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In the News

Honors lectures begin

Ted Sherman of the English department will discuss "Consumerism and the Death of a Man" this afternoon in Peck Hall 109A from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m.

This is the semester's first honors lecture series. The theme for this semester's series is "People, Ideas, and Events That Changed the World."

Activists rally for Clinton

Hundreds of young activists are planning a rally to watch the President's State of the Union address on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Capitol City Brewery on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C.

Parks search for classes

The Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department is searching for persons, businesses and organizations to offer a variety of classes in recreational and hobby areas.

The department is interested in offering instruction in topics such as arts, crafts, needle arts, Tai-Chi, aromatherapy, gardening, decorating, bridge, etc. These classes can be for a specific age group or any age range.

Beaver talks philosophy

The philosophy department is sponsoring a lecture by Paul Beaver, president of Amazonia Expectations. Beaver's topic "Society and Nature: Tourism and Ecology in the Western Amazon." The lecture is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, in JUB 304.

Clark to speak

Joe Clark, subject of the movie "Lean on Me," will give a speech in Tucker Theatre Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

MTSU Ideas and Issues, in conjunction with the African American History Month Committee, will sponsor the event.

Free tickets are available to students in KUC room 308 and the Murphy Center Office. For more information call 898-2551.

Cubans try emmigration

Rough seas and mechanical failure forced four Cuban exiles Sunday to abandon their attempt to make a political statement by sailing back to their home land without permission, according to the Associated Press.

Peace talks threatened

With the peace process stalemated despite a U.S. push, Yasser Arafat's chief negotiator said Sunday that direct contacts and trust between Palestinians and Israeli premier Benjamin Netanyahu had broken down completely, the Associated Press reported from Jericho.

Immigration concerns rise

Thanks to the growing national concern over immigration, the nation now has more immigration officers authorized to carry a gun and make arrests than it has FBI agents, according to the Associated Press.

Official Diana logo revealed

In a bid to prevent people from profiting off Princess Diana's name, her memorial fund on Sunday unveiled a distinctive logo that will be attached to all official Diana memorabilia, according to the Associated Press.

Suicide bombers kill eight

Three suicide bombers crashed a truck through the gates of Sri Lanka's holiest Buddhist temple Sunday and blew themselves up, killing eight others, wounding 23 and sparking ethnic rioting, according to the Associated Press.



Know something noteworthy happening on campus?
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University delivers academic future

□ Chad Gillis/staff

Editor's note: "Sidelines" will continue to cover progress in the Academic Master Plan throughout the semester.

The Academic Master Plan Task Force met Friday to define university goals, needs and opportunities over the next 15 years.

"The Academic Master Plan is a strategic blueprint for MTSU over the next 15 years," said Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Three specific goals were identified in the meeting: pursue academic areas in which the university might develop competitive advantages; strengthen the academic core; and create a student-centered learning environment.

"Basically, the plan helps us to focus on just where we want to go in the next five to 10 years," said Bob

Jones, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Goal one calls for development of partnerships between the university and those in the job or professional market, according to Barbara Haskew.

"This is intended to strengthen the region," Haskew said, "to tailor education in order to provide the region with what they will be needing in the future."

Two of the eight planned partnerships will be initiated this year.

Bob Eaker, dean of the college of education, will spearhead relations in the education field and Jo Edwards, chairperson of the Adams Chair in Health Care Services, will lead the health and human services partnership.

"I think it's a good idea to evaluate our structure," said Edwards, adding that MTSU has a great opportunity to implement helpful health-care guidance to the region.

University officials plan to develop future partnerships in

applied sciences and technologies; commerce and agribusiness; entertainment, communication and the arts; information and computer technologies; law and government; and tourism and leisure.

Goal two is centered around enhancing student and faculty standards; updating the general studies, undergraduate, graduate and honors programs; and improving facilities.

"There are significant demands on Middle Tennessee State University to supply the manpower that this region needs," Haskew said.

Raising additional scholarship funds and attracting a more diverse student and faculty population is a key aspect in enhancing academic standards, according to Haskew.

Changing MTSU's five doctoral of arts programs to Ph.D. programs and increasing staff are also high on the Academic Master Plan's priority list.

"Increased enrollment without increased state funds makes it hard to staff Middle Tennessee State University without a huge tuition

increase," Haskew said when considering the state's recent position on higher education. "We've grown ahead of the funds."

The third goal included in the Academic Master Plan focuses on creating an enhanced learning environment for MTSU students and the state of Tennessee.

"We're really talking about a change in student learning," Haskew said.

One priority identified Friday was the need for additional master classrooms. MTSU currently has 11 of these such classrooms and the Master Plan calls for five more to be added on a yearly basis at a cost of \$30-40 thousand per room, according to Haskew.

"We've identified major goals that we want to work on," Haskew said after the meeting, adding that some goals have long-term implications while the university will be able to accomplish others in the immediate future.

Marcus D. Leslie
contributed to this story.

Officials consider smoke-free policy

□ Adam R. Smith/staff

Smoking on campus may soon be a thing of the past because of a Jan. 12 resolution of the Faculty Senate to have the administration re-evaluate the smoking policy.

"We are concerned both about the health hazards of secondhand smoke and about the aesthetics of having piles of butts at the entrance of every building," said Christian Haseleu, president of the Faculty Senate.

The resolution was brought from the floor by Alice Mills, an assistant professor of biology, after being suggested by Joyce Miller, biology lab coordinator.

"We're supposed to be providing a healthy environment for our students," Miller said, "and, to me, smoking is just the worst thing for you to do."

Secondhand smoke is the primary concern, according to Miller. She pointed out two instances which particularly concern her. First-floor bathrooms should not allow smoking, she said, because disabled students have to use those facilities.

Faculty members who smoke in

their offices without closing the doors also are causing a problem, in her opinion.

Even when faculty members do close their doors, the air is recirculated throughout the building, exposing the occupants to secondhand smoke, Miller added.

Another incentive for the eradication of smoking on campus is East Tennessee State University's recent move to ban smoking on its campus. Smoking is no longer allowed at ETSU except for a limited area in the Student Union building, and sales of tobacco products were banned from the ETSU campus on Aug. 17. ETSU's dorms are completely smoke-free this year.

Many other public universities, including the University of Kentucky and Washington State University, restrict smoking on their campuses, Miller said.

Under MTSU's current smoking policy, smoking is not allowed inside campus buildings, save for a few designated areas such as the smoking room of the KUC Grill. Most of the dorms on campus have smoking floors,



Vickie Gibson/staff
Designated smoking areas such as this one in the KUC Grill could be eliminated if MTSU goes smoke-free.

and smoking is not restricted outside. Tobacco products are sold in vending machines on campus and in the campus convenience store in the KUC.

The Faculty Senate resolution is currently awaiting review by Wendy Thompson, legal assistant to the president. Thompson will look over the resolution for any legal issues that may arise.

"It is currently in my 'to review' stack," Thompson said. "I am not

sure when I will have a response, but it probably won't be too long."

Miller said she hopes that the resolution will lead to the formation of a new committee to review the smoking policy.

"My main goal is to get smoking stopped on campus," Miller said. "[Smoking] is just like carrying a loaded gun."

Bill drafted to change MTSU's name

□ Jamie Evans/staff

State Sen. Andy Womack drafted a bill last Wednesday to change MTSU's name to the University of Middle Tennessee.

Currently, the proposal to change MTSU's name—which was formally submitted by MTSU President James Walker last August—is being debated by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR). If the committee approves the name, it will then be sent to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) for approval.

However, in order for the name to become official, it must be passed by the Tennessee Legislature. Womack's

bill is the preliminary step in this process.

Womack is now waiting for the approval of the TBR and THEC, but said he believes that the decision will be finalized in March.

Meanwhile, Julie Goodyear-Walker, director of communications at TBR, said they do not know how long it will be until a decision is reached.

"It's out of our hands," Goodyear-Walker said. "Right now, we are waiting for a response from the [Tennessee] attorney general."

Goodyear-Walker said that a special committee was formed last September to research the proposed name change.

President Walker originally said a decision might be reached by as early as the TBR's December meeting.

According to Goodyear-Walker, the decision was delayed due to controversy within the committee concerning whether changing the name would conflict with the Geier Stipulations.

These stipulations are guidelines that were established by the state to develop and maintain racial balance between all of Tennessee's higher education institutions.

The board sent a request in late November to the Tennessee attorney general's office asking for a legal opinion on the issue.

The attorney general's office was unable to confirm that such a request existed because it would violate client-attorney confidentiality to disclose that information.

The idea of changing MTSU's name has been in discussion for the last two years. Some university officials have said they think now is the time to change the name while the school is experiencing tremendous amounts of growth.

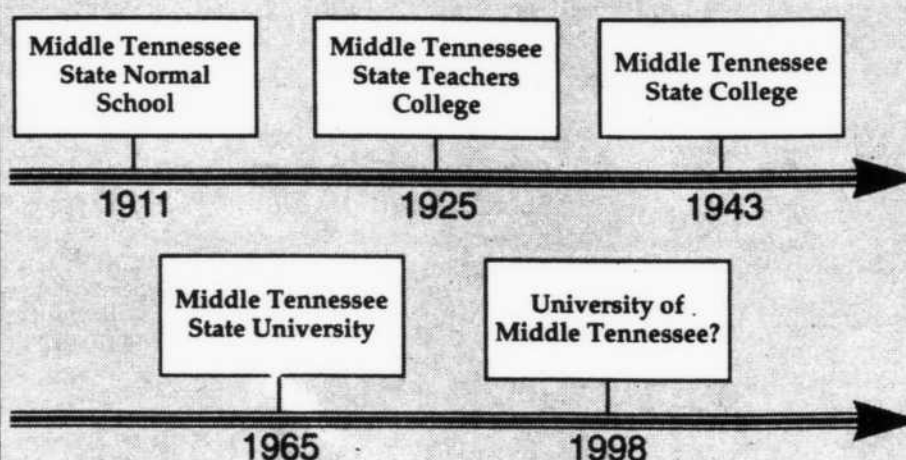
"It's not the same institution it was 20 years ago," said Steve Shockley, executive director of the MTSU Foundation.

The university has had three name changes since opening as Middle Tennessee State Normal School in 1911.

