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In the News

Defense Class Offered

MTSU Public Safety is offering a Rape Aggression Defense Systems class for women January 20-22. The R.A.D. system is a basic education of confrontation principles and personal defense designed exclusively for women. The 12-hour course will meet each night in Forrest Hall from 6-10 p.m. and is open to all MTSU students and employees. Those interested must register at the Public Safety office, located in the Hayes-Turner Building. The only cost is \$15 for the R.A.D. manual. Call 898-2424 or 898-2259 for more information.

Aviation awards offered

The AOPA Air Safety Foundation is now accepting applications for its 1998 McAllister and Burnside Memorial Scholarships. Both \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually to a college junior or senior enrolled in a curriculum leading to a degree in the field of aviation.

College juniors or seniors applying for either scholarship must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average and submit an essay answering the question, "What three factors would you address in improving aviation safety?"

Blood donors sought

The Tennessee Valley Region of the American Red Cross issued an emergency appeal for blood donations earlier this week. As of Jan. 14, the region has only 10 pints of O positive, the most common blood type. Overall, the region had only 380 pints of blood on its shelves. The optimal inventory is 2,500. The Tennessee Valley Region supplies blood to patients in 82 hospitals in Middle Tennessee, southwestern Kentucky and parts of Illinois and Missouri.

Donors can give blood at the Heart of Tennessee Chapter, 410 W. Lytle St., Murfreesboro, from noon until 6 p.m. every Friday. To be eligible, donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, be feeling well that day, not have given blood in the last 56 days and have not have been asked by the Red Cross not to give. For more information, call 893-4272.

Police look for suspects

MTSU's Crime Stoppers program is offering an enhanced reward of \$100 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who have been stealing items such as cash, credit cards, check cards and ATM cards from the female residence halls, especially Rutledge and Cummings. If you have any information about this crime or any other committed on property owned by MTSU or a felony committed within Rutherford County, call Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP (7867) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All callers will remain anonymous and if your information leads to an arrest, you will be eligible for a cash award of up to \$1,000.

MTSU Public Safety offers the following tips for keeping your dorm room crime-free this semester:

· Always lock your door, even if you are only going down the hall for a

minute. · Keep your door closed and locked, even if you are inside.

· If you are in the shower and someone you don't know asks if another person is in the shower, do not give out your name.

· Do not write your ATM PIN number anywhere near your ATM card

· If you see someone acting suspiciously, call MTSU Public Safety at 898-2424.



Know of something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.

Library ahead of schedule

☐ Brandon Christy

The new \$32 million library is nearing completion ahead of schedule and everything is moving better than planned, according to Donald Craig, dean of Todd Library.

Since September of 1996, MTSU students and faculty have watched as the empty campus lot between the John Bragg Mass Communications Building and Wood/Felder Hall quickly became a 4-story library. When finished, it will be one of the biggest facilities on campus.

The new library is due to open in January of next year, at the beginning of the semester, project director Patti Miller said. When finished, the library will complete the "public quadrangle," which includes the Business and Aerospace building and the Mass Comm. building

The 250,000 square foot. infrastructure was originally due for completion in the spring of next year.

"Due to the efficiency of the contractors and fair weather, we got a good jump start on this project," Craig

When the library job went up for bid, Hardaway Construction Co. came in under the "bid target," which means that of the \$7,615,000 saved from the

contracting deal, \$485,000 will be invested into the renovations of Todd Library and necessary equipment for

the new library, Miller said.

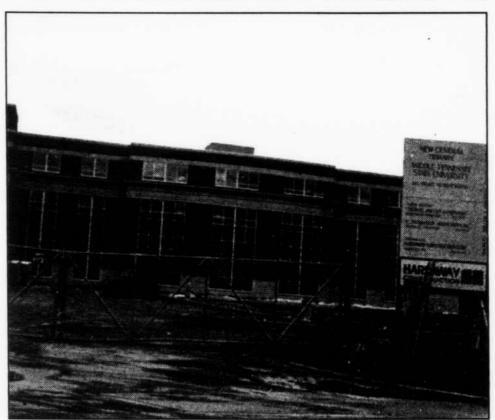
The new library will include an extensive electronic information distribution system that will be connected to the new, campus-wide, fiber optic backbone, which will allow 1,400 connection points throughout the building in study, office and public

Although the building may appear from the outside to be finished, there is still much work left to be done before moving in the 1,172 readers seats, 350 public access computers and books to fill the library's 800,000-book volume

Progress of the interior can now be viewed through the library web page at www.mtsu.edu/~library. The page shows photos updating construction from the ground breaking ceremonies through December 1997.

The new library will not, unlike most other buildings on campus, be given a special name in honor of

The building will simply be called 'The University Library,' unless someone would like to donate \$5 million to have their name on the building," Craig said jokingly.



Vickie Gibson/staff

The new library is ahead of schedule and will be completed in January 1999 instead of the initial projected time of spring 1999.

Greenland rezoning proposal withdrawn

☐ Jeremy Money staff

A petition to rezone part of Greenland Drive to make way for a convenience store/restaurant was

withdrawn Jan. 8 during a Murfreesboro City Council meeting.

The petition was first submitted by local developer Robert Agee November after he purchased property at the corner of Greenland Drive and Old Lascassas Road.

"Robert Agee, being a developer, felt that the site wasn't being used for its best and highest use," said Scott Phares, principal planner for the city.

"[He] knew that he would probably be in for an uphill battle," Phares said, and two months after its submission, Agee withdrew his petition for rezoning.

The Murfreesboro Planning Commission was unable to reach a conclusion at its Nov. 5 meeting concerning whether to recoomend the site for rezoning to the city council.

"The city council makes the decisions . . . and evidently the applicant didn't feel he had the votes at the last meeting, so he elected to withdraw [the proposal]."

Agee purchased the property in November and immediately submitted a proposal to the commission to convert the residential lot into a store consisting of a Chevron gas station and a Taco Bell. To do that, the lot had to be rezoned—something that many residents of Greenland Drive and Old Lascassas Road were not happy about.

A historic house on the corner of Greenland Drive and Old Lascassas Roadwould have to be razed to build the convenience store/restarant. However, protesters seem to be less concerned with the destruction of a landmark than with a possible increase in traffic and noise in their neighborhood and the possibility of increased commercial activity in the

"I can't recall any students that came to the meeting, and I think that the concern is with homeowners and

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Chad Gillis/staff

On Tuesday afternoon an accident occurred at the corner of North TennesseeBoulevard and Bell Street, injuring two. Police and paramedics quickly arrived at the scene. The "Jaws of Life" were used to pry open the door of the S10 pickup.

New dorms planned

Chad Gillis/staff

In an effort to mediate ongoing overflow, campus housing has nine new residential dorm plans on the drawing board, according to Patti Miller, director of campus planning.

"We look as though we're going to stay on schedule to break ground in June," Miller said.

The new dorms will be located on the northeast corner of 2nd and D Streets, where horses now graze, should be completed for the fall semester of 1999.

Blue prints for the buildings are still in the planning stages and must be finalized before the construction process can begin.

The current plan calls for an apartment-style area with one parking space per housing resident located close to each building.

Parking consists of 434 parking spaces, including 20 handicapped and eight metered spaces, according to the tentative blue prints.

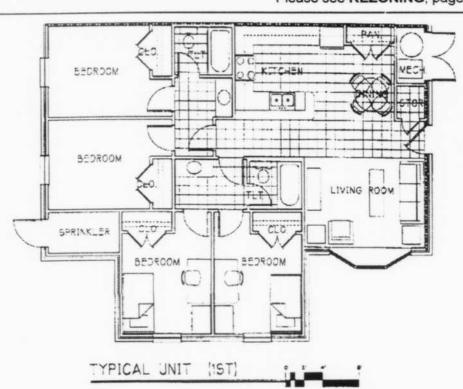
Future residents will have access to 2nd and D Streets in several locations.

