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## UEC issue considered by TBR

State task force formed to consider sexual orientation issues

By Kris Wetzel /staff

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) has formed a task force under the Student Affairs Sub-Council to assess whether a sexual orientation statement should be adopted into a system-wide policy, according to Michael Grantham, chair of Uniform Equality Committee (UEC).

Vice-President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance said the task force was formed to consider the UEC proposal to add a sexual orientation statement to the university's non-discrimination clause into a system-wide application.

The UEC was formed last June to facilitate the adoption of a sexual orientation statement in the university's non-discrimination clause. The UEC proposal will not affect ROTC and Affirmative Action non-discrimination policies.

LaLance said he suggested the formation of the task force at the sub-council's last meeting on Jan. 30.

The task force also plans to evaluate what issues concerning sexual orientation that student affairs administrators should recognize, LaLance said.

If the task force determines that the addition is necessary, then the state must determine how TBR schools will adopt the policy.

The Student Affairs Sub-Council consists of the highest administrators

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**Devon J. Wlodyga**  
UEC member

in the office of Student Affairs from each university in the TBR system. The Student Affairs Sub-Council is currently chaired by Patty Powell of Volunteer State Community College.

"I'm really excited because MTSU is leading the state in this issue," said UEC member Devon J. Wlodyga.

UEC must now start networking with gay, lesbian and bisexual student groups from other campuses, according to Wlodyga.

"We would not have a reason to coalesce if our sense of identity wasn't being challenged," Grantham said.

Wlodyga said these student groups should begin collecting testimony and preparing reports that assess the campus atmosphere towards sexual orientation issues on their college campuses.

Optimally, the student groups should form a state-wide group to address gay, lesbian and bisexual issues in TBR schools, Wlodyga said. Each student group would elect one representative to meet with the state-wide group.

Wlodyga said that the Tennessee Campus Index, available on the Lambda Web site, links the UEC with other campus organizations. Lambda is the only gay, lesbian and bisexual campus group in Tennessee that has a World Wide Web site, according to Wlodyga.

The Tennessee Campus Index (TCI) was developed in anticipation of the need for state-wide mobilization. The TCI is located on the world wide web site at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda>.

"According to our Web site, five people have transferred here," Wlodyga said. "We can't say why, but we think people may start coming here because they know they can get the representation, the facts."

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## SGA election procedures changed by new act

By Heather Hybarger /staff

The Student Government Association (SGA) passed the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1996 Wednesday during its second joint House/Senate meeting this semester.

"We have had a lot of problems with the Electoral Act with things not being specified and a lot of other things have come up, so the Electoral Act Revisions Committee got together and added new articles and incorporated a lot of different things into this [Comprehensive] Electoral Act," said Ginger Sullivan, election commissioner and chair of the Electoral Act Revision Committee.

One of the major changes in the Electoral Act establishes guidelines for the allowance of political parties in SGA elections.

"It does not say we are establishing a party system, but in case there is a political party on campus, they will have to follow guidelines," Sullivan said. "[The party system] would encourage a lot of people and get a lot of people into student government."

According to the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1996, a campus political party is defined as "any student group registered with the university as a student organization with its primary purpose being to support and endorse candidates for SGA office. This group may not be affiliated with any national, state or local political organization and must follow all guidelines for student organizations."

Each party must register with the Election Commission by 4 p.m., 35 calendar days before the election. The registration process includes the submission of a petition signed by 150 current MTSU students, not necessarily members of the party, and a list of party officers. The party

may not be named for any other registered campus organization or be named in poor taste, according to the new act.

Candidates running under a political party will not have to collect a petition of signatures in order to campaign but must have the party with which they are affiliated turn a party nomination form into the Election Commission.

A candidates' political party affiliation will be listed next to their name on the ballot. Students also have the option of running independently, in which case "Independent" may be written on the ballot by their name.

The new Electoral Act eliminates the \$300 expenditure limit and all expenditure forms. This caused many concerns from the floor. Many students were worried about the unfair financial advantages of one candidate over another.

The Electoral Act also allows for "word-of-mouth" campaigning year-round, which, according to Electoral Act Revision Committee member Josh Abramson, would balance out any financial discrepancies. Candidates or parties may not spend campaign funds or donations until 28 calendar days before the elections.

However, many students who have had experience in either campaigning or working on the election commission were completely in favor of dropping expenditure limits.

"You can look at it as freedom of speech," said Electoral Act Revision Committee member Chad White. "Students have the right, if they want to spend the money, to get out there and get their message out by whatever means they have." Right now with the \$300 spending limit,

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## Calendar unaffected by weather

By Lee Murphy /staff

MTSU's inclement-weather closure on Friday found many students enjoying an extended slumber.

Five inches of snow fell on Murfreesboro and its surrounding counties, according to the National Weather Service.

In accordance with the university's policy for inclement weather, Vice President for Finance and Administration Duane Stucky made the recommendation for closure to President James Walker late Thursday night.

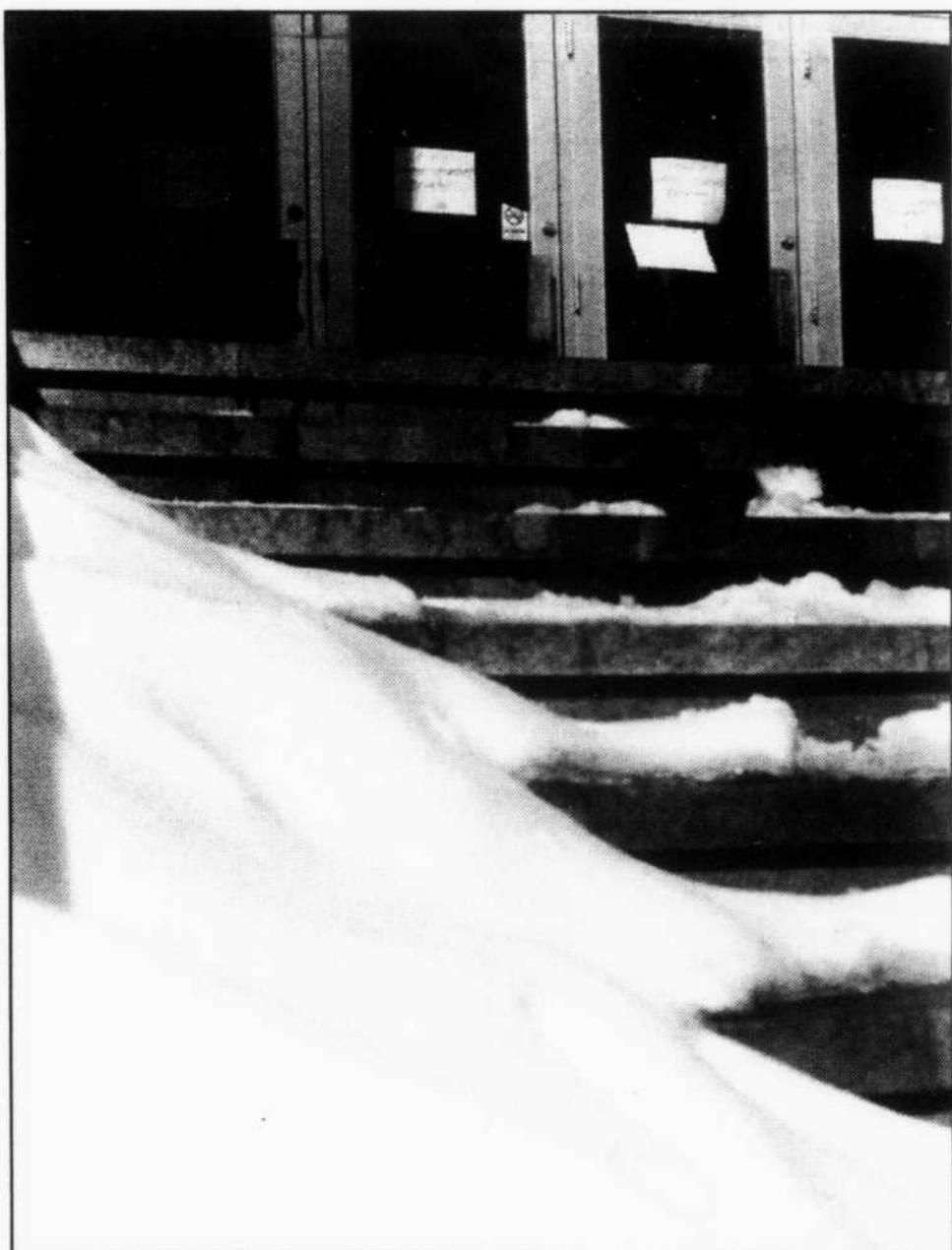
"Dr. Walker and I talked, and we concurred that we ought to put it on the 10 p.m. news that classes at the university were going to be closed for Friday," Stucky said.

