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New funding formula increases MTSU budget

MTSU would receive \$800,000 more for 1996-97 fiscal year if THEC proposal used

By Mark Blevins / staff

An additional \$810,733 would go into MTSU's operating budget if the state legislature adopts the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's (THEC's) Friday recommendation on state-wide budgets instead of the governor's

MTSU President James Walker said the extra money would give officials more flexibility when determining how the operating budget will be spread across the university.

THEC's \$62.35 million recommendation for MTSU is based on a new funding formula, and the governor's \$61.53 million recommendation relies on the old formula, according to THEC Deputy Executive Director Cathy Cole.

The funding formula determines how state higher education dollars are dispersed to all institutions in the state for the individual operating budgets. The formula does not affect how the state disperses funds for capital building projects like MTSU's library. MTSU's total budget was over \$100 million last year after adding donations, student fees and other university-generated funds to the state allocation.

The 1996-1997 fiscal year is the first year that the new, THECdeveloped funding formula will be implemented. THEC is statutorily responsible to develop both the operating and capital budget recommendations in a fair and equitable manner for higher education institutions in the state, Cole said.

"We had concerns from both the

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THEC reallocation of	proposed	funding	for fiscal	year 96-97
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University	THEC recommended*	Governor recommended	THEC reallocation	Difference	% of full funding*	
Tennessee Tech	37,929,600	38,202,200	37,492,933	-709,267	98.85%	
Nashville State Tech	9,701,400	9,651,100	9,509,700	-141,400	98.02%	
Shelby	15,953,400	15,866,300	15,635,233	-231,067	98.01%	
UT Knoxville	150,840,600	147,591,900	146,215,367	-1,376,533	96.93%	
Cleveland	8,353,300	8,116,600	8,059,333	-57,267	96.48%	
East Tennessee	46,673,900	44,815,500	44,673,967	-141,533	95.72%	
University of Memphis	93,896,000	90,136,400	89,858,667	-277,733	95.70	
Motlow	7,565,200	7,200,100	7,198,433	-1,667	95.15%	
UT Martin	26,000,600	24,721,200	24,723,733	2,533	95.09%	
State Tech Memphis	18,923,500	17,956,600	17,970,400	13,800	94.96%	
Roane	14,200,900	13,467,300	13,480,300	13,000	94.93%	
Chattanooga	19,369,600	18,246,700	18,305,167	58,467	94.50%	
Dyersburg	5,155,100	4,820,900	4,848,233	27,333	94.05%	
Pellissippi	16,117,800	15,070,700	15,156,967	86,267	94.04%	
UT Cattanooga	34,454,300	32,208,600	32,395,400	186,800	94.02%	
Jackson	8,729,400	8,130,900	8,188,100	57,200	93.80%	
Austin Peay	27,123,900	25,124,800	25,348,933	224,133	93.46%	
MTSU	67,262,000	61,539,800	62,350,533	810,733	92.70%	
Columbia	9,188,600	8,336,200	8,470,533	134,333	92.19%	
Tennessee State	34,366,000	31,125,000	31,645,000	520,000	92.08%	
Walters	13,576,900	12,262,500	12,479,300	216,800	91.92%	
Northeast	8,290,600	7,365,800	7,538,933	173,133	90.93%	
Volunteer	13,248,600	11,363,500	11,755,833	412,333	88.88%	
Total	686,921,200	653,320,600	653,321,000	400	95.11%	

legislature and executive branches regarding the credibility of the formula that we were using to allocate the funds," Cole said. So THEC developed

a new one.

Funding equitably While the state is basing operating budget allocations on the new formula,

the state does not have enough money this year to fully fund it.

THEC's recommendation recognizes that the formula is not yet

fully funded and tries to reduce the range of funding variation from institution to institution, Cole said.

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The governor's proposal has a range of funding variation from 100.72 percent for the most funded to 85.77 percent for the least funded when compared to the new formula. THEC's recommendation shows a variation from 98.85 percent to 88.88 percent.

THEC's recommendation also allows for institutions which will receive less funding under the new formula to use the 1996-1997 fiscal year to adapt to less funding.

Tennessee Tech is one of the hardest hit schools under the new formula. While the university receives the highest percentage of funding (98.85 percent) under THEC's recommendation, it would receive \$700,000 less than what the the old formula would provide.

For MTSU, THEC's recommendation reflects only 92.7 percent of the amount determined under the new formula yet the university's operating budget would increase over \$800,000. The University of Tennessee-Knoxville would be funded at 96.9 percent, but would receive \$1.38 million less than what the governor recommended.

MTSU and the extra \$810,733

While THEC's recommendation is brighter for MTSU, nothing is definite until the state legislature passes the final budget around April.

Until the final numbers are figured, MTSU officials can't make any final decisions on how to use the funds, according to Vice President for Finance and Administration Duane Stucky.

"We'll continue to monitor what's going to happen throughout the legislative session, but our [final] planning starts [after the state budget is passed]," Stucky said.

According to Stucky, plans on the top of the list include continuing pay

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Gangster rap to be subject

evaluated for possible change

By Mark Blevins / staff

Ole Blue might be out of a job in a year or two.

Or maybe not.

President James Walker has formed an ad hoc committee composed of students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the Murfreesboro community to evaluate the university's logo and mascot.

"People keep asking us how does a dog relate to a Blue Raider," Walker said.

Evaluating the school symbols is one of the four recommendations outlined in the Athletic Master Plan which was developed for the university in 1991. A consulting firm handled the plan and made recommendations based on surveys and studies within and without the MTSU community.

However, as Walker pointed out, the school symbols are only being evaluated and not necessarily changed.

The committee is also examining the possibility of making the school colors on athletic uniforms consistent. Currently, the teams use variations of blue, white, silver and black.

The first committee meeting was held last week and no defined process for evaluating the symbols has been developed. Walker said he doesn't want to rush the committee.

Walker said he hopes the university can implement any changes for the fall 1997 semester.

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The committee has been instructed to develop a method of providing all interested members of the MTSU community a way to provide input, Walker said.



Brian G. Miller /staff

MTSU mascot Ole Blue dances during Saturday's game against TSU.

SGA President and committee be involved," McFarland said. "I don't member Shane McFarland said the committee will be looking for student support.

"The student body will definitely any changes]."

think that any decision will be made without presenting it to the student body and letting [students examine

of Wednesday lecture

By Charles A. Harrington Jr. /staff

Author Bakari Kitwana will present a lecture addressing the impact of gangster rap on the image of African American men and women as part of the African-American History Month events on campus, . In his recent book, "The Rap on

Gangsta Rap," Kitwana provides a critical overview of the music popularly called "gangsta rap," according to Adonijak Bakari, MTSU assistant professor of history.

Bakari said Kitwana is concerned about the image portrayed by blacks

in television, film, video, advertisements, news and magazines.

Placing corporate elite commercialization of rap music in its political, social and cultural context, he addresses the late twentieth century-styled criminalization of black men and hyper-sexualization of black women through the entertainment industry, Bakari said.

"There has been a lot of misinformation about rap music, mainly in terms of its characterization," Kitwana said. "It's

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SGA prez will sign new act despite flaws in wording

By Heather Hybarger / staff

Shane McFarland, president of Student Government Association (SGA), plans to sign the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1996 despite some grammatical errors.

Expenditure limits on campaigns and all expenditure forms are eliminated through the Electoral Act, and guidelines for political parties are established. The act also changes the election of senators from class rank to election through the college of their major.

The Electoral Act was passed by SGA Congress during the joint House/Senate .meeting last Wednesday. Although many SGA members expressed concerns with some sections, it was decided to pass

the act "as is" and amend it later.

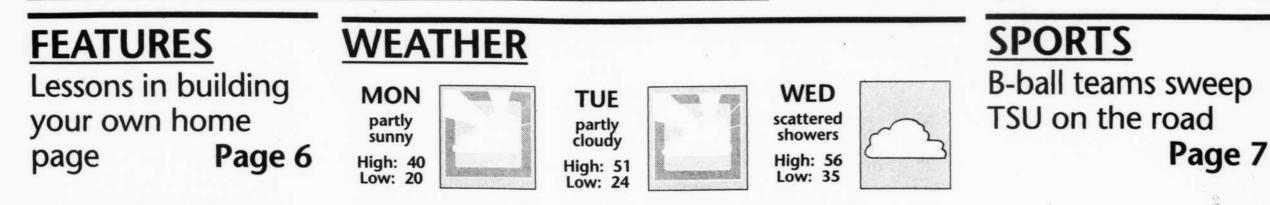
"I thought [the Electoral Act Revision Committee] did a good job," said Tom Burke, dean of Student Life and advisor to SGA. "There are just some things I had hoped would be cleaned up before it went to vote."

Most of the changes McFarland and Burke would like to see in the act are purely grammatical.

"[The Electoral Act is] OK because you've got people now who know what's going on, but you've got to have something that can be understood in the future," McFarland said. "It's got to be clear cut."

McFarland said he sees problems with provisions for the party system contained within the act. The

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Sidelines

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More athletes scoring high in the classroom

By Christina A. Ginn / staff

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Last fall, 102 MTSU athletes were listed on the Honor Roll and Dean's List with GPA's ranging from 3.0 to 4.0.

