

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## If bill before General Assembly passes

# Drug test requirement for college admission

By DALE DWORAK  
Editor-in-Chief

Mandatory drug testing of students before they are enrolled in a state university may become a reality if a bill presently before the General Assembly passes.

The bill, sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Bill Richardson and in the House by Rep. Ben West, calls for the urinalysis of all incoming freshmen and returning students

on an annual basis. Those students who come up drug positive will not be allowed into college for one year.

"What is achieved by this?" said MTSU president Sam Ingram. "What have you achieved by stopping some student from attending school?"

"I think any program like this needs an accompanying program of identification and treatment," Ingram said.

"College students have more accessibility to drugs," cited Rep. Ben West, D-Nashville, as one reason college students have been singled out.

"The issue needs to be addressed," he added. "Education needs to come around to a learning environment."

"No particular reason — it's a place for a program," cited Sen. Bill Richardson, D-Columbia, as one reason he has introduced the bill.

"We already have drug testing in place for employees of the Corrections department. This is an expansion of that."

"No, I don't think there's a drug problem here," said Jack Drugmand, Chief of campus security at MTSU.

"Our overdose and abuse calls are way too low to show any sign of a problem," he said. "I'm not

naive enough to think that there's none [drugs] here — but I don't see us having a problem."

"I think there's grave constitutional questions involved when people start talking about drug testing," Drugmand said.

"If we start testing everyone for drugs, where will it all lead — what lies down the road?"

As the bill is written students will bear the burden for paying for the tests. No definite plan of how the tests will be given has been decided upon.

It's not all "worked out in detail yet," Richardson said.

He said that they were not

"working on the specifics" as yet.

"I'm not certain," Richardson said when asked if the bill will pass this legislative term. "We'll go into the committees and discuss it. This is a far-reaching program that needs to be studied."

"What we need now is the response of Tennesseans," West said. "Let students come forward and give us their opinions. I want to encourage people to write and call in."

Ken Renner, director of communications for Gov. McWhorter, said that it was not the policy to comment on bills until they were "out of the box."

"There's a danger in taking a position on a bill before it's fully understood," he added.

"As a general rule," Renner said, "the Governor only favors drug testing when it involves state employees who are directly involved with occupations that concern public safety."

He cited the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Corrections department as two examples.

"I find it difficult to connect college students with these," he added.

Both West and Richardson said

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## News

### Briefs

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A congressional panel, citing a recent string of disastrous spy cases, is calling for major changes in the way the nation protects its secrets.

The report by the House Intelligence Committee said U.S. spy agencies have become almost lackadaisical about guarding the nation's most sensitive secrets.

The committee, using terms far harsher than those used by its Senate counterpart in a similar report last year, found "a litany of disaster" and called for major overhauls reaching deep into the counterspy bureaucracy.

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz, indicating a further administration tilt toward a broad interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty regarding "Star Wars," says he sees the need to test key elements of the missile defense system.

Shultz defended the broad interpretation Sunday on ABC-TV's "This Week with David Brinkley," while differing with Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger on when to make the deployment decision on Star Wars formally known as the Strategic Defense Initiative.

In an interview broadcast Sunday by the BBC, Weinberger said the United States is not yet ready to make a final decision, but that the first phase of Star Wars could be deployed "somewhere in the 1993-1994 range."

Other administration officials, particularly Shultz, say no such decision is likely soon.

BEIRUT, Lebanon — An American hostage said in a videotape dropped off by his kidnappers Sunday that he and three other men, including two Americans, would be killed if Israel failed to release 400 Arab prisoners within 24 hours.

A six-minute videotape showing Boston native Alann Steen, 47, was delivered to a Western news agency in the name of Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, which kidnapped Steen and three others from the campus of Beirut University College on Jan. 24.

The group's other hostages are Robert Polhill, 53, of New York; Jesse Turner, 39, of Boise, Idaho; and Mithileshwar Singh, 60, a native of India and resident alien in the United States.

WASHINGTON — White House aide Oliver L. North met several times, including over dinner, with a wealthy Connecticut woman who bankrolled at least part of a pro-Contra lobbying drive, the woman has acknowledged.

The meetings with Barbara Newington of Greenwich, Conn., suggest a close link between North and the efforts of Newington's friend, Carl "Spitz" Channell, to put together a costly public relations blitz.

Channell, through a network of conservative groups he controls, financed speaking trips by Nicaraguan rebels and a television ad campaign of at least \$1 million that targeted congressional opponents of President Reagan's plan to give \$100 million in military aid to the Contras.



Sandy Campbell/Staff

Dwayne Rainey goes up for a layup during the Blue Raider's 88-79 overtime victory over Youngstown State last night. See story page 7.

## English and only English is the war cry

By LAWRENCE KILMAN  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite its common usage, English is not the official language of California, Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky and Nebraska, and more states might join them soon.

Supporters of such declarations say a common language must be preserved to bind the diverse elements of our culture together. But opponents argue that the measures fuel racism and erode cultural diversity.

On Jan. 6, several bills were introduced in Congress that would amend the Constitution to make English the official language of the country.

"There's been rising evidence that language is becoming a point of social division, political division," Lawrence D. Pratt, president of the lobbying group English First, said.

"If it is not checked and dealt with and laid to rest, it can produce the kind of divisions that have beset Canada and others in the world as well," he said.

Opponents say such efforts are misdirected because English is not threatened by immigrants who generally want to learn English when they come here anyway.

"This is not an American bill. It is contrary to what we think of as America," said state Rep. Fracis Bardanouve of Montana, where the state House defeated an official English proposal 51-48 on Jan. 20.

"I think it is anti-immigration, anti-Hispanic, anti-Asian," Edward Chen, staff counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of North-

California, said. "There's a lot of fear-mongering out there about the waves and hordes of immigrants coming over. Unfortunately, some people buy that."

In California, home to more immigrants than any other state, voters approved an English language proposition by a 3-to-1 margin last November.