Joined by a main office, the dorms will include four separate bedrooms each with individual closets, two full bathrooms, a kitchen, dining area, storage closet and a living room.

Several sidewalks will join the area in a community style ground plan, according to the tentative blue prints, along with "blue phones" and

fire hydrants near each building. Hickerson Fowlkes Architects started the design process, which will later be completed by Street Dixon Rick. Street Dixon Rick will also oversee the construction process,

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This is a draft of the standard room plan for the first floor of the new apartment-style

dorms. These rooms will be handicapped accessible.

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Jan. 15 Anyone interested in fencing at any level is invited to a meeting of the Fencing Club from 5-7 at the racquetball courts in the Rec Center. The \$20 membership includes instruction and use of equipment. For more information call Mike Jones at 896-4596 or Dr. Patrice Caux of the Foreign Languages Department at 5769.

A Summer Jobs Fair sponsored by the Placement and Student **Employment Office is** being held through Wednesday, Jan 28, from 1-4 p.m. in KUC Rooms 322 and 324.

Jan. 16 Nashville Chamber of Commerce speakers will be on campus to discuss urban development with a focus on Middle Tennessee at the Geography Club meeting at 11 a.m. in KOM 324. Refreshment will be available. A question and answer session will follow the speakers. For more information contact Scott Demers at 898-7220.

Miss MTSU/MT Blue Raider Scholarship will be held at 7 p.m. in the Tucker Theatre. Tickets will be sold for \$5 Wed. and Thur. in front of the grill and for \$7 Fri. at the door. For more information, contact Vic Felts at 898-5996.

Jan. 20 Golden Key National Honor Society will have a group business meeting at 6 p.m. in KUC 312. The regional director will be

preparing for Campus Awareness. Everyone is invited to the meeting and pizza. For more information contact Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116.

Jan. 21 Seventh-Day Adventist Student Fellowship has a Praise and Prayer Group every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Perry Louden at 563-2669.

Jan. 27 Golden Key National Honor Society will have a group business meeting at 6 p.m. in KUC 312. Everyone is invited to the meeting and pizza. For more information contact Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116.



The MTSU College Democrats are looking forward to an enthusiastic crowd at their first meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the **Boutwell Dramatic Arts** Building Room 309 where they will look into the excitement of the upcoming election year. For more information contact Pam Arnold at 898-4534.

March 16-21 Students are invited to walk through rainforests, see volcanoes, swim in pools below waterfalls and . raft the wild Rio Pacuare with Campus Recreation on their Spring Break trip to Costa Rica. Space is limited, so visit the Rec Center or call Glenn Hauley at 898-2104.

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I think that the concern is with homeowners and their property values," Phares said.

Based on studies done by Agee, there would have been no traffic increase, and the store was projected to take advantage of existing traffic on recently-widened Greenland Drive.

"The traffic is there because the university is growing, not because another store locates on that corner," Phares said, noting some other businesses on Greenland Drive, one of which is across Old Lasscassas Road from Agee's lot.

Phares also said if there were more restaurants within walking distance from campus, students would not have to drive across town, which might ease congestion on other major

Noise, hours of operation, obtrusive lighting, fumes and other possible problems with a commerical establishment can be restricted in a zone classified as a "planned commercial development."

Under this status, the planning commission can request any information about the new business, and the request must be granted before the rezoning can occur. The commission had studied the plans for both the building and the lot before ending in a tie, 3-3 on the issue of recommending the proposal to the city council.

Another factor of the planned commercial development status is that the area would have to be rezoned if the business were to change from a convenience store/restaurant.

Some residents were afraid that rezoning would continue along Greenland Drive and Old Lascassas Road. However. Phares said most residential lots in that area do not have adequate access or parking and Old Lasscassas Road is not able to support much more traffic than it does now, so further rezoning in that area would have been unlikely.

He also said that the practice of rezoning single lots to be planned for commerical developments is something that is becoming more common.

A similar proposal was turned down concerning Rutherford Boulevard and East Main Street. It would have allowed a small corner-store to be built in a residential area. The applicant wanted to have the lot rezoned without a specific user listed.

"The Planning Commission felt that the residents in that area...need to be protected,". Phares said. "They wanted to see a specific user, and they want to see a plan."

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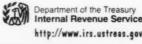
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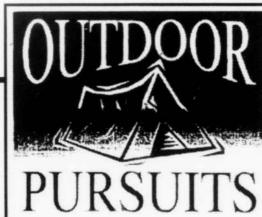
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Ole Blue says final farewell

☐ Jamie Evans/staff



T h e countdown to the unveiling of the new mascot has begun, and for the some, excitement is building like

Evans the feeling small children get on Christmas Eve.

For others-like Christy Evans, who for the last two years has been Ole Blue—the feeling is like watching a relative pass away.

This is the last week for Ole Blue, and Evans will not be the new mascot because she did meet the height requirements for the new costume.

"Nothing made me happier than being Ole Blue," Evans said. "It's been great and I'm going to hate to see it go.'

It has not been confirmed if Ole Blue will be part of the new mascot show, or if he will even be at the game at all.

"This will be wonderful for the school and Ole Blue should be there," Evans said.

Even though Evans hates to see Ole Blue fade away into the shadows, she is also excited about the new mascot. She has seen the new mascot and does not think the students will be disappointed."

"It's not going to be my pretty pony,"Evans said. "It will probably be the biggest thing that's happened here. Let's give it a chance.'

It is unclear what will happen to Ole Blue now, but Evans is certain that the suit would be stuffed and kept somewhere on campus.

Evans also said she is glad she had the chance to work with a great group of hardworking cheerleaders and to travel with them as much as

She is also confident turning the reigns of the mascot over to another student.

"He'll do a great job," Evans said. "A mascot is 10 percent costume and 90 percent personality.'



Chad Gillis/staff

Ole Blue enjoys his last week as our mascot by putting a smile on another loyal child's face at Tuesday's game against Tennessee Tech.

Study: Frat leaders are heaviest drinkers

College Press Service

When it comes to partying hard, fraternity leaders may be setting a dangerous standard, a new survey suggests.

Fraternity leaders tend to be among the heaviest drinkers and most-out-control partiers, according to researchers at Cornell University and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Their national survey of 25,411 students at 61 institutions reveals that Greek leaders are helping to set norms of binge drinking and uncontrolled behavior.

We found that the leaders of Greek societies were among the worst offenders with respect to binge drinking," said Philip Meilman, director of counseling and psychological services at Cornell and one of three researchers involved in the study. "These are the very individuals we would hope would be most concerned about liability and legal issues, as well as other serious consequences related to drinking. But surprisingly, we found that the more involved a person is with Greek life, the higher the drinking level."

To a lesser extent, researchers also found sorority leaders were heavier drinkers.

For the survey, students were grouped according to their degree of involvement in fraternity and sorority life: those who were in leadership positions, those who were actively involved members (but not leaders), those who attended functions only, and those who had no involvement in Greek life. Researchers asked students to report binge drinking episodes, the average number of alcoholic drinks they consumed per week, the adverse consequences they

experienced because of drinking or drug use, and the beliefs they hold about alcohol.

The survey found:

Seventy-four percent of fraternity leaders reported episodes of binge drinking in the previous two weeks, and leaders on average consumed 14 drinks a week. (Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks in a row.) Sorority leaders reported a 55 percent binge drinking rate and averaged six drinks per week.

