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Sidelines

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SGA traffic court bill passes House, Senate

By Jamie Evans/ staff

The new bill to move the traffic court system from the SGA office to Parking Authority passed through the Senate and then through the House on Wednesday. Now the bill moves forward to get the approval of SGA President Christin Baker.

If the bill is signed by Baker and subsequently approved by Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president of Student Affairs, it will be up to President Walker, who will be expected to make the final decision.

"Right now, three departments shuffle paper work, and we want to cut that down," says Senator Tinisha Buttry, one of the senators sponsoring the bill.

SGA has already spent \$280 for the installation of a phone specifically for traffic court, and \$45 for office supplies for ticket appeals, Buttry said.

SGA is expecting Parking Authority to reimburse them for these expenses any others that arise while the court system is in the SGA office.

Another complaint from some SGA members is that the Parking Authority is supposed to use funds from tickets to run the office. However, SGA has been paying the bill for the office, according to Buttry.

Currently, traffic court is a back and forth process: SGA sends Parking Authority the social security number of a student who has received a ticket. The Parking Authority then sends SGA the students traffic violation record.

After the court procedure, SGA sends Parking Authority the verdict. Finally Parking Authority sends any fees that are due by the student to the business office where the student has to pay the bill. *

Conference to recognize female leaders

By Ladawna Dodd/ staff

Women leaders and activists wishing to "Diversify, Unify, and Empower" will be coming to campus in two weeks for the second annual Women Leadership Conference sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center.

The state-wide conference, held all day on the KUC third floor Friday, March 7, is open to all college students and faculty. Deadline for registration is tomorrow.

"One of the main goals for the conference is to have it become a statewide conference where each university is represented and where women who want information on women's issues can have a day that's specifically set aside for that purpose," said Alice Meldrum, director for the Women's Leadership Conference.

"Women, a lot of times, feel like they don't have a place; that if they're 'just a housewife' or 'just a this' or 'just a that', they don't have value in society, but they're wrong and they need to be told that," said Becky Giles, a 20-year-old music education major who will attend the conference.

Co-sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center and the National Association for Women in Education (NAWE), "Diversify, Unify, and Empower" is made up of four sessions, including several workshops conducted by women leaders, exploring various women's issues.

Cosette Joyner-Watson, assistant director of graphic design for the conference, attended the first conference last year.

"About a week after I went, I decided I wanted to add a women's study minor...that's what an impact it had on me," Joyner-Watson said.

Dr. Candace Rosovsky, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, said that while there is a national conference each year in Washington D.C., the conference at MTSU is the only statewide women's leadership conference. This is the second year the conference has been held at MTSU.

Because it is statewide, many professors will excuse interested students if they are given enough notice, according to Meldrum.

Some scheduled workshops include: Sexual Harassment, Stress Management, Making a Difference in Politics, Women's Body Image in the American Popular Media, Women's Spirituality, and Self Awareness and the Modern Woman along with several others.

Mary Glantz will be conducting the stress management workshop. She said she plans to discuss different aspects of stress: what causes it, how to handle it, and why women in similar situations react differently to stress.

Glantz said there will be a lot of discussion about achieving a balanced lifestyle and getting needs met. She will end the session with a guided meditation to serve as an example of how to cope with stress.

Stacey Borasky will conduct the community service workshop, which will focus on how women can enrich their community through service and on showing women that they have

value in their community.

Part of the community service workshop will be discussion, while the remainder will consist of the women who attend going out to do community service.

They will have three options, such as helping at the Salvation Army, participating in a daycare program, or delivering food baskets, said Borasky. After the service projects, the participants gather together to discuss how their projects went, how they felt about them, and how they feel about themselves afterwards.

Dr. Bernice Resnick Sandler, author of *The Chilly Classroom Climate: A Guide to Improve the Education of Women* and senior scholar in residence of the NAWE, is the keynote speaker for the conference dinner.

"I think [the conference] will help women learn what they can do to change the world; to become more productive in our society," said history major Vic Matthews, 20.

The nine member committee that has worked on the conference since last fall consists of Kelley Bosworth, Rebekah Brown, Ruth Dunkerly, Tracey Grandmaison, Poppy Gunter, Cosette Joyner-Watson, Melanie McGhee, Myra McGhee, and Alice Meldrum.

Students interested in working on next year's conference committee should go to the June Anderson Women's Center shortly after the conference. Meldrum said positions are scarce and they are hoping for a 10-member committee for next year. *

Watch for falling stadium



Brian G. Miller/ staff

A construction worker uses a torch to cut metal from concrete Wednesday, in the process of building the new football stadium.

New York firm called in to evaluate MTSU parking

By Chad Gillis/ staff

Parking Authority officials are asking a New York firm to help them develop a five-year master plan in an effort to improve campus parking, according to Deborah Roberts, director of Administrative Services.

Desman Associates is currently conducting various surveys to determine the parking and traffic problems at the university.

"We are hoping that they can come up with suggestions that will help out," said Nancy Weatherly, technical clerk at the Parking Authority.

Charlotte Hunt, Parking Authority director, said students

parking at the yellow curbs—which is always illegal—and the vast construction projects on campus are two of the reasons for the study.

In addition to the master plan, Desman Associates may also be retained to help with the design and layout of any parking lot changes, including a possible parking garage.

The New York firm has recently begun surveying individuals and groups on campus ranging from Disabled Student Services to commuters and faculty, according to Roberts, to get an idea of the entire parking and traffic need of the university.

The study should be finished by the summer. *

Ebonics debated by faculty and students

By Susan McMahan/ staff

To be a language, or not to be a language was the topic of a spirited debate Monday night in the LRC.

Two teams of faculty and students debated whether Ebonics should be recognized as an official language or as a dialect in the "To be or not to be" panel discussion.

"What we've got to do is treat (Ebonics) as a dialect," said associate Speech and Theatre professor Ralph Hillman, whose team argued Ebonics is not a separate language.

"Ebonics has just been named in the past 30 years," replied director of Multi-Cultural Affairs Ralph Metcalf, whose team argued that Ebonics is a separate language. "It's the language that black people speak."

According to Metcalf, Ebonics originated during the time of the Middle Passage, the route used to transport slaves from Africa to the United States. Ebonics is a synthesis of many African languages, and derives its name from "ebony" and "phonics."

