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Murphy dies after illness

Staff Reports

Former player, coach and athletic director Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy passed away Sunday afternoon after an extended illness.

Murphy earned a letter in football, basketball, baseball and tennis as an MTSU athlete in the mid 1930s. He earned 69 points in a single game as a tailback in the 1936-37 season.

He led the 1936 basketball team with 106 points. He was MTSU's first Little All-American representative.

As a professional athlete, he was in the 1939 lineup of Jersey City International League team, an

AAA baseball club of the New York Giants.

After a stint in the Navy, Murphy returned to his alma mater. He took over as head football coach and athletic director in 1947.

He dropped his title as head football coach in 1969 and remained athletic director until his retirement in June 1981.

MTSU attended four bowl games during Murphy's coaching tenure — the 1956 squad attended the Refrigerator Bowl, the 1959 and 1961 teams played in the Tangerine Bowl and the 1964 team became the first champion of the Grantland Rice Bowl for the NCAA Mideast College Division Football Championship.

He was named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of

the Year in 1965 by fellow OVC coaches. He also was a finalist for national Coach of the Year.

During Murphy's OVC seasons, his record was 73-26-2.

During his 22 seasons as coach, he posted an overall record of 155-63-8.

In 1972, Murphy's name was given to the \$6.5 million Murphy Center. He was named to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the MTSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1976.

Visitation for Murphy will be today from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Woodfin Funeral Chapel, 915 N. Tennessee Blvd.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. ■

Lewinsky prepares to testify

Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican senators on Sunday said some of their colleagues may vote against removing President Clinton from office. House prosecutors, meanwhile, prepared to question Monica Lewinsky in a last-ditch effort to strengthen their case.

As Lewinsky waited at the Mayflower Hotel for her deposition Monday, cracks appeared in the unified Republican front on the perjury and obstruction charges against Clinton.

"The sense right now in just listening to members talk is that there are Republicans who either are not going to vote for perjury or the obstruction of justice" charge, Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., said in a telephone interview.

Hutchinson declined to estimate how many might vote to acquit, but he indicated that getting even 50 votes for conviction in a chamber controlled by 55 Republican senators is in doubt.

"You would get much closer to getting a majority in the obstruction (charge) than on the perjury charge" and the case now stands, he said.

House prosecutors have shifted their focus to the obstruction charge on the assumption that even among Republicans who believe that Clinton lied under oath, there is questionable support for the notion that the untruths were serious enough to warrant the president's removal, according to a knowledgeable official who demanded anonymity.

To that end, two of the three witnesses prosecutors will question this week — presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal — go to the obstruction question, rather than the perjury charge.

And sources close to the committee have said that Rep. Ed Bryant of Tennessee, who will question Ms. Lewinsky, wants to elicit information on Clinton's efforts to conceal their affair from Paula Jones' lawyers and Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's grand jury.

But even as senators widely believe they don't have the 67 votes needed to remove him from office, Clinton's battles are far from over.

Starr is considering seeking the president's indictment before Clinton's term expires. A legal source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sunday that Starr's view "for some time" has been that a sitting president is indictable.

Bipartisanship showed a glimmer of life again as the White House and senators of both parties expressed dismay at a report about Starr's thinking in The New York Times.

"There is just no end to what this man is willing to do to continue to pursue the president," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

"I think it's unfortunate because it gets in the way or our focus on what our constitutional obligation is," said Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, on ABC's "This Week."

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SGA senate session leads to three bills

Stacie Odeneal
Staff Reporter

The SGA Senate met Wednesday. In their regularly scheduled meeting, the Senate passed three legislations and tabled a resolution passed Monday by the House.

Senate member Emma May with House Representative Amanda Griffin sponsored a bill to "improve the flailing crosswalk situation" on campus. The Senate passed the bill that creates four new crosswalks in congested areas between the KUC courtyard and the Wood/Felder dorms and between the Recreation Center and the bus stop. The bill also stipulated that 10 crosswalks will be repainted.

Currently, parking services can ticket a car every four hours, giving students up to three tickets per day. A bill sponsored by senators Tru Luong, Josh Pounders, Jeremy Parham and Jake Huckaby with the cooperation of House Representatives Adrian Cawley and Russ Henderson passed, allowing parking services to ticket only every six hours with a daily limit of two tickets.

The Senate also passed a bill concerning those on book scholarships. Currently, those receiving books on scholarship receive used books that are put aside before each semester begins, leaving book buyers fewer used books and forcing students to buy the more expensive new books.

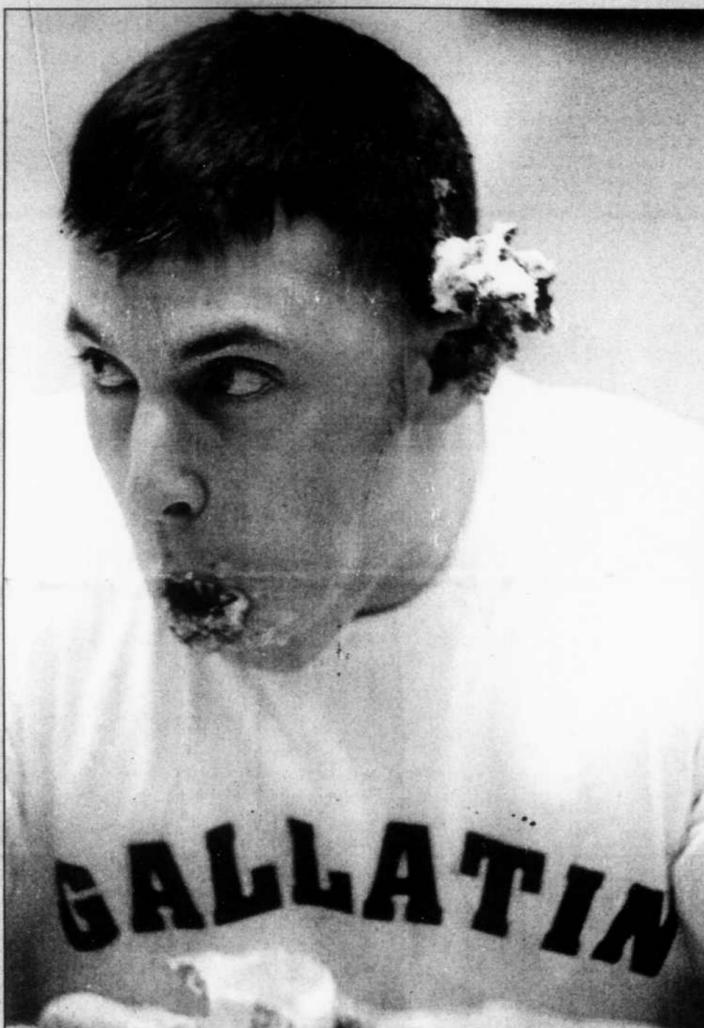
Luong, Pounders, Parham and Huckaby wrote the Senate resolution 03-99S that would require those on book scholarships to receive new books. Adrian Cawley is the House sponsor.

The big event of the evening came when the Senate voted to table House Resolution

Bill 01-99S would donate \$500 to the effort to rebuild Clarksville, Tennessee, in the wake of the F-3 tornado that recently struck.

Many senators felt their questions as to how the money would be spent, as well as how the donation would affect the operating budget of the Student Government, were not suitably answered. Senate speaker Jennifer Sykora hopes to call a special session Wednesday to make appointments, after which the table issue will be discussed and acted upon. ■

Making a mess



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

Russ Drennan participates in an ice cream eating contest during Saturday night's basketball game against Murray State. See page 8 for game coverage.

Task force studies impact of General Studies

Susan McMahan
Staff Reporter

Until the end of the last century, there was no such thing as a major in college. Before this point, all education was general studies education.

Since that time, colleges and universities have focused on specialization, leaving students with more time for major classes and less time for general studies.

A task force appointed by President James Walker in 1996 wants to make the most of that limited general studies time at MTSU, and they are asking students to help recommend improvements.

"This is supposed to be what everyone should know — a broad common knowledge," said

William J. Badley, director of the general studies program and an ex-officio member of the task force.

Badley said the general studies program provides students with a way to adapt to a changing world.

"We break studies down for majors for our own convenience, but that's not the way we encounter the world," he said, adding that research shows many people will have five or six different jobs over the course of their life.

General studies education makes up about one-third of a student's baccalaureate degree. The required courses focus on concepts like thinking, writing, speaking, aesthetics, scientific reasoning, health, ethics and history.

Badley said the task force is not looking to change what classes are taught as part of the general studies program anytime soon, but he would like to see some changes made in the future. Changes in the general studies program could take a long time because almost all areas of the university would have to agree to the changes.

Possible changes in the future include offering students more choices in the history and science departments, and a "capstone course" — which would be an interdisciplinary class taken during the last semester of college that ties together all general studies courses.