"It is a the first time in the honor roll athletes at the history that the number of Tennessee Tech game this

athletic honor roll students has been so high," said Jeanne Massaquoi, coordinator of academic advisement for the Athletic Academic Advising Program. "We will be handing out T-shirts and certificates to the honor roll athletes at the Tennessee Tech game this

KITWANA: rap music discussed

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being presented as a black culture instead of a street culture."

Kitwana is presently working on another book, "Black Youth, Guns and the Culture of Violence," which is expected to be published this year.

Kitwana is currently the Executive Editor of The Source: The Magazine of Hip-Hop Music, Culture and Politics.

Kitwana was a former executive editor and assistant to the publisher at Third World Press. He has published many articles and essays including: "Violence, Doublespeak and the American Ruling Elite" and "Essays Exploring the Negative Impact of 'The Black Man's Guide to Understanding the Black Woman."

Kitwana will speak Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the John Bragg Mass Communications Building, Room 104. His lecture will include a slide presentation and audience participatory sessions.

Thursday, Feb. 15 during the men's game."

The Athletic Academic Advising Program is an academic support group required by National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Massaquoi and Wynnifred Counts, an academic advisement counselor, help the athletes with organization and time management.

In addition, the program provides support, encouragement, personal attention and class scheduling help.

"We receive a great deal of

help from the faculty as well," Massaquoi said. "It's like we stroke their backs and they stroke ours."

Along with coordinating the advising program, Massaquoi is also an academic advisor for the men's and women's basketball, tennis, volleyball, track, golf and women's soccer team.

Teams with students on the honor roll include: football, 30; baseball, 16; softball, 5; women's tennis, 5; men's tennis, 2; volleyball, 7; golf, 3; men's track, 5; and women's track, 8. ●

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act. The Electoral Act states that candidates running with a party need not turn in a petition to campaign with a required number of student signatures.

"Is it fair for John Doe to have to go out and get 150 signatures when someone running with a party does not?" McFarland said.

There are also some problems involving the election of the Homecoming Queen, according to McFarland. That is "no big deal" however because Homecoming Queen elections are not until the fall, he said.

"The big issue is: do you want to have [spring SGA] elections and do you want to have them on time," said Chad White, junior senator and member of the Electoral Act Revision Committee. "The main issue here is to avoid a conflict over which we can't have legislation."

Time is a factor in the revisions of the Electoral Act due to constitutional changes made last semester. Spring SGA elections can not be held until the Electoral Act has been revised, passed by both House and Senate, and signed by both McFarland and Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance.

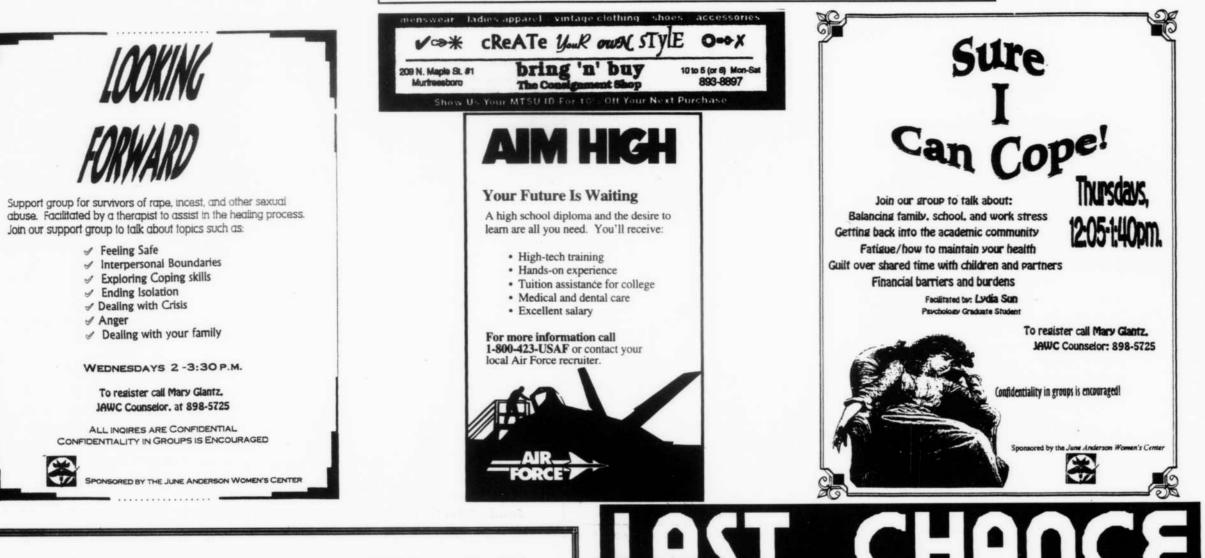
"This is a good solid piece of legislation," White said. "I think we will have a much better electoral process than we have had in the past.

"The best interests of the students here are being upheld by them passing it." \bullet

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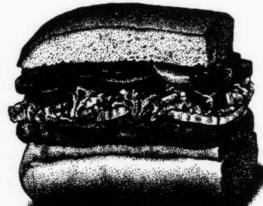
and staff, hiring more faculty to improve the faculty-student ratio, hiring more faculty to reduce the number of graduate teaching assistants and improving library resources.

The governor released his budget recommendations Jan. 29 which included capital project funds to contruct a new \$32.75 million library facility at MTSU. ●



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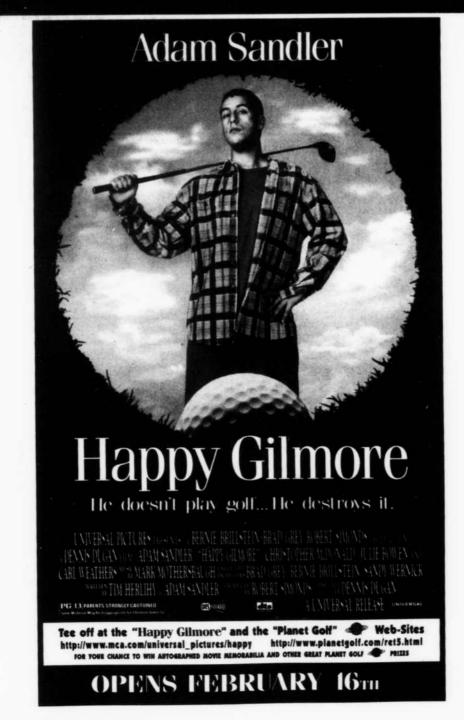
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Adult learners conference tackles anxiety

By Martha Stroud /staff

MTSU will be hosting the third annual Conference on Adult Learning in Tennessee entitled "Helping Adults Handle Anxiety" in the James Union Building this Thursday and Friday.

Funded by the Tennessee Board of Regents, the conference is sponsored by a committee of educators from across the state. MTSU started this annual conference three years ago.

comprise 41 percent of the student body, according to the spring enrollment figures.

There has never before been so many adult learners in higher education, and this trend is occurring across the nation, according to Carol Ann Baily, director of Adult Services.

"Because higher educational institutions are dealing with increased enrollment of adult learners, we hope the participants in the conference schools will address the topics

Students 25 years and older will take away some new of writing anxiety, test taking techniques to help adults handle their anxiety," Baily said.

The key-note speaker for the conference will be Sheila Tobias, author of "Overcoming Math Anxiety."

She will be discussing students' math anxiety and share with educators some exercises to help students overcome their anxiety.

Speakers from Tennessee

anxiety, common anxieties experienced at the beginning of adult learning programs, techniques to lessen anxiety in the classroom, and student assistants and orientation services for adult learners.

Faculty Development funds provide free registration for MTSU faculty and administrators.

To register for the conference, call Carol Ann Baily at 898-5989.

CLARIFICATION

In the Thursday, Feb. 8 edition, Sidelines printed an article about the rescheduling of "An Evening with Maya Angelou." The article should have included that the event will take place on Feb. 22 in Murphy Center, Refreshments will be served on the track at 6:30 p.m., and the presentation will start at 7:00 p.m. Sidelines apologizes for this mistake.

Since the event will now be held in Murphy Center, more tickets have been released. Five hundred student tickets are available for \$5 each, and general admission tickets are \$15. All tickets can be reserved by calling Murphy Center at 898-2103. Originally, the event was scheduled for Feb. 1, but it was postponed due to hazardous weather.

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Student loan defaults declining

College Press Service

WASHINGTON-The number of college graduates who default on their student loans has dropped sharply, according to Education Secretary Richard Riley.

In 1990, about one in every five borrowers were failing to pay back their student loans. The most recent study, from 1993, shows that figure has dropped to one in 10.

The dramatic decline in default rates, coupled with an equally impressive rise in defaulted loan collections, has reduced the taxpayers' burden by millions of dollars," Riley said at a news conference in January.

Tough new sanctions imposed by Congress, combined with efforts by colleges and the Education Department to reduce defaults, have helped to improve the problem, Riley said.

Each year, student loan defaults cost taxpayers billions annually. In fiscal year 1995, the U.S. Treasury paid out \$2.4 billion to cover defaulted student loans.

But total collections of \$2 billion by the Education Department and guaranty agencies brought the net default rate down to \$400 million-a two-thirds reduction from a net default cost of \$1.7 billion in fiscal 1992.

The Education Department has been fighting off criticism by many Republican budgetcutters, who blame past high default rates on poor are paying off.

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legislators have pointed to default rates as a reason why the Clinton administration's direct student loan program should be scrapped.