* For actively involved fraternity members who were not leaders, 73 percent reported binge drinking episodes and averaged 12 drinks per week. For sorority members who are actively involved, 57 percent reported binge drinking and said they averaged six drinks a

* For those who reported only attending fraternity/ sorority events, 58 percent of the men and 46 percent of the women reported episodes of binge drinking. The men averaged eight drinks a week; the women, four.

* Non-Greeks drank less than any other group. Fortytwo percent of the men and 26 percent of the women reported binge drinking episodes. Men averaged six drinks a week; women, two.

Greek leaders also reported more hangovers and blackouts related to drinking. Eighty-two percent of fraternity leaders reported having a hangover as a result of drinking, compared to 79 percent of actively involved members, 66 percent of those attending functions only, and 50 percent of those not involved. Fifty-three percent of fraternity leaders also said they experienced a blackout during a drinking episode, compared to 39 percent



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The Cogeneration Plant located on C Street behind the baseball field is one of many new buildings springing up on campus this semester.

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which will later be completed by Street Dixon Rick. Street Dixon Rick will also oversee the construction process, according to Miller.

After the design process is complete, the university will begin to accept bids from companies, construction according to Miller.

"We hope the bid process will be finalized sometime in April," Miller said, adding that the process would take about

one month.

The project funds total \$12 million. Generally when a construction project is bid upon "add alternatives" are included, such as what would excess funds be used for in case the project is "underbid."

Applications for the new dormitories will be accepted later this fall or early next

Other residential buildings in the planning process include Greek Row, which will be located across the street from the new dorms and behind the Rec Center.

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Editorials

Enrollment cap a bad idea

Recently 'Sidelines' ran an article focused on the possibility of limiting enrollment.

This would be an absolutely devastating move, especially considering the efforts made in the present and past to promote

Few factors, if any, would place a halt on the growth of this

university as much as an enrollment cap.

Dean Gillispie was cited in the article as saying we will not take on freshmen if we have no classes for them. It is hard to argue that statement, but the answer is to make classes available for incoming freshmen for this fall and the years ahead.

Considering the enhanced ACT and GPA standards placed in effect for freshmen in 1993, one would think a cap of some sort

already exists at this state university.

The fact that MTSU is growing by leaps and bounds is extremely well documented, and it would be unwise for the administration to take measures that would label this school as the "limited enrollment" university.

The bottom line is that this university must find a way to avoid turning away qualified freshmen. In the past this university has been one of the few places an "average Joe" can get an education. And although the majority of our students are anything but an "average Joe," it would be a shame to see our university labeled as one.

It is quite easy for college students to realize no money means no money, but there are almost 20,000 of us on this campus who can find ways to make ends meet even when there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel. Surely the well-equipped faculty at this school can do so as well.

With so much energy going to construction and improving the school's image on a national level, it would seem that a top priority would be to increase enrollment, not cap it.

MTSU is proving, and has proven, to be an adequate environment for higher education. Halting progress at this point could prove to be a huge mistake.

The administration neither expects nor accepts excuses from students. 'Sidelines" suggests that students follow suit.

Got a gripe? Let us hear about it.



E-mail your letters to the editor to "Sidelines" at: stupubs@frank.mtsu.edu

Corrections

Monday the article "Student life positions filled" ran in "Sidelines." In it Stuart Eddings was referred to as "he" when Eddings is actually a she. "Sidelines" would like to appologize for the mistake and ensure that it was not made on purpose.

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From the Mailbox

Students should support mascot and athletic logo change

To the editor,

Some recent articles and letters in The Sidelines implied that the new logo and mascot to be unveiled January 17 at the Tennessee State game was selected in a haphazard, secretive fashion by a small group of inexperienced conspirators. As a member of the Logo and Mascot Committee, I want to set the record

The Committee was established students and others that Ole Blue was not a fitting mascot and because a multitude of different logos were being used across campus, in the bookstores, and for our athletic teams. Also in the Athletic Master Plan study completed two years earlier it recommended that the mascot be studied further.

To that end, President Walker appointed a blue-ribbon committee made up of representatives of all sectors of the MTSU community. The chairperson was the Vice President of University Relations Development. Eight students served on the Committee during its almost two years of work, including the SGA president, SGA Speaker of the House and an SGA Senator.

The full committee and its subcommittees met numerous times during the 23 months. It was decided early to retain the present colors of royal blue, white, and silver. While getting committee members' opinions on the mascot, team name, and logo, the question of enhancing the University's image by changing its

The results clearly indicated that the team name of Blue Raiders should be retained (this was a very emotional issue to a lot of people!). The substitution of a new mascot for Ole Blue was clearly favored, although his retention was strongly urged by a small minority who cited especially the great positive impact that Ole Blue has on young children who attend the athletic events. (It should be noted that Ole Blue has never been the official mascot, having made his

appearance only a few years ago.) One advantage of retention of the Blue Raiders nickname is that no other team in the world has that name. The major disadvantage is that it is really nebulous what a "Blue Raider" is and how it can be best represented in a logo, and particularly in a mascot. The bottom line was that no other nickname proposed had enough of an advantage to warrant a change in the traditional nickname

that has been used since 1934. In recognition of the need for professional assistance, a request for proposals was solicited, and eventually two firms were selected to make presentations on the development of a new logo and mascot. The committee chose Dye, Van Mol, and Lawrence, a Nashville firm. Interestingly, the person the firm put in charge of the project is an

MTSU graduate whose wife works at MTSU, so you can well imagine that he took his job seriously.

Discussion on how to represent a Blue Raider was, shall we say, extensive. Eventually the field was narrowed to two logos, complete with a "story line" for each stating what it conveys and why it is appropriate. The Committee was unanimous in which one it wanted and was, it seemed to me, unanimously pleased with it. In order to build excitement for the "unveiling," Committee members were pledged to secrecy about the logo and the mascot it represents.

The making of the mascot costume was contracted to a firm specializing in that area, and they by President Walker in February made one that has favorably 1996 because of complaints by impressed those who have seen a sketch of it. To get the costume reaches out to inform assembled, produce a mammoth logo and put together and publicize (locally and nationally) an impressive program for a public presentation has taken several months. Hence the unveiling date of January 17.

I hope that the information contained in this letter imparts the enormous amount of work that has been done by many competent and concerned individuals from all sectors of the MTSU family. On a personal note, I want to state unequivocally that I consider the proposed change to the University of Middle Tennessee to be of utmost importance to our future. Also, I would like to make it plain that I consider myself one of the hardest persons to please on the Committee, and one of the most emphatic about getting things done right. Given the constraint of retaining the nickname, which I agree should be kept, I am excited with the finished product and look forward to the big event later this month.

I think almost everyone else will be, too, and I urge all loyal Blue Raiders to be at the TSU game January 17 when "Lightning Strikes Murphy Center." Let's all get behind the new concept and together take this University forward with pride and enthusiasm.

Dr. Aaron W. Todd Professor of Chemistry

Student disappointed by 'Sidelines" version of Lightning mascot

To the editor,

Being a MTSU football player for the past four years, I've always heard a rumor that MTSU might be getting a new mascot and athletic logo. I was not sure that it was ever going to

Then I saw the supposedly new mascot in "Sidelines." Needless to say, I was disappointed.

Recently I joined a committee to promote the unveiling of the new logo and mascot because I want all students to support our athletic program. I recently saw the new mascot and it is nothing like what was in "Sidelines."

On January 17 we play TSU and

it will be a big game. There will also be a fun laser show at halftime when they unveil the new logo and mascot.

