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## University busts book theft ring, refuses to release info

By Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum  
Staff Writer

Four students allegedly stole textbooks from Phillips Bookstore and sold them back for profit over the past six months.

The students may or may not be expelled from the university following a disciplinary hearing Friday, but university officials refused to disclose the outcome of the hearings, citing the Family Education Right to Privacy Act, which makes educational records confidential.

"My interpretation of FERPA for a sanction... is that that information is covered by FERPA and we would not release it," said Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs.

Paul McMasters, First Amendment Ombudsman for the Freedom Forum, disagrees.

"My understanding is that information is to be provided," McMasters said.

In 1998, Congress amended FERPA, requiring universities to disclose disciplinary hear-

ing results for sexual and violent crimes.

"My position is if (the amendment) requires disclosure concerning violent crimes, crimes of lesser event on face should have fewer privacy issues," McMasters said.

The bookstore lost around \$4,000 re-buying the stolen books.

"We definitely plan to prosecute the people involved," said Earl Harris, director of Phillips Bookstore. "We want to see that they pay the price."

Expulsion is the most severe sanction for students disciplined through the university, and Judicial Affairs did recommend expulsion for these students.

"This is a very expensive case," said Drew Bergman, coordinator for Judicial Affairs. "It's a lot more than one or two books... And we've got evidence that leads us to believe that those four were working together."

Glenn will determine if the students will be expelled, and the students will have an opportunity to appeal Glenn's decision. ♦



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Senior pre-med student Monica Brown sells sophomore Recording Industry major Blake Hester supplies at Phillips Bookstore, where several students recently stole textbooks and resold them to the store.

## The long, slow march



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Police and firefighters help block traffic for the funeral procession of former Murfreesboro Vice Mayor and civil rights leader Robert Scales, who died Monday. Scales was elected to City Council in 1964 and became the first African American elected to a public office in the South since the Reconstruction.

## Making murderers heroes

Lecturer, author probes minds of sociopathic killers

By Randy Allen  
Staff Writer

"Three percent of American males are sociopaths," says Jack Levin.

Fortunately, says Levin, the majority of sociopaths are not violent. Levin, professor of Sociology and Criminology at Northeastern University, an author and an expert on serial killers, spoke October 26 at the Keathley University Center.

His presentation, Overkill: Serial Murder Exposed, was sponsored by MTSU Ideas and Issues.

Levin has interviewed and studied some of the most infamous murderers of the 20th century.



Dahmer

Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer and John Wayne Gacy are among his subjects.

He has appeared on several television shows including Good Morning America, The Today Show, Larry King Live and 48 Hours.

He has also appeared as an expert witness for prosecutors across the nation.

Levin identified a recent and disturbing trend, the commercialization of murder.

His presentation focused on the difficulty Americans have when trying to tell the good guys from the monsters.

"Monsters are taking the place of heroes," he stated, referring to the introduction of serial murder trading cards and T-shirts to the retail market.

"John Wayne Gacy was a

Democrat, Ted Bundy was a Republican serial murder is bipartisan," Levin said.

The reality of Levin's presentation appropriately fell a few days before Halloween.

He reminded students to be more careful than ever.

"Serial murderers don't stand out in a crowd, they look like ordinary people," he said.

However, Levin says the relative danger of death at a serial killer's hands.

"You are more likely to die of malaria or leprosy than at the hands of a serial killer," Levin added as an attempt to balance the horror he had portrayed. ♦



Manson

## Study finds marijuana use up on campuses



File Photo

By Amit R. Paley  
Harvard Crimson (Harvard U.)

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Marijuana use among U.S. college students rose 22 percent over the past decade, according to a study released this week by the Harvard School of Public Health. And "very competitive" colleges in the Northeast posted the largest increases.

Last year, 15.7 percent of students surveyed claimed to have used marijuana in the past month. In 1993, the rate was 12.9 percent.

"These new findings should be a source of concern for those involved with the prevention and treatment of illicit drug use among young people," Lecturer on Social Psychology Henry Wechsler, one of the authors of the report, said in a press release.

Wechsler is also director of the College Alcohol Study, a School of Public Health study whose first report was released six years ago and of which the marijuana study is a part.

The authors of the report say the study's results may mark the end of a 20-year decline in drug use.

"This trend threatens to slow or reverse the decline in illicit drug use among adults in the United States since 1980," the report reads.

But prevention cannot begin at the university level.

"[We] need education programs for younger students as well as programs in college," Wechsler wrote in an e-mail mes-

sage. "The younger one begins to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco, the greater the problems."

Colleges classified as "very competitive" showed higher usage rates and larger increases over the past seven years than college classified as "competitive," the report found.

Some Harvard students say that's not surprising.

"Students who go to more competitive colleges are more likely to be open-minded, so they're more likely to experiment than to just say no," said Keziah R. Cook '04.

But experts say it's the high-pressure environment that's more likely to be the cause of higher marijuana usage rates at competitive schools.

"Stress is an influence in people's decisions around substance use," University Health Services Educator Michael A. Hoyt said.

One student said Harvard is no exception to national trends.

"I'll smoke [marijuana] every once in a while — it's just a chill thing that a lot of people do," said the Eliot House sophomore, who asked that his name not be used. "Harvard is conducive to it, since people here are pretty affluent and have a lot of access and just do it."

But not all students think marijuana use on campus is so prevalent.

"I'm kind of surprised by [the results of the study], since it seems like not that many people at Harvard use marijuana," Cook said. "It's obviously here but it doesn't have nearly as much of a presence as alcohol."

The study found that marijuana use increased among most demographic groups, although it was highest at colleges in the Northeast and lowest at Southern colleges.

Usage was higher among white non-Hispanics than any other ethnicity, and men used marijuana more than women, according to the study.

The report was based on the responses of more than 14,000 students at 119 four-year colleges in 40 states. ♦



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### Making Bills Bigger

(AP) - BellSouth plans to increase the size of its bills - literally. Responding to complaints that its bills are difficult to decipher, the Atlanta-based company said Tuesday it is redesigning the bills with a larger size, a new typeface and icons denoting which service each page details.

The new bills will be sent to 400,000 BellSouth Florida customers starting in November, with all customers in the company's nine-state region receiving the new bill by June. BellSouth has about 16 million customers in the region.

"We want people to know that help is on the way if we have customers out there having trouble reading the bill," BellSouth spokesman Spero Canton said.

The bills will mark each page according to which service the charges cover - local and cellular service, long distance, paging and Internet. Taxes and other fees also will be more clearly explained, Canton said.

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### Political tricks and treats

(AP) - Each Halloween evening during the past few years, children trick-or-treating along Curtiswood Lane have gotten an extra treat: A face-to-face meeting with the governor of Tennessee.

But the children might not have recognized Gov. Don Sundquist. One year, he was dressed as a cowboy, another as Uncle Fester from the "The Addams Family" movie and TV show.