"We're making decisions that will affect students for years to

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General Studies qualities

- critical thinking and analysis
- reading and writing skills
- problem-solving skills
- communication skills
- methods of inquiry
- visual communication
- ability to test attitudes, values and ideas
- ability to work successfully in groups to reach a common goal
- use various methods of inquiry to increase knowledge
- dealing with abstraction
- dealing with risk taking
- dealing with feedback
- knowledge of natural sciences
- knowledge of social sciences
- knowledge of humanities and fine arts
- knowledge of mathematics
- understanding the role and function of technology
- participate in society
- contribute to society
- nurture personal well being
- personal and public ethics
- individual creativity
- knowledge of a foreign language
- knowledge of United States history
- knowledge of the Bill of Rights
- issues of free expression
- ability to search, find and retrieve information
- internationalism, how to be a global citizen
- ability to synthesize and to extract information
- to develop thought processes, ideas and conclusions

Any students who want to suggest another quality or comment on one already on the list can e-mail William Badley, director of general studies at wbadley@crank.mtsu.edu or send a message to campus box 78. More information about the general studies program can be obtained from www.mtsu.edu/genstud/.

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Looking Ahead

FEB. 1
Golden Key National Honor Society will have a meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the KUC 312. Those interested may contact Chere Vines at 898-3156. Those interested in applying for membership to the club must submit applications by Feb. 1. Those interested in applications may contact Dean Burke at 898-2750.

Pi Sigma Epsilon will host a new member recruitment meeting at 4:30 p.m. in BAS S126. The Management and Marketing Fraternity is open to all majors. Those interested may contact Dr. Katie Kemp at 898-2346 or Dr. Scott Inks at 898-2436.

Gamma Beta Phi will have a meeting on Feb. 1, 2 at 5 p.m. in KUC 322. Those interested need to contact Chere Vines at 898-3156.

The Art department will host a graphic design exhibit in the KUC cube gallery. The exhibit will run Feb. 3-5. For more information contact Art Department at 898-2455.

FEB. 2
The first Blood Chemistry/PSA/CA125 profiles this semester will be held in Cason-Kennedy Nursing building in room 109. The event lasts from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m. Please e-mail Lawerence@mtsu.edu or call 898-5959 for an appointment.

Spring 1999 African-American Studies Lecture Series will host, "African-American Responses to Changing Paradigms of Ethnic Relations" spoken by Regina Johnson in BUS room S316. The event will last from 3:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m. For more information call 898-2655.

FEB. 3
Future Airport Executive will have a meeting at 5 p.m. in the Suntrust room of BAS. There will be guest speaker from the aviation industry at the meeting.

African-American Leadership: "Living the Legacy" will host the 1999 African-American History Month Unity Luncheon in the Tennessee Room, JUB 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. Admission is \$12 dollar; \$6 for the first 100 MTSU students. For more information call Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

ON GOING
The Fellowship House will host dinner and Bible study every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. located at the Fellowship House on 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. Contact Andrew Lee 893-1787 or Chris Nowlin at 867-7370.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship will host dinner and Bible study Wed at 6:30 p.m. located at the Fellowship House on 615 N. Tennessee Blvd following the study there will be wallyball at 9 p.m. at the Rec Center. For more information call Rich Zeigler at 893-1787 or Andrew Lee at 867-7370.

Raider Victory Fellowship will have weekly meetings and Bible sessions on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew Hall room 719. They will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Cummings Hall lobby and at 8 p.m. at Felder Hall room 208. Contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

Dragon's Guard School of Sword Fighting and Reenactment teaches swordfighting techniques and swordplay. The school meets for practice at 7 p.m. at Middle Tennessee Christian School gymnasium on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information contact Hunter

Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowh@bellsouth.net.

MTSU Fencing Club will have practices every Monday at 8:30 p.m. till 10:30 p.m. in the Aerobics Room located in the Rec Center. The practices are geared to students of all skill levels. Contact Michael "Hunter" Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowh@bellsouth.net.

The Kingwood Heights Church of Christ College Class will host monthly devotions every second Thursday at 6:30. Kingwood Heights Church is located at 115 East MTCS Road. Contact Chuck Mullins at 898-1086 or Alan Welken at 890-0940 for more information.

The Student Pagan Organization will have meetings Monday at 8 p.m. The meetings will take place on the 2nd floor of the KUC in the lounge area. For more information contact John Bryan at 898-3734.

The MTSU women's rugby team will have practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. The practices will be held at the Rec Center or the intramural fields if the weather is permitting. Contact Shannon Bustillos at 867-3592 or e-mail at sib2a@mtsu.edu.

Lambda Organization meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room 319 of the Business Aerospace building. For more information e-mail www.edu/~lambda.

Attention May Graduates! Graduating seniors will need to complete a 10 minute survey at the Graduation Fair that will be held Feb 15-19 in the Alumni Center. The times are as follows: Feb 15, 10-6 p.m./ Feb 16, 10-6 p.m./ Feb 17, 10-6 p.m./ Feb 18, 10-3 p.m./ Feb 19, 10-3 p.m. For more information call Ruth Watson at 898-2854.



NATIONAL NEWS

Two-thirds of Americans oppose Clinton conviction according to poll

WASHINGTON (AP) - Three new polls suggest a majority of Americans haven't changed their minds about impeachment. Even as House prosecutors ready their interviews with Monica Lewinsky, and the Senate ponders how to end President Clinton's trial, weekend surveys by Newsweek, the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post found that nearly two-thirds of Americans don't want the president removed from office. And a majority said they disapprove of the Senate's decision to hear new testimony from Ms. Lewinsky, presidential friend and adviser Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal. Sixty-five percent of those polled by the Los Angeles Times opposed a Senate vote to convict Clinton and remove him from office, against 29 percent who favored his removal. Newsweek, with 65 percent to 28 percent, and The Washington Post, 64 percent to 33 percent, mirrored the findings. Polls have consistently found that roughly six in 10 Americans want Clinton to stay in office despite accusations that he tried to cover up an affair with Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern. Despite the Senate's party-line vote last week to let impeachment prosecutors from the House take new testimony from the three witnesses, the Los Angeles Times said Americans, by a margin of 60 percent to 37 percent, felt that is unnecessary. Newsweek and the Post had similar, if less authoritative, findings of 48 percent to 47 percent, and 52 percent to 47 percent respectively.

High schools struggle with shortage of math, science teachers

NASHVILLE (AP) - The number of unlicensed teachers in Tennessee has skyrocketed because of a severe shortage of high school math, science and foreign languages teachers, officials say. Last year the state issued 701 temporary permits allowing unlicensed teachers in classrooms. In 1993, there were only 160 permits. The number of waivers letting teachers work outside of their fields has remained in the 400-500 range. The problem is most acute in the urban areas of Memphis and Nashville and in rural districts, educators say. It also includes special education teachers at all grade levels. Education experts blame the shortage on today's booming job market, which makes it tough to entice college graduates with math and science majors to accept low-wage teaching jobs. "Do I want to teach and start out at \$23,000 a year or go and work in computers and start at \$35,000 a year?" said David Brooks, a geometry and algebra II teacher in Nashville. Tennessee teaching colleges each year turn out about 110-120 high school math teachers, five physics teachers, 20 chemistry teachers and 25 Spanish teachers. That's not enough graduates in those areas, officials say. At the same time, the demand for the high-level classes has risen sharply since 1994, when the state Board of Education's new high school graduation policy took effect. It requires college-bound students to take an additional year of science, two years of a foreign language and higher levels of math. Another reason for the shortage is that Tennessee teachers are now required to major in the subject they plan to teach. That means future math and science teachers, who could have minored in their subjects, are now having to take the full, demanding course loads of future doctors, engineers and researchers. Before, teaching students could graduate with a broad license to teach any of the sciences, similar to how elementary education graduates now are licensed to teach several grade levels.

VA doctors to deal with pain as with other vital signs

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a first for the Department of Veterans Affairs, the huge health-care provider is launching a systemwide effort next month to reduce pain and suffering for many of its 3.4 million patients. VA doctors and nurses will be instructed to treat pain as a "fifth vital sign," meaning they should assess and record patients' pain just as they would note other health-care basics like blood pressure, pulse, temperature and breathing rate. They are to ask patients to rate their pain on a scale of one to 10, then will consult with the patients about ways to deal with it. "It's really changing how people think," said Dr. Kenneth Kizer, Veterans Affairs undersecretary for health. "We're too often obsessed with the diagnosis and finding what's going on in a molecular, cellular, pharmacological level as opposed to, 'Is the person feeling better?'" It might take two or three years to implement the program at all 1,100 sites where VA delivers health care, he said. The initiative, which evolved from agency efforts to improve care for the dying, also calls for staff training in pain treatment and spending \$3 million to \$5 million on pain-management research.



WORLD NEWS

India, U.S. end talks on nuclear disarmament, will meet again

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Indian and American negotiators ended their eighth round of talks Sunday aimed at persuading India to join a nuclear weapons treaty. No breakthroughs were announced. The two sides promised to meet again before the middle of the year. "We have had a very fruitful, productive and constructive three days of discussion," Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh told journalists in New Delhi after talks with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobo Talbot. The talks began after India set off underground nuclear tests in the deserts of Rajasthan state in May. Neighbor Pakistan then conducted its own tests. The United States and other countries imposed economic and military sanctions on both nations and opened talks to persuade India to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. India refuses to sign the treaty, which bans all nuclear tests, saying it needs a defense against the threat it sees from China and Pakistan. A joint statement issued at the end of the talks said both sides were "satisfied" with the talks, during which they examined "proposals for harmonizing" their views on security.

