else. That's fine, but you will not step on my dream. I will not allow it.

Mike Rowan
Box 4436

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This team not horsing around

LISA VINSANT
Staff Writer

MTSU has an attractive, yet not well-known feature which lures students to Middle Tennessee - an equestrian team associated with the IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association).

The team usually does quite well in the shows, placing well within the top 25 percent and making a name for themselves in other areas of the state and

country.

Senior Carla Davidson, president of the team, said that MTSU's having an equestrian team was the main reason she decided to become a Blue Raider.

"My sister came here, and I heard so much about the equestrian team from her that I just decided I'd come up here and give it a try," said Davidson, a psychology major, who by "giving it a try" ended up placing third in the nation in her division last year.

Kelley Colvin, the only male member of the team, also decided to attend MTSU because it had an equestrian team associated with the IHSA.

"It definitely draws students here," said Anne Brzezicki, equestrian team coach. "I get calls from high school counselors and parents and students from all over the east asking about the team, saying that these kids are looking for a school where they can ride and they can compete. It's certainly a good recruitment

for us."

Unfortunately, the team is not as well known at its own school as it may be in other areas of the country.

"People come up to me and they see our jackets and T-shirts and say, 'A team? Well what do ya'll do?' And then you try to explain to them what catch riding is, and they say, 'Well you must be nuts!'" Carla Keeter, public relations chairman for the team, related with a laugh.

Keeter has grown accustomed to that response when she tries to explain catch riding.

"The way it works is each team or competitor goes to the host college, and you catch ride - you draw for a horse and you get on it and try to look like you've shown it all your life," explained Keeter.

"And if the horse is a baboon, as we like to call them, then it reflects on you as well," said Keeter. "A baboon is our term for a horse who is very uncooperative, who is tired and just doesn't want to be there."

"There's always the factor of the luck of the draw," Brzezicki pointed out. "If you get a lunatic horse, you're going to have a much harder time than if you get a cooperative one."

"It's difficult," Keeter said. "But it especially gives people in college a chance to improve their horsemanship."

"In most horse classes they judge the horse, not the rider. In these they judge the rider strictly. It lets you just worry about you and your outfits and stuff, and until you host your show you don't have to worry about the horses."

"It's also not as expensive as if you had to carry your horse across the country," Keeter added.

Expenses do come into play though. Buying outfits, paying for weekly lessons, and traveling to the shows can amount to a good sum of money for team members.

According to Keeter, each outfit can cost anywhere from \$100 to \$300. Also, different outfits are needed for different divisions.

The weekly lessons given by Brzezicki are mandatory, and at \$15 a shot it doesn't sound cheap. But as Keeter pointed out, \$15 is "nothing compared to the cost of your own horse and trailer."

The team has applied to obtain funds from the ASB to cover travel expenses, but meanwhile they rely on personal donations

and patronage from businesses they frequent.

The equestrian team was founded by Brzezicki in 1977.

"Back in 1976 I came to MTSU as a horse science instructor," said Brzezicki. "I had been at the University of Connecticut. The intercollegiate had started up there, and we had a team and it did really well. I saw how much good it did for the students, so when I came down here to MTSU it just seemed the logical thing to do to get a group going here."

Aside from founding the team, Brzezicki is also responsible for starting Region VI, so MTSU could be a part of the IHSA.

"We got together with four or five schools and formed a group down here and then affiliated with the national group," said Brzezicki. "It took off rather well; the students loved it."

"It gives a lot of experience to kids who don't otherwise have a chance to get in the show ring and ride a lot of different horses. You also get to travel around a good bit and compete with other schools and students at your level," said Brzezicki.

The team will have its chance to play host to about 20 other region schools when the last show to qualify for regionals is held at MTSU March 1-3.

Last year four members went to regionals, and one member went to nationals, placing third in her class.