Sundquist and his wife, Martha, usually wear costumes when handing out candy to children visiting the Executive Residence on Halloween night, said Alexia Levinson, the governor's

spokeswoman.

This Halloween, Sundquist was to dress in a clown's costume. His wife planned to dress as a witch, Levinson said Tuesday afternoon.

Asked what kind of treats the Sundquists usually distribute, Levinson wasn't sure but jokingly added, "Your kids would definitely want to go to their house."

The Sundquists have three grown children, one 3-year-old grandchild and another grandchild due in March. ♦

### Being the last daughters of the revolution

(AP) - The math seems implausible, but the documents don't lie. Anne Lee Smith Dobbs' father fought in the Civil War.

Dobbs, 84, is the only known child of a Union Army veteran still alive in Tennessee, and one of only about 20 known Union daughters nationwide.

Her memories of her father, William Smith, are sketchy. The Civil War veteran was 75 years old when Dobbs was born, and died when she was 3 years old.

"They all said he was a good, kind man," Dobbs said. "He passed away July 31, 1919, and I would have been four that October. I remember them calling me into the room. People were rubbing his arms. He called me over to the bed and said he was going away."

"I asked him 'Can I go with you,' and he said, 'No.' ... I remember going out of the room crying."

The discovery of Dobbs' family history has been cause for celebration in the Civil War heritage community. The living children of Civil War veterans are a small and shrinking club. Experts estimate that there are probably no more than 200 children of Civil War veterans still alive in the United States. Head ♦

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We affirm the importance of political involvement and the need to fulfill one's civic duty by voting and by working for a more just political order. But we deny the possibility of any political party or ideology being able to create a utopia on earth.

We affirm the fact that the teachings of the Bible are relevant to political issues today. But we deny that there are political solutions for the deepest human needs.

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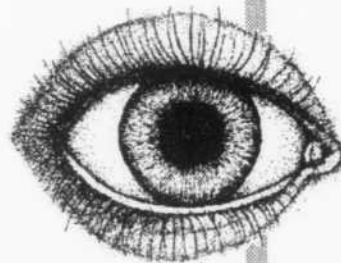
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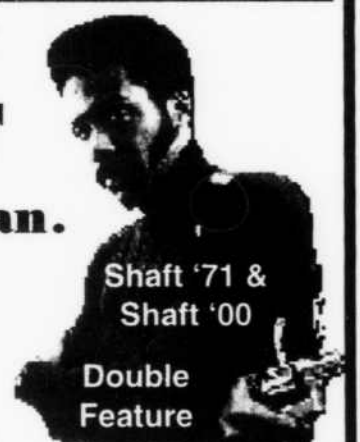
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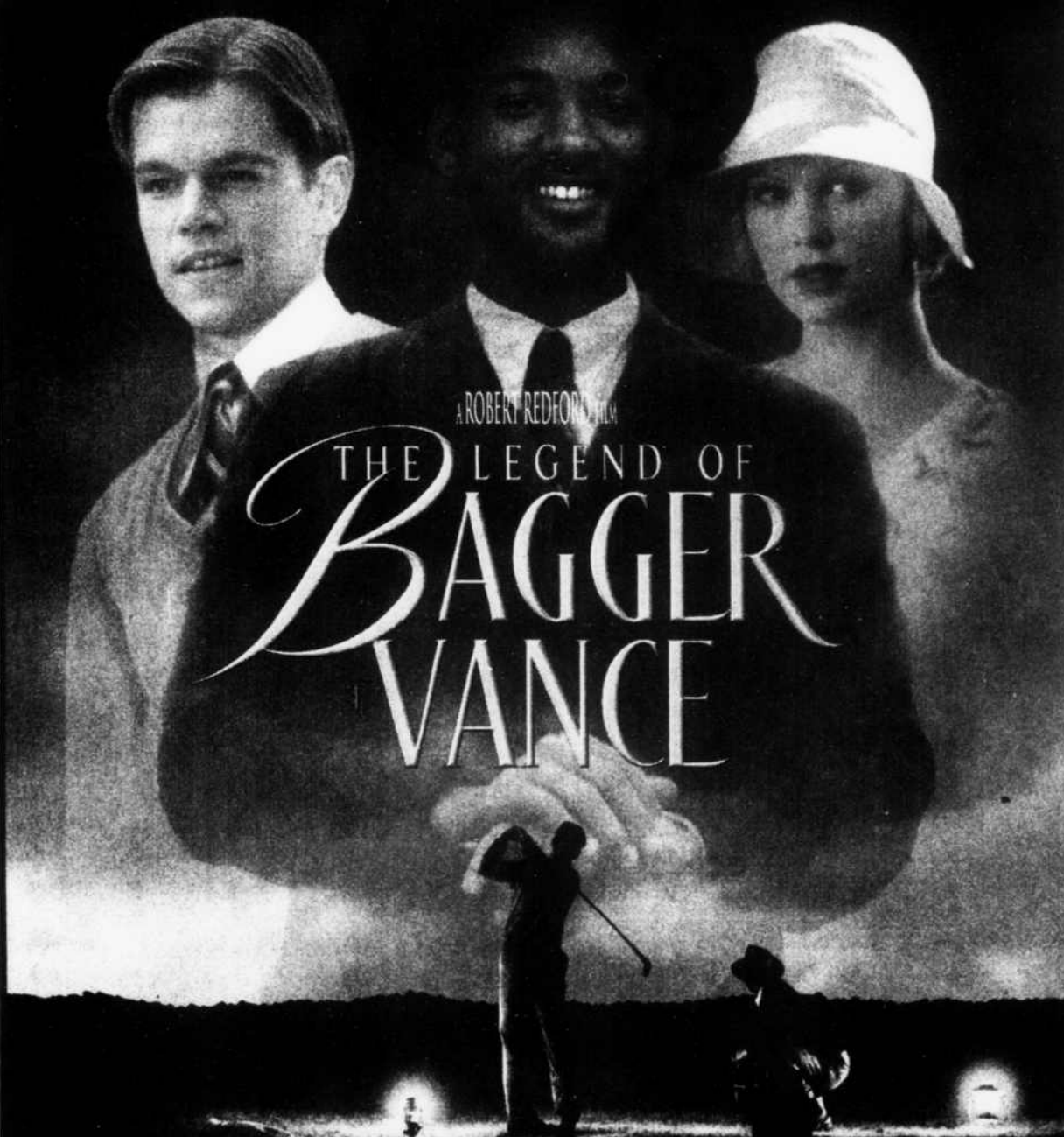
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# OPINIONS

Murfreesboro, TN

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

SIDELINES ♦

## From the staff FERPA not intended to protect alleged criminals

There appears to be a book-stealing ring on campus. This probably doesn't come as much of a shock, but the fact that we may never know who was behind it and if they were ever punished may.