Iraq rejects U.N. decision to create study panels

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq criticized the U.N. Security Council's decision to create study panels to assess Iraqi disarmament, humanitarian needs and the fate of missing Kuwaitis, saying Sunday that the move was nothing more than "procrastination." The Security Council agreed to form the study panels on Saturday in its first, modest step to break the diplomatic logjam over Iraq. "The work of the three panels on Iraq will take several months, which means nothing but procrastination and maintaining the unjust blockade on Iraq," the Iraqi News Agency quoted a government spokesman as saying, after a meeting between President Saddam Hussein and senior government and Baath party officials. INA quoted the spokesman, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity, as saying: "Iraq has not been consulted in the formation of these panels. Therefore, this measure is not of our concern." Iraq instead wants the Security Council to condemn U.S. and British aggression, including the mid-December airstrikes and the recent conflict over the "no-fly" zones, the agency said. The government also called on the council to lift economic sanctions "immediately and unconditionally."

South African strongman buried amid gun fire, calls for peace

RICHMOND, South Africa (AP) - Firing pistols into the air, mourners bid farewell to slain opposition politician Sifiso Nkabinde on Sunday while his colleagues implored supporters to vote rather than to kill. Nkabinde, gunned down Jan. 23 by unknown assassins, was national secretary of the United Democratic Movement. The UDM has been caught in a deadly fight with supporters of President Nelson Mandela's ruling African National Congress in KwaZulu-Natal province. "We must do what Sifiso would have wanted us to do: Win at the ballot box," Bantu Holomisa, UDM president, told mourners. "Let our voices be the guns and our votes be the bullets on election day." In the years preceding the first all-race election in 1994, political violence in KwaZulu-Natal nearly disrupted South Africa's transition to democracy. Nkabinde's murder and the subsequent massacre of 11 ANC supporters, an apparent revenge attack, has raised fears for national elections later this year. Seven of the ANC victims were buried on Saturday in Richmond amid a 1,000-strong police and military presence that preserved order. Shortly after Nkabinde's coffin was lowered into the grave in a hillside cemetery, about half a dozen gunmen fired pistols and shotguns into the air for at least 20 minutes. Wary soldiers armed with machine guns did not intervene. "Long live Nkabinde! Long live Sifiso!" the crowd chanted as the gunfire echoed. Nkabinde was a controversial figure, dubbed a warlord by opponents who held him responsible for killing his enemies. A former ANC member, he was kicked out of the party and joined the UDM in 1997 when he was accused of spying for South Africa's white government during apartheid.

To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487. Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.

CUSTOMS

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come," Badley said. Right now, the 15-member committee is looking to solicit opinions from students and to rewrite the mission statement for general studies. They hope to complete these tasks by April of this year. They plan to evaluate general studies classes within a year. The group will also be active at CUSTOMS this year to inform new students about the general studies program and its purpose. "We're involved with CUSTOMS to explain why they're taking these courses," Badley said. "I don't think a lot of people realize why they take them." Another problem that the group has is that there is no real method of measuring the success of the general studies program.

Currently, the only method is the ACT-Comp test, which is issued to graduating seniors. Badley said MTSU students as a whole score above the national average on this test, which will be phased out in three years and replaced with something else. "They're saying many of our students are above national norms, but we're saying, 'How can we make it better?'" he said. Badley encourages students to offer their input about the skills learned and classes offered as part of the general studies courses. They have created a list of qualities that an MTSU graduate should possess and ask that students provide feedback about these skills. To comment on the qualities, e-mail Badley at wbadley@frank.mtsu.edu or by sending a message to campus box 78. For more information about the general studies program and task force, check the web page at www.mtsu.edu/~genstud/. E-mail can be sent to Badley through the web page.

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Norrell SERVICES

MTSU considers alumni chapter in North Carolina

John Garner
Staff Reporter

MTSU faculty and staff members attending the Council for Advancement and Support of Education Conference in Charlotte, N.C., this month will explore local interest in establishing the first alumni chapter in that state.

More than 800 neighboring-state graduates living in and around the capital city have been invited to meet their peers at a reception Tuesday, Feb. 9. Vice-President for Development and University Relations Linda P. Hare and Alumni Relations staff members will host the event.

"We are undertaking an aggressive program to revitalize MTSU alumni chapters so that they can become more involved in the life of our fine community," Hare said.

Michelle Blevins, new-chapter coordinator in the Alumni Relations Office, said her office has received many calls expressing interest in launching a local chapter in that area.

"So we thought while we're all there for the CASE Conference, we'd try to bring them all together," Blevins said. "This is an opportunity to tell them about the recent developments at their alma mater."

Graduates who have been out of touch with the Middle Tennessee community will be introduced to the recent changes on campus.

Attendees will become acquainted with the new MTSU logo and Lightning, the Blue Raider mascot.

Updated information on Red Floyd Stadium, the recently completed University Library and the latest MTSU web site will be provided.

Blevins said new alumni chapters are helpful in providing additional funding for academic and athletic scholarships.

The reception will be an informal affair held in Charlotte's Four Points Sheraton Hotel.

"We'd love for all 800 of them to show up," Blevins said. "Even though there wouldn't be room for all of them. We're excited

because this is all new territory for us."

CASE is a nonprofit education association offering training, information and services to the education community. The international organization boasts a membership of more than 3000 colleges and universities, elementary and secondary schools and educationally related nonprofit organizations and commercial firms.

"CASE focuses on alumni relations, communication and philanthropy," said Deborah Gentry, assistant vice-president for university relations. "As with any professional association, participation enables us to become knowledgeable of the latest trends and developments in our field."

MTSU is a member of CASE District 3, which covers the Southeastern United States. At this year's conference, the university will be presented with three awards for excellence in institutional advancement.

The year 2000 CASE conference in Atlanta will be chaired by Dr. Hare. ■

'Soul Searching' exhibit on display at photo gallery

Staff Reports

MTSU's Baldwin Photographic Gallery, in the Learning Resource Center, will display the works of Stephen Marc. The first part of the exhibit is the digital photographic montage titled "Soul Searching." Full of photographs, drawings, family snapshots and antique photographs, "Soul Searching" is an "eclectic blend" that combines Marc's memories, ideas and discoveries.

"The Black Trans-Atlantic Experience" is the second part of Marc's exhibit. This part of the exhibit is documentary photography, which depicts street life and culture in the United States, Jamaica, Ghana and England.

Marc is a photographer at Tuscon, Arizona. He is also a professor of photography at Arizona State University, where he continues to develop the digital imaging department.

Marc will give a slide/lecture presentation on Monday, Feb. 22,



at 7:30 p.m. in Mass Comm. room 101. After the lecture, a reception will be held in the gallery.

The exhibit can be seen from Feb. 1 through 25th between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. On Saturdays, it will be open from 8 to 11:45 a.m. and on Sundays from 6 to 9:45 p.m. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the African-American History Month Committee. ■

California students rob stores to pay for college educations

College Press Exchange

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - Two college students allegedly robbed two businesses at gunpoint with hopes that they could steal enough money to support them through college.

Anthony Louis Cristofani, a senior majoring in philosophy, and freshman Emma Rose Freeman, were arrested and could be expelled from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

The duo is charged with robbing a local hair salon on Jan. 16 and a warehouse store five days later. An elementary school teacher's aide, Craig Dickson, is accused of driving the get-away car.

"I'm devastated," Linda Freeman, Emma Rose Freeman's mother, told the Santa Cruz Sentinel. "This

is a girl who was a national merit scholar. Her only offense was to brake for a squirrel. Then there was a total change after she went to college."

Detectives said they suspected UC-Santa Cruz students pulled off the heists because witnesses described the thieves as young, nicely groomed and nicely dressed.

In the first robbery, a young man and woman walked into a hair salon. As he whistled, she pointed a gun at a stylist.

"Tell her what you want, honey," the man reportedly said to his female companion.

They fled with less than \$100.

During the second robbery, the man and woman were seen leaving with several electronic goods.

Dickson and Cristofani, both 23, posted bail. Freeman, 18, is being held on \$25,000 bond. ■

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But Clinton's most immediate concern is the final chapters of the Senate trial.

Senators on the Sunday talk shows showed other signs of cracks in the GOP's unity that muscled through Republican plans last week to continue the trial and call witnesses.

Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" how many Republicans would vote to convict Clinton on the perjury charge, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala. replied: "Not as many as a lot of people believe."

"I haven't polled anybody, but I

hear a lot of people say that is the weakest" of the two charges. He added that the charge would draw "perhaps" fewer than 50 votes for conviction.

"There are a number of senators who believe that the president lied under oath but that his wrongdoing in that area does not constitute perjury because of the legal definition of perjury," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, also appearing on NBC.

One prospective presidential candidate issued a stern warning from conservative circles to Republicans up for re-election next year who vote against the articles of impeachment.

"Senators who vote to acquit just naturally will end up facing primary challengers," conservative activist Gary Bauer said on NBC.

