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Steam alarm in Deere Hall

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News Editor

An early wake up call came to students residing in Deere Hall Sunday morning when a steam pipe burst in the mechanical room setting off the heat sensor and fire alarm.

Everyone had to get up and out of the building due to the emergency, residents said.

"I went and called the fire department," Chris Craddock, resident assistant, said.

Within moments the fire department, campus security, and maintenance were on the scene to handle the situation.

"The call came in at 5:58," a fire department spokesperson said, "we [the fire department] were there on stand-by, there was steam all through the building and their maintenance was handling the situation."

"When I heard the alarm I thought it was my alarm clock, then when my RA came busting in and told us there was a fire drill. We thought it was strange to have a fire drill at 6 a.m. on Sunday morning," Scott Hassler, a resident said.

"When we got outside we saw the lights from the fire truck and we knew it was real. Then, as we turned the corner we saw the smoke coming from the first floor and floating

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

THE KING STILL LIVES: Shingo Weems, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority, was crowned king at MTSU's Coming Home festivities in Saturday night's game with Tennessee Tech. MTSU won 97-76.

Walker cancels his inauguration

Due to school's budget problems

STAFF REPORTS

Although representatives of MTSU faculty, student and alumni organizations have urged President James E. Walker to go ahead with plans for his spring inauguration, he has decided to cancel the event.

The event would have officially installed him as president.

"After careful thought and giving consideration to what's happening with the university's budget and the state's financial situation, I have concluded that it would not be fiscally responsible to proceed with an inauguration," Walker said. "It would send the wrong message about the priorities of this university."

Funds that would have been committed to the inauguration will be used for faculty travel to conferences

and meetings, for scholarships, for keeping student fees down and "for other things that are more important priorities to me," Walker said.

The inauguration and events surrounding it have been in the planning stages since last June.

The inauguration was first to have been held in October, yet in August it was postponed because of the budget situation throughout the state.

Faculty Senate President Patrick Doyle said his group had planned last Monday night to

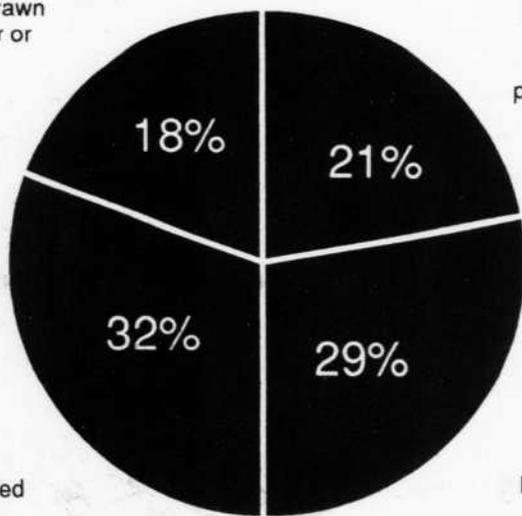
recommend that the inauguration be scheduled.

"That MTSU has the distinction of having the first black president in a predominantly white university in

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Bills withdrawn by sponsor or vetoed by president



Bills implemented or partially implemented

Bills awaiting approval

Outcomes of SGA's proposed bills

SGA legislation called successful: Burgess

NICOLE M. SIKORA
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association has proven effective during the 1991-1992 school year, its president said.

"I think we have regained what we lost in faculty and student support in the past years," SGA President Shawn Burgess said. "I think we did very well."

The legislation the SGA passed

during the fall semester gave students a smoking area in the Grill, recreation passes for students' spouses, a 4-way stop at the intersection of Second and B streets, juice machines and coding/lettering in the Greenland Drive parking lots to allow students to find their car easily.

One piece of legislation not passed was a proposal to place condom machines in residence halls. This decision has caused a bit of an

uproar on campus from faculty and students alike. Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president for Student Affairs, said he intends to stand by his decision.

"It's not over yet," Burgess said. Also, the SGA approved legislation requiring students to see their advisor before registering. Burgess said that will eliminate confusion about graduation requirements.

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The Blue Raiders put on a dunking exhibition during a big win over Tennessee Tech.

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Mock Trial teams win

NICOLE M. SIKORA
Assistant News Editor

MTSU's Mock Trial teams brought several awards back from their last competition earlier this month.

Three MTSU teams attended the competition Feb. 7-9 at Morris Brown University in Atlanta, Ga.

The teams placed second, fourth and 10th out of 15 competing. Trophies were awarded for second and fourth places.

In addition to these trophies, three "best lawyer" and three "best witness" awards were awarded to MTSU team

members.

Recipients of the best lawyer awards were Michelle Guthrie, Eugene Wilkerson and Luther Wright.

Best witness awards were given to Lance Alvis, Kim English and Mary Katharine Harvey.