The direct student loan program allows students to bypass banks and other lenders and borrow money from their schools through the Education Department.

"These significant default reductions and loan collections should quiet critics who claim we aren't up to the task and, therefore, shouldn't be entrusted to manage the direct loan program," Riley said. "These figures are a clear

indication that we can do the job and do it well.'

Riley acknowledged that an improving economy started during the Bush administration helped has deflate the default rate.

But he said the department's programs, including a new National Student Data Loan System that monitors student aid applications prevent to ineligible students from receiving loans,

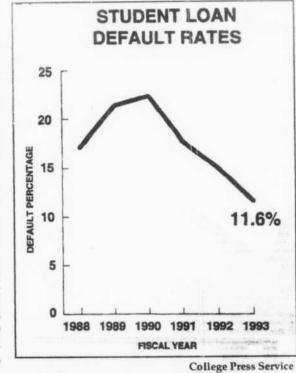
In 1995, the government Most recently, GOP collected \$2 billion from defaulters, compared to less than \$500 million in the eighties.

Also, about 600 schools with high default rates were removed from the federal student loan program.

The government collects money from defaulters by taking their income tax refund and garnishing wages.

The bad news for defaulters is that they face a bad credit rating and the loss of further student aid.

However, borrowers now have the option to consolidate their loans and make payments based on income, Riley said.



SEXUAL ASSAULT **AWARENESS WEEK** February 12-16

MONDAY, February 12 He Said, She Said: A Dramatic Presentation Wright Music Hall, 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 13 Self Defense Presentation **Tucker Theater**, 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, February 14

Presentation of the Oprah Winfree Talk Show dealing with the topics of rape and sexual assault Wright Music Hall, 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, February 15 Information tables in the

KUC lobby All day

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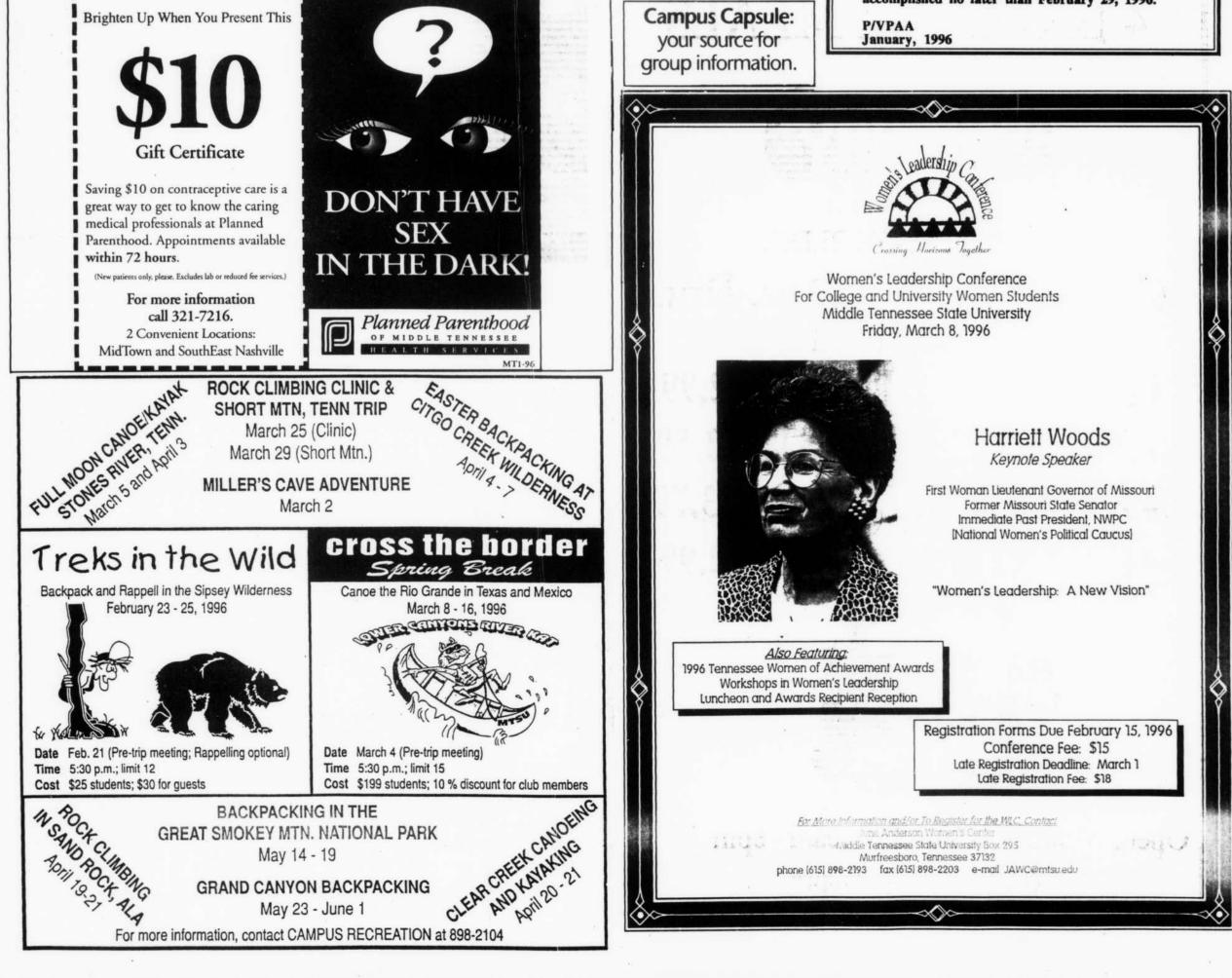
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Please return this ballot via campus mail to:

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CAMPUS CAPSULE

MONDAY, FEB. 12

Student Social Work Forum and Alpha Delta Mu are sponsoring a candy sale Feb. 12 and 13, in KUC in front of Phillips Bookstore. Proceeds go to the social work scholarship.

Student Life is sponsoring the third session in their leadership development series in Room 314 of the KUC. Students will have the opportunity to learn about and participate in activities that show how their speech affects their everyday lives and their leadership skills. This session will be led by Dr. Ralph Hillman, Professor in the Speech and Theatre Department. Any student may attend, but participation is limited.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

College Republicans will hold an open meeting in KUC Room 313 at 7 p.m. State Representative candidate, John Bumpas will be speaking about the upcoming elections. We will also have table set up in front of the bookstore.

The BSU Voices of Praise Gospel Choir will be selling balloons and candy. You may also place orders to have them delivered to that special someone. We will be located in front of the Grill on the 2nd floor of the KUC.

WEDNESDAY FEB. 14

Alpha Kappa Psi will be holding interest meetings at 4:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. in KUC Room 324. AKPsi is a Co-Ed **Professional Business** Fraternity. Anyone with a major or minor in the College of Business and a 2.5 GPA is welcome to attend.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society is meeting at 7 p.m. at the Red Rose Cafe. In

addition to a social time we will be discussing the short story "Cathedral" by Ray Carver. Any interested students are welcome. For more information call Candace Moonshower at 646-4527.

Applications for initiates for Alpha Delta Mu are du in the social work office. Initiation is to be held in Peck Hall 317 on Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m. Members and initiates are to bring canned goods for the food drive.

College Republicans will hold an open meeting Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in KUC Room 313. There will also be a table set up in front of the bookstore.

All May 1996 Graduating Seniors: As a condition of graduation, you are required to take the ACT-Comp. the test will be given on March.5, 6 and 7 in the James Union Building-Tennessee Room. On these dates you may choose from the following test times: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours.

Proposals for the Fourth Annual Undergraduate Symposium in Women's Studies are being accepted through March 7. Applications may be picked up from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in KUC 120. For more information contact Womyn's Political Action Group, MTSU Box 623, or call 890-0915, or email us at m_c_01c4@frank.mtsu.edu.

Women's Leadership Conference will be held at MTSU on March 8. Featuring Harriett Woods as keynote speaker, the conference will also include workshops, a luncheon and the 1996 Tennessee Women of Achievement Awards. Registration deadline is Feb. 15 with a conference fee of \$15; late registration is due on March 1 with a late fee of \$18. Registration forms and additional information is

available at the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206, call 898-2193.

The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance and Phi Kappa **Phi Honorary Fraternities** will sponsor the 1996 MTSU Quiz Bowl on Thursday, Feb. 29. The contest will be held at 6 p.m. in the TV studio of the LRC and is open to all clubs and organizations. Teams, up to four people, must pay an entrance fee of \$15. Interested organizations should either stop by KOM 226A or call 898-2673 or 898-2534 to enter.

The Japan Center of

Tennessee is sponsoring a "Japanese Netsuke Exhibit." Developed during the 17th and 18th centuries, netsuke were created in Japan to prevent a man's medicine box or tobacco pouch from slipping through his kimono's belt. These miniature sculptures were originally made of ivory or wood. They are less than 2 inches high and portray in detail the religion, legends and culture of Japan. The exhibit is on display in the lobby of the Cope Administration Building through March. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Application deadline for the Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honorary Scholarship is April 12. Applications can be obtained in the social work office. Criteria are posted with the applications.

1995-95 MTSU Student Handbooks are available in KUC 122 and KUC 128.

ONGOING EVENTS

The MTSU College Democrats hold meetings every Thursday in the KUC 313 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Codependents Anonymous (Coda) will meet Thursday's

from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Room 109 under the red handrail. Coda is a fellowship of men and women whose common problem is an inability to maintain functional relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and fulfilling relationships with others and ourselves.