"If we're only doing what we did in 1911, we should still be Middle Tennessee State Normal School," said John Bragg, president of the MTSU Foundation.

Name Change Time Line

The campaign to change MTSU's name to the University of Middle Tennessee has met with both praise and controversy. But it's not the first time the name has been changed.



Source: John Bragg, MTSU Foundation president

Adam Smith/staff

Pizza Hut fire forces Grill to close Thursday

□ Jamie Evans/staff

The Keathley University Center Grill was closed down early Thursday morning after a fire started at Pizza Hut.

According to Sue Yost, manager of the Grill, an oven used for toasting bread sticks burst into flames when one of the employees turned on the switch. The exhaust system in the restaurant then caused the fire to spread.

Another grill employee, Jerry Weeden, grabbed a fire extinguisher and began putting out the flames.

After the fire was put out, the Grill was closed for the remainder of the day.

"The food services director wanted to close [the Grill] until it was safe," Yost said.

A table was set up in the KUC lobby on Thursday to offer food, coffee and sandwiches free of charge to students for their inconvenience.

The cleanup consisted of throwing away all of the exposed food and items that are in contact with food such as utensils and napkins.

Every surface of the Grill area—including the walls—had to be scrubbed intensely to ensure all the residue from the extinguishers was gone.

Yost and Weeden both received minor injuries while extinguishing the fire. Yost's face and Weeden's lungs sustained chemical burns from the fire extinguisher. Neither was admitted to a hospital.

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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 Men's and Women's Rugby Club will practice every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 for men, 6:00 for women, at the intramural fields between Cummings Hall and the Mass Comm. Building. Everyone is invited to join in, no experience needed. Men can call William Maddux at 848-1820 and women can call Nicole Wallace at 898-4511 for more information.

Jan. 28
Sigma Tau Delta will sponsor a Writer's Workshop at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 108. For more information contact Sarah K. Lisle at 898-4985.

For fun, fellowships, friendship and free food join fellow students every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Student Fellowship House, 615 N. Tenn. Blvd. The non-programmed style with real-life issues and real-life people is open to everyone. For more information contact Rich Zeigler at 893-1787.

The Placement and Student Employment Office will present the

Summer Jobs Fair from 1-4 p.m. in KUC 322 and 324.

Jan. 29
The American Criminal Justice Association—Lambda Alpha Epsilon—will meet at 5 p.m. in KUC 312. The speaker is to be announced. For information contact Ross Larson at 898-4041.

Feb. 7
University School of Nashville will host Summer Opportunities Day, where students can learn more about summer experiences, from noon to 4 p.m. Representatives from more than 75 local and national programs will be available to describe their programs in academics, fine and performing arts, sports and wilderness adventures among others. For more information contact Marte Beaty at 327-8158.

March 10-12
Any students expecting to graduate in May are required to take the ACT-COMP test. On these dates, students may choose to take the test at 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. All tests will be held in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. No pre-registration is necessary. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. For more information contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

More students studying abroad

College Press Service

Morgan Collini wasn't about to leave the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for an entire semester.

He didn't want to miss football season, his fraternity's spring formal or any of those miscellaneous events that normally filled his hectic schedule.

So when he got a chance to study in Italy for a couple of months, he made sure it fell during summer break before his senior year, he said.

"In retrospect, I could've stayed in Italy for a whole year with no problem," said Collini, 22, who graduated in May. "I learned so much and had such a good time that I'm going back for three weeks this spring."

His travels reflect a growing trend: More American college students than ever are studying abroad, but they're going away for shorter periods of time. Students also are venturing to more diverse destinations, outside of Western Europe, to places in Latin America, Africa and Asia. They slowly are finding that studying abroad is no longer an extravagance reserved for the wealthy or a commitment requiring a yearlong stay away from family and friends.

A recent study conducted by the Institute of International Learning reveals that more than 89,200 students earned academic credit while studying abroad in 1995-96—an increase of 5.7 percent over the previous year and the continuation of a decade-long growth pattern. That's still less than 1 percent of the nation's 15 million college students, but researchers say the increase shows the growing importance Americans place on gaining experience abroad.

"I think young people are waking up and seeing that if they want to become world leaders, they have to know the world better," said IIL President Richard Krasno. "The private sector also seems to be getting word out that a young

person with foreign language competency or an international cultural experience has a slight edge over those who don't.

"American students are quite pragmatic," he continued. "They'll do what it takes to get a good job—but they'll also have a great time doing it."

Count 23-year-old Heather Prime, a recent graduate of New York's Hobart and William Smith Colleges, in that group. She's traveled to Germany three times since her junior year. Now she's job hunting with hopes of landing a position at Daimler Benz, manufacturer of the Mercedes Benz.

"When you speak a foreign language and have taken the time to live abroad, I think it says something important about the nature of your personality," Prime said. "It says you're open to change and learning and that you can deal with a variety of different people."

Studying abroad prompted 23-year-old Moriah Scruggs, another recent UNC-CH graduate, to rethink the career she'd chosen. Scruggs spent her junior year in Germany with intentions of returning home to teach the language. She changed majors instead.

"While I was sitting in all those classes, I realized German was something I was interested in but not enough to teach it every single day," she said. "Would I have figured that out if I had never gone to Germany? Maybe, maybe not."

Convinced that students are learning lessons abroad that lectures and textbooks could never teach them, colleges and universities are increasingly encouraging students to step outside of campus borders and across foreign ones. They're offering programs designed to fit just about any schedule and budget. One-semester and summer programs attracted more than 70 percent of students studying abroad in 1995-96, the IIL reported. For many students,

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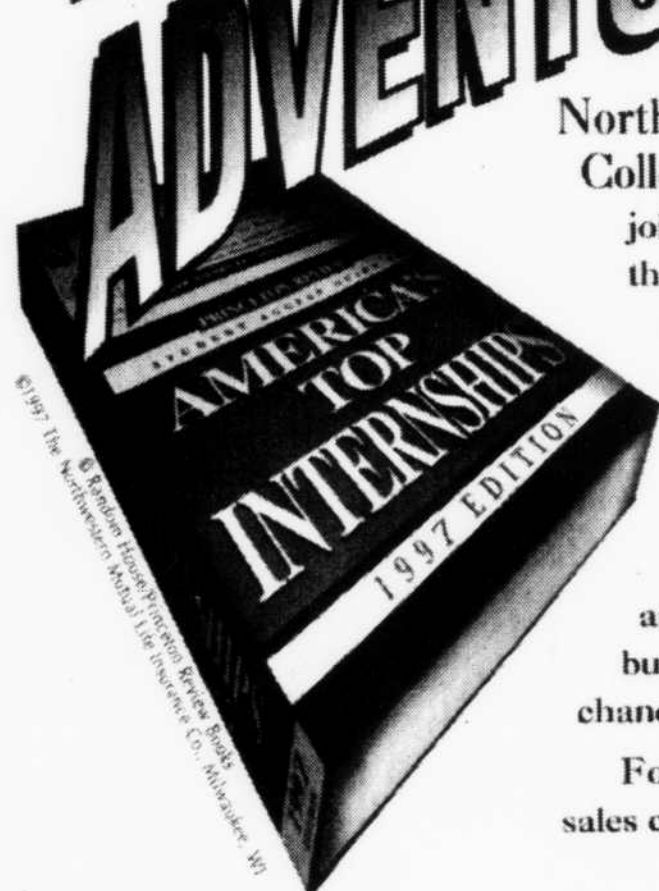
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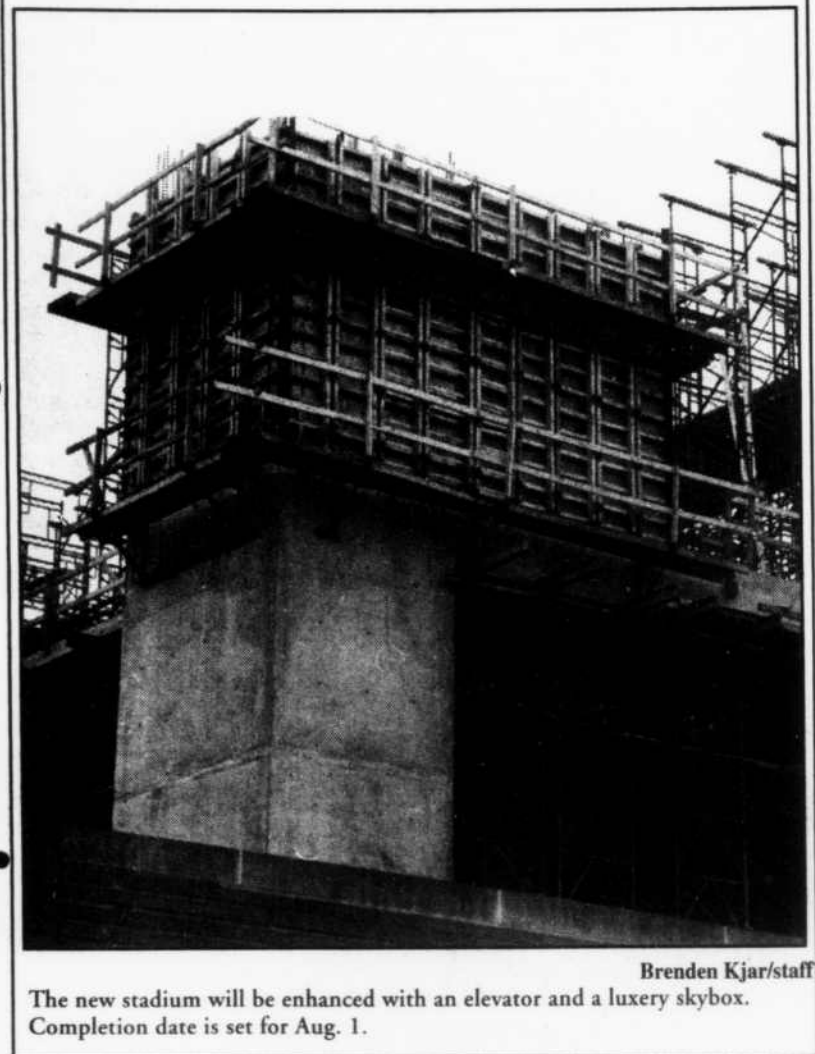
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getting into one was simple as visiting the financial aid office on campus.

