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Winter storm closes school

Worst snowfall of season cancels classes for first time in more than two decades

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

School officials cancelled classes at MTSU on Tuesday for the first time in more than 20 years after a major winter storm dumped up to two inches of snow and ice on Murfreesboro Sunday night.

Dr. James Walker, president of the University, issued this statement about the decision.

"Since Monday was a holiday, most student residents were away from campus and would be returning late Monday evening or early Tuesday morning. After consultation with Dr. Duane Stucky, vice president

for finance and administration, it was decided that it would be in the best interests of our students to cancel classes on Tuesday."

Walker made the decision to close school at 6:30 p.m. Monday night.

According to the president's office, there were two overriding factors in the decision.

Most important was that the storm occurred on a holiday weekend. The administration felt there would be a lack of class attendance should school be opened.

Secondly, the Tennessee Highway Patrol informed Walker and Stucky that all the main roads

coming into Murfreesboro were considered hazardous.

Carlene Henry, administrative assistant to the president, said she could not remember a time when the university canceled classes because of inclement weather.

"In 24 years I have never known us to close day classes," said Henry.

The National Weather Service is calling for temperatures to rise above the freezing level by Friday.

A complete meltdown is expected for the weekend, with temperatures expected to rise into the high 40s. ■



J.A. Hinton, staff

CLEARING A PATH: Maintenance worker Danny Anderson shovels snow and ice from the steps of the JUB on Tuesday.



Brian G. Miller, staff

PARDON OUR MESS: Learning lab in the LRC is under renovation. It will be completed in early March.

Learning Lab gets an upgrade

Mike Reed
Managing Editor

The Learning Resource Center is taking a step into the 21st century with upgrades to computers, an expanded learning lab and a teacher training center.

Construction is underway on the Learning Lab which will include two computer labs with state of the art hardware, multimedia suites which will be used to produce multi-media presentations for instructional purposes and a 21st century

classroom to be used as an instructional model.

Construction of the computer labs should be complete in early March. Until then, students needing to view tapes housed at the LRC can check them out for viewing at home.

These changes are the result of two university studies into the purpose and long-range plan for the LRC. The first report came from the LRC Task Force, appointed by Dr. James Hindman, vice president for Academic

Affairs, in February of last year.

According to these reports, MTSU is dangerously close to falling behind in education technology.

The task forces came up with three recommendations for the Tennessee Board of Regents: to train students and teachers in the use of instructional technology, to improve university teaching through the use of instructional technology and to develop multimedia lessons for use in K-12 and in university classrooms.

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Cold doesn't stop Garth fans

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

Country music superstar Garth Brooks sold out four shows scheduled for Murphy Center March 2-5 in two and a half hours as fans braved temperatures in the mid-teens for a chance to see country music's current top performer.

Varnell Enterprises, the promoter for the shows, worked with Brooks to develop a unique system of distributing tickets for the shows as an attempt to limit scalping, which Brooks strongly opposes.

"The man showed real concern for his fans in trying to accommodate most of them," said Terence Cohan, general manager for Ticketron.

At MTSU, fans got a break from the frigid weather as Student

Programming arranged for people to move into Murphy Athletic Center for the drawing and opened the concession stands so they could receive hot drinks.

Fans were asked to go to one of 28 Ticketron outlets last Thursday and Friday and receive an orange armband with a number on it to put around their right arms.

Fans had to return to the place where they received the armband Saturday morning by 9 a.m. with the band still on their arm, where a drawing was held to determine positions people would take in line to receive tickets.

There was a limit of four tickets per person.

Harold Smith, director of Student Programming, said that approximately 1,300 armbands were distributed at MAC, but not

everyone who got an armband got a ticket.

"We didn't get through all the armbands before all four shows were sold out," Smith said. "We had maybe 600 left when we were sold out."

The ticket distribution system and its intended purpose has been praised by everyone involved with ticket sales for the show.

"It's the first time I can ever recall an artist taking enough interest in his fans to set up his own ticketing system," Smith said. "My hat is off to Garth Brooks for his effort to make the ticket distribution fair."

"I have been in this business nine years, and I think this was a very fair way to handle [the distribution]," Cohan said. "They took a very systematic approach." ■

Police Report

Two male students reported on Jan. 11 that their room in Monohan Hall had been burglarized.

A female student reported on Jan. 13 that her purse had been stolen from a restroom in the KUC.

Two male employees reported on Dec. 20 that a VCR was missing from Peck Hall.

A female student reported on Dec. 17 that some personal effects were removed from her room in Rutledge Hall.

A female student reported vandalism to her vehicle on Dec. 16 while parked near the "D" building of Family Housing.

A female student reported vandalism to a bicycle on Dec. 16 near Lyon Hall.

A male student reported on Dec. 16 that his wallet was stolen at the racquetball courts of Murphy Center.

A male student reported on Dec. 15 that his car had been broken into.

On Dec. 15 a male student reported his book bag stolen from the third floor of the KUC.

On Dec. 15 a male student reported his book bag stolen from the KUC Grill.

On Dec. 15 a female student reported her book bag stolen from the first floor of KOM.

On Dec. 14 a female student reported her

car broken into while parked in Greenland Drive Lot B.

On Dec. 15 a male student reported his truck broken into while parked in the Baird Lane lot.

A male student reported on Dec. 17 that his refrigerator had been stolen from Smith Hall.

A female student reported on Dec. 16 that her hubcaps had been removed from her car while parked in Cummings lot.

A male student reported on Dec. 13 that a power saw was stolen from the loading dock of BDA. The saw was later found nearby in a dumpster.

A male student reported on Dec. 14 that his vehicle had been broken into while parked in Greenland Lot A.

A female student reported on Dec. 13 that her purse had been stolen from Todd Library.

Michael Tyrone Johnson, 25, was arrested for simple assault and destruction of state property on Jan. 3.

Clark Randall Schade, 21, was arrested for driving on a suspended license on Dec. 27.

Richard J. Binder, 41, was arrested on outstanding warrants.

Daniel Frank Jones, 32, was arrested on December 4 for simple assault.

Campus Capsule

Today

Student organizations desiring to apply for Activity Fee Funds for the Fall Semester should secure application forms from Room 126 Keathley University Center. The deadline for completing and turning in the forms is 4:30 Friday, Jan. 28.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Anyone interested may attend the Sidelines workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop includes several information sessions in News, Features, Opinions and Sports writing and layout. Sessions will be conducted by local professionals. Reservations are required. Call 2815 for information and reservations.

Sunday, Jan. 23

WNAR, the MTSU student-run radio station, is holding a general interest meeting at 7 p.m. in LRC 241. Call Jana at 896-3928 for more information.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

David Copeland, Candidate for governor, will speak at MTSU at 6:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The speech is free and open to the public. For more information call Jody Allison at 361-4821.

Thursday, Jan. 27

The incoming National President of the American Association Airport Executives, Tim Campell, will speak as part of the Aerospace lecture series at 5 p.m. in room 103 of the Alumni Gym.

The King-Hampton Award Luncheon, honoring Ms. Rebecca Rice, will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Hazlewood Dining Room. Tickets are \$10. Please reserve by Jan. 25 with the Women's Center. For reservations and more information, call 898-2193.

The June Anderson Women's Center, in cooperation with the Rutherford Cannon County Bar Association, is sponsoring a free legal clinic for interested faculty, students and staff from 7 to 9 p.m. Consultation by appointment only. Sign up for half-hour appointments by calling the JAWC at 898-2193.

Ongoing

The Lambda Association, MTSU's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual group will hold its weekly meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center, room 241. All are welcome. Contact Christy Osborne at 780-2293 for more information.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should contact the MTSU Speech Clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.

The Bhakti-Yoga/Vegetarian Club meets every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information call Jonathan Maxwell at 898-3801.

Read. New worlds await you.

Education professor leaves legacy in scholarships and personal writings

Tina Denise Harvey
Staff Writer

The death of Dr. Joe E. Nunley Sr., author, war veteran, retired MTSU professor and director of alumni relations, has triggered scholarship funding and a review of personal short stories and essays for possible publication.

A cardiac arrest took the life of the well-known and respected Dr. Nunley Dec. 10. He was 71.