Even with conviction apparently beyond reach, senators continued to search for ways stop Clinton from walking away unpunished from the second impeachment trial in history.

A Republican proposal to pass a "finding of fact" that would state that Clinton lied under oath and impeded justice crossed party lines.

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Pope gets raucous welcome at St. Louis Rally.

Caryn Rousseau
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (CPX) — About 20,000 screaming and cheering college and high school students flooded the streets of St. Louis on Tuesday, but they weren't hyped about a rock concert or sporting event. Nope, this gig belonged to Pope John Paul II, who spoke during a massive youth rally after making a one-mile trek from the city's famed Gateway Arch.

Jen Cafiero, a senior at the University of Missouri who is not a Catholic, said she traveled to St. Louis with a group of friends because she simply wanted to see a major world figure. Cafiero said she was far more impressed than she

thought she would be — namely because of what she sensed was the 78-year-old Pontiff's sincere desire to connect with young people.

"So often religion and religious leaders teach so far out of young people's reach," she said. "They don't talk in a language we understand or pay attention to. But his words were so simple, so true, so inspirational. I don't know if there was one person who heard him speak — no matter what religion they are — who wouldn't be moved to do God's will."

During his 30-hour stay in the United States, which attracted about 100,000 worshipers, John Paul criticized abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, materialism and racism. For the young audience gathered to hear

him Tuesday, he focused on the dangers of drifting into a world "filled with darkness" and rife with violence, drugs and easy sex.

After accepting a hockey jersey from student that read "John Paul II No.1," the Pope used sports metaphors throughout his message to students.

"I am told there was much excitement in St. Louis during the recent baseball season, when two great players, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, were competing to break the home run record," he told the young people. "You can feel the same great enthusiasm as you train for a different goal - the goal of following Christ, the goal of bringing his message to the world."

Hundreds of students awakened in the wee hours to get to the Kiel

Center, where the Pope spoke, on time. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance," said Missouri senior Katie Fox. "I totally forgot about everything else."

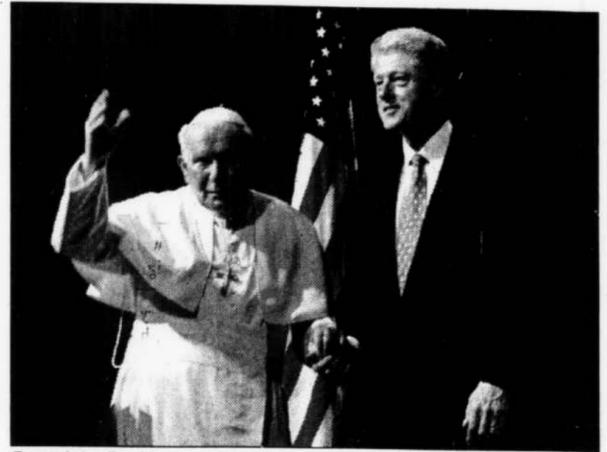
When the man in white finally appeared, Fox said she was too overcome with emotion to cheer.

"I was just dying," she said. "It was so overwhelming, I felt that it was as close to God that I'd ever come without dying."

Bryan Hayes, a student at Florissant Valley Community College, said he was amazed by the reactions of those around him once the Pontiff entered the center. Hayes, a Protestant, said he wanted to hear the head of the Catholic Church speak so that he could compare notes with his own faith.

"We're (Catholics and Protestants) still both Christians, and the Pope was trying to reach all of us," he said.

To entertain the masses before the Pope's arrival, Christian



Pope John Paul II waves to the crowd after an appearance with President Bill Clinton on January 26. The pope is in St. Louis after holding services in Mexico City.

musicians Steve Angrisano, Rebecca St. James and DC Talk performed.

"It was fun but weird," Fox said.

Here I was seeing the Pope for possibly the only time in my life, and I had just seen a rock band with strobe lights. ■

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Editorial

Murphy's death a great loss for MTSU

As word spread Sunday of the death of Charles "Bubber" Murphy, the MTSU community realized what a great loss had occurred.

Murphy has been and always will be an important part of MTSU's athletic history, and his accomplishments of more than 50 years ago remain unparalleled at this university.

Murphy always will be remembered as the namesake of the Murphy Athletic Center, but his achievements are greater than loaning his name to a building.

He lettered at the college level in four sports - football, baseball, basketball, tennis - and excelled at each of them.

After returning to his alma mater following time in the Navy and on a pro-baseball team, his football coaching career was just as spectacular as his college athletic career.

His stats speak for themselves. Four bowl appearances. Seven Ohio Valley Conference championships or co-championships. An OVC record of 73-26-2. An overall record of 155-63-8.

Murphy has been recognized for his accomplishments. He was a finalist for national "Coach of the Year" in 1965, the same year he was selected OVC "Coach of the Year" by his peers. He is also a member of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and an original member of the MTSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

He served this university well, and his memory will live on.

America's hottest talking furball puts us at risk

Catherine Newton
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The story in the newspaper last week came as a shock. Dateline: WASHINGTON - Warning: Furbys could be a threat to national security.

The National Security Agency banned this Christmas season's hottest toy from its Maryland premises. The fear was that Tiger Electronics' little fur ball, which contains a computer chip that allows it to learn English, could carry home top secrets from the toy-toting personnel at the nation's supersecret spy agency - and repeat those secrets to enemies of the state.

The idea appalled me. It shamed me to the core.

You see, I'd been working with my son's Furby for weeks, diligently following the directives in the 12-page manual and the accompanying Furbish-English dictionary. Despite my efforts, I had yet to understand a word the thing said. The chance of me actually teaching it English was nil.

So when I read the news story, my first thought was, of course, this: Who were these superagents who could master the Furby, and why couldn't I? My next thought was more horrifying: How had Furby become my problem?

Furby wasn't the only computer-chipped character to join our family this holiday season. He's just one of a new breed of "interactive" toys aimed at Generation Y-ers who, even in their diaper-wearing years, hunger for the next leap in technology.

Like many of my baby boomer peers, I was initially drawn to the word "interactive" on the toy boxes, perceiving it as a synonym for "educational."

Look, I thought, cruising down aisle 7B at Toys R Us last month. This Microsoft Furby will play alphabet games with my 5-year-old, Hadley, to help her learn her letters. He'll even help her play with CD-ROMs. And here in aisle 9A, what

about this Stop My Hiccups Dil? Hadley will have to problem-solve to get the baby to be calm.

"Interactive" seemed like a good idea on the whole, right up until Christmas Eve. That's when I realized it was a synonym for "go get some batteries."

Which I did, two times that day, and two times the next, until finally, on the afternoon of the birthday of our Lord, my kids' new friends were all fully charged.

That's when I heard the voice. Plaintive. Pressing.

"Mommy? I'm hungry! I'm hungry now! I'm hungry now, Mommy!"

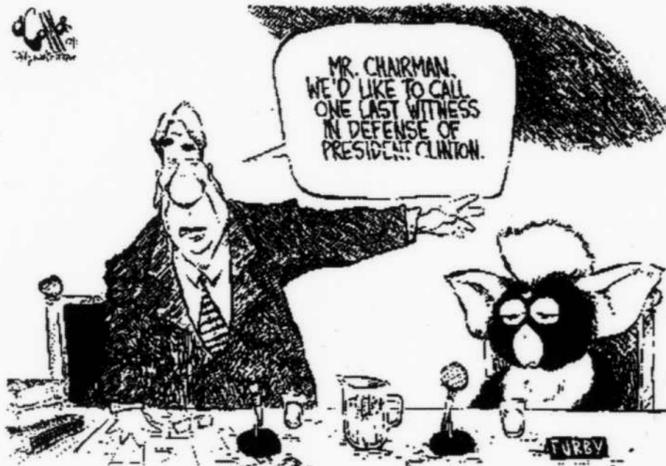
Hadley? It didn't sound like her. I mean, sure, that's exactly what my daughter says at least 136 times a day, but the voice didn't sound like hers.

Turns out it wasn't. Among the gift-wrapping wreckage, I found her - Mealtime Magic Baby, a foot-high, ponytailed prima donna who can't get enough of the plastic cereal and ice cream on her little pink highchair tray. And won't stop asking.

And then there was Arthur, who looked so smart in his classic-nerd glasses and indeed seems to know a lot about important issues such as Groundhog Day and Thomas Edison, but is also prone to telling you completely inane things. "Dog drool," he says. "That's gross."

As the day went on, I learned what "interactive" really means. It means "interruptive," or even "interminably annoying." Because of which Furby is the unofficial poster child - is that they don't just respond to your child's actions, they keep responding long after your kid has dumped them and moved on to other pursuits. They won't stop talking. In other words, they nag.

Furby wasn't the only nagger in our house, but he was by far the worst. We began keeping him inside my bedroom closet, the darkest part of our house, because if light hit his sensor-eyes, he'd start talking, issuing a stream of Furbish



nonsense that suggested he wanted to play.

In the beginning, 8-year-old Jack would try to decipher the noise, abandoning his self-conscious, what-if-my-friends-saw-me stance to cradle his black-furry baby, feed it from a pink plastic spoon that he borrowed from Meal Time Magic and smile expectantly into the green, glassy eyes.