Tennessee also approved English as the official state language last year, its been the official language in Kentucky and Indiana

that will be March 8-14, Higgins said. "This is the 11th year of nationwide celebration," Higgins said. A lecture on "History Upside Down: A New Look at Southern Women" will kick off MTSU's celebration of National Women's History Week, on March 9.

Suzanne Lebscock, an associate professor of history at Rutgers University, will give the lecture, Sally McMillan, an assistant professor of history at MTSU, said.

Lebscock specializes in Southern history and urban Southern women in the antebellum period, McMillan said. "Her book, *Free*

Women of Petersburg, won the Bancroft Prize — the major prize in American history for work in history."

"MTSU is really very fortunate to get her, she is highly regarded as one of the up and coming new women's historians," McMillan said.

The lecture is partially funded by the Ideas and Issues Committee.

Author Rosemary Kingsland will also be speaking as a part of women's history week.

Kingsland has been a scriptwriter for the BBC and a correspondent for the *London Daily Mail* in addition to writing several novels. She will speak on "The Two Worlds of Journalism and the Novel," Charisse Gendron, co-director of the week, said.

"She has lived in every place she has written about," Gendron, an assistant professor in the English department, said.

The history of women in music will also be highlighted during the week.

"Everything from blues to punk" will be covered in the series of two hour tapes in the Grill which will be heard March 9-13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gendron said.

## Early budget creates no problem for depts.

By DEBORAH ROSE  
Assistant News Editor

Despite an early deadline, MTSU department heads are apparently having no difficulty getting their budgets in on time.

The budget deadline is two weeks earlier than usual this year. Departmental budget requests must be turned in to the Office of Business and Finance by February 11.

"Budget hearings will take place the latter part of this week," Jerry Tunstall, vice president of business and finance, said.

According to Tunstall, the hearings were moved up two weeks so the members of the Faculty Senate who attend budget hearings could do so without giving up their spring break.

"So far, I've had no comments from anyone having difficulties,"

Tunstall said.

"Nobody likes doing it, but it has to be done. That's the only problem I could see."

Vice President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance said he had "no more trouble than usual" planning his budget. Many others echoed LaLance's comment.

Student Publications Coordinator Jackie Solomon said some difficulties may arise in estimating things like revenue and cost for some items.

"Revenue component is hard to project," Solomon said. "There are certain things you can't know the price of in advance."

Harold Spaker, head of the mathematics department, said his budget remains constant and only the equipment must be estimated. He has "already worked on it."



Sandy Campbell/Staff

Members of the MTSU basketball band play in support of the Blue Raiders last night. This is the first year the pep band has played at every game.



During sermon

## Minister distributes condoms

STEPHEN W. BELL  
Associated Press Writer

WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y. — A minister who passed out condoms to his congregation during a weekly service said the national publicity of his plans had already helped enlighten people about the spread of AIDS.

"More than my wildest dreams were accomplished before today even got here," the Rev. Carl F. Titchener said Sunday after his sermon at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst.

The minister spoke to an over-

flow audience of 250 and was greeted four times with applause, including a standing ovation.

"We have the two leading health officials in the United States warning us about a plague and we don't know how to react, how to talk, because we are still squeamish," he said.

Outside the church, about 10 people marched in freezing rain to protest the action. One of their placards read, "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing."

Two-thirds of the way through his talk, Titchener and six ushers dispensed about 125 boxes, each containing three condoms.

He urged television stations to

accept advertising for the devices, which U. S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has said is the best way to halt the spread of AIDS aside from sexual abstinence. Acquired immune deficiency syndrome can be transmitted by sexual contact.

"When you go to bed with another person, you go to bed with that person's sexual history," the 56-year-old minister said. "When you go to bed with that person, you also go to bed with the sexual histories of all of his or her sexual partners."

### NOTICE

There will be an ASB Senate meeting today at 5 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center. It is necessary that all senators attend. Several items of importance will be addressed.

There will be a meeting of the ASB House of Representatives tomorrow at 5 p.m. in Room 305 of the Keathley University Center. Several items of importance will be brought before the House. All representatives are urged to attend.

The public is invited to attend both meetings.

### Contraceptives

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fects from DES and some sexually transmitted diseases.

"It's really a learning physical," Baird said.

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But educators call his criticisms misleading and inappropriate, and there appear to be no statistics that entirely support Bennett's claim.

"We are concerned about productivity. Almost half the students who enter four-year programs... do not complete those four-year programs. We think that's a problem," Bennett told a House Appropriations subcommittee last Wednesday.

## Popular Music Center hires two new staffers

By JONATHAN LAMPLEY  
Staff Writer

MTSU's Popular Music Center has hired two new staff members, an archivist and a librarian.

Archivist Ellen Garrison and Librarian Sarah Long have joined the staff of the PMC, Paul Wells, PMC director, said.

Garrison comes to MTSU from East Tennessee State University, where she served as director of the "Archives of Appalachia."

"The 'Archives of Appalachia' is a multi-media archives containing books, audio tapes, video tapes, maps and other documents related to the culture and history of South-central Appalachia," Garrison said.

Her duties at the Center will pertain to specialty areas such as sheet music and photographs, Wells said.

Garrison holds a Ph.D. in history from Stanford University. This is Long's first position since

receiving her master's in library science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Long also holds a master's in music from Florida State University.

Wells said Long will be cataloging the over 1,000 books and 20,000 hours of sound recordings in the center.

The Popular Music Center was founded in 1985. Dedicated to the research and preservation of American popular music, it has seen considerable growth in the last year.

According to Wells, "We started with nothing."

In addition to the books and recordings, the center now contains 6,000 pieces of sheet music and over 1,000 photographs.

"The goal of the center is to build the best research facility of popular music in the country," Wells said.