Many of us are from different places and different backgrounds. But despite any of our differences we can all come together as a university in support of our athletic teams.

The night will be a one time happening and I am going to be there because I don't want to miss it. I hope all of our students will get behind the Blue Raiders and help our basketball teams to victory on the 17!

Konrad Kaul Senior

Concerned student at-risk population

To the editor,

I am a normal person. I live in a nice house in the country. I went to a private school with good people. I have respectable, well educated parents, my mother having her masters in higher education, my father having twenty years experiance in Marine Corps and earning his bachlor. I have good friends and a life. I also have herpes. I've learned a lot since Dec. 22nd of 1997 when I recieved my diagnosis. I:ve learned that although 1 in 5 people have the herpes virus, about 5 in 500 know it. I've learned that condoms serve as very little protection since herpes is caused by skin to skin contact not fluids, and condoms are not often used correctly. I've learned that you can get genital herpes through other acts than sexual intercourse. You can receive genital herpes from a cold sore as I did. I've learned that herpes is the fastest growing STD in the United States. I've learned that some people show no signs, yet are highly contagious. I also learned that people love to say "I'm sorry". But sorry doesn't help when I can barley sit little alone walk. Sorry doesn't help the pills go down easier. Sorry doesn't change the fact IF I can have children I will be a "high risk pregnancy" and that I am "high risk". Sorry doesn't change that fact that I will be judged for the rest of my life because "nice girls" don't things like herpes. Sorry won't change the fact that even though herpes is a livable disease and that a vaccine is right on the horizon, there is NO CURE. Don't say you're sorry because you'll never be as sorry as I am. Herpes is a serious disease. Trust me you do not want the physical and emotional devistation that comes along with it. Get Tested. Talk to your partner. Be honest. Learn the facts. Practice safe sex. could you live yourself knowing YOU gave this someone else? I'm lucky. I know. Your either part of the solution or part of the spread. I know. Do you?

Sincerely Jane Doe

("Sidelines" changed this name to

protect the writer)

· The glass ceiling: fact or fiction?

Professor's Perspective

Gail M. Zlotky

assistant professor of aerospace



Does a glass ceiling exist in today's society? Are women and minorities artificially restricted from achievements for which they are qualified and deserving? If so, who is most affected? Who is least affected? Let me share my perspective with you.

Consider two diametrically opposed historical views of the glass-ceiling concept. Russell Madden, a noted objectivist and libertarian addressed the glass ceiling thusly: "If glass ceilings existed, they would allow people to see through to the world above them. Because glass is clear, those existing under such a ceiling might not, at first, even notice that a barrier was in place which separated them from higher levels, yet if they tried to pass through they would quickly learn that the ceiling prevented any such rise.'

Some feminists assert that the underrepresentation of women at the rarefied heights of business is a result of conscious decisions and overt anti-feminine prejudice, the psychological and cultural fallout of years of male domination in our society. The view that overt or subconscious prejudice is responsible for relatively few women achieving the highest executive positions is very popular today.

New York Congresswoman Nita Lowey served on a glass ceiling commission, which recently released these findings:

1. In Fortune 1500

2. In 1994, only two women were CEO's of Fortune 1000 companies.

3. Less than 10 percent of the country's largest employers have women on their board of directors.

Based on this data, the commission released guidelines for smashing the glass ceiling last November. But wait a

important and successful women throughout history? Do we not see a wide range of capable, competent and successful women in the news every day? How have they succeeded?

Opponents assert that numbers don't tell the whole story. Women with sound technical competence, strength character, integrity, perseverance and desire have been able to achieve much throughout history. According to Madden, "glass can be shattered if one strikes it long enough and hard enough." The constructive power demonstrating merit will, in the long run and despite personal prejudice, win out over the actions destructive discrimination. Additionally, businesses which continue to hire only males for top level positions due to homosocial reproduction or a desire to maintain a "good old boys" environment will, in a free society, eventually find themselves at a competitive disadvantage with rivals who promote more competent females to do the same kind of

If you believe you can, you can! If you feel repressed or constrained, you probably will be. If you (male or female) don't really want to achieve, you probably won't. There will be plenty of statistics to support your failure.

In our society, more men than women, for whatever reasons, have committed themselves to the course of action required to rise to the top. This is all very dynamic and is most surely changing daily, so the male-female ratios will probably adjust as our society changes.

I am most familiar with the companies, 95 percent of senior aviation and aerospace fields so consider the following:

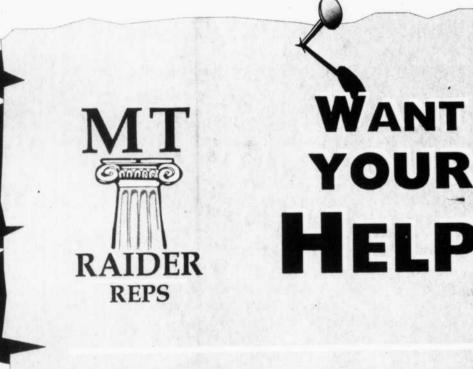
There have been many famous women in the field of aviation; women who succeeded when their traditional roles were much more narrowly defined then today. Amelia Earhart comes to mind as an adventurer in the perilous early days of aviation. Bessie Coleman became the first African-American female to

minute! Haven't there been receive her pilot's license in 1921. So strong was her determination that she traveled abroad to achieve her goal. Cornelia Fort Airport in Nashville is named for Tennessee's first female flight instructor, Cornelia Fort, who was also one of the original five members of the World War II famous Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron. She died in an aircraft accident in 1943, becoming the first female pilot in U.S. history to be killed on active duty. Patty Wagstaff has won the U.S. Aerobatics Championship. a competition where men and women compete against each other, three times in recent years, proving herself to be the best of the best and inspiring other women to pursue aviation careers. And Murfreesboro's own Dr. Rhea Seddon, an astronaut, has made three flights into space and is yet another example of women with the "right stuff" being able to achieve success.

> Today you will find female pilots, copilots, flight engineers, dispatchers and maintenance technicians in almost every scheduled airline, commuter and charter service. Of the 639,000 rated pilots in the United States, 38,000 are women. Of the 17,000 air traffic controllers, 2,490 are women. Of the 6,405 maintenance technicians, 590 are women. Of the 125 astronauts employed by NASA, arguably the most visible field in the aerospace industry, 22 are women. While these numbers certainly don't approach a 50-50 male-female ratio, is such a distribution even possible or desirable considering the choices many women make to pursue their more traditional roles as wives, mothers and homemakers?

Is there a glass ceiling? Probably so, but its effect may be most pronounced on those looking for it to impact them and least pronounced on those whose enthusiasm inspiration disregard it and charge ahead. All those achievers and trailblazers of the past should serve as mentors and beacons of light to springboard those with true desire and ability ahead as we approach the year 2000.





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· Hootie Bird by Wendi Temple

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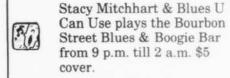
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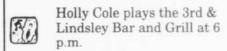
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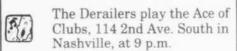
After Hours

Thursday, January 15

"Ain't Got Long to Stay Here," a one-man show starring Barry Scott as Martin Luther King Jr., will be performed tonight only at TPAC's James K. Polk Theatre. Tickets are \$10 each and can be attained at Ticketmaster and the TPAC box office.



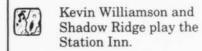




The David Peterson Band plays the Station Inn.

Friday, January 16

Space Odyssey, an allorchestral program featuring music like the "Star Wars" theme and "The Planets," will be performed by The Nashville Symphony at TPAC's Jackson Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$8 to \$45 and are available at Ticketmaster locations or by calling 255-9600.