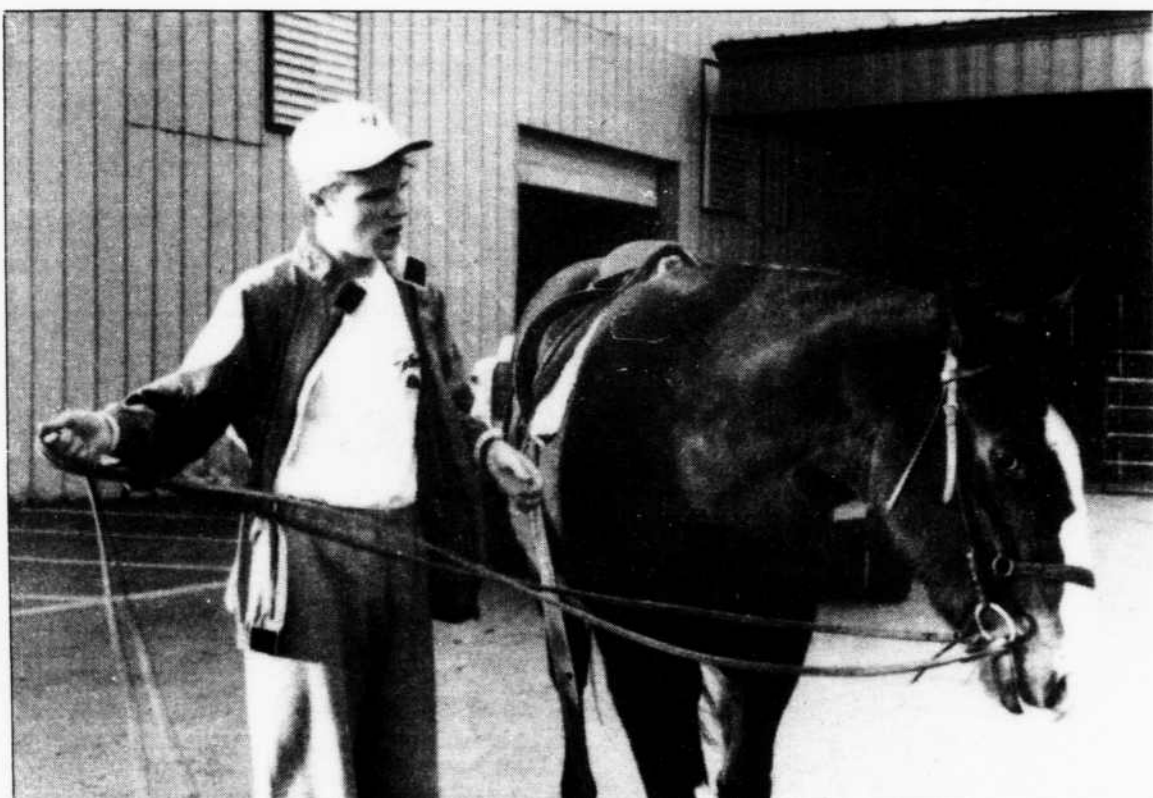
This year, four members of the team have already qualified for regionals: Carla Davidson, Marla Mooney, DaNel Resha and Faye Lynn Murray.

A close association with the agriculture department comes in handy in the production of these shows. Bruce Currie, manager of the Tennessee Livestock Center, allows them to use the center's facilities free of charge. Harley Foutch, agriculture department chairman, gives the team free use of school horses, tack and facilities. A heart-warming amount of community support is also present.

"We need at least 50 horses to put on the show," said Keeter. "And people from the community donate their horses for the day for people to ride."

"There is a lot of community support," Brzezicki concurred. "People will send the same horses year after year. I guess it's their way of helping out the program."

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Sharon Eaves/Photographer



Chris White/Photographer

BEST KEPT SECRET: The Blue Raider Equestrian Team is one of MTSU's best kept secrets. Founded by Anne Brzezicki, the team coach, in 1976, the team has continually made an impressive name for itself around the country. Kelley Colvin (top picture) is the only male on the team and chose MTSU because it had an Equestrian Team associated with ISHA. The entire team (bottom picture) will be hosting the last qualifying show before the regional competition March 1-3.

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Brzezicki also pointed out that holding a show at MTSU gives the students a chance to learn about the organizational and managerial ends of putting on a show.

"It's a super experience for them," she said.

"We have a very good program," Keeter said. "We'd like to get more people interested in it and get a little bit more of a turn-out at our shows - some home support."

Keeter also encouraged new membership.

"We have a lot of members who are juniors and seniors, and we want some freshmen and

sophomores to come in and learn how to run our show... so they can carry on the tradition."

"It's not just for agriculture students," Keeter stressed. "Every department is represented on the team."

One advantage of the team members' diverse interests includes having an aerobics instructor on the team. Stacey Cooke, team member and aerobics instructor at Court South, leads weekly one-hour aerobic work-out sessions to keep members in shape for riding.

"She [Cooke] almost killed me Wednesday night!" exclaimed Keeter. Cooke is affectionately called "Stacey 'Give-me-eight-more' Cooke" by her teammates.