"There is a plan to form a committee that would solicit copies of letters Nunley had written to people over the years," said Marie Kirk, director of alumni affairs. "The committee will review and edit them and then put the material together for publication."

Nunley was the author of "Raider 40's" which was on the verge of being republished when he died.

"The book is a historical perspective of the lives of MTSU college students whose education was interrupted by World War II," said his son, Joe E. Nunley Jr.

Nunley is also remembered by friends and family for his descriptive and creative style of writing personal letters that were sometimes short stories, opinions

on political issues or poems.

"They were personal letters sent in an attempt to keep past memories alive," said Dr. Bob Womack, M T S U education professor and Nunley's

NUNLEY

companion for 52 years said.

"People who got his letters kept them. He had his own unique style of expressing himself on paper," Womack added.

The school has received a collection of money sent in from the public in memory of Nunley which will help fund school scholarships.

"Our family will decide where the money goes; however, because the family is scattered about we haven't had a chance to discuss it yet," said Nunley.

Nunley also helped inaugurate the tribute to veteran's ceremony which is held once every fall at a home football game.

The ceremony consists of mostly MTSU war veterans who attend a reunion and are

candidates for the Joe E. Nunley award.

"Dad was a real advocate of veterans and he did not want their services to go unnoticed," said Nunley.

Nunley received his Bachelor's of Science degree in 1947 from Middle Tennessee State College, (presently MTSU); Master's in Art degree from Peabody in 1951, which is presently a division of Vanderbilt; Master's of Education degree from the University of Florida in 1961; and Doctorate in Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1965.

"The University was fortunate to have employed Dr. Nunley," said Womack. "He did a lot of work on behalf of the University and community."

Nunley is a native of Warren County, while his history with Rutherford County and MTSU extends back nine decades when his father and mother attended the university.

He came to the University in 1961 and served as an education professor for 18 years until he was promoted to alumni relations director in 1978.

Nunley retired in 1987. ■

Moore wins Stults scholarship

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

Fletcher Moore, a senior Music major, has been awarded the Douglas E. Stults Memorial Scholarship for writing excellence.

Moore said he entered the contest by chance.

"I had a class in the Mass Communication Building and I saw a flier on the bulletin board," Moore said.

Moore said his motivation to enter was the essay topic, the place of idealism in society.

"Ideology is a subject that has interested me for about three years," Moore said.

To qualify, students must have at least a 2.7 grade point average, be at least a second-year student with a minimum of 24 credit hours and have some



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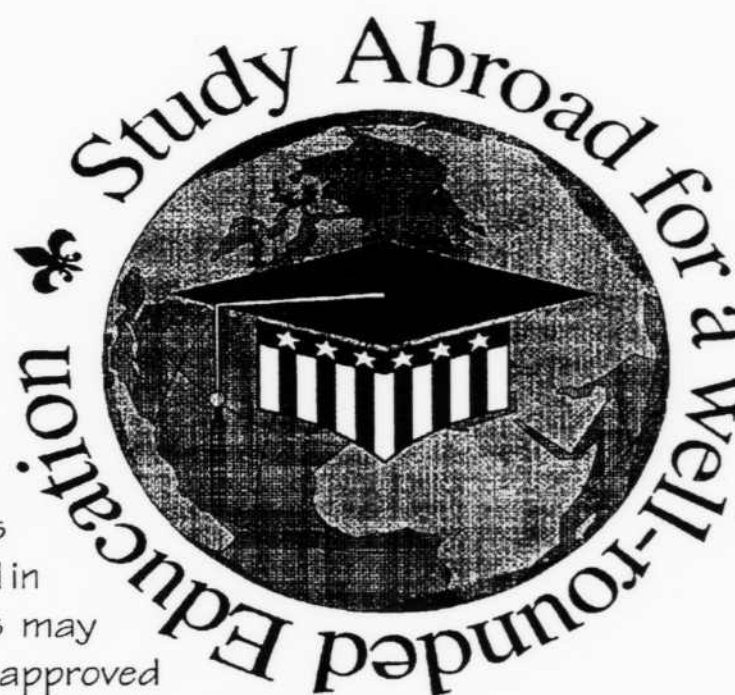
media experience. Entrants must submit a 1,000-2,000 word essay on the topic, along with a copy of their transcript and samples of their work.

When asked what he will do with the award, Moore said, "It paid my tuition for the spring semester, and this will allow me to save money to visit Europe, which I view as an important educational experience."

The scholarship was created in memory of former *Sidelines* editor Doug Stults, who was killed in a car accident in the fall of 1989. ■

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NSEP - STUDY ABROAD UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS & GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS



The National Security Education Program (NSEP) is a new federally-funded study abroad scholarship program established to equip Americans with an understanding of less commonly taught languages and cultures and enable them to become integrally involved in global issues. Undergraduate scholarships may award up to \$8000 per academic year for an approved study abroad program. An information meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Jan. 26 (12p-1p) and Thursday, Jan. 27 (12:30p)** in the Keathley University Center (KUC) Room 305. Those interested in intensive language programs in Eastern Europe, Middle East, Southeast Asia, and South and Central America for Summer 1994 are especially encouraged to apply.

Application deadline for the undergraduate scholarship is **Feb. 11, 1994**. Deadline for the graduate fellowship application is **April 15, 1994**. For additional information regarding these programs please contact David Currey, International Programs & Services Office (IPSO), 202 Cope Administration Bldg. 898-2238. All applications must be reviewed by IPSO before being submitted to the scholarship and fellowship granting agencies.



LRC

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In addition, the LRC would move under the jurisdiction of Bob Eaker, dean of the College of Education.

Eaker is convinced of the need for the new equipment.

"MTSU has the largest education program in the state," Eaker said. "We'll send up for licensure 500 people per year."

According to Eaker, the new learning lab will house DOS and Macintosh systems.

"We're getting the new Mac Powerpoints," he said. "They're not available to the public yet."

"Unless MTSU makes a systematic and significant commitment to instructional technology, we run the risk of not only falling behind other institutions of higher education, but also of approaching technology in such a haphazard way that full benefit of scarce funds is not realized," the LRC Task Force report said.

The second report came from the task force on teacher education at MTSU, which consisted of MTSU faculty and administration, teachers from the public schools in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County, businessmen and state legislators.

Both reports indicated a need to revamp the LRC and

emphasize teacher education and high technology.

One of Eaker's concerns with the renovations was what to do with the existing furnishings.

"One of the things that fell into place was that all the carpets and carpet went to Housing," he said. "I wanted to make sure that we wasted as little as possible."

Phase II of the LRC upgrade will include updating the multimedia room.

"One of our projects for later in the year will be to [reevaluate] that technology room and make it into a world class presentation room," he said. "We want it to be a showcase."

The LRC houses several non-education related programs such as the Albert Gore Papers, radio station WMOT, Publications and Graphics and two television studios. Eaker insists that there are no eviction notices in the works.

"We're not throwing anyone out. We hope, as the university grows and expands, to incrementally create new 21st century classrooms," he said.

Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Mass Communication echoes Eaker's sentiment.

"We will continue to use the space allotted to us [college of Mass Communication]," he said. "I have been working closely with Dean Eaker and we anticipate no problems." ■



Don Goins, staff

SCOOPING AWAY WINTER: David Dunaway clears snow off the sidewalk at Faulkinberry and South Tennessee Boulevard last Monday.

MTSU hosts two-day blood drive

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 25-26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Keathley University Center.

In order to donate blood you must be at least 17-years-

old and weigh 110 lbs., and you must have gone at least 56 days since the last time you donated. Before donating, make sure you eat something.

Christy Fisher, Rutherford County director of blood services, said the Red Cross is in need of all blood types but the most pressing need is for O positive.

"Normally we keep 900 units [of O positive] on hand," said Fisher. "Right now we have approximately 350 units."

Fisher said approximately 90 students per day come in to donate blood, but she hopes the total will be much higher for this drive. ■

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"Setting the Standard"

Senior and Underclass portraits for the yearbook will be taken Jan. 24-28, KUC 312 and/or Grill Lobby

Monday & Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday-Wednesday 12 noon-8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Seniors should call 2815 or 2478 for an appointment

Underclass pictures will be taken on a walk-in basis

Seniors need to call the Midlander office at 2478 or 2815 for an appointment.