The Family Education Right to Privacy Act protects students' educational records. Since these students are being disciplined by the school and not the police, their cases are being sealed.

Paul McMasters, First Amendment Ombudsman for the Freedom Forum, argues that since exceptions for violent and sexual crimes exist, less significant crimes like theft should be covered as well. Unfortunately, his reasoning is somewhat flawed. Those who commit violent and sexual crimes pose a potential direct physical danger to the student body. That gives greater reason for releasing information on these particular kinds of crime. They lose privacy due to the magnitude of their actions. Those who commit lesser crimes have not lost this right under FERPA.

However, one must ask why these students are being protected at all. Why does receiving a college

education protect someone from being exposed for the criminal they may be?

FERPA was designed to give students control over who gained knowledge of their academic record — grades, classes taken, current class schedule. But when students are "tried" by a university committee instead of the actual law for a crime they commit, it is protected as well.

If these students are only tried by the school, the worst punishment they face is expulsion. And the only way we could know about it is when they don't show up in class the next day. Our only hope for information is if Phillips Bookstore prosecutes, which would place this crime where it belongs — in the hands of the police.

It doesn't matter where someone commits a crime, what kind of crime it is or what year of school they may be in. People have the right to know who violated the law. Using a law meant to protect educational information as a means to protect a university's image and hide information from the public should be a crime itself.

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## Alarm clocks a necessary evil

### Frankly My Dear



David  
Sargent  
Staff  
Columnist

Sleep is the most precious of all the day's events. Until, that is, "you know what" happens.

Let me take you to a far-away place, where there are actually strawberry fields, and pigs fly. You can date Elizabeth Hurley or Selma Hayek here on demand and drive a Dodge Viper whenever the hell you feel like it. Man, I can just imagine it right now, ahhh.

I'm in the middle of a beautiful and vivid dream that I can't recall right now, and everything is just okay. I'm enjoying the absence of any kind of active lifestyle, when the noise akin to nails on a chalk board fires up at 8:16 AM (obscurity)...brahh, brahh, brahh, brahh!

What the hell? As I break into a cold sweat, I try to figure out what just happened.

In a state of complete lethargy, I begin to incorporate the sound into my dream. They're coming for me, I think to myself. I swat in all directions to keep the little green men away. Stop! Kill the noise!

By this time, I figure out that my personal demon box is making the noises.

I begin to reach around in a world that isn't quite in focus, and I become a lethally blind fighting force that strikes anything within reach in an effort to slow my heart rate to a healthy level. I begin frantically pushing buttons — every button I found, I pushed. Then my hand falls upon a hard plastic object, and the noise ends.

Phew, it wasn't the little green men after all. Just my alarm clock. Then I come to the sad realization that, once again, it was only a dream.

By this point, I am so startled and angered that someone would take me away from a jam session with the guys from Phish that I take the demon box and throw it to the ground, because I saw someone do it on TV once, of course. But I guess it's a good thing so I can make my class this afternoon.

I know many of you have had similar experiences like almost every morning of your "responsible" lives. Some even more violent and animated than this tale. And the thing is we react to the same thing at the same time every day, but we never get used to it. We always end up changing the time on the clock, or breaking the LED, or ripping the power cord from the wall.

It's another reason why I set my clock to some random number of minutes ahead of time, so, in my zombitized state, I make more of an effort to get up, thinking that I'm way late.

In the heat of the moment, an abrupt awakening seems like worst thing that could happen. It

seems so unhealthy too. I think that's why we have such a hard time getting up.

It's even harder for the college student, I believe. This is obviously because our sub-species within the human race has a different clock than the rest of the world.

However, the schedule writers don't seem to think that it should be hard for us to get up when there's no dot on the bottom-right of your digital clock (the dot means A.M.), so all the classes we need always end up being in the dead of the morning.

Someone needs to invent a more smooth way of bringing people out of sleep.

But, I guess there's a positive side to it, too. You can tell your war stories and show off fighting scars and stuff. It's kind of like a conversation piece, in other words.

The only problem is that this conversation piece could probably start a third world war if, by chance, the nuclear-bomb-trigger man accidentally put his alarm clock right next to the wrong switch. Dude, that would suck.

Let's just hope the defense system is a little more advanced than that.

I guess, for now, we'll have to accept that the piercing and gut-wrenching intermittent roar is one of the few constants in our life. That, and I guess Regis will be there too (man, he gets on my nerves).

Sucks, doesn't it? ♦

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## Letters to the Editor

### Sidelines shouldn't apologize for mention of race

I was somewhat disturbed by the fact that *Sidelines* chose to make an issue out of the non-issue of race concerning the stabbing incident last week.

First off, the tone of the article seems to be one of chastisement towards the witness who made mention of the race of the parties involved. The statement was made in the opinions article that, "We cannot apologize for a person's quote." I find this to be uncalled for.

Is *Sidelines* implying that the witness should apologize for what she said? While the race of the women involved may not be relevant to the fact that a stabbing occurred, there is absolutely no reason not to mention a person's race in a newspaper article.

This brings me to another point to be addressed. In this opinion article, *Sidelines* implies that if it had had, "... more socially conscious quotes to choose from," it would have used those in lieu of the quote mentioning the race of those involved. Is *Sidelines* engaging in selective censorship? Or even worse, dictating to its readership what thoughts and speech are

acceptable and what are not? As a strong supporter of the first amendment, I feel that neither this paper nor any other organization or individual in this great country has the right to pick what we hear and see based on personal beliefs, nor tell it's citizens where their first amendment rights apply and where they don't.

Lastly, I, as a reader of *Sidelines*, feel that if the paper is going to print, "There has been some criticism of our coverage..." then it is obligated to inform us exactly who it was that put forth this criticism. Was it one student? A hundred students? The administration? The ACLU? I want to know who was so upset by the coverage of the stabbing incident that this opinion article was made necessary. This is important information and should not be omitted.

In the future, I would like to see more factual reporting and less intelligence-insulting PC posturing in our student paper.

Sincerely,  
James Wesley Cobb

### Nothing excuses vandalism

This letter is in regards to all of the hype regarding the tearing down of the goal posts.

I think the most important issue to realize

here is this: Greek or non-Greek — leave the goal posts alone.

It's time to stop looking through blue-colored glasses and understand that this "sign of school spirit" is nothing more than vandalism. Whether or not the persons involved were Greeks or non-Greeks is totally irrelevant.

Yes, the majority of the people involved were Greeks. The clothing and flags sported by the Greeks made the mass of people look like a moving bowl of Greek alphabet soup. Yes, there were non-Greeks in the mix as well. The fact remains that we as a student body have torn down two goal posts, bringing the damage total to 10,000 dollars.