So why do they go through the

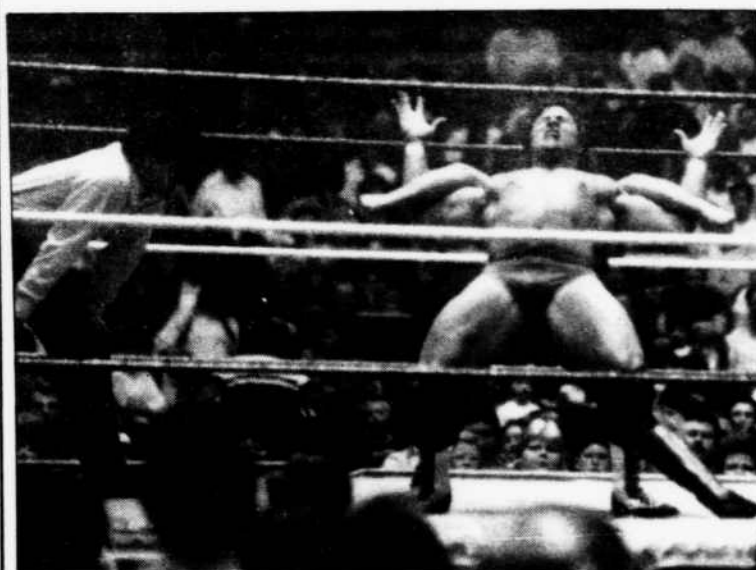
pain of aerobics; put up with the expense of travel, outfits and lessons; and endure the frustration of anonymity?

Team member Lori Seifert's explanation was expressed with a sincere enthusiasm, an enthusiasm most likely representative of that of other team members.

"I don't have a horse anymore and this is really the only chance I have to ride," said Seifert, who placed sixth in regionals last year. "Once you start riding horses it's in your blood and you can't give it up."

Keeter encourages anyone who has "motivation and enthusiasm" for horses and riding to come to the team's weekly meetings, held in SAG room 206 at 7:30 p.m.

WWF SUPERSTAR WRESTLING



Chris White/Photographer

BODY SLAMMIN': A near sellout crowd was on hand for WWF's Championship Wrestling held in Murphy Center on Feb. 1. Student Programming officials said the Federation was very pleased with the diverse attendance of 5,500 people and have future plans of returning to MTSU.

Music festival honors Mozart

RHONDA NORTH
Special to *Sidelines*

The music department is hosting the Mozart Festival 1991 under the direction of Dr. Ralph Bundage, assistant professor of music. The festival is scheduled to run through Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The festival, commemorating the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death, began Sunday afternoon in Wright Music Hall with MTSU's voice faculty performing "Mozart Opera in Concert."

"Mozart—The Symphonic Works" will be the topic of Dr. Michael Rose's lecture held today at noon today. The lecture will be followed by a performance of The Nashville

Symphony.

Dr. Mercado, program director of The Kurt Weil Foundation for Music in New York and author of Mozart—*The Development of his Keyboard Style*, will lecture Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

The festival's finale concert will be given Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in Wright Music Hall and will include "Double Piano Concerto K.365 in E flat" to be performed by Dr. Jerry Perkins and Dr. Jerome Reed and "Requiem K.626" to be performed by the Middle Tennessee Choral Society and Middle Tennessee Chamber Choir with The Nashville Symphony Orchestra.

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Sports

Buzzer-beater lifts Raiders by Eagles

DAN STURM
Staff Writer

Greg Christian hit a short jumper with 1:7 seconds remaining to lift the Raiders to a 70-68 victory over Morehead State Saturday night.

The Raiders got a tremendous second half performance from senior Chris Ingram and an impressive performance from foul plagued Warren "Big Cat" Kidd to put an end to the Eagles upset bid.

With most of the 4,000 Raider faithful expecting to see a rout, the Eagles played a slow, deliberate half court game that featured a patient offense and a tough defense as they took control of the contest early.

"We came out kind of tight, we had two days off after the win (Tech) Monday night and we were kind of flat," commented Ingram. "We knew we had to pick it up."

The Raiders were indeed as chilling as the frosty night air, as they shot 27 percent from the field including a 1-for-13 performance from behind the three point arch during the first stanza. With the Raider guards misfiring, the Eagles packed their defense in the paint and smothered Ingram and Kidd.