"I was really surprised to find that there's tons of money all over the place for people who want to travel—grants, loans and scholarships," said Scruggs, who combined student loans and the money she earned from summer jobs to pay for her trip. "I even saw this one offer where all you had to do was write a proposal stating what you wanted to do abroad and why you wanted to do it."

"I tell everyone to travel while they're in school," she added. "With all the student offers and discounts out there,

it's cheaper than it ever will be again."

Many universities also have designed programs to help more students who wish to study abroad. New York University, for example, offers a program called "Speaking Freely," a series of conversation classes designed to prepare freshman to study abroad during their junior year. Of the 600 students enrolled annually, about 80 percent will travel to foreign lands, said NYU President Jay Oliva. And thanks to a recent donation, Oliva said business school students will be required to study abroad for one semester before they graduate.

"These trips shouldn't be some sideline cultural event that compromises your professional goals or postpones

White House internships offer brush with history perform many duties

Reuters

On an average day there are about 250 unpaid interns between the ages of 18 and 23 working at the White House, answering phones, sorting mail, running errands and hoping for a brush with history.

Allegations that a former intern, Monica Lewinsky, may have had an affair with President Clinton, have put a spotlight on the program, which aims to give young people work experience and the White House a source of cheap, enthusiastic labor.

Clinton denied he had an "improper" sexual relationship with the woman or that he encouraged her to lie about it.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters Wednesday said that program includes roughly 250 youths at any time of year, half of them male and half female.

They work in a wide variety of settings at the White House and in many of

its key operations, from the office of the chief of staff, Clinton's top aide, to the press office that presents the administration's public face to the world.

Interns, who are not paid, can work full time during the summer and up to 25 hours a week during the school year, McCurry said, adding that there are two sessions of interns during the summer and one each in the autumn and spring.

Many find the program an intoxicating introduction to the Washington world of national politics and use their experience as a springboard to finding jobs elsewhere in the government.

The interns, who often are college students taking a semester off from their studies or recent graduates looking for a foothold in Washington, face the same background checks that are applied to White House staff.

them," he said. "They should be an opportunity for you to develop your interests somewhere else. If you're interested in finance, it doesn't make sense for you to go over and study French literature. There are ways to make sure you remain connected to your field."

Deciding where to study is perhaps the hardest part of the trip, many students say. Depending on the university, there are as many as 87 foreign destinations from which to choose. While Britain still attracts the most students—more than 20,000 visited in 1995-96—countries outside of Western Europe are becoming increasingly popular. The number of students going to Latin America increased by 18 percent to 13,726; to Africa by

10 percent to 2,027; and to Asia by 5 percent to 5,699.

Cuba, Hong Kong and South Africa were among countries reporting the highest percentage gains. Of students' top 25 destinations, Ireland reported the biggest jump in American students with nearly 1,600 traveling there in 1995-96.

"Students who get out and see the world will have a better understanding of how they fit into it," said Oliva, who traveled to France and Spain while in graduate school. "When you're somewhere else, every day is an experience—whether you're buying clothes, finding your baggage or eating in restaurants."

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OPINIONS

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Editorials

Smoking should be banned

MTSU officials are right to investigate the current university smoking policy.

First off, smoking cigarettes is helpful to no one outside Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds and cancer research centers.

Second, it is an absolutely disgusting habit and it constantly drains cash from the pockets.

And to think that simply adding receptacles in which to dispose of butts will cure littering on campus is absurd.

In general, smokers don't care where their cigarette butts land, or how others may get sickened by the sight.

"But smokers have rights too." This comment is as silly as the rational behind smoking. Do smokers have a constitutional right to discharge a filthy cloud of death at will? No.

Although gasoline powered engines do emit a much stronger toxic product, they are useful for something. Smoking has no positive application whatsoever.

Blowing cigarette smoke into the breathing areas of others is just as gross as having someone project chewing tobacco spittle into your drink.

And what better place to educate the population than at institutions of higher learning?

This university cannot sell beer on campus, why should we sell cigarettes?

And isn't littering against the law? Why is it that when people throw certain garbage on the ground it is overlooked? Why, because we let them.



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From the Mailbox

CARES sends thanks to students, residents, bands and restaurant

To the editor:

Many thanks to the MTSU students, local residents and the Boro Bar and Grille for their participation in the January 15th Nashville CARES' fundraiser. The clients and staff of CARES appreciate the exhaustive efforts of Jenni Leeds for coordinating the Midway showcase. Thanks are also extended to the booty shakin' bands: Caesar's Glass Box, Fizzig and four hundred for donating their time and talent.

With the funds raised, CARES continues to promote and participate in a comprehensive and compassionate response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in middle Tennessee. Your support helps fund our education programs and direct client services, all of which are provided by CARES at no charge.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Warner,
Development Associate
Nashville CARES

Ball games should be family entertainment for all student sectors

To the editor:

My name is Leslie Winchester and I am a 28-year-old returning transfer student who commutes every day to MTSU. I was a student here approximately 10 years ago. This is my first semester back at MTSU after completing an Associate's degree at Motlow State Community College. I am a junior in the political science department as a pre-law major. I am deeply distressed by some events that took place at the basketball game on Jan. 17, and I felt that someone should know about these problems.

Recently, I had seen the fliers on campus, which were advertising that game to be the unveiling of the first ever-official mascot for MTSU. It was billed as being entertaining with a light show at half-time, etc. Well, I have a 4 1/2-year-old daughter, Meghan, who likes to do some school things with her Mom. I thought that she would enjoy attending the game and seeing the light show and the new mascot. She has never been to a basketball game, and I figured that it would be exciting for her. I did not anticipate how wrong I could have been, because she never got to see the game.

When we first arrived at the campus, I attempted to park in the lot by Murphy Center. The security person with the light waved me by. I was unaware that that was reserved parking and not open for me to park.

A sign announcing that fact would have been very helpful to those people who have not been to a game. When I inquired why I could not park there I was screamed at and treated very rudely. The person with the light assumed that I automatically should have known why I could not park there. A little common courtesy and respect would have been nice.

Once we found a place to park and walked to Murphy Center, I purchased a student guest ticket for my daughter. She was so excited. We went in the building and walked around the student section attempting to find a seat (the girl's game had just finished half-time). Meanwhile, my daughter is hearing language that definitely should not be heard by a four-year-old from the people seated in the sections going up and down the aisles. I can only imagine what we would have heard if we had stayed.

After a half an hour, I found us two seats together that I assumed were not reserved by a coat, a person, or some other object, and we sat down. Approximately 10 minutes later, two girls appear next to me, and tell me to get up that we were in their seats. I tried to explain that we were unaware that those seats were taken and we would find somewhere else to sit. I did not get that chance. I was told to "Get up, you fat b___!" These are our seats. They are reserved for (some Greek letters)." I said excuse me and attempted to gather my daughter and our coats in a hurry all the while being berated and cursed at by these two girls. As we walked back up the steps, I decided that no entertainment for my family was worth being belittled, berated, and cursed at. I was under the mistaken impression that somehow some of the evening was to be some type of family entertainment, but it was not worth the expense. I went back to the ticket office, explained the situation, and asked for the money for my daughter's ticket back. We walked back to the car and drove the thirty miles to home. On the way, my daughter said, "I don't want to do this again, Mommy. There were too many people and they were mean." I do not want to do it again either, and I will not until the University and the Athletic Dept. come up with some way of separating off part of the student section off, so that student's who come with family or small children are not subjected to derision, and bad language in order to see some entertainment with their family. I found the whole experience to be rude, upsetting, and sadly indicative in some ways of how the older students are treated by some of their younger classmates. I find it really upsetting that my daughter will not be able to enjoy the experience of attending some of the activities that go with the college experience with me, and I find it even more upsetting that some people find it necessary to berate others in order to have a good time.

Thank You,
Leslie Winchester

Disabled students experience greater parking problems

To the editor:

I wish to address the parking problem on this campus. I am a disabled student, and as such, I need to park as close as possible to the building that my class is in. I can not walk any great distance and cannot use stairs. This effectively eliminates satellite parking lots and the Raider Express bus.

This year, MTSU has lost more parking spaces, especially Handicapped spaces due to construction. Additionally, parking meters have taken over hitherto free parking spaces, further limiting spaces for all. With this in mind, parking violations fines have increased. The Handicapped Student is put between a rock and a hard space.

MTSU prides itself, and advertises as being a handicapped accessible institution. A federal law mandates it! In reality, this campus is not accessible to the handicapped. There is not enough handicapped parking for those students who need to park temporarily during class. Those that do exist are taken by staff and/or faculty, who tie up these badly needed spaces, all day.

On the 8th of January, I arrived at the Jones Hall parking lot one hour early to park for a 0925 class. Not only were all the handicapped spaces taken, they were taken by staff or faculty. I cruised the lot for a full hour, hoping that a space would open up. None did. I ended up having to park illegally. I now have to arrive between 0700 and 0720 just to secure a parking space, any space! I find this unsatisfactory and a violation of federal law concerning handicapped accessibility. This is why I say that MTSU is NOT Handicapped Accessible in parking, nor is it accessible in all buildings that hold classes. One example, is the Art Barn. I am minoring in Art, and have classes on the second floor of the Art Barn. To attend this class causes me great pain and severe shortness of breath.

MTSU wants to grow, increase her enrollment, and provide a quality education second to none. But at what cost? Any future plans this university considers must include all its students, including the handicapped student.

Lastly, I believe that MTSU has bitten off more than it can chew. There is entirely too much construction going on, on this campus, at the same time. Maybe MTSU needs to slow growth a little bit, to insure that all her students can keep up and grow with her. If this school needs more money in its coffers, don't squeeze it out of the handicapped who can't find adequate parking.

Kristine Lilja-King
Junior

Corrections

On Jan. 22 "Sidelines" ran an article titled "Students react to new mascot." It incorrectly stated that all previous attendance records were broken in the Jan. 17 game against TSU. The women's team did break attendance records at Murphy Center, as well as the women's OVC attendance record. But the men's game broke no attendance records whatsoever.

In the same issue a photo ran on the front page incorrectly identifying Tyjuana Phillips as Leslie Miller. Phillips was competing in the Miss MTSU competition.