National Roundup

Inman withdraws nomination as Defense Secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bobby Ray Inman, a Texas businessman who held top national security jobs in both Republican and Democratic administrations, today stepped aside as President Clinton's nominee for defense secretary.

Inman's withdrawal — which caught Washington by surprise — was accepted by Clinton with regret. And it sent the president searching anew for a successor to Defense Secretary Les Aspin, who was forced to resign.

"This is not a decision I reached easily but it is one I have thought through and felt comfortable with," Inman told a news conference in Austin, Texas, fast.

"I've already given 30 years of service to my country," Inman said. "I don't wish or intend to subject myself to that on a daily basis" as the price for the job.

Yet, Inman said he

was confident he would have been easily confirmed, possibly by a unanimous vote.

Inman said that "my family was not enthusiastic about my return to public service." Inman said his wife had specifically asked him to promise that a former domestic worker not be embarrassed because the Inmans had not paid required Social Security taxes, an issue that came to light shortly after Clinton announced the nomination.

"Now she's afraid she might lose her house," Inman said of his former housekeeper. He said he recently paid back Social Security taxes even though he believed he was not required by law to do so and planned to hire a lawyer to help the former employee resolve any outstanding tax issues.

California quake claims more victims; does more damage

LOS ANGELES (AP)

The death toll rose to

46 as hospital officials announced two more quake-related heart attack victims; the body of a man was found in a Northridge home; and the body of a 69-year-old woman was discovered in the wreckage of her daughter's Studio City home. About 4,500 people were injured.

In San Fernando, 600 residents were evacuated Wednesday from a six-block area after work crews cut into a natural gas line, releasing a cloud of gas. The line was repaired, and residents returned home.

Police Chief Willie Williams said a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Los Angeles would remain for the rest of the week and had contributed to an 80 percent drop in crime.

More testimony in Bobbitt trial

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — A former co-worker of Lorena Bobbitt testified today that Mrs. Bobbitt once said she would cut off her husband's penis if she ever caught him cheating on her.

Connie James, who worked with Mrs. Bobbitt in a nail salon, said the two once had a discussion about infidelity in general terms.

"I made an observation. I said I'd probably take everything and leave. I made a joke. I said I'd probably kill him," Ms. James said. "I asked Lorena what she'd do."

Ms. James testified that Mrs. Bobbitt told her she would cut off her husband's penis because "That would hurt him more than just killing him," Ms. James quoted Mrs. Bobbitt as saying.

Mrs. Bobbitt testified last week that she never made such a statement.

Ms. James testified on the sixth day of Mrs. Bobbitt's trial on a malicious wounding charge for cutting off her husband's penis. Mrs. Bobbitt, 24, could get up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Earlier in the day, Bobbitt returned to the stand for a third time, denying that he forced his wife to have an abortion or have anal sex.

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Consultations are free and will be considered confidential.

Sponsored by The June Anderson Women's Center with the support of the Rutherford Cannon County Bar Association

Opinions

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No school? No way

For a few minutes it was like fifth grade all over again, without the school-lunch food.

I watched the evening news Monday night at 10 p.m., jealous of the kids all across the state who were getting a day off from life. They could sleep late, watch TV, play Nintendo, watch violent movies, whatever kids do these days.

"They don't close college," I reminded myself as that goofy little penguin bobbed across the screen.

The discussion in my head went like this:

"Even if it is really bad, a bunch of people live on campus. They wouldn't close school if those people can show up."

"MTSU administrators are basically inhuman. They don't care if we're watching the 10 p.m. news and dreaming of seeing our school listed. They're cold people. They love to work."

In the middle of talking myself out of hoping, there it was.

"Middle Tenn. St. Univ. Classes closed tomorrow."

So I didn't get up at 6 a.m. and I didn't do all the work that I was supposed to, just some of it.

This is an editorial about snow days.

We're for them.

We applaud Dr. Walker and the MTSU administration for this bold, far-reaching administrative gesture. It took courage, vision, and great leadership.

Hope they all got to sleep late too.



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John Wayne was the abused Bobbitt

The Conservative Philosopher
CHRISTINA BASIEL



or ethnic origins.

In the insipid quest for political correctness, victims are often blamed and perpetrators are often absolved.

The malicious wounding trial of Lorena Bobbitt has become a showcase for the absurdity of militant feminism.

Despite the jokes and sensationalism surrounding John Wayne Bobbitt's disfigurement, the assault he endured is not funny. He is the victim of a serious crime.

The wacko women who have been demonstrating their support for Lorena Bobbitt's action, while capitalizing on the sale of T-shirts inscribed with the phrase "Love hurts," have swallowed her claim of spousal sexual abuse like fish on a hook. It is irrelevant to these people that John Wayne Bobbitt is no longer on trial; his wife is.

Lorena Bobbitt insists that her husband abused her so badly that she suffered a spell of temporary insanity. She is definitely insane, and there is

nothing temporary about it.

Her claim that she was a battered wife is an insult to the thousands of women in this country who actually are abused. These are women who cannot escape the brutes who terrorize them. These are women who endure broken bones and ruptured organs. These are women who have killed to save themselves and have suffered the consequences of their desperate unlawfulness.

Lorena Bobbitt never suffered any obvious injuries at the hands of her husband. Her marriage had indeed been volatile and she had separated from her spouse for periods of several months. She was

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The new Icecapades: yellow journalism or news?

Ken-L-Ration X
MIKE REED



"I have nothing to say to her."
-Tonya Harding when asked about being on the U.S. Olympic team with Nancy Kerrigan.

I was walking to campus through the ice and snow when I fell and hurt my knee.

That's the closest I'll ever get to being an Olympic figure skater like Nancy Kerrigan. Okay, that and my dislike for Tonya Harding.

I can't help it. I don't like her. Harding is a talented skater with a long and prosperous career ahead of her (provided she can shuffle off this conspiratorial coil). As much as I dislike her, however, I know that until the facts prove otherwise, she has every right to practice, compete for and even represent this great land of ours in the international spotlight without the intense and unfair scrutiny of a tabloid press.

Last week I was watching Hard Copy or some such "news" magazine. You know the type. An intensely serious person in a trench coat stands in a studio in front of a super-imposed traffic effect while a fan simulates the

wind blowing through his hair.

With a straight face, he presents his story about Tonya Harding being "streetwise" and not coming from "an ideal background," the implication being that if you aren't born with a silver spoon in your mouth, you are capable of having your enemies' legs broken in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

Granted, the attack on Kerrigan was newsworthy. The connection between the attackers and Harding is too great to ignore the possibility that she had something to do with it. She deserves to be investigated. What she doesn't deserve is to have

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Student appreciates rigor and rewards of college life

Sweet and Sour Grapes

SUE MULLIN



This should be an exciting time for returning college students. We are facing a clean slate, new challenges and opportunities, new academic commitments, and we are fresh from rest and quality family-time enriched by the spirit of the Christmas season and a sense of newness with this beginning year.

But for some of us, we are walking from a period of an all too brief family normalcy, a smile of re-dedication in togetherness, to a renewed hell. And we know it.

For my "significant other," (what an ungainly and cold way to refer to a loved person), therefore I will say, for my best friend and love, I am a fallible woman, but nonetheless, I try to love as best I can with candor and with honor. I am not the mom-or-grandmom-of-the-year candidate, but I parent and grandparent with a value system founded on honor. I am not an honors student, but I am a student with honor for my studies.

On top of these commitments, the minute I pick up my loan check, I have made a commitment. The minute I sit down in a classroom, I have made a commitment. I try very hard

not to bullshit with commitment, and I do my best not to bullshit with myself.

The logical solution to conflicting responsibilities is compromise, but I have never known life to function in an algebraic way, or for life to be neat and have a scale that balances all sides with reasonable equality: like when my boyfriend comes in the front door high on a pastel dawn, the morning's first bird song, and a great night's sleep and finds me sitting in the middle of the bed amid a circle of paper stacks and still dressed in yesterday morning's most unsexy bib overalls and is greeted with, "Don't touch; don't speak, I'm mentally summarizing; watch out for those books on the floor; coffee's about gone." Like when my child needs desperately for me to take him to the county library so he can do a history assignment and finds I have left a message on the answering machine for him to nuke a supper from the freezer and I will be home late because I'm studying.