"We are extremely proud of the teams," faculty adviser Tom Van Dervort said. "We are very enthusiastic about what the students have learned."

"We can't teach these things in a classroom," Van Dervort said.

MTSU's performance at the competition qualified the three

teams for the American Mock Trial Association National Competition. Rules limiting the number of teams a school may enter in the finals will allow only two of the three teams to attend.

The national competition will be held Feb. 21 at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

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continued from page 1 up to the third floor balcony," Hassler said.

"There were about 10 to 15 people out there. When people saw what part of the building the problem was in they went back to bed. Our resident assistant, Chris, spent a lot of time trying to get those people back outside where they were supposed to be," Hassler said.

"When we ascertained that there was no real emergency everyone was allowed back inside," Craddock said.

Within a span of a hour and a half the pipe was repaired and life was returned back to normal.

"They [maintenance] did their job quickly and effectively," Craddock said.

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Training bicycle rides for cyclists and triathletes, Murfreesboro Bicycle Club, 2 p.m., meet in Greenland parking lot, call Guy Anderson Ext. 2688.

Deadline to sign up for Campus Recreation Volleyball Tournament, sign-up fee is \$45, for more information call Campus Recreation Ext. 2104.

Deadline to sign up for Campus Recreation backpacking trip, pre-trip meeting, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym, call Campus Recreation Ext. 2104.

Videotaped Mock Interviews, Placement Center, Keathley University Center 328, by appointment only, call Ext. 2500 (also on Tuesday).

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Data Processing Management

Association, guest speaker Kimberly Clark, 2:15 p.m., Kirksey Old Main 202, call Trevin Bernanrding 848-0781.

Association of Recording Management Students (ARMS), image panel, 7 p.m., Mass Communications Building 104, call Chevy Nash Ext. 2088.

Heavenly Body Viewing, 8-10 p.m., MTSU Observatory, weather permitting.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Students for Environmental Action (SEA), meeting, 5 p.m., KUC 305, call Dave 849-8732.

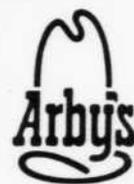
Presbyterian Student Fellowship, worship, 9 p.m., 615 N. Tennessee Blvd., call 893-1787.

International Student Coffee Hour, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Alumni Center.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Miss MTSU Scholarship Pageant, 7 p.m., Tucker Theater, tickets \$5 at the door, call 890-6937 or 893-3390.

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Tennessee should not be quietly handled," he said.

"We are disappointed that the faculty and staff at MTSU will not be able to participate in the inauguration of our president, but all things considered, his decision is a very commendable one," Doyle said. "I compliment him on his concerns and priorities concerning MTSU."

Other campus representatives agree, among them Student Government Association President Shawn Burgess and National Alumni Association President Ann Eaden of Nashville.

Burgess called the action "very prudent in these tough economic times."

"I understand where he's coming from, and I agree with his reasons for cancelling it at this time," Eaden said. "We wanted to show our support for Dr. Walker by honoring him with an inauguration, and we're sorry we can't."

Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Otis Floyd, with whom Walker had discussed his intentions earlier, said the MTSU president "exercised sound judgment in an extremely austere time."

SGA

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"There are too many students who get ready to graduate and find at the last minute that they don't have what they need," Burgess said.

The Faculty Senate has set up a committee to decide on this matter.

Several of the SGA resolutions from the fall are still awaiting response from affected departments.

An SGA resolution to raise individual college admission standards instead of instituting an enrollment cap is being considered by the Council of Deans.

The measure originated as a result of findings that indicated that a 2.75 grade point average was required to be accepted in some Tennessee Board of Regents schools including the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

"Instead of there being a 2.0 requirement to graduate from the MTSU College of Business, it would be 2.5," Burgess said.

Burgess said these requirements will result in a higher quality of graduates.

Another resolution seeks to offer cable TV at a discounted rate to student living in residence halls.

Burgess said results of a survey indicate that 87 percent of MTSU dorm residents want to receive cable in their rooms. Meetings with Director of Housing Ivan Shewmake should

CATCH THE WAVE:

MTSU Blue Raider Pep Band does the wave at the Tenn. Tech-MTSU basketball game Saturday.



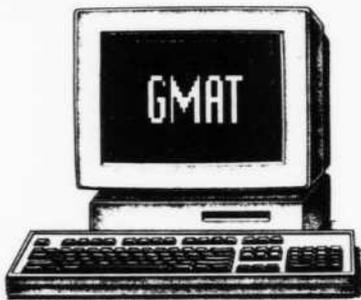
result in the implementation of cable.

Also awaiting a decision is a resolution requiring that once a book has been designated for use in a course, it must be used in that course for at least two years. The SGA awaits the decision of the Faculty Senate and Phillip's Bookstore management.