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Slick Willie gets ungreased

Philip Crabtree
columnist



Trust is an essential element to any relationship of value. I have only been with my girlfriend for a year and a half because of trust, I worship God because of trust, and I work for employers because of trust. Once this trusting relationship is broken between myself and any of the partners of any of the relationships of which I am involved, I no longer participate in the relationship.

Why is it, then, that I am expected to support a president whose whole career and life has been based on lies and a betrayal of the American people?

The fact is I shouldn't.

Last week, President Clinton was alleged to have had an improper relationship with at least one of his interns, a 21-year-old named Monica Lewinski. During this alleged affair, Clinton bought Lewinski gifts, jewelry and a cocktail dress. Certainly, these are not common types of gifts for an employer to buy an employee—a more suitable gift would have been a souvenir to commemorate the time that Lewinski interned at the White House—and once again, left-wing politicians and spin doctors scream, "So what?"

Later, the media reported that the alleged affair may very well have included sexual relations, an allegation that Clinton is quick to deny. Again, the common man in America is barraged with "so what's" from the left-wing.

On Saturday, six of Clinton's top aides came forth and said that it is almost a certainty that Clinton did indeed have a sexual relationship with Lewinski, and they, along with Leon Panetta, are mulling over the probability of Clinton's resignation or impeachment. Take cover. Here come the "so what's."

For the benefit of students, faculty, staff and a lightning-bolt shooting, my little-flying-pony looking, smurf horse on acid, I will answer the question, "So what?"

First of all, this is not the first time Clinton has been implicated in some sort of

sex scandal or impropriety with female employees under his authority. The list goes back to at least when he was governor and Gennifer Flowers was the First Mistress of Arkansas.

Secondly, this is not the first time that Clinton has been under investigation for any other sort of impropriety including his business, civil and criminal behavior. This list again extends back to Arkansas with Whitewater, and it includes the death of Vince Foster and illegal campaign contributions from foreign countries (I sometimes wonder if it should also include the manner in which he was admitted to Georgetown).

Next, Clinton recently recanted his version of the Gennifer Flowers affair. Remember when Clinton was campaigning in 1992 for the presidency, and he absolutely denied any sort of affair with Flowers? It turns out that he was mistaken. Now, he says that they did have a sexual relationship (I can certainly see how he could have forgotten this fact, since the allegation is that there have been hundreds of such relationships throughout his career).

Finally, Clinton is my president. In the United States of America, the president does not have the final word. It is the people who are the final authority. We hire the president when we elect him, we pay his salary and he lives in our house. As Clinton's employer, I am not amused by his actions in the least.

As an American, I expect my country to portray a certain image, and I expect the president, my employee, to be the spokesman and symbol for that image. I will not tolerate this sort of behavior and abuse of a title from one of my employees, and you shouldn't either.

In the working world, lying on an application is grounds for immediate dismissal, and this is the situation that we have here. Clinton's application lasted for a year in 1992—the campaign. From an advertising point of view, he advertised himself to be something that he is very far from, and we bought it. Usually in cases like false advertising, the government requires the product to be pulled off of the shelf.

Clinton lied on his application, he has

lied since then, and he is lying now. And you know what? I don't even care if he is lying now or not. I, quite frankly, am sick of the circus, and I don't care to watch it for another three years. I don't want my employees to behave in this matter, I don't want them to abuse the house that I let them live in and I don't want my employees lying to their employers—the people.

Clinton supporters ask if we should get rid of Clinton just because of this last scandal. The fact is that his removal would not be just over this latest scandal. Clinton's removal would be due to several scandals, possible perjury, obstruction of justice and because he is simply scum.

If we allow Clinton to get away with all of this, what kind of message will we send to America, and most importantly, what kind of message will we send to her children? Personally, I don't want kids growing up thinking they can get through life lying, betraying relationships and not taking responsibility for their actions. All too often, we are finding ourselves putting the blame on everyone but ourselves. This has to stop now.

Our role models are absolutely right. They shouldn't be considered role models at all anymore. From presidents, athletes and teachers to priests, police officers and doctors, we have positioned ourselves to look up to losers, and it's due to our unwillingness to have high standards in every aspect of our life.

Clinton is not the best person to fill the presidency. I am not going to say what party I tend to support, but this country would fare far better if Vice President Gore finished Clinton's term. Gore, at least, has integrity, a sense of loyalty and he is too boring to continually have his every action picked apart like Clinton.

It is time to put America back together again. We have to heal all the wounds that have been caused over someone who is not worth it, and the only way to do it is with a new leader that we can trust.

Trust is a mysterious thing. If wine is made with trust, we should drink up and savor its flavor, but if any element of distrust is included in the ingredients, it becomes sour and poison and should be spewed from our mouths, just as President Clinton should be spewed from office.

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The truth about bathroom stalls

Georgiana Cohen/CPS

An interesting phenomenon rarely given serious and detailed scrutiny is that of "the group." People like them. Families, classes, gangs, clubs, cliques, athletes, witch's covens—groups are numerous and varied.

As a college student, I see people in dire distress over one dilemma pertaining to groups almost every day: The immortal question of "Who should I go to breakfast/lunch/dinner with today?" For some unknown reason, people need other people, and preferably more than one other person, to eat with them.

There are several reasons for this. Far too many people fall prey to the notion that if they go to dinner alone, others will think they are a loser. My message to people who subscribe to this notion: Get over it, and get over yourself. Everyone else is too busy trying to identify the dining hall food to pay any attention to you.

Besides, if you're hungry, eat. I've seen starving people refuse to go down to dinner unless someone is with them.

Then there are those inevitable group-trips — also known as "piss parties" and "united urination" — to the bathroom. For as long as anyone can remember, women

have gone to the bathroom in gaggles, while men have flown solo.

Bathrooms are a female's center of the universe. They are hubs of gossip. Several women crowded in front of a mirror exchange an extraordinary amount of information. The Pentagon has recently replaced its top-secret conference rooms with women's restrooms to create a more stimulating environment for strategic planning.

Women's bathrooms have another hidden feature: the enlarged stall for the handicapped. During peak hours, it becomes a site of great revelry. The toilet bowl is transformed into a punch bowl, the handrails are converted to lounge seating, toilet paper turns into streamers, and the sticky tile surface becomes a hot dance floor.

That, my friends, is why women take so long in the bathroom.

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Tuesday, January 27

The Sidemen play J.T. Gray's Station Inn at 402 12th Ave., S. in Nashville.

Mike Holloway plays the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

An unplugged groove show featuring Jimmy Hale, T. Graham Brown, Mike Duke and Greg McCorkle will be performed at the 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28

Straight Ahead plays the Station Inn.

The Wooten Brothers play the 3rd and Lindsley Bar and Grill at 9 p.m.

Stacy Mitchhart & Blues U Can Use plays the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

Thursday, January 29

Howard & The White Boys plays the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

Blue Highway plays the Station Inn at 402 12th Ave., S. in Nashville.

Nannette & The Fabrays plays the 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 6 p.m.

Friday, January 30

Vic Chesnutt, Lambchop, C.Y.O.D., Paul Burch & The W.P.A. and Toybean play Lucy's Record Shop at 1707 Church St. in Nashville. The show starts at 8 p.m. \$5 cover.

Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction plays at 328 Performance Hall at 328 4th Ave., S. in Nashville. The show starts at 9 p.m. and is 21 and over.

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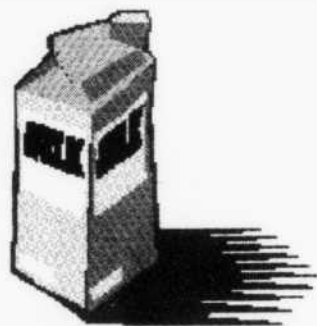
Jonell Mosser and Enough Rope play 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 9 p.m.

The Del McCoury Band play the Station Inn.

Saturday, January 31

The Nashville Bluegrass Band will play at J.T. Gray's Station Inn, located at 412 12th Ave., S. in Nashville. This show is smoke-free.

Javachrist, Impetuous Doom, Teen Idols, Boobyhatch and Lethargic play Lucy's Record Shop, 1707 Church St. in Nashville, at 8 p.m. \$5 cover.



□ Patricia Gautier Mantooth/
special to "Sidelines"

"Drink Milk. Save a Cow" is one of the many bumper stickers which adorn the door of Warren Anderson's office in the Agribusiness building. This comes to my attention during my quest to learn more about the mysterious "MTSU Milk" truck I've noticed on campus. What milk? And what makes it MTSU's?

I knock on the door and ask Anderson if he can point me in the right direction—to someone who knows about the milk truck. He smiles and asks if I drink the white concoction. Disappointed, he frowns when I answer, "Not enough." Anderson is obviously a milk advocate. But he forgives me and leads me across the hall to Harley Foutch's office. Foutch is the director of the School of Agribusiness and Agriscience.

I had no idea I'd have such luck on my search for information. Foutch actually took the time to talk with me about the 'whole' process.

I was shocked to find out that MTSU has a dairy farm about eight miles from campus where 75 cows are milked twice a day. Agribusiness/agriscience students work various jobs associated with the farm, providing them with valuable experience.

"This work gives us the opportunity to involve students with product and production," Foutch emphasizes.

The raw milk is processed into whole milk, two percent milk, chocolate milk and soft-serve ice cream—all of which are consumed by us in MTSU's cafeteria and the KUC grill. MTSU doesn't sell the processed milk off campus, but Purity Dairy buys the excess raw milk product not needed by MTSU.

The Dairy Plant

The processing takes place at the plant in the agribusiness building. Kitty Waggoner is responsible for getting the milk through the pasteurizing and homogenizing processes and transforming it into the finished product—100 gallons at a time.

"We're the only university in Tennessee that processes their own milk," Waggoner notes.

Waggoner is very enthusiastic about her job. She was raised on a dairy farm in Symrna and has always been around the business.

"Cows are just great. I miss milking them—I miss the cows," she remarks. She is noticeably pleased to be a part of "MTSU Milk."