The policy states that, if necessary, the president will declare an emergency closing as the result of inclement weather or other emergency situation. Upon conducting road tests around the county Thursday evening, Stucky said it was apparent that hazardous road conditions were present in the form of heavy snow and ice.

"You need to make sure you have your communication well in line," Stucky said. "Closing for weather is always a complex process for a university." There are numerous considerations to be made for inclement weather closure, including students who reside on campus, commuting students, faculty and staff.

"There are two-thirds of our students who live off campus, so the road conditions are important to us," Stucky said. "You still have to provide food and custodial services for those students who live on campus."

The policy takes all these factors into consideration by outlining the appropriate measures regarding general road conditions which might



Brian G. Miller/staff

*Todd Library was closed Sunday after the snow storm that struck the Southeast cancelled classes and university offices Friday.*

affect commuting students and the time that is expected to be required to return the campus to safe conditions during severe weather. MTSU's Attendance Policy for inclement

weather as it applies to the student population is as follows:

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## Grant adds eight officers

By Mark T. Gibson /staff

MTSU has received a federal law enforcement grant which was allow eight new police officers to be hired, according to Director of Public Safety Jack Drugmand.

"We received confirmation [from the Department of Justice], retroactive to December 1, 1995, . . . that we received the grant," Drugmand said. "The total amount will be \$526,064 dollars."

"The money comes from the Universal Hiring Program out of the National Crime Bill. We've actually applied for two other grants for which we were turned down, but the third time we were successful."

The terms of the grant require the university contribute 25 percent of the

salary costs over the three year period, approximately \$150,000, Drugmand said.

The money may not be used for uniforms or equipment.

Although the grant period is for three years, the contract requires the university to continue funding the new positions after the grant expires.

Drugmand said the department will begin advertising for trained and certified police officers immediately.

In addition to increasing its numbers, the police department will use the hiring opportunity to diversify its makeup.

"We are actively encouraging women and minorities to apply for the positions," Drugmand said. "We

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## Angelou visit rescheduled

By Heather Hybarger /staff

The rescheduling of "An Evening with Maya Angelou" in Murphy Center has resulted in the release of 500 more student seats, according to Tom Tozer, assistant director of Public Relations.

Originally scheduled for Feb. 1, the event was postponed due to the weather, Tozer said.

"It was a joint effort. Maya's people thought it would be difficult travel getting in and out, and we felt the same way," Tozer said. "People with tickets would not have been able to come."

Since the event will be in Murphy Center, there will be more

seats available. Ticket sales will reopen Thursday, Feb. 8 with 500 student tickets offered at \$5 each. An unlimited amount of tickets will be sold at the regular price of \$15.

"We had more demand than supply [when the event was to be held at Tucker Theatre]," Tozer said. "Now anyone who wants to come will have the opportunity."

A limited quantity of tickets to the reception following the event have been released for \$30. The reception will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

All tickets can be reserved by calling Murphy Center at 898-2103. ●

## FEATURES

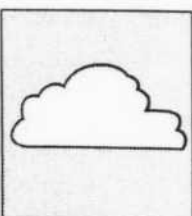
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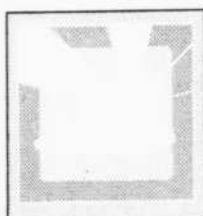
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## SPORTS

Blue Raiders thump Austin Peay

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# SNOW: weather policy implemented

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- Except in those instances when the university is closed, classes will be held, and student attendance is expected.
  - Students should plan to cope with severe, inclement weather conditions in such a fashion as to be able to attend classes when the university is open.
  - In cases of severe, inclement weather or hazardous roads, students are to exercise their own judgment in making decisions about class attendance.
  - Students will be held accountable for all assignments for their courses.
  - Contracted food services will be continued for residents on campus (during emergency closures).
- The university closure on Friday was the second this year. The first closure, also due to inclement weather, occurred just prior to the start of classes last month.
- According to Stucky, the academic schedule will not be altered in any way.
- "It really puts a lot of pressure on professors because they simply lose that class day. The calendar will be exactly the same—it's just that the professors have one less day to cover the material," Stucky said.
- Closing decisions made overnight are announced by the Office of Public Relations to the appropriate radio and television stations, usually by 6 a.m., Stucky said. There are no notifications made, however, of decisions to remain open. Students can also call the Public Relations news line (904-7000) where any cancellation is posted. ●

# SGA: campaign policies clarified in act

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there is no effective way to run a campaign."

The Electoral Act also allows for the election of senators by college and not classification. This part of the legislation involves constitutional revisions that were voted into policy last semester.

The Election Commission is given the right to try any student who is found in violation of the Electoral Act. The Election Commission's decision is appealable only to the SGA Supreme Court and only under two circumstances. A student may appeal if there is an error in due process by the Election Commission or if new evidence emerges which could not be presented at the initial hearing.

The Electoral Act also clarifies the times when

campaign forms are made available and are due. All dates are in multiples of seven in relation to election day.

SGA members decided to pass the Electoral Act "as is." It was made clear that the act can be amended at any time after it is passed.

SGA President Shane McFarland has the right to veto the Comprehensive Electoral Act.

If it is signed by

McFarland, Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Lalance has final consideration over the bill.

"We hope it won't take more than a week to get [the bill] through," Sullivan said.

"Then we can plan times the petitions will go out and are due, and I can make out the forms. We want to inform the student body of the changes as soon as possible." ●

# POLICE: officers to add efficiency: Drugmand

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would like for our police force to more accurately represent our student population."

The extra officers will be able to speed investigation of crimes on campus, Drugmand said.

"We're so short-handed right now that we don't have anybody who just does investigations or just does road

work," Drugmand said. "All of our officers do their own investigations. We've sent many of them to the investigation school for training, but they can't investigate and do road work at the same time."

"The extra help will allow us to diversify somewhat and do a better job of serving the university" he said.

The grant is a part of the

department's effort to restructure itself around "community policing," Drugmand said.

"We see ourselves both as a part of the community and as an extension of the university's mission to teach," Drugmand said. "We teach some classes, but we also teach students on a one-on-one basis, informally. That's a big part of who we are."

"The satellite office that we opened in Married Student Housing is an example of what we're trying to accomplish," Drugmand said. "We want to get officers out in the community where people can get to know them and feel comfortable with them."

"This grant will help us go a long way toward achieving that goal." ●

# New phone lines to relieve current strain

By Mark T. Gibson /staff

BellSouth will be adding new phone lines to MTSU which should make getting an off-campus line easier, according to Steve Prichard, manager of Telecommunications.

Prichard said that the new phone lines should be installed within 30 to 45 days. The exact number of lines hasn't been decided yet, he said.

Some people have

complained that they were unable to get outside lines.

"We're having a little bit of blockage because we have exhausted the BellSouth cabling facilities," Prichard said. "We have bought everything that they have available; there is no more cable."

"We're going to buy more access to the off-campus world as soon as BellSouth gets new cable here."

Although access problems

apparent, Telecommunications has been planning to add new lines for several months.

"In the fall we told BellSouth that we wanted to add more trunking, but they've not been able to get new construction in until now," Prichard said.

Modems have added to the access problem, he said, because of their usage patterns.

"Modems are high-consumer resources," Prichard said. "Voice traffic is quick-

out. But sometimes when you're using a modem and you connect to a remote computer, you may stay on for 30 minutes to a couple of hours, and this ties up trunking resources."

"This is one reason we need to add more trunks so that people can connect more easily."

Each new line will cost from \$80 to \$100 dollars a month, and should be installed by mid-March, Prichard said. MTSU currently has 120 outgoing lines. ●

# Man fakes identification so he can can play football

By College Press Service

AUSTIN, Texas—Hoodwinked University of Texas officials are still pondering what action to take against a 30-year-old California man who faked his identity and played on the Longhorn football team for a year.

According to John Bianco, assistant director of UT's Sports Information, it was a day before the Longhorn's Sugar Bowl game with Virginia

tech on Dec. 30 that team coaches first learned the player who pretended to be 23-year-old Joel Ron McKelvey may actually be an impostor named Ron Weaver.