Metcalf said that Ebonics uses several African American language characteristics. One of these characteristics is the failure to pronounce certain letters in words, such as omitting the "g" in "running."

"To spend a great deal of time teaching it is a waste," Hillman said.

Associate English professor Jacqueline Jackson argued against recognizing Ebonics as a language, saying that making Ebonics an official language will not solve the problems of inner city children.

"Black English is not confined to inner cities," she said. "Ebonics oversimplifies a serious problem. Language will not make (inner city children) a success by themselves."

Adonaja Bakari, an assistant history professor who argued against Jackson's position, said that people should ask "How can (Ebonics) be used to empower black students?"

Teaching Ebonics to teachers, especially those at the elementary level, was another topic.

"We can use it to help other people

learn, but not by making it an official language," said Hillman.

"There's no such thing as one language being better than another," Metcalf said. "Are teachers learning it to erase Ebonics?"

Jackson said that Ebonics should not be used to inform teachers because students that use Ebonics are also familiar with proper English.

"Inner city students have proper English as their first language," she said. "Ebonics is their chosen language."

The team that argued Ebonics should be recognized as an official language consisted of Bakari, Metcalf and Miko Kano, a history major at MTSU.

The team that debated Ebonics should not be recognized as an official language consisted of: Jackson, Hillman and Malissa Hunter, an Elementary Education major.

The debate was moderated by Vincent Ivan Phipps, a Speech and Theater major. *

Debate team prepares for national contests

By Christi Underdown/ staff

The MTSU debate team has been competing all year, and next month it is going to nationals.

"Debate is a competitive activity," said Russell Church, professor in the speech and theater department as well as the faculty sponsor of the debate program. "Many students who do debate will go into good professional jobs."

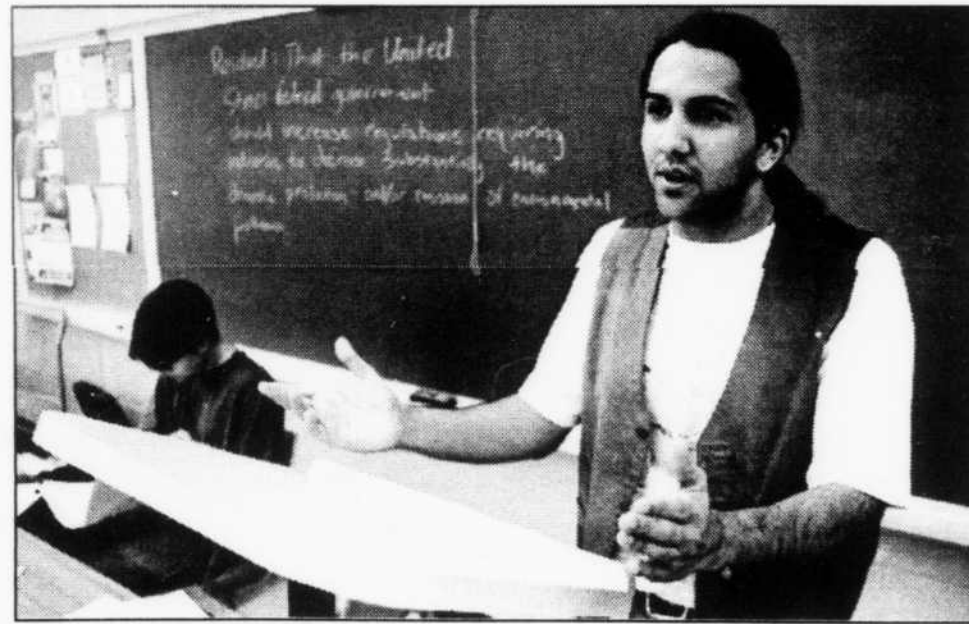
So far this year, competitions have sent the team to such places as University of South Carolina, University of Alabama and University of Florida.

The team's most recent achievements came from the McNeese University competition. Varsity and novice teams won both first and second places in their divisions. Pejaver received the top speaker award and Ishak won fourth place overall.

In late March the team will compete in the national tournament at Wichita State.

Debate is classified into certain categories. MTSU participates in cross examination and policy, in which the team will receive a topic relating to current events to research and then argue at competitions. The topic for this year is "Should the federal government force or compel tougher pollution control standards?"

The team competes within a



Steve Purinton/ staff

Junior Theatre major Scott Pejaver practices a negative constructive debate Wednesday. Pejaver and partner Daniel Crews, a junior Finance major, were debating against increased government regulation of TVT.

national league called the Cross-Examination Debate Association. The members also have their own professional fraternity, Pi Kappa Delta.

Practices are held in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building at various times during the week. For more information, please contact Dr. Russell Church at 898-5607 or the debate office at 898-2739.

The 1996-97 MTSU debate team

consists of nine core members which debate regularly: Scott Pejaver (president), Daniel Crews (vice-president), Menzo Faassen (secretary), Philip DuBarrie, Laurie Ishak, Jon Cooper, Jonathan Billingham, David Smith and Melissa Wyseman. Their majors range from Political Science to Music Education to Outdoor Recreation. *

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JUB will close again to finish refurbishing

By Gregg Mayer/ staff

More refurbishing to the James Union Building will close the lobby and ballroom one week before Spring Break, marking the second time the JUB has closed this semester.

The JUB was shut down from Dec. 15 through Feb. 1 to do renovations and painting on the second floor. Classes normally held in the JUB had to be relocated because of the noise.

On March 9, the lobby will close again for two weeks to lay down new carpet, hang draperies, and install new furniture. No classes will have to be relocated, but the main entrance, the lobby, and ballroom will be inaccessible. The June Anderson Women's Center will remain open on the second floor.

"We had a narrow time slot from December to February," said Debbie Westerfield, JUB project coordinator. Westerfield added that the project has always been planned in two halves, the latter taking part mostly over Spring Break.

Bennett Construction of Nashville is the contractor for the \$250,000 project, which is expected to be completed March 21.

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On Campus MTSU

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Wesley Foundation University Worship meets at 8:00 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Call Bill Campbell for more information: 893-0469.

TUESDAY, Feb. 25

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Bragg Mass Comm. 103. Call Janelle Cox 867-3054 for more information.

Wesley Foundation Tuesday Night Supper is a weekly event at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Great home cooking. For more information call Bill Campbell at 893-0469.