Why don't we give those in charge more reason to keep raising our tuition with a Student Destruction of Goal Post Fee? So these first two times were out of school spirit. Do we tear down the Greek letters from the building that houses the winning fraternity of the

Homecoming float competition? Or should we dynamite the Music Hall stage after a great piano recital?

It's awesome to show school spirit, and I'm sure the Office of Goal Post Financing, Assembly, and Management is happy to dust off their computers and finally get some work done, but let's keep our wits about us.

Go to the games. Cheer loudly for the football

team. Throw money and babies after the Band of Blue finishes. But when the game's over, head to the post-game celebration of your choice empty handed.

John Hearnes

### Violence unfortunate in wake of rally

Letter to the Editor:

How ironic that while June Anderson's Women Center is gearing up for TAKE BACK THE NIGHT and even displaying a beautiful educational protest to domestic violence on the Knoll during this past week, there within feet of this T-shirt display were TWO WOMEN (at that) slaying each other... (how sick, how sad!). And yet not four yards away is the display of years of women and children that have been hurt due to violence.

To those two women in jail, to all women on this campus, to everyone...this is my MTSU, and I'd like to take a stand and say TAKE BACK MTSU. We don't need the violence here or anywhere else.

Maggie Sills



# CAMPUS LIFE

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## Rockin' for life

*Concert raises money for breast cancer research*

By Leslie Carol Boehms  
Staff Writer

Rock and rollers played to a different tune last Thursday—the tune of saving lives.

October was breast cancer awareness month. In honor of this disease that has taken the lives of so many people's loved ones, Housing Area IV decided to have a charity benefit concert.

David Scott, a resident assistant from Area IV, coordinated and co-hosted the event, which was held in Tucker Theater Thursday, Oct. 26.

"Each semester RA's have to put on certain events for their residents and residents across the campus," said Scott. "It's to our discretion what we want to do. I wanted to put on a concert for charity. Since the month of October was breast cancer awareness, I decided on that as the benefit."

The American Cancer Society was also on hand to witness the event. They brought along with them a silicone breast. But this was no ordinary breast; somewhere within it was a cancerous lump for students to find.

According to many onlookers, the lump was much harder to locate than any had anticipated.

Residents of Area IV gave all of the performances for the benefit. There were also several other performers who were found by simple word of mouth.

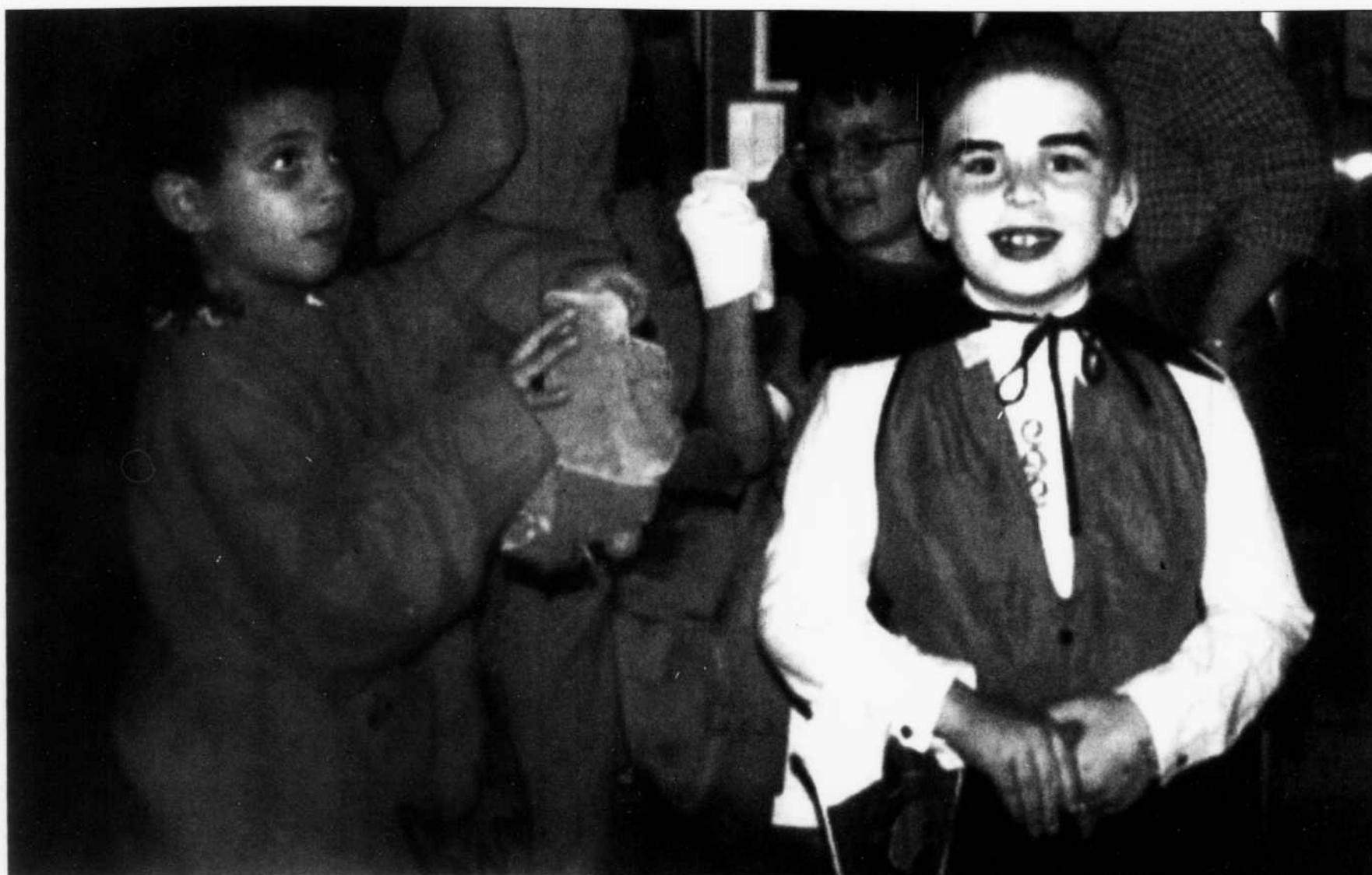
"We went to open mic night and to people in our building that were recording industry majors," Scott said. "Through word of friends we got together to see who was interested in doing the performance."

All of the performers were students of MTSU. The entire benefit was student-driven and produced.

Though it was a concert, there were many facts and statistics given about breast cancer and its danger. Also, there was a segment which included the do's and don'ts about self-breast exams.

Some facts one may not know about breast cancer: Did you know that it affects an estimated one in eight American women? Also, did you know that about 41,000 American women die of breast cancer annually? Another interesting fact is that only 5-10 percent of breast cancer cases were inherited genetically. This means that you can get the disease even if no one in your family history did.

All proceeds from the benefit were donated to the American Cancer Society. ♦



## Trick-or-Treat



Photos by Courtney Huckabay | Staff

The children and parents of Womack Lane gather to celebrate Halloween in Cummings Hall Tuesday. The event was held by Area 3.