Writer Robert Sawyer will sign copies of his mystery and science fiction books at Bookman Used and Rare Books at 1724 21st Ave. South in Nashville. The signing will begin at 6:30

Saturday, January 17

The Dig-Its, Pain and Plaster play Lucy's Record Store in Nashville. The show will begin at 8 p.m. \$5 cover.

> Space Odyssey will be performed by the Nashville Symphony at TPAC's Jackson Hall. Tickets are \$8, \$16, \$26, \$38 and \$45. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.

John Hartford plays the Station Inn at 402 12th Ave. South in Nashville.

Duckbutter featuring John Cowans, Sam Bush and Kenny Lee play the 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 10

Fools Rush In and Glitch play the Boro.

Sunday, January 18

ICP's House of Horrors featuring INSANE CLOWN POSSE with special guests Psycho Realm and The Myzery play 328 Performance Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door. This show is open all ages.

The Wedding Singer Karaoke Jam will be held at the Bellevue Center Food Court from 2-4p.m. Registration is from 1-2 p.m. The Jam is a national competition tied in with the release of "The Wedding Singer." The winner will be flown to Atlanta and the winner there will be flown to Orlando.



Please direct any entertainment information to the Sidelines Features Desk at 898-2917.

From Bahamas to Africa

Miller competes in several beauty pageants while remaining an honor roll student here

Susan McMahan/staff

Leslia Miller returned to cold and gloomy Murfreesboro from the warm and sunny Caribbean after Thanksgiving Break with a title and a planned trip to Africa.

Miller, a third year wellness and fitness major, was home competing in the Caribbean International beauty pageant. She won second runner-up and she was the only competitor who didn't have a crown. She also won a spot in the Miss World International pageant to be held this March in

"I get to miss school," she laughed, "but I'm an honor roll student so I'll be

At the Caribbean pageant, she won Gucci clothes and a Cartier watch. In addition to her prizes, she's already earned one bonus from her recent pageant--next weekend, she flies to New York to sign a contract with Ford Modeling Agency

Earlier she had competed in the Miss Bahamas Beauty Pageant and placed in the top six. Her costume, made by her older brothers with sea shells, straw, cloth and fishing net, won first place. She describes the hat only as "a bit different."

Instead of sending the winner of the Bahamas pageant to the Caribbean pageant, the judges decided to send Miller, a native of Nassau, Bahamas.

The results of the Bahamas pageant were announced on Aug. 19, 1997—only two days before the fall semester started.

"If I did win, I would have taken the year off of school," Miller said, adding that she would have needed the time to prepare for the Miss Universe pageant and to fulfill the winner's obligations.

Instead, Miller returned to MTSU and later returned to the Caribbean two days before Thanksgiving to compete in the pageant. Because of classes, Miller could only stay for six or seven days. Most candidates participated in two weeks of events.

The president of the pageant spoke to Miller's mother and told her that they wanted to rank Miller higher, but couldn't because she was only there a

"If I had gotten there, I would have gotten a lot better," she declared.

Miller was the only candidate for which school was a concern-all other candidates work instead of attending college. At the Caribbean pageant, she was one of two candidates that spoke only English. The pageant was held in St. Marten, which Miller said is owned by both France and Holland. The pageant was on the French side of the island, so both French and English were spoken.

"Even though there was a language barrier, we got along really well," Miller explained.

The 27 contestants in the Caribbean pageant, including Miller, participated in traditional pageant events like a photo shoot, luncheons, dinners and shopping. The girls were each issued a personal chaperone when they arrived at the pageant. The chaperones were always with the same girls, until dinner, when they would switch tables. The girls were told they would meet the pageant's judges later.

"They tricked us!" Miller

It turns out the judges were the girls' chaperones and they were trying to get to know the girls on a personal

"If we had known," Miller declared, "we would have been more conservative.

Miller said the officials at the Miss World pageant have told her to come without a chaperone, which leads her to believe the judges will try to trick them again.

She's looking forward to the trip to Africa, but is more nervous than she was when she prepared for the Caribbean pageant. She's visited most of the islands that were represented at the pageant before. The African pageant will also include more categories like Miss Photogenic, more photo shoots and more speeches.

"I was not supposed to be going to that [pageant], either," Miller said.

The 5-foot, 2-inch winner of the pageant was too short. Miller, who stands 6-foot, 1-inch tall, is well above the 5-foot, 8-inch height requirement.

One highlight of the Caribbean pageant was the four to five minute memorized speech about the contestant's future plans, country and



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Leslia Miller, third year wellness and fitness major, poses in her costume for the Miss Bahamas pageant. Miller won second runner-up in Miss Caribbean International and will compete in the Miss World International pageant this March in Africa.

profession. Because Miller was there a shorter amount of time, she had to prepare faster than other contestants. The girls were told about the speech when they arrived at the pageant. Miller said most girls were anxious about speaking in front of the crowd, but she wasn't.

"I don't get nervous, I have fun," Miller said, noting that one contestant was "walking around like a chicken without her head" because she couldn't find her earrings.

The Bahamas pageant graded contestants on beauty, poise and intelligence, with 50 percent depending on brains. Beauty, poise and elegance were grading criteria in the Caribbean pageant. Miller believes this is because the individual judges could see the girls' intelligence by spending the great amount of time together.

A lot of weight was placed on two

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VP is the voice behind TRAM

☐ Bryan Brooks/staff

The voice of TRAM might be the most recognized voice on campus. For some it's the voice that tells them none of the classes they want are open, and finishes with, "thank you, good-bye," after informing them that their schedule for the next semester might be the worst they've ever had.

The voice of TRAM, or TRAM Man as some of his colleagues refer to him, is Cliff Gillespie, the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. Gillespie has been the voice behind TRAM since the program was first initiated in 1993.

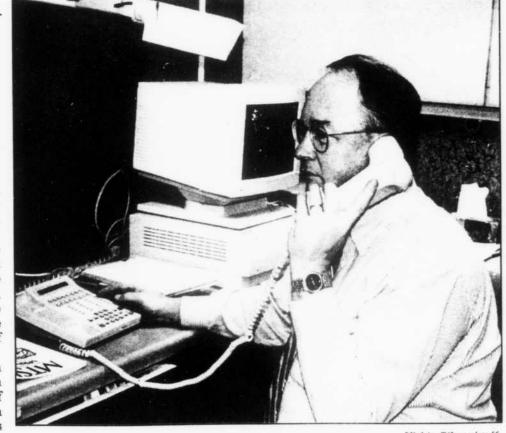
Gillespie confirmed that people recognize his voice when he's out and about. From cashiers at Krogers to workers at a local computer shop, students sometimes connect his voice with TRAM, and all ask the same question, "Are you the voice of TRAM?"

Gillespie has even started a tradition of sorts associated with TRAM Man. The last couple of graduations Gillespie has made it a point to attempt to cheer the students up. While acting as commencement marshal at 8:00 in the morning he says, "you probably don't know who I am, but see if you recognize this voice

.... Welcome to TRAM." The students go nuts and start laughing and applauding, according to Gillespie.

Gillespie said he doesn't mind the occasional jokes about being TRAM Man. Faculty still tell students to go up and see TRAM Man if they have an enrollment problem that Gillespie can help them with. When asked if he minded the association with TRAM he replied, "You got to keep everything in context, you want to keep everybody having a good time, and if I can be the brunt of a few jokes, that's fine."