Adult Children of

Alcoholics (ACOA) will meet Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Marks Methodist Church, 1403 E. Main St., Room 109. ACOA is a 12-step support group for people raised in an alcoholic or other dysfunctional family.

Lambda, an organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, faculty, non-students, and their supporters, will meet every Tuesday in the Mass Comm building, room 103, at 6:30 p.m. For further information write to MTSU Box 624 or call 780-2293.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will hold its weekly meetings on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and Campus Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 9 p.m., in KUC room 312. All campus ministries and all individuals are invited to attend.

Sure I Can Cope! is a support group for adult women students sponsored by the JAWC. Issues such as balancing family, finances, school, and other topics will be discussed. The group will meet Thursdays at 12:05 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. starting Jan. 25. Bring your lunch! Facilitated by Lydia Sun, a Psychology Graduate student. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. Confidentiality in groups is encouraged.

Looking Forward is a group for female survivors of rape and sexual abuse. Topics such as safety, boundaries in relationships, effectiveness of coping skills, and ending

isolation will be covered. Meets Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. All inquiries are confidential and confidentiality in groups is encouraged. Sponsored by the JAWC.

Seniors and Graduate

Students: create your resume with Resume Expert Plus Software and register with the Placement Center in one easy step! Contact Placement and Student Employment Center KUC 328, 898-2500.

Wesley Foundation will be hosting an hour-long ongoing study group on Human Sexuality in the Christian Faith, Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

Wesley Singers rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome.

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

Anyone interested in being a tutor or getting tutored, please contact Tanisha Harris of the NAACP (Educational Committee) at 898-4056.

MTSU Equestrian Team will hold regular meetings every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the TLC Sales Arena. Everyone is welcome!

Inroads Nashville, Inc. plans to recruit Sophomore and Junior Minority Students in marketing, computer information systems and business administration. With a GPA of 2.9 or better, successful recruits will have the opportunity to do internships with such firms as IBM, Price-Waterhouse and Northern Telecomm. Those interested should immediately call Prof. B. Fayissa at 898-2385 or see him in KOM 322G.

OAK PARK

The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss, a reflective book study, meets Sundays at 4 p.m. in KUC 305. All are welcome to attend. Sponsored by the Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry.

Canterbury Episcopal

Campus Ministry meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for dinner and fellowship at St. Paul's Church, 315 E. Main St. and Thursdays for lunch in the KUC Grill. All are welcome. Contact Andrew Wright at 893-3780 for more information.

Phi Sigma Pi will hold their next meeting on Monday, Feb. 12 in the Choral Hall of the Saunders Fine Arts Building Dues are due. Contact an office if you don't remember how much. Please attend; a new meeting place will be announced soon. If you have yet to attend a meeting this semester, contact Christie Irvin immediately. Any questions call 898-3126.

MTSU Raidersharks- Scuba Club will hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. in the MTSU Pool. It is open to anyone interested in scuba diving or associated activities. All students are welcome. For more information call Tim or June at 895-6249.

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DEADLINES FOR CAMPUS CAPSULE SUBMISSIONS

MONDAY EDITION 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY

THURSDAY EDITION 4:00 P.M. TUESDAY

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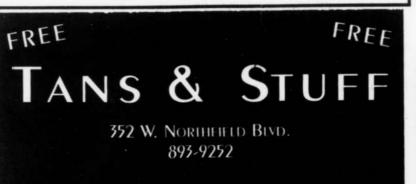
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Christianity is not moral authority in U.S.; gays seek only equal rights



I am responding to Mr. James Elliott's letter that was printed in the Feb. 8 issue of Sidelines. My first reaction/response is, Mr. Elliott could you please define "normal?" The 1994 edition of The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines normal as, "1 adj. 1: regular, standard, natural 2: of average intelligence: also: sound in mind and body; 2 n. 1: one that is normal 2: the usual condition, level, or quantity.'

Since you use the word as an adjective I assume you would apply the first definition, but again, which part? Let's look at the 1992 edition of Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus for other words that are synonyms for normal. Maybe that would help us to understand what you mean by the use of the word. Normal as an adjective can be replaced with: intrinsic, inherent, implanted, innate, inborn, inbred, fundamental, hereditary, subjective, peculiar, idiosyncratic, average, mediocre, rigid, uncompromising, and many, many more ...

Well which of these apply to your letter? Or do any fit? I personally fit into all three of the dictionary's definitions for normal as an adjective. I am 5'6", slightly over weight, brown hair and have hazel eyes. I would say that's regular, standard or natural. My I.Q. is perhaps a little above

average at 120-121, but that shouldn't be too much of a discrepancy. And I am in good overall health. So, would you say that I am "normal?" But, I am a nontraditional student, I am disabled, I practice a non-Christian religion, and oh yes, I am bisexual. There goes my "normal" classification doesn't it.

The next thing I would like to address is your description of homosexuality as "moral degeneracy and sexual deviancy." First of all, I would really like to know where it is written (in stone?) that the Christian religion, (I am making the assumption that you are speaking from a Christian viewpoint when you say "moral," I apologize if I am mistaken), is the yard-stick for morality in the United States, the country that at its birth insisted upon the decision to allow Freedom of Religion. There are many religions that do not have a problem with homosexuality, mine included. Would you IMPOSE your religion's standards on me or anyone else? If so, then perhaps the homosexual issue isn't the one that needs to be addressed here at all.

Secondly, what do you consider sexually deviant? Most early writings proposed that any sexual position besides the basic missionary position was to be considered deviant. Oral sex for the better part of history, even into this half of this century, was considered deviant. In some societies/times, holding hands or kissing in public was and still is considered sexually deviant. Again I ask, which definition are we to follow?

As to the question of rights, you say that "every homosexual has the same constitutional rights as the rest of us." I beg to differ. ... Let me point out some rights that people identifying as homosexual or bisexual aren't automatically granted.

As to the question of rights, you say that "every homosexual has the same constitutional rights as the rest of us." I beg to differ. Perhaps you have never had the misfortune to be included in an oppressed minority so you take for granted that all people are considered equally under the law. Let me point out some rights that people identifying as homosexual or bisexual aren't automatically granted.

Amendment one of the constitution states, along with other items, "the right of the people to peaceably assemble ... " Have you ever heard of Stonewall, Mr. Elliott? Twenty-six years ago a group of homosexuals were gathered in a bar peacefully enjoying themselves, not breaking any laws, when the New York Police Department decided to raid the establishment. The reason for the raid: it was a known homosexual "hang out." I know of no similar incident where a "straight" bar has been raided just because of the sexual identity of its patrons.

Amendment five states, among other items, "nor shall any person...be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...." Are you aware that people identifying as homosexual can be kicked out of their apartments or homes for the sole reason of their sexual identification? Or that people are being beaten to death on their way to and from homosexual establishments? That people are being confined to mental institutions so that they can be "cured" of their mental illness of sexual identity? All without redress.

Those are just a few examples of constitutional discrepancies. As for basic human rights, many times I have read in these pages and others the question, "Why do gays want special rights?" My answer is this, we do NOT want special rights! We want Equal rights. We want the right to feel safe anywhere we go. We want the right to Love any person we choose. We want the right to have our Unions recognized by law. We want the right to Have and Keep our own children. We want the right to have the person we have loved and lived with for the past however many years to be able to Make Medical Decisions for us in the event we

cannot do so for ourselves. We want the right to work where we want without fear of Losing our Jobs. We want the same basic rights and expectations that every human being wants!

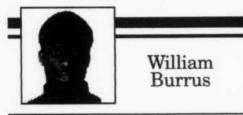
Finally Mr. Elliott, I am glad that you and "the great majority of normal citi-zens" don't hate homosexuals. That means that maybe I can be safe walking home from a friend's house. And as far as fearing us, I don't know of a single homosexual who has ever desired that society fear him or her. Fear only breeds distrust and, in some cases, violence.

It has been my intention in this letter to try to bring forth the truth of the issues at hand, and yes in some areas point out how "silly" many of these arguments can get. I did not set out to offend any one person or group in this letter, although I am sure I have just by the fact that I am expressing an opinion. I agree that every one is entitled to any and all opinions they have, but I ask that when offering them to others, please think about what you have to say, try not to be oppressive, and if possible, try to gather as much information as possible before making statements about that which you really don't have the whole facts on.

In all hopes of finding a peaceful and cooperative solution to this societal dilemma,

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Mackin' 101: an intro



The word "mack" is a word in the African- American community that has traditionally been used to describe a man that has a stable of sex partners. It is synonymous with words such as: gigolo, play-boy and "dog.