## Halloween Style 2000

By Phoenix Taylor  
Fashion Writer

Ghastly vixens, dead prom queens, skeletons, play girl bunnies, celebrity posers, baseball players, '50s girls, and bumble bees were some of the haunting fashions that crept onto MTSU's campus.

### Later that night...

Large crowds arrived in style at the Zeta Phi Beta Inc. Halloween party.

Hits at this scene were the pajama Zeta girls, Charlie's ghetto angels, jocks, cheerleaders, girl-boy reversals, and

many pussycats meowed their way onto the dance floor.

### And off campus...

Lines of party goers came for the Pikes' annual Halloween Monster Bash at Bongo Johnny's. Some of the styles that were there: sexy red devils, drag queens galore, Brittany Spears wannabes, pregnant nuns, angel fairies, and seductive playboy bunnies were going wild.

Trends such as the animal printed cowboy hats and brightly colored wigs were seen making their way inside the club.

Millennium Halloween could not have been better than this! ♦



# Communication is the key

Speech and Theatre Department offers new major in Organizational Communication

By Sara Jane Vaughn  
Staff Writer

As of this semester, the Speech and Theatre Department of MTSU has added a major in Organizational Communication to its vast array of programs.

A degree in Organizational Communication prepares students for careers anywhere. "The thing about this degree is that you can do anything

with it," said Diane McFarland, associate professor in ORCO. "All students will work in an organization, no matter what field they enter into."

"We will always report to someone, this is the process of learning how to communicate within an organization."

In today's job market, employers are looking for people who can think, analyze, write, communicate "as well as participate in teamwork and organizational decision making," said

McFarland.

"The career professional in ORCO has many exciting job opportunities and such professionals are in high demand," said Russell Church, Departmental Chair, Speech and Theatre.

The idea of developing a possible new major "began in January 1999 with a committee of four faculty members," said Smith, who has been with MTSU for 17 years, 16 of them

being in the Department of Mass Communication.

"I loved teaching public relations, and I still have many friends in mass comm.," said Smith. "However, I have been working on this great major and everyone has been very supportive of my transfer."

"After only a few meetings, we decided to make this new major an interdisciplinary one," said Smith. This included bringing faculty members

from sociology, psychology and management into the committee.

"The planning took two years and the final proposal written by Jim Brooks, Dean of Liberal Arts, was approved by TBR and THEC in 1999," said Smith.

"We have 15 majors so far," said Smith, "and they like the fact that they have the opportunity to take courses

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in several departments instead of just one."

Areas offering courses in the major include: the English Department, Radio-TV/Photography Department and Cooperative Education, just to name a few.

"Students who major in ORCO obtain skills in business, sociology, psychology, speech and numerous other areas," said Church. "The major has a great growth potential at MTSU. On other campuses, this major has attracted thousands of students in just a few years."

"As with new majors, the problem is that no one knows about it," said McFarland. "But the program itself is definitely going to grow."

Students who major in ORCO select one minor from

any other department. They will also be required to choose 18 hours from guided electives in their individual career interests.

Along with the communication courses currently offered, the ORCO program offers a variety of topics courses each semester including Gender Communication, which is offered in spring 2001. This course, along with others, is taught by Lisa Moore, whose experience includes 15 years management, BA in Social Sciences and a Masters in ORCO/Interpersonal Communication.

"This is one of the most exciting opportunities for students in college and for those interested in working for corporate or non-profit organizations," said Church.

For students who are majoring in other fields, ORCO as a

minor could open many doors into their career. "It's a liberal arts view of business. We look at communication, not the accounting," said McFarland.

ORCO 425, which is also offered in the spring, covers issues such as workplace violence, employee privacy and conflict resolution, as well as many other issues that come up in the workplace.

Internships are also a requirement for students choosing to major in ORCO, which is a way to receive real-world experience and make many important career contacts.

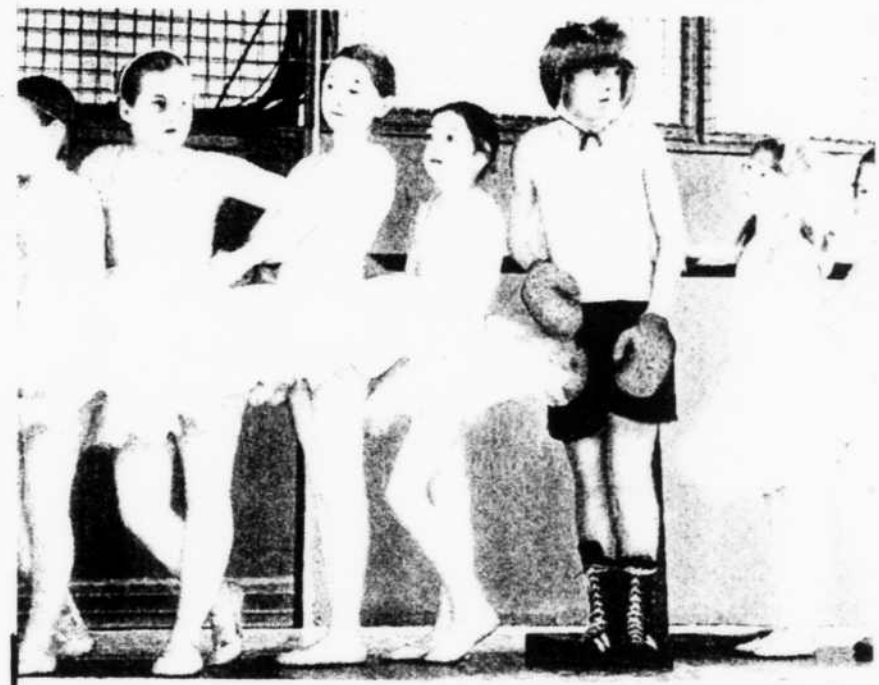
Students who would like more details about Organizational Communication should contact Sharon Smith or David Walker at the Department of Speech and Theatre at 898-2640. ♦

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## Nov. 2

The Placement and Student Employment Center is holding a Placement Orientation meeting for all students, especially seniors and graduate students. The Center is introducing CareerConnections, a web-based registration system, and is presenting the job search, resume writing, interview preparation and the services of the Placement Center. The meeting is at 3 p.m. in KUC Room 322. For more information contact the Placement Center at 898-2500 or visit [www.mtsu.edu/~career](http://www.mtsu.edu/~career).

Mireille Hardy, guest speaker from Normandy, France, is giving an open lecture at 3:30 p.m. in the BAS S126 on "The Advantages of Study Abroad." Contact Rosemary Kew at 898-2283 for more information.