"Ay-tay moi," Furby would say, as his ears bobbed up and down.

"Hi, Furby," Jack would reply, beaming.

Then Furby would close his eyes. He'd start sneezing, or snoring. And eventually Jack would give up.

It went on like this for weeks, during the long days of Christmas vacation. Jack was becoming increasingly disappointed with his interactive toy's inattention.

One night, I decided I couldn't stand these pathetic scenes any longer. The little fur ball's time had come. Whether he liked it or not, Furby was going to be fun.

I scanned his instruction booklet for some interactivity ideas. The book said to cover and uncover Furby's eyes four times and then he would say, "Hide me!" Three

times after one of us hid him, Furby would start making sounds, giving clues to his whereabouts.

On the sixth try, the game worked, which led us to the inaccurate assumption that it might work again. The manual suggested shaking him from side to side and asking him to pay attention, which I regret to say, I did. Furby went to sleep.

Nine times.

I tried clapping to make him dance. I tried patting his back to make him purr. I kissed his plastic yellow nose when I thought he might have said "May-tay/kah."

I looked up and Jack was looking at me sympathetically. "You know," he said, "my friend Jackson has a Furby, too. He says it's a menace and keeps it in a corner of his room hidden by a bunch of water bottles so he doesn't have to see it."

So, when I read that news story last week, I thought this all through. And the truth finally became clear.

America's hottest toy may or may not be a threat to national security. But Furby is, without a doubt, a threat to our national sanity.

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Don't limit our TP

Julie Hornsby
Staff Reporter

OK, I'm about to talk about something none of us probably ever think about, but it's something that really bugs me. I hate those toilet paper limiters in almost all of the university's bathrooms (I'm not sure of the PC term for limiters so I made up that word). Limiters are those little devices that only allow you to pull the toilet paper so far before it stops. Then you have to drop the paper behind the dispenser until you can get enough for your personal preference.

Is there anyone out there that only uses the one square provided by this apparatus? I can't imagine how that's possible. I don't see how this could be enough for a small child to use, much less a college student. You can't even

blow your nose on that small amount of paper. Is there some toilet paper shortage that I've missed out on? Has the inflation of toilet paper risen so high that we must limit its use?

Some have suggested to me that this toilet paper limiter (as I choose to call it) is to keep people from stealing the toilet paper. I just don't buy this reasoning. I've seen plenty of places that just have locks on their dispensers. Others have said it's so we don't waste the precious toilet paper by having toilet paper fights or something. This sounds a little more reasonable but we're in college and the number of toilet paper fights I've been in is zero.

If you know the reason behind this annoying device, please let me know. Oh yeah, and be sure to wash your hands and dry them under one of those dryers that only blows out cold air!

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Remembering the top 10 '98 movies

10. *Simon Birch*

Critics panned this movie, a coming-of-age story involving an ailing dwarf and his best friend. Indeed, it would have been sappy if not for the incredibly earnest performances by the two young stars. Alternating fluidly and skillfully between comedy and somber drama, "Birch" was a powerful and moving portrayal of the short life of an alienated, yet determined, spirit.

9. *Antz*

Once again, I find myself in the minority, preferring "Antz" to the admittedly fine "A Bug's Life." But while the latter appeared bent on overblown spectacle, stretching the boundaries of computer animation and cramming as much eye-popping detail as possible into every frame, "Antz" won me over with its simplistic style and adult friendly presentation. Imagine — a Woody Allen movie for kids! Well, not quite, but the PG-rated "Antz" proved to be a film of superior charm and wit.

8. *A Simple Plan*

Gordon Gecko was wrong. Greed is bad. So goes the moral of this dark and demented thriller set in the stark white snows of a Midwestern farming town. Director Sam Raimi, infamous for his hyperkineticism in goofball horror films like the Evil Dead trilogy, applies a slow and steady hand to this story of two brothers (Bill Paxton and Billy Bob Thornton) and a friend (Brent Briscoe) who discover \$4.4 million in a crashed plane. Their "simple plan" becomes a



"A Simple Plan"

tangled web of deceit, snowballing from harmlessness to ruthlessness. You can practically see the decay of the souls in their every feeble attempt at justifying their actions. "A Simple Plan" is very Shakespearean but evidences the subtle influences of Steinbeck ("Of Mice and Men," in particular) and the Coen Brothers.

Speaking of Shakespeare...

7. *Shakespeare in Love*

This film's Golden Globe screenplay, cowritten by Tom Stoppard (the playwright behind the Hamlet-inspired "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead"), is perhaps the best of the year. The assembled talent only gives it fuller breath. Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes are elegantly matched as an aspiring actress and the Bard himself, a pairing that leads to the inspiration of the uninspired "Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter" into the masterpiece "Romeo and Juliet." Ben Affleck, with a self-mocking turn, Geoffrey Rush, and Dame Judi Dench round out the superb cast.

6. *Saving Private Ryan*

Steven Spielberg's riveting and, ultimately, numbing tribute to the soldiers of WWII marked a milestone in the cinema's portrayal of war. Stripped of its "romance," the rawness proved a bitter pill. It's been called the closest thing to taking the audience there; the next step would be to fire live rounds in the theater and making sure half the audience left in body bags. Sobering stuff. Spielberg further solidifies his genius, and the supporting roles filled by Jeremy Davies, the cowardly corporal, and Giovanni Ribisi, the tender-hearted medic, even outshined their illustrious leader, Mr. Hanks.

5. *Hombres Armados*

More commonly known as "Men With Guns," this unassuming epic follows the Mexican Dr. Fuentes (Federico Luppi) deep into the Central American forests as he searches for some of his former students, medical missionaries to the Indian villages. Along the way, he acquires a few interesting companions, each with his or her own story to tell, and they must all avoid the dangers of bandits, guerrillas, and government soldiers (the "hombres armados"). Two tourists enter and exit in the oddest moments, reflecting writer/director John Sayles' view of the presumptuous ignorance of Americans. Sayles, the brilliant mind behind 1996's "Lone Star" (the best film nobody saw that year), takes his time weaving this unique tale of hope and despair. Stepping back, not focusing on the film's length in terms of minutes, but examining its width and depth, its sweeping magnitude, one witnesses a gradual blossoming. It is a mystery. It is an allegory. It is the bittersweet story of an old man's journey to find his "legacy," not realizing that he is creating it as he goes.

4. *Elizabeth*

This breathtaking historical drama portrays the English struggle of the late 16th century, a time of conflicts both national and religious. Indian director Shekhar Kapur skillfully orchestrates a riveting cinematic symphony of love, loyalty, and loss of innocence. Watching her slide from fragile waif through unsure figurehead to confident monarch is one of the most rewarding movie experiences of the year. She seems to harden over time and is eventually frozen with the harsh responsibilities of authority and the accouterments of power. Geoffrey Rush and Joseph Fiennes (apparently borrowed from "Shakespeare in Love") top an excellent cast that includes several British actors of world renown.

3. *The Thin Red Line*

Two weeks later, I am still haunted by the images in Terrence Malick's exploration of the horrors of war. Superficially, it is about the WWII Battle of Guadalcanal. Metaphorically, it portrays the lament of a pure world as men commit inhumanities against each other on its virgin ground. Malick details the fall of a Miltonic Eden, a Paradise brought to spiritual and physical ruin by the disobedience of men violently arguing over what one soldier simply refers to as "property." The soldiers struggle to stay alive in body as their spirits remain in a limbo of memories. Despite the unnecessary length (a little over two hours would have suited the film's scope perfectly), the movie boldly stakes its claim as one of the most important achievements of the year.

2. *The Spanish Prisoner*

Just what is "the process"? Just who does that secretary work for? Did Steve Martin arrive in the boat or not? These are some of the important questions you'll be asking yourself as you watch this complex and seductive suspense film cleverly crafted by writer David Mamet ("Glengarry Glen Ross," "The Edge," "Wag the Dog"). This is Mamet's directorial debut, and it could not be more intriguing. This puzzler twists and turns and encircles its characters, seemingly naive figures who are always not what they appear to be. Watch it closely. Then read Roger Ebert's "Movie Answer Man" entry in his "1999 Movie Yearbook." Ebert proposes a theory that boggles the mind and spirals one's comprehension of the film in startlingly new directions.

1. *The Truman Show*

Yes, I feel vindicated. I've been touting this film as the best of the year since its Summer debut, much to the consternation of my friends, family and fellow film buffs. But now Jim Carrey has a Golden Globe for Best Actor. Now it must be revealed that "The Truman Show" is no mere fable of the media-soaked 90s. It's not simply foreshadowing. Nor is it basic fantasy. It is a powerful dip into the human spirit, into a man's fears, dreams, and resolves. It is light-hearted, yes; that's the mood of most television shows, but Truman is an examination of the human experience, of the breaking out of an unseen, though still stifling, structure. Truman's gradual realization of his predicament, his attempts to extricate himself from that world, to discover the truth without and the truth within, reflect his evolution into the "true man"...hence, the name "Truman." Beautiful. In my opinion, the best of the year.