If the proposal is approved, one semester's notice will be required before a book change can occur.

In addition, a SGA resolution suggesting the placement of an Automatic Teller in Peck Hall is being considered. Burgess said MTSU is inquiring into which banks are interested in supplying a machine.

And a suggestion to eliminate charges for dropping a class is awaiting approval.

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Consensus

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The "Consensus" column is our regular editorial in which the staff can get away from the restrictions of journalistic objectivity and express our opinions about certain issues. We like to use it to address all kinds of topics, but usually it is a campus-oriented problem that we feel needs some attention.

Unfortunately, the column more often than not goes unheeded. The comments and criticisms (sometimes even down right attacks) fall on deaf ears and problems persist. That is why we have contrived the following, to save time and trouble for the reader and author while accomplishing the same basic outcome -- nothing:

Blah blah blah outrage blah blah injustice blah.

Blah blah administration blah, blah blah parking blah. Blah blah blah, blah blah money blah. Blah blah blah \$50 blah blah parking garage blah. Blah blah Tunstill blah blah walking blah eight miles blah blah class blah. Blah blah not fair blah blah.

Blah blah blah condoms blah blah blah dormitories. Blah blah blah safe sex blah, blah abstain blah blah. Blah blah Dr. LaLance blah, wake up blah blah 90's blah. Blah blah blah, Just say BLAH!

Blah blah blah name change blah, blah blah MTSU blah blah UTM. Blah blah blah — blah blah alumni blah blah administration blah. Blah blah blah, blah blah too expensive blah. Blah blah blah Shawn Burgess blah blah SGA. Blah blah blah representation blah blah.

Blah blah blah students blah blah blah pull together blah blah stop blah administration. Blah blah blah protest blah blah tyranny. BLAH BLAH TOLERATE BLAH BLAH ANYMORE BLAH BLAH.

Dream still on the horizon

Lucas Johnson is a recent graduate of MTSU and currently a newsman for the Associated Press.

A few weeks ago, I was skimming through a number of articles at my place of employment when my eyes became fixed on a certain headline. It read: "Racial Attack: Brazen Youth Paints Another Youth White." To say the least, my curiosity began to run rampant, and I started reading the article.

Half way through, I sensed an eerie feeling, as though I were being gradually swept backwards in a mystifying timewarp. And when I finished, I found myself doing something almost downright ridiculous. I looked at the calendar on my desk to make sure it was indeed 1992 and not 1962. Because either my mind was playing tricks on me, or the nation in which I live had learned nothing.

The story told of how a 14-year-old black youth and his 12-year old-sister were beaten and robbed by a group of white attackers in the Bronx. But, as if the beating and the robbery were not enough, the white attackers sprayed painted the boy and his sister with white shoe polish. And in the midst of doing their dastardly deed, the attackers yelled, "Ya'll are going to be white today!"

I must admit, I sympathized greatly with the boy and his sister. I am black. And for a few minutes, I tried to visualize how I might have felt if I had been painted white—the humiliation, the loss of trust, the birth of hate. I probably would have felt like the 14-year-old boy who said in an interview with the New York Times his feelings about his white friends and white people in general have changed, to anger.

"I don't want to feel this way," the boy said, "but that's how I feel: angry, angry that this had to happen and that I have to change my school because I don't want to go back."

My own anger lingered for a while, until I read of another incident just two days later in which a group of black youngsters attacked three light-skinned students. Their attack was no doubt in retaliation for the attack made on the black students. And they made their point obvious when they said, "White kids will get beaten now."

What struck me the hardest about this incident was the fact

LUCAS JOHNSON Guest Columnist

that the attacked were not white. One was of Indian origin and the other two were Hispanic. They were simply attacked because of their color—light-skinned, close to being white. Then the question popped in my mind: What had the attackers done? They were minding their own business, carrying on their daily lives in what is known as the world's "great melting pot," when they became the victims of a racial attack.

But it's not just in New York or other large northern cities that these attacks are being waged. Like a disease, the violence has moved downward and infected many southern cities as well. Murfreesboro—a small town in Tennessee that would probably fit in one corner of the Bronx—is contaminated with racial violence. A gang of black boys jumped a white boy and stole his jacket.

Sure, what the youth did was undeniably wrong, but when they did it was immoral and disrespectful. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday is definitely no day to promote racial discord.

For a few seconds, I pause to look at the entire scenario. And with sickened-heart I ponder the words of the late, great singer Marvin Gaye: "What's Going On?"