"We were tipped off on late Friday night [in late December] by a reporter who planned to write a story about it," said Bianco. "By Saturday, our suspicions were confirmed. We spoke to [Weaver] on five different occasions, and he denied everything. Each time he pointed to ways the


university could prove his true identity was McKelvey. When none of those panned out and Weaver cleared out his stuff, it became clear the university was hoodwinked."

School officials are investigating whether they can recover a \$4,000 scholarship awarded to Weaver, and federal law enforcement officials are also looking into the case.

Weaver, playing for the Longhorns as McKelvey, was not a starter. But he played in

11 of Texas' 12 regular-season games, playing 60 downs as a reserve defensive back-nickel back and also appearing on 60 special team plays.

"It's the weirdest thing I ever heard of," said Bianco, of Weaver's cover-up. "All reports headed back here say he dreamed of playing NFL football and thought he could get there eventually. But a 32-year-old player making it into the NFL? he was dreaming." ●




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## ZTA AKA

The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha would like to thank the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha for participating in the first ever Punch Mixer on November 30, 1995. Both sororities seemed to have a great time, making the mixer a great success.

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha hope that this mixer will be a building block to more events like this in the future.

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# Summer program gives opportunity to study abroad

By Dustin Schrimpsner /staff

Students have three opportunities to study in the British Isles this summer through programs provided by the Cooperative Center for Study in Britain (CCSB).

Students can choose the Ireland/Scotland Summer, the Scotland/England Summer or the London Summer.

Courses are taught by American professors from

participating universities in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Idaho as well as professors from British universities.

David Lavery, chair of English department, will teach "Irish and Scottish Film" in the Ireland/Scotland Summer program this summer. Lavery said students abroad can gain an understanding of their studies which they might not get otherwise.

"These courses are grand field-trips. If I were teaching the class here, it would just be a series of films," Lavery said. "We'll see how these films are relevant in the cultural context of Ireland."

Ted Sherman, assistant professor of English, who taught "The Inklings: British Authors of the Twentieth Century" in last year's London Summer program, said the CCSB provides an opportunity

for instructors to research as well as provides both students and instructors the opportunity to be immersed in the culture.

"You can point out delineation between the U.S. and Britain," Sherman said.

Courses offered in the Ireland/Scotland program are "International Business Seminar," "Ireland and Scotland and the Literature of Fantasy and Horror," and "Ireland and Scotland at the

Movies." Participating students will be in Europe from June 11-July 3, and the trip will cost \$2,795.

The Scotland/England program offers three courses: "Multi-Cultural Issues in British Education," "Comparative Health Care Delivery," and "Reality and Fantasy in the Scottish Royal Tradition."

The Scotland/England trip runs from June 11-July 3 at the cost of \$2,195.

Students participating in the London Summer will attend courses that include "London Architecture," "Commercial Photography in London," "British Literature: The Sense of Place." Dates for this trip are July 4-August 5, and the cost is \$2,995.

Past CCSB participant Kimberly Smith said that the courses are set up so students can see as much of Europe as possible. Many people took the Chunnel to spend a weekend in Paris, Smith said.

"We ate at the Eagle and Child Pub which had been

frequented by J. R. R. Tolkien, Dorothy Sayers, and C. S. Lewis," said Smith. "I felt totally immersed in the culture. You understand what British authors mean by parks and gardens. We have roses and parks here, sure, but there are flowers all over London."

Kimberly said she was also able to see the Rolling Stones live at Wembley.

The CCSB is a union of 17 colleges and universities with member and affiliate schools from Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Idaho.

Eligible students must hold a sophomore standing, minimum grade-point average of 2.5 overall, one written faculty recommendation, submission of a one-page essay describing reasons for wanting to participate and submission of a completed application form with a \$100 deposit.

The deadline for application materials is March 20, 1996.

Interested parties can contact International Programs and Services at 898-2238. ●



Brian G. Miller/staff

## It's Raining Men

Fito Ramas, sponsored by the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, won the Mr. MTSU Pageant Monday night. Organized by the Chi Omega women's fraternity, all proceeds from the pageant were donated to the Hospice House of Murfreesboro.

## NOTICE

The nursing examination scheduled for 2-3-96 has been rescheduled for 2-10-96 at the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building Room 121 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## CAMPUS CAPSULE

## THURSDAY, FEB. 8

The MTSU College Democrats will meet in KIC 313 at 5 p.m. We will be watching "The War Room"

Social Work Forum will meet from 1 - 2 p.m. in JUB Dining Room A.

The Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive on the 3rd floor of the KUC from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Each donor will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, and Domino's Pizza will supply pizza for refreshment. A floating trophy will be awarded to the campus organization supplying the most donors. All donors will be greatly appreciated.

The Women in Music Business Association will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 101 of the Mass Comm Building. The guest speaker will be Entertainment Attorney/Adjunct Full Professor of International Recording Industry Deborah Wagnon to present "The Mira Smith Story. Everyone invited!"

Interview Preparation Workshops are at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in KUC 318. Presented by the MTSU Placement Center KUC 328, 898-2500.

Psi Chi/Psychology Club will hold a reorganizational meeting from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 207. College Democrats will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. in KUC Room 313.

## MONDAY, FEB. 12

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity will meet in the Choral Music Hall of the Saunders Fine Arts Building. All members should plan to

attend. A new meeting place will be announced at this time. We also have plenty of other business to discuss.

Student Social Work Forum and Alpha Delta Mu are sponsoring a candy sale Feb. 12 and 13, in KUC in front of Phillips Bookstore. Proceeds go to the social work scholarship.

Student Life is sponsoring the third session in their leadership development series in Room 314 of the KUC. Students will have the opportunity to learn about and participate in activities that show how their speech affects their everyday lives and their leadership skills. This session will be led by Dr. Ralph Hillman, Professor in the Speech and Theatre Department. Any student may attend, but participation is limited.

## TUESDAY, FEB. 13

College Republicans will hold an open meeting in KUC Room 313 at 7 p.m. State Representative candidate, John Bumpas will be speaking about the upcoming elections. We will also have table set up in front of the bookstore.

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

Alpha Kappa Psi will be holding interest meetings at 4:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. in KUC Room 324. AKPsi is a Co-Ed Professional Business Fraternity. Anyone with a major or minor in the College of Business and a 2.5 GPA is welcome to attend.

## THURSDAY, FEB. 15

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society is meeting at 7 p.m. at the Red Rose Cafe. In addition to a social time

we will be discussing the short story "Cathedral" by Ray Carver. Any interested students are welcome. For more information call Candace Moonshower at 646-4527.

Applications for initiates for Alpha Delta Mu are due in the social work office. Initiation is to be held in Peck Hall 317 on Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m. Members and initiates are to bring canned goods for the food drive.

College Republicans will hold an open meeting Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in KUC Room 313. There will also be a table set up in front of the bookstore.

All May 1996 Graduating Seniors: As a condition of graduation, you are required to take the ACT-Comp. The test will be given on March 5, 6 and 7 in the James Union Building- Tennessee Room. On these dates you may choose from the following test times: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. Proposals for the Fourth Annual Undergraduate Symposium in Women's Studies are being accepted through March 7. Applications may be picked up from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in KUC 120. For more information contact Womyn's Political Action Group, MTSU Box 623, or call 890-0915, or e-mail us at m\_c\_01c4@frank.mtsu.edu.

Women's Leadership Conference will be held at MTSU on March 8. Featuring Harriett Woods as keynote speaker, the conference will also include workshops, a luncheon and the 1996 Tennessee Women of Achievement Awards. Registration deadline is Feb. 15 with a conference fee of \$15; late registration is due on March 1 with a late fee of \$18.

Registration forms and additional information is available at the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206, call 898-2193.

The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance and Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Fraternities will sponsor the 1996 MTSU Quiz Bowl on Thursday, Feb. 29. The contest will be held at 6 p.m. in the TV studio of the LRC and is open to all clubs and organizations. Teams, up to four people, must pay an entrance fee of \$15. Interested organizations should either stop by KOM 226A or call 898-2673 or 898-2534 to enter.

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a "Japanese Netsuke Exhibit." Developed during the 17th and 18th centuries, netsuke were created in Japan to prevent a man's medicine box or tobacco pouch from slipping through his kimono's belt. These miniature sculptures were originally made of ivory or wood. They are less than 2 inches high and portray in detail the religion, legends and culture of Japan. The exhibit is on display in the lobby of the Cope Administration Building through March. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Application deadline for the Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honorary Scholarship is April 12. Applications can be obtained in the social work office. Criteria are posted with the applications.