"The Truman Show"

Miss MTSU, Miss MT Blue Raider crowned



Miss Middle Tennessee State University
Jeana Leyhew



Miss Middle Tennessee Blue Raider
Andrea Knight

Kelly Dodd
Staff Reporter

Tucker Theater was filled to capacity as the 1999 Miss MTSU and Miss MT Blue Raider were chosen on Friday night. Jeana Leyhew, a 21-year-old senior majoring in Vocal Performance, was crowned the Miss Middle Tennessee State University. Andrea Knight, a 20-year-old freshman Recording Industry major, won the title of Miss Middle Tennessee Blue Raider.

Leyhew, who was sponsored by Chi Omega, and Knight, sponsored by Beta Theta Pi, were selected from 18 other contestants through talent, swimsuit and evening gown competitions.

The pageant, which has been sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity for the past 23 years, is a preliminary competition to the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant held in Jackson during June. The winners of the pageant are awarded with various scholarships and prizes, in addition to being given the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee and Miss

America Pageants.

Entertainment was provided by Los Vatos, Fred Toler, the MTSU dancers, Kelly Culbreth, the 1998 Miss MTSU, Emily Zeringue, and Miss MT Blue Raider, Kate Swanson. Swing dancing and animated singing routines kept the energy in the air as the 18 contestants vied for the coveted titles.

Runners-up included Katy Francisco, as fourth alternate, DorLinda Rowe as third, second alternate Andrea Flowers, and Melissa Brownell as first alternate. Francisco was also awarded the Miss Congeniality title. Rob Patterson and Mark Rowland of SAE served as the Executive and Assistant Directors of the pageant, respectively.

Leyhew, whose platform was family values, gave a vocal performance during the talent competition. Knight also sang during the talent competition but chose blood donation awareness as her platform. Both Leyhew and Knight will now advance to represent the University this summer during the 1999 Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant. ■

Dance department broadens

Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

The dance department is rapidly growing and improving. Soon the department will join with the theater department, allowing the once-limited dance minors opportunity to expand their ranks. Presently, dance minors are only allowed for those who plan to teach dance. Because of the move, dancers will no longer have to receive special permission to minor in dance.

Long range plans include allowing students to major in dance. The dance department also hopes to add some new courses to its current complement of classes. These will include dance appreciation, analysis of dance, and choreography classes. The dance department at MTSU already offers a great variety of dance choreography and education classes. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels of jazz, ballet, tap and modern form the basic classes offered. Upper division courses consist of classes such as dance for theater, dance production, dance therapy and the history of dance.

Dance for Theater is a musical style dance and choral class. Students in this course not only study different styles of dance, but also sing while dancing and learn the elements of stage presence. Students also participate in a production at the end of the semester. This semester's performance is entitled "100 Years of Broadway," and will take place this March.

Dance Therapy is a class recommended

for psychology majors. The class teaches different types of dance related therapy. The History of Dance covers a vast range of dance styles from many time periods. The students will observe different videos of performances.

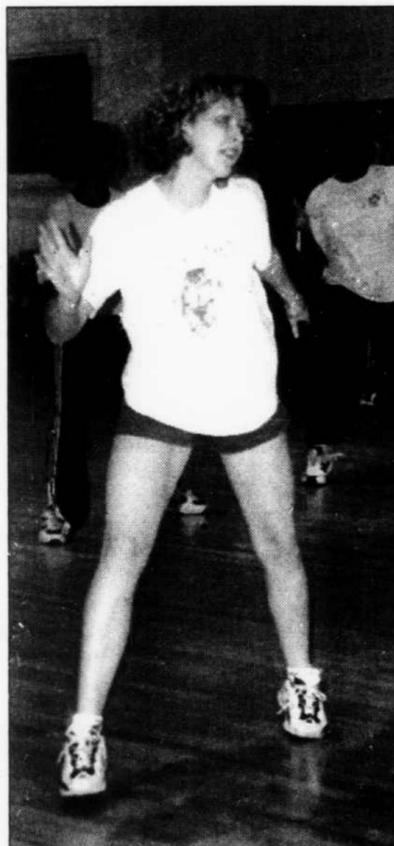
The dance production class also makes up the core of the dance club. If students enroll in this course, they receive credit and have the opportunity to perform in the dance club's semester production. However, the dance club welcomes anyone who wishes to attend. Enrollment is not mandatory, and you do not have to be a dance minor to join.

The club meets every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Murphy Center's Dance Studio A. This semester's show is "The History of Dance," and will take place April 23 and 24.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, the dance club is offering a class taught by Rossi Turner, an African/jazz dancer. Live drummers will offer accompaniment. Once again, anyone is welcome to attend.

Another upcoming event the dance department will put on is a Tennessee version of Tchaikovsky's, The Nutcracker. It will be a modern piece featuring a full dance company. A full symphony will accompany the dancers.

Thanks to changing policies in the dance department, classes are becoming increasingly available for those who wish to concentrate on a career in dance as well as those who are only interested in an extracurricular hobby. ■



Students practice their moves in the Dance for Theater class.

Young adults nix those childhood nicknames

Lini S. Kadaba
Knight-Ridder News Services

He was born a Daniel. But the nickname Danny more becomes a baby, and so he was called that, until he outgrew it. Then, as a teen, he answered to a simple Dan, a comfortable, casual fit, like a pair of well-worn jeans.

Now, Dan is a college man. And Dan, simple, casual Dan, isn't the first impression he wants to make. He wants a proper name, one with heft, complexity, one that signifies a certain maturity.

Daniel has arrived, as in Daniel Immerwahr, 18, a freshman at Columbia University who hails from Swarthmore, Pa., outside Philadelphia.

Like buying dorm-room sheets or cramming for finals, shedding a nickname is a time-honored rite of passage for college students - and a way to gain an edge in the game of life.

Andy becomes a more distinguished Andrew. Candy becomes a more respectable Luz, a popular Spanish name. Kip becomes a more interesting Kaivon.

"I was coming to a new point in my life," Daniel says. "I tried to imagine myself years down the line and being called Dan, and it didn't quite jell."

"So I thought I should use Daniel. I think Daniel is a more mature name."

Over the recent winter holidays, though, Daniel, like many of his fellow name changers, found his new appellation deflated to Dan by his high school friends - proving that nicknames, like glue, stick.

What's in a nickname?

Names declare our identity to all the world. They have power, the power to change their owners' lives, argue Justin Kaplan and Anne

Bernays, authors of "The Language of Names: What We Call Ourselves and Why It Matters."

Nicknames, too, bare souls. "We tend to think of nicknames as being slightly frivolous," the authors write, "even though they carry more freight than birth names; they describe, record, imply, deride or deplore something specific about the person to whom they are attached. Birth names, on the other hand, mainly say something about the people who attach them."

No wonder these young men and women, on the cusp of adulthood, give such thought to these matters.

"I think it sounds more distinguished, more intelligent," says Andrew James Bennett, formerly Andy, an 18-year-old freshman from Lansdowne, Pa., who attends Vassar College.

"Any name that ends in 'y' or 'ie' doesn't have the dignity of a word without it," says Bernays, who, it should be noted, answers to Annie.

The coming-of-age ritual is common enough to earn a mention by Miss Manners, who understands, as described by Kaplan and Bernays, "that names, like Jell-O, are fluid until they finally set."

Miss Manners tolerates a certain amount of experimentation with names, but the survival of modern civilization, it would seem, demands certain rules and regulations: From birth to age 17, children should be allowed to call themselves anything they want.

But when they graduate from high school, they should choose a first name and stick with it. At birth, Luz Gonzalez was bestowed with the popular Spanish name that means light. But her older brother thought her sweet, and soon, her mother dubbed her Candy.

"It stuck," says Luz, 29, a

communications science major at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Throughout high school, she says, she liked the sobriquet well enough. But as she entered the work world, "I felt funny kind of. It reminded me of a floozy using of name."

So Candy saw the light, reclaiming Luz. The older brother, though, cannot quite swear off Candy, still calling his sweet sister that sweet name.

Sometimes a proper name is too plain-Jane. Jessica Kraft, of Columbus, Ohio, was always Jessica Kraft. Then she entered Swarthmore College - a new, exciting beginning that screamed for a new, exciting name.

Jessica, 20, traded her first name for her middle name - Carew, as in Rod Carew, he of baseball fame.

"I didn't want to be known by the second most popular name," reasons Jessica turned Carew, an anthropology major. "I was trying to craft a new identity - a complete break from the past."

Kip Paroo of Ardmore, Pa., also desired a new identity, but one that bound him to his rich cultural heritage. When he started Vassar in the fall, he gave up Kip - actually an acronym for his first, middle and last names - and embraced his Persian roots through his given name: Kaivon Iqba Paroo.

"Kaivon is a more interesting name, and it's more representative of who I am and my culture. It has more depth to it," says the 19-year-old freshman whose first name means "seventh star." "Kip was a silly name."

But nicknames, those monikers of familiarity, are impossible to elude.