The list is endless. Many of us begin a term without one iota of an idea how we will survive to the end: time-wise, money-wise, morale and responsibility-wise.

So why do we do this? What is it that compels us to risk our health, the most important and valuable people in our lives whom we love without measure and could not bear to lose, to get an education? What is it that makes us put all the honors of our being on the line for this one other honor of learning?

I know for a fact that within weeks my life will be like treading water in deep night, and I won't have the slightest idea which way to swim for shore. But swim I will, going from honorable intent to honorable intent, not compromising but doing each thing I do the very best I can in the time I have to do so. Still, a thousand times each term, I look in the eyes of my boyfriend or child or grandchild and I lose sight of my educational goals.

Courage and fortitude come for me from many sources. Sometimes the support that we need to keep going comes from our family and friends. Sometimes the only source we have is within ourselves. Though, for the most part, we can be self-nurturing, sometimes we have to look outside ourselves for sustenance.

This campus is the most supportive campus of the five I have experienced. Professors' doors are open, and they are gladly mentors, role models, and friends. I have so often walked in, sat on the floor of the cluttered office of a busy professor, talked about classes and books and ideas, friends and family and goals, and then stood and walked out with a lighter pack, a stronger, more committed student. Most professors are not aloof on this campus, treating the students as co-experiencers of the learning process, and sharers of knowledge and ideas.

Fellow students motivate me incredibly. I have more friends at MTSU, and a greater sense of

community here than I have ever experienced any where in my life. Though many of us don't know where we're going with this academic drive—the map changes as we grow—we are flexing our minds, looking for our limits, daring. Sometimes we are outright daredevils, seeing just how far we can go.

On this campus more often than any other campus I have been to, I have seen incredible discussion group dynamics grow among the students and between the students and professor in the classroom. I have experienced an English class on this campus in Modern Novel with Professor Dean which became so intense that class attendance was nearly perfect. We students began class in the hall before time among ourselves, and class continued after among ourselves as we walked away. In this class, the impact of ideas, the sharing of thoughts, the energy of communication that developed between the students, between each student and professor, was so incredible I can only describe the experience that occurred daily in that classroom as an intense, breathless intellectual orgasm.

As a mom and grandmother, I hear a lot of "I can't do that." As a student and a child of learning I say, "I can't do that." Then I come up against professors like I had last term: Dr. Kimbrell, Dr. Himebaugh and Dr. Petersen. They heard me say "I can't" with professorial tolerance, and under their encouragement I was doing things: writing papers, thinking

ideas and fielding associations I never thought possible. They never corralled me, but dropped the gates, then laughed with my surprise when I found the air heady and fine and intoxicating.

I don't know why I do this thing, seek this education, any more than a toddler knows why they walk. I only know I must. I don't know how my family and boyfriend and their love for me endure the sacrifices that I put them through. I can only hope that continues long enough to get this college business behind me, when I hope to live a more normal and flowing life.

I don't usually get straight A's, but this time I only had nine hours and worked very hard and the work came together for me. Part of that came from me, part of that resulted from the quality of education-giving that Kimbrell, Himebaugh and Petersen brought to the classroom, part of that resulted from the courage of my family and my boyfriend to stand back and give me room to travel this far. Why they do that, why they love me that much when I have not sometimes reciprocated as I wanted and they wanted, I don't know. I only know when I told my boyfriend what my grades were while we were drinking coffee in the kitchen, he took my hands in his, and he wept. Sometimes, the grapes are so bitter. Sometimes the wine is so fine.

I sincerely wish all of you at MTSU a good semester. ■

Drunk driver discovers Santa doesn't visit Cell Block A

Forefront

BRENT ANDREWS



Christmas. A time for family. A time for that much-needed break from the rigors of higher education, from the quick meals grabbed from the grill and eaten on the run.

For some, this is probably an apt description of the Christmas holiday which has come to such an abrupt end. It definitely fits my past breaks which, in the end, are always hazy in my memory and before long become quite lost in some dusty corner of my mind.

This Christmas, though, has been very different. It will stay with me if I live to be 300. This Christmas I sang my carols in jail.

My story begins in June of 1993, in the warmth of summer.

A combination of events found me quite intoxicated behind the wheel of my trusted auto, driving on campus as the scattered remains of a 12-pack musically jingled in the passenger side floorboard, and the money

for my next 12 beers sat waiting in the console. The money never made it to the store, and neither did I.

I was stopped by the campus cops and arrested for drunk driving. The arresting officers were nice enough, but they can only give us so much slack. If I had passed any of the numerous tests they gave me, I probably would have been given a break, but I failed them all.

After a short, friendly visit with the policemen at the campus security office, I spent a long three hours at the county jail, in their drunk tank, which would have easily won a contest for being the coldest place in America at the time.

It was almost dawn when my fiancée bailed me out with the help of some much-appreciated friends. I left the jail with two bonus prizes: an August court date and a long, painful story to tell my parents.

My court date came and went. I worked out a very expensive deal with the District Attorney. I learned a lot about the court system in the process, but as an educational experience I wouldn't recommend it. A trip to

the library would probably be less costly, if not quite as vivid.

The expensive deal wasn't really a deal at all, or at least it didn't seem like one to me. It bought me 15 days at the county workhouse, and a \$500 fine to go

"This Christmas, though, was different. It will stay with me if I live to be 300. This Christmas I sang my carols in jail."

along with it.

As the end of the semester drew near, I found myself experiencing mixed emotions. One part of me looked forward to the jail time. As a writer almost any experience I have, whether bad or good, boosts the amount of material with which I have to work. A really bad experience like going to jail had a lot of potential. Good experiences, like good Christmases, just don't stand out as much as the bad ones.

Another part of me dreaded jail. I had images of huge, angry convicts finding interesting things to do with a cute little college boy like myself. I didn't exactly fear for my life, but there are other things to be afraid for. I had absolutely no idea what to expect.

The day came at last. On Dec.

19 I found myself filling out paperwork at the county workhouse, after which I was asked to remove my clothes.

I was given a spray bottle of clear liquid and told that it was for lice, and the attending guard did

more than suggest that I spray myself with it; he demanded it. There was no arguing to be done, so I reluctantly sprayed a few squirts into my hair.

For the first time in years, someone told me to do something that I didn't want to do and I had to do it. It was the beginning of a long two weeks. Two long, humbling weeks.

The first week went by quickly. I read, slept, ate, and wrote more than I had in a long time. Being in jail felt like a vacation most of the time, but there were those times when I thought that time would never pass.

Though I was at the workhouse, I was never asked to do any work. I think the opportunity was there, but not

one guard even suggested that I do as much as sweep the floor. Most of the time I just stayed in bed.

Christmas day came with very little fanfare, and our schedule didn't change in any way. The only reminders that it was Christmas were a small, undecorated tree in one corner of a hallway, and a morbidly cheerful sign which read "Merry Christmas" hanging above the caged window from which we were served our meals. A carol could occasionally be heard from one of the inmates, but overall morale was low in Cell Block A.

The huge, angry convicts I expected never appeared, much to my relief. There were some who weren't very nice, but what can you expect from a person who lives day in and day out in a cage? Most, though, were tolerant, and many were friendly.

I suppose I could have found a fight had I been looking for one, but I was not, and I didn't feel unsafe at any time during my stay. In fact, I found out something that most people probably don't know.

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Bobbitt

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gainfully employed and even supported her husband financially throughout his bouts of unemployment. Most importantly, she did not mutilate her husband in self-defense.

Lorena Bobbitt severed her husband's penis while he was sleeping. He was not beating or raping her. He was not even conscious of her presence.

Also, keep in mind, malicious wounding is not an act of self-defense; manslaughter-

ter is. Lorena Bobbitt did not attempt to kill her husband; she attempted to maim him.