Lambda Association, an organization for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and

transgendered persons, will meet at 7 p.m. in MC 104. For more information call 780-2293, e-mail mtlambda@frank.mtsu.edu, or visit our web page at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda/.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society will hold a writer's workshop for present and prospective members and their guests at 3:30 in PH 108. If you are an English major or minor with a GPA of 3.0 you are eligible to join Sigma Tau Delta. Call Jacob Truax at 898-0657 for more information.

Free Five Day Study Help Workshop. Pinnacle honor students offer a seminar to all students to help you learn a study plan and prepare for mid-terms. 12:00-1:00 p.m. KUC 320. Call 898-5989 to sign up.

February-March 1997

Japanese Doll Exhibit at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum, 200 South Second Street, Clarksville, TN. Tues.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00-5:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$3.00.

Seniors \$2.00, Children 6-18 \$1.00, Children under 5 free. For more information call the Japan Center of Tennessee 898-2229 or Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum (615) 648-5780.

SATURDAY, Mar. 1

Spring Fashion Show hosted by MTSU Dames Club is at 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Tennessee Room at JUB. Everyone invited to attend. Tickets at door. For more information call Valerie Avent, 896-0323 or Cindy Womack, 898-2622.

GRADUATING SENIORS

All May 1997 Graduating Seniors are required to take the ACT-COMP. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: **March 4, 5, and 6.** On these dates, students may choose from three different test times: **8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., or 6 p.m.** All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. If there are questions, please contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

Police Beat

MONDAY, Feb. 3

Where: Miss Mary Hall
What: Victim advised that someone is calling her and harassing her. Victim began receiving phone calls from a male subject with a scratchy voice cursing her and saying he knew she was alone. Victim stated she could hear head-banging music in the background. Victim also said that the male subject recited lines from the movie *Scream* to her.

Where: Ezell Hall Lot
What: Caller advised that a hit-and-run to a vehicle parked in Ezell Hall Lot had just occurred

Where: Abernathy Hall - First floor dorm room

What: Complainant advised that her purse was lost somewhere between Abernathy and Murphy Center. The purse was brown in color and had two \$50 checks. There was also a pair

of glasses and student ID, ATM card and state ID card. On the Feb. 6, the complainant called and reported that her purse had been turned into the lost and found office. The contents of the purse were still inside except for the two \$50 checks.



TUESDAY, Feb. 4

Where: Off campus
What: Caller reported that his cellular phone was lost or stolen somewhere between Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Murray, KY

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5

Where: Kirksey Old Main
What: Ronald Colin Pettet, 20, was arrested on an outstanding warrant

Where: Todd Library- at Wiser Patton
What: Two females exchanged threatening words and one tripped the other

Where: Swimming Pool Locker Room

What: Theft of wallet from pants while owner was in scuba diving class

THURSDAY, Feb. 6

Where: Mass Communications Lot
What: Caller said hub cap missing from vehicle.

Where: Student Recreation Center Locker room
What: Victim reported that his wallet was stolen from the locker room

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Around the World



Chinese leader dies at age 93

1 BEIJING (AP) — Deng Xiaoping, the Communist revolutionary who guided China from political chaos and economic ruin toward prosperity in the post-Mao Tse-tung era, died yesterday. He was 93.

Deng suffered from the advanced stage of Parkinson's disease, complicated by lung infections, and died from respiratory and circulatory failure after emergency treatment, the

Xinhua News Agency said.

It said Deng died at 9:08 p.m. (8:08 a.m. EST) and an announcement was issued to all Communist Party, government and military offices.

The announcement referred to "our beloved Comrade Deng Xiaoping." It gave his age as 93, although his birthday was previously given as Aug. 22, 1904, which would have made him 92.

Deng's death was expected to sharpen political maneuvering among top party leaders that has been going on behind the scenes for several years.

There were no signs of troop movements in Beijing early

Thursday, but four armed guards with AK-47s stood outside the alley to Deng's home, near the palace China's emperors used for 500 years.

China's Central Committee proclaimed "with profound grief to the whole party, the whole army and the people of all ethnic groups throughout the country that our beloved Comrade Deng ... passed away."

Confirmation of Deng's death came after days of rumors that his health had worsened swept the capital.

No one is immediately expected to supplant Jiang Zemin — China's president and Communist Party general

secretary — and the other younger, technocratic leaders Deng put in place and who in effect govern China.

Neither Jiang, Premier Li Peng nor the others have Deng's stature with the all important military and remaining party elders. His successors will have to continue to rule by building consensus among the powerful constituencies.

President Clinton called Deng "an extraordinary figure on the world stage" for the past two decades and credited him with being "the driving force" behind China's decision to normalize relations with the United States.

Speaker cancellations postpone 'Dream'

by Heather Hybarger/ staff

The event titled "Working Toward the Dream" was canceled last Thursday night due to cancellations by three of the five planned speakers.

"Working Toward the Dream" was to have been part of African American History Month. The presentation was to focus on race relations in

the '90s.

According to Doug Wells, president of the college democrats, State Director of the NAACP Gloria Sweet and State Executive Director of the ACLU Hedy Weinberg called in sick. Tennessee State Senator Thelma Harper reportedly could not attend because her car had been stolen.

The college democrats and NAACP had cosponsored the event. Other guest speakers were to include Tennessee Democratic Party Chairman Houston Gordon and South East Regional Director of the NAACP Nelson Rivers.

Video footage of President Kennedy's address to the nation on civil rights and footage from his inaugural

speech, as well as footage of President Clinton's speech on race relations given in Austin, Texas on Oct. 16, 1995, were to be shown. Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech was also to have been screened.

Wells expressed his regret and added that the event would be rescheduled.

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The Scholarship will be presented on May 3, 1997, at the Alumni Banquet in the JUB Tennessee Room. The recipient will be expected to attend the banquet and be introduced.

Criteria for Eligibility

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- Selection committee to review applicants with open minds to their financial needs.
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- Must enroll as a full-time student for the entire semester while receiving the scholarship.

Official application form must be used and should be typed or printed in ink. An official complete academic transcript must also be received by the Alumni Relations Office by the application deadline.

Scholarship Applications are available only from the Alumni Relations Department in the Alumni Center and are to be returned to the Director of Alumni Relations by Friday, March 14, 1997. The selection process will be completed by Friday, April 18. The recipient will be notified immediately.