However, the word "mack" has evolved. It can now be used to describe a person who uses the affection of others get money. Also, it can be used to describe a male or a female who simply has a lot of friends of the opposite sex. Often the word "mack" is used in this connotation. Some of my friends jokingly call me a "mack." I just laugh and say, "Naw, ya'll are the "macks" around here; I simply take notes." I mostly take those comments as jokes, but the other day my friend Kenden told me that I really was a "mack." He said, "You may not be a "mack" in the traditional sense, but you do have a whole lot of female friends." I thought a minute about what he had said and admitted that I did have a lot of female friends. I wondered how that could be. I said to myself, "I don't have G.Q. or Ebony Man magazine looks. Shoot, sometimes I come to class without having brushed my teeth or combed my hair." I'm not built Mr. Olympia. My dress must not be too good because I was recently told that I dress like somebody's daddy. To be honest, I'm just a plain average Joe. About two days later, I read the following "Guidelines For Men" on an instructor's door. The ten guidelines are as follows: 1. Respect her philosophies, goals and ideals. She has a brain. Listen to her ideas and remember them. Make her feel appreciated. 2. Talk with her, not at her. Don't boss her around. Don't make her do anything she does not want to do. 3. Ask her for advice and opinions. Let her talk. Don't interrupt. Be a good listener. Include her in decision-making. 4. Be honest. Never lie to her. Be open about feelings. Apologize for mistakes. 5. Give her space. Don't be a control

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freak. Remember that she has a professional life as well as other interests. Give her some support. Let her spend time with other friends. 6. Be sensitive to her problems. Help her. Show her you care. 7. Don't call her names. Never hit her. Treat her with respect, caring and trust. 8. Don't compete with her. The two of you have different goals. There is absolutely nothing wrong with a man seeing a woman who has more education and a more prestigious job. 9. Do fun things together. Don't bore her. Don't forget to make her laugh. 10. Should you meet that special someone and the two of you marry, I want to add these two cents: (a) is not a housekeeper. You need to get off the couch and cook, clean and do the laundry. Help out. Remember marriage is a equal partnership. (b) Should the two of you desire children, you should help raise them: change diapers, clean up, feed them, get up in the middle of the night. Perhaps you could take some leave from work to stay home with the new baby. (c) Never force your wife to have sex. That's rape. No means no.

Letter to the Editor

Has anyone had a chat with God about homosexuality?

To the Editor,

How annoying it is to be continually exposed to the uneducated opinion of the religious radical right wing. I would like to know, and I address this query to Mr. Elliot [Letter to the Editor, Sidelines 2-8-96), who decides what is moral or immoral? Grotesque or "normal?" Is it God? Have you recently seen God and asked him, person next to you, repeating this "Hey, God! How do you feel about action until the last person speaks

homosexuals?" Or are your opinions and prejudices based upon your blind acceptance of the Bible, a work that has been transcribed and translated for thousands of years by an unknowable number of people. (Maybe God could tell us...)

Have you ever played that game where you get 10 or 15 people together and whisper a sentence, such as "Mr. Jones likes rice," to the

aloud the phrase? Isn't it funny how "Mr. Jones likes rice" can change to "Joe's dog eats lice?" This transformation happens with only 10 or 15 people and one language. Imagine what it would be like to include a countless number of languages and an unknown number of people doing the translation!

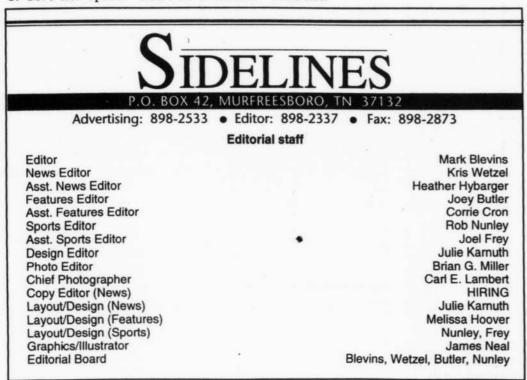
> **Matthew H. James** Sophomore, Radio/TV

After reading these guidelines I thought to myself, if any man or woman only applied a few of them they would increase their level of "mackability." Following some of these guidelines is what I had been doing for sometime; I just did not know it.

If one uses this form of "macking," they must "mack" responsibly. Feigning adherence to these guidelines to use someone for money, sex or anything else is wrong. Unfortunately, by following these guidelines some people will think it is a sign of weakness and will try to capitalize on this misperceived weakness. All I can say to that is that it's the nature of relationships and life in general. We must take risks to fully enjoy the blessings that come in life.

In closing, I want to make sure you know the correct definition of "macking" in this essay. It is one that typically describes our efforts to be appreciated, particularly by members of the opposite sex. Viewing the term in this light I think it is safe to say we all have a little "mack" in us.

Mr. Burrus is a senior Sociology student.



Rec Center locker policy inadequate

By Dave Watson

Maybe it's time for a new director of [Campus] Recreation. Someone who tries to solve problems before they become problems.

For 17,000 students, there are about 490 lockers combined in the men's and women's locker rooms in the Recreation Center. The Center's design was approved in part by Glenn Hanley, director of [Campus] Recreation. Then, Glenn Hanley decided to rent out all but 45 lockers in each of the locker rooms.

I saw a problem here and introduced a bill into the SGA Senate that would have opened up more lockers, including some of the larger ones. It also would have made Campus Recreation provide free tokens for use of the little lockers by the front desk. This bill was defeated partly by the efforts of Senator Scott Davis-you can thank him while you try to squeeze your winter coat and everything else into one of the small lockers, if you can get one-partly by the efforts of Glenn Hanley, who came to the SGA and testified that 45 lockers were all the day use lockers that the Recreation Center would need open. He also pledged that there would be at least 45 lockers open at all times for students to use while they worked out. What he failed to mention was that the Recreation Center's policy would soon be that all lockers would be rented out and there would be NO lockers available free for students to use while they are using the Recreation Center they are already paying for. He feels if students don't want to rent a locker, they should carry their clothes around with them while they work out. Of course Glenn has a locker and an office there so it's not his problem.

Is this the kind of person that

should be running the recreation program for students? I say NO.

Not only that, last Monday night, numerous students, including me, were unable to use the Recreation Center because there were no lockers available at all. The recreation staff on duty had the audacity to suggest I rent a lobby locker to put my clothes in. Lets see: I go get dressed, then go rent a locker, then work out. So far so good. Now I come back, pay another quarter to get my towel so I can take a shower. I relock my clothes because I don't want my

wallet stolen while I am in the shower. OK, now I take my shower and am naked and my clothes are out in the locker. lobby Question: Should I, at this point, walk out in my birthday suit to retrieve my clothes or do I put back on my sweaty workout clothes to go get them? The only thing those lockers by the front desk are good for is keeping a coat in.

On the other hand, we may never know if 45 lockers would have been sufficient because Glenn Hanley's staff went ahead and rented maybe half of those out also. I would be surprised if there were more than 20 open in each of the men's and women's locker rooms-for 17,000 students-but of course, even those have to be rented.

Other problems reported to Glenn Hanley and his staff have also gone untouched. If you need another

example of Glenn Hanley's management abilities, check out the outdoor recreation workout center between the Murphy Center and the stadium. It was supposed to be kept up by Campus Recreation. More than a year and a half ago, I told Glenn Hanley that it was dangerous and needed work. What was done? Watch out that you don't cut yourself on the jagged rusting holes and edges!

Should Glenn Hanley be released? Yes! He has created a locker problem with his policies. If half of the lockers in the locker

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rooms were left open for anyone to use for free during the time they were at the Recreation Center, there would not be a problem at all. He created it. It shows his attitude towards students, and we can do better at MTSU. I think that a few manage-ment changes would leave students amazed by what true service and quality management can get done. Instead of hearing...whine, whine ... we've only

been open six months ... we've only been open a year ... whine, whine...we've only been open 10 years. Maybe we would hear, "Oh, that was done last week."

Where does it stop, Mr. President? Oh, by the way, you might want to take care of that little rusty safety problem Glenn Hanley and Campus Recreation have left you before this school is sued.

Mr. Watson is a senior Music **Education student.**

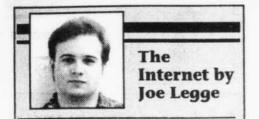
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Building your own web page, part 2

Recapping last week, I took you through the basic steps of creating a file that can be viewed on the Internet from your own web site. Many readers inquired last week about putting pictures, music and other media forms on their web sites. Over the next few weeks, we will work our way to that point, so hang on - we'll get there.

Picking up where I left off, after creating a file in HTML format, it will need a place where it can be found when it becomes public domain. To do this, create a directory under the base of your "frank" account. This directory should be called public_html. If you've ever used DOS, the computer language for the Internet will be very similar. Type: mkdir public_html and hit return. A new directory under that name should appear. The list command - ll - (that "1" as in "luck) will display all of the files and directories under the query. You should find that the "public_html" directory is now listed.

The next task is to move all of the files you have created for your web site into the "public_html" directory. Make sure that you are at the base of your "frank" account. If you're not sure, simply type cd and hit return and you should be there. Using the file "homepage.html" as an example file, the following command will do the trick: mv homepage.html public_html. "MV" stands for "move the file." Homepage.html will now be under your public_html directory.

Whatcha gonna do when they come for you?

MTSU police force one of most highly trained in the state

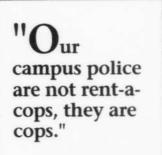
By Scott Link / staff

We've all seen them. Ominous, imposing figures in official automobiles. Most of us feel a tinge of guilt, remembering the last time we exceeded the speed limit, rolled through a stop sign or buzzed through a red light.

But what do we really know about our campus police force?

Probably the most common misconception is that the campus police are not really police officers at all, just glorified security. The MTSU police force are one of the most highly trained departments in the state, according to Dustin Miller, Community Service Specialist for the MTSU campus police force. Contrary to popular belief, our officers are not "Barney Fife" types who can't get hired anywhere else. Our officers are qualified to work at any station in the state. Each is held to the same regime of training that Metro police, or any other force is held.