The fact is, somehow, we've stopped communication with one another and started fearing one another and detesting one another. Whites step to the side when they see a black male approaching for the fear of being robbed, and blacks are so full of vindication for what happened 200 years ago, that many want to beat down almost every white person they see. But such shouldn't be the case. Dr. King said himself during the turmoil of the Civil Rights Movement wore white sheets. Many of them realized that in order to create a prosperous nation, they would have to learn to walk side-by-side blacks, and many did even risking their lives to do so.

Well today, we must again try to walk side-by-side, putting aside our differences. Because if we don't, there's a torrential racial storm brewing on the horizon call hurricane hatred. And if we're not careful, we'll all be swept away with the tide.

But like any storm, there's the possibility of it passing over,

leaving behind a light of hope that penetrates all darkness.

Alex Haley, author of the award-winning book *Roots*, expressed this hope for our racially-twisted society in a television interview a few days before his recent death. Haley recalled a scene from the movie "Roots" in which a slave (Kunta Kinte) was strung up by his hands and whipped until he responded to the name given to him by his master.

When Kunta was cut down, he was tenderly caressed by an old Negro servant who wept over him and repeated the following words: There go be another day, there go be another day."

Haley said the words of the Negro servant applies to all people today, no matter what their race may be. Whenever there's dispute among different cultures, we shouldn't dwell on the differences but rather move forward in search of understanding and a means of working together.

The slaveowner didn't try to understand the pride of Kunta, as he mercilessly beat him. He didn't realize that Kunta was a man just like him, but from another land. Ironically, almost four generations later, the beating continue. But now, they sadly come from both sides. Each race continues to ignore the fact that they, though their cultures may differ, are inextricably bound to the ultimate race—the human race.

Haley said himself that nothing intrigues him more than going to other countries and learning about their cultures. He said this allows him to get a broader perspective of how each culture can fit together to make the pattern of a nation.

And the surest way to promote the harmony Haley talked about, the harmony that Dr. King dreamed about, lies in the profound words of New York Mayor David Dinkins who said:

"The way to end the hatred and the intolerance is for parents to teach their children to have respect for people of all religions, all races, all ethnicities, all sexual orientations and all ages."

Once we instill these values in our children, we can make 1992 no longer a reflection of 1962; but see in 1993, 1994 and on, a dying of racial discord. This is the hope for tomorrow; the hope for our youth.

And indeed, tomorrow is another day.

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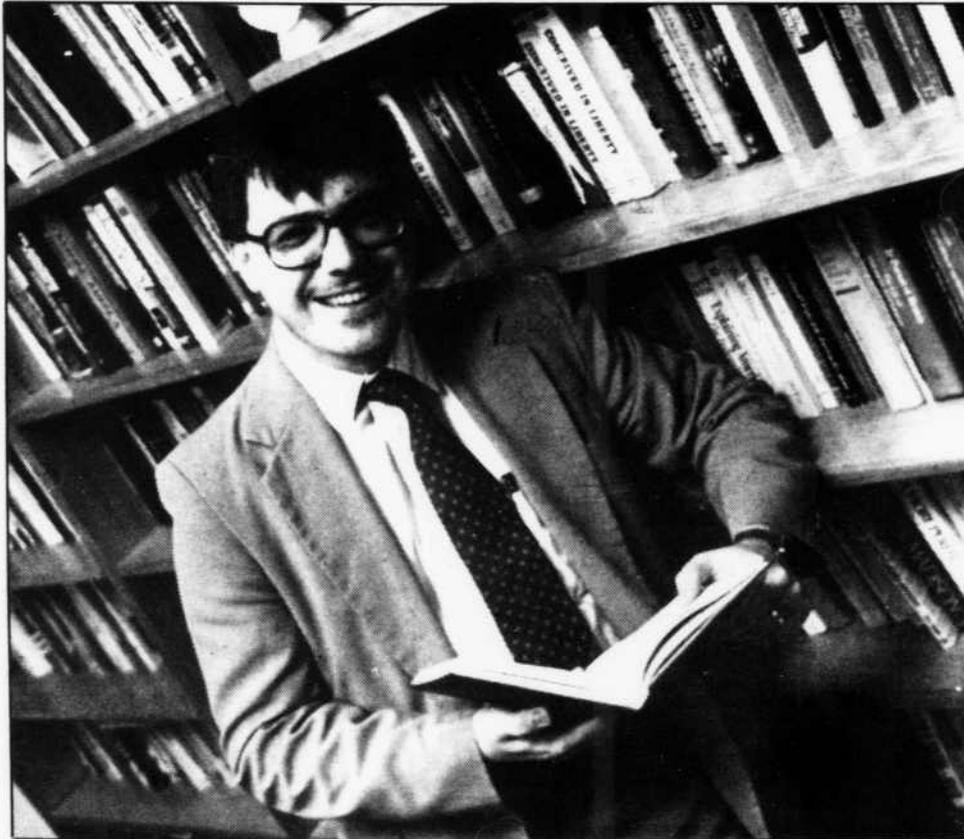
Do you go nuts over American antique pottery? Like debate? Do you enjoy socializing, relishing people and their ideas; lots of things going on at once? Then you share some common interests with Dr. John Vile, the cheery, engaging political science chairman and professor here at MTSU.