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Opinions

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Sidelines

Thursday, February 20, 1997

In our view

Gay conference a success for all

Last weekend, activists for each side of the issue of gay and lesbian rights let their opinions be known at the "And Liberty For All" conference, held on campus. Both should be commended for the manner in which they stood up for their values and beliefs.

More than 400 students from more than 100 universities came to Murfreesboro to show their support for gay, lesbian and bisexual lifestyles. To their credit, the students who attended the conference expressed their views with dignity, conviction and enthusiasm. Regardless of whether one might have approve or disapprove of their stance in favor homosexuality, one must nonetheless respect how these students carried out their mission.

And, despite some unwarranted fears of potential conflict and disruption, those people who opposed the conference also acted in a dignified and exemplary fashion. While a handful of members of the local community did choose to protest the event, they did so peacefully and without malice towards students and others attending conference activities.

If anything can be learned from this past weekend, it is that the controversies our society faces can be dealt with in such a way that it serves to further our understanding of issues, rather than cloud it with undue ignorance. No matter what side of the fence our ideas may lie, it should not keep us from respecting the view from the other side.



Marriage heterosexual by definition



From Where I Stand

Scott Link

First, let me apologize. Circumstances beyond my control kept my column from running on Monday.

Last weekend's conference has a lot of people talking about homosexuality, and the issues that surround it. One of the more controversial subjects is same-sex marriage. Many homosexuals have been saying that they have a right to be married to their partner. Many have been asking, even demanding, that churches perform ceremonies for them.

Surely homosexuals only want the legal benefits of marriage, and not the blessing of a church which does not accept their lifestyle. Why would they need the church's permission to keep on doing the things they already are? They cannot expect people to just roll over on their convictions and bless actions that they believe are detestable in the sight of God. Contrary to what some people may think, God is not that open. He has been very specific about marriage, and for that matter, homosexuality, divorce, pre-marital sex, etc.

Still, does a homosexual union have the right to expect to be recognized by the church? Do we not still have religious freedom? Can I

expect the government to pass some legislation which restricts that freedom, and forces me to recognize homosexual unions as true marriages?

Marriage, a covenant relationship ordained by God, has existed long before this country was established, and will stand long after it is gone. It is much more than a legally binding agreement that allows partners to have insurance benefits and community property. The heart of a marriage is the vow between a man and a woman. It is a religious ceremony that happens to have legal ramifications. No matter what legislation society places around marriage, what God intended does not change.

That is why I am so surprised when I see homosexual activists seeking the acknowledgment of the church, instead of just the acknowledgment of the government. It is not as if the church can suddenly change God's plan, and say that everything is OK. I know that a small number churches have decided to perform "marriages" for homosexuals. However, in order to justify it, they have to do scriptural gymnastics, discount certain passages and otherwise reject sound biblical interpretation. Churches which accept non-heterosexual partnerships as moral are more concerned with being considered progressive and politically correct by society than seeking the truth of scripture.

I figured the gay community would try to bypass church resistance, and rename their vows, calling them a "Union" or something similar, and in

that way they would seek legislation which would entitle them to the same benefits marriage entitles heterosexuals. That is not what is happening. Homosexuals are pushing for the definition of marriage to be widened to include homosexual couples.

Homosexuals want to be considered normal in every way. They want their actions to be perceived as moral and good in the sight of God, and everyone else. One way this can begin to happen is to have the church approve their unions. Actually, it is not that the church opposes lifelong relationships, but that it opposes all relationships of any length that are centered on sinful actions.

Not that homosexual relationships are the only relationships which God doesn't like. God doesn't like it when people have sex before they are married. God doesn't like it when people get a divorce. God doesn't like it when husbands beat their wives. God does not like it when a man or woman commits adultery. God doesn't like it when people engage in homosexual behavior, no matter how long, or monogamous, the relationship is. That does not mean people who initiate these situations cannot be forgiven. It does mean that the church cannot be true to its nature and accept any of these actions as moral and good.

The church cannot change truth to suit the desires of a few people. Even if the church ever changed its policies, and accepted gay marriage, the truth will still be the same. Marriage is intended to be a covenant relationship between a man and a woman.

Correction

Two weeks ago, in Gregg Mayer's column "Surviving The SGA Traffic Court Nightmare," he incorrectly recalled his court day as Monday. In fact, the day was Tuesday, November 12 at 4 p.m. Mr. Mayer apologizes and regrets the error.

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Wakeland's name change opinions presumptuous

To the Editor:

Warren Wakeland needs to have his own "head examined." In the February 6 *Sidelines*, he writes against changing the University's name. His reason? That there is no reason to change. This perspective is presumptuous and it suffers from a severe case of tunnel vision.

Because I have made friends from schools across the nation through MTSU Debate, I know with certainty that Middle Tennessee has a national reputation for being full of redneck know-nothings. This is probably not true, but that hardly matters to non-southerners. Perhaps our name creates an image we don't want. We should hear our options before drawing a conclusion.

Warren makes a big deal about going 1A. Once we go 1A, we are locked into our name. We should at least make sure we wouldn't rather have a different name in the national headlines. We should not put so much faith in the 1A move to increase degree credibility. Besides, the better the name of the school is the more it will increase our reputation.

We should not resign ourselves to keep the name because our founding fathers did not found the school to even have a sports program. Changing our name might not be a good idea. But we should check our options before we think as presumptuous as Mr. Wakeland.

Daniel Crews
Junior, Business Finance

Letters to the Editor

Soccer fan appreciates columnist's perspective

To the Editor:

I am writing a letter in regards to Mr. Engon Zibi's thoughts on the worldwide appeal of soccer. Words cannot describe the true enjoyment and delightment I felt when I read his article. For many years, I have been an observer and active participant in SOCCER. Until recently, America as a whole has shown no real interest in futbol. As host of the 1994 World Cup, much attention was brought to the sport that the rest of the world considers the most popular. However, that flame of interest seems to have waned despite the emerging Major League Soccer and other fledgling semi-professional leagues. Mr. Engon Zibi speaks of how his native Cameroon rallies around the national team's successes in the last few World Cups. I do not think America will ever embrace SOCCER like the African and Europeans do. Regardless on its acceptance by Americans, I wish people would respect it as a legitimate sport.