Gillespie was chairman of the committee that was responsible for implementing TRAM in the spring of 1993. The committee was looking for someone who would be around to



Vickie Gibson/staff

Cliff Gillespie, associate vice president for enrollment management, takes time out to talk on the phone. Gillespie is better known to students as TRAM Man, the electronic voice who helps students enroll in classes each semester.

make corrections to the system as needed, and they decided that Gillespie was the best choice.

"I fit those criteria, nobody else on the committee wanted to do it, and Robert Redford probably wasn't affordable, so I got the job," he said.

A digital audio tape system (DAT) in the recording lab that the recording industry program has in the basement of the James Union Building was used to record Gillespie's voice. The lab was reserved for three hours to compose TRAM, but it took less than 45 minutes. Gillespie had to speak each and every word or phrase that would ever be needed into a microphone. It was then recorded on digital tape and transferred to a computer system

where each phrase was assigned a unique code.

When a registering student punches in a specific code for a class, the phrase or letter associated with that code is retrieved from the voice box by the computer in response to the student.

Gillespie said that the TRAM messages only have to be changed slightly each new semester, if at all. Most recently he decided a holiday message for TRAM would be a nice addition and added, "Happy holidays from MTSU.

When asked if he had any other

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Events planned for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

□ Waunausha Hairston/staff

This January 15 commemorates the life and death of Martin Luther King Jr. and marks the true birthday of the Reverend. With this upcoming event we can expect many celebrations and performances in the nature of plays, music and remembrance.

For those who are choosing to celebrate King's birthday there are several spots of interest. The American Negro Playwright Theatre presents "Ain't Got Long to Stay Here" at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville. This is a one-man play starring Barry Scott a Nashville actor, who has portrayed King for more than half his life. The play emphasizes King's struggle for social equality and his own personal evolution through a series of key

"In America Martin has become an image," Scott said. "We have packaged him as the dreamer, as the Civil Rights pacifist, but we don't get the full arc of this development. At the end of his life he was human rights-oriented, as his opposition to the Vietnam War and his support of the Poor People's Campaign showed." The performance lasts one night only and starts at 8 p.m. on January 15. A discussion will follow the play. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster and the TPAC box office.

For the musically inclined there is the Symphony's fifth annual tribute to King at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18 at TPAC's Jackson Hall where Associate Conductor Karen Lynne Deal will conduct at 7 p.m. The program remembers the famous

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A lot of weight was placed on two questions about the girls' country. Miller answered questions about how were country would benefit from a stock market and how to improve the tourism industry. An evening gown, swimsuit and talent competition was included in the pageants. Miller decided to perform a monologue of sorts-she pretended to be a tourist (complete with straw hat) viewing her country for the first time

Because of the experiences she said competing in her first and second pageants ever, she already is planning to compete to be Miss Bahamas next August.

She wanted to participate in the Miss MTSU pageant that will be held Jan. 16. But she had too much to do this semester, including the start of track season. (Miller ran her way into MTSU-she won a track scholarship.) She'll compete to be Miss Black and Gold this fall—if she is able to return to class.

She's rather be traveling. Miller desires to fulfill a lifelong dream and represent her country at the Miss Universe pageant. It would be worth missing a year of school

"Not a lot of people get a chance to go to Miss Universe," she laughed.

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had any other jobs that involve his voice, he answered that he announces horse shows across the country, as well as speaking in front of large audiences in connection with his position with the school. He said the only thing that would come close to speech lessons would be a speech class he had in 1967 while a student at MTSU. He graduated from MTSU in 1970 and obtained his master's

Talking to Gillespie I I figured it would be good for a few laughs to whoever might call. To my surprise he agreed to record a message for any students that wanted to bring their answering machines by

voice enough," he added, "I degree the following year from don't think anybody wants me on their answering machine.'

MTSU was the first fourestimated MTSU was among the first 75 to employ such a system nation-wide.

By the way, if anyone is looking for a new answering machine message, Gillespie's office is in the Cope

couldn't help but wonder if he year school in Tennessee to might record the message on offer telephone registration my answering machine for me. according to Gillespie. He

"I think they heard my Administration Building in



photo provided

Leslia Miller models her evening gown in the Miss Bahamas pageant.

quick look at local movies

☐ Staff reports

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Wag The Dog-Starring Hoffman, Anne Heche, Willie Nelson and Denis Leary; directed by Barry Levinson; recieved three Golden Globe nominations. A political satire in which the president's handlers stage a fake war with the help of a Hollywood producer to take the heat off the president during an election year.

Titanic-Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane and Kathy Bates; directed by James Cameron. Over three-hours long and \$200 million to make, Titanic may be more than just the most expensive movie ever

Nathan Lane and Lee Evans vehical for Long to continue along with, of course, a mouse; honning his newfound craft of directed by Gore Verbinski. Not acting. A quick look at movies the movie it appears to be, playing at various locations in Mousehunt is actually a dark comedy in line with Terry Gilliam's "Brazil."

Home Alone Three-Robert DeNiro, Dustin Starring Alex Linz; directed by Raja Gosnell. New kid, different bad guys, but same plot.

The Postman-Starring Kevin Costner, Will Patton, Larenz Tate and Tom Petty; directed by Kevin Costner. It's aptly been called everything from "Dirt World" to "Return to Sender"

Williams and directed by Les Mayfield. One of three films Williams currently appears in Starring Pierce Brosnan, and the one movie goers can afford to miss.

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Howie Long, Scott Glen, William Forsythe and Suzy like a natural fit as Bond, Amis. Though it's not the best Mousehunt-Starring movie on screens, it was a good

As Good As It Gets-Starring Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt, Greg Kinnear and Cuba Gooding Jr.; directed by James L. Brooks. Brilliantly written. Nicholson once again proves why he's more than just an actor. Academy award nominations are just around the corner.

An American Werewolf In Paris—Starring Julie Delpy and Tom Everett Scott; directed by Anthony Waller. A dismissable follow-up to the Flubber-Starring Robin comedy An American Werewolf

Tomorrow Never Dies-Michelle Yeoh, Jonathon Pryce and Teri Hatcher. This is the second movie in which Brosnan Firestorm-Starring plays 007. The former "Remington Steele" star seems James Bond.

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leader through his writings and speeches. One segment within the presentation will recognize the grand prize winner of an essay contest sponsored by the Symphony and conducted in Metro Schools during the months of November and December. Students enrolled in middle and high schools were asked to write papers on the topic "I, Too Have a Dream," revealing how they would involve themselves in the work of Dr. King if he were alive today. Along with an appearance on stage, the winner will receive a

members of the Orchestra at his or her school.

The highlight of the concert will be "Songs of My People" featuring The Princely Players and excerpts from Duke Wellington's "The River." The Princely players specialize in period music and verse, with a wide array of material focusing on slavery and the liberation of slaves in the 18th century. Tickets for "Let Freedom Ring" are available at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling 255-9600. Children of a younger age might be

cash prize and a concert by interested in taking part in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Program at the Children's Discovery House sponsored by NationsBank. At 1 p.m. Jan. 19 a special performance will be held at the Center for Arts W. College St., Murfreesboro) to commemorate King. Afterward, families are welcome to visit the Children's Discovery House from 2-4:30 p.m. where children can take part in drawing their own dreams for America, listening to stories about King or watching videos about his work.

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Murfreesboro Counts on You! Watch for your Census Form in the mail this week

The City of Murfreesboro is conducting a special census to increase the annual sales tax and gas revenue received from the State. These taxes are distributed by the State to the City based on

You can help us receive an estimated additional \$400,000 from the State by returning your census form. Please follow these three easy steps:

Step 1: List your Murfreesboro street address;

Step 2: List the first and last name of all persons living at this address;

Step 3: Mail it to the City in the provided return envelope. The return envelope is already addressed and includes postage.