It is appalling to witness the spectacle of Lorena Bobbitt's trial. The victim of the crime is victimized again by anti-male activists who delight in the persecution of any man, in any form, for any reason.

This trial is not about spousal abuse. This trial is not about women's rights. This trial is about malicious wounding. Malicious wounding is a crime. Lorena Bobbitt committed a crime. She is a criminal.■

Skate

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acquaintances go on television and talk about what a bad person she is. That's speculation and hearsay. That's not journalism.

This "reporter" used Harding's former agent as a primary source. In the story, the agent revealed such juicy details as: "She would be more at home in a pool hall than on an ice rink."

Sterling prose, yes, but is it news?

Journalists are always wrestling with the ethical question of how deep are you allowed to delve into someone's personal life before you're violating their rights.

Harding is a public figure. So far she has not even been accused

of wrongdoing by anyone who has corroborating evidence. Until then the tabloids need to stick to Michael Jackson and the Bobbitts. The legitimate press needs to worry about the criminal end of the investigation.

When this case finally gets to the courtroom and all the attorneys get through blaming the press for trying their clients in the media, all the tabloids dig up all the dirt and all of Harding's classmates and colleagues get their stories sold to cheesy TV executives, perhaps the truth will come out.

If Harding is innocent she has my sympathy and regrets.

If she's connected to the attack in any way, God help her.■

Workhouse

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Most of the people in jail are normal people. Of course, you have the occasional baby killer and there's always the guy that can't seem to stop holding up convenience stores, but most are like you and me, people who are trying to get through life with as few scars as possible and as much success as can be attained.

I met several people who I would trust as far as I would trust people I know who are not in jail. Most of the people there were no more violent than I am, though many have not had the same opportunities.

Christmas. Not a good time to be behind bars. But then, I don't think anytime would be a good time to be told

what to do 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Even if I do live past 300, and I forget what it was like to wish like hell that I could see the sun on Christmas Day, or walk in fresh air, I won't forget what it was that got me into this mess. Drinking and driving. I guess I'm lucky; it could have been a lot worse. At least I didn't kill anyone.

Is there a moral to this story? Not really. There's only a warning in the form of my experience. Take it for what it's worth to you personally. If you don't drink and drive, great, keep it up. But if you do, now you know what happens when you get caught.■

Andrews is an English major.

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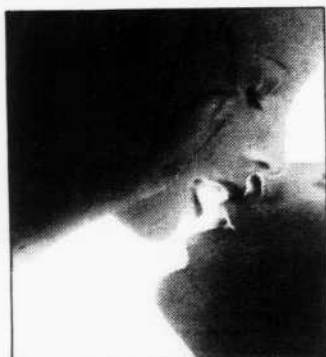
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Features

A buncha mugs hang out there

Java Café opens in Murfreesboro

James R. McCulloch
Special to Sidelines

If you want to hang out, socialize, and be cool in the bargain, these are the places to be—small, dimly lit rooms where the mood is relaxed, the conversation isn't shouted over

booming rock n' roll, and the caffeine buzz practically courses through the air like an electrical current. They're called coffeehouses, and today's slackers are bum-rushing them with all the fervor that yesterday's beatniks once did.

Many among the young and the

hip of Murfreesboro know this well and have been clamoring for such a place in town for quite a while.

Finally, salvation of sorts has come to local poets, philosophers and other assorted insomniacs, in the form of Java Cafe, the 'Boro's latest attempt at culture.

Located on Greenland Drive, Java Cafe is appropriately situated in the upper half of a quaint little log building, next to the durable You Name It Greek store.

Inside is somewhat akin to a cozy attic loft. Roughly half a dozen tables fill a small, dimly-lit dining area. The sound of Paul Simon wafts softly from hidden speakers. A table placed strategically near the entrance holds chess pieces, checkers and decks of cards.

Soft-spoken co-owner Linda Rosser greets new customers warmly and takes orders. On the menu are coffees, espressos and cappuccinos of various flavors, as well as teas, sodas, juices, and bottled waters. Brownies, cheesecake, and donuts are also offered for the sweet tooth, as well as sandwiches for those seeking something a little more substantial.

Prices for coffee start at about 95 cents, and go up from there. You can get it cheaper, but where else can you feel quite as cool drinking it?

Rosser describes this new business venture as a labor of love.

"My husband has sold coffee for a living," she says. "I love coffee and I love good conversation."

Java Cafe certainly has plenty of coffee, and if you can't find the conversation, Rosser is more than willing to oblige.

A former radiologic technologist, she and her husband opened their coffee house just after Christmas.

"We went straight from construction to opening," she says.

"We've had very little sleep." Seems appropriate, somehow.

"We've recognized the need for a coffee house in Murfreesboro and have wanted to start something like this for a while," Rosser says.

Rosser and husband Terry currently employ four part-time staffers at Java Cafe, and Rosser says they hope to need more workers soon.

"We open at 7 a.m.," Rosser says. "Business has been pretty slow so far, and we haven't set any closing hours yet. If somebody's here at night, we'll stay until they're gone."

You'll find hospitality at Java Cafe, but one thing you won't find is alcohol. The Rossers don't plan to pursue a license to sell beer.

"There are already enough taverns around here," Rosser says. "We really don't want to get into that."

On this particular evening, two long-haired young men sit at a table with two bohemian young women. They sip drinks and quietly discuss what one assumes are socially pressing issues of the day.

At another table, a collegiate couple is immersed in a game of checkers. They don't talk.

Over in another corner, a gray-haired woman plays a game of cards with a young boy. The boy asks the woman an inaudible question, to which she brusquely replies, "No, don't know anything about playin' chess ... don't care anything about learnin'."

"These walls are crooked," another young woman cryptically remarks from a nearby table.

Overhead a strange scratching sound is heard. Nothing overhead but the ceiling.

"We have squirrels constantly running around over the roof and playing in the trees outside," Rosser explains, smiling. Nice effect.



...JEAN-LUC! Richard Driskill, Lori McClure and Jeff Carlton muse and discuss over a cuppa' at Java Cafe. What was that waiter's name?

Photos by Don Goins



REGULAR OR DECAF? Java Cafe owner Linda Rosser makes cappuccino from a House Blend of fresh Arabica Beans for waiting customers.

Although the *modus operandi* is very modern and businesslike (stainless steel coffee machines and soda fountains, no antique fluted brass espresso machines here), the overall atmosphere is enough to allow the imaginative individual to project himself out of Murfreesboro and into places like Seattle or Greenwich Village.

Like many coffee houses, Java Cafe provides literature for the customers; it is rather sparse at the moment, consisting of the most recent editions of *The Tennessean*, *USA Today*, and *The Nashville Scene*. Perhaps in the future, donations of books or magazine subscriptions will be made by appreciative customers.

A little later, employee Robert Stanton finds things slow in the kitchen and brings out his acoustic guitar to quietly serenade customers with strains of "You Are My Sunshine," "Me and Bobby McGhee" and "Happiness is a Warm Gun."

Stanton, a young man who credits his talent and success to his mother, studies advertising at MTSU, and drives a bus in addition to working at Java Cafe. "I'm really excited about the place," Stanton says. "This town has really needed a place where people can hang out and read and talk and just be artsy!"

Plans for the cafe in the near future include holding art exhibitions, poetry readings and acoustic musical performances.

Popular legend holds that Jack Kerouac wrote his landmark Beat generation novel, *On The Road*, in a manic 72-hour reverie fueled by benzedrine and coffee. While it's doubtful that Kerouac ever frequented places like this, Java Cafe will certainly appeal to today's intellectual and cultural crowd, and to anyone who just wants a quiet place to relax with a warm cup. ■

New albums: One's pathetic, one isn't

The latest from:
Shootyz Groove
Digital Underground

Jason T. Sparks
Features Editor

It's a bit disappointing when an album by a new group has nothing to offer, and an album by a more established crew—a crew that's been around for about as long as it takes to get boring—releases an album that is inventive and full of mightiness (to a barely responsive public and media). But such is life.