The Eagle defense was so effective that Ingram, Kidd, and Jeff Clifton only attempted a total of nine first half field goals. In the mean time the Eagles used the inside combination of Brett Roberts and Rod Mitchell to overcome an early 19-13 deficit with an 11-2 scoring run that gave them a 24-21 advantage with 4:38 left in the first half of play.

Junior Quincy Vance replaced Kidd, who had picked up his second foul, and did not miss a beat as he muscled his way to six consecutive points as the Raiders struggled to keep the game close. But the Eagles relied on a 9-for-13 performance from the charity line to build a 29-25 halftime advantage.

Sometime during the first half, when the Raider players and fans were getting frustrated by the smothering defense of the Eagles, MTSU's coaches kept their focus and found the key that unlocked the mystery of the Eagle defense.

"We noticed that they were switching against our picks in the low post so we made a couple of adjustments and Kelvin (Hammonds) was able to pass the ball directly into Chris (Ingram) and Warren (Kidd) who flashed back to the ball for the easy basket." Coach Bruce Stewart later commented.

With Hammonds and Christian dishing out assists, Ingram and Kidd dominated the second-half scoring and rebounding.

After Ingram had knotted the score at 32 with a pair of charity tosses, Kidd took over and converted two consecutive three point plays on strong moves to the basket to push the Raider lead to 38-35 with 15:14 to play.

As the Eagles tried to contain Kidd, Hammonds nailed a long range bomb that forced the Eagles to spread out their defense and seconds later Kidd jump-started his scoring explosion with a one hand jam as the teams continued to battle for the lead.

Kidd picked up his fourth foul at the 8:31 mark after pumping in an amazing 14 points in just under six minutes of action.

The Eagles wasted little time as they quickly took a 56-53 lead on Miller's third three pointer of the game but Hammonds calmly answered with a high arching 24 footer to even the score.

At that point, Ingram took control.

Ingram hustled, muscled, and flat carried the Raiders to victory as he scored three consecutive buckets to cut the Eagle lead to a deuce, at 64-62 with 4:09 to play.

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Kathy Aday/Photographer

ON TARGET: MTSU freshman Jeff Clifton prepares to release a shot during the Raiders win Saturday night. MTSU will face eastern Kentucky tonight at 7:30.

Tennis teams find road a little rocky

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

While MTSU's men's tennis team has found the road rocky in recent weeks, the Lady Raider squad walked out on the highway for the first time and got run over.

Last Friday the defending OVC champs took to the court in Clarksville against an improved Austin Peay team.

They didn't play bad but they did fall to the Lady Governors 6-3.

"They were strong in the top part of their line-up," assistant coach Peggy McGuire explained. "There were several close matches where it could have gone either way but we had our opportunities."

"Now that we have an indication of what they have, I think the outcome might be different next time we play them. I know the girls are anxious."

The Lady Raider victories came from the bottom of the line-up with Catrina Buechler and Carol MacPherson winning their

matches at the No. 5 and 6 singles slots.

The duo also teamed up to overwhelm their opponents in doubles action as they claimed a 6-2, 6-0 win.

Meanwhile the men continued to play their torturous schedule when they traveled to Mississippi State Saturday afternoon and it wasn't a pretty site.

Each Raider dropped his match and the Big Blue fell 8-0. However, one must note that MSU is ranked in the nations top 20 and have a player ranked in the worlds top 300.

"They just played better than us," head coach Dale Short said. "We had some close matches but couldn't come up on the winning end."

Sundays match with the University of Alabama-Birmingham was rained out and the Raiders will now get some rest because they don't see competitive action again until March 1.

Second half performance gives Lady Raiders win

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

It certainly wasn't pretty but MTSU's Lady Raiders slipped by Morehead State 67-63 Saturday night.

"It wasn't pretty by any means but we played hard to pick up this win," head coach Lewis Bivens said. "We needed to get back on track after the disappointing loss at Tennessee Tech last week."

Getting back on track wasn't expected to be as tough as it was through the eyes of fans that remembered the 90-47 shellacking MTSU put on Morehead earlier in the season. But the closeness of the contest didn't take Bivens by surprise.

"When we played up there, we played as good as we could play and they played as bad as they could play," Bivens commented. "It was just the opposite here tonight."

While sophomore Kristi Brown got things rolling with three first half treys, the Lady Eagles nested inside the paint and beat MTSU on the boards as well as hit three, 3-pointers of their own.

But the nip-and-tuck game took a downward swing as MTSU went eight minutes without a field goal and fell behind 28-21 with three minutes in the half.