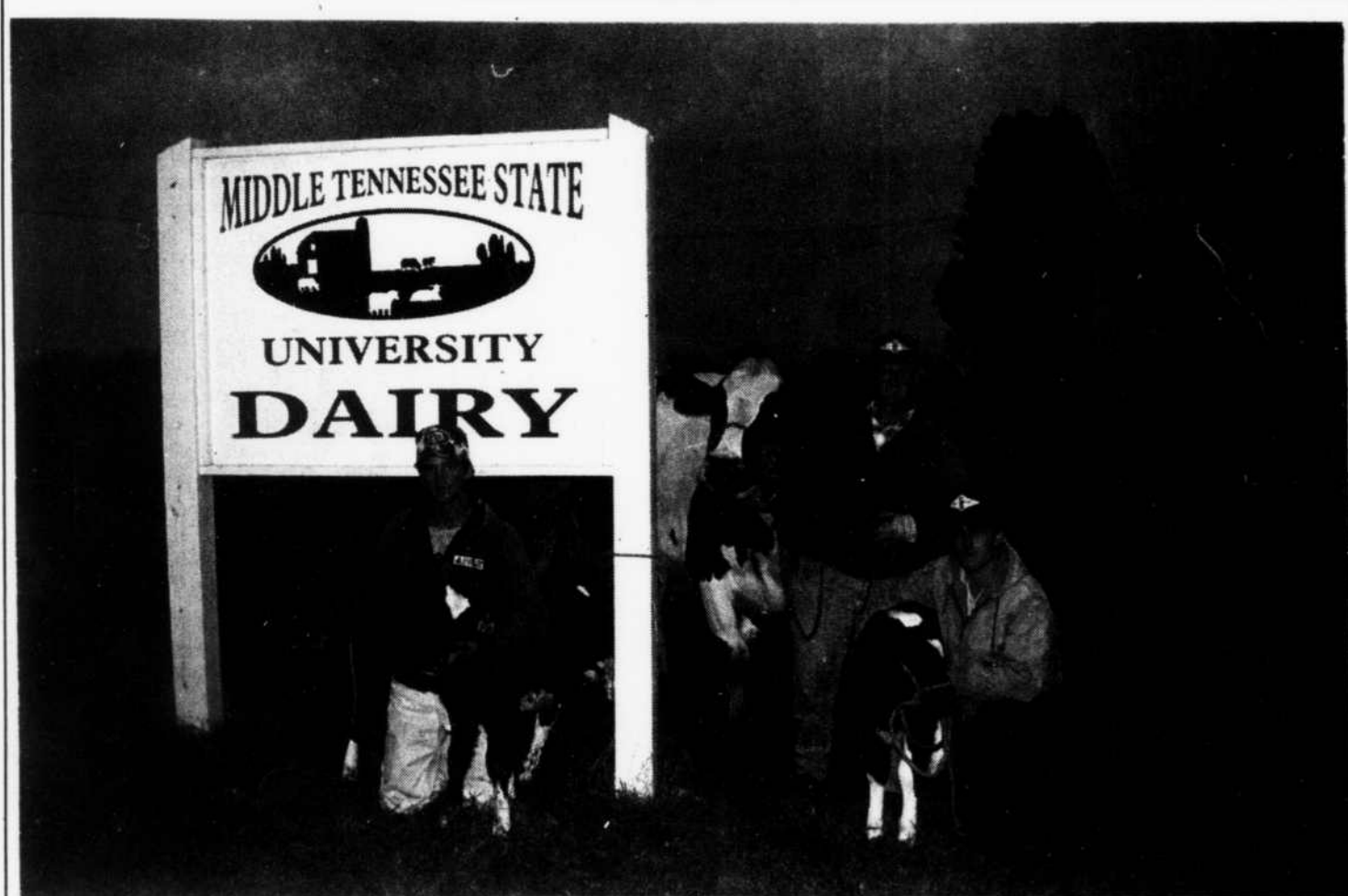
She is working on her agribusiness degree whenever her busy schedule permits—she's married to Steve Waggoner, the Dairy Farm manager, has two children and raises border collies.

As I tour the plant, the enthusiastic processor explains how the 3,600-pound capacity tank truck delivers the raw milk product every morning from the farm. You may have noticed the loading dock on the side of the agribusiness building. In the small, yellow tile rooms of the plant, she pasteurizes and homogenizes the milk and then makes the finished product.

The tanks and pipes are washed after each processing with a special dairy

Got milk?

MTSU's department of agriscience does.



Jason Mazza/staff

TOP: Worker Daniel Boyer, left, Dairy Manager Steve Waggoner, center and worker Russ Uselton, right, stand with cows in front of the MTSU Dairy Farm sign. About 75 cows are kept at the dairy farm, located eight miles from campus on Manson Pike. Agribusiness/agriscience students work various jobs around the farm to gain work experience.



LEFT: A worker at the MTSU Dairy Farm pets one of the cows. Each cow at the farm is milked twice a day and produces an average of 70 pounds per milk a day. The milk is processed on campus in the agriscience building into whole milk, two percent milk, chocolate milk and soft-serve ice cream. After being processed, the milk is delivered using the "MTSU Milk" truck that can be seen around campus. The milk is consumed by MTSU students in the cafeterias and the KUC grill.

sanitizing product. In fact, the entire plant is sparkling clean. After the processing, Waggoner delivers the products to various on-campus locations using the very milk truck that inspired me investigation.

The Dairy Farm

It is bitterly cold and raining as I follow Kitty Waggoner out to the dairy farm which is situated off Manson Pike. It's nice of her to volunteer to lead the way, but I think she likes showing the cows off, and this is an opportunity.

After we arrive, she introduces me to Russ Uselton, a senior agribusiness major, who has worked at the farm for more than two years.

Most of us never see 4 a.m. unless we're working on a paper or cramming for exams. But that's what time Uselton greets the cows most mornings. They are milked twice a day, at 5 a.m. and 4 p.m. Uselton is dedicated to his job and looks forward to a lifetime of dairy farming.

"It makes you feel good when you save a cow or bring one into the world," he admits.

The country music strains of Shania Twain can be heard as I enter the milking room. I am told that MTSU cows prefer country

to any other form of music—they're picky about it.

The cows are kept at pasture most of the day. They are set up on a computerized feeding program which determines their individual feeding needs based on their output.

"The more they milk, the more they get," Uselton explains.

I'm fascinated by the set up. There are eight stalls in the milking room. As the cows pass through the doors and enter a stall, a scanner reads the code number on the special tag collars and registers which cow is in each stall. This enables the computer to keep up with individual production. A pit in the middle of the room is where the milker stands to clean the cows' teats with a sanitizer and hook up the automatic 'claws' to the cows. As it flows through the tubes, each cow's milk is measured and recorded.

After they are finished milking, the cows saunter outside and casually enter computerized feeding troughs. As they enter the troughs, a scanner determines which one is about to feed and delivers the correct portion of grain.

The cows are feed on corn "silage" in a separate trough nearby. They can have all of this feed they want, but the grain has to be carefully measured by the computer in order to maintain their health and production.

Uselton reports that MTSU's black-and-white Holstein cows each give an average of 70 pounds of milk

per day. Any information you would want on any of the cattle can be found in the dairy office via the computer. The program maintains a thorough record on all the cattle.

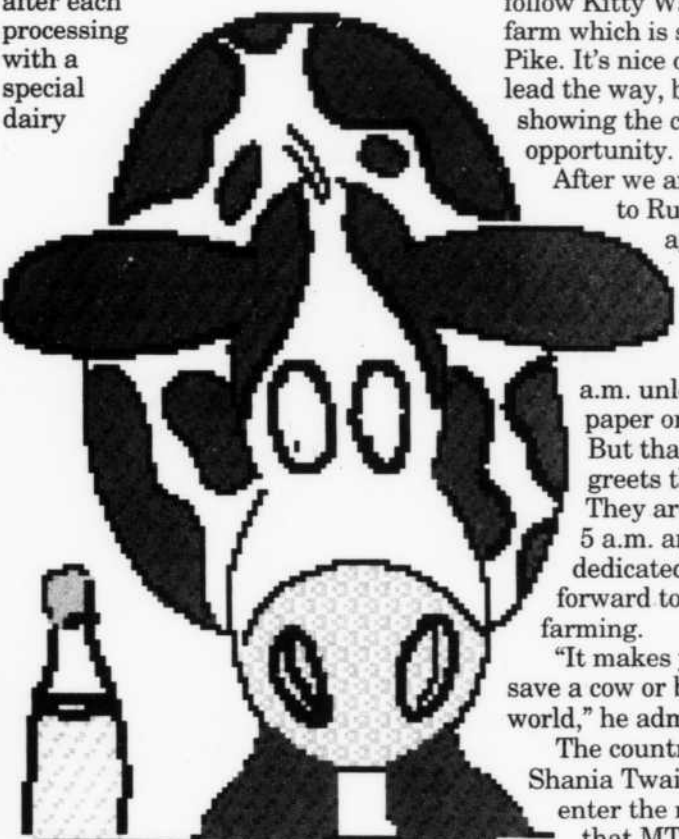
Due to the modern identification system, tags and collars, the need to brand the cows is obsolete. The dairy manager, Steve Waggoner, and others at the farm are pleased with this.

I am truly impressed with the way these cows are cared for and appreciated. Most of the cows are referred to by number, but Uselton has terms of endearment for many of them.

Even though the weather screams "go inside," I stand by and watch as Kitty Waggoner gives a bottle to one of eight very cute calves. They are isolated until they're big enough to go to pasture. I also get to 'pet' some of the milk cows. I am surprised at how friendly these beautiful, big brown-eyed creatures are. They don't seem to mind my presence or the light rain. And I'm told they prefer the freezing weather of winter over steamy days of summer.

"As long as they do the same routine every day, they're happy," declares Uselton laughing, "even down to the music."

Well, my quest is over. As I leave the farm, I notice another bumper sticker, "Driver Brakes for Milk Drinkers." You know, I think I'll go drink a big glass right now.



Actress saves new film 'Phantoms'

By Ian Spelling/College Press Service

At 23, Rose McGowan is a rising Hollywood starlet. Perhaps you saw her in "The Doom Generation" or maybe even "Going All the Way," but you must have seen her in "Scream." She was Neve Campbell's pal, the one who winds up with her head crushed by a garage door.