## Nov. 9

Scribbling Mob's First Annual Open Mic Poetry Reading is open to all students, faculty and friends. It is from 3-6 p.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room, in the JUB. All issues are

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## Nov. 15

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## Nov. 16

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-8416 for more information.

## Nov. 18

Want to lead water aerobics classes and have fun while getting paid? Come to the Campus Rec's water aerobics workshop from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It costs \$20 or \$5 for aquatic staff. Contact

Karen Nikazy at 898-2104 for more information.

Attention Flag Football Teams! Come try your skills against other schools—men's, women's and co-rec teams to participate. Campus Rec is sponsoring an MTSU/TIRSA Flag Football Tournament at 9 a.m. on the Intramural Fields. Register early at Campus Recreation. Contact Chris at 898-2104 for more information.

## Nov. 30

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## Ongoing

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Want to get rowdy for MTSU? Join the Rowdy Raiders. All students are welcome. We get painted up for the pep rallies and the home games. If you would like to join, please contact John Norrell at 898-5672 or stop by KUC, Room 212.

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# Perkins expected to step up

By Colleen Cox  
Staff Writer

Family is a big part of senior basketball player Nicole Perkins life. She credits her brothers with making her interested in basketball. She also says that her parents and her three older brothers are her role models.

Perkins came to MTSU from Carson, Calif., because she wanted to get away from home and experience the outside world. Since she's been here, Perkins said, "I have matured greatly. I started out very young. These four years have really matured me a whole lot faster than I think I normally would have."

Perkins has played basketball since her ninth grade year in high school. While in high school, Perkins received many

awards such as first team All-City and Best Offensive Player. Since coming to MTSU, she has taken on a somewhat different role. It is a role she doesn't seem to mind.

Being a leader is Perkins main role as a senior for the Lady Raiders this season. She says she takes pride in leading the team. Since she was a freshmen, Perkins has watched other seniors and leaders assume this role and do their job. She feels she can do the same.

Perkins greatest accomplishment in basketball is making it to the Division I-A college level. Her best moment here at MTSU came her freshmen year when the Lady Raiders made it to the



Perkins

## Perkin's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT
1997-98	13/0	11-34	.324	3-19	.158
1998-99	24/0	19-47	.404	5-15	.333
1999-00	24/0	30-66	.455	13-33	.394
<b>Totals</b>	<b>61/0</b>	<b>60-147</b>	<b>.408</b>	<b>21-67</b>	<b>.313</b>

NCAA tournament and played Duke.

Big things are wanted by Perkins in this her last season.

"I would like to accomplish a lot more wins then people are expecting us," Perkins said. "I want to make sure our team plays with a lot of heart and leave it all out on the court, and I want a chance to make it to the NCAA as a senior."

Away from the basketball

court Perkins enjoys relaxing and sleeping.

After graduation, Perkins plans on returning to California and entering a physician assistant school for two years.

After those two years she hopes to become a physician's assistant.

Perkins wants people to remember her as a positive person with good leadership skills and a good personality. ♦

# Chastain poised for leading role

By Colleen Cox  
Staff Writer

Senior basketball player Kelly Chastain has played basketball most of her life. She has played since the third grade. She credits her dad and brother for making her interested in basketball.

Chastain's brother is one of the reasons she came to MTSU. Her brother played football here. She cites wanting to get away from home and Florida as her other reason for coming here. She selected MTSU over Florida State and Miami.

Chastain says her parents and brother are her role models. "I respect them a lot," she says. "They've always been there for me."

During Chastain's time here the Lady Raiders have won two conference championships and made the NCAA tournament once. She says these are her best moments as a player, and her overall experience has been great all the way around.

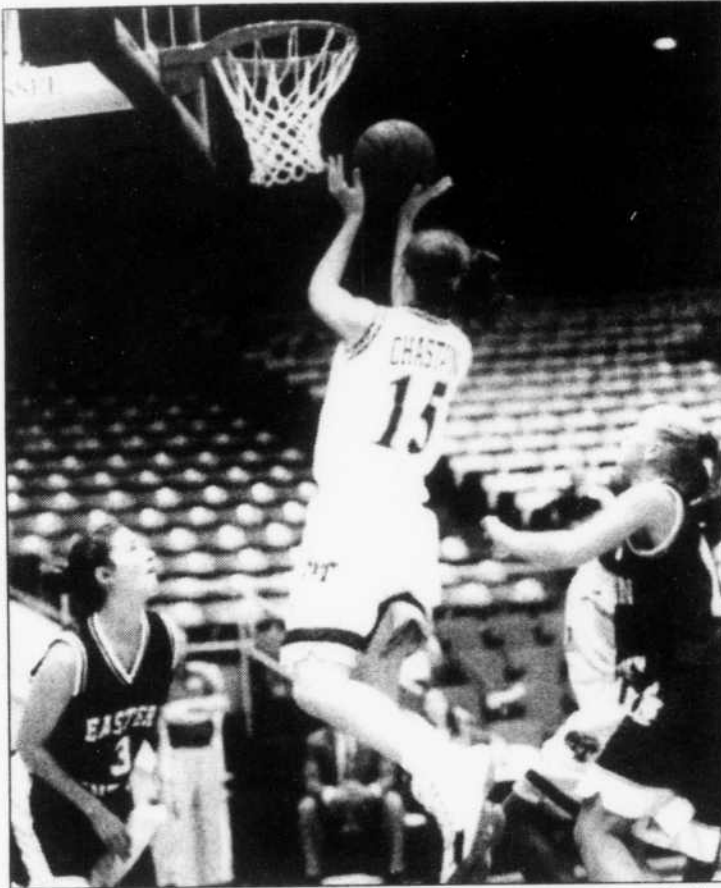
Chastain was named to the OVC All-Freshman team and led the team in three-pointers made and three-point field goal percentage her freshman year.

As a senior this season, Chastain seeks to do whatever needs to be done and to lead by example. She is one of the Lady Raiders key scorers and defensive players. She averaged 10.2 points per game last season. She is also currently in fourth place on the Middle Tennessee career blocks list with 91. In high school, she scored 2,638 points a school record for women and men.

In her time here Chastain has "matured a lot. I've realized individual accomplishments aren't important, it's how the team does."

She wants people to remember her as an unselfish player who gave it all she had every night and was team oriented.

After graduation, Chastain plans on going to graduate school. She is not sure what in or where. ♦



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Chastain should improve her scoring average this season.

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### What to expect

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## The Two Minute Drill

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### Sun Belt Blasted

It isn't all peaches and cream for fans outside of the Sun Belt Conference.

Tony Mejia, associate producer for SportsLine.com, didn't have a glowing review of the new Sun Belt Conference, at least in the football realm.

He said that it was "a good thing the schools that make up the league will be lumped together. That way, at least some of them will win games."

In their poll from last weekend, the highest ranked Sun Belt team was Idaho at 85. Going into last weekend's action, the teams that will make up the Sun Belt were a combined 11-41, with 3 of the 11 wins coming by way of the Blue Raiders.