Bivens went to his bench and called upon the services of

freshman forward Maggie Cox at that point and the youngster came through. Cox netted six points in a 8-2 run to make the score 30-29 at the half.

"K.B. (Kristi Brown) got us started and Maggie came in and hit some big shots for us when we were down," Bivens later recalled.

A different Lady Raider squad came out onto the floor in the second half.

This team shot 59 percent from the field and immediately grabbed the lead behind the inside play of Priscilla Robinson and Pippa Gibson.

But still, Morehead would

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Three seniors cap off home careers tonight



Amy Adkins/Photographer

Chris Ingram

Late start no problem for MTSU center

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee State University is perhaps the last place senior Chris Ingram thought he might end up at.

"While growing up with his aunt Elane James, Chris was steered in the right directions and supported in whatever he did.

"My aunt inspired me," Ingram said. "She made me go to school and do my best. She was always there for me."

"I never thought about giving up because I wasn't playing. I knew my time would come and I'd get my turn."

Chris Ingram

Amazingly enough, though, in all his activities, basketball wasn't one of them.

"I had no idea I was going to be a basketball player," Ingram recalled. "I didn't start playing basketball until my junior year in high school.

"I just went to school, out to the mall and just hung out with my friends."

But the 6-9, 220-pounder learned the game quickly.

By his senior year he had attained such honors as All-City and All-State at Southside High in Decatur, Ga.

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Capley's No. 1 fan more than special

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Stephanie Capley is an athlete who is about to graduate in four years.

That's a pretty bright accomplishment these days. However, her case is even more special—she's a mother.

"When I'm not playing and sitting on the bench, I turn around and wave," Capley says, referring to four-year-old Morgan.

"I know I've got my little fan up there and it tickles her to death to see me down there waving.

"But it's been hard. Coaches want you to win. To win, you've got to practice hard. Then you come home when you're worn out and cook supper and I've still got to do my homework too. The next morning you get up and start all over again."

Obviously, it has been a tough chore, but complications have

made it even tougher for the senior.

Stephanie was a senior in high school with a bright basketball future ahead. She was a Converse All-American at Mt. Juliet and was being recruited by numerous universities with fine programs.

But it all came to a shattering halt when she learned she was pregnant.

"They don't give you any hope at hospitals. They want you to expect the worst. But Morgan was a fighter,"

Stephanie Capley

"I was afraid," Capley recalls. "I didn't really know what I was going to do.

"I was afraid of what my parents were going to think and what everybody else was going to think. But now I'm

proud of what I've accomplished on my own and I think people can look at that favorably."

Only six months into Stephanie's pregnancy, she began having stomach cramps—or a least that's what she thought.

"I thought I was just having cramps," she says. "I didn't know I

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Amy Adkins/Photographer

Pippa Gibson

Gibson an educator on and off court

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU Lady Raider senior Pippa Gibson should be outlawed.

At least that's what head coach Lewis Bivens has said on numerous occasions.

"If Pippa was 6-2, they'd outlaw her."

But Gibson only stands at 5-8. However, the small forward has played a lot taller during her two-year career at MTSU.

"If I don't get it, I'll try again. I never give up on anything and that's the way I do things in life as well."

Pippa Gibson

"It's nice to see that people recognize me for being 5-8 and a good ballplayer," Gibson says. "I just play ball and do the best I can do whenever I step out on the court."

Her limited size has yet to put a cap on her ability.

She immediately stepped into a starting position last year after transferring from Columbia State. But her intentions while coming to MTSU didn't include basketball.

"When I left Columbia State, I decided to major in Elementary Education," Gibson recalled. "I heard that they had a good program here, so I came."

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Amy Adkins/Photographer

Morgan and Stephanie Capley

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Chris Ingram
Center, 6-9, 220
Decatur, GA

Year	G/GS	RB	Avg.	Pts.	Avg.
1987-88	27-0	49	1.8	28	1.0
1988-89	31-5	131	2.2	166	5.4
1989-90	22-10	121	5.5	233	10.6
1990-91	23-9	119	5.1	232	10
career	103-24	420	3.2	659	6.3

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Pippa Gibson
Forward, 5-8, 140
Centerville, TN

Year	G/GS	RB	Avg.	Pts.	Avg.
1989-90	28-28	286	10.2	368	13.1
1990-91	19-7	82	4.3	102	5.3
career	47-35	368	7.8	470	10

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Stephanie Capley
Forward, 6-1, 135
Mt. Juliet, TN

Year	G/GS	RB	Avg.	Pts.	Avg.
1987-88	30-30	202	6.7	336	11.2
1988-89	27-23	167	6.2	302	11.2
1989-90	28-26	192	6.9	423	15.1
1990-91	23-23	174	7.5	308	13.3
career	108-102	735	6.8	1369	12.6

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He had teams such as Georgia, South Alabama and Georgia State after his services at the collegiate level. He even was being pursued by a school he had never heard of, that being Middle Tennessee State.