## ONGOING EVENTS

Codependents Anonymous (Coda) will meet Thursday's from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Room 109 under the red handrail. Coda is a fellowship of men and women whose common problem is an inability to maintain functional relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and fulfilling relationships with others and ourselves. Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) will meet Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Marks Methodist Church, 1403 E. Main St., Room 109. ACOA is a 12-step support group for people raised in an alcoholic or other dysfunctional family.

Lambda, an organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, faculty, non-students, and their supporters, will meet every Tuesday in the Mass Comm building, room 103, at 6:30 p.m. For further information write to MTSU Box 624 or call 780-2293.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will hold its weekly meetings on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and Campus Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 9 p.m., in KUC room 312. All campus ministries and all individuals are invited to attend.

Sure I Can Copel is a support group for adult women students sponsored by the JAWC. Issues such as balancing family, finances, school, and other topics will be discussed. The group will meet Thursdays at 12:05 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. starting Jan. 25. Bring your lunch! Facilitated by Lydia Sun, a Psychology Graduate student. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. Confidentiality in groups is encouraged.

Looking Forward is a group for female survivors of rape and sexual abuse. Topics such as safety, boundaries in relationships, effectiveness of coping

skills, and ending isolation will be covered. Meets Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. All inquiries are confidential and confidentiality in groups is encouraged. Sponsored by the JAWC.

Wesley Foundation will be hosting an hour-long ongoing study group on Human Sexuality in the Christian Faith, Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

Wesley Singers rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome.

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

Anyone interested in being a tutor or getting tutored, please contact Tanisha Harris of the NAACP (Educational Committee) at 898-4056.

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# OPINIONS

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## Dialogue, differing opinions are essential to truth seeking



Scott Link

America is a melting pot. There is a plethora of backgrounds, socio-economic factors and experiences. Each one brings with it a different perspective. Each individual, though they may have experiences similar to another individual's, could have a slightly different perspective. I guess it is true. Opinions are like navels, everyone does have one.

For the open-minded, hearing an opposing viewpoint is good. We can look at the information presented, some of which may be new, and look at the information on which we had based our prior opinion. From there we assimilate, accommodate, repudiate or debate the collected information, either within our own minds or in an interpersonal dialogue.

The exchange of ideas and ideals facilitates discussion and heightens community awareness of issues. When we know the other person's basis for their perspective we can better understand how they came to their conclusion. Through logic, reason and past experience we can discuss with them their beliefs, our beliefs, where they differ, and where they match. Maybe, just maybe, the other person will see our point, or maybe we will see theirs.

I have been wrong many times before, and I will be wrong many times in the future. Everyone thinks they are right about what they believe, if they did not they would change their belief. There is a myriad of opinions on all

kinds of issues. They do not all agree. There is always the possibility that our opinions are wrong.

However, this does not give us the right to have an unresearched view. We owe whoever we disagree with the courtesy of at least being able to defend our views. Do we take what our professors, parents and peers tell us as gospel truth? Do we automatically believe them? Or do we check it with our knowledge, past experience and intuition? Hopefully we chew what we are taught, and do not just swallow it whole. Yes, we should respect authority, but don't be afraid to question it.

There is no down side to hearing differing opinions, unless you are closed-minded. Those who lack an open mind often have knee-jerk reactions to differing views. They have been known to resort to name calling, or reiterating patented sayings reserved for those who dare to disagree. Many times they will misinterpret what has been said and draw outlandish conclusions. A

person who disagrees with an intellectual concept is not attacking the person who put forth the concept.

My beliefs come from a faith-based perspective. If you will allow me to wax philosophical for a moment, I think there is an absolute truth. Our lives are spent gaining knowledge, whether by intentional searching or everyday experiences, of that truth. We are all at different points in our journey, so our revelation of truth is different. That is why there are so many differing beliefs.

Each time we hear a new perspective, we may have a bit more truth revealed to us. So, don't close your mind. Listen, critically, to what those around you are saying. Then evaluate your position again.

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## Letters to the Editor

### 'Showgirls' degrading; homosexuality misunderstood

To the Editor,

I would like to respond to several opinions from the Jan. 25 issue of *Sidelines*. First, I agree with Philip Ott's opinion that "Showgirls" is degrading to women and in some ways is soft core pornography. However, if Philip Ott wants to end indecency and inappropriateness, he needs to start with the advertising industry. Because we live in a heterosexual, patriarchy society where women are seen as objects of men's sexual desires, advertising degrades women using many methods including soft core pornography to sell products to men and women. For more information take a women's studies class or go to the LRC and watch the video entitled

"Still killing Us Softly."

Second, Scott Link believes that homosexuality is a disease. Homosexuality is not a sickness and should not be compared to the diseases of the world such as cancer, AIDS or alcoholism. If homosexuality is genetic and science tries to fix it, then perhaps science should start making the perfect human race with blonde hair and blue eyes like Hitler tried to do. Tampering with DNA and genetics makes it possible to eliminate unwanted individuals and try to produce a better society. It doesn't work. For a better example of this read Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World." God made each of us individuals, even homosexuals.

Of course, the norm for society is heterosexuality and everything else is abnormal. For this reason, homosexuality is always questioned. Instead of asking questions like, "What causes homosexuality and how do we cure it?" and "Is homosexuality a choice?" why not turn the tables around and ask, "What causes heterosexuality and how do we cure it?" and "Is heterosexuality a choice?" I'm sure if the norm was homosexuality and heterosexuality was abnormal, then maybe some individuals would be able to relate to and understand homosexuals a little more.

Rana V. Hooper  
Senior, English

### Reader to opinion writer: reality demands selfishness

To the Editor,

In surveying Scott Link's convoluted piece of drivel which graced your publication on Monday [Jan.] 29, I kept thinking "What cave did this moron crawl out from?" My message for Mr. Link and his ilk who believe that by merely pleading for others to "play nice and get along" is this: Open your mental eyes, use your brain, and think rationally and critically.

I suppose it is a natural human tendency to idealize a particular situation and project their own prejudices and opinions of what should be onto Reality believe that if they "pray a little harder," Reality will conform to their wishes. Well, if you haven't realized this yet Mr. Link, I'm sorry to inform you that

Reality will continue to exist and operate on its own terms quite oblivious to your opinions to the contrary.

Do you think that ice shouldn't be so slippery? Why not ask Reality to bend its laws to suit your pleasure? Don't you think it's awful that people should grow old and die? Why not believe that you're immortal and hope Reality will agree? Don't you think it would be nice for all the banks to forgive everybody's debt in the spirit of pure Christian love? Well, you can probably guess what'll happen.

Finally, Mr. Link, imagine this scenario. Suppose the people of the United States were to dismantle all of their nuclear weapons and say: "Rest-of-the-World, we don't wish to impose such a horrible potential

threat upon you, please treat us with the respect and dignity we deserve as a fellow country." Immediately, the people of the United States would be at the mercy of others because it would only require the merest threat of nuclear extinction to place this country under the arbitrary whims of another.

My point is this Mr. Link: this is a brutal world and Reality demands that people be selfish. Just think of what might happen if you asked a mother lion to surrender one of her cubs for you because you may have been lion-cub-deprived.

Bruce Johnson  
Senior, Chemistry

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To the Editor,

I am writing to express my extreme empathy with the Lambda organization's feelings of discrimination as I myself am a victim of this abomination. I experience discrimination all day, every day, even when I am alone. I am not gay, handicapped or of a racial minority. My tension with the social norm stems from my brain's simple lateral preference.

From the position of my car's pedals, to the spiral on my notebooks cutting into my hand—I

feel as if the world is taunting me, making me feel inferior and trying to force me to do things the right way. Not once growing up did I give into the pressures to join the majority. Occasionally, however, my uniqueness has proved to be an advantage since a right-handed little league pitcher can rarely strike out a left-handed batter.

While I do find it difficult living in a left-brained world, I refuse to make a right-handed person give me their desk just because it was made for a "leftie," just as I would not get mad at a handicapped

person for parking in one of our spaces. I also do not see any benefit in adding a line to a paragraph that nobody reads anyway. It would not make left-handed scissors any sharper.

I do not feel the need to be equated with everyone else because I know who I am and if the world wants to argue with that, it will just be talking to my back—I've got better things to do. That is just my left-wing opinion.

Phil Baker  
Junior, Radio/TV

### 'Normal' people unafraid of gays but tired of propaganda

To the Editor,

How amusing it is to read the Liberal Left's responses to criticism about their perverse homosexual views. Those of us who dare express our opinions are wrongly labeled as homophobes and perpetrators of injustice, hate and social corruption as senior Trey Hall put it a few issues back. However, the great majority of

normal citizens don't hate you and we certainly aren't afraid of you. We merely recognize moral degeneracy and sexual deviancy especially when it is constantly shoved in our faces by the homosexual propaganda machine.