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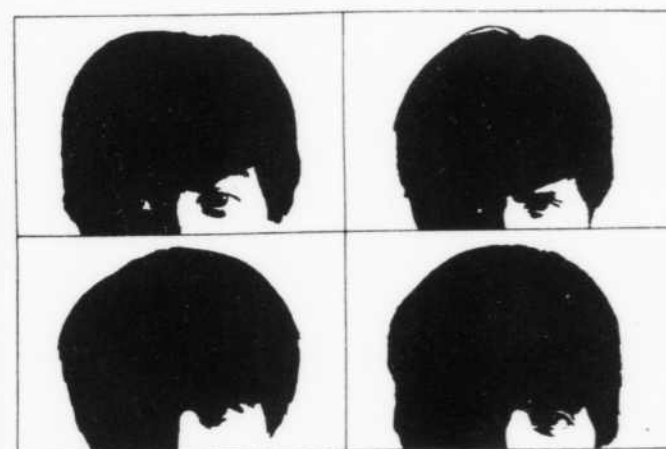
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## English

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since 1984, and Nebraska made English official early in the century. Montana and Wyoming, however, defeated official English proposals this year. In New Hampshire, a committee recommended 16-1 the measure be defeated and the full House is expected to follow. Fourteen legislatures have proposals before them to make English the official state language and others may take it up this year.

The California initiative states that officials "shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the role of English as the common language of the state of California shall be preserved and enhanced," but it is not specific in what steps should be taken.

"We fear it will jeopardize every form of language assistance," including some emergency services, court translators, welfare notices and bilingual education, Chen said.

Only 6 percent of Californians don't speak English, Chen said. However, *American Demographics* magazine says about 40 percent of immigrants in the 1980's are Spanish speakers and 23 percent of California residents do not speak English at home.

"America is increasingly populated by illegal immigrants and other factions who look upon America's English language as a secondary language and who cling to their ethnicity so strongly that they do both themselves and America a great disservice," Lou Zaeske, founder of the American Ethnic Coalition, which has been unsuccessfully urging passage of a law that would make English the official language of Texas, said.

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Student Teaching applications for the 1987 Fall Semester must be completed and on file in the Student Teaching Office, Jones Hall Room 106, no later than Feb. 13, 1987.

Students interested in learning about medical records administration as a career choice are encouraged to attend a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Davis Science Building Room 121. Guest speakers for the meeting are Ann Curtis, Murfreesboro Health Care Center, Janet Jones, Middle Tennessee Medical Health Center and Colleen Martin, Alvin C. York Medical Center. For additional information call MTSU Ext. 2041.

Applications are being accepted until Feb. 16 for the Johnny Lovier/Josten's Student Publication Scholarship, a \$750 grant to be awarded for Fall Semester 1987. To be eligible you must be a second semester freshman, a sophomore or a junior with a minimum GPA of 2.3. Financial need, demonstrated activity on a student publication at MTSU and leadership potential also are considered. Submit letters of application describing qualifications and need, along with a transcript of grades to Dr. Glenn Himebaugh, Box 299, by Feb. 16. Applicants will be interviewed on Feb. 17.

Home Economics Education students in celebration of Vocational Education Week will have a table in the Keathley University Center basement on Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Home Economics Student/Faculty Forum will be held Feb. 12 at 10:15 in Room 106 of the Ellington Home Education Building. All Home Economics majors should attend.

Women's History week will begin Tuesday, Feb. 10 with a showing of Ingmar Bergman's film, *Persona* at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the LRC. This event is funded in part by the Student Fine Arts Committee and will be introduced by Angela Hague of the MTSU English department. For more information contact Charisse Gendron at 898-2599.

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## Drugs

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that they would support mandatory drug testing of General Assembly members before each session.

"That would be fine," West said. "I'd be willing."

"It wouldn't bother me one bit," Richardson said.

"I think that they ought to test people before they get their driver's license," Ingram said. "Rather than single out college students."

"I don't see how the General Assembly could impose such a restriction at a public institution," Associated Student Body President Troy Baxter said. "I don't think they have the power or authority to do that."

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# Editorials

## Drug testing harmful to constitutional rights

There is currently a bill before the Tennessee General Assembly that would require mandatory drug testing for college students. To be honest it's only mandatory if you want to go to college — if you don't want to go you don't have to get drug-tested.

In the opinion of the editorial staff of *Sidelines* mandatory urinalysis for the purpose of testing for traces of illegal drugs is both an invasion of privacy and a presumption of guilt.

We used to think that in America you are innocent until proven guilty. It appears those days are over.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Bill Richardson and Representative Ben West, presumes the guilt of college students and only college students. It does not allow for the testing of the administrative staff of state universities, the faculty, or the workers of the physical plant. Only the students are singled out for testing.

It seems that members of the Tennessee General Assembly think we're all getting high down here. What they don't realize is that after paying tuition, buying books and purchasing a meal plan we don't have any money for drugs.

Seriously though, we at *Sidelines* object to college students being singled out for drug testing. We definitely find it an invasion of our privacy. There is not a definate connection between drug abuse and the level of education a person has attained or is attempting.

If we are going to have to have drug testing at MTSU we think that the representatives and senators of the General Assembly should also be tested, along with the Governor, his staff and the justices of the Tennessee court system. We should also test Albert Gore Jr. and Jim Sasser everytime they come home from Washington — we've all read about the cocaine parties in our nation's capitol.

The real question is, "Where does it all end?" It seems that Sen. Richardson chose college students for "no particular reason" except that we are a place to start. Start what?

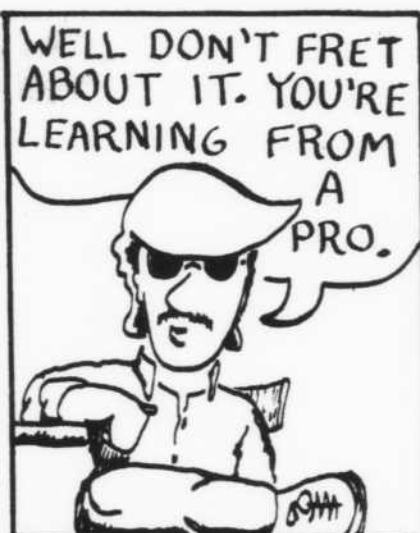
Drug testing is a panacea for a problem that the MTSU chief of security says doesn't exist. If Mr. West and Mr. Richardson need a crusade to make the newspapers maybe they should attack alcohol abuse at state universities. Because of the way our society is we are often brought up with the impression that the consumption of alcohol is a necessary part of any social function.