Now, you've got it. Well, get ready to scream again with McGowan as she, Joanna Going, Ben Affleck and Peter O'Toole battle a mysterious presence in "Phantoms," based on the Dean Koontz novel.

"I like that kind of film, that kind of book. I like a lot of different things," says McGowan during a conversation in her room at a Manhattan hotel.

"What's so cool about movies and any sort of art is that sometimes you're in the mood for a crazy, lock the doors experience, and sometimes you want to see 'The English Patient.' It's just different days, different moods, in terms of what strikes you. If you're in the mood to be thrown into a different world and made to go 'aaaah!' a bunch of times, 'Phantoms' is for you."

Set in Colorado, "Phantoms" unfolds like this: 700 people disappear from a quiet little town and only two sisters (McGowan and Going), the sheriff (Ben Affleck) and his deputy (Liev Schreiber) are alive.

Something called the Evil Entity, a mysterious life force that lives underground and can assume assorted shapes, has resurfaced to wreak havoc. Enter the military, which is quickly dispatched, and tabloid scribe O'Toole, who's previously written about the Evil Entity. Soon enough, it's up to the fab five to save the world.

McGowan reports that she didn't read the Koontz book until after the shoot wrapped, for her character in the novel was 14. She also notes that "Phantoms" marked her first time dealing with special effects.

But don't get her started on filming in Colorado in the heart of the winter.

"I hate being cold, hate it," she says, laughing. "It was surreal to be out there at three in the morning. I felt like I should be waiting for a rescue party, not my closeup. You know when you see people at a party and all they can say is, 'Oh, my God, I'm so drunk.' All I could say was, 'Oh, my God, I'm so cold.' And when I saw the film, it didn't even look like it was that cold. I wanted the film to at least look like we were suffering for our art, and it doesn't, dammit."

All in all, the actress — whose skin is as fair as her hair and eyes are dark — thinks "Phantoms" came together fine.

"I think of it as a supernatural thriller," she says. "It's not some college kid coming after you with a steak knife, and that's not a knock on 'Scream.' People kept asking me while I was making 'Phantoms' and right after we were done if it's good. I couldn't answer. I was acting with nothing, and that was so completely foreign to me, knowing that they'd add all this stuff later on. So, when I saw it, I was happy with the way it turned out."

Of course, "Scream" was pretty good, too. McGowan admits she had no idea that the horror-thriller would hack through the \$100 million ceiling.

"I don't know why, but I never thought about how the film was going to do," she says. "Maybe I thought that was the producer's job. I should probably think more about that. But what was great about it was we had such a lovely set. It sounds so hokey, but it was true. I loved Wes Craven, the producers and actors so much. That it was a hit was just the dessert. People, I think, liked 'Scream' because it was so smart. Nothing about it was dumbed down."

So, who is McGowan? That's a deeper question than it sounds. She was born in Florence, Italy, and brought up

in the same cult, The Children of God, as River Phoenix. One of six kids, she was reading by age three and modeling soon after. Her parents divorced when she was still young. By 19, after lots of wandering, McGowan wound up in "Doom Generation" and has since been a sought-after actress on the indie film circuit.

While her early years may have been screwy, McGowan thinks they served her well.

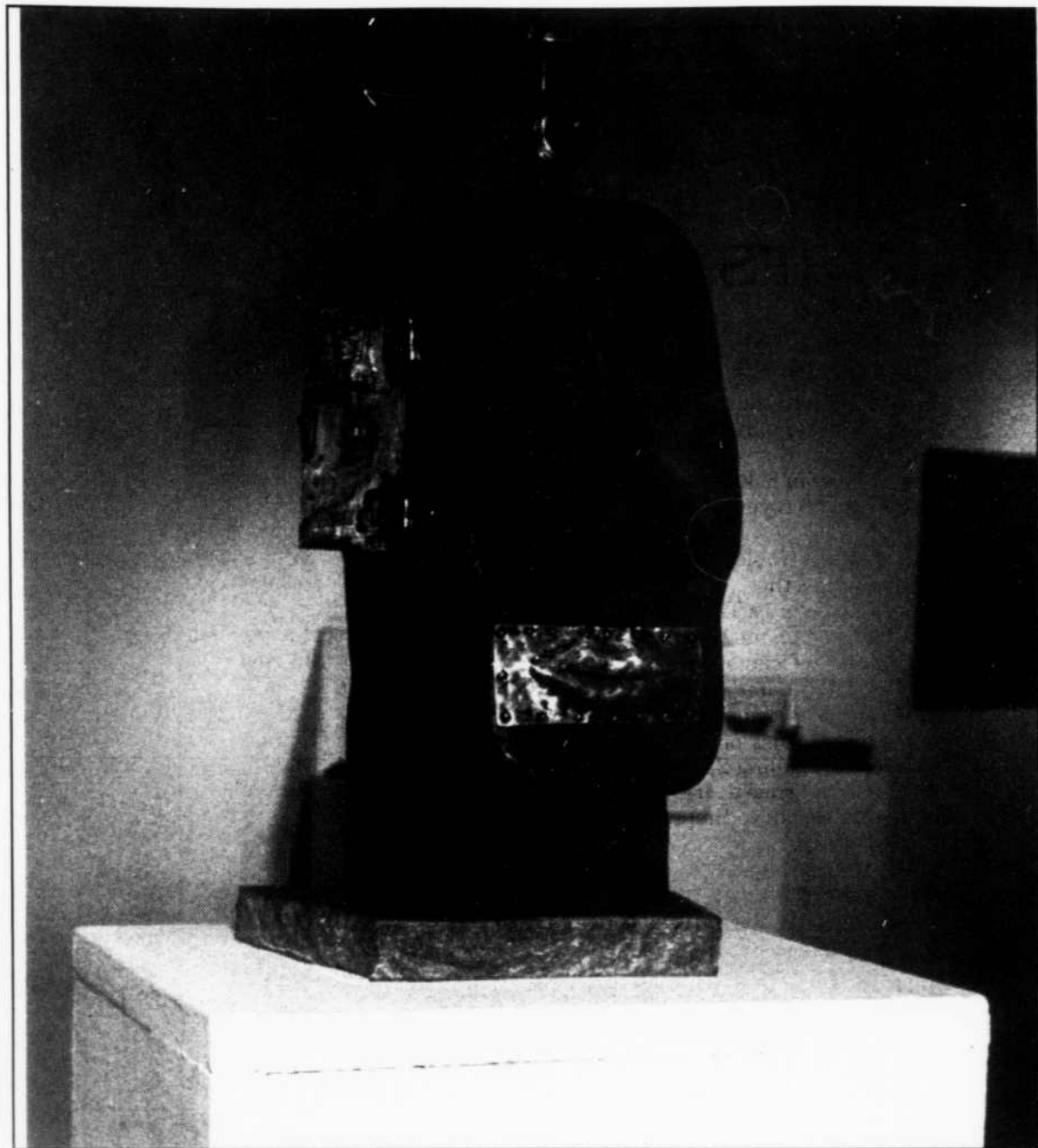
"I absolutely like who I've become as a person," she says. "I'm sure there were times when I was embarrassed that I was pulling up in this crazy looking car with this crazy looking family. I didn't have the family with the mom who took her kids to Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts after school. I didn't want that life; I just didn't want to be judged. And some of the places we lived in were much more narrow-minded than others."

"What was funny was that, with 'Scream,' I got to be this blonde who was popular, lived in a beautiful house, with the mother who cooked for me. It was so foreign, it made me laugh. I never even went to a normal high school. So I lived it for about two months, and that was about as much as I could handle."

Next on the agenda for McGowan is "Jawbreaker," a dark comedy she'll shoot in the spring. By then, she hopes, two other independent films she completed will be released. There's "Southie," a drama about a messed up Irish-Catholic family, and "Lewis and Clark and George," a drama that casts her as a mute con artist.

"I've been doing this for three years," McGowan says. "That's not a long time. I get impatient sometimes. I'd like to do bigger films, but not sell-out films. But I've learned so much doing independent films and they're doing work in independents that isn't being done in most studio films. I'm doing OK as it is, and in the future I'd just like to mix it up a bit."

Best of show

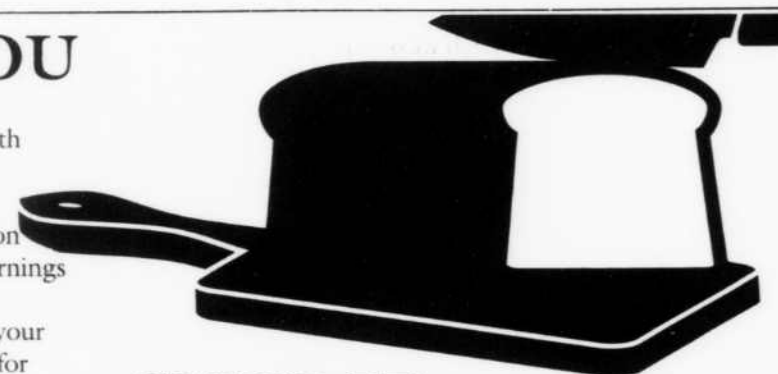


"Knoxville Riverbank," a mixed medium piece by Dustin Ogden, won first place in the annual Juried Student Show, held recently in the Art Barn.

Vickie Gibson/staff

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Raider basketball

For the first time in 14 years the Blue Raiders swept the infamous "Death Valley Trip."

The Raiders first downed Eastern Kentucky 96-89 Thursday before traveling to Morehead and picking up a 77-64 win.

Currently, the Raiders are off to their best start ever (15-3, 9-1 OVC).

Lady Raider basketball

The Lady Raiders stretched their winning streak to three games with a decisive 99-77 win over Morehead on the road Saturday.

Jonelda Buck led the way for the Ladies with 22 points. Buck is now just 42 points shy of becoming the 12th Lady Raider in history to reach 1,000 career points.

Owen's among best

Blue Raider junior centerfielder Jeremy Owens (Johnson City) has claimed his place among the top baseball players in the country.

He is ranked 58th among Baseball America's list of top 100 college prospects for this spring. He is the 11th outfielder listed, the ninth who only plays outfield. Owens is a two-year starter for the Raiders.