Now, how about this issue of discrimination against homosexuals in America. Every homosexual has the same constitutional rights as the rest of us. In our free society

homosexuality gets tolerance but it certainly doesn't merit any extra rights! Listen homosexuals, stop deceiving yourselves by claiming that your sexual preference is not a choice and stop crying foul because normal people don't approve of your grotesque choice of lifestyle.

James Elliott  
Freshman, History



# FEATURES

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## They call him 'Dr. Love'



**Dr. Judson solves your problems**

Dear Dr. Father Judson:

I am lucky enough to be in a strong and loving relationship with a wonderful human. Terry is such a wonderful person to be with. Could you please run this poem I wrote for Terry in celebration of Valentine's Day? I think it will add a certain aspect of love and respect that your column so desperately needs!

Thanks,  
Bobbiey

Valentine Sweet

My heart is made of candy.  
Will you eat me now?  
Sugar coated candy.  
Is it sweet? And how!

Valentine, I tell you  
This year you are in luck.  
Since I'm short on cash,  
you'll probably get a poem!

Dear Bobbyey:

I am not familiar with the emotions of love, but I'd like to think I know a little bit about good poetry. Your poem is wonderful (insert sarcasm). You could be the next Robert Frost. It is sweet that you wanted to run this poem in a public news forum. It's just too bad that the poem isn't any good. Here is a little poem to describe my warm and fuzzy Valentine feelings about your little poem.

Why Bobbyey's Poem Sucks

My valentine, I love you.  
I hope I get The Clapper  
Bobbiey's poem sucks  
and should be in the crapper

Love  
Dr. Father Judson

Dear Readers:

I hope you all have a wonderful Valentine's Day. If you don't have anyone to celebrate with, you are not alone. Anyway, I want to thank those readers who have taken the time to write me letters and encourage those of you that haven't written me to write. There have been a few times when I have had to (gulp) generate some letters, but it is always more fun to answer yours.

Thanks  
Dr. Judson

P.S. If I have publicly told you not to write me any more letters, I still mean it! You know who you are!

\* Dr. Judson is neither a licensed therapist nor an accomplished poet. We hope he will stop sending us the "Be Mine" candy hearts in the mail (face it, Judson, we know it's you!). *Sidelines* assumes no responsibility for those following his advice. We would like to leave you with a poem of our own:

Roses are red, violets are blue,  
earthworms are squishy and covered with goo,  
if you have a problem that's bothering you,  
please write Dr. Father at Box 42. ●

## Who's afraid of the big bad Zombie?

### White Zombie brings its metal madness to Murfreesboro

By Joey Butler / staff

A giant devil head hangs in midair. Smoke and fireworks create a seemingly impenetrable mist broken only by the projector light, splashing images of B-movie horror films on the walls. Dante's "Inferno" meets the 20th century? Possibly, but it's cleverly disguised as a White Zombie concert, the Freakshow Divine.

White Zombie has been pummeling the charts with their latest album, "Astro-Creep: 2000, Songs of Love, Destruction and Other Synthetic Delusions of the Electric Head," and Friday night, they'll be bringing the madness to MTSU's Murphy Center with special guests Filter.

The band is the demon spawn of Rob Zombie, ringleader of the psychotic circus. Zombie formed the band in New York in 1985 with former girlfriend and present green-haired sideshow attraction (not to mention bassist) Sean Yseult. Along the way, Zombie recruited guitarist Jay Yuenger (a.k.a. "J.") to add to the mix.

Zombie and Yuenger worked as bike messengers by day while Yseult paid the rent working at a porno magazine. Zombie reached the pinnacle of his daytime employment as a production assistant on "Pee Wee's Playhouse," not yet realizing how many sick jokes the job would lead to in the future.

While surviving the stress of the New York club scene, White Zombie managed to release several independent albums before signing a deal with Geffen Records.

Their 1992 major label debut, "La Sexorcisto: Devil Music Vol. One," received a healthy kick in the pants by MTV taste makers "Beavis and Butt-head" and led the music video generation to run screaming for the record stores. That endorsement, along with two-and-a-half years of non-stop touring, led to platinum sales and a Grammy nomination for "Best Hard Rock Performance."

"Astro-Creep: 2000" is continuing in the sick Zombie tradition, poisoning the minds of over one million listeners so far and launching the band into Top 10 status, which is an amazing feat considering the lackluster sales of other heavy rock bands these days.

Sean Yseult has a theory about White Zombie's success in the wake of metal's apparent "death."

"A lot of heavy metal bands that have had a sharp decline in popularity were just about [the image]. We've never considered ourselves just a metal band," Yseult says. "That's not what White Zombie is about. It's like a horror show at a carnival and heavy music is one aspect of us."

White Zombie's finest moment may have been at the 1995 MTV Video Music Awards where they performed their "More Human Than Human" single for the show's finale. Unfortunately, there was a slight technical mishap that gave the nightmarish band a few bad dreams of their own. The band's prerecorded



White Zombie's J., Rob Zombie, John Tempesta, and Sean Yseult

samples got out of sync with the drummer and everything got a little ... confusing.

"The only thing I can say in our defense is that we couldn't use any of our crew," Yseult says. "We had to use union people and they didn't know what they were doing. We were at odds with the extra rhythm tracks and we were just having to guess. Anyway, it was a big mess."

The awards show has not been kind to bass players in the past. Fans may recall Nirvana bassist Krist Novoselic tossing his bass in the air only to have it fall on his head, knocking him to the ground. Compared to Novoselic's misfortune, Yseult considers herself relatively lucky.

"I've done just about everything else onstage to injure myself, but I haven't done that one yet," she says.

Yseult, plagued by a cold, is preparing to go onstage in Miami, Fla., unaware that she is two days away from plunging into the snowstorm that has paralyzed Tennessee. However, she is all too aware of the controversy surrounding her band's visit to the Volunteer State.

A Feb. 4 show scheduled for Freedom Hall in Johnson City, Tenn., was already canceled due to protests by citizens and local ministers. According to the *Johnson City Press*, the protest began when two people spoke against the concert at a city

commissioners meeting. The protest gained strength until a motion was made to cancel the show. The city attorney defended the contract and the city's obligation to honor it, but a loophole was found in the operating rules stating that a cancellation could occur if an event was "contrary to public policy." Hence, the protesters celebrated, MTV's "Week In Rock" criticized the cancellation, and the show was moved to nearby Viking Hall in Bristol, Tenn. But that was only the beginning.

**"If you want to see a Walt Disney film, don't come to a White Zombie show."**

**Sean Yseult**  
Zombie bassist

The *Bristol Herald-Courier* reports that within 48 hours of the concert announcement, protests began in Bristol. A Jan. 30 rally attracted 2,000 people, the largest protest in the city's history, dwarfing a similar rally held to protest a 1993 Megadeth concert. A petition was circulated to stop the concert, church sermons centered around the protest, and the media converged on the small East Tennessee town to find out what was going on.

Back in Miami, Yseult is wondering what is going on herself. Despite her band's wicked image, she says nothing like this has ever happened before.

"[Protests] have happened maybe once or twice in the past, but considering we've been around for 10 years, this is a pretty isolated

incident," Yseult says.

Concerning White Zombie's image, Yseult suggests trying the band with a grain of salt.

"I wouldn't take it completely seriously," she says. "If you bother to look into the [album] illustrations and music, it's very dark humor and maybe a few people don't appreciate dark humor or dark literature. So don't read it."

"If you want to see a Walt Disney film, go see Walt Disney. Don't come to a White Zombie show. It's supposed to be a free country."

Yseult is amused by some of the stories that circulate about the band and its so-called satanic image. She laughs as she denies rumors that White Zombie eats little children and throw their bones out the tour bus windows.

"Who us? Of course not! Ozzy [Osbourne] bites the head off a bat 10 years ago and we're all still taking the bad rap for it," Yseult says.

While she may be able to deny eating children, Yseult can't shy away from the "hotel manager incident." As the story goes, the hotel manager where the band was staying dropped dead in their room.

"That's true, but that has nothing to do with us being Satanists," Yseult admits with a laugh. "It was just a coincidence and it was bizarre to say the least."

Apparently, the manager discovered several White Zombie roadies showering in their room and began yelling at them, suffering a heart attack in the process.