Most freshmen and sophomores are between the ages of 18 and 20 which makes them criminals everytime they consume alcohol — but if we tested them for it using the criteria of Mr. West's and Mr. Richardson's bill MTSU would lose a third of its students the week after registration. All anyone who wants to attend college and is afraid of the drug test has to do is not do any drugs for 60 days before the test.

Urinating in a bottle and sending the contents off to a distant lab is not our idea of fun. It is demeaning and tasteless.

It is too bad our elected officials feel that it is necessary, because we don't.

Steve Best  
by Kent Whitaker



## Congressmen shouldn't fix what isn't broken

By MIKE REED  
Editorial Editor

Why do people insist on changing things that work? I am in favor of that old adage: If it ain't broke don't fix it. People are always looking to find a better way to do things. More often than not, these "better ways" end up being cheaper ways to make these people more powerful or richer.

It started a few years ago with Coca-Cola. Why would anyone mess with Coke? They changed the formula, sales fell off, the price of stock plummeted. So, they "brought it back," as Coca-Cola Classic. Suddenly, sales skyrocketed, the stocks went skyhigh (see first paragraph), and people regained faith. What they did not tell us was that they replaced the ingredients (such as sugar and vanilla beans) with cheaper products (like corn syrup).

"But Mike," you're saying "We know that. That's old news." However, others have decided to make

changes that disturb me far more than Coke changing its formula.

For those of you that do not know, this is the 200th Birthday of The Constitution. According to *USA Today*, radical changes have been proposed by a committee, 300 strong, of lawyers, elected officials, and scholars. Among the changes are allowance of congressmen in cabinet positions, holding congressional elections only on presidential election years, and extending the term of office for congressmen. These changes are a big mistake.

If the Committee for the Constitutional System, succeeded, we all have a great deal to lose. For one, allowing congressmen to hold cabinet posts is a grave error. The presidential office is used as a check against the powers of congress. If the congressmen are allowed in that office, the balance might be upset.

The Constitution has worked just

fine since 1787. Thirty-nine people signed those four pages of parchment. Each hoping that no mistakes were made. A few of them were, probably, unhappy with the draft, but, it has stood the test of time. Much of the details concerning our government were to be filled at a later time. We amended the Constitution several times to cope with the changing times. We granted suffrage to women and minorities. Only once did we change our minds. The 18th amendment banned alcohol (horror of horrors, right boys and girls?). We quickly saw the light.

After all my huffing and puffing and sweating over this, I can come to only one conclusion. Someone must write thier congressman, their representative, or even their president. Or as my Grandfather used to say, "If it works don't fix it!"

The original was written as an outline to be followed. The founding fathers could have had no idea how our country would advance in science, technology, education, and even politics (I guess). If we make drastic changes we could choke such advancement before our own can take a firm hold in our society.

## Elvis isn't a hound dog

By STEVE GRIDER  
Columnist

I went to the supermarket yesterday, and as usual, it took the hired help about a week to check out the four people ahead of me. Out of sheer boredom, I picked up one of those literary monuments — the supermarket tabloid.

I was intrigued by the headline that, boldly flashed in my face. It read, "Elvis is Alive and Working at a Potato Chip Factory in Sri Lanka."

This startled me very much because I know that Elvis is not toiling away in some far-off sweatshop with JFK and Bruce Lee. The spirit of The King lives on — in my cocker spaniel.

We bought the canine for my sister's birthday last August. August 18th to be precise. For all you folks that pay attention, The King was buried on August 18. Spooky, ain't it?

Now, this isn't the only thing that I base my theory upon. The dog (it's name is Crickett) has Elvis' patented lip-snarl — the one he did 29 pictures with. While vegetating in front of the TV set the other day, an advertisement for Elvis' Greatest Hits came on. The dog began

to whine, howl and eventually spin in place for at least eight to ten minutes. After finishing this peculiar display, she began to shake her left leg to the beat of "Teddy Bear" — sound familiar Elvis fans.

Since that particularly odd encounter, I have done some reading up on Mr. Presley. It seems as though Memphis' most famous resident took a walk on the kinky side sometimes. Some folks claim that Elvis had a foot fetish that bordered on weird. Our pooch has the same affliction. No shoe, sock or compad is safe when the dog is loose.

Elvis also had some pretty eccentric (rich word for crazy) cravings in the food department. Seems as though he liked peanut butter and bacon on the same sandwich. When Crickett broke into the garbage disposal last week, we caught her with peanut butter on her nose and an emptied jar of bacon bits in her mouth.

Hey, I know there will be skeptics out there. If some other yahoo wrote this in a paper, I would dismiss it as so much poppycock. I have all the proof that I need. Anybody know the number of the *Enquirer*?

### Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are welcomed and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest, taste and space.

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### Letters to the Editor

#### Open Letter to *Sidelines*

Let's set the record straight. At no time has anyone from the ASB House or Senate contacted me concerning anything. I have repeatedly told *Sidelines* personnel that until some official contact is made from ASB, there is no problem. I will not respond to rumor, nor will I debate matters of curriculum with persons who lack the verbal facility to phrase appropriate telephone questions.

Approximately one month ago Troy Baxter called me about the requirements of our department. I explained them to President Baxter

and thanked him for his interest in fellow students. He seemed to come away with a clear understanding of our policies. That is the **only** contact I have had with ASB.

The quality of press surrounding this situation leads me to give a silent prayer for the future of our news media. If this is an example of our best investigative writing, Mass Communications should recycle some reporters through ethics and principles of reporting. John Sigenthaler would turn over in his **Chair** on this one!