Presently a blooming author who appreciates vigorous academic scholarship, this man is hardly the type of authority you would expect to tell you to relax. Yet amongst two-foot piles of files, surrounded by projects of his creation, Vile's thoughts express a truly balanced perspective of life—along with a desire to see serious intent within a collegian's career, his wish for students has all the ring of a "relax and enjoy" tone to it.

Vile's higher academic experience began at the College of William and Mary in lovely Williamsburg, Virginia, where he had great "library/study dates" with a woman called Linda.

"I met my wife Linda for the first time at InterVarsity Christian Fellowship", Vile recalled. The couple has two ballet-stepping, piano-playing daughters, Rebekah and Virginia.

As well as having a wonderful five-year dating relationship with Linda, Vile admits to having spent a lot of time as a member of the debate team while in college. He confessed that his interest in debate and political science sprouted in the depths of his fourth-grade mind. He vividly remembers the captivating Goldwater campaign of 1960, which he says sparked his youthful political thought.



Shelley Mayes/Photographer

LOOKING AT LIFE FROM NEW ANGLES: Professor John Vile holds a copy of his latest book as he sports the ever-present

Political philosophy and how political thought shapes law making has become Vile's field of expertise. Recently he published "Rewriting the Constitution", which is the "first book-length study of all the proposals to rewrite the constitution."

According to the author, the book takes into consideration those 43 or so varying proposals in the period from 1877 to present. "What's fascinating is that most people who propose a new constitution don't realize there are 40 others who have done it before them!" Vile exclaimed.

The book contains even more amusing models: a "utopian" form, calling for a society divided into villages of 500 and the Black Panthers' effort in the 60's to produce an alternative document for government.

"Rewriting the Constitution" has been well received: "One of my students was on the beach with the book, and a very attractive woman came up to see what he was reading," Vile begins to tell. "She was a political science major so it made a good line for him. I'm trying to market it that way!", laughed Vile.

Another project this avid author has in the publishing machine is "The Constitutional Amending Process in American Political Thought" which is due out in July.

"It looks at the problem of constitutional changes as basically a problem in American political thought," explains Vile. The influences of John C. Calhoun, Thomas Jefferson and many other historical legal commentators are examined with a central discussion of the process of constitutional change rooted in Article V of the constitution.

Writing books gets easier after the first time—that is, according to a delighted Vile. His third work, "A Companion to the US Constitution," is being considered for print as a textbook.

By examining the themes of Vile's literary output, it seems clear that he is impassioned over the angles of the political ideas which shape our governing structure.

Being a fellow scholar, Vile has admiration for former president James Madison, particularly of his involvement in the forging of our constitution and the Bill of Rights. Vile points to Madison as a great man for upholding civil liberties during his presidency.

No less the political scientist, Vile shared his enjoyment of the brilliant British author C.S. Lewis. Among his favorite readings are: "The Chronicles of Narnia," "Mere Christianity" and "That Hideous Strength," all of which he consumed while in school.

In answer to probings of his college experiences, Vile related the woeful tale of being a door-to-door book salesman for Southwest company during his freshman summer.

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Channel 12 adds comedy to programming line up

Eric Walkup
Feature Writer

At last! Comedy entertainment comes to MTSU's Channel 12 TV station. A sitcom, "Roommates," debuted this month as the first of its' kind for the television station.

"Roommates" was the creation of Miles Hunter, the executive producer. With positive feedback from Channel 12's manager, David Hames, the idea became a reality.

"Producing a TV show is difficult to get off the ground in the beginning, but Hunter did his homework and had things well organized with theatre, TV and RIM people all having assignments," reveals station manager Hames.

"After directing the pilot episode, I

enjoyed the show even more. Hunter has biographies on each of his characters and therefore he knows how each one would react in any situation they are placed in," he adds.

"Roommates" is similar to the "Odd Couple," the shows' creator says, "but in this case, the contrast is that the personalities and background of my characters collide to provide the humor."

"I wanted to appeal to the campus and local cable subscribers by getting some quality programming on TV 12," added Hunter.

Try-outs were held in January for the four cast roles in "Roommates." Bradley is played by Daniel Wooden. Wooden's character is a student from a wealthy California family. The character of Dirk



Dane Herndon/Photographer

IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING: The cast of "Roommates," Channel 12's new situation comedy began taping this month.