Kaivon's college friends have started calling him Kai. ■

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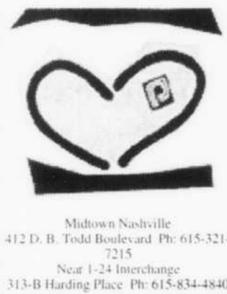
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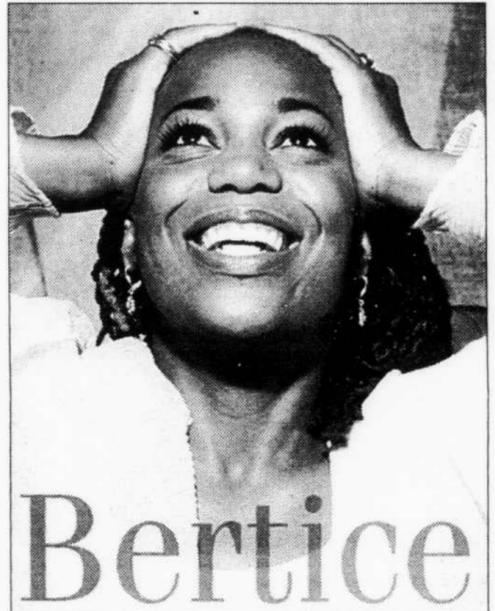
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SPORTS

Lady Raiders beat MSU, increase streak to six

Despite poor play, the Lady Raiders win over the Lady Racers 58-48 and hold on to first

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders overcame a poor shooting performance to defeat Murray State 58-48; extending their winning streak to six.

Murray, led by Bobbi Coltharp, took it to the conference leaders early, leading 10-9 with twelve minutes left to play in the half.

At this point, Jamie Thomatis scored the next four points to give the Lady Raiders the lead at 13-10. The Lady Mustangs fought back, but Carlita Elder scored six of the team's next ten points to extend the lead to 23-14. Cyndi Ainsworth added a free throw, and Lashonda Winfree hit a jumper at the buzzer making the score 26-18 at halftime.

The Lady Raiders shot a horrific

thirty-two percent from the field, whereas the Lady Racers managed to shoot even worse at twenty-six percent.

Thomatis led the Lady Raiders with eight points and five rebounds. Bobbi Coltharp led the Lady Racers with six points.

In the second half the Lady Raiders stepped it up a little bit.

Carlita Elder started things with a beautiful coast to coast basket off of a rebound, making the score 28-18 with 19:18 left to play in the game.

Bama Burrell also stepped it up, scoring four of the next six points to extend the lead to 34-18 with 17:31 left to play. Murray called a time out immediately after Burrell's basket hoping to put an end to the Lady Raiders run. Coltharp led the Lady Racers on a 9-2 run following the time out; cutting the lead to 36-27 with 12:25 left to play in the game.

After trading baskets, Elder nailed a three pointer to make the score 42-29 with 10:38 remaining in the game.

Bobbi Coltharp responded with a basket to make the score 42-31, but once again the Lady Raiders had an answer. The answer was Cortney Neeley and Jamie Thomatis.

Neeley fed Kelly Chastain on a beautiful bounce pass, making the score 44-31.

Next, she made a nice steal and

Thomatis was able to capitalize with a three point play. The lead was back to sixteen at 47-31 with 8:56 remaining in the game.

The Lady Racers refused to roll over and die. Heather Bates led them on a 10-0 run; cutting the lead to 47-41 with 5:55 remaining in the game.

This is as close as the Lady Racers would get. Thomatis played big in the last five minutes, by scoring seven of the team's last eleven points. The Lady Raiders prevailed 58-48 and remained in first place.

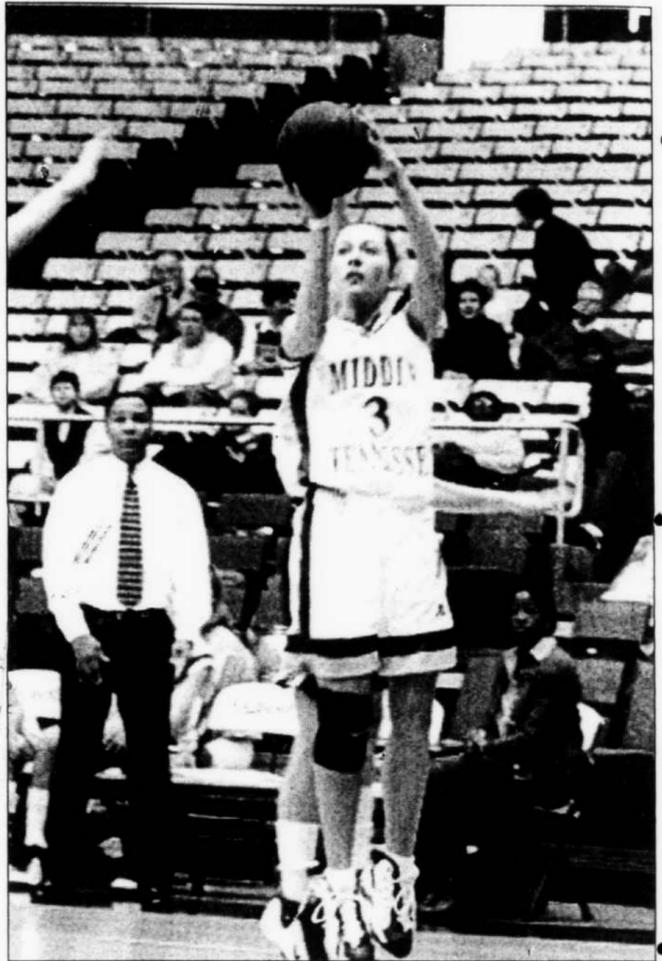
Thomatis led all scorers with 18 points. Bobbi Coltharp led the Lady Racers with 13 points. After the game, Thomatis spoke about her performance.

"I felt like I had to step it up because of our slow start. I just wanted to contribute and help our team win," said Thomatis.

Coach Stephany Smith was pleased with the play of Thomatis, but she was not pleased with the play of the team.

"We were going to Thomatis because she does good things. Overall, we played poorly. We did not shoot well, but we still managed to win by ten," said Smith.

The Lady Raiders will begin a two game road trip Thursday against Southeast Missouri. Their next home game will be on Feb. 11 against Tennessee State at 5:45 p.m. at the Murphy Center. ■



Erica Lufkin unloads two points on the Lady Racers.

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Bama Burrell prepares for the end of her MTSU years

Noelle Ball
Staff Reporter

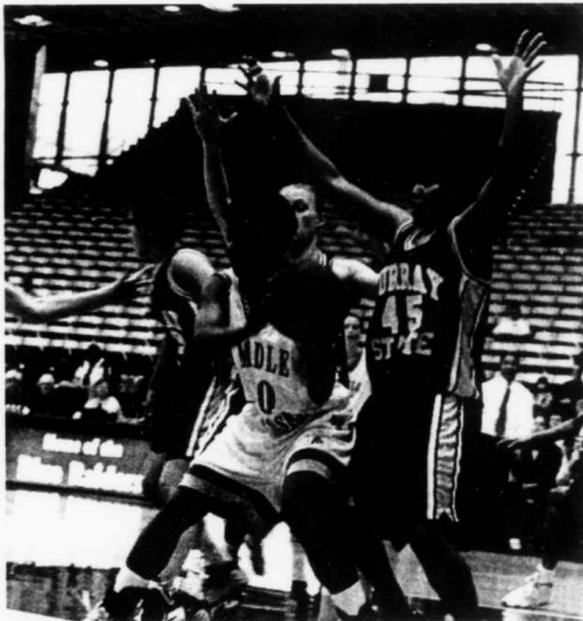
"It is sad with the season winding down. It hasn't hit me yet, but the last few home games of the season I will realize that those will be the last few times I wear a university uniform," said Teneka Burrell, senior member of the Middle Tennessee State University women's basketball team.

A native of Athens, GA, she is better known to MTSU as Bama. This will be her last year to play basketball for MTSU as she prepares to graduate with a degree in criminal justice. She plans to work in law enforcement, preferably in a small town.

The first athlete of her family, Bama has been playing basketball since the 7th grade. She also played tennis throughout most of her youth, until she decided to concentrate primarily on basketball.

Bama has attended MTSU for three years. She spent her first two years at Kilgore College in Texas where she started for the women's basketball team. It was at Kilgore that she received the nickname that has become so well known. Another girl on her team was also named Teneka, and one day at practice a teammate said, "What's up Alabama?" Alabama was condensed to Bama, and from then on the name stuck.

During her second year at Kilgore, Bama was named Homecoming Queen after being nominated by some of her friends. She said, "It started out



Bama Burrell prepares to shoot during Saturday night's game.

like a joke, but I lost that bet!" She also received the title of Most Representative of Kilgore College and actively worked with the Turn Around Kilgore Anti-Drug Program.

Bama has enjoyed MTSU and appreciates all the support from the community and professors. One downfall has been the lack of student support. Bama said, "I hate it that the students miss out on games. I wish they were more supportive."

One of the better aspects of playing for MTSU has been the closeness to her hometown. While at Kilgore, her family was not able to attend many

games. Now, her mother makes it to almost every home game. Her high school basketball coach also attends several games each season. He often brings high school girls that currently play at Bama's Alma Mater. These girls remember Bama and admire her for her many accomplishments. Bama serves as a role model to these young girls who rarely see athletes from their hometown advance to the collegiate level to play basketball.