"I didn't know where MTSU was," Ingram admitted. "But I wanted to get away from home and I liked it up here so I came."

But still, beyond his wildest dreams, Chris didn't know he was coming to a basketball program on the way to building a national reputation.

He was forced to watch from the bench most of his freshman season while Raider greats like Chris Rainey, "Bam Bam" Rainey and Randy Henry garnished the attention on the floor and guided the squad to a 23-11 record with wins over Georgia and Tennessee.

Ingram appeared in several games but usually after the outcome had been decided. But that didn't bother him the least bit.

"We were winning and I was learning," Ingram recalls. "I never thought about giving up because I wasn't playing. I knew my time would come and I'd get my turn."

During his sophomore

season, Ingram steadily improved and started five games as the Raiders posted a 23-8 record. It was a team that won the OVC championship and went on to defeat Florida State in the NCAA tournament.

However, despite that great season and the glory it brought, it was perhaps the most important for Ingram in growing up.

It was the senior season for MTSU's all-time leading rebounder and scorer Kerry Hammonds. The burly center taught Ingram several things which have no doubt helped him develop into the player he is.

"Kerry Hammonds taught me more than anyone," Ingram says. "He was so strong. He could rebound and score and he played hard every night."

Chris began to emerge as a junior but a mid-season back injury slowed him down after he started 10 of the team's first 12 games.

The injury required back surgery during the off-season and it was thought he would be red-shirted this season. However, Ingram worked hard to recover and earn his spot on this year's team.

Today, he has emerged.

The senior has become a vital cog in the Raider scheme. He can start or roll off the bench, but either way you can expect a

solid performance.

"I want to go out and play hard every game," he said. "I've been starting lately but I can do the job either way."

His job has included numerous big shots in recent games which have helped MTSU off to their 18-6 start. But perhaps the biggest improvement which has made him a threat is his outside shooting.

"I've worked hard on my outside shooting," he said. "I can go outside and dish it off. I can even shoot a three-pointer."

"I've never hit one before but that's my goal before I get out of here. I can do it in practice so I can do it in the game."

Ingram expects the Raiders to be a tough team down the stretch but also realizes, no matter how far the Raiders go, his collegiate career is quickly coming to a close.

He, like any other player, admits an NBA call would be nice but he's planning on graduating with his psychology degree and becoming a counselor.

But regardless of what phone call Ingram receives, whether it be from the NBA or a counselor's position somewhere, he's already proved he can handle it.

His desire to succeed is burning as strong as ever and shows no sign of going out any time soon.

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"But at the time I was unsure if I would continue to play basketball."

Luckily for the Lady Raiders, yet unluckily for OVC foes, she finally decided to suit up in the blue and white uniforms and step into the paint.

Gibson took basketball fans around the league by surprise. She showed no mercy with relentless heart and became known as one of the best rebounders around.

By the time her junior season ended, she had averaged 10 rebounds per game, which ranked her fourth among the OVC's best.

"Rebounding is just a mental thing and a will to want the ball," Gibson says. "The one who wants the ball the most is the one who's going to get it."

"If I don't get it, I'll try again. I never give up on anything and that's the way I do things in life as well."

Her never-say-die attitude at times has appeared to rub off on her teammates. Each time Gibson steps onto the floor, you can expect to see her give 110 percent.

However, her spirits were dampened at the beginning of this season.

During a fast-paced practice drill during pre-season practices, a teammate fell on Pippa's knee,

resulting in damage which sidelined her for the opening five games.

"It was hard watching, especially watching my senior year," Gibson explained. "There were so many times that I wanted to be out there helping but I was hurt and I couldn't."

Now it appears as if Gibson is back to full strength. Each time she takes the floor she shows her leadership by getting the job done, whether it's clearing the boards or tossing in a crucial bucket.

"Everyday, I come out here and bust my butt to encourage my teammates to do the same thing," Gibson says. "I don't feel any added pressure. It really doesn't bother me, I just come out and do what I have to do."

"Hopefully they can carry that over to next year when I'm gone."

When she's gone she hopes to continue teaching but instead of on the court, she plans to do so in the classroom.