Neal Pinkston
Senior, Political Science

Voluntary segregation healthy for all races

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Scott Link's comments concerning Black History month. First of all, I want to commend Scott for his efforts in attempting to stimulate MTSU students to think about current issues. I have read many of his comments, but never have I had so much to disagree with. Instead of arguing point by

point, let me state the underlying flaw of his thinking. To Scott, a perfect world is colorblind and non-segregated. It is this false premise that perpetuates racial tension. His idea is naive and self-defeating. We as human beings are not colorblind. We see the world in a full spectrum of colors. We see black, white, red, yellow, etc. and shades of all the colors. There is nothing wrong with being able to see a person as black, white, red, brown, or yellow. It is essential to see skin color. In order to sincerely and truly know a person, a human being, we can not ignore that person's skin color, nationality, culture, history, intellect, personality, spirituality, like's and dislike's, to name a few, for these are what a person is made of.

The idea that a segregation of any kind is inherently wrong was terribly misconceived. Forced segregation is without a doubt wrong and evil resulting from hatred and prejudice. Voluntary segregation is definitely not wrong. It is actually natural and perfectly healthy. People usually come together due to some commonality among them. As human beings we naturally prefer to be around people who are interesting, and the most interesting person is ourselves; therefore, those that are most like us are most interesting.

Go into the Grill and look around during lunch time, then celebrate our individuality and diversity. See the different shades of people. Don't beat yourself over for having lunch with other black friends, kicking the hacky sack with other white friends on the knoll, or shooting the breeze with other freshmen. The reason for your voluntary segregation is not hatred of whites, or blacks or non-freshmen. It is common background and interest.

Sid Shiao
Graduate student/Biology

Constructivist learning

Through the Leonardo Project, students learn how various academic subjects are connected.

By Randy Ford/ staff

One of Tennessee's most innovative university-level programs is making 28 MTSU education majors better teachers.

The Leonardo Project, now in its second year, is designed to create more effective educators by integrating a liberal arts education and specialized education courses.

A group of Leonardo students take the majority of their courses together for four semesters — fulfilling part of the general studies requirements in "clusters."

Phillip Waldrop, Leonardo Project student advisor, said the clustered curriculum is designed to enhance the relationship between subjects in an effort to demonstrate a more creative and effective teaching style.

"The faculty plan common assignments and schedule projects together," Waldrop said. "There is this inter-relatedness among the knowledge they're getting."

Leonardo Project Director Ellen Donovan thinks that inter-relatedness gives Leonardo students a step above other education programs at MTSU and at other universities in the state.

"It's better. It's coherent. It has a unified purpose—linking the learning in the classroom to the profession," Donovan said.

The program is based on the constructivist model for education, which is characterized by an accent on structure.

Both faculty members agree that the students will see lasting benefits of the program when they begin work in their own classrooms.

Special education major Lisa Ooten is one of 22 members in the Leonardo Project freshman class. She thinks the constructivist theory will help her directly after graduation.

"It will fix what is wrong with education today," Ooten said. "It entails a creative approach to traditional lessons and a one-on-one teaching style."

Sophomore Treasure Maddox, an early education major and one of six students still in the program's first group, is excited that she will see lasting effects from the program.

"I think it'll help to bring all the subjects together," she said. "It'll teach kids that all subjects have something to do with your life."

Some critics say that the program—particularly having the same classmates for four semesters—shields students from the true university experience. Ooten disagrees.

"We have other classes, too," Ooten said. "We get to experience



stronger bonds of friendship than you ever would in any of your other classes."

Donovan thinks those bonds improve the quality of class work.

"Sometimes [in other classes], there is no real commitment until the learning community has been established," she said. "Since the students know each other, that community has been established."

Donovan feels that the program, which is just a "pilot project right now," has been successful, but fears that it is being jeopardized by budget cutbacks.

"We also will have to work harder to fit this in. The university is not generally structured for this type of program," she said.

Latest Art League lecture focuses on Tenn. folk art

Staff Reports

"Folk Arts and Folk Life of Tennessee," a lecture by Robert Cogswell, is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Art Center. The event marks an installment that is part of a seven lecture series sponsored by the Murfreesboro Art League.

Cogswell, an experienced university instructor, photographer, public lecturer and museum curator, will illuminate critical issues and processes affecting cultural diversity.

The 7 p.m. lecture will address the folklore discipline, which encourages understanding the artistic views of diverse artists, their cultures and the

importance of preserving such diversity through cultural conservation.

Tennessee folk arts will be used to illustrate how both tradition and innovation shape individual artistic expression.

Cogswell, director of folk arts at the Tennessee Arts Commission, has written over 30 articles for various publications and is a national contributor in the folk arts field.

Tuesday's event is a public service lecture, funded by the Tennessee Humanities Council and the Rutherford Council for the Arts and Humanities. It is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Art Center at 895-7125.

Rucker honored with first Pleas award

By Adam Smith/ staff

One of the most important assets of any university is a dedicated faculty member. Too often, however, the dedication and service of a professor may go unnoticed by students and colleagues, particularly if that service involves extracurricular activity. This is not the case, however, with Robert L. Rucker, assistant professor of sociology, anthropology and social work, who will receive the John Pleas Faculty Recognition Award during a reception in the Alumni Center on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 3-5 p.m.

"The award honors the faculty member who exhibits outstanding scholarship, an outstanding record with the students, outstanding public service — just an overall outstanding record," said Cheryl Ellis, co-chair of the committee for African-American History Month.

"Rucker was chosen for his outstanding teaching, research and public service over a 21-year period," said John Pleas, professor of psychology and the man for whom the award is named.

This is the first year the award is being given, Pleas said. The award will be given every year during African-American History Month to an African-American faculty member who has made significant contributions to the university as a whole, he added.

During this year's African-American History Month celebration, Rucker was responsible for bringing the Black Heritage Stamp Series to campus, Pleas said. He is also involved in the Advisory Board of Ethics and Legislative Review Committee and the Education Committee of Tennessee Donor Services in Nashville, as well as the



Albert Gore Research Center Advisory Committee.

Rucker received his bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology at MTSU. He then went on to receive a master's in social work at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. He has also done post-graduate work in gerontology at the University of Southern California and in bioethics at Georgetown University. Rucker recently returned to the George Warren Brown School to present a session titled "Organ Transplantations: Ethical Considerations" at the 70th anniversary conference.