Yseult says they called the paramedics, but the ambulance didn't get there in time.

#### Aftermath

Despite the protests, White Zombie went through with the Bristol concert with little difficulty. A determined crowd of nearly 50 protesters stood outside Viking Hall in 5-degree weather to pass out religious tracts. However, their worst fears were not confirmed. The concert was a success and only one arrest was made.

Some of that crowd obedience can be attributed to the increased police force at the show. Bristol deputy chief Mike Yaniero said three times as many officers as normal were brought in to form a buffer between the protesters and the concertgoers.

The rest of that crowd obedience was courtesy of the crowd themselves. Viking Hall general manager Terrie Smith said her staff members called the White Zombie audience "the best bunch of kids we've had."

"The kids were well behaved," Smith said. "I think the protests were so huge because we inherited the firestorm from Johnson City."

Following the wave of protests and media attention, White Zombie hopes to destroy Murphy Center in peace. Hopefully, they will be able to do so without opposition. MTSU Student Programming reports that no protests have been made so far and everyone seems to be looking forward to a great show.

Although the floor is sold out, there are still some chair seats left. Ticket prices are \$24.25 and MTSU students can still get a \$2 discount on Thursday, but tickets will be full price on Friday.

One final warning for the weak at heart: enjoy the show but please - stay out of White Zombie's hotel room. ●

## ENTERTAINMENT EXTRA!

### TODAY

THE BORO (895-4800) gets funky with Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction at 8 p.m. Only \$4 at the door.

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JONATHAN'S (895-1133) gets loose with Dean Hall & Loose Eels. Everything gets electric at 10:30 for \$4.

KUC THEATER (Student Programming 2551) Flies high with "Tuskegee Airman" showing at 6:30 and 9:00 for \$2.

MAINSTREET (890-7820) tunes in to Channel C at 10 p.m. for 4 bucks.

SQUEEZER'S (896-8175) welcomes Max Vogue at 9:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

THE BORO welcomes Ballistic Whiplash at 9:30 p.m. Cover charge only \$3.

BUNGANUT PIG rocks with Jimmy Markum and the Jukes at 9 p.m.

CACTUS JACK'S (896-3609). Located at I-24 at 231S behind Bubba's Boot Outlet) rocks when Wheatfeild blows into town.

Party starts at 10 p.m.

MAINSTREET plans to melt some of this snow with Hotter Than Hell, a Kiss

tribute band. Openers Soul Shaker get shaking' at 9:30. \$6

SQUEEZER'S hosts Old Mother Haggard and Holy City Zoo at 9:30.

### SATURDAY

THE BORO rocks with the Laughing Storm Dogs. Show starts at 9:30 for \$3.

BUNGANUT PIG welcomes the musical styling of Christian Hastings at 9 p.m.

CACTUS JACK'S let's Wheatfeild mosey in for another night. Same time; same price.

JONATHAN'S presents Dorian Gray at 10:00. For 21 and over, cover charge is \$4.

For 18 to 21, cover is \$8.

MAINSTREET celebrates Bob Marley's birthday with Mystic Meditations who take the stage at 10 p.m. Cover charge is \$4.

SQUEEZER'S Secret Commonwealth and Chris Brown rock the joint beginning at 9:30.

### SUNDAY

THE BORO gets shaking' as Alex Ogbourne takes the stage 8 p.m. No cover.

KUC THEATER presents "Apocalypse Now." 4p/ \$2

SQUEEZER'S has a party with Rub, The Features and The Rories. Things get cranking' at 9:30.

### MONDAY

THE BORO hosts Janie Grey at 9:30 for \$4.

BUNGANUT PIG welcomes the Warren Brothers at 8 p.m.

CACTUS JACK'S encourages male bonding with Men's Night and 2-for-1 cocktails.

KUC THEATER continues its run of "Apocalypse Now." 6:30 & 9p/ \$2

SQUEEZER'S gets funky with Ick and Sister Ray at 9:30. It is also Beat the Clock Night.

### TUESDAY

THE BORO hosts Mike Palmer at 9:30. \$3 at the door.

BUNGANUT PIG hosts Ladies' Night featuring Lisa Zanghy at 8 p.m.

CACTUS JACK'S gives it up for the sisters with Ladies' Night and 2-for-1 cocktails.

KUC THEATER in celebration of Washington and Lincoln's birthdays, "Dead Presidents" is playing at 6:30 & 9 p/ \$2.

MAINSTREET Hosts a benefit for WMTS Radio with acts Daphne's Operation, Today's the Day, Kingpin and Jaba Christ. Show starts at 10 p.m. for \$4.

### WEDNESDAY

THE BORO flows with Highwater at 9:30 for \$3.

BUNGANUT PIG welcomes the Columbia Highway Bluegrass Band at 8 p.m.

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KUC THEATER continues its run of "Dead Presidents" at 6:30 & 9 p/ \$2

JONATHAN'S rocks this and every Wednesday with Tall Paul at 9:30.

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SQUEEZER'S hosts Aggy Colored Karma. ●



# SPORTS

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SIDELINES

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## Raiders sweep APSU with 75-66 road victory

By Rob Nunley /staff

The Blue Raiders started slow Saturday afternoon in Clarksville's Dunn Center, but by the time the final buzzer sounded Middle had swept the season series with Austin Peay defeating the Governors 75-66.

The win improved the Raiders' overall record to 11-8, while their Ohio Valley Conference record improved to 5-4. The Governors' record fell to 9-9 overall and 4-5 in the OVC.

"Any win is important, but this one has some magnitude because it was on the road and it's against a very good opponent," Blue Raider head coach David Farrar said.

The home atmosphere of the Dunn Center seemed to put a spark into the Governors' play early, as APSU lept to a 12-0 lead behind forwards Bubba Wells and Jermaine Savage in the first four minutes of the game.

But the Raiders battled back behind strong rebounding, and as their shots finally began to fall, were able to close in on the Governors' lead. With 1:38 left in the half, K.J. Harden buried a long 3-pointer to tie the score at 35.

The momentum swung in Middle's favor after Harden's trey, and in the final minute of the half a jumper from Roni Bailey and a last-second 3-pointer by Tim Gaither sent the Raiders into the locker room with a 40-35 lead.

Wells scored 14 points for the Governors in the first half, while teammate Savage added 11. For the Raiders, Bailey led the first-half offensive charge with 12 points. As a

team, the Raiders out-rebounded the Governors 13-12, including six offensive boards to APSU's two.

"I think our numbers and our rebounding were the biggest factors in the game," Farrar said. "They (APSU) shot 60 percent in the first half and were five down, so rebounding has to be a factor."

"I don't think you're ever relaxed or overconfident, regardless of what happens in the first half," Farrar added. "We think the first half is a feel-out time, and the second half is for real."

The Raiders certainly came out for real in the second half. APSU was able to take a one-point lead with 12:22 remaining in the game, but with a solid group of Raider boosters who had braved the wintry weather to travel to Clarksville cheering them on, Middle immediately retook the lead and built upon it.

The MTSU margin grew to as many as 13 points, and free throws down the stretch from Nod Carter and Gaither kept the Raiders on top for the rest of the game.

Wells led all scorers in the game, totalling 28 points in a losing effort, while Savage and Reggie Crenshaw added 18 and 10, respectively for the Governors.

For the Raiders, Bailey scored 22 and grabbed six rebounds, while Gaither and Carter added 15 and 12. Aylton Tesch only scored four points, but hauled down 14 rebounds and contributed seven assists to the win.

Senior Brent Secrest had a big game off the bench, scoring eight points and grabbing three offensive

rebounds in only eight minutes of work.

"Basically I just tried to come out quick footed and assert myself and attack the goal," Bailey said of his performance. "Luckily I was getting the shots to fall."

"I thought our bench had a lot of influence on the game and rebounding-wise, and giving them very few second shots has to be one of the real keys to the game," Farrar said. "Roni had a big offensive night, Brent had a big game off the bench and I thought that Ty (Tyrone Barksdale) had a good game defensively off the bench. I think that's the mark of what we're able to do."

The Raiders will travel to Nashville Saturday to face the 10-10 (7-3 OVC) Tigers from Tennessee State University. Middle defeated the Tigers 86-74 at Murphy Center in January.

However, TSU comes into the game with momentum having defeated OVC leader Murray St. earlier in the week.

"They're in the second spot, and that's where we want to be," Bailey said of the TSU game. "We need that win to be up there where we want to be by the time the tournament starts."