Shootyz Groove, *Respect* (Mercury): First, you look at the album cover, a bizarre tribal-tattoo design ready for reprinting on a bumper sticker (like Soundgarden or Biohazard). The back lists the songs, in scrawled white lettering on a black background (because, of course, we won't remember that the Beastie Boys did it on *Check Your Head*. Will we?). This should be the first clue that the band still needs to either get some direction or dump their marketing director on the side of the Jersey Turnpike.

And then you get to the songs. The first track is called "Buddha Blessed," the chorus of which is this: "I'm Buddha Blessed, y'all/I'm Buddha

Blessed, y'all/I'm Buddha Buddha Buddha Buddha Buddha Blessed, y'all." You try to convince yourself that this is a parody, that Michael McKean and Christopher Guest are involved. Regrettably, no. They leap right

on to offer the lyric "I'm like Barry Manilow, I make the whole world sing." (Then again, lyrics of that calibre aren't anything MCA or Mike D. can't do with their eyes closed.)

Two more songs, "Soulfreak"

and Biohazard's "Slam," there is a feeling that someone's seconds away from getting hurt. But Shootyz Groove offers none of that. They just feel like yet another band. The damnable thing is, there will be a million more Shootyz

"Return of the Crazy One." "In case ya missed me, I was hidin' in the cut/ wreckin' big butts/ and scratching my... knees/ 'coz my homegirl's cat's got fleas!" he merrily states, and you can tell it's going to be another motherlode of funk. The usual DU themes remain unchanged—funk, sex and any combination thereof.

Their funk is deeper than ever on this one, with guest appearances by former Parliament/Funkadelic staffers Michael Hampton and Gary "Mudbone" Cooper (not the actor, but wouldn't it be neat if it was?). Highlights include the Arrested Development parody on "Brand Nu Swetta," the self-love trilogy "Jerkit Circus," and the CD bonus tracks "Wheee!" and "The Humpty Dance Awards," an homage to the myriad of bands who have sampled DU songs. Even the packaging of the album is mighty, complete with a "Dance Awards" ballot and mini-comic by the band's resident artist, Liz Racker. To be honest, the album is more for the faithful fans, who stayed with them even when they appeared in "Nothing But Trouble," but it's as good a place to start as any. Buy into the DU thang. Free your mind, etc. etc.■



SHOOTYZ GROOVE

into the next number, "The Craze," the album's potential single (in other words, their most repetitive song). Again, the chorus seems an astounding rain of mellifluous prose: "The craze, the craze/ya know we got the craze/ the craze, the craze/ ay-yo we got the craze!" By now of course you can see all the kiddies in their toboggans and baggy trousers, witlessly moshing. Track three, "It's a Buddhafull Day," offers about ten seconds of hope. The song begins with a clever play on the Mr. Rogers theme, and goes

and "Rockin' in the Wilderness," round out this exercise in bad planning. They don't even have anything glaringly bad enough in them to be memorable. What they have is *Respect's* main problem: overtly comfortable music. The guitar seems barely distorted, the bass is that sad style of plucking so many mistakenly consider funk, and the drumming isn't even noticeable. Shouldn't the percussion stand out on a rap album? Maybe it's just me. The success of fusing rock and rap lies in how terrifying it is; with Onyx

Grooves to sift through before something really works.■

Digital Underground, *The Body-Hat Syndrome* (Tommy Boy)

And while America slept, DU came back for album number four. Did you know, or did you stop caring after "The Humpty Dance?" Not that "Dance" isn't well within the Pantheon of Immortal Singles, but there's a whole hell of a lot more to the group. Nonetheless, it is Hump himself who begins the album with a delicious number called,

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Sports

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Doubles duo notches big victory

Goebel, Niemeyer top No. 1 ranked team

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

On a good day, any David can slay Goliath.

Make it two days in a row and people are really going to start noticing. Just this past weekend the doubles pair of Paul Goebel and Frederic Niemeyer slew their opponents at the O'Charley's Invitational in Knoxville.

The MTSU duo defeated nationally top ranked Paul Rosner and Vaughn Snyman of the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

"That was a big victory for Paul and Frederic," admitted tennis Head Coach Dale Short. "That was probably the biggest individual accomplishment of any team we've ever had."

"We played South Alabama the next day and people

"It's very early yet. We could go from being a ranked team to unranked if we don't keep things in perspective."

- Dale Short, head tennis coach

wondered if it was a fluke that we won. Their top doubles team was nationally ranked and we beat them. I think we proved it wasn't a fluke."

And while there is reason to celebrate, because his team may propel into the national ranking picture, Short wants his troops to keep things in perspective as well.

"It's very early yet," he admitted with this tournament being the first his team has participated in this year. "We could go from being a ranked team to unranked if we don't keep things in perspective."

And there's still some kinks to work out too.

Even though the team did seemingly well, some performances were a tad off. Some MTSU players were battling injuries as well as the opposition, others didn't quite

live up to expectations.

"We've got a lot of work ahead of us to be where we need to be," Short said. "The individual aspect is very impressive but we've got to work on the team aspect. Tennis is like track; you've got to compete as a team."

"We've got talent but it's a matter of getting the right work ethic and the right attitude."

In addition to the victories of Niemeyer and Goebel, other Raiders enjoyed fruitful success over the weekend. In the UAB match, Shane Scrutton downed the 29th ranked player and Goebel defeated the 28th in singles play. Niemeyer and newcomer Anthony Deluise also claimed impressive singles victories.

"Like I said, we've got a lot of work ahead of us, but we're really excited. We've got a big time schedule ahead of us and the OVC is going to be really competitive."

The Raiders' next competition will take place on Feb. 12, when they play both Miami and Vanderbilt in Nashville. Lady Raider action cranks up, for the first time this year, on Feb. 11 when they travel to West Florida. ■

Tigers tale doesn't read MTSU's way

Blue Raiders fall 66-56 in Murphy

Travis Millsaps
Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee State University's men's basketball team had two problems Wednesday night against Tennessee State University: cold shooting and a hot Carlos Rogers. Together they added up to a 66-56 TSU victory.

MTSU shot just 22 percent in the first half and Rogers grabbed 12 first half rebound to help the Tigers jump out to an early lead on the way to a 26-18 half time lead.

The second half saw the Raiders come out shooting better. However, TSU was equal to the task and even gained ground. After a double technical foul against Brent Secrest of MTSU and Rogers, the Tigers built a 15 point lead with 12:35 left in the game.

However, the Raiders did not die. MTSU worked its way back into the contest in the second half and with 2:15 left trailed by only five points.

However some big buckets by Monty Wilson of TSU and the Raiders scoring only two points in the last two minutes eventually led to the defeat.

"We played reasonable well in this game," said Blue Raider head coach David Farrar, "we forced them into more turnovers, we played hard enough and we played smart enough. But when it came down to difficult times, they made some big buckets and we did not."

"The biggest (key) to victory," continued Farrar, "is still your ability to make field goals and field goal percentage."

Milton Dean was once again the big scorer for the Raiders. He tossed in 18 points. Tim Gaither added 14 points. Bobby Clark, who had the task most of the night of staying with last years OVC Player of the Year in Rogers, added seven points and eight rebounds.

TSU was led by Rogers who finished the game with 19 rebounds and also 19 points. Wilson added 15 and Tim Horton tossed in 12.

The problem with Rogers, according to Farrar was his ability to maneuver inside. "We tried to guard him front behind and push him off the low post," said Farrar. "However, he was allowed in this game to take the ball, duck his head and take back the slack. We had a lot of problems with that."

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Coley Jackson, Staff

REJECTION: Tennessee State All-American candidate Carlos Rogers rejects Bobby Clark's shot. Rogers finished the night with three blocks, 19 points and 19 rebounds. Clark netted seven.

Lady R's falter in bid for first

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

With both Tennessee State and Middle Tennessee being undefeated in league action, Wednesday night's game was a battle for first place in the OVC. However, the Lady Raiders didn't play anything like champions, falling 68-59.

"This is two straight years that we've shot ourselves in the foot with them," said MTSU mentor Lewis Bivens, referring to a seasonal loss to the same TSU squad in Murphy Center last year. "I didn't think we played as hard as they did and we certainly didn't execute as well."