In addition to his scholastic activities, Rucker is a member of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics and the Nashville Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Rucker returned to MTSU as a faculty member in 1976 to assist the university with the initial accreditation application to the Council on Social Work Education. Currently working with the Honors Program, Rucker teaches two courses which he designed: Health: Organization, Policy, and Ethics; and African-American Film, Theatre and Television Images.

Thursday's reception be preceded by a brief program at 4:15 p.m., during which Rucker's minister, colleagues and friends will give short remarks. There will also be "a few surprises" for Rucker, said Pleas.

Pleas, who was given the recognition of having the faculty award named after him, also has a record of achievement and service toward the university, Ellis said.

Before arriving at MTSU as a professor of psychology, Pleas was an assistant professor at Columbia College in Missouri and a teaching assistant at Vanderbilt. Pleas has served as director of African-American Studies at MTSU.

Pleas is also the author of several articles and papers, as well as a book: *Walking: A Complete Guide to the Easiest, Safest, Most Beneficial Form of Exercise*, published by W. W. Norton & Company. He co-directed the Vanderbilt Weight Management Program and directed the Community-oriented Rehabilitation Project in Chicago. Pleas is now a member of the Association of Behavioral and Social Scientists and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Thursday's presentation is free and open to the public.

Black lights add new dimension to 'untitled'

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Art goes beyond the realm of the dull, fluorescent exhibits of upscale galleries under the direction of Nashville's multi-media arts group, untitled, which uses black lights in its latest show to add a new dimension to fine art.

Nashville Entertainment Association and untitled will be sponsoring two art shows, Glow Show IV and Hypnagogia, through Feb. 22.

The shows fall in correlation with Extravaganza, NeA's annual showcase of Nashville's musical diversity. Untitled was invited for the first time, along with Dark Horse Theatre, to be included in the Artstravaganza portion of the celebration.

Untitled began its public career in October 1991 with its first show, Glow Show I, which started out as a party and soon turned into the exhibition of artwork produced for a

black light setting which is now the group's anniversary show.

Only a certain number of colors will appear under black light: three shades of orange, one red, one green, one yellow, one purple and one blue. The artists' media ranges from day-glo paint to laundry detergent to make their visual statements come to life under black light.

"The materials do glow, said Michael Durham, untitled publicity coordinator. "The artwork actually illuminates the room. It makes almost three times as much light as the black light itself."

The show not only displays a selection of two- and three-dimensional visual art, but performance, spoken word and music as well. Many of the performing artists will be wearing clothes and body paint that glow in black light. One participant made a "radioactive suit" for the occasion.

"The effect is supernatural and surreal," Durham said.

Glow Show IV will be featured at 412 Fourth Ave. South (formerly known as Blue Sly Court) beginning at 7 p.m., Feb. 19-22. A reception will held on Feb. 21. There will be a \$5 cover charge without an Extravaganza pass.

Hypnagogia, a Greek word meaning the time between sleeping and waking, is the basis of this show about dreams. It began on Jan. 18 and will run through Feb. 22. Parthenon gallery hours are 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children (4-17) and seniors (62+).

Untitled is a multi-media arts group open to any artist in any media. Untitled's purpose is to promote community awareness of the arts through themed group shows.

For more information, e-mail untitled at urchar@nashville.net, log on to its homepage: <http://www.nashville.net/~urchar/untitled> or call Michael Durham, 262-2806.

One more with feeling!



Steve Purinton/ staff

Freshman Music Education major Adam Hames blows his own horn during MTSU Wind Ensemble practice Wednesday afternoon.

Around Town

328 Performance Hall 259-3288

Thursday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m. — NeA Extravaganza '97 Rock and Roots Night featuring Drivin' N' Cryin, Tiny Town, Old 97s, V-Roys, Slobberbone, Jolene, and Mudflaps. Tickets \$7 advance \$10 at door.

Friday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. — NeA Extravaganza '97 Spongebath Night featuring Self, Gumpton, Fleshpaint, Fluid Ounces, Caesar's Glass Box, The Roaries, Comma 8 Comma 1, and Saturn 5. Tickets \$7 advance \$10 at door.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m. — NeA Extravaganza '97 Aware Records Night featuring Edwin McCain, The Honeyrods, Spider Monkey, Guster, Gibb Droll Band, Farmer, Nineteen Wheels, Mighty Joe Plum, Cresta, and Fat Amy. Tickets \$7 advance, \$10 at door.

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Baseball success rests on question: Who's on third?

By Doug Malan/ staff

The 1997 version of Middle Tennessee baseball opens its season tomorrow afternoon at Auburn trying to answer a big question at third base.

Last year's hot corner Doug Barner tied a school record with 19 homers- plus a record 35 career homers- and 55 RBIs while hitting .320. He has since moved on to the Tampa Devil Rays organization, leaving a huge offensive void at third.

This year, head coach Steve Peterson will look to senior Lee Marbet, who missed all of fall practice with a broken hand, or sophomore Ty Curley to replace Barner to a certain extent.

"You don't replace his stats," said Peterson, who is in his tenth year as Blue Raider head coach. "We'll go into Auburn with Lee Marbet as our starting third baseman. I thought Ty was going to be our starting man but Lee has come on like gangbusters and passed Ty in early workouts."

"I don't know if Lee's there for good or Ty's going to get back out there, but one of those two is going to be our starting third baseman or maybe we'll use both of them. I just don't want them to try to fill the shoes of Doug Barner."

The infield is anchored by senior shortstop Clay Snellgrove, who led the regulars last year with a .328 average and 66 hits to complement his pristine .963 fielding percentage.

"It all starts with Clay Snellgrove," Peterson said. "I think he's going to be one of the premier infielders in the Ohio Valley Conference and in the whole Southeastern part of the United States. He makes the plays and I hope every ball is hit to him."

"He's not as flashy and always going to turn the ball loose and gun it, but statistically, Clay is better than any in our long line of great shortstops." That long line includes Chicago Cub Jason Maxwell, who is currently on the team's 40-man roster, and New York Met Eddie Pie.