"We like playing them, and it's a good atmosphere for basketball," Farrar said of the Tigers. "We have a tremendous amount of respect for their program and their players. They've gotten better, we hope we have too."

Tip-off for Saturday's game is scheduled for 7:45 at TSU's Gentry Complex. ●



Brian G. Miller/staff

Forward Roni Bailey scored 22 points in the Raiders' win Saturday at Austin Peay. MTSU's basketball teams travel to TSU Saturday.

## Fred Niemeyer suffers shoulder injury, doubles team forced out of Nationals

MTSU's nationally ranked doubles team of junior Fred Niemeyer and sophomore Anthony DeLuise were forced to withdraw from this weekend's National Indoor because of a shoulder injury to Niemeyer.

Team doctors have diagnosed Niemeyer with acute tendinitis in his rotator cuff. Although he could have been given shots and painkillers which may have enabled him to make the trip to Dallas, head coach Dale Short said he did not want to risk further damage to the shoulder.

"We could have given Freddy a shot before we went down there and he probably could have been all right to play," Short said. "However, at this point in the season with a lot of key matches yet to be played we did not want to take a risk of losing him any longer than we have to."

Niemeyer and DeLuise earned a berth into the 16 team field based on their national ranking of sixth.

Niemeyer said he still wanted to go despite the injury, but realized it was hard to possibly sacrifice the entire year for one tournament.

"I am very disappointed because I really felt that Anthony and I had a very good chance to go down there and win the whole thing," Niemeyer said. "But I understand where coach is coming from with the whole season still ahead of us."

On Wednesday, DeLuise still had an outside shot of competing in the single s draw of the Indoor.

Ranked 21st in the country, DeLuise stood as a second alternate into the tournament but at press time it was undetermined if he would indeed be making the trip to Dallas.

Short said he expected Niemeyer to be ready to return for MTSU's next match on Feb. 15 when the Blue Raiders travel to Starkeville, Miss. to face Southeastern Conference power Mississippi State. ●

## Men's tennis team takes fourth place at O'Charley's Invitational tournament

By Joel Frey /staff

After defeating non-conference rival UAB, 4-3, in the opening round of last weekend's O'Charley's Invitational in Knoxville, the men's tennis team suffered two consecutive losses finishing fourth in the eight team field.

Following the UAB win on Friday, the Blue Raiders moved into the semifinals where they faced the ninth ranked University of South Alabama.

Despite solid play throughout the line-up, including sophomore Marshall Brown's victory at number five singles, MTSU could not overcome the powerful South Alabama team, losing 6-1.

Coach Dale Short said he had hoped his squad would have been able to come through against South Alabama especially after the critical

win against UAB.

"The UAB win was important for us," Short said. "They traditionally have a very solid team and this was the first time we had ever beaten them. South Alabama is very talented but I do think we really could have won some tight matches in different parts of the line-up."

Junior Fred Niemeyer, who lost 6-4, 7-5, playing at number one singles against South Alabama, agreed with Short's assessment.

"I had chances in both sets in my match," Niemeyer said. "It was just a matter of not winning the big points."

Following the South Alabama loss, the Blue Raiders were matched against Tennessee for third place.

Although Short said that he, as well as the entire team, felt they would

win going into the match, MTSU provided little resistance to the Volunteers in another 6-1 loss.

Sophomore David McNamara won MTSU's lone point in a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Thomas Mozur of UT.

Short said he was very disappointed in the outcome with Tennessee.

"I felt and still feel that we are the more talented team," Short said. "They came out firing early and none of our guys were able to recover. It was definitely a low point for me and the team mainly because most of the people in our area relate to a UT and the quality of their athletic program."

The Blue Raiders will get another shot at the Vols, however, when they return to Knoxville March 6 for the rematch. ●

## Lady Raiders' winning streak broken with 81-67 loss at APSU

By Sean P. O'Toole /staff

The Lady Raiders are a lot like the NBA's Chicago Bulls: dominating, explosive, and at times, flawless.

But even the greatest teams stumble to a loss now and then, and the Lady Raiders are no exception.

Riding a marvelous 12-game win streak into Clarksville this past Saturday to face the Lady Governors of Austin Peay, the Lady Raiders had not yet even been challenged.

Unfortunately, they were not just challenged by the Lady Govs, they were defeated, 81-67.

Head Coach Lewis Bivens said of the defeat, "We have been in a rut the past week and a half, and tonight was no exception. We just have not played well at all."

Coming into this game, the Lady Raiders had only trailed a team less than a handful of times the whole season, and not but twice during the streak. But nobody told that to Austin Peay.

After jumping out to an early and shocking 19-6 lead, the Lady Govs held off MTSU baskets and held onto a 24-18 lead at the 6-minute mark of the first half.

Following a Heather Prater lay-in at 5:20 which cut the lead to 4 (the closest the Lady Raiders would ever be), the Lady Govs ended the half by outscoring the Lady Raiders 19-8 to go into halftime with a 45-30 lead. For the first time in a long while, the Lady Raiders had to try to come back from

behind.

The Lady Raiders hung tough all throughout the second half, hitting big shots and forcing turnovers just as they had done all season. But the Lady Govs stayed just as tough.

The Lady Raiders and the Lady Govs traded baskets for the entire second half, and following a Cortney Neeley lay-in that got APSU's lead down to seven at the 2:29 mark, the Lady Govs closed the door and ended the game with a 11-5 run that handed the Lady Raiders their first loss since December 9, and has probably cost them any chance at a Top 25 ranking anytime soon.

"There are three key places you have to play big at in a game," Bivens said. "The first few minutes of the first half, the last few minutes of the first half, and the first few minutes of the second half. We did not play well in any of the three, and it gave them all the momentum."

Jonelda Buck, who was held to just 9 points and 7 rebounds said, "Being down may have hurt us, but they came out all hyped up, and it really got to us. They came out ready to play, and we just did not."

And once again, the question has been asked how badly Jessica Beaty's absence really hurts the Lady Raiders.

"She is our heart and soul," Bivens said. "We definitely miss her, but we lost this game, not Jessica Beaty."

Buck added, "I think it affects us a lot. Others have tried to pick up some

of the slack, but she is more than just scoring, and it hurts our team."

Sonja Cox led the Lady Govs with 20 points, and three others scored double figures, including senior guard Carrie Thompson, who received a game ball before the start of the game for surpassing the 1,000 point-mark for her career.

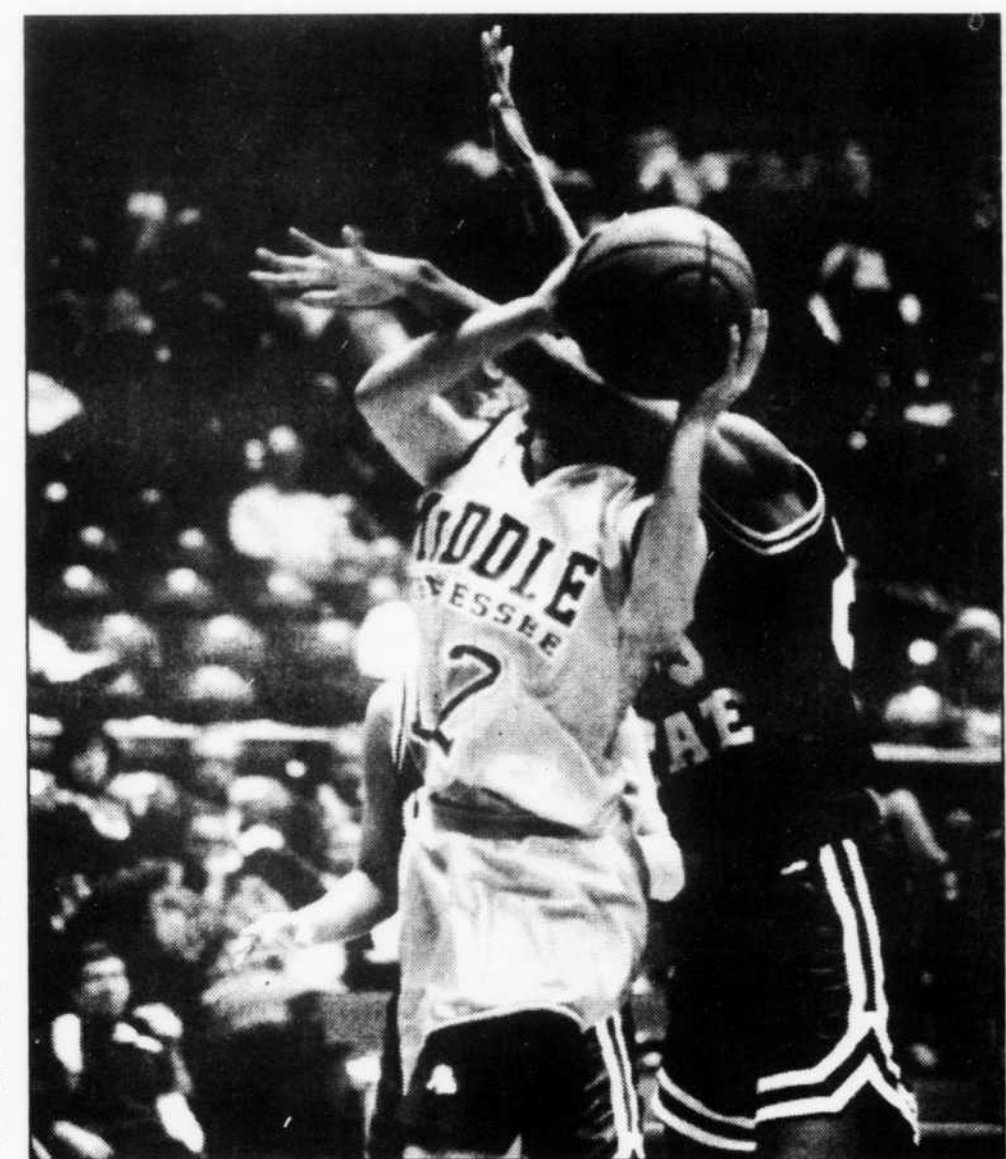
Interestingly enough, this was not only the Lady Raiders first OVC loss, but is also the first time Austin Peay has ever defeated the Lady Raiders. Middle now leads the all-time series 41-1.