All officers of the law are required to do at least 40 hours of inservice training every year. Most departments offer only the barest



Dana Harper student patrol

also one of only nine universities to be a member of the Commission of Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation (CLEAA). The CLEAA gauges the quality of services provided to the public by each organization. The members of this agency are held to a much higher standard than normal.

"Our campus police are not renta-cops, they are cops. All are highly trained," said Dana Harper, a member of the student patrol. The MTSU student patrol officers are not official police officers, but are noncommissioned, non-sworn students who routinely act as security, check buildings and escort students safely at night.

'They are a direct link to the student body," Miller said, "They allow us to do police work uninterrupted. They are our additional set of eyes and ears."

The student patrol may do as many as 65 escorts in one evening. They will also be in radio contact with campus police in order to report any crimes they see. The student patrol is an integral part of helping to keep the crime rate on campus low.

MTSU has had a below average rate of crime for the last five years, but have recently seen an increase in crimes of opportunity, or crimes that could have been prevented, according to Miller. Just because the crime rate is low does not mean you are not at risk. There is no magical boundary between the campus and the rest of Murfreesboro. Anything that happens across the street could just as easily happen on campus.

"I don't want to make anyone afraid, but I do want to make them aware," Miller explained, "I don't want to create a false feeling of safety.'

There has never been an MTSU officer that has been shot, but they have exchanged fire with individuals. MTSU officers are in just as much danger as any other police officer. Campus police have collected weapons on and around campus ranging from a foot-and-a-half long gun pistol. All officers are required to wear protective vests while on duty.



Illustration by James Neal

Campus officers do not have radar yet, though Miller explained that plans are in motion to acquire it very soon. In the meantime, officers use a method of pacing to gauge speed and have been trained at the academy on how to guess within 10 mph the speed a car is traveling. The speed limit on campus is 25 mph.

MTSU's police department has a philosophy designed to emphasize the civil servant aspect of the police force. MTSU encourages officers to have a community initiative. One of the Bowie knife to a MAC 10 machine main goals of the campus police is to eliminate or reduce citizen apathy about crime.

as such. The drawback to using it in this manner is that there are only four lines, and they may be busy. The campus does have a 911 service devoted to emergency calls. The response time of campus officers to an emergency call is under two minutes, according to Miller. A regular call may take five to 10 minutes for a response.

Miller spoke of some of the strangest calls he had heard, everything from streaking in front of Cummings and Corlew Halls to a 6year-old and an 8-year-old driving their mother's car down the one way street near the nursing building.

A common mistake from this point on is that a user creates a file but cannot access it on the World Wide Web. The problem is the user forgot to "turn the file on." All files are "turned off" to the outside world, so that no one can see your work until you're ready for them to. To "turn the file on." or allow others to view it, you must give access to the directory the files are in and the files themselves. From the base of your "frank" account, type: chmod 755 public_html and then hit return. Following this, type: chmod -R 755 public_html and hit return. Your public_html directory is now "turned on." Now, do the same thing for the files within the public_html directory. If you're not sure how to get into a directory, simply type: cd public_html and you are in. Again, a way to check yourself to make sure that you are where you want to be is to use the list command - ll.

The last thing we will go over this week is how to change a file name. It is the same command that is used to "move" a file to another directory, except it is used a different way. The homepage.html file created early needs to be renamed index.html so that this will be the first file an outside viewer will discover. Type: homepage.html index.html and hit return and the deed is done. Check to make sure using ll that the file is now called that and you are on your way. (NOTE: did you remember to "turn the file on?")

The basic WWW site is now created. Using the example login "sidelines," (substitute your login for "sidelines") the WWW address to access your web site is: http://www.mtsu.edu/~sidelines. Of course, you'll need a web browser to get there - lynx, Netscape, etc.; they will all do the trick.

Questions or comments should be e-mailed legman@knuth.mtsu.edu. If you would like me to see your work, please pass along your web site address to the above e-mail address.



minimum to meet that requirement. MTSU goes far beyond it, by offering a greater diversity in programs; some even choose to go out of state for training in specialized areas, such as investigation forensics and techniques. Miller had completed 160 hours of training by his second year, as opposed to the 80 required by police regulations.

The MTSU campus police force is

MTSU officers are commissioned as both state and county officials, which means they have the jurisdiction of state trooper and county deputy combined. Tickets written by campus police carry the same fines as those given by state troopers. There is a contiguous zone that covers all roads that intersect with campus which squad cars patrol with regularity, according to Miller.

"If something doesn't look right, feel right. It probably isn't right," Miller said.

They would much rather check out a suspicion and find out it was nothing rather than spend the a large portion of the next day taking reports.

To report a crime dial 2424. That number is not primarily an emergency number, but can be used

In an effort to improve protection for campus, there will be eight new full-time officers hired over the next three years, increasing the force from 20 to 28.

But just in case you were wondering, Miller said that the MTSU campus police does not have anything to do with parking violations.

Toy Fair reveals that 1996 toys are a mix of savvy, security and occasional grossness

Associated Press

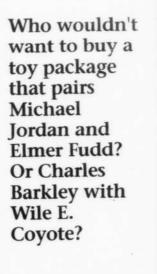
This year's Toy Fair almost has the feel of a college reunion - most of the toys on display are familiar faces dressed differently or packaged into new formats. And many are much more sophisticated.

Barbie, for example, is on CD-ROM, allowing girls to design outfits and then print them out on special fabric to make the clothes.

Barbie herself will be more limber - as Twirling Ballerina Barbie, her ankles bend, and as a gymnast, she does splits. She and Ken also will be dressed as Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins from "My Fair Lady," and as starship Enterprise crewmembers for the 30th anniversary of the "Star Trek" TV series.

The most prominent action figures at the fair are old favorites like Batman and the "Star Wars" characters. But there are a few eyecatching twists, like Michael Jordan as an action figure teamed up with Bugs Bunny.

No one knows what will be the top-selling toy of 1996, but a visit to several manufacturers' showrooms does reveal several trends: More toys are using CD-ROMs and minicomputers. Some toymakers are



playing it safe, relying on proven successes. And others haven't lost their sense of humor - there are also toys that emit grunts and belches.

Analysts have said 1996 won't be a big year for licensed toys - products based on new movies or TV shows.

But some shown at Toy Fair probably will do well, including the action figures by Playmates Toys based on the film "Space Jam," due out later this year.

The movie stars Michael Jordan, along with several other NBA players and Bugs Bunny and other Looney Tunes characters. Who wouldn't want to buy a toy package that pairs Jordan and Elmer Fudd? Or Charles Barkley with Wile E. Coyote?

Some companies that are heavily into licensed toys are focused on perennial best-sellers. Hasbro's Kenner division has several Batman lines, some based on the comic books and others on last year's "Batman Forever" movie. There are 28 new figures in Kenner's "Star Wars" action line.

The decline of licensing was obvious at Tiger Electronics, which made its name with hand-held video games based on every big movie in recent years.

The company has fewer of these games for 1996, but it has come up with twists like Grip Games, a video game in a joystick. An electronic game called Brain Warp, somewhat reminiscent of the 1980s hit Simon, was popular with visitors to Tiger's showroom.

Tiger aims at the increasing sophistication of children. It has a line of beepers; devices kids can use to send each other e-mail across short distances; and Henry, an electronic

game that uses a variety of sound effects and voices, including belches, a horse's whinnying and an upper-class Englishman.

There's room for some grossness, too: Yes Entertainment Corp., for example, has Yak Bak SFX, a small device that emits sound effects like splats and screams. On a lower-tech level, one of the plush toys in Mattel's "101 Dalmatians" line is named Wizzer; he is paper-trained.

This year's lineup is weighted more toward electronic learning aids for preschoolers and CD-ROMs for all children. Successful products are being turned into CD-ROMs: Hasbro has them based on Monopoly, Candyland, Mr. Potato Head and Tonka. Toy Biz has put comics on CD-ROM

There are signs that toy companies are trying to answer consumers' demand for value. Tyco Toys has several lines of plush animals that will be list-priced at \$10, and it has two products, Game Babies and Power Zone, that are really five or six different games in one package.

The company also is selling \$5 and \$15 version of Vermont Teddy Bears, the upscale plush toys that range from \$34 to well over \$100.

SPORTS SIDELINES

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Blue Raiders skin TSU's Tigers, 79-74

By Rob Nunley / staff

A record-breaking crowd was on hand in Nashville Saturday night to see the battle between the Blue Raiders and the Tennessee State Tigers. A battle is exactly what they saw.

But when the final horn sounded and the smoke cleared, the majority of the Gentry Complex spectators were disappointed, as the Raiders outlasted the Tigers to come away with a 79-74 victory

"I'm glad that they draw for us," said Blue Raider head coach David Farrar. "It means that it's important for them, and it's a good rivalry.

The win was the third straight over TSU for the Raiders, who swept the season series against the Tigers for the first time since 1992. With the victory, Middle's record improved to 12-8 overall and 6-4 in the OVC. The Tigers' record dropped to 10-11 overall and 7-4 in conference play.

With Tennessee State sitting above the Raiders in second place in the OVC, as well as just coming off a win against conference-leading Murray State, the Raiders came into Saturday's game knowing they would have their work cut out for them. Middle also came in with confidence behind last Saturday's come-frombehind win at Austin Peay.