Wallace R. Maples  
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## Opinion

## Lentz explains her actions

"In view of the misleading allegations and erroneous information contained in the front-page article which appeared in *Sidelines* concerning my violation of ASB election regulations, I feel it necessary to clarify the situation and to provide an exact account of the incident.

As I openly stated in that article, I did unwittingly violate one provision of the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983 on January 28th by allowing individuals to sign my qualifying petition who had also signed another candidate's petition. However, contrary to her quote in *Sidelines*, I did notify the Election Commissioner of the infraction as soon as possible, and made every effort to correct the error.

The fact that written complaints have been filed with the Election Commission by the students involved concerning Doug Roth's having also approached several individuals, encouraging them to sign his own petition with the full knowledge that they had

also signed my own, indicates that both of us were unclear as to regulation which prohibits duplicate signatures. I, however, was honest and did not deny the mistake as did my opponent.

Further, Nannette Krusbe, (Election Commissioner), was either misquoted or does not clearly recall the incident. She did not arrange for Doug and I to meet and "work things out." Doug and I met of our own accord and removed all duplicate signatures from my petition. It should be clear that I took immediate and decisive action to correct the error and that I have made every effort to be in complete compliance with the provisions of the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983. Of the 572 signatures which were filed with my qualifying petition, to my knowledge, none are duplicates.

I was also misquoted in the article — under no circumstances and at no time did I say "me and Doug" as I am quoted twice. I would

encourage the writer to obtain a tape recorder for future interviews and further, to avoid interjecting his own vernacular into purported quotes.

Furthermore, since Brian Conley, who wrote the article and who has openly declared his support of Doug Roth's candidacy as well as his opposition to mine, obviously cannot be objective, I urge that he be restricted from future assignments involving the election, and that *Sidelines* make every effort to maintain an unbiased position during the remainder of what I intend to be a positive campaign.

Lastly, although I regret the biased coverage that marked the opening of the 1987 elections, it will in no way affect the relationship between myself and *Sidelines* when I am elected ASB President. I look forward to working with you in that capacity for the good of the MTSU student body."

Holly Lentz

## MTSU yearbook needs you

By JACKIE SOLOMON  
Student Publications Coordinator

The MTSU yearbook, the *Midlander*, was the subject of an article appearing in last Friday's *Sidelines*. One word in the headline of the story struck home with me — apathy.

The headline read, "Campus apathy heart of yearbook fund cuts." While not totally accurate, this statement expresses the central problem with MTSU's *Midlander*. Unfortunately, all the data available to me indicates that most students at MTSU — and some others — do not care about their yearbook.

As student publications coordinator, I monitor yearbook sales, the participation of students in portraits, the performance of the staff and the level of cooperation of student organizations and academic departments. I have observed problems in each area. For example:

- At a campus of nearly 11,000 students, only about 2,300 purchased yearbooks this year. The *Midlander*, at \$13.50, costs less than many high school books. In 1979, about 4,000 yearbooks were sold.

- Only about 1,600 students had portraits made for the yearbook — in spite of the fact that there were THREE opportunities during fall semester.

- Many organizations that were featured in the yearbook were neg-

ligent in providing required information to the staff.

- Faculty at least one department refused to even make an appointment for a group shot.

- The yearbook staff failed to meet a single deadline with our publisher. Problems with the staff included disorganization, lack of commitment on the part of both writers and editors and poor communication with campus constituencies. Many students came to the yearbook office once, filled out an application, took an assignment and never showed up again.

MTSU will have a strong yearbook this year, due to the efforts of a handful of staff members. Despite the problems, the cover is startling and unique, and the theme development will open eyes here and elsewhere.

However, next year's book may be different. Due to low sales, we will have less money to spend on *your* yearbook, and it will be somewhat smaller. If the trend toward lower sales, poor participation in portraits and other yearbook activities, and decreasing participation on the part of the staff continues, there may be no *Midlander*. The Student Publications Committee, which makes recommendations to administration concerning the yearbook, newspaper and literary magazine, will be doing re-

search this spring and next fall on the role of the yearbook at MTSU. The possibility exists that the SPC will recommend the yearbook be discontinued after 1988.

More than anything else, it is up to you, the students of MTSU, to ensure that *your* yearbook remains an MTSU tradition. Here are some things you must do to guarantee that this 63-year-old publication doesn't die:

- Apply to be editor in chief of the yearbook. If you think you have the writing, editing or leadership abilities to produce a yearbook, give it a shot. See the ad on page 8 for minimum qualifications and deadlines.

- Sign up NOW for next year's staff. Writers, photographers, ad sales representatives and layout people are needed starting in March. Contact me at 2338 or come by 306 James Union Building for an application.

- Buy a 1988 *Midlander* at fall registration.

- Have your portrait made.

- Participate in any way you can think of, even if this means just calling me up to tell me about an idea you have for selling more yearbooks or an event you think the staff should cover or a complaint you have about how something was handled last year. It is my job to listen to you, and to tell the staff your thoughts, and the staff's job to respond.

By Sandy Campbell

## Photo Essay



Dr. Linda A. Wilson, a MTSU chemist researching skin oils, uses computer technology to analyze the skin oils for use in forensics.



Wilson adds a solvent to separate the oils from a tissue.



Wilson is seen in her office where she headquarters her research.

Skin oils forensic tool  
MTSU chemist shows

Dr. A. Wilson a professor in the Chemistry Department is conducting research into skin oils.

What makes this research interesting is that it may be possible to identify criminals from traces of their skin oils left at the scene of the crime or on their victims.

According to Dr. Wilson each person has a different chemical make up in their skin oils that is as different from the next person's as their fingerprints are.

For an example if a person were assaulted there would be a good possibility that the assailant would leave some of his or her skin oil on the victim. This skin oil would then be extracted from the victim and be run through a series of laboratory tests. The information from these tests would then be able to place the accused at the scene of the crime.

At the moment this research program is being funded through the chemistry department. Dr. Wilson says that she is in need of more funds to continue her project. She needs more software and other lab equipment to complete her research.