"I'm going to graduate in May," says Gibson. "I may come back and be a graduate assistant, but I would like to teach third-graders."

Whatever path she takes, her inspiration and desire make her future equally bright as her two-year career in a Lady Raider uniform ends.

Perhaps the only thing that should be outlawed is her potential because she obviously has a dangerous amount in whatever she turns her attention to.

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was in labor, and when they told me I panicked."

Morgan was born three months premature. The two-pound 11-ounce child had to fight for her life as she battled numerous problems.

She suffered a grade four hemorrhage in her brain. Hemorrhages are measured on a one-to-five scale, and the larger the number is, the worse the hemorrhage.

The doctors didn't give Stephanie much hope to thrive on, but Morgan did.

"They don't give you any hope at hospitals," Capley says. "They want you to expect the worst."

"But Morgan was a fighter. The first day she was born, they had to pin her arms to the bed because she kept pulling off the respirator."

With mother at her side, Morgan steadily improved each day during the three-month stay at the hospital. She fought off an infection and continued her battle with the hemorrhage.

Finally, she got to come home and today, Morgan can always be found near her mother, whether it be sitting at practice or watching from the stands with her grandparents.

"I've had a lot of support," Stephanie says. "Everybody loves Morgan. They've always

loved her.

"She used to be real shy but now she'll go around and talk with everyone."

While Morgan wonders about taking care of business in the stands, her mother does the same on the court.

During her four-year career as a Lady Raider, she has emerged as one of the best ever with her ability to play virtually anywhere on the court.

She stepped in immediately as a freshman and started each game. Her skills continued to carry her through two more seasons where she ran face first into a milestone seldom accomplished.

Late last season, Stephanie tallied her one-thousandth point, becoming only the sixth Lady Raider to do so. Currently, her 1,369 points have her ranked fourth on the all-time MTSU scoring list.

"There's not a game that I'm not fired up for when I walk out on the court," Stephanie says. "I'm always ready to play."

However, it was uncertain if she was going to play at all this season.

Stephanie planned to graduate early and pass up her senior season. She went through senior ceremonies at the final home game last year and received her plaque.

"I had totally made up my mind that I wasn't going to play,"

Stephanie said. "But I decided not to graduate and thought I would regret not playing basketball if I was going to school."

So she returned to once again be recognized at her final home game tonight with that special someone watching from the stands.

"To me, she's even more special because of how far she's come," says the loving mother. "I never thought she would grow up this fast."

But Stephanie too has done a lot of growing up and seems prepared to enter the working field as a certified public accountant.

"I want Morgan to have everything," Stephanie says. "I'll admit I may spoil her but I think she deserves it. I believe I'm entering a field which I can do these things."

"I think I'm ready to get on with another phase in my life. I'm excited about getting a job, working and moving forward. Yet I'm sure I'm going to miss basketball too."

And MTSU basketball will miss her for the years of enjoyment she has provided.

She is a true example that anyone can accomplish anything they set their mind to.

Stephanie and Morgan have a special relationship and as they continue to grow and strengthen each other, there's no goal that appears to be outside their reach.

WIN

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not be grounded as Bev Smith scored 16 second half points to keep her squad in it.

The Lady Raiders had their chances to keep their lead safe but were unable to nail their free throws down the stretch.

After Morehead had cut the lead to two at the 3:30 mark, MTSU proceeded to miss the front end of three one-and-one situations. In total, they missed 4-of-7 freebies in the last minute with the game on the line.

"Luckily our defensive effort was there and we're glad to pull this one out," Bivens said. "But hitting your free throws is just something you've got to do. You've just got to put the ball in the hole when you need to."

Robinson paced the Lady's with 17 points while Brown rounded out the double-figure scorers with 12.

The win assures the Lady Raiders (11-12 overall, 6-3 in the OVC) of a spot in the four team field at the OVC tournament.

Tonight they will be facing Eastern Kentucky who handed them a setback earlier this season in Richmond.

The 5:30 tip-off will close the home career for seniors Pippa Gibson and Stephanie Capley.

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With less than three minutes to play Ingram canned his 12th point of the half to give MTSU a 66-64 advantage. But Morehead didn't give in and MTSU found the score knotted at 68 with 41 seconds to play.

With everyone in the house expecting the ball to go inside, Christian dribbled left and put up a 12 footer to clinch the victory.

"We were trying to get the ball to Big-E (Ingram) or Big-Cat (Kidd) inside but my man dropped way off me and I knew I could hit it," Christian later admitted.