The battle seemed to tilt in MTSU's direction early in the contest with Middle jumping out to a 10-2 lead with solid inside play. Then TSU made an adjustment that changed the tune for the entire evening - it focused on the inside. Usually, MTSU's guards have a field day when such occurs, but not Wednesday.

MTSU hit a dismal 33 percent in the opening half and missed five of nine free throw attempts, allowing TSU to tie the game at 26 at the half.

Things didn't get better. State standout Carolyn Aldridge, a former MTSU signee, knocked down three quick 3-pointers that

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Baseball camp, card show slated for Sat.

Staff Reports

MTSU head baseball coach Steve Peterson has announced that the Blue Raider Show-Me Winter Baseball Camp and Baseball Card / NASCAR Memorabilia Show will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the Murphy Athletic center on campus.

The Show-Me Camp, slated to run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. will feature instruction and demonstrations from current MTSU baseball team members

and a number of former Blue Raider players who are currently active in professional baseball.

The former MTSU stars will include Jay Hawk Owens of the Colorado Rockies, Ed Pye of the Los Angeles Dodgers organization, Dwight Robinson of the New York Mets organization and Jason Maxwell of the Chicago Cubs organization.

The Show-Me Camp is designed for youngsters from the age of 7 years up to those in their junior year of high school. Cost for

pre-registration is \$40 per camper and \$10 per parent or coach. Coast at the door on the day of the camp is \$45 and \$15, respectively. The cost includes instruction, a T-shirt, insurance and lunch.

The Baseball Card / NASCAR Memorabilia Show will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the concourse level of Murphy Center. Admission is \$1 and Jay Owens will be signing autographs.

For more information call the MTSU baseball office at 898-2926. ■

Ladies

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eased TSU out in front. From there her teammates, and a steady defense, took charge.

"She (Aldridge) was on at the start of the second half but other than that, it was the other kids that beat us," admitted Bivens. "They went and got some big offensive rebounds and they made that 10 to 12 footer all night."

Heather Prater's trey with 10:04 gave Middle a 48-47 lead, but that was the last time MTSU would see itself ahead. Over the next seven minutes, the Lady Raiders netted one field goal, and some crucial turnovers down the stretch sealed the Ladies' doom.

TSU shot 58 percent in the second half, and although Middle

hit 41 percent in the half, a 10 percent shooting dip from 3-point range (2 of 19) on the night loomed large.

"You're just not going to win a lot of games that way," Bivens said. "The people that have been getting it done just didn't get it done."

Sherry Tucker led Middle with 15 points while Priscilla Robinson and Prater each netted 12. Robinson also collected a game high 11 rebounds.

TSU improved to 9-4, but more importantly, took sole possession of first place in the OVC with their record unblemished at 4-0. The loss left MTSU with a 12-2 record, 4-1 in OVC action as they head into a crucial road trip to 'Death Valley,'

which includes a Saturday afternoon game at Eastern Kentucky and a Monday night contest in Morehead.

The Lady Raiders will also be without a starter on the road trip. Freshman Jessica Beaty will undergo surgery to clean out her knee on Friday. Beaty, who missed the first six games after having knee surgery earlier this year, has been starting in place of Michelle Jackson, who is out for the season after blowing out her knee.

"She could be out two weeks, and she could be out for the season. We don't really know," said Bivens.

And as for the roadtrip?

"We've just got to go and see what we're made of." ■



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DESPERATION DUECE: Heather Prater puts in a lay-up as time winds down in the Lady Raiders loss to TSU Wednesday night.

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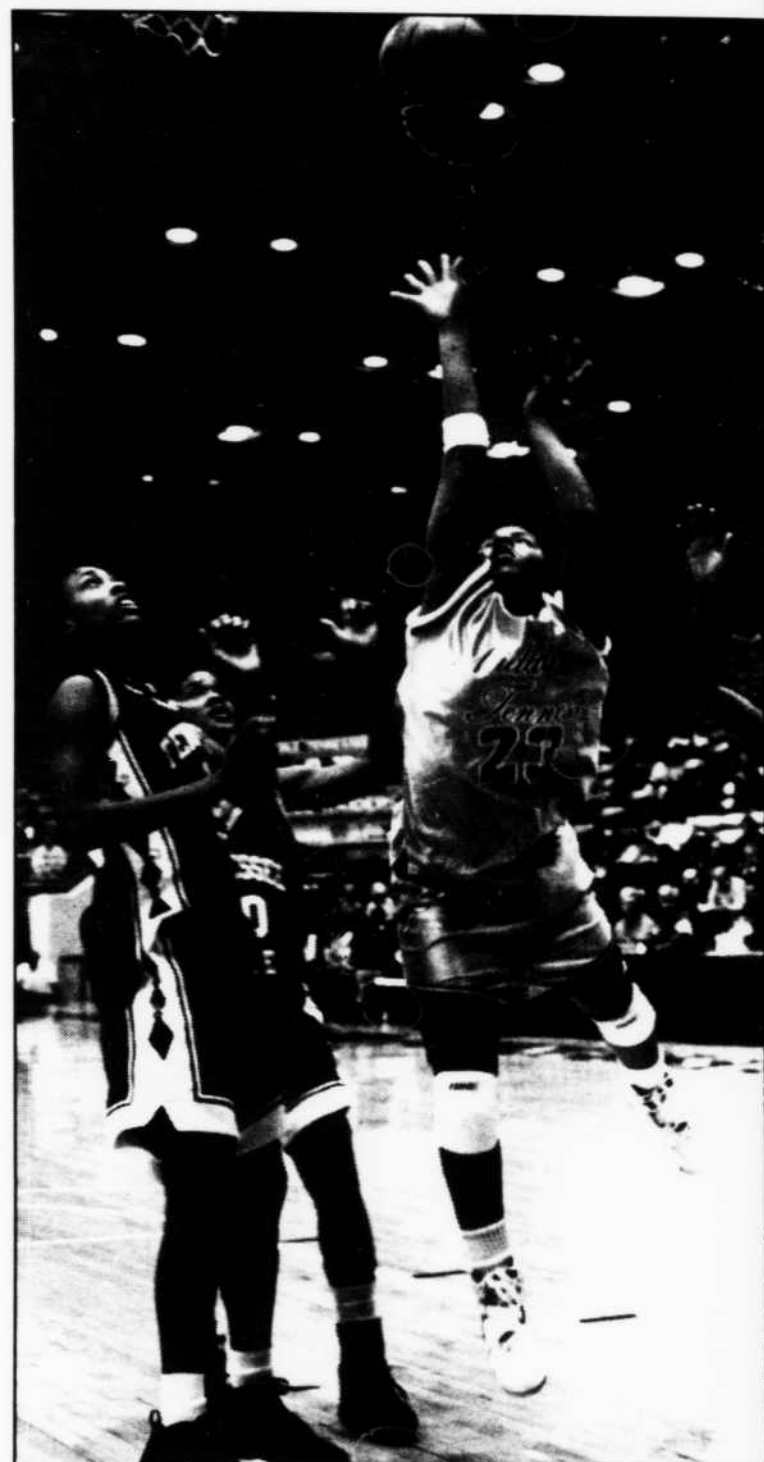
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Coley Jackson, sta

THOMAS FOR TWO: Trella Thomas lofts a shot in Wednesday night's action.

Raiders

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MTSU ended up just shooting 35 percent for the game and only 20 percent from beyond the 3-point line. TSU shot 43 percent from the field for the game.

With the loss the Raiders now fall to 4-11 overall and 1-4 in the OVC. TSU improved its record to 6-7 overall and 2-1 in the OVC.

MTSU must now make the "Death Valley" road trip.

They travel to Eastern Kentucky on Saturday afternoon before venturing to Morehead State on Monday.

"We are going to have to regroup," said Dean. "I think it will be a challenge for us to see how we bounce back after these losses. If we go in with a good attitude and play hard, we'll come out with a win."

The Raiders do not return home again until January 29 when they host Tennessee Tech.