"There's a lot of good coaches, a lot of good players, and a lot of good teams, and obviously Tennessee State is definitely one of them," Farrar said. "I think we were fortunate tonight on one hand, and on the other I thought we played pretty well, and I think our kids played with a lot of confidence."

The Tigers and Raiders exchanged baskets for much of the first half, which saw three lead changes and eight ties before TSU was able to take a 40-37 lead into the break.

TSU led at halftime despite the fact that the Raiders out rebounded them 22-15 in the first half, including 12 offensive rebounds to TSU's seven.

'We had more than they did, but they scored on theirs early, and that hurt," Farrar said. "But the kids said this at halftime, they've taken their best shot at us. We felt like we'd have a chance at the end, and we did."

In the second half, the battle continued, and the Raiders kept chopping away at the Tigers behind strong offensive performances, particularly from forward Nod Carter

the Tigers were on the verge of making a run, Carter's 3-point accuracy came through to give Middle the lead.

Washington, who only had four points in the first half, had a huge second half, racking up 11 points including five crucial points late in the game

With the shot clock winding down, Washington connected on a 12-foot jumper that gave the Raiders a fourpoint lead with only 1:10 remaining. On the next possession, the 6-10 senior slashed his way to the basket from the top of the key. Washington was fouled as the lay-up went in, and he calmly buried the free-throw to complete the traditional 3-point play and virtually seal the Raider win.

'That's probably the biggest time I ever had," Washington said. "I wasn't thinking about it then, but those shots for me were probably the biggest shots I've ever taken in my career. Coming off the bench, all I can do is go out there and give all I can. Coach expects me to go out there and do it, and it feels good to be able to go out there and be able to get it done

Carter led the Raiders with an MTSU career-high 28 points, while Washington and Aylton Tesch followed with 15 and 14, respectively. Washington and Roni Bailey led the Raiders on the boards with eight each, while Tim Gaither added seven and Tesch and Brent Secrest contributed six each. Bailey and Gaither dished off five assists each.

Four Tigers scored in double figures, led by guard Monty Wilson with 21. Forward Stanley Caldwell chipped in 14 points and 10 rebounds in a losing effort.

After the game, Farrar and his players expressed their elation with the victory

"It feels great," Washington said. "For me, it's the best time of my life, because we've never got a win out of here ever since I've been playing here. To come up here and get a sweep on them in their gym feels great."

"This team is playing very confidently, they're very receptive," Farrar said. "This was a player's game and they swelled up and did what they needed to do.

"I think you could see in several people, and I'll just use Nod as an example, I think you just saw a tremendous amount of confidence, and he was going to do what he needed to do to win," Farrar added. "Several guys did that, David and a number of





The Leprechaun's Pot Sean P. O'Toole

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Magic's return; dunk contest show NBA's highs and lows

Well, as Dennis Miller, the patriarch of all that is good and holy says, let's see who fed it and who ate it this week.

It has been two weeks since my last report from the rainbow (I'm not smoking anything, I'm just Irish), so I cannot focus on any one topic. Here we go. Buckle up.

 Magic Johnson made a triumphant return from retirement to try to put a little juice back into the Lakers.

I applaud Magic. The man probably has less than a decade to live, and is out there playing a game that is very challenging physically. He has been off the court for the last four years. Despite all those obstacles, Magic has come back to the game he loves. That is determination.

For all you couch commandos out there who think a sit-up is rising up from your La-Z-Boy to pull the remote control out from in-between your toes, think again. Welcome back, Magic.

 The NBA's annual All-star celebration was held this past weekend, as well. I happened to catch the Nestle Crunch Slam Dunk contest on TV, and saw the biggest travesty I have ever seen.

Brent Barry wins the Dunk contest?

Well, let's see how he won it. With a jump from the free throw line, you say? Wow! I have never seen anybody do that before! What an ORIGINAL dunk! (If you have not caught the sarcasm yet, that's probably because it is stabbing you in the face!) Are there any original dunks out there? Sure, dunking from the free throw line is dramatic and all, and I'm sure it's probably pretty hard (I know I can't do it), but I would like to see something with a bit more pizazz to it.

Senior guard Tim Gaither takes off for a layup during Saturday night's win. The Raiders-SEMO game can be seen tonight on Sportsouth.

Indians defeated Middle 65-63 on Jan. game's on TV, and I truly believe we'll 13 at Murphy Center with a last play wel second 3-pointer. Tip-off for tonight's game is "SEMO bruises us up, they're very scheduled for 7:30, and the game will physical, and they take us out of be televised on SportSouth (cable things," Farrar said. "They embarrassed us at home, and that channel 33).

and center David Washington.

After the Raiders took the lead early in the second half, the Tigers kept coming back and regaining a narrow advantage. But several times during the second half when it seemed

people, and that's what it takes to have a championship team."

The Raiders will be trying to sweep their three-game road trip tonight, when they take on the Indians from Southeast Missouri tonight. The

Next year, add a trampoline. That way, even mascots can get in on the Slam Dunk contest.

•And, as I predicted before Christmas, Art Modell does not get to move the Cleveland Browns to Baltimore, sort of. Explanation? Of course I will.

Modell will get to move the team to Baltimore, but the team colors will stay in Cleveland, as will the name "Browns," and Cleveland will receive either a expansion or existing team by the year 1999. And, the NFL will give the City of Cleveland money to build a new stadium.

And Art Modell thought that he was going to cheat the City of Cleveland.

Man, payback can be painful. And as if all this was not enough, things are really starting to heat up in the OVC.

The women's and men's basketball teams are both playing the best they have in years, and the women's team especially appears to be poised for OVC titletown.

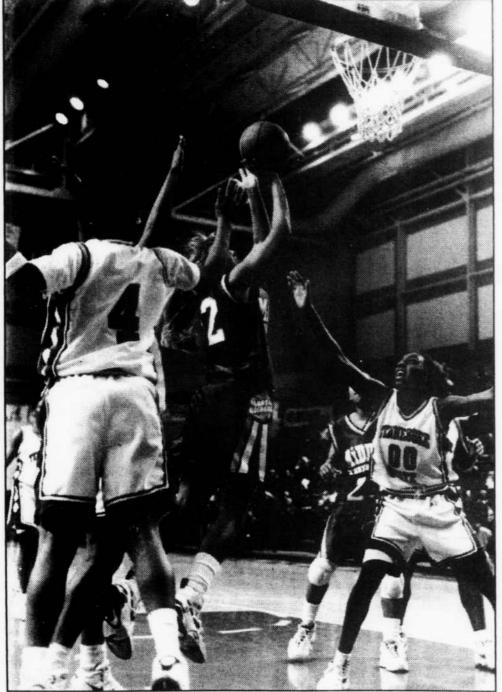
And yet, the only people who show up for the women's games are the diehards, and the people who think, "Gee, if we get there early, we'll have good seats for the men's game."

What do I have to do, come out there and drag you people to the game? If the ol' leprechaun here and my band of gold diggin', butt kickin', mercenaries have to come out there and get you people, we will.

If you don't believe me, ask my uncle Jo Sephis, and he will tell you how loony me and my good friend the Jack-O-Lantern are.

So please come to Lady Raider games, would ya? Hope all this food for thought was enough to keep you fed for one more week. Until next time, across the rainbow I go.





Brian G. Miller/staff

Lady Raider center Amanda Bevis puts up a shot underneath during Saturday night's win at Tennessee State. The Lady Raiders' 9-1 record leads the OVC by two games over second place Austin Peay.

By Sean P. O'Toole /staff

Coming into Saturday night's contest against TSU at the Gentry Complex, Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens had more questions in front of him than the Clintons do about Whitewater.

How will the Lady Raiders react to their first OVC loss? Can anyone makeup for the scoring void left by Jessica Beaty's injury?

But all the questions were answered after the Lady Raiders used all their resources to pull out an impressive 73-60 victory

"Every game is going to be a battle now," Bivens said. "It was kind of easy for the first half, so that means that everybody is going after you now. When you are on top, everybody is going to give you their best punch, so you have to give them your best punch, too.'

And the Lady Raiders won in a way they have not had to this season by coming from behind. Down by as many as eight in the first half, and after trailing by only one at halftime, the Lady Raiders fell behind TSU again, by as many as five, before Jonelda Buck hit two free-throws to tie the score at 50-50 with 12:50 to go in the game.

Following two-and-a-half minutes of fouls, Kim Francis broke the ice with a 3-point bomb at the 9:24 mark that gave the Lady Raiders their first lead since mid-way through the first half. Middle never turned back, closing out the game by outscoring TSU 20-10 en route to their first season sweep of the Lady Tigers since the 1991-92 campaign.

One of the biggest differences in this game might have been that TSU scored just 10 points in the final 13 minutes of play.

"I told the girls after the game that the difference was that we played a lot harder defense in the second half, so our defense just sort of turned into our offense," Bivens said.

The Lady Raiders went to the free throw line 27 times, and hit 19 of those shots. Jonelda Buck scored 14 points and grabbed 7 rebounds, and Trella Thomas, at 5 foot, 5 inches tall. led all players with 11 rebounds.

Brian G. Miller/staff

But it was Natalie Sneed, who failed to start the game for the first time all season, that turned the most heads, leading all scorers with 20 points.

"It was the first time this year she did not start, and she had the best game of her career," said Bivens

In addition to Sneed, the Lady Raiders got nine points a piece from Kim Francis and Carlita Elder, adding to the damage done by the bench.