# Art / Entertainment



Local favorites Phil Harris, Mark Shenkel and Mike Crowe are Riff Raff.

## Riff Raff controls Arms

BY LARISSA KEILICH  
Staff Writer

Last Thursday night, The Association of Recording Industry Management Students held their second annual Nuclear Arms Control Party at Mainstreet. Featured bands for this fundraising event were Nashville's Raging Fire and Murfreesboro's own Riff Raff.

Although Raging Fire was billed as the headlining act, it was actually Riff Raff who drew a large portion of the local crowd. This three-member "no trend rock band" consists of experienced musicians Mark Shenkel (lead vocals, guitar, saxophone, and "doinks"), Mike Crowe (vocals, bass guitar, and "robotics"), and Phil Harris (vocals, drums, and "spastics"). Responsible for production and engineering (both live and in the studio) is RIM student Steve Jones, who is well-known for his mixing ability.

Riff Raff has an interesting history. They started out in 1983 as a rhythm section for Haynes House studio projects before playing any actual gigs.

"We didn't even have a name back then," recalled Mark. "But one day Freedom of Expression called us and asked us to open a show for them. We had to make up a name right there on the phone and 'Riff Raff' was what we thought of."

A name change for Riff Raff is expected shortly, but look for the

same logo style. The band recently discovered a Japanese heavy metal group also called Riff Raff, with records out such as *Give The Dead Man Some Water* and *Robot Stud*.

Mark describes the music of his Riff Raff as "having elements from all categories of rock-n-roll; after all, rock-n-roll is a fusion of the many musical styles."

"Musical influences on the band run the gamut. Everything from The Rolling Stones to the experimental Residents - a wide spectrum," explained Mark.

Although Riff Raff does mostly originals (ranging from reggae-metal to thrash-folk), they have some re-made and re-mixed covers from the 1950's to the 1980's, such as Lou Reed's "Waves Of Fear" and a percussively tribal-sounding version of The Residents' "Hello Skinny." A cassette EP will soon be available in area record stores.

"On the surface, a lot of our songs seem kind of simple, but there's an underlying meaning to all of them, if you care to dig for it," said Mark.

"Rock-n-roll needs an element of spontaneity; we are geared away from homogenized music. We're going to keep the edge," he further explained.

If you missed this musical experience of majestic proportion, be sure to see Riff Raff at future shows, February 19th and March 13th.

## Film series honoring women begins today

By JONATHAN PINKERTON  
Entertainment Editor

A series of films highlighting women will begin today as part of the Students Fine Arts Committee's celebration of National Women's History Week.

Even though National Women's History Week doesn't begin until March 8, this presentation of four films will begin today and run through the week of March 3.

The first film which will be shown in the Multi-Media Room of the LRC at 2:00 is Ingmar Bergman's *Persona*.

This film, which stars Liv Ullmann as a mentally ill actress who is taken to a beachside cottage and is then taken care of by a nurse, deals more

with the idea of how the two women are actually nothing more than separate sides of the same woman.

Dr. Angela Hague of the English department will introduce each of the films, with a short explanation of the film.

The second film of the series *Three Women* will continue the idea of the characters being dimensions of the same person.

*Three Women* will be shown on February 17. Director Robert Altman is also responsible for the Oscar winning *Nashville*.

Emmy award-winning actress Cicily Tyson stars in the third film on February 24, *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*. The film series ends March 3 with

*Hiroshima...Mon Amour*.

This presentation of films is free and open to everyone and will be shown on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the LRC Multi-Media Room.

A series of lectures featuring MTSU faculty, artist and guest lecturers' comments on women and

their part in history is also scheduled as part of the month long programs in honor of this national celebration of women.

(Editor's note) Further information concerning the lectures will appear in a future edition of *Sidelines*.

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# Sports

## Rainey gives Raiders win over Zips



Blue Raider Dwayne Rainey attempts shot in OVC action Saturday night against Akron.

**BY TONY STINNETT**  
Sports Editor

Dwayne Rainey putback an offensive rebound as time expired Saturday night to give the Blue Raiders a thrilling 64-62 win over Akron at Murphy Center.

With the score tied at 62, Blue Raider guard Duane Washington shot a 15-foot jumper with four seconds remaining in the game.

The shot bounced long off the back of the rim and Rainey got the rebound with two seconds remaining, turned and threw up a prayer shot as time expired.

"I just threw the shot up," Rainey said. "It had a good angle and just dropped. Thank God it went in. The shot was the biggest of my career."

The win, MTSU's 27th consecutive home win, gave the Blue Raiders an overall record of 17-3. The Raiders continue to lead the conference by a half game over Morehead. MTSU's conference record stands at 8-1.

Akron, 16-6, owns a 5-4 conference record and is currently in third

place in the OVC.

Washington led the Raider charge with 14 points. Andrew Tunstall added 12 and Rainey 11.

It looked as if the game was going to be a blowout as the Blue Raiders shot 53 percent from the field and took a 15-point halftime lead.

Akron kept it close for the first six minutes and led by two with 15:04 to go at 9-7.

The Raiders then ran off 10 unanswered points to take a 17-9 lead with 12:40 remaining in the first half.

"Everybody was thinking the game was under control at halftime," Rainey said. "We just let it slip away in the second half."

The Blue Raiders hit a low point in the second half and scored only 20 points and shot only 35 percent. Akron, on the other hand, shot 52 percent and made a rather boring first half into a thrilling second half.

The Zips outscored MTSU 7-1 during the first few minutes of the second half and later outscored the Raiders 16-5 over a nine minute stretch to pull the Zips within striking distance.

"They denied our wings in the second half," Coach Bruce Stewart said. "We knew we would have to do good inside and we didn't in the second half."

Marcel Boyce gave the Zips a 61-60 lead with 2:11 remaining and from there on out it was a seesaw affair as Rainey finally ended with his game winner.

"We just finished chapter two

with Akron," Stewart said. "I'm sure chapter three will come in the conference tournament."