Senior Jon Case is the starting second baseman, replacing Shane Shoemaker, who teamed with Snellgrove last year to produce arguably the best double-play combo in the OVC. Case was used primarily as a utility player last year, hitting .200 with seven RBIs but providing reliable defense.

"Jon is kind of what you call in baseball a 'ham-and-egger,'" Peterson said. "He's like a lot of second



Brian G. Miller/ Staff

Sophomore third baseman Ty Curley throws to first during Wednesday's practice.

basemen. He just needs to go out and do his job, nothing too flashy."

A year after his team averaged 5.6 runs per game- 70-percent of the run-producers return- Peterson is focusing on junior Clint Johnson to drive in runs from the first base position, a spot that was mediocre offensively last year. Johnson is coming off a red-shirt year after an injury.

"We're looking for offensive production right there," the head coach added. "I think he'll do an adequate job defensively and he's always been an offensive player. We're hoping Clint can give us some offensive punch and RBI in the middle of the order."

Another player expected to provide run support in the middle of the lineup is catcher Andrew Thompson, a three-year starter. Last year, the senior hit .280 with seven homers and 34 RBI while posting a .981 fielding percentage, best among the handle.

"He's a guy who can handle the pitching staff and drive runs in," said Peterson. "I look for my defensive

catcher to be a guy you don't know is back there. If you don't know the catcher's back there, he's done a good job ... I think we're in good solid shape behind the plate."

The outfield is probably the strongest part of this year's squad with all of the regulars returning, plus Chip Davis' return from a season-ending knee injury in 1996.

Peterson has sophomore Jeremy Owens slated as the starting centerfielder and lead-off hitter. The speedy Owens hit .258 during his first year of college baseball with a team-high 15 stolen bases in 17 attempts. He also drove in 29 runs with five homers.

"He's the fastest guy on the team and a very exciting player, but he has to cut down on the strikeouts," Peterson said. "If he can get on first base, you're going to see a guy who will run 75-percent of the time and he has the potential to steal 20-30 bases. We don't need to follow so much his batting average as we do his on-base

percentage."

Rightfielders Ryan Dillard and Jordan Beddies are battling for the starting spot with the other probably filling the DH role. Dillard hit .271 with four homers and 16 RBI in limited action last season. After reaching double digits in homers in '95, Beddies struggled in '96 with a team-high 57 strikeouts, .234 average and seven homers.

"Jordan has been the most productive offensive player we've had in the preseason," Peterson said of the senior who hit a bomb over the centerfield wall in scrimmage last week. "He had a rough year last year and I think he's determined to have a great senior year."

Chris Snyder is penciled in as the starting left fielder and according to Peterson, will probably hit in the number-two position. Snyder, a backup catcher with good speed, is expected to move baserunners around with bunts and opposite-field hits.

Davis and left-handed

pitcher/outfielder Jamie Hill (.338-1-7 in 74 AB's; 3-5 3.57 ERA in ten starts), who gets the start on the mound Friday, will also see action in the outfield throughout the year.

With the graduation of Jason Stanton and Brian Early, the Blue Raiders lost 12 of their 28 victories from a pitching staff that compiled a 4.65 ERA. Peterson is still searching for five quality starters to carry the team this season.

Following Hill's start, sophomore right-hander Jamie Powers (0-2, 14.36 ERA) will get the nod Saturday and senior right-hander Steven Lay (3-1, 4.54 ERA) starts the final game of the series. Peterson said no starter will go the complete game and junior Chad Kirby, although normally a starter, will be the first one to relieve Friday afternoon.

Precocious freshman Brad Howard is another pitcher Peterson is eyeing as a starter. "He is one of the few freshman pitchers I've had who will be in the hunt real quick for a starting role," Peterson said. "We'll use him in relief this weekend and I wouldn't be surprised if he got his first collegiate start next weekend."

"He's been very impressive and has had very few bad outings. What you have to do is throw him to the wolves and see what happens."

The bullpen suffered a huge loss when George Oleksik graduated to the Arizona Diamondbacks last summer as he took his school records of saves in a season (10 in 1995) and career saves (16), all of which he did in two years as a converted infielder. For the early part of this season, Middle Tennessee will go with a bullpen by committee.

"Right now we don't have a closer but I think that will evolve with time," said Peterson. "We're going to go back to the way it was in the '40s and the '50s in baseball where you pitched until you were ineffective. We won't be setting up games for a closer right now."

The Auburn Tigers are off to a fast start with six wins and a Coca-Cola Classic title under their belt, but the Blue Raiders have come to expect a certain amount of excellence from themselves.

"They're a great opponent but our program is to the point where we expect to win every time out," Peterson said. "We've played a number of top-20 and top-10 teams and they'll be a little more seasoned than us, but I only know how to play to win."

Lady Raider runners aim for sixth title

By Rachel Parrish/ staff

The Lady Raiders will attempt to earn their sixth consecutive OVC track title at this weekend's OVC Championship meet in Charleston, Illinois, while the Blue Raiders try to avenge last year's second place finish.

Each of the ten OVC teams are allowed to enter three athletes per event. Last year MTSU hosted the event, and the Lady Raiders managed to win despite the lack of distance runners. Southeastern Missouri was a close second, while Eastern Kentucky finished a distant third.

Entered in the women's long jump are Maronda Harris, Bianca Conley, and Nekeya Ralls. Conley (19-4 1/4) is currently the reigning indoor champ. She is entered in the high and triple jumps. Ralls, who won the five hurdle event last year with a time of 7.84, is entered in the high and triple jumps, and the 55m dash and hurdles.

Hoping to score big points for the men's jumping events are Rashaad Haynes and Torrence Riley. Jahez



Junior, Nekeya Ralls

the women will be Rachel Parrish (57.34), TyJuana Phillips (57.8), and Kim Watson (58.20). Competing for the men will be NCAA qualifier Kenden Maynard (46.88), with Lawrence Barham (49.90) and LaMar Hill (50.21). Maynard (21.33) is also entered in the 200m dash.

Sprinters Keith Watkins (6.33), LaMonze Hunter (6.40), and Boniface Amuzu (6.45) are entered in the 55m dash. The three leading women sprinters are Ralls (7.05), Bethany Brent (7.04), and Trina Weddington (7.17). All are expected

Sallahuddin is entered in four events.

Though neither team has entered an open 800m runner, the Raiders are well represented in the 400m dash. Putting the points on the board for

to score big points for the Lady Raiders.