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Laugh _____
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was given to Jamie Webb. Dirk

aspires to be a professional quarterback. Ophelia is the landlady and a real southern bell who was kicked out of her

wealthy father's will. She is played by Rebecca Ruck. Katrina Lewis rounds out the cast by playing the part of Desiree—a good friend of Ophelia and a character that adds a lot of spunk to the show. Tony Higgins has been added to the cast in the role of Tony, a good friend of Dirk, the aspiring athlete.

"I want to thank the wonderful crew and writers that have given their time to help me out," Hunter says enthusiastically.

"There have been no real technical problems with the show, everything is running smoothly," says Hunter.

Channel 12 has offered only music and news shows up to this

point, so the sitcom idea is a pulse of new blood for the station. Most student run programs have problems and Channel 12 hasn't escaped that pattern. Each week students learn from their mistakes and try to improve. But the experience is worth a great deal in today's job market and any added gem a student can add to a resume is worth the criticisms and the disappointments.

Comments on the new show have been mixed—from really bad to pretty good. But those involved with the show seem pleased with the way things are progressing. Only time will tell whether comedy catches on with station viewers. For laughs, tune in Monday at 10 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 8 p.m.

It was only a play-- but a sold out play



Shelley Mays/Photographer

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Vile

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Thirty miles outside Macon, Georgia, while trying to make a sale, Vile was bitten by an angry dog and was further traumatized as the dog's owner swore Vile off his property! Taking verbal abuse and vigilante dogs in stride, he continued to sell books for two more summers. It is no wonder Vile enjoys writing and teaching!

This engaging professor believes that a sense of humor and living as vibrant part of the "university village" are important for MTSU students. He quotes Jim Elliott when he says "that

person is no fool who gives up that which they cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose."

Here he speaks from his heart to students. Rather than working for a new stereo or car, he advises a lifestyle which enables one to take advantage of an abundance of extracurricular activities. . . to get involved with drama and politics, go to fellowship groups and enjoy other students.

"Cars and stereos—those can wait," Vile exhorts. Though acquainted with the reality of putting one's self through school, Vile favors the pursuit of what one "cannot lose".

As a person of faith, who

holds scholarship seriously; who takes treating individuals with respect seriously, Vile quickly admits to often falling short. He wisely exclaims, "Life is a gift! We're in the presence of God, so everything we do is important; life is a drama. In a drama, your role is very important and you want to do well, but you need to be able to laugh to make it make sense!"

If you'd like to get to know Dr. Vile better, he and his wife Linda are involved in the college/career class at Southeast Baptist here in the "Boro. On or off campus, it's worth your time to get to know him.

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Sports

Raiders put on 'Jam Session'

Big Blue attack slams home Golden Eagles in 97-76 win

SCOTT HASSLER
Sports Writer

Basketball is a game of ups and downs with wild momentum changes in between.

The Blue Raiders showed Tennessee Tech what a little momentum can do to a team by defeating the Golden Eagles 97-76 Saturday night.

Before 8,200 noisy Murphy Center fans, the Raiders controlled the game with smooth ball handling and high intensity, which resulted in a jam session during the closing minutes.

"I don't think this was an easy one, but I do feel there were a number of bright spots," Coach David Farrar said. "All of our momentum was based on the play of our defense.

"We ran great motion at times, particularly without our starters in, and that kind of broke their back."

The game did not start with a bang for the Raiders, however. MTSU picked up seven fouls in the first six minutes of the game to find itself in a hole early.

Kelvin Hammonds and Jeff Hunter brought the Raiders back into the game, and Hammonds hit a jump shot with 6:47 remaining in the first half to give the Raiders the lead for good.

"I was really pleased with the leadership of Kelvin Hammonds tonight," Farrar said, "It was vital to our game."

In the previous meeting with Tennessee Tech,

the Raiders took an early lead only to lose the game in overtime after a big Tech rally. The Raiders were not going to let the same thing happen again.

"If we work together we can win all our games," senior forward Quincy Vance said, "At Tech the last time we didn't work the inside and outside game, and we didn't put our practice into the game."

The inside-outside game of the Raiders proved to be too strong for Tech.

Warren Kidd paced the Raiders with 15 points and nine rebounds while Quincy Vance added 16 points and six rebounds. The Blue Raiders were led in scoring by Hammonds, who hit for 17 points, along with Hunter's 14 and Robert Taylor's 12.

With Tech

having to gamble in the closing minutes with 3-pointers and lackadaisical defense, it opened the door for numerous fast breaks, and a mini dunk contest took place for the last five minutes of the game.

According to the fans' response, first place might have gone to Vance, who showed Michael Jordan a thing or two with a reverse slam.