The Census rules allow the City to count college students. This applies to all MTSU students, even if theu live in Murfreesboro only during the school year. The City is working with MTSU to obtain an accurate count of the on-campus students. The City encourages off-campus students to return their census form by January 23. If they do not receive a form, they should call Assistant City Manager Robert J. Lyons at 849-2629.

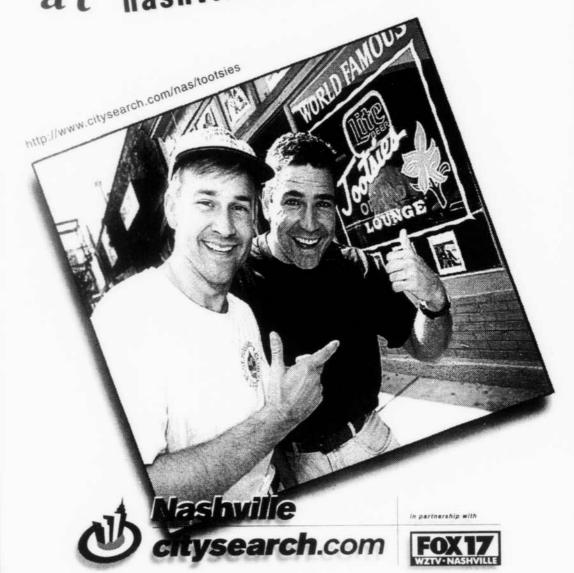
The City will be required to personally visit residents who do not return their census form. Mailing your census form by January 23 will avoid future contact with a census taker. This information will be strictly confidential and will not be sold or given to anyone compiling consumer mailing lists.

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Please return your census form by January 23!

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Lightning to strike **Murphy Center**

School officials will unveil the new athletic mascot and logo during a halftime ceremony of the Blue Raiders basketball game Jan. 17 against TSU.

Termed "Lightning Strikes," all that is currently known is that the mascot is in fact a winged horse and involves heavy rain and lightning.

The show will include laser lights. special effects and music. It will be the first ever "official mascot" in school

The game is scheduled to tip off at 7:30 p.m.

Raider Upcoming television schedule

Jan. 17 WMBK vs TSU 5:30 WNAB Jan. 17. MNBK vs TSU 7:30 WNAB

The Randy Wiel Show Every Sun. Night on WNAB at 10 p.m. Replayed 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. on MTSU

Raider Radio Network schedule

WMTS FM 88.3-

Jan. 17 WMBK vs TSU 5:30 p.m. Jan. 31 WMBK at Martin 5:30 p.m. Feb. 7 WMBK vs SEMO 3:00 p.m. Feb. 14 WMBK at TSU 7:00 p.m. Feb. 21WMBK vs Morehead 5:30 p.m.

WGNS AM 1450-

All Lady Raider basketball games The Randy Wiel Show on Sun. nights 6-7 p.m. taped at Toot's

WBOZ FM 104.9-All Blue Raider basketball games

Upcoming schedule

Men's Basketball-

Austin Peay (Home) 7 p.m. Thursday TSU (Home) 7:30 p.m. Saturday Women's Basketball-

Tenn. Tech (Home) 7 p.m. Wednesday TSU (Home) 5:30 p.m. Saturday Women's Tennis-

at Georgia 2:00 Jan. 16 Indiana Tourn. All Day Jan. 24 Men's Tennis-

at Wake Forest T.B.A. Jan. 31 ITA National Indoors Feb. 5-8 Indoor Track-

at Illinois State Invite Jan. 24 MTSU Invite Noon Jan. 31 Baseball-

vs Illinois State 3 p.m. Feb. 20 vs Illinois State 1 p.m. Feb. 21 vs Illinois State 1 p.m. Feb. 22 (Opening Home Stand Series) Softball-

at Samford (DH) 1 p.m. Feb. 21 at Ole Miss (DH) 2 p.m. Feb. 25

Bridges All-Amer. Tourn. Feb. 16-17

Next Issue

Due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will not be an issue of "Sidelines" on newsstands for Monday, Jan. 19. However, we will resume or regular publishing schedule Thursday, Jan. 22.

Dick Palmer will be featured. Palmer is a 1960 graduate of MTSU and has been "the voice of Blue Raider football and basketball" for the past 16 years.

Next up on the weekly Thursday guest columns will be assistant Blue Raider basketball coach Jim Ryan and junior guard Kent Ayer.

Thursday's issue will also feature a preview of the MTSU track team's first indoor meet of the spring. The Raider squad will travel to the Illinois State Invitational on Saturday, Jan.24.



Please fax any information on sports and recreational activities to Sidelines at 904-8487 or call the Sports desk at 898-2816.

Raiders win over Tech with best defense

☐ Keith Ryan Cartwright staff

For the second time this season the Blue Raider basketball team defeated Tennessee Tech in order to remain atop the Ohio Valley

With the 80-60 win Tuesday night, the Raiders swept both games in a single season for the first time since

Four Raiders reached double figures in scoring with Aylton Tesch, Kent Ayer and Malachi Allen all scoring 14 points. Reserve forward Ali McGhee, playing in just his ninth game of the season, added 10.

The win upped the Raiders overall record to 11-3 and 5-1 in the OVC along with Eastern Illinois and Murray State, who are all tied for first in the conference race.

The Raiders will face Austin Peay (7-6, 2-3) at Murphy Center tonight while Eastern and Murray do battle in

In surprising fashion, the game stayed close most of the way until the Raiders made a 12-0 run midway through the second half.

Leading by as many as eight, the Golden Eagles cut the Raider lead to down to four when Tesch hit two free

Calling all skiiers, canoers and

The staff at the Campus

hikers. Outdoor Pursuits wants you.

Recreation Center has compiled and

priced the Spring and Summer

outdoor trips offered to MTSU

students, faculty and their guests. The

details are in the Adventure Guides,

which are available at the Rec Center.

trips in the '80s," said Wayne Taylor

(WT) the Intramurals director. "The

Rec Center has helped us out a lot. In

the last couple of years, we've added a

MTSU Outdoor Pursuits staff has

planned a wide range of adventure

activities for the explorer in everyone.

There are trips for the inexperienced,

such as horseback riding or day-

hiking, and excursions for the

advanced, like backpacking the

Appalachian Trail or snow skiing the

belief that safety and adventure can

coexist. Each is assigned a "trip

coordinator," someone who has

experience in the specific sport and

can lead the group in difficult times.

However, the group is encouraged to

make decisions together and learn

from the experience of trying

concern," said WT. Never has a

participant been seriously injured on a

trip. "We almost go to a fault on

safety. We'll walk around a rapid

coordinated by the Center's staff, but

they are always open to suggestions.

Upon returning from an adventure,

the participants are given an

evaluation so the staff can rate the

suggestions," he said. "Last year we

had a suggestion to go to the

Everglades. We discussed it and made

teach techniques needed for the

various trips. To get a little

experience in rockclimbing before a

rappelling/climbing trip, a student can

take a Belaying Clinic class to get

Ohio Valley Conference

Mens Basketball Standings

(as of January 14)

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L1

"The last question asks for

To prepare participants for the trip, Outdoor Pursuits offers clinics to

trip's success or failure.

the plans."

Eastern Ill.

UT-Martin 4-2

Eastern Ky. 3-4

MTSU

Murray

SEMO

Austin

Morehead

Peay

TSU

The trips are planned and

before putting ourselves in danger."

"Safety is our number one

something new and exciting.