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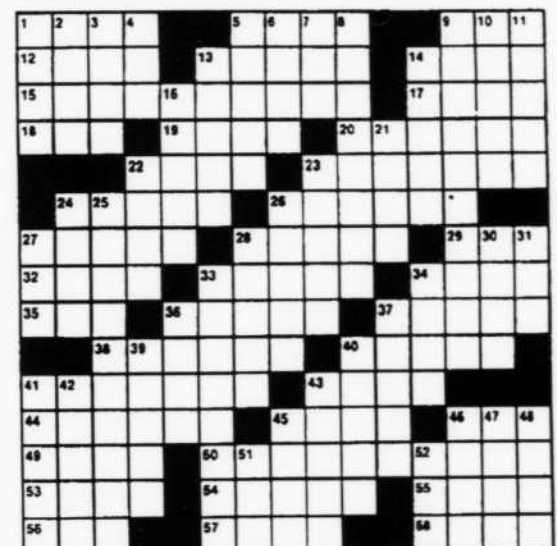
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18 "Ben—"
19 Yeltsin's land: abbr.
20 Fee
22 Delivered
23 Break into pieces
24 Meager
26 Uses a razor
27 Obese
28 Backbone
29 Certain actor
32 Newman or Lynde
33 Indicate
34 Office need
35 Schedule abbr.
36 Speak
37 Above: pref.
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40 Steed
41 Knaves, old style
43 Unruffled
44 Kay Thompson heroine
45 Ago
46 Oolong
49 Cross
50 Open areas
53 Capitol's roof
54 Wearies
55 Food regimen
56 Suppositions
57 Coaster
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Students brave cold to jog naked in Northeastern college ritual

College Press Service

More than 300 male and female students stripped naked and sprinted through 25-degree weather at Princeton University in New Jersey to celebrate the first snowfall of winter, an annual frolic that has earned the disfavor of the administration.

However, that didn't dampen the spirits of runners who skidded around the icy grounds Jan. 4 while clothed spectators cheered and the strains of "Chariots of Fire" wafted from a dormitory window. Joggers in the Nude Olympics took some precautions from the cold, however. They wore shoes, socks, hats and gloves, and one donned a football helmet.

Not all was fun and games, though. Two students were taken to a nearby hospital, one for treatment of extreme intoxication and the other for lacerations of the back and legs. A third student was treated for an ankle injury at the school infirmary.

The nude run has caused some trouble in the past, and university officials have tried to discourage the practice.

"It was a lark 10 or 20 years ago, but it's turned into a huge event, said Jacquelyn Savani, a university spokeswoman. "It has lost its innocence and spontaneity."

Many of the students drink heavily before the run to loosen inhibitions and make the cold seem more bearable, she said. That also leads to dangerous behavior when judgment becomes impaired. Two years ago, two young women were found passed out and naked in the cold after they drank too much. That same year, about two dozen male students dashed through a restaurant, frightening patrons and smashing a large plate-glass window. Local police

videotaped the incident, and the young men were later prosecuted.

Last year, a group of naked men pranced through a convenience store and "intimidated" customers. One student was later prosecuted on a shoplifting charge, Savani said.

Meanwhile, a group of about 15 University of Pennsylvania women decided to carry on a campus tradition last December by jogging nude through the school's quadrangle in Philadelphia, *The Daily Pennsylvanian* reported.

The newspaper, which ran a photograph of the women's backsides, said it was the second annual female streak at the school.

As a group of five or so men gathered to witness the 7 a.m. event, the streakers nearly suffered a pre-run panic.

"There are guys over there!," said one.

"Oh we'll run anyway," another answered.

Rev. George Whitefield and ran screaming around the courtyard. A streaker who was a veteran of the first female streak in 1992 said the event was "a reminder not to take life too seriously."

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," she said. "It's exhilarating."

Another male onlooker, who said he was required to attend the event as part of his fraternity initiation, said he respected the women's boldness.

"All the women have my highest admiration," he said. "What they did was pretty amazing."

One male student walked across the courtyard about 10 minutes after the streak said he had no idea what had just happened.

"Get out of here! They were naked?," he asked in disbelief. "Oh man, I missed it."■



Brian Miller, Staff

DEAL ME IN: Don Scott, Ron Baily, John Thomas and Bill Park pass time playing cards in Smith Hall lobby during an extremely long weekend for MTSU.

Florida tourism officials predicting strong spring break despite recent violence there

College Press Service

Tourism officials in Florida say that college students are expected to again flood the state for this year's spring break despite the murders of nine foreign tourists last year.

The tourist killings, which occurred across the state from an interstate rest stop in the rural Panhandle to hundreds of miles away in Miami, caused many European tourists to think twice before traveling to the Sunshine State.

That apparently isn't the case for college students, at least in the eyes of state tourism officials.

"It won't have any bearing whatsoever. Young people think they are indestructible," said Suzanne Heddy, vice president of special events and tourism for the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce. "Spring break is such a phenomenon that it (crime) supersedes any type of consideration about not going."

She said most college students usually travel in groups of friends and "will not be in the same type of situations that would put them in jeopardy."

Last year officials estimate that Daytona Beach attracted about 200,000 students during the three-week spring break period in March and April, and Heddy said she expects about the same number to show up this year.

John Evans, with the Florida Tourism Association, said he thinks that college students face the same amount of danger in Florida as they do on their campuses, so crime in the state shouldn't be a factor in whether or not they will visit.

"College people are pretty sharp people," he said. "I think they are aware that they're in no great danger in Florida than where their campuses are located. I doubt seriously what we've gone through will affect spring break, unless there is another attack on a

visitor."

"I don't think they're going to be getting in areas where they will be in danger," Evans said. "They're in more danger of a pretty severe sunburn or hangover than being mugged."

In April 1993 Roper College Track surveyed 1,200 full-time undergraduate students, and 32 percent of the respondents said they had taken a vacation during spring break, with 29 percent traveling in the United States. Of those students who stayed in the country, Florida was the number one destination, Himmelfarb said.

He said lack of money, and not crime, could keep students away this year. But he didn't downplay Florida's crime.

"There are a number of serious issues and concerns about Florida," he said. "If someone were to say to themselves, 'Should I go or not go?' this situation with crime could be the situation not to come."■

Harding's ex-husband arraigned on conspiracy charges in Portland

Steve Wilstein
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Tonya Harding's ex-husband surrendered Wednesday after being charged with conspiring to attack rival figure skater Nancy Kerrigan. Harding remained under investigation, with her bodyguard tying her to the alleged conspiracy.

Jeff Gillooly was arraigned along with the alleged hit man, Shane Minoaka Stant. Harding said she and Gillooly had nothing to do with the attack.

Harding's bodyguard,

Shawn Eckardt, told a sheriff's deputy that Harding made two telephone calls to find out Kerrigan's practice schedule at a skating rink near Boston and later devised an alibi to explain the calls.

The deputy's affidavit said the attack was supposed to take place in Massachusetts but could not be carried out until Jan. 6 at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit.

"Tonya categorically denies those allegations," said Harding's attorney, Dennis Rawlinson.

According to the affidavit, Eckardt said Gillooly told him

Harding "was concerned about having made these phone calls and had stated that in the event she was ever questioned about them, she would say she had made those calls in an effort to get Kerrigan to sign a poster for a fan of Harding's."

Gillooly and Harding, 23, divorced last August but lived together since September until Harding announced Tuesday that she was separating from him again. The announcement came during Harding's 10-hour interview with authorities and shortly after a Multnomah County Circuit Court judge signed the

warrant for Gillooly's arrest.

U.S. Olympic officials said Harding could be dropped from the team going to the Winter Games in Norway next month if she is involved in the Kerrigan attack.

"We are still in a wait-and-see position," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said after Gillooly's arrest.

Harding, the U.S. figure skating champion, remains under investigation, assistant district attorney John Bradley said.

Gillooly, who has denied involvement, was released after posting 10 percent of his \$20,000

bail. Stant remained in custody in lieu of \$20,000 bail.

Kerrigan, 24, was smashed on the right leg because it is her landing leg for jumps, Eckardt told authorities, according to the affidavit from Multnomah County deputy sheriff James McNelly.

Practicing at an ice arena in Stoneham, Mass., on Wednesday, Kerrigan jumped for the first time since the attack.

Her coaches had not expected her to jump until the end of the week at the earliest.

The Olympics begin Feb. 12 in Lillehammer, Norway.■