Last year's 55m hurdle champ Carlos Clardy (7.51) will try to defend his title in the five hurdle event. Other contenders include Darryl Arvin (7.57) and Dana Dixon (7.59). Maronda Harris (8.30) and Saran Dunmore (8.38) will be competing in the women's hurdles. Harris and Dunmore, along with Stacey Soda and Sonja Ewing, will be running the distance medley relay. Ewing is the only Raider to run the mile.

For the men's team, the medley will consist of Jason Carpenter, Hill, Shane Heavener, and Jason Smith. Smith and Carpenter are also entered in the 3000m run.

Shelley Jonson (46-3) and Shaunte Jennings (39-10) plan to battle it out for the Lady Raiders in the shot-put ring. Jonson won the event last year with a throw of 46-10.

Prelims and semi-finals are set for Friday morning, and finals will be held on Saturday.

The OVC Indoor Championships are a prelude to the NCAA championships, to be held March 7-8 in Indianapolis.

Men's tennis team defeats South Alabama despite driving rain

By Rachel Bailey &/ Anthony DeLuise

The MTSU men's tennis squad bested the University of South Alabama this weekend in a match more suited for Noah's Ark than Mobile, Alabama.

After re-scheduling the match against third ranked Mississippi State due to inclement weather, the MTSU tennis team watched the rain continue to fall for two days prior to their next match against 10th

ranked South Alabama. However, the rain could not dampen the motivation that led MTSU to a 4-3 victory against one of the nation's top tennis programs.

"This is certainly one of the best victories I have been a part of as the MTSU coach," Dale Short said. "However, what made the win so much more impressive was that the team gutted out the victory despite the hurdles placed before them."

The Raider doubles matches began slowly, but Jim Madrigal and

Marshall Brown took a firm hold on their match. The others quickly followed suit. A particular highlight of the doubles was yet another impressive win for David McNamara and Julius Robberts who upset the fifth ranked pair in the country.

"I was just relieved to win the match for the team, especially when David and I were expected to win," Robberts said. The tandem, now ranked 24th in the country, will undoubtedly move up in the next poll.

With momentum in their favor, Middle took advantage of the doubles point by winning three of the six singles. Robberts, Frederic Niemeyer, and Marshall Brown all came out victorious in their tightly contested matches. Brown found himself in the deciding match after Anthony DeLuise lost a self tie-breaker. Brown pushed himself and took a strong hold, winning 6-2 in the third set.

"I was not too sure what the team score was, and it was tempting

to ask Coach Williams, but I wanted to keep my concentration focused on what I was doing," Brown said.

"I am really proud of Marshall," Short said of Brown's effort. "It is never easy to know you are the critical factor and to get through that pressure and win the match."

The men's tennis team has a couple of weeks off before squaring off with Wake Forest and OVC rival Murray State in a home double-header on March 2.

Hoops teams reverse roles at SEMO

Staff Report

The tables turned for the MTSU basketball teams Monday night as the Lady Raiders defeated Southeastern Missouri 78-63 while the men fell 76-85. It is the first time that the women's squad has come out on the favorable end of a split doubleheader since the Feb. 8 games at Tennessee Tech.

The doubleheader also marked the end of a two-game winning streak for the Raiders and a two-game losing streak for the women.

Cortney Neeley led the Lady Raiders with 19 points and five assists. Jonelda Buck tossed in 18 while Jessica Beatty chipped in 15 and Tanika Smith came off the bench to add 14.

Nod Carter connected for 16 points to lead the Raider effort against the Indians. Roni Bailey tossed in 15 while Torrey Moore added 13. In addition to Richard Duncan's 14 points, he also added seven assists to lead the Raiders in that area.

The split brought the women to a 6-11 OVC record while the Raiders moved to 10-7 in the conference.

Both teams will square off against UT-Martin at home Saturday night in the last regular games of the season.

Lady Raiders action will begin at 5 p.m. with the men's game following at 7:30.

OVC Men's Standings

Team	W	L	All
Austin Peay	11	5	14-12
Murray St.	11	6	16-9
MTSU	10	7	17-11
Tenn. Tech	10	7	14-11
SEMO	9	7	12-15
E Illinois	8	8	11-13
UT-Martin	7	9	10-15
Tenn. St.	7	9	9-15
E Kentucky	5	12	7-18
Morehead	4	12	6-18

OVC Women's Standings

Team	W	L	All
E Kentucky	15	2	20-5
Austin Peay	13	3	17-8
Tenn. Tech.	11	5	14-10
E Illinois	7	9	11-13
Morehead	7	9	9-15
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In Major Finding, Drug Curbs H.I.V. Infection in Newborns

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—A federally financed study has found that the drug AZT drastically reduces transmission of H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS, from infected mothers to their newborns. Government health officials said today.

The findings were so significant that the study, which began in April 1991, was ordered stopped on Friday, and officials are spending the holiday weekend notifying the 59 medical centers in the United States and France taking part in the study to offer AZT to the pregnant women who had been receiving a placebo.

In addition, said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the data from the study were being distributed as a "clinic alert" through the National Library of Medicine, which has a computer network available to health care workers around the world.

Dr. Harold W. Jaffe, an epidemiologist and the top scientist on H.I.V. at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said in an interview today that the finding was one "of major public health importance."

"It is the first indication that mother-to-child transmission of H.I.V. can be at least decreased, if not prevented," Dr. Jaffe said. "And it

will provide a real impetus for identifying more H.I.V.-infected women during pregnancies so that they could consider the benefits of AZT treatment to themselves and their children."

About four million women give birth in the United States each year, and the disease centers estimate that 6,000 to 7,000 of them are H.I.V.-infected. About 1,500 to 2,000 of their babies later become H.I.V.-infected.

Big Problem in Africa

The transmission of the virus to newborns is a much bigger public health problem in developing countries in Africa, Asia and South America, where millions of people are infected and where infection rates among childbearing women can reach 10 percent to 30 percent in some areas, said Dr. James Curran, coordinator of all H.I.V. activities at the disease centers. He added that in some areas of the United States, including some urban areas in the Northeast, the comparable figure is as high as 5 percent.

On average, about 25 percent of pregnant women who are H.I.V.-infected pass along the virus to their babies. The researchers had confidence in the study because the

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