Next up for the Lady Raiders is a trip to Nashville to battle the TSU Lady Tigers, who the Lady Raiders easily disposed of 70-52 on January 16th. Coach Bivens has made it very clear that room for improvement still exists.

"We need to play harder and wake up," Bivens said. "Our mentality has to be better, and we need to create more opportunities. It is disappointing when your best player (Heather Prater, who was held to just 8 points) takes only 7 shots in the whole game."

In a series that the Lady Raiders lead 21-8 all-time, they will try to show the world how well they can bounce back from adversity, by using the Lady Tigers as an example. Whether or not they bounce back is yet to be seen.

Tip-off for Saturday night's contest is scheduled for 5:45. ●



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Freshman guard Cortney Neeley gets hacked during a recent game.



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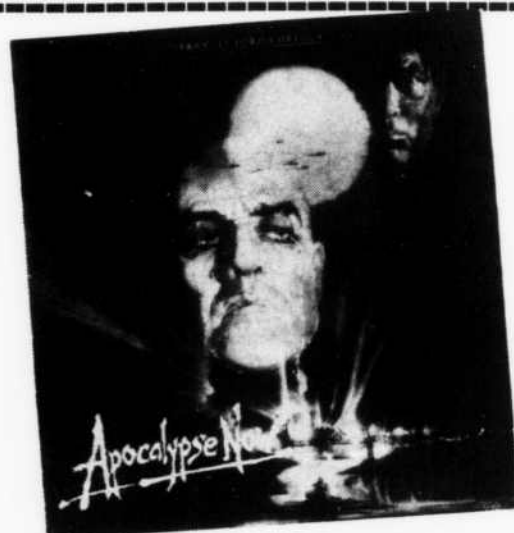


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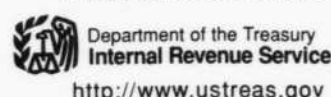
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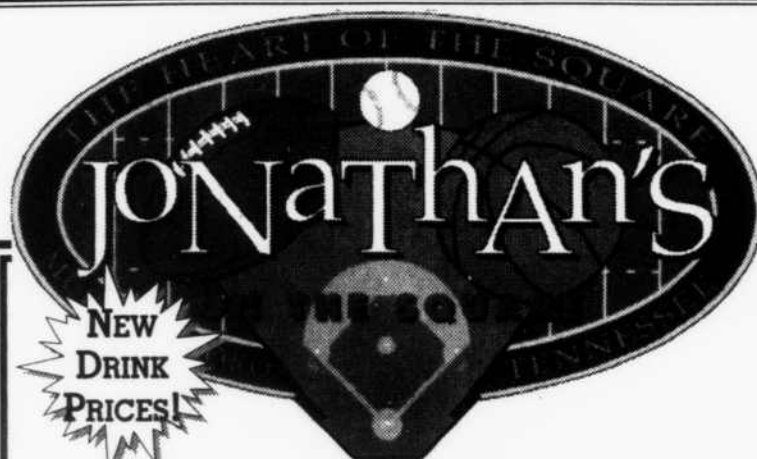
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at Indiana University meet**

By Lesli Bales /staff

Inclement weather did not stop the MTSU track teams from traveling to Indiana University last weekend for meet competition.

The women's team finished fourth out of twelve teams with 87 points while the men also brought home a fourth place finish with 69 points. Indiana State won the women's meet with 102 points and host Indiana University won the men's with 146 points.

Mia Florence brought home a first place finish in the triple jump with 39 feet, 4 inches. Florence also finished seventh in the high jump.

The women's mile relay team of Melanie Hall, Kim Watson, Tyjuana Phillips and Nadia Graham also took first with a time of 3:52.

Besides Hall's contribution to the first place finish in the mile relay, she also took third in the 600 meter run with a time of 1:35.44, setting a school record. "It was one of the most exciting races of the day," coach Dean Hayes said. "They fought it out all the way."

Andrea Byers took fifth in the triple jump with teammate Bianca Conley right behind her at sixth. Byers also finished seventh in the high jump behind Nekeya Ralls, who finished fourth with a jump of 18 feet, 4 1/2 inches. Ralls took third in the 55 meter hurdles with Saran Dunmore finishing eighth.

Meanwhile, Graham and Watson had back-to-back finishes in the 200, placing second and third, respectively. Phillips finished fifth in the 400 meter dash, and Shelly Johnson finished third in the shot put.

The men had two first place finishes thanks to Christian

Nsiah with his 21.95 second finish in the 200 and Jaz Salahuddin's 48 feet in the triple jump. Nsiah also brought home a second place finish in the 55 meters while teammate Dave Creary finished fifth.

Salahuddin took third in the long jump with teammate Rashad Haynes finishing seventh.

Haynes also took fourth in the triple jump. Creary and Kenden Maynard both finished fifth in the 200 and 400 meter races, respectively.

In the most exciting race of the day, the one mile relay team of Maynard, Nsiah, Lawrence Barham, and William Burrus finished second with a time of 3:21.4 seconds. Nsiah ran his leg of the race in an impressive 48.8 seconds.

"I think we had very solid performances from both teams, and I feel like this was good preparation for the Ohio Valley Conference Championships which we will host two weeks from this weekend," Hayes said. "It also gave us a chance to see what our people could do when we try to run quality races."

The track teams will be in action at Murphy Center this weekend. The meet should be a good barometer for the OVC Indoor meet at month's end with four of the seven schools competing coming from the OVC.

The six schools joining MTSU are Southeast Missouri, Western Kentucky, UT-Chattanooga, UAB, Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech. Southeast Missouri is the defending OVC Outdoor Champion.

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**By Joel Frev /staff**

Middle was scheduled to play Davidson University last Saturday morning but snowy weather prevented Davidson from making the trip to Atlanta and the match was canceled.

"Jennifer is a great competitor," Thornton said. "Whenever she takes the court she shows a lot of

The Lady Raiders will have three chances to claim their first win of the season this weekend. They travel to Alabama for a three match swing with Samford, Auburn and Southern Mississippi beginning Friday afternoon in Birmingham. ●

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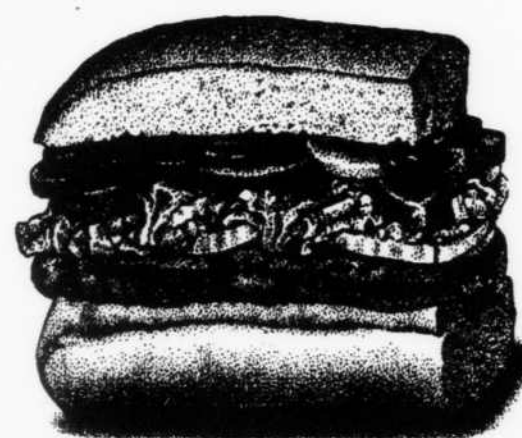
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