'Our bench has to be big," Bivens "You lose something when you said. lose Beaty, so somebody has to step it up a little. But I saw some of our players really grow up in the second half, and they were big for us.'

Traci Boone led the Lady Tigers with 16 points and six rebounds, and Tequila Holloway and Nikki Sims each scored 15 and 11 points, respectively.

Next up for the Lady Raiders is a trip to visit the Otahkians of Southeast Missouri, who the Lady Raiders easily disposed of on Jan. 13th, 78-64.

In that contest, the Lady Raiders managed to hold SEMO's star forward, Gray C. Harris, to just 17 points, well below her average. This past week alone, she has scored 42 points and 39 points in separate games, and she will no doubt be the focal point of the Lady Raider defensive attack.

"She is definitely the load of their team," Bivens said. "Our whole team will be guarding her, and we will give her different looks. We have to get our whole team to stop her.'

The Lady Raiders (now 18-2, 9-1), have made it clear that they have no intention of letting the season slip away. In fact, last Saturday's loss to Austin Peay may have strengthened their will, their hope, and most importantly, their desire.

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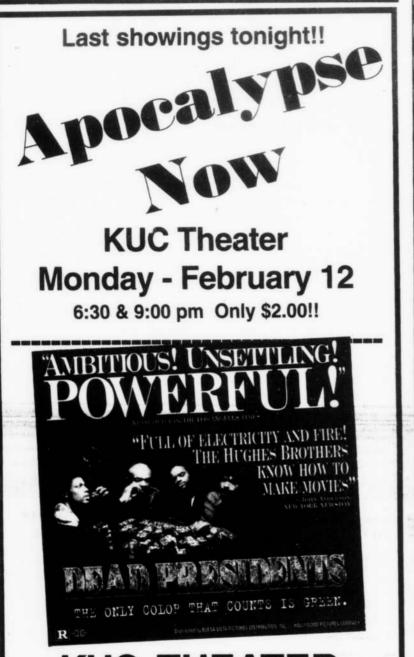
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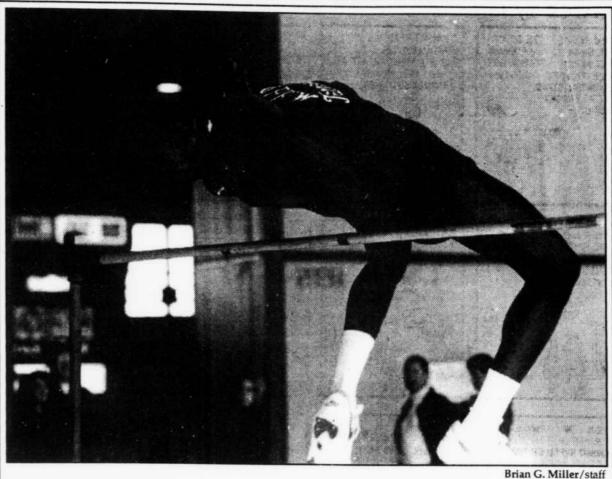
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Rashad Haynes clears the high jump bar during a recent track meet. Haynes took third place in Saturday's meet at Murphy Center with a leap of six feet, six inches.

_ady Raider track team takes first, men place second in home meet

By Marcus Randle /staff

The Lady Raider track dominated the competition this weekend. while the men finished a very close second in Saturday's meet at Murphy Center.

The women's team defeated the six-team field very comfortably, scoring 85 total points. The Lady Raiders' closest competitor, Southeast Missouri, only managed to score 42 points.

The men had a tougher time of it, taking second place overall with a score of 61. SEMO's men won the meet with a score of 66.

Excitement was in the air during the meet, as the MTSU teams ran for the last time before they will attempt to claim the indoor titles at the OVC championship meet later this month.

For the women, defending OVC Woman of the Year Mia Florence brought her show to Murphy Center, placing first in the high hump and the triple jump. Shelley Johnson muscled her way to win the shot put.

Nekeya Ralls put up an outstanding performance, winning the 55 meters and 55 meter high hurdles, and taking second in the long jump. Nadia Graham won the 200 meters with ease, while the mile relay team won with ease, finishing with a time of 3:49.10.

For the men, the top performer was Christian Nsiah, who lit up the track with wins in the 55 meters and the 200 meters.

The high-risers Jahez Salahuddin, Rashad Haynes and Torrence Riley finished second, third and fourth in the high jump, respectively, while

Salahuddin and Haynes took second and third in the triple jump. Atiba Tucker placed second in the long jump, while Haynes took fourth.

In the 55 meter high hurdles. Carlos Clardy finished first, while teammate Dana Dixon took second. Bo Collins had to settle for fifth in the shot put, while the men's mile relay team finished second with a time of 3:21.80.

Saturday's meet was the final tune-up for MTSU's teams, who will be hosting the OVC indoor championship meet Feb. 23 and 24. The meet will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23 and at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Admission is free and open for all track meets at Murphy Center, and fans are encouraged to attend and support their teams.

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Lady Raider netters win two straight in Alabama HARDCASE By Marcus Randle /staff The Golden Eagles took the other three singles matches SATURDAY 2/17 leaving the doubles to settle the The Lady Raider tennis LAUGHING STORM DOGS outcome team broke into the win column over the weekend scoring Toelle and Jennifer Bryans victories over Samford were left with the match in Sunday 2/18 University and Southern their hands after the first two Million Worlds Mississippi. doubles points were split, Both wins had identical 5-4 knotting the score at four. scores

In the Southern Mississippi match, Alexandria Toelle, Amy King and Malinda Ryan won singles matches at positions three, five and six, respectively.

After splitting the first two sets, the freshman duo was able to take control, winning the match 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-1 and giving the Lady Raiders the dramatic win.

"They're playing with a lot more confidence," Coach Dale Short said. "It was good for them to get these victories in two matches that really could have gone either way.'

Coach David Thornton's Lady Raider squad will rest this week and prepare for its first home match of the year, a week from Wednesday, Feb. 21 when the Lady Raiders will square off against the University of Southwestern Louisiana.





Monday, February 12, 1996

Sidelines



Love Notes

Kelly, Only time keeeps us apart.

Froggy Girl, Will you be my Lobster? Love you bunches, Honey Bunny

Glenda, I love you so very much. Have

a happy Valentines Day. Forever yours, Marc

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John,

Do you love me? Do you wanna be my friend? I have loved you since our first date one year, two months, and one day ago. I hape you know I'll always love you. Happy Valentines, Sweetheart. Love. Briana

Shannon,

as long as little Ed enjoys looking out a window, as long as I can pick up a telephone and call you at 7:25 on Monday nights, as long as Bucksnort starts with the letter "B", and as long as i can suck air into my lungs You will be held up as one of God's most beautiful creations and loved by one very lucky man. I love you, Jason

To Dray,

You are the love of my life. This is our second Valentines Day together and believe me baby, there will be an eternity of more to come. Stay sexy and see you tonight. **Brown Sugar**

Ashke',

I love you great gonzo giant radioactive mutant bull moose bunches! I love running my hands thru your thick, beautiful fur and scratching behind your ears! When you purr in my ear it makes my heart stop! Will you be my Valentine in 1996 and every Valentine's Day to come? With my eternal love, Your Aes Sedai

David,

Happy Valentines...I love you. Our time together has been great. It grows sweeter as time goes by. Love, Brenda

Sam,

You came to me 'on bended knee' even though 'no one said it would be easy' to live "happy ever after." But, 'I'll be there for you,' because 'something so strong,' 'something so right' and 'someone like you' made me 'believe.' 'I only wanna be with you' so 'hold my hand' and 'love me tomorrow' as you did 'yesterday.' 'I will always love you" Dan

Christopher: Nolite te bastardes carborundorum. Kris

Bubba E.

I am so happy to be your wife this Valentine's Day. I love you very much and being married to you is the most wonderful thing in the world. Happy 8month anniversary and remember graduation is right around the corner! I can't wait to spend the rest of our lives together. Don't ever forget. Lisa E.

Ayn Rand,

You, your fiction and your philosophy - objectivism inspire and guide me in every thought and action. **Best Premises**

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Jon,

thank you for coming into my life. I love you more than words can express. This first Valentines is the most wonderful of my life and I know our love will only grow stronger with time. Fate has brought us together and together we shall stay. I iove you, Jennifer

Elizabeth,

With curls and curls your hair is your treasure. A bright smile for everyone, With you, life's a pleasure. Love, Mommy

Ana,

Your big pretty eyes Can't hide all the teasing. A quick wit for laughter, You make life interesting. Love, Mom

Michael:

With computer in hand You're as quick as they come. And with you in our home, life is a whole lot of fun. Love, Momma

Dr. Father,

I long to run my fingers through your hair, no matter what style it is. Your advice is soooo sexy. I love it when you get authoritative. End your celibacy - be mine!! F.Ed.

Stephanie,

I have only one word for you: IF. Go make Minneapolis a better place and I'll be thinking about you. Joey

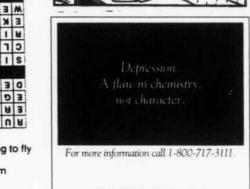
John,

Happy Valentines Day!! I hope you like the F.O.H. attire. I'm glad were spending the rest of our lives together. You're very special. I love you. TLC

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