Taylor tomahawked two dunks for second, while Hammonds finished dead last with an embarrassing double pump miss.

But the fun is now over for the Raiders because the home stretch for the Ohio Valley Conference

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"Murray State is in first and it's hard to settle for second place. We need to win our last five and get a head start for the tournament."

-Quincy Vance, senior forward



Shelley Mays/Photographer

PUTTING IT HOME: MTSU reserve center Jeff Johnson nets an easy two during the Blue Raiders win over Tennessee Tech Saturday night.

One minute ruins perfect performance for Ladies

Brown shoots out lights in Tech loss

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders played 44 minutes of the gutsiest basketball anyone could want to see, yet one lone minute cost them the game 93-92.

Middle battled with arch-rival Tennessee Tech tooth and nail, and after the regulation horn had sounded, the score stood even at 82, sending the two into overtime.

The lapse began in the extra period when Tech, sparked by Dana Bilyeu's 3-pointer, went on a 8-2 tear, taking a commanding lead. But as it had all night, MTSU found some way to come back.

"Outside of one minute, I thought we played extremely hard," MTSU coach Lewis Bivens said. "Outside of that one

minute I'm talking about, I couldn't ask any more out of our players. We buried some big shots."

The first big one came when Cherrita Williams knocked down a trey followed by another from Kristi Brown, who had been doing it all night.

Brown was perfect from the field, hitting all 12 field goals, including eight 3-pointers that fell one short of her National Collegiate Athletic Association record of nine.

"I guess I was just on tonight," Brown said. "My shots were falling, and it was just one of those nights. It was a nice game personally, but it's very frustrating to come so close to beating Tech and not be able to

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Raider Rugby

Middle Moosemen remain undefeated

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU's rugby team remained undefeated after winning two matches this past weekend.

The Moosemen, riding high after a 16-3 win over Tennessee Tech a week ago, continued their winning ways at Western Kentucky.

They downed the host Hilltoppers first by a score of 12-4 and later Trent, a Canadian College, 16-0.

This Thursday, all fans are encouraged to make the short trip to Nashville where MTSU will take on Vanderbilt.

The match is scheduled to begin at 6:00 with a party hosted by Vandy following.

MTSU will be entering the match with a 3-0 mark.



Shelley Mays/Photographer

NO PRESSURE: MTSU guard Kristi Brown eyes the basket while shooting a pair of free throws late in the game.

Track teams dominate Murphy meet

Brown sets school record for second consecutive week

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's men's and women's track teams displayed growing strength during a home meet Saturday at Murphy Center.

The Blue raiders easily defeated Memphis State and western Kentucky, while the Lady Raiders were victorious over Alabama A&M, Vanderbilt and western Kentucky.

Both teams put forth competitive efforts and as a result, had several strong individual quality performances.

Coach dean Haye's reputation as an outstanding jump coach continues to prove true, as both Raider teams swept the long jump.

All-American Roland McGhee (25'-7"), freshman Micah Otis (23'-8 3/4") and Rob Holston (22'-5'4") finished first, second and third consecutively. As for the women, Jaqui Brown (19'-4 3/4"), Koko Rowley (18'-1") and Michelle Welch (18'-3/4") took the top three places as well.

Otis also placed fifth in the triple jump (43'-2") and Brown won that event with a 40'-10'4" jump, breaking

the school record for the second week in a row.

In the high jump, Veronica Tipton improved to a 5'-8" jump for first place.

Football member Boo Collins won the shot put with a powerful 47'-3/4" throw. That throw will make him a significant factor in the OVC championship meet Haynes said. lady Raider Tracey Edens also placed fifth in this event.

The 55-meter high hurdles was a dominant event for the men. Blue raiders Otis (97.42), Tom Hampton (7.85) and Brigham Lyons (7.97) grabbed the first three places.

In the women's race, Rowley ran her best time of 7.8, for second place, as Latonia Jackson and Nadrian McGill finished third and fourth.

McGhee sprinted to a first place victory in the 55 meter dash in 6.36 seconds while Welch finished second for the women in 7.24 seconds. McGhee and Lyons also placed second and third in the 200 meters.

Carlos Gupton ran a solid 400 meter race in 48.45 seconds. Freshman Terry Townsend and Hampton finished fourth and fifth.

In the distances, freshman Everett Jolley ran 1:56.79

to win the 800 meters while teammate Chris Layne finished third. Linda Brewer ran her best half time (2:17.88) for second place and Leigh Weathers finished fifth.

Senior Karen Barnes had a strong finish in the mile. She edged out a competitor to grab the victory in 5:05, which was her lifetime best.

In the 3,000 meters, Lea White also finished third.