Raider television schedule

The Randy Wiel Show
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WMTS FM 88.3-
Jan. 31 WMBK at Martin 5:30
Feb. 7 WMBK vs SEMO 3:00
Feb. 14 WMBK at TSU 7:00
Feb. 21 WMBK vs Morehead 5:30
WGNS AM 1450-
All Lady Raider basketball games
The Randy Wiel Show is on Sun.
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All Blue Raider basketball games

Upcoming schedule

Mens Basketball
at Murray State 7:00 Jan. 29
at UT-Martin 7:30 Jan. 31
Womens Basketball
at Eastern Ky 6:30 Tonight
at UT-Martin 5:50 Jan. 31
Womens Tennis
at Vanderbilt 2:00 Jan. 30
at Georgia Tech 11:00 Jan. 31
Mens Tennis
at Wake Forest T.B.A. Jan. 31
ITA National Indoors Feb. 5-8
Indoor Track
at Illinois State Invite Jan. 24
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Baseball
vs Illinois State 3:00 Feb. 20
vs Illinois State 1:00 Feb. 21
vs Illinois State 1:00 Feb. 22
(Opening Home Stand Series)
Softball
at Samford (DH) 1:00 Feb. 21
at Ole Miss (DH) 2:00 Feb. 25
Golf
Bridges All-American Tournament
All Day Feb. 16-17

Next Issue

~~An update on the Tennessee~~
Oilers situation. Floyd Reese, general manager of the Oilers, is expected to visit several college campuses this week, in regard to the team's search for a regular season home and possible training camp site. MTSU is among the schools he will visit.

Delayed from Monday's issue will be an inside look at the Blue Raider basketball team—the Randy Wiel way. Wiel has utilized his entire roster in leading the Raiders to their best start in team history.



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Palmer: more than just a voice

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

For the past 16 years, Dick Palmer has been "the voice of the Blue Raiders" when it comes to play-by-play radio broadcasts for MTSU football and basketball games.

But coincidentally, if it wasn't for Bob Costas pursuing a career in sports broadcasting, Palmer's voice may very well have become synonymous with the sports community in St. Louis.

The year was 1979, and Palmer had just completed his fifth season as the play-by-play announcer for the Memphis Pros of the old American Basketball Association. The ABA has since merged with the NBA.

The Pros had disbanded and ABA officials decided to entertain the idea of moving a franchise to St. Louis.

With the Spirits of St. Louis needing an announcer, Palmer threw his name into the mix. He was close to getting the job when the team decided to take its chances on Costas, a native who was fresh out of Syracuse University.

"He was young and wet behind the ears," said Palmer, with a laugh, of the man who is now one of the most identifiable figures with NBC. "It was his first big job."

Palmer hung around Memphis for another year dabbling with sports broadcasts and hosting a listener call-in show, but it just wasn't the same.

"I liked being associated with a team," Palmer said.

Without hesitation, Palmer took an opportunity to return to the mid-state area. He first began working during the day at the family-owned Palmer Wholesale and working pregame, half-time and post-game Blue Raider shows from the studio at night and on weekends.

A year later, Palmer stepped in to replace Monte Hale Sr. in the role of Blue Raider play-by-play announcer.

"My first game was in 1981," Palmer said. "It was a football game in Akron [Ohio]."

Right from the start, Palmer fit in. Like most everyone involved with the Blue Raiders, he was a "mid-state guy" himself.

Palmer was a 1960 graduate of MTSU and his younger brother was a classmate of head football coach Boots Donnelly.

"Boots and I have known each other for what seems like forever," Palmer said.

Palmer's first year at the mic was Donnelly's third as head coach and his first winning season.

Since then Palmer has witnessed a lot of great Blue Raider history. He watched the football team record a perfect 11-0 season, announced the NCAA tournament game when the basketball team upset Kentucky as well as hung around long enough to see the unveiling of the school's first-ever official mascot and logo.

"The feeling was euphoric,"

Palmer said of the 50-44 win over Kentucky. "We went into that game without anyone thinking we had a chance to win."

"After the game I rode back with the team and went over to the football stadium where everybody greeted them. Nobody went to bed. It was like Mardi Gras."

However, the biggest change he's seen is the remodeling of Jones Field, as the Raiders football program prepares to move to Division I-A competition.

Though he thought the move could have been made earlier, Palmer believes it is becoming a reality because of "the combination of [President] Walker's leadership and [Athletic Director] Lee Fowler's ability to get things done."

This isn't the first time Palmer's work has paralleled Fowler. The two

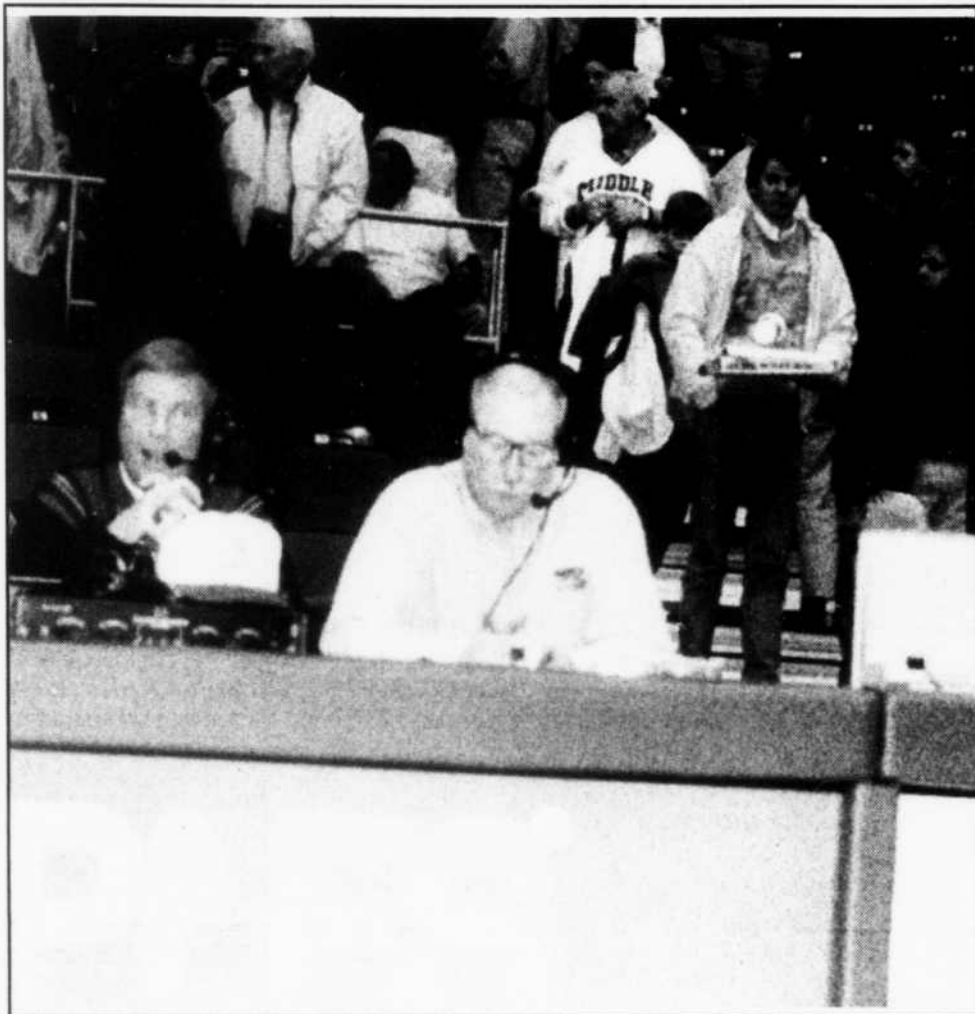
would "tag along" with Hood from gym to gym learning the ropes of a one-man play-by-play operation.

"He kind of tutored me," Palmer said. "He had a tremendous voice and vocabulary which I could not emulate."

After graduating from MTSU with a distributive major in social studies and a teaching certificate, Palmer took a job as a teacher at Hobgood Elementary School and coached football and basketball.

Two years later he went back to radio on a full-time basis when he was offered a job in Jackson.

The job, however, was a bit more than he expected. Palmer had the morning shift on air, sold advertisement for the station in the afternoon and broadcasted area high school and college games in the evenings.



Chad Gillis/staff

Dick Palmer, the "Voice of the Blue Raiders" and a graduate of MTSU, is a pro at doing what he loves most. Palmer is pictured with his partner Jan Stauffer at a recent game.

first crossed paths in Memphis.

"I saw him off-and-on through the years as a coach [for the University of Memphis] basketball program," Palmer said.

Palmer's road to his break covering the Pros was a typical one. He worked an afternoon shift at WMTS, which at the time was an AM station that was not affiliated with the university.

"I got out of class at ten-to-three and would be on the air at three," Palmer remembers of his DJ shift that ran until sunset.

His mentor was John Hood, who has since become a senator. Palmer

"I thought I was stuck in that job forever," Palmer said. "I liked the job, but the hours were long."

There was, however, one thing Palmer is still grateful for: Jackson was where he met his wife, De, and became the father to three sons—Richard, Mike and Jon.

But, the long hours began to take their toll. Palmer left radio and took his second teaching job, this time at Humboldt High School.

It would only take one year before radio came calling again. That's when

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First win for
Lady Raider
tennis team

□ Staff reports

In picking up their first team win of the spring indoor season the Lady Raider tennis team defeated Western Michigan 4-3 Saturday afternoon.

Amy King, Michelle North and Larissa Liese all picked up singles wins for MTSU. The team also won two of three doubles matches to secure the victory.

Clare Sevier and North combined for a doubles win as did the duo of Liese and King.

The fifth-ranked Georgia women's tennis team swept the Lady Raiders 9-0 at the Lindsey Hopkins Indoor Center on Jan. 16.

Georgia (1-0) started strong early and never looked back en route to their first victory of the dual match season.

Sophomore Marissa Catlin, ranked second in the country in singles, shutout Jennifer Bryans 6-0, 6-0. Vanessa Castellano, ranked 23rd, followed with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Claire Sevier.

In doubles action, the No. 1-ranked duo team of Catlin and Castellano defeated Michelle North and Sevier 8-1.

Strong defense brings victories

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

There's one thing Lady Raider basketball fans can count on from this year's squad—40 minutes of nonstop tenacious defense.

"There has to be some consistency in something," head coach Stephany Smith said, "and that's where our defense comes in."