"The crowd picked us up both offensively and defensively," Stewart said. "They helped us score and shut them down. If the students want us to host this conference tournament they are going to have to stay behind us and come to our last three home OVC games."

## Raiders win overtime duel with Penguins

**By TONY STINNETT**  
Sports Editor

Duane Washington scored 14 of his 17 points in overtime as the Blue Raiders defeated Youngstown State 88-79 last night in Murphy Center to run their consecutive home-winning streak to 28.

Washington, who sat out most of the game, led the Raider outburst as MTSU scored 21 points in the overtime period.

"I felt that I had to make up for playing a bad game overall," Washington said. "I felt confident with my shooting in the overtime

period."

With the win the Raiders improved to 18-3 overall and 9-1 in conference play. The Raiders now own a full game and a half lead over second place Morehead State who lost to Austin Peay last night.

The Raiders opened up a 37-29 halftime lead over the visiting Penguins only to see Youngstown battle back and tie the game.

The first few minutes saw the game change leads a total of 10 times including six ties. The Raiders then went on a scoring binge as they outscored the Penguins 14-

4 over a four-minute period.

Ty Baynham led the scoring burst with six points over that period including a majestic reverse slam with 2:42 remaining in the first half.

The Raiders came out shooting poorly in the second half and Youngstown took advantage of the situation to pull to within three points at the 3:24 mark.

"It was the same old story," Andrew Tunstall said. "We got a good lead in the first half and let it slip away. The intensity wasn't there in

the second half."

The Raiders built their lead to 67-62 with 1:55 remaining. After a Youngstown lay-up the Raiders were unable to get the ball in bounds and Youngstown received the ball.

Tunstall fouled Tilman Bevely with three seconds remaining. Bevely hit the front end of a one-and-one situation and missed the second sending the game into overtime.

The Raiders dominated the overtime from the outset to claim their 18th win of the season.

## Ladies win eighth consecutive

**BY MAURICE PETWAY**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Eight straight! The Lady Raiders continued on their hot streak as they zapped outclassed Akron 96-57 Saturday night.

Led by sophomore Tawanya Mucker's career high of 30 points, the Lady Raiders were pretty much able to do anything they wanted to do throughout the contest.

It became obvious from the outset that the Lady Zips were in trouble as they quickly fell behind 10-2 before people began to get comfortable in their seats.

Mucker proved to be too much inside for any of the Lady Zips low post players as she sizzled in 17

points in the first half.

"I've been working hard in practice," Mucker said. "I made up for all those millions I missed. I didn't do anything different, I just took my time on my shots."

Mucker's composure when shooting, solidified the Lady Raiders inside attack which, combined with their superb guard play, gave them a more balanced attack.

"We didn't stress the inside game," Coach Jim Davis said. "It just happened to be there. We just get the ball to the open player."

The Murphy Center crowd of approximately 900 was treated to another impressive shooting night by Janet Ross.

From three point range, the senior point guard dazzled fans with a no-miss performance in the first half. In each of Ross's five attempts the ball never touched anything but the net.

Ross said the Lady Zips sagging defense opened it up for her three pointers.

The Lady Raiders led 52-20 at intermission.

"The first half was the best we ever had all the way around, offensively and defensively," said Ross. "It was a big win we needed it."

In the second half the Lady Raiders continued their dominance as they built their lead to 33 points

early in the second half. They gradually extended the lead to 39 points late in the game.

The Lady Zips managed to get within 24 points midway through the second half but were they never able to get any closer.

Ross' string of three pointers came to an end after she connected on her sixth in a row. She failed to connect on her final two attempts.

Mucker led all scorers with 30, while Ross added 19, Kim Webb 18, and Alice Lawrence 13.

The Lady Raiders will take on the Lady Governors of Austin Peay on Saturday in Murphy Center at 5:00.

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# Davis continues success

BY TONY STINNETT  
Sports Editor

Success and experience are two qualities that describe Lady Raider Coach Jim Davis best. As Davis enters his twentieth year of coaching he has only experienced one losing season and has coached on every level except the professional level.

Davis' only losing season came in his first year of organized coaching when his high school team went 12-14. From that season on Coach Davis has yet to encounter a losing

## Raider profile — Jim Davis

season.

Davis' career has seen him coach high school boys, high school girls and junior college women. He was assistant at a major college (Florida) before becoming head coach at MTSU.

Coach Davis became the head coach here in November, 1986, three weeks before the season began.

"It was obviously not an ideal situation to come into," Davis said. "I was excited about coming here. There is a lot of talent here."

"It has been a life-long dream to coach at a major college. I was certainly happy to accept the challenge."

Davis was informed of the opening by a former junior college coach he had coached against. The coach

was also a good friend.

"I called Coach Inman and he told me he had resigned," Davis said. "He also said my chances for the job weren't very good."

Nonetheless, Coach Davis applied and within two weeks he was named head coach of the Lady Raiders.

It wasn't easy to get the players to accept his philosophy right away. However, he did get it across and he now has the Lady Raiders playing as well as they have played in

a long time.

Davis became interested in coaching through his older brothers. My older brothers always encouraged me to play," Davis said. "I have a great love for the game. I've probably wanted to coach every since seventh or eighth grade."

Davis began his coaching career as a junior high coach at Englewood, Tennessee. After two years there he moved on to high school basketball. Davis spent 10 years in high school basketball, including positions at Madisonville High, Charleston High and McMinn County. His high school record was an amazing 197-93 for a winning percentage of .679.

Coach Davis put together one of the most successful programs in the junior college ranks as head coach



Sandy Campbell/Staff

Lady Raider Coach Jim Davis looks on as his team wins ninth straight.

at Roane State in Harriman.

Davis led Roane State to a record 127 wins against only 35 defeats, a winning percentage of .784. Davis' teams at Roane State won four Tennessee Junior College Athletic As-

sociation divisional championships, one state championship, and were rated in the Junior College Top Ten rating in 1981, 1984, and 1985. While at Roane State he earned two coach-of-the-year awards.