MTSU's mile relay team of Layne, Jolley, Townsend and Hampton gave another exciting performance. They sprinted to first place in 3:16.61, almost two seconds faster than last weeks performance.

The Lady Raider's 4 x 400 relay of McGill, Welch, Brown and Matthews placed second in 3:51.36.

Hayes was pleased with the team's results but now he must focus on the upcoming OVC meet.

"We will have to put concentration on the opposing teams and score as many points as possible to win," Hayes said. "It will be a tight battle between us and Murray, but it will be a good one."

The Raiders will host the OVC championship meet on Feb. 28-29 at Murphy Center.

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championship has arrived.
The Raiders play host to Tennessee State at 7:30 tonight before going on the road to Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri.

"Murray State is in first, and

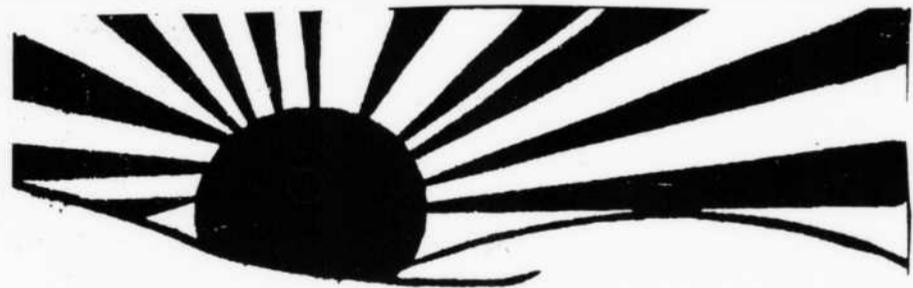
it's hard to settle for second place," Vance said. "We need to win our last five and get a head start for the tournament."

And if the Raiders can burn the nets like they did Saturday, it will be interesting to see how far they can go.

MTSU blistered the rims for a 64 percent ratio, 69 percent in

the second half alone. During the mist of the shooting spree, all Raider starters hit double figures.

"We took pretty good shots tonight, and we got some easy buckets off their press," Farrar said. "But this momentum doesn't mean anything if it doesn't carry over to Tennessee State."



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Brown

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put them away."

Brown's last 3-pointer narrowed the margin to 92-90 with less than a minute to play, and a missed Tech shot allowed MTSU an opportunity to tie or move ahead.

However, the Raiders were unable to capitalize, and the ball went back to Tech.

On Tech's end of the floor, the ball managed to slip loose and during a scramble on the floor, Brown grabbed the ball and was fouled. She went to the line for a one-and-one situation with :17 seconds left.

"We practice free throws every day, and I really didn't think about it," Brown said. "It's something I've probably done a million times."

And she did it again, connecting on both and at the same time bringing the crowd to its feet. She also set up a final-second shot.

Because the shot clock was no longer effective, Tech could hold the ball for the last shot. With :04 seconds left, it found Roschelle Vaughn on the baseline, and she put up a shot that hit the side of the backboard.

The bad shot was the result of a foul that sent Vaughn to the line for two free throws. She connected on only one, and Williams' shot at the buzzer bounced off the top of the backboard as time expired, giving Tech the win.

"There were a lot of

pressure shots made by both teams tonight," Bivens said. "I guess you could call it a fan's game. Kristi had a great game you hate to give up in a loss. I haven't seen too many (performances) like this one."

Brown played a big part in regulation as well, nailing two 3-pointers late in the second half to keep the game close.

Tech answered every call, though, and found itself up by a point with under a minute left when Williams came off a pick and buried a trey from the top of the arch, giving Middle the 82-80 lead.

Still, Tech found a way to get a lay-up, and Middle had its chances with a last-second shot. Yet a turnover cost MTSU the ball.

Tech missed a near mid-court shot at buzzer to send the contest into OT.

The MTSU turnover was costly and was one of 21 on the night. Tech only had 11.

"Our turnovers were the key to the game," Bivens said. "We just turned it over too many times."

The loss continued Tech's win streak over Middle. The

Lady Eagles have won seven consecutive contests. The last time the Lady Raiders were victorious was in 1989 when Middle won 73-65.

Brown paced the Lady Raider attack with 34 points. Priscilla Robinson, who needs 12 points to reach the 1,000 point plateau, put in 19 while grabbing 10 rebounds. Maggie Cox added 11 while Williams chipped in with 10.

The Lady Raiders return to action when Tennessee State comes calling at 5:30 tonight.

Middle's women are now 16-8, 7-4 in the OVC. Meanwhile, the Tennessee State Lady Tigers are 7-16, 3-7 in OVC action.

A LITTLE HIGHER: MTSU's Priscilla Robinson jumps a little higher to get the jump ball in overtime. Robinson and her teammates still came up short on the scoreboard, 93-92.

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