The Lady Raiders are currently ranked 1st in the Ohio Valley Conference. They

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Thomatis starts strong

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Staff Reporter

Continuing a long standing tradition of solid play from freshman, Jamie Thomatis has come on strong her first season for the Ohio Valley Conference leading Middle Tennessee State women's basketball team.

With an injury having sidelined last year's OVC Freshman of the Year, Joanne Aluka, the Lady Raiders have depended on the inside play of Thomatis this season.

The freshman from Destrehan, LA, has responded by becoming one of the Lady Raiders most prolific scorers off the bench, averaging 10.4 points per game.

Thomatis has led the Lady Raiders in scoring six times this season, including three of the Lady Raiders' last six games. Her highest output came against Tennessee-Martin, when she scored 23 points. She has also tallied 17 points on three different occasions. Against Murray State, she poured in 18.

"I knew I was coming to a program that had talented players," Thomatis said. "I knew I wanted to contribute, but I didn't think it would be this much."

It's not so much that I'm trying to prove anything as it is to help the team. I'm just appreciative of the time I'm getting."

Twice this season Thomatis has been named OVC Rookie of the Week, including Jan. 11 after draining 14 consecutive free throws the previous week in games against Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois. On the season, Thomatis has connected on an amazing 54-69 shots from the charity stripe.

Like Aluka last year, Thomatis has also made her presence felt in the paint averaging 3.4 boards per game behind seniors Bama Burrell and Carlita Elder. Her fearless play down low has also resulted in 15 steals and 5 blocked shots to go with her 19 assists at the offensive end of the court.

"I guess I have nothing to fear," Thomatis said. "I just kind of go into it blind and naive because I don't know what the other players have done. I just try to gain an advantage anyway I can even if it's pushing (opposing players) that extra two feet away from the away from the basket. Whatever refs will allow."



MTSU's Jamie Thomatis, surrounded by players from MSU, watches to see if her shot is good.

Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

The stats on Thomatis could further be looked at in awe considering she's averaging just 15.77 minutes of floor time per game.

In OVC play, Thomatis should numbers are more impressive, making her a likely front runner for the OVC Freshman of the Year. Should Thomatis earn such an honor, it would be the third time in four years a Lady Raider has won it. Current teammates Aluka ('98) and Jonelda Buck ('96) also were named Rookie of the Year.

Having played 10 conference games thus far, she is 2nd in the OVC in field goal percentage at 58.8 and 19th in scoring. Thomatis is averaging 12 points per game, having connected on 45-74 shots from the field. Thirteen of her 15 steals have come in conference play, as have four of her five blocks.

"I'm not surprised at the contribution," Lady Raiders Head Coach Stephany Smith said. "We're at a level we need to have players come in and contribute right away. We're trying to

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Blue Raiders make their mark at IKON invitational meet

Staff Reports

Blue Raiders make their mark at IKON invitational

MTSU's track teams competed in the IKON Invitational over the weekend in Johnson City, with more than 90 other schools and track clubs.

Rob Jordan continued to shine in the long jump and the triple jump. Jordan's performances in both events garnered him personal best.

In the long jump, his distance of 25'00.25 was

seventh in the preliminary round, which included professional athletes, but came back to finish second in the collegiate hurdles behind only Sultan Tucker of Clemson.

Jordan and Herring also help lead the Blue Raider 4X400 relay to second place.

They, as well as Haneef Sharif and Mario Paul, made up the team that finished just behind East Carolina. They recorded the best indoor time of the year for the MTSU 400-meter relay team.

Shauntel Jennings had the best performance

for the women by finishing third in the shot put with a personal best of 44'09.00. The Lady Raiders were unable to make any other finals, however, Bianca Conley and Naomi Anshah had very respectful showings.

Conley finished eighth in the long jump, but also recorded a personal best distance of 18'10.50. Anshah finished ninth in the 400-meter preliminaries.

MTSU's track teams will be back in action this weekend as the travel to Bloomington, Ind., for the Indiana Invitational. ■

Racers top Raiders 81-62

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

From the start of the game anyone could tell it would be a war to the end.

MTSU's men's basketball team fought the OVC's version of Goliath on Saturday in front of over 4200 fans in the Murphy Athletic Center. Murray State was the opponent, and they came in with a perfect record of 12-0 in the conference and 20-2 overall.

The Racers went to Oklahoma earlier in the year and knocked off the Sooners by four, followed by taking the Florida State Seminoles to the wire. The Racers lost by four in overtime to the Noles. Murray State leads the OVC in about every category in the OVC. With Rod Murray and Aubrey Reese leading the way, Murray State squeaked by the Raiders 84-74 in Murray, Kentucky.

However, even though the Raiders were the underdogs going into the game, they aren't known as a team that will back down to any challenge. This game would be no different than any other.

Early in the game, MTSU jumped out to a 4-0 lead until Rod Murray hit a short jumper followed by a three pointer by Aubrey Reese. The Raiders continued to battle the Racers and began to get the upper hand. MTSU jumped out to a 30-19 lead with 7:56 left in the first half. Dale Thomas scored 12 points in that span. However, the Racers are unbeaten for a reason.

Without blinking, the Racers began to make a run of their own. Aubrey Reese started the run with a layup. Ellious



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

MTSU's Dale Thomas scores two of his 16 points against MSU.

Swanigan came right back and scored on the inside with 6:22 remaining in the first half. Rod Murray hit a three-pointer followed by Ray Cunningham's score. Reese buried another Racer three-pointer to cut the lead to three. Eventually, Murray

State would take a two-point lead before Ali McGhee dazzled the crowd with the very same move that put him on Sportscenter against North Carolina.

MTSU converted three of five from the line to close the half with a 37-36 lead.

MTSU was a totally different team in the second half. After

playing a nearly flawless first half, the Blue Raiders turned the ball over 13 times in the second half. However, MTSU continued to battle. Unfortunately, the turnovers would prove to kill the Blue Raiders.

Directly out of the gates, Murray State began to make a run. However, it was killed by Dale Thomas and McGhee. Gerald King came out of the television timeout and buried a three-pointer, which put the Raiders up by two with 14:03 remaining. That preceded the Racers catching on fire. For the

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The big game



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Students watch the Super Bowl Sunday afternoon in the lobby of Monohan Hall.

BAMA

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are the reigning champions of the OVC tournaments. According to Bama, at the beginning of this year the team set a goal not to lose any home games in the OVC so they could enter the tournaments with a good seat. "We wanted to keep that home court advantage and would like to win the OVC again," Bama said. "It is something you always remember."

Bama has captured many titles and honors during her career at MTSU. She has been named OVC Newcomer of the Week three times. On Dec. 8, 1998, she was named OVC Player of the Week. A superior representative of the university and the community, Bama will definitely be missed next year. ■

OVC

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build a top 25 program, so we need players who can come in and play their freshman year. "(Thomatis) is a tremendous offensive player around the basket, and she's an intelligent player. I'd like to see her become a little more aggressive. She has some work to do, but she's a big part of our success."

Thomatis was a high school standout for Ursuline Academy, earning All-state honors her senior year. As a senior, she averaged 27 points and 10 rebounds per game while averaging 22 points and eight rebounds over the span of her high school career.

In fact, Thomatis once recorded an astounding 54 points in a triple overtime game. ■

RACER

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next six and a half minutes, Murray State went on a 15-2 run, which all but buried the MTSU hopes.

Murray State went on to win the game by a score of 81-62.

Rod Murray poured in 23 points and he was complimented by Reese's 21 and eight assists. In the first half, MTSU shot 52 percent from the floor, compared to 37 percent in the second. The Racers, on the other hand,

shot 46 percent in the first and 42 in the second. The loss drops MTSU to 6-6 in the OVC. They still remain in third place. The rest of the OVC opponents for MTSU have a combined record of 29-33.

MTSU was led by Dale Thomas with 16 points and three rebounds.

The Blue Raiders go on the road for the next four games until they return to the MAC on Feb. 11, when they take on the Tigers of Tennessee State. ■

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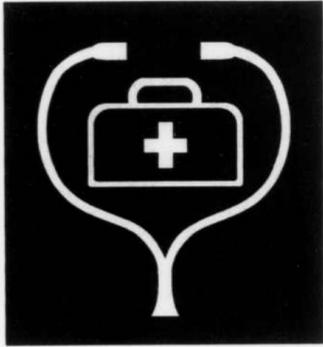
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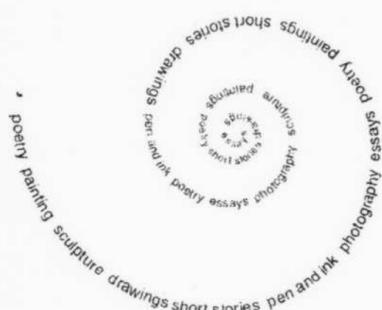
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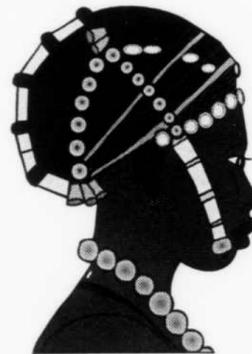


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