The Raiders ran their win streak to seven games with the victory over Morehead.

Kidd led the Raiders in scoring as he finished with 18, Robert "Cat Eye" Taylor tossed in 14, while Ingram and Hammonds rounded out the Raiders scoring with 13 and 12 points respectively.

As Raider point guard Greg Christian says "It's payback time" as Eastern Kentucky, who has downed the Raiders once this season and five straight times, invades Monte Hale Arena tonight. The 7:30 tip-off marks the last home game of the season.

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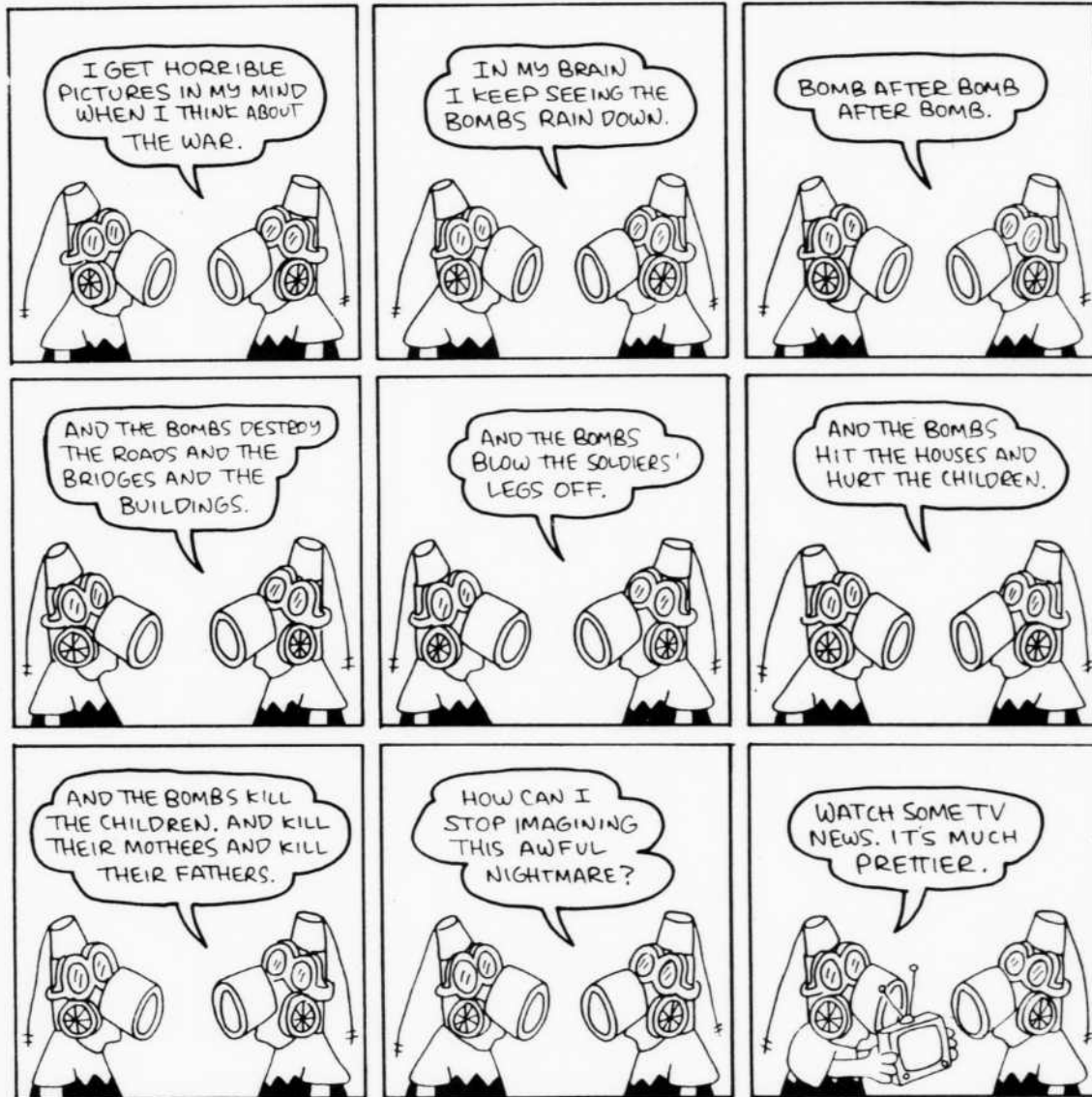
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