The winner of the Sun Belt Conference will go to the New Orleans Bowl in December. He applauds the fact that the game will be in New Orleans, saying fans will need to be in a "festive mood to make the game watchable."

Mejia goes on to say that when Florida International jumps to 1-A later this decade, it will take them "about a week before they're the class of the conference" due to their recruiting practices in South Florida.

### Soccer

The Lady Raiders play the Denver Pioneers today in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference in Mobile, Ala. The best team, South Alabama, faces off against the University of Arkansas-Little Rock in other action.

Freshman Jenny Cox was recognized by the Sun Belt Conference as a star of the week with her four goals and one assist during the final week of play.

Senior Kenya Hickey finished the season tied for seventh in the conference for points per game with an average of 1.17.

Senior Jennifer Robb finished third in the conference in average saves per game with 5.78. She also finished fifth in the conference in both average shutouts per game (19 percent) and goals against average (2.05).

### Volleyball

The Lady Raiders are currently second in the Sun Belt Conference in average blocks per game with 2.8.

Senior Lindsay Pritchard is currently the most accurate hitter in the Sun Belt conference. Her .331 hitting percentage is tops in the league by .003. She also leads the league in average blocks per game with 1.43.

### New Job

Matt Norwood, former Middle Tennessee center, signed with the Nashville Kats of the Arena Football League. Norwood started at center in every game at MTSU in 1997 and 1998.

Last year Norwood competed in arena football2 with the Tennessee Valley Vipers.

### Line dance

The Blue Raiders are favored by 10 1/2 this weekend against first year Division I-A Connecticut.

MT is seeking to win their first road game in nearly two years.

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# Raiders seek postseason

By Colleen Cox  
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider basketball team seeks to reach the postseason again when they begin the regular season Nov. 17.

The Lady Raiders suffered some losses during the offseason. The most notable loss was Erica Lufkin who started last season. Still the Lady Raiders are strong and poised for the challenge of this season.

"It has a positive effect on our team," Lady Raider coach Stephany Smith said, referring to the losses during the offseason. "If you didn't have a commitment to be a part of this team then we didn't need you to be a part of this team. It is really beneficial to us, not a negativity at all."

Coach Smith is not worried about replacing Lufkin. She explains that she runs a team system and not an individual system. Smith says there are any number of people who can fill the void left by Lufkin. A few prospects to step into this position are sophomore Mia Parviainen, sophomore Paula Penttila, and and freshman Keisha McClinic.

The Lady Raiders return three starters who averaged more than 10 points a game. Junior Jamie Thomatis returns to the forward position having averaged 16.6 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. Coach Smith says the starting five could change from night to night.

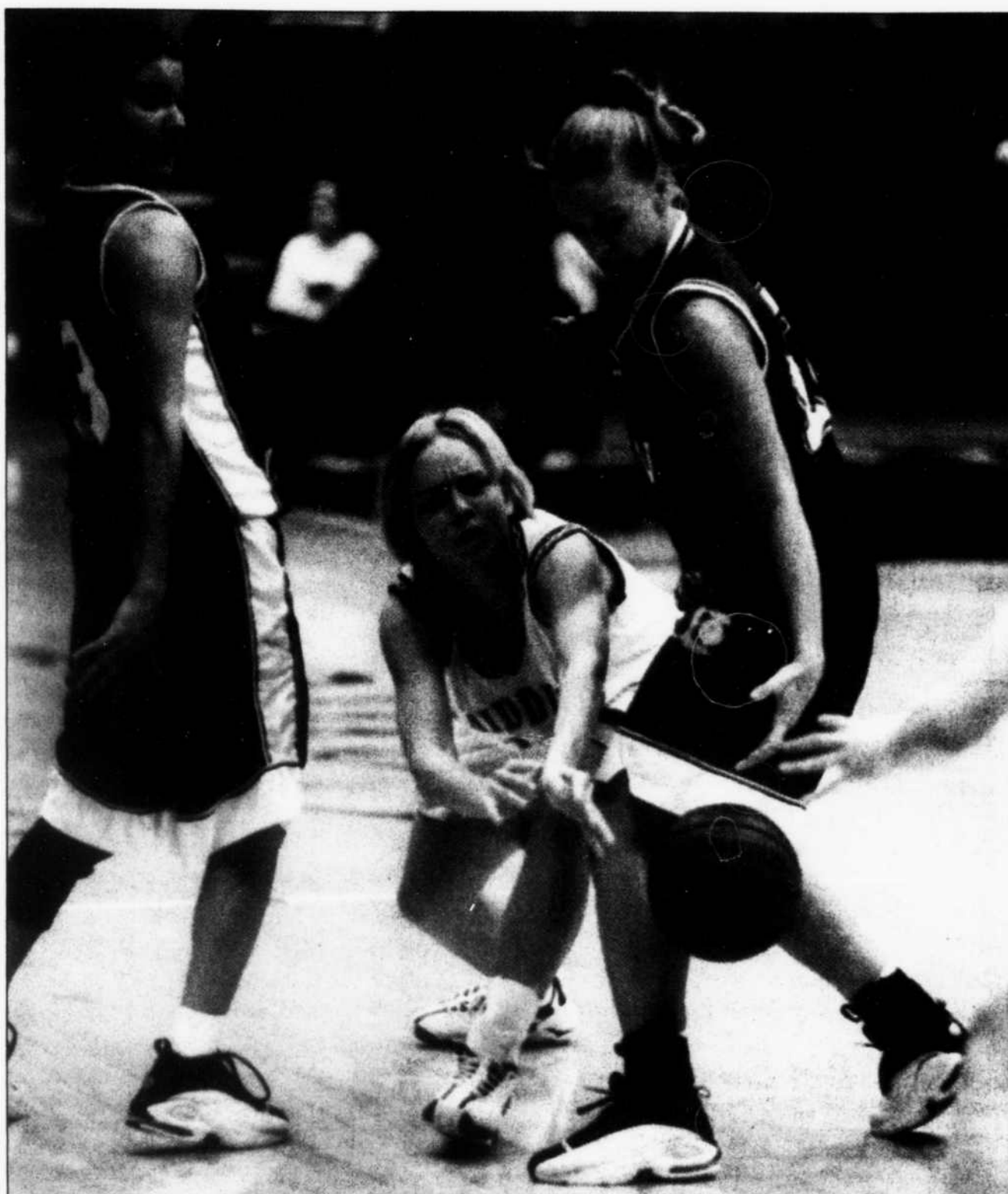
Experience is a key for the Lady Raiders this season. The team is comprised of two seniors, four juniors, and two sophomores. "Because of experience, you're just better," Smith says. "Experience beats your body conditioning, beats everything, it's just your knowledge of the game."