## Ladies blast Younstown in OVC action

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY  
Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders Basketball Team claimed a victory in yawning fashion over Younstown State last night on a score of 76-55 at Murphy Center.

Once the game became utterly

untouchable for the Lady Penguins, concentration was centered upon the one-on-one duel between present OVC scoring leader, Dorotiv Bower, and Lady Raider senior Kim Webb.

At halftime, the score was increased to 48-24, and the match-up

was even as both Bowers and Webb concluded the half with 8 points each.

Just as the match-up began as a draw so it ended — both players finished with equal high honors of 18 points. Despite the draw Webb earned the edge, as she finished the game with 12 rebounds, 10

which she collected in the first half.

"This is the first time we've dominated on the boards all year," said Coach Davis.

Five Lady Raiders reached double figures following Webb. Mucker and Janet Ross tallied 16 and Lianne Beck and Alice Lawrence had 10 each.

## Lady Raider track team win home opener

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY  
Sports Writer

The Middle Tennessee Lady Tracksters defeated UT-Chatanooga and Fisk University Saturday January 31 at Murphy Center.

The meet was dominated by the Lady Raiders as they finished in the top three places in every event.

Coach Thomas Keith sees the Lady Raiders as a young team but getting stronger. The group of 15 have little experience with only one junior and no seniors.

The team currently has three All-OVC competitors, Ursula Langford, Angie Allison and Sherry Bingham.

"Sherry is the OVC outdoor re-

cord-holder for the long jump with a jump of 19 foot, 5 inches," said Coach Keith.

Coach Keith is in his first year of coaching the womens track team, after ten years of experience coaching the mens track team with future Olympic Jump Coach Dean Hayes.

With the hope of the women's track team being re-established within the OVC, the attitude of the team is positive.

"Once we get back into the OVC race," said Coach Keith. "We will finish at least first or second."

"I just hope we get healthy," said Coach Keith.



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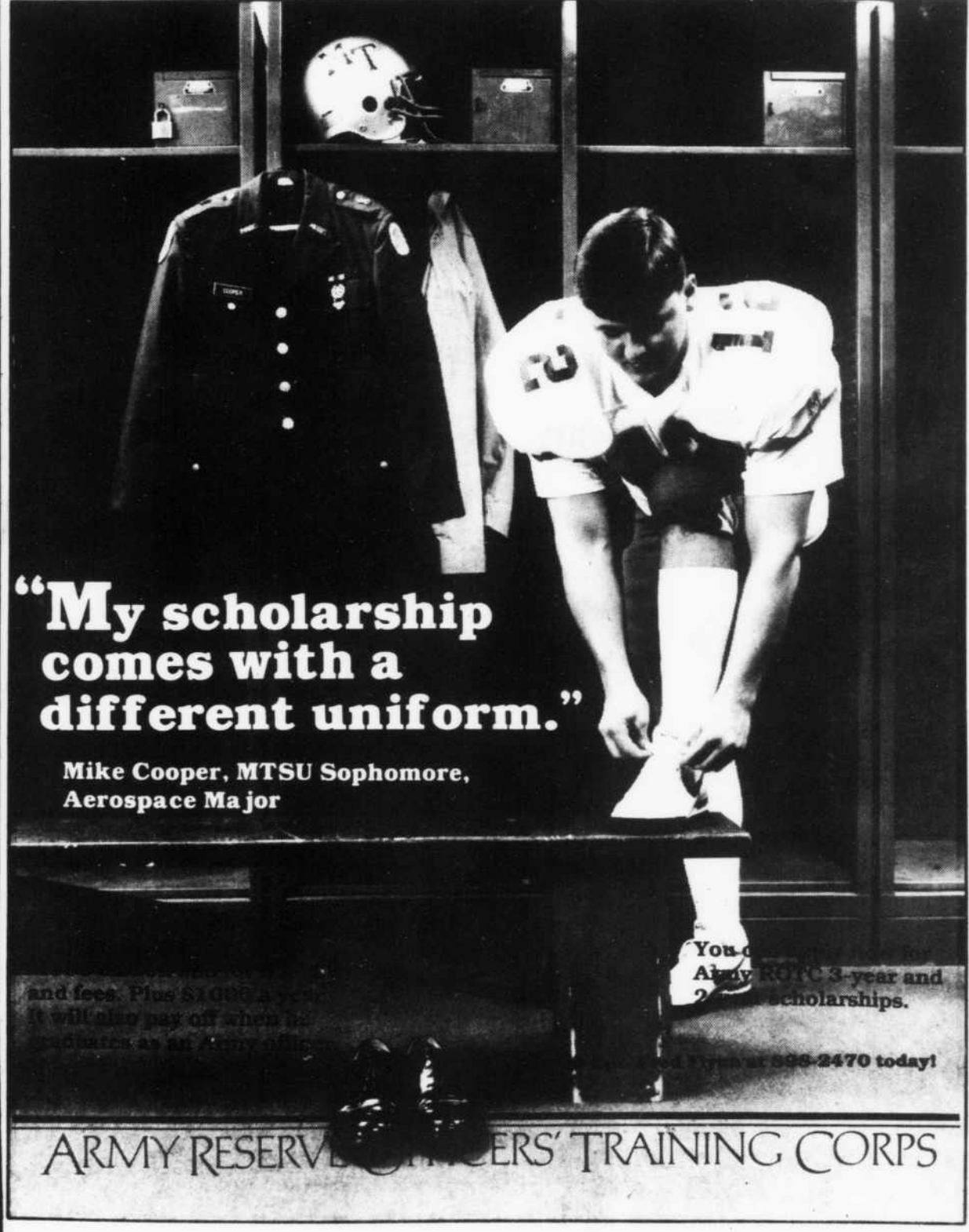
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I was just about ready to put in for a room transfer when she reached into her leather backpack, pulled out a can of Swiss Mocha and offered me a cup. Okay, I decided I'd keep an open mind.

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