Entering tonight's game with Eastern Kentucky the Lady Raiders have forced their last three opponents into a combined 73 turnovers with the help of 49 steals.

In a 63-44 win over Austin Peay a week ago, the Lady Raiders (10-7, 6-3) were able to tally a season-high 19 steals.

"We are just now starting to understand our system and what each players role is," Smith said.

If indeed the Lady Raiders are just now beginning to grasp the complicated defense Smith has implemented this season, it could only mean trouble for future opponents.

Before the big performances against TSU, Austin Peay and Morehead the Lady Raiders had forced their opponents into 135 turnovers and 129 steals in 14 games.

Twice this season they've held their opponents to under 50 points (University of Alabama-Birmingham 41 and Austin Peay 43).

"It's a pretty complex system and it takes awhile," Smith said. "It can't be just one person understanding it. It's a five man defense."

Smith, who already was defensive minded, picked up the defensive scheme from sitting in on practices with the Blue Raiders last fall.

Also a stickler when it comes to defense, Blue Raider head coach Randy Wiel spends a good portion of practice time working with his team on being able to keep defensive pressure on the ball at all times.

Wiel, a graduate and former assistant coach at North Carolina, has helped the first year coach whenever possible.

"Randy Wiel has that [Tar Heel] play book memorized and not only that, he puts his own twist and personality to it," Smith said. "He has an awful lot to bring to the table himself."

Now that both teams are in the midst of their respective schedules, sitting in on practices isn't as common for Smith. However, she does still ask Wiel questions on almost a daily basis.

"It's not the system," Smith explains, "because you could give that system to any Tom, Dick or Harry on the street. But if they don't know how it's taught, how it's broken down, the drills, the fundamentals of it, then you're not going to get the same results."

The results so far have been

Men proved
not to be the
stronger sexStay
Fit

Jennie Treadway



Women are not weaker than men. Naturally, that statement sounds odd. The average woman has never been able to lift, push or pull the same amount of weight the average man could. In fact, the amount of poundage men and women lift in the weight room are distinctively different.

For years, women have been perceived as the weaker force, the ones who are second in line. Women are the ones who must have someone (some-man) help them with their grocery bags and open that oh-so-heavy door. Sometimes it is a matter of manners; other times, it is a matter of strength.

Female sports used to be taboo and non-existent based on the idea that women were not capable of performing high-intensity work. Athletic programs for females in schools were few and female sports were more along the lines of gymnastics and dance.

Everyone remembers the movie "A League of Their Own," where Geena Davis was the catcher for one of the first female baseball teams. They all wore skirts.

Women are not known to stack on one hundred pounds and do a round of bench presses. They are not prone to squat a few hundred pounds or lift the equivalent of a human body. So the question remains: does that mean women are weaker than men?

The time has come that women understand that they are not the weaker half. In fact, women are just as strong as men, and the evidence is almost too obvious.

To put it plainly, women and men are different. Women have more curves and a naturally higher body fat percentage. Men have a straighter design and have more lean body mass. They have no need for the extra fat since they are not the ones who have babies.

The way women's bodies are shaped, they are more prone to bone diseases than men. Women are encouraged to do strength training and not just cardiovascular exercise since weight-bearing exercises increase bone density and muscle mass. Men just naturally have stronger bones and thicker muscles.

However, this fact does not contribute to the idea that women are the weaker sex. Although women have smaller bones and more body fat, they have every physical ability to develop more strength just as men do.

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impressive. When the team's total steals are broken down by player, the numbers are fairly even throughout the lineup.

Transfer Bama Burrell leads the way with 36 and junior point guard Courtney Neeley has 30. But, the big story has been the play of freshman Kelly Chastain, who aside from shooting 30 percent from three-point range has 28 steals and 20 block shots.

"I think it's getting to the point that even when they're in the wrong spots, that after the fact, they know where they should have been," said Smith, who admits that some of Chastain's blocks have come despite being in the wrong spot defensively.

Though there are no stats to reward tough play in the paint, Joanne Aluka, another Lady Raider freshman who has made an impact early, has prevented the opposition from snagging easy looks at the basket.

Aluka and Burrell have also been work horses around the boards grabbing 109 and 106 rebounds respectively for the season. Burrell's average of 6.7 per game is the team's best for all games while Aluka's 7.1 average in conference games is tops for the team.

"It can only get better from here," Smith said. "[Defense] is what will always stay consistent for us even when our offense is struggling, and we feed off that."

Bird an All-Star coach

Associated Press

Kobe Bryant, the 19-year-old reserve for the Los Angeles Lakers, will be the youngest starter in the history of the NBA All-Star game.

Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls was the leading vote-getter for the Feb. 8 game in New York, the ninth time in his career he received the most votes from the fans.

The starting lineups for the Eastern and Western conference teams were announced by the league Sunday, and Bryant's selection was a surprise given he does not even start for his own club.

He is averaging 17.3 points and 26 minutes a game.

"Last year when I participated in the slam dunk contest, the whole atmosphere surrounding All-Star weekend was so exciting," Bryant said.

"This year, to be playing in the All-Star game with all the greatest players in the league is going to be a great thrill."

Jordan, who received 1,028,235 votes, will open at guard for the East.

Others voted to the East starting team were guard Penny Hardaway of Orlando, forwards Grant Hill of Detroit and Shawn Kemp of Cleveland and center Dikembe Mutombo of Atlanta.

Hardaway, who is injured, will be replaced on the East roster.

Third in voting among the guards was Tim Hardaway of Miami, no relation.

Joining Bryant in the starting West backcourt will

be Gary Payton of Seattle, with Karl Malone of Utah and Kevin Garnett of Minnesota at forward and Shaquille O'Neal of the Lakers at center.

"Even though I missed 21 games, the fans still thought I was the best center in the West, so that means a lot to me," O'Neal said.

Before Bryant, the youngest All-Star starter was Magic Johnson of the Lakers in the 1980 game. At the time, Johnson was 20 years old.

Jordan, selected to the All-Star team for the 12th time, also was the top vote-getter from 1987-1993 and 1997.

In 1995 and 1996, he was beaten by Hill.

Hill was the East runner-up this time with 838,692 votes out of more than 3.3 million ballots cast.

This will be the fourth All-Star game for Hill and Hardaway, the sixth for Kemp and the fifth for Mutombo.

Kemp, who previously played for Seattle, and Garnett are the first All-Star starters for Cleveland and Minnesota.

"To me, the most important thing is that you want to go to an All-Star game on a good note," said Kemp, who beat Chicago's Scottie Pippen for starting spot in his first year in the Eastern Conference.

"You really want to have a winning record."

"When I used to make the All-Star team on the West Coast, I always wondered in the back of my head, 'If you're in the East, do you think it would work out?' I had some

questions about it, and I'm just glad it worked out."

Malone, playing in his 11th All-Star game, was the leading vote-getter in the West with 616,251.

O'Neal beat San Antonio's David Robinson in the closest vote—565,184, to 548,633 for the West's starting center position.

He will be making his sixth All-Star appearance.

Payton will be playing in his fifth All-Star game, Garnett his second and Bryant his first.

The remaining seven members of each team will be selected this week by the coaches in each conference.

George Karl of Seattle will coach the West team, and Larry Bird of Indiana will coach the East.

Bird had wanted to skip the game to take a Florida vacation.

Sunday's NBA results
Jazz 101, Bulls 94

Karl Malone scored 35 points and the presence of Bulls bad boy Dennis Rodman mattered little to the Utah Jazz, who did what they couldn't do in last year's NBA Finals—win at the United Center.

Rodman was back after being sent home before Friday's game at New Jersey for missing that morning's practice. Rodman didn't start but played 34 minutes, grabbing 14 rebounds.

The loss gives Larry Bird the opportunity to coach the NBA Eastern All-Stars, rather than Bulls coach Phil Jackson.

PALMER

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Palmer got his break and began working with the Pros. He also spent time in the broadcast booth with the Memphis Blues Class AA baseball team and the Memphis Grizzlies of the World Football League.

"The ABA didn't have a lot of thrills," Palmer admits. "But, I got to broadcast 84 games a

year for five years."

At the time the ABA featured the likes of Julius Erving, Artis Gilmore and Billy Cunningham.

"He was always the consummate gentleman," Palmer said of his many post-game interviews with Dr. J.

Although he's interviewed some of the greatest athletes of the modern-day sports era, Palmer's quite content with being a member of the "Blue Raider family."

So, while the basketball team continues its quest to reach the NCAA tournament and the football team prepares for some of its stiffest competition ever, Palmer is the man who can be heard thanking his listeners for tuning in to the Blue Raider Radio Network.

"It's what I always wanted to do," Palmer said.

"If you get a chance to do what you want to do, then you're pretty lucky."

STAY FIT

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Muscle mass is directly related to metabolic rate, the rate at which the body burns calories doing work. On a muscular fitness program and healthy diet, everyone, women and men, have the ability to build high muscle mass and maintain a healthy weight.

The blatant truth is that muscle is muscle, whether it is in a man or in a woman. Everyone's muscles are made up of the same type of fibers, so whose to say one bicep is better than the other?

The difference between a 6-inch bicep and a 12-inch bicep is a matter of training and diet techniques, along with the individual body type designed from his or her genes.

Two women who train at the same level for a month may see different results simply because no two bodies are alike. This means that if both women are trying to size down to a six, one may have to work harder than the other.

The point remains, despite the individual genetic differences, that women are not weaker than men. Pound-for-pound, women are just as strong as men in relation to their weight. Think in terms of a ratio: the average woman who exercises is able to lift the same percentage of pounds as a man who exercises according to his and her weight.

Women, on average, weigh less than men. Obviously, a 130-pound woman could not bench press a 150-pound bar. There is a good chance that a 210-pound man could. The average woman is more likely to work out with a 50-pound bar. The percentage of weight the man is pressing, in relation to his weight, is not much more than the percentage of weight the woman is pressing.

Accounting for the increase in body fat and decrease in muscle mass, both sexes can

press around the same percentage of pounds in relation to their weight.

The key to understanding strength is that you cannot look at the plain facts. A man may be stronger than a woman, as seen in bench pressing 150 pounds, but that does not mean males have more strength.

On a pound-for-pound basis

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