The biggest change for the Lady Raiders is the move to the Sun Belt Conference. The move brings much greater competition than that of the OVC. The Lady Raiders will now face teams known for making it to the NCAA tournament. The Sun Belt Conference is ranked the seventh toughest conference in women's basketball.

"We're in this for the long haul. We talk about the NCAA tournament, and that's what we want to be in," Smith says explaining the impact of the move to the Sun Belt. "The Sun Belt gives us a better opportunity for that [NCAA tournament]. I expect us to compete for a championship just like we competed for a championship in the OVC. I think our players will be more focused and respect their competition more."

The Lady Raiders have been placed in the East division along with the four top teams in the Sun Belt. Louisiana Tech is known nationally as a powerhouse. Western Kentucky, Arkansas State and Florida International are the other top teams. These teams are also known for making it to the NCAA tournament. By being in the same division as these teams, the Lady Raiders will have to face them twice.

Smith is known for her recruiting, and this season is no different. She has



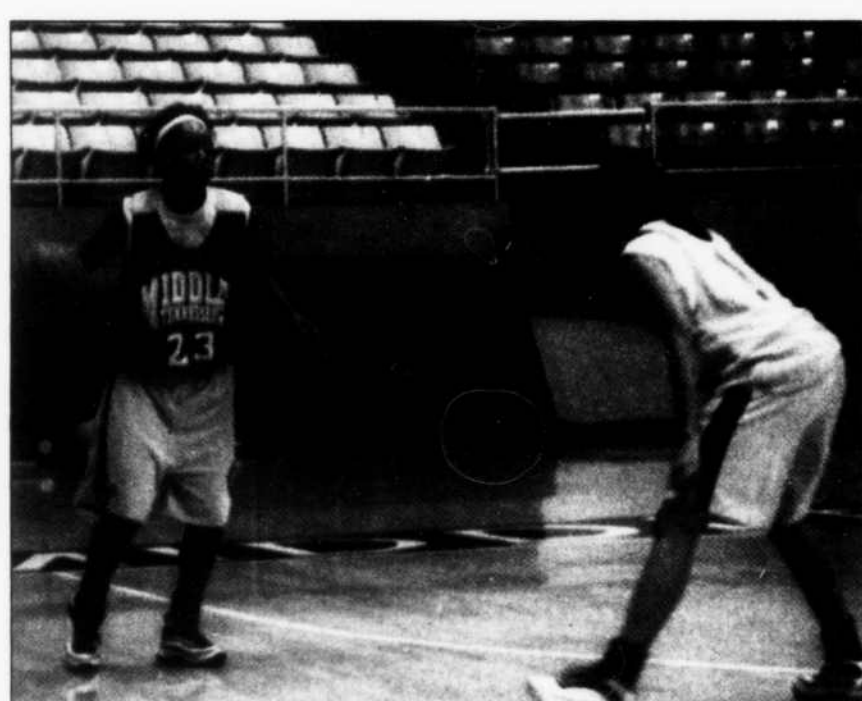
Paula Penttila breaks out of a double team. Penttila averaged 5.2 points last season in 29 appearances.

a strong freshmen class headed by guards Keisha McClinic and Michelle Simmons. Smith expects these two to see quality minutes this season. McClinic is in the running for a starting position. She may not start at the beginning of the season, but could start later in the season as she gains experience.

The goal for the Lady Raiders is to reach the NCAA tournament. The Lady Raiders no longer have to win the conference tournament to get into the NCAA as they did in the OVC. The Sun Belt provides the opportunity for an at large bid. Smith says maybe a more realistic goal is to get 20 wins.

For the Lady Raiders to reach these goals Smith says, "We need to take care of ourselves away from the basketball court. We need to make sure that we endure and don't come up with a lot of injuries. We need to stay focused and respect our opponents."

If the Lady Raiders can do these things, we might just see them in the postseason.



Michelle Simmons (23) averaged 5.82 steals last year in high school.

# MT seeks road win at UConn

By J.P. Plant  
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders will get a much-needed rest on the field this Saturday. The UConn Huskies come into the contest allowing more than 400 yards of total offense per game, 200 plus of that on the ground, which will be a welcome sight for sophomore tailback Dwone Hicks.

Coming off two of the country's best defenses in UAB and Mississippi State, Middle Tennessee faces a young,

inexperienced Connecticut team that is in its first year of Division I-A football.

UConn comes off a 21-13 homecoming loss to South Florida, MTSU's opponent on Nov. 11, where they lost their starting quarterback Ryan Tracey. Tracey was averaging 248.0 yards per game before he went down. Replacing Tracey is junior Luke Richmond, who passed for 197

yards and an interception in three games.

### When UConn has the ball

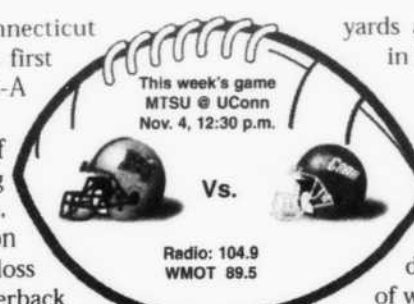
The loss of quarterback Tracey pretty much diminishes any hopes of winning. The Huskies don't have the running game to combat the loss of their star quarterback. Junior tailback Taber Small and true freshman Evan Benson aver-

age around 90 yards per game collectively. The Blue Raider defense should redeem itself and has a chance to record their second shutout of the season. Expect Middle Tennessee's linebackers and defensive backs to put extra pressure on the untested Richmond at quarterback.

### When MTSU has the ball

The young and inexperienced Huskies defense will be running

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■ **Soccer**  
Sun Belt Tournament  
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■ **Men's Tennis**  
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Tournament Athens,  
Ga., all day

■ **Women's Basketball**  
Lady Raider's vs.  
Basketball Travelers,  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.,  
7 p.m.

### FRIDAY

■ **Volleyball**  
Lady Raiders vs. North Texas,  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**  
Regional Rolex Tournament  
Athens, Ga.,  
all day

■ **Women's Tennis**  
Rolex Regional Tournament  
Winston-Salem, N.C.,  
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### SATURDAY

■ **Football**  
Blue Raiders at  
Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.,  
11:30 a.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**  
Regional Rolex  
Tournament Athens, Ga.,  
all day

■ **Women's Tennis**  
Rolex Regional  
Tournament Winston-  
Salem, N.C.,  
all day

### SUNDAY

■ **Volleyball**  
Lady Raiders vs. Western  
Kentucky, Murfreesboro,  
Tenn., noon

■ **Men's Tennis**  
Regional Rolex  
Tournament Athens, Ga.,  
all day

■ **Women's Tennis**  
Rolex Regional  
Tournament Winston-  
Salem, N.C.,  
all day

### MONDAY

■ **Men's Basketball**  
Blue Raiders vs.  
Sports Reach  
(Exhibition)  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.,  
7 p.m.