All of the trips are based on the

From caving to backpacking, the

"Dr. Glenn Hanley started these

☐ Jennie Treadway/staff

lot more."

Rocky Mountains.

Rec Center offers

adventure to MTSU

time kayakers.

rappelling,

backpacking.

McGhee not only gave the Raiders another eight point lead, but brought the crowd to its feet as well.

After a basket by Allen, Tesch scored twice and was fouled each time. Tesch scored eight of his 14 points inside the minute-and-a-half run.

Aside from the dunk, McGhee not only reached double figures in scoring for the first time this season but also lead the team in rebounding with

Aver, a reserve at the two-guard spot, picked up his first start of the season as Murfreesboro native K.J. Harden missed the game due to the

Harden played both games on the Raiders recent road trip with the flu. However, he was unable to play in Tuesday's game after running a fever

But, the story of the game was bench support. Because the Raiders are playing three games in five days, head coach Randy Wiel wanted to spread out the playing time of his

The Raiders bench outperformed the Golden Eagles by registering a 39-25 scoring advantage.

Another factor in the Raiders 20 point win was their continued defensive pressure. They have the top-

Wilderness. A few of the women got

together and made plans for 'females

only' trips. Women are encouraged to

be adventurous in a comfortable

environment and try something new.

Offered this semester is caving,

canoeing.

Although affordable day and

weekend trips are offered, Outdoor

Pursuits took it a step further by

offering weeklong travel experiences

to other places in the country and

around the world. Some of them

include skiing in New Mexico,

canoeing the Rio Grande and touring

environment plays a key role in the

Outdoor Pursuits experience

Participants are encouraged to hold

the utmost respect for the outdoors

and aim to leave the environment the

way they found it. That is the only

way others can encounter nature and

Common courtesy for the

the jungles of Coast Rica.

enjoy it in the same fashion.

However, a break away dunk by ranked defense in the OVC, holding opponents to just 61.4 points per game. However, if you take away the two games against top-ranked North Carolina and Kansas, the Raiders are holding opponents to just 55.5 points per game.

Against the Golden Eagles, the Raiders full-court pressure forced 26 turnovers and they grabbed 12 steals. In comparison, the Raiders only

Next up for the Raiders is Austin Peay. After claiming a share of the OVC title last year the Governors have been hurt by graduation. Currently they are 7-6 and 2-3. Game time is set for 7 p.m. tonight at the Murphy Center. As always, admission is free to any and all students with a valid student ID.



All McGhee, the new JC transfer, makes the jump to put pressure on Tennessee Tech.

school pride and support

comfortable with the ropes. Kayak Roll Clinics are also available for first The newest edition to the Outdoor Tennis coach encourages Pursuits program is Women in the

Guest Columnist Dale Short Head Coach Men's Tennis



As the time draws near to the revealing of our new logo and mascot, it's appropriate to take notice and pride in our university. Having seen MTSU and the community of Murfreesboro more than double in the past 25 years has been a real eye

We have been able to watch as new buildings are built, and the university is continuing to expand, for all facets of MTSU. Our faculty and staff continue to improve. Yet, with all the moves forward we seem to be failing in overall fan support and university pride.

With the new revealing off the mascot and logo| being this Saturday during the half-time of the men's basketball game against Tennessee State, hopefully a "new look" will stimulate more pride and fan loyalty.

Yes, we need to do more and we are. Dr. Walker has made it a priority to change our image and to move forward.

Some of the current projects that should help are a new fraternity and sorority row on campus, new and renovated dorm rooms, a new football stadium, a new library and possible indoor tennis facility.

These and other projects should

help stimulate campus life and ensure more loyalty and pride in our campus. This in turn should bring more fans to all sporting events which is extremely critical if we are to have a successful NCAA Division I football program. The current proposal to change the

university name, in my opinion is one of the best things that will ever happen here. The football team moving up to Divsion I is exciting and seeing the basketball team a winner once again is thrilling.

Granted we need to be in a stronger conference that grants us a larger and visible audience, but for a better conference to want us, we need more support!

It's embarrassing to see how many local restaurants, markets and even individuals on and around campus advertise or promote "orange." There are numerous universities with fewer students and half the facilities, yet twice the overall pride and fan support from their community and more importantly the student body.

Do you know that right here on campus we have some of the best athletic teams in the country?

We have a baseball team, golf team, track team and tennis team that regularly dominate the Ohio Valley Conference and advance to the NCAA tournaments. Basketball is back and football will be back on track, so give Middle a chance.

You'll be proud you did. I'll see on

Performer of the Week

Joanne Aluka



freshman from Augusta, Ga 5'11" 1st yr w/team

Game: Lady Raiders -vs- Tenn Tech, S.E. Missours, and Eastern Illinois

Date: Jan.7-12, 1998

Outcome: vs. Tenn Tech - win

vs. S.E. Missouri - win

vs. Eastern Il. - loss

Scenario: On a tough three-game road trip Aluka led the Lady Raiders to two wins against just one loss. The freshman scored 41 points and grabbed 22 rebounds on the trip, twice leading the team in scoring while also dominating the boards. Her inside play has been instramental all season in keeping the Lady Raiders on top of the OVC.

Senior tennis player gives thanks

Guest Columnist Anthony **DeLuise**



When approached to write an athletic perspective in this edition of "Sidelines," my mind began to race. How could I effectively articulate to the student body the difficulties of being a student-athlete these last four years? The missed classes, the endless afternoon practices, the stereotypical "dumb-jock" image, the pressure to win at all costs, etc.

As I began to write a bold introduction outlining these points, it hit me. This was garbage! How often have we heard college athletes griping about the difficulties of performing both on and off the playing field? Again I say, what garbage.

Personally, opportunities and support I have received as a studentathlete here at MTSU have been nothing short of brilliant. Don't get me wrong, nothing has been handed to me on a silver platter, but with a little hard work I have been able to obtain (hopefully in May) a fantastic education while representing Middle Tennessee with some success in my chosen sport. For this, I would like to take this moment to thank

Firstly, thank you to the athletic department itself for taking a chance and recruiting me all the way from Australia. From athletic director, Lee Fowler, to compliance coordinator, Dianne Turner, to academic advisor, Jeanne Massaquoi, I say thank you for

and all the other athletes in your program. Without your hard work, none of this would be possible

To MTSU's educators, particularly the outstanding Communication Department, I say thank you. With faculty member like Dennis Oneal and John Egly, who take time out of their own busy schedules to work around athletic road trips, it is an honor to complete a degree under your guidance.

To the coaches, including my own coach Dale Short, who has made the tennis program and strive to win.

so diligently supporting myself one of the most respected programs in the country, I say thank you. For putting up with enormous egos every day-and the problems associated with these egos-you should all be awarded medals. For Coach Short, we will just try for a national championship this

> To the student body, who offer their much-needed support at all athletic events, I say thank you. Your presence (of which the tennis team could do a little more...please) makes all the hard work worthwhile. It is for you that we compete

Tech takes a fall



Tuesday's 80-60 win put the Raiders in a three-way tie for first place.

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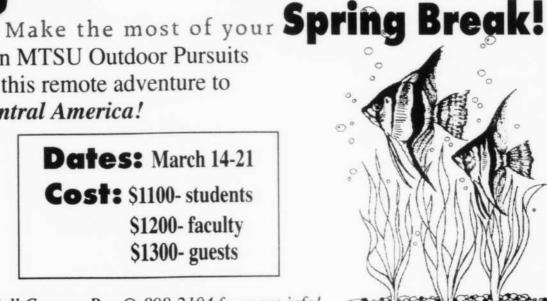
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